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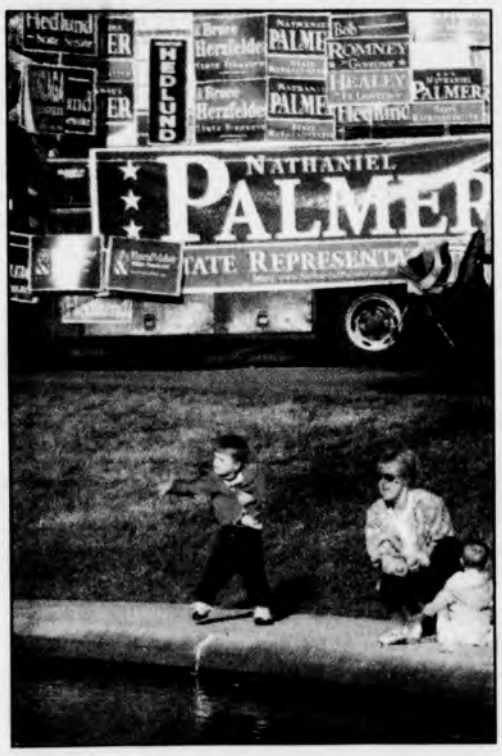
2002 as seen through pictures



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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday Dec. 30:;

Conservation Commission, Jan. 9 and Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Fire/Police Station Study Committee, Jan. 7, 9 a.m.

Harbor Committee, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.

Planning Board, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 8 and Jan. 22

Recreation Commission, 6:30 p.m., Jan. 23

School Building Committee, Jan. 6 and Jan. 20, 6 p.m.

Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 7

Senior Housing Committee, Jan. 9 at 9 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Jan. 6 (Avalon), Jan. 13 (regular) , and Jan. 27 (Avalon), all at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Run for office

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2003 will be available on Monday, Jan. 6 at the Town Clerk's Office. In order to hold elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions will be available for the 2003 Town Election:

- Selectmen — *one* for three years
- School Committee — *two* for three years
- Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library — *three* for three years
- Assessor — *one* for three years
- Board of Health — *one* for three years
- Cohasset Housing Authority — *one* for five years
- Planning Board — *one* for five years
- Recreation Commission — *one* for five years
- Sewer Commission — *one* for three years
- Water Commission — *one* for three years.

Friday, March 7 is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting, Saturday, March 29, and for the Annual Town Election, Saturday, April 5.

Register to vote

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before town meeting *or* election day, may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register to vote for the Special Town Election (which is on Saturday, Jan. 25) will be Friday, Jan. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office.

Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, the Cohasset Post Office and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, and must be postmarked on or before Jan. 3.

RTF holiday hours

The Recycling Transfer Facility will be closed on New Years Day, Jan. 1. It will be open on Jan. 2.

Tree disposal

Christmas trees may be brought to the D.P.W. parking area until Jan. 6. Please remove all wires and decorations.

TWO-ALARM FIRE

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Firefighter/EMT Frank Mahoney, Chief Roger Lincoln and Capt./EMT Lee Gurry at the fire at 100 Pond Street last April. It was one of at least three major house fires in town during 2002.

For information, call 781-383-0273.

Public hearing for downtown

The Board of Selectmen scheduled a public hearing for Jan. 13 to discuss the Waterfield Group's design for the Downtown Revitalization Project. Craig Miller, the president of the group will be available to discuss the different features of the plan, from the sidewalk style to overhead lighting.

Volunteer drivers for 'Road to Recovery'

The road to recovery for many cancer patients can be a long one with many decisions to be made and hurdles to overcome. Although cancer treatments today work better than ever, temporary side effects can make patients feel too sick to drive or take public transportation to their appointments. For those without family or friends living close by, the lack of transportation may mean missing treatments that could save their lives. That's why the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program is currently seeking local volunteers to drive patients to and from their treatment appointments. Drivers willing to travel to Boston are urgently needed. If you have a car and are able to donate any amount of time between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, you can really make a difference in the life of a cancer patient by becoming a volunteer driver. Drivers' availability is matched with the needs of patient who call.

Through the services of volunteer drivers, who devote just hours of their lives to cancer patients, the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program is committed to providing cancer patients with rides to and from cancer treatments. Last year, volunteer drivers provided 716 rides to cancer patients in the South Shore area and 4,100 rides to throughout southeastern Massachusetts.

To volunteer as a Road to Recovery driver or for more information, contact your local American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the web site www.cancer.org.

Winter guidelines

The public works department has issued the following winter guidelines for residents:

- Do not rake leaves or other debris into roads.
- Uncover storm drains blocked with leaves, snow or other debris.
- Do not plow or throw snow from private property onto the street or sidewalk.
- Do not block sidewalks with plowed snow or motor vehicles.
- Overnight parking is prohibited from Nov. 15 through April 15. It interferes with snow removal and is prohibited by town bylaws.
- The town is not responsible for damaged lawns, fences, steps, shrubs, trees or mailboxes within the town layout.
- Sand for resident use only will be available behind the downtown parking lot.

ON THE COVER

Clockwise from top left: Glenn Pratt is honored as Citizen of the Year (Photo/Alan Chapman); Herb Jason chats with Jackie Dormitzer, author of the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Vol. III" at the book signing at the harbor (Tim Llewellyn); Lt. Ted Macklin, USN (ret.) addresses one of the biggest crowds in recent memory at Cohasset's Memorial Day observances (Alan Chapman); Harold Litchfield steps down as superintendent of the DPW (Alan Chapman); construction worker Bobby Tice caulks a sill before installing a new window at the new Paul Pratt Library in the old Osgood School (Alan Chapman); cancer survivors at the Cohasset Rely for Life (Alan Chapman); Jake Dillon along with his mother Gretchen and little sister play on Cohasset Common during Primary Day (Alan Chapman); more than 70 firefighters battle the blaze at 83 Summer St. (Evan Schiff); a family spreads a spring picnic on Cohasset Common (Alan Chapman); and Robert Jackson is appointed as Cohasset's new police chief (Alan Chapman).

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— YEAR IN REVIEW—

A year of planes, trains, Cohasset Harbor and Chapter 40B

There were debates on planes, trains and the revitalization of Cohasset Harbor. The $40 million project to refurbish and expand the Deer Hill and middle high schools was on time and on budget. And the third volume of the town's history was published to rave reviews. The town acquired the Barnes property and the Paul Pratt building is going to remain in the public domain.

Cohasset saw familiar figures take over the Chief of Police and DPW Superintendent positions, while honoring the men who retired from those posts.

Two local residents, Nathaniel Palmer and Bruce Herzfelder, ran for state office and Glenn Pratt was named Citizen of the Year.

With a state budget crisis of mammoth proportions looming, we may look back on 2002 as a relatively quiet year. So before 2003 gets fully underway, the Cohasset Mariner takes you back to 2002 with stories that made the headlines.

January 3

The MBTA announces that it has reached an agreement in principal with Cashman Construction of Boston and Balfour Beatty, an international company, to construct the Greenbush rail line. The company's bid of $252 million was within MBTA estimates.

The Water Commission paves the way to bring the Ellms Meadow wellfield off James Lane back online by starting construction on the new wells. It took the commission three years to get all of the necessary permits to start construction. The town does not need the water capacity now, but wants to have the wells in place just in case.

Groundbreaking for the new Paul Pratt Library is set for Jan. 17. A reception following the ceremony will be held at the Red Lion Inn.

January 10

The Zoning Board of Appeals girds for the arrival of AvalonBay and Chapter 40B in Cohasset. The ZBA, which will serve in a judicial capacity during the public hearings on the comprehensive permit application, has done research and will have Town Counsel Rick Hucksan on board to help during the process.

The new paramedic program in Cohasset begins to show results, as the town sees a $75,000 increase in ambulance receipts in the last year. The program started in November of 2000 and allows the town to charge more money for its ambulance trips because the firefighters are certified paramedics.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln announces his intention to retire after 33 years of fighting fires in Cohasset. Lincoln was hired as Fire Chief in 1993, the first local resident to serve in that capacity in over a decade.

January 17

A group of abutters joins forces in an attempt to buy three lots on Beach Street to protect the area from development. The group, known as the Great Neck Preservation Group, is concerned the development could drastically impact the environment, because of the large amounts of ledge present on site. The land also abuts to the town-owned Great Brewster Woods.

The Sewer Commission and residents of Elm Street enter into negotiation over the design of the sewer plant. After two weeks of contentious debate, the groups appear ready to agree on a plan that would put windows into the sides, repaint the building, and incorporate some level of landscaping.

Cohasset middle-high school Principal Michael Jones makes a push to add electives to the course options at the school. While the school consistently ranks near the top of the state, Jones says that there are not enough specialty options for upperclassmen to chose from.

January 24

Glenn Pratt is named Citizen of the Year for his "generosity of spirit and true dedication to his hometown." Pratt's latest endeavor was the construction of a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

AvalonBay announces that it won't file for a comprehensive permit ,to construct a 250-unit apartment complex on Route 3A until it has resolved waste removal problems at the site. The project will be constructed under the state's affordable housing law, Chapter 40B, which allows developers to skirt local zoning laws if a town does not have 10 percent of its housing stock designated as affordable.

The town's effort to strong-arm the state into funding the school building assistance fund fails. Representatives from Norwell, Pembroke, Hull, and Cohasset went to Malden and tried to persuade Department of Education officials not to delay reimbursement. But Commissioner David Driscoll said that there was no way to fund the program, given the state fiscal situation.

January 31

Town Manager Mark Haddad narrows the number of candidates for Chief of Police from 50 to four. The only Cohasset resident among them is Sgt. Robert Jackson. The other candidates currently serve in the towns of New Bedford, Fitchburg, and Westfield.

A charcoal-colored, tweed fabric fence proposed on the property of the box-like Walter Gropius house on Atlantic Avenue is up for consideration before the Zoning Board of Appeals. The board must decide whether the fence can be installed in the flood plain.

The proposed harbor walk improvements took a hit when the Board of Selectmen voiced its disappointment with the ideas. The project was brought forward to the town by the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, which had been holding public hearings on the matter.

February 7

The Social Service League hires Donald Ivas to be the organization's Administrative Director. Ivas says he hopes to breathe new life into the league which has focused mostly on the elderly population.

Cohasset gets a financial boost for the new library when the town of Acushnet announces that it will be unable to accept the $1.6 million provisional grant from the state Board of Library Commissioners. The move paves the way for Cohasset, who was next in line, to receive the funds.

As part of its negotiations with Mass-American Water Company, the Water Department tries acquire North Cohasset and put it on town water. Mass-American had approached Cohasset looking to purchase 500,000 gallons of water a day from Cohasset.

February 14

The town receives good news when its bond rating is raised to an "A." According to Town Manager Mark Haddad, the bump – which was thanks to sound financial planning – will save taxpayers $758,000 over the next 20 years.

The Planning Board decides not to support the Community Revitalization Corporation's recommendation to bury the utility wires underground in the village. The CRC had been working with the town to develop plans for the redevelopment of the village area.

Arthur and Jeanette Somerville of Cohasset, who met at a Valentine;s party in Boston in 1928, celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary.

February 21

Local Police Sergeant Robert Jackson is hired by Town Manager Mark Haddad to be the department's new chief. Jackson survived a crowded field that was narrowed down from 50 to four and then finally to one.

Donald Staszko, the owner of Cohasset Plaza on route 3A is back again looking for approval to expand his plaza. It is the third time in four years that Stasko has approached the town with expansion plans.

Cohasset High School graduate Kathy Vavrick-O'Brien is selected to appear on the reality television series "Survivor." Vavrick-O'Brien attended school in town for two years and was a cheerleader and a member of the homecoming court her senior year.

February 28

A survey by the Growth and Development committee, in conjunction with its on-going effort to construct a Master Plan for Cohasset finds taxes and the preservation of the character of the town are the main concerns of residents.

The Community Preservation Committee embarks on a public relations campaign to solicit ideas for the use of Community Preservation Fund money.

Buttonwood Books (located in the Shaw's Plaza on 3A) wins the Women's National Book Association's Pannell Award. The award is bestowed upon the bookstore that excels at creatively bringing together books and children in order to inspire inter-

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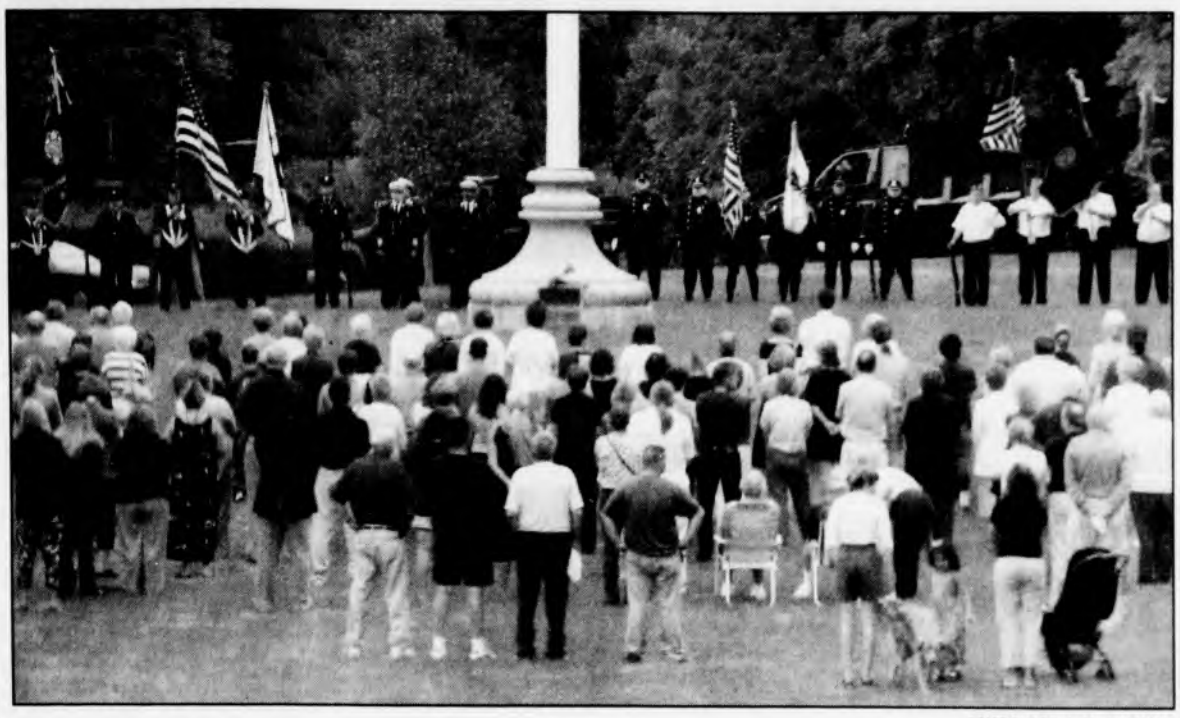

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Three Cohasset eight-year-old girls have been busy performing in Boston Ballet's "The Nutcracker" since Thanksgiving. **Hannah Rawson**, daughter of **Alicia and Michael Rawson**, is in the third grade at Derby Academy. She has been performing in the role of a lamb. Two Osgood third graders, **Anya Gruber**, daughter of **Liz Gruber**; and **Julia Canney**, daughter of **Kim and Paul Canney**, have been performing in the roles of cherub. This has been an exciting time for the girls and their families. Congratulations, that is hard work!

ALUMNI HOCKEY

Come one, come all! The annual Alumni Hockey Game will be held at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham on Sunday, Jan. 5 at 12:20 p.m. The registration fee for those alumni not currently in college is $25. A generous benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous will pay the registration fee for those alumni attending college. Spectators are welcome at no charge. Our current varsity team will face off against alumni for an afternoon of fun on the ice. Please join us. For more information or to register to play, please call **Joanne Pilczak** at 781-383-0268.

DEAN'S LIST

Jordan Thomas Fiore of Cohasset has been named to the dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga. for the fall quarter 2002. Full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the quarter receive recognition on the dean's list. Jordan is majoring in photography. Great work, Jordan!

TREE PICKUP

Looking for someone else to take away your Christmas tree for you? Project Safeguard, a community effort to contend with health related issues, substance abuse and prevention for the children of our town, is sponsoring a fund-raiser. On Saturday, Jan. 4 and Sunday, Jan. 5 from 10 am to 1 p.m. a group of adults and teen volunteers will be available to pick up and dispose of your Christmas tree. The fee for this service is $12 per tree, $6 for senior citizens. Just put your tree next to your driveway, place a check payable to Project Safeguard on your door. Proceeds from this year's fund-raiser will benefit upcoming programs. To order service call 383-2492 available 24 hours. Please specify which day you would prefer. For more information, call **Sally Sisson-Game** or **Karen Oronte** at 383-6737.

YOUTH LACROSSE SIGNUPS

One thing you won't want to forget as the holiday season comes to a close is that Jan. 4 is registration day for Cohasset Youth Lacrosse. Registration will be from 9 a.m. to noon at Cohasset High School, for boys and girls in grades 3-8. **Chuck Jaffe**, who heads up the youth lacrosse program, assures me that his teams will find a way to accept everyone who makes it to registration day, but that rosters will be completely filled at this one session. That means anyone who misses sign-up should expect to miss out on the season (and if you know Coach Jaffe, you know he's not kidding around when he says stuff like this).

From left, Julia Canney, Hannah Rawson and Anya Gruber, all of Cohasset, are performing in "The Nutcracker."

You can get more information at the cohassetlacrosse.com Web site, including instructions on how to register in advance if you will be away on the 4th. So what does all this mean? Don't miss out on Jan. 4, this will be the only day for sign-ups for Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, no exceptions!

BOOKS COOK PROGRAM

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades 1 and 2 Books Cook program by calling 781-383-4109.

Once Upon a Recipe is for grades 1 and 2 and will be held from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, and will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School. Children will enjoy making bread Boas after reading "The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash" or making candy houses after reading "Hansel and Gretel," as example.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $55 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Jan. 15, continuing through Feb. 14. Each week will feature different books and cooking.

For more information details and registration, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109.

GARAGE DANCE

There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, Jan. 10 from 7-10 p.m. Everyone in grade six-and-up is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will also be sold. By the way, The Garage will not be open Saturday, Jan. 4.

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books will host award-winning author **Deborah Joy Corey** for her second novel, "The Skating Pond" (Berkley Books, $21.95) at The Hingham Public Library on Tuesday, Jan. 14 from 7-9 p.m. Deborah is a former resident of Cohasset and participated in Buttonwood's first "Coffee With the Authors" for her award-winning first novel, "Losing Eddie".

"The Skating Pond" takes place in a small coastal town in Maine, an isolated community of fishermen and their families and occasional visitors from outside. Elizabeth, who is left alone after tragic circumstances, falls prey to the attentions of an architect from that outside world, a man her father's age, and is swept into an intense affair that changes her life forever. The evening will include a presentation, a reading, and a question and answer period followed by a signing. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to reserve your signed copy if unable to attend.

GIRL SCOUTS COOKIES

Hooray, it is Girl Scout Cookie time! Many delicious kinds of cookies are offered at a cost of only $4 a box. Make sure to look for a Girl Scout in Cohasset in the next few weeks to place your order. Booth sales will also be held at Stop and Shop and Shaw's at many different times. If you have not been approached by a Girl Scout and wish to purchase cookies, you may call 617-482-1078 and find a local troop that is participating in town. Mmmm, Mmmm Good!

I want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! 2003 is here and I hope that all of us remember to enjoy all the small moments that happen each day and to try and slow down our pace just a little. For some reason, this year really showed me how crazy and hectic everyone's lives are and how much it affects us all in our day-to-day doings. I really think that when life feels out of control for us as adults, it passes down to our children and the people around us in a very stressed way. One of my resolutions for 2003 is to try somehow to relax just a little and spend more time enjoying my family and friends and stop putting so much worry into small and meaningless things. Life, as we have all witnessed in so many ways can change so quickly, maybe we all need to re-evaluate just a little and find within each day what is really important. I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and that some of you will take the time to share some photos or news about the holidays and vacation with Around Town.

Make sure to get all your news, photos and event information to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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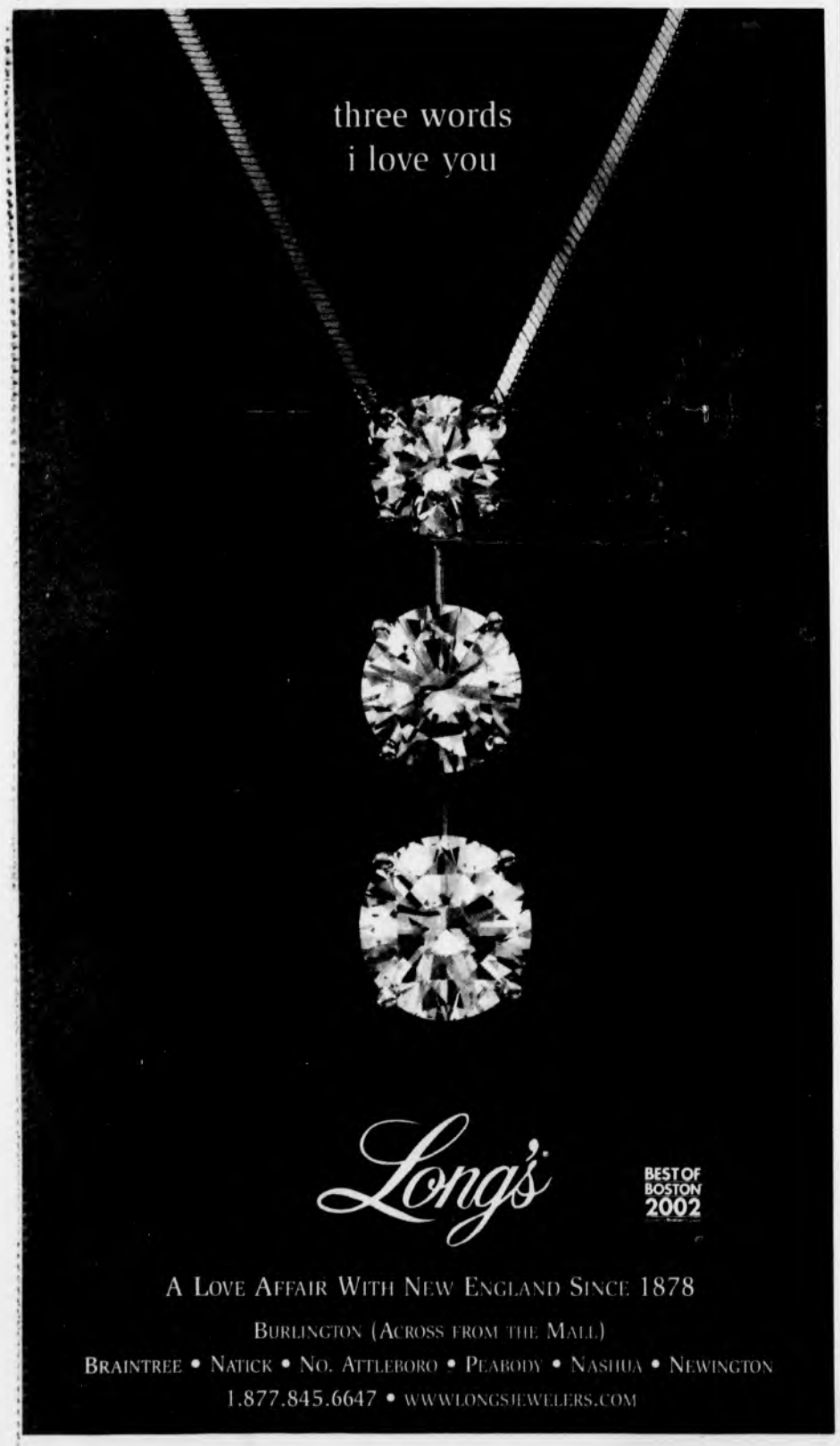

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WEDDING

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On Nov. 9, 2002, Meredith Pierce, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Miller Pierce of Perry, Ga., married Jonathan Hunter at Isle of Hope United Methodist Church in Savannah, Ga.

The Rev. Marcus Tripp officiated at the ceremony.

Mr. Hunter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christie Hunter of Westwood.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Caitrin McAlexander of Chevy Chase, Md. Serving as bridesmaids were Carol Felderman of Arlington, Va., Jennifer Nunn of Atlanta, Ga. and Kristen Tracey of New Haven, Conn.

Performing the duties of best man was Lawrence Korchnak of Newton. Serving as ushers were William Barlow and Jeremy Austin, both of Boston, and Jason Hunter of West Roxbury.

The bride is a graduate of Hollins University in Roanoke, Va. and is employed at the Center for Women and Enterprise in Boston.

Her husband is a graduate of Cohasset High School, Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. and Suffolk Law School in Boston. He is employed at Merit Staffing Resources Inc. in Peabody.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Hunter

A reception was held at The Chatham Club in Savannah.

After a wedding trip to the Amalfi Coast in Italy, the couple are residing in Cambridge.

Cohasset Relay for Life volunteers meet Jan. 16

Laurie Livingstone Greenip of Cohasset was recently named chair of the volunteer planning committee for the American Cancer Society's 2003 Relay For Life symbol 226 \f "Symbol" \s 12 in Cohasset set for Friday, May 16 through Saturday, May 17 at Cohasset High School.

Currently, the planning committee is looking for additional volunteers. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee should contact Greenip at 781- 383-6193 or the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880 and press 3 for ext. 229. The next planning committee meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6:30pm, (location to be announced).

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's nationwide, signature activity. Last year, more than 600 area residents participated in the American Cancer Society's sixth annual Relay For Life in Cohasset, raising close to $140,000 for Society programs of research, education, prevention, and local patient services.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Relay For Life events are taking place all around Massachusetts. To find an event near you, or for more information, please call 1-800-ACS-2345.

Razzle's cat story dazzles them all!

By Carol McDermott
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Many of you have helped us find great families for our homeless pets this year, so I thought I'd tell you a great story — one of our happiest endings yet. There are a few coincidences here, which left me humming the theme song to the "Twilight Zone."

Harold was a stray cat that was living near DiNero's restaurant on Rte. 228. He had been on the streets for about five months before we got him, but thanks to some kind-hearted employees and patrons of DiNero's, he managed to survive better than most.

In October, one of the patrons brought him to a volunteer's home on Atlantic Hill (in Hull) and asked us to take care of him. As with most "trash cats", he was underweight and malnourished, covered in fleas and ticks and infested with parasites. Our group brought him to Hingham Animal Clinic for some medical care, cleaned and fattened him up and began the task of looking for his family. We posted ads and signs for about two months, with no results whatsoever.

One night in November, I was running a few errands near the restaurant, and impulsively decided to hang up some "Found Cat" signs in the area. I stopped at West Corner liquor store, which was closed, but ran into the owner in the parking lot. He has always been very supportive of our group and agreed to hang the sign the next day. The next night, it poured outside and all of the signs I hung were ruined — or so I thought.

After caring for Harold for more than a month, we decided to try to find him a permanent home. Harold came to live with me and settled in at my apartment very quickly. At the time, I was amazed at how comfortable and relaxed he became in such a short period of time. I bought him an identification tag and hot pink collar in case he managed to get out. Hot pink usually isn't my style, but for some reason, I thought it worked for him.

Thanks to Hull Seaside Animal Rescue, Barbara is reunited with Razzle (Harold).

In December, people started expressing an interest in adopting Harold and by Dec. 23, we had a good family lined up to take him. They went away for the holidays, and were going to adopt him upon their return on the 28th. But on Dec. 25, we received an email from a woman named Barbara, who stated that she thought Harold was her cat. She described him perfectly, right down to his two different colored eyes and the "beauty mark" on the bottom of his back paw — so I knew it was her pet. She came over today to identify him. I asked her to bring vet records and photographs of the cat as proof of ownership. When I gave her my address, her voice sounded a bit odd, but I chalked it up to emotion. Later on that evening, she called again to double-check on the address. When she arrived at my house, she recognized Harold, a.k.a. Razzle, right away and they had a great reunion.

As fate would have it, Barbara, her boyfriend Bob and Razzle used to live in my apartment. She brought photos of Harold/Razzle, showed him lying on the rug in my living room and on the beach outside my door — wearing a hot pink collar. Barbara thought that Harold/Razzle somehow found his way home from the Hingham Animal Clinic to his old apartment. But he actually found his way to DiNero's, was brought to a volunteer's home on Atlantic Hill, then transferred to my home a month later. I'm not sure which version is the stranger coincidence.

Apparently, Harold/Razzle escaped from her car at the Hingham Animal Clinic last May. He hung around the woods by the clinic for a week, and Barbara went over there every day to try to coax him back, but he was too scared and finally disappeared for good one day. Harold went on the lam and ended up about 2-3 miles away at DiNero's dumpster. Barbara never gave up hoping that she'd find him and refused to get rid of his cat toys or take his photo off her desk at work. A few days ago, her boyfriend, Bob, saw the "Found Cat" sign at West Corner Liquors (on his birthday) and called Barbara to tell her he thought he found a poster of her cat. It was posted across the street from where he worked!

Carol McDermott is a volunteer with Hull Seaside Animal Rescue, a non-profit organization staffed entirely by volunteers. The organization, which can be reached at 781-925-8584, found more than 100 homes for cats in 2002.

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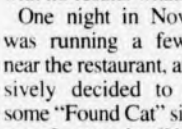

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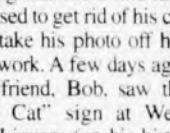

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March 7

The Community Preservation Committee votes to support articles that would refurbish the Historical Society's museums, construct ball fields at the old gravel pits and provide $60,000 for the purchase of three vacant lots on Beach Street. In accordance with the Community Preservation Act, the expenditures will have to be voted in by a two-thirds margin at Town Meeting.

Town Manager Mark Haddad decides to remain in Cohasset at the behest of the Board of Selectmen. Haddad was the lead candidate for the town administrator job in Dedham, but dropped out after the Selectmen asked him to stay, offering to renegotiate his contract. Haddad received a $12,000 raise, placing his salary at $102,000.

The Montessori Community School in Scituate sends its sixth-grade students to Sunrise Assisted Living in Cohasset to spend time with residents there. The trips are a part of the school's community service program.

March 14

The Planning Board – for the third time in four years – denies Cohasset Plaza owner Donald Staszko support for a bylaw that would allow expansion of the Plaza with a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The town announces plans to seek a $750,000 debt exclusion to Proposition 2-1/2 in order to pay for the design and engineering costs associated with the installation of sewers in Little Harbor and on Atlantic Avenue. The sewer upgrade would be the town's third sewer project in recent years and would affect 450 homes.

The Recycling Committee, in an effort to increase school recycling, offers a $50 savings bond to the student who can come up with the best plan for an effective recycling program at the school.

March 21

The town mourns at 16-year-old Jesse Sargent dies of bacterial meningcoccal disease, an infectious illness that can lead to meningitis. Sargent had twice fought battles with Hodgkin's Disease.

A Cohasset Mariner survey shows that while the prices of many other things in Cohasset are rising, the cost of groceries is comparable to other towns. The Mariner surveys six stores and found that prices were in the same range.

Cohasset High School's Drama Workshop prepares for the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Festival. The group beat out 85 other schools in preliminary rounds to make it to the final 15 troupes.

The MBTA announces it will take Graham Waste Service (on 3A, formerly the Winter Garden Skating Arena) by eminent domain, in order to clear room for the Cohasset Greenbush MBTA station. Graham Waste Services plans to move to another area in town.

March 28

The town prepares for Annual Town Meeting, with several major issues including, ledge, the runway lawsuit, and community preservation on the docket. The meeting will mark the 10th-consecutive year that Moderator George Marlette has held the gavel during the proceedings.

Michael McWilliams of Cohasset travels to New York City to participate in an attempt to break a world record in the tunes of glory march. McWilliams, 50, only recently began bagpiping, but will join the estimated 10,000 who will participate in the event which raises money for cancer research in honor of the victims of Sept. 11.

The Cohasset Legion and Hingham VFW combine forces to bring back Blue Star Flags for families who have a child serving in the military abroad. The groups hope to give momentum to a growing effort to bring Blue Star Flags – a historical tradition – back into wide practice.

April 4

More than 450 residents attend Annual Town Meeting to vote on 19 articles. The meeting requires two days to move through the articles, but the first day provides the highlights. The Community Preservation Committee's' proposals to build new ball fields at the Gravel Pits, repair the Historical Society's two museums, and add land to the town's open space rolls all pass. The ledge article proposed by residents on Beach Street fails to garner the two-third majority needed. That article was aimed at curbing development by limiting the amount of ledge that can be disturbed on a property.

After 42 years of dedicated service to the town, Harold Litchfield steps down as the head of the Department of Public Works. Litchfield began as a laborer in 1960 and worked his way up to Highway Supervisor, which was an elected position. In 1995, when the DPW was created, he was appointed its head.

The Cohasset Road Race by the Sea goes high-tech, using electronic ankle bracelets to record finish times. It is the first year that the race has used the technology.

April 11

Laurie Lidell of 467 Beechwood St. is named Mothers Against Drunk Driving volunteer of the year. Lidell has worked with MADD since October 1999, when her 13-year-old niece Katie DeCubellis was killed by a drunk driver.

Roger Hill gives the incumbents on the Board of Selectmen a scare, coming within 120 votes of top vote-getter Fred Koed, and within about 100 of Ronnie McMorris. The results were somewhat of a surprise given that the race was not expected to be close. Hill vows to run again.

The MBTA signs an innovative $252 million contract with Cashman Construction company of Boston and Balfour Beatty, an international company for the construction of the Greenbush line. The design-build contract places responsibility for cost overruns on the contractor, unless the MBTA changes the scope of the project.

April 18

Glenn Pratt receives Citizen of the Year honors at Kimball's By the Sea. More than 100 residents attend the event, which honored Pratt who was the force behind the new Gold Star Mothers Memorial at the Woodside Cemetery and has been a constant figure in town politics for many years.

The Board of Health holds a hearing to discuss its plans for tightening tobacco sales restrictions in town. The move is aimed at further deterring stores from selling tobacco-related products to minors.

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation holds a public forum to discuss proposed improvements to downtown area. The CRC installed six different styles of lamp posts in the downtown area so that residents could see what they look like. The sidewalks and lights will be incorporated into the village revitalization project, expected to be completed in 2006.

April 25

A ceiling fan in unit 42 of 100 Pond Street catches fire and sparks a two-alarm blaze. The fire causes major damage, but no one is injured. Scott Tausevich, a landscaper with Lawn King, noticed smoke billowing from the vent in the building and alerted the residents to get out.

The Cemetery Study Committee announces plans to apply for funds from the Community Preservation Fund to restore the gates at the Beechwood Cemetery.

Tom Fogerty of 95 Elm St. announces his plans to turn his small house – a former candy shop – into a three story townhouse. The move draws criticism from abutters who fear that the building is out of character with the rest of the neighborhood. Since the land is zoned "Business" Fogerty would need a variance for construction.

May 2

In just eight months, the town of Cohasset cuts out 100 tons of waste, thanks to a Pay-As-You-Throw program enacted in July of 2001. Thanks to the decrease, the town is saving about $10,000 a month in costs because of increased recycling.

Paul Barry, owner of Cohasset Heights Landfill, pays a $100,000 Department of Environmental Protection fine for exceeding the capacity of his landfill. The town is left to decide whether to seek legal action to require Barry to remove the excess fill or leave it as it is.

The issue of make-up on sixth-grade girls first comes up when Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan and the school's PSO first consider a rule banning the use of make-up in the school's dress code. Callahan said that the practice is becoming a distraction in the classroom.

May 9

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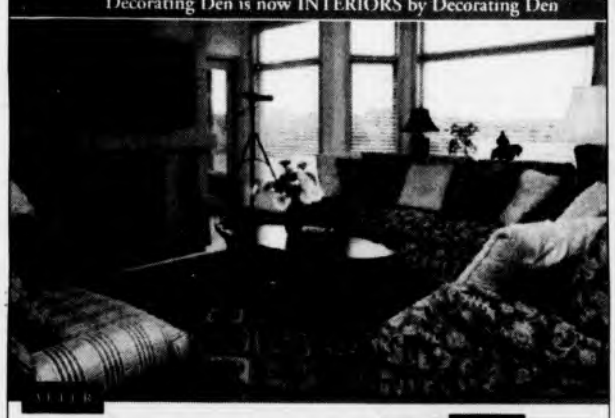

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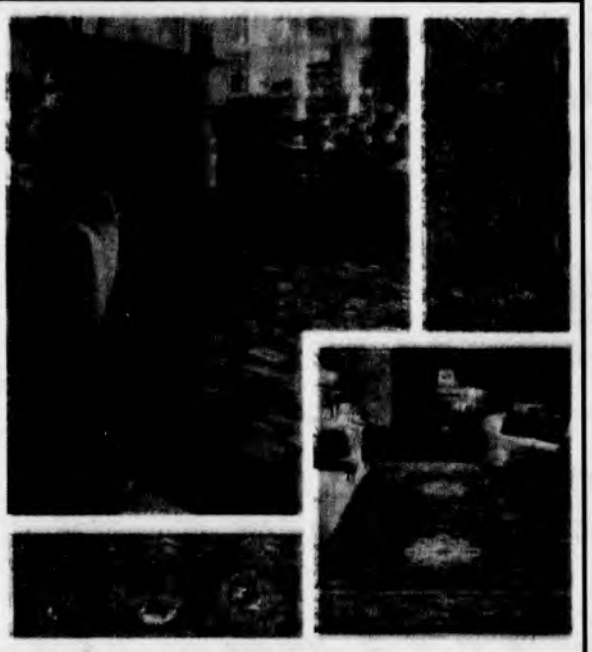

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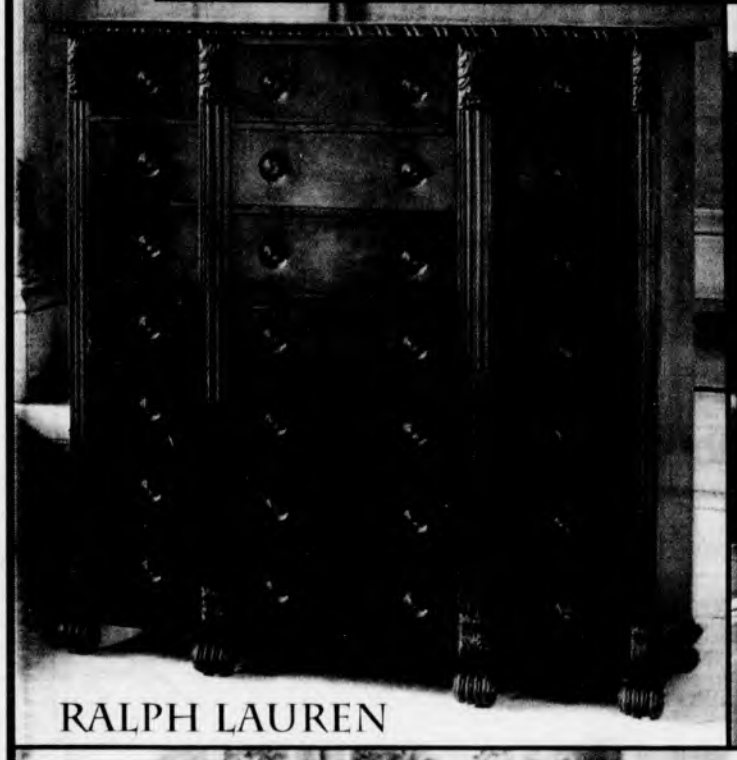
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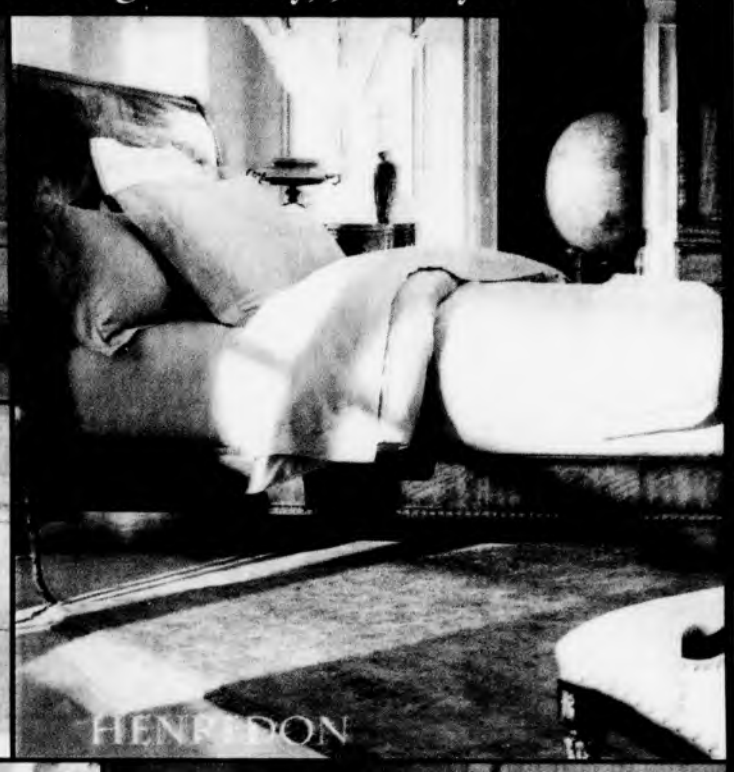
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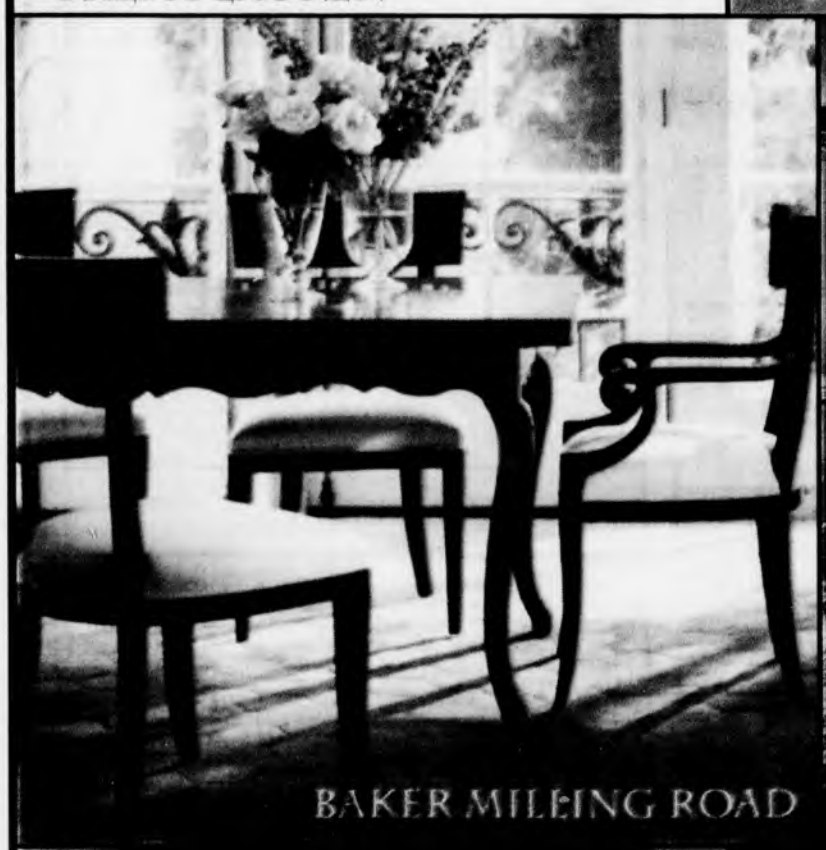
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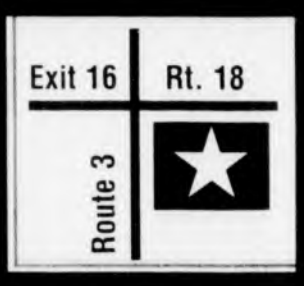

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The Old Man and the Kid

The Old Man sat at his desk and studied the pile in front of him. Some people would call them souvenirs, remembrances of his 12 months on duty.

What a 12 months? He called them junk.

He started packing up early, the Old Man had. He was still on duty for another 15 minutes. Then the Kid would take over. He could hardly wait to be gone from there with his package of memories.

What would he do with them? He'd like to trash them, dump them in a black hole somewhere and forget about them. But he couldn't. He knew that an event, once locked in the memory bank, could not be removed.

The words of the poet, Omar Khayyam, seemed never so true — "The moving finger writes and having writ moves on, nor all thy piety and wit can call it back to cancel half a line, nor all thy tears wash out a word of it."

The Old Man looked at the clock on the wall. Still 10 minutes to go. He turned to his packing, picking up the heaviest piece and studying it ruefully before placing it in his pack.

It was a souvenir of a place called Afghanistan and a war where people were killed: and it carried bitter memories of two planes crashing into two towers and a man name Osama bin Laden still on the loose.

It was also a future momento of a place called Iraq and a war yet to be fought where people would be killed; and it revived bitter memories of Vietnam and how a war could create such deep divisions at home.

The country had been at war almost constantly for 60 or so years, first in Europe and the Pacific, then in Korea and Vietnam and the Persian Gulf and lesser places like Grenada and Panama.

He looked at the clock again. Still five minutes away from relief. He picked up another piece of the past and handled this one gingerly for it could be more serious than even terrorism and the promise of war.

The Roman Catholic Church, long a pillar of society to those on the inside and outside alike, was starting to crumble, not as a matter of faith but as a matter of scandal among those who directed it.

That was another subject that came up on his watch and he would not be around at the finish.

The Old Man sighed as he closed up his package of memories. Those were but two of the momentous events that occurred on his watch and he felt sad and glad at the same time that he would not be around at the finish.

Midnight struck as he closed the last hasp on the pack and slung it over his shoulder. The chimes were still tolling when the door opened and the

Kid came in, looking sharp in his sash labeled "2003."

He thought the Kid's mood seemed subdued, a far cry from the youngster who wore Sash 2002 and began his term so confidently and finished his term so . . . so . . . could he really be called a failure?

"It's all yours, Kid," said the Old Man. "I wish I could have left it in better shape for you, but . . . "

"I understand," said the Kid and strangely enough he really did. "And don't worry, Pops," he added, with a confidence he did not feel. "I'll get us out of it."

"I hope you do," he said.

"So do it," said the Kid. "So do I."

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Drawbacks to casino gambling

MY VIEW

REV. E. CLIFFORD CUTLER

There are long term, as well as short term drawbacks to casino gambling as a partial cure for the state's economic woes. They are both serious. In the long term the link between casino gambling and the state's economy undermines the very purpose of a commonwealth. Turning to casino gambling to answer the state's budget crisis is shifting the burden from the whole community to a few towns.

Destination-style casinos in towns such as Plymouth and Wareham place an undue burden that can only partially be made up by gambling revenues. Destination-style casinos will pull away dollars from other entertainment and tourist destinations. The long term drawback to shifting the economic burden from the whole to a region such as southeastern Massachusetts, is the furthering of a fragmentation that is already eating away at the body politic evidenced by low voter turn-out and campaigns marked by negative advertising. The deepening financial problems of the state in the long term require the commitment of the whole commonwealth, not a casino solution from southeastern Massachusetts. There is a complexity and cost to our economic difficulty that is not amenable to a casino fix.

For those who argue that the state's economic predicament is a result of an appetite for more and more, casino gambling only exasperates this unfettered desire. There is an addictive quality to gambling that leads to increased tolerance so that it takes higher stakes to give the same effect of pleasure experienced previously. This hardly seems an appropriate example for and influence upon the long term fiscal health in Massachusetts.

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Gaming is not playful but is loaded with the hopes and fears of economic outcome not only for individual "players" but for many state legislators seeking this answer to much needed revenue. What is wrong with the erosion of play? When the pressure-free space of play is lost, the cost to society is the absence of room for experimentation and creativity, as well as learning to work together as a team. The replacement of play with non-playful pressures to win at all costs have already undermined youth sports. To some parents the game is too important to be left to the players. Because of this pressure and exaggerated emphasis on winning 70 percent of all youth drop out of organized sports by age of 13. Casino gambling does nothing to contribute to a playfulness that has already largely been overshadowed in our society today.

The long term effects of casino gambling are a deepening fragmentation and break-down of the common good, an increased appetite for more, and further erosion of play for play's sake. The immediate impact aside from the economic cost to the tourist and entertainment industry in southeastern Massachusetts, is the increase in number of people who will certainly succumb to compulsive gambling. This leads to lives out of control, families hurt, and the cost to society of such criminality as embezzlement. One has to at least ask the question of the personal and social cost of trying to solve a state economic shortfall with destination-style casino gambling.

The Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler is Rector, Saint Stephen's Church, Cohasset and Dean of the Episcopal Church on the South Shore.

A look ahead

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

The more things change the more they remain the same, as we shall see in 2003 . . .

January — Mitt Romney is sworn in as governor of Massachusetts. House Speaker Tom Finneran tells him he can go home to Belmont now. "We'll call you when we need you," he says. "Don't I get to sign something?" asks Mitt.

February — Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist is caught on camera eating a tuna sandwich on white bread. The Rev. Jesse Jackson demands either an apology or reparations. "Unconscionable," says the Rev. Al Sharpton, "particularly when there's good dark bread available."

March — Work on the Greenbush line grinds to a halt when the project is confronted by an historic poison ivy bush on the tracks in Hingham. "I remember that bush when I was growing up," says one protester. "I believe this calls for a whole new environmental statement."

April — President George Bush orders nuclear missiles sent to the Persian Gulf in anticipation of war with Iraq. Former President Bill Clinton urges caution. "Oh, yeah!" says talk show host Rush Limbaugh. "What about Monica Lewinsky and Paula Jones?"

May — A high school senior appeals principal's ruling that he cannot escort his pet beagle to the senior prom. His attorney, Alan Dershowitz, calls it "an outrageous assault on the freedom of choice that should be enjoyed by all Americans, regardless of age."

June — The Weymouth Town Council, having banned smoking in the town to protect the health of its citizens, debates ordinances controlling the fat content in McDonald's hamburgers and the amount of sugar in the sweets sold at Levaggi's Candies.

July — Steven Spielberg announces plans to remake "Casablanca," starring Leonardo DiCaprio as Rick and J Lo as Ilsa. Setting is given a contemporary twist by becoming Rick's Americaine Café in Baghdad.

August — Red Sox draw their 3,000,000th fan of the season on the day they are eliminated from the American League race. Globe and Herald point out they haven't won World Series in 85 years. Club owner John Henry announces plans to fit five more seats on top of left field wall.

September — A leading pharmaceutical house announces a pill that cures cancer, AIDS and the common cold will go on sale after the first of the year at a cost of $100 a tablet. "How come it's only 25 cents a pill in Canada," asks a reporter. "The collation is in the hospitality room," he is told.

October — Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York says she plans to take a fall vacation in New Hampshire, "visiting with the hard-working people of that state. Denies she has ulterior motive. "Oh, yeah," says talk show host Rush Limbaugh. "What about Whitewater?"

November — Sen. John Kerry, appearing in a live shot on WMUR-TV in Manchester, denies that he has become a resident of New Hampshire just because he has spent four months there. "I just wanted to relax and get acquainted with the folks," he says. "I have no ulterior motive."

December — Americans United for the Separation of Church and State announces plans to file suit to prevent mailmen employed by the federal government from delivering Christmas cards, particularly those with a religious theme. "A clear violation of the first amendment," says the suit.

HEALTH NOTES

Mapping the town's catch basins

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

This year, the federal government and the state will require most towns to begin implementing Phase 2 of the Clean Water Act. This involves the towns obtaining a permit to discharge storm water directly into water bodies (which they are already doing).* The minimum action required by towns under these guidelines (those towns which are highly urbanized, like Cohasset) is to develop a storm-water management plan, which must be implemented over the next five years. Part of these requirements is to list all catch basins and storm-water discharge locations, and put their location on a map. Originally, we thought about 900 catch basins exist in the entire town, but it looks like the number is closer to 1100. Moreover, the Town has done considerable aerial mapping in connection with the several sewer and water projects we have ongoing. Also, the Town applied for and received a grant to pay the cost of identifying and mapping catch basins and their outfalls — a project, which started in the fall.

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Now that we've made a good beginning on the project, we have some results. It turns out that two aerial services have mapped Cohasset, essentially covering the town. There remains considerable data conversion, archiving, translation, etc., but most of the actual fly over of the entire town has been done, and is "in the can" so to speak. Opening the can and getting out the contents will not be cheap, but it is still far less than getting a plane and starting from scratch. Thus the cost of the entire mapping project will probably be about what the town has already allocated for the task. The map shows what has already been done and translated. There remain several areas where ground surveys need to be done. Principally, the area in Beechwood around the Aaron River watershed, and the area around Little Harbor. It's not necessary to do unurbanized areas such as Wompatuck Park or Whitney Woods. As we go on, Beechwood and Little Harbor will be filled in and added to the archived data we already have. Still, there remains verification and actual visual confirmation of what the pictures tell us. For this we are depending on Carl Sestito's DPW and student assistance from the High School.

An unseen benefit of this activity is the fact that the contractor performing this work has prepared several storm-water management plans for towns such as ours, and, using these, with help from the DPW and student volunteers, we will be able to develop our own storm-water management plan without burdening taxpayers with added costs. As this work goes on this summer, we will keep you advised of our progress

** But now towns will need to a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to continue these discharges.*

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Romney's win, budget crisis lead top 10 list

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

January 2 is officially Inauguration Day for Mitt Romney, but a lot of political types at the Statehouse might be thinking of it as Christy Mihos Day too. It's a good bet that Mihos will be as proud and happy as Romney, and certain that he was just as much a winner this year.

Mihos is the convenience store magnate who was fired by Acting Gov. Jane Swift for voting to freeze Mass. Turnpike tolls. Mihos and fellow Turnpike board member Jordan Levy fought in the courts to win their jobs back, but Mihos didn't stop there. He commissioned a poll that confirmed what Republicans were already whispering: Romney would be a much stronger candidate than Swift.

It was the signal for which Mitt Romney had been waiting. The CEO of the Salt Lake Olympics had been hoping to find a way to capitalize his excellent performance into a political win. Once Mihos leaked his poll to the Boston media, the way was clear.

Nine months later, Gov. Elect Romney's transformation of the Massachusetts political scene has been selected the top story of 2002 in the annual State House News Service survey of Statehouse reporters.

Votes were gathered and weighted based on their cumulative ranking of importance by the reporters who responded to the survey. The results: 1. Romney Enters Race and Wins Election 2. Ongoing and Deepening Budget Crisis 3. Clean Elections Law Starts Operation, But Undercut by Referendum 4. Levy/Mihos Turnpike Board Battle with Swift 5. Catholic Church Scandal Spurs Disclosure Law, Reilly Action 6. Shannon O'Brien First Woman to Win Primary for Governor 7. Former Senate President William Bulger Pleads Fifth Amendment in FBI Probe 8. Robert Travaglini Becomes Heir Apparent as Senate President 9. Legislature Passes $1.2B Tax Increase 10. Record Spending, Pivotal Debates Keep Governorship in Republican Hands

In some ways you could have done this as the Ten Most Interesting Days of 2002. March 19 was the winner by a huge margin. No one, including Swift's leading aides, knew when it began that she had decided to give it up. Over the weekend, she'd been quoted as declaring unambiguously that she intended to battle Romney and win if he got in. But then, in the year's most memorable scene, she stood before the podium in Room 157, the press briefing room, and battled her tears unsuccessfully as she told reporters, politicians and the press that her fight for redemption was over. The first governor to give birth in office said she couldn't raise three kids, solve the budget crisis, and wage a tough fight for the Republican nomination all at the same time. Now the terrible budget situation becomes Romney's biggest responsibility, and opportunity, and the most likely candidate for biggest story of 2003.

A little later that same day, Romney stood in the snow in front of his Belmont home and said he wanted to be governor because the state has yet to fully make use of its outstanding resources.

The next most interesting day was Nov. 5 — a day in which the new Massachusetts revealed itself. "New" in this case means, "not automatically Democratic," and also, "in sync with the nation."

The last three Republican victories had come against maverick Democrats, or ones about which the party was not unified and enthused. This time, a mainstream, moderate, well-regarded Democrat went up against the Republican and still lost. Shannon O'Brien's campaign didn't get very high marks from the pros, or truly seem to wow voters — both neither did Romney's.

The difference appears to be that the electorate has moved to the right and away from party identification at the same time. Massachusetts is more like the rest of the nation politically. The state went along with a Republican tide on a day of historic victories for the GOP in off year election — but part of what made defeat bitter for the Dems was that their party actually performed decently in gubernatorial races overall.

In between Romney Day and Election Day, there was a plethora of stories:

—Romney set a new record for spending. —The Democrats embarked on a disastrous challenge of his residency. —Robert Reich, and every other Democrat, crossed the 15 percent mark at the convention after weeks of speculation about who wouldn't make it. —Jill Stein and Carla Howell did not tip the balance in anyone's direction, as many feared or hoped they would. —Howell's "repeal the income tax" question did shockingly well, leading to a new unwillingness to mess with tax rates in the coming fiscal year.

The budget mess was the other major story of the year, and actually tied with Romney's win in the reporter balloting. Other stories about Romney's ascension were also cited by reporters as among the biggest of the year, so it was easy to declare Romney a bigger story than the budget, but it was still obviously the most important of the remaining nine:

• No matter how many times revenue benchmarks were adjusted, the state still seemed to be spending more than it was taking in. House Speaker Thomas Finneran went on a huge public relations campaign in the winter and spring, laying out the way the cost of government — especially health care for the poor — was rising at the same time revenues were falling. The Finneran-controlled House Ways and Means Committee went so far as to put out a budget with $2 billion in cuts, to show the public what "no new taxes" would mean. The budget for the current year was eventually balanced with about $300 million in cuts, $1.2 (some say $1.4) billion in one-time revenue drains, like spending out of the state's "rainy day" savings account, and a $1.4 billion tax hike. But still more cuts had to made later in the year — and must still be after Romney takes office.

• Court-ordered sale of property funded the first — and perhaps only — year of public campaign financing in Massachusetts. Lawmakers put a question on the ballot they said was simple enough for voters to understand, the contention being they didn't understand the question when Clean Elections was approved in 1998. Voters overwhelmingly said "no" to a question that asked if they approved the spending of public funds for political campaigns. House leadership are pointing to the referendum as supporting evidence for a repeal of the law in 2003. Clean Elections gubernatorial candidate Warren Tolman won few converts to the cause by using some of his $3 million for negative ads attacking other candidates' integrity, and a spot in which his wife said baldness is sexy.

• The year began with hearings into whether they should be fired for voting to block toll hikes needed to pay bondholders for the Big Dig. By the time the Supreme Judicial Court ruled on May 7 that the Turnpike Twins had not been fired "for cause," as Swift had claimed, her political career was on hold, the 'Pike fight having done so much damage to her viability that Romney had pushed her aside.

• The Attorney General convened a grand jury in the biggest Massachusetts story of the year, much bigger than anything in state government. Early in the year, the House and Senate reached agreement on a bill adding clerics to the list of those obligated under the law to report child abuse. The issue was difficult because it involved questions of what priests and other people of God can and must share of what they learn in confidence and in confession.

• She won the Democratic battle rather handily, and led the race from start to finish. O'Brien's strongest competitor was probably Robert Reich, and one stills hears grumbling that he would have been better against Romney. That's an imponderable, but there's no arguing that no one worked harder than O'Brien, making sure she pulled out a win in a long, chaotic convention that Senate President Thomas Birmingham needed in order to build momentum. After the convention, O'Brien kept her network motivated and kept her message before voters with lots of TV time, staving off a Reich surge in late August.

• This story may be like those movies that win Oscars because they're released late in the year, but certainly the halls of the Statehouse are still murmuring with discussion of the Bulger situation. The UMass President and his attorney argued they were being set up for a perjury trap, after transcripts of Bulger's 2000 testimony before a grand jury was leaked to the Boston papers. That leak came as Bulger was subpoenaed before the US House Committee on Government Reform, which is holding hearings on the FBI's use of informants. The most famous Boston informant is Bugler's brother James. "Whitey" Bugler is wanted in the deaths of more than 20 people. Bulger's acknowledgement in his grand jury testimony that he spoke to Whitey in 1995 had people debating whether a public official has an obligation to help put his own brother in jail, and whether the former Senate president had ever done anything to keep Whitey out.

• The East Boston veteran is known as a consensus builder, and he proved it by putting together the votes needed to win unofficial coronation as Birmingham's successor two months before the actual vote. Senators expect Travaglini to allow committees more power over the fate of bills, and a more inclusionary policy consideration style in the president's office.

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LETTERS

Fashion show museum benefit

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of The Board of Trustees for Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum, we would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to all those who made our 2002 Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show held at Atlantica Restaurant on Thursday, Dec. 12 an overwhelming success.

Many thanks to Talbots for donating their time and beautiful clothes for the fashion show. Thank you to Ms. Robyn Azzarone, Store Manager, Talbots, Hingham; Ms. Christine Lawless, Assistant Store Manager, Talbots, Hingham; and to Ms. Betsy Thompson, Director of Public Relations, Talbots. Thank you to Joe Campbell, Director of Operations and Michelle Scully, Function Manger, at Atlantica Restaurant and to our wonderful planning committee – Helen Arnold, Janet Campbell, Beryl Campedelli, Michelle Cayer, Regina Church, Patty Connors, Amy Fitzpatrick, Lisa Hutchkiss, Debbie Kuppens, Christine McCarron, Molly McGowan, Trish Morse, Chris Powers, Deirdre Prescott, Melissa Tierney, and Sally Young. And a special thanks to our models: Lorraine Carroll, Stephanie Faubion, Susan Galligan, Molly McGowan, Amber Nolan, Sally Newhall, Nora Speer, Sara Sullivan, Lorraine Tarpey, Jill Tedeschi, Elaine Tedeschi, and Sally Young.

And of course, a round of applause first to all our local merchants and artisans who gave so generously towards our raffle, and second to our local bakeries for donating our centerpieces which were all incredibly festive and delicious!: Farsh Oriental Rugs, Artist's Son Gallery, Talbots, The Ritz Carlton — Boston, Sweet Surprises, Paperscapes, Good Sport, ek designs, Cards and Shards, Cohasset Hardware, Curtis Liquors, Village Wine & Spirits, Rudolph Adamo, Hernan Salon, Cohasset Pizza House, Diane Johnston, The Red Lion Inn, RGP-Really

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Community Design Partnership hold a brainstorming discussion at Town Hall to plot a plan of action for creating the town's Master Plan. Attendance was light, but the small number helped facilitate the discussion.

Glenn Pratt launches his effort to curb the Greenbush line's impact on the recently renovated and expanded Woodside Cemetery with a letter to the MBTA. Pratt is concerned that the right-of-way clearing will destroy the natural barrier of vegetation that has grown in the 40 years since the line was last operational.

Republican Nathaniel Palmer announces his candidacy for the Third Plymouth District seat in the House of Representatives. Palmer, 32, is a California-native, who moved to Cohasset three years ago. He is also the president and co-owner of Delphi Group, a consulting firm out of Boston.

May 16

The Red Lion Inn announces a plan to add 36 rooms to the hotel. Owner Gerd Ordelheide believes that the addition – which includes two new bridal suites – will actually decrease traffic and congestion in the area by allowing more people involved in wedding parties to stay at the hotel.

The decision whether to let sixth-grade girls wear make-up to school is pushed to the forefront after Deer Hill principal says the practice is disrupting the classroom. School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn says parents in the town that he has talked to are split on the issue.

Polly Logan, the grand dame of the Massachusetts Republican party, has her portrait hung in the statehouse as part of a traveling exhibition of portraits sponsored by the Boston-based Women's Education and Industrial Union.

The South Shore Voice of the Faithful holds its first meeting at St. Paul's Church in Hingham. The state-wide group of concerned Catholics formed in Wellesley in response to the sexual abuse scandal in the Archdiocese of Boston.

May 23

The battle over ledge removal continues, as David Walsh moves forward with a plan to develop his property, known as "Lot 2" on Beach Street. Abutters, concerned that the construction would change the character of the neighborhood, have already tried twice to institute a ledge removal bylaw that would prevent construction that removes significant amounts of ledge from a property. Walsh's plan calls for the removal of approximately 4,500 sq. feet of ledge, mostly to construct a 700 ft. driveway.

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life draws more than 700 people to Cohasset High School's football field to raise money for cancer research. The participants, who solicited sponsorships prior to the event, walked around the track all night.

Cohasset High School grad Kathy Vavrick-O'Brien makes it to the final day competition on the reality show "Survivor," before being voted off the island. Vavrik-O'Brien graduated from Cohasset High School in 1972.

May 30

Two tragedies are narrowly avoided as graduating seniors from Cohasset High School begin to mix bad decision with their celebrations. Only 10 of the 81 seniors attended school on Senior Skip Day, and later at a massive party on Bassing Beach, a teen nearly drowns after the rowboat he was in capsizes. Then another senior crashed his 1988 Porche while speeding along Jerusalem Road.

The traditional Memorial Day remembrance includes a tribute to the heroes of Sept. 11. Lt. Ted Macklin, a Cohasset native and retired Naval Officer spoke to the community, saying that the events of Sept. 11 "add a dramatic backdrop and significance" to the day's events.

A new turning arrow and left turn lane are installed at the 3A and Beechwood Street intersection. Deemed the most dangerous intersection in Cohasset by town officials, MassHighway decided to take action and improve the site to cut down on accidents.

June 6

Kathy Vavrick O'Brien, a former Cohasset resident and one of the stars of the television reality show "Survivor" is rumored to be returning to town to participate in her high school class reunion. Vavrick-O'Brien attended Cohasset High School for two years, graduating in 1972. Despite the hype, Vavrick-O'Brien never shows up.

A forum held by the Cohasset Revitilization Corporation and the Cohasset Common Landscape Preservation Committee to discuss possible changes to the Town Common produces 30 recommendations. Among them were realigning Jason Road with Depot Court, moving the Christmas Tree, and repositioning the Town Hall driveways.

Selectman Merle Brown works to reestablish the Private Way Committee. Brown had been instrumental in the creation of the original committee eight years prior. Private ways are owned by individuals and do not qualify for town or state aid.

June 13

A four-alarm fire destroyed the antique Federalist-style home at 83 Summer St. It took 70 firefighters from seven towns to extinguish the blaze. The fire began in the attic and spread from there. Both people inside the home at the time were able to escape unscathed. At the time the Mariner went to press, the cause of the fire was still under investigation.

The Class of 2002 graduates from Cohasset High School. The students wore patriotic sashes in sad remembrance of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. Class President Robin Murphy points out that in a few years, the Class of 2002 will be entrusted with power. He then quoted the new Spiderman movie, saying that "With great power, comes great responsibility."

Tom Carroll of Cashman Construction becomes the MBTA's community liaison for the Greenbush Project. Carroll worked for four years on Cashman's Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel community outreach team prior to becoming the Greenbush liaison.

June 20

The third volume of the Town History is published by the Town Committee on History after a slight delay. The latest edition was written by Jackie Dormitzer and is 430 pages long, covering from 1950 to the present. The project to write the third book began in January of 1997.

The Red Lion Inn is pushed to the forefront of town news after an abutter, Michael Karp, charges that the Inn has not been a good neighbor. Due to a communication error, the meeting with the Planning Board is rescheduled to June 26.

Abutters to 419 Jerusalem Road are up in arms after hearing of Lisa and Leonard Kupsc plan to raze the small structure currently on the property and replace it with a much larger taller building. The original building was designed by noted American architect Royal Barry Wills.

June 27

The controversial plan to build a new runway at Logan Airport moves a step closer to reality, after the Federal Aviation Administration decides to support a compromise plan. Area residents are concerned that the runway, which will only be used on days when winds from the Northwest cause delays at Logan, will increase air traffic over Cohasset.

The middle-high school's new cafeteria, which will be completed in September, offers student a food-court style lunch experience, rather than a typical one-size fits all meal plan.

The police department com-

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Great Pizza, Grapevine Caterers, Cohasset Jewelers, Platinum Spike, The Silver Spoon, Barefoot Rugs and Country Furnishings, Bernard's, April's Beads & Things, Pilgrim Bank, The Cohasset Greenery, Springbrook Kids, P.F. Changs - Boston, Ports & Company, Adrian Morris Salon, White's Pastry Shop, Konditor Meister, Maggie's Corner, Z-Chef, The Red Lion Inn, French Memories, Barker Tavern Bakery, The Silent Chef, Morning Glories Bakery, The Borrowed Butler, Susan Racette, and Veronica's Sweetcakes.

We have a dream — to build an incredible museum where children of all ages can meet, play and learn how much we, as fellow inhabitants of this earth, have in common. We celebrated our groundbreaking in November and renovations are underway to the museum's space which will be located adjacent to the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The monies raised by this event, and future events, will be used to complete the design and construction of the exhibit spaces, the exhibits themselves, and the initial program development. We need to raise $1,500,000 to fund this project and we are one-third of the way towards our goal. Thank you all for helping to make this dream a reality.

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Blizzard open house

TO THE EDITOR:

Members of the community are invited to the Hull Lifesaving Museum on Thursday evening, Jan. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m., for a "Blizzard of '78 Exhibit" Open House. The event will be a forum for South Shore residents to share their memories of the storm, and to preview plans for the upcoming exhibit, slated to open on February 8.

Guests are encouraged to bring with them any photographs, newspaper clippings, or other mementos of the storm. Remember, yesterday's "junk" is tomorrow's artifact, and we would love to see it all! Representatives from several news outlets, including Fox 25 News, the Hingham Journal, and WBZ will be on hand to record any stories visitors care to tell. If you would like to share a memory or an image but can't make the open house, please call Victoria Stevens, the Museum Educator, to arrange another meeting time at 781-925-5433. Please join us for a fun evening of relaxed refreshments and reminiscences about this legendary event.

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for the Staff of the Hull Lifesaving Museum

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• This is a subset of the budget crisis story, but significant in its own right. Lawmakers could have cut instead of taxed, but Finneran laid the groundwork for the increase by doggedly showing how deep and wide the cuts would be. Polls showed a lack of anger over the increases — in fact, a majority in most polls favored tax hikes as part of the solution to the budget problem. But a totally different message emerged from the election, as the question to completely wipe out the income tax and its $9 billion in revenue was defeated by only six percentage points.

• It will never be known for sure what gave Romney the victory — O'Brien reportedly ran a poll in December to find out. What is known is that no one's message was on the air as often as the erstwhile Utahan's. That's because he raised ($9.8 million) and spent ($9.4 million) more than anyone else in history to win the governorship. Democrats will tell you that's why he won. Privately, they'll also tell you they don't understand why Shannon O'Brien didn't loosen up and come across as less combative and scripted in the debates, particularly the last one. It may well have cost her the race; polls had her in the lead by a few points before the showdown moderated by Tim Russert, which will be remembered for Romney's use of the word "unbecoming," and perhaps the strangest question of the campaign: "Would you like to see my tattoo, Tim?"

Probably the most important story that didn't make the Top Ten list – and it just barely missed – was the MCAS test's first year as a "must-pass" exam. Other significant stories mentioned by reporters were the elimination of the bilingual education program by referendum, Boston's selection as the site of the 2004 Democratic national convention, and John Kerry's apparent desire to be the nominee of that convention.

The voting for Press Secretary of the year was much more spread out than usual, perhaps because the campaign spread the talent around. This year's winner was Denis Kennedy of the Office of Campaign and Political Finance. Happy New(s) Year and best wishes to all.

Craig Sandler writes for the Statehouse News Service.

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plete weapons training. Though the need to use a weapon in Cohasset is rare, all of the officers are well-trained in case of emergencies.

July 4

The third edition of Cohasset's history flies off the bookshelf. Author Jackie Dormitzer's book covers from 1950-2000. The book is relentlessly local, but also provides perspective showing how the town marched through the Eisenhower, Vietnam, Reagan, and Clinton eras.

The Osgood School introduces a program called Second Step, which teaches social skills to youngsters. The program received an exemplary rating from the U.S. Department of Education's Expert Panel on Safe and Drug-free schools.

The new traffic light at the intersection of Route 3A and Beechwood Street is installed, much to the pleasure of many town officials, who called the intersection the most dangerous in town.

July 11

Polly Logan is recovering after intruders bound and gagged her during a home invasion. Logan was left in a sweltering upstairs bedroom. Within weeks of the attack, the remarkable Logan is back out around town, shopping and working as a fundraiser for GOP candidates.

The Little League's plan to sell naming rights to the new ball fields constructed at the old Gravel Pits is met with harsh resistance by the Board of Selectmen. The board felt that selling the naming rights of the fields to the highest bidder undermined Cohasset values.

The tuition for Cohasset students attending the South Shore Charter School is taking a large chunk out of the school department's state aid. Cohasset has nine students attending the school, which cost the town $71,856, an amount taken off the top of the state funds before they are given to the town.

July 18

Michael Westcott of River Road heads up the new anti-40B group, Cohasset Action. The group seeks to curb the affect of Chapter 40B – the state's affordable housing law – in response to AvalonBay's proposed 200-unit 40B-apartment complex. Chapter 40B allows developers to skirt local zoning if a town's affordable housing stock is under 10 percent of their total housing units.

"Mansionization" is again pushed to the forefront as Lisa and Leonard Kupsc plan to replace the ranch-style house at 419 Jerusalem Road with an 8,500 sq. ft. Victorian structure. The issue pits the owners, who express a desire to do what they want with their property, against the neighbors, who want to preserve their ocean views as well as what they term to be the "character" of their neighborhood.

Thanks to student volunteers from the high school, the Historical Society's museum at the Capt. John Wilson house is re-opened for tours. Eight teens work part-time at the 200-year-old house during the summer to keep it open to the public.

July 25

Bassing Beach is closed because of high-bacteria levels. Enterococci levels – the red flag when testing for bacteria at town beaches – are too high for safe swimming. The bacteria can causeear infections, conjunctivitis, and rashes. The cause of the pollution is unknown.

Cohasset Action, the anti-40B group, begins to take shape, holding its first meeting at Cohasset Travel. Michael Wescott, the spokesman of the organization, says that it is important for the town to take steps to address the problem of 40B as well as the problem of affordable housing in Cohasset.

Cohasset Health Agent Joseph Godzik sounds the warning about the childhood obesity problem in America. Godzik spoke with school officials about getting a healthier menu for the system's cafeterias.

August 1

Cohasset Harbor is again in thew news as proponents of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation's plan to refurbish the area clash with abutters who claim the harbor is fine as is. The issue remains at the forefront for the next four months.

The Cohasset Central Cemetery is put up for consideration for listing with the National Register of Historic Places. The cemetery, which dates back to the early 1700s, is under strong consideration for inclusion thanks to the diligent work of the cemetery's trustees.

West Corner, located at the intersection of Hull Street and Jerusalem Road, is highlighted because of a spat of development or proposed development in the area. The Greek Orthodox Church is adding a community center and the restaurant DiNero's is in search of the right to expand their restaurant and parking area.

August 8

Proponents of AvalonBay, a 40B development on Route 3A (across from Atlantic Bagel), announce that they will proceed with their project in two phases. The first will be a 200-unit phase, followed by a 54-unit addition at a later date.

Lou Chin, an anti-40B activist from Scituate, meets with Cohasset Action to help the group develop its plans. At the meeting, the idea of holding a Special Town Meeting and declaring a moratorium on 40B project in town first comes up.

With too many non-residents using Sandy Beach, the Board of Selectmen mulls increasing the amount of fees charged and having cars towed. Selectmen tabled the matter.

A lightning storm gives the newly installed sewers in North Cohasset a jolt, frying out the individual sewer panels on each house.

August 15

Paul "PJ" Trendowicz drowns after a game of kneeboarding off of the Cunningham Bridge. Trendowicz, 18, had graduated from Boston College High School in June.

Mark Haddad celebrates his five-year anniversary as the Town Manager of Cohasset. Haddad has done much to streamline the performance of Town Hall during his tenure.

The school construction projects are deemed a 'slam dunk' after both projects appear poised to go off without a hitch – or an increase in the budget. The Deer Hill School is schedule to open fully in Jan. 2003 while the middle-high school will follow in Jan. of 2004.

August 22

Local opposition to Chapter 40B builds, as Cohasset Action begins to expand. Meetings are now held in the Town Hall auditorium, a much larger venue than Cohasset Travel where they began. The group formed in response to the 200-unit 40B project proposed by AvalonBay on Route 3A. Chapter 40B allows developers to skirt local zoning laws if less than 10 percent of a town's housing stock is affordable.

Early retirement suddenly becomes an option for janitor Kevin Soule. In the face of pressure from Soule, the School Committee asks the Board of Selectmen to reconsider its decision not to include Soule in the state's early retirement incentive plan. Initially the School Committee said it was not interested in having any early retirements because it would cost them money.

Cohasset's Kate Bosworth debuts in her first leading role in Hollywood, starring as Anne Marie in the movie "Blue Crush." Bosworth attended Cohasset High and also had a role in "The Horse Whisperer."

August 29

The School Department announces that after unsuccessfully putting the school transportation system out to bid twice, it will have to run the busing system itself. The move forces the department to hire bus drivers as well as repair the town-owned buses.

Department of Public Works worker Kenny Thayer has a need for speed and details his weekend life as a drag racer. Thayer travels to the New England Dragway in Epping, N.H. every weekend to race the car that he built.

Children prepare to return to school on Sept. 4, as the school department readies the construction effort to once again deal with the presence of students. Both the Deer Hill and middle-high schools are on-time and on-budget.

September 5

A solemn Sept. 11 ceremony is planned by the Board of Selectmen in remembrance of those who were killed during the terrorist attacks. All of the local clergy were consulted and a simple plan to ring the church bells around town from 8:45 when the first plan hit until 9:03 when the second hit, was devised.

The Capt. John Wilson and Cohasset Maritime Museum are both up for consideration by the Massachusetts Historical Commission for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. State approval is the major hurdle in the application for inclusion on the register, and the Historical Society — which owns the buildings — feels confident that the buildings will meet the grade.

September 12

The town enters into a purchase and sales agreement with the Barnes family to acquire the 32-acre parcel known as the Barnes property, which abuts the town-owned Wheelwright Park. The Community Preservation Committee was the driving force behind the agreement, negotiating with the family behind the scenes until the deal could be made.

Under overcast skies, the town's subdued and understated memorial to the victims of Sept. 11 is a huge success. With church bells tolling under overcast skies, residents filled the Town Common to remember those who were affected by the terrorist attacks.

Cohasset Action, the town's anti-40B citizen group, gets 200 signatures to call a Special Town Meeting, but instead agree to bring the issues up at the regular Special Town Meeting with assurances the articles will get good placement on the warrant. The group plans to call for a moratorium on 40B projects in Cohasset.

The state Primary is expected to draw a crowd, thanks to the campaign of Cohasset resident Bruce Herzfelder. Town Clerk Marion Douglas estimates that about 20 percent of the registered voters in town will vote.

September 19

Turnout for the state Primary hits 32 percent. Cohasset resident Bruce Herzfelder loses his race for state Treasurer to fellow Republican Dan Grabauskas.

The Police/Fire Study Committee announces a stopgap plan to create space at the Police and Fire Station on Elm Street. A vote at town meeting to build a new fire station failed at last year's town meeting. The Committee is requesting that an article for $60,000 to study and further the design plans be included on the Special Town Meeting warrant.

Stuart Ivimey, the chairman of the Community Preservation Committee, explains the intricacies of the Community Preservation Act.

September 26

Jerusalem Road Estates, the controversial subdivision across from Straits Pond more than six years in development, still faces several hurdles before construction can begin. The major problem facing the development is a plan for wastewater disposal. Several options, including buying sewer capacity from Hull, are still on the table.

The School [illegible] announces its plan [illegible] Town Meeting for $99,000 in order to fund the purchase of a new bus, the preservation of the elementary school health program, and the early retirement of janitor Kevin Soule

AvalonBay hosts a walk-around at the proposed site of its planned 200-unit 40B development on Route 3A.

October 3

Selectman Tom Callahan asks the Board of Selectmen to reiterate their position on the Little League's plan to sell naming rights out of fear the board is caving in. Callahan feels that the Little League had backed the town into corner, because the money derived from the naming rights was a major part of the project's funding.

The town picks Grand Gables Realty Group of North Scituate to market the Paul Pratt building. After two unsuccessful tries out to bid, the Board of Selectmen resorted to hiring a real estate agent, because the $700,000 sale of the Paul Pratt building was built into the budget for the renovation of the old Osgood School into the new Paul Pratt Library.

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation and the Friends of the Harbor group again butted heads at a Selectmen's meeting. At issue this time was improvements to the fence that runs along the Harbor. The CRC wants to bring the fence up to code, which would qualify the project for grant money, but the Friends of the Harbor want to leave it alone.

October 10

Town Manager Mark Haddad gets in hot water with the Cohasset Common District

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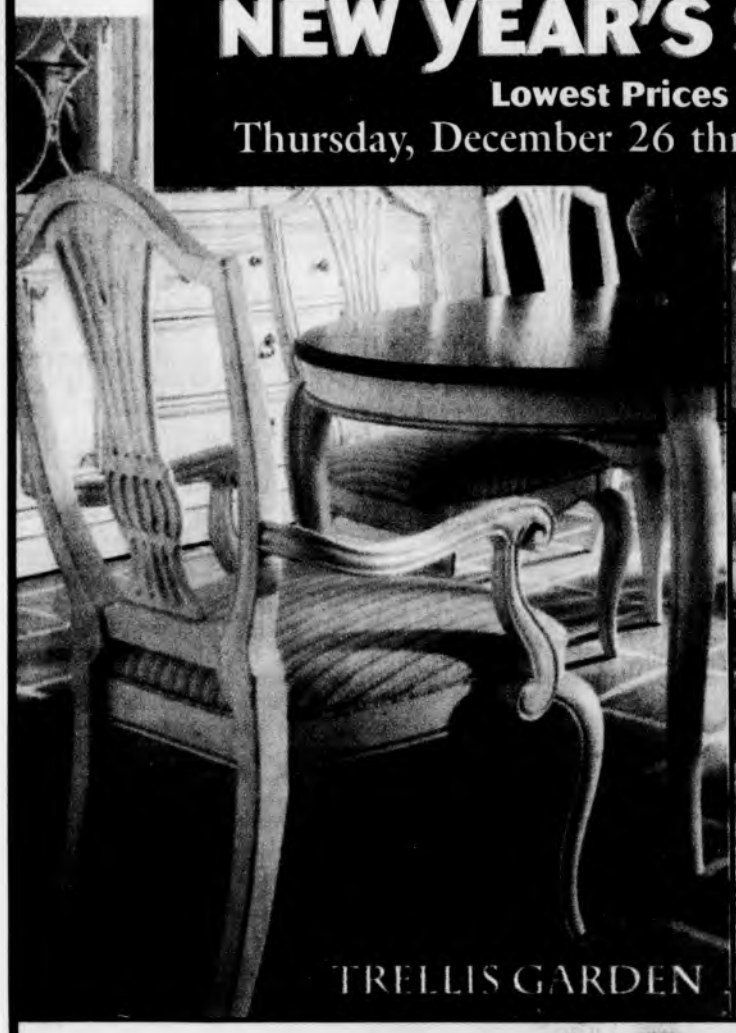
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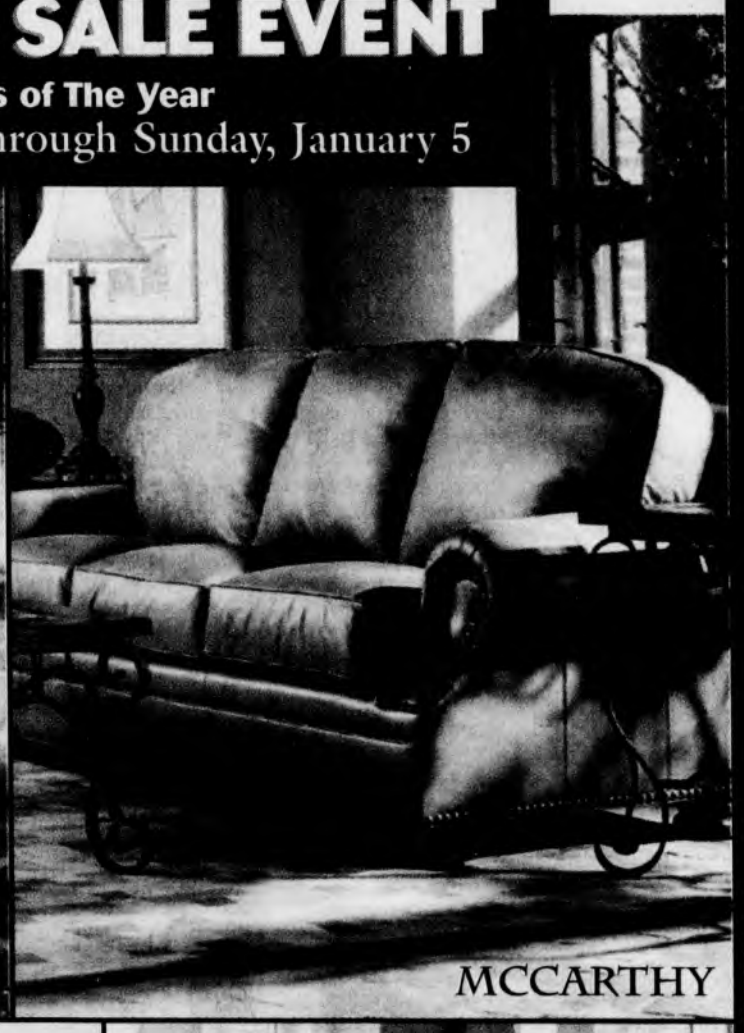
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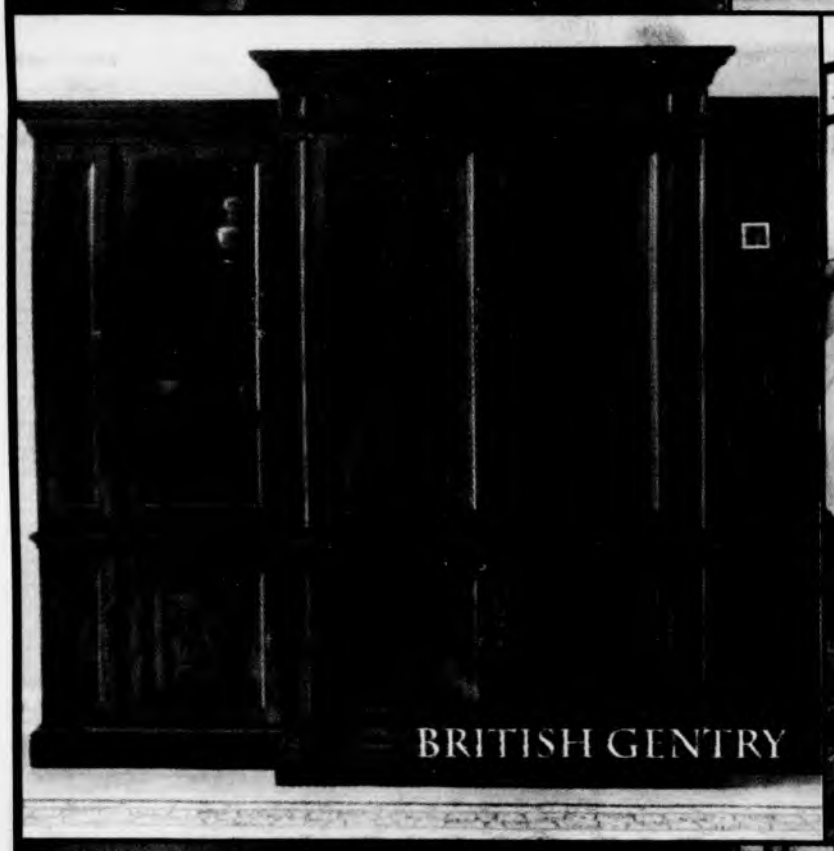
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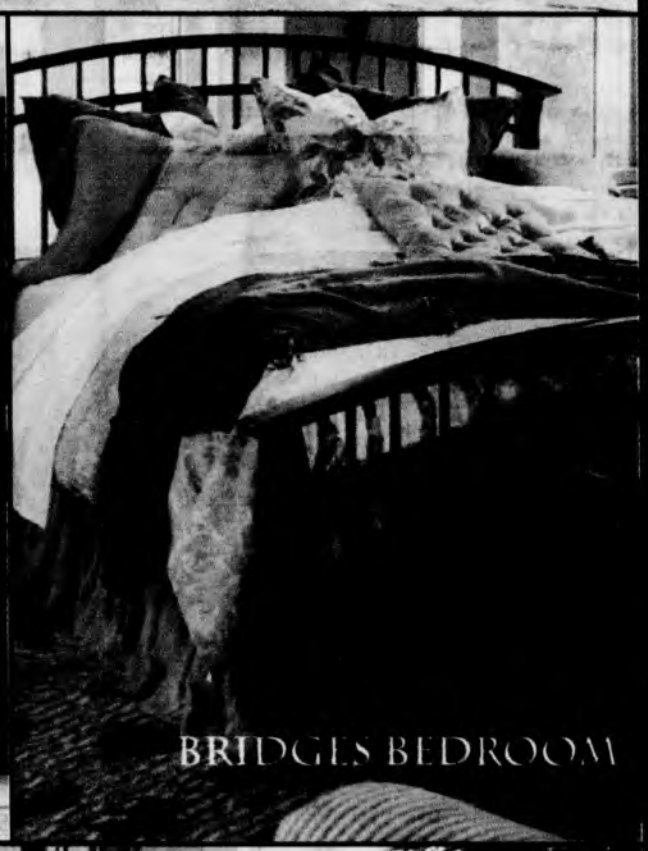
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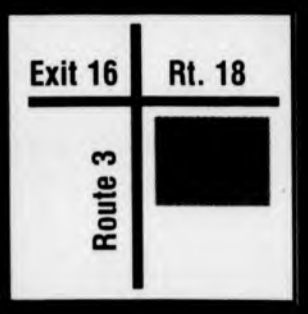

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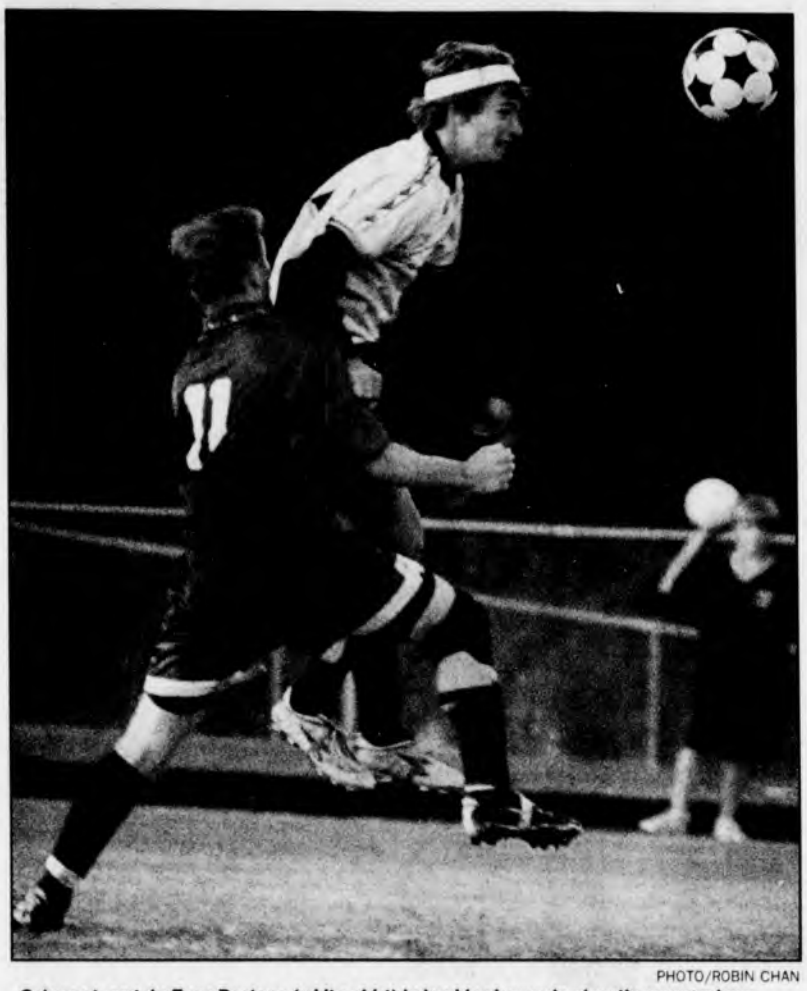

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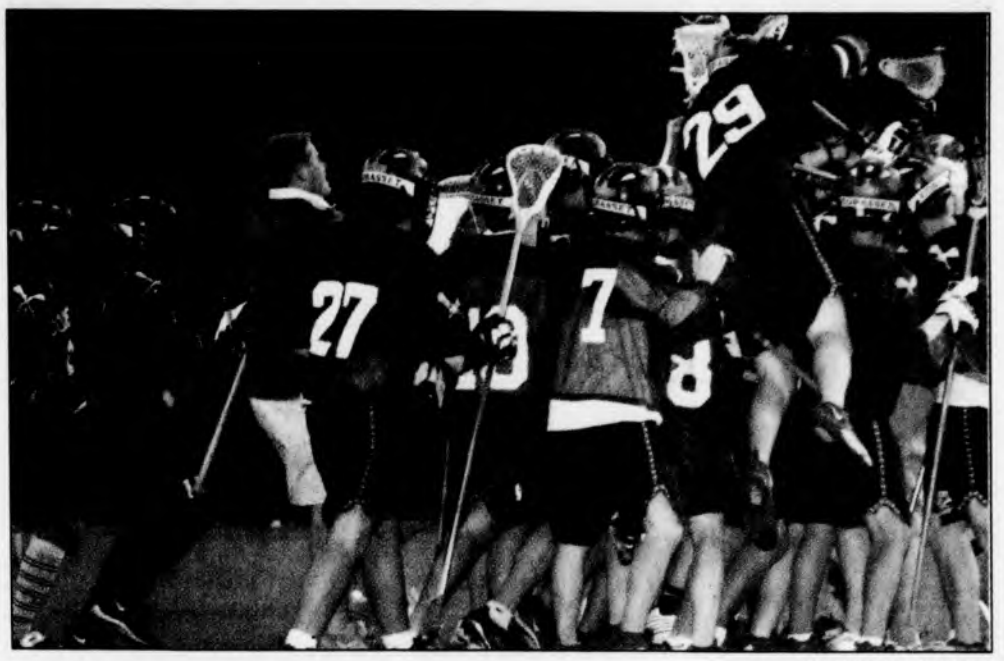
Cohasset captain Evan Pestone (white shirt) helped lead a predominantly younger boys soccer team to a surprising 9-4-5 season and into the second round of the state tourney.



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Cohasset lacrosse players celebrate their second round state tourney win over arch-rival Norwell in June.

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Cohasset gridder Braun Goodson (with ball) emerged as the "go to guy" offensively this fall, rushing for 1,500 yards and 20 touchdowns for the 8-2 Skippers.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Three year CHS tennis singles standout Lindsay Grossman improved her career record to 31-3 this spring, helping the Lady Skippers to their furthest advancement ever in the state.

2002 in sports

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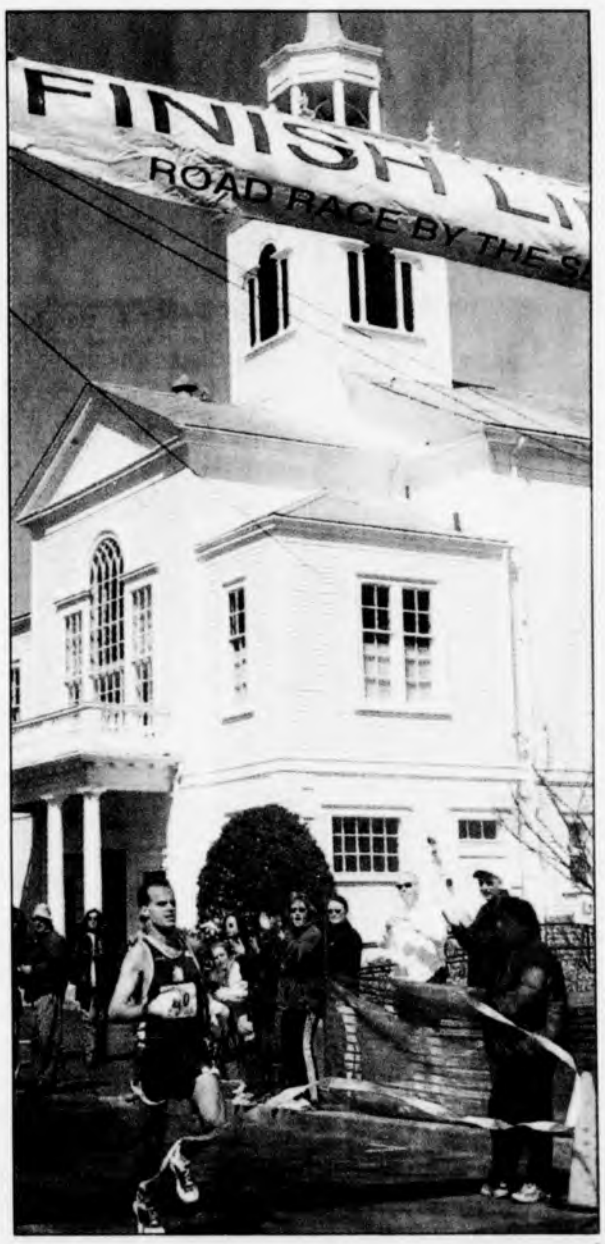
Kristen Sheerin graduated this spring with every Cohasset High gymnastics record in tow.



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Cohasset's own Paul Stanizkiwzyk breaks the tape to win the annual Cohasset's Road Race by the Sea this past April.

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Cohasset High shortstop Mike Snowdale can't quite get to this grounder up the middle.

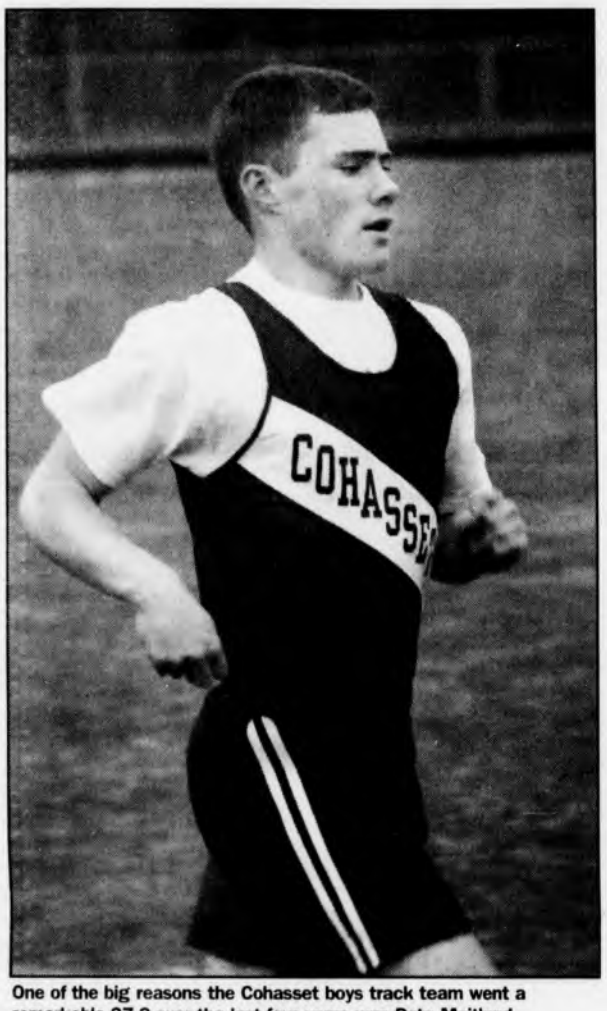
Cohasset Sports - Top 10 stories of the year

1) The Cohasset High hockey team enjoys a best ever regular season, going unbeaten at 19-0-1

Led by league top scorer Greg O'Connell, and four of the other top eight in points in John Durkin, Tom Anderson, Matt Davis and Rob Carpenter — along with some truly great defense provided by Tim Straughn, Mike Devine, Eric Libby and goalie Dan Kinchla — the Skippers outscored their opponents 156-20 before losing to Bourne in the Division 3 Sectional semifinals, 3-1. This run proved a great way for Dennis Walsh to end his distinguished 38-year coaching career, and provided a lifetime of memories for the members of that hockey team and their fans.

2) The CHS boys track team wins its second consecutive South Shore League championship

These were also, incidentally, the first two track titles CHS had won in 28 years. Pete Maitland, Tim Baird, Steve Laney, Jason Brown, Liam Martin, Dan Kinchla, Jay Bertovich and Jared and Brian Krupczak formed the core of a team that compiled a 27-2 record over the last four spring seasons under head coach Al LaFontain, including the unbeaten campaigns of 2001 and '02.Clearly, this is a feat that would be remarkable for any high school team, but that goes two or three times over for a school like Cohasset High. The reasons: 1) it is by far the smallest school in the South Shore League, 2) it offers more spring athletic programs than any of the other six SSL schools, with lacrosse, tennis and baseball all drawing away male athletes from track, 3) unlike the other six SSL schools, Cohasset has no fall cross country or winter indoor track program to hone technique and conditioning.



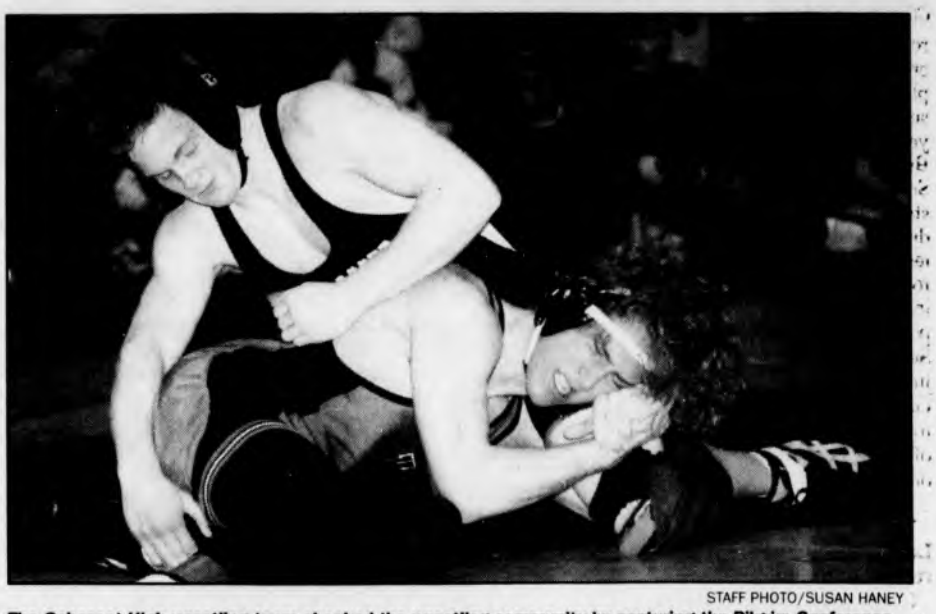
One of the big reasons the Cohasset boys track team went a remarkable 27-2 over the last four years was Pete Maitland.

3) The CHS girls tennis team reaches the Southeastern Mass. semifinals

This furthest ever venture into the postseason followed an 11-1 regular season and a share of the South Shore League title. And the best part of this story is seven of the team's top eight players will be back this spring, including all four girls who played singles last season: senior Lindsay Grossman (31-3 over her high school career), sophomore Elizabeth Stone (who did not lose even a single set as a freshman in singles match play last spring), junior Holly Graham and sophomore Emily Sullivan. Only SSL all-star doubles player Kelly Stone was lost to graduation.

4) CHS wrestlers stun Rockland to win Pilgrim Conference title

The predominantly younger squad had a nice unbeaten season in league play going at 5-0, but virtually no one gave the Skippers a shot in the Feb. 2 regular season finale against defending PC champ Rockland. The Skippers overall record stood at 11-10 heading in, but that was a little deceiving, as veteran coach Torin Sweeney always wrestles one of the toughest non-league schedules in the state, proffering that "it's all about what happens at the end of the season." Indeed, this philosophy proved out, as Cohasset's grapplers stunned their Rockland rivals, 39-32. The Skippers most accomplished wrestler from the previous season, senior captain Dan Littauer returned from a season long elbow injury to win his bout at 152 pounds, a pivotal win in a match that could have turned on one decision. Wins were also recorded by Joey Kehoe, Mike Casey, Cosimo Cambi, Matt Baroud, John Hussey and Ian Hickey. The end-of-the-season successes continued the following week when Cohasset took fourth at the Div. 3 South Sectionals and advanced seven wrestlers to the State championships: Kehoe, Terry Baroudi, Chris McKenna, Matt Casey, Phil Strazzulla and brothers Dan and Jon Littauer.



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The Cohasset High wrestling team shocked the wrestling community by capturing the Pilgrim Conference title in 2002, especially since this was achieved with the team's most accomplished wrestler, Dan Littauer (top), injured for virtually the entire season.

5) The joint Norwell-Cohasset High gymnastic team wins its first ever Pilgrim Conference title this winter

Led by Kristen Sheerin and Meredith Bixby, the Coh-Nors went 6-0 in conference competition and 11-1 overall. The team then finished sixth at sectionals, falling just short of advancing to All-States, though Sheerin and Bixby did advance to that meet in individual competition. Sheerin graduated last spring holding every single Cohasset High gymnastics record. Bixby, now a senior, has returned to lead this winter's team that also expects big contributions from Katherine Coyne, Sarah Dennis, Nancy Durkin and Jen Guiney.

6) The CHS girls soccer team qualifies for state tourney for the first time since 1995

The lady booters shook off the memory of a long string of better forgotten seasons with a 10-7-1 regular season finish, and though they fell in the opening

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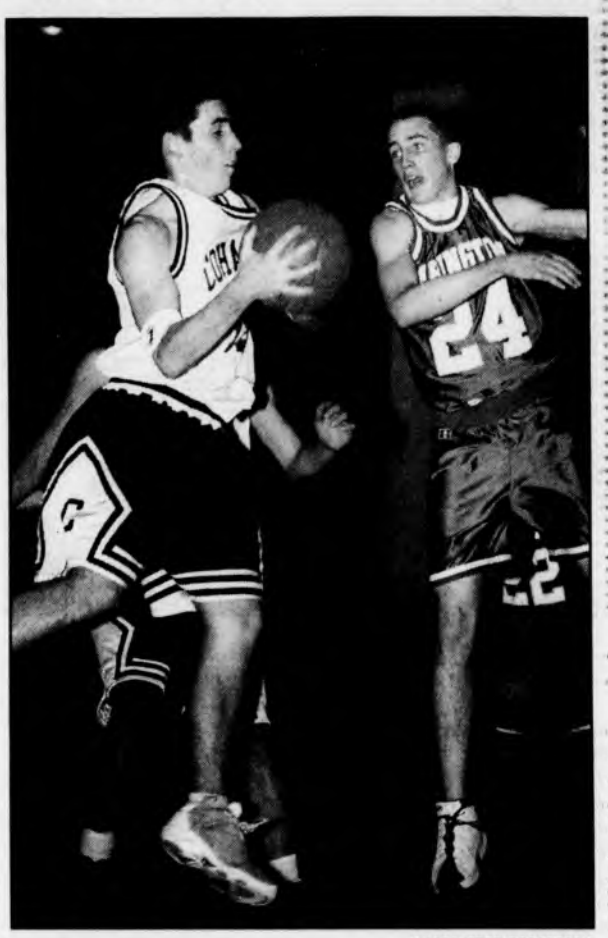

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Junior Chris Bilodeau (left) is one of the main reasons the Cohasset boys basketball backers are talking about a return to tourney action after last year's disappointing campaign.

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round of the postseason to powerhouse Ashland, there seems plenty of reason to hope that this success was more than a one year aberration. Junior Jenn Buckley emerged as one of the South Shore League's truly outstanding players. She had a direct hand in nearly half of her team's goals with 14 tallies and four assists, and proved just as instrumental from her midfield position at the defensive end. Senior captain Julie Lordan and juniors Holly Graham and Gilian Weber were also big contributors, leading a talented crew of younger players who will only get better.

7) The Cohasset Post 118 Legion baseball team's remarkable late season run

Coach Scott Arnold had said all summer that he'd put his best nine up against just about anyone else's top nine. The problem was he was generally without a handful of his best through the first half of the season for one reason or another, and the 3-8-1 record was the result. Arnold's claims proved prophetic, though, as once his top players all became available, the Post 118ers ripped off seven wins in their final eight games to grab the last playoff spot in Zone 6. The team then stunned number one seeded Norwood in the opening round, sweeping the best-of-three series with wins of 4-0 and 2-1 on consecutive nights. Scituate's Jesse Cole (now a full Div. 1 scholarship baseball player at Wofford University in South Carolina) was the key figure in both of these wins. He went the distance on the mound in the 4-0 win and knocked in five of his team's six runs for the two game series. Tom Fitzgerald, of Scituate and B.C. High (now pitching for Babson College) was the winner in game 2. Scituate's Jason Connelly (now playing ball at Western New England), and Cohasset's Paul Demahowski, Chris Carr, Mike Snowdale and brothers Tim and Ted Straughn.

8) Cohasset 12-year olds end their Little League careers with a bang

Right up through the ranks of Little League, starting as nine-year old summer league traveling all-stars, it was a great run for Ian Cundell, Sam DeGiacomo, Chris Rose, Cliff Musto, Pat Doonan, Tommy Chase, Greg Gallagher, Christopher Morgan, Alexander Hunt, Kenny Muir, Kyle Pinkus, David Snowdale, Brian Hill and Mike Grimm, as well as coaches Mark DeGiacomo, Bob Morgan and Bill Grimm. This group enjoyed numerous noteworthy successes during their four summer seasons together. Still, few expected them to end their Little League careers with a win over unbeaten Scituate in the District 8 championship showdown on Aug. 8. But that's exactly what they did, winning 4-2. Hill went the distance on the mound, surrendering just four hits and three walks to the high powered Scituate team that had averaged better than eight runs per game while compiling a 19-4 summer record (including 8-0 in District). Hill helped his own cause with a 2-run homer that proved the difference, and Rose (2-for-2 with a walk) scored two runs.

9) The Cohasset Swim Team wins South Shore Swim League championship

With a team made up entirely of Cohasset youngsters and teenagers, the CST first surprised by going unbeaten in regular season competition and then stunned by winning the league championship meet on Aug. 9, edging the favored MASK team (Marshfield Area Swim Klub), 465-432, and defending champs, the Scituate Knights of Columbus. The CST is a loosely structured "fun first" summer program, whereas MASK is a year round club program well known for recruiting top swimmers from all over the South Shore.

10) CHS boys lacrosse team plays well into postseason for second straight year

In what was supposed to be something of a rebuilding season coming off of a 2001 run to the Div. 2 state championship game, the Skippers put together a solid 13-7 regular season to qualify for the state tourney. They then lambasted Boston Latin in the playoff opener, 21-4, and surprised higher seeded, veteran laden Norwell, 11-8, behind five goals from team leading scorer Curt Kahn, and some great work in net by two-time all star goalie Kyle Weber. Unfortunately, the season ended for the second straight year with a loss to Hingham — this time in the quarterfinals, two rounds earlier than the previous year. Five players from that team – seniors Weber and Eric Libby and juniors Kahn, Matt Davis and Nick Spirito – were named Mariner All-Scholastics, and three others received Honorable Mention nods: senior Paul Previte and juniors Tom Anderson and Robert Hickey.

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Jenn Buckley, top scorer and team MVP, was arguably the central figure in getting the Cohasset girls soccer team back to the post season after a seven year absence.

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Maura McKenney (#11) earned Mariner All-Scholastic honors for her part (team best 54 goals, 22 assists) in leading the CHS girls lacrosse team to its best season ever.

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Commission over the placement of two benches on the Town Common. Haddad initially asked the CCHDC for permission to place the benches, but after he was told no, exercised his power as Town Manager and installed them anyway. Despite its opposition, the CCHDC was in agreement that the benches were installed in the right place.

A dead crow tested positive for West Nile Virus, after several birds tested positive last year. The disease, which is carried by mosquitoes, can be fatal, especially when the victim is elderly or sick.

The one-way plan for Elm Street that was proposed in conjunction with the village revitalization project is set for a trial run on Oct. 15.

October 17

The Homecoming Dance goes terribly awry, leading to several suspensions for alcohol and discipline-related issues. After a freshman male was taken to a room for questioning his senior friends followed him to confront Principal Mike Jones. A large crowd gathered outside the window. Later, vandals broke the windows of the school, although the incident may not have been related.

The school department receives news that Cohasset students again scored near the top of the state on the MCAS.

Early reviews of the one-way trial on Elm Street are not good, and the idea of scrapping the plan before it runs its one-month course first comes up.

October 24

The one-way trial on Elm Street is trashed after only one week. Resident feedback was unanimously negative towards the experiment, which was scheduled to last for one month.

After some waffling, the Board of Selectmen voted to allow the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation's plan for Harbor improvements to stay on the Special Town Meeting warrant. The 3-2 vote set the stage for an STM showdown.

Cohasset middle-high school introduces its new school newspaper the Spinnaker. Staffed by students in grades 9-12 with advisor Christine Berman providing guidance, the paper is set to release its first issue later in the school year.

October 31

The state election is expected to draw 75-percent of the town's voters to the polls, largely thanks to the hotly-contested governor's race between Mitt Romney and Shannon O'Brien.

A fire at 108-110 Elm St. is quickly contained thanks to the response of the Fire Department. Fire Chief Roger Lincoln credited the mutual aid system, where firefighters from other towns provide back-up. No one was injured in the fire, which started in the second story wall due to an electrical problem.

Three teens were injured in a car accident on Norman Todd Road. The driver was arrested at the scene for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol. Several open cans of beer were found in the car, and there was more alcohol found in the trunk.

November 7

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, both won reelection campaigns by large margins. Hedlund defeated Democrat Ted LeClair of Hingham and Bradley bested Republican challenger Nathaniel Palmer of Cohasset.

Cohasset businessman Francesco Scarpino alleges that the Department of Environmental Protection is running him into the ground. Scarpino says that the contamination at the Cohasset Service Center was not caused by him, but he his bearing the brunt of the financial repercussions.

November 14

Cohasset middle-high school principal Jack DeLorenzo is named the Assistant Principal of the year for the state by the Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators' Association.

School Business manager Ivan Klimko is arrested on domestic violence charges. Klimko is suspended indefinitely by the school.

November 21

A 103-unit 40B project is proposed for Beach Street by Great Neck LLC. Ellen Morrissey of 488 Jerusalem Road, is one of the partners in the project.

At Special Town Meeting, the town approves the $1 million purchase of the Barnes property, an $800,000 debt exclusion override to Proposition 2-1/2 to bury the wires in conjunction with the downtown revitalization project, among other things. The town also votes to call for a moratorium on Chapter 40B projects while shooting down the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation's proposed plan for the revitalization of the Harbor area.

November 28

The school department holds a forum to discuss underage drinking, after the Homecoming Dance problems. More than 100 people attended.

The Historical Society announces its intentions to place a bid for the Paul Pratt Building. The Society plans to sell its current home, the Lothrop House, to fund the purchase.

December 5

After two unsuccessful tries to market the Paul Pratt Building via a bidding process, the third time – with the aid of Grand Gables Realty Group – generates three bids. John Barry has the high, no-contingencies bid, but the Historical Society also made a bid on the building.

The Master Plan begins to come into focus after nearly two years of painstaking information gathering. The Growth and Development Committee finished a first draft of the housing component of the plan and announced that it would present the plan to the Planning Board

December 12

The Historical Society's bid to purchase the Paul Pratt Building was saved when a group of six financiers fronted the money for the purchase.

The proposed 103-unit 40B development on Beach Street hits a snag when the Massachusetts Housing Partnership refuses to rule on Great Neck LLC's application, because it could not establish control of the property.

December 19

John Barry, who was legally entitled to the Paul Pratt building, decides to assign his rights to the Historical Society so that the building will remain in the public domain.

Contamination onsite at AvalonBay's proposed location for its 200-unit 40B project could prove to be a snag for the project.

Cohasset joins the fight for 'quad' gates at all grade crossings along the Greenbush line. Currently, the MBTA is proposing dual gates at all crossing with a curbing system in the middle.

December 26

The budget team at the Town Hall headed by Town Manager Mark Haddad focuses on the bottom line as the town attempts to deal with a decrease in state aid.

The School Department announces that in response to the problems with drinking at the school dances, a police detail will be stationed at every dance in the future.

The School Department also contends that a 4 percent budget increase would significantly impact the department's ability to provide a good education for students.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, DEC. 23

12:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:29 a.m. Cedar St., investigation.

10:03 a.m. Elm St., investigation.

12:36 p.m. Stanton Rd., wires down.

2:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle crash, vehicle stored/impounded.

3:24 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:28 p.m. South Main St, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:30 p.m. Elm St,. assist citizen.

6:59 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:12 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:15 p.m. Elm St., parking complaint.

7:18 p.m. Sohier St., and Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:11 p.m. King St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:01 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:23 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. assist citizen.

9:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway officer wanted.

9:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and ridge Top Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:41 p.m. Forest Ave., and Black Rock Rd. Arrest: James Warren Killoran, 19, 416 Newport Rd., Hull. Chrgs. Person under 21 possess. liquor, subsq., speeding in violation special regulation, marked lanes violation. Arrest: Thomas P. Fitzgerald, 19, 51 Harborview Rd., Hull. Chrgs. person under 21 possess liquor. Arrest: Luis C. Andrade, 18, 7 R St., Hull. Chrgs. Possess to distribute Class D Drug, possess Class C Drug, person under 21 possess liquor. Arrest: Ryan Clark, 18, 619 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Chrgs. person under 21 possess liquor. Arrest: Damon J. Seamans, 19, 1145 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Chrgs. person under 21 possess liquor.

TUESDAY, DEC. 24

12:30 a.m. South Main St,. disturbance.

3:09 p.m. Pratt Ct., abandoned 911 call.

11 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire investigation.

12:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.

12:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

12:34 p.m. Howe Rd., medical aid.

12:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

4:31 p.m. Nichols Rd., fire investigation.

4:45 p.m. Bound Brook Lane, disturbance family.

8:25 p.m. Elm St,. family disturbance.

9:02 p.m. Elm St., investigation.

11:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:50 p.m. Norfolk Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25

12:19 a.m. King St., disturbance.

1:01 a.m. Stanton Rd. suspicious auto.

1:19 a.m. King St., disturbance. Arrest: Benjamin H. Morgan, 23, 38 Country Way, Scituate. Chrgs. assault and battery.

2:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious.

2:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway general services.

5:49 a.m. King St., medical aid.

1:57 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

3:05 p.m. Doane St. and Bates Lane, animal control.

4:07 p.m. Margin St,. fire investigation.

6:07 p.m. Parker Ave., Border St. Arrest: William L. Kearney, 47, 10 Margin Ct., Cohasset. Chrgs. OUI liquor, reckless operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation.

7:14 p.m. Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd., investigation.

8:14 p.m. Lamberts Lane, investigation.

8:31 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire investigation.

8:46 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

9:23 p.m. Border St,. fire investigation.

10:31 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Nichols Rd., investigation.

10:57 p.m. Lamberts Lane, investigation.

THURSDAY, DEC. 26

12:44 a.m. Border St., tree down.

5:36 a.m. Ledgewood Dr,. assist citizen.

7:33 a.m. Beechwood St, motor vehicle crash.

8:22 a.m. King St., medical aid.

2:22 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

3:23 p.m. Nichols Road, investigation.

4:42 p.m. Rockaway NY, investigation.

8:22 p.m. Beechwood St., Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

FRIDAY, DEC. 27

7:15 a.m. Beechwood St., assist citizen.

3:04 p.m. Hull St., wires down.

4:36 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:54 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:42 p.m. North Main St., and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:52 p.m. Ripley Rd., and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:34 p.m. Norfolk Rd., fire investigation.

9:31 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:48 p.m. Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:01 p.m. North Main St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:12 p.m. Howe Rd., medical aid.

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

9:38 a.m. King St,. medical aid.

10:15 a.m. King St., parking complaint.

4:15 p.m. Elm St,. investigation.

4:44 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.

5:16 p.m. King St,. medical aid.

5:19 p.m. Pond St, parking complaint.

7:16 p.m. Border St,. parking complaint.

7:25 p.m. King St., medical aid.

7:31 p.m. North Main St. and Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:46 p.m. Forest Ave,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:57 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:14 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:22 p.m. Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Road. Arrest: Jyl Hendricks, 35, 15 Weeks St., Roslindale. Chrgs. third offense OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, speeding, follow too close St. hwy., license not in possession.

SUNDAY, DEC. 29

12:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop,

9:05 a.m. North Main St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:23 a.m. North Main St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:31 a.m. Elm St, medical aid.

11:45 a.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:29 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:06 p.m. Stockbridge St., medical aid.

8:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:11 p.m. King St,. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

OBITUARIES

Nancy J. BerBerick

Nancy J. (Lawson-Geddes) BerBerick, 64, of Hull formerly of Cohasset, a school bus driver in Hull and Cohasset for many years, died Dec. 18, 2002, at Northeast Specialty Hospital in Braintree.

Mrs. BerBerick also worked as a secretary in the medical center in Hull.

She enjoyed making crafts.

Born in Boston, she grew up in Cohasset and lived in Hull for 26 years.

Mrs. BerBerick was a graduate of Cohasset High School.

She leaves her husband, Raymond BerBerick of Rockland; a daughter, Amy Lee Allen of Hull; a son, Marc Geddes of Cohasset; two sisters, Roberta Figueiredo of Cohasset and Candace A. Eno of Moosup, Conn.; eight grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 23 North Main St., Cohasset. Relatives and friends are invited. Interment is private. There are no visiting hours.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Northeast Specialty Hospital, 2001 Washington St., Braintree, 02184.

Elizabeth I. Silvia

Elizabeth I. "Libby" (Cortez) Silvia, age 82, of Cohasset, a homemaker, died Dec. 25, 2002 at Harbor House Nursing Home in Hingham following a long illness.

Mrs. Silvia was a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 118 for many years.

She was a lifelong resident of Cohasset.

Wife of the late Edmund F. Silvia, she leaves her son, Michael J. Silvia of Marshfield; her two daughters, Marsha O'Quin of Scituate and Joan M. Loughran of Huntington Beach, Calif.; a sister, Mary E. O'Quin of Mississippi; two brothers, Harold and Richard Cortez, both of Scituate; her three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 30 at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Diversity program at St. Stephen's

Whenever the Israeli defense force invades the West Bank with tanks and troops, Palestinians call one another on a kind of extended telephone tree saying, "The cousins are coming!" The phrase refers, in a light-hearted manner, to the fact that Jews, Christians and Muslims are sons and daughters of Abraham—hence, cousins.

Paul Hood, 76, of Burlington, Vt. visited the Ramallah Friends School (K-12) in Ramallah, Palestine for four weeks in the summer of 2002 and he is producing a documentary film titled, "The Cousins Are Coming." The epithet conveys, in a deep sense, the wish for a day when visiting cousins will be welcomed.

The Cohasset Diversity committee will host "The Cousins Are Coming" on Friday, Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Walton Rodgers Hall at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Hood will speak on this subject and share previews of the film. He is a World War II combat veteran who later renounced war and became a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Currently, he works to alleviate poverty and to try and bring about peace and reconciliation among warring people. He is also the volunteer coordinator of Small Potatoes, a program that feeds homeless people. Hood has been a regular attendee at a weekly discussion group at the Ohavi Zedec ("lovers of justice") Synagogue in Burlington for several years. He has had a long interest in the Friends School as a source of peace and reconciliation between Jews and Arabs.

Free will offerings to benefit the Ramallah Friends School will be gratefully accepted in lieu of admission fee. For more information, please call Kathryn Earle in Cohasset at 781-383-0061.

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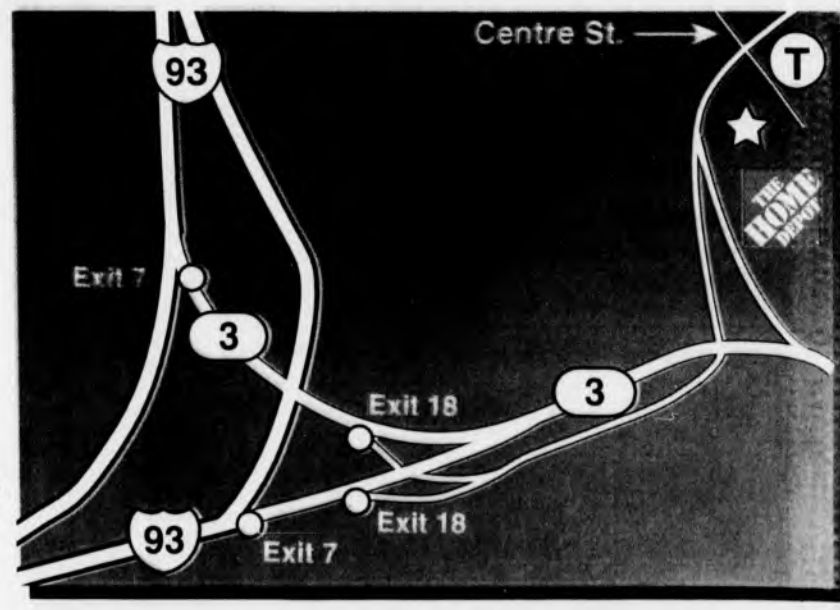

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Dance therapy helps cancer patients

New program at South Shore Hospital

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

The words "breast cancer survivor" and "dance" may not always be uttered in the same breath. But a program at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth has cancer survivors moving for the sheer joy of it.

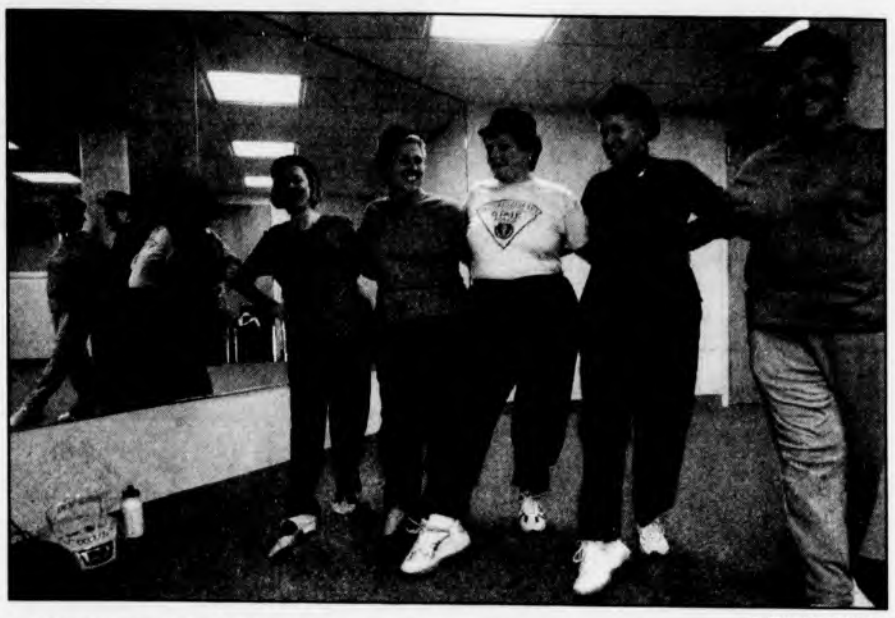
The "I Hope You'll Dance" therapy program for breast cancer survivors, featuring pain-free dance music choreographed to upbeat and inspiring music, promotes relaxation for mind and body while encouraging a positive self-image.

In the upcoming new year, a new program, "I Hope You'll Dance, Too," for survivors of any type of cancer will begin Jan. 11.

The classes are taught by Susan Osofsky-Ross, a former Boston Ballet instructor, dance lover and breast cancer survivor herself.

South Shore Hospital spokesman Scott Pickard said the new schedule of classes sprung from the success of the original classes, which have been taking place at the hospital since 2000 and have helped hundreds of cancer patients and survivors.

"The classes are very popular. We have people coming back session after session. It's a very uplifting experience," he said.



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Susan Osofsky-Ross, far left, is starting a dance therapy program for cancer patients and cancer survivors.

Pickard said the fact that the classes were conceptualized, planned and taught by a breast cancer survivor makes them all the more meaningful for participants.

"This is taught by somebody who knows what she is doing and knows what everyone is going through," he said.

Pickard said the choreography has been checked out by hospital oncologists and all movements are low-impact and safe. Prior dance experience is not needed.

"The doctors here think it's great. There is plenty of evidence that gentle dance can help patients' circulation, cardiovascular health and muscle development," he said.

Pickard stressed that the classes are about having a good time, not about performance.

"The atmosphere is light and fun. I've seen them in feather boas and top hats, having a great time," he said.

Pickard said the new class, "I Hope You'll Dance, Too," is for everyone, men and women, young and old.

"We've noticed that cancer is a disease that is affecting people younger and younger now. We have found that people are less inclined to accept the disease and more inclined to fight it if they stay in shape. If they are more out there and stay active and involved they tend to feel better," said Pickard.

"I Hope You'll Dance" for breast cancer survivors begins Monday, Jan. 6, from 7 to 7:45 p.m. "I Hope You'll Dance, Too" for survivors of any type of cancer begins Sat., Jan. 11 from 10-11:30 a.m. Both classes meet in the Outpatient Satellite Gym of South Shore Hospital in Weymouth. Call 781-340-8153 for more information.

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Artist Mary Felton shows off some of her artwork on display at Marshfield's Ventress Library gallery through Feb. 1.

Impressions from the home front

Marshfield artist captures local color in black and white

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Mary Felton's artistic career has taken her from freelance commercial illustration and graphic design to picture framing in her native New Hampshire to her current original work, in her chosen charcoal illustration medium, as a now permanent resident in Marshfield.

The artist has caught some notable public attention in recent years with her strikingly detailed charcoal portraits and landscapes, exhibiting in venues as diverse as Border's Books in Braintree and the Newton Free Library along with a number of other galleries, festivals and libraries. Felton draws her work admittedly from photographs — both her landscapes and particularly her portraits but also from well-rooted life experience on the creative side.

Felton is thus one of the best area artists to display an exhibit called "Local Color In Black & White," which is her one-person show on view at Marshfield's Ventress Library through Feb. 1. The show entertainingly lives up to its catchy, wordplaying title with a recognizable local flavor, if also a strong slant on the artist's Marshfield hometown.

"In choosing the subject matter for this exhibit, I tried to be very specific and stay within the boundaries of the theme," said Felton in her artist's statement for the show. "Usually my solo shows are simply showcases for my newest work with varied images. The challenge for me this time was to stay true to my sense of design and drama to capture the flavor of this place I call 'home'."

A number of pieces in "Local Color" focus on two subjects — sports and horses — that the artist believes "define the spirit of the area." In the former category, Felton applies her keen sense of detail and shadow/light play to her usual diverse array of subjects, from the numbered backs of the Marshfield Rams on the sidelines, and a row of female band members just behind the players in the bleachers, to the basketball ace taking a break on the court in "Key Player," and even a catchy double-entendre describing the view of the baseball player in "Joe's Back In the Outfield." The artist, who works out at a Pembroke gym, also includes a striking, large-scale portrait of her personal trainer, titled "Inspiration."

Felton goes on to observe that "horses are everywhere here (in Marshfield)." "Colleen and Cat," another large-scale work, poses an equine model with the artist's daughter again with the sharp eye for detail. Felton's landscape pieces include such vast, wide-angle views as "Hingham Sunset," from a photo taken at World's End, and "The View From Route 3A," detailing in part how the town of Marshfield got its name. But also contained are displays of versatility with a series of smaller frames rendering landscape scenes in more faded, Impressionistic view.

A pair of North River sites — "Marsh" and "Inlet" — and other self-descriptive pieces such as "White Farmhouse" and "Stonewall Gate" effectively spread out the textures for the smaller picture scope.

"My landscapes may not all be found on the beaten path, but I feel they pay homage to the natural beauty that abounds here on the South Shore," Felton also said in her statement.

Mary Felton's charcoal works "Joe's Back in the Outfield," "Go Rams Go" and "Key Player" show her ties to her hometown of Marshfield.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

David Brudnoy CNC Film Critic

'Hours' of great viewing

David Brudnoy picks his top 10 films of 2002

In 2002, I saw just shy of 300 movies — not counting old faves on TV. Is this a job for a sane man? Not a bad year; several excellent films along the way. But still plenty of stinkers. These are the 10 I most look forward to seeing again.

1. "**The Hours**." Three women (Nicole Kidman, Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore) in three decades, in situations that test their abilities to survive great tensions. Flawlessly acted.

Kathy Bates and Jack Nicholson in "About Schmidt."

2. "**About Schmidt**." Vintage Jack Nicholson. He plays a man trying to make something out of the emptiness that faces him. With Kathy Bates as rarely seen before.

Catherine Zeta-Jones and Renee Zellwegger in "Chicago."

3. "**Chicago**." The hit stage show is beautifully remade for the screen, and gives us Richard Gere in his undies, Renee Zellwegger and Catherine Zeta-Jones hoofing and warbling. And all that jazz.

4. "**The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers**." This sequel advances the story, improves on the first episode, and shows that a masterful classic book trilogy can become (thus far) two masterful films.

5. "**The Road to Perdition**." Two criminals (Paul Newman and Tom Hanks) in a tug-of-war for survival, along with the younger character's efforts to save his son from the mob life.

6. "**Spider Man**." It's as good a live-action version of a popular comic book character as we've seen in ages and demonstrates, again, that Tobey Maguire is one of the best of his generation.

7. "**Igby Goes Down**." The second of two Kieran Culkin vehicles this year, this is a kind of "Catcher in the Rye" for our era. A bright, impossible kid makes his way, not always wisely or well.

8. "**Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets**." The second of a likely seven, enough to keep us with the Hogwartz wizards through the decade. Adults, kids, special effects, all boffo.

9. "**Far From Heaven**." An homage to and undermining of the 1950s, a perfect marriage (Julianne Moore and Dennis Quaid) flawed. Superb work by them and co-star Dennis Haysbert.

10. "**The Pianist**." Adrien Brody plays a Polish Jew who, alone among his family, survived the Holocaust. A true story told with honesty, guts, terror and hope.

10 worst films of 2002

I'd rather listen to Eminem shrieking for 24 hours straight than ever see these 10 movies again.

1. "**Bowling for Columbine**." Scummy Michael Moore's latest attempt to twist the realities of American life into his ideological lock box of distortion, opportunism, and smarm.

2. "**The Adventures of Pluto Nash**." It's so bad, Eddie Murphy is likely to leave it off his filmography, if he can. Deadeningly unfunny in virtually every scene. A vanity project gone awry.

3. "**The Master of Disguise**." Dana Carvey's talents are again wasted, this time in a comedy not only mirthless but also witless. The old line — this man needs a new agent, pronto! — applies perfectly here.

4. "**Ghost Ship**." It boasts one of the horror genre's most ghastly opening scene, a mass slaughter on board the eponymous vessel. It goes downhill from there. Can a movie be worse? Doubtful.

5. "**Half Past Dead**." The acting is about as mature and nuanced as the rap-mewling that bombards the ear. Steven Seagal, Morris Chestnut, and Ja Rule all stink in it.

6. "**Jackass the Movie**." It shows what the TV series didn't think it could broadcast. The violent stunts are less grotesque than the merely disgusting ones, like gobbling a urine-soaked ice cone.

7. "**The Tuxedo**. The incomparable Jackie Chan's remarkable acrobatic brilliance is buried in a consummately stupid story. Biggest talent waste of the year.

8. "**Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever**." An absurd title, and the story, pointlessly arch, is even worse. Antonio Banderas and Lucy Liu must run from the room when this turkey is brought up.

9. "**The Count of Monte Cristo**." The gazillionth remake, about as unnecessary as one of "Caddyshack," and about as intelligently conceived. A feather flick to tickle no one's fancy.

10. "**Who Is Cletis Tout?**" It tried to present a movie lover cum killer-for-hire as an intriguing fellow, but all it showed was that Tim Allen and Christian Slater also need new agents.

On to 2003!

Food & dining

Potato soup

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Everyone knows that soups make quick and easy dinners yet most of us stick to the run-of-the-mill variations such as vegetable, chicken noodle, or tomato. Few of us have made potato soup, a staple of many cuisines, which is hearty and, if well made, also complex. The problem is achieving just the right texture - creamy rather than slippery - as well as enhancing flavors so that the soup does not turn out bland.

The first issue was the selection of the potatoes. I tried low starch (red), medium starch (all-purpose and Yukon gold), as well as high starch (russet) potatoes. The red potatoes were the worst of the lot - they didn't offer enough body to the soup and their texture was 'slippery.' In addition, their sweet flavor was not enough of a balance to the heavy cream. Next, I tried all-purpose and they were too bland. The texture was decent but the flavor was unremarkable. Yukon golds, if you enjoy their distinctive flavor and yellow color, were good (I find their strong and slightly unusual flavor to be a bit overpowering for this recipe) but the russets offered the most body and their earthiness was a welcome addition to what could be a very dull main course recipe. This recipe needs big potato flavor and the russets deliver.

The onion is no surprise nor is the addition of leek as the pairing of potato and leek is a French classic. I had decided early on to use a balance of chicken stock and heavy cream and finally settled on 3 1/2 cups of stock to 1/2 cup heavy cream. I did not want to overpower the potatoes with too much dairy. I also tested half-and-half and light cream but the soup was too milky. The addition of one tablespoon of herbs to the soup while it simmers and then a healthy dose of raw herbs to garnish just before serving brightened the flavor considerably. I also tried adding a couple of tablespoons lemon juice but it tasted like anchovies in a slice of apple pie – definitely out of place. The only other unusual addition is just a 1/2 teaspoon of sugar which kicks up the flavor.

POTATO SOUP WITH LEEK AND CHIVES

Use russets for this soup since both red potatoes and all-purpose potatoes don't deliver enough flavor. This soup can be puréed for a more elegant version which is best done before the cream is added. Try using tarragon with this soup for a more interesting flavor combination.

2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium onion cut into 1/4-inch dice, about 1 1/2 cups
1 large leek, white part only, cut into 1/4-inch dice, about 1 cup
1 1/2 pounds potatoes, russet or Yukon gold preferred, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch dice (about 3 russets or 4 Yukon gold)
1/2 teaspoon sugar
3 1/2 cups chicken stock, homemade or Swanson0s preferred
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon fresh thyme, tarragon, or other herb
1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste
Freshly ground pepper to taste
1/4 cup finely chopped chives or parsley, for garnish

Heat the butter and olive oil in a large pot. Add onion and leek and cook, covered, over low heat for about 15 minutes, or until they are very soft but not browned. Add the potatoes, sugar, and stock and bring to a simmer. Cook, until the potatoes are tender about 25 minutes. Add the heavy cream and herbs and cook 5 minutes longer. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Garnish each serving with chives or parsley. Serves 4

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MEZZO SOPRANO DIANA JACKLIN sings Purcell, Bellini, Mozart, Strauss, and Sondheim with pianist Thomas Enman on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 3 p.m. at the United First Parish Church, the historic church of the presidents, 1306 Hancock St., Quincy. Tickets $15, general and $10, students and seniors at the door. For more information call 978-768-3252.

ORLEANS is "Still the One" and they play one show only at the newly renovated, historic landmark, Memorial Hall Performing Arts Center in Plymouth, on Friday, Jan. 24, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Guitarist, Jon PousetteDart will open for the band. Tickets are $25 and $35 and may be purchased by at www.ticketweb.com.

THE EXONERATED Jan. 21 to Feb. 2, at the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont St,. Boston, starring Brian Dennehy and Marlo Thomas. Tickets for the limited 16 performance engagement went on sale Dec. 20 and may be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, or www.ticketmaster.com or the box office at the Wilbur Theatre and The Colonial Theatre box office, 106 Boylston St.

42ND STREET coming to Boston Jan. 21-26 Tickets on sale at The Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont St. or by calling 800-447-7400.

STOMP returns to Boston beginning Feb. 11, at The Stuart Street Playhouse. "Stomp," the international percussion sensation, makes its triumphant return to Boston, coming to the Stuart Street Playhouse for a six week engagement, Feb. 11, through March 23. Tickets available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400 by logging on to www.stomponline.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston, 02116.

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ANNIE returns to the Wang Theatre for a one week engagement. Jan. 28 through Feb. 2. Tickets on sale at the Wang Theatre Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston online at www.wangcenter.org or by calling Telecharge.com at 1-800-447-7400.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1, 2003

2003 begins as Mercury turns retrograde, signaling a change of pace and priorities. January is a month to focus on improving the quality of your inner, personal life. It brings a time for looking back and letting go, reassessing your values and setting new goals. Between January 1-22 concentrate on yourself and your needs; take on new studies, begin self-improvement programs, broaden your horizons.

A lunar opposition to Saturn at 9:10 a.m. can make for a rough start to this day. Stay upbeat and go with the flow. The Sagittarius moon aligns with Uranus at 12:23 p.m. and becomes inactive. The final windup to the new moon begins at 6:42 p.m., when the moon enters Capricorn. Plan a quiet evening. Pay attention to your dreams.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

It may be difficult to get back to business this morning. The dark side of a new moon remains in effect. Others may be sleepy, distracted, grouchy. In addition, Mercury is stationery, preparing for retrograde travel at 1:19 p.m. That means that there may be delays, obstacles. Allow extra time to get where you are going. Mercury will retrograde in the sign Capricorn until January 22. The new moon culminates at 3:23 p.m., 12-degrees Capricorn.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

The light side of a Capricorn new moon sets the stage for a productive day. Tackle jobs that have been left hanging and follow through. Clean out the clutter; get rid of items that are no longer useful. Keep your nose to the grindstone. A 90-degree alignment of Venus and Uranus warns against making important decisions or purchases. Others may be restless, changeable, difficult to please. The Capricorn moon aligns with Mercury at 7:56 p.m. and becomes inactive. An Aquarius moon takes over at 10:56 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

The combination of an Aquarius moon and harmonious Mercury-Venus alignment makes this weekend prime for social activities. Impromptu get-togethers are highlighted. Be more adventurous. A lunar alignment to Neptune today urges you to follow your instincts. Creativity and artistic sensitivity are at an all-time high. You can find fresh inspiration and express yourself in new ways.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

This day tops the charts for relaxing and enjoying life to the max. The moon travels in freedom-oriented Aquarius, active throughout the day. Avoid rigid time schedules; spur of the moment ideas will be the most successful. Step out of your usual routine and follow your bliss.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

This morning may be slow-starting. At 3:44 a.m. the Aquarius moon aligns with Venus and becomes inactive until 5:57 a.m., when it enters laidback Pisces. Don't take on more than you can handle. Creative projects continue to get the green light. Kick back and mellow out completely this evening.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Venus enters Sagittarius at 8:08 a.m., remaining there until February 4, and bringing a time for new experiences on an inner, personal level. Travel, mentally or physically, and expand your horizons; open your mind to new possibilities. The moon remains in Pisces today. However, there is one trouble spot in effect between 3:35 p.m.-6:35 p.m., when a 90-degree alignment of the moon and Pluto occurs. Deep feelings or hidden emotions may surface. Choose your words carefully; be more sensitive to the needs and feelings of others. The plus side of this planetary combination can spark new awareness and insights to help you break negative, self-destructive habits.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

It may be difficult to get motivated and organized this morning. Don't take on more than you can handle. Avoid jobs that may be tedious and require mental or physical exertion. The Pisces moon becomes inactive at 6:55 a.m., traveling at the tail end of the zodiac. Influences turn around completely, however, at 4:15 p.m., when the moon enters energetic Aries. In addition, a harmonious alignment of Mercury and Mars helps you to catch up on unfinished work projects and get them out of the way in short time.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Roll up your sleeves and plan to get a lot accomplished today. Make up a list of things to do and stick to it. The moon continues its travel in fiery Aries, active throughout the day. Get back on track with exercise regimens. Tackle projects that require physical exertion. On the other hand, don't act on impulse or jump to conclusions.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Gear up for a hectic day. The Aries moon forms 6 major contacts to planets. In addition, Mars, the planetary ruler of Aries, prepares to align with Uranus. Slow your pace. Drive defensively. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 8:15 a.m. A full moon is building up and will culminate January 18. You can be most productive today, if you have a clear plan of action and follow it. At 10:10 p.m. the moon interacts with Uranus and becomes inactive.

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The Youth Choir of the Old South Union Congregational Church in Weymouth will be featured at 3 p.m. Jan. 5 at the Congregational Church in East Weymouth on Commercial Street.

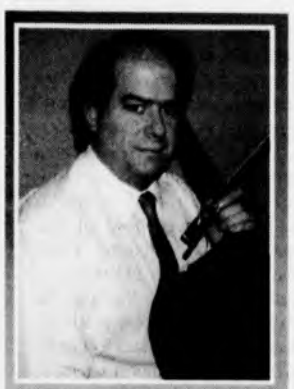
Thurs. 2

Thomas Jefferson Program: Braintree resident **Dr. Robert H. Downey, Jr.,** former Dean of Academic Affairs at Quincy College and current curator of the Braintree Historical Society, will speak on "Thomas Jefferson" at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420 for information.

Annual Christmas Show at the Scituate Art Gallery, located on Front Street, now through Jan. 26. The Christmas Show at the Scituate Art Gallery will feature a variety of original, small-sized paintings. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

Cataloni's Cat's Blues Club, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. Every Thursday night **New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam party** hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano,** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover, handicap accessible, casual dress. Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Call 781-878-0834 for more information.

Jimbo's South Restaurant - Braintree Five Corners, **After Christmas Show.** Braintree's own, **Brian Powers,** a clean comic whose act illuminates the laughter inherent in growing old, raising kids and being married. Host: **Cal Verduchi**, other comics, **Annette Pollack, Jack Hurney, Scott Higgins, Coleen Galvin and Denise Robichaud.** Cal 781-848-0300.



Cellist Timothy Roberts of the Art of Music Chamber Players will perform at a concert Jan 3 at 8 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury.

Berts Cove Restaurant, Route 3A, (Warren Ave.,) Plymouth: Every Thursday, at 8:30 p.m. Open mike and brews jam with Mike Landers - open to all styles.

South Shore Baseball Club, Hingham: "Survivor Series returns Christmas week to SSBS Christmas Vacation Hitters' Workshop, will be held Dec. 26-28 and Dec. 30, for two different age groups: 8-12 and 13-18. This program was designed to improve all aspects of a player's batting with sessions, including drills and live hitting in order to maximize available time. For more information about SSBC or any of its programs for members and non-members, call 1-888-749-6466/781-749-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

Fri. 3

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. "Storytime with Beth" On Jan. 3, **Snow Fun**. Each event is a celebration of classic and new picture books. Free and open to the public.

Art of Music Chamber Players, will perform Jan. 3, at 8 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Performing artists will be violinists **Piotr Buczek** and **Aija Silina**, violist **Don Krishnaswami**, and Artistic Director and cellist **Timothy Roberts.** Reception following concert. General admission $20, Seniors $15 and students $5. Call 781-837-2705 for tickets and information.

29th Annual World of Wheels Motorsports Expo at Bayside Expo Center, Boston, Jan. 3-5. Hours are Friday, 5 to 11 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission $13 adults, $5 children ages 6 to 12 and free for children under 6. Free shuttles will operate continuously during show hours between Bayside and the JFK/UMass station. For information, call 617-367-3555.

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South Shore Folk Music Club presents **Chris and Meredith Thompson** and **Carl Cacho** on Jan. 3, at the Beal House, Route 106 Kingston $8 members; $10 non-members. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **2 shady with Betsy Powell**. Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Jimbo's Pub, 55 Broad St., Weymouth, **The New Blue Revue All Stars** every Friday, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover.

Sat. 4

Woody's Pub 53, 1284 Washington St., Weymouth. **The New Blue Revue** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Every Saturday, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25. For information call 781-340-6666.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Tex & Mad Dog with Sherry Dale Malone**. Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Sun. 5

"A Little Christmas in Jackson Square" 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, Nearly 100 musicians comprising musical groups from five Weymouth churches will be featured in the fifth annual "A Little Christmas in Jackson Square" at the Congregational Church 1320 Commercial St. in East Weymouth. The choirs of Immaculate Conception Church, New Life Foursquare Church, the Youth Choir of Old South Union Congregational Church and the Chime Group of First Church in Weymouth Heights will join the choirs of the Congregational Church in East Weymouth in a program of traditional and contemporary Christmas music, including a sing-along. It will conclude with "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" and a special presentation by the combined youth and adult choirs. The concert celebrates Little Christmas, also known as Epiphany and Three Kings' Day. The suggested donation is $5, and proceeds will benefit the Weymouth Food Pantry. The church is accessible to the disabled. For further information call 781-335-6919 or 781-340-1403.

Old Town Trolley's Chocolate Tour - A fully-narrated three-hour journey of fun facts and decadent desserts departs from the Trolley Stop store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets at noon every Saturday and Sunday from November through March, 2003. First stop, Top of the Hub, enjoy a chocolate surprise; second stop Omni Parker House Hotel with a unique presentation of Boston Creme Pie. The grand finale of the tour is provided by Le Meridien's exceptional chocolate bar buffet, showcasing more than 25 enticing all-you-can-eat delicacies. $50 per person. Advance reservations required by calling 617-269-3626

Boston Bruins to Hold Wives' Charity Carnival 14th annual event provides young fans the opportunity to meet their favorite Bruins players. The Boston Bruins will host their 14th Annual Wives' Charity Carnival at the Fleet Center on Jan. 5. The interactive event is a once-a-year opportunity for fans to meet their favorite Bruins while supporting a worthwhile cause. The Carnival will host more than 30 booths with carnival-style games and activities that include: An opportunity to play NHL FaceOff 2003 against current Bruins at the PlayStation booth A chance for fans to shoot on Bruins goalies John Grahame and Steve Shields. Challenge current Bruins players in games of ping pong, basketball shots, bubble hockey, and more. Photo and autograph opportunities with players

All of the Boston Bruins players will be in attendance. This season's Carnival will benefit The Children's Room, an organization providing support and counseling to grieving children. General Session: 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Open to the public - all ages. For tickets call 617-931-2000. Adults: $14 Children under 12: $7 Children under 5: Free

Mon. 6

Duxbury Art Association presents **Class Acts**, an exhibition of artwork from high school students from various South Shore communities Dec. 16 through Jan. 31. Class Acts will take place in the Bengtz &Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4. or visit www.duxburyart.org.

Back From Broadway, Boston's newest hit has been extended Dec. 23, through Jan. 19, at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St. Call 800-447-7400 or visit the box office or www.telecharge.com

Marshfield YWCA kicks off its 35th year with new classes programs, seminars and classes beginning Jan. 6. An open house will be held Jan. 2, at the YWCA, located on Ferry Hill Road in Marshfield, to preview craft projects, meet the instructors and members, and sign up for classes. Free babysitting is available during the open house.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 7

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at Quincy District Court, One Dennis Ryan Parkway, Quincy, on Jan. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For more information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

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Wed. 8

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The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the

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Handlebar mustachio ed Bonnie Eagle will appear at the World of Wheels motor sports exposition the weekend of Jan. 3 to 5 at the Boston Bayside Expo Center.

South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening Lectures beginning on Jan. 15 and ending March 26. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Marilyn Reisberg** will exhibit her painting for the month of January at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513.

Thurs. 9

The Braintree Art Association member **Corinne Campobasso** will display her paintings for the month of January and February at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents **Pendleton Rescue Coastguard 356000.** Lecture by Bob Weber of the Orleans Historical Society on the dramatic 1952 rescue of the 32 men from the Pendleton. Jan 9, at 7 p.m.

Berts Cove Restaurant, Route 3A, (Warren Ave.,) Plymouth: Every Thursday, at 8:30 p.m. Open mike and brews jam with **Mike Landers** - open to all styles.

Fri. 10

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. "Storytime with Beth" On Jan. 10, **Fairy Tales.** Each event is a celebration of classic and new picture books. Free and open to the public.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd. Cohasset will feature Bancroft Gallery Who's Who: South Shore Center Faculty Artists Jan 10 to Feb. 23. Opening reception Jan. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 781-383-2787 for more information.

The Braintree Art Association second annual art show will take place Jan. 10, through Jan. 17 at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. For information call 781-335-4675.

The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center presents **"Signs of Spring,"** a unique show of botanical watercolor paintings by **Kay Kopper** and **Peggy Daniels** during the month of January. A reception for the public will be held Jan. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. where both artists will be present. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

South Shore Art Center's January Watercolor Workshop Watercolor artists will be able to start their New Year in a creative mode with an innovative course offering at the South Shore Art Center. Popular water colorist Mary Lizotte will be presenting a four-week special workshop beginning Friday, Jan. 10 through Jan. 31. Tuition is $170 ($150 for SSAC members) classes meet 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or for more information visit www.ssac.org.

Star Creations Theatre from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center Inc. presents "The Butler Did It", by Tim Kelly, on Jan. 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 12 and 19, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission is $10 adult, $5 child. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, December 20, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, January 13, 2003, **at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Lisa C. Bilbo & John F. Solari, seek to construct a second floor addition at **109 South Main St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-10-23

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ZBA/174 LINDEN DR.
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, January 13, 2003, **at 7:30 P.M.,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 5.3.1 and a Variance pursuant to 5.3.1 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **John G. Naughton,** seeks addition at **174 Linden Dr.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-12-19B.

AD#127702
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ZBA/739 CJCH
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, January 13, 2003, **at 7:30 P.M.,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 5.3.1 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **James L. Rosenberg,** seeks remodel for Domino's Pizza at **739 CJCH,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-12-19C.

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ZBA/99 SOUTH MAIN ST.
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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, January 13, 2003, **at 7:30 P.M.,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Robert Thomas,** seeks to demolish/replace 2-family dwelling at **99 South Main St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-12-19A.

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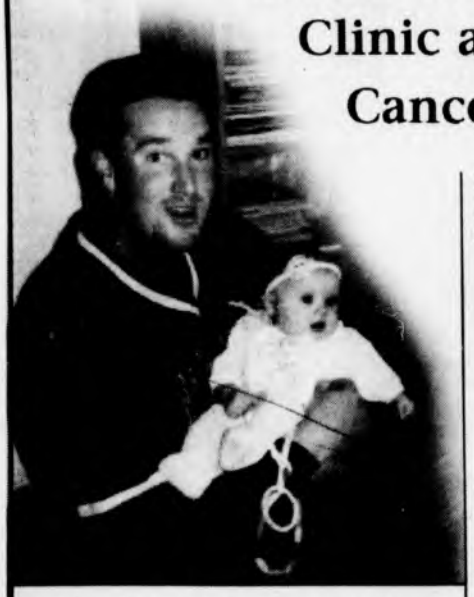

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Car fire may have sparked blaze

By Mary Ford
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It wasn't the way anyone wished to see 2002 come to an end. New Year's Eve, a time of revelry for many, was anything but a celebration for members of a Cohasset family or the dozens of firefighters that tried to save their home.

Fernway, a small cul de sac off Red Gate Lane, housed a sea of fire engines, ambulances and police cars Dec. 31 as the two-alarm fire raged, lighting up the dark sky. Firefighters from Cohasset, Hull, Hingham and Scituate worked to contain the blaze that had started in the garage of the McAuliffe home #34 Fernway.

Neighbors clustered together in the cold-night air stood by in disbelief as firefighters tried valiantly to save the 1963 garrison colonial. For others, who were returning home from dinner and holiday gatherings, their initial curiosity quickly turned to shock as they realized what was happening.

The cause of the fire that sent three Cohasset firefighters to the hospital is still under investigation by the state Fire Marshal's office. But officials think the fire started in the 2002 Volkswagen Passat parked in the garage and worked its way into the main house.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said the first call came in at 7:21

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PHOTO/BOB GAULEY

Firefighters carry a ladder to 34 Fernway which they will use to access the roof in the two-alarm fire that officials believe started in the 2002 Volkswagen Passat in the garage at right.

Bad news from state

By John Camera
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Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, sounded the alarm before the Board of Selectmen Tuesday night, telling them to prepare for a 10 to 20 percent cut in local aid and revenue from the state lottery.

The town also may be asked to rely on its "stabilization fund," money originally set aside to help pay the debt service on the town's $40 million school projects after the state decided to delay its share of payments last year.

"Our job is to give you the most dire forecast possible," Bradley told the selectmen.

"You're doing a good job," Town Manager Mark Haddad quipped.

The announcement came on the same night that Haddad presented selectmen with the first draft of the town's $29.4 million operating budget for the

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HOCKEY FAN

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Kyle Ferreira, 3, watches his father Greg play in the annual Cohasset High Alumni game Sunday at the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham. For more photos, see sports. Page 14.

Letter carrier takes retirement route

By Mary Ford
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The Cohasset Post Office opened as usual Monday. And to most patrons, the service and general operation seemed much the same.

But there's a tinge of sadness behind the scenes because it's the first full week without Gerard "Gerry" Conte, who retired Friday after 38 years, two months and one day on the job in Cohasset. To say Conte is a familiar figure is an understatement. Born a short distance away on Spring Street, the "townie" as he affectionately calls himself, hardly ever missed a day. At retirement he had accumulated 80 weeks or 3,300 hours of sick time.

"I always enjoyed my job."
— Gerard "Gerry" Conte

"I attribute that to luck and taking care of yourself," the 70-year-old says with a smile.

Supervisor Jim Polito said work without Conte is going to be an adjustment.

"I've been with him everyday for 20 years," Polito said, adding that Conte was his letter carrier when he was a little boy on Lamberts Lane

"He'd throw the football with us," Polito recalled.

Conte says the biggest change over the years in the postal service has been the reduction in hand-written letters. He says the quantity of greeting cards is up as well as catalogs. Another change is mailboxes located at the street rather than on the house.

But even when Conte, who has a ready smile and congenial personality, walked the route — he never had any trouble. Even dogs loved him.

"It's the tone of your voice," he said, adding that he'd even talk to big, threatening dogs.

Conte, who lives on Pleasant Street with his wife Lucille, said he loves gardening [his tomatoes are legendary], so he'll

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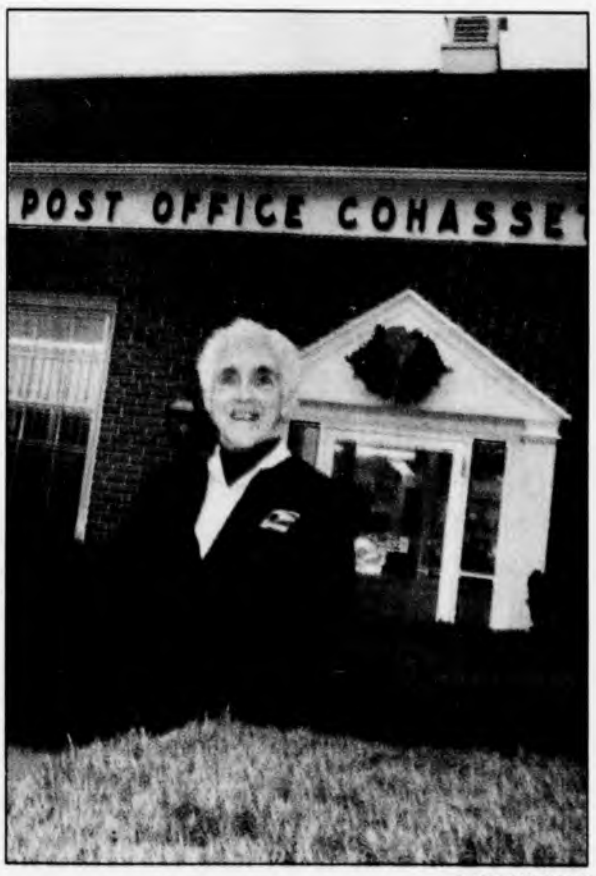

PHOTO/MARY FORD

Gerard "Gerry" Conte is retiring after nearly four decades at the Cohasset Post Office.

Roger Hill ready to run again

Seeks Sullivan's selectman seat

By John Camera
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After narrowly losing to two incumbent selectmen in the last election, Roger Hill is ready to give town politics another try.

Hill visited Town Hall on Monday and collected his nomination papers for the upcoming April 5 election, in which one seat on the Board of Selectmen will be up for grabs.

Hill's potential opponent, incumbent Michael Sullivan, said Tuesday he had not yet decided whether to run for another term. Sullivan is serving his third, three-year term on the board, having sat out one year in 1999. He is currently chairman of the selectmen, a position that rotates annually.

Last April, Hill, who had no previous political experience, lost to incumbent selectmen Fred Koed and Ronnie McMorris by about 100 votes.

Having campaigned under the slogan "It's time for a change," Hill said the narrow margin of defeat showed many residents were upset with the way the town was run.

Despite losing, Hill said last year's campaign was a worthwhile experience. "I learned a lot," he said. "I enjoyed the process."

Not being elected hasn't kept Hill from following town issues closely. He said he has attended 70 to 80 percent of selectmen's meetings since the last election. "I just don't get the chance to participate as much as I would like," he said.

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This week in COHASSET

New assessor is on board

Town Manager Mark Haddad introduced selectmen to the town's new deputy assessor/appraiser Monday night, Mary Quill of Pembroke. Quill, who replaces Cheryl Pooler, held the similar position in Whitman before accepting the Cohasset post. Pooler accepted a position in East Bridgewater.

"She comes very highly recommended from the Town of Whitman," Haddad said.

Quill's salary is $58,000.

Roof at old Osgood

The contractors working on the new Paul Pratt Library, Town Manager Mark Haddad said, will replace the roof over the back wing of the former Osgood School. Cost estimates are from $26,000-$30,000, he said. The money will come from the DPW maintenance budget that will be reimbursed at the annual Town Meeting. The roof over the rear wing, where the Our World Children's Discovery Museum is being built was not part of the $3.9 million library project. The museum will lease the wing from the town, which as the landlord is responsible for the roof, Haddad said.

Basketball court

The Cohasset Recreation Department wants to keep the basketball court behind the old Osgood School. Town Manager Mark Haddad will set up a meeting between officials of the Our World Children's Discovery Museum, which is leasing the rear wing of the former school, and the Rec to discuss the matter. Haddad said the Basketball Boosters would like the court to remain in operation and are planning to upgrade the court. Recreation Department Director Jack Worley will provide selectmen with a plan for the work sometime this spring, he said.

Burying wires

The Gerd Ordelheide Foundation has offered to pay up to $100,000 over four years toward the cost of burying the wires in the village, if the town votes to approve the Prop. 2-1/2 debt exclusion override for the project at a special election Jan. 25.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the money would decrease the debt service for the $800,000 project and reduce the cost to the average taxpayer to about $56 a year for five years.

Forest Ave. sidewalks

Selectmen gave Town Manager Mark Haddad the go ahead to advertise the Forest Avenue sidewalk project utilizing a "Cape Cod berm" instead of granite curbing to get an idea of the cost. "Other than reprinting the plan specifications, there would not be any significant cost to the town to put it out to bid," he said. He estimated the cost at about $200. The town has $178,000 that was appropriated at last year's Town Meeting for the project.

Hagerty Property docks in compliance

Town Manager Mark Haddad said contrary to claims made by Russ Bonetti and Paul Pattison of the Hagerty Committee at a prior selectmen's meeting, construction of the docks at Mariner's Park are in compliance with the plans filed with the Army Corps of Engineers.

"I have reviewed the matter with our engineer John Modzelewski, and the Army Corps permit was amended in November 2001 based on plans filed by Civil Designs (the town's consulting engineers) in August 2001," he said. Modzelewski and Harbormaster John Winters have been invited to the selectmen's Jan. 14 meeting to further discuss the issue.

Liquor license fees

The town compiled a comparison of the fees Cohasset charges for liquor licenses and found Cohasset's fees are consistent with those of other towns. Fees for liquor licenses bring in about $20,000 annually, Town Manager Mark Haddad said. But at least one selectman was in favor of raising the fees to match the upper end of the scale.

"Just putting our fees up there would raise another $3,800," Selectman Merle Brown said.

For example, Cohasset charges $750 for an all-alcohol club license, while Hingham charges $1,550 and Cohasset charges $1,400 for an all-alcohol package license, while Duxbury, Hull, Norwell and Hanover charge $2,000.

After Selectman Ronnie McMorris suggested the town examine all fees across the board, the selectmen held off taking any action to raise the liquor license fees until the issue is revisited at a later meeting.

Memorial gardens

Selectmen are seeking volunteers interested in helping to create memorial gardens in the town cemeteries. They will also ask Cemetery Committee chairman Glenn Pratt to a meeting to discuss the issue. Interested citizens should call the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105.

Government study

Selectmen are interested in seeing the Government Study Committee reactivated to examine all aspects of town government. It is also timely because the Town Manager Act went into effect five years ago. Members of the committee would be appointed by the Trioka that consists of the chairman of the Advisory Committee, Selectmen Chairman and Town Moderator. Anyone interested in serving should call the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105.

Planning Board legal 40B legal counsel

Selectmen want an estimate of the cost before giving the OK for town counsel to advise the Planning Board on Chapter 40 B issues. The Zoning Board of Appeals has signed off on the proposal, Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen. Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan explained the Planning Board doesn't agree with the state's affordable housing law, through which AvalonBay has proposed a 200-unit apartment complex off Route 3A. But Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she would like to know what the town is getting into financially before saying OK. Her fellow board members agreed and Haddad will provide estimates next week.

Avalon concerns

Selectmen will forward their concerns about the proposed AvalonBay, 200-unit apartment complex, to Town Manager Mark Haddad, who will compile the comments into a comprehensive memo for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Selectman Merle Brown, who attended Monday's ZBA Avalon hearing, pointed out the Water Commission and Board of Health are both weighing in on the project. As an example, Brown said he thinks Avalon should be forced to install sidewalks from the complex's driveway along Route 3A to Cohasset Plaza. He also thinks Avalon should be responsible for its own snow plowing.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday Jan. 6::

Cohasset Historical Commission, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Jan. 9 and Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m.
Harbor Committee, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 22
Recreation Commission, 6:30 p.m., Jan. 23
Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 14
School Building Committee,, Jan. 20, 6 p.m.
School Council (Osgood), Jan. 14, 3:30 p.m., Osgood School conference room
School Committee, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.
Senior Housing Committee, Jan. 9 at 9 a.m.
Troika, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.
Village Design public hearing, 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 13
Water Commission, 8 p.m., Jan. 9 at the Water Plant off King Street.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Jan. 13 (regular) , and Jan. 27 (Avalon), all at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Town Census for 2003

The Town Census for 2003 has been mailed to each household. The local census is primarily used to maintain voting and jury lists but it also aids in school enrollment projections, public safety and senior citizens' needs. The local census also establishes proof of residency which is often needed for certain privileges, such as transfer station stickers and cemetery rights, certain benefits for veterans, and reduced-tuition rates at state colleges and universities.

Dog forms are on a tear-off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2003. Forms need to be returned as soon as possible, although you may have recently renewed your 2002 license.

If you did not receive your census, please contact the Town Clerk's office.

Village design hearing Monday

Selectmen are holding a public hearing starting at 7 p.m. Monday in their office at Town Hall to review plans by the Waterfield Design Group to revitalize the village. The hearing focuses on the entire village project including streetscape improvements and sidewalks, and will not just focus burying the utility wires, Selectman Ronnie McMorris said. The hearing will also be televised live on Cable-TV Channel 10.

She stressed the hearing will review the entire downtown design.

"It's really an important meeting," she said.

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Sun. 12	6:14	8.8	——	6:47	7.9	12:35
Mon. 13	7:05	9.0	12:46	7:42	7.9	1:30
Tues. 14	7:55	9.2	1:37	8:35	8.1	2:21
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HIGH TIDE

Last Saturday's nor'easter at high tide created the worst flooding in the harbor area since the No Name Storm of 1991, Police Chief Robert Jackson said. Shortly after this photo was taken around noontime, police shut down Border Street to traffic.

Local legislators not happy with pay hike

By Michael Kunzelman
CNC STATEHOUSE BUREAU

State legislators are entitled to a 6.5 percent pay raise this year, Governor Mitt Romney announced Monday, but many lawmakers are vowing to turn down the raise or donate the money to charity.

The Legislature's 200 state representatives and senators, who earn a base salary of $50,123, can collect an extra $3,250 this year from the raise.

But some lawmakers, including Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said it isn't appropriate to accept a pay raise while the state in mired in a budget crisis.

"I'm going to all three Boards of Selectmen in my communities and telling them to bite the bullet regarding cuts in local aid," he said. "This raise sends the wrong message.

"The bottom line is I won't be taking it," said Bradley, who was not in office when the legislature set the stage for the ballot vote. In 1998, voters approved a constitutional amendment that calls on the governor to set the rate of legislators' pay raises based on the state's median household income.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said the entire issue is ludicrous.

"We're the only legislative body in the world with a constitutional guarantee for pay raises," he said. Hedlund, who explained the legislature voted affirmatively in two constitutional conventions in two successive legislative sessions to place the issue on the ballot, wished the major media had scrutinized the issue at the time.

"I knew this would happen," said Hedlund, who voted against the amendment both times. "I'd love to see the papers go back and see who voted against it."

Thanks to raise issue — which is now codified in the state constitution — lawmakers received an 8 percent pay hike two years ago. This year, Romney relied on income estimates provided by the U.S. Census Bureau to settle on a rate of 6.5 percent.

"It's a mechanical action," said Romney spokeswoman Shawn Feddeman. "Mitt Romney has no discretion. Now it's up to the Legislature."

Lawmakers can accept the raise, defer it for a year or forfeit it altogether, said Eric Fehrnstrom, Romney's communications director.

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— State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth

"Forfeiting your pay is a very personal decision," he added. "The governor would not inject himself in that decision-making process."

Romney met Monday with House Speaker Thomas Finneran and Senate President Robert Travaglini to discuss the raises.

Finneran and Travaglini both said they would consider donating their raises to charity, according to the State House News Service.

Barbara Anderson, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation, said Romney relied on hazy income estimates in setting the rate. She argued that pay raises should be frozen until the "real numbers" for the state's median household income are known, sometime this fall.

"I wouldn't give them anything on credit," she said. "I would make sure I have actual numbers."

Anderson said lawmakers drafted the 1998 constitutional amendment in an attempt to "trick voters into thinking it would prevent them from voting on their own pay raises."

"I don't think legislators should be taking the raises under any circumstances," she added, citing the Legislature's recent freezing of the state's income-tax rollback. "If this was a company, they would be fired, not getting a raise."

Bradley said currently there is no mechanism in place for legislators not the take the raises, which are not optional.

"No, I won't be taking it but how to go about that is open for debate," he explained. "There is no set procedure now."

Bradley said it's up to the State Treasurer's Office to set up a procedure similar to the one used for the eight-day furlough in the last legislative session, and that hasn't happened yet. Last year, in a show of solidarity with other state employees, many House members, including Bradley, took a voluntary eight-day salary furlough.

Bradley thinks the money should go back into the general fund.

"That way you don't have to remember to write a check every month (to a charity)," he said.

Hedlund, who said he would not take the raise, wants the issue to be put forward in a vote so it is handled the same way for everyone.

"We could vote to prevent it (raise) from taking effect," he said. Hedlund said his office is drafting language to put forth a mechanism so the raise would not take effect this year.

Heldund said the old way of having legislators vote for their raises was better because at least they could be held accountable.

"It wasn't so long ago that legislators were making $30,000 base pay and the public would accept a reasonable increase," he said. "I'm dead set against having the provision in the constitution."

Last week, Romney and Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey announced they will defer their salaries in order to pay for pay raises for some senior-level members of their staff.

Mary Ford also contributed to this story.

Water issues are far from crystal clear at Avalon site

By Mary Ford
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When it comes to AvalonBay, the controversial 200-unit luxury apartment complex proposed off Route 3A, any simplicity has long disappeared.

That was the only point that was clear Monday night when a room full of consultants debated water runoff from the site before an often perplexed Zoning Board of Appeals.

At issue is where the water goes once it leaves the proposed development, any potential contaminants it may carry with it, and the protection of Lily Pond, the town's water supply.

But as the consultants waded into the depths of "hydrological-ese," they left any lay observers in the audience completely baffled back on shore.

Avalon is seeking to build under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, that allows developers to skirt local zoning laws in exchange for providing 20-25 percent of the project as affordable housing. Avalon has applied to the zoning board for a comprehensive permit.

At the meeting it was decided the consultants for AvalonBay, the zoning board and water commission would meet yesterday [after the Mariner went to press] to see if there is any common ground. The zoning board will hear the "final status" on water issues at the Feb. 3 Avalon hearing.

What was determined Monday is that mixing the debate on "groundwater" and "storm water" was the same as "mixing apples and oranges," according to the consultants – although nearly everyone misspoke at one time or another, confusing the terms.

Then there's the thorny matter of existing contamination at the site, which is the former home of Norfolk-Conveyor and whether it must be cleaned up to "Groundwater I" (GWI) standards.

Here's a synopsis of the issues:

- AvalonBay needs a surface water discharge permit for its proposed septic system. The direction of the flow is critical here because the state Department of Environmental Protection won't issue a discharge permit if the groundwater flows toward Lily Pond, which is the town's drinking water supply. The DEP does not issue surface water permits for Class A watersheds. However, Avalon says it has evidence the proposed septic system site is in the Weir River Watershed.
- Avalon and the Water Commission disagree about contamination at the site. Avalon says the site has been cleaned up but the Water Commission says because the site is located in a Watershed Protection district, it must be held to the higher GWI standard.
- Avalon says its comprehensive storm-water management system is a big improvement over what's there today and includes over-sized detention ponds that are proven to have better treatment capacity for storm water. But the zoning board's consultant suggested some sort of physical alteration to prevent any storm water flow toward Lily Pond would be beneficial. But a potential snag there is Avalon does not own the land where the berm or berms would be needed, the Trustees of Reservations do.

The challenge ahead is to whittle away what can be agreed on and highlight what can't, attorney Mark Bobrowski, who is the zoning board's 40B legal consultant.

"You're saying north is OK," he said about the water flow. "Your saying south is not OK.

"Ultimately, it's going to be the DEP and the EPA's call," Bobrowski said, explaining the zoning board could condition the comprehensive permit on Avalon's being able to get a discharge permit.

"We've got to make our case to the DEP and EPA," Avalon's Scott Dale added.

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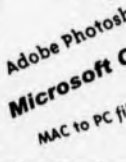

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Robinson Murphy, Cohasset High School Class of 2002, has received First Honors and has been named to the dean's list at Boston College.

MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

On Saturday Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., there will be an evening of dinner and dancing to support the playground at the new Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum. The event will take place at the Red Lion barn, and will include a live auction and dancing with The Mike Dumas Band With Platform Soul. Tickets are $75 per person and will not be available at the door. Please contact **Logan Bernstein** at (781) 383-6165 for tickets and information

HOCKEY RAFFLE

The CHS Varsity Hockey Program Third Annual Holiday Calendar Raffle has ended for another year. Every day, a member of the Hockey Boosters takes the box of raffle stubs to the merchant who has generously donated that day's prize so that merchant can pick the lucky winner!

The lucky winners since Dec. 15 were (from Cohasset unless otherwise noted): Dec. 16: **Donna O'Donnell**, $25 gift certificate to Red Lion Inn plus $25 in dry cleaning from Aveni Cleaners; Dec. 17: **Ed & Joan McDonald**, $25 gift certificate to Jake's Seafood plus a deluxe photo album from Noble's Camera; Dec. 18: **David Rioux**, $50 gift certificate to Bernard's Restaurant; Dec. 19: **Laura Bissell**, two tickets to a 2003 show at the Music Circus; Dec. 20: **Ed Straughn**, $25 gift certificate to Buttonwood's Books & Toys plus $25 gift certificate to Bridgeman's Restaurant; Dec. 21: **Matt Frattoroli**, Interior Design Consultation from MDS Design; Dec. 22: **Ellen Candela**, one month's membership to Fitness First; Dec. 23: **Sue Cameron**, $100 discount on a vehicle detailing at Cohasset Collision Center; Dec. 24: **Michael & Elsa Libby**, $30 gift certificate to Joseph's Hardware; Dec. 25: **Joe Cantero** (Hull) $100 from Pilgrim Cooperative Bank; Dec. 26: **Pinardo Family**, $50 in dry cleaning at Dependable Cleaners; Dec. 27: **Alex Marshall**, Lube, Oil & Filter at Cohasset Filling Station plus $20 gift certificate to Shaw's Supermarket; Dec. 28: **Ed & Joan McDonald**, $25 in dry cleaning at Cohasset Plaza Cleaners plus $20 gift certificate to Silver Spoon Café; Dec. 29: **Lisa Fauth**, six VIP Visits to Sun's Up Tanning plus $25 gift certificate to RGP-Really Great Pizza; Dec. 30: **Ward McElhinny**, two gallons Benjamin Moore Paint from Cohasset Hardware; Dec. 31: **Margaret Pilczak**, $100 gift certificate to Atlantica Restaurant; Jan. 1: **Richard Masotta**, $150 from the Cohasset Hockey Boosters

The CHS Hockey Team and the Cohasset Hockey Boosters thank the generous merchants who donated to this raffle and all the Cohasset residents who purchased raffle tickets. We wish you all a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year and hope to see you at a varsity hockey game!

ART EXHIBIT

The South Shore Art Center will be showcasing the artwork of students who have taken classes and workshops at the Center throughout the year. All students participating in SSAC courses and workshops have been invited to submit one piece for this winter exhibition. The show will augment the January faculty show — Who's Who: South Shore Art Center Faculty Artists, opening Jan. 10, 6-8 p.m. and continuing on display through Feb. 23. Both exhibitions will afford viewers a convenient opportunity to view the artwork of students and faculty and at the same time register for a winter art class or workshop. Registrations are still being accepted for courses for adults and children to begin the second and third week in January.

HAVING A BALL!

Cohasset was well represented at the Inaugural Ball for Governor Mitt Romney last Thursday. From left are Arne & Martha Gjesteby, Niki Palmieri David Farrag, Heather Palmer, Donna O'Donnell, Nathaniel Palmer and Kevin O'Donnell.

If your New Year's resolutions included a creative focus...the South Shore Art Center can send you on your way. For more information visit www.ssac.org or to register call 781-383-2787.

SWEET REVENGE

There was no time off for the Cohasset High School Hockey Team participated in the 5th Annual Canalmen Classic Tournament on Dec.26 & 27 at Cape Cod. In the opening round it was sweet revenge against Bourne High School. Last year, Bourne handed Cohasset their only defeat of the 2001-2002 season and elimination from playoff contention. Fortunes were reversed with 14 seconds remaining in overtime, Co-Captain **John Durkin** scored the game winner to cap an exciting and exceptional hockey contest. The following evening Cohasset faced off against Division III State Champion Westwood High School. A solid effort came up short with a hard fought 4-2 defeat. Two excellent performances in goal by freshman **Stefan Parnell**, earned him "Tournament Most Valuable Player" and was named to the "All Tournament Team" along with outstanding center John Durkin. Fantastic job to all of the hockey players.

THAYER HONORS

Thayer Academy Headmaster **Eric Swain** is pleased to announce that the following student from Cohasset achieved academic honors at Thayer Academy Middle School in Braintree. Cohasset's **Peter Gregory Oswald** earned Grade 7 Honors. Great work, Peter.

PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE

Partners HealthCare presented its seventh annual Partners in Excellence Awards to more than 4,400 employees of the Partners institutions during award ceremonies held throughout December 2002 and January 2003. 2002 Partners in Excellence Award Recipients from Cohasset are: **Paula Buick** (Partners), **Grace Deveney** (Massachusetts General Hospital), **Patricia Fitzpatrick** (Brigham and Women's), **Patricia Moran** (Mass. General),**Travis Quigley** (Dana-Farber/Partners Cancer Care), and **Thomas Shipp** (Brigham and Women's).

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I would like to take this time to let Laura and Bill McAuliffe and their family of Fenway know that so many people our thinking of them in their time of need, my family included. As most of you know, the McAuliffes' home suffered a major fire on New Year's Eve and everything was lost to flames, smoke and water damage. Firefighters from Cohasset and several surrounding towns helped to battle the blaze and the family and dog were all physically ok. I have had so many calls and emails from people in town wanting to express how sad they were to hear of this tragedy but how grateful they were to know that everyone was ok and safe.

That is all for this week. I hope that everyone is ready to greet this New Year with a positive outlook if possible. At times, it seems so hard to do when everything around us is so unstable but I guess as they say, "attitude is everything." Happy New Year, Cohasset!

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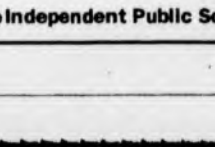

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HATS ON!

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Madeline Curley of Cohasset turns her art project into a hat at the South Shore Art Center's Creative Kids Class held last fall. Stay tuned to the Mariner for lots of news about Art Center programs. For information, call 781-383-ARTS.

Students' talent takes center stage

Cabaret planned for next Thursday

By John Camera
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Expect a full house at this year's Cohasset High School Winter Cabaret, scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 16, at Kimball's by the Sea.

The event has sold out to crowds of more than 100 people the past two years.

Cabaret has showcased Cohasset students' musical talents for more than 15 years. About 100 students will participate this year, led by high school choral director Bryan Marks and band director Stephanie Hoskin.

"It's probably on of the best opportunities to see how extensive some of the individual talents are at the school ," said Marks. "There's really not a year that goes by when you don't see someone there and say 'Wow, someday that person is going to have their name up in lights,' so to speak."

"It's probably on of the best opportunities to see how extensive some of the individual talents are at the school."

— Bryan Marks, choral director

This year's Cabaret will include vocal and instrumental performances from individuals and small groups, as well as a mock fashion show. The high school chorus will also perform.

"It provides the kids with a venue that's professional," said Donna O'Donnell, president of the Cohasset Arts Boosters, an organization that helps plan the event. "It's really nice for the kids and they look forward to it."

Proceeds from Cabaret will go toward the Arts Boosters, who help pay travel costs and provide small scholarships, extra materials, books, and software for Cohasset art programs.

Snacks will be served at 7 p.m. and the concert will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are $8 and can be purchased by sending a check payable to Cohasset Arts Boosters, c/o Debbie Trachtenberg, Treasurer, 324 South Main Street, Cohasset 02025 or by contacting Stephanie Noble at (781) 383 6278 or Donna O'Donnell at (781) 383 6113.

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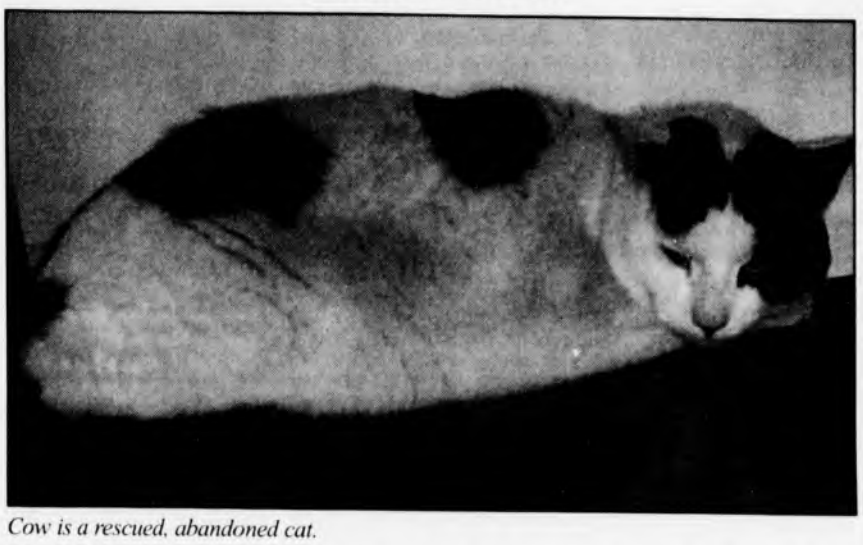

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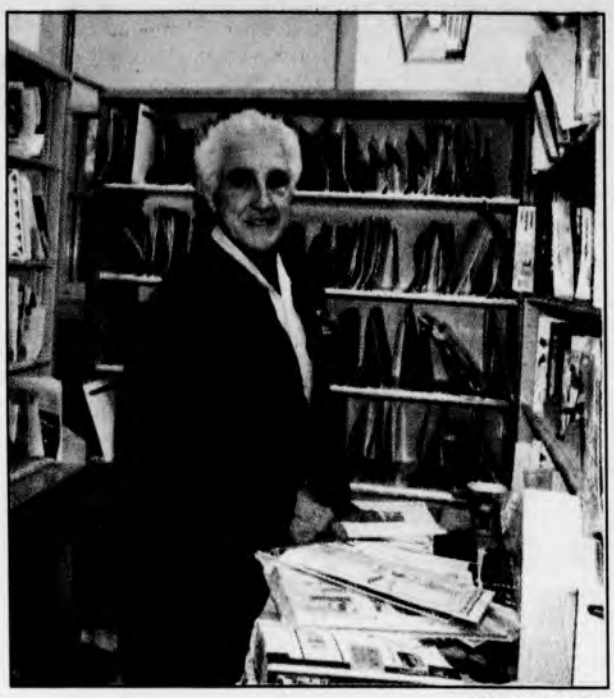

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Gerry Conte was still hard at work on his last day Friday.

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have plenty to keep him busy.

He praised his coworkers and the work itself.

"I always enjoyed my job," he says. "I enjoyed being outside in both good weather and bad. You adjust to it, you dress for it.

"I've worked with good people over the years and met a lot of nice people."

Hired by former postmaster Gerard Keating, Conte started his career in Cohasset at the old post office on Depot Court. When Conte came on board there were five postal routes in town but a sixth was created because the routes were "getting heavy." He covered Route 6 for some 37 years that includes Forest Avenue, Forest Circle, Forest Notch, Tadd Lane, Howe Road, Old Coach Road, Surry Drive, the lower end of Jerusalem Road, Windy Hill and Black Rock Road.

Polito said Conte has a refreshing attitude.

"He was always the same and would do anything to help anyone out," he said. "You could always count on him."

Conte said he gets his work ethic from his father, who came from Italy and taught him to get a job, keep it and appreciate it.

During a special farewell ceremony Friday, Conte thanked his coworkers and congratulated them on a job well done.

"We are a small postal station with a small workforce and a big volume of work," he said. "But it always seemed that the job was accomplished."

He added that he'd miss more than the work.

"I'll miss all the professional information and advice that was given out on every imaginable subject, whether you like it or not!"

Then Conte got back to work sorting the mail for his route.

Bad news from state

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fiscal year 2004.

Haddad had planned for a 10 percent cut in local aid when he drafted the budget, but did not take into account the cut in lottery revenue, which would cost the town an additional $40,000 to $80,000, depending on the percentage cut.

Haddad and selectman Merle Brown said the move was violation of the lottery's charter. "They're supposed to put it all back to give back to the towns," Brown said. "Now they're taking it back again."

Haddad said the cuts in local aid and lottery revenue would cost Cohasset $230,000, based on a 10 percent reduction across the board.

Bradley warned that towns with more money saved in stabilization funds could be forced to take larger cuts in aid. "I don't agree with that," he said, "I think that communities that have prepared should be able to use that (money) to offset, but I have heard some minimal discussion about that, so if you do have a rainy day account that has been spoken for, change the name of the account."

"Our job is to give you the most dire forecast possible."

— State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham

Bradley said any money that wasn't designated for a particular expense would be considered "free cash" by the state. He said a 10 percent cut in local aid to all Massachusetts towns would generate $1.5 billion to help make up a state budget deficit of $2 to 3 billion.

Two quarterly local aid payments remain to be paid this fiscal year, one in March and another in June. Already, the state used $800 million of a $1 billion credit line to make those payments in December.

"Were going to limp to the finish line this fiscal year," Hedlund said.

Selectmen chairman Michael Sullivan said the state's schools would be hit the hardest. "Most towns have 60 to 70 percent of their budget for their schools. You're ultimately hurting the kids of the community," he said.

"I understand that," Bradley said, a phrase he repeated several times in response to complaints from selectmen. "This is not something I got into government to do."

Haddad said he is asking the School Committee to accept a limited increase in funding next year, from an average annual increase of 7 percent down to 4 percent.

Selectmen plan to ask residents for a $485,000 Proposition 2-1/2 override for next year's budget. Haddad asked Bradley and Hedlund to return when they knew exactly how much aid would be cut to Cohasset.

If the amount to be cut increases after the override is arranged at Town Meeting in March, "then we're really in big trouble," Haddad said.

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Car fire may have sparked Dec. 31 blaze

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p.m. and the first police officer on the scene reported the garage was engulfed with the car in it. The initial call came from the homeowners, William and Laura McAuliffe, who were both at home. A neighbor made the second 9-1-1 call after hearing an explosion, Lincoln said.

The senior man in charge of the first Cohasset fire engine at the scene called for a second alarm, Lincoln said. The paramedic unit from South Shore Hospital and a "rehab unit" that provides fluids to help keep firefighters hydrated also responded.

Lincoln said Mr. McAuliffe looked around after noticing smoke on the second floor of his house. He opened the door to the garage and saw fire around the front of the car. He alerted his wife and when they checked the garage again before getting out, the fire had intensified to the point that the heat singed their eyebrows.

McAuliffe, who initially thought the smoke he smelled and saw might be from the fireplace, said he and his wife were out of the house within about 30 seconds of calling 9-1-1. The dog also got out safely and the McAuliffes two children were at a concert.

McAuliffe had nothing but praise for the firefighters and other emergency personnel.

"They're brave and did a great job," he said.

Lincoln explained the fire traveled from the garage into the adjacent family room and a second-floor bedroom. He said firefighters spent a lot of time pulling down ceiling and taking up flooring as fire, heat and smoke worked its way through the different construction components in the house that was built before current building codes that went into effect in 1975. At one point firefighters climbed onto the roof and were completely obliterated by dense black smoke as they used a chain saw to cut through roof to create a vent.

Also while battling the blaze, a second explosion also sent a burst of fire propelled by gasoline from the garage onto the soaked driveway that had become a river, but the travelling flames were quickly doused by firefighters.

Lincoln said in the early stages as additional lines were attached to the same engine to help keep the fire from the main house, the water department was called to start a pump in the plant to maintain the fire power. The Hull ladder was able to be deployed from a neighbor's driveway.

"Mutual aid is our savior," Lincoln said. "With four men on duty, we can't roll the ladder until an off-duty man gets in." The on-duty firefighters take the initial attack engine, second engine and ambulance to the scene. He explained some full-time firefighters have to travel some distance to get to town. Call firefighters also responded, he said.

Lincoln said car fires are not unusual. "In my career, I've seen fires in cars of all ages and conditions," he said.

Last week's house fire was the fourth serious house fire in 2002. The others were at 100 Pond Street (April), 83 Summer St. (June) , and 108-110 Elm St. (October). The last New Year's Eve fire was a relatively minor house fire on Nichols Road in 1998.

Two of the three injured firefighters were suffering from dehydration, the third sustained a shoulder injury.

Lincoln said he was happy no one was seriously injured although he knows how devastating losing a home and belongings can be.

"A lot of things can be replaced but not a human life," he said.

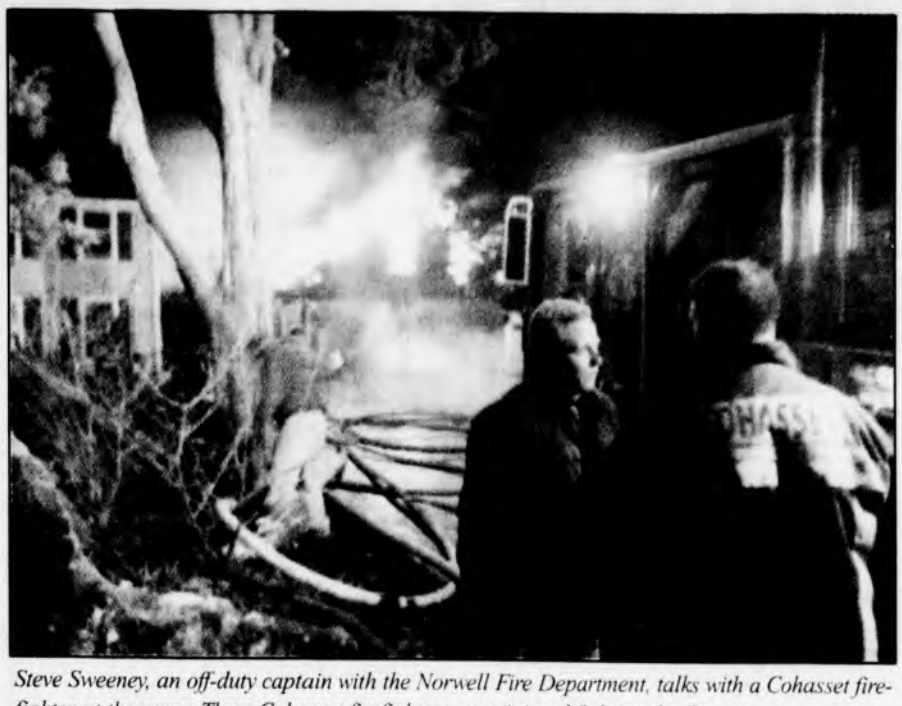
Building Inspector Bob Egan said the main house is still structurally sound but has extensive smoke, heat and water damage. The house is assessed at $680,800, according to the Assessors' Office.

McAuliffe said his neighbors and the town have also been great. As an example, he said when he and his wife went up to pay for new shoes at the Shoe Market in Cohasset Plaza, the store insisted they take them for free.

The McAuliffes plan to rebuild the home they have lived in for 16 years, a process that will take a year. In the meantime, they are looking into different, temporary housing options.

The experience isn't one that his family will soon forget.

"It's kind of like an out-of-body experience," McAuliffe said. "You think you're watching a movie, but it's you."



Steve Sweeney, an off-duty captain with the Norwell Fire Department, talks with a Cohasset firefighter at the scene. Three Cohasset firefighters were injured fighting the fire.

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Firefighters try to prevent the New Year's Eve fire from spreading into the main house.

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EDITORIAL

No to pay raises

Talk about bad timing. Just when you thought it couldn't get any crazier on Beacon Hill, legislators are now poised to receive a 6.5 percent pay hike. That's an average increase of $3,258. Are they kidding?

Newly inaugurated governor Mitt Romney is floating the pay raise incentive which, to be fair, was approved by the voters in 1998. However, the 1998 economic climate is a far cry from what we are facing in 2003. It clearly doesn't make sense for our elected officials on Beacon Hill to be giving themselves raises when the economy is struggling, at best.

The news only serves to turn off the electorate even more. At the Marshfield CVS this week, an elderly woman was furious when discussing the idea with another senior citizen waiting in line. She was irate that officials are willing to add a $1-plus tax on prescriptions to help fund the budget deficits and yet on the other hand are giving themselves more money.

She has a very valid point.

And it seems many of the senate members are hearing it. The Senate president announced yesterday that the majority of state senators have said they will reject the raise as a gesture of good will. Smart thinking on their part.

At this time when the state is searching for every dollar to make ends meet and cutting critical programs and services, now is not the time for legislators to give themselves a pay hike. This has nothing to do with whether they deserve it or not. Many of our South Shore legislators are hard working, committed and dedicated public servants.

It does, however, have everything to do with what's fair.

Check any private sector jobs and you would be hard-pressed to find companies or corporations handing out 6.5 percent pay hikes this year. It just isn't happening. If workers are lucky, they are getting 3 or 4 percent hikes. Many local companies have wage freezes to try and dig out from this economic slump.

Add to that all the jobs lost in the past year or so and more people on unemployment. You have to wonder what our leaders are thinking.

We're glad this isn't a slamdunk issue, though. The fact that senators and house members see a problem with the raise is a positive sign that many of them "get it." They are mindful that it is not appropriate to accept the legally-mandated increase given the state's severe fiscal problems.

The constitutional amendment approved by voters four years ago allowed lawmakers' pay raises or decreases based on changes in the state's median household income. It's up to the governor to calculate the change, and determine how much lawmakers receive.

We urge our local legislators to continue to do the right thing and reject the increase at this time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recreation budget

TO THE EDITOR:

Referencing the Cohasset Mariner article on Town Budgets (Dec. 26, 2002 edition), it was reported that the Recreation Commission budget would see a three percent budget increase in Fiscal Year 2004.

In fact, we will se an approximate seven percent decrease in our budget, losing $10,000 of the $15,600 in our Youth Resources allocation. That is, our budget of $131,000 was cut $10,000—all of it from the Youth Resources portion of our budget. The $15,600—now $5,600—is for staff supervision of the Teen Garage. It has been incumbent upon us to pay, via fees from dances and other special activities, all other costs of operating the Teen Garage.

That is, we must raise our own money to pay the bills for heat, light, telephone, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, games, other equipment and supplies via small, per capita fee changes and donations. The Recreation Commission budget supports only our summer Playground program and Youth Tennis program; all other services are provided through our revolving account funds on a 100 percent self-supporting basis.

Further, all our financial self-supporting services provide, along with 100 percent of the costs of operation, an additional 10 percent of gross revenue produced for commitment to the General Fund of the town; hence, recapitulated revenue that goes back to the payers.

Roughly, we have been producing about $65,000 per fiscal year in our recapitulating efforts, or replacing to taxpayers about one-half of our budget costs to taxpayers.

It will be incumbent upon us to recapitulate closer to 100 percent of our costs via General Fund revenue production only, starting in FY '04.

The agreement with the Town Manager was actually 75 percent recapitulation as the Recreation Commission budget contains revenue for various items, such as Porta-Potties for Milliken Field, outside lighting, and other general, town-operating costs.

Jack Worley
Cohasset Recreation Director

Tree pickup, a big success

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank the 100-plus people in town who signed up to have their Christmas trees picked up by Project Safeguard volunteers this past weekend. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards programs for the sixth- and eighth-grade classes this spring, in addition to the annual program for seventh graders held in the fall. Over time, Project Safeguard hopes to expand to cover more programs for a wider age group, including High School.

This fundraiser would not have been possible without the following people, who hauled the trees and made countless trips to the dump: Justin Drybanski; David Game & Josiah Stevenson; Jim Graham & Lee Dickson; Don & James Ivas; Stephen & John Oronte; Wallace & Robby St. John; Jim, Derry & Alex Schwantner; Fred, Justin & Tyler Wood. You guys (and girls) are great! Special thanks also to Jack Worley, director of the Recreation Dept., for setting up our phone line, to Eleanor & Scott Coughlin for the use of their truck, and to the Rev. Cliff Cutler for his support and help and with this fundraiser.

Project SAFEGUARD is a community initiative to support youth and parents with child and adolescent health-related issues—including bullying, social and academic stress, body image and eating disorders, and substance abuse prevention. The consortium includes parents, clergy, and representatives from the PSO, Cohasset Public Schools, and the Social Service League. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Karen Oronte,
Cohasset PSO representative
Sally Sisson Game,
community representative
Project SAFEGUARD

Supports four quadrant gates

Michael Sullivan
Chairman, Cohasset Board of Selectmen
Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I am very pleased to learn that the Cohasset Selectmen have joined the other Greenbush Line towns in calling for a hearing by the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the use of four-quadrant gates. The property owners at 39 Beechwood St., have felt bewildered and beleaguered in our meetings with the MBTA and Cashman/Balfour Beatty regarding their plans to relocate our driveway. We are so relieved that we are not alone in believing, that median barriers on Beechwood and other streets would be a terrible mistake.

You may know that our home, which abuts the Greenbush right-of-way, was built in approximately 1895 by George Mealy, the town ice merchant. It has since undergone several incarnations and has been converted into five condominiums. Despite some slight changes it retains a considerable degree of charm in a lovely setting and is a part of Cohasset history. Across Beechwood Street are the two old "railroad houses" which have significant historic connection to Cohasset and the Old Colony Railroad line. Neighborhood residents are horrified by the MBTA's proposal to widen the street and install 9-inch granite curbs in front of these houses, construct a 4-foot wide median barrier extending 60 or more feet in front of our house, and to cut a new driveway across the front of this historic property.

It is the median barrier that would make most of the proposed changes necessary because it would make it impossible to use our existing driveway. In addition to being ugly and out of proportion to the landscaping of this Victorian house, the proposed new driveway presents serious safety problems for the residents of 39 Beechwood St., by making access by fire engines and service trucks very difficult or even impossible under some circumstances.

Widening of Beechwood Street in the bowed out configuration proposed, diverting traffic around the 4-foot wide median barriers, and "channelization" of traffic, rainwater, and snow enforced by high curbs on all sides will surely cause dangerous situations for all the vehicles that use this primary route between South Main Street and Route 3A. A unique factor is the limited visibility of approximately 100 yards from the grade crossing to the curve before Talarico Road. Even now Beechwood Street is heavily traveled by all types of vehicles, and we can only expect more traffic in the future. Please consider the potential for traffic incidents when cars and trucks are backed up waiting for trains to pass.

The problems on Beechwood Street are most likely very similar to those that will occur on Sohier Street and perhaps others if median barriers are installed. What about sidewalks? We've seen Forest Street, and know that Beechwood is waiting in the wings. Where will the sidewalks go if the MBTA's street widening/high curb over development takes place with the installation of median barriers? What about snow removal?

Certainly at the Beechwood grade crossing there is a serious water-management situation to complicate things during rainy periods. Recently we asked for your help in facing the MBTA's pressure and we are asking for it again. Four-quadrant gates instead of median barriers will be the best solution to most of these problems.

The train will come, and all of us will eventually go, but the changes wrought in the next few months will forever affect the appearance of Cohasset and the lives of its residents.

The MBTA proposes to make Cohasset's historic streets resemble the parking lot at Stop & Shop. I urge you to use your influence to ensure the brightest possible future for Cohasset by insisting that the MBTA live up to its agreements stipulated in the Programmatic Agreement and that it recognize its obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. In addition, I ask you to look carefully at Cohasset's grade crossings, case-by-case, and do a thorough evaluation of the safety problems as well as the esthetic issues. There is much unfinished business that needs to have a public hearing in order to achieve satisfactory resolution. It appears that the MBTA is ignoring years of study and public opinion in its effort to dodge the installation of four-quadrant gates and to force inappropriate construction and development upon us. Please do not allow this to happen.

Thank you for your consideration of these critically important matters. We are counting on you to delve into these issues and to represent the best interests of Cohasset and its citizens.

Pamela M. Palmer
39 Beechwood St., Unit 2

Editor's note: This letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

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HEALTH NOTES

Don't trash needles and mercury at RTF

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Following the holidays, many of us have taken stuff to the RTF. Thanks to Merle Brown and many others, but mostly those in Town who use the Recycling Transfer Facility (RTF), we have an enthusiastic and effective recycling program in Cohasset. However, ours is a modern suburban society with a great diversity of threats to our health from a variety of sources. Some of these threats are far from obvious or even apparent. The two, which appear to be least understood, are sharps and mercury. A discussion of mercury has appeared in this column in the past, and the topic will be reviewed below, but disposal of so-called sharps (hypodermic needles and lancets) is a different and increasing problem.

According to the Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal (CSND), consisting of the American Medical Association and organizations dedicated to dealing with diabetes and AIDS, and several others, each year 8 million syringe users will administer 2 -3 billion injections outside of traditional healthcare facilities. Whereas most sharps are discarded into the public solid waste system, waste handlers, barrel pickers and others are at risk. Each needle-stick injury results in significant cost for providing post-injury counseling and prevention measures. The number of such injuries outside of the healthcare setting is not known, however problems that can occur from unsafely discarded used sharps include physical injury and potentially fatal blood borne infections such as HIV and hepatitis B and C. Waste haulers, boards of health and public works departments are beginning to observe that many new Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) contracts prohibit the disposal of sharps at the curb. The CSND web page is www.safeneedledispoal.org .

Heretofore, health officials have recommended that the disposal of sharps in MSW be accomplished by placing them in rigid containers such as coffee cans or liquid laundry detergent bottles, labeled "Not for Recycling" and discarded with the rubbish. Unfortunately, injuries and hospital visits from injury by sharps in MSW have increased to the extent that it's necessary to ensure safer disposal methods. As a result of compaction and other transportation related activities, containers may rupture causing the needles to become loosely dispersed throughout the waste stream. Uncontained sharps can pose a health and safety problem to personnel employed in solid waste facilities, where personnel inspecting bags for banned wastes or removing recyclables from the waste stream can be inadvertently punctured. Public health and public safety personnel often find spent sharps that have been illegally discarded to the environment and collect these discards in an effort to protect the public from accidental exposure through puncture.

Accordingly, the State has enabled boards of health, pharmacies and medical facilities to collect spent sharps (hypodermic needles and lancets) generated from non-commercial sources, in-home medical use and discarded sharps collected by public health and public safety personnel during their normal work activities. The goal of this program is to reduce the presence of sharps in solid waste as well as their presence in the environment as a result of illegal disposal.

While some users in Cohasset already bring their sharps to the Board of Health, we encourage everyone to dispose of their sharps safely by bringing them to the Board of Health in Town Hall where they will receive proper disposal.

Mercury

One gram of mercury is sufficient to trigger a fish advisory in a 20-acre body of water

One gram of mercury can render a ton of fish unfit for consumption

Improper disposal of thermometers is a major source of mercury contamination in fish

The heavy metal mercury is liquid at room temperature, and evaporates readily

Proper cleanup of a broken thermometer is difficult and should be done by a professional

Seventeen tons (or about 15 million grams) of mercury from thermometers is released into the environment annually due to breakage and improper disposal

When incinerated, some mercury escapes from the stack, and rain washes it into lakes, streams and groundwater

Mercury is concentrated in the organisms that consume it as it moves up the food chain

The Mass. Dept. of Public Health currently has advisories against fish consumption for 80 bodies of water due to high levels of mercury, including the Aaron River Reservoir.

Mercury is absorbed through inhalation, skin contact and ingestion. It accumulates in the brain, blood, liver and kidneys, and can cause damage to the central nervous system, cardiovascular collapse, kidney failure, tremors and birth defects including mental retardation, delayed development and altered muscle tone.

The adverse health effects of mercury exposure have been known since Roman times, when criminals were sentenced to work in Spanish quicksilver mines. Their life expectancy was three years.

Cohasset has three major efforts concerned with mercury:

• Bring your mercury thermometer to the Board of Health and we'll give you a *free* digital replacement with no mercury in it.

• Contractors! Waste Haulers! Citizens! Bring your discarded thermostats to the RTF and they will take them to SEMASS for proper disposal. If you leave thermostats and mercury switches in your industrial waste you're poisoning people, fish, and the environment.

• If you've spilled mercury, come to the Board of Health, the Police or Fire Department and get a Mercury Spill Kit and, following the instructions, clean up the mercury and bring it to the RTF for disposal.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Mitt Romney must tackle basic change

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The Cellucci-Swift administration ended with the consensus at the Statehouse that it failed to achieve its overarching goal: to improve the standard of living for the average Massachusetts family. The Romney administration began pursuing its own goals amidst anxiety and hope.

The Cellucci-Swift administration was able to cut taxes. Auto insurance rates declined. Health care programs for the poor were expanded. MCAS scores rose. But for the most part, people and businesses in the state are much less optimistic about the future than they were four years ago.

The unemployment rate is higher, and closer to the national average. The tax cut was offset by a corresponding tax hike last year, and the budget is still out of balance by at least $2 billion; former Gov. Swift was unable to keep her pledge to see it was safely in balance as she departed. Local services will be one of the biggest victims this year.

Mitt Romney wanted the job anyway, and said more than once in his inaugural address that he'll do things he has to do before he can do things he wants to do. That means he has to lay people off, end programs, cut back services. Higher education, state parks, recreational events, community-building efforts such as the Community Development Block Grant – those are all the kinds of things the state does that it's going to have to do less in the first part of the Romney years.

As he put it: "I wish this were not the case, but it is."

At the same time, Romney said, "the economic downturn exposed our problems, it didn't create them." He said the government had become as unresponsive, isolated and slow as some of the other unpopular institutions of the year past: Big Business and the Catholic Church.

So the hallmark of whether Romney succeeds four years from now is whether state government is noticeably changed: more responsive to people, free of scandal, more efficient and rational. He has yet to explain how that can be measured, or how he'll deal with the fundamental problem facing him internally: he still doesn't have the votes in the Legislature to do anything significant, just like Swift.

A few other impressions: Thomas Finneran shared his New Year's resolutions. He laid out his list at the Democratic caucus in which his members overwhelmingly rejected a bid to replace him. For what it's worth: 1. Be a better husband. 2. Be a better father. 3. Be a better speaker. 4. Find more time to read. 5. Learn the piano.

Shannon O'Brien dressed wittily — in black. She cheered openly and graciously at an obviously difficult moment. She had to attend her opponent's swearing in because she's still a constitutional officer — treasurer.

It had been predicted that new Senate President Robert Travaglini might embarrass himself by displaying a lack of verbal ability or presence. He did fine. His mom, who raised him and his four brothers alone, wept from the gallery as she watched him preside over his first session. It was that kind of week.

• Romney began his tenure warning of dire fiscal times ahead, but the news in the short term was actually good. After the dust settled from the tense and unpleasant dispute between the two administrations over whether December revenues were way below projections, they came in $31 above the latest projections of the Swift administration. For now, the Romney team is still projecting spending to exceed revenues by up to $600 million this year.

• The House and Senate enacted dozens of local-interest bills as the session expired. Among noteworthy bills that made it to the governor's desk in the last few minutes were the measure allowing sexually dangerous persons to be kept in secure facilities after their criminal sentences expire. Another bill of some interest that made it through enactment: legislation making Dr. Suess the official children's book author, and the Boston cream donut the official donut of the Commonwealth. Such commemorative bills are filed annually by school classes as civics projects. Legislation extending the expiration date on gift certificates was also signed in to law.

• The Supreme Judicial Court rejected a lawsuit by opponents of gay marriage who were trying to force the House and Senate in Constitutional Convention to advance a proposal making same-sex marriages illegal in Massachusetts. The activists have been using all available legal means to get legislators to move on the proposed amendment.

• The pros and cons of Finneran's tenure were thoroughly debated and well covered — experience and popularity vs. more inclusiveness and broader power sharing. Finneran congenitally is unable to resist joking around a little, and did so again during the semi-tense caucus at which he was endorsed by Democrats to be their leader. Finneran ribbed Majority Leader Sal DiMasi for a speech in which he praised Finneran's ability to steer the state through troubled waters. The metaphor did go on a while, and Finneran said: "Sal, what was *that*? . . . waves and wind and troubled waters — I was hoping for shore leave." He said the Herald cartoonist who draws him as a bug-eyed madman was devastated by the possibility Byron Rushing's challenge might succeed. But the speaker said he told the cartoonist not to feel too bad — "If events go in another direction, Byron's image is going to provide at least as much opportunity. And he brought down the house, or the House, by recalling the woman who stopped him New Year's Eve to tell him how good-looking he was. "She thought it was George Peterson," the Speaker said. "I think she had actually started First Night at about 2 p.m."

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

CANDIDATES CORNER

McNabb to run for another term

John McNabb has announced he is running for a third, three-year term to the Water Commission. McNabb has been Chairman of the Commission since 1999. He was first elected in 1997 and was re-elected in 2000.

"We have made major improvements to the water system since I was first elected," said McNabb, "including the new Scituate Hill Water Storage Tank, the rehabilitation of over 7 miles of water mains, major improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, an annual fire hydrant replacement program, and completion of the Surface Water Supply Protection Plan."

"These projects have resulted in measurable improvements in fire protection for Cohasset residents," said McNabb, "and have improved drinking water quality, water pressure, and watershed protection."

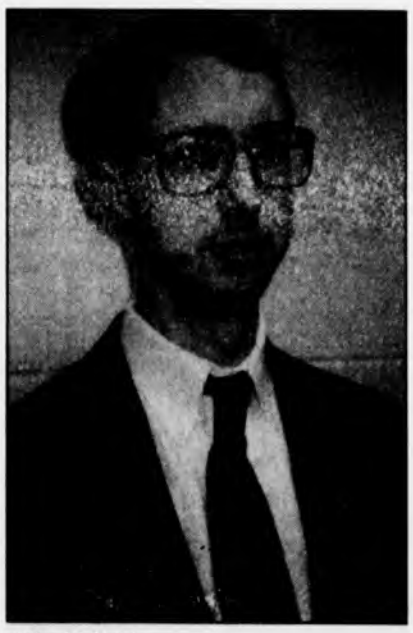
"I am running for re-election because I want to continue this aggressive water system improvements program," said McNabb. "We need to reactivate the Ellms Meadow and Sohier Street wellfields to provide an emergency water supply, to retrofit stormwater structures in the watershed to protect water quality, and to continue our water distribution system rehabilitation program to improve drinking water quality."

McNabb also serves as an appointed member of the Recycling Committee (1996-present), and as one of the Town's representatives to the South Shore Recycling Cooperative (1997-present), which he co-founded.

Before being elected to the Water Commission, McNabb served on the Board of Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library (1984-1987) and on the Town Government Structure Committee (1983-1987),

Since 1991, as Vice-President of SAFE, McNabb helped lead the opposition to the proposed expansion of the private Cohasset Heights landfill, which was closed in 1998, and to reduce its impact on the Lily Pond watershed.

McNabb is employed as Director of Research and Policy for the New England office of Clean Water Action, a national environmental non-profit organization.



John McNabb

A minister in the house

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

My son came home the other day to inform me that he was now a full-fledged minister, able to marry people, pass the collection basket and turn his collar around, if he ever wore one.

This disclosure took me by surprise since I thought the ministry required a certain amount of schooling, usually in a seminary, and I knew for a fact that he hadn't been to school since UMass-Boston ordained him a historian and sent him on his way.

I was inclined to take this as just another gag he was trying to put over on the old man when he showed me his credentials — ordination certificate, honorary doctorate of divinity, red parking pass to be used when ministering to members of his flock, everything but a collection plate.

In fact, the only religious rite expressly forbidden by the church is circumcision, which is probable a good idea since I have watched my son slice onions.

His mother would be so proud. She always wanted her son to be a professional man. I'm kinda proud, too. I always wanted him to have a reputable profession to fall back on.

My son's church is non-denominational and may or may not be Christian. It's called the Universal Life Church and I discovered through diligent research (USA Today) that it has ordained 20 million men and women since 1959, more than 676,000 by way of the Internet.

Furthermore, ordination in the Universal Life Church, I am told, is recognized by every state in the union except New York and two counties in Virginia, which takes it out of the realm of comedian Flip Wilson's "Church of What's Happenin' Now."

Ordination in the Universal Life Church is free but so far it has cost my son about $100 for the accoutrements, like the textbook that explains the mission of the church and the how-to book of baptism, marriage ceremony, etc., by The Rev. Amy M. Long.

He also got a CD containing the wedding ceremony — for those ministers who can't read, I suppose.

Other churches charge a fee for ordination, like the International Free Hemp Church of Riviera Beach, Fla., which asks $12. I'm not sure but I would guess that the Free Hemp Church has something else besides salvation on its agenda.

The Mother Church of the Universal Life Church is located at 601 Third St., Modesto, Calif., which was the home of the late Chandra Levy and in the district of her paramour, former Cong. Gary Condit, neither of whom, I am assured, are or were ordained church members. Oh, yes, my son got to pick his own title, too. He had his choice of about 135, including Bishop, Rabbi, Swami, Apostle, even Universal Philosopher of Absolute Reality. He picked Druid.

It's good to have a clergyman around the house, isn't it?

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Budget priorities

TO THE EDITOR:

It was distressing to read that the "recreation department is not a necessity" and therefore, is likely to be hit disproportionately hard in the fiscal year 2004 (FV04) budget. As a result, Jack Worley, Recreation Director, has been forced to propose the doubling of fees for most of his programs. Children from modest income families will be the big losers. Jack has always stretched available resources to the absolute limit; so, I do not doubt his conclusions.

Likewise, Elder Affairs has the same type of austere budget that threatens the continuation of core programs. Elder Affairs could suffer a "double whammy" if it has to endure both state and local cost cutting.

Other areas in severe distress include those on fixed incomes who are trying to continue to live in Cohasset and the Police and Fire Departments who continue to function in substandard facilities Let us hope that any new or renovated facilities for the police/fire departments are planned and executed adequately even in these tight fiscal times.

As a former School Committee member, I estimate that we are spending about 20 million dollars too much for K-12 renovations. Yes, the State will pick-up 60 percent of that figure, but we are going to be left with over-sized school buildings that will be very costly to maintain. During recent years, the teachers have benefited from an early retirement program that was supposed to also benefit the School District Budget because entry-level teachers would have lower salary levels than retirees. Instead, the Cohasset School District has consumed these savings while still enjoying 6 plus percent increases to its annual budget (twice the increase of the municipal side of the budget). Mark Haddad is justified in asking the School Committee to "share an austerity budget," but his suggested 4 percent increase is probably too generous when you consider what is happening on the municipal side of the budget. Just a little more "belt tightening" in the almost $10,000,000 School District budget (60 percent of Cohasset's total) would restore some viability to the municipal side.

Cohasset is a beautiful Town that offers modest services, but has the highest taxes on the South Shore. We cannot maintain the current pace of tax increases. The Selectmen need to adequately fund the municipal side of Town Government even if the School District has to do more with less. If we are going to be asked to support a $500,000 override, we need to see greater support for our most vulnerable citizens.

Repeatedly, this Town has demonstrated its philanthropic strength. The Arts and Community Centers, Lightkeepers House and Sailing Club, new homes for the library and Historical Society and the innovative children and teen centers are but a sampling. We need more, not less emphasis on recreation in this Town. Fifteen years ago, the Trustees of the Cohasset Swim Club unsuccessfully sought to establish a year round swimming pool. I believe their proposal failed because their plans were too costly and did not preserve the "outdoor" atmosphere of the existing pool. I failed when I tried to revive their proposal with a much less costly architectural scheme that preserved the "outdoor" atmosphere. At the time I approached the Trustees, I think they were still tired and discouraged. The same problem had existed at the Historical Society, but "'new blood" and some creativity have saved the Paul Pratt Library in the "11th hour." Let's not depend on luck and brinkmanship; a few committed people is all that is needed to get the concept of a year-round swimming pool back on track. It is urgent that we do this before any neighboring community so that we can realize rental fees during off-hours. Such a facility will benefit residents of all ages and; in particular, our youth who need more recreational opportunities rather than boredom that leads to mischief-sometimes tragic mischief.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

School Committee members to seek second term

By John Camera
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In recent years, running for a second term on the School Committee has been a decision many members have shied away from.

If Richard Flynn and Chartis Tebbetts are reelected in April, it will be the first time since the early '90s the committee has had a majority of members with at least one term's experience.

Flynn and Tebbetts both said they will run for reelection. Flynn said he has heard that others plan to join the race, but as of Tuesday morning no potential opponents to the two incumbents had visited Town Hall to collect nomination papers, which were made available on Monday.

Of the five-person School Committee, Mark DeGiacomo and Patricia Martin are currently the only members serving a second term. The last time the committee had two members in with at least one term experience was 1997.

"People would run and then be on (the School Committee) and then choose to not run again for whatever reason," said Flynn. "We're trying to maintain some sense of continuity. It takes a couple of years to get the lay of the land. You want to complete what you've started."

Tebbetts agreed that having DeGiacomo and Martin as second-term members was beneficial to the School Committee. "Continuity enables the committee to have institutional memory," she said. "For several years, the board did not have this benefit."

Nancy Sandell, who served three terms on the School Committee in the late 80s and early 90s, said during her tenure the majority of committee members were in their second or third terms.

"It was really great because it takes a couple of years to get up to speed," said Sandell. "There's a learning curve there and it really should be two term position."

Flynn and Tebbetts have until Feb. 18 to secure 50 signatures from registered voters to make them eligible for the April 5 election.

Flynn said the construction of Deer Hill School and the new middle school were the biggest accomplishments of the School Committee during his three-year term. He also said the committee's relationship with the town improved.

"The lines of communication between the Town and the School Committee have been opened up and utilized to a more positive extent than in the past," said Flynn.

Flynn said keeping class sizes low and MCAS scores high was a top priority. He also said managing a limited budget, given the state's financial crisis, would be a challenge for the committee.

Tebbetts said she recognized the importance of student safety and would support policies "that protect the physical and emotional well-being of all students." She also said maintaining the appearance of new and renovated school facilities was something taxpayers deserved.

Roger Hill ready to run again

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Affordable housing and helping the elderly are two areas where Hill said the town could improve.

"I think the town has a terrible affording housing problem," he said. "The selectmen are welcoming Avalon into the town with open arms. It may solve the 40B problem but it doesn't solve the affordable housing problem."

Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, allows developers to seek a "comprehensive permit" in towns where less than 10 percent of housing is affordable. The comprehensive permit allows a developer to skirt local zoning laws in exchange for providing 20-25 percent of the units as affordable housing.

But in the case of rental units like Avalon Bay, a loophole allows towns to count every unit, not just those deemed "affordable," toward the town's affordable housing stock. Hill said reaching the 10 percent affordable housing mark in such a way won't do any justice to the cause.

"Were supposed to have 275 units of affordable housing but because of Avalon Bay we'll only have 90," Hill said. "There are people who have lived here a long time who are getting priced right out of here."

At 42, Hill is a self-employed carpenter, a local real estate owner and a lifelong resident of Cohasset. He also drives the senior shuttle and is a member of Cohasset Action, an anti-40B group.

Hill, who lives on Highland Avenue, said his reputation will play a key role in his campaign.

"I probably know 70 percent of the people in town," he said. "I go to the hardware store, the grocery store, and I see people I know. I'll get a lot of support just because I know people."

Candidates for the Board of Selectmen and other town positions have until Feb. 18 to secure 50 signatures from registered voters to make them eligible for the April 5 election.

Other seats up for election include:

- Board of Assessors. Michael Patrolia, who is undecided on running for re-election;
- Board of Trustees for the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Agnes McCann, Patience Towle and Carol Riley, who will all run for re-election;
- Board of Health. Maureen Chapman is undecided;
- Planning Board. Robert H. Sturdy will seek re-election;
- Recreation Commission. Richard Barrow has indicated he will not run;
- Sewer Commission. Gary Vanderweil is not running;
- The Water Commission. John McNabb will seek another term.

VOTE 2003

Register to vote

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before town meeting *or* election day, may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register to vote for the Special Town Election (which is on Saturday, Jan. 25) will be Friday, Jan. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office.

Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, the Cohasset Post Office and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, and must be postmarked on or before Jan. 3.

Run for office

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2003 will be available on Monday, Jan. 6 at the Town Clerk's Office. In order to hold elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions will be available for the 2003 Town Election:

- Selectmen — *one* for three years
- School Committee — *two* for three years
- Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library — *three* for three years
- Assessor — *one* for three years
- Board of Health — *one* for three years
- Cohasset Housing Authority — *one* for five years
- Planning Board — *one* for five years
- Recreation Commission — *one* for five years
- Sewer Commission — *one* for three years
- Water Commission — *one* for three years.

Friday, March 7 is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting, Saturday, March 29, and for the Annual Town Election, Saturday, April 5.

Absentee ballots available for special town election

Absentee ballots for the Special Town Election on Jan. 25 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon on Friday, Jan. 24, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from town during the hours the polls are open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office; or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand-delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter, sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury, and mail or hand-deliver the application to the clerk's office.

Absentee ballots must be mailed by the voter him/herself. Returned ballots should be mailed, or can be hand-delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Jan. 25 to be counted.

The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill-in the oval to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check-in tables. Ballots can be inserted into the machine face-up, face-down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

For Voters with Physical Disabilities: If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your own vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with the Town Clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the poling place because of physical disability.

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Master Plan evolves

Focus turns from 40B to town needs

By Brian J. Scully
STAFF WRITER

Many assume that the housing component of the town's new Master Plan will be a direct response to the state's affordable housing law, Chapter 40B.

Ever since AvalonBay's 200-unit Chapter 40B development was proposed last year, the town has been up in arms over the law, which allows developers to skirt local zoning laws if less than 10 percent of a town's housing stock is deemed affordable by the state.

A citizen's group, Cohasset Action, even formed, and two articles were included in November's special town meeting directed at curbing the law's effect in Cohasset.

But if the reaction of the Planning Board to the Growth and Development Committee's first draft of the housing component is any indication, that may not be true.

The two boards have met several times over the last few weeks and the plain message given by the Planning Board to the Master Plan authors was slow down.

"This is not meant to be critical," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore. "But there is an old adage of computer workers – 'Garbage in, garbage out.' If we don't get some of the underlying problems corrected, all the warm and fuzzies won't mean anything."

The Planning Board appeared in favor of completely disregarding Chapter 40B in the construction of the housing plan.

"I think it is time to thumb our noses at the state," said Planning Board member Bob Sturdy. "They may look at us and call us damn snobs, but we are desirous of having an affordable housing plan that fits into the make-up of a single family town of 7,000 people."

If that means ignoring Chapter 40B, so be it, according to Sturdy.

"We have real problems in regards to affordable housing," said Sturdy. "And Chapter 40B, as written, does not allow us to address them."

Case in point, according to the board, was the effort by Tom Gruber of the Historical Society, to find a way to create two affordable housing apartments in the basement of the Paul Pratt Building. After two days of calling various state agencies, Gruber was unable to find a process that would allow him to do so.

"If you have a big, 200-unit development, the state knows how to do that," said Sturdy. "But if you just want to make two units affordable to work towards your goal, you are left in the dark."

Growth and Development Committee Chairman Rick Swanborg agreed with the Planning Board's assessment.

"We want to put together an affordable housing plan that is more in the spirit of what we need in Cohasset," said Swanborg. "By the time this gets done, the state law may have already changed."

The Planning Board also concerned that the plan m need more gestation time.

The main contention is that while flowery language may sound good, it does not necessarily mean that it accomplishes its mission.

"The plan includes numerous lots into the calculation that are simply not developable," said Moore. "For instance, the golf course is included as buildable land, which is misleading. If it were just the golf course that presented that problem, fine, but there are several other sites included in their estimate of just under 1000 lots that are not buildable because of environmental concerns."

The Board wanted to make clear that they were not disparaging the work of the Growth and Development Committee.

"This is a very good first pass," said Moore. "We just need to look at everything a little bit more closely and do more than an anecdotal study of what the potential growth for this town really is."

Little League shed is a team effort

By John Camera
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Selectmen have unanimously approved the design of a building that will serve as a storage facility and concession stand at the new Little League Complex at the site of the old Gravel Pits.

The design calls for a two-story cape-style building that includes a basement with a garage to house landscaping equipment, a first-floor kitchen with a patio overlooking the new softball field, and two bathrooms, at least one of which will have handicapped access. The building's second floor will be used for storage.

"It was the best plan to meet the needs of the town, the Little League and the abutters," said Harald Gundersen, a neighbor of the complex and a member of the Gravel Pit Reuse Committee, which presented the plan to selectmen Dec. 17.

Gundersen said the committee considered about 10 different designs over the past two months before agreeing upon the current one, which he designed on his computer.

"It's the last big piece of the project to be completed so everybody on the committee wanted to make sure it kept up with the quality of the project to date," he said.

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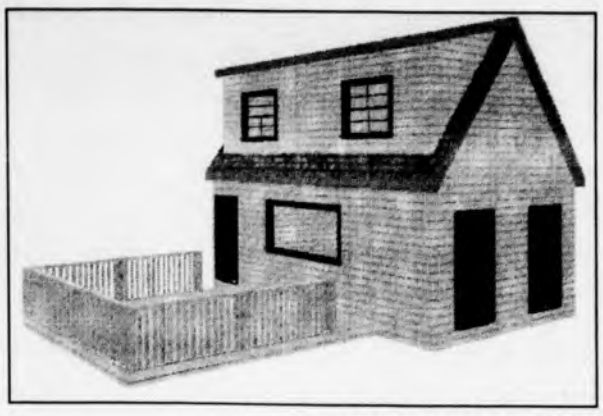
— Harald Gundersen, Gravel Pit Reuse Committee

Input from neighbors of the Little League Complex played an important role in deciding upon the final design of the building. Of the eight people on the Gravel Pit Reuse Committee, four are abutters to the complex.

"I've never worked on a project with more involvement from the neighbors," said Wayne Sawchuk, a construction advisor on the committee. "You've got four people that are going to be allowing something to be used by the whole town, but it's right in their backyard."



COURTESY OF HARALD GUNDERSEN

A computer rendering of the new Cape Cod style Little League shed.

Mark DeGiacomo, president of Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball, said he was pleased with the cooperation that went into the design.

"From the Little League's perspective, we needed a building that made sense for our snack bar and storage facility," he said. "Beyond that, we left it up to the neighbors to decide what they wanted to be looking at."

The new building will be located near the entrance of the Little League Complex, on an embankment just outside the right field corner of the new softball field.

Unlike the previous concession stand at Harold Barnes Field, a small shed that will now be used for storage, the building will have a telephone, a septic system, an electric heating system, and a modern kitchen facility with running water. The building's two bathrooms will mean port-a-potties will no longer be needed at the fields.

Controls for the new scoreboards and sprinkler system will also be located in the building. Despite the fact the design was only just agreed upon, the building's foundation was completed this fall.

Sawchuk said the remaining structure of the building is scheduled to be built over a weekend in early March, weather permitting, and he is looking for volunteers to help.

"It's going to be like a barn raising, but it's a field house raising," he said. By using volunteers and mostly donated materials, Sawchuk hopes to trim the cost of construction by two-thirds, from $75,000 to about $25,000.

He said the building should be completed by early April, in time for the start of the Little League baseball and softball seasons.

The Little League will pay for the building, but DeGiacomo said there were no plans to offer naming rights to donors.

A previous plan to allow donors to name the two new fields was turned down by selectmen, but a compromise was reached by allowing the donors to name the diamonds, with the Town reserving the right to name the fields.

DeGiacomo said a plan to allow a donor to name the entire Little League Complex is still being considered, but would need the approval of selectmen.

Film, lecture series on prospect of war

The growing prospect of war in Iraq will be the focus of a film and lecture series to be held Jan. 23, and February 4 and Feb. 18 in Hingham, sponsored by the South Shore Peace Forum.

The opening program, to be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 23, will offer excerpts from a lecture delivered in the summer of 2002 in Boston by Scott Ritter. He served as chief of the U.N. Arms Inspection Team from 1991 to 1998.

This program, to be held in the Whiton Room of the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., (off Route 228), will also offer the film "Hidden Wars of Desert Storm." The Rev. Ken Read-Brown, minister of the First Parish (Old Ship) Church, Hingham, will serve as moderator for a concluding discussion period.

For the second program, co-sponsored by The Old Ship Church and to be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 in the Parish House of The Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham, the speaker will be The Rev. John Beuhrens, former president of the Unitarian Universalist Association. He was a member of an interfaith delegation's Christmas-time trip to Iraq, and will discuss his experiences there. A question and answer program will follow his talk.

The final program, at 7 p.m., Feb. 18, in the Whiton Room at the Hingham library, will present two films, "Domestic Blowback: The Domestic Impacts of the Bush Administration's War," and "Steps To Peace: The Journey of September Eleventh Families For Peaceful Tomorrows."

The topic of Scott Ritter's Boston lecture was "Does Iraq pose a threat to our national existence through weapons of mass destruction?" Ritter, a Republican who voted for George W. Bush and a 12-year veteran of the U.S. Marines, tells his audience that there is no such evidence.

The film, "The Hidden Wars of Desert Storm," is described by its distributor, the American Friends Service Committee which provided all the films, as "an in-depth analysis of the history of U.S.-Iraq-Iran relations that preceded the Gulf War." It includes archival footage of Iraq in 2000, is narrated by actor John Hurt, and includes interviews with Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, Ramsey Clark, Scott Ritter, and others.

The 15-minute video "Steps to Peace: The Journey of September Eleventh Families for Peaceful Tomorrows," depicts these families' 2001 march from the Pentagon to the World Trade Towers site and their 2002 trip to Afghanistan to console families of bombing victims, as well as their return to Washington, D.C. to lobby for peace.

The Rev. Buehrens, now serving the Needham Unitarian Universalist Church, was part of an interfaith group sponsored by the National Council of Churches. He has said that one purpose of the group's trip to Iraq was to express solidarity with religious and humanitarian leaders there. The delegation did not meet with Iraqi government officials.

The South Shore Peace Forum sponsors a Witness for Peace gathering on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to noon, in front of the Hingham Post Office on North Street .

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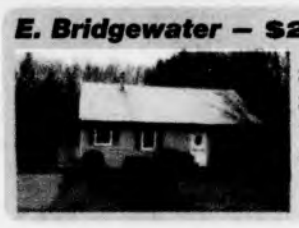
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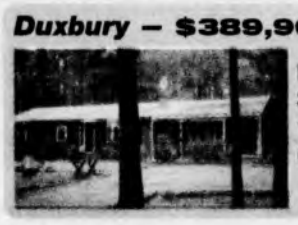
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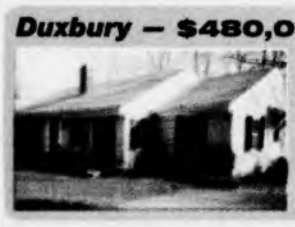
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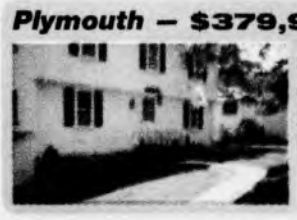
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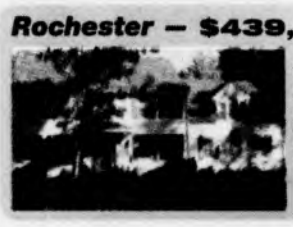
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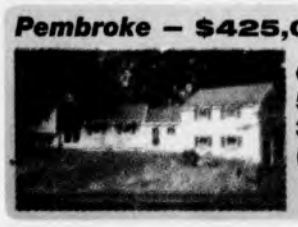
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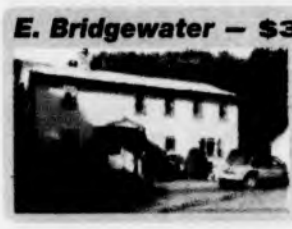
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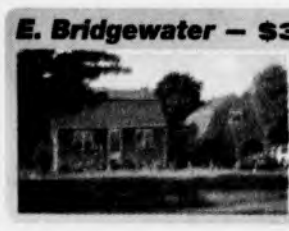
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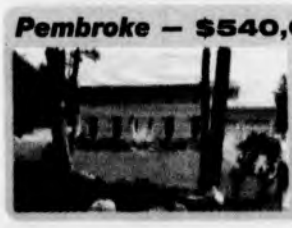
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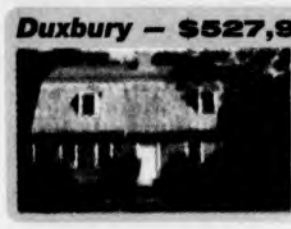
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Boys can't fly with Falcons

Foul shooting woes haunt basketball team in loss to Mashpee

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

While the slumping Cohasset boys basketball team fell to 2-4 earlier this week, veteran coach Ron Ford expects the squad's luck to turn around quite soon.

"Right now, it's about confidence for us," affirmed the 12th year CHS head coach. "I think they're going to go on a run. They are definitely capable of rattling off three or four [wins] in a row."

As of now, Cohasset remains winless in the South Shore League, standing at 0-2 after losses to Norwell and Mashpee on Monday. The team does have a chance for their first SSL win this Friday, when they host an Abington team that finished fifth in the South Sectional tournament two years ago, but has since been hurt badly by graduations.

Still, Ford maintained if his players want to get themselves in the right direction, "We have to play a lot better than we did (against Mashpee)."

The Falcons beat the Skippers, 56-50, as they improved to 1-1 in the league. As is the case with so many close games, fouls and foul shots were what decided this contest.

Cohasset got into foul trouble early, sidelining junior starters Chris Bilodeau and Sean Connolly for much of the second half. Yet, Cohasset's bench, primarily senior big men Scott Faber and Ross Lieb-Lappen, were able to hold things together as Cohasset entered halftime trailing only 29-23.

With Bilodeau, who finished with 11 points, and Connolly back on the floor, the Skippers battled back. When Mashpee's star center Chris Kitchell (game-high 19 points) fouled out with eight minutes remaining, it looked as if Cohasset might complete a comeback victory.

With four minutes remaining, Cohasset took a 48-45 lead, but Connolly and Bilodeau both fouled out, opening the door for an 11-2 Falcons run to close out the game.

While fouling did contribute

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Mike Rasmussen (#10) and Ted Straughn (#13) try to break out of their zone in Saturday's 4-1 win over SSL rival Norwell, as defenseman Mike Devine (#9) and goalie Stephan Parnell (#23) look on.

Skippers clip Norwell

Cohasset skaters ice Clippers in SSL opener, 4-1

By Mike Spellman
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And THIS is why rookie Cohasset High hockey coach John Blake lined up that savage slate to begin the season.

It was certainly no coincidence that before opening South Shore League play Saturday night with arch-rival Norwell, Blake's Skippers faced four of the top seven ranked Div. 3 teams in Eastern Mass: Westwood, Scituate, Bourne and Blue Hills.

It was also no coincidence that the Skippers topped Norwell, 4-1.

"Yeah, this was pretty much the type of performance I was hoping to see after the baptism by fire we went through to start the season," said Blake following the Saturday night win.

The Skippers lost three of those four previous games – the lone win coming over Bourne on Dec. 26 in thrilling fashion when top scorer John Durkin broke a 1-1 tie with 14.8 seconds left on the game clock. However, in the estimation of their first year coach, his troops gained much more than they lost during this 1-3 stretch.

"As far as I'm concerned those losses to Westwood, Scituate and Blue Hills were moral victories for us," asserted Blake — a former assistant coach at Thayer Academy and Blue Hills — pointing to the fact those three losses were by a total margin of just five goals. "We've got a lot of young

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THIS USED TO BE EASY

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Cohasset High alumnus Jack Dean tries to get up a head of steam during Sunday's annual CHS Alumni Game at Hingham's Pilgrim Ice Arena. For more photos from game, see page 14.

Lady hoopsters making news

CHS girls improve to .500 with win over Mashpee

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

A scheduled game that was postponed to a later date due to weather and distance, proved to be the perfect time to play catch-up news concerning the Cohasset High girls basketball team.

First of all, the Cohasset game that was scheduled for Friday evening against Mashpee at Mashpee was postponed until Monday evening, when it was decided distance and an upcoming storm was not a good idea.

The 72 hour delay made little difference, however, as the host Lady Skippers, behind senior captain Lindsay Grossman (16 points, six rebounds), whipped out to a 35-11 lead at half, and never looked back, finishing with a 56-31 win.

Then it was learned the Cohasset High girls basketball feeder system made a nice move when Joe Strazdes was named coach of the eighth grade team.

Joe, a Scituate High teacher for many, many years, had been the Scituate High girls varsity hoop coach for many, many years and is still the Scituate High girls soccer coach. Strazdes had coached the Scituate team up until two years ago. Strazdes' coaching experience should be a big plus moving the kids along for varsity coach Ellen Carr.

Then we learned that Cohasset had recently played in a game where the player scored her 1,000th career point.

That game was on Dec. 28, against Nantucket High. Cohasset won, 56-53, despite Nantucket senior Kari Harvey dropping in a game high 20 points, including number 1,000 for her career.

Leading the Cohasset kids to victory were junior center Ashley Faber, with 14 points and seven rebounds, captain Heather Peraino (11 points) and forward Maura O'Brien (10 points). O'Brien's points included six out of eight free throws near the closing minutes of the game.

According to coach Carr, Peraino suffered a sprained ankle in the game. She sat out the Wayland game and was scheduled to face Mashpee.

In the game against Wayland, played on Dec. 30, Wayland

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Turnaround

Cohasset wrestlers move from bottom to top of pack at Marshfield Tourney

By Mike Spellman
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Talk about your turnarounds.

Last year, the Cohasset wrestling team finished third from the bottom at the annual Marshfield Holiday Wrestling Tournament among 23 participants. This year, the Skippers finished third from the top.

In fact, the Skippers, with 147.5 points, finished just half a point behind perennial Div. 3 state power Duxbury (148) and also within shouting distance of tourney champion Bridgewater-Raynham (175), always one of the top Div. 1 programs in Massachusetts.

The 147.5 points placed Cohasset well ahead of the next Division 3 chaser, Pilgrim Conference rival Rockland, which finished in fifth place with 117 points.

"Going from third from the bottom to third from the top is pretty amazing when you think about it," said longtime Cohasset wrestling Torin Sweeney. "Last year, I was disappointed. This year we obviously had a lot of wrestlers really step it up. This is a big stepping stone for us."

All the more amazing is the fact that the Skippers were without senior standouts Dave Kupsc (103/112) and Cosimo Cambi (189).

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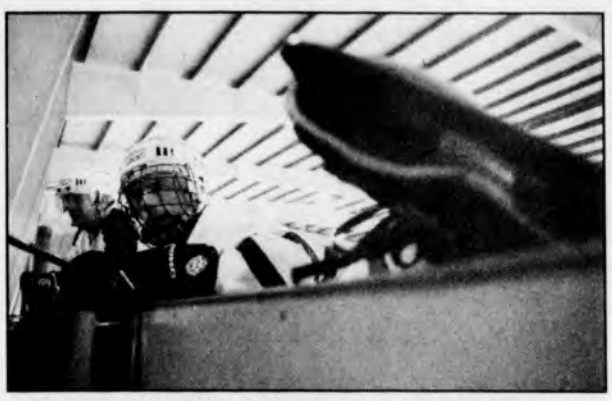
PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset freshman Dave McKenna struggles to extricate himself from a leg hold at the Marshfield Wrestling Tourney, where he took seventh place in his weight class and CHS took third place out of 21 teams.

PHOTOS/DAVE GORDON

The third annual Alumni game draws a bigger and bigger crowd every year.



CHS alum tries to stretch out the kinks prior to action Sunday.

At left: It didn't take long for the "rough stuff" to start up again, though.

There were lots of Durkins on and off the ice Sunday. Here Nancy, a star gymnast for the Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team, watches a few of her relatives try to bang the puck around.

MAXLAX REPORT

Game of the Week: Bears top Blades, 15-13

This game earned the GOW distinction not so much because of the "greatness of the competition", but more so because it showcased the greatness of the competitive spirit with a team's "never say die" attitude that were in themselves, a reason to be honored.

In the "don't judge a book by it's cover" department, this game had all the makings of a "snoozer" as the BEARS put on a superb 1st half show that left the BLADES gasping for air and down 9 - 1 at the end of the first. The Bears juggernaut was led by Mike Griffin with 4 goals, Jimmy Baggott with 2 scores, and then individual tallies by Jay Dupras, Colton Dwyer, and Andrew Johnson, with the lone Blades score coming on a last second shot from the point by Matt Burgess. While lacrosse is often defined by it's fast paced scoring, an 8 point deficit against a team that is playing well, is a BIG hole to be put in and no one would have blamed the Blades for "losing a little steam" going into the second half. To make matters worse, the Bears opened up the 2nd half the same way they ended it, by scoring two more goals in the first 3 minutes to take increase the lead to11 - 1. But as this Blades team has proven time and time again, they are the new age "comeback kids" and boy, were they about to earn this title in spades.

The Blades came out of hibernation after a fan rousing check by PJ McCaw that stopped one of the Bears cold in his tracks, and which forced a loose ball that Mike Grimm scooped up and then quickly found Justin Connors alone on the crease to finish it off with a nice move around a pursuing Bears goalie. Connors was again in the right place at the right time a few minutes later as he lit it up on a nice inside roll dodge. Connors then returned the favor to teammate Alex Shipp, who got in the clear up top on a nice slide move and put in one of his own. Sam DeGiacomo put a bruising hit on a Bears defenseman who was trying to clear the ball and then scooped and fired in what seemed to be a single fluid motion and all of sudden, the game was on. The Bears managed another score on a perfect pass play from Jake Minevitz to Baggott to stop the bleeding, but the Blades train was already steaming full speed down the tracks as McCaw took possession on the next two face-offs and quickly lit the lights twice in the course of 30 seconds.

Chris Rose then added some additional fuel to the fire with a solo tally followed by another Burgess rifle shot and one more from Shipp - both aided by division assist leader Chris Mills who made sharp passes through traffic to set up the goals. As the fans looked up at the scoreboard, more than a few thought that it had malfunctioned, but the score now stood at Bears 12 - Blades 10 and there was still more to come.

By this time, the Bears were getting over their shock and decided that they had seen enough and took back a 4 goal advantage on a penalty goal from Johnson and another by Baggott to once again put them in a "comfortable" position with only a few minutes left on the clock. But this was the last game of the season and a chance for the playoffs were on the line; so the Blades did what they always do, cranked it up one more notch and let it fly.

The result was a fitting 3 goal effort, 2 more by McCaw and one by Grimm, that while not enough to pull out a victory (as the Bears Minevitz iced it in the last few seconds), it was certainly enough to prompt some spirited exchanges and high fives and certainly gave them something to "draw on" the next time they get down "a few".

PLAYER of the GAME: BLADES - PJ McCAW - solid offense with a 4G effort and some key defensive plays that kept his team in it to the end.

Here's the rest of the MaxLax action:

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Talons 15- Sears 5g, Z. Gray 2g/3a, Cooney 1g/1a, Brigham 2g, Stella 2g/1a, Ferris 2g

Sharks 10- Donovan 1g, Rice 4g/3a, Gormley 2g/1a, Twomey 1g, Armstrong 1g, Milliken 1g

Beavers 19- Galvin 5g, Whalen 2g, Robertson 2g, Hill 3g, Tarquini 1g, Bragan 2g/1a, Dunn 1g

Panthers 5- George 1g, Powers 1g, Thompson 1g, Long 1g, Flemming 1g

Bears 15- Griffin 4g/1a, Johnson 2g,, Minevitz 1g/1a, Baggott 5g, Dupras 1g, Schmitt 1g, Dwyer 1g

Blades 13- Burgess 2g, Grimm 1g, Mccaw 4g, Degiacomo 1g, Connors, 2g/1a, Shipp 2g/1a, Rose 1g, Mills 3a,

U12

Hawks 9- Davis 4g/1a, W. Lynner 1g/1a, A. Lynner 1g/1a, Wade 1g, Froio 1g, Forrer 1g

Jackals 4- Ast 1g, Cyr 1g, O'Neill 2g

Lions 13- Diggin 3g, Lydon 4g/1a, Dalton 5g, Dillon 1g, Owen 1g

Blazers 3- Kearney 2g, Smith 1g

Spartans 18- Reynolds 9g, Sperandio 1g/3a, Kaz 3g/1a,Crowley 1g

Cougars 5- Driscoll 1g,Walsh 3g/1a, Wise 1g

U10

Lazers 12- Robertshaw 3g, Clark 2g, Milton 2g, Russell 1g, Virtue 1g, Contento 1g, Entwistle 1g, Meehan 1g

Hornets 2- M. Mcanary 1g, Wood 1g

Cannons 8- Kinnealey 2g, Wasel 2g, Routhier 1g, Kearney 1g, Ernst 1g, Carrier 1g

Mavericks 4- Noyce 3g,Casey 1g

Lazers 12- Robertshaw 2g, Clark 1g, Schorle 1g, Russell 3g, Powers 1g,Virtue 1g, Contento 1g, Meehan 1g, Harrington 1g

Bullets 2- Hill 1g, Doherty 1g

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Boys can't fly with Falcons

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to the Skippers' loss, Cohasset really lost the game at the free throw line. The team shot a combined 6-of-19 on foul shots, while the hosts sank 19-of-36.

"We've been working very hard on our free throws," said a frustrated Ron Ford. "We probably have spent more time on that than anything else."

As Ford noted, the team confidence will have to change before their record does. The team's tri-captains — Ian Kidder, Ben Lynner and Jared Krupczak — have been doing a tremendous job of keeping team morale up.

Kidder poured in a season-high 15 points on Monday, while Lynner added 12 in the losing effort. Krupczak's contributions went beyond scoring, as he led the team with his sharp passing skills and tremendous defense. Those two aspects of his game were the reasons for his being Cohasset's sole representative on the Holiday Classic Tournament All-Star team.

"The team captains have been working very hard, and they're doing a good job," lauded their coach. "Our team chemistry is very good. I like this team; they're a great bunch of guys."

Now two games under .500, and with a group of important league games coming up, this would be a very opportune time for a team turnaround.

Gymnasts can't vault past Hanover

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The quest by the Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team for a two-peat championship in Pilgrim Conference 2 took a big hit on Monday with a loss to arch-rival Hanover, 130-124.3

The Host Lady Indians were led by the top two placements the All-Around competition by Kerrianne Hart (33.3)and Kerri Gerrish (32.9).

Hart also took first in the uneven bars (8.5), while Gerrish was tops on the balance beam (8.4).

Cohasset senior Meredith Bixby took first in the floor exercise (8.4) and tied for first in the vault (8.4). She finished third in the all-around, a couple of falls on beam (7.4) proving the killer.

Cohasset sophomore Nancy Durkin, the Coh-Nor's other all-around performer, took third on vault (8.3) and also scored an 8.3 on floor.

The killer for the squad proved to be three of four performers falling on beam. Only senior Amy Maree (7.4) stuck her performance on that apparatus.

"At least we know what we'll be working on in practice," quipped Coh-Nor coach Kara Connerty. "We have four girls capable of scoring over '8' on beam, but our highest score here was 7.4. We've got to eliminate the falls."

The team is also feeling the loss of talented Norwell junior Jen Guiney.

The Coh-Nor's are now 1-1 in Pilgrim Conference competition (2-2 overall) on the season.

The locals host Duxbury tonight (South Shore Community Center, 7:30) and travel to Carver on Tuesday for another big PC2 showdown.

Skippers clip Norwell

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players on this team we're asking to take on much bigger roles this year, and those guys played right with some good, proven veteran players. We were right in all three of those games.

"After everything we've been through, our kids feel really confident starting league play now. We feel like we can make some hay in our league, and make a run at the state tourney and maybe a league title."

Indeed, these young Skippers served notice Saturday night on Pilgrim Arena ice that they might just be the team to beat in the SSL, as they started off defense of their league title with a surprisingly one-sided showing against Norwell — a team most felt going into the season would compete for that league crown with Abington/East Bridgewater. The win improved Cohasset to 2-4 and dropped the Clippers to 4-2.

Durkin and sophomore Ted Straughn each netted goals during a first period that was dominated by the Skippers, and each later added second goals to put the game out of reach.

Straughn, just two games back from a shoulder injury, got things off to a great start, netting his first goal of the season just 1:04 in, following up on the rebound of a Mike Rasmussen shot with a slap shot from 15-feet out past downed and powerless Norwell goalkeeper Tom Sullivan.

Durkin, a senior captain and returning SSL all-star, made it 2-0 four minutes before the first break on the power play, swiping a pass near Norwell's blue line to walk-in alone on Sullivan, beating him high on the forehand after getting him to bite on a nifty backhand deke.

Durkin netted his South Shore League best ninth goal, again with the man advantage, with six minutes remaining in the second period on a tally even more scintillating than his first. Taking the puck right off his own faceoff win just outside Norwell's zone, Durkin accelerated quickly to split a pair of Norwell defenders at the blue line and then tucked the puck around a third defender, collecting it again five feet from the crease and then quickly firing a wrister that caromed by Sullivan off the stickside post.

"John sure is a fun player to watch," noted Blake, following the game. "He pulls out a couple of new moves like that every game."

Norwell finally got on the board on the power play with 2:36 remaining in the second. Undeterred after getting knocked off an attempted break-in, Clippers senior captain Mike McAteer chased the puck into the left corner and delivered a perfect centering pass to linemate Terry Smallcomb for the quick one-timer that beat Cohasset freshman goalie Stephan Parnell five-hole.

Norwell played much better over the second half of the game, and played particularly well in the final period, but could not slip another by the quick-reflexed and fast improving Parnell. The only other score in the game came when Straughn fired home an empty netter with 9.6 seconds remaining.

"We put ourselves in a position to lose," noted Norwell coach Paul Hurley sourly. "This is what happens when you don't come out to play right from the start. We had no fire to come out, and it seemed to take us 25 minutes or so to wake up after that. Cohasset did what good teams are supposed to do. They took advantage of our lackadaisical play."

Hockey Notes

Skippers getting healthy

The return the lineup of Straughn, a big and skilled winger coming off a 23-point (10 goals, 13 assists) freshman campaign, instantly makes the Skippers a much better team.

Coach Blake is hoping he'll be able to say the same thing about sophomore defenseman Joe Durkin, who saw his first action Saturday night, coming back from a football injury suffered in November.

The coach has been forced to use natural forwards Matt Davis and Tom Anderson, both senior captains, extensively on the blue line in the early going, but the return of the younger Durkin should mean more minutes up front for both of these skilled veterans.

Junior Mike Devine has again been providing all-star caliber play on defense, and slick-skating sophomore Tim Pilczak has quickly emerged as a solid all-around blueliner.

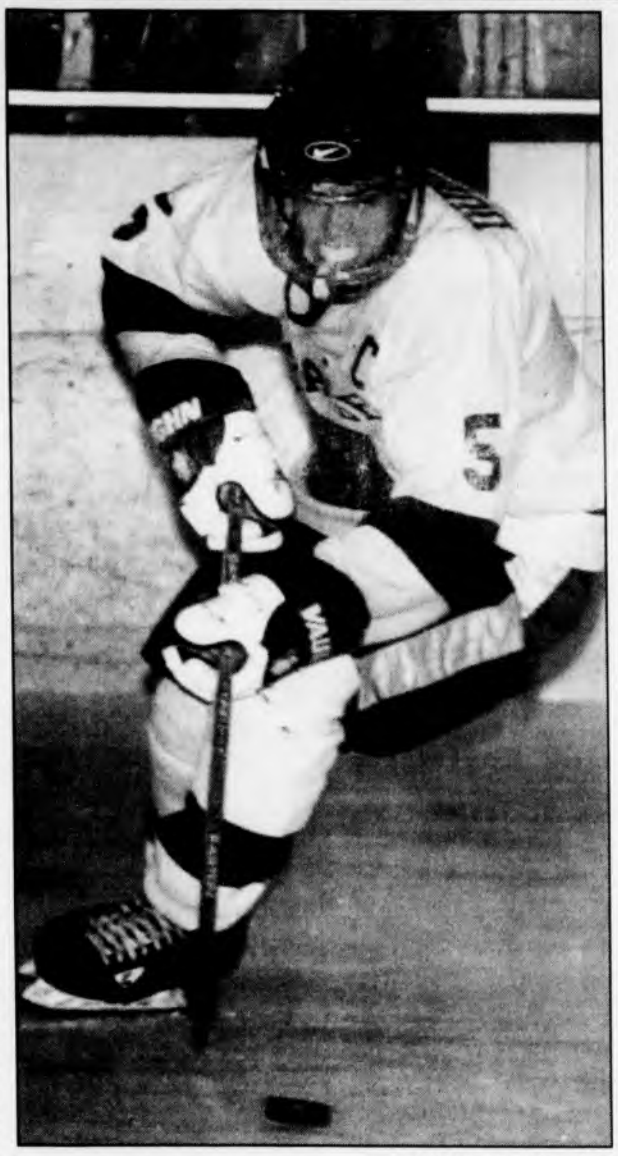
Durkin has been forced to carry much of the load up front, but the return of Straughn (second best team total of five points), plus more minutes from Davis and Anderson, should help the forward core that also includes junior Mike Rasmussen and the promising freshman quartet of Matt O'Connell, Mark Bouchard, Brandon Smith and Ben Libby.

O'Connell scored his first varsity goal in the 4-2 loss to Westwood, the number one ranked Div. 3 team in Eastern Mass., over Christmas vacation. Durkin had the other.

Big showdown on tap

The Skippers were hoping to cement their status as the team to beat in the South Shore League when they hosted Abington/East Bridgewater last night at Pilgrim.

Cohasset is certainly hoping to pad its league record over the next week, with alleged SSL weak sisters Hull (Saturday, Pilgrim, 5 p.m.) and Mashpee (Wednesday, Pilgrim, 5:20 p.m.) next on the slate.



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Cohasset senior captain John Durkin is top on the Skippers in scoring with nine goals through six games.

Cohasset High School weekly sports schedule

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	JV	V
Jan.			
10	at Abington	5:00	6:30
11	Scituate	3:00	4:30
13	Carver	5:00	6:30

Coaches: *Varsity*, Ellen Carr
J.V., Deb Beal
Home site: Sullivan Gym

BOYS BASKETBALL

9	Norwell	Frsh.	3:30 p.m.
10	Abington	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
13	at Carver	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

Home Site: Sullivan Gym
Coaches: *Varsity*, Ron Ford
J.V., Tim Owens
Assistants: Brian Pattison & Dorian Bryant

GYMNASTICS
COHASSET — SCITUATE

9	Duxbury	7:30 p.m.
14	at Carver	7:30 p.m.

Coach: Kara Connerty
Home Site: S.S. Community Center

ICE HOCKEY

11	at Hull	5 p.m.	Pilgrim
15	Mashpee	5:20 p.m.	Pilgrim

Head Coach: John Blake
Assistant Coach: Brendan Sweeney
Home Site: Pilgrim Arena, Hingham

WRESTLING

11	at Dux., Holliston& Winchester	10 a.m.
15	Hull (league)	7 p.m.

Coaches: Torin Sweeney, Peter Buckley

COED SWIMMING
COHASSET — SCITUATE

14	Barnst'le	YMCA	3:30p.m.

Coach: Jamie Kearney

Lady hoopsters making news

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defeated Cohasset, 55-44, leaving Cohasset with a 2-3 record.

Grossman, a South Shore League all-star player last year, came through with her best individual scoring effort this season, hitting for 15 points. Also playing well in defeat was La'Raine Langford, with 12 points and six steals.

It was also learned from coach Carr that three members of the all freshman junior varsity team have been looking very good — good enough, in fact, to play with the varsity during the Christmas Tournament played at South Shore Voke in Hanover.

The three youngsters include Chelsea Grossman, sister of Lindsay, Mia Lieb-Lappen and Aly Belz.

Holbrook won the tournament and Cohasset was the consolation game winner.

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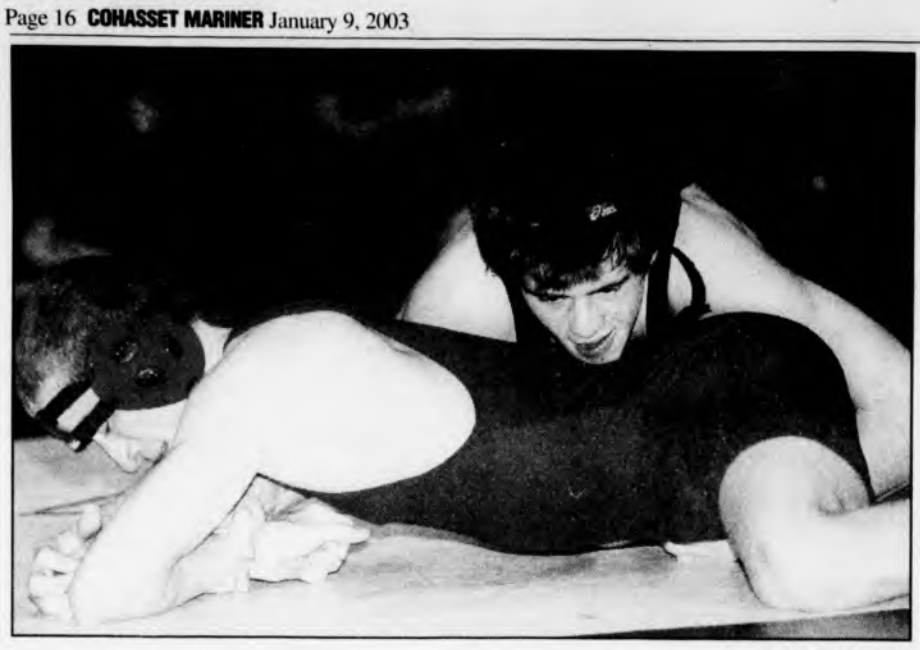

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Cohasset sophomore Joey Kehoe (right) took fifth place at the Marshfield Wrestling Tourney and third at the Whitman-Hanson Tourney.

Cohasset wrestlers move from bottom to top of pack at Marshfield Tourney

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"If those two guys had been there I think we might have been able to make a run at B-R, to be honest," asserted Sweeney.

The sub-par Marshfield showing a year ago provided an excuse for veteran coach Torin Sweeney to light into the charges a bit, and he used it as a motivational tool the rest of the way. The results speak for themselves: the Skippers went on to go a perfect 6-0 in Pilgrim Conference competition, capping it with what was considered nothing less than a shocking win over heavily favored Rockland in the season finale.

Fortunately, Sweeney has been around long enough to know how to turn this year's Marshfield showing into a powerful motivational tool as well.

"There are no excuses now," said Sweeney. "We showed what a good team we have when we wrestle to our abilities. This is a measurement of where we want to be at Sectionals and States. I think we can be top five in the state (among Div. 3 teams)."

The Skippers netted points in nine out of the 14 weight divisions, led by class titles from seniors Terry Baroudi and Chris McKenna, at 135 and 145 pounds, respectively.

Sophomore Jonathan Littauer (103 pounds) and junior Mike Casey (171) also advanced to the finals, but lost there, forcing them to settle for second place points.

Senior Phil Strazzulla was knocked out in the semifinals, but won his consolation match against Scituate's Stephen Barry (who'd beaten him twice previously) to take third at 130 pounds.

Sophomore Matt Baroudi continued his noteworthy development, taking fourth place in a tough 215 pound division.

His fellow sophomores – Joe Kehoe, fifth at 125 pounds, and Matt Casey, seventh at 152 – also garnered points, as did freshman Dave McKenna with his seventh place finish at 119.

Wrestling Notes

The Skippers followed this performance up with a solid fifth place showing among 10 teams at this past weekend's annual Whitman-Hanson Tourney. Perennial Div. 1 powerhouse Weymouth took the top spot with 203 points, followed by Duxbury (177), BC High (175) and Rockland (157), who just barely fended off Cohasset (153).

Littauer (103) and McKenna (145) paced the Skippers effort with first place finishes. McKenna dominated Duxbury's Doug Imbrogna for the second weekend in a row, 11-2, clearly establishing himself, according to Sweeney, as "The class of the 145 weight class in this area."

Strazzulla lost to Rockland's Dave Laramee in the 130 finals, but came up with a big effort to beat Weymouth standout Eli Cheeks, 7-3, in the semifinals.

Matt Baroudi likewise advanced to the finals, where he nearly delivered a shocker to Weymouth's Jay Anzalone (third ranked in the state) before falling, 11-7.

Terry Baroudi was stunned at 135 in the semifinals, getting caught in a pin in the third period to suffer his first loss of the season after 14 wins. He bounced back, though, with a masterfully wrestled 1-0 win over Duxbury star Scott Klebanoff (who he lost three of four to last year) to clinch third place.

Joe Kehoe likewise took third in a very competitive 125-pound division, topping Cohasset and B.C. High's Jim French in the consolation finals.

Senior Mike Casey took fourth in a very tough 171 division, and sophomore brother Mike won two matches at 152, but just missed out on placing.

Next on tap

The Skippers have another big test this Saturday as they travel to Duxbury for a quad-meet with the second (Winchester) and third (the host Dragons) ranked Div. 3 teams in Massachusetts. Holliston, another quality Div. 3 opponent, will also be on hand.

"That will tell us a lot about where we stand," said Sweeney. "We want to be considered up there among the elite with those teams, and this is our chance to show that we belong."

Swimmers dive right in to Nauset

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The annual swim meet against Nauset is almost always the toughest match of the season. But staying competitive with the Norsemen is even tougher than usual when the team gets off a three-hour bus ride and directly into the water for their first meet of the year.

"It is so tough driving all the way to Nauset (which is near the tip of Cape Cod)," observed third year coach Jamie Kearney. "But to the team's credit, they did a phenomenal job against one of the best, if not the best, team we'll see all year. We really put a scare into them."

Indeed after last year's 60-point shellacking of Sci-Coh, hardly anyone could fault the Nauset squad for simply looking past their visitors. Yet the girls held strong for a 55-37 loss, and a 56-25 loss came for the boys team.

Scituate captain Kathryn Noonan was a top performer for the girls team, winning the 100 backstroke in a time of 1:08.71, nearly a second faster than the time she registered at last year's All-Conference meet, where she took sixth place overall.

For the boys, freshman James Smith, a terrific new addition to the squad, was barely outtouched in both of his individual events, taking second place in both the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 butterfly. With a time of 1:10 in the butterfly, Smith is very close to becoming the first Cohasset or Scituate male to qualify for Sectional Individuals in three years.

Maren Monaco took home two freestyle first places, although his win in the 500 was by default through an opponent's disqualification and the race never actually ran. Still, his time of 28.14 in the 50 free earned top points for the team.

The Sci-Coh boys team made quite an impressive showing considering the strength of their opponents (Nauset boys team has been the only team to defeat the juggernaut Duxbury boys in a dual meet in two years) and that they were missing three of their eight members. Scituate junior Darin Webster, usually reserved for diving, acted a true team player, filling in for three events.

"One of the things I love about this team is how flexible everyone is," mentioned Kearney. "Nobody thinks about themselves first. It's always 'what would be the best for the *team*?'"

On the girls side, Scituate junior Coral Yang had an expectedly impressive day, notching twin second places in the 200 IM and the 100 butterfly. Her time in the fly is remarkably close to Sectional qualifying, even though that is not considered her top event.

Junior Becky Keyes (500 freestyle), freshman Jenny Driscoll (100 breaststroke) and senior Dave Ingber (100 breaststroke) rounded out the team scorers, each taking a second place finish in their respective events.

Although Nauset was a brick wall of a first opponent, the variety of squad members who performed well showed great promise for future Old Colony League match-ups.

Noted Kearney: "I really don't think anyone is discouraged by our loss today. We know that our team is trim, tough and talented, and we are totally ready for the opponents up ahead."

Race organizer/sponsor Dan McCarron (left) with race winners Lynne Schwandt, Tim Plante and (kneeling) "Ultimate Turkey Recipient" Michael Hotchkiss.

"Turkey Trot" race female winner Lynne Schwandt chases a speedy younger competitor to the finish line.

Burning off the turkey

Better late than never.

The second annual Turkey Trot in Cohasset, held on Nov. 28, was a hit despite frigid temperatures and high winds.

Over $3,800 was raised, with proceeds from the day after Thanksgiving 5K run, which began and ended in Cohasset Common, going to "Recording For the Blind and Dyslexic (RFBD).

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The race winners were Tim Plante (18:01) and Lynne Schwandt (23:00) on the women's side. The "Ultimate Turkey Recipient" was Michael Hotchkiss.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P3084EP

In the Estate of ANNA B. CAMPBELL

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 25, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will and codicil of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that RICHARD CAMPBELL of WESTMINSTER in the County of WORCESTER or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 22, 2003.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, December 20, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#133095
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WATSON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P2828EP

In the Estate of JAMES H. WATSON

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death July 3, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that VIRGINIA A. BRUDZ of ASHLAND in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 22, 2003.**

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, December 16, 2002.

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MONDAY, DEC. 30

1:09 p.m. Sohier St. and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:43 a.m. Summer St., Escort.

9:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:05 a.m. Forest Ave., and Surry Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd., traffic safety inspection.

10:28 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:44 p.m. Pleasant St,. animal control.

12:53 p.m. Forest Ave. and Forest Cir, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:05 p.m. Black Rock Rd., assist other agency.

2:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:15 p.m. Beechwood St. and Doane St., traffic complaint.

4:44 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:48 p.m. Lantern Lane, fire investigation.

5 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic complaint.

9:22 p.m. Border St,. suspicious auto, parking ticket issued.

10:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, DEC. 31

6:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:53 a.m. South Main St., annoying phone calls.

9:18 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

9:27 a.m. North Main St. and Wheelwright Park Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:28 a.m. King St., medical aid.

11:36 a.m. Beechwood St, medical aid.

2:16 p.m. Black Rock Rd., medical aid.

2:27 p.m. King St., medical aid.

4:33 p.m. Oak St., registration inquiry.

6:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:21 p.m. Fernway, structure fire.

10:01 p.m. Fernway, medical aid.

10:01 p.m. Fernway, medical aid.

10:59 p.m. Fernway, general info.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1

12:31 a.m. Hull St., disturbance gathering.

2:54 a.m. Headquarters, officer wanted.

2:54 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

3:53 p.m. Hull St. assist other police department.

8:28 p.m. Hill St., medical aid.

11:50 p.m. Pond St., property found.

12:37 p.m. Forest Notch, well being check.

1:58 p.m. Arrowwood Rd., medical aid.

7:36 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:16 p.m. Border St., power outage.

THURSDAY, JAN. 2

12:18 a.m. Cedar St., burglar alarm.

12:51 a.m. South Main St., vandalism.

2:15a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway assist citizen.

2:39 p.m. Pond St,. medical aid.

3:14 p.m. All over town, general services.

9:53 p.m. North Main St,. vandalism.

10:17 p.m. North Main St,. investigation.

3:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway medical aid.

5:36 p.m. Sohier St. and Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:03 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

9:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway investigation.

FRIDAY, JAN. 3

4:54 a.m. Whitney Woods Lane, assist citizen.

7:49 a.m. Elm St,. fire investigation.

9:02 a.m. Summer St., escort.

10:21 a.m. South Main St., animal control.

10:57 a.m. Hull St., parking complaint.

11:21 a.m. Crocker Lane, motor vehicle crash.

11:22 a.m. Gardner St., animal control.

1:06 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

1:28 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:13 p.m. South Main St, serve restraining order.

5:20 p.m. North Main St,. motor vehicle stop, no police necessary.

5:48 p.m. Parker Ave., well being check.

6:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Arrest: William P. Finsthwait, 45, 607 Country Way, Scituate. Chrgs. operating motor vehicle with suspended license, motor vehicle light violation.

7:21 p.m. Joy Place, medical aid.

9:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:50 p.m. Hobart Lane, suspicious.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

7:26 a.m. King St., medical aid.

9:29 a.m. Summer St., escort.

9:46 a.m. South Main St, animal control.

10:54 a.m. Margin St. general information, weather or power related.

10:58 a.m. Atlantic Ave. and Jerusalem Rd., general information, weather or power related.

10:58 a.m. Howard Gleason Rd., general information, weather or power related.

11:06 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Bow St., general information, weather or power related.

11:18 a.m. Elm St., general information, weather or power related.

11:55 a.m. Border St., general information, weather or power related.

12:40 p.m. James Lane, general information, weather or power related.

1:45 p.m. Beechwood St. power outage.

2:34 p.m. King St. medical aid.

3 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

3:33 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

5:04 p.m. King St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway disabled auto.

6:27 p.m. South Main St,. parking complaint.

7:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, investigation.

8:14 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

9:04 p.m. South Main St, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

OBITUARIES

Margaret C. McNamara

A private funeral service was held at St. Clement of Rome Church in Arizona for Margaret (Campbell) McNamara, 90, of Cohasset, who died Nov. 19, 2002, at Queen Anne Nursing Home, Hingham.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Margaret "Terry" McNamara lived in Rockville Centre, Long Island, N.Y., for 37 years. She moved to Sun City, Ariz., in 1978 and to Sunrise Assisted Living in Cohasset in 1999 to be closer to her family here.

Mrs. McNamara graduated from Brooklyn Teachers' College, taught briefly in the New York schools, and worked in Manhattan as a personal secretary to Doris Duke. Following her marriage, she worked as a homemaker and volunteered with the Association for the Help of Retarded Children. In Arizona, she was active in the Women's Guild and the Catholic Daughters at St. Clement's Church.

Wife of the late Ronan Michael McNamara, she was the mother of the late Robert A. McNamara of California. Mrs. McNamara leaves four sons, R. Michael McNamara of Connecticut, John F. McNamara of Cohasset, Brian W. McNamara of Washington, and Joseph P. McNamara of California, 15 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Burial was private. Arrangements were made by the Deware Funeral Home, Quincy.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Association for the Help of Retarded Children, 189 Wheatley Road, Brookville, NY 11545.

Irene M. Sheerin-Kelleher

Irene M. "Polly" (Woodaman) Sheerin-Kelleher, 79, of Cohasset, formerly of Scituate, a retired registered nurse, died Dec. 8, 2002, at Life Care Center of the South Shore in Scituate after a brief illness.

Born in Quincy and raised and educated in Mattapoisett, she lived 50 years in Scituate before moving to Cohasset several years ago.

She was a 1944 graduate of Mount Auburn Hospital School of Nursing in Cambridge.

Mrs. Sheerin Kelleher worked at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth. She also worked at Queen Ann Nursing Home in Hingham as a nursing supervisor and manager, and did private nursing in Norwell, Scituate and Cohasset.

She loved music of all kinds and laughing with her children, grandchildren and all of their friends.

Mrs. Sheerin-Kelleher leaves four sons, Paul M. Sheerin Jr. and James R. Sheerin of Scituate, Douglas E. Sheerin of Cohasset and Mark J. Sheerin of Milton; a daughter, Kathleen A. Johnson of Scituate; a stepson, Thomas J. Kelleher of Hingham; a stepdaughter, Cynthia Kelleher of Hingham; two brothers, Lewis E. Woodaman and Richard Woodaman of Meredith, N.H., and Center Harbor, N.H.; 11 grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was the wife of the late Thomas J. Kelleher Jr. and the former wife of Paul M. Sheerin Sr.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 21, at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was private.

Arrangements are being handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Baystate Drive, Braintree 02185-9060.

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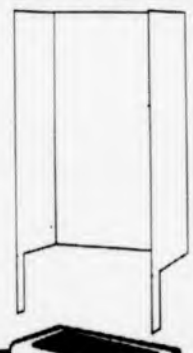

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'Crucible' auditions

The Cohasset Dramatic Club is producing "The Crucible," which will be directed by Lisa Rafferty. There are 21 roles for men, women and teenage girls. Production dates are Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m. Feb. 28, March 1, 7, 8, 14, 15 Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m. (Possible benefit performance on March 5 at 7:30 p.m.)

Auditions continue Thursday, Jan. 9, 7– 9 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall. Readings from the script.

Needed are10 men (age range 25 – 75); seven women (age range from 25 – 75); four teenage girls (age 15 – 20).

The club is also considering additional roles for teenage boys age 15-20 who will be performing non-speaking but important roles in several scenes.

Rehearsals will begin on Jan. 14 and be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7–9:30 p.m. and Sundays from 1–4 p.m.. Additional rehearsals will be held on Monday nights or as needed.

For more information call: Marcia McDonald at 781-925-4626 or e-mail Lisa Rafferty at: LJRDirector@aol.com.

SSCC Nursery School

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School announces nursery school applications for the 2003-04 school year will be available Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the Nursery School and the Community Center offices.

The registration process is based on a lottery system. Applications will be available until Jan. 28. All applications are due back to the nursery school office by Jan. 29 at 3 p.m.

Included in the envelope should be a copy of the child's birth certificate and a $100 registration fee. Application envelopes should be clearly marked "Nursery School Registration."

The lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 4 and acceptance letters will be sent via mail the following week. Any child who does not get a placement in the program will have their registration fee returned.

Call Sheila O'Neil at 781-383-0036 for more information.

Sleep disorders

Sunrise Assisted Living and South Shore Hospital's Healthy Values Program will offer a seminar on "Sleep Disorders." This is a free seminar and will be held on Jan. 14, at 2 p.m. at Sunrise Assisted Living, 125 King St., Route 3A, Cohasset.

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, contact Theresa Oliveira at 781-383-4324. Refreshments will follow.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, Jan. 10 from 7-10 p.m. Everyone in grade six-and-up is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will also be sold.

Sandcastles signups

SandCastles ChildCare Center, a preschool and private kindergarten, is conducting open enrollment for its pre-school, pre-K and private kindergarten and summer camp programs.

An open house is planned for Jan. 21, for SandCastles serving children eight weeks to six years old.

For additional information call, owner/director Anne Sexton at 781-383-6789 or 781-383-9987.

Evening event to support playground

On Saturday Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., there will be an evening of dinner and dancing to support the playground at the new Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum off Sohier Street in Cohasset. The event will take place at the Red Lion barn, and will include a live auction and dancing with The Mike Dumas Band With Platform Soul. Tickets are $75 per person and will not be available at the door. Please contact Logan Bernstein at (781) 383-6165 for tickets and information. .

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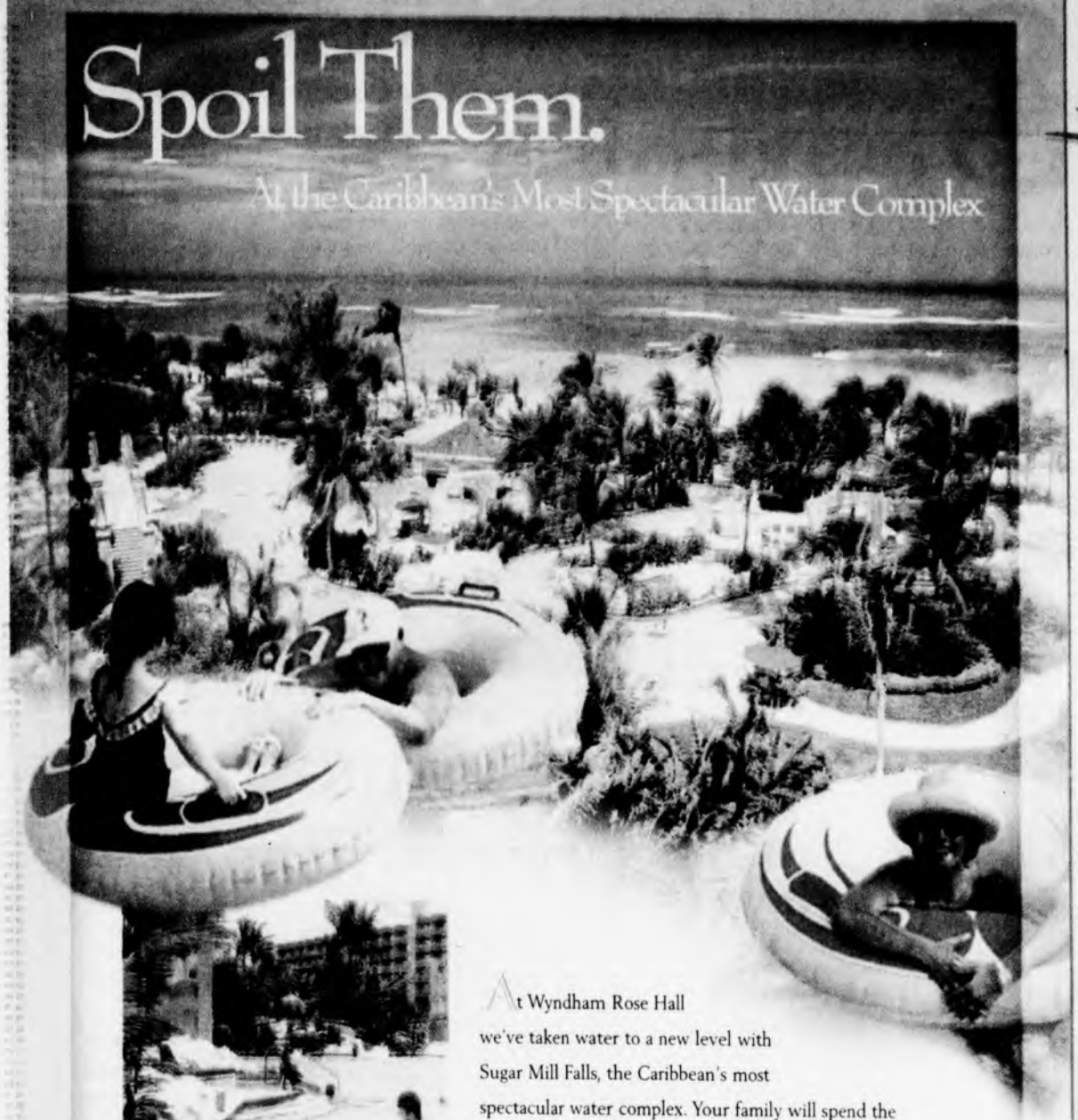

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Violet Fane red hot with cyber critics

South Shore band winning broad fan base via Internet

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The debut CD by Hull singer/guitarist Steve Baker and his band Violet Fane is winning a gallery of hearts, not just by local word-of-mouth but also on the distant reaches of the Internet.

The CD, a six-song EP set titled *Gallery of Hearts*, was released independently by Baker and his crew this past fall. In just a few months since then, the disc has scored strong sales in the immediate area at the band's various shows at venues such as Hull's Sea Note and Emilio's and Norwell's Mount Blue. It's also moved additional copies online at CDBaby.com, a popular national disc-market outlet for independent, unsigned musicians and bands.

Most recently, Violet Fane has won new, previously unreachable fans via a unique feature on another much-touted Web site, MP3.com. Baker's original tune, "21st Century P.O. Blues," arguably the best of the six tracks on *Gallery of Hearts*, last week landed in the top three of MP3's Compo10 list at www.compo-10.com, a bi-weekly promo feature from the audio file-sharing site for new music by unsigned bands, rating their Top Ten submitted tracks.

"It's basically a Top Ten list for new songs by unsigned bands," said Baker over lunch at one of his favorite local hangouts, Jamie's Pub in Scituate. "The other artists on the list rate the songs on an internal basis, not including their own submissions, of course.

Hull singer/guitarist Steve Baker

And as you might guess, we were just thrilled that our song finished so high on the list last week."

"Meanwhile, anyone else who goes on the site can listen to the songs on Compo10, and the responses for us have been really good. We've gotten fan e-mail through this and CDBaby.com from people in California and even from one guy in Finland. They're saying 'Great stuff' and 'I love that sort of rootsy blues sound,'" Baker added.

That "rootsy" blues sound characterizes much of the music on *Gallery of Hearts*, which delivers a unique blend of blues, folk and rock styles. The band Violet Fane on disc and in recent live gigs has consisted of a revolving cast of local musicians with whom Baker has worked in the past, including guitarist Domenic Laudani, bassist Phen Mark and even Baker's own father, S.J. Baker, also a guitarist and bass player. But mainly, the band is a duo project of Baker and his vocalist fiancee, Nadine Henry, a folksy, husky-voiced singer.

It's Henry who serves up the arch, cunning vocal on "21st Century P.O. Blues," a lilting ballad describing the singer's experience in her longtime career at the Hingham Post Office. On a similar note is "Workboot Valley," another Baker original which offers his perspective on working hard and seemingly standing still, and drives the point home with some hot, pumped-up guitar licks. All of the disc's six, Baker-penned tunes draw from emotions based on past experience, which the singer/songwriter believes listeners can connect with.

Baker met Henry when the latter was singing karaoke one evening at Cohasset's KoKo Island. The guitarist soon asked her to join the 1930s-style swing-jazz band he was playing with his father in at the time. Finally, the couple has taken a folk-blues turn with Violet Fane, which is named after a character from an obscure poem published in a verse collection called "The Token" in 1838.

"Eventually, we (Baker and Henry) would like to get a permanent band together. Meanwhile, I have a large repertoire of unrecorded songs. We're hoping for a new, 12-song CD to release sometime this year."

"This time in history has profoundly affected so many people, I felt I had to really be truthful," says Adrien Brody.

Virtuoso performance

Actor Adrien Brody hits all the right notes in 'Pianist'

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Adrien Brody is an actor on the rise. And 2002 may go down as his break-out year.

His new film, "The Pianist," landed on more than a few "Best Of" lists. He was recently named Best Actor by the Boston Society of Film Critics, and the film was named Best Picture. Brody also picked up a Golden Globes nomination.

In the based-on-fact film, directed by Roman Polanski, Brody plays Wladyslaw Szpilman, the Polish musician who spent years dodging the Nazis in the Warsaw Ghetto. It's the kind of physically and emotionally challenging role for which actors long to audition. But Brody never read a scene. Instead, he got the part by chatting with Polanski, by letting him see his co-starring part in "Harrison's Flowers," and by playing some piano for him.

The real challenges and rewards began when he started making the movie.

"It wasn't much fun to make this film, but it was one of the most enriching experiences of my life," says Brody, 29, bright-eyed as he sips green tea. "It's made me grow tremendously. Not only from the difficulties, but also from a greater understanding of the sadness that exists in this world — something that I was able to tap into. It made me more grateful for what I have than any other single experience in my life."

The story starts with the close-knit, well-to-do Szpilman family in their last days of freedom in Warsaw and follows them through the dark times when they were torn apart after the Nazi invasion. The film chronicles his character's solitary life; Brody spends lots of time alone onscreen.

"I was alone in the experience of making the film, too," he says, and now his eyes lose some of their brightness. "Partially to get the right mood on camera, but partially because there was no time for social life or visitors. It was six days a week, and I was on every day for six months. In the beginning, I completely isolated myself on purpose to identify with it. I felt I needed to understand a level of isolation, and cultivate a sadness that I didn't necessarily experience."

But there was a lot more to the part than just being alone. The story demanded a range of emotions from Brody. The film was shot in reverse order, starting with the days in which he was living an animalistic existence. So he had to first grow a beard and drop in weight from 160 to 130 pounds.

"I had a couple boiled eggs in the morning, a small piece of chicken and a small piece of fish — *very* small pieces — and a couple steamed vegetables," he says of his diet. "That was it. No carbohydrates whatsoever. And not even an excessive amount of water. It was as extreme as I could've gotten.

"Before I left to do it, I gave up my apartment, I sold my car, I disconnected," he adds. "I went off to Europe, locked myself in, and learned to play piano, and worked on the dialect. I only went out for rehearsal. I couldn't go out to dinner with anyone because I wasn't eating. I couldn't go out for a drink with anyone because I wasn't drinking. So I couldn't do anything, I had no energy for anything else."

Brody is not Jewish. His father is Jewish, his mother is Catholic, and he says he was "brought up open-minded." But his choice to plunge — Method-like — into the role was something he knew he had to do.

"I had a real responsibility to connect here," he says. "Part of it was because I was playing a real person. But it's also a very personal film for Roman because of his experiences in Krakow [where he escaped from a ghetto as a young boy and survived in the countryside]. And this time in history has profoundly affected so many people, I felt I had to really be truthful."

The role created challenges, but it also had its rewards. Since the character he was portraying was an expert at playing Chopin, he was able, through the help of four piano coaches, to sharpen his musical skills.

"I make music, but I'm not a classical pianist, nor do I read music well," says Brody of his own keyboard playing before making the film. "I knew Chopin's work, but not how to play it. I spent a lot of effort learning to learn the portions of the pieces I needed to learn, and that's what I can play.

"It's definitely made me a better musician," he adds. "It's given a level of emotion and melancholiness to my own music which I kind of had a sense of, but it encouraged it."

Working with Polanski was another reward.

"Roman is very clear and very up front about his vision, and almost has the movie playing in his head in the process," he says. "As an actor, you know there's a consistency there that you know is going to remain on film, as opposed to experimenting and trying a scene this way and that way. With Roman, everything has a purpose, and there's this focus of bringing things in an ultra, succinct, subtle, honest way. No sentimentality, everything underplayed, everything very real, everything connected."

Brody gets to go in another direction in the upcoming big screen remake of the Dennis Potter TV film "The Singing Detective," set for a premiere at Sundance in January.

"Robert Downey Jr. is the lead and I play this hood that's one of the characters in his detective novels that comes in and torments him in real life," says Brody excitedly. "It was an opportunity to express myself in a different way and be extremely broad, with no boundaries as an actor. I wanted to play and be silly. It's singing and dancing and beating up Robert Downey, so it's fun."

"The Pianist" opens at area theaters on Jan. 3.

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Viewers find safe haven on TV

Unlike real life, Willows, Sipowicz and Jordan always get the bad guys

By Josh B. Wardrop
STAFF WRITER

Glance at the television landscape in 2002, and one message is clear: Crime pays.

While cop shows have been a staple of the medium since the days of Jack Webb as Joe Friday on "Dragnet," the concentration of police dramas on TV today may be greater than ever.

The number one drama on TV, for the second year running, is CBS' "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," which explores the professional lives of forensic examiners in Las Vegas. The show, now in its third year, is such a sensation that it spawned a spin-off, "CSI: Miami," which has also consistently ranked in the Top 30 in its first season.

NBC trumps CBS's serial success with its "Law & Order" dramas. Currently, the network airs *three* of the shows: "Law & Order," "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," and "Law & Order: Criminal Intent." All have been successful with viewers and critics, with the original usually finishing in the Nielsen Top 10.

It's no mystery why there are so many cops shows — the old TV adage is, "If it works, copy it." The question is, why does it work so well now?

In the wake of the events of 9/11, Americans have woken up to a reality that the police shows of their youth could not have prepared them for: Sometimes, our protectors can't stop the bad guys.

In a world rife with this kind of fear and uncertainty, it's easy to understand the popularity of a television genre in which crimes are solved and justice is served. We want to feel as though we can triumph over the bad guys, and police shows, with few exceptions, deliver that small dose of satisfaction. Don't expect to see a spate of "NYPD Blue" or "CSI" episodes that end like this: *We don't know who did it.*

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"Particularly in today's world, people want justice," says Dr. John Budz, a practicing clinical psychologist and a psychology professor at Framingham State College. "And, in reality, when someone wrongs you, 'justice' is just a euphemism for punishment. That's why police shows generally feature that sense of closure in the end.

"Police shows that deal in moral ambiguity aren't generally as popular," says Budz. "When a bad guy gets away, it reflects the vulnerability of the police. And we all want to believe that cops are invulnerable. We look to them for our protection and our safety, and we look up to their authority — so, on TV, we want to see that they'll succeed, and that justice will be done."

That subconscious yearning to be protected could even be a factor in the surprise hit status of the new Friday night CBS drama, "Hack" — a program that stars David Morse as a disgraced former cop who now drives a cab, and each week provides rescue and assistance to one of his fares.

"What 'Hack' is doing is giving us the idea of the guardian angel," says Budz, "but because he's an ex-cop, it lends him a sort of legitimacy. The character seems to have more power because he's been trained in what to do. People are very uncertain, fearful and cautious today, so the idea of a protector is very appealing."

On today's television landscape, the manner in which police protect and serve us has noticeably evolved. The days of the macho supercops hitting the streets and busting heads for information are rapidly disappearing. With the exception of Andy Sipowicz and his "NYPD Blue" crew, and the ever-volatile Vic Mackey on "The Shield," today's breed of TV cop doesn't spend a lot of time squeezing information out of pimps, junkies and lowlife informants. Instead, the TV cop of 2002 is all about modern technology, offering viewers a never-before-seen range of police work.

From the forensic work of "CSI," to the individual departments depicted in "Without A Trace" and "Robbery Homicide Division," to the dark, sexually-charged cases of "Law and Order:

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Food & dining

A better bread pudding

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Bread pudding is easy to come by but a really good one is hard to find. Many are nothing more than basic egg custards with some bread thrown in. Others are gourmet-style confections that require a lot of extra work. I wanted something very specific. I was looking for a firm, not mushy texture and I wanted the bread and the custard mixture integrated so I didn't end up with bread floating on a pool of custard. I also wanted a caramel flavor to jazz it up a bit and I was looking for a homestyle dessert, not something you'd find at Le Cirque.

The basic bread pudding recipe, one found in many cookbooks, calls for 4 eggs, 4 to 5 cups of a milk/cream mixture, 3/4 cup of sugar, 5 to 8 cups of bread cubes, and a moderate oven temperature. So I started my testing with a similar list of ingredients, throwing in some vanilla, bourbon, salt, and nutmeg for good measure.

My first task was to figure out how to get the caramel sauce into the recipe. Many attempts failed including adding it to the bottom of the baking dish, and drizzling over the top of the custard. Finally, I decided to add cream to the hot caramel and then add this mixture to the rest of the custard ingredients. This approach worked like a charm. My recipe called for 3/4 cup of sugar and I ended up caramelizing all of the sugar for maximum caramel flavor. (In a story last summer in this column, I discovered that by adding water and a bit of lemon juice to the sugar it doesn't crystallize and produces smooth caramel every time.)

As for the eggs, it turned out that 4 whole eggs wasn't the answer. I played with different combinations of whole eggs and yolks and finally ended up with 3 whole eggs and 3 yolks. This added a richer, more luxurious texture to the pudding without becoming too eggy. I had been using a total of 5 cups of liquid (2 1/2 cups each of milk and cream) but wanted to eliminate the layer of custard at the bottom of the baking dish. By reducing the milk and cream to 2 1/4 cups each and by soaking all of the bread for a full hour in the custard mixture (instead of soaking only 6 cups of the bread for the 20 minutes I was used to), I had completely eliminated the excess custard. This was become a real bread pudding, not just a dish of custard with floating islands of bread.

Speaking of bread, firm white bakery style bread works well in this recipe as does challah or brioche. Forget about the usual supermarket bread – it just doesn't have enough texture. Eight cups was the right amount and I preferred the bread in 3/4-inch cubes. (Half-inch was too small and one-inch was too big).

To bake the pudding, I used a 9 by 13-inch pan, brushed melted butter over the top of the bread cubes, sprinkled sugar on them, and then put the pan in a 325 degree oven. (Higher temperatures tend to break (overcook) the custard, making it watery.) A water bath was not necessary but I did find that this pudding (! like all others) should be taken out of the oven when the center is still slightly wobbly.

As for a topping or sauce, vanilla ice cream was perfect and you can simply purchase it at the store. I did, however, like the addition of a caramel sauce with the vanilla ice cream but I would save that for Le Cirque. Homemade desserts don't need three different components.

CARAMEL BREAD PUDDING

This is a real bread pudding rather than a custard with some bread in it. Remember to take this dessert out of the oven when it is puffy and the center is still a bit wobbly. Otherwise, it will overcook which produces an unpleasant texture and a watery (broken) custard.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

It may be difficult to get motivated and organized this morning. Don't take on more than you can handle. Avoid jobs that may be tedious and require mental or physical exertion. The Pisces moon becomes inactive at 6:55 a.m., traveling at the tail end of the zodiac. Influences turn around completely, however, at 4:15 p.m., when the moon enters energetic Aries. In addition, a harmonious alignment of Mercury and Mars helps you to catch up on unfinished work projects and get them out of the way in short time.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Roll up your sleeves and plan to get a lot accomplished today. Make up a list of things to do and stick to it. The moon continues its travel in fiery Aries, active throughout the day. Get back on track with exercise regimens. Tackle projects that require physical exertion. On the other hand, don't act on impulse or jump to conclusions.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Gear up for a hectic day. The Aries moon forms 6 major contacts to planets. In addition, Mars, the planetary ruler of Aries, prepares to align with Uranus. Slow your pace. Drive defensively. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 8:15 a.m. A full moon is building up and will culminate January 18. You can be most productive today, if you have a clear plan of action and follow it. At 10:10 p.m. the moon interacts with Uranus and becomes inactive.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Conflicting planetary influences can make for a wild and woolly weekend. A 90-degree alignment of Mars and Uranus takes center stage, cautioning against risk-taking, impulsiveness. Give others plenty of freedom and space. A stable Taurus moon at 4:48 a.m. is a major plus, prompting you to listen to the voice of reason. Take it slow and easy. Concentrate on relaxing and maintaining perspective.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. A 90-degree alignment of the Taurus moon and Jupiter midday warns against going to extremes. Don't make extravagant plans, purchases or promises. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days. Direct your passions into constructive channels.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Volatile planetary influences continue to affect this morning. Wake up in a good mood. Sidestep power struggles; maintain a peaceful demeanor. The Taurus moon forms stressful contacts to Uranus at 10:54 a.m. and Mars at 12:44 p.m., when it becomes inactive. You can be productive this afternoon, if you focus on projects that need to be finished, redone or repaired. A loquacious Gemini moon arrives at 5:08 p.m., making for a social evening.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

A Gemini moon sets a quick pace today and tomorrow. This can be a fun day, if you are vacationing or don't have a lot to do. If you are working, it can be difficult. Because Mercury, the planetary ruler of Gemini, travels in retrograde motion, there are likely to be unanticipated delays, reversals, breakdowns. Projects may take unexpected turns. Avoid rigid schedules; allow extra time. Today the moon forms easy contacts to Venus, Neptune and Jupiter. Social activities get the green light.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15

Yesterday's planetary patterns continue today. In addition, the Gemini moon forms stressful contacts to Pluto in the morning and Saturn this afternoon. Stay calm no matter what is happening around you. If you are working, handle a variety of jobs rather than one that demands intense concentration. Don't launch bold new ventures or large-scale enterprises. The moon aligns with Uranus at 9:16 p.m. and becomes inactive.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Stormy astrological weather continues. At 2:56 a.m. the moon enters emotional Cancer, beginning the final windup to this month's full moon. Energy runs high today and tomorrow. Stay alert and don't take risks. On the other hand, this is a time when you can cut through obstacles on emotional levels and free yourself from old fears, negative habits or limited thinking. An applying alignment of Venus and Neptune highlights creative endeavors. This period is prime for tackling renovation, repair, restoration projects in your home or office.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Read yesterday's advice. The Cancer full moon has just about reached its peak today. People may be moody, argumentative. Be more tolerant and sensitive to the needs of others. Open the doors to a higher level of communication. Reduce stress levels by meditating or exercising. Eat light foods and avoid stimulants. Tackle a big work project; you can be most productive.

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Correction:

In last week's Living story on the "I Hope You'll Dance" therapy program for breast cancer survivors, the incorrect phone number for information and registration was published. The correct number for the South Shore Hospital program held in the

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Prolong the beauty of holiday plants

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Tiny paw prints dot the new fallen snow as the sun breaks through the steely gray cloud cover following our most recent winter storm. While the tracks of our resident felines are unmistakable, many others suggest a wide variety of little creatures have been roaming about the garden since dawn. A trail of bunny paw imprints leads from the multiflora rose thicket along the perimeter of the compost heap to the edge of the water garden. Smaller indentations hint of bounding squirrels making their way to and from our various bird-feeding stations. Beneath these feeders, bird footprints are scattered in every direction among the discarded black husks of sunflower seeds. The tiniest marks appear to be those of field mice and their brethren who have apparently been foraging through the night.

The cold, wintry weather has posed many challenges for our trees, plants and animals as Mother Nature continues to deliver storm after storm during this memorable winter season. Despite the harsh winter weather outside, the colorful blossoms of poinsettias and holiday plants accompanied by the sweet perfume of a new cluster of paper white narcissus bulbs help to bring a touch of springtime indoors. Add a mountain of colorful catalogs filled with enticing photographs, a hot cup of tea and a warm, crackling fire on the hearth and even the most passionate gardener can find contentment during the frigid winter months. In merely a few short weeks, it will be time to begin sowing seeds, to prune trees and shrubs and to renew the spirit in the great outdoors once again.

In addition to the multicolored poinsettias that serve to brighten nearly every room during the holidays, a variety of equally delightful, colorful plants are popular during this festive season. I find the members of the shooting star or cyclamen family particularly irresistible. These plants prefer cooler environments tolerating temperatures as low as the mid-40s. The unusual and charming, butterfly-like blossoms range in color from white through rose, pink, and salmon, scarlet and lavender, and may be single, double or even fringed. Flowers will continue to open for up to four months on a happy plant. Their heart-shaped leaves are equally attractive, having silver and white mottling on a dark green background. Cyclamen plants must be kept cool, moist and shaded from the sun. Mist the tops frequently and feed every other week. When the flowers fade, the plant, which grows from a rounded tuber, should be allowed to rest by gradually withholding water until the foliage dies back. Store in a cool garage or move the plants outdoors in summer to a shady locale keeping the soil nearly dry and the pot resting on its side. Repot in September placing the top of the tuber level with the surface of the soil.

The brightly colored flowers of Kalanchoe offer another source of long-lasting blooms with minimal care.

Perhaps one of the easiest of all holiday plants is the so-called "Christmas Cactus" (Schlumbergera bridgesii) which is a leafless plant that has flat jointed stems with scalloped-margined branches. In recent years, its cousin, sometimes referred to as the "crab cactus" or "Thanksgiving cactus" (Zygocactus truncatus) has become more popular and more widely available. It features similar leafless segments but these tend to be wider, more rigid and upright with long, pointed tooth-like projections. Many colors of the elongated, layered flowers are now available including shades of pink, rose, golden yellow, fuchsia, red, salmon, and white tinted with lavender highlights. Flowers tend to appear earlier, hence its common name.

Like orchids, these plants are epiphytes meaning that in their native jungle environments they grow in trees suspended off the ground with their roots exposed to the air. Consequently, they prefer a quick-draining, soil-less mixture and like to be potbound. Keep their growing medium evenly moist during flowering, but allow it to dry out slightly between waterings during the remainder of the year; grow in very bright light or sun during the fall and winter months. They enjoy spending the summer outdoors in a bright but shady garden. In autumn, they should be brought back into a cool frost-free porch, garage, or cool room with evening temperatures in the 50 degree range and require short day length in order to set flower buds. These are excellent plants for those who want a low maintenance, reliable houseplant that will bloom year after year and thrive with little attention.

The brightly colored flowers of Kalanchoe offer another source of long-lasting blooms with minimal care. Kalanchoe are succulents belonging to the Stonecrop family and closely resemble their cousins, the Sedums. Similar to Sedum Autumn Joy, they exhibit fleshy leaves topped by brilliant clusters of red, orange or saffron-tinted blossoms. Warm, sunny environments suit them perfectly and they are ideal candidates for a southern exposure. Like the majority of their relatives, they require coarse, quick-draining soil mixes that should be allowed to dry out just slightly between waterings. Short day length is necessary to initiate blooms. An occasional application of a dilute liquid soluble fertilizer will promote the rich, lustrous deep green foliage that provides an attractive accent even when the plants are not in bloom.

With colder weather upon us, our heating systems are working overtime producing dry, indoor environments. Plants that may have required infrequent watering during the warmer, humid months may need to be closely monitored and watered more often to ensure healthy plants during this time of limited light and low humidity.

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Viewers find safe haven on TV

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Special Victims Unit," to the multiple perspectives of shows like "Boomtown" and "Third Watch," television seems to be embracing a newer, fuller portrayal of police work. Could this be television's way of feeding the public's hunger for understanding and reassurance in post-9/11 America?

"We live in an information age," says Budz. "In the age of the Internet, we're a more informed society who can look up anything at the touch of a button. The public wants information, and we're fascinated by how people access information — and when you think about it, that's what police spend most of their time doing.

"Police access the motive behind a crime, the method the crime was committed and the truth behind a crime," Budz says. "We're becoming more and more interested in how they do that."

That interest seems unlikely to go away anytime soon. Most of the new police dramas on TV have been success stories — "Boomtown" is lauded as one of TV's finest new offerings. Except for "Robbery Homicide Division," none are in imminent danger of cancellation. And there's even talk about a fourth "Law & Order" series. So, actors may want to start memorizing the Miranda rights — they're bound to come in handy at auditions.

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TIFFANY will be coming to The Company Theatre in Norwell, on Saturday, Feb. 15, backed by her new band and belting out all the old favorites and songs off the new album. Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr. in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $38 and all seats are reserved. There are also a limited number of VIP seats at $60, which includes the best seats in the house and a meeting with Tiffany. Visit the website at www.companytheatre.com.

FOLK LEGEND MELANIE MAKES HER COMPANY THEATRE DEBUT; Feb. 8, Tickets now on sale Now on tour to support her most recent album, "Crazy Love," which features her children - Leilah, Jeordie and Beau Jarred, and a new version of her hit, "Brand New Key" - Melanie will be appearing at The Company Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 8, for one show only. The show time is 8 p.m. The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, Ma, or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $28 and all seats are reserved. There are also a limited number of VIP seats available at $50, which includes the best seats and a reception with Melanie. You can also check out the website at www.companytheatre.com.

MEZZO SOPRANO DIANA JACKLIN sings Purcell, Bellini, Mozart, Strauss, and Sondheim with pianist Thomas Enman on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 3 p.m. at the United First Parish Church, the historic church of the presidents, 1306 Hancock St., Quincy. Tickets $15, general and $10, students and seniors at the door. For more information call 978-768-3252.

ORLEANS is "Still the One" and they play one show only at the newly renovated, historic landmark, Memorial Hall Performing Arts Center in Plymouth, on Friday, Jan. 24, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Guitarist, Jon PousetteDart will open for the band. Tickets are $25 and $35 and may be purchased by at www.ticketweb.com.

THE EXONERATED Jan. 21 to Feb. 2, at the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont St,. Boston, starring Brian Dennehy and Marlo Thomas. Tickets for the limited 16 performance engagement went on sale Dec. 20 and may be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, or www.ticketmaster.com or the box office at the Wilbur Theatre and The Colonial Theatre box office, 106 Boylston St.

42ND STREET coming to Boston Jan. 21-26 Tickets on sale at The Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont St. or by calling 800-447-7400.

STOMP returns to Boston beginning Feb. 11, at The Stuart Street Playhouse. "Stomp," the international percussion sensation, makes its triumphant return to Boston, coming to the Stuart Street Playhouse for a six week engagement, Feb. 11, through March 23. Tickets available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400 by logging on to www.stomponline.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston, 02116.

SOME LIKE IT HOT - The New Stage Musical staring Tony Curtis opening Jan. 14, at The Wang Theatre for eight performances only playing Jan. 14 through Jan. 19. Tickets are on sale at The Wang Theatre Boston Office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400.

MAMMA MIA! returns to the Colonial Theatre Jan. 25 to March 16. The infectious and funny production featuring 22 of ABBA's best known songs. "MAMMA MIA" previously played at the Colonial Theatre in 2001 for 12 weeks playing to sold-out houses and breaking box office records. Prices are $87 to $27. For more information call 617-426-9366. Tickets may be purchased through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or ticketmaster.com.

ANNIE returns to the Wang Theatre for a one week engagement. Jan. 28 through Feb. 2. Tickets on sale at the Wang Theatre Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston online at www.wangcenter.org or by calling Telecharge.com at 1-800-447-7400.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at Kingsbury Plaza, Kingston. Open house Jan. 10-12 all day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children 3 months through 9 years along with parents. Call 781-582-2255.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston, opens with a tasting of more than 50 wines from around the world that will be featured throughout this year's many events. All paired with a buffet prepared by Chef Daniel Bruce. Grand opening reception at 7 p.m. in the Wharf Room, $75. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. "Storytime with Beth" On Jan. 10, **Fairy Tales.** Each event is a celebration of classic and new picture books. Free and open to the public.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd. Cohasset will feature Bancroft Gallery Who's Who: South Shore Center Faculty Artists Jan 10 to Feb. 23. Opening reception Jan. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Center will also showcase the artwork of students who have taken classes and workshops throughout the year. Call 781-383-2787 for more information.

The Braintree Art Association second annual art show will take place Jan. 10, through Jan. 17 at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. For information call 781-335-4675.

The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center presents **"Signs of Spring,"** a unique show of botanical watercolor paintings by **Kay Kopper** and **Peggy Daniels** during the month of January. A reception for the public will be held Jan. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. where both artists will be present. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

South Shore Art Center's January Watercolor Workshop Watercolor artists will be able to start their New Year in a creative mode with an innovative course offering at the South Shore Art Center. Popular water colorist Mary Lizotte will be presenting a four-week special workshop beginning Friday, Jan. 10 through Jan. 31. Tuition is $170 ($150 for SSAC members) classes meet 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or for more information visit www.ssac.org.

Star Creations Theatre from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center Inc. presents "The Butler Did It", by Tim Kelly, on Jan. 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 12 and 19, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission is $10 adult, $5 child. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

BEST BET

Brittany Lawrence of Scituate models at the Independence Mall in November. Formerly a student of the Fashion Focus Program, she now instructs some of the young miss and pre-teen students.

Maria Wood's Fashion Focus Modeling & Finishing Program at the Personal Best Salon in Pembroke will hold its semi-annual Graduation Fashion Show "Vogue: Fashion Through the Decades" Saturday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Pembroke Knights of Columbus. It is a benefit fashion show with proceeds from ticket sales going directly to several local charities the students have chosen including Make-A-Wish, SADD, Jett Foundation, Jimmy Fund, Salvation Army, and Project Bread. Tickets are $15 and are available at the door. For more information call (781) 826-0241.

Thurs. 9

The SeniorNet Learning Center at Massasoit Community College is holding an open house for all interested area seniors on Jan. 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. SeniorNet classes are taught by trained volunteers who have experience with the senior population. Trained coaches assist during class time to provide personalized attention for all students. Classes offered during the spring semester include: Fundamentals of computers, Introduction to Computers, Tour of Windows, Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Quicken, Internet, Digital Camera and Graphics. Call 508-588-9100 x1063 for information.

BEST BET

Public Showplace Theatre and The Strand Theatre of Dorchester, 543 Columbia Road, Dorchester, partner to present Perseus and Medusa, a classic large-scale marionette show by the Tanglewood Marionettes. Jan 11, at 10:30 a.m. Tickets $5. Reservations and ticket sales Puppet Showplace theatre 617-731-6400 The Strand Theatre 617-282-5230.

Cataloni's Cat's Blues Club, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. Every Thursday night **New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam party** hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano,** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover, handicap accessible, casual dress. Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30. Call 781-878-0834 for more information.

The Braintree Art Association member **Corinne Campobasso** will display her paintings for the month of January and February at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Campobasso has openings available in her oil painting classes on Tuesdays evenings. Call 781-331-0882 for information.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents **Pendleton Rescue Coastguard 356000.** Lecture by Bob Weber of the Orleans Historical Society on the dramatic 1952 rescue of the 32 men from the Pendleton. Jan 9, at 7 p.m.

Fri. 10

My Gym Children's Fitness Center, 182 Summer St.,

Woodys Pub 53, 1284 Washington St., Weymouth. **The New Blue Revue** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Every Saturday, Jan. 11, 18, 25. For information call 781-340-6666.

Down East Dancers Country Western Dance The monthly Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton on Jan. 11. Beginner dance lessons at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Artie Maggiore. Snacks, raffles, western attire prize, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. For more info. 508-995-9496 or 781-925-9066.

Sun. 12

Ventress Memorial Library Sunday Concert Series - Sunday, Jan. 12, **The Cole Porter Revue**. Piano man R. Rancatore joins singer **Lisa Yves** for a talent tribute. For more information call Chris Woods at 781-834-5535.

Afternoon Tea hosted by **Windsor Tea Shop,** North Scituate. Featured speaker will be Doug Bennett B.S. Biochemistry/Nutrition, Certified Fitness and Pilates Instructor and owner of Fitrack. Get back into shape after the holidays. Find out how to intelligently lose weight. Learn the facts and pitfalls of the various commercial diets and which one is best for you. Held at **The Inn at Scituate Harbor,** each tea will feature a different guest speaker. A menu will be provided by **The Borrowed Butler** of Scituate. Price per person $33. For more information call 781-545-7100.

The Hingham Public Library presents classical guitarist **Linda Rossman** and

CALENDAR, see next page

Sat. 11

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The North River Arts Society presents **Treasured Memories Watercolors** by Elizabeth Trubia Jan. 11 through March 1, at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Opening reception Jan. 13, at 7 p.m.

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Old Town Trolley's Chocolate Tour - A fully-narrated three-hour journey of fun facts and decadent desserts departs from the Trolley Stop store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets at noon every Saturday and Sunday from November through March, 2003. First stop, Top of the Hub, enjoy a chocolate surprise; second stop Omni Parker House Hotel with a unique presentation of Boston Creme Pie. The grand finale of the tour is provided by Le Meridien's exceptional chocolate bar buffet, showcasing more than 25 enticing all-you-can-eat delicacies. $50 per person. Advance reservations required by calling 617-269-3626

Mon. 13

Duxbury Art Association presents **Class Acts**, an exhibition of artwork from high school students from various South Shore communities Dec. 16 through Jan. 31. Class Acts will take place in the Bengtz &Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4. or visit www.duxburyart.org.

Back From Broadway, Boston's newest hit has been extended Dec. 23, through Jan. 19, at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St. Call 800-447-7400 or visit the box office or www.telecharge.com

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 14

The Hingham Public Library and **Buttonwood Books** will host award-winning author **Deborah Joy Corey** for her second novel, "The Skating Pond" at the Hingham Public Library on Jan. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. The evening will include a presentation, a reading, and a question and answer period followed by a signing. This is a free event and the public is welcome. Call 781-383-2665 to reserve a signed copy if unable to attend.

The South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist on Route 139, Marshfield. The guest speaker will be **Jane Horan** who will talk about "Designing and Knitting with Novelty Yarns." New members and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Heidi at 781-740-4961.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Jan. 14 and 15, **The Battle of the Cabernets.** Now a tradition this year's battle will feature a tasting of the highly regarded 1997 vintage. The panelists will lead you through a blind tasting of some of the greatest Cabernet Sauvignons available, perfectly paired by Chef Bruce in a four-course dinner. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

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Wed. 15

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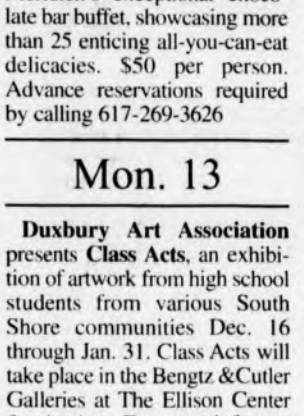
The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening lectures beginning on Jan. 15 and ending March 26. On Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center **Beat the Brown Grass Blues: Environmentally Sound Landscaping Techniques** Did the latest drought and ban on watering give you the brown grass blues? Join Mike Walsh, a south shore landscape designer and founder of Horticultural Concepts, Inc, as he discusses the fundamentals of environmental sound landscaping or ESL for your property. Mike's lecture will provide homeowners with a series of techniques to improve the beauty of their landscapes, while decreasing their need for water. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Marilyn Reisberg** will exhibit her painting for the month of January at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513.



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Photographs by Susan Scavo Gallagher will be on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset from Jan. 12 through Feb. 18. An opening reception will be held Sunday, Jan. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. The library is located at 106 South Main Street, Cohasset Center. For more information call (781) 383-1348.

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"Hydranga" by Kay Kopper

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Talent Search

QUINCY DINNER THEATRE will hold auditions for the Massachusetts premier of "The Amorous Ambassador" on Jan. 19 and 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Masonic Building, 1170 Hancock St,. Quincy across from the Quincy Center T Station. Needed four women ages 20 to 40; four men ages 25 to 60. For information call 781-843-5862.

HARBOUR CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY - Rehearsals begin on Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 580 Webster St., Hanover. Show up and sing with a great group of people. For further information, call 781-871-0539.

FINE ARTS CHORALE OPEN REHEARSALS resume Jan. 8, at Old South Union Church Columbian Square, So. Weymouth from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Openings in all parts. No auditions required. Sopranos and tenors especially welcome. 1-800-230-7555 or e-mail fineartschorale@aol.com

THE COMPANY THEATRE, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, announces auditions for "Rocky Horror Show Live" on Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m. With call-back on Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. Looking for all types to play the exciting characters in Rocky Horror. Have a song prepared (preferably from the show) and be ready to dance. Call 781-871-2787 for information.

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Thurs. 16

Borders in Kingston will host an American Girls Club on Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. A special monthly group for fans of the American Girls collection. Each month read about an American Girl and discuss her adventures. This month will feature Molly. Then the members can choose which American Girl they'll read about next month. Don't forget to bring your American Girls dolls to the club meetings. Free and open to the public.

Fri. 17

The North River Arts Society presents **Alla Prima Portrait Raffle** featuring **John Kilroy** on Jan. 17, at 7 p.m.. A unique opportunity to own a portrait through a raffle format. The two-hour demonstration/lecture will focus closely on painting the portrait - working with a live model. The winner for the raffle sits for - and brings home - the portrait. Raffle tickets are $10 and are available at the NRAS office. Call 781-837-8091 for information.

South Shore Business and Professional Women Open House Jan. 15, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Call 781-760-3217 or 508-596-2510 or jdurant@adelphi.net

South Shore Folk Music Club presents **All Open Mike Nite** - 16 eight-minute slots. Sign up at the door on Jan. 17. $4M and performers, $5NM.Held at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

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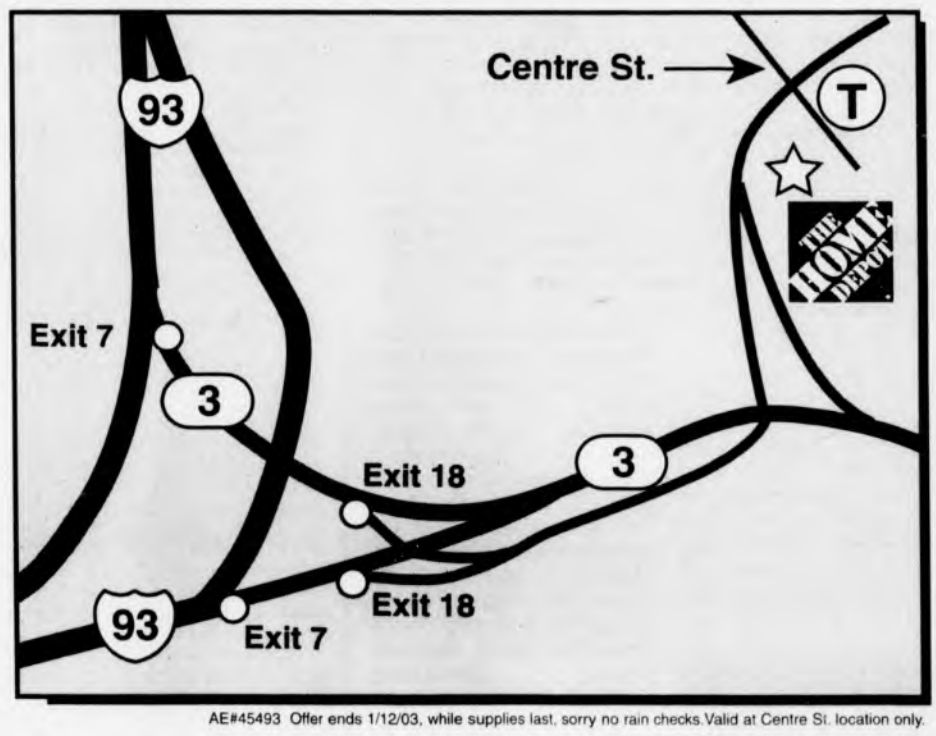

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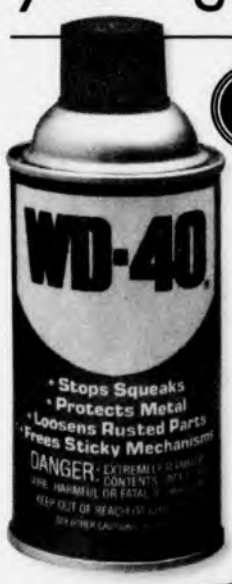

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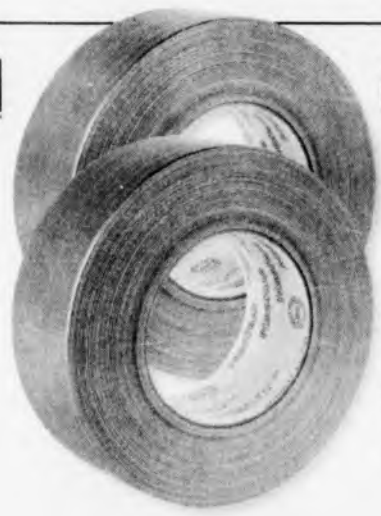

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Stop-work order for Jerusalem Lane mansion

Owner to pursue legal avenues

By Mary Ford
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Move over selectmen. You've been bumped off the hot seat.

If you look up the word "controversy" in the theoretical Cohasset thesaurus today, it would say "Zoning Board of Appeals."

To be fair, the zoning board had nothing to do with the genesis of another prime example of "mansionization" along the town's so-called Gold Coast that boasts some of the most spectacular ocean vistas anywhere in the North Atlantic.

Zoning board members didn't drive a single nail, or for that matter give any zoning relief to the house that dwarfs its neighbors at 3 Jerusalem Lane, a small street off Jerusalem Road. But Monday, the zoning board issued a ruling that could have reverberations even the oft-litigious Cohasset isn't accustomed to.

"We hope to have a full hearing on the merits in context of an application for a special permit. In the interim, the building inspector must take remedies."
— Woody Chittick, Zoning Board of Appeals

No one ever said the zoning board was faint of heart. But even as member Ben Lacy read over the decision he drafted that essentially halts construction of a million dollar-plus mansion and puts its owner in legal limbo, the tension in the small downstairs meeting room at Town Hall was palpable.

Homeowner Phil Ayer's attorney Roberta Sawyer of Duxbury could hardly contain herself. She repeatedly tried to offer comment only to be told that the hearing on the issue was closed, save for submission of some more documentation that she had already provided.

The zoning board ruled that Building Inspector Bob Egan erred in issuing a building permit to Ayer, even though the house apparently meets all town setback and height requirements.

From the get go, Ayer's future neighbors were upset about the scope of the home that replaces a small 1,800 square-foot ranch with a 4,400 square-foot mansion, and wondered why there was no official notification or public hearing process during which they could air their concerns.

The neighbors were so upset they even started a "Cohasset Defense Fund" to help pay for the legal costs to fight this type of construction. They also filed an appeal of the Building Inspector's decision to issue the

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Bad fiscal news gets even worse

By John Camera
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The numbers for local aid reductions are finally coming into focus, and layoffs of town personnel may soon be a reality in Cohasset.

The town originally braced for a 10 percent reduction in local aid and revenue from the lottery for fiscal year 2004, but the news has only worsened. A 10 percent cut of those same funds for the remaining half of fiscal year 2003 is likely to receive approval in the state legislature soon, a loss for the town of almost $103,000 for this year. And the 15 percent cut for next fiscal year will be taken from those new, reduced 2003 figures, not from the original amounts appropriated.

According to Town Manager Mark Haddad, the re-figuring means the town is facing a total loss of about $433,000 in local aid and lottery revenue for fiscal year 2004.

"We're going to have to go back and revisit everything," Haddad said. "This is just unconscionable that the Legislature is doing this to the cities and towns."

Haddad said the only solution may be to layoff town personnel. He said Town Hall, DPW and the library were the depart-

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Sewer hookup down the drain

Developer plans to go to court

By John Camera
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Jerusalem Road Estates, the proposed 25-home subdivision across from Straits Pond, tripped a hurdle last month in its attempts to bypass the North Cohasset Sewer District and connect directly to the public sewer of Hull.

Although the developer had already negotiated with Hull to purchase sewer capacity at a hefty price, the Cohasset Sewer Commission denied the application, saying the move could create "a defacto bidding war between Cohasset and property owners such as the applicant." The decision was released to Board of Selectmen this week.

"Basically, the Sewer Commission felt it was not in the town's best interest to have private industries compete against the town for the town of Hull's sewer capacity," Sewer Commissioner Gary Vanderweil said. "We felt that would set a precedent."

Vanderweil explained that while the town had previously purchased sewer capacity from

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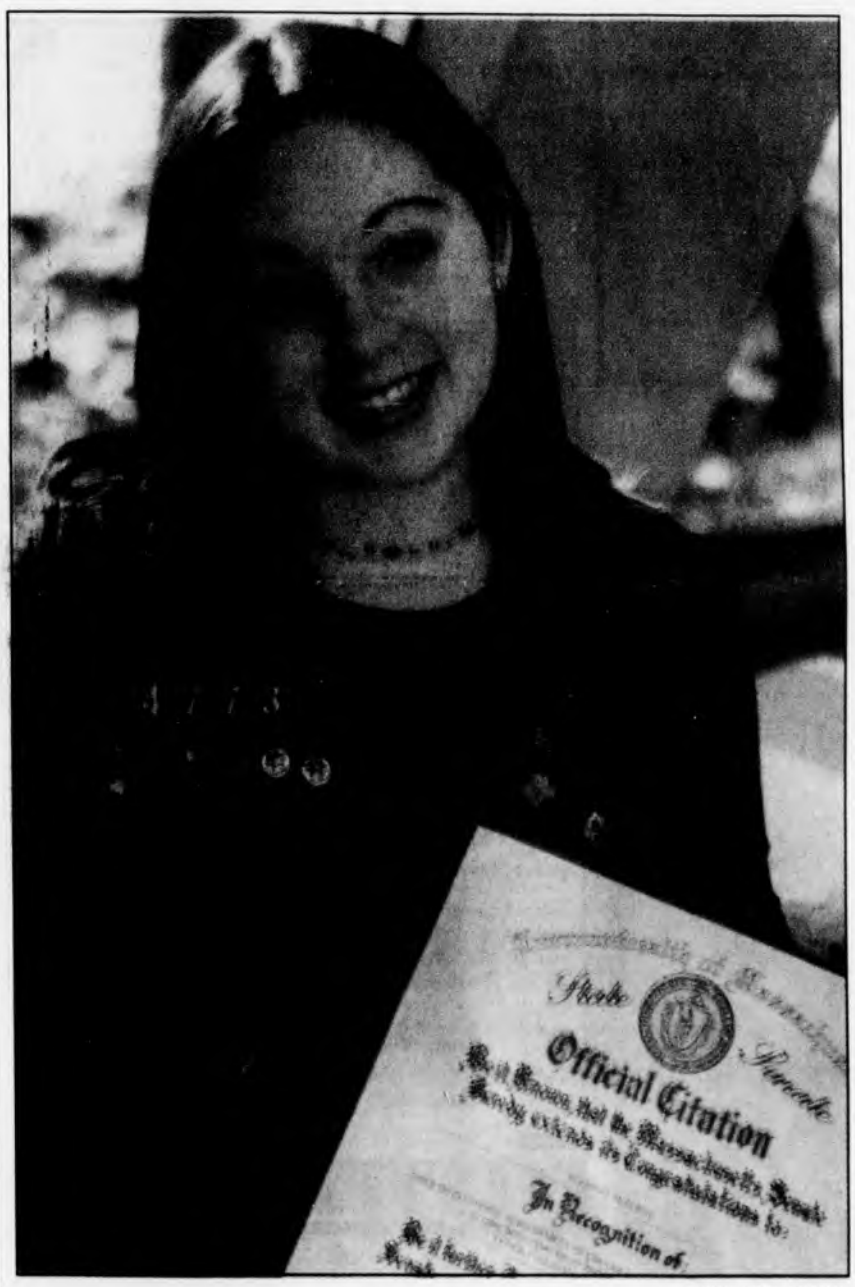

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Rachel McElroy of Windy Hill Road with an official citation from the state Senate recognizing her achievement.

Top Girl Scout

McElroy earns highest honor

By John Camera
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Brownies, juniors, cadets, seniors.

For the past 12 years, Rachel McElroy has risen through the ranks of the Girl Scouts while many of her fellow troop members have left the scouts behind to pursue other interests.

But last week, Rachel was recognized for her dedication. She received the Gold Award, the most prestigious award given in Girl Scouts and an achievement reached by only 6 percent of scouts nationwide.

Rachel, who is the daughter of Joseph and Mary McElroy of Windy Hill Road, became the 12th Girl Scout in the Hingham, Hull and Cohasset area to receive the award since 1980, according to statistics from the Massachusetts Girl Scouts Council.

"It's the Girl Scout equivalent of becoming an Eagle Scout," Rachel said.

Rachel was presented the award on Jan. 5 at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Government Island. The ceremony was attended by friends, family and even state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-

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School board looks at bleak budget

By Mary Ford
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Their styles are decidedly different.

Supt. Edward Malvey, who oversees the school department's share of Cohasset's budget, and Town Manager Mark Haddad, who is the "number-cruncher" on the town side, have a different modus operandi.

Haddad presents the selectmen with a three-inch think binder complete with every line item in excruciating detail, while Malvey provides the School Committee with just a few pages containing a brief overview of the school budget.

But despite their diverse approaches, both men are sending the same message: expect a lot of belt tightening this year.

Before the most recent news from the state about bigger reductions in local aid, the schools were being asked to live with a 4 percent increase that would amount to a total budget of $11.2 million or about $434,000 over last year — of which contracted salary increases alone would eat up $420,000 of that. [With even more dire fiscal news from the state evolving everyday, it's unclear how the town will handle what could ultimately be a 15-20 percent cut in local aid in fiscal year 2004 that begins July 1].

"We're a labor intensive organization and by far the bulk of the budget is covered by salaries."
— Supt. Edward Malvey

"We're a labor-intensive organization and by far the bulk of the budget is covered by salaries," Malvey said.

The school budget problem is exacerbated by some other increases coming to the schools that include $31,000 for the sewer, unemployment insurance of $10,500, an increase in utilities of some $26,000 and $18,000 to develop a state-mandated pest management plan; $32,000 to pay for two existing health positions [that had been

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Renaming the Deer Hill School

School Committee seeks citizen input

By Mary Ford
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What's in a name? A lot, says Ed Goff of Ledgewood Drive, who would like to change the name of the Deer Hill School to the William Ripley School after the long-time superintendent, teacher and coach.

Goff pointed out renaming a school is not unprecedented in town. He noted the former Ripley Road School at the corner of Sohier Street and Ripley Road was renamed the Joseph Osgood School after Joseph Osgood, a superintendent in the late 1800s. That name was carried over to the new Osgood School that opened in September 1998.

Goff urged the School Committee to consider renam-

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This week in COHASSET

Lily Pond study is subject of meeting

The Water Commission will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, 339 King St., to review the draft Lily Pond Limnology and Water's Edge Study.

"We invite all Cohasset residents to attend this meeting to review this report," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission. "This study shows the effect that nutrient loading has on Lily Pond and makes recommendations on how to improve the situation."

Runway meeting

The South Shore Jet Pollution Council will meet Wednesday, Jan. 22 from 7-9 p.m. at the Hingham Library in the Whiton Room. Contact Marita King Hunter at 781-925-9010 for details, or visit: www.southshore-jetpollution.org

The Hingham Library is located off Route 228 at 66 Leavitt.

Vacancy on CPC

Citing "the press of other commitments," David McMorris has resigned from the Community Preservation Committee. Selectmen have asked that citizens interested in serving on the committee come forward. Richard Sylvia, the former governor-appointed member of the Housing Authority, has applied for the position.

Planning Board gets OK for legal counsel

Selectmen unanimously approved the designation of $3,040 for Town Counsel to represent the Planning Board in hearings with Avalon Bay. "I think they want someone to advocate for them because their position is that the land is zoned commercial," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris. "I think they'd like to make a presentation at the hearings and they'd like to have Counsel help them make that presentation. They want that expertise." The money will come from funds appropriated for legal expenses at the last Town Meeting.

Inventory for brooks, streams set for spring

At the request of selectmen, Town Manager Mark Haddad has arranged for an inventory of the town's brooks and streams to determine which of them need maintenance. Carl Sestito, the DPW superintendent, will perform the inventory in the spring. The desire to keep the town's brooks and streams clean was a goal set by the Board of Selectmen last year.

Update on new runway at Logan

Ralph Dormitzer, a Logan runway opponent, will update the Board of Selectmen on the status of the proposed, ne runway at Logan International Airport at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Selectmen looking into moving dock

Selectmen are looking into moving the dock originally intended as a temporary tie-up at Mariner's Park. The inside of the dock has been used as a permanent tie-up for dinghies, but at low tide those dinghies have been grounded, forcing boat owners to pull them up and over the dock to get out to their boats. At the request of selectmen, John Modzelewski, the town's consulting engineer, is looking into the moving the dock 10 feet farther from shore.

Elm St. housing

There are only two people on the waiting list for housing for the elderly at the Harborview Apartments behind the police-fire station on Elm Street, Cohasset Housing Authority Director Marilyn LeBlanc said.

Applicants must be at least 60 years old with an annual income not in excess of $40,600. Cohasset residents do get preference, she said.

Call LeBlanc at 718-383-1948 for more information.

Basketball courts to be upgraded

The basketball court behind the old Osgood School will be upgraded using funds from the Basketball Boosters. New lights will be added as part of the upgrade. Selectmen asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to look into putting a motion detector and a timer on the lights to conserve energy and assure the lights will shut down at a reasonable hour.

Government Structure Committee reactivated

The Board of Selectmen has asked the Troika to fill the vacancies on the Government Structure Committee. Because the Town Manager's Act has been in existence for more than five years, selectmen feel a review of the town's government is warranted.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday Jan.. 14:

Advisory Committee, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Police/ Fire Station Study Commission, Jan. 28 at 9 a.m.

Recreation Commission, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Selectmen, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

School Building Committee, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m.

Senior Housing Committee, Jan. 22 at 9 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals (Avalon), Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Names of local soldiers sought

The Sons of the American Legion chapter in Cohasset would like to know the names of any Cohasset soldiers who have been deployed to the Persian Gulf.

The Sons are also ordering Blue Star Banners for the families of local soldiers. Please leave a message for Sons Commander Tom Wigmore at the American Legion Post, 781-383-9657, and he will contact you.

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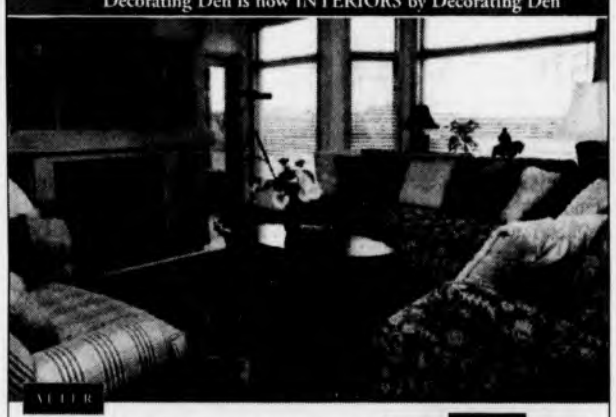

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Business owners to share burden of burying wires

Project to go before voters

By John Camera
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With the Jan. 25 vote on whether to bury utility wires in Cohasset Village fast approaching, several local business owners have vowed to contribute money toward the project to lessen its potential burden on taxpayers.

Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn, has pledged $100,000 towards the project. Hubert van der Lugt, owner of Hub Shipping, has said that between his and several other downtown businesses, an additional $50,000 will be raised.

The contributions would lower the cost of the debt exclusion override that would fund the project from $800,000 to $650,000.

According to Town Manager Mark Haddad, that would mean the average Cohasset taxpayer (considered the owner of a $575,500 home) would pay $49.51 per year for five years, were the override to pass.

With $2.7 million in grants from the state and the MBTA already apportioned for improvements to sidewalks and other parts of the downtown area, proponents of burying the wires say it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"You're not going to dig that up five years from now when you decide maybe it would have been better to go underground. This is the one time to do it," said van der Lugt, who will personally contribute $6,000 to the project. "People are always talking about improving their front yards. This is the front yard of our town."

Craig Miller, president of the Waterfield Design Group, the group hired to redesign the village, said burying the wires in conjunction with the other projects planned for downtown would make it cheaper and less invasive than doing it in the future.

"From our perspective it would be really unfortunate to go so far and make so many wonderful improvements and not take the final step," said Miller. "Out of all the visual improvements, the removal of the overhead wiring is probably the most striking."

Van der Lugt agreed, but said appearance isn't the only reason he supports the project. "It ought to brought up that it's not just esthetics," he said. "You'll have a much safer and wider, better sidewalk. You'll also gain a number of parking spots. In general terms, the sidewalks themselves will be more comfortable and the cost of service for power breakdowns will go down next to nothing because it's pretty much maintenance-free." He also said the project would allow for more trees in the area.

The project encompasses burying the wires in the village and does not include the Town Common.

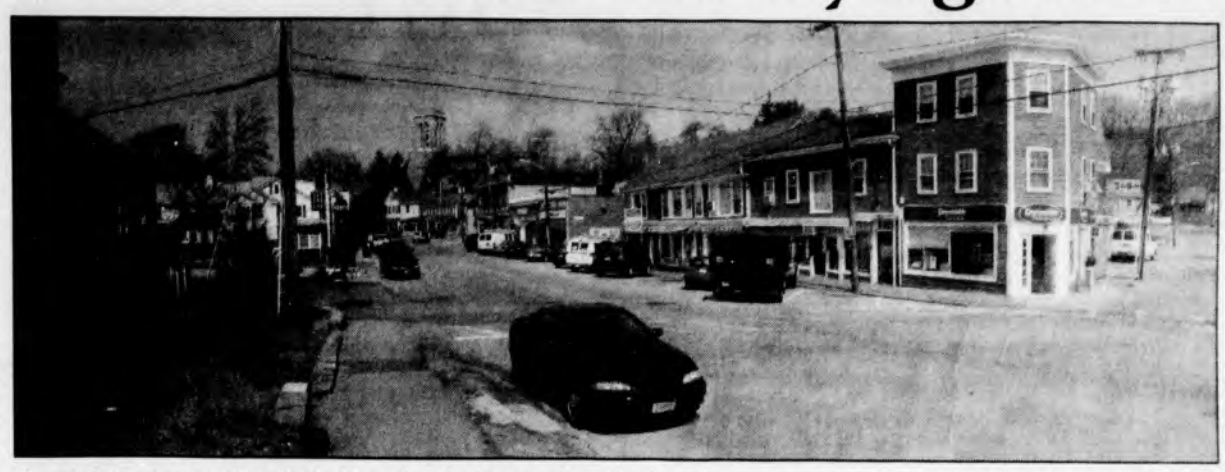
Van der Lugt, who owns three properties in the village, admitted he had special interest in the project, but said that was why he was willing to contribute more.

"Those who own property downtown obviously have more than one interest in the whole thing because it will indeed enhance the value of whatever is downtown," he said. "It came to my mind that as property owners we should pay more than the average citizen."

Burying the wires was included in the original plan for improvements to the village but was dropped due to lack of funding. Selectmen chose to let the matter go before voters, who at Special Town Meeting on Nov. 16 decided by a slim two-thirds majority vote to put the estimated $800,000 debt exclusion override on the ballot at a Jan. 25 special election. The override will need only a majority vote to pass.

An override is necessary because the debt service for the project cannot be absorbed within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2, the state law that caps the amount a town can raise its property taxes. A debt exclusion provides a temporary override of that limit until the project is paid off. This debt exclusion will run for five years, which is the maximum allowed for a roadway project.

Delaying the downtown revitalization project until more funding for burying the wires becomes available is not an option, according to Haddad. The town has only through 2004 to spend the $1.5 million Public Economic Development grant that will fund the streetscape revitalization, Haddad said.



Top photo is what the village looks like today; the bottom photo, thanks to computer technology, is what the village would look like after improvements that include burying utility wires.

Cohasset Village sidewalks, lighting come into focus

Project could start in April

By John Camera
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The Waterfield Design Group revealed the preliminary plan for revamping Cohasset Village's streets and sidewalks at Town Hall Monday night, but a complete picture of what the downtown area will eventually look like is still anyone's guess.

A major part of the revitalization plan could be burying utility wires in the village but that is dependent on a Jan. 25 debt exclusion override vote to pay for the $800,000 project *(see related story)*.

But regardless of the outcome of that vote, selectmen will likely approve a final design for the village sometime in late February or Early March, and construction could begin as early as mid-April.

According to the initial plan, sidewalks will be made of concrete with a bluestone border extending two feet in from a six-inch high granite curb. Granite and bronze tiles with designs such as lobsters, shells, starfish, doves and crabs will be spread throughout the concrete. New trees will be surrounded by granite cobbles.

Despite a survey by the Community Revitalization Corporation that indicated a majority of residents preferred brick sidewalks, a limited budget forced selectmen and designers to chose concrete.

Craig Miller, president of the Waterfield Design Group, said brick would cost an additional $200,000 to $400,000. "We don't feel at all that we're making a sacrifice esthetically," Miller said.

Old fashioned, Victorian-style light fixtures on tall black posts will replace current lighting in the village. For seating, two options are on the table: an all-teak bench or a wooden one with a black, metal frame. Trash receptacles have also yet to be chosen.

Concerns from residents at the meeting ranged from traffic and parking issues to worries that blasting the rock at the foot of St. Stephen's Church to make room for a sidewalk will leave a jagged, unnatural look.

Designers had planned to do away with three parking spots in front of Shipcove Park to allow for a view, but Roger Hill of Highland Avenue disagreed with the move. "If you talk to the merchants down there, I think they'd want the additional parking," said Hill.

Selectman Tom Callahan defended the design. "This was designed for the pedestrian, not the use of the automobile," he said. "Were not losing spaces. We're gaining spaces in the town parking lot."

The amount of parking spaces on South Main Street will stay at 18 while spaces in the town parking lot will increase from 187 to 217.

"This is a balancing act," said Miller. "We have a finite amount of space and a finite amount of resources."

Miller said the Waterfield Design Group will meet with village merchants to review the design within the next month. He said keeping businesses accessible during construction was a concern, but how that would be done was not yet determined.

Keeping construction to one side of the street was one option Miller mentioned. He also said limited nighttime construction until 11 p.m. or 12 a.m. had not been ruled out.

"If we could get nighttime construction—I don't think we could because of the sensitive nature of the of the downtown — but if we could, then we could get this done a lot quicker," Miller said.

To ease parking concerns, the first phase of the project to be completed will be the town parking lot. At an estimated cost of $350,000 to $500,000, the parking lot will be paid for the MBTA as part of the Greenbush mitigation agreement.

The rest of the project will be funded by a variety of sources. The town received a $1.5 million state Public Works Economic Development grant for the for the streetscape revitalization, $1 million for the James Brook culvert as part of the MBTA mitigation package, and a $169,000 Transportation Enhancement grant for the St. Stephen's sidewalk, while the installation of a new water main, at a cost of $38,000, will be paid for by the Water Department.

Local business owners have offered to subsidize burying the utility wires to the tune of $150,000 to lessen the impact of the project on local taxpayers.

At right: An example of the style of lamppost and lighting proposed for the village.

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Stop-work order to be issued for Jerusalem Lane mansion

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building permit, which prompted the public hearing before the zoning board on the appeal.

But Lacy said because the lot is undersized and the existing house razed and replaced with a much larger structure, the owner needed a special permit before obtaining a building permit. His counterparts on the zoning board agreed.

The lot at 3 Jerusalem Lane is about 14,000 square feet when a conforming lot in that residential district would have a minimum of 35,000 square feet.

The ruling will undoubtedly open the proverbial "Pandora's Box" as there are at least two other homes in town, at 319 and 396 Jerusalem Road that are being constructed on undersized lots, according to the Building Inspector's office. And there may be half a dozen others that are already up and running, so to speak. Those homes may not have come to the zoning board's attention because nobody questioned them.

An incredulous Sawyer told the zoning board her client's civil rights had been "severely jeopardized." What is fair for one, is fair for all, she said.

The zoning board stressed Ayer could apply to the board for a special permit that would trigger abutter notification. Ayer may do that, but in the interim, his legal team was busy at Town Hall on Tuesday going through the files to find more undersized lots where homes have been built without so much as a whimper.

Planning Board member Robert Sturdy, who is often unabashed in the face of storm of controversy, has weighed in on the issue in a long letter to the zoning board.

Sturdy argues that under the bylaw because the lot is non-complaint, issuance of a building permit even for a home that meets all the current setback and height requirements is prohibited. He also notes the building permit was not for the extension, alteration or enlargement of an existing building because the existing house was razed.

If Ayer applies for a special permit, the zoning board must find that the house is not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use and is not hazardous to the public health because of traffic congestion or other reason, Sturdy stated.

Citing a legal case that was referred to several times at Monday's meeting, "an otherwise conforming structure on a nonconforming lot is treated as a nonconforming structure."

"It appears the building permit issued for 3 Jerusalem Lane was not in compliance with the Cohasset Zoning Bylaws and that the appeal prevails on the merits," Sturdy wrote. "A cease and desist order must be issued."

Chairman Woody Chittick stressed the zoning board did not have enough information to determine if the Ayer house would qualify for a special permit.

Lacy said the immediate remedy was for the Building Inspector to issue a "cease and desist" order until the board "grants a special permit, if we do."

Lacy explained it seemed the intent of the bylaw was to prevent reconstruction on non-conforming lots from increasing the non-conformity and "crowding things even more." If the homeowner had essentially built the same house, there wouldn't be a problem.

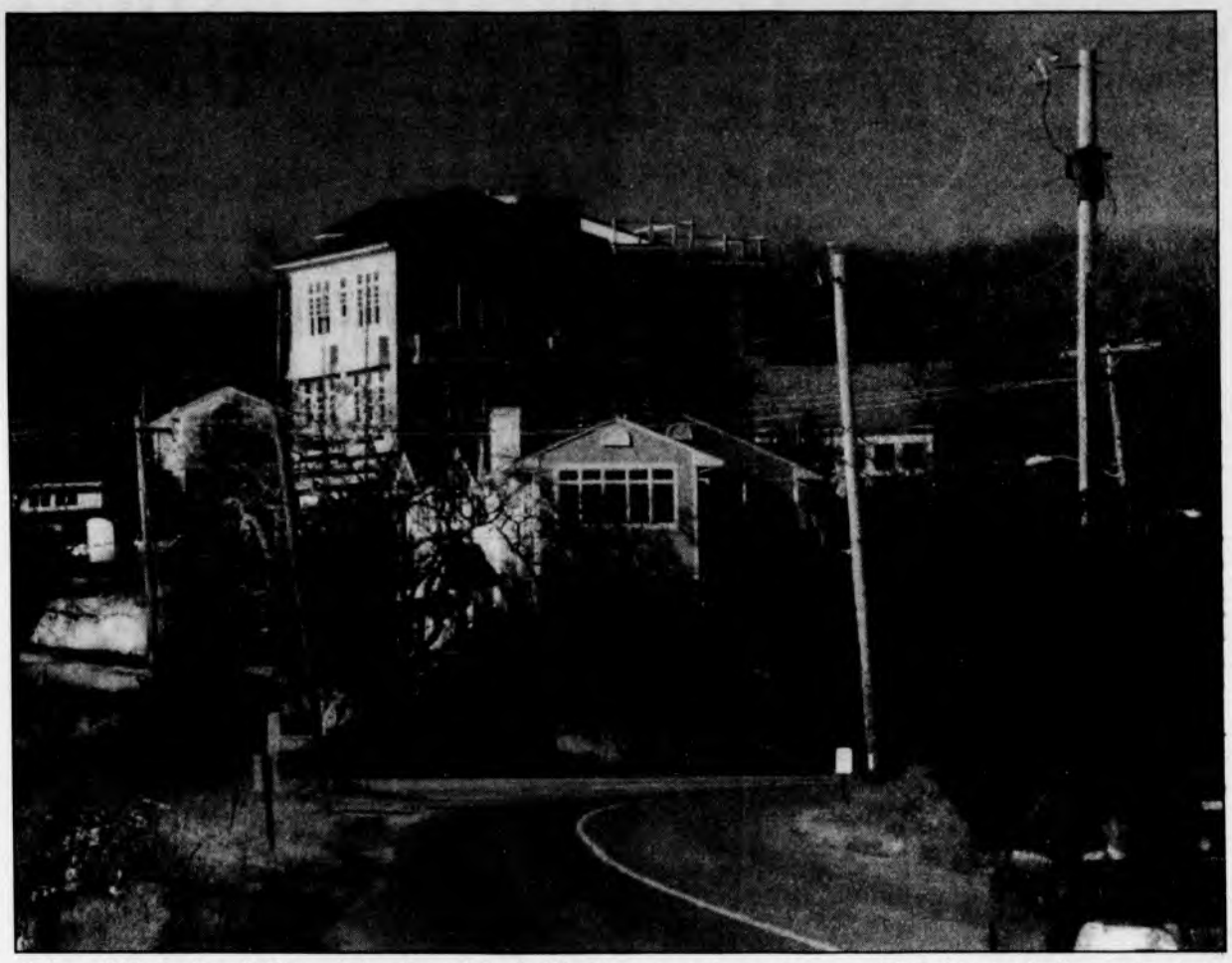
"We hope to have a full hearing on the merits in context of an application for a special permit," Chittick added. "In the interim, the building inspector must take remedies."

In the meantime, Egan's office provided the scene for intensive research by Ayer's legal team that intended to search back six years for other undersized lots that had been built on in town. Sawyer, Ayer's attorney, said she planned to seek a hearing before a judge.

"Where we go from here is an interesting question," Egan said Tuesday.

Ayer, whose home is 80 percent complete, said in a telephone interview that Monday happened to be his birthday and the zoning board presented him with one heck of a present. He said he'd be closing up the house to prevent any leaks but was far from giving up the fight to what he sees as an abridgement of his civil rights. Ayer said he was alerting "legal people and the media."

"I'm going to shed the light of the day on it," he said.



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Sewer hookup down the drain

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Hull for $2,000 to $3,000 per household for a 30-year period, Jerusalem Road Estates was willing to pay about $30,000 per household for the same capacity.

If that were the going rate, Vanderweil said, expanding the North Cohasset Sewer District to existing homes with potentially hazardous septic systems could become a mere pipe dream.

In the eyes of the Sewer Commission, connecting those homes is more important than putting any new projects online, especially given the agreement Cohasset has with the state requiring the clean-up of any existing wastewater problems.

"There's more areas in Cohasset that could use the sewering," said Vanderweil, pointing to homes on and around Jerusalem Road and Forest Avenue, where ledge and soil conditions are less than ideal for the on-site systems already in place.

This fall, Sewer Commissioners said they were "stonewalled" by Hull in their efforts to seek more sewer capacity.

But Jerusalem Road Estates offered the Town of Hull $650,000 for 13,750 gallons of wastewater per day for 30 years, and they accepted.

Charles Humphreys, a lawyer for the developers, says his client has as much a right as anyone to buy Hull's sewer capacity.

"(The Sewer Commission is) basically saying, 'We're not going to help you, but you can't help yourself,'" said Humphreys. "It's an arbitrary and capricious act. They would have to have a reason for saying no."

Humphreys said the Sewer Commission is over-stepping its bounds. "There's no question about it," he said. "What you find is a lot of boards working as zoning agencies instead of providing their services."

The Sewer Commission maintains that it acted within its jurisdiction, citing in its decision a state law that says only municipalities have the right to contract with other municipalities regarding the operation of a common sewer system. That would make the contract between Hull and Jerusalem Road Estates illegal, unless the town of Cohasset approved.

The matter will now end up in court, where Jerusalem Road Estates will appeal the Sewer Commission's decision.

School custodians say they need more help

By Mary Ford
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Custodian Ted Holland told the School Committee last week there is a critical need for another full-time custodian at the Deer Hill School.

He explained there are two custodians at the school, Tom Jones who works from 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and opens the school, cleans the rooms and lavatories, and Holland who works from 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Holland starts his day transporting school lunches from the high school to both Deer Hill and Osgood, then after lunch, he transports lunch money, pots & pans, and interoffice mail back to the high school.

"I'm not able to start my cleaning duties until 2 p.m., which leaves only 4-1/2 hours a day to clean," he said.

Holland pointed out that with the new addition, Deer Hill is doubling in size from 40,000 to 80,000 square feet and noted that a study conducted two years ago, said Deer Hill was understaffed by a one-half time custodial position.

"I feel the addition of this position is necessary to protect Cohasset's beautiful new investment for generations to come."

— Ted Holland, Deer Hill custodian

Holland said a custodian is needed to work the 3-11 p.m. shift.

"Community members and organizations frequently use the building at night," he said. "A custodian on duty will enable the building to be properly opened, supervised locked and alarmed.

"I feel the addition of this position is necessary to protect Cohasset's beautiful new investment for generations to come," he said.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said the board is taking the issue of school cleanliness seriously.

"We don't want people to walk into our new facility and say, 'gee it looks nice but it's filthy,'" he said.

Supt. Edward Malvey said despite budget woes, the school buildings have to be maintained. The town's DPW oversees maintaining the buildings, but the school department is responsible for the custodial staff.

Malvey said the cost effectiveness of outsourcing some cleaning would be looked at.

"Decisions have to be made with upkeep of the facilities," he said.

The School Committee took the issue under advisement.

"We need a custodian at Deer Hill," School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo said. "The question as always is money, but we'll work on it."

Later in the budget discussion that night, DeGiacomo mentioned the custodial request. He said he wasn't sure the School Committee was ready to say the buildings need to be spotless and cut a teacher.

Bad fiscal news gets even worse

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ments that would most likely be hit. He said the police and fire departments are already so low-staffed that reducing them further wouldn't save money because overtime costs would increase so dramatically.

The dire budget news came to Haddad from Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, over the telephone on Wednesday afternoon.

At Tuesday night's selectmen's meeting, faced with the 10 percent cut for the remainder of fiscal year 2003, Haddad discouraged layoffs, recommending the town use its "free cash" to make up the difference.

"We're going to have to go back and revisit everything."

— Town Manager Mark Haddad

That plan may still be possible for 2003, but isn't likely to work for balancing 2004's budget, Haddad said.

The town currently has about $300,000 in "free cash" and $3,000,000 in its stabilization fund, money reserved for paying the debt service on the town's multi-million dollar school projects, which the state has delayed payments on indefinitely.

"This is the second time the state has reneged on us in less than a year," Haddad said, referring to the those payments. "This is a case of the state balancing their books on the back of the towns of Massachusetts."

Haddad said he would not recommend an increase to the $485,000 general override for the operating budget that will go before voters this spring.

Selectmen will likely take up the budget issue at their next meeting, scheduled for Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

School board looks at bleak budget

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covered by grants] and upwards of $56,000 to cover the state's share of out-of-district tuition for students with disabilities. The Commissioner of Education recently announced the state might no longer be able to pay 50 percent of that cost as it has in the past.

Those budget increases do not include maintenance, any new teachers, textbooks or supplies.

Last Thursday's meeting was the School Committee's first pass at the overall school department budget. The School Committee was not prepared to say the schools could live within the 4 percent or if it would seek to increase the override.

Haddad said last week this spring's override would be $486,000 — but that's based on a 10 percent cut in local aid.

Two alternate designs added to Police/Fire Station plans

When the town eventually decides to replace the fire department's 25-year-old ladder truck, the new truck, if it's the model Fire Chief Roger Lincoln is hoping for, won't fit in the current station.

To solve that problem, the Police/Fire Building Study Committee is considering two alternate designs to additions already planned for the building. One alternate plan would lengthen the current garage by eight feet. Another would raise the roof of the garage by two feet.

At an expected cost of around $80,000, the plan to lengthen the garage would be least expensive and the most necessary of the two. The plan to raise the roof, which committee members said would cost "six-figures," would allow firefighters to perform maintenance on the ladder truck indoors. Even with the truck the department now owns, firefighters must take it outside three times a week to pop the vehicle's hood and do the necessary maintenance.

The two alternate plans will be put out to bidders in February, along with the estimated $600,000, 1450-square-foot addition that would provide the station with much-needed facilities for both police and female firefighters and paramedics. The improvements will go before voters at Town Meeting this spring.

Town land OK'd as launching area for kayaks and canoes

The Weir River Estuary Committee met with selectmen Tuesday night and walked away with permission for town land on Straits Pond to be used for the launching of kayaks and canoes. The land is located on Hull Street near the former site of the old fire station.

The request to use the land was part of the Weir River Estuary Committee's effort to use "water as the path" for those who wish to explore the estuary. Committee member Judith Van Hamm outlined the goals of the committee, which include improving water quality, preserving habitat, promoting recreation, and educating people on the estuary.

Because of its extensive salt marsh and tidal flats, the estuary is an area of significant environmental concern. Using part of a $50,000 grant from the state's watershed initiative program, the Weir River Estuary Committee is hiring a consultant to help develop the watershed as a protected area. Van Hamm encourage selectmen to attend visioning workshop that will be scheduled in the near future.

Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is noon, Monday for that week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

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Rachel McElroy receives Girl Scouts' highest honor

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Hingham, who presented Rachel with a special certificate.

To qualify for the Gold Award, Rachel spent countless hours working towards four patches, two pins, and several community service requirements.

"Girl Scouts just opened up so many opportunities to me."

— Rachel McElroy, Windy Hill Road

Much of her effort focused on a water-safety program. She received her lifeguard certification, put together a packet for children and parents explaining how to deal in water-related emergencies, and taught courses to children ages 5 to 12 in conjunction with the Salem YMCA, the Cohasset Recreation Department and the Cohasset Community Center summer program.

"It was very challenging but it didn't feel like it was work because I was having such a blast," Rachel said. "It wasn't like I was doing it for a quota. I was doing it because I wanted to."

At 18, Rachel is a senior at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham. She said other highlights of working towards the Gold Award included teaching campfire songs to younger Girl Scouts, lighting candles around Cohasset Common during this year's "Jingle Bell Walk," and attending a sleepover fieldtrip at the Museum of Science in Boston, where Rachel and fellow scouts were treated to private shows in the museum's Planetarium and Omni Theater.

PHOTOS/LYNNE LAYMAN

Rachel McElroy with several of her awards and citations.

Rachel's interest in Girl Scouts was something she inherited from her family. Her mother and older sister were former Girl Scouts, and her older brother was an Eagle Scout.

Rachel joined the Girl Scouts while in the first grade. She said the size of her troop decreased significantly over the years, but it didn't stop her from enjoying it. "Girl Scouts just opened up so many opportunities to me," she said, adding that she learned to ride horses, met a group of English exchange students, and even saw the Rockettes perform in New York City, all through being involved with the scouts.

Rachel said she values the friendships she has made as a Girl Scout above all. "The best thing about it is I still have my friends from my Girl Scout troop when I was in first grade and we're still really close," she said. "I go to a different school but I still see them and hang out with them all the time."

Rachel's eligibility as a Girl Scout runs out when she graduates from high school this spring, but her Red Cross certification in first aid and CPR makes her an ideal candidate to chaperone Girl Scout trips around the country, something she is interested in pursuing.

Accepted early at Boston College, Rachel is also applying to Georgetown and Duke and hopes to study communications.

Rachel McElroy wears one of her three patch vests that show her many Girl Scout badges.

Renaming Deer Hill

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ing the Deer Hill School, and said, "It wouldn't cost anything."

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said, according to the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Vol. III" Ripley served in the Cohasset School System for 42 years, 24 of those as superintendent, retiring in 1969.

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo said Ripley was synonymous with the school system.

"It wouldn't cost anything."

— Ed Goff, Ledgewood Drive

"He was the man and for a very long time," DeGiacomo said.

The School Committee took the matter under advisement, and hopes for some feedback on the proposal from the community.

Got a suggestion for better government?

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, has announced a unique opportunity for residents in his district to improve the way government works in Massachusetts.

The Pioneer Institute, a non-profit research group, is sponsoring the 12th Better Government Competition, which seeks ideas from individuals about ways to improve the quality of government services and deliver them more efficiently.

"Making government more efficient should always be our goal and I urge my constituents to participate by sending in an entry."

— State Sen. Robert Hedlund

This year's competition poses four problem statements in the areas of special education, the Commonwealth's budget crisis, Medicaid funding, and small business development. One winning entry in each category will receive $3,000. Implementation of winning ideas from previous competitions has saved Massachusetts taxpayers more than $300 million.

"Making government more efficient should always be our goal and I urge my constituents to participate by sending in an entry," Hedlund said

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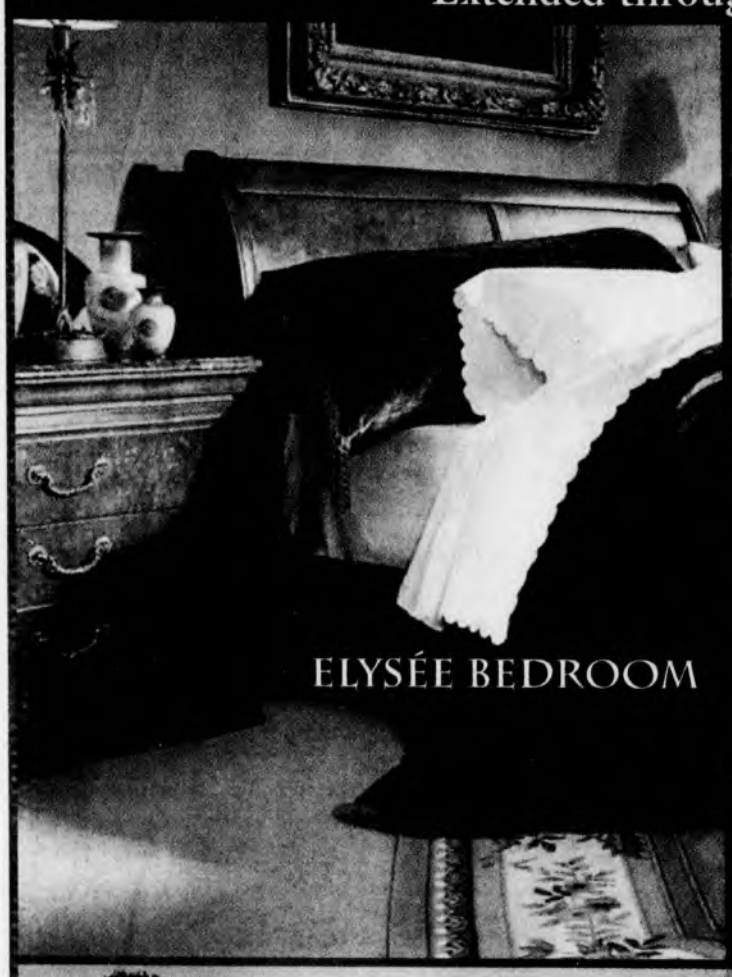
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IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to all on the birth of a beautiful little girl. **Ann Louise Ward** of Cohasset is great-grandmother to **Isabelle Mary Ward** of Plymouth! Isabelle arrived Dec. 10 at Jordan Hospital. Her parents are **Mary Beth** and **Edmund Ward**, and she has a big sister, **Stephanie**. Isabelle's grandparents are **Edmund & Isabel Ward** of Kingston; **John MacNeil** of Quincy; and **Elizabeth MacNeil** of Dorchester.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

David F. Crowley-Buck and **Matthew R. Meikleham** of Cohasset were among 46 Boston College High School seniors who recently received word that they had been accepted at the colleges and universities of their choice. The colleges and universities eagerly accepted these students because of their excellence and promise in academics, extracurriculars, sports and community service.

David was accepted at Boston College (Honors Program), Georgetown University and the University of Notre Dame; Matthew at the University of Vermont. Congratulations to both of you on this wonderful news!

POST-PROM PARTY

Calling all Senior Parents! The next meeting for Post Prom Party will be on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. at the CHS Cafe. The 2003 Post Prom Party Committee has been very busy over the past few months. Come and hear about the theme we have planned and learn how you can be involved. There is a job for everyone and we need your help!

HONORS GRADUATE

Kaitlin Jackson, graduate of the CHS Class of 1999 graduated with dean's list honors in December 2002 from the University of Maine at Orono.

WINTER WALKERS

PHOTOS/LYNNE LAYMAN

At left, June Hubbard and "Harry" walk in the woods by Little Harbor. At right, Mary Londergan and Elizabeth Kavam take a walk on Cohasset Common.

Kaitlin received a bachelor's degree in International Affairs and Spanish. Her proud parents are **Robert and Diane Jackson**.

LEARNING PROBLEMS

On Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m., **Tara Gallagher**, regional manager of Clinics for Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes, will be presenting an overview on "The Sensory-System Connection: Dyslexia to Autism" at the South Shore Country Club on 274 South St. in Hingham. Parents and professionals are invited to attend this very special overview. The causes and solutions for learning problems, including the symptoms of dyslexia, hyperlexia, autism, and attention deficit disorder, will be presented.

Lindamood-Bell is planning on opening a new center in Hingham in the spring of 2003. Call now to RSVP: (800) 233-1819 ext. 750

BIRTHDAY WISHES

I would like to wish my goddaughter, **Tricia Litchfield,** a very happy birthday and hope that she enjoyed her special day last Sunday, Jan. 12. Happy seventh birthday big girl, everyone loves you a great big bunch!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

"Love Around the World," a benefit dinner dance, will be held at the Red Lion Barn, 71 S. Main St., Cohasset, Feb. 8 from 7 p.m. 'til midnight.

Proceeds will benefit the playground at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, which will open later this year. The museum will occupy a two-story wing at the back of the new Paul Pratt Library at the corner of Sohier Street and Ripley Road.

The playground is currently being designed under the aegis of the same non-profit group that is raising money for the children's museum.

"Love Around the World" will feature a buffet dinner and dancing to the sounds of the Mike Dumas Band with Platform Soul. The evening will also include a live auction.

Tickets are $75 each. For reservations or further information, call **Logan Bernstein** at 781-383-6165.

STUDENT JOB BANK

Need a little help around the house? The Social Service League provides a referral service to match high school students looking for work opportunities in Cohasset. If you are interested in hiring a student to work for you, please call the League Office at 781-383-0771 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A list of student names is available for the following services: lawn mowing, leaf raking, general yard work, cooking, computer skills work, babysitting, house sitting, pet sitting, etc. at $7 per hour.

FIRST PARISH OPEN HOUSE

First Parish in Cohasset is celebrating the renovation of its 1722 Parish House with an Open House for members, friends, and honored guests on Sunday, Jan. 26 from 12-2:30 p.m. The Parish House is located at 23 North Main St. Displays of the ongoing activities of the parish will be presented, and refreshments will be served.

Music during the open house will be provided by **Howard Altholtz** on guitar with friends in concert and music by the First Parish choir as well. **Jim Hamilton,** a local cartoonist, will entertain both adults and children, and a local storyteller will hold the children's interest in the new childcare center.

HONOR ROLL

Robert P. Henderson, Head of School, is pleased to announce that **Kayvon Michael Tehranian** achieved academic honors for his first semester grades at Noble and Greenough School. **Kayvon**, a junior, received High Distinction for maintaining B+, A- average. Keep up the hard work, Kayvon!

BOOKS COOK PROGRAM

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades 1 and 2 Books Cook program by calling 781-383-4109.

Once Upon a Recipe is for grades 1 and 2 and will be held from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, and will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School. Children will enjoy making bread Boas after reading "The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash" or making candy houses after reading "Hansel and Gretel," as example.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $55 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin in late January on Wednesdays right after school until 4:30 p.m.. Each week will feature different books and cooking.

For more information details and registration, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781- 383-4109.

That is all the news for this week. Please make sure to send me all of your news, photos and event information no later than Mondays at noon.

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BLIZZARD MEMORIES

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Chris Haraden, author of a new book on the Blizzard of '78, displays some blizzard memorabilia during an open discussion last Thursday of the Hull Lifesaving Museum's upcoming Blizzard of '78 25th Anniversary Exhibit. The open house at the station museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave. provided a forum for South Shore residents to share their memories of the storm, and to preview plans for the upcoming exhibit.

Jack and Joyce Zimmerman pore over Blizzard of '78 souvenir editions of the Boston Herald American newspaper at the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Visitors were encouraged to bring photographs, newspaper clippings or other mementos of the storm. For more information on the upcoming exhibit, contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433.

WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Palladino

Palladino - Sutherland wedding

Erin Sutherland and Brian Palladino were married on July 20, 2002 at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. The Rev. John Mulvehill officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Susan and Frederick Cox of Hull and George and Margaret Sutherland of Harwich. She is a 1992 graduate of Cohasset High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Massachusetts—Amherst. She earned her master's degree in education from UMASS—Boston. She is a ninth-grade history teacher for the Marshfield Public Schools.

The bridegroom is the son of Rocco and Diana Palladino of Plymouth. He graduated from Plymouth North High School in 1992 and from the University of Massachusetts—Amherst in 1997. He earned a master's degree in special education at Eastern Nazarene College. He is currently working on a certificate of advanced graduate studies through Fitchburg State College. Mr. Palladino is employed with Randolph Public Schools as chairperson for the middle school special education department.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at Scituate Country Club. The couple cruised the Caribbean on their honeymoon.

They are at home in Plymouth.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thanks for speaking up

Before 2003 gets too far along, we still have some important 2002 business to attend to. Some of the following names may be familiar to you, others may not be. But the people attached to these names all have one thing in common: they wrote at least one letter to the Cohasset Mariner in 2002.

A few wrote thank you notes to the people of Cohasset or organizations for their help or support; others complained about a decision or lobbied to have their views considered; while still others educated us about programs, problems or activities.

But no matter what the subject, putting pen to paper to share your views with your fellow citizens is important. The First Amendment is close to our hearts here in the newspaper business and at no time do we appreciate it more than when ordinary citizens, like those listed here, take advantage of their Freedom of Speech. And what better vehicle is there than your local paper?

So here at the Mariner, we salute the following citizens:

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The editorial pages of the Cohasset Mariner belong to you. It's where you can speak out or just say thank you to a citizen or group that went beyond the call of duty.

Sometimes it takes a good dose of courage to let your voice be heard, but we think it's worth it. Often one voice is all the inspiration needed to propel others to action.

Last year, the Cohasset Mariner received 157 letters from 105 different people, groups or organizations.

To those of you that have thought about writing and haven't, please reconsider. To those whom we hear from on a regular basis, keep writing!

There are lots of weeks to go in the New Year — which will be filled with events, decisions, happenings and controversy. Let us hear what you think in 2003.

— Mary Ford
Editor
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Food Pantry support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

As we complete our 10th year in operation, the Cohasset Food Pantry would like to thank our many benefactors. We have recently moved to St. Anthony Parish Rectory and can now provide ground floor access to the pantry. We are very grateful to Fr. John Mulvehill for offering this space to our organization.

For the past 10 years, the Food Pantry was operated in the Second Congregational Church. With much support and generosity from Rev. Gary Ritts, Dee Dee Perry and the congregation. During this period, Bob Thompson contributed many hours of service to the pantry. He will always be remembered for his gentle leadership and kind spirit, Our new home is dedicated in loving memory to Bob Thompson. Through Bob's memorial fund we were able to purchase new appliances and complete the move to St Anthony's.

We are very grateful to Steve Buckley who donated and installed our beautiful new shelving.

We are also thankful for our loyal volunteers who come to help stock the shelves, distribute food and provide cheerful conversation and guidance to our recipients. Several of these volunteers have been with us for many years.

The Cohasset Food Pantry relies on food and monetary donations throughout the year. We have been blessed this season with an abundance of food donations thanks to the monthly food drives at our local churches and our many benefactors. There are many organizations and people who helped us provide holiday meals and gifts for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We wish to acknowledge:

Kinnealey Meats - Thanksgiving turkeys and pies; Carriage House Nursery School; Community Center Nursery School; Second Congregational Church; Cohasset High School; St. Anthony Church. CCD Program - Ann Musto, Kathy Horrigan, Eileen Craven, Julie Trendowicz, Marie Kelly; Mary Lee Pestone; Rusty Skippers; Second Congregational Church - Angel tree; Molly McGowan - scout troop; Mary McKelvy- Girl Scouts; Liz Richardson - Girl Scouts; Jody Doyle - First Parish Church - Christmas trees; Judy Wilson and Julia DeWaal- Food baskets - Osgood Kindergarten students; Beth Wheatley Dyson - St Stephen's holiday food drive; Pilgrim Cooperative Bank- holiday food drive and Christmas turkeys; Jane Corry; Corrine Cahill; Jim Clinton - Stop & Shop; Ozzie Osborne; Dr. Sceery; The Thompson family who distributed food baskets on Christmas Eve.

The Cohasset Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Parking is available at the rear of the rectory.

Margie Steele
Moira Stansell

Toys appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of all the staff and residents at Project Turnabout in Hingham, I would like to thank the Cohasset Social Service League for providing toys for children of the residents over the holiday season. The young men in our residential treatment program have a difficult time as it is, and the League's thoughtfulness and generosity helped make some of their lives just a bit easier over the holidays. The kids that came to visit had a surprise waiting for them under our Christmas tree and it turned the day into a happy occasion. Thank you for thinking of us. Happy New Year to you all.

Randy Ruscansky
House Manager, Project Turnabout

Heartfelt thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

I am currently a resident of Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home.

Over this past holiday season I received many gifts from generous, kindly people — some of whom I did not even know.

I would like to extend my thanks to all who were so thoughtful to remember me, as it is difficult to say thank you individually.

Thank you for helping me.

Louis Simeone
Cohasset

HEALTH NOTES

Some tips to avoid Norwalk Virus

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

According to the Massachusetts medical Society, Norwalk-like viruses NLV cause approximately 23 million cases of disease each year in the United States and are the leading cause of outbreaks of gastroenteritis. Illness lasts 12-60 hours and is characterized by sudden onset of nausea, vomiting, and watery diarrhea; the incubation period is 12—48 hours.

Viral gastroenteritis outbreaks can occur in institutional settings, such as schools, childcare facilities, and nursing homes, and can occur in other group settings, such as banquet halls, cruise ships, dormitories, and campgrounds.

Transmission is facilitated by high rates of infection by persons exposed to the source, a low infectious dose requirement, the absence of long-lasting immunity, the durability of the organism, and the potential for multiple modes of transmission. The virus is transmitted by hands contaminated through the fecal-oral route, directly from person to person, through contaminated food or water, or by contact with contaminated surfaces or fomites.

Fomites are inanimate objects that carry disease-causing germs, which spread infections and are one of the most common ways that kids get sick.

Fomites are inanimate objects that carry disease-causing germs, which spread infections and are one of the most common ways that kids get sick. Toys in a day care or in a doctor's waiting room may have been handled (or mouthed) by contagious kids. Cutting boards and kitchen sponges may teem with bacteria from the uncooked food they have touched. Toothbrushes in the same drawer or cup may be the way that colds or NLV spreads through the family.

Germs commonly live on fomites for minutes or in the case of the NLV up to 18 hours. The most likely fomites are objects that frequently come into contact with uncooked food, toileting or diapering activities, dirt, or the bodies of living creatures. Fomites, which are moist or are stored in a dark place, are the most likely to spread disease. Tissues, diapers, hairbrushes, forks, and spoons are common fomites. Dry, impersonal objects, such as walls, light fixtures, or doorframes, are less likely to spread infection.

The best thing that can be done by persons to reduce their chance of getting infected is frequent hand washing, prompt disinfection of contaminated surfaces with household chlorine bleach-based cleaners, and prompt washing of soiled articles of clothing. If food or water is thought to be contaminated, it should be avoided.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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The case for burying village wires

LOCAL VIEW

HUBERT VAN DER LUGT

The narrative history of Cohasset, Part III, shows how we started the village renaissance in the early 90s with the town pump handmade by Charlie Butman prominently located in front of the Cohasset Hardware Store at the intersection of Elm and Main Streets.

A number of years before several buildings on the intersection of Elm and Brook streets had already been given a new lease on life There was also the James Brook Walk improvement with its lanterns. What was the Breadshop and the area around it, was restored and improved We are fortunate to have Donna Green's studio in town The area between French Memories and Tedeschi became Ship Cove Park with stone benches, trees and shrubs. Hub Shipping and Flemmings are blending in nicely with the Maritime Museum and the Captain Wilson House.

Just a few years ago the Town DPW Garage was transformed into a meeting place for Cohasset youngsters The Hingham Savings Bank spent a lot of money on beautifying what used to be Cohasset Savings Bank The Pilgrim Cooperative Bank spruced up its building as well, Mr. Johnson, and attorneys Humphreys and Henderson did their share along Brook Street.

Two years ago Cohasset Revitalization Corporation emerged and basically developed the present plans for the downtown improvements Peter Roy matched dollar for dollar the contributions made by dedicated people from all over Cohasset, together about $ 300,000.

None of all this so far has cost one cent to the Cohasset taxpayers Topping it all off is the labor of love contributed by Gerd Ordelheide, who saved the Red Lion Inn from falling apart a few years ago The place was seriously neglected when he put his money where his mouth was and went to work spending whatever it took Built in 1704, the Inn now has a new lease on life and is good for another 300 years

This is an impressive list of improvements which took place in the past 20 years, none of which cost the town one red cent, if anything it resulted in higher valuations and thus larger tax payments to the Town. Everything was paid for by the property owners and the many concerned citizens The entire town benefited from these efforts.

The various grants add up to more than $3 million and will make it possible to put it all together with major improvements of the streets, sidewalks, crossings, lights, and parking.

Please for once, in this once in a lifetime situation, do not look at this as a "tax," look at it as a good investment to spruce up Cohasset's front yard, like we all do around our own homes from time to time.

One thing only remains to be covered, these unreliable, unsafe, ugly wires and cables dangling over our heads from those leaning, creosote poles. The only one thing left to be financed one way or the other is the funeral of these monstrosities.

Has anyone ever met anyone who liked the looks of these obstacles? Do you think that anyone will miss them once they are gone ? Would it not be a pleasure to replace a few of these poles by flowering trees?

Mr. Ordelheide, the owner of the Red Lion Inn, has made a $ 100,000 pledge towards the estimated $800,000 cost to put this finishing touch on the revitalization of our village A number of other downtown property owners are now getting together in an effort to match his generosity.

The way most people see it is that not doing this now means that it will never happen, at least not in the foreseeable future, not in my time anyway.

Please for once, in this once in a lifetime situation, do not look at this as a " tax ," look at it as a good investment to spruce up Cohasset's front yard, like we all do around our own homes from time to time. This is the front yard of our town, let's go all the way, let's do it right. Spending $3 million on new sidewalks, crossings, streets, and lights in addition to everything that already has been spent for research and planning and not getting rid of these ugly poles, wires and cables, is tantamount to going to a wedding in a tuxedo, with a cummerbund and a bow tie, wearing beat-up worn out old sneakers.

The only thing I am asking the Town is to spend between $ 600.000 and $650,000 over three to five years to top it all off, nothing more than what has already been done in many other towns all over New England. It is nothing really new, many other towns with less history and less prosperity than Cohasset have done it before. Spread out over five years it is less than $ 150,000 per year. One less time per year to a game, to a concert or out for dinner, that's all it will cost for a few years only.

I am not saying all this frivolously, I do respect and understand the feelings and concerns of those who are of different means and opinions Those same good people I am asking to also look at it the other way though, as an integral part of a downtown improvement plan, upkeep if you will, we are about 80 percent there.

Come on let's go all the way, Cohasset is worth it! It will look great! It is a matter of priorities in our daily lives, our legacy to those who come after us. We owe it to those who came before us and who created Cohasset in the past. Let's do it right. Vote yes on Jan. 25! It will be appreciated and a joy forever.

Hubert van der Lugt is the owner of Hub Shipping on Elm Street.

Cohasset Teen Garage needs your support

COMMENTARY

JACK WORLEY

Due to the Fiscal Year, 2004 budget crisis facing the town, the Recreation Commission's budget of $15,600 for staffing of the Teen Garage has been slashed $10,000, reflecting a meager $5,600 of town support for this popular operation.

The Garage is a safe, supervised haven for Cohasset youngsters grades 6 to 12 and is located directly behind the Red Lion Inn, in the town's old highway department garage. The Garage is open and supervised for youngsters to drop in, socialize with peers, play electronic games, pool, etc and offers dances and other special activities on a regular basis year round.

Approximately $40,000 was raised via the generosity of residents and local business and civic groups during 1998/1999 and through the laborious efforts of Youth Resources Committee members and residents, the 50-year-old building was transformed into a Teen Center.

It has been via small, per capita fee charges for dances and special events only, that the operational costs of the Garage have been satisfied, such as electricity, phone and heating bills, as well as equipment video games, etc.

The town government support came in the form of $15,600 per fiscal year allocated to the Recreation Commission budget for the supervision/staffing of the Garage. The Recreation Director assumed overall responsibilities of Garage operations, upkeep and staff.

In our effort to accommodate the budget deficit of $10,000 for staffing of the Garage, we are asking residents and local business/civic organizations for financial support via tax deductible donations.

There are self addressed envelopes available on the table, outside the Recreation office in the foyer of Town Hall, for mailing your thoughtful and greatly appreciated donation to us. Checks can be made payable to the Town of Cohasset and please include your mailing address, if not on your check, in order that we can acknowledge your generosity.

Jack Worley is the director of the Cohasset Recreation Department

Some feel Romney showed them up by declining pay

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Last week was not so much for analysis as observation. At the risk of seeming, or being, naïve: the dialogue between the parts of government was straightforward, the big decisions unmade, the conflicts avoided for now.

The most important development short term was the handling of a pay raise for legislators. It is the kind of issue that will fade quickly, but occasionally and persistently earn a mention in the press, always snidely.

Gov. Mitt Romney, using a mildly tortured methodology of his administration's invention, determined Massachusetts lawmakers ought to receive a 6.5 percent pay increase. Voters approved the system where every two years, the governor adjusts lawmakers' salaries based on the rise or fall of income in Massachusetts in the past 24 months.

The increase sparked a statewide debate over whether lawmakers should take a pay raise when they're cutting assistance to people without jobs. Perhaps the most remarkable facet of the discussion was the number of ordinary people willing to say the politicians deserve some kind of increase. The number was more than zero. The Senate decided in closed-door caucus not to accept the $3,258 increase — except for Sen. Guy Glodis.

Romney's a successful businessman, which means it's reasonable to expect top-notch political skills. But life is a series of learning moments for him right now.

Last week, for instance, yielded a rare instance in which the clichés of political reporting appear valid. "Only in Massachusetts/Boston/Your Locality . . ." is among the dumbest of such banalities. Yet it really could be that Beacon Hill is one of the few places where the CEO of an organization in the red could announce he's giving up his salary, and the lesser-paid employees would grumble.

That's just what happened though: a number of House members felt Romney showed them up by foreswearing his pay. They also pointed out that he's actually redirecting it to attract talent to his Cabinet by bolstering his advisors pay.

The griping was refined and amplified, one could argue out of all proportion, by House Speaker Thomas Finneran. He complained that legislators ought to earn a good salary, and have it adjusted regularly, or else the government will wind up being run by "idle, bored, wealthy people."

Romney had been told Beacon Hill wasn't like the private sector, and he'll spend the next four years grappling with that reality, including whatever class resentment is now simmering in Speaker Finneran's office.

Long term the most important event was the naming of Therese Murray of Plymouth as the Senate Ways and Means Chairwoman. Murray's handling of her job will affect thousands of people for many years, as she and new Senate President Robert Travaglini strategize how to respond the budget proposals and deal making of the governor. She is hard-edged personally and liberal politically, an appropriate combination for her branch. Some questioned if she's intellectually heavyweight enough to do the job; now she's got a chance to prove them wrong.

Travaglini's other leadership selections had people cheering or licking their wounds this week.

• Sen. Frederick Berry (D-Peabody) became the new floor leader of the Senate Democrats, replacing Linda Melconian. Selections generally had to do with who supported whom for the presidency. Sen. Marian Walsh of West Roxbury will serve as assistant leader, Joan Menard of Somerset as majority whip and Robert Havern of Arlington as assistant majority whip. The rest of the Senate committee assignments are "forthcoming."

• On roll call after roll call, three quarters of House members resisted rules changes offered by Republicans and House liberals who believe House Speaker Thomas Finneran and his deputies are ignoring the legislative priorities of some members. Finneran's critics attracted few allies among the more than a dozen new state representatives, who for the most part voted with leadership against changes intended to bring more debate to the House. The House overwhelmingly rejected attempts to make it easier to bring bills and veto overrides to the floor that have demonstrable support and to assure preferred committee assignments for representatives who are not on Finneran's leadership list.

• The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, after delaying the opening date numerous times, announced the $6.5 billion east-west connection from the turnpike to the Ted Williams Tunnel will open Jan. 20. The connection is a monumental benchmark of the Big Dig project, but its opening has been delayed so many times it's become as much a millstone as a milestone for the project's reputation.

• Word of a likely 30 percent in funds for Boston's affordable housing programs shocked advocates in the capitol city. Mayor Thomas Menino said the reduction in funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development means he can't achieve his goal of creating more affordable housing in the city. HUD cut the city's allotment by $13 million. "What this does is it sets the housing authority back years," Menino said.

Craig Sandler writes for the Statehouse News Service.

CANDIDATES CORNER

John Beck to run for Sewer Commission

John Beck announced he has drawn nomination papers for the upcoming vacancy on the Cohasset Sewer Commission. He and his wife, Stacey Weaver, have lived in Cohasset since 1990 and currently reside at 44 Nichols Road.

John has a bachelor's degree in Engineering Physics and master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. His early professional career was as a nuclear engineer with Yankee Atomic Electric Company. He was instrumental in the design, construction and operational support for the Yankee plants in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine and Vermont, as well as the Seabrook plant in New Hampshire. Later in his career he was the chief operating officer at the Vermont plant and vice president at a two-plant station in Texas. For the past twelve years he has been the president and principal of his own consulting firm, Little Harbor Consultants, providing management consulting services to his clients from Alaska to Spain.

He feels that his technical background and project and executive management experience provide an excellent foundation for him to make a meaningful contribution as a sewer commissioner. He says that, if elected, he looks forward to working with and learning from the incumbent commissioners, as well as all the other Cohasset officials with whom he will have contact. One of his principal goals is to help assure that Cohasset has a comprehensive wastewater management plan for the entire town.

He feels that by serving the town as a sewer commissioner he can begin to repay the town for the pleasure of living in our beautiful community.

Status of the death penalty

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I was reading the other day about how the governor of Illinois, a Republican named George Ryan, has made a clean sweep of the state's death row by commuting the sentences of all 156 condemned inmates.

This seemed to make sense since the courts in Illinois had found 13 death row inmates had been wrongly convicted of their crimes since capital punishment was resumed in 1977. Twelve others had been executed.

The news from Illinois got me to thinking about the status of the death penalty in Massachusetts. It doesn't exist, of course, although the people have voted for it at least twice in non-binding referenda and twice it has been rejected by the Legislature by a margin of one vote.

The last person executed for a capital crime in the Bay State was a doubleheader — Edward "Dutchy" Gertson of Everett and Philip Bellino of Boston on May 9, 1947, for the murder of Robert "Tex" Williams of Haverhill in a marsh in Lynn.

The three of them were cohorts in a dice game holdup and Gertson and Bellino were afraid that Williams was about to start talking about it to the cops. For the record, Bellino, who fired the fatal shot, went to the chair last at 12:17.5 a.m., eight minutes after Gertson.

Two women have been executed in Massachusetts, both by hanging in the 18th century in the days before the chair.

The last South Shore men to sit in "Old Sparky" were Bartolomeo Vanzetti of Plymouth and Nicolo Sacco of Bridgewater on Aug. 23, 1927, for the murder of paymaster Frederick Parmenter and guard Allessandro Beradelli in the well-publicized South Braintree holdup.

Before that it appears to have been Harry Marshall (aka Enrico Mascioli) of Hull who was paid $35 by Mrs. Lena Cusumano in Nantasket Beach. He met his maker on June 6, 1912. Mrs. Cusumano was sentenced to death, too, but the sentence was commuted the day before she was to die.

Two women have been executed in Massachusetts, both by hanging in the 18th century in the days before the chair. Before electricity, as a matter of fact.

Bathsheba Ruggles Spooner of Brookfield, the 21-year-old mother of three, went to the scaffold July 2, 1778, for enticing her teen-aged lover and two soldiers to whack out her troublesome husband, Joshua. Too late it was discovered that she was five months pregnant.

Rachel Ward was hanged in 1789 after she admitted to "highway robbery," i.e., snatching a handkerchief from a teen-aged girl who was flaunting it on the Boston waterfront. They didn't fool around in those days.

Of course, Rachel's reputation may have had something to do with her eventual punishment. She used to lure trusting mariners with her cries for help to an apparently abandoned ship where her husband, George, and his men would kill and rob them.

Long before their colony became a part of Massachusetts, the Pilgrims of Plymouth had to pronounce the death penalty over one of their own, John Billington, who shot his neighbor, John Newcomen, to death to settle an old feud in 1630.

But the Pilgrims bore him no grudge. They named a lake, the Billington Sea, after him.

LIBRARY CORNER

Building update

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library will close its South Main Street facility on Monday, Feb. 17, and tentatively open its new Ripley Road building on Monday, March 3.

No books or fines will be due during this time period. Also, we will not be able to place holds on books. It is suggested that residents visit the Hingham Public Library during this transition period.

We apologize for the inconvenience in advance and look forward to serving the Cohasset community in our new space very soon. Look for other notices regarding the opening in upcoming Library Corner bulletins.

The 360 degree view from Blue

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF McGUIGGAN

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces up, snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather. — John Ruskin

High atop Great Blue Hill in Milton, the nation's oldest weather observatory exists in a world of its own. Isolated at 635 feet above sea level, the Blue Hill Observatory, looking like an old-world castle, has its own peculiarities of weather, what weather folk call a microclimate. Up there, where the winding road skirting the edge of the Blue Hills ski slope comes to an abrupt but scenic halt, the air is two or three degrees colder, the wind stronger, the snow deeper, the fog thicker. Up there, the old saddles up against the new. One can still take in the expansive view of the ancient hills, the same hills Abbott Lawrence Rotch enjoyed when he built the weather station in 1885, though the once sleepy hills and beyond are now strewn with the artifacts of modern life. Inside the observatory, one can still watch the instruments from a simpler time working reliably alongside the super computers that stream out data from Automated Surface Observation Systems (ASOS).

Abbott Lawrence Rotch was only 25 when he built Blue Hill Observatory. The son of prominent Bostonians, he was born in 1861 and, as a child, traveled extensively in Europe where he attended school in France, Germany and Italy. Fascinated with weather, at the age of 14, he began a weather journal and after graduating from MIT, purchased the summit of Great Blue Hill and built his observatory, modeling it on the stone weather stations he had seen in Europe. Thus began a daily record of precise climate observations, uninterrupted to this day.

Fascination with weather is mankind's common bond. We share its power, beauty and mystery with a collective oneness that few, if any other events or circumstances can inspire. The weather shapes our daily behavior, our mood, indeed our daily conversation. Our language is peppered with weather-related idioms, fair-weather friend, under the weather, head in the clouds, calm before the storm, full of hot air. Weather is one of the few subjects we can talk about across the spectrum of human diversity and experience without fear that we might offend someone. Indeed, one keen observer of human relations noted that we should not knock the weather because nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation without it.

Two people who are happy to converse at length about the weather are Bob Skilling, Observer-in-Charge at Blue Hill, and Don McCasland, Director of Education, who, along with Executive Director Charles Orloff are the three full-time employees charged with keeping Abbott Rotch's legacy alive.

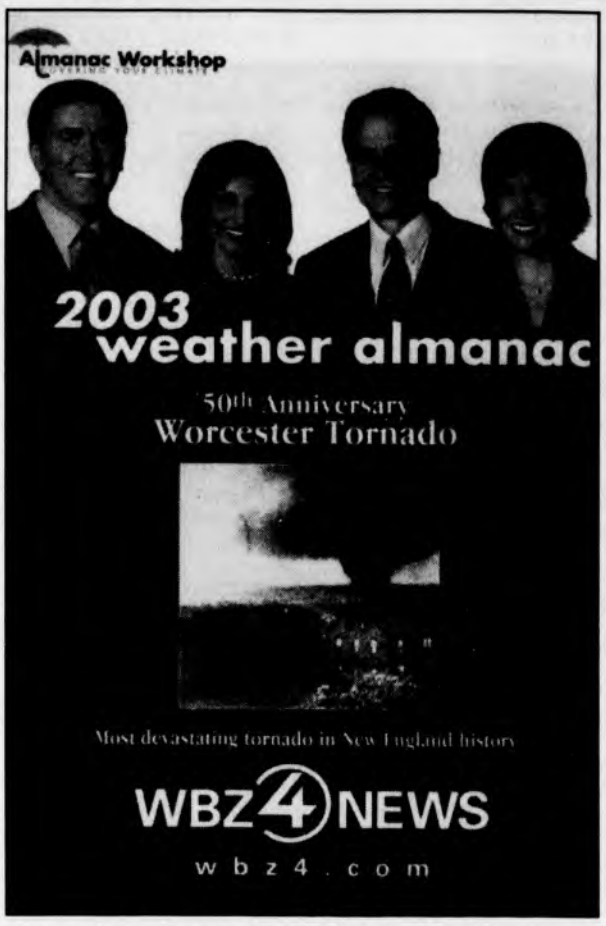
Bob Skilling, a Hingham native who lives in the house where he grew up, remembers being fascinated by the wind as a youngster.

"I loved seeing trees blowing in the wind," he recalls, "loved seeing what wind did to trees, how it shaped them and bent them. And I loved storms."

He began his own weather journal at the age of 10, taking daily temperature readings. By 1953, the year of the devastating Worcester tornado, Skilling's hand-written journal had become a meticulous, detailed day-to-day record of all that was happening outside his window. As a Hingham High School senior, he began writing occasional weather stories for the Hingham Journal (since 1994 he has written the weekly Hingham Journal weather almanac that appears inside the front page) and entered his high school science fair with an exhibit of his journals and a few simple weather instruments. He walked away with first prize.

Since 1960, Skilling has been Hingham's official government weather watcher and, since 1978, Observer-in-Charge at Blue Hill.

"I love looking out the windows, across these hills, and watching the weather," he says from a tiny office crowded with weather artifacts old and new. "I love tracking the weather, reading thermometers, reading relative humidity, the way it was done 40 years ago."

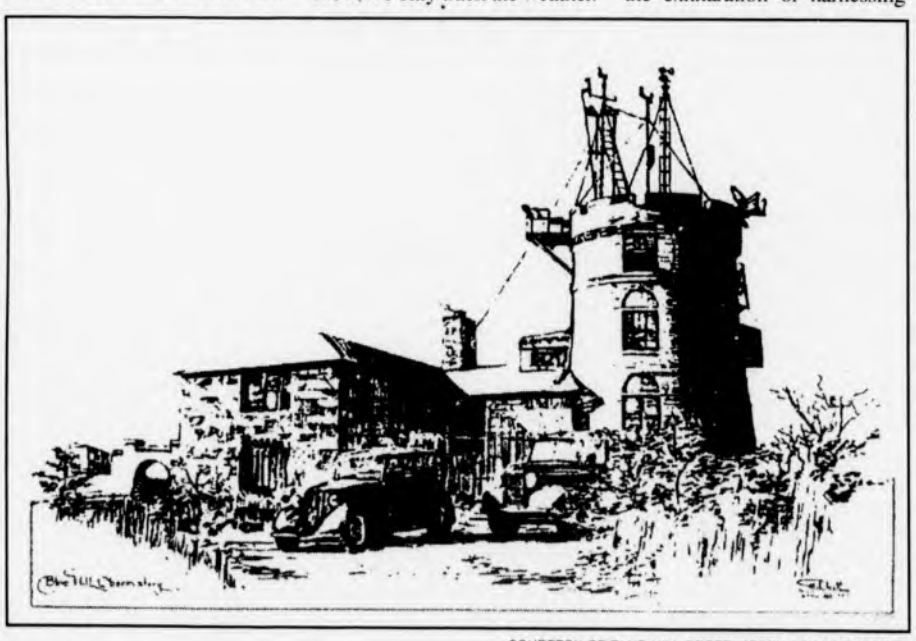


For weather enthusiasts, the 2003 WBZ Weather Almanac is a must for the meteorological library.

Skilling shifts in his chair when asked what the weather forecast will be for the days to come, as though he knew the question was coming.

"I get asked that all the time," he says, "and I tell people that we're not forecasters up here, though they did do forecasting here at Blue Hill until 1971. Now, we only track the weather. Our job is to compile a day-to-day record of what has occurred so that patterns and trends can be seen." But then, with a grin, loathe to disappoint his visitor, he offers that we can expect a few inches of snow that evening and the next. If anyone knows what's coming, it's Bob Skilling.

Don McCasland was also a kid who was fascinated by the weather and, like Bob Skilling, had a particular interest in the wind. His weather interest came largely from kite flying, from the exhilaration of harnessing the wind with a homemade kite and the sensation of sending it high up into the sky. It seemed only natural that after years of offering his kite programs to area schools, he found himself working at Blue Hill where experiments using kites and balloons to study atmospheric conditions were pioneered. Destiny was working in other ways, too. It was at Blue Hill Observa-tory that Don McCasland's parents met in 1941.



COURTESY OF BLUE HILL OBSERVATORY SCIENCE CENTER

Blue Hill Observatory.

When he arrived three years ago, Blue Hill Observatory was at a crossroads. After more than a century of homogeneous record keeping, with measurements taken from the same location with the same tools and by the same methods, after historic discoveries, important research, and the training of generations of meteorologists, Blue Hill Observatory faced an uncertain future. Machines threatened to replace the precise instruments read by human eyes whose measurements had been carefully and lovingly entered by human hands, in delicate script, into countless ledgers over the years.

How Blue Hill found itself at that pivotal moment in 1999 — a figurative storm of the century bearing down on it — can be traced back to 1912 when Abbott Rotch died, bequeathing the observatory, with an endowment, to Harvard. Over the next decades the observatory was recognized the world over for its pioneering research and writing in the field of meteorology, but by 1971, the longtime affiliation with Harvard had ended and the observatory had been transferred to the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC), steward of the Blue Hills who, in turn, leased the building to the National Weather Service.

The weather shapes our daily behavior, our mood, indeed our daily conversation. Our language is peppered with weather-related idioms, fair-weather friend, under the weather, head in the clouds, calm before the storm, full of hot air.

In 1981, under the leadership of Dr. William Minsinger, the Blue Hill Weather Observatory Club was established. Inspired by the observatory's past accomplishments and energized by ambitious goals, the club undertook building repairs, celebrated a centennial in 1985 and won the observatory a National Historic Landmark designation in 1989.

A decade later, however, with pressure mounting on the National Weather Service to maintain the aging building, and with the movement, nationwide, to replace manned stations with unmanned, automated systems, Blue Hill Observatory was slated for modernization. Club members again rallied, arguing for the observatory's historic significance and the importance of its recordkeeping as a benchmark for world climatology and global warming studies.

Members proposed that the observatory be opened to the public as a science center and in May of 1999 the old-world castle, newly renovated with MDC funding, opened as the Blue Hill Observatory Science Center, private, non-profit and member-supported. In the few years since the center has welcomed countless students, scouts, church groups, families, home-schoolers and after-school programs to its weather-watching, kite-making, balloon-launch, hiking and sky-art workshops. Among it innovative programs is WINS — Women in Natural Sciences — a program that nurtures middle-school girls and encourages their continued participation in science. Offered in several area schools, WINS courses are also offered to area girls organizations.

With its new educational mission of fostering a public understanding of and appreciation for atmospheric science, the Blue Hill Observatory continues to maintain a meticulous, unbroken record of climate conditions, employing both modern technology and the tried and true instruments of yesteryear, the ever-reliable barometers, pyroheliometers, thermometers, hygrothermometers and rain gauges. High atop Great Blue Hill, everything old is, indeed, new again. Abbott Lawrence Rotch would certainly recognize the place and would, no doubt, feel right at home.

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For more information about hours of operation and programs at the Blue Hill Observatory Science Center phone 617-696-0562 or visit its Web site at www.bluehill.org or e-mail Education Director Don McCasland at dmccasland@bluehill.org.

For weather enthusiasts, the 2003 WBZ Weather Almanac is a must for the meteorological library. Filled with month-by-month climatological information and astronomical highlights as well as stories about clouds, global warming and storms, including a special report commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Worcester tornado, the Almanac is available for $3.50. Make check payable to Blue Hill Observatory and send to P.O. Box 500, Milton, 02186.

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Boston's single scene is going to be shaken up! Are you or one of your friends one of the Hub's hottest and hippest? The Boston Herald and Star 93.7 are teaming up to choose who's the hottest male and female single in Boston.

It's easy to enter. Simply fill out the nomination form in-paper or online – bostonherald.com or star937fm.com -- and send along a photo of the nominee. 50 quarter-finalists will be chosen and online voting will kick-off, narrowing the field down to 25 semi-finalists. Another round of online voting will bring the pack down to a final 10 who will be featured at a party at the Rack on Thursday, February 27.

One guy and one gal will be selected from a panel of celebrity judges that night and will each win a trip for 2 to a sunny destination! And, the title of Boston's Hottest Singles. **To enter, fill out the form below and return with photo of nominee. Entry forms are also available on bostonherald.com/hottest and star937fm.com.**

Boston's Hottest Singles Entry Form

What is your/nominee's name?

What is your/nominee's email?

What is your/nominee's telephone number?

What is your/nominee's gender?

If you are nominating someone else, what is your name?

If you are nominating someone else, what is your email?

If you are nominating someone else, what is your daytime telephone number?

What is your/nominee's profession?

What is your/nominee's best body part?

What is your/nominee's best personality trait?

What is your/nominee's worst personality trait?

What is your/nominee's favorite place/spot in Boston?

Return this form with photo of nominee to: Boston's Hottest Singles • P.O. Box 2098 • Boston, MA 02106

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No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited by law. To enter, complete the Official Entry in the Boston Herald and mail to: Boston's Hottest Singles, PO Box 2098, Boston, MA 02106. Entries must be received by February 6, 2003. Mechanically reproduced and hand-delivered entries will not be accepted. The Boston Herald is not responsible for late, lost or misdirected mail. All entries become the property of the Boston Herald and will not be returned. Cash will not be offered in lieu of prizes. No prize substitutions. Winner will be notified by mail and/or phone. Winner gives the Boston Herald permission to publish his/her name with regard to the outcome of this contest. Employees and their families of Herald Media and Entercom Boston and their affiliates and agencies are not eligible to participate. Winner must be eighteen years of age at the time of the drawing. Winner and their guest free Herald Media and Entercom Boston of any and all claims. Winner will be required to sign a release. Copies of the Boston Herald are available for review at One Herald Square, Boston, MA.

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Vanderweil stepping down from sewer commission

By John Camera
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After 20 years on the Sewer Commission, Gary Vanderweil is stepping down and will not seek reelection at the April 5 Town Election.

Vanderweil joined the commission in 1983, several years after an expensive plan to construct a sewer system for the entire town was voted down at Town Meeting. At the time, the town was being pressured by the state to fix numerous faulty leaching fields and a sewer treatment plant that was exceeding its capacity.

Under the leadership of former sewer chairmen Charlie DeSantis and Ted Guild, Vanderweil helped the Sewer Commission make up the difference for the lack of a town-wide system.

During his tenure, the commission designed and implemented the North Cohasset sewer system, which services about 300 homes via Hull's treatment plant. They also expanded the Central Cohasset sewer system from 200 to 800 homes, increasing the capacity of the treatment plant at Jacob's Meadow from 80,000 to 300,000 gallons per day.

Vanderweil took over as chairman of the Sewer Commission three years ago, and has since worked towards creating sewer access for homes in the Little Harbor area.

He said he enjoyed the challenge of planning the town's sewer systems. "It's a volunteer effort," he said. "It's a lot of work, but I felt Cohasset needed a cost-effective sewer system."

"I think the sewer commission needs some fresh blood."
— Gary Vanderweil

An engineer, Vanderweil is CEO of R.G. Vanderweil Engineering in Boston, a firm that designs mechanical and electrical systems for buildings.

John Beck, who will run for the spot to be vacated by Vanderweil, is also an engineer. Beck worked for many years as a nuclear engineer at Yankee Atomic Electric Co. and more recently has been the president of his own consulting firm, Little Harbor Consultants.

Vanderweil said he supported Beck's bid for election. "I think the sewer commission needs some fresh blood," he said. "I always thought engineers had a lot to contribute."

Potential candidates for elected town offices have until Feb. 18 to secure 50 signatures from registered voters to make them eligible for the April 5 election.

Seats up for election include:

- Board of Selectmen. Michael Sullivan has not indicated if he will seek reelection. Roger Hill has taken out papers for Sullivan's seat.
- Board of Assessors. Michael Patrolia, who is undecided on running for re-election;
- Board of Trustees for the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Agnes McCann, Patience Towle and Carol Riley, who will all run for re-election;
- Board of Health. Maureen Chapman is undecided;
- Planning Board. Robert H. Sturdy will seek re-election;
- Recreation Commission. Richard Barrow will seek reelection
- Sewer Commission. Gary Vanderweil is not running;
- The Water Commission. John McNabb will seek another term.

Barrow to run again

After initially indicating he would step down, Richard Barrow has decided to run for another term on the Recreation Commission. Barrow, who has been on the commission for 27 years, said last week that he would not run again but was convinced otherwise by fellow commission members. Barrow said he would still consider stepping down if the right candidate joined the race. "I don't want to discourage a good candidate from running," he said.

Absentee ballots available for special town election

Absentee ballots for the Special Town Election on Jan. 25 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon on Friday, Jan. 24, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from town during the hours the polls are open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office; or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand-delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may *apply* on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter, sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury, and mail or hand-deliver the application to the clerk's office.

Absentee ballots must be mailed by the voter him/herself. Returned ballots should be mailed, or can be hand-delivered by an *immediate member of the family* to the Town Clerk's office by Jan. 25 to be counted.

The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, *completely fill-in the oval to the right of your choice*. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check-in tables. Ballots can be inserted into the machine face-up, face-down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

For Voters with Physical Disabilities: If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your own vote at the polling place, you may *file a letter from your physician* with the Town Clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the poling place because of physical disability.

A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the Town Clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

Nomination papers are available at Town Hall

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2003 are available at the Town Clerk's Office. In order to hold elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions will be available for the 2003 Town Election:

- Selectmen — *one* for three years
- School Committee — *two* for three years
- Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library — *three* for three years
- Assessor — *one* for three years
- Board of Health — *one* for three years
- Cohasset Housing Authority — *one* for five years
- Planning Board — *one* for five years
- Recreation Commission — *one* for five years
- Sewer Commission — *one* for three years
- Water Commission — *one* for three years.

Friday, March 7 is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting, Saturday, March 29, and for the Annual Town Election, Saturday, April 5.

Computer Take-Back Bill

Environmental activist John McNabb of Cohasset and Clean Water Action announced the refiling of the Computer Take-Back Bill, which if passed will help relieve the state budget crisis. The state legislation ties into the work of the national Computer Take Back Campaign (CTBC), a coordinated effort of state and national groups that has developed model legislation and will be organizing broad public support in 10 states nationally this year. The fourth annual report card showed that u.s. computer manufacturers are still lagging behind their European counterparts, who are reducing the toxicity of this waste and taking financial responsibility for its collection and recycling.

"Local governments are subsidizing the inefficient design practices of computer manufacturers, whose products are toxic and are costly to recycle," McNabb said. "Mass. cities and towns pay $6 to $21 million per year to collect and recycle used CRTs and computers. The state spends about $400,000 a year on programs to help the cities and towns with this waste.

"Computer manufacturers in Massachusetts, like their counterparts in Europe, should be required to pay for the collection and recycling of their products, to take this "unfunded mandate" off the backs of local government."

This year's Computer Report Card echoes last year's findings of substantial double standards within the computer industry. Companies that actively resist take-back requirements and hazardous material phase-outs in the U.S. operate in the European Union under rules requiring life cycle responsibility. U.S. customers still get second-class treatment from global computer manufacturers.

Raw data for the report card was obtained from the companies' Web sites and supplemented by follow-up surveys. Japanese firms continued to dominate the report card's environmental rankings, returning eight of the top 10 scores. Among U.S. firms, only IBM and Apple made the top 10. The report also documents that Europe and Japan are taking the lead internationally by passing laws that require take-back and recycling of obsolete products and the phase-out of lead, cadmium, mercury, brominated flame retardants and other highly toxic materials. The U.S. has no such laws and is in danger of become a computer pollution haven.

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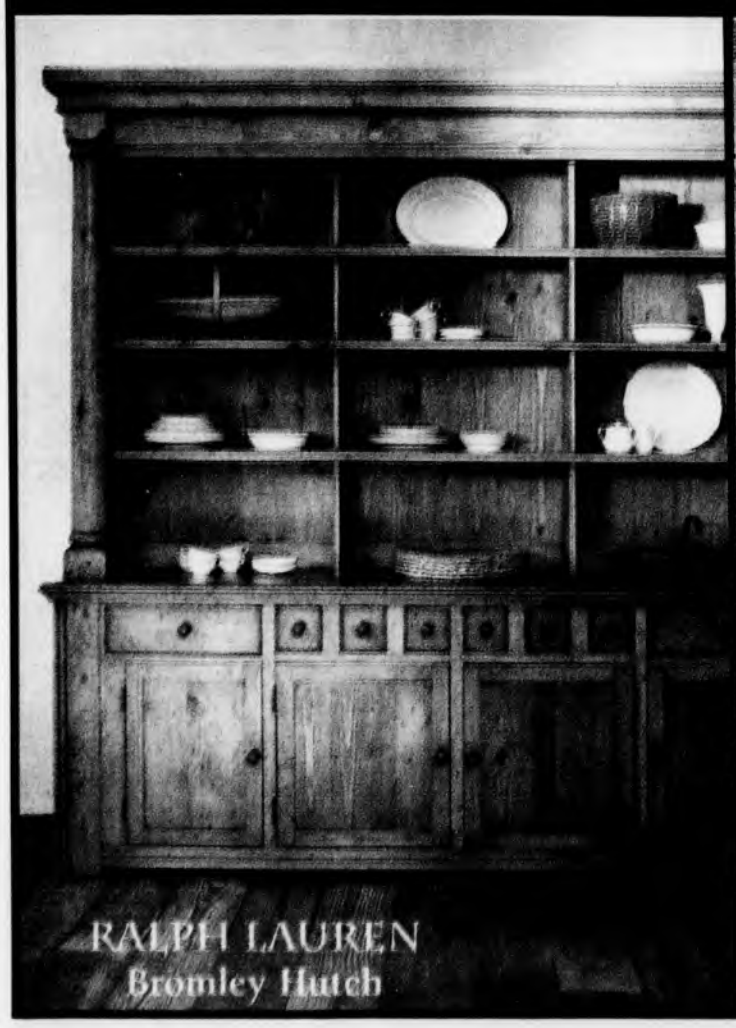

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Battle ready

Cohasset wrestlers continue to rise against the creme of the crop

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset High wrestling coach Torin Sweeney is known for putting his team up against the best competition around, even if it means taking a few extra regular season losses.

Sweeney has pitted his Division III Skippers against the likes of juggernauts BC High, Durfee and New Bedford this season. He feels that anything he can do to prepare his team for the post season tournaments will be well worth a blemished record.

The philosophy seems to be paying dividends, as the Skippers record fell to 8-3 this past Saturday, but not before showing they could compete evenly with Duxbury, one of the best teams in the area.

"Basically, all it comes down to is Sectionals and States," noted Sweeney, who has seen plenty of his wrestlers perform brilliantly at these tournaments over the years. "The only way to do well there is to go against some of the best opponents we can."

Duxbury edged Cohasset, 38-34, even though the teams split the 14 matches, 7-7. Duxbury merely had more pins than the Skippers (pins being worth six points and a decision win being worth three or four).

The match was close the entire way through, the Skippers even taking the lead at one point. However, Sweeney observed that the final score was the result of something slightly more mundane than actual wrestling talent, offering: "If we had won the coin toss, we would have won that match."

In wrestling matches, the team that wins the coin toss can select to declare what wrestler they will put forward in the even or

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Pressing situation

Lady hoopsters done in by Scituate's late game pressure

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Implementing a ferocious full court defense and hitting some clutch free throws, the Scituate High girls basketball team fended off neighboring town rival Cohasset in the waning minutes, Saturday night at Cohasset, for a 52-46 win.

Scituate came out of the gates quick taking an early 6-0 lead with four minutes into the first half behind a well anticipated steal and finish from senior guard Christina Obert, who finished the game with seven points.

Led by senior captain Lindsay Grossman, who chipped in12 points for the game, and tenacious defense from La'Raine Langford, the Lady Skippers quickly pulled even with the Sailors, and with six minutes remaining in the half, the game was tied 11-11.

The first half ended on a flurry of baskets by both teams to end in a 22-22 deadlock.

The second half started off where the first half ended. Both teams traded baskets until Cohasset stretched its lead to 43-39 with 4:30 on the clock behind clutch outside shooting from junior guard Jenn Buckley — who had 11 second half points, 13 for the game.

Scituate then ripped off an 11-0 run, causing consecutive turnovers from Cohasset, to take the lead and eventually the game. Eight players scored for the Sailors in the second half, but it was their full court press as well as there free throw shooting in the last three minutes of the game that made the difference.

"We need to keep this effort up. We are playing with great teamwork and it paid off," noted second year coach Scott Gilmartin. "We got great free

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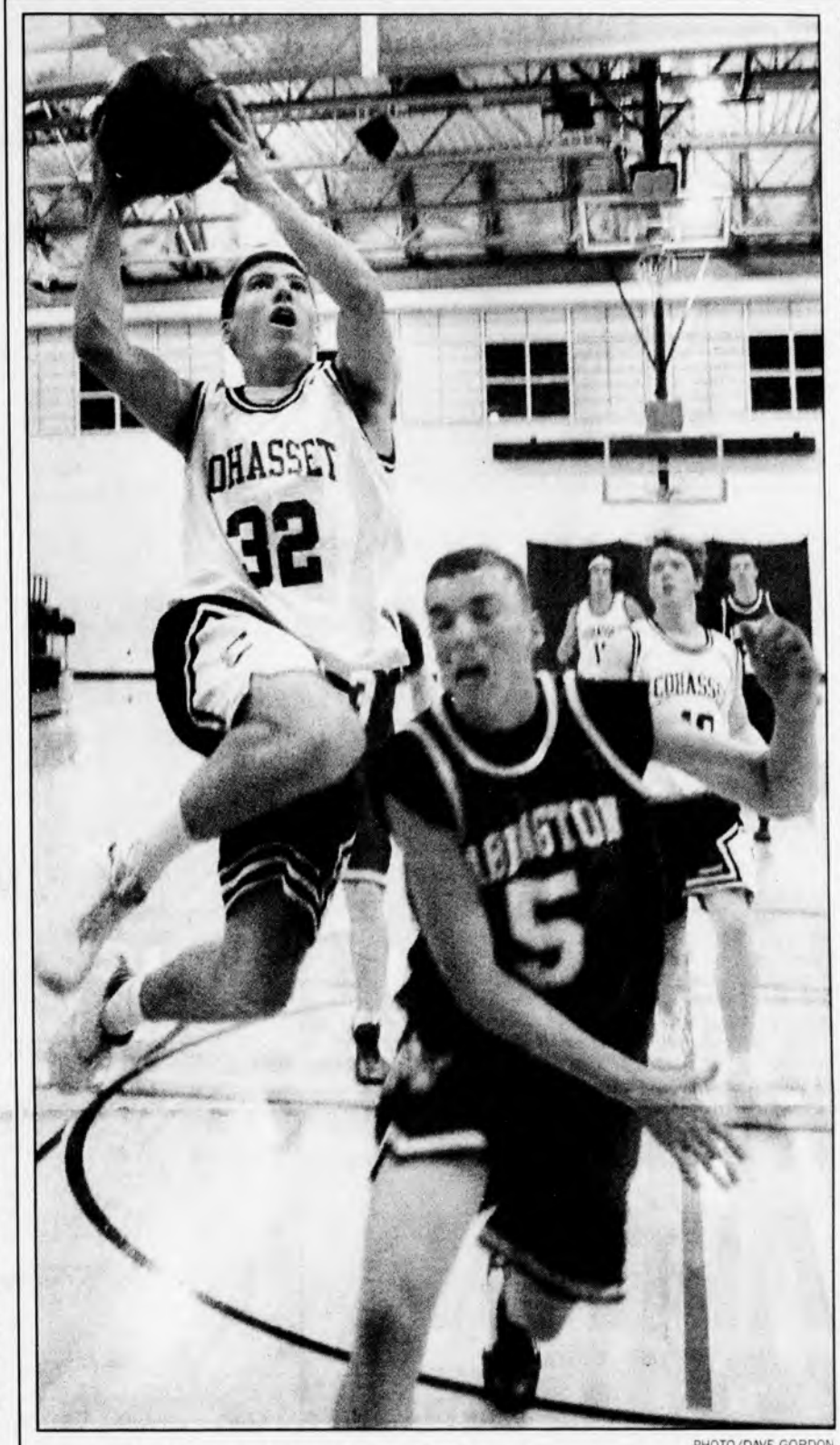
PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's La'Raine Langford (#23) tries to squeeze between Scituate's Kate Carlezon (#14) and teammate Danielle Pinkus (#24) in non-league action Saturday.



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Cohasset's Chris Bilodeau (#32) takes it strong in last Friday's loss for the Skippers to SSL rival Abington.

Moral victory

Gutsy overtime loss for Cohasset boys a big building block

By Mike Spellman
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Sigh...this came within inches of being a truly great story.

Cohasset's Chris Bilodeau had a chance to cap a dramatic come-from-behind effort in Carver, Monday night, when, after a steal inside the game's final five seconds, the star guard took the ball straight to the hole and created contact. The ref blew the whistle, but the foul call went Carver's way, sending the game into overtime tied at 56 all.

"I think that might have been one of those 50-50 calls that, if we were at home, we might have gotten," offered Cohasset boys basketball coach Ron Ford. "That's not a criticism of the refs at all, though. Both those guys who did the game are good refs, and they both called a good game. It's just that that was a very tough call to make that probably could have gone either way."

In the extra four minute period, the visiting Skippers, with just six bodies available with two out due to illness and another pair on the bench after fouling out, simply ran out of gas, and the host Crusaders walked away 73-62 winners..

"We lost the game but we won a morale victory," continued Ford. "This was a total gut check of a game, and my guys who were out there showed me there was something special in them."

Going into this game, few close observers of the South Shore League basketball scene would have given Cohasset much of a shot of comingout

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Swim team cursed?

Cohasset-Scituate team endures a wide range of maladies

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Warning! Warning! Stay away from anyone associated with the Scituate-Cohasset swim team. This includes team members, swimmers, divers, coaches, assistant coaches, water boys, towel boys, and managers. The team is cursed.

Now, cursed is such a strong word. It seems like it might be a touch too strong for the situation. After all, being only mid-January, the winter season has grown just over a month old, not nearly as long as the several decades it took for our beloved Boston Red Sox to earn the title. But with cancellations, injuries, sicknesses and a bunch of other bizarre happenings, it seems that every day "cursed" is becoming more and more appropriate.

"This is the best darn team we've ever had," smiled coach Jamie Kearney, "but let's face it: we're cursed."

The hex started early in the season, when the team was heading for its first dual meet of the year, a Dec. 16 match-up against Cardinal Spellman. Just hours before the meet, Randolph, the host-town, was bombarded with snow, prompting the meet to be cancelled on the grounds of driving safety.

Not too bad, but it is always a bummer to miss the first meet of the year.

The next scheduled meet was set for Jan. 3, where the Sci-Cohs would visit another league opponent. This contest was also postponed due to inclement weather. Yet, there was not a single drop of snow the entire day locally, merely rain. Somehow, the meet was called off.

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No more surprises

The word is now out: Cohasset hockey team is for real

By Mike Spellman
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OK, the surprises are over. After lopsided wins over Hull and purported league favorite Abington/East Bridgewater over the last week, the Cohasset hockey team is now clearly the team to beat in the South Shore League.

"I think it's safe to say we're going to be sneaking up on anyone anymore," said Cohasset rookie head coach John Blake, who took over a Skippers program in what many considered a rebuilding year. "We're playing well right now. The kids have faith in the system, and they're sticking to it. Plus, we've had some kids really step up their

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset captain John Durkin (left) added two goals and three assists to his team best scoring totals this

Will's will perseveres

Sports world loses an icon, but local hoop star loses much more

By Mike Spellman
MSPELLMAN

Will McDonough was "The Man" to anyone who ever aspired to great journalistic heights, but he was simply "grand dad" to Norwell hoops star Gerry Corcoran.

Will was talked about in reverent tones by sports fans everywhere as the man who'd been to every single NFL Super Bowl, but the appreciation he felt from his grandson for making every one of his basketball games he possibly could probably meant immeasurably more to him.

"When he was home, he was almost always there," said Gerry. "I really liked having him there. It meant a lot to me that he made the time, and I think it meant a lot to him too."

Unfortunately, Grampa Will will not be there to watch when Gerry becomes Norwell High's all-time leading scorer within the next few weeks, nor when he surpasses the 2,000-point barrier not long thereafter, nor when the Norwell boys basketball team (currently 6-0) begins another run into the state tourney.

Will McDonough, as no doubt anyone who would pick up a sports section such as this one well knows, succumbed suddenly to a heart attack at his Hingham home Thursday evening.

"It's sad; I think about him not being there anymore," said Gerry, a Norwell High senior. "But he was there for my last home game (versus Mashpee last Tuesday when Gerry scored a game high 16 points). I'm happy about that."

Will handled his celebrity status with ease and grace, in much the same manner Gerry – a clearly gifted 6-foot-5 athlete and hoopster who began hearing overtures from Div. 1 college recruiters as early as his sophomore season – seems to laugh off much of the attention he's received. Apparently, it was an inherited trait.

"My grandfather never really talked about those kinds of things," said Gerry, who recently announced that he was putting all college suitors on hold in order to do one year of Prep school. "We just had a regular grandfather-grandson relationship, I think. If I ever needed anything, all I had to do was ask, and he'd be the first one to help."

Naturally, Gerry was not in school Friday. He was, however, on the Carver High court with his teammates that night, playing a big role in the 73-46 win over the South Shore League rival Crusaders, pouring in 20 points in the blowout before taking an early seat on the bench.

"I didn't want to let my teammates down," said Gerry. "I just wanted to play."

Assessed Gerry's coach, John Willis: "I think Gerry just wanted an outlet from all that he was going through at the time. Sports can be good for that. He played hard. He rebounded well. He passed well. He defended very well. And, of course, he scored a lot. He was into the game."

Willis told Gerry by phone on Friday that he should not worry about the Carver game, but the veteran coach could tell by the time he got off the phone how important it was to Gerry that he be there.

"There are a lot of things more important than high school basketball, and this kind of is obviously placed way above that. Gerry was very close to Will. But I think Gerry realized his grandfather would have wanted him to play. Will loved watching Gerry play, and I'm sure that's part of what Gerry was thinking.

"It was hard to play, but I knew that's what my grandfather would have wanted," Gerry confirmed.

Several news stations and reporters turned out to see Gerry play and to talk to him afterwards. Coach Willis did not know how Gerry would respond to this, but he reports, as has so often been the case in the past, his star left him both surprised and very proud.

"There was a lot of pressure on Gerry in that game and a lot on his mind, but he handled it like a champ, and like someone far beyond his years," said Willis. "I think that somewhere it put a smile on Will's face."

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throw shooting from Sarah Frasca down the stretch as well as good rebounding and defense from Kate Carlezon, Christina Obert and Suzanne Belmont. Kelly Chase also did a great job controlling the tempo at the guard position for us all game."

Cohasset girl's basketball coach Ellen Carr acknowledged the Scituate press in the final minutes as something the team needs to work better against.

"We just needed to communicate better," said Carr. "Scituate really goes no holds bar with their press and it was very tough for us to go against."

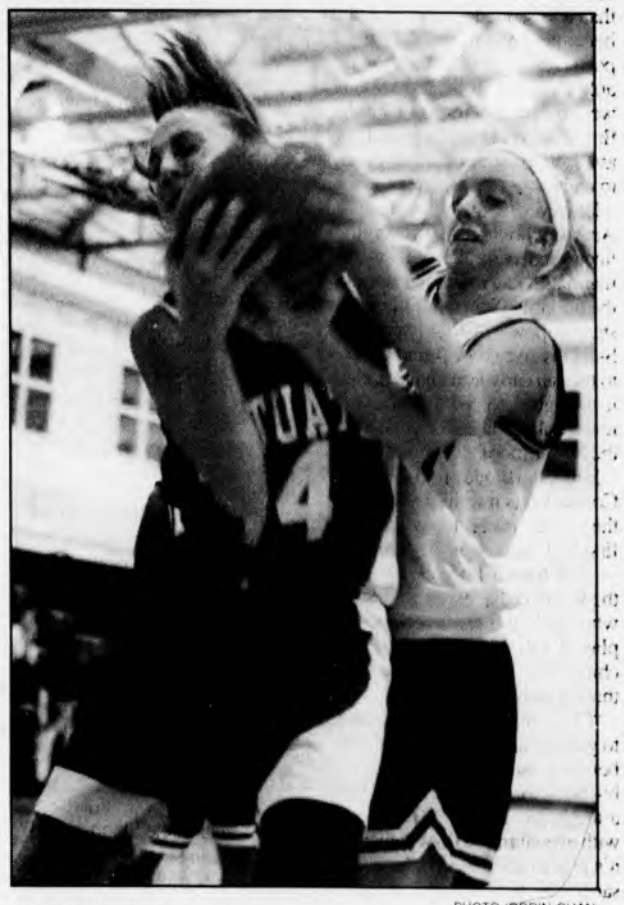
Scituate, who has won two of their last three, bettered their overall record to 3-6 with the win, while Cohasset, which also lost to Abington on Friday night, drops to 3-6 on the season

Scituate plays next tomorrow night at home versus Duxbury while Cohasset plays next at home versus Harwich.

HOOP NOTES

It was a tough weekend of basketball for the Cohasset Lady Skippers on paper, as they dropped their third in a row to Carver on Monday night, 63-55, but there were some encouraging signs, to say the least. The loss to Carver, who many see as a top team in the South Shore League, was a step backward in the standings but one forward by the team.

Facing newly crowned 1,000 point scorer Megan Jesse of Carver, the girls from Cohasset never backed down. Utilizing a newly invigorated post game led by Danielle Pinkus and her team leading 13 points, Cohasset pulled within four with under 2:00 left in the game. Carver pulled out the victory, but close losses to both Scituate and Carver should give the Cohasset squad something to build on in the coming weeks.



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Cohasset captain Lindsay Grossman (rear) battles for control with Scituate's Kate Carlezon (#14) in non-league action Saturday.

Swim team cursed?

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"The first meet was understandable; nobody would have wanted to drive to Randolph in that weather," reported senior captain Bryan Bilton. "But the second meet? That was ridiculous. No one knows why that one was cancelled."

On Jan. 6, the team managed to make it to their first meet, only this time there actually was snow. Tons of it. In fact, the snow was so bad, the roads could hardly be seen out of the bus windows. The team vehicle, hampered by precipitation and poor driving directions, took nearly three hours to reach the Cape Cod destination of Nauset after twice getting lost.

Furthermore, the Sci-Coh's coach was unable to attend the meet because of a freak accident that occurred earlier the same day. Also, Cohasset's top swimmer could not compete because his alarm clock did not sound, leaving him a victim of CHS's newly implemented tardiness policy.

The Sci-Coh's had yet another meet postponed this past Tuesday, as Barnstable was unable to reserve its home pool, even though the date and time of the match had been scheduled months ago at a preseason meeting of Athletic Directors.

With all the cancellations, the team will need to re-schedule meets for the end of January, possibly as many as four in a single week. The winter season officially began 53 days ago, and the team has a record of 0-1. Some higher power simply must be working against them.

And the curse actually goes beyond mere meet cancellations. The team has been hit with the recent sickness going around, leaving practices very poorly attended. For one practice, the bus driver just forgot to show up, leaving thirty students of Cohasset and Scituate High stranded at their respective schools. The weight room that Scituate High promised Kearney would be operating before the start of the season still stands as an empty room with nothing but mats on the floor.

Winter can be an unpleasant time, but having an albatross nose-diving into the team's practice water has made things infinitely worse.

Oh no! I just remembered, the Sci-Cohs are supposed to travel to Nantucket this Saturday. If they can't even get a bus to a meet, how is a team as cursed as this one expected to take a boat?

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Cohasset center Sean Connolly (#4) battles with Dan Hoffman for control of ball in SSL action last week.

Moral victory

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of Carver with anything other than a loss, and that was before it became known that starting power Ben Lynner and invaluable sixth man Ross Lieb-Lappen were out of commission with the flu. This dropped the total of available players for Ford down to eight.

However, with 5-foot-10 John Andrade moving into the starting lineup and svelte 6-foot-2 swingman Ian Kidder stepping up into the 6-foot-2, 200-pound Lynner's starting power forward spot, the Skippers somehow found a way to take an early lead and maintain it through the game's 16-minute mark, taking a 28-26 edge into the locker room.

Juniors Bilodeau and Sean Connelly (each with 21 points for the game) paced the surprising first half output for the Skippers — the former from the outside, the latter on the inside. Bilodeau, who leads the team in scoring, played all 36 minutes and chipped in with five assists and three boards.

"Chris made the commitment to getting himself into great shape before the season, and it's been a big boost for us," said Ford. "He's a tough guy to take off the floor with everything he does well, and it's nice to know we don't necessarily have to."

Connelly, the team's only player standing over 6-foot-2 (he's 6-4), fouled out of the game at the beginning of the overtime period with 15 points.

"Sean played a great game at both ends and on the inside," said Ford. "With Ben and Ross out, we were really thin on the inside, but he stepped up big."

The veteran coach also had praise for the job done in the paint by the undersized Kidder (seven points) and junior reserve Dan Tarpey, who had two point and three rebounds in a strong first half stint.

Not long after the start of the second half, the host Crusaders went on a 16-4 run and stretched a lead to double digits, and advantage they held right up inside the final four minutes with a score of 56-44.

But that's when the Cohasset defense that had been extremely aggressive all game – led on the perimeter by Andrade (eight points) and Krupczak (three points) – was turned completely loose. A swarming press in the last three minutes forced one Carver turnover after another, and that gave birth to a dramatic game closing 12-0 run, capped off when Bilodeau fed Connelly in the lane for a quick lay-in with 30 seconds left on the game clock, tying the game at 56-56.

"With a short bench, we couldn't really use that press too much early on," said Ford. "I didn't want to wear the kids out, and we didn't have the fouls to give. But we went for broke in the last three or four minutes, and the kids just left it all out on the court.

"They were tired and it almost would have been understandable if they'd let down a little at that point, but there was no quit in any of them. I can't say enough about the effort I saw there at the end, and really all game.

Carver never got its final shot off, as a steal in the Skippers end in the waning seconds led to Bilodeau's fateful drive.

"Chris did exactly what he should have on that play," insisted Ford. "You take it in strong and look for the best shot or to draw the foul. I'd tell him to do just what he did in that situation 100 out of 100 times."

Connelly picked up his fifth an final foul early in the extra period, joining Kidder (who'd also fouled out) on the bench for good. The Skippers scored the first two points of OT, but then Carver scored the next eight, and that was pretty much all she wrote.

"Our kids just had nothing left at that point," said Ford. "If we'd had Lynner and/or Ross, I think this would've been a different outcome. But win or lose, this was definitely one we can build on."

At least that's what the coach is hoping. With the loss, the Skippers dropped to 2-6 on the season (0-4 in SSL play) and in clear danger of falling out of the postseason hunt.

The Cohasset boys must now go no worse than 8-4 over the remaining 12 games to avoid a second consecutive season without qualifying for playoff action, and that includes one time more against each of the SSL teams they've already lost to, and two apiece against league foes Hull (3-3) and Harwich (6-1).

"We can't look at it that way, though," insists Ford. "We can only worry about trying to play better basketball. If we do that, hopefully the wins will come. Hopefully, we'll get a little luck going our way too. So far we've definitely been a little snakebitten."

The Skippers will look to take a couple of big steps in right direction over the next two days with their annual getaway weekend. Tomorrow night, the Skippers venture to the far end of the Cape to take on Harwich (6:30 p.m.). The Cohasset hoops contingent will then go out for a team dinner, spend the night in a Yarmouth Hotel, and catch an early ferry the next morning for a game in Nantucket (JVs 11:45 a.m., varsity 1:15).

"This is a good trip that can pull the team together," said Ford. "We enjoyed it a lot last year, and I'm looking forward to it this year too. This is a good group of kids that all seem to get along."

MAXLAX REPORT

Game of the Week: U14 Bears edge Stingrays, 14-13

It certainly didn't take long to get back into the swing of things as the first weekend of games picked up right where they left off - GREAT entertainment, back and forth action, and some fantastic individual and team efforts. This game also put the U14 Division on notice that the newcomers, the Stingrays are for real.

This one got started quickly with both teams coming out on fire and trading goals in the opening minutes. Ryan Donovan teamed up with Dan Ferzoco to draw first blood for the "new" team while veteran Jake Minevitz teamed up with Ray Dupras to put the Bears on the board. Andrew "AJ" Johnson got his day off to great start as he found a seam in the defense and slipped in to take a perfect pass on the run and one-timed it into the back of the net.

Mike Rice tied it at two a piece with a rocket from the top of the box, and the "games were on . . ."

The next eight minutes of play were a see-saw of one-upmanship, with each team scoring in response to the other until the first half ended with the Bears up 10-9. The Bears attack featured a MaxLax first, with three separate players getting first period hat tricks — Johnson, Minevitz, and Jake Day (who had four points).

The Stingrays went back to the scoring machines of Donovan, who had his own hat trick (plus an assist), and Rice, who added five more scores (for six points in the initial 20 minutes of play).

After a charged discussion about "defense" on both benches during the break, the game took a decidedly different personality as the two groups focused their considerable skills on stopping the scoring of the other in what became a battle of the wills (and the brawn) throughout the second half.

Still, offensive juggernauts are a hard thing to stop and neither team was resting on their heels. Rice scored again on an end-to-end rush off of a loose ball situation that was created by a stinging Warren Sapp-like hit.

After winning the next face-off, Rice found Donovan alone in the corner of the goal, and he made a quick inside roll to dodge through traffic and put the Rays up by one.

Minevitz then created his own loose ball opportunity by picking the pocket of Rice, and he then rang the bell to bring it back to even at 11-11.

The Rays then took the momentum on two unanswered goals, the first by Ferzoco on a no look keeper coming from behind the net and then on a Ferzoco assist to Rice on a clean give-and-go from 20 feet out.

With time beginning to become a factor, both goalies stood tall in the cage and fought off a number of close shots to keep the Stingrays ahead.

However, AJ slipped one past the goalie when he pretended to take the ball behind and then Day found AJ again on a defensive mismatch that left him with an easy one-on-one that tied it up again.

The S-rays had a flurry of shots on goal, but the only one that would ultimately count was the one that got away, as Dupras scooped and cleared the ball to a charging Minevitz who capped off a great performance and the win, with a laser to the lower corner.

PLAYER(s) of the GAME: Mike Rice - STINGRAYS - Though in a losing effort, 8G/1A ain't too shabby!, Andrew Johnson, Jake Minevitz, Jake Day - BEARS - the first half HAT TRICK TRIO.

PLAY OF THE WEEK: TALONS v PANTHERS - Did you see this one ?

With the TALONS controlling the tempo of the game (and picking up right where these MaxLax Champions finished off last season), the players started to get a little creative as demonstrated by Zack Gray's "gorgeous" behind the back shot into the lower left-hand corner. It looked like a Rich Gannon fake as no one saw it coming until it was too late to do anything about it. You don't see this one very often . . .

Here's the rest of the MaxLax action:

U14

Talons 13- Z. Gray 2g, Brigham 3g, Stella 2g, Mahoney 2g, Crowley 2g, Wicks 2 G
Panthers 0

Bears 14 - Johnson 5g/1a, Minevitz 5g/1a, J. Day 4g/1a, Dupras 2a, Schmitt 1a
Stingrays 13- Rice 8g/1a, Donovan 4g/1a, Ferzoco 1g/2a

Pythons 12- M. Jackson 4g, Ainsle 2g, B. Jackson 2g, Mambro 1g, Sullivan 1g, Nolan 1g Carr, 1g
Blades 8- Grimm 5g, Mills 1/3a Burgess 1g, Mccaw 1g

U12

Hawks 13, Tomcats 6
Stats Not Available

Cougars 13- Davis 4g/3a, Wade 2g/1a, Forrer 2g, Curran 1g/1a, Porter 1g/1a, Wise 1g, Pecca 1g, Buckley 1g
Lions 6- Raymond 4g, Butts 2g

Spartans 11- Reynolds 1g/4a, Sperandio 3g, Kaz 5g, Kennedy 2g/1a
Blazers 3- Chase 1g, Smith 1g, Kearney 1g

U10

Lazers 4, Mav's 2
Stats Not Available

Cannons 3, Bullets 1
Stats Not Available -

There are still a "few" individual spots in the U14 (grades 7th and 8th) division that will be available on a first come first served basis. Thanks.

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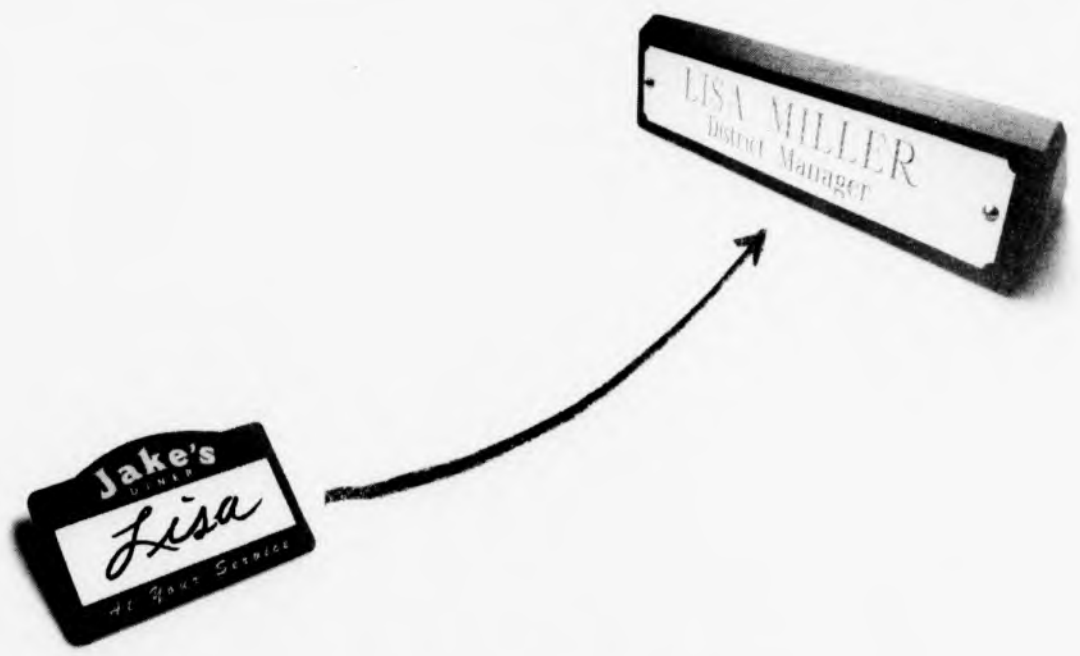

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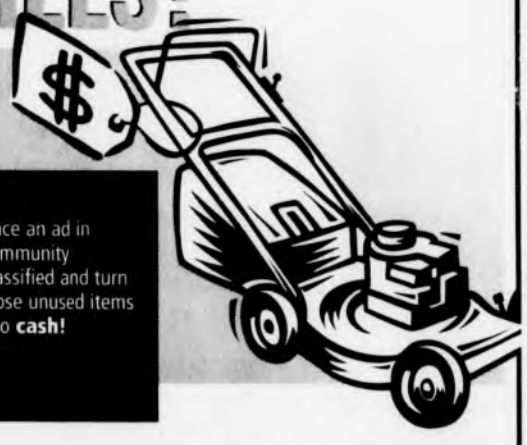

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No more surprises

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games."

A 6-0 win over Hull on Saturday made three in a row for the Skippers and lifted their season record over .500 for the first time in the Blake Era at 4-3. More importantly, the three wins have come against league opponents, leaving the Skippers as the only unbeaten team in the SSL.

"With the wins over Abington and Norwell (4-1, on Jan. 4), I guess we've established ourselves as the team to beat in the South Shore League," continued Blake. "It's a good position to be in, but we can't get carried away with it. There's still la lot of hockey to be played, and I'm sure we're going to have teams gunning for us now, and really getting up to play us."

The 4-1 win over Ab/EB last Wednesday at Pilgrim came as a surprise to many, as the Green Wave returned the bulk of its state tourney qualifying team from a year ago, while Cohasset was absolutely decimated by graduation and transfer.

"I honestly thought we matched up pretty well with Abington going into the game," insisted Blake, who looked at common opponents to reach this conclusion. "We'd both lost to Rockland, and they'd lost to Blue Hills pretty big, while we hung in with them (3-2). I think we felt pretty good going in, based on that. Our kids pretty much ignored the press, and just went out and played their game."

Both team's entered the game unbeaten in league play and coming off big wins over Norwell, the other purported contender for the league crown. However, Cohasset seized control quickly, taking a 2-0 lead on goals by junior defenseman Mike Devine and senior captain John Durkin before the game was 11 minutes old.

Abington's John Dion narrowed the deficit to 2-1 with a tally 1:33 before the first break, but Cohasset got their two goal bulge back in the second when Durkin returned the favor on a first period assist from fellow captain Matt Davis, setting Davis up for the tally that made it 3-1.

Cohasset freshman forward Matt O'Connell scored his second goal of the season in the third period to wrap up the scoring at 4-1.

"I think the key to our success lately has been our defensive zone coverage," said Blake, whose team has now allowed just two goals in three league games. "The kids have come a long way with that part of the game. We've hammered it home in practice, and I think they're seeing for themselves now that the system works. That's where winning really helps. It feeds on itself."

There was little drama on Saturday night at Pilgrim Arena, as Hull had absolutely no answer for the top line of Davis (goal, two assists), Durkin (goal, two assists) and freshman Mark Bouchard (goal).

The third team captain, Tom Anderson, also scored, as did Devine and junior winger Mike Rasmussen.

The Devine goal was truly a thing of beauty, the junior blueliner going end-to-end and in-and-out of traffic to finally put it home with a nifty deke and finish.

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset captain Tom Anderson crashes into an opposing goaltender in recent action.

"I've told Mike he can do that when he picks his moments, but I also told him not to wear himself out," said Blake with a laugh. "He's too valuable on defense, and we're going to need him out there every other shift, so we want him to stay fresh."

Freshman goalie Stefan Parnell and sophomore Brendan Michaud combined for the shutout between the pipes, as fast rising standout Parnell gave way to Michaud midway through the second period.

"Stefan just gets better and better every game out, and that's been a big part of our success," said Blake. "I can't say enough about how far he's come in so short a time."

Michaud was slated to get the start in goal last night with Mashpee, which lost to Hull earlier this month, coming to town.

The Skippers might well get another test from Harwich-Provincetown, who beat Norwell 1-0 this past Saturday, on Saturday at Pilgrim (7:20 start), but that will merely be a preview for Monday's Martin Luther King Day 12:40 matinee at Pilgrim against Scituate (7-1-1), the second ranked Div. 3 team in Eastern Mass who took Cohasset down in the Dec. 14 season opener, 5-3.

"That will be a real good game for seeing how far we've come as a team," said Blake. "There's no doubt Scituate was the better team the first time around, but we've come a long way since then. I think it will be an interesting game to watch."

Cohasset wrestlers continue to rise

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the odd matches. Duxbury opted to declare first in all the even matches, a wise move as they were able to avoid two of Cohasset's top wrestlers.

In essence, the Dragons were able to strategize around "wasting" some of their top athletes against those of their opposition. Also, the Skippers ended up forfeiting the 160 pound class (and adding six points to Duxbury's total), something they might not have done if they could have declared first.

Still, Duxbury did take the match fairly. Sweeney did not seem to emote any feelings of sour grapes toward the victors.

"They are in the top five of Division three," said the veteran coach. "We are probably in the top ten."

The Skippers controlled the lighter weight classes, winning six of the lightest seven classes, the only loss coming from freshman Dave McKenna at 119.

Senior Dave Kupsc took 103 by a pin, while sophomore up-and-comer Jon Littauer had another pin at 112. After the McKenna loss, sophomore Joey Kehoe and senior Phil Strazzulla rattled off decision-wins at 125 and 130.

Seniors Terry Baroudi (pin at 135) and Chris McKenna (145) followed with wins that gave their team its only lead of the day. Sophomore Matt Baroudi, usually a wrestler in the 215 class, won after being bumped up to heavyweight for the match.

Cohasset will have another crack at Duxbury this Saturday, when the Skippers host an 11-team tournament. The teams to watch will include this rematch, along with local powers Rockland and Hingham vying for the tournament title.

The bracket will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday in Cohasset High School, with the championships being held at 5 p.m. the same day.

Cohasset will not be the only team looking for redemption at the tournament. Rockland was the team the Skippers beat in the final regular season meet last year to steal the Patriot League title away from the Bulldogs.

"We have definitely carried that momentum into this year," stated Sweeney. "[Cohasset] is a good dual meet team because everyone really knows their role."

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	JV	V
Jan.			
17	Harwich	5:00	6:30
21	at Hull	5:00	6:30

Coaches: *Varsity*, Ellen Carr
J.V., Deb Beal
Home site: Sullivan Gym

BOYS BASKETBALL

17	at Harwich	5 p.m.	6:50 p.m.
18	at Nantucket	11:45	1:15p.m.
21	Hull	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

Home Site: Sullivan Gym
Coaches: *Varsity*, Ron Ford
J.V., Tim Owens
Assistants: Brian Pattison & Dorian Bryant

WRESTLING

15	Hull (league)	
18	Cohasset Tourn.	10 a.m.
22	Norwell (league)	7 p.m.

Coaches: Torin Sweeney, Peter Buckley

GYMNASTICS
COHASSET — SCITUATE

16	Hing./Plym.N/S	7:30p.m.
21	at Randolph	7:30 p.m.

Coach: Kara Connerty
Home Site: S.S. Community Center

ICE HOCKEY

15	Mashpee		
18	H/P	7:20 p.m.	Pilgrim
20	at Scituate	12:40p.	Pilgrim
22	at Carver	7:10 p.m.	Bridgew.

Head Coach: John Blake
Assistant Coach: Brendan Sweeney
Home Site: Pilgrim Arena, Hingham

COED SWIMMING
COHASSET — SCITUATE

18	Nantucket		Ntkt. H.S.
	12 p.m.		
24	Taunton	B&G Club	4 p.m.

Coach: Jamie Kearney

SPORTS NOTES

Registration for youth lacrosse set for Jan. 4

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will hold its sign-up for the spring season on Saturday, Jan. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at Cohasset High School.

This will be the only day to register. Spaces are limited at all age levels; while Cohasset Youth Lacrosse endeavors to accept everyone who files their paperwork on registration day, the program has had to turn children away at some age levels in each of the last four seasons.

Registrations will be taken for both boys and girls in the 14 & Under (7th and 8th graders) and 12 & Under (5th and 6th grades) age groups. At the 10 & Under level (grades 3-4), Cohasset will field teams for boys and sponsor a weekly skills-development clinic for girls.

The youth lacrosse program is dedicated to introducing children to the sport. All players receive roughly equal playing time regardless of ability. Cohasset participates in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, the nation's largest youth program, which does not keep standings or have playoffs. Every team makes several road trips per year, which be as close as games in Scituate or as far away as Martha's Vineyard.

In addition, there will be end-of-season jamborees for both the boys and girls.

The youth program may field as many as 10 teams this spring, depending on demand and available coaching. In spite of that expansion, roster spots at all levels will be limited and it is possible that some youngsters will be turned away.

Parents who can not attend the Jan. 4 registration can contact Jaffe by e-mail at CAJaffe@aol.com in sufficient time to have registration materials mailed and returned prior to Jan. 5. Include your name, address and the number of children being registered.

The registration fee is $125, which includes a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to a magazine especially designed for kids. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse does offer a discount to families signing up two or more children.

Late registrations, if roster spots are available, will cost $200.

Registration for the 10-and-Under girls clinic will cost $80.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents. At the 14 & Under level, players can sign up for the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program regardless of whether they are active on Cohasset's Middle School teams, or if they play on the team of a private school.

In general, games are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set. The teams will begin practicing in early March — indoor practice time has been scheduled — and start playing games in April. The season concludes in mid-June.

In addition to players, the program is looking for additional coaches at all levels.

Lacrosse is a contact sport; at all levels for boys, practices and games include hitting. In accordance with Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League rules, all boys must be equipped with sticks, gloves, shoulder and elbow pads, and helmets with mouthpieces. Hockey helmets are not allowed, although hockey arm and shoulder pads are (hockey gloves are not flexible enough to allow a child to manipulate and control a lacrosse stick).

The girls game has less contact, but practices will be every bit as physical and demanding as for the boys. All girls must be equipped with sticks, mouthpieces and approved goggles.

There will be more information on the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program available at the Jan. 5 sign-up. If you need more information, or are interested in volunteering to coach, contact Jaffe at 781-383-9858 or CAJaffe@aol.com.

Gymnasts win two

Bixby paces Coh-Nor squad to 5-1 record

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The Cohasset/Norwell girl's gymnastics team improved to 5-1 overall, 4-1 in league play with a 125.6-115.9 win over Carver Tuesday night. The squad also won last Thursday over league rival Duxbury 131.3-106.9.

In last Thursday's meet with Duxbury the Skipper gymnasts were led by Meredith Bixby, who scored an 8.9 on the floor, 8.7 on the balance beam, 8.5 on the vault and an 8.4 on the uneven bars.

Teamate Nancy Durkin, also from Cohasset High, took second in the all-around with a combined score of 32.7 in the meet with Duxbury.

The girls will meet next tonight at home versus the Plymouth North/South squad.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

CMHS honor roll for the first term

GRADE 12
High Honors

Laura Gennello, Allison Moje and Elizabeth Reynolds.

Honors

Meridith Bixby, Nell Brewer, Deanna Brown, Katherine Coyne, David Curry, Emily Dean, Sera Genovese, Lindsay Grossman, David Ingber, Ross Lieb-Lappen, Rachel Longley, Benjamin Lynner, Nicole Needle, Shan Shan Nie, Kaitlin Rohrer, Cristina Sadler, Julie Shae, Rachel Smith and Kimberly Ulmer.

Honorable Mention

Karim Baroudi, Sarah Brady, Alexis Bugley, Cosimo Cambi, Michael Casey Jr., Matthew Davis, Sarah Dennis, Scott Faber, Mary Flanagan, Kelly Holway, Terence Hurley, Curtis Kahn, David Kupsc, Ben Nash, Matthew O'Brien, Maura O'Brien, Heather Peraino, Patrick Reardon and Shawna Sullivan.

GRADE 11
High Honors

Brittany Novak and Carling Sturino.

Honors

John Andrade, Erik Belz, Chris Bilodeau, Jennifer Buckley, Andrew Busk, Shelly Carter, Jonathan Downing, Rachel Doyle, Nicole Durant, Allison Earon, Ashley Faber, Jessie Guild, Jenna Lowe, Laura Marks, Sarah McMorris, Elizabeth Meikleham, Andrew Musto, Elisa Ninde-Jerome, Brenna O'Donnell, Ryan Ofsthun, Danielle Pinkus, Michael Rasmussen, Emily Simmons, Phillip Strazzulla, Daniel Tarpey, Nicole Turgiss and Kristen Watts.

Honorable Mention

Jefferson Barrett, Jesse Brewer, Caitlin Condon, Sean Connolly, Tess Foley, Caitlin Gontarz, Danielle Johnson, Mariel Koed, Craig Laugelle, Meghan Marr, Leah McMorris, Sarah Noble, John Oronte, Nicholas Parker, Alicia Sanchez, Emilie Sullivan, Ryan Tufts, Gillian Weber and Andrew Wise.

GRADE 10
High Honors

Toby Norman

Honors

Jack Carroll, Matthew Casey, Cecelia Chapman, Rachel Garber, Jon Grimm, Lindsey Kennedy, Jonathan Littauer, Christine Lovallo, Molly Ogrodnik, Elizabeth Stone and Domenic Struzzulla.

Honorable Mention

Richard Allen, Dominique Asnault, Peter Bunstein, Casey Coleman, Elizabeth Condos, Jeannette Daley, Allison Dean, James DeGiacomo, Joseph Durkin, Lucy Gardner, Andrew Lovallo, Jennifer Murray and Thomas Ross.

GRADE 9
High Honors

Brooke Allen, Kelsey Bell, Lisa Musto, Emily Nash and Molly Trisler.

Honors

Kate Carpenter, Susan Curry, Michael Devlin, Zachary Etkind, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Kate McBride, Daniel McCarthy, Carrie Muir, Katherine Murphy, Christopher Ofsthun, Christopher Reynolds, Nils Sceery, Daniel Sullivan, Emma Weston and Katherine Whoriskey.

Honorable Mention

Brendon Barrett, Isabelle Bertolami, Melissa Crowley-Buck, Marissa Evans, Matthew Fithian, Aileen Fortunato, Chelsea Grossman, Jeffrey Kent, Sam Kusek, Remy Lee, Benjamin Libby, Erin Liddell, Brittany McNeill, Christie Muir, Patrick O'Brien, Jennifer Roche, Emily Savage, Charlotte Sida, Brandon Smith, Lisa Spirito and Ellen Tarpey.

GRADE 8
High Honors

Austin Breslow, Laura Campedelli, Emily Coggins, Caren Garber, Ryan Ingram, Kevin Barber, Laura Novak, Kara Wilcox, Colleen Richardson, Adam Smith, Virginia Spoffard, Lauren Struzzulla and Amanda Thompson.

Honors

John Coffey, Myles Collins-Wooley, Brent Daly, Paul St. Pierre, Jared Dick, Donald Dickinson, Kristen Dooley, Joshua Dupre, Ryan Kucinski, Lindsay Durkin, Stephanie Fewsmith, Alexander Hunt, Sarah Malone, Benjamin Masotta, Charles Morin, Charles Miller, Mary Previte, Robert St. John, Owen Stevenson, Kiersten Swain, Alida Tangherlini, Roxanne Tehranian, Timothy Toomey, Nicholas Zappolo, Emma Simon, Kyle Dattola-Harris, Nicholas Cambi, Aisling Guinee, Zachary Murray, Fletcher Smalzel, Nicholas Sida, Robert Brady, Caitlyn Treese, Robert Meikleham, Ellen Wise, John Rohrer and Meredyth Evans.

GRADE 7
High Honors

Sondra Hart, Rebecca Evans, Alexandra Laas, Claire McCarthy, Jesse Meade, Evan Duetsch, Ramsey Davis, Meghan Anderson, Alexandra Boehmke and Michael Bilodeau.

Honors

Stephanie Belz, Harrison Schmidt, Matt Burgess, Jacqueline Cahill, Meagan Coakley, Ryan Connors, Cameron Cope, Ryan Crough, Ian Cundall, Cameron Cunningham, Samuel DeGiacomo, Colin Digman, Jonathan Drybanski, Amanda Durant, MacKenzie Durkin, Emerson Oronte, Elizabeth Fegreus, Mark Flibotte, Samantha Fortin, Michael Grimm, Juliette Karp, Brian Hill, Christiane Leger, Katina Martone, May McCarthy, Christopher Mills, Clifford Musto, Richard Quebec, Christopher Rose, Jennifer Silvia, Robert Troy, Samantha Williams, Anna Haggerty, Charlotte Glick, Charles Czerkowski, Brennan Dougherty, Jenna Van Etten and Paul McCaw.

Carriage House Nursery School open house

The Carriage House Nursery School is having an open house on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents and children are invited to come and meet the teachers. Explore the classroom with your three-to-five year old(s). Open house will be held at The Parish House, 23 North Main St.

Applications are available and must be completed and returned to the school by Feb. 10. A $30 registration must accompany our completed registration form.

Nursery school registration is based on a lottery system. The lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 17.

If you cannot attend the open house, please call the school at 781-383-9785 and other arrangements will be made for you to visit the school and obtain an application.

The *young* three-year-old program is for children who are 2.9 in September; the *older* three-year-old program is for older threes and younger fours; and the Pre-K program is for children who will be four by Sept. 1.

Please direct your questions to the Director, Georgie Gladdys at 781-383-9785. The Carriage House School is licensed by the Office of Childcare Services and currently pursuing NAEYC accreditation.

SSCC Nursery School

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The registration process is based on a lottery system. Applications will be available until Jan. 28. All applications are due back to the nursery school office by Jan. 29 at 3 p.m.

Included in the envelope should be a copy of the child's birth certificate and a $100 registration fee. Application envelopes should be clearly marked "Nursery School Registration."

The lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 4 and acceptance letters will be sent via mail the following week. Any child who does not get a placement in the program will have their registration fee returned.

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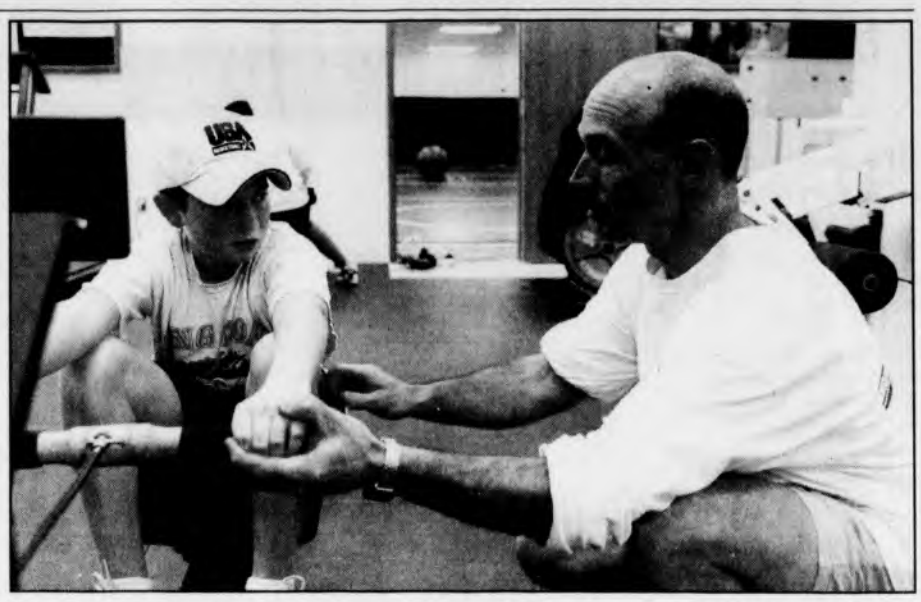
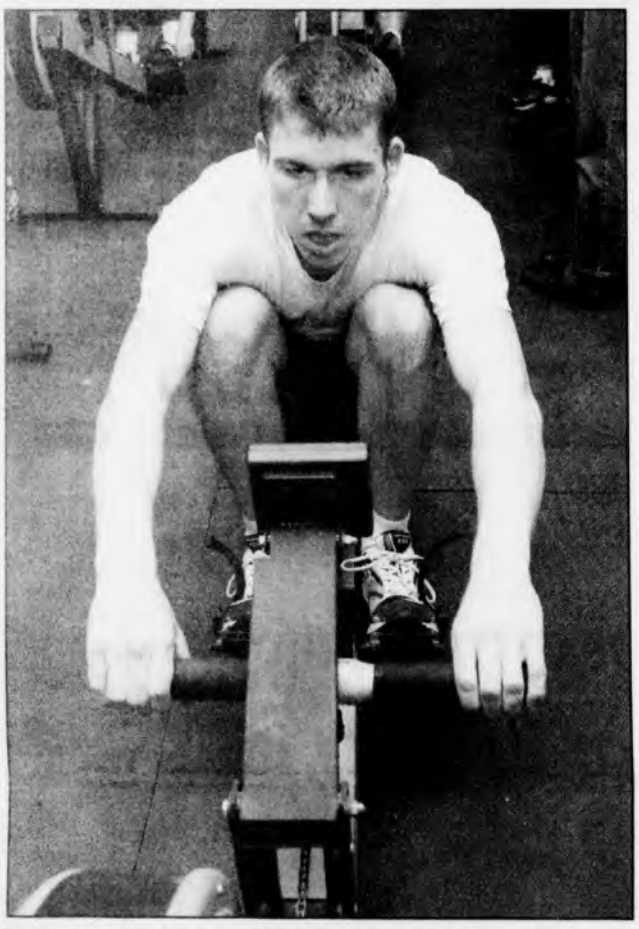
Rowers get ready

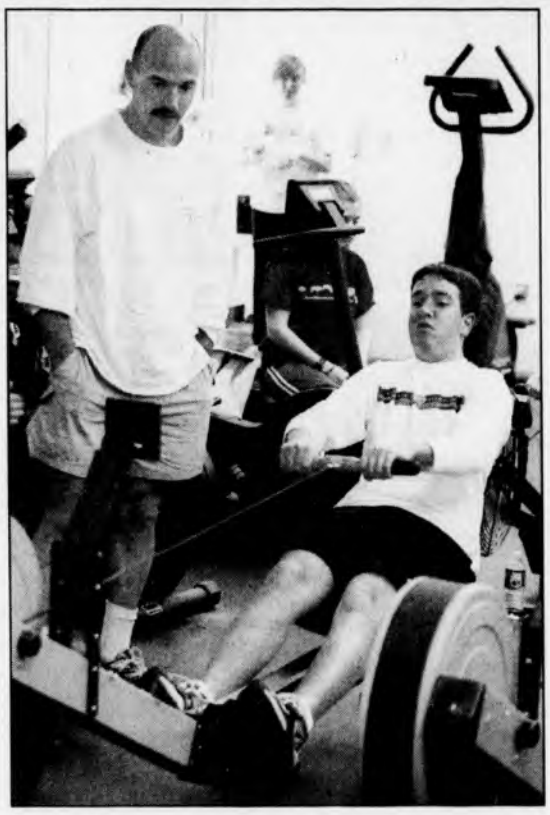


Above: Jack Buckley instructs Paul Guinee, 10, on the proper techniques of rowing at the fitness center at Cohasset Middle High School.



Above: CHS students try their hand on the "erg", an indoor rowing machine to get ready for upcoming indoor world rowing championships in February.

At left: Scott Pradford, a CHS grad who is now attending URI, has been rowing for 10 years.



At left: Sophomore Dan Allen strains for the last stretch in his rowing exercise while teacher/coach Jack Buckley encourages him to finish strong.

Below: Paul Guinee focuses on meeting his goal on the rowing machine to get ready for the World Indoor Rowing Championships Feb. 23 in Boston.

Photos by
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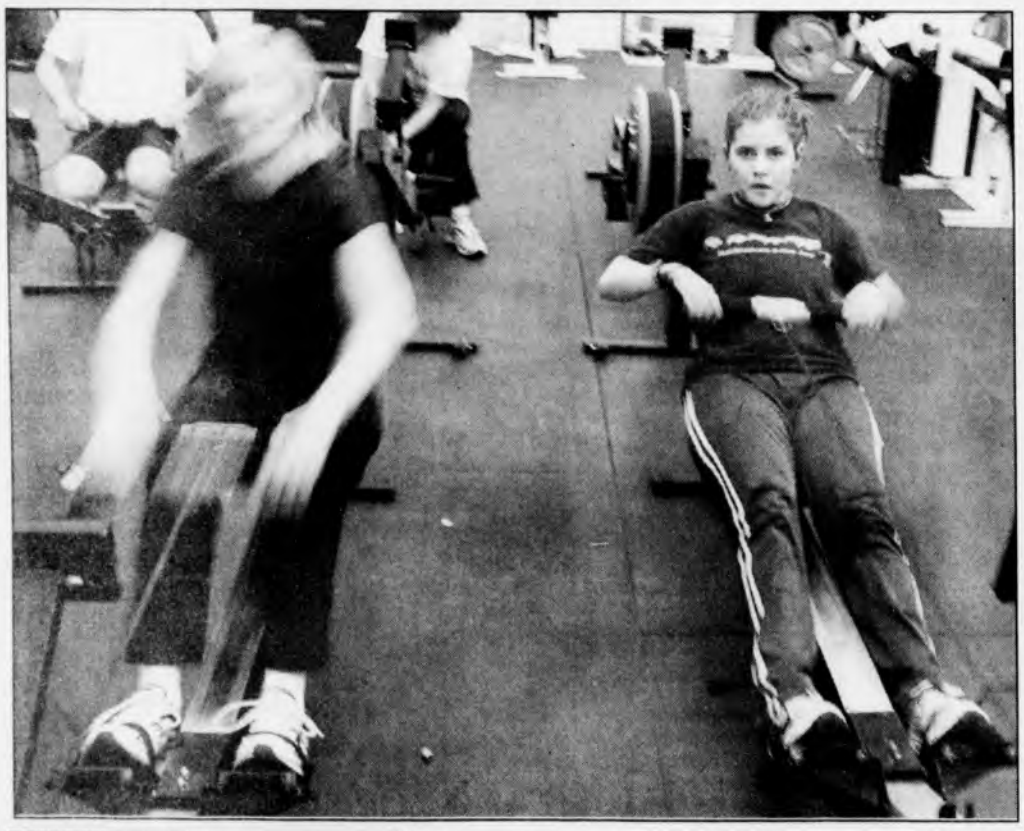
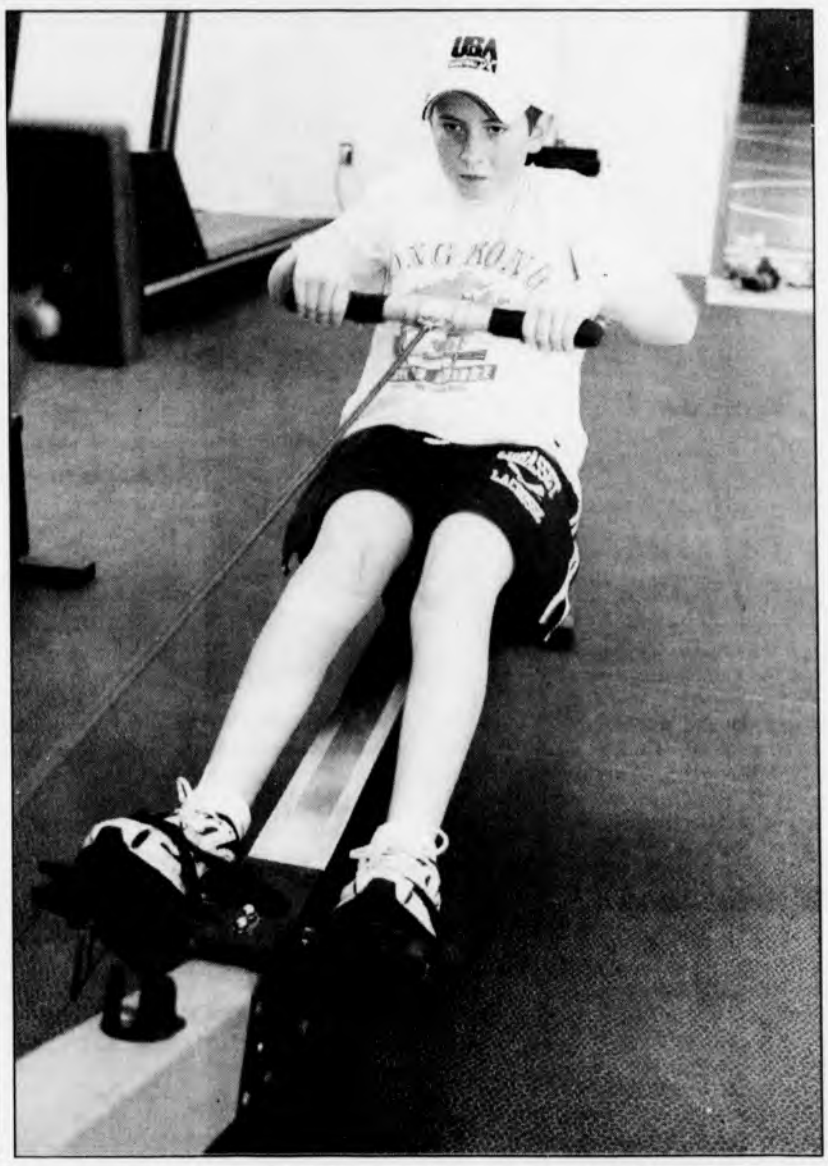
Below: Patty Connors, a one-year veteran with the Cohasset Maritime Institute, and Elizabeth Rankin, a CHS graduate, who is coxswain at the University of Vermont, work out on the rowing machines.





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Easy fishing in 'hard water'

Rec ice fishing course Saturday

By Justin Graeber
CORRESPONDENT

Every winter, throngs of ice-fishing devotees take to the ice, or as the pros call it, "the hard water."

For those curious about this unique sport, the Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct an ice fishing course at Island Creek Pond in Duxbury on Sunday, Jan. 19.

The course will be run by Paul Bruce of Duxbury, who has extensive experience with ice fishing.

According to the Rec Department, a previous group taught by Bruce boasted a catch of 15 pickerel and three bass in the span of three hours.

"In 15 minutes I can teach participants to be the best ice fishermen they can be," he said.

Bruce also teaches private ice fishing lessons and runs striped bass and bluefish clinics around the Duxbury area. Ice fishing is a fun hobby, but it is also one that takes place in wintry conditions that can be dangerous if the fisherman is not prepared. Here are a few tips from the National Ice Fishing Association's Web site: Dress warmly with winter boots and warm socks, gloves, and a hat. Before venturing out onto the ice, check to make sure it is at least four inches thick. Also, you should always ice fish with a buddy, or near other people.

The Ice Fishing course will be held Sunday, Jan. 19 from 9:55-11:55 a.m.. No ice skates are allowed. The course fee is $34 per participant — all equipment is included. Space is limited. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department at (781) 383-4109 to register or for more information.

HAPPENINGS

Classes offered

The following classes are offered at the South Shore Community Center:

Networking 101, Jan. 23, 7 to 8:30 p.m., $60 members, $65 non-members. Understanding small office and home office networks.

Networking 102, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 7 to 8:30 p.m., $120 members, $125 non-members. Installing all the equipment to build a network with the Internet.

Introduction to Computers, Tuesday, Jan. 28, and Feb. 4, $60 members, $65 non-members.

Windows, Tuesday, Feb. 25, 9 to 11 a.m. for four weeks, $120 members, 125 non-members.

Word, Tuesday, Feb. 25, 9 to 11 a.m. for four weeks, $120 members, $125 non-members.

Internet, Tuesday, Feb. 25, for four weeks, $120 members, $125 non-members.

Pediatric CPR, Feb. 5 and 6, 7 to 10 p.m., $50 members, $55 non-members.

Calligraphy, Thursday, Jan. 30, and Feb. 6, 7 to 10 p.m., $32 members, $35 non-members, $15 for supplies.

How Do You Make That Sauce? Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6:45 to 9 p.m., $50 members, $55 non-members.

Valentine's Dinner at the Red Lion, Monday, Feb. 3, 6 to 8:30 p.m., $70 per person.

15 Minute Meals, Feb. 4, 6:45 to 9 p.m., $50.

Student, faculty exhibit at art center

The South Shore Art Center will showcase the artwork of students who have taken classes and workshops at the Center throughout the year. All students participating in SSAC courses and workshops were invited to submit one piece for this winter exhibition. The show will augment the January faculty show — Who's Who: South Shore Art Center Faculty Artists, and continues through Feb. 23. Both exhibitions will afford viewers a convenient opportunity to view the artwork of students and faculty and at the same time register for a winter art class or workshop. Registrations are still being accepted for courses for adults and children to begin the second and third week in January. If your New Year's resolutions included a creative focus...the South Shore Art Center can send you on your way. For more information visit www.ssac.org or to register call 781-383-2787.

Playground benefit dinner dance Feb. 8

"Love Around the World," a benefit dinner dance, will be held at the Red Lion Barn, 71 S. Main St., Cohasset, February 8 from 7 p.m. 'til midnight.

Proceeds will benefit the playground at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, which will open later this year. The museum will occupy a two-story wing at the back of the new Paul Pratt Library at the corner of Sohier Street and Ripley Road.

The playground is currently being designed under the aegis of the same non-profit group that is raising money for the children's museum.

"Love Around the World" will feature a buffet dinner and dancing to the sounds of the Mike Dumas Band with Platform Soul. The evening will also include a live auction.

Tickets are $75 each. For reservations or further information, call Logan Bernstein at 781-383-6165.

Arts and crafts

Arts & Crafts for grades K to 3 will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays or Tuesdays, and will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $48 per child. Programs will be held on both Mondays and Tuesdays, and are scheduled to begin Tuesday, Jan. 29, and Monday, Feb. 3. You may register for either one of the two days, but not both.

For more information, details and registration call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109.

Books cook program

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades 1 and 2 Books Cook program by calling 781-383-4109.

Once Upon a Recipe is for grades 1 and 2 and will be held from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, and will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School. Children will enjoy making bread Boas after reading "The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash" or making candy houses after reading "Hansel and Gretel," as example.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $55 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin in late January on Wednesdays right after school until 4:30 p.m.. Each week will feature different books and cooking.

For more information details and registration, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781- 383-4109.

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POLICE LOG

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

10:12 p.m. South Main St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:42 p.m. Reservoir Rd., medical aid.

10:55 p.m. Border St. and Otis Ave. assist other police department.

11:25 p.m. Elm St., general info.

SUNDAY, JAN. 5

8:38 a.m. South Main St., animal control.

10:55 a.m. Old Pasture Rd., animal control.

2:46 p.m. Beechwood St. property damage.

3:16 p.m. Reservoir Rd., animal control.

3:47 p.m. Pleasant St., disturbance.

5:37 p.m. Sohier St. and Riley Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:51 p.m. Beechwood St. suspicious.

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MONDAY, JAN. 6

12:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway assist citizen.

2:29 a.m. Elm Ct., medical aid.

2:59 a.m. All over town, general services.

4:27 a.m. King St., medical aid.

5:18 a.m. Cohasset Harbor, assist other agency.

9:26 a.m. Cedar St., fire, log entry.

9:47 a.m. Atlantic Ave., traffic complaint.

10:41 a.m. Beechwood St. and South main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:53 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Forest Ave., investigation.

10:58 a.m. Joy Place, suspicious auto.

12:57 p.m. North main St. and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:10 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:37 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle crash.

4:20 p.m. Pond St. medical aid.

8:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway serve restraining order.

10:34 p.m. Little Harbor Rd., escort.

11:07 p.m. King St., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:26 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. suspicious auto.

TUESDAY, JAN. 7

12:40 a.m. Ripley Rd. assist citizen.

5:02 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

6:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire.

10:24 a.m. Forest Ave. and Fox Run, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:21 a.m. North Main St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:05 p.m. King St. parking violation.

12:51 p.m. King St., parking violation.

12:51 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:01 p.m. Sohier St., assist motorist.

1:10 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:20 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious.

3:12 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. motor vehicle complaint

4:06 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. medical aid.

4:25 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle violations.

4:48 p.m. Beechwood St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:14 p.m. Deep Run, officer wanted.

6:03 p.m. Margin St., animal control.

6:04 p.m. Beechwood St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:21 p.m. Sandy Beach, general services.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

4:45 a.m. All over town, general services.

7:02 a.m. Hobart Lane, fire.

9:14 a.m. Pleasant St., fire.

9:35 a.m. Atlantic Ave., well being check.

11:31 a.m. N. Main St., assist motorist.

12:15 p.m. Lamberts Lane, vandalism.

5:01 p.m. King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle crash.

5:25 p.m. King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle crash.

6:58 p.m. Forest Notch, well being check.

7:10 p.m. Elm St. road rage.

8:48 p.m. Forest Ave., annoying phone calls.

10:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

1:02 a.m. Elm St., suspicious person.

3:02 a.m. All over town, general services.

4:21 a.m. Mohawk Way, noise complaint.

7:07 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

8:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:45 a.m. King St., medical aid.

12:16 p.m. South Main St., suspicious person.

2:10 p.m. South Main St., serve restraining order.

4:16 p.m. Highland Ave., officer wanted.

4:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle crash.

6:34 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

6:51 p.m. Howe Rd., medical aid.

6:55 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:07 p.m. North Main St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:49 p.m. Black Horse Lane, well being check.

9:59 p.m. Nichols Rd. officer wanted.

10:34 p.m. North main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

8:44 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Jerusalem Rd. Dr., traffic compliant.

9:08 a.m. Summer St., road rage.

1:06 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:18 p.m. North Main St. parking complaint.

1:36 p.m. Forest Ave. and Black Rock Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:45 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:59 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:31 p.m. Norman Todd Rd. threats.

2:45 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

3:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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3:36 p.m. Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:46 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. Dr,. parking complaint.

4:49 p.m. South Main St., traffic complaint.

5:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:18 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:28 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:33 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway medical aid.

5:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

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7:51 p.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

Police arrested 11 in December

December was a relatively quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were 11 arrests, one for Larceny over $250, one for Protective Custody, two for Possession of a Controlled Substance, four for Minor in Possession of Liquor, one for Assault and Battery, and finally two for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, Police Chief Robert Jackson said.

During the month of December the police department investigated 14 motor vehicle accidents. One of which resulted in personal injury. There were 127 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $4,370 in fines. Additionally, there were 131. Parking Tickets issued for $3,775 in fines.

Also in December our Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 943 calls for police services, of those 123 were emergency 911 calls.

In the month of December there were two breaking and enterings of a business.

During the month of December Officer Paul Wilson and William English Jr. graduated from a 21-week Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council Police Academy and began field training with the department. In addition, Francis Yannizzi Jr., a 17 year Hull Police Department veteran, transferred to the Cohasset Police Department.

Finally in December the Cohasset Police Department was awarded a $20,500 grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety to purchase Anti-Terrorism Equipment, Jackson said.

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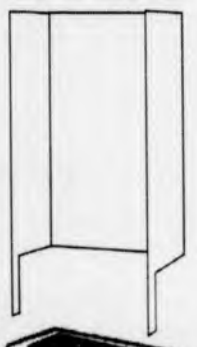

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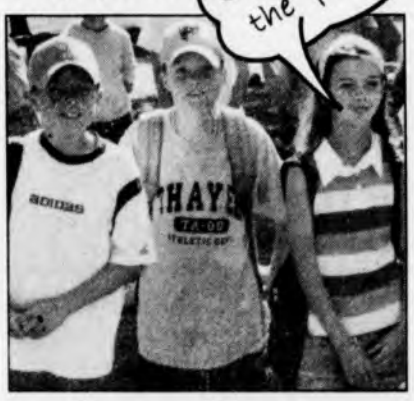

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Tickets on sale this week for spring concert series

The public is invited to attend an open house at the newly renovated Plymouth Memorial Hall at 83 Court Street (Route 3A) in Plymouth, MA, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18. Visitors will have first choice of seating and enjoy a $3 discount on tickets for the "Spring Concert Series" which features Beatlemania, Three Irish Tenors, Bo Diddley, Eddie Money, The Temptation Revue, America, and more. The open house will also feature tours, refreshments and balloons for the kids.

Regular-priced tickets will commence Monday, Jan. 20. At that time, tickets will be available on the Internet at www.ticketweb.com, by telephone to TicketWeb via toll free 866-468-7619 (all major credit cards are accepted), in person at Loretta LaRoche & Company, 50 Court Street, Route 3A, Plymouth, MA from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at Plymouth Memorial Hall on the night of the performance as available. The following performers will play at Memorial Hall:

BONNIE RIDEOUT – Saturday, Feb. 22

The three-time U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion has won numerous music awards and appeared at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC. She will be joined by Jerry O'Sullivan, whose work on the bagpipe was seen in the film "Braveheart" an in concert with Dolly Parton and Sinead O'Connor.

AMERICA – Friday, Feb. 28

Founding members Gerry Beckley and Dewey Bunnell have kept the folk-rock tradition of America alive with such FM classics as "Horse With No Name," "Tin Man," "Ventura Highway," and many other great hits.

THE PENDRAGONS – Saturday, March 1

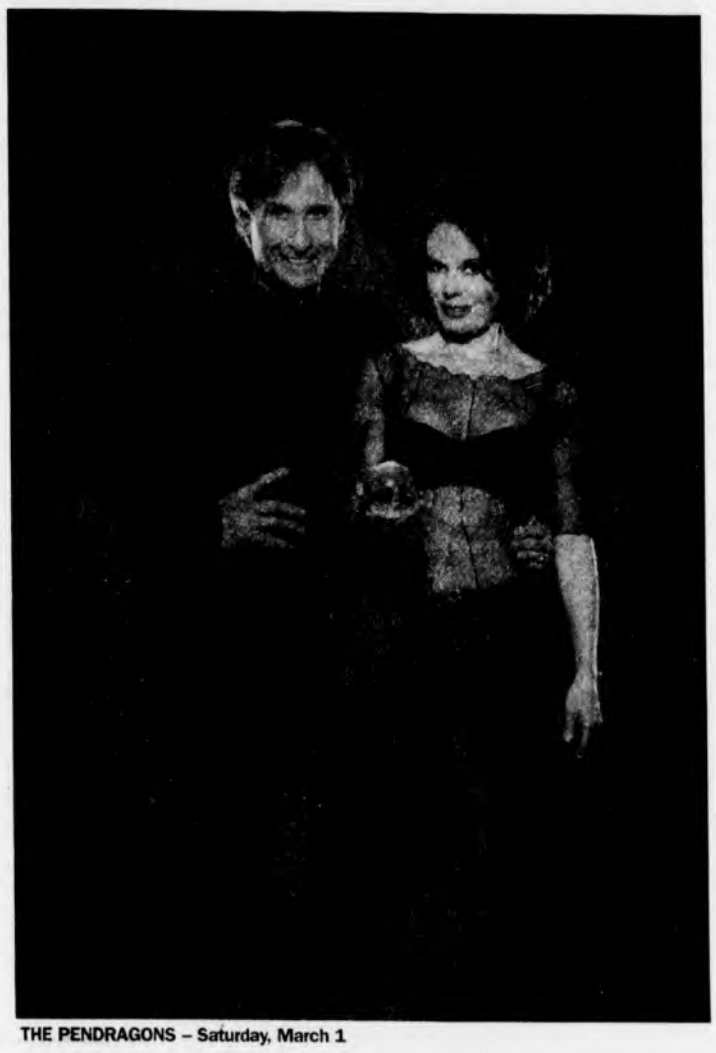
David Copperfield has called the husband and wife team of The Pendragons "One of magic's most creative performers," and audiences from Presidents to Kings have agreed. Constantly working on new and amazing illusions, audiences will gasp at the wizardy of The Pendragons, and come to realize why Seigfried and Roy have simply labeled them "Genius."

LOU RAWLS – Thursday, March 6

Three-time Grammy winner brings his silky smooth style to the Plymouth Memorial Hall stage with such chart-topping hits as "A Natural Man," "Let Me Be Good To You," "Tobacco Road," and the classic "You'll Never Find Another Love Like Mine."

THE THREE IRISH TENORS – Friday, March 14

Three of Irelands leading tenors: Claran Nagle of "Riverdance," Anthony Norton and Paul Byrom, will charm audiences with their splendid renditions of such haunting songs as "Danny Boy and "Galway Bay." They will be joined by Jaqueline Whelan, one of Ireland's leading sopranos.



THE PENDRAGONS – Saturday, March 1

THE KINGSTON TRIO with special guest TOM PAXTON – Saturday, March 15

Now celebrating 45 years in the business, these legends of folk –founding member Bob Shane, and longtime members George Grove and Bobby Haworth –continue to delight audiences with such folk anthems as "Tom Dooley," "A Worried Man" and the local favorite, "Charlie on the MTA." Joining the KT will be Tom Paxton, one of the most beloved songwriters of his generation to emerge from the Greenwich Village folk scene.

THE PUMMILLS – Friday, March 21

Four talented women, four grand pianos, one night of outstanding music as these four ladies dazzle the audience with songs ranging from Bach to Broadway.

EDDIE MONEY with special guest Colin Hay of Men At Work – Saturday, March 22

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Eddie Money remains one the most popular rock performers of the past 25 years, and his hits – "Two Tickets to Paradise," "Baby Hold On," "Take Me Home Tonight" – are still staples on the FM classic rock stations. Opening for Eddie will be a special acoustic solo performance by Men at Work lead singer Colin Hay, bringing new renditions of his hit songs, "Down Under" "It's A Mistake" and many others.

MARK WILLS & BLAKE SHELTON – Friday, March 28

Two of the hottest young stars on today's country circuit together on one stage, each with their own band. You've seen their videos on CMT and enjoyed their music on the country radio stations, now see in person why Mark Wills' "Nineteen Something" and Blake Shelton's "The Baby" are both currently top-10 songs on the Billboard Country Charts.

VONDA SHEPARD – Saturday, March 29

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America has known her for years as the frequent co-star on the hit TV show "Ally McBeal," but Vonda's musical talents transcend the picture tube. Along with working with Chaka Kahn, Al Jarreau, Jackson Browne and others, her albums have been consistent winners, and her latest, "Chinatown," is moving fast up the charts.

BO DIDDLEY with special guest star BUDDY MILES – Saturday, April 5

For four decades, this Rock & Roll Hall of Famer has inspired such legends as Buddy Holly, The Rolling Stones and The Beatles. The famed "Bo Diddley beat" is one of the heartbeats of rock and roll, and time has done nothing to slow down the legend who asked us "Who Do You Love?" Opening for Bo Diddley will be Buddy Miles, the acclaimed drummer on albums by everyone from Muddy Waters to Jimi Hendrix, with whom he formed the group, "Band of Gypsys."

THE TEMPTATIONS REVUE with DENNIS EDWARDS – Friday, April 11

When Dennis Edwards took over as lead singer for The Temptations in the late-1960s, the result was a string of great hits – "Cloud Nine," "Papa Was A Rolling Stone," "Just My Imagination," "Ball of Confusion," and many others. All these songs will be featured in this great show, along with such Temptations' favorites as "My Girl"

TOM CHAPIN (Special school vacation week show) – Wednesday, April 23

Families will be delighted as folk singer Tom Chapin (brother of Harry Chapin) entertains the small ones with his great guitar playing and story-telling. Tom's children's recordings are aimed at kids 4-11 and have been recognized by awards from numerous parent's associations.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! – Saturday, April 26

This is about as close as you'll come to seeing The Beatles in concert. Performing over 30 Beatles songs – played live and note for note – and utilizing three full costume changes and period instruments, Beatlemania-LIVE! will have you dancing in the aisles. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

TAYLOR DAYNE – Saturday, May 17

One of music's most dynamic live performers, Taylor Dayne ruled the dance charts in the 1990s, with two double-platinum albums and eight Top-10 hits, including the irresistible "Planet Love,' "Tell It To My Heart,' "With Every Beat of My Heart" and "I'll Always Love You."

After a recent $7 million renovation, Plymouth Memorial Hall has been transformed into a performing arts center with seating for 1,400. The building, erected in 1924, is now fully handicapped accessible. Memorial Hall's operations are currently managed by the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor.

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BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! – Saturday, April 26

"Some Like It Hot" brings Curtis to the stage

The American Film Institute doesn't mince words when it comes to the 1959 feature film "Some Like It Hot." The highly respected AFI simply calls it the best comedy ever made. Under Billy Wilder's direction, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon play two musicians who witness the 1929 St. Valentine's Day Massacre and are then left to run from the Mob while disguised as "Josephine" and "Daphne," the homeliest members of an all-girl jazz band en route to Miami.

In the film, Curtis portrayed one of the "on-the-run" musicians who tries to woo and win the affections of a band singer memorably played by Marilyn Monroe.

Tony Curtis in "Some Like It Hot."

More than 40 years after the film's release, Curtis is now starring in a national tour of a musical comedy stage version of "Some Like It Hot," a reworking of the 1972 Broadway musical "Sugar," at Boston's Wang Theatre through Sunday. No longer age appropriate to play one of the show's male —or even female — leads, this time around Curtis tackles the role of Osgood Fielding III, an "on-the-make" senior with romantic designs on "Daphne."

As a film actor, Curtis has some 120 features to his credit including "Sweet Smell of Success" (1957), "The Defiant Ones" (1958), "Spartacus" (1960) and "The Boston Strangler" (1968). Curtis is making his musical theater debut with "Some Like It Hot," topplining a 30-member company in the show written by Peter Stone, with music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Bob Merrill, and being directed on tour by Dan Siretta.

Tony Curtis will star in "Some Like It Hot," through Jan. 19, at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston. For tickets, visit the box office or call 1-800-447-7400.

- R. Scott Reedy

Fleeing the Scene.

Sept. 11 through the lens

'9/11 Portfolio' on display at Thayer Academy Art Gallery

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The tragic events of September 11, 2001 have seen no shortage of responses from the artistic community over the last year and a half. Like the ongoing news coverage and analysis, these are attempts to make sense of what was previously unthinkable and still hard to fathom.

Charles Guiliano, an East Boston artist, photographer and professor of art history and humanities at Suffolk University, is one more member of the arts community who is trying to make sense and also offer a deeper perspective in his current ongoing project, "9/11 Portfolio," a collection of photos, photo collages and other images

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Food & dining

Dressing up mashed potatoes

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

One could easily make a case for leaving well enough alone when it comes to mashed potatoes but our family eats them at least once per week and variations on the theme are always welcome. In particular, I wanted a dish that would be a bit dressy for company (as a side for prime rib, for example) but not so starched-collar that the potatoes lose their earthy root vegetable appeal. There is nothing worse than a bowl of mashed potatoes that have lost their culinary roots in pursuit of star power.

I began with the notion of adding another root vegetable to the potatoes. I did not care for rutabaga but yellow turnips made a nice pairing since their thin texture and slightly spicy flavor make a good foil for the earthiness of the potatoes. Although it is better to boil potatoes in their skins (to avoid water absorption), I don't have the patience to peel hot potatoes, especially 5 minutes before serving dinner. Instead I peel them ahead of time and then cut them into 2-inch chunks for quick cooking. I did the same for the turnips.

I found that the turnips needed a 2-minute head start in the boiling water and that the cooking time was about 20 minutes. Beware of undercooking potatoes for mashing – you want them very tender for smooth mashed potatoes. Good mashed potatoes should be mashed by hand; you can't use any sort of electric appliance to help out. If you don't have a potato masher or ricer, you can use a large fork and a very large bowl. (A ricer produces a very smooth mash – I prefer an old-fashioned masher for an earthier texture.) You have to mash one potato at a time and you need room to push the others out of the way as you work. The other secret of good mashed potatoes is the proper ratio of liquid to potato. I find that each pound of potato needs about 1/3 cup of liquid and 2 tablespoons of butter. I prefer light cream as the liquid of choice. You can substitute chicken stock, although you will need to reduce the quantity, as it thins out the potatoes too much.

A discovery made at Cook's Illustrated proved that coating the mashed potatoes with melted butter (before adding any other liquids) helped to produce a lighter product (the fat coats the starch granules) so I adopted that method here. Warming the cream didn't seem to make a big difference in texture but did keep the potato/turnip mash hotter.

So far, so good. But I was still looking for a dressier recipe so I turned to the notion of a topping. Onions seemed like a good fit and I added one surprise ingredient, two anchovies. They dissolve in the oil/butter combination and lend a rich, but not fishy, taste that marries well with both the potatoes and the turnips. I found that cooking the roughly chopped onions over low heat in a covered skillet kept their texture and shape and married the flavors nicely. A couple of tablespoons of chopped parsley at the end of the 20-minute cooking time added some brightness to the dish. The onion mixture can also be held, covered, until the potatoes are ready to be served.

MASHED TURNIPS WITH ONION, PARSLEY, AND ANCHOVIES

Mashed potatoes tend to dry out quickly if not served immediately. If they cool off, place them in a saucepan over very low heat and add an additional 1/4 cup hot liquid and an extra tablespoon of butter at the last minute to jazz up the flavor and texture. You can also use this topping on plain mashed potatoes, without the turnips.

For The Topping

2 tablespoons high quality olive oil

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 anchovies

3 medium onions, peeled and coarsely chopped

1/4 teaspoon table salt

2 tablespoons chopped parsley

For The Mashed Potatoes

1 1/2 pounds Yukon Gold or Russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces

1 pound yellow turnips, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces

6 tablespoons melted butter

3/4 cup heavy cream, warmed

1 teaspoon table salt or more to taste

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

1. Heat the olive oil and 2 tablespoons of butter in a large skillet with a top. When foam subsides, add the anchovies and cook for 2 minutes over medium-low heat. Add the onions, 1/4 teaspoon salt, cover pan, and cook for 20 minutes. Stir in parsley and keep warm.

2. In a separate pot, boil turnips and potatoes until tender, about 20 minutes, and drain thoroughly. (Add the turnips to the boiling water first and then the potatoes 2 minutes later.) Remove to a large bowl, add the melted butter, and mash. Add 1/3 cup of the warm heavy cream and mash. Add additional cream to taste up to the 3/4 cup total. Add 1 teaspoon salt (or more to taste) and freshly ground black pepper. Top with onion mixture and serve.

Serves 4

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Sept. 11 through the lens

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recalling the shock and horror of September 11 and related world events, past and present.

"9/11 Portfolio" is on display in the Thayer Academy Art Gallery in Braintree through Jan. 30, with an opening reception and gallery talk by the artist scheduled Jan. 23 from 5-7 p.m.

According to Guiliano, 99.9 percent of the artistic responses to the 9/11 events have been in the nature of pure illustration. There have been the expected interpretive renderings of now indelible images from that day — the hijacked planes hitting the World Trade Center towers, the towers engulfed in flames, the horrified crowds fleeing the scene and the massive destruction in the aftermath at Ground Zero among other images. But very little from the art world, the artist/photographer suggests, has addressed the ambiguities and implications beneath the events and images themselves.

"I think this exhibit contains some very provocative, very tough images," said Guiliano, who also runs a gallery program at Suffolk University and in the past has been an arts critic and jazz and rock music critic with the Boston Herald, Patriot Ledger and Boston Phoenix among other publications. "This is certainly not pretty stuff that you'd hang over the sofa in your living room. But mainly the show attempts to go beyond illustration and ask the question of how exactly do we deal with these images, events and icons through the media."

"The images of 9/11, like the planes hitting the towers, the towers coming down, Ground Zero and others, have been shown repeatedly worldwide on television and every other media. And to repeat images in such a way eventually makes them etched forever in people's minds as icons, like the JFK assassination in Dallas, the space shuttle exploding and any other comparable events you could name. And once the images become icons, everyone in America or even the world somehow begins to feel a part of the whole event," Guiliano said.

9/11 Memorial Wall, NYC 2002 Collage.

"9/11 Portfolio" is perhaps at its most provocative in its series of photoprints developed from shots of as-it-happened news coverage on wide-screen TV. Images include the impact of the planes smashing the towers, the towers burning and eventually collapsing, crowd hysteria on the street, FDNY rushing to the scene and massive scattering debris. Plus, related coverage pictures of New York City, Osama Bin Laden and others, some with Breaking News captions lining the bottom of the screen and even the occasional WBZ TV4 or CBS logo in the corner.

The prints highlight what Guiliano's exhibit statement describes as "the horizontal striations of video transmission," presenting blurred, fuzzy images that perhaps most vividly portray the frenzy, chaos and confusion of being at the scene that day.

Mindful that the post-9/11 world climate is probably as close to an impending World War III as we've come in the modern era, other sections of the exhibit focus on horrific images and memories from the WWII period and previous. Some of the most haunting include photos of public executions in France, Manchuria and Shanghai, Adolph Hitler, Nazi propaganda posters and scenes of disturbing violence in digital still images from the film classic "Battleship Potemkin," a 1925 Russian epic by director Sergei Eisenstein portraying the revolt of two decades earlier by the peasant class and navy against the Czar.

The show finally reaches themes of peace and spiritual hope and healing with such prints as heart-shaped cakes lettered "I Love You" in German bakery windows, and celestial star-galaxy images titled "Cosmos."

"I think these images are very hard to look at with neutrality," Guiliano said. "My aim with the project is to stimulate, disturb and help answer questions for my

Gardening pursuits for the winter months

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Winter weather descended upon South Shore gardens early this season leaving many beds and borders overflowing with debris. With the fall cleanup only partially complete, I had anticipated that milder weather would surely return enabling at least a haphazard attempt to perform last minute preparations for the winter months. Instead, Mother Nature has provided nearly perpetual snow cover and consistently chilly temperatures offering few opportunities to clip, rake, and haul the leaves and spent perennial foliage to my expansive compost heap. Perhaps the only positive aspect of this harsh winter season is that the minor fluctuations in temperatures have minimized the hazards posed by alternating freeze-thaw cycles prevalent during milder winters.

Each day, as I return home from work and errands, I am constantly reminded of my overly passionate pursuit of plants. Beside our driveway, many potted perennials remain huddled together beneath the pendulous branches of a giant weeping cherry, a forlorn gathering of refugees destined to perish if left abandoned until springtime. Nearby, numerous decorative containers still filled with soil and withered plants lie partially buried beneath a thin crusty layer of ice and snow. A tangle of hoses lies on the lawn, drained of water but never coiled and stored before the first snowfall. A small pile of well-decomposed manure waits to be spread over depleted daylily borders. In years past, the month of January nearly always afforded a few days of comfortable outdoor activity but even this seasonal thaw seems in jeopardy as the long-term forecast suggest little respite from the deep freeze.

Should the weather moderate in the weeks to come, a variety of gardening chores can be performed during the dead of winter. Walking on the gardens will not compact the soil while the ground is frozen and with only minimal snow cover, my hedge shears will make quick work of the lingering dead foliage, which will be easily raked away across the frozen surface. Once the borders have been groomed, a winter mulch may be applied to protect evergreen perennials, marginally hardy plants, and perennials that were planted late in the season. The evergreen boughs of a discarded Christmas tree provide a valuable, airy protection for evergreen perennials in sunny, exposed locales that may be subject to winterburn due to dry, desiccating winter winds. A few of the perennials at greatest risk include candytuft (Iberis), ground phlox (Phlox subulata), coral bells (Heuchera) and pinks (Dianthus). Two or three inches of salt marsh hay, sh! redded leaves, or my personal favorite, white pine needles, spread around dormant plants will prevent fall transplants from heaving out of the ground during freeze-thaw cycles. The purpose of this kind of mulch is not to keep the plant warm but rather to keep the ground beneath frozen. The upper two or more inches of the applied mulch alternately freeze and thaw when temperatures rise and fall but the ground remains frozen and slowly thaws when temperatures begin to moderate in early spring.

The dormant winter season is an especially good time to observe the so-called "bones of the landscape". Woody plants provide structure and architecture to your outdoor living spaces in all seasons. Take a stroll through the yard on a clear winter day and note areas that might benefit from the addition of an ornamental tree or shrub to serve as a focal point in open spaces, provide screening of less attractive views, or add year-round beauty to your property. Be sure to make observations from within your home and consider the view from favorite sitting areas. Second story windows are ideal places from which to examine the shapes and contours of gardens and plantings; their outlines are more readily distinguished when foliage is at a minimum.

When bitter cold and persistent bad weather demand indoor activities, I reluctantly accept Mother Nature's gift of forced relaxation and settle into a comfortable chair to begin this season's endless wish list of new plants and proposed projects. January is the month to dream! Our mailboxes are overflowing with catalogs for seeds and plants and the covers of gardening magazines remind us of the beauty resting beneath the frozen ground. This is the month to research new plants, plan new gardens and order from those tantalizing catalogs.

For those homeowners, who have only a casual interest in gardening, books, magazines and catalogs may provide sufficient relief from these gloomy days until the greening of the landscape beckons them back into the yard in April or May. For passionate gardeners, who suffer with a year-round preoccupation with plants, on the other hand, there is a never-ending quest for new varieties, the need to absorb every bit of cultural information written and the desire to explore new methods for combining plants in the landscape. If you are a "plant-aholic" consider taking educational courses offered by local horticultural institutions including our local science center, the Arnold Arboretum, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society or the New England Wildflower Society. Local garden clubs offer outstanding activities. Gardening programs and information are available on the radio, TV and the Web providing therapy for the short term, and for! the serious addicts, participation in a plant society may be an effective remedy. Escape the winter doldrums by signing up for a course or attending a special event and expand your gardening knowledge with others who share your passion for plants.

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SCOOBY-DOO IN STAGE-FRIGHT - LIVE ON STAGE returns to the Wang Center Feb. 4 to 9. Scooby-Doo and the Gang come to life for mystery-solving chills and thrills. Tickets on sale now at the Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or visit www.wangcenter.org or call 1-800-447-7400.

DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS PRINCESS CLASSICS at the Fleet Center Feb. 12 - 23. Disney On Ice presents Princess Classics features Cinderella, Jasmine, Ariel, Sleeping Beauty, Belle, Mulan and Snow White - as they skate into the FleetCenter in Boston. Tickets $60 (front row), $42 (VIP), $25, $20 and $12 and are available at the FleetCenter Box Office, all ticketmasteroutlets, by calling (617)931-2000 or online via www.fleetcenter.com Group sales 617-624-1805.

TIFFANY will be coming to The Company Theatre in Norwell, on Saturday, Feb. 15, backed by her new band and belting out all the old favorites and songs off the new album. Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr. in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $38 and all seats are reserved. There are also a limited number of VIP seats at $60, which includes the best seats in the house and a meeting with Tiffany. Visit the website at www.companytheatre.com.

FOLK LEGEND MELANIE MAKES HER COMPANY THEATRE DEBUT; Feb. 8, Tickets now on sale Now on tour to support her most recent album, "Crazy Love," which features her children - Leilah, Jeordie and Beau Jarred, and a new version of her hit, "Brand New Key" - Melanie will be appearing at The Company Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 8, for one show only. The show time is 8 p.m. The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $28 and all seats are reserved. There are also a limited number of VIP seats available at $50, which includes the best seats and a reception with Melanie. You can also check out the website at www.companytheatre.com.

STOMP returns to Boston beginning Feb. 11, at The Stuart Street Playhouse. "Stomp," the international percussion sensation, makes its triumphant return to Boston, coming to the Stuart Street Playhouse for a six week engagement, Feb. 11, through March 23. Tickets available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400 by logging on to www.stomponline.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston, 02116.

MAMMA MIA! returns to the Colonial Theatre Jan. 25 to March 16. The infectious and funny production featuring 22 of ABBA's best known songs. "MAMMA MIA" previously played at the Colonial Theatre in 2001 for 12 weeks playing to sold-out houses and breaking box office records. Prices are $87 to $27. For more information call 617-426-9366. Tickets may be purchased through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or ticketmaster.com.

ANNIE returns to the Wang Theatre for a one week engagement. Jan. 28 through Feb. 2. Tickets on sale at the Wang Theatre Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston online at www.wangcenter.org or by calling Telecharge.com at 1-800-447-7400.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Thurs. 16

Borders in Kingston will host an **American Girls Club** on Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. A special monthly group for fans of the American Girls collection. Each month read about an American Girl and discuss her adventures. This month will feature Molly. Then the members can choose which American Girl they'll read about next month. Don't forget to bring your American Girls dolls to the club meetings. Free and open to the public.

The Braintree Art Association second annual art show will take place Jan. 10, through Jan. 17 at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. For information call 781-335-4675.

Cataloni's Cat's Blues Club, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. Every Thursday night **New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam party** hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano,** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover, handicap accessible, casual dress. Jan. 16, 23, 30. Call 781-878-0834 for more information.

Fri. 17

The North River Arts Society presents **Alla Prima Portrait Raffle** featuring **John Kilroy** on Jan. 17, at 7 p.m.. A unique opportunity to own a portrait through a raffle format. The two-hour demonstration/lecture will focus closely on painting the portrait - working with a live model. The winner for the raffle sits for - and brings home - the portrait. Raffle tickets are $10 and are available at the NRAS office. Call 781-837-8091 for information.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents **All Open Mike Nite** - 16 eight-minute slots. Sign up at the door on Jan. 17. $4M and performers, $5NM.Held at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. "Storytime with Beth" On Jan. 17, **The Alphabet.** Each event is a celebration of classic and new picture books. Free and open to the public.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Star Creations Theatre from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center Inc. presents "The Butler Did It", by Tim Kelly, on Jan. 17, and 18 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 19, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission is $10 adult, $5 child. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

Jimbo's Pub, 55 Broad St., Weymouth, **The New Blue Revue All Stars** every Friday, Jan. 17, 24, 31 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover.

Some Like It Hot - The New Stage Musical staring Tony Curtis at The Wang Theatre for eight performances only playing Jan. 14 through Jan. 19. Tickets are on sale at The Wang Theatre Boston Office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400.

Sat. 18

The Weymouth Art Association will meet on Jan. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. **Douglas W. Turner** will demonstrate oil painting. Free and open to the public Refreshments will be served.

Nathan Rutstein will speak on **Martin Luther King and healing racism in America** on Jan. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. Rutstein, is a writer, and co-founder of the Institute for the Healing of Racism and former journalist, television documentarian and college educator. Free and open to the public.

Auction Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. proceeds to benefit the **Bristol County Music Scholarship Fund,** sponsors of the 2003 Young Concert Artists programs and the 2002-2003 Concert Programs of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra. Fine Art objects, musical instruments, professional services coupons, gift certificates, concerts, music lessons, high fashion sunglasses, fine wines and more. Refreshments and entertainment. First Baptist Church; 2 S. Main Street, Sharon. $5 admission; tickets at the door or Contact Don 508-677-2393 for tickets and information. www.bristolchamberorchestra.org

The public is invited to attend an **Open House of the newly renovated Plymouth Memorial Hall** at 83 Court Street (Rte. 3A) in Plymouth, from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18. Visitors will have first choice of seating and enjoy a $3 discount on tickets for the "Spring Concert Series" which features Beatlemania, Three Irish Tenors, Bo Diddley, Eddie Money, The Temptation Revue, America,and more. The open house will also feature tours, refreshments and balloons for the kids.

Coffee House off the Square presents **Balladeers Atwater-Donnelly** on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 8 p.m., at the Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse with a fully accessible Parish Hall, 107 Main. St., Hingham Square, on the T's 220 bus from Quincy Center, and a few doors up from the Loring Hall Theater. Events begin with an open mic, allowing singers, dancers, poets, mimes, jugglers, storytellers ... to be seen and heard by an attentive audience. Tickets are $10 at the door and coffees, teas, cider, and homemade desserts are $.50. Net proceeds benefit programs of the Unitarian/Universalist Service Committee.

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The Coffee House off the Square at Hingham's Old Ship Church presents Balladeers Atwater-Donnelly in concert Saturday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 at the door and coffees, teas, cider and homemade desserts are 50 cents. The Old Ship Church is located on Main Street in Hingham square. For more information call (781) 749-1767.

Woody's Pub 53, 1284 Washington St., Weymouth. **The New Blue Revue** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Every Saturday, Jan. 18, 25. For information call 781-340-6666.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Good Friends.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Sun. 19

The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell presents **Author and Algonquin Round Table member, Dorothy Parker** in a One Woman Show by actress **Elizabeth Morrell** on Jan. 19, at 3 p.m. tickets $10 and may be purchased by calling 781-659-7100 or at the door space permitting. A reception to meet the artist follow the performance.

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Back From Broadway, Boston's newest hit has been extended Dec. 23, through Jan. 19, at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St. Call 800-447-7400 or visit the box office or www.telecharge.com

Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church, 8 Hilltop Ave., Kingston: Guest Speaker who was stabbed tells of how love filled his soul after attack. The Rev. Tom Severson, pastor of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Elgin, IL comes to discuss how a single act of violence - having his throat slashed and being beaten nearly to death - helped him rediscover the power of love. Come here Pastor Severson's amazing story at the Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church, on Jan. 19, at the 8:45 a.m. and also at 11 a.m. services. For more information call the church at 781-585-4776.

Mezzo Soprano Diana Jacklin sings Purcell, Bellini, Mozart, Strauss, and Sondheim with pianist Thomas Enman on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 3 p.m. at the **United First Parish Church**, 1306 Hancock St., Quincy. Tickets $15, general and $10, students and seniors at the door. For more information call 978-768-3252.

Joel Davidson in concert at **Logan Auditorium of Thayer Public Library**, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Sunday, Jan. 19, at 3:30 p.m.

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Please submit your listings two to three weeks prior to the event and include a contact phone number. Placement within the Living calendar is on a space-available basis.

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The Plymouth Antiquarian Society, 126 Water Street., Plymouth, will present "Explore Your Roots" on Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. host genealogist Jack Murray will offer tips on researching your family tree. For information call 508-591-5007 or 877-500-0050.

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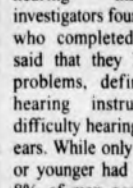

LISTEN To Life
by John Klefeker, BC-HIS
Board Certified-Hearing Instrument Specialist, MA Lic. #127

WHAT ALL THE NOISE IS ABOUT

New research shows that years of working in a noisy environment leads workers to suffer hearing losses. Questionnaires were sent to 22,194 adults asking them about the number of years spent working at a noise-filled job, as well as whether they had hearing problems, had persistent tinnitus (ringing in the ears), or wore hearing instruments. The investigators found that 2% of people who completed the questionnaire said that they had severe hearing problems, defined as needing a hearing instrument or having difficulty hearing people talk in both ears. While only 1% of those age 35 or younger had severe hearing loss, 8% of men age 55-64 and 4% of similarly aged women had severe hearing loss.

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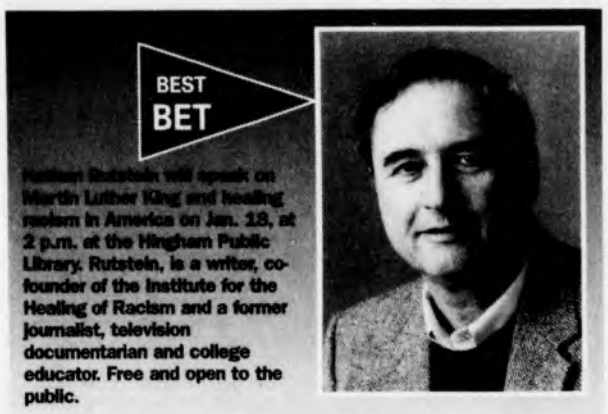
Davidson, vocalist, will perform songs in English, French and Hebrew, accompanied on piano by Judy Cobble. This concert is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For information call 781-848-0405, ext. 4420.

The Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Museum, Inc., will sponsor its **16th Annual Railroad Show** on Jan. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Luke UrbanField House, B.M.C. Durfee High School, 360 Elsbree St., Fall River. Admission $3 adults and $1 for children. For more information, call 508-674-9340 or visit www.ocaandfrrailroadmuseum.com.



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Mon. 20

Duxbury Art Association presents **Class Acts**, an exhibition of artwork from high school students from various South Shore communities Dec. 16 through Jan. 31. Class Acts will take place in the Bengtz &Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4. or visit www.duxburyart.org.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 21

The Thayer Public Library Logan Auditorium, 798 Washington St., Braintree continues its **"Meet the Author" series** on Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. **Franklin Dorman, author of "Twenty Families of Color in Massachusetts,"** traces the ancestors and descendants of African-American Civil War soldiers and sailors from Massachusetts. a Book-signing will follow the presentation. For more information call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420. Free and open to the public.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is offering a day trip to the **10th annual Spring Flower and Garden Show in the Rhode Island Convention Center** in Providence, on Friday, Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. With more than 30 beautiful garden displays and more than 275 exhibit booths, the 2003 show, ***A Decade in Bloom*** promises to be fabulous! Travel down by luxury coach, and after seeing the show, you are free to get lunch on your own at one of the many places there. Spend some time shopping at Providence Place Mall if you like, and meet back at the bus by 3 p.m. for the ride home. Fee of $41 members/ $45 non-members includes admission to the flower show and transportation. **Pre-registration by Feb. 1, is necessary.** To register, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Jan. 20 and 21, **Quarterly Review of Wines: Best of the Best.** Quarterly Review of Wines continues to be the favorite wine publication of so many. Meet the personalities behind the words. **Publisher Richard Elia and Editor Randy Sheahan** will guide tastings of wines from each varietal that they chose as worthy of being called the "Best of the Best" Dinner, 7 p.m. The Atlantic Room, $185. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

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"Twenty Families of Color in Massachusetts" author Franklin Dorman will speak on Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Thayer Public Library. Dorman's book is the topic of discussion with Dorothy Parker" offers a look at one of America's wittiest and most misunderstood women. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased in advanced by calling (781) 659-7100 or at the door, space permitting. A reception to meet the artist will follow the performance. The James Library is located at 24 West Street in Norwell Center.

The Exonerated Jan. 21 to Feb. 2, at the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont St,. Boston, starring Brian Dennehy and Marlo Thomas. Tickets for the limited 16 performance engagement went on sale Dec. 20 and may be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, or www.ticketmaster.com or the box office at the Wilbur Theatre and The Colonial Theatre box office, 106 Boylston St.

42nd Street coming to Boston Jan. 21-26 Tickets on sale at The Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont St. or by calling 800-447-7400.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, Blue Jam with **Carriera**.

Wed. 22

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. On Jan. 22, **Telling Time**. Each event is a celebration of classic and new picture books. Free and open to the public.

The Garden Club of Hingham and the Hingham Historical Society jointly present a talk and slide presentation by **Anthony Sammarco** on the "Hingham involvement" of the development of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society: Jan. 22, 1 p.m., Whiton Room at the Hingham Public Library. Public invited.

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The South Shore Conservatory's Skidmore Gallery features the paintings of Cohasset artist Lisa Marder through the end of February. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. Admission is free. The South Shore Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. will sponsor Patricia Boyle, Ph.D as she present s **"Providing Care for Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease: What Caregivers Need to Know"** on Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham. For more information call 781-749-5417 or 781-740-2426. Complimentary respite care for your patient may be arranged by calling Gervaise Haley at Harbor House at 781-749-4774 by 3 p.m. on Jan. 22.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening lectures ending March 26. On Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Mass Audubon South Shore Headquarters in Marshfield, **"Bring Back the Fish: Restoring New England's Historic Herring Runs**. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

Thurs. 23

The Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water St., Plymouth, will present **"Explore Your Roots"** on Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. host **genealogist Jack Murray** will offer tips on researching your family tree. For information call 508-591-5007 or 877-500-0050.

The first of three programs on the Iranian crisis, sponsored by the **South Shore Peace Forum**, will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Hingham Public Library on Leavitt Street. Excerpts from a filmed lecture by **Scott Ritter**, Chief of the U.N. Arms inspection team in Iraq from 1991 to 1998 will be shown, along with another film, "Hidden Wars of Desert Storm."

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is offering a new series of cooking classes this winter, each at a different cook's house. Each class meets at the Science Center at 9:30 a.m. and carpools to the cook's house for a morning of cooking, coffee and camaraderie. Jan. 23, learn to make Butter Toffee Candy (and how to use a candy thermometer). Each class is $10 members/ $12 non-members, and pre-registration is necessary, as space is very limited. To register, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

The Glastonbury Series – Listening to Other Voices: **Hope in a Time of Uncertainty** A Middle East Panel. When Hopelessness Challenges Hope: Personal Stories of How the Spirit Survives. Call 781-749-2155. Free will offering.

Cataloni's Cat's Blues Club, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. Every Thursday night **New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam party** hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano,** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover, handicap accessible, casual dress. Jan. 16, 23, 30. Call 781-878-0834 for more information.

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Fri. 24

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. On Jan. 24, **Feelings.** Each event is a celebration of classic and new picture books. Free and open to the public.

Orleans is "Still the One" and they play one show only at the newly renovated, historic landmark, Memorial Hall Performing Arts Center in Plymouth, on Friday, Jan. 24, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Guitarist, Jon PousetteDart will open for the band. Tickets are $25 and $35 and may be purchased by at www.ticketweb.com.

Spiritual and Tarot Readings at **Artful Things Gallery Medium Terry Porter** will be available by appointment for Spiritual and Tarot Readings at the gallery on Friday Jan. 24 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost per 30 minute reading is $30. To arrange an appointment contact Dan Bennett at 781 659 6595. Artful Things Gallery is located at 263 Washington St. (Route 53) in Norwell. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Teen Conservatory Program of The Company Theatre in Norwell, is proud to present smash musical **Fame**. **Fame** was a movie and TV Series phenomenon and now is a smash hit stage sensation. This is an inspiring story about a diverse group of student performers working their way through four challenging years at New York's High School of Performing Arts. With humor and insight, the show explores many teen issues—self-worth, identity, perseverance-as well as the passion to perform. Performances are Friday, Jan. 24, and Saturday, Jan. 25, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m. Tickets, priced at $12 are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit the website at www.companytheatre.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Jan. 24, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15

Yesterday's planetary patterns continue today. In addition, the Gemini moon forms stressful contacts to Pluto in the morning and Saturn this afternoon. Stay calm no matter what is happening around you. If you are working, handle a variety of jobs rather than one that demands intense concentration. Don't launch bold new ventures or large-scale enterprises. The moon aligns with Uranus at 9:16 p.m. and becomes inactive.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Stormy astrological weather continues. At 2:56 a.m. the moon enters emotional Cancer, beginning the final windup to this month's full moon. Energy runs high today and tomorrow. Stay alert and don't take risks. On the other hand, this is a time when you can cut through obstacles on emotional levels and free yourself from old fears, negative habits or limited thinking. An applying alignment of Venus and Neptune highlights creative endeavors. This period is prime for tackling renovation, repair, restoration projects in your home or office.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Read yesterday's advice. The Cancer full moon has just about reached its peak today. People may be moody, argumentative. Be more tolerant and sensitive to the needs of others. Open the doors to a higher level of communication. Reduce stress levels by meditating or exercising. Eat light foods and avoid stimulants. Tackle a big work project; you can be most productive.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

The full moon culminates at 5:48 a.m., 28-degrees of Cancer-Capricorn. At this time the Cancer moon becomes inactive. Planetary influences turn around completely at 9:29 a.m., when the moon enters playful Leo. A harmonious alignment of the moon and Mars prompts you to get work projects out of the way this morning. The remainder of the weekend rates high for fun and games. Forget your troubles and go for the good times this evening.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Take a vacation from routine and responsibilities. This day is prime for catching up on rest and relaxation, recharging your batteries. The Leo moon forms easy contacts to Venus and Jupiter this morning, generating a playful, social mood. Get back in the swing of favorite sports, hobbies; spend quality time with friends, family. Follow your bliss.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

An applying alignment of Venus and Jupiter is a major plus in today's planetary picture. It prompts you to be more easygoing and carefree. Enjoy the moment. However, there are a couple of rough spots. The first occurs at 8:46 a.m., when the Leo moon opposes Uranus and becomes inactive. Allow extra time to get where you are going; there may be setbacks, distractions. The sun enters Aquarius at 6:53 a.m., remaining there until February 18. The moon enters Virgo at 1:32 p.m., and a potentially stressful 90-degree alignment to Mars is in effect between 3:40-6:40 p.m. Stay upbeat; don't allow doubt, fear or frustration to creep in.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

The moon continues to travel in Virgo, and Mercury, the planetary ruler of Virgo, prepares for direct travel. That means that today may be hectic; there are likely to be unanticipated obstacles, delays. However, a harmonious alignment of Venus and Jupiter saves the day. It serves as a reminder to recognize the positives and count your blessings. Don't waste time on criticism or judgment; instead focus on what's best for all concerned.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

This is a great day to handle projects that are overdue and cluttering up your work area. Finish old business, fulfill responsibilities. Get your ducks in line so that you can launch important ventures in a few days. At 4:34 a.m. the Virgo moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive until 4:23 p.m., when it enters Libra. The big news today is that Mercury turns direct at 8:08 p.m., 12-degrees Capricorn. The next Mercury retrograde period will occur April 26-May 20.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

The moon travels in social Libra today and tomorrow. However, Venus, the planetary ruler of Libra, prepares to form stressful contacts to Pluto and Saturn in the next few days. That means that this is not an ideal time for making major financial decisions or purchases. Relationship issues may also surface and become top priority in this period. Be willing to compromise; you can work out conflicts and strengthen key partnerships.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The Libra moon continues active travel until 2:48 p.m., when it aligns with Uranus. Instead of trying to change others or transform situations, this is a time to look within, take responsibility, change your thinking. The moon enters Scorpio at 7:09 p.m. Feelings and emotions run deep. If there has been friction building, this is a time when the truth may surface.

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Watercolor works by Mary Smith are on display through Feb. 23 at the South Shore Art Center. The art center is located at 119 Ripley Road. For gallery hours and information call (781) 383-2787.

Classes

DREAMCHASERS - Registration is now in progress for Dreamchasers Winter Theatre Classes. Classes are available for students ages six through adult. All classes and performances are held at the Norwell Grange, 142 Main St., Norwell. For further information call 508-224-4548 or visit www.dreamchasersthe-atre.org

BEGINNER WATERCOLOR AND DRAWING CLASS: Wednesdays, Jan. 8 through March 5, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Wendy hale will teaching a class focusing on skills and techniques needed for basic watercolor painting. Class will be held in the Merry Meeting Room at the Duxbury Free Library. $120 for eight weeks. To reserve a space, call 781-585-3344.

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Down to the wire

Town vote is Saturday

By John Camera
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Burying utility wires in Cohasset Village will be on the ballot Saturday.

Polls for the special election to decide if residents will fund the project will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Town Hall. Voter turnout is expected to be low, Town Clerk Marion Douglas said, judging from the amount of absentee ballots requested.

While most residents seem to agree that burying the wires now, in conjunction with other planned improvements for the downtown area, could indeed be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, they are divided on whether the project is financially sensible.

Proponents say burying the wires will add the final esthetic touch to a slew of other improvements already planned for the downtown area, to be covered by $2.7 million in grants from the state and the MBTA.

Opponents say, given the lagging economy and the proposed $485,000 general override to

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OWL EYES

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Kindergartner Garrit Churchill strains to get a better look of a barred owl while his classmates react with both fascination and a little fear. The Charmacy Wildlife Center brought an owl to Osgood as part of a special program. For more photos see page 19.

Jerusalem Lane home in limbo

Work continues at owner's own risk

By John Camera
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Construction on a million-dollar-plus 4,400 square-foot mansion at 3 Jerusalem Lane continued this week despite a recent decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals to order homeowner Phil Ayer to "cease and desist" all further work on the property.

Responding to an appeal from neighbors who seek to thwart Ayer's efforts to build the home, the ZBA ruled on Jan. 16 that Building Inspector Bob Egan erred in his interpretation of the town's zoning bylaws when he issued a building permit for the project, which involved razing an 1,800 square-foot ranch to make way for the home.

Ayer said he will appeal the decision and apply for a special permit from the ZBA to allow the home to be completed according to original plans. The ZBA has given Ayer until Feb. 5 to pursue both courses of action. Ayer said he will not halt construction while the appeal and a decision on a special permit are pending.

According to the ZBA's deci-

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New approach to affordable housing

Will go before Town Meeting

By John Camera
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Developing affordable housing in Cohasset could be something that happens from the inside-out.

At least that's what members of the Growth and Development Committee would like to think.

The committee is drafting an article for spring Town Meeting aimed at giving amnesty to residents who illegally rent out apartments, allowing them to apply for a comprehensive permit if they agree to keep the apartments affordable. A second article would establish the Cohasset Housing Partnership, an entity that would manage affordable housing and exist separately from the Housing Authority.

It's a grass-roots approach to affordable housing that seeks to avoid the growth concerns brought on by giant develop-

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Peter Roy offers to sell Border Street boatyard

Park proposed for historic site

By Mary Ford
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Painters, get out your pallets. Cohasset's own "motif #1" at the harbor is about to be history.

According to the Community Preservation Committee, the old "Eastwick" building — that is not only a favorite with local artists but provides a backdrop to kayakers who surf the rapids below — is beyond repair.

CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey told his board Tuesday that Peter Roy of Margin Street, who owns the Mill River Marine Railway on Border Street, met with him and member Tom Callahan earlier that day about the town buying the entire site save the lobster pound.

Callahan, who is also a selectman, said one heavy snow would topple the building which is shored up inside by wires.

Roy wants the CPC to consider using community preservation funds to buy the site that

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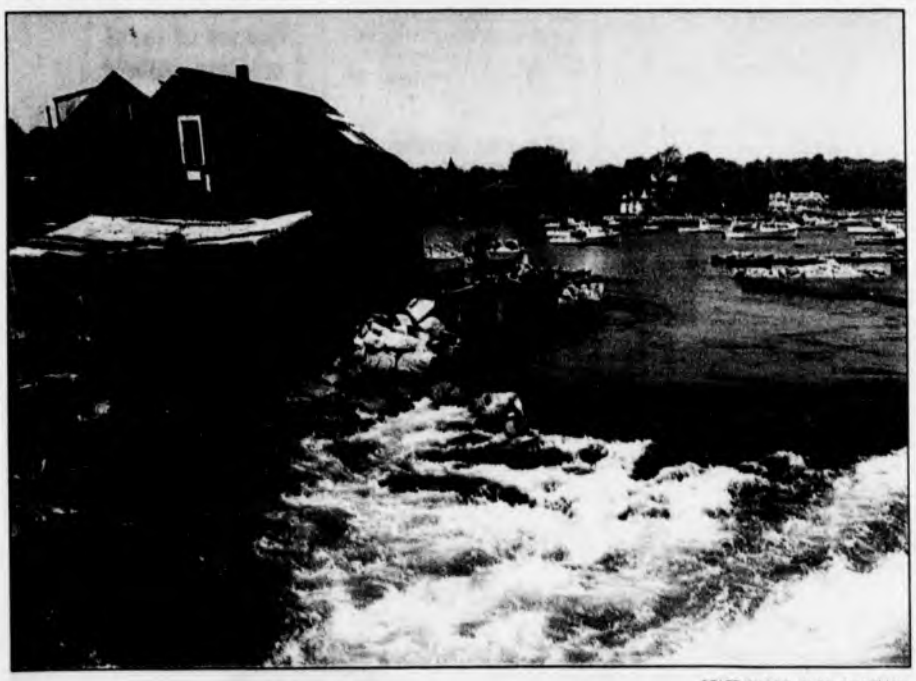

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Officials say the "Eastwick" building, also known as Cohasset's Motif #1, cannot be saved.

COOL CHAT

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Megan, Isabel and Caren Sacks enjoy a Sunday afternoon skate at the Hingham Skating Club on East Street. Megan and Caren are from Cohasset, and Isabel is from Providence.

Rails trails plan

CPC cool to concept

By Mary Ford
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Scituate may love the idea, but Cohasset isn't buying it yet.

Although town Health Agent Joseph Godzik, Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo and engineering consultant John Cavanaro made a compelling case about the problem of obesity in the country and how a more walker-friendly society would combat that, the Community Preservation Committee has held off writing any checks.

What's being proposed is an $800,000 rails-to-trails project that would involve widening the Greenbush rail bed to accommodate a biking-walking trail that would facilitate more residents getting exercise. Godzik asked the CPC to recommend spending $25,000 out of the town's community preservation fund to pay for a feasibility study on the project.

"We're on the threshold of a major (nationwide) effort obesity on the same level that was used to reduce smoking," Bobo said. To that end, he said the

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Elm St. housing

There are only two people on the waiting list for housing for the elderly at the Harborview Apartments behind the police-fire station on Elm Street, Cohasset Housing Authority Director Marilyn LeBlanc said.

Applicants must be at least 60 years old with an annual income not in excess of $40,600. Cohasset residents do get preference, she said.

Call LeBlanc at 718-383-1948 for more information.

Open burning season begins

Cohasset residents may obtain permits on a daily basis from through May 1, for open burning. Permits may be obtained by calling the Fire Department Dispatch, Center at 781-383-0260 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Permits are valid for one day only.

Burning may be conducted during periods of good atmospheric ventilation and must not cause a nuisance. Adverse weather conditions (wind and drought) will impact permit issuance. Burning hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on days permits are issued. Decisions to issue permits are made daily at 9 a.m. Persons calling for permits before that hour will be advised to call back.

Open burning permits are issued for the disposal of brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris. Burning shall be conducted on land proximate to the place of generation. Burning shall be conducted at a distance greater than 75 feet from any dwelling. Select a safe area with no ground cover. While burning the fire must be attended until completely extinguished. Have a water hose rake and shovel nearby for fire control.

Water plant work starts

Water Commission contractor RH White Construction has begin work on major improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant. The project began January 6, and will be finished by June 1, 2003.

"This project will improve the operation of the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant by allowing the Plant, for the first time, to treat water on a continuous basis and which will improve the quality and production of drinking water for Cohasset residents," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission.

This project includes installation of Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's) on the finished water pumps, new energy efficient motors for the finished water pumps, and flow paced chemical feeds to automatically regulate the injection of treatment plant chemicals into the water. Weston & Sampson Engineering is overseeing the project for the Water Commission.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Wednesday, Jan. 22:

Advisory Committee, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m.
Harbor Committee, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.
Police/ Fire Station Study Commission, Jan. 28 at 9 a.m.
Recreation Commission, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m.
School Committee, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. at the High School Library
Selectmen, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Saint Anthony's Parish; Jan. 25 at 9 a.m. at Saint Anthony's Parish; Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall
Water Commission, Jan. 23 at 8 p.m. at 339 King St.
Zoning Board of Appeals, (40A) Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.; (Avalon) Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m.; (40B) Feb. 3 at 7:30 All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Hydrants OK

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln reported no problem with two fire hydrants used on New Year's Eve to fight a fire at 34 Fernway.

Four-quad gates

The Army Corps of Engineers has scheduled a meeting where the MBTA will explain the rationale for deciding not to install four quad gates. The meeting will take place Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. in Hingham Town Hall.

Winter guidelines

The public works department has issued the following winter guidelines for residents:

- Do not rake leaves or other debris into roads.
- Uncover storm drains blocked with leaves, snow or other debris.
- Do not plow or throw snow from private property onto the street or sidewalk.
- Do not block sidewalks with plowed snow or motor vehicles.
- Overnight parking is prohibited from Nov. 15 through April 15. It interferes with snow removal and is prohibited by town bylaws.
- The town is not responsible for damaged lawns, fences, steps, shrubs, trees or mailboxes within the town layout.
- Sand for resident use only will be available behind the downtown parking lot.

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For further information, contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County at 617-471-9693.

Foreign objects clogging pumps

There are still many cases of foreign objects clogging sewer pumps, and this is to remind customers that only normal toilet and garbage disposer waste should be discharged. As the sewer department previously advised its users, it is necessary to charge for the Town's $85 ($100 on weekends) cost for service calls to remove foreign objects.

The following objects have caused repeated service calls: tampons, dental floss, baby wipes, Q-Tips. In addition, the following objects will also clog the pumps: bones, diapers, cloth, glass, metal, nuts, plastic, rags, rope, rubber, sand, sanitary, napkins, shells, towels.

Names of local soldiers sought

The Sons of the American Legion chapter in Cohasset would like to know the names of any Cohasset soldiers who have been deployed to the Persian Gulf.

The Sons are also ordering Blue Star Banners for the families of local soldiers. Please leave a message for Sons Commander Tom Wigmore at the American Legion Post, 781-383-9657,

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If this injustice is allowed to happen to us, then your home may not be safe. Half of the houses in Cohasset may be affected if this new interpretation of the zoning laws goes into effect. We humbly ask the good citizens of Cohasset to call your selectmen to protest.

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AS SEEN IN THE *TINYTOWN GAZETTE* P. 13, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2003

"The 3 Jerusalem Lane home allegedly meets all required setbacks. But according to the ZBA, new construction on a non-conforming lot should have immediately triggered an application for a special permit, at which point abutters would have been notified and a hearing would have been held. But this did not happen. **According to several town officials, the ZBA's vote may uncover a hornet's nest of other Cohasset mansionized homes which were built without special permit. Other neighborhood lawsuits may well be waiting in the wings.**

Presumably, a special hearing will now be held and the zoning board of appeals will vote on (A) whether the house is substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the former house was; (B) whether the house is hazardous to the public health because of traffic congestion or for any other reason. And then of course there are damages which the homeowner will suffer if he has to alter his home (80% finished) in any manner. And of course, the homeowner has to pull his crew off the job. More damages."

Town vote on wires project is Saturday

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cover the town's operating costs next fiscal year, it's simply not worth the additional taxes.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said Wednesday the town expects to receive $150,000 in donations from local property owners, bringing the expected cost of the debt exclusion override that will pay for burying the wires to $650,000. Haddad said the project would cost the average tax-payer (owner of a $575,000 home) about $250, or $49.51 per year for five years.

"An override is necessary because the debt service for the project cannot be absorbed within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2, the state law that caps the amount a town can annually increase its property taxes. Unlike a general override, which is a permanent tax increase, a debt exclusion override is temporary, lasting only until the project is paid off. This debt exclusion will run for five years, which is the maximum allowed for a roadway project.

What may be confusing to voters on Saturday is the language on the ballot, which asks residents "to pay for additional infrastructure and streetscape improvements" in the downtown area.

"That's the way that the language was written on the warrant at Town Meeting," Haddad said. "You leave it general to give flexibility but the Selectmen have earmarked that money for burying the wires."

At last week's Board of Selectmen meeting, burying the wires was a hot topic of discussion. Selectmen Ronnie McMorris suggested continuing to allow donations to offset the cost of the project if the override passes.

"It's sort of like when you redecorate at home," said McMorris, arguing in favor of burying the wires. "You don't want to paint everything and then say 'Gee, that couch looks a lot shabbier than I ever thought it did.' And then we've lost the opportunity to have done it right in the first place."

Selectmen chairman Michael Sullivan also spoke in favor of the project. "I think this is a difficult time to ask people to pay up additional taxes for anything, and especially in light of knowing that we're going to have an override in the not-to-distant future," Sullivan said. "But at the same time, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the town and I think that people should think long and hard about it rather than just saying 'I don't want to spend the money.'"

Selectmen Merle Brown said McMorris and Sullivan were wrong to voice opinions on the matter at a Selectmen's meeting. But if they were going to speak, he said, so was he.

"As far as the polls, they don't bother me," Brown said. "It's just the expense is an awful lot. Those people that want it done can donate the money. Those people that don't want it done shouldn't have to spend the money."

This Tuesday, the opinions of merchants and residents running errands in the village seemed to be as divided as those of the Selectmen.

"I think (burying the wires) is a great idea," said Sheldon Karp, a Marshfield resident and co-owner of Really Great Pizza on South Main Street, who plans to add an awning to the front of his restaurant when downtown improvements are completed.

"I'd rather spend the money on something else," said Ruth DeLay of Border Street, who was dropping off her laundry at Dependable Cleaners, on the corner of South Main and Brook Street.

Brad Blaser, a Cohasset resident who was also dropping off laundry, said he would vote yes to the override but still saw some potential negatives. "It removes the sort of cluttered look that's been around since electric power was invented," he said. "It may not maintain the cohesiveness of the small downtown area."

Ed Valente, who lives in an apartment on South Main Street, said he was impressed by computer-generated pictures that show the village wireless. "I think if you're going to do the rest of the project you might as well do it right," he said.

A Cohasset man buying a newspaper at Cohasset News, who declined to give his name, disagreed. "I don't really care to be honest with you," he said. "The wires have been there since I moved here in 1973. I'm going to vote against it."

Several other residents said they didn't know enough about the issue to voice an opinion.

Absentee ballots available for special town election

Absentee ballots for the Special Town Election on Jan. 25 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon on Friday, Jan. 24, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

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The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office; or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand-delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may *apply* on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter, sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury, and mail or hand-deliver the application to the clerk's office.

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The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, *completely fill-in the oval to the right of your choice*. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check-in tables. Ballots can be inserted into the machine face-up, face-down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

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No races could spell sleepy election season

By John Camera
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There are no races so far for the upcoming April 5 election.

Michael Patrolia on the Board of Assessors and Margaret Chapman on the Board of Health, who were previously undecided about running for re-election, have taken out papers.

Selectman Michael Sullivan has not.

If Sullivan decides to run, it could be the only race in town come April. Sullivan's potential opponent is Roger Hill, who narrowly lost to two incumbent Selectmen in the last election.

Gary Vanderweil is stepping down from the Sewer Commission after 20 years of work. John Beck seems poised to take over, with no one challenging his bid.

Richard Barrow was going to step down, but his friends on the Recreation Board convinced him to give it one more term.

Potential candidates for elected town offices have until Feb. 18 to secure 50 signatures from registered voters to make them eligible for the April 5 election.

Seats up for election include:

- Board of Selectmen. Michael Sullivan has not indicated if he will seek reelection. Roger Hill has taken out papers for Sullivan's seat.
- Board of Assessors. Michael Patrolia, who is running for re-election;
- Board of Trustees for the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Agnes McCann, Patience Towle and Carol Riley, who will all run for re-election;
- Board of Health. Margaret Chapman will seek re-election;
- Planning Board. Robert H. Sturdy will seek re-election;
- Recreation Commission. Richard Barrow will seek re-election;
- School Committee. Rick Flynn and Chartis Tebbets will both seek re-election;
- Sewer Commission. Gary Vanderweil will not seek re-election. John Beck is running;
- The Water Commission. John McNabb will seek another term.

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New approach to affordable housing

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ments proposed under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law.

"I think we've arrived at a philosophical consensus on how this affordable housing thing is to be approached," said Selectman Tom Callahan, who along with other members of the Growth and Development Committee has been trying to come up with a plan for Cohasset to reach the state-mandated 10 percent affordable housing mark.

"It's no secret this is in response to 40B, but 40B is narrow in the types of housing it generates," Callahan said. "I think we all agree that large-scale housing like Avalon Bay is not something we want in Cohasset. It's not in the character of the town."

The committee's thinking is that the town can maintain its character if it can somehow encourage property owners to convert existing in-house apartments or accessory dwellings that are illegally rented into legally registered units that qualify as "affordable."

[Under Chapter 40B, a unit is considered "affordable" if a household can obtain it without spending more than a third of its income, which must be at or below 80 percent of the median income for the Boston metropolitan area.]

It is unclear whether these units would be recognized by the state as part of the town's affordable housing stock, but members of the Growth and Development Committee are hopeful they will.

The committee will review the effectiveness of a similar "amnesty" plan already enacted in Barnstable before finalizing the article.

Among the questions still being asked are:

- Would a tax break or other positive incentives be offered to those who agree to have such apartments?
- How long would an apartment have to remain affordable under an agreement with the town?
- Would the agreement be a covenant, or a deed-restriction that transferred if the house is sold?

Committee members worry that a long-term commitment like a deed-restriction may scare off potential subscribers to the plan. But too lenient a commitment also has problems; it may be disregarded by the state, were the town's affordable housing plan subject to review in the face of more proposed 40B development in the future.

Another concern is how many "illegal" apartments actually exist in the town, and if the number would be a significant contribution toward increasing the 2.76 percent of housing considered affordable in Cohasset today.

Changes made to Chapter 40B this fall allow a town under the 10 percent mark to deny issuing a permit to a developer if its affordable housing stock is increasing by 0.75 percent per year.

For affordable housing to grow at that rate, Cohasset would need an estimated minimum of 21 new affordable units per year.

"We're not going to do this with amnesty alone," said Callahan. "We're going to have to build more units at some point. It's just a question of how much local control there is over it."

The Cohasset Housing Partnership, the subject of the second proposed article, would address that need for local control. Appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the seven-member group would exist with the goal of developing "an in-house expertise on affordable housing," Callahan said. A representative from both the Housing Authority and the Senior Housing Committee would serve on the partnership.

Members of the Growth and Development Committee are undecided about whether preference on affordable housing generated by the amnesty plan would be granted to previous or current town residents, as is done in some towns in the state. The South Shore Housing Consortium in Kingston would probably be the agency to screen potential affordable housing tenants, committee members said.

A third article being drafted by the committee would allow storeowners in the downtown business district to create second-floor apartments without a special permit, provided the first floor of the building maintains its commercial use.

While these units would not be required to be "affordable" by the state's definition, Callahan said the state considers rental housing to be more affordable for low and moderate income families and individuals than single-family homes.

The Growth and Development Committee is passing the two apartment-related articles on to the planning board, which will hold public hearings on them because they would require changes to the town's zoning by-laws.

All three articles will probably be revised and put before voters at Town Meeting on March 25.

Proposed house would use Otis St. lots in two towns

By Mary Ford
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The Zoning Board has stopped short of giving the go-ahead for a new dwelling at 28 Otis Ave. that would combine lots in different towns and different counties.

One parcel is in Cohasset and therefore, Norfolk County, and the other is in Scituate and Plymouth County.

Zoning Board Chairman Woody Chittick, who is drafting the decision, said the Zoning Bylaw did not prohibit the combining of lots with neighboring towns to meet minimum zoning requirements, and he seemed to be leaning toward upholding the applicant's appeal of the building inspector's decision to deny issuing the building permit because the adjacent lot is in a different town and county.

"I adopted the argument that we are surrounded by Plymouth County and therefore, I think the town would have affirmatively said it did not allow combinations," Chittick said.

If the zoning board agrees, the ruling would contradict a 1996 decision regarding the same property.

"My point of view is that we must contradict that finding," Chittick said. However, he praised Building Inspector Bob Egan for sending the applicants Brian and Julie Ann Murphy to the Zoning Board for a ruling.

Zoning Board members agreed the bylaw would have used more specific language if it meant to exclude combining lots with Plymouth County. Town Counsel has also advised that separate parcels may be combined and considered as one for the purpose of meeting the area requirements of the Zoning Bylaw.

What raised a "yellow flag" of caution is Cohasset would not have any say over what happens on the Scituate side of the combined lot. In other words, Cohasset could approve the house because it meets setbacks and minimum lot size requirements after the lots are combined, but those parameters could change in the future on the Scituate side and Cohasset would be out of the loop. However that point might be moot because most of the Scituate parcel is "wet" not buildable, Chittick said.

There was some discussion that any decision be conditioned that the Scituate side of the property remain "passive" if it comes under combined ownership and if it doesn't, whatever structure is built loses its Cohasset zoning protection. The decision may also be conditioned that the lots be combined in one deed.

The Zoning Board is also not sure the house complies with all setbacks. Chittick said the board may allow the lots to be combined but would not order the building inspector to issue a building permit until he is satisfied the house does not require any other zoning relief.

The Zoning Board wanted more time to deliberate and continued the matter until its Jan. 27 meeting.

Massport cites travel projections in new legal fight to build runway

By Michael C. Levenson
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A new runway is the surest way to ease flight delays at Logan International Airport and prepare for millions of new air travelers, the airport's aviation director testified at the start of a long and critical trial Tuesday.

The nearly mile-long airstrip would allow the airport to keep three runways open on windy days, avoiding delays of up to three hours, the director, Thomas Kinton Jr. said during the first day before Suffolk County Superior Court Judge Margot Botsford.

The airport handles an average of 120 flights an hour. Windy days push that number down to 60. But the new runway — technically known as 1432 — could raise the number of flights back to at least 90, he said.

Kinton's testimony began a new chapter in the decades-long standoff between the airport and its neighbors over an injunction barring construction of the airstrip, which would be Logan's sixth.

Also in the fight against the runway are the towns of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset which say the proposed runway will add thousands of flights a day overhead and impact their quality of life.

Backers of the runway say it's critical to easing travel delays and making the state's economy more competitive.

Attorneys for Boston, Winthrop, Somerville and Chelsea argued the post-9/11 dip in air travel makes a new runway unnecessary. The Massachusetts Port Authority, the agency that oversees Logan, should look instead at increasing air travel at regional airports such as Hanscom Field in Bedford, and instituting pricing plans that ease congestion during peak hours and promote travel during off-hours.

By pushing the runway, Massport seems to be pursing a "single-minded focus of putting more concrete at Logan as an answer to its flight delay concerns," said Stephen Leonard, attorney for the City of Boston. Besides, he added, "Nothing will eliminate delays at Logan or at any airport."

Kinton said air travel at Logan has declined since Sept. 11, 2001 to 22 million passengers in 2002 from a high of 27 million in 2000. But he predicted air travel would soon rebound. By 2008, Logan would again serve 27 million travelers, and by 2018, more than 37 million, he said.

Failure to lay a runway would pave the way for unprecedented waiting times, he said. "Very quickly, I feel we will be back to the days of record delays at Logan Airport" Kinton said.

Foes said they intended to present evidence at the two-week-long trial that would show air travel may resume more slowly than port authority officials predict. And when it does rebound, more travelers will head to small airports outside Boston, they said.

Mark Pearlstein, Massport's attorney, said the agency has pursued the regional alternatives at Hanscom and the off-peak incentives pursued by the runway's foes. "While they are important," he said, "they can't substitute for the runway."

The trial could end in removal of the injunction, which has stood since 1974, when it was issued after a judge found that Massport had not fully reviewed the runway's impact.

The project gained new life in February 1999, after Massport filed a proposal to reopen the process. State environmental officials certified the project's credentials in June 2001 and the Federal Aviation Administration followed suit in August 2002.

Foes have long argued the runway will bring added smog and noise to the area. They plan to offer testimony from neighbors about the burdens a new runway would bring to the area.

The opponents have also filed suit in federal court, arguing that the FAA did not adequately analyze the effects of noise and the impact on the air quality of their communities.

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Historic Hagerty house qualifies for preservation money

By Mary Ford
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The Hagerty house at 40 Park Ave. is not only the site of a new concept — hands-on maritime education for schoolchildren — it's also a very old structure.

In fact the historic significance of the Victorian building coupled with the mission of the non-profit Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research that is leasing the town-owned structure won the hearts of a majority of the Community Preservation Committee this week.

The CPC agreed to recommend spending $36,000 for handicapped-accessible bathrooms, window replacement, and bringing the heating and air conditioning systems up to code. The center must also install a sign explaining the historical significance of the building, member Tom Callahan said.

Town Meeting will have the final say this spring, when voters will decide on this expenditure and others recommended by the CPC.

CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey cast the lone dissenting vote because he feels a restoration project should pay more attention to historic details. He said restoration does not equate with installing vinyl windows, for example.

The Community Preservation Act, adopted by Cohasset nearly two years ago, allows a town to partner with non-profits, and allows multiple-purpose projects. The Center, which is leasing the Hagerty building from the town for a nominal fee, will lease the second and third story of the house to the South Shore Art Center for artist studio space that will help cover the operating costs of the building.

The preservation act also states community preservation funds may be used to rehabilitate and restore municipally owned historic sites.

The Hagerty House is actually the Capt. Aubrey Crocker House and has a long and historic association with Cohasset's Maritime history, according to David Wadsworth of the Cohasset Historical Commission.

Crocker (1846-1906) was a successful defender of the America's Cup as captain of the Puritan in 1885.

Wadsworth explained boat builder John Eltman and later Francis Hagerty, whose early developments in modern, bonded plywood helped revolutionize maritime small boat construction, owned the house.

"Its new use as a site for maritime education continues the historic maritime association of this valuable and active building, and contributes to the town's long and illustrious maritime heritage," he said.

Ivimey questioned if the project proponents figured "prevailing wage" into their construction estimates. He said town projects that cost upwards of $25,000 in a given year must pay union wages.

Taking that into consideration, the CPC worded its approval so the funding could be split over two years — $16,000 in fiscal year 2004 and $20,000 in fiscal year 2005 — if it is determined that the prevailing wage law pertains to this project.

The Center for Student Coastal Research is dedicated to supporting exploration, understanding, and investigation of environmental issues in the South Coastal Watershed.

According to director Jack Buckley, the center strives to teach students to become stewards of the region's maritime environment by promoting educational activities that engage students in the study of coastal watershed issues, and to teach students how to conduct environmental research that addresses real issues in coastal communities.

CPC member Al Moore explained that if a project like this gets the OK from town meeting, the town does not simply write a check for the amount. The town writes the checks as the work gets done, he said.

Member Debbie Cook said liked the plan.

"It's a great proposal," she said.

Preservation board walks, not runs to rails-trails proposal

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Board of Health wants to make the town more walkable of which the rails-trails project would be an important part, he said.

Scituate's CPC, which has a longer rail corridor, has already allocated $45,000 for a similar study and won the endorsement of the Board of Selectmen there, Godzik said.

But the Cohasset CPC isn't so sure the project would pass muster with the MBTA and its Greenbush construction contractor, Cashman Balfour-Beatty, which have said rails-with-trails is not practicable.

Bobo stressed there is a new regime in the corner office on Beacon Hill that might be friendlier to the concept.

The CPC stopped short of rejecting the request out of hand. CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey gave the men three weeks to work with state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, a rails-with-trails supporter and avid bicyclist, to determine if there is any wiggle room with the MBTA and the state Secretary of Transportation over the issue.

The CPC, which includes former and current members the Conservation Commission, is also concerned about the impact any widening of the railroad bed would have on wetlands, particularly in the southern part of town.

The trail would be eight feet wide would have a surface of packed gravel. The Cohasset portion of the project is estimated to cost $800,000.

Hopes are to have the trail run from the Scituate's Greenbush station to the Hingham tunnel. Godzik, Bobo and Cavanaro also argued that rails-with-trails are safer because of the fencing required, and the fact that it would provide an alternative to walking along the tracks themselves, a dangerous practice.

They said a number of walkers and bikers are currently using the existing right-of-way and said the trails could add to train ridership because it would attract walkers and bicyclists to the stations.

Bobo stressed if there was enough of a groundswell of support from Scituate, Cohasset and Hingham, accompanied with the change in power structure at the state, the project could be very viable.

He said an easement would be needed from the MBTA, but no land-takings would be required.

CPC member Debbie Cook said she thought the idea was terrific, but would not want to see the loss of any more wetlands along the Greenbush corridor.

But Jim Dedes, another member, said he thought the greater good of bike trails would be an adequate trade off for wetlands modification.

Al Moore, the Planning Board's representative on the CPC, said he was reluctant to pay for the study because of the current fiscal crisis would make the actual project cost prohibitive.

"In this economic climate, it's not easy to appropriate big money for this kind of thing," said Moore, adding he was concerned about spending $25,000 for the study and get nothing in return.

The town adopted the Community Preservation Act at last year's annual Town Meeting. It derives it money from a 1.5 percent surcharge on real estate tax and a 100 percent state match. Allocations are recommended by the committee and then voted on by Town Meeting. The committee's funds must be spent on three areas: open space, historic preservation, and affordable housing.

Scituate's CPA adds a 3 percent surcharge to resident's tax bills. Selectmen there have pledged support to Scituate resident Mark Fenton, who is spearheading the cause, in the past and continued to do so by supporting the CPA's recommended $45,000 for a feasibility study.

Fenton has spent months garnering support among Scituate residents and other area officials for his rails-with-trails proposal, claiming such an addition to the Greenbush line would help ease many parking problems and add to the overall aesthetic nature of the line. After Fenton produced numerous pieces of research stating the safe nature and feasibility of such a trail, members of the Scituate CPA reluctantly agreed to fund a portion of a feasibility study.

But if Cohasset and Hingham do not jump on board with the study, the future of the trail is left hanging. Scituate's Town Meeting will vote March 3 on the $45,000 appropriation— a figure Scituate town officials were told would decrease should Cohasset and Hingham join in on the study.

Peter Roy offers to sell Border Street boatyard to town

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includes a boatyard for $750,000, or the assessed value, whichever is higher. Tearing down and removing the dilapidated structures on the parcel would cost an additional $500,000, of which Roy would pledge $250,000, according to Ivimey.

Roy, who purchased the property several years ago and hoped to save the historic Eastwick building, faced myriad environmental regulations for the waterfront property. To make the project viable, Roy planned to construct condominiums at the site but a new town bylaw passed at last year's Town Meeting made the project more difficult because it eliminated use variances that could allow residential units in a waterfront business district. Roy, who also owns Atlantica and Kimball's, could not immediately be reached for comment.

Ivimey explained Roy envisions a town park at the site with parking and a dock with about 10 slips for 20-foot boats. The lobster pound would be carved out of the parcel, and would be privately owned, with the stipulation that its exterior is spruced up.

The CPC essentially closed submissions for proposals for fiscal year 2004 funding Dec. 31, with the caveat that if an important or unique project came up, the members would consider it. The Roy proposal fits into that category, Ivimey said.

The Mill River Marine Railway site is one of the most familiar in town. In addition to the lobster pound, it has housed a boat-repair year for more than 30 years. "Motif #1" was used in the 1987 movie "Witches of Eastwick."

The CPC will make recommendations for funding on a range of proposals to the March 29 Annual Town Meeting that has the authority to approve the expenditures.

The committee took the Roy proposal under advisement.

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Work continues on new home at 3 Jerusalem Lane

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sion, if Ayer meets the deadline, the cease and desist order will not be issued until the application for special permit is denied or "otherwise terminated." The board says any construction in the meantime is "at the owner's own risk."

Ayer purchased the property in April of 2001 after Egan granted him a building permit based on the fact that the proposed structure conformed to the town's setback, height and density requirements.

"Without the building permit, the Ayers never would have purchased the property," a statement from Ayer's lawyers said.

In October, when neighbors complained that Ayer had no right to demolish the existing home and build a bigger home in its place, Egan denied their request to issue a "cease and desist" order.

But in the appeal, the ZBA found last week that the lot area of about 14,000 square feet was insufficient for a home the size of the one Ayer is building. The board said a conforming lot for a home that size would need to be 35,000 square feet.

Egan said Friday that Town Counsel advised him in October "that I was correct in my interpretation" of the town's zoning bylaws.

But Paul DeRensis, a lawyer for the firm that represents the town, said "the judgment call is (Egan's), not ours." "We don't drive the car. We see ourselves as mechanics under the hood. We just keep the engine running for the building inspector," DeRensis said. "When we talked to the building inspector, he said there was no increase in non-conformity. If someone tells us there was no increase in non-conformity, then we tell them to go ahead an build."

Woody Chittick, chairman of the ZBA, has defended Egan's role in the matter. "I think Bob (Egan) worked really hard and the issue that were facing is not crystal clear," he said. "There's a lot of gray area in the law there. So this shouldn't be interpreted as the zoning board against Bob."

Egan said that two current projects on Jerusalem Road involve circumstances similar to 3 Jerusalem Lane, but no plans had been made to notify owners that their building permits may have been wrongly issued.

Ayer's lawyers said they will ask Egan to "enforce the ZBA's decision equally across the board" and issue cease and desist orders to those projects as well. One of those homes, at 575 Jerusalem Road, is reportedly being built by Planning Board member Chris Ford.

Ayer's lawyers said four additional, similar projects were issued building permits and certificates of occupancy, according to town records dating back to 1999.

Chittick said the Zoning Board was not yet considering ordering construction stoppages on any other projects. "People have to appeal to us. We're not an enforcement agency," he said.

The next crucial step is likely to be a public hearing held by the ZBA to decide whether Ayer's home is worthy of a special permit. The board can deny the permit, Chittick said, if it finds the home is substantially more "detrimental to the neighborhood" than the ranch that initially occupied the lot. The permit can also be denied if the structure is deemed hazardous to public health because of traffic congestion or any other reason.

Chittick said the term "detrimental to the neighborhood" is "subjective." "It could be appearances of different types. It could be something impacting safety or quality of life," he said. If the permit is denied, the project would probably be required to "conform to the character of the neighborhood," Chittick said.

DeRensis said even though a building permit was issued, the town would not be "financially responsible for any changes the homeowner might have to make for his home to conform with the by-laws of the town."

Ayer, who is preparing for a legal battle, says he should not have to pay for any changes to the home that may be requested. "This is our dream home," he said in an interview Wednesday. "It's a beautiful home, and a small group of people want to ruin that for us."

Ayer has assembled a team of four lawyers, and said he is considering hiring a civil rights lawyer to argue that he was singled out for "prejudicial treatment" because others with similar projects in town were not treated in the same way.

Roberta Sawyer, one of Ayer's lawyers, said Egan was correct in issuing the building permit. She said the ZBA has created a "zoning nightmare in Cohasset which will impact many of the current homeowners."

Ayer, a sub-contractor, is living with his family in Holderness, N.H. He said they had planned to move into their Cohasset home, which is now 80 percent complete, in late March.

Despite the ZBA's ruling that Ayer's home violates town bylaws, other town officials are moving ahead with possible amendments to the zoning bylaws that would add further protection against the demolition of existing homes to make way for larger ones.

The Growth and Development Committee is drafting an article for Town Meeting that would require any proposed home more than 3,000 square feet or more than 10 percent of its lot area to require a Special Permit and be subject to a site review by the Planning Board.

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The ZBA ruling that the owner of the home at 3 Jerusalem Lane must seek a special permit may have opened up other new homes on under-sized lots to scrutiny.

Dean's list, honor roll and academic honors abound

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DEAN'S LIST

Caitlin Elizabeth Stansell has been named to the dean's list at Cornell University for the fall semester. Caitlin is a third year student in the College of Architecture at Cornell University. She has also been accepted into the Rome Studies Program and will study in Rome during her fourth year. Caitilin is the daughter of **Robert and Moira Stansell.**

TILTON HONOR ROLL

Hats off to 12th-grader **David DeVito** of Cohasset on being named to the honor roll for the first semester Tilton School, in Tilton, N.H. David had to maintain at least a grade point average of 10 with no grade lower than a C+ to achieve this honor.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Seth Cutler of Cohasset, son of the **Rev. and Mrs. E. Clifford Cutler**, achieved a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.5 at The Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn. to earn academic honors for the first term. Great work, Seth.

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The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 9 a.m.. **Donna Lane**, a designer of interiors and gardens, will present the decorative and health values of houseplants. In addition, with the aid of slides, she will discuss grouping, scale, location, and presentation techniques for plants in an interior environment. "Decorating with Houseplants" will be a very interesting and informative presentation for all who attend.

WALKWAY PROJECT

The South Shore Community Center's pedestrian-only walkway project has been very successful and has raised over $25K for a new playground. In anticipation of its opening this summer, engraved brick and paver sales will close on Jan. 31, 2003. If you would like us to add your brick order to the pathway, please call **Trish Hart** (781-383-9209) for details. Bricks are $100 and Pavers are $500.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

The Cohasset Social Service League in collaboration with the Women's Club of Norwell and Wellspring of Hull; is offering a Dress for Success program for women. Any woman in the South Shore area that is entering the workforce, interviewing for a job or housing, and needs help with updating a professional wardrobe is encouraged to stop by the Wellspring office at 914 Nantasket Ave. in Hull to pick out a clean, in some cases brand new outfit, to help with your professional image. Résumé writing assistance is also available. For more information call the Social Service League 781-383-0771 or Well Spring at 781- -3211 All are welcome, services are free.

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There will be a Super Bowl Party at the Garage on Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 26.

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WARMUP

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From left, Kate Sookiasian, her mother Sue, friend Trish Berube and her daughter, Bridgette, all of Cohasset, warm up in the "clubhouse" at the Hingham Skating Club pond on East Street.

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On Saturday Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., there will be an evening of dinner and dancing to support the playground at the new Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum off Sohier Street in Cohasset. The event will take place at the Red Lion barn, and will include a live auction and dancing with The Mike Dumas Band With Platform Soul. Tickets are $75 per person and will not be available at the door. Please contact **Logan Bernstein** at (781) 383-6165 for tickets and information.

VALENTINES DANCE

First Annual Valentines Fund Dance will be celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St. The creative black-tie party will raise money to benefit the homeless of greater Boston and Cambridge. All proceeds will be donated to Bread & Jams, Inc. Self-advocacy Programs.

Bread & Jams is a non-profit day shelter for men, women and youth located in Harvard Square at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church at 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. The Web site is at www.breadandjams.org

Numerous merchants, restaurateurs and local artists and friends from both South Shore communities and Harvard Square have donated gift certificates, tickets to major sporting events and works of art for raffle and silent auction. The Atlantica Restaurant is donating the hall and hors d'oeuvres. There will be a cash bar and dinner reservations can be placed with the Atlantica at 781-383-0900. For more information contact **Peter Whittemore** at 47 Elm Court, Cohasset, MA, 02025: 781-383-6568; peterwhittemore@hotmail.com.

That is it for this week. I hope that everyone is dealing OK with this freezing cold weather we have been having. Don't forget to check on your neighbors, especially if they are elderly. I cannot believe I am saying this but is Spring coming soon?

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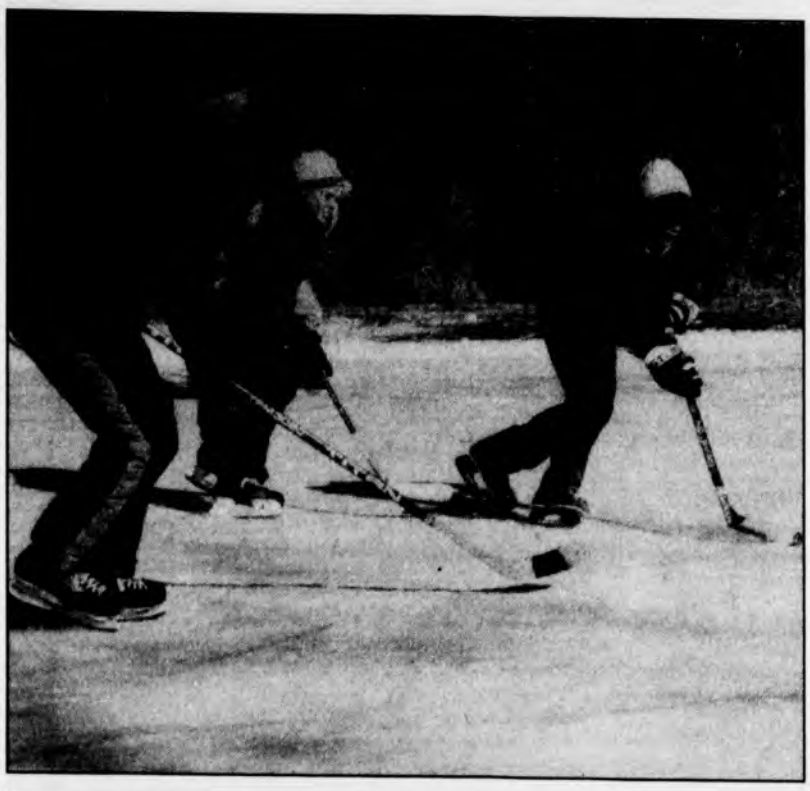

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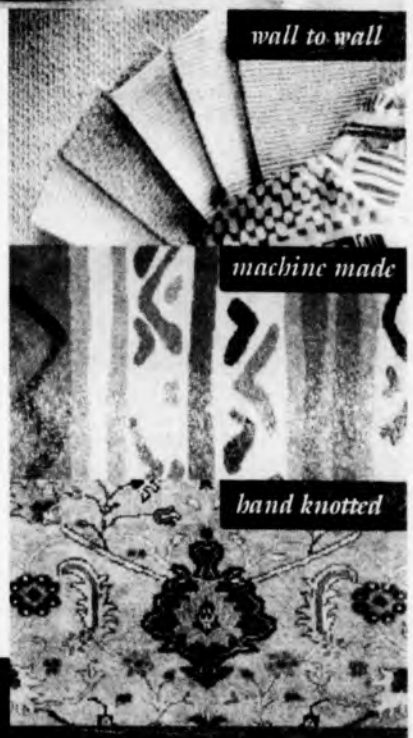

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A vote for the village

We agree the timing is terrible. The state is facing a fiscal crisis of monumental proportions that will have a profound effect on municipalities across the commonwealth, including Cohasset. We won't know the full ramifications of cuts in state aid until spring.

However that being said, it's a mistake to link Saturday's debt exclusion vote to potential cuts in services and layoffs due to the recession. Voters should not confuse the debt exclusion with the general override planned for the spring. Apart from increasing your property tax bill, the two issues are completely unrelated.

In other words, whether voters opt to pay for burying utility wires in the village has nothing to do with funding for the schools or town services.

The village revitalization project that is 10 years in the making is being entirely paid for through state grants and MBTA mitigation funds, save the effort to bury the utility wires.

The village project is moving ahead even if the utility wires stay above ground. Saturday's vote is a "one shot deal" – the sole opportunity to bury the wires while the village streets are being dug up anyway for new sidewalks.

Make no mistake about it, burying the wires will have a profound visual effect on village improvements; it will also do away with all the ugly utility poles. Before you vote Saturday, please take a ride along Elm and South Main streets, count the poles and see how close they are to the street.

We are sensitive to the fact that Cohasset's taxes are among the highest in the state. Voters have gone to the polls time and time again to approve general overrides for the operating budget, and debt exclusions for schools and sewers. Some residents, especially those on fixed incomes, are being priced out of town. However, that situation is unlikely to change until the town can meet the challenge of providing affordable housing.

But we do not believe that voting yes on Saturday would have a negative affect on the outcome of this spring's estimated $486,000 general override, which is needed to help maintain services and will cost the owner of a home valued at $575,000 about $166 a year.

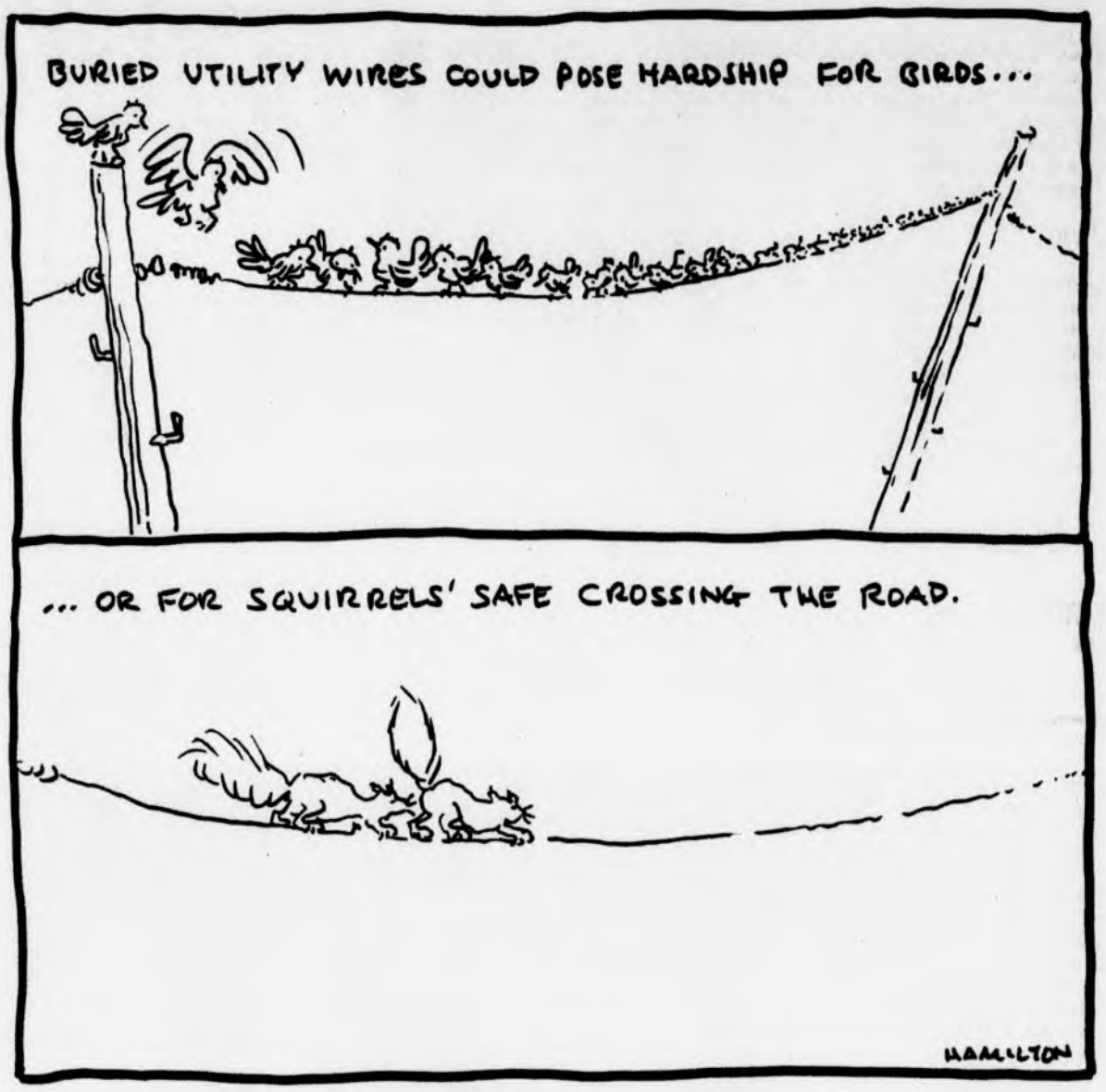
Although the debt exclusion for the wire project is estimated at $800,000, it will cost the owner of that same home, only about $50 a year for five years because local business owners have agreed to donate upwards of $120,000 toward the project.

We think the village is as much a part of Cohasset's character as its ledge, ocean vistas and historic common. But it's a fragile place. Many villages and town centers across the state and country are dying because businesses and shoppers no longer support them.

Burying the utility wires is the kind of project that we'll be kicking ourselves about five years from now because we didn't take advantage of the opportunity when it presented itself.

We don't think the wires project is frivolous, and truly believe a revitalized village will pay for itself many times over through the businesses and shops that will thrive there. It makes sense to do the project right and bury the wires while we have the chance. The village is worth the investment.

Mary Ford
mford@cnc.com



Telemarketing law up and running

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley D-Hingham announced the states new Telemarketing law, which allows consumers to reduce, the number of telemarketing calls that they receive, is now up and running.

"I was happy to support this legislation last session and am delighted that it is now up and running. This will allow people to reduce those annoying calls which always seem to come at the worst possible time," Bradley said.

If you sign up by March 1, you will be on the first list which goes out April 1, and that list will be updated every quarter thereafter. To apply or access information you can go to the web site www.mass.gov/donotcall or you can call the toll free number 866-231-2255.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Save $650K, vote no on wires

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset has a chance to save $650,000 on Saturday, Jan. 25, by simply voting 'No' on the Override relating to the replacement of a segment of the village telephone poles and wiring.

We are faced, according to Town Manager Mark Haddad, with a 10 percent cut in local aid from the State in 2003, and probably a 15 percent cut ($433,000) next year. Mr. Haddad is considering personnel layoffs next year in the Department of Public Works, the library, and the Town Hall. Apparently, he is ear-marking the town's back-up Stabilization Fund to pay debt service for our new schools, in that the State has indefinitely postponed its obligations for these.

With its sewer and school indebtedness, Cohasset is nearing a financial bind. Not a few of us shudder as yearly taxes mount constantly.

The replacement of a few telephone poles and wiring with Victorian-style light fixtures may have some esthetic appeal for the cosmetically-minded, but this is not Disney Land or even Williamsburg. For that group, why limit the toil to a few poles between the Red Lion and St. Stephens? Why discriminate against the Common, Depot Court, Ripley Road, South Main to St. Anthony's, Elm Street to the Harbor,

It is undoubtedly gracious of two individuals to chip in on the greater expense. Yet, with the town financially strapped, the State nearly broke, the nation in fiscal straits, does Cohasset still wish to imprudently dissipate $650,000 for eye appeal to a tiny segment?

I like to think not!

Edward P. Woods, D.M.D.
231 Jerusalem Rd.

Why burying village wires makes sense

TO THE EDITOR:

On Saturday, Jan. 25 Cohasset residents will be asked to vote for a five-year debt exclusion Proposition 2-1/2 override in the amount of $800,000 to bury overhead utility lines in Cohasset Village. The override will cost the average tax-payer $305 ($575,500 home value), which will be dispersed at an average increase of $61 a year for five years.

Because of approximately $120,000 in pledges from village businesses, the total amount due from property taxes is now reduced to $680,000, which will proportionately reduce the average rate payer increase to about $50 a year..

In addition to the $120,000 pledge from village businesses the Town is receiving over $3.6 million in funding assistance to reconstruct the Village infrastructure and streetscapes:

That funding consists of:

- $1,500,000 [illegible] Economic Development Grant
- $1,100,000 payment by the MBTA to replace the James Book Drainage Culvert
- $500,000 value of work by the MBTA to reconstruct the rear municipal parking area.
- $169,000 Transportation Enhancement Grant for the St. Stephen's sidewalk safety project
- $250,000 in preliminary planning and design services by the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation.

If the override passes it will represent less than 16 percent of the total dollars invested in Cohasset Village. Some consider this a fair contribution from the community for a significant infrastructure gain, a contribution of dollars to long overdue basic housekeeping needs. Others argue that this is not the best economic time for an override and may further burden those who are struggling with escalating property taxes. However, it is without question the only time the community can bury the utility lines at less than half the cost of what it would be if it were a stand-alone project. It is cost effective and makes sound planning sense to do it now.

Removing the overhead wires will provide more space for sidewalk and parking areas; protect the wires from future storm damage; and remove the aesthetic marring of crooked wooden poles and crisscrossing wires that overpower the village landscape today. If the work is not undertaken in conjunction with the reconstruction of the village sidewalks and roadways, then it likely will never be done.

A yes vote on Saturday will invest efficiently and with foresight into the village center, the heart of the community, an investment which future generations are sure to value and respect.

Dean Rizzo
Cohasset Revitalization Corporation

Vote no on burying wires

TO THE EDITOR:

I have two problems with last week's argument in favor of "burying village wires." The first is "who really benefits from this?" The Town of Cohasset does not have a two-tier property tax as do some of the "other towns all over New England" referenced by Mr. van der Lugt. Hence Cohasset businesses pay the same tax rate as I do on my house. From my perspective, absent a separate and higher tax rate on commercial property, the businesses in the village area are seeking a public subsidy to benefit their private businesses. Nearly all the historical "improvements" advanced in favor of spending $800,000 to bury the utilities are what we used to call the costs of doing business. Thus, the greatest direct beneficiaries of the project will be local businesses who pay the same tax rate as you and I. The value to me is cosmetic and I believe there are higher priorities.

Bringing me to my second problem: who is prioritizing public projects to be paid for by Cohasset citizens. In the latest Globe South is a headline "Schools expect devastating state aid cuts." If the state doesn't deliver adequate aid for Cohasset schools, who do we think will pay for what is already committed? How long will state aid be delayed? Two years? Three years? Oh, and don't forget those state "grants" to Cohasset for other public projects. Who will pay for all this?

Burying utilities even when it is "a once in a lifetime opportunity" is optional. Many other projects in the pipeline are not. I'd think by now we'd recognize this is the same old song of those espousing a position but with no real understanding of the actual outcome on everyone. Do school expenses cost what they were projected to cost? In fact, has any other town project cost what it was projected to cost? The closest I can recall is the sewer installation in Central Cohasset but then something happened at the last minute and we exceeded budget. And these are, in my view, "essential" town services, not optional projects benefiting a few.

In two days Cohasset residents will vote on a Prop 2-1/2 override. Gov. Romney is telling us to fasten our seat belts in terms of revenue sharing on already committed town projects. President Bush is telling us that federal money to the states is going to have to be cut back to help balance the budget and finance the war on terrorism. Our Town Manager is telling us that "free cash" isn't as free as originally projected. In this environment does it really make sense to vote to spend an additional $800,000 for a non-essential project? Vote "NO" on the 25th.

Terry McCarthy
Old Pasture Road

Priorities questioned

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading this weeks Mariner (Jan. 16 issue), I am writing as a concerned lifelong citizen of Cohasset regarding the downtown renovation. If the reporting is accurate, we are facing "bad fiscal news" for the town along with a bleak school budget. I am hard pressed to support spending $650,000 on underground wires, new sidewalks, etc. if we are looking at an additional override in the future just to maintain operation costs at a 4 percent increase for the school budget this fiscal year.

It is apparent that we will have to cut school programs system wide including special needs and METCO along with teacher layoffs and other programs that will affect our children's education.

While I understand that we have a window of opportunity to spend the $1.5 million Public Economic Grant and fund the revitalization, it might be wise to look to the future and recognize the longer-lasting benefits of funding education versus an "attractive" downtown.

Esthetics in one hand - Education in the other hand - yours to choose but I suggest that you vote no on Jan. 25. If you have school age children, get out and vote for their future.

Catherine Davis
52 Linden Dr.

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HEALTH NOTES

Buckling up and use of child restraints save lives

By Steve Bobo

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

I've recently been taken to task, among other people, by my wife, for letting our granddaughter, age 9, ride in the front seat of my air bag equipped van. This, and the fact that one of the Board of Health staff lost a niece in a senseless black ice skidding accident when she was ejected from the car and killed has prompted a reminder that the easiest way to avoid serious injury is to obey a few simple rules when you're in a car.

Seatbelts

A recent government report calculates the U.S. economic costs of an average roadway fatality at $977,000 and estimates the economic costs associated with a critically injured crash survivor at $1.1 million. The study from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) highlights the vital importance of seatbelt use. In one year, the use of seatbelts prevents an estimated 11,900 fatalities and 325,000 serious injuries, saving $50 billion in medical care, lost productivity and other injury related costs. Conversely, the failure of crash victims to wear seat belts leads to an estimated 9,200 unnecessary fatalities and 143,000 needless injuries, costing society $26 billion.

According to the doctor who heads NHTSA, "The evidence is overwhelming that seatbelts save lives and reduce the severity of injuries. This report makes it obvious why we must buckle up and why we must dedicate ourselves to a higher seatbelt use rate,"

Buckling seat belts should become a habit as important as looking for traffic when pulling into the street, and as common as combing your hair. Those who don't use seat belts are burdening us with additional health costs as well as the emotional worry of potentially losing our loved ones.

Child restraints

The first rule, recommended by NHTSA is that *all children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat.* For rules about specific seats or cars, contact the Board of Health.

These are the other rules for child seats:

- Use a rear-facing child seat for children from birth to at least 20 pounds and one year of age.
- Use a forward facing child seat for children who are at least 20 pounds and one year of age until about 40 pounds and approximately four years of age.
- Use a belt positioning booster seat from about 40 pounds until the child can sit with his or her back straight against the vehicle seat back cushion, with knees bent over the vehicle's seat edge, without slouching (approximately 4 ft. 9 ins.).

Use vehicle lap and shoulder belt for children who have outgrown a booster seat and can sit with his or her back straight against the vehicle seat back cushion, with knees bent over the vehicle's seat edge, without slouching, and feet on the floor (approximately 4 ft. 9 ins. and 80 pounds).

Call the Board of Health for the specific rules for your car. They save lives, so don't let your grandchild talk you into riding in the front seat.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Falcons — fast flyers and impressive hunters

A BIRDER'S-EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

Falcons, like hawks, are raptors, or birds of prey. They get their name from the Latin word "falx", meaning "sickle". The long curved talons are the connection here. These talons on large feet become powerful weapons when used against prey. The beaks of falcons are notched with a "tooth" at the tip. They use their beaks to break the neck of their prey by severing the spinal cord.

Certain features characterize all "true falcons". All have pointed wings. They all sport "moustachial marks" in varying patterns and degrees of prominence. Females are larger than males. They do not build their own nests. They are particularly known for their ability to fly fast. They all catch prey in the air, although some species do not hunt in this manner exclusively. Not counting the one record of a Eurasian Kestrel collected at Nantasket Beach in 1887, there are just four species of falcons that appear in New England.

The American Kestrel used to be called Sparrow Hawk, in spite of the fact that it is not strictly speaking a hawk, and sparrows are not the major food in its diet. It is the most widespread and common falcon in North America. The use of nesting boxes has helped to increase their range northeast into Newfoundland, and deforestation, strangely, has increased their numbers in the Neotropics. It is certainly the falcon most often seen at World's End where I saw one on New Year's Day.

Kestrels like to hunt from perches, partly because they don't just eat birds, but enjoy mice, voles and other small mammals. They will even eat reptiles, amphibians and crickets. American Kestrels frequently hover in one spot above the ground. In fact, this is a helpful tool in identification. Right from birth kestrels are dimorphic, meaning males and females have different plumage. If you look at the back of a kestrel's head, the feathers form a pattern that looks like two huge black eyes on either side of a beak. This is to ward off predators approaching from behind. Kestrels use holes in trees or nesting boxes to lay their eggs, but do not add nesting material.

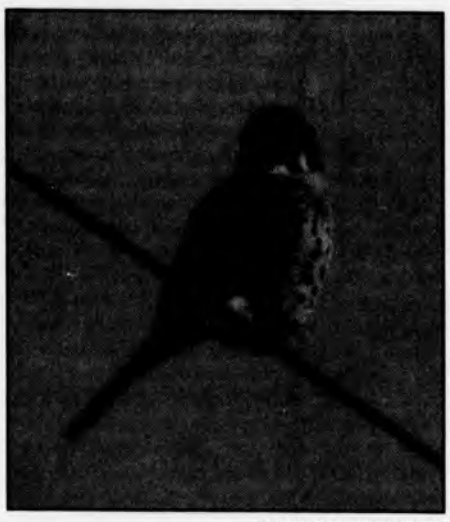
The Merlin was previously known as the Pigeon Hawk. Whether this is because pigeons are a favored prey or because merlins resemble doves in flight is not clear. Merlins are only slightly larger than kestrels, but are darker and less colorful. Their sideburns are less pronounced than those of a kestrel are. They use a variety of nesting places from ledges to tree cavities to old crow stick nests.

They eat birds and dragonflies caught in the air, but also will cruise low over the ground to find small mammals. Their flight is fast and very direct. When seen, they frequently appear to come from nowhere. Merlins love to harass other raptors, which consider merlins their prey. This behavior can be a clue to identification.

The Peregrine Falcon is found on every continent except Antarctica. It has wide dark "sideburns". Peregrines mostly eat songbirds and small shorebirds, but will take birds up to goose or even heron size. Exceptional eyesight allows them to recognize birds from as far away as 3,000 feet. They are known for an aerial maneuver known as the "stoop". To stoop, they tuck their wings in close to their body and dive vertically at great speed toward the ground, either knocking their prey to the ground or catching it in mid-air at the bottom of this dive. They have been widely reported to be the fastest birds on earth with speeds of up to 200 mph. Recent studies with better scientific instruments show their speeds to be fast, but probably considerably less than previously thought. Swifts may actually be faster flyers than the peregrines.

Peregrines went from the brink of extinction in the 1950s due to the effects of DDT to being removed from the federal Endangered Species List in 1999. This remarkable recovery is partly due to the banning of DDT in the United States, but also due to captive breeding and reintroduction programs. Birds from these programs were reintroduced to former territories and also to cities. Peregrines ordinarily lay their eggs on the ledges of high cliffs, but seem to consider urban skyscrapers good substitutes for cliffs. Since cities also have a good supply of pigeons, finding enough to eat is not too difficult. Peregrines now successfully nest on the Custom House Tower and the Christian Science Church in Boston. Although DDT has been banned in the United States, it is still used in the tropics where Peregrine Falcons spend their winters. This is a continuing concern.

Gyrfalcons are the largest falcons in the world and are falcons of the Arctic. However, they move southward in winter, sometimes even into New England. According to Veit and Petersen, the Gyrfalcon has been "a rare, but regular migrant or winter visitor" in Massachusetts since 1955. Last winter, there was great excitement, because a Gyrfalcon suddenly appeared on a ledge of the Boston Design Building in South Boston. It stayed around for several months, giving many birders, including me, a good look at a bird we did not expect to see. Norman Smith, director of Blue Hills Trailside Museum, has banded and studied raptors for many years. He was able to determine from the band number that this bird was the same dark morph female Gyrfalcon he had banded at Logan Airport in 1998. The bird has returned again this year, although my first attempt to find it was unsuccessful. There are no ptarmigans in Boston, but there should be plenty of ducks, gulls and rats to keep the gyr well fed.



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Male American Kestrel.

Merlins and Peregrine Falcons are most often seen during migration, but some kestrels are here throughout the winter. Keep an eye out for them if you are walking on World's End or in Bare Cove Park. For a treat requiring a little more effort, you may want to go into Boston to look for the Gyrfalcon on or near the Boston Design Company building. If it is there, birders will materialize at the spot in an instant!

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for Project FeederWatch, WetlandWatchers and International Shorebird Surveys.

Tools they left behind

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

The next time I'm in a hospital for an operation I think I'll bring a CPA along. It's not to check the bill, although that's not a bad idea. It's to count the tools the doctors used to carve up my insides. A study in last week's New England Journal of Medicine reported that surgeons leave their instruments behind in their patients about 1,500 times a year in the United States. I like to keep souvenirs of things I have done and places I've been but this is carrying collecting too far.

Think of how unnerving it must be to be wheeled out of the operating room, freshly stitched up after abdominal surgery, and hear the doctor ask, "Anybody here seen my watch?"

And think of how much more unnerving it must be when no one says he has seen the time piece.

I like to keep souvenirs of things I have done and places I've been but this is carrying collecting too far.

The study involved checking insurance records of about 800,000 operations in Massachusetts hospitals between 1985 and 2001 during which 61 pieces of equipment were left behind in 54 patients.

The Herald dug up (a poor choice of words) one of them, a 67-year-old Sharon man who entertained a nine-inch metal clamp in his stomach for two years before another doctor found it by accident.

And a 35-year-old Belmont woman who walked around for four months with a 12-inch metal and rubber retractor in her stomach that caused her pain in several areas.

"It was moving around," she said.

And you thought that sawbones at Mount Auburn Hospital who left his patient in mid-surgery to cash his paycheck represented the pits in surgery.

Lest you think that a sponge or a surgical clamp left behind and a sharp malpractice attorney might make you a millionaire, be advised that the average suit nets the patient only $52,581.

It's spilling a cup of hot coffee in your lap at a McDonald's that really can put you in a higher tax bracket. The patients most at risk are those who are fat — or "larger bodied," as the study puts it — which offer more nooks and crannies in which instruments can hide.

It also offers another opportunity for the victim to sue Burger King for making him or her fat by putting all that grease in their French fires and burgers.

The favorite place for the sponge or the clamp to play hide and seek with the operating team are the abdomen, the pelvis and the chest.

The items most often left behind by careless doctors and nurses are the sponges that are used to soak up blood and excess liquids while the operation is going on.

I haven't had abdominal surgery for going on to 15 years now and I've been thirsty ever since.

I wonder if they counted all the sponges when they sewed me up and sent me home?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Takes issue with McMorris statement

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

I take issue with Ms. McMorris' statement that Rich Silvia is not a good senior housing advocate and does not deserve to serve on the Community Preservation Committee. This simply is not true.

During Rich's 12-year tenure on the Housing Authority, he has been an active advocate for low income and senior housing in Cohasset, and a participant in several housing CPI and CPC regional groups. Rich has been proactive in the Cohasset Housing Authority's search for new low-and-moderate-income housing sites in Cohasset. The CHA has recently been working with the Town Manager, DPW, South Shore Housing and others to develop a site off of Route 3A. Rich works with South Shore Housing, regional, state and federal funding sources to find innovative ways to not only develop and fund, but to form a nonprofit corporation to manage housing — not just for those in retirement, but for young people getting started, town employees, shopkeepers, tradesmen, single parents and seniors who do not have a fixed income or stock portfolio to fall back on.

When most abandoned the proposed senior housing in the old Osgood School, Rich was an integral part of the CHA team that worked to develop a proposal to convert the former School into senior housing with an innovative senior daycare center and fought hard to bring it to Town Meeting. If this plan had been supported and voted through, Cohasset would not be confronting 40B issues now.

As a member of the CPC, Rich rose to the challenge when asked to spearhead a combined effort to preserve the Barnes property as open space. As a result, 32 acres of deep-core forest habitat were saved with no impact on the tax rate.

Rich attends seminars and classes on affordable housing and environmental issues; he recently graduated from The Executive Office of Environmental Affair's Community Preservation Institute at the University of Massachusetts.

What better credentials could anyone have? If Rich Silvia is unfit to sit on the Housing Authority and the CPC, then no one is.

But of even greater concern is that I believe his removal from the Housing Authority is directly related to his opposition to The Senior Housing Committee's proposed development on the Stop & Shop site. Other CPC members voted against it. Can they expect to be replaced? It certainly gives the appearance of a blatant attempt to dominate and intimidate an independent CPC.

The following is only one of many reasons the CPC turned down the Senior Housing Committee: Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2002, An Act Relative to Community Preservation of Historic Resources, Section 4, (2)....with respect to community housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

It is a very challenging time. Cohasset needs people like Rich if we are to preserve the integrity of its character.

Karen M. Quigley
27 Clay Spring Road

Ms. Quigley provided the Mariner with a copy of her letter for publication.

Donations sought for Teen Garage

TO THE EDITOR:

Due to the fiscal 2004 budget crisis facing the town, the Recreation Commission's budget of $15,600 for staffing of the Teen Garage has been slashed $10,000, reflecting a meager $5,600 of town support for this popular operation.

The Garage is a safe, supervised haven for Cohasset youngsters grades 6-12 and is located directly behind the Red Lion Inn, in the town's old highway department garage. The Garage is open and supervised for youngsters to drop in, socialize with peers, play electronic games, pool, etc. and offers dances and other special activities on a regular basis year round.

Approximately $40,000 was raised via the generosity of residents and local business and civic groups during 1998/1999, and through the laborious efforts of Youth Resources Committee members and residents, the 50-year-old building was transformed into a Teen Center.

It has been via small, per capita fee charges for dances and special events only, that the operational costs of the Garage have been satisfied, i.e.: electricity, phone and heating bills, as well as equipment video games, etc.

The town government support came in the form of $15,600 per fiscal year allocated to the Recreation Commission budget for the supervision/staffing of the Garage. The Recreation Director assumed overall responsibilities of Garage operations, upkeep and staff.

In our effort to accommodate the budget deficit of $10,000 for staffing of the Garage, we are asking residents and local business/civic organizations for financial support via tax deductible donations.

There are self-addressed envelopes available on the table, outside the Recreation office in the foyer of Town Hall, for mailing your thoughtful and greatly appreciated donation to us. Checks can be made payable to the Town of Cohasset and please include your mailing address, if not on your check, in order that we can acknowledge your generosity.

Jack Worley, Director
Cohasset Recreation Department

Democrats to hold caucus in Cohasset

A caucus will be held for all registered Democrats in Cohasset at Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. to elect five delegates and five alternates to the 2003 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. In each case, two male, two female and one either will be elected.

The Convention will be held on Saturday, June 7 at the Paul E. Tsongas Arena in Lowell. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset.

Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing.

All candidates may make a two-minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. Those not elected as delegate and alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled.

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For more information please contact Agnes McCann at 383-0222 or the Democratic State Committee at 617- 472-0637

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Rich Silvia applies for re-appointment to CPC

McMorris seeks other applicants

By John Camera
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Richard Silvia, the former governor-appointed member of the Housing Authority, has applied for a vacancy on the Community Preservation Committee.

Silvia previously served on the CPC as the Housing Authority's representative, but was removed from both groups when former acting-governor Jane Swift, during her last days in office, appointed Taffy Nothnagle to the Housing Authority in Silvia's place.

Silvia said he believes he may face opposition to being re-appointed to the CPC from Selectman Ronnie McMorris, whose husband, David McMorris, created the CPC's current vacancy when he resigned due to other commitments earlier this month.

Silvia's belief that McMorris is opposing his bid stems from comments McMorris made at the last Selectmen's meeting.

At that meeting, Town Manager Mark Haddad recommended Silvia for the vacant "at-large" seat on the CPC. "Rich is a very important member on (the CPC) right now, and it would make sense going into their budget cycle that we have continuity, so I would suggest we appoint Rich to fill David's position," Haddad told the Selectmen.

"I don't look at this as having anything to do with Rich Silvia. I look at this as having to do with making sure the CPC has someone who addresses the town's need for affordable community housing."
— Selectman Ronnie McMorris

Selectman Ronnie McMorris suggested the Selectmen let the public know of the vacancy first.

"The Community preservation Act is supposed to be addressing three areas, one of which is affordable housing," McMorris said. "It was my feeling that Dave (McMorris) was really the member of that committee who had the most interest in affordable community housing, and my concern is that we find someone with the same interest to replace him. While I appreciate the fact that Rich has come forward and has served on the committee, I would like to put it out the community and see if there is, in fact, someone who does have that interest."

Selectman Fred Koed suggested Silvia's experience on the Housing Authority was testimony to his interest in affordable housing.

McMorris later said, "I think we need someone who has the interest to serve on a subcommittee on housing, which to my knowledge, Rich (Silvia) was not doing."

Silvia, who served on the Housing Authority for 12 years, said he was surprised to learn of McMorris' comments. "She has no idea obviously what I do," he said. "I have been working on housing projects for a long time."

In an interview this week, McMorris said she was not trying to say Sylvia was not qualified for the CPC. "I didn't oppose his appointment," she said. "I don't look at this as having anything to do with Rich Silvia. I look at this as having to do with making sure the CPC has someone who addresses the town's need for affordable community housing."

McMorris said because of her role in getting the town to adopt the Community Preservation Act, she feels "an obligation" to see that the CPC is concerned about affordable housing, which is an issue the committee was formed to address.

If there is a rift between Silvia and McMorris, it may stem from a close vote in late December when the CPC decided to deny funding to the Senior Housing Committee, which McMorris serves on. The SHC had requested the CPC to provide $10,000 for financial planning and $2.1 million over 20 years for a proposed senior housing project on a town-owned site behind Stop & Shop on Route 3A.

At the last selectmen's meeting, McMorris alluded to the request, saying a proposal from the SHC did not receive "the support it should have."

Silvia said he did not support funding the project because it was "80 percent upscale housing" and he did not think it in the best interest of the town.

Silvia said his record on housing speaks for itself, citing a plan he developed to turn the old Osgood School into a senior housing facility, which eventually lost out to another plan to turn the building into a library.

"We have a great library now," Silvia said. "But if we had gone through the plans for senior housing, we may not have all the problems with 40B that we do now."

The appointment to fill the vacancy on the CPC will be taken up at the next Board of Selectmen meeting, Jan. 28.

The CPC agreed Tuesday to send a letter to Board of Selectmen recommending Silvia's appointment.

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Haddad-AdCom budget powwow

At 7:30 p.m.tonight

By John Camera
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Town Manager Mark Haddad will meet with the Advisory Board tonight to discuss the town's budget for fiscal year 2004. The advisory board will make recommendations to Town Meeting this spring based on their reviews of the budget. "They're an important body," said Haddad. "They carry a lot of weight. They're the eyes and ears of the town."

Haddad said he expects $436,000 in local aid and lottery revenue cut from the budget for 2004, making the current job of the Advisory Board all the more important. If a general override is going to pass at Town Meeting in March, a vote of confidence from the Advisory Board will go a long way toward making that happen.

The estimated amount of the expected general override was originally pegged at around $485,000. Though budget news from the state has become far more dire in the days since that figure was calculated, Haddad said an increase in the override is not something he would seek. "That's totally in the hands of the Selectmen, but I am not recommending that," he said.

Haddad's attempts to pin down exactly how much local aid Cohasset will lose in the next fiscal year have been unsuccessful. In recent weeks, Haddad said, the fiscal forecast seems to change almost daily, and it's never quite accurate. At issue is whether Cohasset will be hit harder by the state than other towns because it is not as dependant on local aid. The town relies on the state for 8 percent of its operating budget of $29 million.

"I'm just sitting here waiting for the Governor to put out his own budget. Make a decision. Give us a number."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

Haddad said he is in constant contact with Rep. Garrett Bradley, but he is not convinced the current numbers are final. "You know something," he said. "I'm just sitting here waiting for the Governor to put out his own budget. Make a decision. Give us a number."

Haddad said he is inviting both the School Committee and the Advisory Committee to attend the next Selectmen's meeting on Jan. 28 so that all three groups can consider together how to make up for the local aid cutbacks.

Tonight's meeting will be a first for two new members of the Advisory Committee, Bernadette Faulkner of Heather Drive and Jaime Gilman of Rust Way. Both were appointed this week by the Town Moderator, George Marlette.

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"Chasing Tiger" by Curt Sampson (New Nonfiction: 796.352 / Sampson)

The author of six books on golf, Curt Sampson understands the game and the impact Tiger Woods has had on it — but what about the other guys? In Chasing Tiger, Sampson charts the state of golf as the new century unfolds and takes a look at its rising stars.

"The Genealogy Handbook" by Ellen Galford (New Nonfiction: 929/Galford)

Ever want to track the adventures of your ancestors and discover long-lost relatives? This is the book to get you started - a comprehensive guide that provides the tools for both traditional and contemporary research methods as well as "expert advice on how to use the internet to further your research on-line.

"In the Devil's Snare" by Mary Beth Norton (New Nonfiction: 133.4/Norton)

The Salem Witchcraft crisis of 1692 is one of the most perennially fascinating and horrifying events in our history. In this thorough, meticulously researched account, historian Norton gives us as clear a picture of what happened during that brutal winter as we are ever likely to have.

"Divided Loyalties" by Richard M. Ketchum (New Nonfiction: 974.7/Ketchum)

Subtitled "How the American Revolution Came to New York," Ketchum's new book (he has authored four others on the Revolution) focuses on the many ways the conflict tore apart this already deeply-divided city. At the center of the narrative are two families, the Livingstons and the Delanceys, whose divided loyalties reveal how individuals with similar life experiences chose different sides as the war erupted.

Building update

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library will close its South Main Street facility on Monday, Feb. 17, and tentatively open its new Ripley Road building on Monday, March 3.

No books or fines will be due during this time period. Also, we will not be able to place holds on books. It is suggested that residents visit the Hingham Public Library during this transition period.

We apologize for the inconvenience in advance and look forward to serving the Cohasset community in our new space very soon. Look for other notices regarding the opening in upcoming Library Corner bulletins.

Romney gets power to be the bad guy

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Mitt Romney campaigned for governor on the promise he could balance the budget without significant revenue increases or service cuts — i.e., without balancing the budget.

Last week, when logic required that Romney acknowledge cuts in essential services are coming, and increases in local taxes and state fees are under consideration, no one at the Statehouse let out an involuntary yelp of astonishment.

The numbers are what they are. Romney's first budget move was not to suggest "trimming the fat" or restructuring. He requested, and received from the House, power to reduce the local aid account by up to $200 million, with the proviso each city and town suffer the same percentage reduction. The Senate spent last Thursday grappling with the same issue and adopting a version of the House bills granting Romney greater discretion in making local aid cuts. Behavior on all sides was quite excellent – crisis behavior. The House had several difficult caucuses and wound up giving Romney most of what he wanted. Romney was careful to praise the Legislature, and in fact praise and blame for the situation was evenly divided.

For longtime observers, the striking development of the week was how the Legislature's most powerful player willingly gave up the Legislature's most important power. Tom Finneran, the Speaker, is frequently perceived as the most significant political force at the Statehouse. On the surface, you'd think he'd be unwilling to give up budgetary power and let Romney claim credit for solving the fiscal problem.

Beneath that surface, though, he was dealing with the core realities of democracy — he couldn't get his members to agree on what needs to be done, so they're going to let Romney do it. As one rep said in the hallway: "If he looks good, we look good."

Or bad. An odd and unpleasant example of the kind of thinking Romney will have to avoid came as cities and towns bemoaned the fact that neither they nor the state budgeted enough this year for snow and ice removal. The shortfall at the state level is $23 million and growing. The reps and mayors seemed to be suggesting the problem was too much winter instead of too little planning. Michael Norton of the News Service this week looked at the same numbers you'd think the lawmakers would. Over the last 10 years it's cost the state an average of $44.5 million a year to clear its winter roads. This year, reps and senators budgeted $16.5 million. The phenomenon was echoed in municipal budgets statewide. The state and locals argued they were just following standard procedure – that they under-budget for snow and ice every year, hoping for warm weather. It's the essence of poor planning, and the flaw is obvious: it's not warmer than usual every year. This year, for instance. And the state and communities have been experiencing winter since 1620. It is the kind of behavior that got the state into such trouble. Failing to match budget reserves with easily predictable increases in health care costs was another.

This is why, whatever posturing goes on in the House about "fiscal discipline," or in the governor's office about restructuring, the numbers describing reality are written in red ink, and everyone — House, Senate, Romney — looks foolish. Their behavior was commendable, but their math still could use some work.

• It was another one of those shiny, happy days on the Hill. Proud family members and political supporters gathered and beamed as officials took the oaths to begin their terms. This time, the moment had come to swear in the treasurer, secretary of state, attorney general and auditor. AG Thomas Reilly, Secretary William Galvin and Auditor Joseph DeNucci are old hands, but "Tim for Treasurer" Cahill is a new face.

• Cahill's first major appointment caught many people off guard. Democrat Rep. Joseph Sullivan, House chairman of the Transportation Committee, will be the commissioner of the State Lottery, which is headquartered in Sullivan's hometown of Braintree. Sullivan has no experience running such a large organization, but Cahill said Sullivan understands the importance of Lottery receipts for cities and towns. The Lottery's going to need a good lobbying voice this year as it combats plans to reduce prizes and allow alternative gaming venues such as casinos.

• Former Gov. Michael Dukakis had kind words in The Herald for Jane Edmonds, the former head of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, whom Gov. Romney tapped as director of labor and work force development. And Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, in the same story, praised Barabara Berke, the state's new director of economic development. The governor named Christine Ferguson the new commissioner of public health, saying she brings critically-needed expertise to state government's toughest job: bringing health care costs under control. "I am confident that Christy is the right person to help lead this effort."

• The group that put Bill Clinton on the political map is hoping to put a Democratic in the governor's office. Al From, founder of the Democratic Leadership Council, came to Massachusetts to promote the reinvigoration of the DLC here. The council should stress a slate of varied "mainstream" issues. From said. Sens. Richard Moore, D-Uxbridge, and Marc Pacheco, D-Taunton, are the politicians most identified with the DLC. "We want to speak to the office park dads and the suburban soccer moms," said Rep. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, another leader of the group. "Obviously, we didn't do that in the last election."

• Romney stood on a recently reconstructed bridge in Arlington to announce new policies aimed at easing traffic jams and fighting suburban sprawl. Romney said his administration is going to make repair of damaged bridges and roads a higher priority than commencing new projects. The new approach will play itself out in a re-prioritizing of transportation projects big and large under the oversight of top Romney aide Douglas Foy.

Got a suggestion for better government?

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, has announced a unique opportunity for residents in his district to improve the way government works in Massachusetts.

The Pioneer Institute, a non-profit research group, is sponsoring the 12th Better Government Competition, which seeks ideas from individuals about ways to improve the quality of government services and deliver them more efficiently.

This year's competition poses four problem statements in the areas of special education, the Commonwealth's budget crisis, Medicaid funding, and small business development. One winning entry in each category will receive $3,000. Implementation of winning ideas from previous competitions has saved Massachusetts taxpayers more than $300 million.

"Making government more efficient should always be our goal and I urge my constituents to participate by sending in an entry," Hedlund said

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Randi is a feisty kitten.

Legislative seminar

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"The CLS is another wonderful way for constituents to become more familiarized with the legislative process," said Hedlund.

The Citizens Legislative Seminar will meet every Wednesday from March 19 to April 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The seminar is open to any interested citizen. Please contact Hedlund's Statehouse office at (617) 722-1646 by Thursday, Jan. 23 if you are interested in attending the CLS or would like more information.

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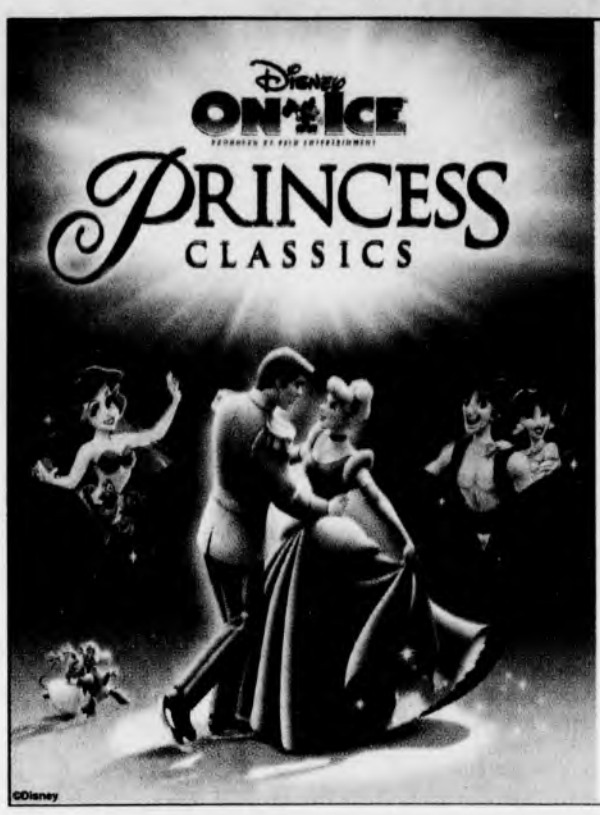

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Vaulting into contention

Cohasset-Norwell gymnasts win fourth in a row to set up title showdown

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The Norwell/Cohasset girl's gymnastics team beat Randolph/Milton Tuesday night 125.8-118.7, improving their overall record to 9-2, (7-1) in Pilgrim Conference II.

Tuesday's victory set up a showdown that will take place tonight at 7:30 against first place Hanover at the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset.

Thursday night's meet versus Hanover could very well decide who will be the Pilgrim Conference II champions. For Norwell/Cohasset, a victory could mean a possible share of the league title with Hanover. A loss would knock them out of title contention all together.

"It's really going to be a huge meet for us," said Norwell/Cohasset coach Kara Connerty. "I hope we can get a nice crowd out to support the girls versus Hanover."

Their were some standout performances versus Randolph/Milton Tuesday night.

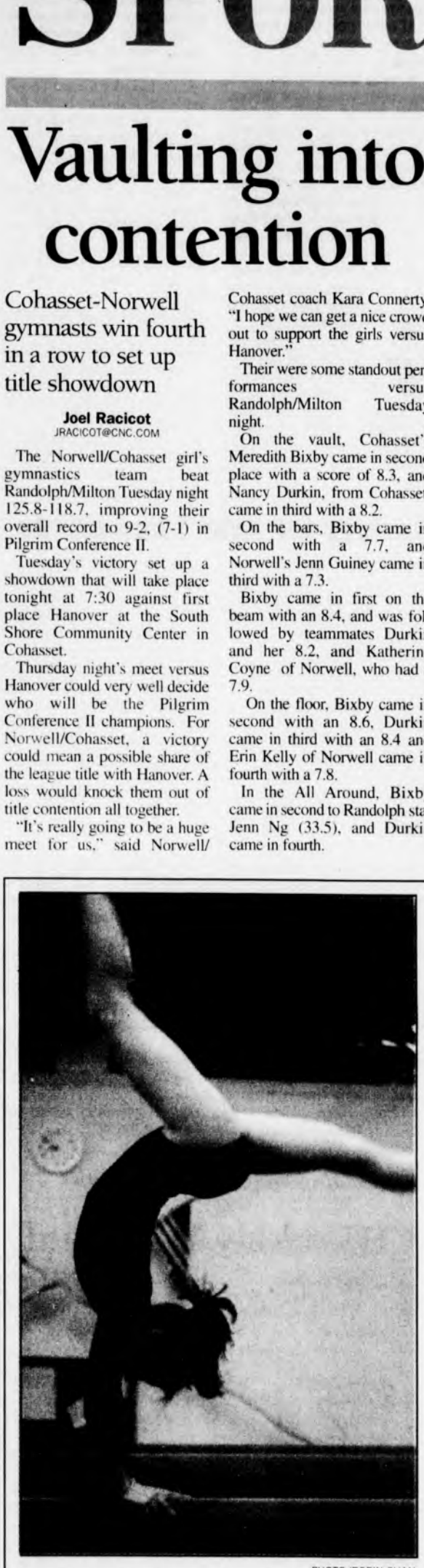
On the vault, Cohasset's Meredith Bixby came in second place with a score of 8.3, and Nancy Durkin, from Cohasset, came in third with a 8.2.

On the bars, Bixby came in second with a 7.7, and Norwell's Jenn Guiney came in third with a 7.3.

Bixby came in first on the beam with an 8.4, and was followed by teammates Durkin and her 8.2, and Katherine Coyne of Norwell, who had a 7.9.

On the floor, Bixby came in second with an 8.6, Durkin came in third with an 8.4 and Erin Kelly of Norwell came in fourth with a 7.8.

In the All Around, Bixby came in second to Randolph star Jenn Ng (33.5), and Durkin came in fourth.



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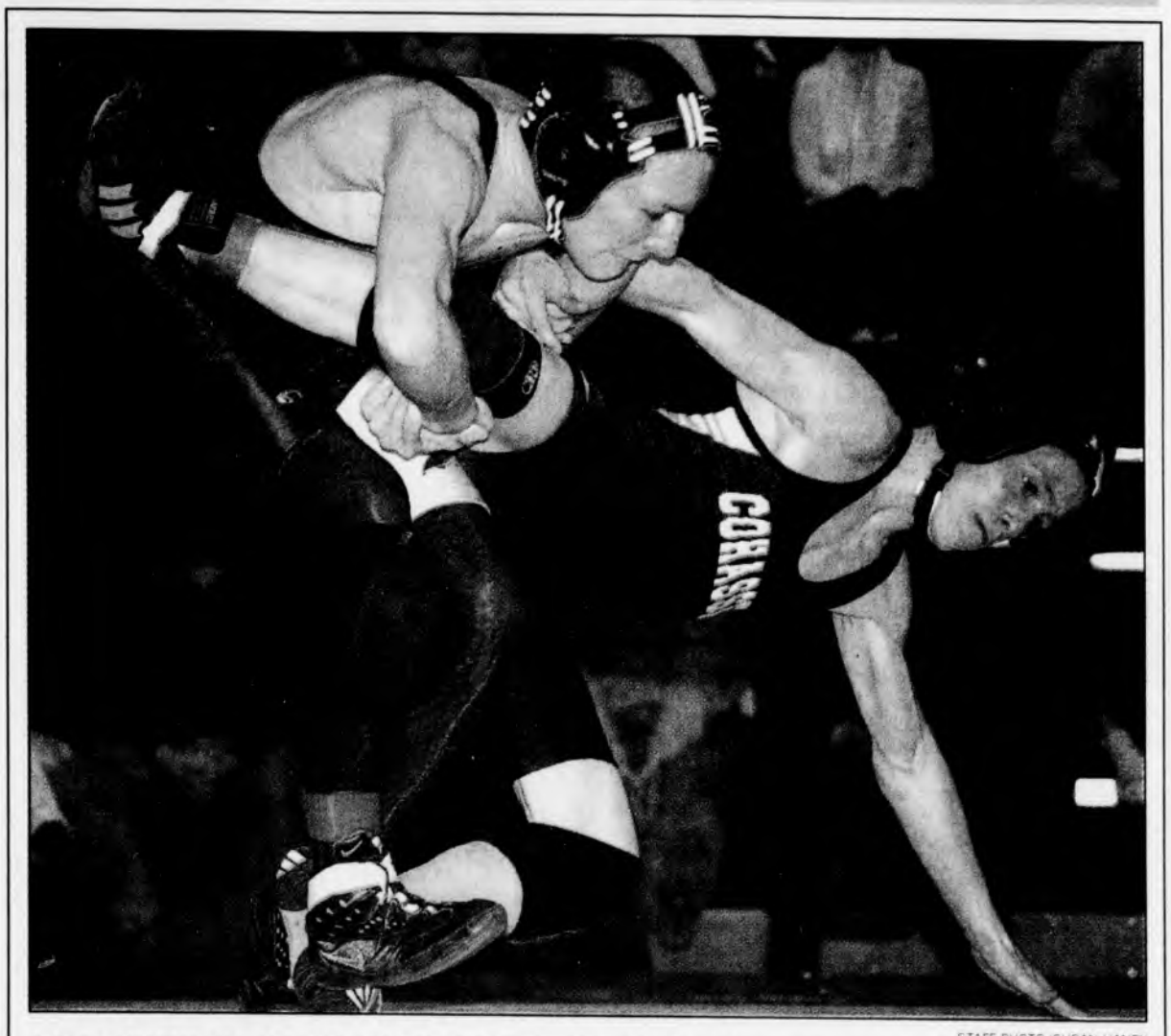
Cohasset's Katherine Coyne performs a back flip on the beam in last Thursday's win for the Coh-Nor squad over Hingham.



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Cohasset's Jonathan Littauer tries to free his leg in the championship match of the 112 pound weight division at Saturday's annual Cohasset High wrestling tourney, won by the home team.

Fighting their way to top

Casey, McKenna and Baroudis key win at Cohasset Wrestling Tourney

By Mike Spellman
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Torin Sweeney asserted in this space a week ago that a lost coin flip may well have cost his team a win in head-to-head competition with perennial powerhouse Duxbury on January 11, as Duxbury then got to choose even weight match-ups.

Well, that position gained a whole lot of credibility this past Saturday when Sweeney's Cohasset High wrestling team fended off the challenge of Duxbury and nine other teams to win its own annual Cohasset Wrestling Tourney. In fact, wrestlers from the host Cohasset team finished ahead of Duxbury wrestlers in eight of the 13 weight divisions in which both teams scored points.

"It was a good day," noted Sweeney. "We had some nice surprise, and one or two surprises that went the other way, but on the day there was a lot more good than bad.

"We're developing a nice rivalry with Duxbury that could carry over to Sectionals. It's a friendly rivalry, with good sportsmanship on both sides. I think we both bring out the best in the other team."

Cohasset finished with 197.5 points, a relatively comfortable 13.5 points ahead of second place Duxbury (184) and well ahead of third place finishing Hingham (129). Cohasset's primary Pilgrim Conference challenger, Rockland, took fourth place with 118 points. The rest of the field went Lynnfield (84.6), Hanover (62), Scituate (51.5), Marshfield (51), Holbrook (31) Hull (25) and Norwell (16).

Cohasset took home points in all but three of the 14 weight divisions, with four first place finishes, three seconds, two thirds and two fourths.

The wins were recorded by senior Chris McKenna in the 147 pound division, senior Mike Casey at 173, and the Baroudi brothers, senior Terry at 137 and sophomore Matt at

WRESTLING, PAGE 18

Boys back on track

Basketballers end losing streak with a win over Hull

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The ultimate cure-all for a team's ills has always been a key win over a rival. The 65-56 win the boys basketball team recorded over Hull on Tuesday might have been exactly the fuel they needed to turn their season around.

"There's nothing to get the team pumped up like beating Hull," noted senior tri-captain Ian Kidder, who was one of four Skippers in double-figures with 11 points. "I think this win will change the momentum of our season."

The change would be a very welcome one, after a four game losing streak left the Skippers in a 2-8 hole, just another Norwell and Harwich loss away from playoff elimination. Now at 3-8, the Skippers will try to reverse the luck they had against league opponents Abington and Mashpee in their second go-rounds with them.

Against Hull, Cohasset led the whole way, opening up a six point lead at halftime, and never letting the visitors close the gap. Hull's dangerous big man, Chris Tabella, a solid all-around gamer at 6-foot-6, was kept in check, limited to 10 points, and plenty of bench time with foul trouble.

The Skippers also held down Brad Cohen, the Pirates' most potent scorer, never allowing him to establish a rhythm in the paint or on the perimeter.

Meanwhile Cohasset's center,

BOYS HOOPS, PAGE 18

Splash down

Scituate-Cohasset swimmers get first win of season

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Oh, the joy of competition.

After finding themselves completely overmatched in the opening two contests of the year, the Scituate-Cohasset swim team took on Cardinal Spellman, their first comparable test. The Sci-Cohs took full advantage of the match-up, running away with a score of 95-43 before the scorers stopped adding points with three events to go.

"This was a meet I knew we had to have, and I knew we had the talent to do it," said third year coach Jamie Kearney. "I felt that if everyone swam their races the best they could, this meet would be a no-contest."

The Sci-Cohs set the tone early, although their Tuesday night match did not even begin until 7:30 p.m., starting right after a meet between Old Colony rivals Nauset and Sharon. Sharon won both the boys and girls matches, leaving them the front runners to take the OCL this year.

Scituate divers Becky Keyes and Darin Webster took a 1-2 finish in the opening event, outscoring their two Spellman counterparts 268-201.

The swimmers showed equal success out of the gate, with the 200 medley relay team of Bryan Bilton, David Ingber, Maran Monaco and Delia Regan taking first place points. Their time of 2:04 was the top medley time recorded by a Sci-Coh team this season.

Freshman James Smith was the team's top performer on the day, winning both of his individual events, the 200 Individual Medley (by an unheard-of margin 16 seconds) and the 100 butterfly, inching closer to Sectional qualification with a time of 1:08.

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Scituate's Kyle Simpson (#4) and Matt Hall (#11) sandwich streaking Cohasset defenseman Tom Anderson in Monday's 7-1 win for the Sailors.

Top dogs

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

With lopsided win over Harwich, Cohasset skaters clearly team to beat

This seems the ideal week to begin my regular Cohasset High hockey report with a personal apology. I've been kicking around in my head for the last three weeks or so.

Yes, I was one of the many who offered for general consumption how long the odds were for a team from a school the size of Cohasset High to recover from the loss of a 10 key players.

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Top Dogs

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Even though the Skippers returned four huge pieces, and two or three other established support players, I figured no way could they overcome the losses. Previous year state tourney qualifying teams Norwell, Harwich and, most especially, Abington/East Bridgewater weren't hit nearly as hard by losses as the Skippers. I concluded that depth of talent and experience would be the difference for those teams in the long run in the South Shore League title chase.

My bad.

First and foremost, I underestimated what superb talents Matt Davis, John Durkin, Tom Anderson and Mike Devine were. Not only is it clear that no team in the South Shore League has a top quartet even approaching the Skippers fantastic foursome, you could make the argument that these players are all among the top six or seven players in the league.

Harwich's Ryan Maguire leads the league in scoring, but Durkin and Davis were clearly the best players on the ice in Saturday's battle of the unbeatens against Maguire's Rough Ryders team on Pilgrim Arena ice while leading the Skippers to surprisingly easy 8-1 win.

I remember these two senior captains being very good players last year, but their exploits were somewhat overshadowed, at least in my perception, by the play of team leading scorer Greg O'Connell and defenseman extraordinaire Tim Straughn. We named these two now departed players to our Mariner All-Scholastic team, along with Mike Devine, honoring his incredibly steady and often underappreciated play as a stay-at-home defenseman. I now find myself wishing I'd pushed harder to find room for Durkin and Davis, and perhaps Anderson too.

Once again, my bad.

Of course, at the time I underestimated these Skippers, I had no way of knowing that a freshman goaltender, Stephan Parnell, would be able to step so seamlessly into the huge skates of South Shore League all-star goaltender Dan Kinchla, nor that the team as a whole would respond so well to rookie head coach John Blake and the defense-first system he sought to instill, nor that young veterans Ted Straughn and Mike Rasmussen would be so much improved, nor that there'd be such noteworthy contributions from first year regulars such as sophomore defensemen Joe Durkin and Tim Pilczak and freshman forwards Matt O'Connell, Mark Bouchard, and Brandon Smith.

"We thought all along we were a pretty good team," said Davis. "A lot of people were saying we were no better than third in the league after a 21-1-1 season last year. We thought the lack of respect we were getting from some people was ridiculous, but it looks like we surprised some people."

(Yes, and I was one of those "people," and the grin on Matt's face told me he knew this too)

"But we won't be surprising them anyone anymore," he continued. "We've got to come out

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Michael Martone (#7) tries to shake loose from Sctuate defenseman Billy Clbere in Monday's 7-1 loss for the Skippers.

big every game, especially league games, because they're all coming after us now."

OK, they're for real! The Skippers are clearly the team to beat in the South Shore League, and might, in my estimation (not that this is worth a whole lot at this point), even have a thing or two to say come state tourney time.

Now on to the game action:

Wednesday's 11-3 shellacking of SSL rival Mashpee was hardly unexpected. However, Saturday's 8-1 lambasting of Harwich, a team that had previously beaten purported SSL contenders Abington/East Bridgewater and Norwell, truly was.

"I think we've sent the message that the South Shore League championship goes through us," stated coach Blake, a former assistant at hockey factories Thayer Academy and Blue Hills. "But we've got to be ready for the best games from every team from here on out. We can't afford to let down one bit. Teams are going to be gunning for us now."

Harwich actually got on the board first on a nifty tally from the aforementioned Maguire just 4:16 in.

The Skippers seemed a little sluggish to start the game. However, falling behind for the first time in over 12 periods of hockey seemed to spark the fire, and Ted Straughn finally broke the scoring ice for the Skippers with 4:11 remaining in the first period on the power play, camping himself in front of the Harwich goal and deftly redirecting an Anderson slap shot from the point out of the air past the Harwich goaltender.

Durkin and Davis combined 102 seconds later on what coach Blake considered the key goal of the game. After picking up a loose puck near his team's blue line, Durkin quickly turned on the jets as he raced up the right boards to get himself one-on-one with the deepest defender. As he approached the corner, he then flipped a backhand pass that led perfectly the hard charging Davis in the slot for the quick one timer home, making it a 2-1 game.

"I thought that was absolutely the key goal of the game, and it was an absolutely beautiful goal too," said Blake. "That was a picture perfect 2-on-1 rush by two players who just keep coming up big for us. That goal really gave us the momentum going into the first break."

To say the least. It was all Skippers from there on out.

The lead doubled 5:55 into the second when Davis returned the favor to Durkin, feeding him beautifully in the slot from the corner for a quick tip-in through the pads of the helpless Harwich netminder.

Cohasset would score three more times in the period, with Davis lighting the lamp twice on a pair of positively electrifying solo efforts.

The two tallies, at 9:20 and 13:57 of the second, looked nearly identical. On the first, with the Skippers shorthanded, Davis picked off a pass just inside his team's blueline, split the opposing point men to walk in on the Harwich goaltender, then froze him with a nifty fake to the forehand and beat him with a backhand just inside the left post.

Davis' second lamplighter of the period and third of the game came when he again split the defense at his own blue line, this time after taking a quick feed from the backboards by Devine. He used the same exact move to freeze the Harwich goalie, but this time slid it between his widespread legs to make it a 6-1 game.

Sandwiched between those goals, frosh Brandon Smith netted his first high school goal, shaking off a check to stretch out one-handed and poke the puck through the pads of the Rough Ryders beleaguered netminder on a nice pass from the corner by Pilczak.

Coach Blake emptied his bench in the third period, but the onslaught continued. Rasmussen made it 7-1 with 6:54 remaining in the game, as he fended off some heavy checking in the slot to punch home a centering feed from O'Connell.

Junior forward Mark Davis closed out the scoring with just 12 seconds remaining with assists going to Smith and freshman Mike Martone.

Hockey Notes

In the Mashpee game, Durkin had a career night with a pair of goals and four assists. Devine also tallied twice, and freshman Brian Straughn netted the first goal of his high school career.

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Alas, all good things must come to an end, and that's just what happened to Cohasset's five game winning streak on Monday…in fact, it came to a screeching halt.

The Skippers fell for the second time this year to Scituate, the second ranked Div. 3 team in Eastern Mass by Hockey Night in Boston. However, unlike the 5-3 setback in the season opener, the Cohasset skaters were clearly a little overwhelmed in the Monday matinee 7-1 loss to the Sailors. This dropped Cohasset to 5-5-1 on the season.

The Skippers did well to stay with the deep and veteran savvy Sailors through the first 20 minutes or so, holding to a 1-0 deficit, but Scituate netted two in the middle of the second period, and then sophomore Steve Sullivan scored a pair early in the third to complete a natural hat trick and essentially ice the game for the Sailors (9-1-1).

Durkin added his team best 15th goal on the power play (assists to Davis and Anderson) with 6:51 to go in the game to break up the shutout bid of returning Mariner All-Scholastic goaltender Joe Duggan.

John Durkin has led the team in scoring since he netted the team's first goal of the year, and his total now through 11 games is 24 points (15 goals, nine assists). However, Davis has been closing the gap since he moved from defense back to forward, and is now at 18 points (8 G, 10A). Ted Straughn checks in third with 11 points (3G, 8 A), followed by Rasmussen (4-6—10) and Anderson (2-5—7).

Despite giving up five of the seven goals Monday, freshman goalie Stefan Parnell still boasts an excellent goals against average of 2.4 (24 goals against in 10 games).

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The Skippers were slated to get back into action against first year varsity program Carver at Bridgewater on Wednesday , and have a big non-league showdown with perennial power Hanover at Pilgrim Arena Saturday afternoon (12:20 start).

Splash down

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Bilton, a Cohasset senior, also scored double firsts, winning the 100 and 50 yard freestyle events. He was on another first place relay team as well, anchoring the 200 yard free relay team of Bilton, Ingber, Smith and Monaco.

Monaco had a solid day, pitching in two second-place finishes, right behind Bilton in both freestyle events. Scituate junior Coral Yang, Cohasset senior Ingber and Cohasset freshman Amanda Daley completed similar days, recording seconds in both of their individual events.

"We are not the type of team that will beat anybody with a few superstars," mentioned Kearney. "We rely on our depth and the contributions we receive from a number of talented swimmers."

With the match completely wrapped up after the 200 free relay, Cohasset continued to place solidly, putting an exclamation point on the match with the 400 free relay win of Kim Pfluger, Garret Donovan, Stephanie Long and Shevawn Mayo.

The win bumped up the team's OCL record to 1-1, but they remain sub-.500 after their non-league loss in Nantucket last Saturday. Nantucket, easily the strongest team the Sci-Cohs will face this season, dispatched their visitors 94-81, graciously only adding Sci-Coh points for the final four events.

Smith recorded the team's only individual first place on the day, winning the 200 IM with a time of 2:27.59. The team of Smith, Donovan, Monaco and Ingber won the 200 free relay.

Notables on the day included Nantucket's Henry Butler setting a school record in the 500 free with a time of 5:10.23, and Kaitlyn Ellis doing the same with the girls record in a time of 5:41.36.

"Nantucket is unbelievable; there's no way around it," said Kearney. "We came down here, we swam our best, and I can't ask for anything more. But they always have some of the best swimmers around."

The Sci-Cohs will take on the Taunton Tigers this Friday at the Taunton Boys and Girls Club, a non-league match-up.

Apology for swim team article

Last week, I wrote an article that was run in the Cohasset and Scituate Mariners discussing the recent misfortunes of the Scituate/Cohasset swim team, not realizing that some of my tongue-in-cheek anecdotes would cause any sort of stir. The piece was written with the intentions of good fun, however some points were called to my attention that need addressing.

First, I meant nothing against the Athletic Departments of Scituate or Cohasset for the meet cancellations, they were the result of bad weather and bad timing. The AD's of both schools have been instrumental in scheduling all of our meets and reserving pool time.

Also, no insults were intended towards the bus drivers. The mention of one practice where a bus did not show up was meant to show the bad luck that had befallen the team, not to imply anything against the drivers themselves. The drivers also have been remarkably accommodating for the team, and mentioning the incident showed poor journalistic decision-making.

Finally, I would like to apologize for making the new Scituate fitness center seem unappreciated. The room has been put to very good use with weekly dryland practices, and it simply did not belong in an article attached to the "curse of the swim team".

I am a high school senior who, admittedly, is more fallible than most adult correspondents you will read in the CNC newspapers. This article has been a learning experience for me, and I hope you will accept my apology.

Sincerely,
David Ingber

As the Sports Editor for the Scituate and Cohasset Mariners, as well as five other CNC papers, I take the final responsibility for what appeared in Dave's article. I recognized the story to be almost entirely a tongue-in-cheek piece from Dave, and, subsequently, granted a little more license than I ordinarily would have. I know Dave, a valued member of our Editorial staff, had no intention of insulting or provoking. Ditto for me.

Still, I apologize to anyone who was offended.

Sincerely,
Mike Spellman

CHS weekly scoreboard

WRESTLING
15 beat Hull, 46-6
18 Cohasset Tourney finished 1st of 11
22 Norwell

ICE HOCKEY
15 beat Mashpee, 11-3
18 beat Harwich, 8-1
20 lost to Scituate, 7-1

BOYS BASKETBALL
17lost to Harwich, 71-63
18 lost to Nantucket
21 beat Hull, 65-56
23 Cape Cod Tech 4:30p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Jan.
17 lost to Harwich
21 at Hull- postponed

COED SWIMMING
COHASSET — SCITUATE
18 lost to Nantucket, 94-81
21 beat Card. Spellman, 95-43

GYMNASTICS
COHASSET — SCITUATE
16 beat Hingham, 125.6-115.9
21 beat Randolph, 125.8-118.7

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MAX LAX REPORT

The South Shore Lacrosse family suffered a startling loss of one of its most promising young atheletes on Saturday night as Ryan Flannery (Scituate) was killed in a tragic auto accident. This bright and entertaining kid was an assistant coach for MaxLax as well as an outstanding player for BC High and a mentor for many of the younger laxers that he came in contact with. His patience and outgoing demeanor were never in short supply when someone was looking for some help with their game and he will always be remembered as an excellent role model, a stellar athlete and scholar, and as a true friend to many.

MaxLax wishes to extend its deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers to his family for their loss. Ryan will indeed be missed, both on and off the field.

PLAY OF THE WEEK: U12 BLAZERS x TOMCATS – Did you see this one ?

The **BLAZERS** were in need of win to create some positive momentum as they started off this 3rd session after having a very challenging 2nd session and they got exactly what the doctor ordered in this commanding victory over the newcomer **TOMCATS**. One of the pivotal plays happened off of a great save by veteran goaltender**Wes Ulmer** who then began the clear by dodging several defenders and "hollering" for a middie-back as he crossed the mid-line at full speed. Catching the waiting defense a little off guard, **Ulmer** continued through the lanes and found glory with a nice upper corner shot from about 15 yards out. Who says Goalies don't have fun. You don't see this one very often . . .

Here's the rest of the MaxLax action:

U14

Talons- 13
Ferris 4g, Sears 6g/1a, Powers 1g/2a, Wagner 1g, St Claire-Barrie 1g/1a

Ryan Flannery.

Sharks- 1
Munn 1g

Blades- 16
Mills 3/2a, Mccaw 5g, Flibotte 3g/2a, R. Davis 3g/2a, E. Davis 1g, Burgess 1g/1a

Bears- 12
Johnson 3g/2a, Minevitz 7g, Dwyer 1g, Ellison 1g **(** ** Won By Forfeit ** **)**

Stingrays- 13
Rice 8g/1a, Donovan 3g/1a, Ferzoco 2g/1a

Pythons - 7
Casey 3g, Nolan 2g/1a, Gallagher 1g, M Jackson 1g

U12

Blazers 13
Smith 2g, Kearney 4g, Chase 2g, W Lynner 1g, A Lynner 1g, Ulmer 1g

Tomcats 3
Galvin 1g, Katarivas 1g, Gagnon 1g

Spartans 11
Reynolds 5g/2a, Sperandio 2g, Wicks (#110) 3g/1a, Kennedy 2g

Cougars 8
Davis 2g, Forrer 2g, Porter 2g, Wise 1g/1a, Quinlan 1g

Lions 11
Murphy (#62) 6g/2a, French 2g, Butts 1g, Owen 1g, Holbrook 1g

Hawks 6
Landon 1g/1a, Driscoll 2g, Toomey 3g

U10

Lazers 8
Robertshaw 4g/1a, Contento 2g, Clark 1g, Parrelli 1g

Cannons 0

Mav's 5
Lenaghan 2g, Macleod 2g, Noyce 1g

Hornets 2
Wood 1g, Naughton 1g

Indoor Spring Training & Battery Club at SSBC

Starts Jan 25 in Hingham

HINGHAM- The best way to prepare for the 2003 baseball season is to work hard during the off-season. The first of three Indoor Spring Training Camp sessions for players 8 to 12, as well the second Battery Club session for the same age group, starts January 25 at the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham.

Two-hour STC sessions from 10 a.m. to 12-noon are scheduled each Saturday morning Jan. 25 through February 15. Two additional STC sessions for 8-12 year olds are slated for Feb. 22-March 15 and Mar. 22-April 13 at SSBC.

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SSBC will also host two Spring Training Camp sessions for players 13 to 18 - Feb. 22-Mar. 15 and Mar. 22-Apr. 12.

Battery Club

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The third and final Battery Club for players 8-12 will be Mar. 22-Apr. 12.

Players 13 to 18 will be able to attend a special SSBC Battery Club session Feb. 22-Mar. 15.

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Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

COED SWIMMING
COHASSET — SCITUATE
24 Taunton B&G Club 4 p.m.
27 Coyle-Cass. Raynh. 6:30p.m.
Coach: Jamie Kearney

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	JV	V
Jan.			
24	Norwell	5:00	6:30
25	at Scituate	3:00	4:30
27	Sturgis Charter		5:30
28	at Mashpee	5:00	6:30
30	Hanover	5:00	6:30

Coaches: *Varsity*, Ellen Carr
J.V., Deb Beal
Home site: Sullivan Gym

GYMNASTICS
COHASSET — SCITUATE
25 Hanover 7:30 p.m.
28 Duxbury 7:30 p.m.
30 Carver 7:30 p.m.
Coach: Kara Connerty
Home Site: S.S. Community Center

WRESTLING
25 at Wayland, Durfee & Whitman-Hanson 10 a.m.
29 at Carver (league) 7 p.m.
31 Rockland, Middleboro & Keefe Tech 4 p.m.
Home site: Sullivan Gym
Coaches: Torin Sweeney, Peter Buckley

BOYS BASKETBALL
23 Cape Cod Tech 3:15 4:30p.m.
24 at Norwell 5 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
28 Mashpee 5 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Home Site: Sullivan Gym
Coaches: *Varsity*, Ron Ford
J.V., Tim Owens
Assistants: Brian Pattison & Dorian Bryant

ICE HOCKEY
25 Hanover 12:20p.m. Pilgrim
29 at Norwell 5 p.m. Pilgrim
Head Coach: John Blake
Assistant Coach: Brendan Sweeney
Home Site: Pilgrim Arena, Hingham

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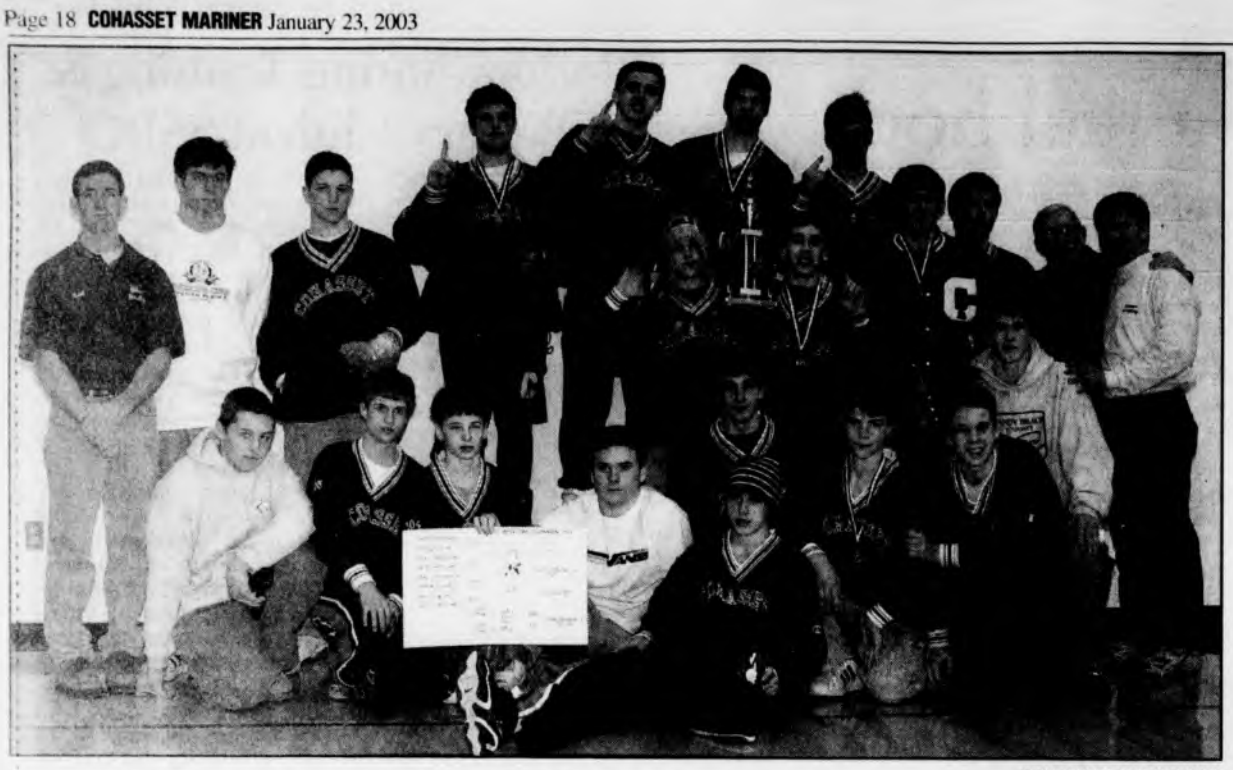

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The Cohasset High wrestling poses after Saturday's first place finish at the Cohasset High Wrestling Tourney. Those who placed are wearing medals, with champions (L-R) Matt Baroudi, Terry Baroudi, Chris McKenna (holding trophy) and Mike Casey standing together in the middle in the back row.

Fighting their way to top

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217. No other team had more first place finishers, Rockland checking in next best with three and Hingham and Duxbury each seeing a pair of their grapplers go unbeaten.

For sophomore Matt Baroudi, who recorded pins in all three of his matches, this first place finish helps him emerge from the shadow of older brother Terry, and state his case as a legitimate contender for postseason glory.

"Matt is still learning, and making occasional mistakes, but he's getting the hang of wrestling in this weight class," appraised Sweeney. "His biggest problem is that he gets frustrated when he doesn't get the pins. He needs to slow down sometimes, and just wrestle smart, but he's getting there. He showed some nice things this weekend."

Terry Baroudi, who fell just one spot short of qualifying for All-States last winter, is clearly a favorite to reach All-States this year. He beat Duxbury's Dan Klebanoff in the finals Saturday, 3-0, making him 2-for-2 against this old nemesis he'd lost to 3-of-4 times prior to this season. Terry won by pin in his previous two matches, and his overall record now stands at 20-1 on the season, the lone loss coming in the finals at the Whitman-Hanson Tourney, a match coach Sweeney says he should have won.

McKenna won his first two matches by pin and then handled Lynnfield's Chris Stivers in the Finals with relative ease, 6-1, thus becoming the first Cohasset wrestler in four or five years to pull off the regular season tourney "Triple Crown," having previously also taken firsts at the Marshfield and Whitman-Hanson tourneys.

"That 'Triple Crown' is a tough thing to pull off," offered Sweeney. "We see like 30 different schools over the course of those three tourneys, and you don't know much about most of those wrestlers. There can be surprises in there, but Chris has handled everything thrown at him very well. I think it's pretty clear now that he's the best 147 around."

Chris is now 20-2 on the season, his two losses coming to Mike Brown of Canton and a Winchester wrestler, both of whom were ranked top five in the state at the time. McKenna could see Brown as soon as the Div. 3 Sectionals, and the Winchester grappler could well be there for the Div. 3 States.

"Chris is going to have his hands full in the 145 pound weight class, but he was right there with both of those kids he lost to, and I think he's a lot stronger now," noted Sweeney.

The best storyline of the Cohasset winners belongs to Mike Casey. A week removed from an embarrassing 21-5 loss to Duxbury's Steve Celino, the Cohasset senior got another shot at him Saturday, and turned the tables 180 degrees, coming out on top, 15-7. This dramatic turnaround was a testament to both Casey's versatility and Sweeney's coaching acumen.

"Let's just say we came up with a few adjustments to block Celino's best takedown move," said Sweeney, careful not to give away too much. "I think that frustrated (Celino) and forced him into mistakes, and Mike did a nice job of taking advantage of those. Even with those adjustments, though, that

Boys back on track

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junior Sean Connolly, led the way for the hosts, pacing the offense with 15 points and 10 boards. Senior captain Jared Krupczak and junior Chris Bilodeau pitched in 11 points apiece from the backcourt.

Bilodeau has been playing some excellent ball in the past games, despite the Skippers' slide. He was the lead scorer in both the team's games on the "southern road trip" to Harwich and Nantucket (Friday night to Saturday afternoon). He threw down a career-high 29 against the Rough Ryders.

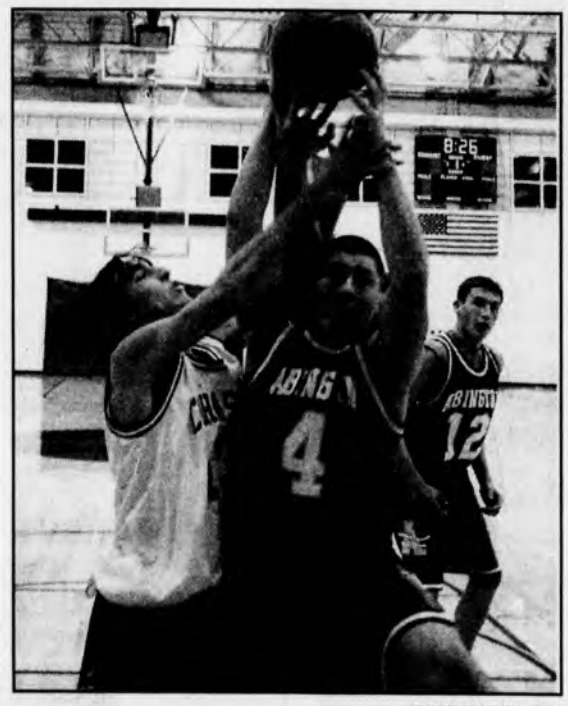
Harwich, considered by some to be the favorite to win the Div. 4 South bracket, ousted their guests 71-63, led by two time All-star Adam Rose, who had 21. The Rough Ryders opened the game with a running, transition style, capitalizing on the Skippers poor shooting for a 19-2 lead.

The Skippers, to their credit, fought back the whole way, closing the deficit to six at one point, before running out of time in regulation.

"We played really well against Harwich," lauded veteran coach Ron Ford, who called Norwell and Harwich "the class of the South Shore League" before the season started.

The team's Saturday afternoon game went much the same way, with the Whalers jumping out to a 20-6 lead within minutes. Bilodeau again guided an attempted comeback, scoring 11 of his 19 points on free throws. For the road trip, Bilodeau shot a robust 24-for-30 from the line, including 13-for-15 against Harwich.

Nantucket's 6-foot-8 freshman Sam Perrier was a presence in the middle all day, scoring only nine points, but snatching 12 boards and keeping Cohasset's big men from establishing themselves in the paint. The game was won from the perimeter by the Whalers, when senior Max Paulsen (16 points) sealed the game with three consecutive 3-pointers, for a one-man 9-0 run in the second half.



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Cohasset's Ross Lieb-Lappen battles with Abington's Bill Junkins for control of rebound in recent South Shore League action.

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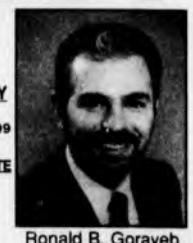

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Girls jump to it

Lady hoopsters look to for strong closing run

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

The magic number for the Cohasset High girls basketball team is 10. Or, it could be seven, or eight or even nine.

Heading into the new week, Cohasset held a 3-7 record, after losing two games last week to Carver, 63-55, and Harwich, 51-36.

Despite the two losses last week, the magic number is still good, depending on how it has to be used.

The Skippers have 10 games left to play. Seven wins out of the 10 would put the relatively new team into the tournament.

Should the 10 season wins fail, then Cohasset can work towards a personal best, a mark that coach Ellen Carr would like to see added on.

"Since we started the team four years ago, we have been showing a definite improvement," offered Carr. "We played junior varsity ball the first year. We won one game during our first varsity season, and last year, our second varsity season, we won six games.

"We would at least like to see the team improve the six win mark. Of course, we have nothing against winning a total of 10 to make the tourney."

The coach added: "We just want to see the team get better and better each year. I think we have a chance of doing it again this year."

Cohasset expects to have two all-star players back in the lineup this week. Heather Peraino has been out for a couple of games with an injured leg and Lindsay Grossman has been out sick, according to the coach.

"Peraino played a couple of minutes the last time out and looked pretty good," said the coach. "Grossman is expected to be back this week.

"Obviously, the two (returning league) all-stars will make a big difference for the team, once they're back at full strength."

In the game against Carver, Cohasset's Danielle Pinkus was the leading scorer with 13 points. She also led against Harwich with eight points, followed by Jen Buckley with seven points.

Coach Carr was also high in her praise of a young player, freshman Mia Lieb-Lappin.

"She played in a half game for us against Harwich and did a nice job," she noted. "She scored a foul shot and had three rebounds. She definitely shows a lot of promise."

Cohasset was scheduled to play Hull this past Tuesday, Norwell on Friday and Scituate on Saturday.

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At right: Kindergartner Meghan Flaherty waits patiently for Marcy Jeppe of the Charmacy Wildlife Center to answer her question about owls.

Below: Marcy Jeppe of Charmacy Wildlife Center shows off a barred owl to the kindergartners at Osgood last week. The center rehabilitates injured owls.

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Kindergartner Allison Donahue, left, is momentarily frightened by a great horned owl brought to the school by the Charmacy Wildlife Center.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Derby camp fair

This Saturday, Jan. 25, Derby Academy will host its 13th Annual Summer Camp Fair for children and young adults ages 4 through 18. The fair will offer families the opportunity to gather information on programs from around New England and abroad. They will be able to visit with representatives and select information on over 80 different programs: Day Camps/Programs, Traditional Overnight Camps, Outward Bound and Adventure Programs, Sports Programs, Arts, Music, and Academic Enrichment Programs. The event will take place in the McKelvey Gym, at Derby Academy, Burditt Avenue, Hingham. For information please call Mardie Orshak at (781) 749-0746 x29 or visit Derby's Web site for directions: www.derbyacademy.org/welcome/directions.html

SAFEGUARD on the Web

The Project SAFEGUARD Web site is designed as a resource to support the youth and parents in the community. Log on to www.cohassetpso.org/safeguard.htm to see what it's all about.

Along with a Parent Booklist of titles dealing with child development and adolescence, the Web site contains links to news articles, features, and resources for both parents and kids. Topics include Stress (social & academic), Bullying, Body Image, and Drinking & Drugs. The Web site is a work in progress; over time it may expand to cover issues for a wider age range. Your ideas are welcome; visit the site and send in your comments or suggestions!

Project SAFEGUARD is a community initiative designed to supplement the health education program in our schools. It depends on parent and community volunteers, as well as community funding, to keep running.

Send in your school news

The Cohasset Mariner wants to develop a school news page to run every week. Short news items from teachers and school organizations are welcome. Photographs of events, accompanied with a short article or longer story are also sought. If you have "Stars of the Month", an interesting program or student volunteer effort, artwork, student writings, interesting field trip, or special projects, please share them with us.

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Above right: Alexiree Hastings portrays Lady Diana.

At left: Charlie Neaves portrays baseball legend Jackie Robinson.

Below: Tony Sestito poses as hockey great Wayne Gretzky during the wax museum at the Osgood School last week.

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Kimberly Higgins as wildlife researcher Jane Goodall at the Osgood School wax museum.

Molly Riley as the Civil War's Annie Etheridge during the Osgood School wax exhibit.

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Houseplants featured at garden club meeting

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 9 a.m..

Donna Lane, a designer of interiors and gardens, will present the decorative and health values of houseplants. In addition, with the aid of slides, she will discuss grouping, scale, location, and presentation techniques for plants in an interior environment.

"Decorating with Houseplants" will be a very interesting and informative presentation for all who attend.

Hingham Symphony offers music for all ages

On the weekend of Feb. 1 and 2, Hingham Symphony and conductor Jin Kim will bring fun and inspiring symphonic music to audiences of all ages. The annual Discovery Concerts have become known for a variety of musical offerings, and the chance to interact with musicians and their instruments. This year's program also highlights performers at different stages of development.

The program features celebrated composer Robert Kapilow's musical rendition of Dr. Seuss' Gertrude McFuzz. Local celebrity Caroline, a cast member of WGBH-TV's ZOOM, narrates the role of Gertrude, a typical Seussian character who learns valuable lessons about wanting to fit in. Up-and-coming pianist, 15-year old Catherine Casey, will perform Ravel's Piano Concerto in G, accompanied by the HSO. Catherine, a student of Hui-Min Wang at the South Shore Conservatory, recently won their annual Concerto Competition. Talented members of Hingham High School's Chamber Orchestra will join the HSO for a selection, and the full HSO will perform Elgar's Serenade. Rounding out the afternoon, audience members are invited to talk with musicians and explore their musical instruments, at the Instrument Showcase.

Four Discovery Concerts will be held in the new, intimate performance hall at Derby Academy, 56 Burditt Ave., Hingham. Saturday, Feb. 1 at noon and 3 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. An additional performance on Feb. 2 at 4 p.m. will benefit Derby Academy's music program (benefit tickets available through Derby). Tickets ($18 adults, $15 seniors, $10 through age 18) are available at Hingham Public Library, Weymouth Main Library, Noble's in Hingham Square and Queen Ann Plaza, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, or call 781-740-5694.

First Parish open house

First Parish in Cohasset is celebrating the renovation of its 1722 Parish House with an Open House for members, friends, and honored guests on Sunday, Jan. 26 from 12-2:30 p.m. The Parish House is located at 23 North Main St. Displays of the on-going activities of the parish will be presented, and refreshments will be served.

Music during the open house will be provided by Howard Altholtz on guitar with friends in concert and music by the First Parish choir as well. Jim Hamilton, a local cartoonist, will entertain both adults and children, and a local storyteller will hold the children's interest in the new childcare center.

Evening event to support playground

On Saturday Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., there will be an evening of dinner and dancing to support the playground at the new Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum off Sohier Street in Cohasset. The event will take place at the Red Lion barn, and will include a live auction and dancing with The Mike Dumas Band With Platform Soul. Tickets are $75 per person and will not be available at the door. Please contact Logan Bernstein at (781) 383-6165 for tickets and information. .

Chinese exercise expert at Jade Forest

At age 73, Professor Zhang Guangde, founder and Honorary General Director of the Dao Yin Yang Sheng Gong Center in Beijing, is offering seminars in the United States for the first time. He has taught his Dao Yin system in 17 different countries and has teaching centers located in China and across Europe.

Combining traditional knowledge with modern medical theory, Dao Yin Yang Sheng Gong is a comprehensive system of exercises characterized by harmonizing gentle fluent movement of the body with systematic breathing. It also involves the stimulation of key acupressure points in the body and enhances mental development and spiritual awareness.

Zhang will give a short introduction to his Dao Yin system from 4:45 - 5:45 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 30 at no charge at Jade Forest on Route 3A.

From 6-9 p.m. for a fee of $75 ($70 active Jade Forest students), Zhang will teach the Bao Jian Gong — Health Preservation form — which is comprised of eight simple movement patterns. (Prepay before Thursday and save $5)

For more information, call Jade Forest, 781-383-6822.

Arts and crafts

Arts & Crafts for grades K to 3 will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays or Tuesdays, and will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School,

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $48 per child. Programs will be held on both Mondays and Tuesdays, and are scheduled to begin Tuesday, Jan. 29, and Monday, Feb. 3. You may register for either one of the two days, but not both.

For more information, details and registration call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109.

Books cook program

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades 1 and 2 Books Cook program by calling 781-383-4109.

Once Upon a Recipe is for grades 1 and 2 and will be held from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, and will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School. Children will enjoy making bread Boas after reading "The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash" or making candy houses after reading "Hansel and Gretel," as example.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $55 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin in late January on Wednesdays right after school until 4:30 p.m.. Each week will feature different books and cooking.

For more information details and registration, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109.

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OBITUARIES

Betsy Cody Burns

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Betsy Cody Burns, age 58, of Scituate died Jan. 9, 2003 at South Shore Hospital following a long illness.

Born in Weston, she was a Scituate resident for 53 years and graduated from Derby Academy in Hingham and Sacred Heart School in Kingston. She was a graduate of Curry College in Milton and earned her master's degree in teaching at Bridgewater State College.

Mrs. Burns was a retired elementary school teacher from the Cedar School in Hanover, teaching there from 1965 until the mid 1970s. While her children attended Scituate High School, she was very active with the Scituate High Drama Department.

She was the daughter of the late Elliott J. and Elizabeth (Upton) Cody who owned the Three Ring Farm in North Scituate, now the Foyer of Charity.

She leaves her husband, John D. Burns, her son, Craig Burns and her daughter, Holly-Beth Burns of Scituate; and a brother, James E. Cody of Boston. She was the sister of the late Patricia Ann Cody.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 13 at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was private.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Contributions in Betsy's memory to St. Anthony's Church, 10 Summer St. Cohasset 02025 would be sincerely appreciated.

Charlotte M. Drew

Charlotte M. (Hayes) Drew, 85, of Cohasset, a retired supervisor for Raytheon Corp., died Jan. 6, 2003 at South Shore Hospital after a period of failing health.

Mrs. Drew had worked more than 44 years for Raytheon in both the Newton and Quincy facilities.

Born, raised and educated in Newton, she had lived in Cohasset for 19 years.

Wife of the late Warren J. Drew, she leaves her daughter, Jane E. Delorey of Wilmington; her five sisters, Patricia Smith of Michigan, Irene Geary of Florida, Barbara McPhee of Framingham, Carol Smith of Millis, Dorothy Clarke of New York; and her three grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

Funeral services were held at the Newton Cemetery Chapel; the Rev. Donald Remick officiated. Interment was in Newton Cemetery in Newton.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Magoun-Biggins Funeral Home of Rockland.

Edward W. Malley Jr.

Edward W. Malley, Jr., 87, died at Jupiter Care Center in Florida on Jan. 7, 2003.

Born in Boston, he attended Moses Brown Prep school and graduated from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

A former resident of Cohasset, Mr. Malley lived part-time in South Florida for almost 50 years before settling permanently in Palm Beach Gardens.

As a young man Mr. Malley built a successful business with his father, Edward Sr. and later his older son, Ted. North Terminal Inc., originally located on East First St. in South Boston and later in Hingham, received the Army-Navy E for excellence. .

He was a member of Toy Soldiers of South Florida, the Union Boat Club, the Cohasset Yacht Club, and the Cohasset Golf Club, enjoying his squash, golf, boating and collecting until he was stricken with Parkinson's. His interest in flying led to an appointment as a commissioner for the Mass. Aeronautics Commission.

Mr. Malley's life was not without sorrow or setbacks. In 1976 his youngest daughter, Stephanie Vaughan, lost her life in an auto accident. His eldest daughter, Kathie was seriously injured in another accident in 1965, but being as stubborn as her father, she persevered and now teaches from a wheelchair at Boston University.

After their divorce, Edward and his ex-wife Barbara Malley remained friends and Barbara went on to have a humorous novel (Take My Ex Husband Please - But Not Too Far) published.

Mr. Malley leaves his wife, Aliceann; three children, Dr. Kathleen Malley-Morrison (Frank), Edward W. Malley III, (Maureen), David T. Malley (Kathy), their mother, Barbara Beyer Malley, and seven grandchildren. He was also leaves eight loving dogs and cats who were a great comfort to him during his final illness.

There will be no services. A memorial will be held in Cohasset at a later date. Donations may be made in Edward's name to the National Parkinson's Foundation, Inc., 1501 9th Ave., Bob Hope Rd, Miami, Fla., 33136 or to the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League.

Arrangements were handled by the Neptune Society.

Fritz Muelhaupt

Fritz Muelhaupt, 76, of Cohasset, a retired car dealer, died Jan. 15, 2003, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth. Mr. Muelhaupt, who was born in Zurich, Switzerland, co-owned and operated Autohans, a foreign car dealership in Cohasset, for 31 years.

He leaves his wife, Alice M. Muelhaupt; a brother, Rolf Muelhaupt of Thalwil, Switzerland; a sister, Lucid Pollini of Bassano, Italy; and three nieces and two nephews.

A memorial service was celebrated at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Main St., Cohasset Common. Interment was private.

Arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrel Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Donations may be sent to the South Shore Visiting Nurse Association, 100 Bay State Dr., P.O. Box 9060, Braintree 02185-9060.

Edward B. Fitzpatrick

With his wife by his side, Edward "Butch" Fitzpatrick, formerly of Cohasset, died peacefully Dec. 28, 2002, in Tucson, Ariz.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was born in Boston to Edward and Ella Fitzpatrick of Watertown. He was a graduate of Watertown High School, Tufts University, where he received a BS in civil engineering, and Northeastern University, where he earned his master's degree.

He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineering. He pursued his chosen field to become a consulting environmental engineer.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was a member of the BAJA Sporting Club in Green Valley, Ariz.

He leaves his wife, Rosemary, of 36 years; two sons, Matthew Fitzpatrick of Marshfield and Ian Fitzpatrick and his wife of Halifax; his mother, Ella Fitzpatrick, a brother, Kenneth Fitzpatrick, and a nephew, Brian, all of Watertown; three grandchildren, Shawna, Rebecca and Benjamin; and a cousin, Bert Dutton, and his wife Pat of Billerica.

A Memorial Service of the celebration of his life will be held at St. Andrew Episcopal Church of Belmont at a later date this spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew's Children's Clinic, P.O. Box 2043, Nogales, AZ 85628.

Kendall M. Pratt

Kendall M. Pratt, age 92, of Worcester and formerly of Dedham and Cohasset, died Jan. 12, 2003 in the Odd Fellows Home in Worchester, following a lengthy illness.

Born in Hanover, he was the son of William Howard and Lizzie J. (Mann) Pratt and was a graduate of Cohasset High School, Class of 1918. A 50-year resident of Dedham, Mr. Pratt worked as a security officer at Bethlehem Steel and Fore River Shipyard, Quincy for 24 years. He was also a security guard at Wellesley College from 1964-77, up until his retirement.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows for 75 years, during which he held all posts in the organization.

Mr. Pratt was also an avid auctioneer and tool collector, belonging to the American Auctioneers Association and the American Antique Tool Collectors Association.

He was the husband of the late Emily (Fortnam) Pratt and leaves his son, Kendall M. Pratt, Jr. and his wife Pauline (Morse) Pratt of Brooklin, Maine; his three grandchildren, Jeffrey of Bedford, Pa., Kimberly of Downington, Pa., and Christopher of West Chester, Pa.; a nephew, Samuel S. of Bedford, Pa., and a niece, Virginia Pratt Thompson of Madison, Wis.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 17 at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, One Summer St.

Interment will be in Hanover Cemetery in Hanover.

Hope is topic at Glastonbury

The Glastonbury Series, "Listening to Other Voices: Hope in a Time of Uncertainty," will host a Middle-East panel to discuss the issues of "When Hopelessness Challenges Hope: Personal Stories of How the Spirit Survives." This event takes place Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham.

Marina Pevzner is a Jewish woman from Israel and Maisa Khshaibon is a Palestinian Christian. Both are students in the Coexistence Program at Brandeis University. Joining them on the panel is Amal Jadou, a Palestinian Moslem. The three will be in dialogue with one another and with the audience.

There is no cost for admission—a free-will offering is appreciated. Please call the abbey to reserve a place at 781-749-2155.

Film, lecture series on prospect of war

The growing prospect of war in Iraq will be the focus of a film and lecture series to be held Jan. 23, and February 4 and Feb. 18 in Hingham, sponsored by the South Shore Peace Forum.

The opening program, to be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 23, will offer excerpts from a lecture delivered in the summer of 2002 in Boston by Scott Ritter. He served as chief of the U.N. Arms Inspection Team from 1991 to 1998.

This program, to be held in the Whiton Room of the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., (off Route 228), will also offer the film "Hidden Wars of Desert Storm." The Rev. Ken Read-Brown, minister of the First Parish (Old Ship) Church, Hingham, will serve as moderator for a concluding discussion period.

For the second program, co-sponsored by The Old Ship Church and to be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 in the Parish House of The Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham, the speaker will be The Rev. John Beuhrens, former president of the Unitarian Universalist Association. He was a member of an interfaith delegation's Christmas-time trip to Iraq, and will discuss his experiences there. A question and answer program will follow his talk.

The final program, at 7 p.m., Feb. 18, in the Whiton Room at the Hingham library, will present two films, "Domestic Blowback: The Domestic Impacts of the Bush Administration's War," and "Steps To Peace: The Journey of September Eleventh Families For Peaceful Tomorrows."

The topic of Scott Ritter's Boston lecture was "Does Iraq pose a threat to our national existence through weapons of mass destruction?" Ritter, a Republican who voted for George W. Bush and a 12-year veteran of the U.S. Marines, tells his audience that there is no such evidence.

The film, "The Hidden Wars of Desert Storm," is described by its distributor, the American Friends Service Committee which provided all the films, as "an in-depth analysis of the history of U.S.-Iraq-Iran relations that preceded the Gulf War." It includes archival footage of Iraq in 2000, is narrated by actor John Hurt, and includes interviews with Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, Ramsey Clark, Scott Ritter, and others.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, **February 10, 2003,** at **7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 4.2 of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, David E. Lord, Jr., seeks to use 19 Elm St. as a singlefamily dwelling according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-01-15.

AD#142526
Cohasset Mariner 1/23, 1/30/03

ZBA/19 ELM ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, **February 10, 2003,** at **7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **4.2** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **David E. Lord, Jr.** seeks to use **19 Elm St.** as a single family dwelling according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-01-15.

AD#144285
Cohasset Mariner 1/23, 1/30/03

ZBA/40 PARKER AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, **February 10, 2003,** at **7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **9.6** of the Zoning Bylawand any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, the Town of **Cohasset** seek to make alterations at **40 Parker Ave.,** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #03-01-17C.

AD#144283
Cohasset Mariner 1/23, 1/30/03

ZBA/57 HULL ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, **February 10, 2003,** at **7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7a** of the Zoning Bylaws and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Gino Rosano** seeks to **demolish & reconstruct** a residence at **57 Hull St.** according to the application of file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #03-01-17B.

AD#144287
Cohasset Mariner 1/23, 1/30/03

ZBA/69 CUSHING RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, **February 10, 2003,** at **7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7b** of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Kenneth B. Butman** seeks to demolish and reconstruct dwelling at **69 Cushing Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-01-17A.

AD#144281
Cohasset Mariner 1/23, 1/30/03

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

8:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:32 p.m. Border St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious.

9 p.m. Spring St,. and Cushing Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:07 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop,

10:35 p.m. Howard Gleason Rd. assist citizen.

11:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:48 p.m. Forest Ave., officer wanted.

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

4:29 a.m. Pleasant St. burglar alarm.

8:08 a.m. King St., medical aid.

9:13 a.m. Ripley Rd,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:04 a.m. Summer St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:18 a.m. Pond St., parking complaint.

10:28 a.m. Pond St., parking complaint.

11:20 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:35 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:32 p.m. South Main St., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:31 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:41 p.m. Beechwood St., and Doane St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious auto.

8:45 p.m. King St,. medical aid.

8:48 p.m. Forest Ave. and Black Rock Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SUNDAY, JAN. 12

1:51 a.m. James Lane, medical aid.

4:28 a.m. King St., medical aid.

8:19 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

8:33 a.m. King St., medical aid.

9:12 a.m. Elm St., open window.

9:46 a.m. Elm St,. assist citizen.

10:27 a.m. North Main St,. serve restraining order.

12:03 p.m. Pond St. and Clay Spring Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:19 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:34 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach rd,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:40 p.m. Old coach Rd. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:49 p.m. Old Coach Rd. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:24 p.m. King St., medical aid.

4:27 p.m. King St., medical aid.

5:39 p.m. Elm St, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:46 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

5:47 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Joseph D. Klier, 72, 79 North Main St. #1, Cohasset. Chrgs. violation of a restraining order.

7:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious person.

9:34 p.m. Elm St., section 12 issued.

11:30 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

11:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person.

MONDAY, JAN. 13

1:06 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.

3:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire log entry.

8:03 a.m. N. Main St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle crash.

8:28 a.m. Elm St, medical aid.

10:04 a.m. King St., general Services.

11:58 a.m. Beach St,. property (lost).

Noon Ripley Rd., property (lost).

1:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway burglary/breaking and entering.

1:45 a.m. Elm St. and Stevens Lane, parking complaint.

3:09 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Jamie G. Guggenheim, 48, 129 Edwards St. Brockton. Chrgs. WMS warrant, license suspended.

3:36 p.m. King St, officer wanted.

6:38 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., officer wanted.

7:44 p.m. Forest Ave., fire investigation.

9:26 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

11:48 p.m. Howe Rd, medical aid.

TUESDAY, JAN. 14

7:26 a.m. King St., medical aid.

8 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle crash.

9:03 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.

12:01 p.m. Elm St,. general services.

12:15 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:26 p.m. Beechwood St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:06 p.m. North Main St. and Sohier St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:14 p.m. South Main St., medical aid.

6:32 p.m. King St, medical aid.

9:07 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15

2:03 a.m. Pond St,. suspicious.

8:39 a.m. Hobart Lane, fire investigation.

9:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:38 a.m. Hull St. suspicious.

11:58 a.m. Hull St., parking complaint.

12:45 p.m. South Main St,. parking complaint.

12:52 p.m. North Main St., traffic complaint.

1:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:47 p.m. Nichols Rd,. well being check.

2 p.m. Elm St., fire log entry.

2:22 p.m. North Main St., traffic complaint.

4:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

5:32 p.m. Church St., suspicious auto.

5:43 p.m. King St., medical aid.

6:12 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:40 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:53 p.m. Elm St., suspicious.

7:31 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:07 p.m. Doane St. and Beechwood St,. barking dog.

9:07 p.m. Elm St,. investigation. Two males in protective custody.

10:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

THURSDAY, JAN. 16

7:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle crash.

8:41 a.m. Parking Way, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

8:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:56 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Jerusalem Lane, parking complaint.

12:18 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.

1:22 p.m. Ripley Rd., suspicious.

1:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:35 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Nelson Banberg Jr., 21, 10 Blanchard Ave., Everett. Chrgs. unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

1:42 p.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

3:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway property (lost).

4:16 p.m. Pleasant St., general services.

5:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St,. general services.

5:52 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:51 p.m. Forest Ave., and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd., general services.

10:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Rose Hill Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

FRIDAY, JAN. 17

2:22 a.m. South Main St. and Spring St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:23 a.m. Howe Rd,. well being check.

9:19 a.m. Pond St., general services.

9:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

4:45 p.m. Forest Ave., Black Rock Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:20 p.m. North Main St., and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:30 p.m. Forest Ave., and Surry Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:32 p.m. Spring St. and Cushing Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:45 p.m. Todd Lane and Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:40 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

1:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

3 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

3:55 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway general services.

4:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway general services.

5:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

5:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway general services.

10:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:08 p.m. Elm St. missing person.

4:15 p.m. Howe Rd., medical aid.

4:23 p.m. King St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Glenn W. Vraibel, 43, 89 Babcock St., Quincy. Chrgs. OUI liquor, third offense, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, possess open container of alcohol in motor vehicle, follow too close state highway. Arrest: Walter F. Griffin III, 27, 89 Babcock St., Quincy. Chrgs. WMS warrant.

11:10 p.m. Reservoir Rd. and Pleasant St., suspicious auto.

SUNDAY, JAN. 19

2 a.m. Bancroft Rd., animal control.

8:17 a.m. King St., medical aid.

9:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

10:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:55 a.m. Elm St., reported death.

4:40 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle crash.

10:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other agency.

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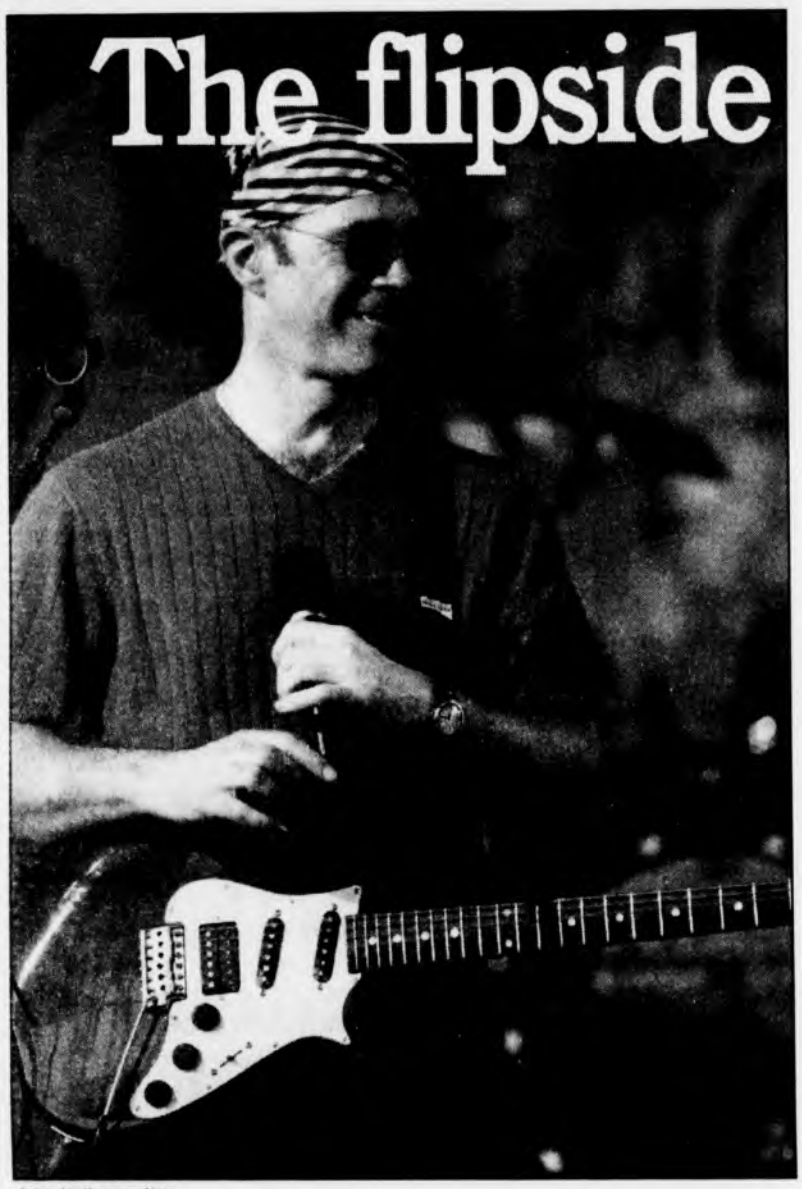
The flipside of Orleans

Band offers rarely revealed tunes at Plymouth concent



John Hall on guitar

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

You might think you know Orleans, that cheerful, sunny band from the pre-punk, singer/songwriter-rock 1970s who had major hits with "Dance With Me," "Still the One" and "Love Takes Time."

But a newly released career retrospective CD covering 30 years of live shows might make you think again.

In their '70s heyday, Orleans carved out a niche on the national concert scene with its brand of good-time, not-too-heavy, not-too-soft rock, drawing the same general audience as the likes of the Eagles, Jackson Browne and the Doobie Brothers. By the end of the decade, band leader and singer/guitarist/songwriter John Hall left for a solo career, highlighted by his organizing the 1979 No Nukes Concerts with Browne, Bonnie Raitt and Graham Nash.

Most listeners remember the band for the aforementioned hits and other numbers of what was then a similar mainstream, radio-friendly pop/rock ilk. But give the new 30th Anniversary Retrospective disc, "Still the One - Live," a spin, and you'll hear such chestnuts as onstage takes of Bob Marley's reggae classic "Trenchtown Rock," Les McCann's fusion tour-de-force "Compared To What" and a ragged, bluegrass recasting of Stevie Wonder's "Boogie On Reggae (Country) Woman." Plus, originals offering pointed social commentary on issues from consumer credit overspending ("Plastic Money") to the environment ("Plutonium Is Forever") and dabbling in other musical styles from blues and jazz to harmony-filled folk and country.

The tracks on "Still the One - Live" are culled from the past three decades of live Orleans tape archives, some stored in the band's own attic vaults, others submitted by longtime fans and colleagues. Together, they showcase a rarely revealed, more musically adventurous side of the band. This, said Hall, is how Orleans will be heard when the band performs in concert this Friday evening at Plymouth Memorial Hall, with friend and fellow '70s singer/songwriter and pop/rocker Jon Pousette-Dart on hand as the opening act.

"We've always been a band that's aimed to stretch the limits of our repertoire," noted Hall. "On this tour especially when we're promoting the 30th Anniversary retrospective disc, we're mixing things up musically more so than we've done since the early days in the '70s. The live sets are essentially a combination of the hits, more obscure tracks and the occasional cover song touching on our typical wide range of genres and styles. No matter how long we've been playing or how many shows we do, we always try to keep it fun and look for what we can come up with to please ourselves as well as our audience."

"The new CD is partly a result of interaction with fans who've followed us for a long time. We heard back from people with bootleg and radio tapes of old shows from the 70s and early 80s and who offered to send them to us. So we listened to many, many hours of these old tapes plus those that we'd been storing all this time. And what happened was we finally began to hear

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South Shore memories captured on canvas

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

"Treasured Memories," the current exhibit in the Dolphin Gallery at Hingham Public Library, is one for those who look at South Shore and Quincy history with a fond sense of reverence.

The collection of watercolors by Hull painter Elizabeth Trubia is on view in the Dolphin Gallery through March Trubia is a member of Marshfield's North River Arts Society and numerous other arts groups throughout the South Shore and Boston. Born in Quincy, she was raised in Hull and began painting shortly after graduating from Hingham High School (there was no high school in Hull during the era) in 1953.

"The paintings in 'Treasured Memories' are of historic local area sites taken from old photographs and the memories and recollections of numerous people," said Trubia in her artist's statement for the show. "Their objective is to breathe new life into bygone days and at the same time remain historically accurate."

Trubia's "Memories" mostly hearken back to local history of roughly the Victorian era (1890-1920). Perhaps given the proximity to Boston and its famously proper traditions, this age was well represented in style and fashion amidst the South Shore and Quincy vicinity, as most of the nine paintings on view demonstrate. For a touch of more modern diversity, one work jumps ahead to the early 1940s.

Trubia displays a light watercolorist's touch in her pieces, much like storybook illustration, but also a strong eye for detail with some strikingly memorable subjects. One of the most memorable is of the splendid Melville Gardens, which resided at Hingham's Crow Point in the latter decades of the 19th century. The work highlights the stunning Victorian architecture of the day, with twenty electric lights illuminating the lush grounds.

Hingham is also represented by another longgone site, the Grain Mill Pond at Hingham Harbor (circa 1910), filled in for many years now with a blacktopped parking lot and Station Street. Closer to the city of the era, "Quincy Center 1915" highlights the day's state-of-the-art transport mode electric trolley and the square's First Parish Church, a tourist attraction even then.

Trubia's most impressive subjects are perhaps those from history in her own hometown. "Hotel Nantasket 1880" presents the waterfront retreat in its genuine splendor for the time, with 145 sleeping rooms and electric lights. Two views of the original Paragon Park, an aerial shot and a closer angle of its famous gondola-floating lagoon, display the "mini world's fair" model upon which the Park was founded in 1905, with the various national pavilions and flags and elegant Schlitz Palm Gardens restaurant and virtually unrecognizable from the modern era carnival that eventually was closed and demolished eighty years later.

"I hope these pictures inspire people to preserve and protect our remaining historical heritage, and appreciate our great landmarks with a renewed sense of pride," Trubia also said in her statement.

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Elizabeth Trubia's watercolor works capturing Boston's Public Gardens, the Hingham Grain Mill (top right) and Paragon Park in Hull (top left) are on display through March in the exhibit Treasured Memories at the Dolphin Gallery of the Hingham Public Library.

"42nd Street" dances its way to Boston

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Considered by many to be the Broadway musical for people who love Broadway musicals, "42nd Street" dances its way into Boston's Wang Theatre this week. The classic star-is-born story, set against the backdrop of a musical spectacular, is the stuff of Broadway legend and yet remains as fresh today as ever thanks to an all-new national tour of the production that won the 2001 Tony, Drama Desk, and Outer Critics Circle Awards for "Best Musical Revival." Based in part on the 1933 feature film of the same name, "42nd Street" first came to Broadway in 1980 - under the now legendary direction of the late Gower Champion - and ran for eight years. Featuring Broadway standards like "We're In The Money," "You're Getting To Be A Habit With Me" and "Lullaby of Broadway," by the team of Harry Warren (music) and Al Warren (lyrics), the current national tour is being staged by Randy Skinner who created new choreography and also recreated Champion's original dance numbers for the new Broadway production. "42nd Street" will be at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, through January 26. For tickets, call 1-800-447-7400.

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Food & dining

Rediscovering oatmeal

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Since most of us are most familiar with the instant variety of oatmeal, the notion of oatmeal as anything other than a stomach-filler may seem like tilting at windmills. Yet, steel-cut oats, properly prepared, is a serious breakfast and more than worth the trouble to make it. I wanted to find the best method for preparing both steel-cut and rolled oats, both avoiding a gummy, pasty texture and enhancing the natural flavor of the oats themselves.

Let's start with the different types of oats since that is where most of us go wrong. Whole oat groats are the whole oat kernel with just the outer hull removed. They have to be cooked almost forever and are very toothsome. Steel-cut oats (also known as Irish oats) are simply groats that have been cut into smaller pieces thereby reducing cooking time. Rolled oats have been steamed and flattened which reduces cooking time to about five minutes. Compared to steel-cut oats, they lack flavor and texture, and the porridge is mushier. Quick- cooking oats are similar to rolled oats but are cut into smaller pieces for quicker cooking. Instant oatmeal is precooked, rolled, and dried. Add boiling water and it is ready to go. Unfortunately, instant oatmeal resembles a paste more than a good bowl of oatmeal. In my opinion, this form of oatmeal is virtually inedible.

My recipe research turned up two recipes I liked very much, one from Cook's Illustrated and the other from Alton Brown. They both used 4 cups of liquid to 1 cup of steel-cut oats, a mixture of dairy and water, and an initial toasting step to enhance the flavor of the oats. I preferred the Cook's recipe since it used salt and called for milk instead of a buttermilk/milk combination that tasted a bit odd.

My first question was whether toasting the oats was a necessary step. The obvious answer was a resounding yes – they were sweeter and better flavored. I preferred using a large skillet for this process and one tablespoon of butter – the toasting goes quicker (2 to 3 minutes) and they turn out more evenly browned. (The skillet can simply be wiped out without washing.) I also found recipes that suggest soaking the steel-cut oats overnight but I preferred the texture of un-soaked oatmeal so I skipped this step.

As for the liquid, 4 cups of milk/water to 1 cup of steel-cut oats was just right: more liquid made a soupy oatmeal and less did not give the oats sufficient time to cook properly. The next question was whether some of the water should be replaced by milk, cream, half and half, or buttermilk. Some dairy was called for since all-water oatmeal tasted a bit bland. I finally settled on 3 1/2 cups water plus 1/2 cup half and half.

For some reason, a few recipes did not call for any salt. I found that a half- teaspoon of table salt was absolutely necessary to enhance flavors. However, the salt should be added after the first 15 minutes of cooking otherwise the oatmeal turns out a bit less creamy. As for cooking technique, I tried starting the oats in both cold water and simmering water. The cold water oats turned out mushy but those added to simmering water were creamy with a bit of chew. I also found that the oats needed to cook uncovered for best results. (Otherwise they become too soft.)

As for managing the process, I found it best to heat the water/dairy mixture in a large saucepan while I was toasting the oats in the skillet. (Be careful when adding the oats to the water mixture – it can easily boil over.) I then simmered the oats for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, and then added the salt. You will need to adjust the heat level constantly as the oatmeal requires less heat as it thickens. In the last few minutes of cooking, you will need to stir frequently to avoid sticking. A heavy-bottomed saucepan is highly recommended. Some recipes suggest allowing the oatmeal to sit for 5 minutes covered before serving in order to make the oats creamier. I find that it takes about 5 minutes for everyone to add toppings and actually sit down to the table so I skip this step.

Although most folks will opt for the usual toppings (very cold milk is traditional with hot oatmeal – I also use maple syrup) you might also try fruit compote. I take a half-cup each of dried apricots, cranberries, and apples, 1/4 cup sugar, and 1 1/2 cups water and simmer the lot for about 25 minutes over medium-low heat. This may seem like a lot of effort but it's more than worth it for a special weekend breakfast.

OLD-FASHOINED IRISH OATMEAL

Note that the cooking time will vary depending on the heat level and your saucepan. You do not need to stir very much for the first 10 minutes of cooking. As the oatmeal thickens, more attention needs to be paid to the oats to prevent sticking to the bottom of the pot.

3 1/2 cups water
1/2 cup half and half
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1 cup steel cut oats
1/2 teaspoon table salt

Bring the water and half-and-half to a simmer in a large saucepan over medium heat. Meanwhile, place a 9- or 10-inch skillet (non-stick or regular) over medium heat. Add the butter and once it has stopped foaming swirl to coat the bottom of the skillet evenly. Add the oats and toast, stirring often with a wooden spoon or spatula, until golden brown and very aromatic, about 2 to 3 minutes. Stir the oats into the simmering liquid (to avoid a boil-over, take the saucepan off the heat when you add the oats) and adjust the heat to maintain a simmer. Cook uncovered for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add salt and stir gently to combine. Continue simmering and stirring occasionally until the oats absorb almost all of the liquid and the oats are swollen and tender with a bit of chew, about 5 to 15 minutes more. The oatmeal will be thick and creamy and almost pudding like. Serve immediately with fruit compote (recipe below) or cold milk plus brown sugar, maple syrup, honey, or cinnamon.

Serves 4 adults and may be easily multiplied although the toasting and cooking times may need to be increased slightly for desired results.

FRUIT COMPOTE FOR OATMEAL

If you cannot find one or more of these fruits, try your own combination.

1/2 cup dried cranberries
1/2 cup dried apricots, coarsely chopped
1/2 cup dried apples, coarsely chopped
1/4 cup sugar

Combine all ingredients along with 1 1/2 cups water and bring to a simmer. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until the liquid as almost completely absorbed and the fruit is fully hydrated, about 25 minutes.

ROLLED OATS VARIATION

Rolled oats do not have the texture and flavor of steel-cut oats but they do cook in only 5 minutes.

Substitute 2 cups rolled oats for the 1-cup steel cut oats in the above recipe. Increase the butter to 1 1/2 tablespoons. Add the salt along with the oats to the simmering water/milk mixture. Stir frequently and reduce the cooking time to five minutes or until the oatmeal is thick and pudding-like.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> .

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Mail order gardening

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Perched in my window seat, on another bitterly cold winter morning in January, I dream of springtime as I browse through an impressive stack of seed and garden catalogs that have arrived in recent weeks. The colorful photographs and vivid descriptions of gardens and flowers temporarily melt away the wintry images outside my window as I envision the magical rebirth of our landscapes.

My attention is frequently diverted by a constant procession of birds to and from my window feeder. Cardinals and finches perch briefly to feed as they easily crush the husks of sunflower seeds and consume their tender contents. A perky Carolina wren uses its long, curved bill to forage for tiny tidbits left behind. Nuthatches, chickadees and tufted titmice judiciously select choice black kernels to carry off to the nearby shrubbery and peck away at the outer shells to expose the rewards that lie within. Occasionally, a pair of plump, gray squirrels dashes across the frozen, lifeless gardens below chasing one another up and down the nearby dogwood tree, searching in vain for a way to access the feeder.

Despite the unseasonably cold temperatures outside, there are subtle assurances that springtime is on its way. The daylight hours have grown noticeably longer and the sunlight that streams through my windowpanes is remarkably intense and cozy. Earlier this week, I delighted in the sighting of several bluebirds among the branches of an ornamental pear tree, their brilliant blue plumage leaving an indelible image against the backdrop of a snowy landscape. Perhaps the month of February will bring a return to more seasonable temperatures and usher in an early spring.

By day's end, I had compiled a long wish list of new plants, all the while wondering where I would find space to plant even one additional acquisition. Years ago, when I was initially bitten by the gardening bug, my quest for new cultivars and unusual plants necessitated mail order gardening. In recent years, due to the increased popularity in gardening, many local nurseries now feature cutting edge perennials and exotic varieties in addition to a wide selection of reliable old time perennial favorites. Despite this increased availability, however, gardening catalogs still offer the greatest opportunity to view and research new plants. The wonderful world of plant material has exploded with thousands of new cultivars introduced every season thanks to hybridization and international transport of plants from one continent to another. Catalogs, magazines and browsing the Internet offer passionate gardeners invaluable inform! ation and access to an overwhelming assortment of plant material.

Time, money and space then become the critical factors in our pursuit to grow one of every plant on the market. For those who have time to browse through nurseries during the growing season, extensive and diverse collections of plants and shrubs are accessible throughout New England. Homework done during the winter months will often provide a detailed list of desired acquisitions that may reduce the tendency for impulse buying, saving time and money. Unfortunately, many of us have very little leisure time, especially once warmer weather arrives when we turn our attention to working the soil, pulling weeds and maintaining our private greenspaces. The winter months are often less hectic offering more time to research new plants, plan new gardens, and place orders for our selections, which will then be delivered to our doors when springtime arrives.

Through the years, I have purchased plants from an endless number of different sources with varying degrees of satisfaction. Purchasing any product by mail can be a gamble and when dealing with live plants, there can be considerable variability. One distinct advantage to buying plants locally is that you can observe the size and quality of the plant you are purchasing. When acquiring plants through the mail, glorious photographs and glowing descriptions may be irresistible while the delivered products may be only small, shriveled, dormant roots.

Seek recommendations from other gardeners for reliable mail order sources. If you know members of garden clubs or plant societies, they can usually provide great advice. If you are interested in a particular family of plants such as daylilies, iris, or hosta, you may find it best to order from catalogs that specialize in that species.

Should you decide to order from an untried source, place a relatively small order initially. This will enable you to judge the quality of the plants they provide. You can always place a second order if satisfied. Be sure to specify a shipping date so plants arrive at a time when you can deal with them. Avoid delivery dates near to an anticipated vacation, during a time when you expect to be especially busy or when the weather is not suitable for immediate planting. First time buyers should be aware that many mail order plants come "bare root" and require immediate attention.

As the sun set on this clear January afternoon, a spectacular full "Wolf Moon" gradually emerged above the treetops casting a mellow, golden glow across the icy, snow-covered landscape. Despite the frigid weather outside, the arrival of springtime seemed only weeks away, the dormant gardens below brought to life through the glorious pages of colorful catalogs. Browsing through gardening books and magazines during these cold winter months brightens even the dreariest days and helps the winter season pass more quickly.

The flipside of Orleans

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all this music we made way back when the way the audience heard it, without the over-concern for technical perfection we sometimes had back then, and with the loose, open attitude that time affords."

Hall added his recollections regarding the disc's cover of "Trenchtown Rock," one of five tracks recorded in a well-remembered show at Cambridge's Harvard Square Theatre in November, 1975, and which comes close to the reggae genius of Marley's original. He mentioned that at the time Orleans was one of the first American bands to experiment with reggae. Also, that Marley himself was so impressed with Orleans that he asked the band to open for him in his Boston debut with the Wailers at the old Paul's Mall the following year.

Along with Hall, the current Orleans includes two other original members, brothers Larry (guitar, vocals) and Lance (bass) Hoppen, plus keyboardist Bob Leinbach and drummer Peter O'Brien. One more original, drummer/keyboardist Wells Kelly, passed away in 1984.

Orleans also has area shows coming up on Feb. 9 at the Iron Horse in Northampton and on Feb. 13 at Johnny D's in Somerville.

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FOLK LEGEND MELANIE MAKES HER COMPANY THEATRE DEBUT; Feb. 8, Tickets now on sale Now on tour to support her most recent album, "Crazy Love," which features her children - Leilah, Jeordie and Beau Jarred, and a new version of her hit, "Brand New Key" - Melanie will be appearing at The Company Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 8, for one show only. The show time is 8 p.m. The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $28 and all seats are reserved. There are also a limited number of VIP seats available at $50, which includes the best seats and a reception with Melanie. You can also check out the website at www.companytheatre.com.

Thurs. 23

The Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water St., Plymouth, will present **"Explore Your Roots"** on Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. host **genealogist Jack Murray** will offer tips on researching your family tree. For information call 508-591-5007 or 877-500-0050.

The first of three programs on the Iraq crisis, sponsored by the **South Shore Peace Forum**, will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 23, at the Hingham Public Library on Leavitt Street. Excerpts from a filmed lecture by **Scott Ritter**, Chief of the U.N. Arms inspection team in Iraq from 1991 to 1998 will be shown, along with another film, "Hidden Wars of Desert Storm."

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is offering a new series of cooking classes this winter, each at a different cook's house. Each class meets at the Science Center at 9:30 a.m. and carpools to the cook's house for a morning of cooking, coffee and camaraderie. Jan. 23, learn to make Butter Toffee Candy (and how to use a candy thermometer). Each class is $10 members/ $12 non-members, and pre-registration is necessary, as space is very limited. To register, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

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Fri. 24

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. On Jan. 24, **Feelings.** Each event is a celebration of classic and new picture books. Free and open to the public.

Orleans is "Still the One" and they play one show only at the newly renovated, historic landmark, Memorial Hall Performing Arts Center in Plymouth, on Friday, Jan. 24, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Guitarist, Jon PousetteDart will open for the band. Tickets are $25 and $35 and may be purchased by at www.ticketweb.com.

Spiritual and Tarot Readings at **Artful Things Gallery Medium Terry Porter** will be available by appointment for Spiritual and Tarot Readings at the gallery on Friday Jan. 24 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost per 30 minute reading is $30. To arrange an appointment contact Dan Bennett at 781 659 6595. Artful Things Gallery is located at 263 Washington St. (Route 53) in Norwell. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Borders in Kingston will host **Jabe** on Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. Hailing from Boston, **Jabe** is a songwriter who has created a huge fan base throughout New England. A cross between Neil Young and Bruce Springstein. Free and open to the public.

The Teen Conservatory Program of The Company Theatre in Norwell, is proud to present smash musical **Fame**. **Fame** was a movie and TV Series phenomenon and now is a smash hit stage sensation. This is an inspiring story about a diverse group of student performers working their way through four challenging years at New York's High School of Performing Arts. With humor and insight, the show explores many teen issues—self-worth, identity, perseverance-as well as the passion to perform. Performances are Friday, Jan. 24, and Saturday, Jan. 25, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m. Tickets, priced at $12 are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit the website at www.companytheatre.com.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Jan. 24, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth presents its dinner theater series. On Jan. 24, **Comedy Improve Night**, talented improve troupe from Boston. Dinner buffet and show $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Call 508-746-7100. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. overnight dinner-theater packages starting at $93 per person double occupancy. Packages include dinner, show and room.

Sat. 25

Mass Audubon South Shore Sanctuaries presents **Winter Birding Along the Coast** – Jan. 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Transportation provided. Departing from the South Shore Regional Office in Marshfield to observe coastal birds in Marshfield, North Scituate and Cohasset. Bring lunch, binoculars and dress in warm clothing from head to toe. Cost. $10m/$13nm. Call 781-837-9400 ext 7903 for information.

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Winter Tag Sale – Scituate High School students will hold a tag sale on Jan. 25, at Jenkins School.

The Mar-Vista Players in a **Scottish Mystery Theater Dinner** on Jan. 25, at 6 p.m. at Mar-Vista,1227 South River St., Marshfield. $50/person $90/couple. Call 781-834-2881 for information or visit www.mar-vista.com

Benefit Swing Concert – **George Scharr** and the **Symphony Swing Band** of the **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra** play big band arrangements for dancing and listening. Jazz vocalist **Rebacca Parris** will sing selections from her CD **My Foolish Heart** on Jan. 25, at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall, 16 Court St., Plymouth. Tables of eight are $400; reserved first tier seating $35; general admission second tier seats are $25 and may be purchased at the box office at 16 Court St., or by calling 508-746-8008.Fully handicap accessible. Refreshments available.

Woody's Pub 53, 1284 Washington St., Weymouth. **The New Blue Revue** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Every Saturday, Jan. 25. For information call 781-340-6666.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **The Tom Glenn Trio.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Mamma Mia! returns to the Colonial Theatre Jan. 25 to March 16. The infectious and funny production featuring 22 of ABBA's best known songs. "MAMMA MIA" previously played at the Colonial Theatre in 2001 for 12 weeks playing to sold-out houses and breaking box office records. Prices are $87 to $27. For more information call 617-426-9366. Tickets may be purchased through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or ticketmaster.com.

Sun. 26

Mass Audubon South Shore Sanctuaries presents **The Nature of North Hill Wildlife Sanctuary in Duxbury** – Jan. 26, 1 to 3 p.m. Join naturalists on exploratory walks which will focus on looking for signs of animal activity, observing wildlife and becoming familiar with local flora and fauna. Fee: $3/5. Call 781-837-9400 ext 7903 for information.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forums – White House Photographers. Join award-winning White House photographers Cecil Stoughton, David Hume Kennerly and Diana Walker as they discuss photographing Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Bush, and their families and administrations on Jan. 26, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. NPR special correspondent Susan Stamberg will moderate this unique discussion, which includes a slide presentation of memorable and poignant photos taken at the White House over the eyars. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations and information call 617-514-1643.

The Old Ship Church Candlelight Concert Series 30th Anniversary Season featuring **Orianna Consort,** Choral Music For Our Time. Concerts begin at 4 p.m. All invited. Free admission. Old Ship Church is located at 107 Mina St., Hingham. For more information call 781-749-1679.

42nd Street coming to Boston Jan. 21-26 Tickets on sale at The Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont St. or by calling 800-447-7400.

Mon. 27

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 28

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

Brant Rock Chapel Civic Association – Make a Difference in Brant Rock meeting Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. at the Brant Rock Chapel. All welcome.

The Exonerated Jan. 21 to Feb. 2, at the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont St,. Boston, starring Brian Dennehy and Marlo Thomas. Tickets for the limited

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16 performance engagement went on sale Dec. 20 and may be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, or www.ticketmaster.com or the box office at the Wilbur Theatre and The Colonial Theatre box office, 106 Boylston St.

Annie returns to the Wang Theatre for a one week engagement. Jan. 28 through Feb. 2. Tickets on sale at the Wang Theatre Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston online at www.wangcenter.org or by calling Telecharge.com at 1-800-447-7400.

The Mail Intellect: an oxymoron? Staring Robert Dubac. This one-man show pinpoints the differences between the sexes in the multi-character comedy playing at the Shubert Theatre for a limited engagement beginning Jan. 28 to Feb. 9. Tickets on sale by calling 800-447-7400 or Shubert Theatre Box Office, 265 Tremont St., Boston.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Jan. 28 and 29, Meritage Madness – A panel of experts will lead you in a bind tasting of eight Meritage wines from one of the top vintages, the 1997 vintage complimented by Chef Bruce's four-course dinner. Dinner 7 p.m. The Atlantic Room, $195. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, Blue Jam with **Carriera**.

Wed. 29

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. On Jan. 29, **Trains.** Each event is a celebration of classic and new picture books. Free and open to the public.

The Garden Club of Hingham and the Hingham Historical Society jointly present a talk and slide presentation by **Anthony Sammarco** on the "Hingham involvement" of the development of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society: Jan. 22, 1 p.m., Whiton Room at the Hingham Public Library. Public invited.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. will sponsor Patricia Boyle, Ph.D as she present s **"Providing Care for Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease: What Caregivers Need to Know"** on Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham. For more information call 781-749-5417 or 781-740-2426. Complimentary respite care for your patient may be arranged by calling Gervaise Haley at Harbor House at 781-749-4774 by 3 p.m. on Jan. 22.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening lectures ending March 26. On Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Science Center, Norwell, **The Blizzard of '78 Revisted: 25 Years Later.** A presentation about how the storm evolved, as well as the aftermath, will be given by Eleanor Vallier-Talbot, who currently serves as meteorologist and outreach coordinator for the national Weather Service in Taunton. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

Thurs. 30

Bruce C. Soderholm, senior vice president of operations at Talbots, will be the next speaker at the **Plymouth County Development Council's Business Forum**, which allows executives of locally based companies to share their successes and discuss new ideas for improving their businesses. The luncheon, moderated by PCDC President **Jack Meehl** of **Abington Savings Bank**, will begin at noon on Jan. 30, at the Fireside Grill in Middleboro.

Cataloni's Cat's Blues Club, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. Every Thursday night **New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam party** hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano,** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover, handicap accessible, casual dress. Jan. 30. Call 781-878-0834 for more information.

Fri. 31

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. On Jan. 29, **Trucks.** Each event is a celebration of classic and new picture books. Free and open to the public.

Solid Gold Oldies II at **Quincy Dinner Theater**, all new 50s and 60s review. Motown, Doo Wop, comedy. Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 31, Feb. 1-2, 8-9, 14-16. Dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday matinees, dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. Valentine's Day gifts and champagne for all ladies. Tickets $37.50 for dinner and how, $20 show only. Group discounts available. For reservations and information, call 781-843-5862. Chairlift available for handicapped.

Second Annual Stray Cat Blues featuring **The James Montgomery Blues Band** will be appearing at **Handlebar Harry's** in Plymouth on Jan. 31, to benefit the Friends of the Plymouth Pound's dog and cat rescue programs. Doors open at 8 p.m. Advance tickets available at Handlebar Harry's, Manomet Animal Hospital and Parker's Liquors in Hyannis. $15 per person. For information call 508-224-6651.

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth presents its dinner theater series. On Jan. 31, **Joey Canzano's Man of Many Voices** – talented performance to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and more. Dinner buffet and show $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Call 508-746-7100. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. overnight dinner-theater packages starting at $93 per person double occupancy. Packages include dinner, show and room.

Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell presents **Jumpin' Juba** Jan. 31, at 9 p.m. Call 781-659-0050 for more information.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Good Friends.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

BEST BET

"FAME,The Musical," will be presented by the Teen Conservatory Program of The Company Theatre Friday, Jan. 24 (8pm), Saturday, Jan. 25 (8pm), and Sunday, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

This is a great day to handle projects that are overdue and cluttering up your work area. Finish old business, fulfill responsibilities. Get your ducks in line so that you can launch important ventures in a few days. At 4:34 a.m. the Virgo moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive until 4:23 p.m., when it enters Libra. The big news today is that Mercury turns direct at 8:08 p.m., 12-degrees Capricorn. The next Mercury retrograde period will occur April 26-May 20.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

The moon travels in social Libra today and tomorrow. However, Venus, the planetary ruler of Libra, prepares to form stressful contacts to Pluto and Saturn in the next few days. That means that this is not an ideal time for making major financial decisions or purchases. Relationship issues may also surface and become top priority in this period. Be willing to compromise; you can work out conflicts and strengthen key partnerships.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The Libra moon continues active travel until 2:48 p.m., when it aligns with Uranus. Instead of trying to change others or transform situations, this is a time to look within, take responsibility, change your thinking. The moon enters Scorpio at 7:09 p.m. Feelings and emotions run deep. If there has been friction building, this is a time when the truth may surface.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

The planetary patterns occurring in the past few days continue. An alignment of Venus-Pluto takes the spotlight. It has particular strength in this period because Venus rules Libra and Pluto rules Scorpio. Today the moon travels in Scorpio, the sign that is most concerned with emotional truth and transformation. Spend time alone; slow down, reconsider, think things throughpeace and vision.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

This is not a typical lazy, laid-back Sunday. An alignment of the sun and Mars generates ambition, high energy, and a Scorpio moon continues to evoke a passionate mood. It is best to stay busy with practical projects. Influences are prime for working out glitches, fixing things, figuring out puzzles, problem-solving. At 6:14 p.m. the moon becomes inactive, when it aligns with Uranus. Relief arrives at 10:26 p.m., when the moon enters cheerful Sagittarius.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

The Sagittarius moon and Mars conjoin this morning, warning you to slow down and give greater attention to details, accuracy. Fortunately, this influence passes over quickly, and the afternoon and evening rate high. This is a day to keep things light, be more playful, enjoy the moment. The moon forms harmonious contacts to Neptune and Jupiter, prompting you to explore new options, make long-range plans, set goals.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Conflicting planetary influences can make for a difficult day. Although the moon travels in adventurous Sagittarius, it forms challenging contacts to Pluto in the morning and Saturn in the afternoon. In addition, a polarity of Venus and Saturn occurs this evening. You may be forced to confront the realities of a financial or relationship matter. Listen to the voice of reason and do what your conscience tells you. Be more diplomatic; careless, insensitive remarks may come back to haunt you. The Sagittarius moon aligns with Uranus at 10:26 p.m., and becomes inactive.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

The moon enters Capricorn at 2:30 a.m. setting the stage for a 'get things done' kind of day. Roll up your sleeves and take on a big work project. It is okay to initiate new activities. However, it is best to postpone launching major ventures until next week, after the new moon occurs. Zero in on responsibilities you have taken on or promises you have made and follow through.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

At 5:34 a.m. the Capricorn moon aligns with Mercury and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. Tackle jobs you have been putting off and get them out of the way. Don't be a procrastinator. You can be most productive, if you have a clear plan of action and stick to it. An alignment of the sun and Neptune also affects this day. It prompts you to take quiet time out for yourself. Instead of numbing out with escapes through the path of least resistance, do some serious soul-searching. Reflect on and learn from past experiences. Let go of recent hurts, traumas. Explore your options and set new goals.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

The final stage toward a new moon begins at 7:44 a.m., when the moon enters Aquarius. This is a day to finish projects already begun, clean and reorganize, clear the way for new activities. On a personal level, the dark side of a new moon brings an opportunity to shed emotional baggage, free yourself from self-defeating ideas, behaviors, patterns. Important insights and inspirations will come, if you have quiet space and time to listen.

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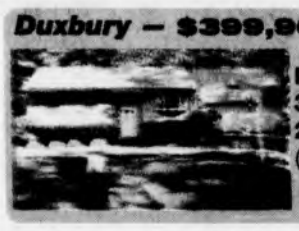
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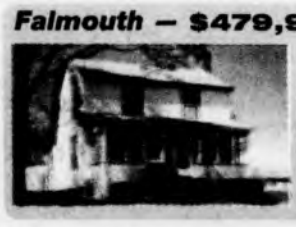
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A lawyer for embattled homeowner Phil Ayer has asked Building Inspector Bob Egan to rule on at least six houses that apparently violate the same zoning bylaw as Ayer's home at 3 Jerusalem Lane.

Egan could not say Tuesday how he would handle the request, which asks him to strip two homes of their building permits and rescind certificates of occupancy from at least four others, plus act on any additional homes built under circumstances similar to Ayer's in the last six years.

Ayer also took his case to the streets, literally – by staging a "civil rights" rally on the Town Common last Friday.

The Zoning Board of Appeals found two weeks ago that Ayer's home, which is 80 percent complete, should not have been granted a building permit because it's on an undersized

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Phil Ayer, owner of 3 Jerusalem Lane, is flanked by loyal supporters who braved Friday's frigid temperatures on the town common to rally around his cause.

Race takes shape

Three may seek selectman seat

By John Camera
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The race for a single seat on the Board of Selectmen suddenly has all the elements that make for an exciting election.

There's the incumbent, Michael Sullivan, who decided Friday he would run for his fourth term on the board.

There's the challenger, Roger Hill, who lost to two incumbents in the last election by not much more than 100 votes.

And there's the newcomer, Gabriel Gomez, who moved to Cohasset in April of 2001.

Sullivan, who was initially unsure if he would run for another term, said he felt "an obligation to stay involved and not walk away" from the town's fiscal situation.

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Voters say no

Wires to stay above ground

By John Camera
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The poles and utility wires in Cohasset Village are here to stay.

A debt exclusion override to pay for burying the wires lost in a special election Saturday by 380 votes. The final vote was 370 in favor, 750 opposed, and 4 blank.

Turnout at the election was 22 percent, with 1,124 of the town's 5158 registered voters making it to the polls. Town Clerk Marion Douglas said she had expected a 25 percent turnout.

Burying the wires was expected to cost $800,000. If donations from business owners had reached the goal of $150,000, the cost of the project for the average taxpayer (owner of a $575,500 home) would have been $49.51 per year for five years.

Selectman Merle Brown, who was opposed to the override, said now was just not the time. "People just can't afford to keep going on overrides," he said. "We've got a big override on the budget coming up. Even though it would have been nice to be done and it's a great opportunity, people just can't afford it."

Burying the wires would have coincided with other improvements to sidewalks and streets in the downtown area. Those projects, set to

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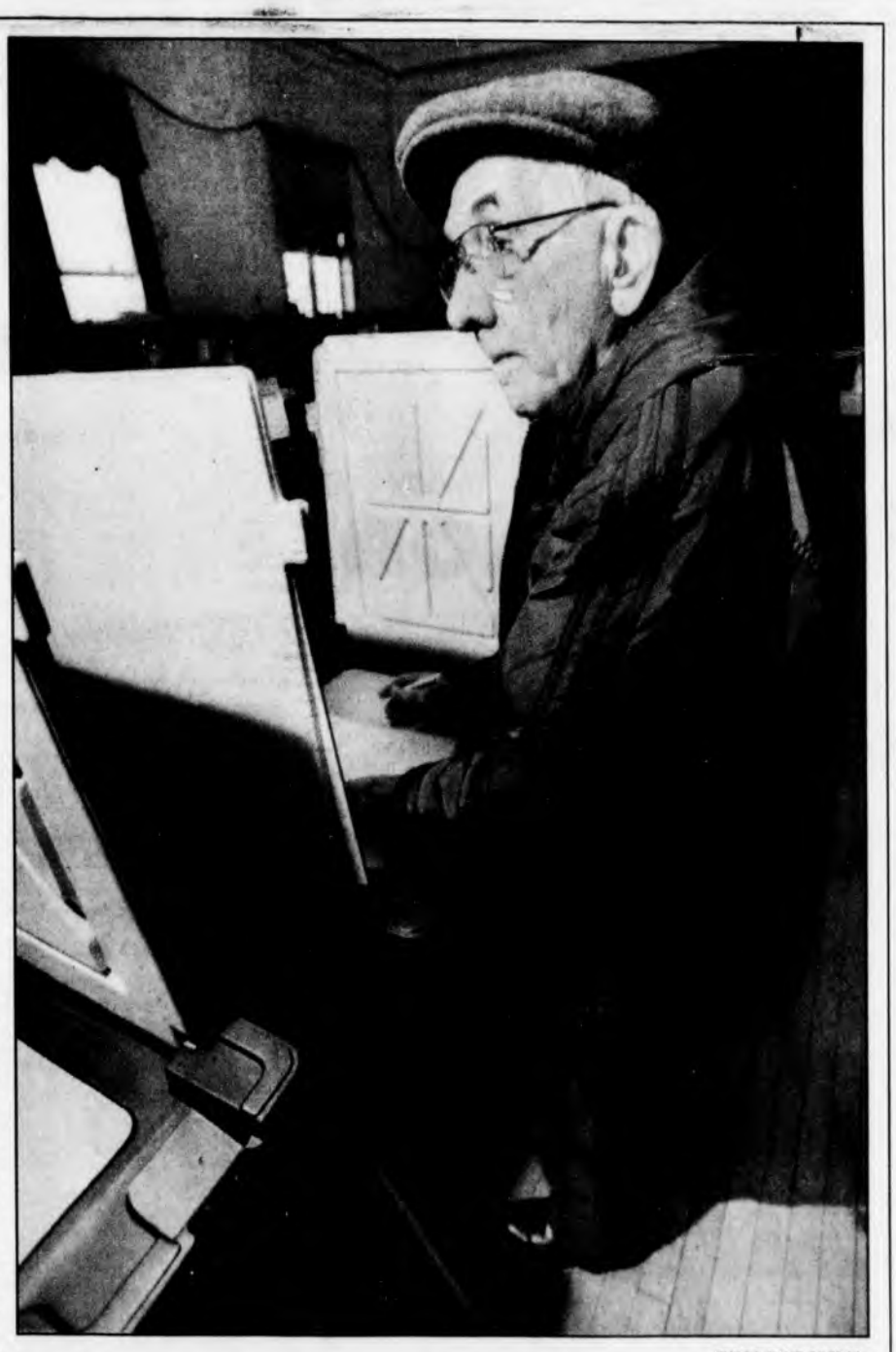

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Edwin Pratt was one of just 22 percent of Cohasset voters, who cast ballots Saturday.

School budget is balancing act

Board grapples with cuts, layoffs

By John Camera
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The School Committee began working towards balancing the school budget for fiscal year 2004 last Thursday, but any final decisions on program cuts or potential layoffs remain to be made.

The school budget will rely upon the approval of a $485,000 general override that will go before Town Meeting in March and the voters at the polls April 5.

Because the state will cut local aid by 10 to 20 percent, Town Manager Mark Haddad has asked the School Committee to plan for a 4 percent increase in funding next fiscal year, down from the 6 percent increase that was expected.

The reduced figure means funding will only grow by about $434,000, while possible increases in school expenses amount to about $743,000.

"In essence we would be taking one step forward and two steps backward in what we were doing here in the schools," Supt. Ed Malvey said.

Malvey said schools will have to pay about $31,000 next year in sewer costs that were previously picked up by the town. He is also budgeting for an additional $26,000 in utility costs because schools overran the budgeted amount by that much

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Board questions jet noise impact

By John Camera
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Has Massport been lying about how much noise is created by planes flying over Cohasset?

Selectmen aren't sure, but they are going to extra lengths to find out.

Ralph Dormitzer, a Logan runway opponent, gave an update to the Board of Selectmen this week and said that no hard data had been turned over from a town-requested noise monitor on King Street. Moreover, Dormitzer said, the Massport official who verbally reported the data to him had continually changed his story.

The monitor was in place for a six-week period during April and May last year.

Dormitzer said a Massport official told him in late August the monitor picked up a continuous average noise level of 60 decibels. Later, the official said the figure was actually 58 decibels, and in late November, he said it was only 53 decibels.

Selectmen are now going to attempt to acquire a copy of the raw data from the monitor through the Freedom of Information Act. They are also

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, Jan. 22:

Board of Assessors, Feb. 4 at 4 p.m.
Community Preservation Committee, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m.
Harbor Committee, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board, Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Recycling Committee, Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. at the DPW Garage
School Committee, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. at the High School Library
Selectmen, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m.
Water Commission, Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. at 339 King St.
Zoning Board of Appeals, (Avalon) Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m., (Avalon) Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Water article would protect Zone A area

The Water Commission has proposed a Warrant Article for the March 29 Annual Town Meeting to protect the Zone A area around the town's water supply.

"This article would protect the Zone A area, the area of land 400 feet from Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir and 200 feet from tributaries such as Peppermint Brook and Brass Kettle Brook," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission.

"This Article is needed to better protect the public water supply, to comply with state regulations, and is recommended by our recently completed Surface Water Supply Protection Plan," McNabb said. "The article would prohibit a number of known hazardous land uses from the Zone A area, including underground storage tanks, storage of liquid hazardous waste, treatment of hazardous waste, uncovered storage of fertilizers, cemeteries, and solid waste handling facilities."

The Water Commission also has proposed three other Warrant Articles One article would authorize the borrowing of $2.4 million, without raising water rates, to continue the Water Commission's aggressive water system improvements program, McNabb said. The other two would establish the Water Department as an Enterprise Fund and would release easements not needed any more by the Water Department because new water mains that have been installed.

Field Trip approved

Cohasset eighth-graders will take a field trip to New York City on June 5. The one-day trip will focus on the causes and impact of the wave of immigration from Northern Europe to the United States in the mid-19th century. Students will visit the United Nations, Ellis Island and the South Street Seaport. They will examine issue such as settlement and diversity, economic reasoning, principals and practices of American government and citizenship. The School Committee approved the field trip last week.

Library festivities are announced

The Library Building Committee will host a celebration for donors on March 1 at the new library in the old Osgood School. About 450 donors pledged more than $1,100,000 to the library, payable over three years. The opening ceremony for the library, to which the entire town is invited, will be March 2.

Protecting CPC funds

Selectman Tom Callahan, on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee, has asked residents to resist efforts by the state to raid funding from the Community Preservation Act to help balance the budget. Two bills in the state legislature have proposed the idea. One would take directly money from the towns who have adopted the act, and another would tap the matching funds that the state has pledged to those towns.

The Board of Selectmen encouraged residents at its last meeting to write local legislators, particularly state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, who is sponsoring the bill to raid towns' funds. Under the Community Preservation Act, Cohasset residents pay a 1.5 percent real estate tax surcharge, which is matched by the state and then set aside for certain community improvements.

Open burning season begins

Cohasset residents may obtain permits on a daily basis from through May 1, for open burning. Permits may be obtained by calling the Fire Department Dispatch, Center at 781-383-0260 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Permits are valid for one day only.

Burning may be conducted during periods of good atmospheric ventilation and must not cause a nuisance. Adverse weather conditions (wind and drought) will impact permit issuance. Burning hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on days permits are issued. Decisions to issue permits are made daily at 9 a.m. Persons calling for permits before that hour will be advised to call back.

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Deer Hill name

The School Committee will discuss the idea of changing the name of the Deer Hill School at its meeting, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library. The committee has received a proposal from Ed Goff of Ledgewood Drive to name the school after William Ripley, the longtime superintendant, teacher, and coach. "We really do think this is important and we encourage people to give us feedback," committee member Mark DeGiacomo said.

One problem with renaming the school is that its current name was scheduled to be painted on the gym floor this Tuesday, then covered with two layers of polyurathane. School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said no name would be painted for now.

Selectmen to name two CPC members

Selectmen will appoint two new members to the Community Preservation Committee at their meeting on Feb. 11. One seat to be filled is the Housing Authority's representative to the committee, and another is the at-large seat that was vacated when David McMorris resigned from the committee.

Richard Silvia, whom the CPC had endorsed for the at-large position, has withdrawn from consideration. For that seat, Selectmen will now decide between a candidate from the Senior Housing Committee, Margy Charles, a candidate newly endorsed by the CPC, Tom Greco, and three additional candidates.

Circulating all building permits

The Planning Board has drafted a warrant article for Town Meeting that would require circulation of all building permits to town officials before they are approved. The idea behind the move, which is seemingly in response to the case at 3 Jerusalem Lane, would be to prevent any potential conflicts seen in the permit.

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ZBA zeroes in on Avalon driveway, traffic impacts

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Consultants say vehicular traffic generated from AvalonBay, a 200-unit apartment complex proposed off Route 3A, won't appreciably add to the volume along the congested state highway.

However, it will have an affect on the time it takes for cars entering the highly traveled road from Sohier and lower King streets during peak times. But according to reports presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals, those intersections are already failing by state standards, which rate corners on the time it takes for cars to find an adequate traffic gap to make the turn.

The ZBA asked its consultant and Avalon to look at lower King and Sohier street impacts as part of the ZBA's on-going hearing on plans for the development, which is applying for a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law. Under 40B, a developer can skirt most of a municipality's zoning regulations in exchange for providing a percentage of affordable housing.

The good news, according to the traffic consultants, is the MBTA plans to install traffic lights at 3A's intersections with Sohier and King streets, as part of the Greenbush railroad project.

However, the irony was not lost on at least one member of the ZBA, who noted three signals within a short distance — including the existing light at Stop & Shop — would cause traffic delays on 3A.

"Three lights within a short distance?" ZBA member Barbara Power asked.

"Yes," replied Avalon traffic consultant Rick Bryant of Rizzo Associates.

The discussion was part of an overview of traffic flow and impacts — to, from and within the apartment complex — which is being proposed for the 62-acre former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor site across from Atlantic Bagel.

Avalon has offered to widen the driveway entrance-exit, including the addition of a center island. The island would be constructed so large trucks, such as moving vans, could ride over it when negotiating the turn from 3A.

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Also of concern to the ZBA is how a proposed 3A left-turning lane into the Avalon driveway would be configured. The three options on the table include: doing nothing, which would force northbound vehicles traveling around a car making a left-turn onto the right shoulder; creating a dedicated left-turn lane; or creating a bypass lane, so vehicles can pass on the right or continue straight ahead if there is no car making a left.

Bryant explained that MassHighway would have the final say on any changes. He said the right-of-way along 3A is 70 feet wide, and the pavement is only about 40 feet wide, so no land takings would be necessary if the road had to be widened some four-to-six feet to accommodate another lane at that location.

But landlord Roger Hill, who owns the popular strip mall directly across the street that includes Atlantic Bagel, Good Sport and Hancock Paint, says regardless of lane configurations — Avalon traffic is going to wreak havoc at that site.

Hill noted the bagel shop does its highest volume during rush hour from 6-9 a.m., when Avalon traffic would be at its peak. He explained existing traffic creates "a constant conflict" at that location during that time of day.

There was also considerable discussion about the importance of having a second access for emergency vehicles only to the Avalon site. Scott Dale, vice president of development, said Avalon was talking to MassHighway about an access through its property off Crocker Lane. He explained while a second access is desirable and Avalon would pursue negotiations with the MassHighway, it is not critical. He cited Avalon Ledges in Weymouth that has 304 units and only one access, as an example.

Avalon is resisting further reducing the grade of the proposed main driveway from 8 to 6 percent, as suggested, because it would involve lengthening and pushing the driveway out to the perimeter of the site. Doing so would involve disturbing woodlands and possibly meadows, depending on the location. It would also involve cutting into the slope and creating a large retaining wall.

The ZBA took the traffic issues under advisement. At Monday's continued hearing with Avalon, the issues relating to wastewater and storm water will be the focus of discussion.

Army Corps to host Feb. 5 train meeting in Hingham

By James Russell
CORRESPONDENT

The Army Corps of Engineers has scheduled a public meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. in the Hingham Town Hall to discuss with MBTA officials, town leaders and residents of the five Greenbush communities the seven unresolved issues contained in the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, according to Army Corps spokesman Timothy Dugan.

Section 106, part of the United States Historic Preservation Act, requires the MBTA to "avoid, minimize or mitigate effects of the rail infrastructure and operations" regarding "affected historic properties," according to section I of the Agreement.

The bulk of the meeting is expected to focus on two issues, said Dugan: grade crossings in all five towns, i.e., whether the MBTA will use 2-quadrant gates with median barriers or 4-quardrant gates, and historic, aquatic and archeological resources germane to Weymouth Landing.

The five other unresolved issues noted in section IX of the agreement are: final location of the Greenbush Line terminus and layover in Scituate; design of the Route 3A/Driftway roundabout intersection in Scituate; design of the crossing at Rocky Lane in Cohasset; design of several roadways and crossings in Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate; and measures to resolve adverse effects at the Cohasset Railroad Roundhouse Site

The MBTA cannot build Greenbush without the Section 404/ Section10 permit.

In another matter, Dugan said the comment period has been extended to Feb. 19 regarding the MBTA's December filing with the Corps for a Section 404 and Section 10 federal permit.

"The application for the federal permit was filed with the Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which regulates the discharge of dredged or fill material in U.S. waters, and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, which provides for federal regulation of any work in, or affecting navigable waters of the United States," said Dugan.

"Total permanent and temporary wetlands and waterway impacts within Corps jurisdiction of the proposed work include 3.41 acres of permanent impact to wetlands, 4.02 acres of temporary impacts to wetlands, 0.082 acres of permanent impact to waterways, and 0.30 acres of temporary impacts to waterways."

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Written statements referencing this permit application (file # 1997-00680) should be forwarded to Theodore M. Lento, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751. Questions and additional information are available from Lento via e-mail: Theodore.m.lento@usace.army.mil, according to Dugan.

Community urged to give blood Feb. 5

The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, Feb. 5. The Blood Drive will be at St. Anthony Parish Center at the corner of South Main and Summer streets from 1:30-7:30 p.m. Babysitting will be provided from 3- 5 p.m. Ample parking is available.

The American Red Cross is asking all eligible blood donors in the Cohasset area to give blood when the bloodmobile comes to Cohasset.

"Only five out of every 100 people give blood, and the number of new donors decreased dramatically last year," says Cathy Pray of the Red Cross. "First-time donors are urgently needed to replace donors who have moved away or become ineligible to donate."

The best way to give blood for the first time is to come with a friend who is experienced in the donation process. New donors usually find the procedure easy and painless and most come back regularly to donate.

"The biggest obstacle seems to be overcoming that initial fear," Pray said. "That's why we're counting on our regular donors to help by bringing a friend to this blood drive."

The Red Cross area community of which Cohasset is a part requires more than 1,600 pints of blood per day to meet usual demand for blood and blood products.

This Blood Drive is in honor of Charlotte Karol, a young student at the Hatherly School in Scituate who has shown great courage during treatment and recent surgery for removal of a cancerous tumor at Children's Hospital. Her parents, Franny and Bernie, ask folks to please donate blood so others will have a supply available when needed.

Most people can give blood through the American Red Cross. Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good health and weigh over 110 pounds. In most cases, donors may give if they are on medication, but should know the names of these medications.

The Red Cross always counts on a good turnout when it visits Cohasset so please respond, if possible, when a volunteer from one of the church, civic, corporate or social organizations calls. New donors are welcome and especially needed. To register and make an appointment for donating at a specific time or if you have any questions, please call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 781-383-1290. You can also call the Red Cross at 1-800-448-3543.

Salt marsh restoration begins at World's End

The Trustees of Reservations will begin restoration work at Damde Meadows in World's End in late January. The work will restore the 14-acre brackish pond and marsh, located near the reservation's entrance, into a healthy New England salt marsh that will enhance biological diversity, water quality, and scenery at the reservation. A pair of a 4 ft. by 8 ft. box culverts will be installed in each of two dikes located between Martins Cove and Damde Meadows. The culverts will re-establish tidal exchange within Damde Meadows, which will promote the gradual re-establishment of native salt marsh grasses. Work will be constrained by high tides but is expected to last at least one month, though seeding the work area and other tasks will wait until spring. World's End will remain open during construction, but visitor access via the Martins Cove dikes will be limited.

"The project is an exceptional opportunity for visitors to learn about salt marshes, including the long history of human use and today's efforts to restore these highly valuable ecological systems," said Trustees Ecologist Andy Walsh. Efforts by early colonists and subsequent generations to drain Damde Meadows in order to grow hay interrupted the tidal flow and created a shallow, open water body surrounded by stands of non-native common reed (*Phragmites*) that provide little value for wildlife.

The project is being conducted in association with the Massachusetts Wetlands Restoration Program of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the Massachusetts Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership, and Coastal America. Financial support for the project comes from public and private sector entities, as well as private donors and grant funding. The Trustees will host fundraising events to raise additional money for the project.

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Ground swell votes no on village wires project

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begin in early summer, are funded by $2.7 million in grants from the state and the MBTA.

Dean Rizzo, director of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, said he was surprised the override didn't pass. "I knew it was a tough economic climate to put forward an initiative like this but I was hoping folks could look forward to the future," he said. "It's a short term investment and a long term return."

Rizzo said he and Hubert van der Lugt, owner of Hub Shipping, had raised about $120,000 for the project from village business owners, with more donations likely if the override was approved. The majority of the donated money came from Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn, who had pledged $100,000.

Rizzo said chances were slim that businesses could now raise enough money to fund the project completely. "I think it's unfair to expect a small group of businesses in the village to raise that type of money," he said, adding that if the town came up with a more realistic, "magic number" amount for them to raise, it may be possible.

Because the utility poles will remain, Rizzo said, the design of village improvements will be affected. "Now you're lighting is dictated by where the current poles are," he said. "It dramatically affects how the lighting will look. You no longer have the option to do the decorative lighting spaced evenly throughout the sidewalk."

Rizzo said the project of burying the wires would be would more than twice as expensive to do in the future.

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Poll workers Jean Thompson, left, and Devon Noonan sit at the registration desk while they wait for voters in Saturday's debt exclusion election to pay for burying utility wires in the village.

Three may seek seat on the Board of Selectmen

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"I think we have to look closely at the budget and continue to cut where we can," he said. "We'll try and cut it as far as we can without reducing services dramatically."

In his nine years as a selectman, Sullivan has worked on initiatives concerning the sewer system, the town water supply, the library, the DPW, and the schools. One of his strengths, he said, has been "justifying any new expenses we take on."

Sullivan, who runs an executive search business in Hingham, said he wants to monitor the beginning phases of Greenbush construction and make sure the railroad is built with "as little adverse impact to the town as possible." He said developing low-income senior housing and making sure the state follows through on its share of payments for the town's school projects were also important.

Gomez, who took out nomination papers this week, lives on Highland Avenue with his wife and three children. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1987 and spent eight years in the Navy as a pilot and a SEAL commander. He graduated Harvard Business School in 1997, and now works for a venture capital firm in Boston.

Gomez wouldn't comment on any issues yet, but said he looked forward to the opportunity to participate in town government. "I've got three young kids. We're going to raise them in Cohasset, and I want to be able to make an impact on the town," he said.

Potential candidates for elected town offices have until Feb. 18 to secure 50 signatures from registered voters to make them eligible for the April 5 election.

Seats up for election include:

- Board of Selectmen. Michael Sullivan will seek reelection. Roger Hill and Gabriel Gomez have taken out papers for Sullivan's seat;
- Board of Assessors. Michael Patrolia, who is running for re-election;
- Board of Trustees for the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Agnes McCann, Patience Towle and Carol Riley, who will all run for re-election;
- Board of Health. Margaret Chapman will seek re-election;
- Planning Board. Robert H. Sturdy will seek re-election;
- Recreation Commission. Richard Barrow will seek re-election;
- School Committee. Rick Flynn and Chartis Tebbetts will both seek re-election;
- Sewer Commission. Gary Vanderweil will not seek re-election. John Beck is running.
- The Water Commission. John McNabb will seek another term.

Nomination papers available at Town Hall

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2003 are available at the Town Clerk's Office. In order to hold elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions will be available for the 2003 Town Election:

- Selectmen — *one* for three years
- School Committee — *two* for three years
- Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library — *three* for three years
- Assessor — *one* for three years
- Board of Health — *one* for three years
- Planning Board — *one* for five years
- Recreation Commission — *one* for five years
- Sewer Commission — *one* for three years
- Water Commission — *one* for three years.

Friday, March 7 is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting, Saturday, March 29, and for the Annual Town Election, Saturday, April 5.

Town Census for 2003

The Town Census for 2003 has been mailed to each household. The local census is primarily used to maintain voting and jury lists but it also aids in school enrollment projections, public safety and senior citizens' needs. The local census also establishes proof of residency which is often needed for certain privileges, such as transfer station stickers and cemetery rights, certain benefits for veterans, and reduced-tuition rates at state colleges and universities.

Dog forms are on a tear-off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2003. Forms need to be returned as soon as possible, although you may have recently renewed your 2002 license.

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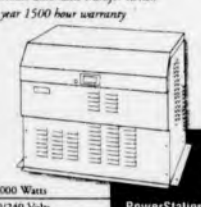

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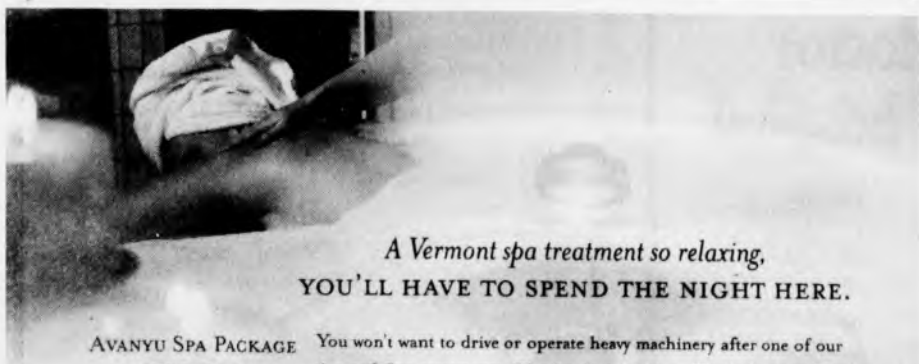

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Ayer says others are in the same boat

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lot. The board has said Ayer must apply for a special permit to complete the home according to original plans.

While Ayer and his lawyer, Roberta Sawyer, appeal the ZBA's decision and apply for that permit, they are asking that other homes built under similar circumstances are treated equally by the town.

The specific homes in question are at 575 Jerusalem Road, 396 Jerusalem Road, 414 North Main St., 147 Beechwood St., 22 Norfolk Road and 7 Lothrop Lane.

Egan said the homes were the "same cases" as 3 Jerusalem Lane, but added he would need to consult with Town Counsel before issuing a decision on the matter. Sawyer filed the request two weeks ago, and Egan had until today to take action. He said he may simply not rule on the case at all and allow it to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Chairman Woody Chittick said the Zoning Board of Appeals would not consult with Egan on the decision because it would prevent the board from being objective in the event of an appeal.

"I do share his feeling that there's been an injustice and this is all after the fact."

— Chris Ford, owner of 575 Jerusalem Road

The only difference between Ayer's home and others under question may be that Ayer's neighbors have complained more. The building permits for the other homes were never appealed to the Zoning Board.

One of the homes, at 575 Jerusalem Road, is owned by Chris Ford, a member of the Planning Board. "I understand that why (Ayer) would say, 'Gee if you're going to question my home, why not question all the others in town that are like it?,'" Ford said. "I do share his feeling that there's been an injustice and this is all after the fact."

If Ford and other owners are asked to apply for a special permit, it is likely Ayer's home would still receive the most disapproval from neighbors. Ayer's neighbors are prepared to argue that his home is "detrimental to the neighborhood" in a public hearing that would be part of the special permit process.

According to a letter to the Cohasset Mariner, the neighbors say the home, which measures about 5,000 square feet and replaced a 1,800 square-foot ranch, is not "consistent with the character and the scale of the neighborhood" and will result in a devaluation of their properties. Whether that is enough for the Zoning Board to deny Ayer a special permit remains unclear.

Neighbors also say they are skeptical that Ayer has any long-term plans of living in the home. Ayer admits he developed, lived in and then sold three homes on Cedar Street in Cohasset, but says he was originally planning on living in the Jerusalem Lane house for many years. He said he may reconsider that, given the current situation with the neighbors.

Ayer is now involved in a separate battle with John Daly of 322 Jerusalem Road, who is also an opposing neighbor. Ayer's lawyer has asked the building inspector to require Daly to seek a special permit for a roof deck he is allegedly building, but Egan said Tuesday he had not yet looked into the matter.

Aside from seeking legal avenues, Ayer's response to the Zoning Board's decision has been to alert the media and other residents to his situation.

Last Friday morning, Ayer led a rally on Cohasset Common, a day after taking out a full page ad in the Cohasset Mariner claiming his "civil liberties" has been violated and asking residents to call the Selectmen. About 25 friends and co-workers from Scituate, Cohasset and other South Shore towns joined Ayer and his wife, Mary Anne, in protesting the ZBA's decision.

With the wind chill dipping into single digits, demonstrators lined both sides of North Main Street, waving American flags and directing signs at passing cars. "Civil rights violation," one sign warned. "Equal treatment for all," another proclaimed. "3 Jerusalem Lane, We will never forget," a third said.

"Who has their home taken away from them when it's 80 percent built?" asked Mary Anne Ayer. "It's a disturbing thing for the whole family to see this kind of unfair treatment, to have this amount of insecurity. A home is the most secure thing you have. Without a home, what do you have?"

Beth Sobiloff, a friend of the Ayers for 10 years, drove from her home in Hanover to show support. "They did everything by the book," she said. "Some time the only way to bring about change is to make it public."

Chris McKenna of North Main Street was the builder of the home at 147 Beechwood St., constructed under circumstances similar to Ayer's. "Not only do I think it's ridiculous that the ZBA is trying to do this to the Ayers' home this late in the game, but it if they get away with it, it'll hurt my family and it'll hurt my business," he said. "It'll affect a lot of people in town who want to put additions on or make improvements to their homes."

The rally did not attract all the media attention Ayer had hoped for. No television crews arrived. No Boston Herald. Ayer deemed it the "pre-rally rally" and planned for another demonstration this Saturday, but he called it off a day later, citing the cold weather.

Still, Ayer said the rally was a success. "I just want people to look at this town and say 'What are you doing?,'" he said. "They operate behind closed doors and they think nobody is going to find out about it."

Now, Ayer says, he will wait to see how the building inspector and the Zoning Board rule on his requests for equal enforcement and a special permit before planning any more demonstrations.

PHOTOS/JOHN CAMERA

Other homes built under similar circumstances

Top to bottom, at right: 147 Beechwood St. 7 Lothrop Lane

Top to bottom, at left: 396 Jerusalem Road. 575 Jerusalem Road. 414 N. Main St. 22 Norfolk Road.

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STUDENT ATHLETE

Jennifer Meehan of Cohasset achieved a 3.9 GPA at Emmanuel College for the fall semester. She was elected a member of the Emmanuel College Athletic All-Academic Team, an award for student athletes with a GPA for 3.5 or higher. Jennifer is the captain of the varsity tennis and field hockey teams and is a member of the Residence Hall Council and Education Club. Congratulations, Jennifer on all your accomplishments!

DEAN'S LIST AT COLBY

Caitlin E. Slodden has been named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester at Colby College. A member of the Class of 2004, Caitlin is majoring in anthropology and minoring in women's studies. She is a graduate of Thayer Academy and the daughter of proud parents, Henry and Karen Slodden. Great work, Caitlin.

DAMA SAYS THANKS

Hey, a special message is being sent out to all families of children who ride on Bus 5 with Dama! Dama was completely overwhelmed during the holidays with gifts of appreciation given to her by so many and wanted to make sure to send a great big thank you to all! She enjoys being the driver for all of you and hopes that the second half of the year goes as well as the first!

HANDMADE VALENTINES

A Family Valentine Workshop will be held by the South Shore Art Center and is bound to be a great time for all. The age old tradition of creating hand-made valentines will be enjoyed during a parent and child workshop at the South Shore Art Center. Children and their parents, grandparents, or caregivers will spend a cozy winter morning making heartwarming valentines to give and to treasure. The workshop will meet Feb. 8 from 10-11:30 a.m.. The cost is $25 for members of the Art Center, $35, for nonmembers and additional children can join for $8 each. Cost includes all valentine materials. To register or for more information call 781-383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org.

COMMUNITY LOSS

On Jan. 20, the **Truglia family** suffered a great loss with the sudden death of Mario at age 50. Mario was the owner of Truglia Landscaping. He was a hard working man and a devoted husband and father. Our community would like to do something for the Truglia family in honor of Mario's memory. Donations may be made to the Truglia family at the Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, 48 S. Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

VALENTINES FUND DANCE

First Annual Valentines Fund Dance will be celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St. The creative black-tie party will raise money to benefit the homeless of greater Boston and Cambridge. All proceeds will be donated to Bread & Jams, Inc. Self-advocacy Programs.

Bread & Jams is a non-profit day shelter for men, women and youth located in Harvard Square at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church at 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge.

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WOMEN'S FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

Edward Jones, which has a local office here in town, is holding a luncheon seminar for women on Feb. 4. This luncheon, being held at the Atlantica Restaurant at 44 Border St., from 12-1:30 p.m. is sure to be filled with information for women who would like to learn more about bonds. To reserve a spot for yourself and any friends who may be interested, please call **Karen Hurd** or **Janeen Culhane** at 781-383-1996.

TECHART ENTRIES SOUGHT

The South Shore Art Center announces a show of artwork utilizing digital technology to be held at the Art Center April 18-May 25. The TechArt show is open to all artists, and will be juried by **Aaron Fry** and **Dorothy Simpson Krause**. Artists are invited to submit slides of their work that utilizes digital technology as a major creative component in the production of the work. Examples of eligible works may include original digital: photographs, prints, sculpture, assemblages, collages and other work created using components manipulated by or generated from the computer; video, animation, sound and computer and internet-based works.

Each artist may submit up to three works. Work must be submitted for jurying in the form of slides or digital files. The entry fee is $25 for up to three entries.

This national juried exhibition will be held in conjunction with the BostonCyberarts Festival. All entries must be received by March 10. For information or an entry form call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

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FLASHBACK

Brennan Bukowski and Geoff Swain from Mrs. Sullivan's third grade at the Osgood School inspect their Pilgrim Village project, which they constructed in November. For more school news, see page 20.

That is it for this week, Cohasset. Please send me all your news, event information and photos no later than Mondays at noon.

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The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School. She is employed as a customer service representative at ABB Optical in Cohasset and a student at UMass Boston, majoring in psychology. She will graduate in the spring of 2003.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Cohasset High School. He is a student at UMass Boston majoring in business management and will graduate in the spring of 2003.

A July 2004 wedding is planned.

Brides and brides-to-be are invited to send in photos and announcements to the social page at the Cohasset Mariner

Cohasset Consignment Shop celebrates birthday in style

Holds raffle for a $10K mink

By Mary Ford
MFORD@CNC.COM

In 1953 Dwight Eisenhower was sworn in as president of the United States, "From Here to Eternity" won best picture, a gallon of gasoline cost 21 cents, and the New York Yankees defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers in the World Series.

While the details of 50 years ago may be a distant memory, a Cohasset institution that is marking its Golden Anniversary this year is as relevant as ever.

The Cohasset Consignment Shop, which draws shoppers from across the South Shore and beyond, sells the gamut of items ranging from bric-a-brac, fine china to clothing — all on consignment, meaning the shop sells the items for the owner and gets a percentage of the sale.

The first event to commemorate what will be a memorable year is the Valentines Day drawing for a new, Oscar De la Renta mink coat, valued at $10,000. Entry coupons are available in the Cohasset Mariner.

It's fitting that the prize is a ranch mink coat because the Consignment Shop that supports the good works of the Social Service League of Cohasset is known for its furs.

Andi Merrill of Scituate, who has managed the shop since 1982, has used her expertise over the years to establish a fur department at the shop. She consigns all the furs herself and works with the owners to come up with a selling price.

Money for the sale of furs, other clothing and myriad items ranging from teacups to picture frames are shared with the shop and the Social Service League, a non-profit that supports Meals on Wheels and provides the services of a licensed social worker to surrounding communities, among other programs.

The mission of the League, which was founded in 1912, is to address the areas of the most social need in a community, whether that is a school lunch program to promote nutrition or seminars on issues such as self-defense or end-of-life care.

Merrill says the Consignment Shop opened its doors on Depot Court on July 7, 1953, and relocated to the then brand-new Cushing Plaza on Route 3A 10 years later. To gain more space, the shop relocated to part of the former Woolworth's space in Tedeschi Plaza in the spring of 1999.

She credits the leadership of Jean Cotton, who started managing the store in 1965, and her dedicated volunteers with maintaining high standards and strict consigning guidelines to continue to grow the business.

Cotton, who retired in 1982, asked Merrill to take over the reins. Merrill's sharp retail sense has been a plus at the popular shop for two decades. With 2,000 consignors, the inventory changes daily.

"To date consignors and customers, some third generation, come from a geographic area of about 75 miles," Merrill says. "A staff of more than 115 volunteers from surrounding communities continues to dedicate their time and effort for a worthy cause."

Merrill says each day is a surprise and notes the interesting items that have passed through the shops doors including a collection of 30 Hermes scarves, a Fendi mink coat, a collection of Mont Blanc pens, and a hand-carved model of the Titanic — to name just a few.

She fondly recalls the customer who came from Newton in a chauffeured limousine, the customer who returned a diamond pin found in the pocket of a garment, and a mother-of-the bride who found just the right dress at the shop after looking all over Boston.

Merrill says an offshoot of all this is the camaraderie that has grown among the volunteers.

"They have lived through their marriages, their children's marriages, the births of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren," Merrill says. "They console each other at times of grave illness, accidents and deaths.

"They've exchanged recipes, photos, discussed current events, personal matters and political views."

Merrill says this interaction has made the customers feel at home in the shop and wish to share their life experiences.

"The shop has a big heart and fills a void in the community near and far," she says. "Without the volunteers, the shop would not be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year."

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Edythe Ford of Cohasset models the new, luxurious ranch mink coat valued at $10,000 that is being raffled at the Consignment Shop. The drawing takes place on Valentines Day.

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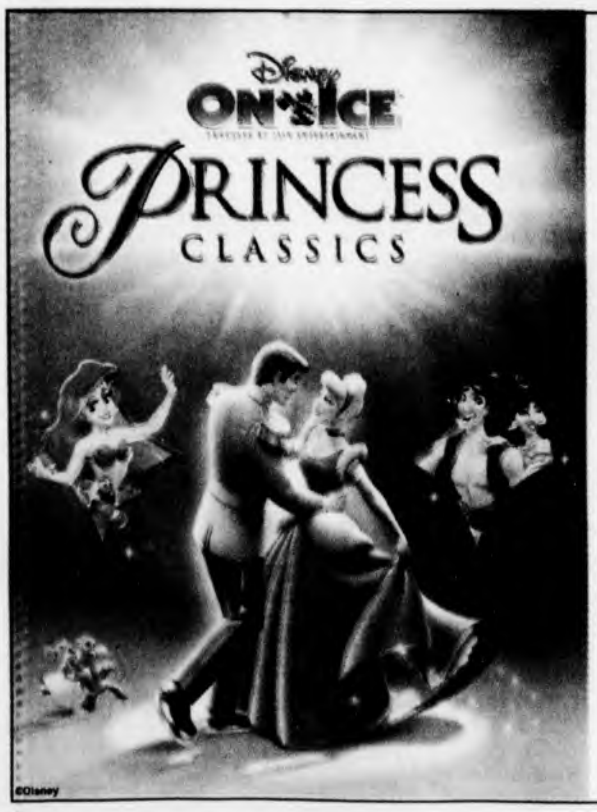

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Precedent setting

The line Cohasset is drawing in the sand regarding "mansionization" with the dispute over 3 Jerusalem Lane may ultimately clarify an issue that has been brewing for some time.

Houses that are out of step with their neighborhood are nothing new in town. As reporters we've sat through a number of hearings before the Zoning Board of Appeals that were packed with neighbors upset about the size and design of a house going up next door or across the street. Those hearings were triggered however, not by the volume of the house, but by some encroachment into a setback or height issue.

Thanks to the economic boom of the '90s, it seemed as though the reasonable expectation of having the houses around yours remain about the same size as when you moved in, with the exception of the addition of a deck or dormer, have become a thing of the past.

That being said, however, it has become clear to us the drafters of the zoning bylaw didn't anticipate land values would become so costly in Cohassct that it would become economically beneficial to raze an existing house and replace it with a much larger structure.

Couple that with a neighborhood of million-dollar views and you ratchet up the debate because when views disappear, property values can drop.

In the case of 3 Jerusalem Lane, on one side are the neighbors, who were frozen out of the public process because the Building Inspector has been consistent in his interpretation of the bylaw. The house in question meets all the setback and height requirements, and therefore, the Building Inspector said it didn't trigger the need for a special permit and subsequent hearing before the ZBA that would have required notification of abutters. The ZBA agrees that the bylaw is vague regarding reconstruction of homes on undersized lots. We hope the hearing for a special permit for 3 Jerusalem Lane clears up that issue.

On the other side is the new homeowner, who obtained a building permit fair and square, and went ahead to raze an older home and construct a new one.

The neighbors have subsequently appealed the issuance of the building permit and the ZBA upheld their appeal. What happens next is anybody's guess. The legal ramifications of this case relating to the finer nuances of the zoning bylaw are for sharper minds than ours.

However, we do agree there has been a grave injustice here on both sides. Phil Ayer, the builder, is understandably upset. And in addition to not liking the new house that dwarfs theirs and blocks their views, the neighbors are also angered for having had no say in the process.

In times like these, we wish Town Counsel were not a large firm that communicates by fax and has dozens of other communities to contend with. We remember the days when a local lawyer, who knew the bylaw better than the ZBA, could be called and appear at a board meeting at a moment's notice.

The silver lining in all of this may be that this situation will likely clarify the bylaw so future "mansions" replacing smaller homes on small lots will automatically trigger a review. The sad part is the neighbors and Mr. Ayer have to be the test case.

— Mary Ford
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abutters speak out on 3 Jerusalem Lane

TO THE EDITOR:

We are writing in reaction to the efforts of the developer of 3 Jerusalem Lane to conjure the image of the down-trodden civil liberties of a professional Real Estate speculator through a media and PR campaign. At issue is Civil Rights. But it is the Civil Right of a neighborhood and community to public process and protection from property loss that is at stake. If the inalienable rights are as important to the developer as he represents (and if he recognizes that neighbors have them too) why is the public review of a Special Permit Hearing so untenable?

We welcome the Ayer family to Cohasset and Jerusalem Lane. We ask that any replacement of the original structure comply with the Cohasset Zoning By-Laws, be responsible and considerate of the neighborhood and community and that the Ayers' "dream house" isn't a continuing nightmare for those who have made their homes here before them. 3 Jerusalem Lane as it has been constructed is an imposing scar on Cohasset's coast-scape, is invasive, out of scale and reflects brazen disregard for the property values and aesthetic amenities of an entire neighborhood. The detriment to the abutting properties and scenic quality of the area is so substantial as to defy understanding of either the project's scope or design. The Cohasset Zoning Bylaws, by their intent "...preserve and protect the outstanding characteristics and natural beauty of the town..." and insure that one property cannot become a detriment to another. It is this protection which the ZBA courageously defended for the Jerusalem Lane neighborhood with the decision to uphold the appeal and require the developer to justify the project and the impact of *his* action on *his* neighborhood, through a Special Permit Hearing.

The neighbors' concern rose in July '02 with a search for understanding of the scope and direction of the project. By that time the original house had been voluntarily razed and blasting of ledge began. Since no hearings had been required it was assumed construction would be on the original footprint of the prior structure and existing character of the neighborhood. As varying statements and representations of the developer's intent proved less than accurate, credibility came into question. By August neighbors began to stop at Town Hall and first found no plans, then plans of a house that was not being built and by September viewed plans resembling what was actually being built and began to understand the invasive scale and detriment to the neighborhood and their own property values. To date no single, comprehensive plan reflects the original site or the site that the developer proposes to become part of this neighborhood. Height and coverage calculations, however suspect, were only provided in response to questions raised by the neighbors.

The developer's response was not honest communication but the acceleration of construction. Requests for review were ignored. Construction accelerated. In early October the developer and his lawyer met with the Town Counsel and the Building Inspector and was then fully aware of the potential implications of the neighbors request for a Special Permit Hearing and enforcement of the Bylaws. Construction continued to accelerate and neighbors began to receive notice of legal action against them personally. Since that time, at his own peril and aware of the potential for a decision upholding the neighbors request for cessation of construction and right to a Special Permit Hearing, the developer continued to fast-track the construction. The exposure the developer had in September vs. the exposure he laments of now are of his own knowledge and creation, appear tactical and seem a sad challenge to the resolve of the Town, the neighbors, the community and the courts to enforce a seemingly basic, obvious measure of community responsibility in the face of arrogant self-interest at the expense of the same community that is the reason and source of the developer's profit.

The neighbor's effort to protect the investments in their own homes through the Bylaw enforcement action is intended to require the developer to exercise civic responsibility and build as allowed by the Bylaws in a manner consistent with the character and scale of the neighborhood. It has become increasingly apparent that the developer was not grasping these concepts on his own. We remain in shock (and are supported by what we believe to be the vast majority of citizens of Cohasset and admirers of its coast) that anyone could conceive, then defend, a project so out of context and so willfully injurious to the neighbors. From the intentional, self-serving, unnecessary, nearly total disruption of the network of vistas of the Jerusalem Lane neighborhood to the affront of the shear scale of the project as viewed by joggers and sightseers alike, to the nightmarish, peering, "control tower" domination now seen across Cohasset's skyline; we can only repeat the refrain we have heard so often, "what was he thinking"?

The issue remains whether a developer is entitled to impact a neighborhood in the manner of 3 Jerusalem Lane and if the abutters will receive the protection they thought their tax dollars afforded them. The "heart-string" tugging of the Ayer's dream house media blitz seems disingenuous relative to the developer's prior, stated intention of offering this "family home" for sale ($2,700,000). In the light of the developer's other speculative Cohasset ventures and recent activities relating to other "non-conforming" Cohasset lots (dream house opportunities, also rumored to be in litigation w/the town) it seems more factual that 3 Jerusalem Lane is an investment whose profit is generated at the expense of the property values of the neighbors. The neighbors are now facing retaliatory claims and threats of litigation from the "aggrieved" developer/neighbor. It is not neighborly to misrepresent intentions to the abutters, not neighborly to inflict such blatant detriment to abutters and community for a self-serving gain, and it is not neighborly to dupe the citizens to fulfill some arrogant, self-entitlement.

We live in a time and community where the economic incentives of development encourage and easily afford the litigious path to economic advantage and a lawyer's loose, incredulously vehement, manipulation of a Bylaw's intent or project impact (ie.Avalon Bay). A Town Budget is no match for a project that can allocate tens of thousands of dollars to challenge regulation and interpretation (ie. define reconstruction) and coerce concessions and advantage. Litigation is said to be a rich man's game. A municipality, by its nature and funding limitations, can not compete. The travails of 3 Jerusalem Lane have prompted the formation of the Cohasset Defense Fund (P.O. Box 122, Cohasset) as a means of assisting the town boards and/or neighborhoods with taking a stand, when it has to be taken, to preserve the community we owe to those who came before us for those who will follow. It is the intent of the Cohasset Defense Fund that the Cohasset community serve crystal clear notice to the litigious developer-types that the letter and intent of the Town's regulations will be enforced, that the preservation of the uniqueness of this community and landscape has an unwavering aesthetic and financial resolve.

Referencing the ZBA 3 Jerusalem Lane decision the recent Ayer paid Mariner advertisement forebodes "Half of the houses in Cohasset may be affected...". Wrong. *All* of our homes & community are affected, protected and have benefited from the vision of the ZBA decision and the Cohasset it preserves.

The Daly's, 322 Jerusalem Road
The Jacob's. 15 Jerusalem Lane
The McCarthy's, 278 Jerusalem Road
The Hendriksen's, 2 Jerusalem Lane
The Hooper's, 4 Jerusalem Lane

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Results of Jan. 25 debt exclusion vote to bury village wires

Quest.	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Total
Yes	230	140	370
No	344	406	750
Blanks	2	2	4

HEALTH NOTES

Community blood drive, winter walking

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Mark your calendar; Cohasset's winter blood drive is coming to the Second Congregational Church at 43 Highland Ave. on Feb. 5, from 1:30-7:30 p.m.. No matter how you feel about the Red Cross, they are responsible in large part for getting the blood needed by our healthcare system. By and large, considering the threats to our blood supply posed by ever increasingly threatening pathogens, such as AIDS and hepatitis, they are doing a good job. And there is no question that those who volunteer their time through the Social Service League, and others such as the VNA are never paid as much as they deserve, except by the fact that they are helping people — payment enough. So, if you can, give blood; others may be giving much more.

Walking program at CMHS

After enduring one of the coldest periods in recent memory, it's appropriate for us to consider how to get some exercise in such weather. Accordingly, the Board of Health, is sponsoring a Winter Walking program at the Cohasset High School from 3-6 p.m. weekdays. Walking will be available in selected sections (during construction) until renovations are complete. The program, coordinated by Kathy Bryanton of Cohasset Elder Affairs at the Community Center is similar to that at Hanover Mall, except that it's closer and we will not be giving gift certificates. Everyone is invited, and it's free, but donations to Elder Affairs or the Community Center are welcome. We hope to have student community service volunteers available during the walking periods, and also to provide maps of the various parts of the building which will be open. This is a developing concept, so please give us your ideas about what the walking program should involve. It'll be better for your input.

Contact the Board of Health about beginning dates and specific particulars, and Kathy Bryanton at Cohasset Elder affairs (781 383-9112) to sign up.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Town got it wrong

To the Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Cohasset

Somehow, the Town got it wrong! I do not know how or why this has happened. I do not know or care who was responsible. I just know that the Town got it wrong.

Construction of the massive new mansion at 3 Jerusalem Lane should never have been allowed. And it certainly should not have been allowed without at least prior notification to the abutters and an opportunity for them to review the plans and comment.

For half a century or more, Jerusalem Lane has been a quiet community of simple frame houses resting on the undisturbed granite ledge that is so characteristic of Cohasset. Indeed, it is almost a signature of the original builder that one finds an outcrop of the ledge incorporated within each house.

Now, one of these has been plucked summarily by its roots and carted away. More than 2,700 tons of granite ledge has been blasted to fragments and trucked off-site. The resultant, gaping, unsightly cavity is now occupied by an oversized garage of heroic proportions, surmounted by a towering new structure that is totally out of scale with its surrounding neighbors.

These are all relatively small lots, more or less pieshaped, that seem to crowd together at their apex on Jerusalem Lane. Over the years, this has brought us a unique sense of neighborhood, less likely to be achieved in any other setting. We respect one another's privacy, but we are supportive of one another in times of stress or need. Until the present, it has always been our custom to welcome newcomers with a small informal party .

From time to time, we have patiently sat through the endless hours of debate over amendments to the Zoning By-Law at various Town Meetings in the expectation that we would be protected from unreasonable encroachment at some future day. We do not really understand what has gone amiss, bout something certainly has. We would not want to see a similar event occur elsewhere in this town.

I think that the Town has got it wrong in this instance, and I think that the Town should find a way to make it right. I believe that this is primarily the responsibility of your august Board, and I trust that you will soon find an appropriate solution.

James R. Hooper
4 Jerusalem Lane

Mr. Hooper provided the Cohasset Mariner with a copy of this letter.

Permit problems loom for Greenbush

TO THE EDITOR:

Many people are wondering where things stand with the Greenbush project. Despite the proliferation of Jersey barriers, and the statements emerging from the design/build contractor that construction is "about to begin," the major permits have not yet been issued. The Greenbush project is still in the design stage. The MBTA stated at its Board of Directors meeting last year, when the contract was awarded, that a Notice to Proceed on construction will not be issued until all the permits are in hand.

Our group, Advocates for Transportation Alternatives (AfTA), continues our challenge to force proper evaluation of impacts, and consideration of realistic and cost-effective transit alternatives to Greenbush. AfTA has been briefing members of the new Romney team since before the election, as well as legislative leadership, on these issues. The Commonwealth faces a crisis, not only in state funding, but also in transit funding. As Mass. Taxpayers has noted, if Greenbush is built, there is not enough money to fund adequate maintenance of the badly out of repair MBTA system, nor any other transit expansion project for the next 10 years. If Governor Romney applies the "Fix It First" principle to transit as well as to roads and bridges, as well as a set of objective criteria, then Greenbush will be cancelled.

Here are the major environmental permits that the MBTA still needs to build Greenbush. Each one of them is complex, and there are various challenges by AfTA, by town Conservation Commissions, by the Town of Hingham, with support from the Mass. Association of Conservation Commissions, among others:

- Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Variance to Wetlands Act for Wetlands permits in Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate.

Only Hingham has been granted a variance by DEP, but the Hingham Selectmen, Hingham Conservation Commission, and AfTA have each requested an Adjudicatory Hearing. A pre-hearing has been scheduled for March 26. Similar appeals on DEP variances for Cohasset and Scituate can be expected.

- DEP Water Quality Certification (401 Certificate).

This certificate deals with impacts to Outstanding Resource Waters. The permit has not yet been issued. Once it has been issued and reviewed, it can be appealed, in light of the significant issues. There are local, state and federal problems here.

- Natural Heritage Conservation permit for impacts to endangered species and vernal pool habitat.

"Takings" of endangered species are not allowed under the Endangered Species Act, yet are acknowledged by MBTA. It is a unique issue that can only be resolved in the courts.

- DEP Waterways permit for impacts to waterways (Ch. 91).

The impact to Home Meadows, including flooding which will be caused by the construction of a new access road across the Meadows, is an example of the permits required in this category. The hearing on Home Meadows impacts is scheduled for Feb. 4 at Hingham Town Hall.

- Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) 404 permit for impacts to federally regulated wetlands.

The Corps has asked for comments from the public, that are due by Feb. 19. If a local hearing is requested and held, this schedule will be delayed. The Corps could require a full Federal Environmental Impact Statement if they deem that there are significant impacts to wetlands, and the anadromous fishways caused by the Greenbush project. Numerous issues must be evaluated by the ACOE in making its decisions, all of which are challengeable.

In addition, on Feb. 5, the ACOE will hold a hearing in Hingham Town Hall on the issue of four quadrant gates, the crossing gate system, that were included in the Section 106 agreement on Historic Preservation. The MBTA now claims that these are unsafe, at a time when not only the federal rail system (Amtrak), but other states are installing such gates systems. The alternative MBTA approach, 60 ft. median barriers, are incompatible with the historic roadways, and will create greater traffic and aesthetic problems.

I believe these issues could take *years* to resolve. Stay tuned.

John A. Bewick
President
Advocates for Transportation Alternatives

Don't rename the Deer Hill School

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
DEAR MEMBERS:

In our town there seems to be a great desire to attach a person's name to every building, park, field and structure.

Scores of dedicated residents and non-residents contribute hundreds of hours of their time and expertise, at times money, to accomplish these projects. All are deserving of recognition.

Why not name places for what they are? As examples, the Hagerty Property Project Mariners Park, The Swim Center, The Sailing Club, the Aaron River Dam and Reservoir, the Lily Pond Treatment Plant, the Lightkeepers House. An appropriate name for the new field on North Main Street could be "Cohasset Youth Athletic Complex."

Forty-eight years ago the elementary school on Sohier Street was built, appropriately named, The Deer Hill School. This three-year project was accomplished through the efforts of many including the members of the School Building Committee, the Superintendent, principal and teachers, architects, engineers and contractors.

Many fine superintendents have served the Cohasset Schools, including Mr. Ripley. During my years as student in the Cohasset School system two outstanding gentlemen held that position, with Mr. Ripley as a teacher and assistant principal of the high school.

In fairness to all mentioned above, in my opinion, it would be ludicrous to single out any one person's name over all others. What criterion would be used to make such a judgment?

It appears to me some confusion would occur if the state and local records and files were not also renamed. Stationery, report cards, etc. would need to be reprinted at considerable cost to the School Department.

I would highly recommend the placement of a bronze plaque conspicuously located in the buildings to memorialize any deserving person. We certainly have many in this town.

Edwin H. Pratt

Mr. Pratt provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter.

Joined runway fight

TO THE EDITOR:

What does the Runway Expansion at Logan Airport mean to Hull, Hingham and Cohasset? I just recently joined the South Shore Jet Pollution Council and was shocked at the horrible reality of the impact. Air traffic at low altitudes over these towns could conceivably double. The amount of jet emissions would severely impact the quality of life here. The noise would affect many parts of these towns that are not affected now. The South Shore would be blanketed in air traffic.

Massport is arguing that the new runway is necessary due to increase of delays from northwest winds. We think that the study Massport's consultants did on this issue is flawed. The new runway with its reconfiguring of the jet traffic over the South Shore will greatly hurt the environment of the South Shore and it's real estate values.

If Massport's plans are implemented, for example, airplanes flying below 10,000 feet will burn more than 8,000 tons of aviation fuel per year just within Cohasset's borders. These figures came from a careful study of Massport's impact documents and of published jet fuel combustion rates, funded by South Shore donated money and South Shore volunteer hours.

Runway expansion and very degraded air quality on the South Shore will happen unless the South Shore fights Massport on this issue. Volunteers and lots of money are needed immediately to pay legal fees and to keep pressure on Massport. Budget constraints this year will make it hard for towns to help. Strong personal pressure is needed to get help from the Romney Administration.

Please visit our Web site www.southshorejet-pollution.org .

Jane Tripp
Hingham

Beechwood thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Food Pantry would also like to thank the Beechwood Congregational Church for its ongoing financial and food donations over the years. We apologize to them and any other generous supporters throughout the community who were inadvertently left off our list of supporters that ran in the Jan. 16 Cohasset Mariner.

Margie Steele
Moira Stansell
Cohasset Food Pantry

Privacy at the library

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I see where folks in the American Library Association have their noses out of joint over the USA Patriot Act, which was passed by Congress to protect us when the hordes of Iraqis and other Arabs come storming ashore on our beaches.

The section of the act that upsets them the most is the one that gives the FBI permission to check and see who's taking out books on how to make a bomb or who's downloading computer files instructing them how to fly a Boeing 707.

"Some of this stuff is pretty scary and we are very concerned that people's privacy is being violated," said Maurice J. Freedman, president of the ALA. "What's next, installing cameras in libraries so we can see what books people are reading?"

I'm certainly glad there weren't any cameras around when I started using libraries. Once I had passed through the Teletubbies stage, I whiled away the time by looking up dirty words in Websters' Unabridged Dictionary. I'm sure that the FBI wouldn't be interested in that but I'm equally sure that someone would.

I'm certainly glad there weren't any cameras around when I started using libraries.

After all, wasn't someone interested enough in the televiewing habits of future Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas to check the tapes he rented from the local video store? And weren't they titillated and aghast to discover one of them was entitled "Long Dong Silver?'

In spite of his viewing habits, Thomas was confirmed as a justice. But what is the FBI going to do when someone named Mohammed is detected reading "Jane's Modern Weapons" open to the page dealing with nuclear powered ballistic missiles and how to pass them off as farm implements when the inspectors from the UN come to call?

Or a guy named Abdul, whose last known address was a cave in the Bora Bora Hills of Afghanistan, is caught downloading a schematic plan of the city of Washington, with special concentration on the White House grounds, on the library computer?

FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III denies that his agency will use its newly granted surveillance powers to investigate anybody but "agents of a foreign power" and will not be used for fishing expeditions.

Didn't they explain to agent John Connolly and his friends in the Boston FBI office that they were sworn to serve the American public and not the Winter Hill crime family? How long did the judge say that Connolly had to stay in jail?

The librarians had better . . .

Oops, the Super Bowl is on. Where do the FBI and terrorism and Iraq stand with the American public when the competition is the Super Bawl.

See ya next week, folks!

Democrats to hold caucus in Cohasset

A caucus will be held for all registered Democrats in Cohasset at Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. to elect five delegates and five alternates to the 2003 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. In each case, two male, two female and one either will be elected.

The Convention will be held on Saturday, June 7 at the Paul E. Tsongas Arena in Lowell. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset.

Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing.

All candidates may make a two-minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. Those not elected as delegate and alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 10 Granite St Quincy MA 02169 not later than 10 days after the caucus date.

For more information please contact Agnes McCann at 383-0222 or the Democratic State Committee at 617- 472-0637

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What's New

"Land's End" by Michael Cunningham (New Nonfiction: 917.44 / CUN)

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The author of six books on golf, Curt Sampson understands the game and the impact Tiger Woods has had on it — but what about the other guys? In Chasing Tiger, Sampson charts the state of golf as the new century unfolds and takes a look at its rising stars.

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The Salem Witchcraft crisis of 1692 is one of the most perennially fascinating and horrifying events in our history. In this thorough, meticulously researched account, historian Norton gives us as clear a picture of what happened during that brutal winter as we are ever likely to have.

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Subtitled "How the American Revolution Came to New York," Ketchum's new book (he has authored four others on the Revolution) focuses on the many ways the conflict tore apart this already deeply-divided city. At the center of the narrative are two families, the Livingstons and the Delanceys, whose divided loyalties reveal how individuals with similar life experiences chose different sides as the war erupted.

Hedlund hopeful dire fiscal climate will force real reform

Also looks to 40B changes

By Mary Ford
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State Sen. Bob Hedlund has been around long enough to understand the workings on Beacon Hill. Although throughout his six terms there's always been a fellow Republican in the governor's office, more often than not, it has been "politics as usual" at the Statehouse.

But the Weymouth resident — who was first elected to represent the Plymouth-Norfolk District during the last recession in 1990 — says the current budget crisis this time around is of such proportions that it would spark real reform.

"I'm hopeful that the silver lining is we could see some meaningful reforms," Hedlund says. "The Democratic leadership has resisted numerous reforms since I've been in office.

"Now they may finally go along," he says.

Case in point should be the consolidation of oftentimes overlapping state agencies, which have separate, administration, staff and equipment.

"If we don't do those things and cut human services again, the people won't take us seriously," Hedlund says.

First on the list should be the consolidation of the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) and the Department of Environmental Management (DEM). For example, the MDC oversees Abigail Adams Park and the DEM, has jurisdiction over Webb Memorial Park, which are both off Rte. 3A in Weymouth near the Hingham line.

"My district is the poster child for that case to be made," Hedlund says. "In Weymouth there are two parks side by side run by different agencies." To make the point at the state level, Hedlund has filed a bill to transfer management and oversight functions of Abigail Adams Park, Nantasket Beach and the facilities at Fort Revere in Hull and Stodder's Neck in Hingham from the MDC to the DEM, effective July 1.

Savings could also be realized by combining MassHighway and the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority; and restructuring within human services such as consolidating the administration of the Department of Mental Health and Department of Mental Retardation, Hedlund says.

With deficit projections of as much as $3 billion in fiscal year 2004, which starts July 1, the state budget is going to continue to make headlines.

"The budget will be unlike any time in the last 10 years," Hedlund says. "Anything we do will be with an eye to the bottom line."

That being said, however, there are still other issues – lots of them. Hedlund points to the record number of bills that reached the governor's desk last year, and expectations are that number will increase by the end of this legislative session.

Residents in Hedlund's district that spans from Weymouth to Duxbury, can expect reforms to "40B" – the state's affordable housing law – to be back on the Statehouse agenda.

The senator, who is the lead sponsor on three bills that affect "40B", is optimistic changes to the 30-year-old law will be enacted this year. The bills that Hedlund filed in the senate include placing a moratorium on the approval of comprehensive permits [which allow developers to skirt most local zoning regulations in exchange for providing affordable housing] until the legislature passes a reform bill; providing local zoning appeals boards with more authority over comprehensive permits; and having the affordable units developed under 40B remain affordable in perpetuity. The nature of the issue is so contentious in the various senatorial districts, that Hedlund sees a real potential for progress on 40B reform..

Hedlund, who is the lead sponsor on about 30 bills and co-sponsor on dozens of others, sits on the senate committees on post audit & oversight, and steering & policy. He also sits on several joint committees, including transportation (where he continues to be the ranking minority member), criminal justice, banks & banking, and counties & insurance.

On the healthcare front, Hedlund is sponsoring a bill that would deregulate certain MRIs [magnetic resonance imagers] from the Department of Public Health's "determination of need process." The new legislation would allow orthopedists and smaller clinics to purchase smaller imagers that cost less than $450,000 and are used for knees, ankles, shoulders, arms, and so on. Under current state law, only hospitals or companies holding certain documentation can offer MRI services through a process called "determination of need." Therefore, MRI operators currently have what amounts to a monopoly on these services, he said. Hedlund said the bill has the support of orthopedic surgeons and doctors.

Hedlund has also filed a bill, which would increase the cap on fines for permit violations to $5,000 per violation per day, and the maximum civil penalty to $1 million, that the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) Siting Board can levy against companies that violate the terms of their construction permits. The bill also broadens the DTE's power to revoke those permits. This bill is in response to work at the Sithe power plant site on the Fore River where round-the-clock construction seven days a week caused an outcry among residents in North Weymouth.

Hedlund has also filed a bill in the senate directed at curbing delays in School Building Assistance Bureau funding that state representatives Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, and Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, are the lead sponsors of in the House. The bill would move SBAB funding from the state's operating budget, which has no wiggle room, to the state's capital spending account where there is some room under the state's bonding cap. In the Plymouth-Norfolk District the towns of Cohasset, Norwell, Duxbury and Scituate are currently being adversely affected by delays in state reimbursement for school building projects.

"This is a problem I face as a legislator representing towns whose projects are far down the [reimbursement] list," Hedlund says. In Cohasset, for example, delays in school building reimbursement could add as much as $800 a year to the average tax bill, until the state payments kick in.

Hedlund has also filed a constitutional amendment that would eliminate the automatic pay raises legislators are guaranteed in the state constitution. The issue recently raised a ruckus when legislators stood to receive 6-1/2 percent pay raises while cutting human services to balance the budget. A majority of legislators, including Hedlund, declined the pay hikes.

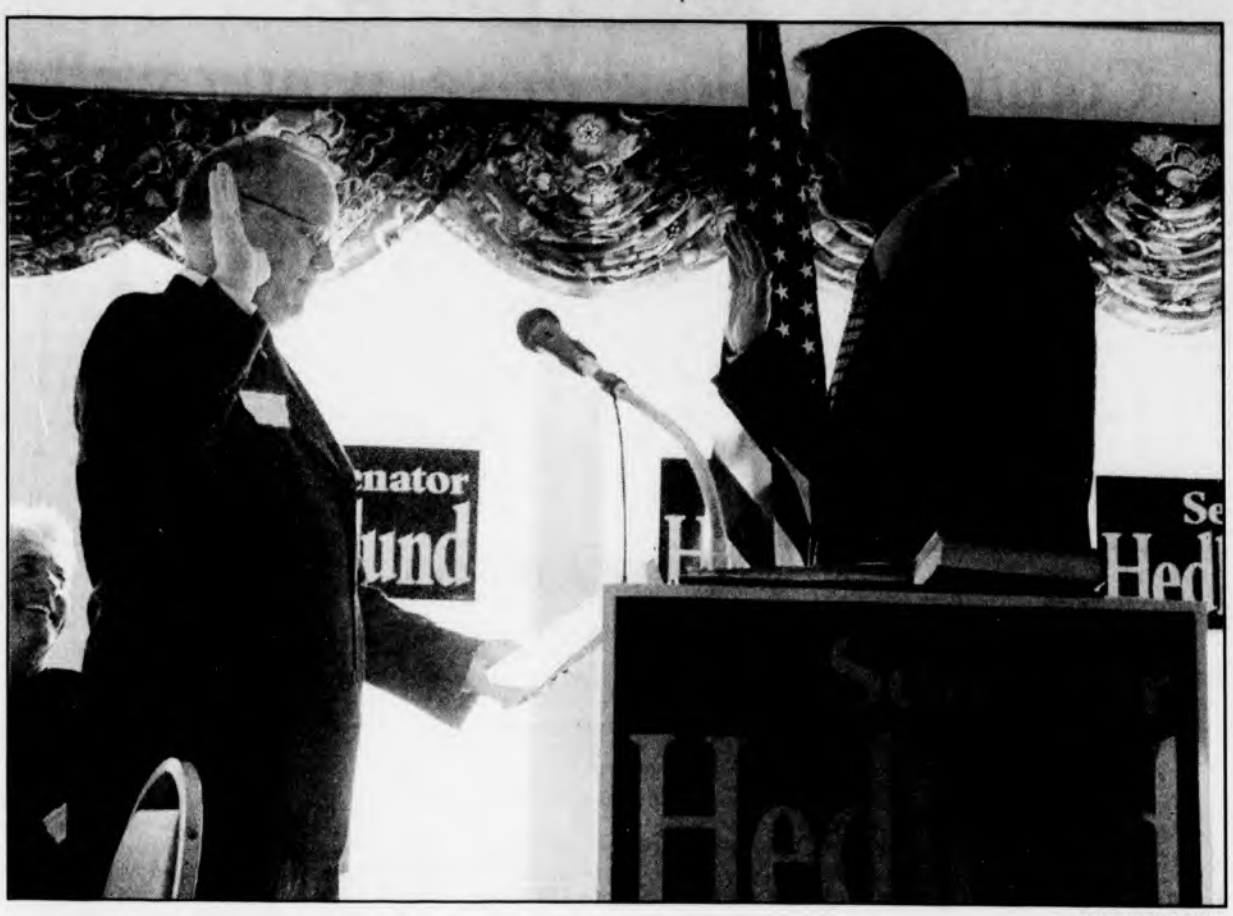
As assistant minority whip and one of only six Republicans in that chamber, Hedlund is part of a group that meets weekly with newly elected Gov. Mitt Romney, also a Republican.

Despite embarking on his fifth consecutive term (sixth overall), the 41-year-old Hingham native says he has been more energized since having assumed a leadership position at the start of his last term.

"That gives me a seat at the table weekly with the governor and has made the job more exciting and more challenging," he says.

Hedlund describes Romney as likeable, relaxed and having a quick wit.

"He's not as straight-laced and businesslike as people think," he says.



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Plymouth County District Attorney Tim Cruz, left, swears state Sen. Bob Hedlund in for a sixth term during a special ceremony at the South Shore Country Club earlier this month. The Weymouth Republican thinks the budget crisis may propel the legislature to enact meaningful reforms this session.

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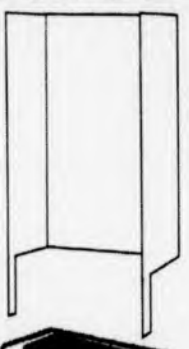

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Fiscal crisis forces a new cooperative era on Beacon Hill

STAEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL P. NORTON

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Casual comments and mundane occurrences are often telling.

For several years, discord between the House and Senate overwhelmed issues large and small, from state budgets being five months late in two different years to legislative leaders playing petty games to tweak the other branch. The era of the Two Toms — House Speaker Finneran and Senate President Birmingham — goes down as a tense one.

"You're not going to see that now," new Senate Ways and Means Chairwoman Therese Murray, D-Plymouth, told the News Service, promising to break the grip of inter-branch rivalry and backbiting.

Others signs of a new cooperative era, forced entirely by the state's fiscal crisis, are popping up like spring flowers.

During a rules debate last week, House Majority Leader Salvatore DiMasi, D-Boston, announced the House and Senate have agreed to stop doing something many people might consider childish. For years, unbeknownst to most taxpayers, the branches were burying new legislative proposals for one pretty arbitrary reason — the lack of an official sponsor in each branch. To legislators, little things — like getting their bills heard — mean a lot sometimes. Also, Democratic legislative leaders joined Republican Gov. Mitt Romney's budget point person, Eric Kriss, to announce they plan to do something that most household managers consider a basic necessity — agree on how much money they have to spend. Republicans and Democrats in recent years have been unable to do so. The result has been lots of finger pointing and accusations and less leadership than the public would like.

Murray and House budget chief John Rogers, D-Norwood, said they'd work with Kriss to reach consensus on a revenue number by early February. If they can, that will diminish the likelihood that the traditional circular catcalling over phony numbers will once again dominate this spring's critical budget debate and deliberations. That's still a big if.

Other early signs of cooperation probably made the freezing week even more insufferable for diehard partisans.

Romney spent the week meeting with aides, seeking to nail down a plan to unilaterally slash state spending by up to $600 million. How can he do that? He's governor, not king, right? Well, the Democrat-controlled Legislature, in its first big move of the new session, handed him the authority just days after he asked for it. More accommodation.

The Senate, under new President Robert Travaglini, D-East Boston, voted on the bill the day after it passed the House. It's hard to imagine that happening under former Senate President and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Thomas Birmingham. Legislators want Romney to make the cuts they don't want to make. Sometimes a budget crisis can make you do the strangest things.

And the House was quick to appease new Senate Majority Leader Frederick Berry, D-Peabody. The Senate approved a bill to help new Essex County District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett overcome a fiscal crisis in his office. The bill would allow him to pay $201,000 in accrued sick leave and vacation benefits to five employees over three years, rather than immediately. The House advanced the bill, even though the Legislature has not yet established committees to review bills. It's the type of bill that would have languished in recent years.

The big question is how long will the cooperation and compromise last. The answer will determine whether the state will honestly and quickly solve its fiscal problems or whether business as usual will return. The first signs of conflict between the Legislature and Romney emerged when lawmakers suggested new tax hikes are under consideration as well as changes to the voter-approved ballot question abolishing bilingual education.

• Legislators desperate for a dose of positive economic news didn't get any last week. Economists trying to help lawmakers determine how much tax revenue the state can expect to collect in the next fiscal year said the slow economic times are here to stay. A miniscule level of growth was the best-case scenario and even that came with a host of caveats, not least the uncertain economic impact of war with Iraq. The information prompted House budget chief John Rogers to raise the specter of new tax hikes, which many on Beacon Hill have ruled out. Rogers believes there are no signs of an economic rebound and budget imbalances are worse than stated by most.

• The most interesting part of the Senate rules debate came when Minority Leader Brian Lees explained why so many Democrats were unhappy under Senate President Thomas Birmingham. Lees said senators were frequently unaware of the details of major policy proposals that often popped out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee without warning. And the Republican from Longmeadow said he was shocked that new Senate President Robert Travaglini, after promising to make committee chairmen more relevant, would push a rules change to allow another new committee, Long-Term Debt and Capital Expenditures, to also initiate bills. Travaglini deputies, like Birmingham's, promised that committee chairmen would also be consulted on key matters.

• Calling childhood obesity a dangerous and expensive problem, advocates described initiatives aimed at educating children and their parents to the threats posed by overeating, poor nutrition, and lack of exercise. "Obesity is indeed a crisis," said Dr. Gerald Hass, who is the physician-in-chief at the South End Community Health Center, a professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, and a senior associate in medicine at Children's Hospital. "We need to wage a campaign like the anti-smoking efforts, if we really believe that healthy futures belong to our children." Obesity-related health care costs approach $117 billion a year. The condition is often related to other chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and certain types of cancer and arthritis.

• Massport attorneys claimed in court that air travel will rebound strongly in the wake of September 11, 2001 and there's still a pressing need for a new runway at Logan Airport to reduce storied delays. Opponents of the push to lift a longstanding injunction banning the runway said the demand is not as strong as it was and argued that regional airports and peak pricing strategies can reduce congestion. The trial is expected to run for two weeks. Suffolk County Superior Court Judge Margot Botsford is presiding.

• Darrell Crate is the next great hope to tackle a critical task that has overmatched a string of Republican Party chairmen: recruiting candidates to run for public office. Republicans have a lock on the Corner Office but don't hold any of the four major constitutional offices and possess 23 seats in the 160-member House and six in the 40-member Senate. In other words, Gov. Mitt Romney doesn't have much help. Crate, of Beverly, is chief financial officer of Affiliated Managers Group and served as finance chairman for former party chairwoman and now Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey. Crate quickly used a suggestion by House budget chief John Rogers, D-Norwood, regarding his personal support for higher taxes to claim that "once again, Tom Finneran and his allies are beating the drums for more tax hikes." Rogers had also said that there's no appetite for new taxes among most of his colleagues.

• Once hailed by public health advocates as the best in the nation, Massachusetts has fallen to 38th in the United States at funding programs that discourage smoking, according to a report released by health organizations. Tobacco prevention funds have been slashed from $48 million a year to $4.8 million, despite a major increase in the cigarette tax. Massachusetts now spends 14 percent of the minimum amount that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends for state spending on tobacco prevention.

• As the deep freeze continued, homeless shelter monitors reported the highest monthly demand since January 1992. The Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance said demand across Massachusetts for the first two weeks of January – before the cold snap took hold - was at 126 percent of shelter capacity.

• With hundreds of millions of dollars worth of disputed Big Dig contract claims still pending, the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority announced retired judge Edward Ginsburg will lead a comprehensive review designed to recover costs on past and present contracts. Ginsburg will work in consultation with Inspector General Gregory Sullivan, external engineers and the turnpike's legal team. At the end of their review, officials at the turnpike and inspector general's office will consult with Attorney General Thomas Reilly.

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Jet noise impact questioned

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looking into setting up their own independent noise study.

The information could potentially be used against Massport to prove Cohasset and the rest of the South Shore are unfairly bearing the brunt of plane routes to and from Logan Airport.

"Obviously people are being unfair here," Selectman Michael Sullivan said to Dormitzer. "Isn't that person that keeps calling you just a little embarrassed by this? It just seems so obvious."

Dormitzer said recent attempts to reduce the number of flights over Cohasset have failed. In the past three years, flights have actually flown over the South Shore more and more, whereas before the patterns were spread out and shared with Boston and the North Shore.

"They literally have moved flights specifically over Cohasset," he said, adding that several officials in the control tower seemed to be behind the changes.

Dormitzer also reported that an FAA-funded study by the Mitre Corporation found that delays at Logan Airport had been exaggerated by as much as 10 times. Originally suppressed, the information was obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, but it was unclear if it would be admissible in the current Suffolk County trial where Massport is attempting to lift an injunction that prevents the addition of new runways at Logan.

Dormitzer said the information could call into question the credibility of an entire environmental impact report that supported the necessity of a new runway. He also said that as part of the mitigation for supporting the new runway, the FAA planned to conduct a noise study to determine whether flight routes at Logan could be better organized.

"It's a positive sign that at least something may happen from all of this," he said.

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Schools may start charging for recreational use

Fees would affect profitable programs and adult activities

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Before any talk of the school budget had even surfaced at last Thursday's School Committee meeting, it was clear to all who attended that every cent would count in fiscal year 2004.

That's because the budget discussion was preceded by an hour-long debate over who should shoulder the costs of utilities and upkeep when school facilities are used for outside recreational activities.

Usually, those costs are covered by the school budget. In the future, they could be paid for by user fees.

The School Committee is considering aiming the fees at profit-oriented programs like sports camps and perhaps even adult activities such as men's basketball groups. The committee agreed that non-profit programs for students would not be subject to the fees.

The committee discussed the matter with Recreation Department Director Jack Worley and members of the Recreation Commission.

Worley explained the Recreation Department charges a 10 percent gross revenue fee to groups and individuals contracted to run recreational programs. That fee will increase to 15 percent this year because the town is asking the Recreation Department in fiscal year 2004 to pay back 75 percent of its $121,000 budget, which has been sliced $10,000 due to state cuts in local aid.

The School Committee seemed to agree that in cases where school facilities are used to run recreational programs for a profit, some of the revenue should come back to the schools to pay for utilities and maintenance. Members of the committee suggested taxing the programs for up to 5 percent of their revenue.

Worley said the additional fee would only result in higher prices for those who attend the programs. "It's a user fee. The parents of the children using the programs will have to pay more," he said.

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo argued that if the users didn't pay, then any utility and maintenance costs incurred by the programs would be shared by taxpayers town-wide because the school budget would have to pay for them. "If we don't charge (the users), then everybody's paying," said DeGiacomo.

Worley said the fee may actually decrease the amount of money the Recreation Department receives from the programs. "At some point, it's going to have an effect on how many kids sign up if you increase the fee," he said.

Last year, the Recreation Department returned about 50 percent of its budget to the town's general fund. Because the department is being asked to pay back 75 percent of its budget in fiscal year 2004, it is doubling fees for the Summer Playground Program and probably increasing fees for the Youth Tennis Program. That's on top of increasing the gross revenue fee for other programs from 10 to 15 percent.

"We don't want to put you out of business. A lot of your customers are our kids. What we're trying to do is protect our investment."
— School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn

"We basically have gone from being a town-budget supported program to being asked to be self sufficient," said Lillian Murray Curley of the Recreation Commission.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn was sympathetic to the Recreation Commission's cause. "We don't want to put you out of business. A lot of your customers are our kids. What we're trying to do is protect our investment," he said.

Committee member Pat Martin said money was the main issue. "We're tight (in terms of our budget) too," she said. "It's not just protecting an investment. It's looking at who's paying the costs. Because ultimately some of those costs are going to be paid by the school budget at the end of the year."

Like the Recreation Commission, the School Committee is feeling the press of budget cuts. Town Manager Mark Haddad has asked the committee to live with a 4 percent increase in the school budget this year, down from the 6 percent annual increase which was originally anticipated.

Profitable programs contracted by the Recreation Department aren't the only ones who may be hit with a fee. Adult activities like men's basketball groups may also be charged for their use of school facilities.

Worley said if the School Committee decided to go through with the fees, the Recreation Department may be forced to reconsider allowing the schools to use the fields and facilities under its jurisdiction for free.

One issue the School Committee wants to examine is how much the schools incur in utility and maintenance costs as a result of hosting recreational activities. Flynn said he would meet with Worley to discuss the fees in greater depth before any final decisions are made.

School budget is a balancing act

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last year, and the cost is expected to increase due to the two school building projects.

Malvey said other district-wide additions to the school budget for fiscal year 2004 come from salaries, a $420,000 increase, and from special education costs, a $206,000 increase.

Schools may also be asked to account for more than half of an expected 5 percent cut in local aid for the remainder of the current fiscal year, Malvey said. As a result, Malvey has frozen any further spending on supplies this school year.

Members of the School Committee stressed that maintaining the current level of education was their top priority in deciding what should be cut.

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo provided the following overview of how the committee could begin to balance the budget for fiscal year 2004:

- A position vacated by a retirement at the Osgood School would not be filled, and three retiring teachers at the Middle-High School would be replaced by teachers at starting salary. The two moves would save the schools about $170,000.
- A state-mandated pest management plan would essentially be ignored, saving $18,000.
- Two part-time health positions previously funded by a federal grant that was cut two years ago would be dropped, saving $32,000.
- An adjustment counselor at the Middle-High School would be laid off, with the position's duties absorbed by guidance councilors, saving $60,000.
- A special education teacher would be reduced to a special education aide, saving $32,000.
- A 10 percent district-wide reduction in supplies would free up about $25,000 for the hiring of a special education clerk, a position suggested by the state because of an apparent "paper logjam" in the town's special education program.

With the proposed budget balanced, members of the School Committee began debating any issues they saw with it.

Committee member Patricia Martin opposed the idea of eliminating an adjustment counselor. Middle-High School principal Michael Jones said he proposed the reduction reluctantly, but anticipated the need for hiring an additional counselor in a few years.

Committee Member Jane Pescatore suggested the need for an additional math teacher at the High School. She said enrollment will increase by 10 percent next year, possibly bringing the size of math classes in the ninth and tenth grades to more than 30 students.

No one disagreed with the need for the additional teacher, but finding an area where cuts could be made to pay for the position proved difficult. Eliminating the reading program or cutting the athletics program at the Middle School were suggested, as was cutting a teacher at Deer Hill School, but none of the proposals received overwhelming support.

Charging a fee for busing was also considered, but the School Committee opposed the idea. Committee member DeGiacomo said he didn't think anything that would add fees was a good solution. "At what point do you draw the line and say, 'Listen, these are public schools'?," he asked. "$50 for that thing, $70 for that thing. Where does it end?"

Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said that 80 percent of the proposed budget paid for personnel. "When I sit here and I look at everything that we could possibly cut, I don't see a lot of fat," he said.

Flynn said the approval of the $485,000 general override would be crucial to preventing any additional, devastating cuts. "The bottom line is that if the override doesn't pass, we're going to be back here in April and we're going to have to do some serious math," he said.

The committee agreed to discuss the budget further at its next meeting, Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library. Flynn said that possible cuts for the current fiscal year would be discussed if by then the state had released the final amount of local aid it will withhold.

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Peace forum raises questions about possible war with Iraq

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The South Shore Peace Forum has been spreading its message of peace since the 1991 Gulf War.

Now, with the prospect of an attack on Iraq, the group is stepping up its efforts to encourage peaceful solutions instead of war as well as provide an opportunity for individuals to share their thoughts about the potential conflict.

"Talk to your neighbors! Let them know you think peace is possible," is the message delivered by Forum members.

At last week's Forum-sponsored event at the library, Jack Hajj of Hingham questioned the rationale for a war with Iraq: "One question to ask of anybody who talks about war is, What did Iraq do to the United States to justify war? Where's the Pearl Harbor? The United States is going after the oil."

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The Whiton Room at the Hingham Public Library was packed last week for the first in a series of films and talks on the prospect of war sponsored by the Peace Forum. It started with the film, "Hidden Wars of Desert Storm," which provided an in-depth analysis of the history of United States-Iraq-Iran relations before and after the Gulf War and included interviews with Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, Ramsey Clark, Scott Ritter, and others. Ritter served as chief of the United Nations Arms Inspection Team from 1991-1998.

Forum member Mary Thomas noted that the film represented different points of view, ranging from those of a Gulf War veterans' advocate and a French journalist to "mothers and children suffering from the effects of war."

The film combined a view of the history of the United States' off and on relationship with Saddam Hussein unfamiliar to many. It also depicted the resulting human tragedy following the destruction of the country's water, sewer, and other infrastructure. Also shown were the impacts on many veterans and civilians in war-torn areas and the continuing effects of depleted uranium shells and shortages of food and medicine due to post-Gulf War sanctions.

Korean War Veteran Peter Flynn of Braintree voiced criticism of the film.

"Why should we consider this anything but slick propaganda?" he asked. "I don't think many of the things in the film would hold up under close scrutiny."

His opinion was challenged by a woman who said she has seen "photos of the atrocities of war" firsthand.

"How dare you say it's a lie?" she asked.

Nonetheless, Flynn has some reservations, not about a potential war, but about considering the aftermath considering the complex political situation in Iraq.

"I have no doubt we could win a war in six days," Flynn said, "but (it would be difficult to) juggle all the religious factions in the country."

Old Ship Church Minister Kenneth Read-Brown led a lively discussion following the film. Concerns that war is imminent were mixed with hope that it can be averted.

"It's important to hear all points of view," he said, "in order to confirm our opinion or transform it because someone offers an argument that changes our mind."

Many were concerned about the prospect of war.

PHOTOS/LYNNE LAYMAN

A small group of concerned Cohasset citizens conduct a peace vigil on the Town Common on Monday night.

"The President is bound and determined to have a war – how can we stop him?" asked one concerned citizen. "We need a candidate to run on an anti-war platform."

One gentleman said it's important to think outside the box. "I always questioned things in my history class. I think our forefathers would roll over in their graves if we gave up our ability to think," he said. "The press and Wall Street are talking like this is inevitable. But there's a question – all of Europe is saying, 'What the hell are you doing?' If one neighbor doesn't respond to other neighbors on this planet, we have a challenge."

Read-Brown noted that meetings such as the ones sponsored by the Peace Forum are a way of reaching out.

"Not even the experts know everything and we certainly don't," he told the Hingham Journal following the meeting. "Democracy is about conversation and debate about the most important issues we face. Our founding fathers' viewpoint was that out of such debate, we might come to better decisions."

Read-Brown suggested citizens contact their senators and congressmen.

"They need to know what people are thinking, whatever their views," he said.

Peace Forum member Laura Burns encouraged those who are against a war with Iraq to participate in upcoming peace events, either locally or nationally.

"Talk to your neighbors," she said. "The anti-war movement is growing at an international level. There sure is a range of opinions in this room, but we are all called upon to hold discussions and inform our government."

Some thought signing anti-war petitions was a good way to render an opinion while others suggested calling morning talk radio stations.

"We need to continue standing up for what we believe strongly in," said Read-Brown.

One gentleman was angered at what he sees as television stations "touting the upcoming war as if it were the Superbowl. It's frightening beyond belief."

Not everyone thinks war is inevitable.

"I, like some others, am also optimistic about the way things are going," said Shirley Brown, co-founder of the South Shore Peace Forum. "I think people working for peace all over the world are making a difference."

Despite some heated discussion, a sense of peace prevailed as people of differing viewpoints chatted informally after the meeting in an effort to understand each other better.

The South Shore Peace Forum has a long history. When talk about a possible Gulf War broke out in 1990, Hingham residents Katharine Sangree and Shirley Brown formed the group, which was active throughout that conflict.

"We had quite a following," Brown recalls. "We hosted several forums and held vigils, one at Hingham Rotary. Then things got better and there wasn't any reason for us to continue – until the present talk about a war with Iraq."

Group reactivated

The group was reactivated last March and has been holding weekly peace vigils in front of the North Street Post Office Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

An honorarium Brown recently received when she talked about the South Shore Peace Forum as guest worship leader at All Soul's Church in Braintree, "really got us going again," she said, providing funds to rent films and pay other expenses, including informational flyers about the group's activities.

Members of the Forum were pleased at the overflow turnout for their first event.

"This was a real community meeting, with both young and older people attending," Thomas said. "People are starved to talk to each other – one's neighbors and other interested parties – about these issues."

Further opportunities for discussion are planned. The second program, co-sponsored by Old Ship Church, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, in the Parish House of Old Ship, 107 Main St. Guest speaker The Rev. John Beuhrens, former president of the Unitarian Universalist Association and a member of an interfaith delegation's Christmas-time trip to Iraq, will talk about his experiences there. A question and answer period will follow his talk.

The final program, scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Whiton Room of the library, will feature two films, "Domestic Blowback: The Domestic Impacts of the Bush Administration's War," and "Steps to Peace: The Journey of September Eleventh Families for Peaceful Tomorrows."

For more information about the South Shore Peace Forum, call 781-749-9358.

Peter Whittemore lights a candle during a peace vigil on Cohasset Common on Monday night.

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Fit to be tied

Dramatic comeback effort pushed CHS grapplers into tie with Wayland

By Lou Molinari
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The Cohasset High wrestling team has an 11-3-1 record. Can you guess the number the Skippers like best? You guessed it, the one.

Of course it's the one. The 11 is for wins and the three is for losses, but the one, the one is for a tie. Not just any old tie, it was a tie against Wayland High, 32-32, a team Cohasset has never tied or defeated before.

"We are extremely pleased with the results of the event," said Cohasset wrestling coach Torin Sweeney. "We have never beaten a Wayland team. Now we have the tie, and next year we're looking for the win."

Sounds like fighting words and, well, they should be, after the fantastic fight the Skippers put on to battle back for the tie.

Before we return to exciting event number one, it has to be noted Cohasset had an earlier wrestling event against Whitman-Hanson, defeating the Panthers, 48-12.

With an overall record of 11-3-1, and a South Shore League record of 2-0, Cohasset is looking to win the SSL championship Wednesday night against Carver. Cohasset is the defending champion, defeating Rockland for the crown last year. The Skippers also won the title in 1999.

Back to the exciting Wayland meet, and it was indeed exciting, Cohasset was down by nine points with two matches to go.

Matt Casey (152 pounds) closed the gap with a win. Chris McKenna (160 pounds) then

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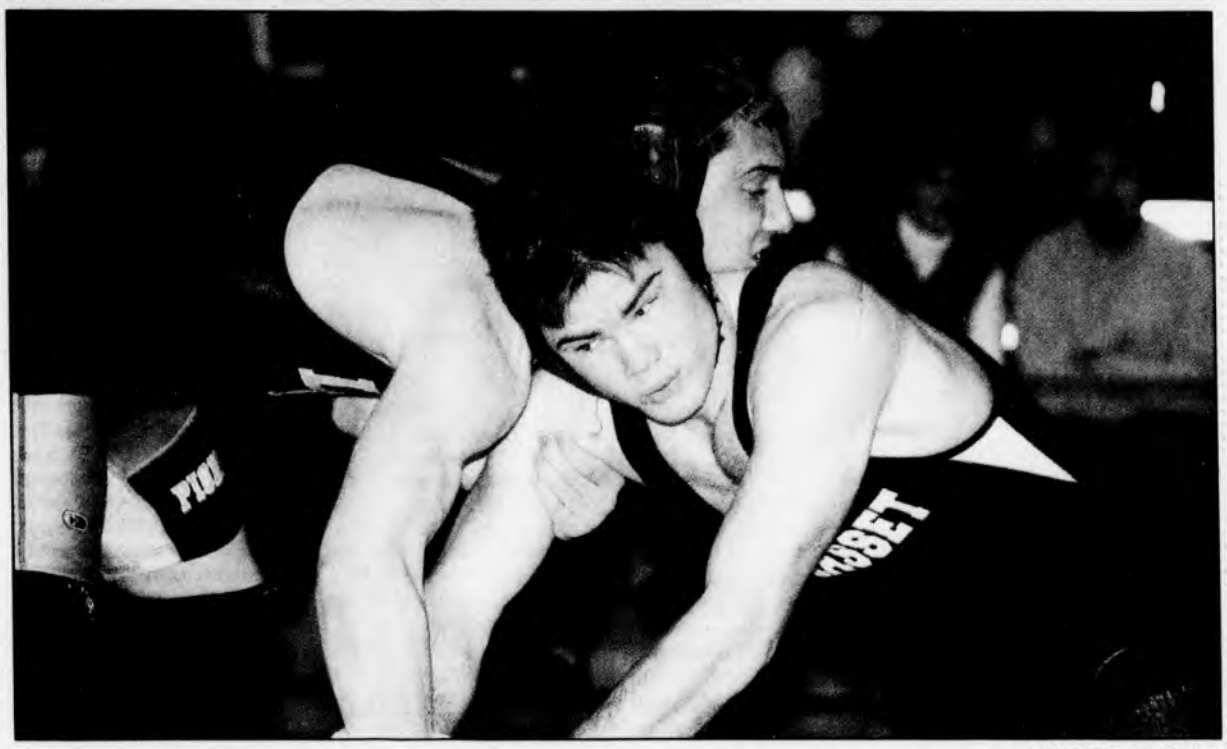

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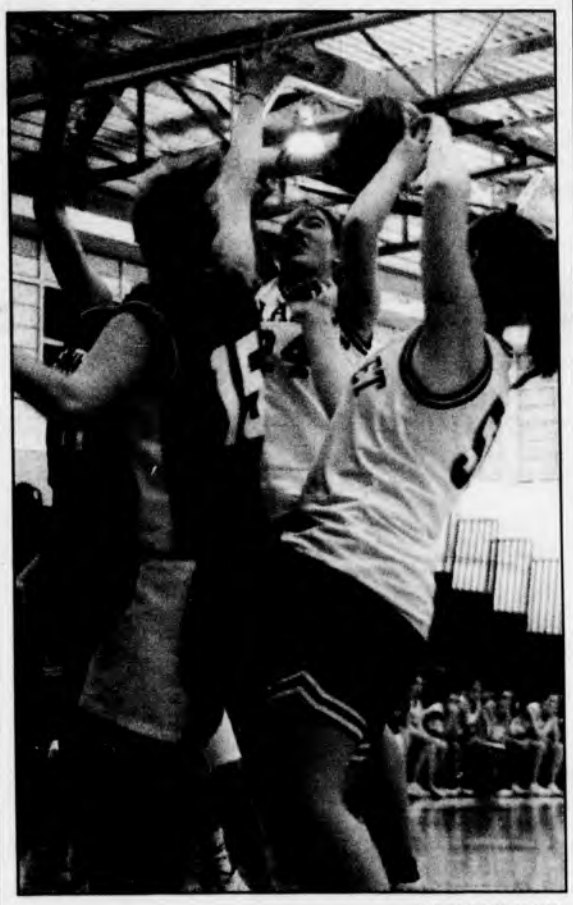
Cohasset captain Chris McKenna (right) squares off with Lynnfield's Chris Stivers in the championship match in the 147-pound division at last week's Cohasset High Wrestling Tourney. Both McKenna and the Skippers emerged on top.



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Cohasset's Danielle Pinkus (#24) takes it strong in Saturday's showdown against neighboring town Scituate. Unfortunately, the locals lost, 47-43. For girls hoops report, see page 18.

Indians sack gymnasts title hopes

Cohasset-Norwell squad falls for second time to Hanover

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Winning the league title is one thing. Defending it is something else.

After taking the South Shore League crown last year on the strength of one of the best gymnastics teams Cohasset has ever had, Hanover showed the Cohasset/Norwell joint team how difficult the repeat can be. The Lady Indians ousted their hosts this past Saturday at Cohasset's Community Center by a score of 131.5-128.6.

Hanover has emerged as the strongest team on the South Shore, having handed Coh-Nor their only two league losses this season. Led by senior Kerry-Ann Hart, who won the All-Around competition, the Lady Indians appear to have locked up the SSL title for 2003.

A level 10 gymnast (the highest level a USA gymnast can attain), Hart won the all-around competition, featuring an impressive 8.7 score on the bars.

"They always have gymnasts that are very talented," said senior captain Meredith Bixby, who noted an improvement in her team from the first time the Clipper-Skippers faced Hanover. "I think we were less nervous. The atmosphere was more upbeat. I thought we were more prepared."

Bixby, of Cohasset, took second All-Around in the meet, with a score of 33.7. She placed second in all four events behind Hart, scoring 8.5 on the beam, while recording an 8.4 on the bars, floor and vault.

Senior Katherine Coyne put in an impressive showing, taking third place in the beam, with a score of 8.1. The Coh-Nor side also received big help from young team members Nancy Durkin (Cohasset sophomore) and Jen Guiney (Norwell sophomore), who put in a gutsy showing despite a nagging back injury.

"They help us out a lot," mentioned Bixby of the underclass talent abundant on the squad.

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Rising to the challenge

Cohasset skaters respond to 'call out' from coach

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There are nothing but firsts for Cohasset High's rookie head hockey coach John Blake these days. Some he'll remember, most he'll probably forget. The first time he "called his players out," though: that will likely fall in the former category – thanks in large part to the way his team responded.

After a listless opening period, this past Saturday afternoon at Hingham's Pilgrim Arena, that found his Skippers trailing 1-0 at the break to a struggling Hanover team (3-9), the 29-year old coach trailed his players into the locker room and, mincing no words, flat out challenged them to play harder and better.

"I challenged them all to step up, but our leaders in particular," reported the coach following the game. "I didn't think our intensity was where it needed to be the last two or three games, and I told them that. I was hoping to get them fired up and maybe a little mad, and I guess it worked."

Indeed.

Each one of the Skippers three captains – seniors Tom Anderson, John Durkin and Matt Davis — scored in second period. In fact, these were the only three goals of the middle frame. And Davis set up another tally less than a minute into the third, digging a puck out from along the left boards and delivering a beautiful centering feed to linemate Mark Bouchard, who quickly one-timed it by the Hanover netminder to make it 4-1, essentially icing the game.

Anderson — the 6-foot-1, 205 pound defenseman – set the tone early in the second, putting a purposeful shoulder into virtually anyone wearing a white shirt that came anywhere near the Cohasset's net, firing up his teammates and hometown fans alike.

"Tom got us going, no doubt about that," said Blake. "There's nothing wrong with physical

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An uplifting loss

Cohasset boys give powerhouse Norwell all it can handle

By Mike Spellman
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One coach's glee is usually another coach's discontent. Friday's South Shore League boys hoop showdown between Norwell and Cohasset followed the rule rather than the exception, but with one interesting twist.

The gleeful coach was the one sitting on the losing bench.

"I'm extremely pleased with the character our team showed tonight," said Cohasset coach Ron Ford, following the 68-49 loss for his team on Norwell's home turf. That's right: we said LOSS.

"Other than the first six minutes or so of the game, where I thought we were a little intimidated, we stayed right with Norwell, and that's something we can be proud of, and something to build on," Ford continued.

The fact that Ford, whose team fell to 3-10 with the loss, could sound so delighted after his team lost going away by 18 is, of course, a testament to just how good a team Norwell (11-0) is.

"In all of my years of coaching I've never seen a team so dominant in this league," said the 11th year CHS head coach. "I've had some very good teams, Norwell has had some very good teams and so have a few of the other schools, but I've never seen anything like this. (Norwell) is blowing people out by 30 points just about anytime they want. They're just so talented. They're scary good."

And Norwell coach John Willis' expressed consternation following the game is another testament to that level of dominance.

"I honestly wasn't happy with any part of our game tonight," said Willis. "We didn't run well, we didn't react well, and we only pressed well only in spots. There were too many letdowns by the press. If Cohasset had hit a few more shots down the stretch, we could have been in big trouble. That's the thing I've got to make these kids understand. We can't afford letdowns like that."

Of course, they are just kids

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

With his eight points in the last two games (five goals, three assists), Cohasset senior captain John Durkin moved into first place in the SSL scoring race. The gifted centerman now has 32 points on the season (20 goals, 12 assists).

Boys give powerhouse Norwell all it can handle

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— kids who've now outscored their opponents on average this season by nearly 25 points per game (73.3-48.9). The Clippers were also coming off two big emotional wins: the first way down on the cape over Harwich, their alleged main competition for the SSL crown, 69-57, and the second, on Wednesday, over perennial state Div. 4 contender North Cambridge Catholic, 78-57. Neither game was as close as the score might indicate, and Willis acknowledged Friday's "klunker" was not entirely a surprise.

"When you're on a roll like we've been, nights like this aren't necessarily unexpected," the veteran coach conceded. "But I need these kids to look at the second half of the season now as a challenge. A lot of teams could make their season now by beating us, or getting revenge against us. Cohasset nearly got their revenge tonight. We're a good team, but no so good that we can just put it on auto pilot and win."

Which, he intimated, is precisely what he felt happened after the aforementioned six minute opening Friday night, a stretch that saw the host Clippers jump out to quick 18-3 edge, with Craig Sutherland scoring six and league leading scorer Gerry Corcoran seven.

The Norwell bulge reached 24, at 35-11, with three minutes left in the half, but the feisty Skippers closed with an 11-4 run, with Chris Bilodeau (16 points), Ian Kidder (11) and Sean Connolly scoring the last six points before the break to send Cohasset into the locker room on an emotional high.

A relentless man-to-man defense allowed the Skippers to go virtually point-for-point with the high powered Clippers in the second half, the home team's lead never topping 20 points the remainder of the way.

"You obviously can't play a zone against (Norwell), because they just have too many great scorers and passers," said Ford. "But our guys dug deep and played some great man-to-man defense in the second half."

Cohasset senior captains Kidder and Jared Krupczak (nine points) each hit a pair of big 3-pointers that helped keep the game close, and Bilodeau kept finding ways inside the Norwell defense to either finish or draw fouls.

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Cohasset junior center Sean Connolly (#4) looks to drive baseline in recent South Shore League showdown with Abington.

In the end for the Skippers, though , there was simply too much John Mohan (game high 20 points), Corcoran (17 points), Sutherland (12 points, 14 rebounds), Joe Doyle (eight points) and Marc Bowman (10 blocks, 13 boards, six points).

"That might be the best starting five this league has ever seen," concluded Ford. "But our guys made them work for everything they got tonight, that's for sure. We can build on this one."

Hoop notes

Alas, it appears whatever the Skippers may be building will go more toward the 2003-'04 campaign than the current one. The next loss will be number 11 for the Skippers, and will officially eliminate them from the postseason hunt. With the remaining slate including rematches with Abington and Harwich, teams the Skippers lost to in lopsided fashion the first time around, the likelihood of a late run appears pretty remote.

The Skippers will return starters Bilodeau and Connolly for their senior years next winter, along with current varsity reserves John Andrade, Dan Tarpey and D.J. Silvia. Lost to the caps and gowns will be senior tri-captains Krupczak, Kidder and Ben Lynner, as well as Scott Faber and Ross Lieb-Lappen.

One loss that hurt deeply was Thursday's 70-68 loss at home to Cape Cod Tech, a spirited Cohasset comeback going for naught when Justin Sullivan hit a last second basket for the visiting Crusaders.

Cohasset's next scheduled game is this coming Tuesday's rematch with Abington on the road (6:30 p.m. start).

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The boys did keep their slim hopes for this season alive, though, with a 57-36 win at home Tuesday night over SSL rival Mashpee.

The Skippers jumped out quick in their own gym, taking a 15-point lead into the halftime break, 34-19, and they were never seriously threatened after the break.

Bilodeau poured in a game high 17 points, and Ben Lynner came up huge inside, grabbing 11 boards and tossing down 15 points. Ian Kidder chipped in with 10 points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

MAXLAX REPORT

Game of the Week:

U12 Spartans top TomCats, 6-4

As we saw in the Super Bowl (YEAH BUC's), a great defense is often times all you need to come out on top and this MaxLax game was a true example of that as these two physically aggressive teams got together to "tough out" a super contest.

This one started like most of the other SPARTANS contests, with these past division champions scoring the first tallies to set things in motion. Jake Kasianowicz (Kaz) took a nice feed from Gordon Porter to set up the first score, which was quickly followed by a no look "heat seeker" from Porter that found the back of the net in a hurry to put them up by two. Dean Kennedy then snuck in behind the TOMCATS defense and caught a perfect pass in full stride from Porter (again) to make a convincing argument that this was going to be another dominant SPARTANS win. However, something happened on the way to the victory lap in that the TOMCATS put together a defensive stand that would close down the SPARTANS for most of the remaining minutes in the first half. Passing lanes that were once open were quickly shut down by the fast paced team defense of the TOMCATS led by Brad Hughes and Derek Katarivas. Relentless stick pressure by Anthony Lambiase also stymied the SPARTANS offense and while they did manage to put another tally in right at the end of the half on a nice slide move by Greg Reynolds with an assist from Kennedy, this game was a lot closer than the score indicated.

The TOMCATS had kept it close throughout the first half through their energetic defensive play, but the SPARTANS knew they needed to come out hard in the second half. They did this by demonstrating their extraordinary passing skills to move the defense all over the field until Kaz whipped one past the TOMCATS goalie to take a 5 - 0 lead. The TC's knew they would need more than just defense to stay in the game and they turned their sites to the offensive end and took full advantage of a free possession when James Oberle dodged several SPARTANS and took it home for the TC's first score of the game. Todd Galvin then showed some great ball movement of their own to get another one back with a quick shot from the top of the box off of a Lambiase feed from behind. The game then went through a full quarter without any scoring, but with plenty of hard hitting action and near misses that resulted in more than just a few penalty situations. The TOMCATS took advantage of one of the man-up's when Brad Hughes notched his first of the night off of another Oberle pass, bringing the game to 5 - 3. With the momentum shifting for a moment, Oberle got his 3rd point of the night off of a broken play and a quick stick from about 15 feet to bring it to within one. The minutes were sliding off the clock and a flurry of TOMCATS shots were deflected by some excellent goaltending by the SPARTANS that the crowd thought for sure would yield the tying goal (one was called back for a crease violation). However, the "Champs" controlled the last minute of play and ended the game with a score from Derek St. Peter that secured the victory with a 6 - 4 final.

PLAYER(s) of the GAME: Both defenses of the TOMCATS and SPARTANS

PLAY OF THE WEEK: BLADES v PANTHERS - Did you see this one?

While the BLADES might be the "smallest" team in the U14 Division, they're certainly not short on lacrosse skills as demonstrated by a "4-Point Give and Go" was a coach's dream come true! The scoring combination of Chris Mills (right wing) to Matt Burgess (goal behind) to Mark Flibotte (left wing) to Mike Grimm (cutting down the center) for the finisher was a feast for the eyes. You don't see this one very often . . .

Here's the rest of the MaxLax action:

U14

Talons 10- Sears 3g/1a, St. Clair-Barrie 4g, Ferris 3g

Bears 9- Johnson 4g, Minevitz 2g/1a, J. Day 2g/1a, Dupras 1g, Schmitt 1a

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Blades 14- Grimm 3g/1a, Mills 2g/2a, Jarzniecki 2g/2a, Davis 4g, Mccaw 1g/1a, Shipp 1g, Burgess 1g, Flibotte 3a

Panthers 5- Long 1g, White 1a, Bak 1g, George 1g/1a, Mcintyre 1g, Mitchell 1g, Brown 1a

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Stingrays 13 Donovan 5g/1a, Ferzoco 4g/1a, Gormley 2g/2a, Miliken 2g, Sylvester 1a

Pythons 10 Zoppi 5g/1a, Carr 3g, B. Jackson 1g/1a, Nolan 1g, Ainsle 1a

U12

Cougars 16- Davis 5g/1a, Wade 2g, Forrer 3g/2a, Shipp5g/3a, Pecca 1g

Hawks 14- Landon 6g/1a, Lieberman 4g, Smith 3g, Bell 1g

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Spartans 6- Reynolds 1g, Kaz 2g, Kennedy 1g/1a, Reynolds 1g, St. Peter 1g

Tomcats 4- Oberle 2g/1a, Galvin 1g, Hughes 1g, Lambiase 1a

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Lions 10- Lydon 2g/1a, Dillon 2g, Murphy 2g, Dalton 2g, Owen 1g

Blazers 7- Chase 2g/2a, Kearney 3g, Benoit 1g, Oconnell 1g

U10

Lazers 9- Robertshaw 2g/1a, Contento 2g, Clark 2g, Thomas 2g, Russell 1g, Milton 1a

Hornets 1- Wood 1g

Mav's 9- Noyce 4g/1a, Claflin 1g/1a, Reilly 3g, # 33 1g/4a

Bullets 1- Morris 1g

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	JV	V
Jan.			
30	Hanover	5:00	6:30
Feb.			
4	Abington	5:00	6:30

Coaches: *Varsity*, Ellen Carr
J.V., Deb Beal
Home site: Sullivan Gym

COED SWIMMING
COHASSET — SCITUATE

Date	Opponent	Pool Time
Dec.		
4	Sharon	Rand.4:30p.m.

Coach: Jamie Kearney

GYMNASTICS
COHASSET — SCITUATE

30	Carver	7:30 p.m.
3	at Hingham	7:30 p.m.

Coach: Kara Connerty
Home Site: S.S. Community Center

WRESTLING

31	Rockland, Middleboro & Keefe Tech	4 p.m.

Home Site: Sullivan Gym
Coaches: Torin Sweeney, Peter Buckley

BOYS BASKETBALL

3	at Norwell Frsh.	3:30 p.m.
4	at Abington	5 p.m.

6:30 p.m.
Home Site: Sullivan Gym
Coaches: *Varsity*, Ron Ford
J.V., Tim Owens
Assistants: Brian Pattison & Dorian Bryant

ICE HOCKEY

1	at AB / EB	2:50 p.m.

Rockland

5	Hull	7:40 p.m. Pilgrim

Head Coach: John Blake
Assistant Coach: Brendan Sweeney
Home Site: Pilgrim Arena, Hingham

Weymouth Club Programs

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INDOOR FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE @ Weymouth Club. Begins Feb. 9th. Games to be played on Sundays. Ages 18 and up. $75 members, $90, non-members. Team registrations also available. Registration & information 781.337.4600

CHS weekly scoreboard

WRESTLING

22	beat Norwell, 42-6	
25	tied Wayland, 32-32	
	beat Whitman-Hanson, 48-12	
29	at Carver (league)	
31	Rockland, Middleboro & Keefe Tech	

GYMNASTICS
COHASSET — NORWELL

23	lost to Hanover, 131.5-128.6.	
29	Duxbury	
30	Carver	7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

24	lost to Norwell, 74-50
25	lost to Scituate, 47-43
27	beat Sturgis Charter, 51-29
28	beat Mashpee, 55-41
30	Hanover

BOYS BASKETBALL

23	lost to Cape Cod Tech, 70-68
24	lost to Norwell, 68-49
28	beat Mashpee, 57-36

ICE HOCKEY

22	beat Carver, 7-0
25	beat Hanover, 6-2
29	at Norwell

COED SWIMMING
COHASSET — SCITUATE

27 lost to Coyle Cassidy, 110-60

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Indoor Spring Training & Battery Club at SSBC

HINGHAM- The best way to prepare for the 2003 baseball season is to work hard during the off-season. The first of three Indoor Spring Training Camp sessions for players 8 to 12, as well the second Battery Club session for the same age group, starts January 25 at the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham.

Two-hour STC sessions from 10 a.m. to 12-noon are scheduled each Saturday morning Jan. 25 through February 15. Two additional STC sessions for 8-12 year olds are slated for Feb. 22-March 15 and Mar. 22-April 13 at SSBC.

STC features defensive instruction for infielders and outfielders, one solid hour of batting, hitting lectures by SSBC's experienced staff, two live batting cages, and five individual hitting stations. Advanced registration is required. STC is open to SSBC members as well as non-members.

"Our coaching staff is one of the best in New England in terms of assisting players in their development," SSBC president/director Frank Niles said. "Before you know it the baseball season will be here. Our indoor spring training camp is geared toward players that want to be in mid-season form on opening day."

SSBC will also host two Spring Training Camp sessions for players 13 to 18 - Feb. 22-Mar. 15 and Mar. 22-Apr. 12.

Battery Club

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The third and final Battery Club for players 8-12 will be Mar. 22-Apr. 12.

Players 13 to 18 will be able to attend a special SSBC Battery Club session Feb. 22-Mar. 15.

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Rising to the challenge

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play as long as it's clean and with a purpose, and that's the way Tom plays."

Hanover's Jesse Ferraro made it 4-2 with just over five minutes left on the game clock after he stole a pass near the Cohasset blue line and walked in all alone on Skipper goalie Stefan Parnell (23 saves), but Skippers leading scorer Durkin responded with tallies number 19 and 20 on the season in the next 2:30 — the first after collecting the rebound of a Mike Rasmussen shot and circling out from behind the net for the quick wrister top shelf before the Hanover goalie could get back on his skates, the second off a beautiful rush up the right boards that saw him move toward the middle to use the lone defender back as a screen and then fire off a perfectly placed wrister from the right circle that beat the Indians' goalie high farside.

"Obviously, I was happy with the way they responded, especially our big guns " said Blake, a former assistant coach at Thayer Academy and Blue Hills. "This was a huge win for us. Hanover has always been a big rival for Cohasset, and this finally got the monkey off our backs in non-league games."

The Skippers are now 7-5-1 overall – leading the South Shore League with a 6-0 record, but just 1-5-1 outside of league play. Of course, all of those losses (with the exception of a 2-1 heartbreaker to Rockland) and the tie are to top six ranked Div. 3 teams in Eastern Mass..

Saturday's win would also seem to all but assure a spot in the postseason. The Skippers need just three more wins to lock up a .500 record. With games still remaining against SSL rivals Hull, Mashpee and Carver – teams the Skippers lambasted by a combined score of 24-3 the first time around – that feat would seem all but a foregone conclusion.

The Skippers quest for a second straight league title could be wrapped up this week, with closest chasers Norwell (yesterday) and Abington (Saturday, 2:50 p.m. at Rockland Rink) on the schedule. Cohasset beat both of these teams the first time around by the score of 4-1.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset senior captain Tom Anderson (#2) helped set the tone for a big turnaround in the second period of Saturday's 6-2 win over Hanover with a goal and lots of physical play.

Hockey Notes

Saturday's game was preceded by the expected shellacking of Carver, a first year varsity program. Parnell and sophomore Brendan Michaud combined for 18 saves in the 7-0 shutout.

Davis led the way with five points (one goal, four assists), while Durkin added four (two goals, 2 assists). Junior defenseman Mike Devine added a goal and an assist.

Scoring Leaders

With his eight point week (five goals, three assists), Durkin moved ahead of Harwich's Ryan Maguire in the SSL scoring race. Cohasset's gifted senior centerman now has 32 points on the season (20 goals, 12 assists). Davis, with eight points of his own this week, is now within two points of Maguire (27 points) with 25 points (10-15).

Junior Mike Rasmussen, who coach Blake made a point of lauding for his play of late, is now up to 12 points (4-8) on the season, followed by sophomore Ted Straughn (3-8—11) and defensemen Devine (5-5—10) and Anderson (3-7—10).

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Cohasset gymnast Lisa Spirito performs her beam exercise at recent Pilgrim Conference showdown against Hingham

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Indians sack gymnasts title hopes

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"Jen steps up huge for the big meets, and Nancy is definitely very consistent."

With the end of the regular season drawing near, the Skipper-Clippers do have a definite shot of repeating at least one thing: a return to the team sectionals. With only three losses on the year, two to Hanover and one non-league loss to Marshfield, and a strong team average score, they may earn a berth.

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Cohasset's La'Raine Langford (#23 in white) tries to steal this rebound from Scituate's Cheryl Fraser in Saturday's tough luck 47-43 loss for the Lady Skippers.

Swimmers not up to Hoyle against Coyle

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Scituate-Cohasset swim team had things going their way. After season opening losses to juggernaut opponents, the Sci-Cohs reversed their luck with a huge win over "friendly rival" Cardinal Spellman, giving the squad some momentum heading into the remaining Old Colony League matches.

Then they ran into Coyle-Cassidy.

The Tigers took the meet handily, 110-60, on the strength of some accomplished female swimmers. They won the majority of the races, but really ran away with the score by utilizing their depth to pick up the essential second and third place points.

"Bigger teams are always going to have the advantage," observed third year coach Jamie Kearney. "Granted, they had some terrific swimmers leading the way, but it was their supporting cast that really carried them to victory."

Scituate junior Coral Yang supplied Coh-Sci's top race of the day, winning the 200-yard Individual Medley, leading the whole way. Though the 200 IM is not Yang's typical race, her time of 2:36.84 made the event her second in which she has qualified for Sectionals. Yang has also qualified in the 100 yard butterfly, and in this meet took third with a time of 1:18.65.

Another first year swimmer who is having a terrific rookie season, freshman Mamie Daley, notched two second places in her two individuals. Daley swam a 1:17.17 in the 100 fly to edge Yang, while beating out Coyle's Jessie Pike in the 100 yard backstroke for five points.

"Mamie has really emerged as a leader even though she's just a freshman," lauded Kearney. "Her experience with some outside teams has really been valuable, and her times are really showing it."

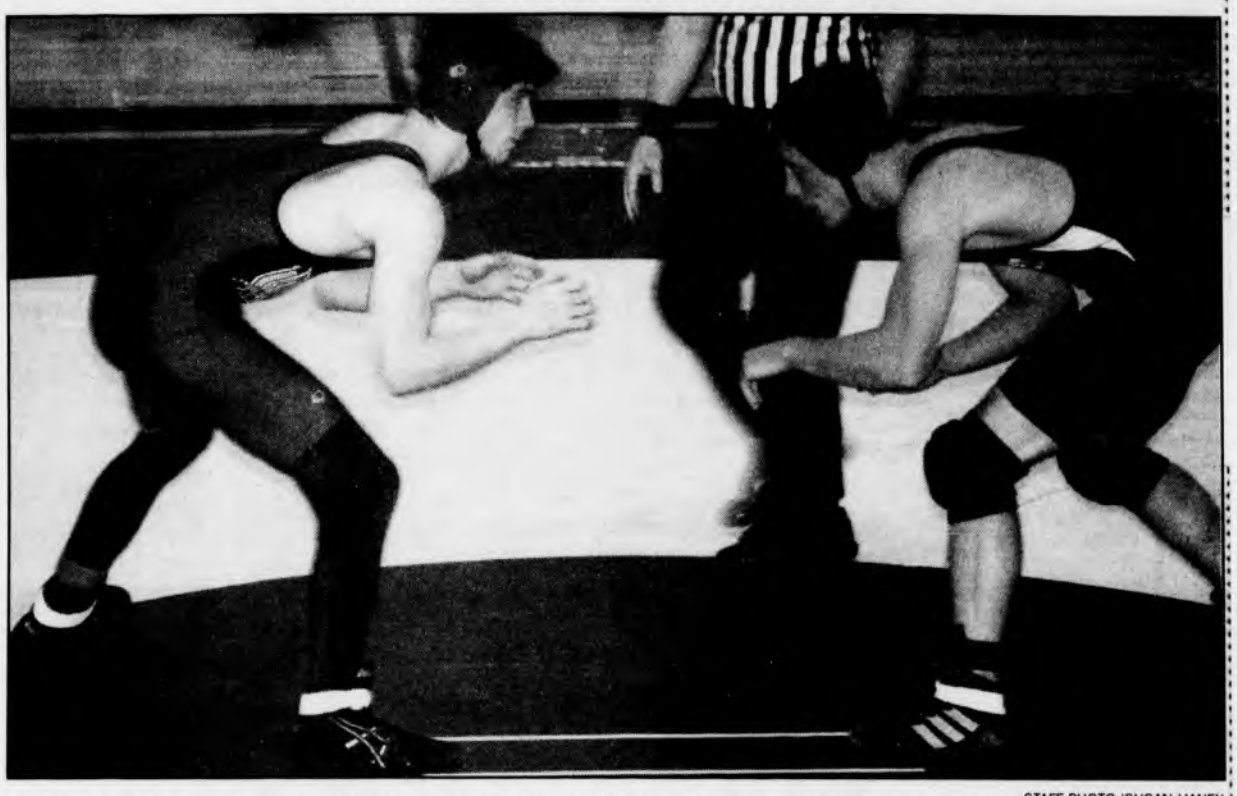
Cohasset senior Bryan Bilton had a solid day, recording second and third place finishes in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle races. With a time of 25.40 in the 50, Bilton pulled within a second of Sectional qualification.

Despite losing some key swimmers (James Smith to absence and Kathryn Noonan to a shoulder injury) prior to the meet, the team put together some impressive relay times, with teams recording second place in all three non-individual events.

The team of Bilton, Maran Monaco, Delia Regan and Ingber swam a 2:03 in the 200 Medley Relay. Yang, Regan, Liz Tierney and Elise Jerome recorded a 2:01 in the 200 free relay, while the squad of Regan, Monaco, Daley and Becky Keys swam to a 4:21 in the 400 yard free relay, the final event of the day.

"We knew they were going to be very strong coming in," conceded Kearney. "Coyle-Cassidy has a great program working over there, and some of their girls will put in a serious bid at Sectionals and States.

"As for us, we still have a few meets left in the schedule and then a few more we have to make up due to snow. With our remaining meets, I think this team is capable of a late season run. We can surprise some people."



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Cohasset senior captain Mike Casey (right) stunned Duxbury's Steve Celino (left) in this championship match at 173-pounds at last week's Cohasset High Wrestling Tourney, beating him 15-7 a week he lost big to him.

Girls jump to it

Lady hoopsters net back-to-back wins

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset girls basketball team won its second game in a row Tuesday night, defeating Mashpee on the road 55-41, to improve their overall record to 5-9 (2-5 in the South Shore League).

Juniors Jenn Buckley and Danielle Pinkus led the way against Mashpee. Buckley had 10 points and six steals, while Pinkus had 10 points and seven rebounds.

Against Sturgis Charter, on Monday, the girls won 51-29. In that game, 17 girls got to play, and the team was led by Lindsay Grossman and Casey Anderson, who each had 11 points.

For Cohasset the two wins this week are a sign the team is moving in a positive direction, and head coach Ellen Carr likes what she is seeing.

"The team has really been playing very well, " said coach Carr. "They are playing great together and they are truly focused on playing good smart basketball."

The girls will play next against non-league opponent Hanover.

"Hanover has two very good guards we are going to have to contain," noted coach Carr. "We are also going to have to really get after it on the rebounding as well. Controlling the boards will be a key factor in the game."

With only five games left on the schedule, Cohasset is playing with a revived passion after the two game winning streak.

"We really have been showing a lot of emotion and intensity on the court," said coach Carr. "The girls are starting to see the success of what happens when you play with that fire night in and night out."

Cohasset's next game will be at Home against Hanover at 6:30 tonight, and they will play again next Tuesday at home against league foe Abington.

Dramatic comeback effort pushed grapplers into tie

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pinned his opponent in the third round to earn the tie.

Other Cohasset winners included: David Kupsc (103), a pin; Joe Kehoe (125), a pin; Terry Baroudi (135), a 16-1 win; Phil Strazzulla (140), a win; and Cosmo Cambi (189), a 4-3 win.

The Cohasset runaway against Whitman-Hanson featured eight wins by pins. The following are the pin wins: Kupsc (103), Jonathan Littauer (112), Kehoe (125), Bill Carbone (130), Terry Baroudi (135), Matt Casey (152), a senior captain, Mike Casey (171), a senior captain, and Jake Berge (215). Dave McKenna (119) won his event by 10.

"We have several more events to go this season and the team is gearing up for the South Sectionals," declared coach Sweeney. "We have some very good prospects for the Sectionals, and ,of course, we're also involved with the State tournament."

Terry Baroudi was a fifth place finisher in the state tournament last year, missing out on a trip to All-States by one place.

The rest of last week's wrestling story

Due to an editing error, the second half of the Jan. 23 Cohasset High wrestling report by Mike Spellman, covering the team's encouraging win of the annual Cohasset High Tourney, did not appear in that paper. Here, is the remainder of that story.

The best storyline of the Cohasset winners belongs to Mike Casey. A week removed from an embarrassing 21-5 loss to Duxbury's Steve Celino, the Cohasset senior got another shot at him Saturday, and turned the tables 180 degrees, coming out on top, 15-7. This dramatic turnaround was a testament to both Casey's versatility and Sweeney's coaching acumen.

"Let's just say we came up with a few adjustments to block Celino's best takedown move," said Sweeney, careful not to give away too much. "I think that frustrated (Celino) and forced him into mistakes, and Mike did a nice job of taking advantage of those. Even with those adjustments, though, that kind of point swing in a one week period is just amazing. Mike did a great job."

Cohasset's three second place finishers were senior Dave Kupsc (105 pounds), sophomore Jonathan Littauer (114) and sophomore Joe Kehoe (127). Each of these three lost in the finals, respectively, to established Rockland standouts Paul Robinson, Leo Mahoney and Zach Gorman.

Seniors Phil Strazzulla (132) and freshman Dave McKenna (121) each lost in the semifinals, but were praised by Sweeney for hanging tough and winning their consolation matches to grab big third place points.

In that consolation match, Dave McKenna, Chris' little brother, got a little measure of revenge against Marshfield's Mark Olsen, who'd beaten him pretty good Christmas vacation week at the Marshfield Tourney.

Strazzula, meanwhile was wrestling in one of the toughest weight divisions in the tourney. He lost to eventual champion Stephen Barry, of Scituate in the semis, Barry himself avenging an early season loss to Phil at Marshfield, but then held off another strong wrestler in the consolation match, Lynnfield's Scott Banos.

The fourth place finishes were notched for Cohasset by sophomore Matt Casey (154), who lost a 1-0 heartbreaker to Scituate's Jared Barilaro in the consolation match, and Drew Musto (162), who wrestled through an injury in gutsy fashion to reach the semifinals.

"I think this is a great momentum builder for us going down the stretch run," concluded Sweeney. "The regular season is about getting ready for the Sectionals and States, and I feel like we're in good shape heading that way with just four weeks or so to go until Sectionals."

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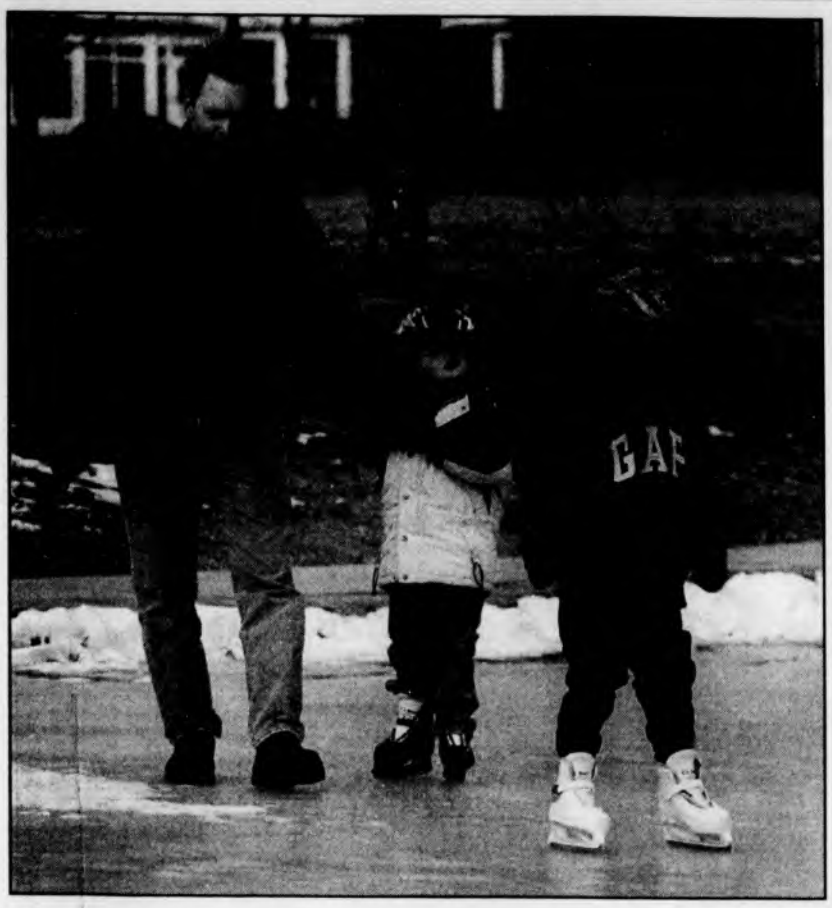
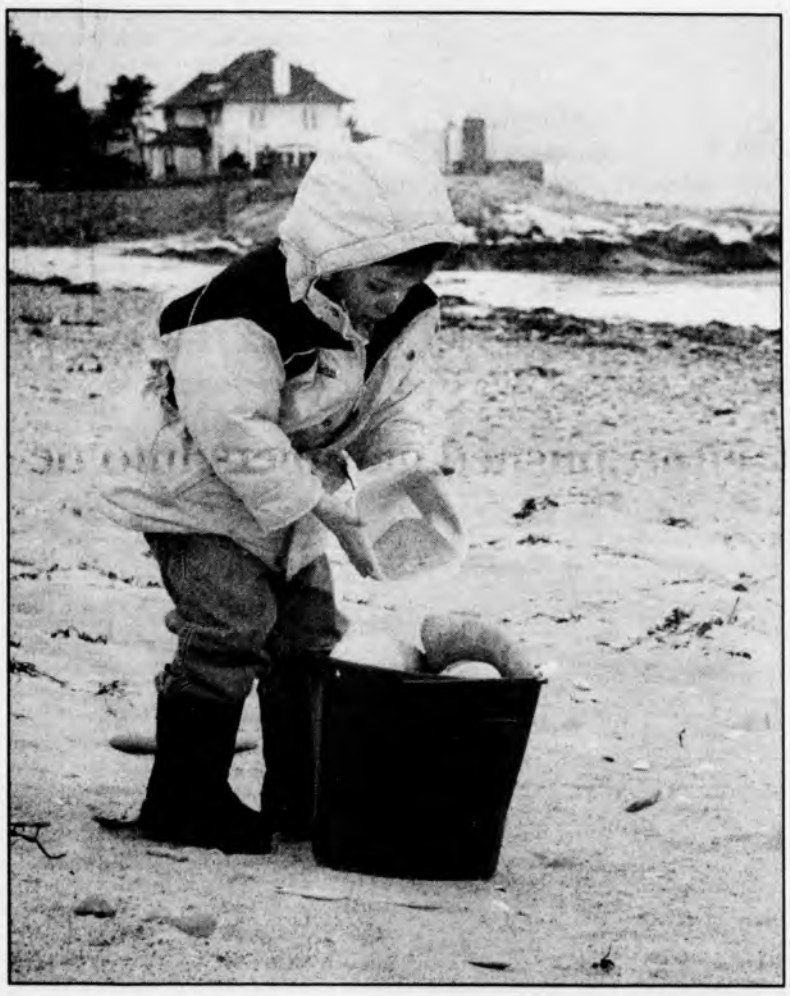


Above: Cathy Cantillon searches for sea glass along Sandy Beach on a wintry Sunday.

At left: Nicholas Raymond, 3, who's on skates for the first time, holds onto his dad, Doug's arm, while his big sister Alexandra, 5, does a little showing off.

On a winter Sunday

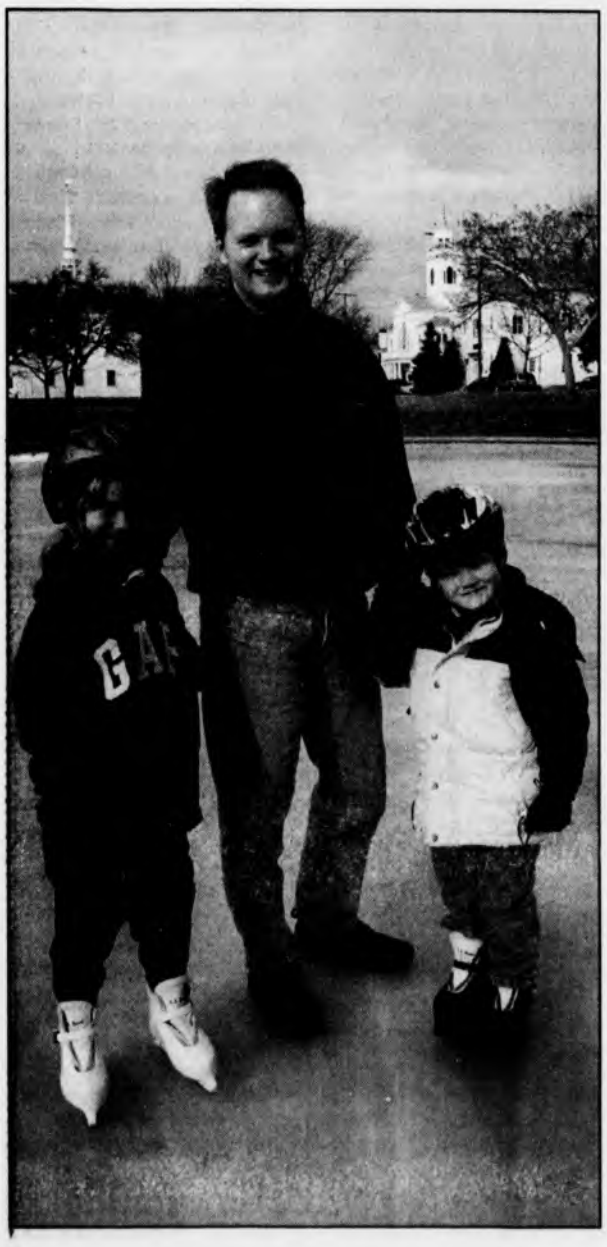
Photos by Robin Chan

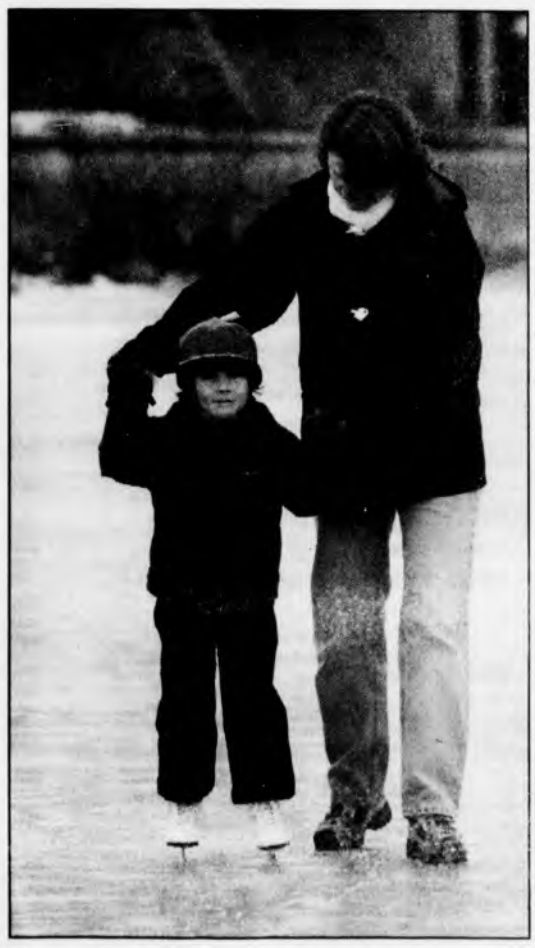


Charlie Callahan pulls his son Seth Parker, 2, while his daughter Colby, 7, helps out on the pond off Spring Street.

Seamus Donovan, 3, adds some sand to a collection of rocks for his parents at Sandy Beach.

Harry Timothy, 2-1/2, enjoys the ride, as his dad, Pete, pulls the sled on the skating pond off Spring Street.

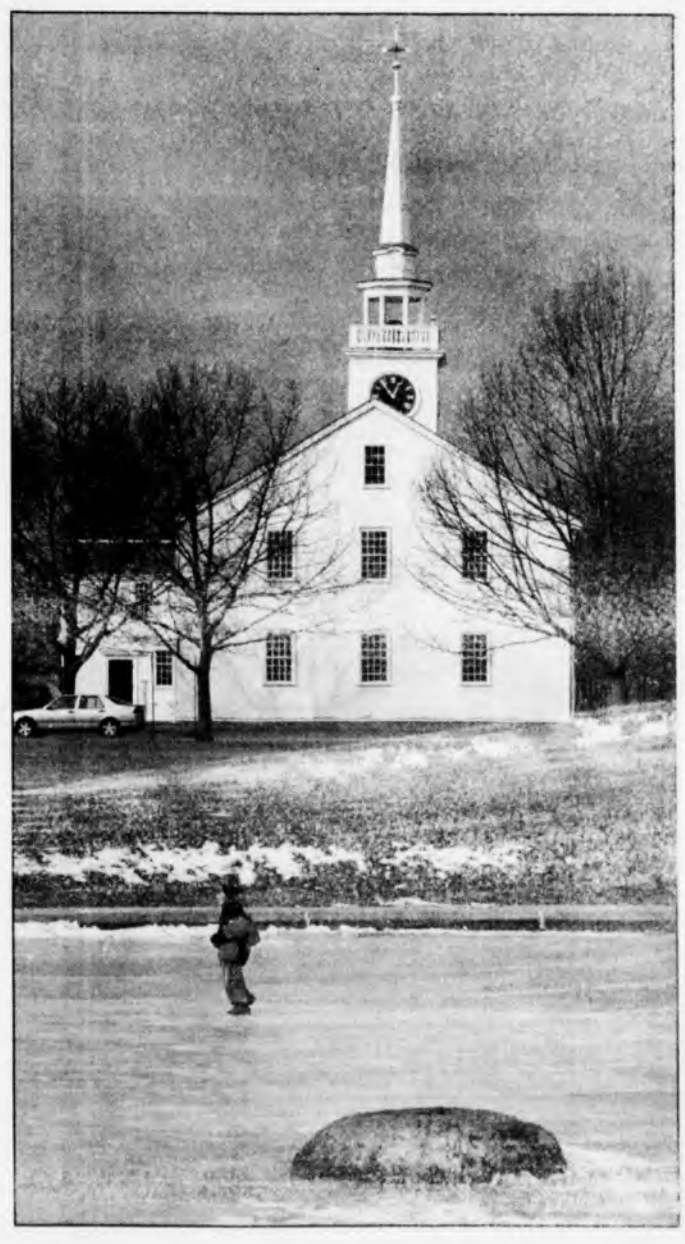




Above: Lucy Knox, 5, concentrates on maintaining her balance while her mom, Liz, helps out.

At left: Doug Raymond takes his children Alexandra, 5, and Nicholas, 3, for a spin on ice on the Duck Pond. It was Nicholas' first time on skates.

At right: Despite not having skates on, Adam Game, 5, was content to run on the Duck Pond.



SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Cookie country at Osgood

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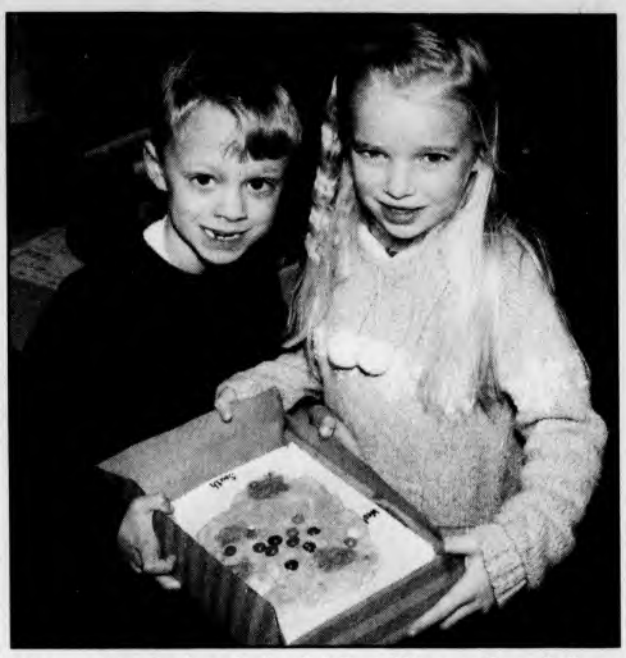
Mrs. Sherman and her first-graders display the Cohasset cookie maps they made at the Osgood School.



First-graders, Broderic Jackisch, left, and Brianne Crough show off their Cohasset cookie. The project involved baking a cookie in the shape of Cohasset and noting the landmarks with candy.

Meetings for parents of middle-schoolers

Attention all Middle School parents! You are invited to take part in discussions about parenting the unique being that your middle schooler is. This is a time for parents to share, laugh and learn, as well as support one another as our children become more independent.

Ann McCarthy-Egan, LICSW who is the School Adjustment Counselor at the Middle High School will facilitate these conversations. She will also provide information and expertise about parenting your adolescent. These conversations are scheduled by the grade of your child due to the different developmental needs of each group. Parents of the seventh-graders will meet on Feb. 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the Middle School Library and parents of eighth-graders will meet on Tuesday, March 4 in the Library as well. An evening meeting will be held on Monday, March 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. for parents who are unable to attend during the day. The evening meeting is by reservation only and will not be held for less than 10 registrants. Please call 781-383-4210.

PAC meeting Feb. 5

Cohasset PAC (Parents Advisory Council) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5 in the Osgood School music room. The Federation for Children with Special Needs will speak on your "Basic Rights". Learn your rights as a parent of a special needs student. The meeting is open to parents and interested citizens. For information call, Wendy Kennedy 781-383-6008 or Bev Koswick 781-383-2751.

Send in your school news

The Cohasset Mariner wants to develop a school news page to run every week. Short news items from teachers and school organizations are welcome. Photographs of events, accompanied with a short article or longer story are also sought. If you have "Stars of the Month", an interesting program or student volunteer effort, artwork, student writings, interesting field trip, or special projects, please share them with us.

Also, if you would like to request a photographer for your school event, please let us know. Contact editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933. News items my be sent by email to mford@cnc.com or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in the village.

Hospital 'Friends' offer scholarships

The Friends of South Shore Hospital, the hospital's 500-member auxiliary, will award four $1,000 scholarships to area public high school seniors who are planning a health-care career. Applications will be made available on March 1, eligible students must complete and submit a scholarship application by April 18. The applications can be picked up at the information desk in the main lobby of the hospital or by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: South Shore Hospital, Attention: The Friends' Scholarship Chairman, 55 Fogg Road, Box 29, South Weymouth, MA 02190. The applications may be returned to the information desk in the main lobby or to the scholarship chairman at the above address.

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

Be presently enrolled as seniors in a public high school; Be residents of a community served by South Shore Hospital; Have been accepted to study medicine, nursing or any other health-care related field at an accredited higher learning institution; Demonstrate financial need; Have good high school records; Recommendation of guidance counselors; and Personal references.

The Friends of South Shore Hospital is an auxiliary whose members are dedicated to bringing together persons who will support and advance the good health of our region through the mission of South Shore Hospital. The specific goals of The Friends are to encourage volunteerism, generate financial support for the Hospital and to foster community goodwill and involvement. Anyone may become a Friend by calling 781-340-8520.

Cohasset Schools Lunches

MONDAY, FEB. 3

Bagel with soup of the day; *or* turkey & cheese sub; tossed salad, mixed fruit.

TUESDAY, FEB. 4

Chicken nuggets; *or* ham & cheese sub; oven fries, green beans, pudding.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

Macaroni & cheese and dinner roll; *or* bologna sandwich; veggie sticks, sliced apples.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

Cheeseburger on a bun; *or* tuna salad pocket; lettuce and tomato, fruit.

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

Cheese or pepperoni pizza; *or* seafood salad sub; garden salad, Jello.

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It's easy to enter. Simply fill out the nomination form in-paper or online – bostonherald.com or star937fm.com -- and send along a photo of the nominee. 50 quarter-finalists will be chosen and online voting will kick-off, narrowing the field down to 25 semi-finalists. Another round of online voting will bring the pack down to a final 10 who will be featured at a party at the Rack on Thursday, February 27.

One guy and one gal will be selected from a panel of celebrity judges that night and will each win a trip for 2 to Cancun, courtesy of GWV International! And, the title of Boston's Hottest Singles. **To enter, fill out the form below and return with photo of nominee. Entry forms are also available on bostonherald.com/hottest and star937fm.com.**

Boston's Hottest Singles Entry Form

What is your/nominee's name?
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If you are nominating someone else, what is your email?
If you are nominating someone else, what is your daytime telephone number?
What is your/nominee's profession?
What is your/nominee's best body part?
What is your/nominee's best personality trait?
What is your/nominee's worst personality trait?
What is your/nominee's favorite place/spot in Boston?

Return this form with photo of nominee to: Boston's Hottest Singles • P.O. Box 2098 • Boston, MA 02106

OFFICIAL RULES
No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited by law. To enter, complete the Official Entry in the Boston Herald and mail to: Boston's Hottest Singles, PO Box 2098, Boston, MA 02106. Entries must be received by February 6, 2003. Mechanically reproduced and hand-delivered entries will not be accepted. The Boston Herald is not responsible for late, lost or misdirected mail. All entries become the property of the Boston Herald and will not be returned. Cash will not be offered in lieu of prizes. No prize substitutions. Winner will be notified by mail and/or phone. Winner gives the Boston Herald permission to publish his/her name with regard to the outcome of this contest. Employees and their families of Herald Media and Entercom Boston and their affiliates and agencies are not eligible to participate. Winner must be eighteen years of age at the time of the drawing. Winner and their guest free Herald Media and Entercom Boston of any and all claims. Winner will be required to sign a release. Copies of the Boston Herald are available for review at One Herald Square, Boston, MA.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JAN. 20

12:50 a.m. Summer St., fire, log entry.

1:15 a.m. Pond St., general services.

9:15 a.m. Beechwood St., trespassing.

9:39 a.m. Jerusalem Lane, request for police officer/s.

10:59 a.m. Pond St., animal call or complaint.

12:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

12:37 p.m. Elm St., suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

1:13 p.m. Rustic Drive, medical aid.

2 p.m. Sohier St., fire, investigation.

3:26 p.m. Hull St., fire, investigation.

3:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:08 p.m. South Main St., fire.

9:09 p.m. King t. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:21 p.m. Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

9:07 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

9:09 a.m. North Main St., request for police officer/s.

10:43 a.m. Margin St., motor vehicle theft.

11:17 a.m. Scituate town line to Wadleigh Park, transport.

12:29 p.m. North Main St., fire, investigation.

12:43 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:42 p.m. Howe Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:46 p.m. Forest Ave., fire, investigation.

2:14 p.m. North Main St., parking violation.

2:34 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Jeffrey A. Parker, 39, of 358 North Main St., Cohasset. Charges: Suspended license; suspended registration; uninsured motor vehicle; number plate violation; warrant.

3:35 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

4:59 p.m. North Main St., well-being check.

7:05 p.m. Black Horse Lane, well-being check.

9:15 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

8:11 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

8:52 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

8:52 a.m. Jerusalem Lane, fire, log entry.

9:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

9:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

10:37 a.m. Cedar Ledge Village, fire, investigation.

2:36 p.m. Howe Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:32 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

4:41 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

5:39 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

5:40 p.m. Joy Place and North Main St., request for police officer/s.

5:56 p.m. Sohier St., animal call or complaint.

6:17 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

6:33 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., general services.

7:05 p.m. King St., recovered, motor vehicle.

8:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., shoplifting.

8:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, JAN. 23

9:03 a.m. Sohier St., request for police officer/s.

9:17 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

9:42 a.m. Elm St., parking complaint.

11:32 a.m. Jerusalem Lane, fire, log entry.

11:52 p.m. Sohier St., animal call or complaint.

11:55 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

2:08 p.m. Beach St., fire, investigation.

2:08 p.m. Forest Ave. and Cedar Acres Drive, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:46 p.m. Forest Ave. and Black Rock Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:42 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:52 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:18 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

6:03 p.m. Windy Hill Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:25 p.m. Beach St., fire, investigation.

7:46 p.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:02 p.m. Forest Ave. and Cedar Acres Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:14 p.m. Forest Ave. and Spindrift Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:04 p.m. Stevens Lane, noise complaint.

10:30 p.m. Elm St., missing person, area search negative.

FRIDAY, JAN. 24

6:42 a.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

8:03 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

12:12 p.m. Pond St., fire, log entry.

12:19 p.m. Bancroft Road, lost property.

1:01 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:46 p.m. Pond St. and Lantern Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:16 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, request for police officer/s.

3:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle, area search negative.

5:44 p.m. Doane St. and Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:19 p.m. King St., fire, investigation.

7:11 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:38 p.m. Stanton St., investigation.

Arrest of Erik P. Flynn, 26, of 11 Stanton St., Rockland. Charges: Breaking and entering, nighttime, for felony; possession of a burglarious instrument; malicious destruction of property.

9:22 p.m. Norfolk Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:27 p.m. Cedar St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:30 p.m. North St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:09 p.m. Elm St., registration inquiry.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25

9:14 a.m. Rose Hill Lane, motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

9:47 a.m. King St. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

10:02 a.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

10:30 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

1:17 p.m. Oak St., assist citizen.

8:15 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:14 p.m. Tupelo Road, request for police officer/s.

SUNDAY, JAN. 26

1:59 a.m. Aaron River Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:04 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

1:34 p.m. Elm St., general disturbance, gathering, services rendered.

Arrest made in break-in

On Friday evening, Jan. 24, 2003, Cohasset Police, with the assistance of the Hingham and Rockland Police Departments, executed a search warrant at 11 Stanton St., Rockland.

The warrant was executed as a result of an investigation into the breaking and entering that occurred at Buttonwood Books located in Shaw's Plaza in Cohasset on Dec. 17, 2002. On that date, two masked subjects broke into the rear office of Buttonwood Books and were discovered by an employee who called police. After a police chase, both subjects fled and were not captured.

During the execution of the warrant, Cohasset Police arrested Erik P. Flynn, 26, of the same address on charges of breaking and entering in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony, malicious destruction of property over $250 and possession of burglarious tools related to the Buttonwood Books break in. Police also seized evidence related to the break in. Flynn was released on cash bail on Jan. 25, and was arraigned in Quincy District Court on Monday, Jan. 27.

According to Cohasset Det. Sergeant Gregory Lennon, "the successful conclusion of this investigation was a great example of the results of interagency cooperation. We were glad to be able to make this arrest and provide some level of satisfaction to the victim in this case."

Cohasset Police expect to make other arrests in this investigation shortly. Lennon and Det. Garrett Hunt investigated the case. Hingham Police Officer Steven Dearth and Lt. John Norkaitis assisted with the investigation.

Questions may be directed to Chief Robert W. Jackson at 781-383-1212 or Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon at the same number.

OBITUARY

Margaret F. Sylvester

Margaret "Marge" Frances (Flaherty) Egan Sylvester, 89, of Hingham, a former first-grade teacher in Boston, passed away Jan. 18, 2003 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Mrs. Sylvester was a teacher for 40 years until she retired in 1975.

Born in Everett, she was raised in Charlestown and also lived in West Roxbury. She spent summers in Scituate for 50 years and lived in Hingham for the past seven years.

She was a 1930 graduate of Girls' Latin School in Boston and a 1934 graduate of Boston Teachers' School.

She was a member of the Sandlettes in Scituate.

Wife of the late Richard Egan and the late Ray Sylvester, she leaves her two sons, Richard Egan of Wakefield and Robert Egan of Hingham, who is the Cohasset building inspector; her three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Paul's Church in Hingham. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Woburn.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made to The Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, Brookline 02445.

Sunday concerts at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset is presenting violinist Sargis Karapetyan in a recital Sunday, Feb. 2 at 3:30 p.m.

Karapetyan is a native of Armenia and holds both a master's degree and artist's diploma from the Komitas State Conservatory in Yerevan. He was also director of pedagogy and lecturer at the conservatory. Karapetyan has worked in the U.S. with the Bangor Symphony, Plymouth Symphony and the Central Massachusetts Symphony. The February program will include works of Vivaldi, Bach, and various Armenian composers. Half of the program will contain works for solo violin and the remainder of the concert will be accompanied by Dr. G. Fredrick Guzasky on the church's 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ.

St. Stephen's is located at 16 Highland Ave., is handicap accessible, and ample parking is available at the village car park. There is no charge for the concert, although donations will gladly be accepted. For more information, please call the church office at 781-383-1083.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, **February 10, 2003,** at **7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 4.2 of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, David E. Lord, Jr., seeks to use 19 Elm St. as a singlefamily dwelling according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-01-15.

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First Parish celebrates renovated Parish House

First Parish in Cohasset celebrated the renovation of its 1722 Parish House at an open house on Sunday.. Local clergy, town officials and the membership were regaled with music by the choir and by First Parish member, Howie Altholtz accompanied by his daughter Cally and local artist Anne Czerkawski, who shares his passion for meaningful songs. Young and old listened to singer/songwriter Reed Dickinson's sweet melodies and superb lyrics, and many danced to Dawna Hammer's new age spiritual music.

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The community had a special opportunity to view the Carriage House Nursery School located in its own wing of this beautiful building. First Parish's Sunday School for pre-K, kindergarten, and grades one through eight are housed under this roof as well. Displayed were artistic works by each class representing Bible stories and the seven Unitarian Universalist principals.

First Parish is delighted to offer to the community use of this facility for adult and children's activities. First Parish currently offers many adult courses in spirituality, writing, and church history. Plans are underway for many new study groups, pot luck suppers, afternoon teas, quilting bees, book and discussion groups, dancing and singing events, and much more to share fellowship.

The Rev. Patricia Hart, interim minister of First Parish, invites the community to call the First Parish office for further information between Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday services, including Nursery and Sunday School, begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Meeting House on the Common in Cohasset.

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Deidre and Peter Hobson, with son Oliver and his grandfather Rod Hodson enjoy the open house at the First Parish House on Sunday.

Jim Hamilton and his cartoon critters were a big hit.

Lincoln Bloomfield, center, sings with the choir.

IT'S HAPPENING

Playground benefit dinner dance Feb. 8

"Love Around the World," a benefit dinner dance, will be held at the Red Lion Barn, 71 S. Main St., Cohasset, February 8 from 7 p.m. 'til midnight.

Proceeds will benefit the playground at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, which will open later this year. The museum will occupy a two-story wing at the back of the new Paul Pratt Library at the corner of Sohier Street and Ripley Road.

The playground is currently being designed under the aegis of the same non-profit group that is raising money for the children's museum.

"Love Around the World" will feature a buffet dinner and dancing to the sounds of the Mike Dumas Band with Platform Soul. The evening will also include a live auction.

Tickets are $75 each. For reservations or further information, call Logan Bernstein at 781-383-6165.

First annual Valentines Fund Dance slated

First Annual Valentines Fund Dance will be celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St.

The creative black-tie party will raise money to benefit the homeless of greater Boston and Cambridge.

All proceeds will be donated to Bread & Jams, Inc. Self-advocacy Programs.

Bread & Jams is a 501(C)3 non-profit day shelter for men, women and youth located in Harvard Square at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church at 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. The web site is at www.breadandjams.org

Since 1989 Bread & Jams has been providing shelter from the cold and rain, food, shower facilities, clean clothing, health care, job and housing counseling in a caring environment for those who find themselves homeless or in transition. With this year's crippling State and Federal cutbacks, this event will allow those who do not think of themselves as wealthy philanthropists to make a collective difference that will keep the shelter alive. Dress creatively, come and have compassion and fun at the same time.

Numerous merchants, restaurateurs and local artists and friends from both South Shore communities and Harvard Square have donated gift certificates, tickets to major sporting events and works of art for raffle and silent auction. The Atlantica Restaurant is donating the hall and hors d'oeuvres. There will be a cash bar and dinner reservations can be placed with the Atlantica at 781-383-0900. Featured entertainment by The Joe Micarelli Trio, The Full Moon Revue, and Shaken Not Stirred - all donating their energy to this timely cause. Donations are $25 per person. Tables and blocks of tickets are also available. RSVP by mailed invitation please as a limited number of tickets will be available at the door. For more information contact Peter Whittemore at 47 Elm Court, Cohasset, MA, 02025: 781-383-6568; peterwhittemore@hotmail.com.

Drowned Hogs to take a dip

On Saturday, Feb. 1 at noon, the Drowned Hogs will again attempt to predict spring's arrival at the M.J. Murray Bath House, Nantasket Ave. (on Nantasket Beach) in Hull. This is their Eighth Annual Swim for Charity and their record for "predicting spring" is flawless. More than 250 swimmers will leave the heated Murray Bath House and dive into the Atlantic at 12 noon.

The Drowned Hogs will again "do a cool thing for charity!" — the lore goes: "If the Drowned Hogs 'frolic' in the ocean's brine, Spring arrives right on time. But if they scream and run back out, Winter will be a six-week bout."

All proceeds from the swim will benefit the non-profit organization "Wellspring" in Hull with its many services, including food pantry, domestic violence program, crisis counseling, adult learning program, thrift shop and much more.

For more information on how to contribute to this charity event — or for the more adventurous, actually participate in the icy swim — please logon to www.drowned-hogs.com or call 781-773-1961.

Cabaret on stage Jan 30, 31, Feb. 1

In just one week from today, this year's exciting Cabaret Show entitled "On Our Own" will be on stage at the Hingham Armory. You won't want to miss the fast paced dances and songs that will make you sing along. On Thursday, Jan. 30, the show begins at 7 p.m. and tickets are $10 for seniors, $12 for the general public.

The Friday and Saturday shows on Jan. 31, and Feb. 1, begin at 8 p.m.

This show promises to take the winter chill away and warm your spirits. Tickets are on sale at the Hingham Community Center from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. until Sunday, Jan. 26, when they can be purchased at the Hingham Armory from 1 p.m. on. For further information, call 781-749-2261.

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Poetic license

Scituate lawyer brings story of slave poet Phillis Wheatly to stage

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

They share a last name, but Ronald B.Wheatley isn't positive that there is any family connection between him and Phillis Wheatley, a slave in colonial Boston whose poetry is so well-respected that it has appeared in virtually every anthology of American poetry ever published. There is one thing, however, of which the Scituate attorney is certain. He wants to help current and future generations to learn about the unique life of Phillis Wheatley.

"I first got interested in her life, because of our shared last name. I was further inspired by the attestation of her poems that was signed by John Hancock and other eminent men in Boston in 1772," explained Wheatley by telephone from his home last week. "If Phillis had not been able to convince those men that she had written the poetry, her poems might never have been published. There is so much that Phillis accomplished considering her beginnings. I just wanted to bring Phillis alive to people, especially young people today."

Wheatley will do just that with his play, "The Trial of Phillis Wheatley," which will have its world premiere next week at Bridgewater State College as part of Black History Month.

Phillis's personal history can be traced to the mid-1700's when she was kidnapped in West Africa and sold into the slave trade. She arrived in Boston as a sickly eight year old and was soon purchased by the Wheatley family of Boston whose last name, by custom, she took. Her first name came from the name of her slave ship. The Wheatleys were devout Christians and treated Phillis with kindness and compassion. The twin Wheatley children, Mary and Nathaniel, assisted their mother in teaching Phillis to read and write. They quickly realized that their student was an exceptionally intelligent girl. By the time she was 13, Phillis had written her first poem.

"Susanna Wheatley is known as America's first stage mother," according to Ron Wheatley. "She really loved Phillis and treated her almost like a daughter."

Mrs.Wheatley is said to have given Phillis her own room in the mansion, complete with a fireplace and plenty of candlelight. Susanna also presented Phillis at social events at which the young woman would recite poems on religious and classical themes. Before long, Susanna had put together a manuscript of about 20 poems and began shopping it around to publishers.

The style of the work was compared favorably to England's then poet laureate Alexander Pope, whom Phillis emulated, but few colonists would believe that a black girl could write such remarkable poetry.

Shannon Stanton as Phillis Wheatley (center) Petra Glanopoulos as Mary Wheatley (left) and Sharyn Waters as Susannah Wheatley (right) star in The Trial of Phillis Wheatley on stage at Bridgewater State College Feb. 7 and 8.

Susanna's husband, John, came up with idea that a group of prominent Boston men question Phillis on her work and then sign and publish an attestation of her truthfulness. Phillis Wheatley was only 18 when she appeared before a gathering men including the then Massachusetts Governor Thomas Hutchinson, Lieutenant Governor Andrew Oliver, John Hancock and others.

Phillis Wheatley

"The Trial of Phillis Wheatley" imagines what it must have been like for Phillis to stand before such an intimidating panel of white men. "How does a young black girl convince 18 older white men, among the most eminent men in New England at the time, that she is indeed the author of the poems?" is the question Wheatley decided his work should seek to answer.

All 18 men ultimately attested to the fact that they believed that Phillis had written the poems. Even with the attestation, Boston publishers were reluctant to work with Phillis. Undaunted, Phillis journeyed to England in late 1772 with Nathaniel Wheatley. That July, a London court ruling had freed some 20,000 black slaves. Phillis was welcomed in London by statesmen including Benjamin Franklin. In 1773, Phillis became the first black American to have a book published with the British release of her "Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral."

"Phillis was scheduled to be presented to the King and Queen, but that never happened," says Wheatley. "Instead, she was summoned back to Boston where Susanna Wheatley was dying."

After the deaths of both Susanna and John Wheatley, Phillis was a free woman. She married another free black man, but it was not a good union. The couple had three children who died as babies. Phillis herself died at age 31.

Wheatley's decision that a play would be the best way to tell people about Phillis seemed like a natural one even for the first time playwright. "I've always seen things in dramatic terms," he says.

In early 1999, Wheatley began his own journey with the purchase of two books, one on how to write for the stage and the other, "The Collected Works of Phillis Wheatley," edited by John C. Shields.

It was on more routine journeys in 1999, however, that Wheatley actually worked on the play. "I did a great deal of the writing on my laptop while on the Hingham commuter

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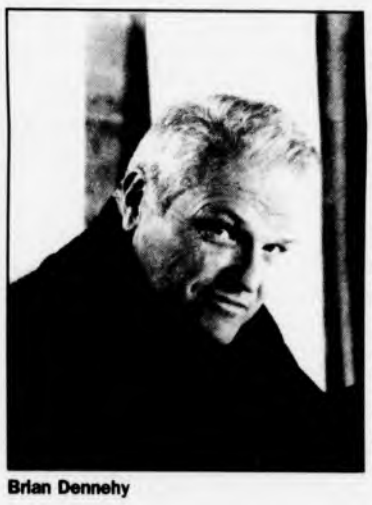
Doing time, doesn't always mean doing the crime

BEST BET

It doesn't get much more dramatic than the death penalty. Authors Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen prove that and more with the new play, "The Exonerated," a chronicle of the true stories of six death row inmates who were wrongly convicted of crimes, ultimately found innocent, and released from prison. Directed by Bob Balaban —producer and costar of the Academy Award-winning feature film "Gosford Park — "The Exonerated" has been produced in Los Angeles and New York and is now on a limited national tour.

Marlo Thomas

The ripped-from-the-headlines nature of the piece has attracted rotating casts of high profile actors and celebrities like Richard Dreyfuss, Jill Clayburgh, Gabriel Byrne, Judy Collins, Mia Farrow and Andrew McCarthy. The Boston company is no exception and is led by Brian Dennehy and Marlo Thomas. Dennehy, brilliant just a few seasons back in "Death of a Salesman" at the Shubert, conveys quiet dignity as an organic farmer convicted of murdering his parents.



Brian Dennehy

Thomas, perhaps best-known as the star of the 1960s sitcom "That Girl," is exquisitely naturalistic as a woman whose hard life has led she and her husband to be found guilty of killing two police officers. In character, Thomas hauntingly sums up the plight of the wrongly convicted when she describes her time in prison. "From 1976 to 1992, just remove that chunk from your life. That's what happened to me." Marlo

Thomas and Brian Dennehy head a 10-person cast in "The Exonerated," at the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont Street, Boston through Feb. 2. For tickets, call 617/931-2787.

-R. Scott Reedy

Day of wine and chocolates

Hull fundraiser helps kids with cancer and their families

By Alice Coyle
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In February, fancies turn to love and chocolate — not necessarily in that order.

Which makes the First Annual Chocolate Lovers and Wine Tasting the perfect place to be just week before Valentine's Day.

"We were trying to think of something we could do close to Valentine's Day to interest the public and the business community and let them do some outreach," explained event organizer Susan Oberg Jacobvitz. "We thought we'd mix the two things that people like the most — chocolate and wine."

More than simply an afternoon of delicious indulgence, Jacobvitz said this benefit event has a heart, with all proceeds going to Why Me, Inc. — a non-profit organization dedicated to caring for children with cancer and their families.

Jacobvitz, a member of the group's board of directors has been involved in fundraising for the Worcester-based Why Me, Inc. for 15 years.

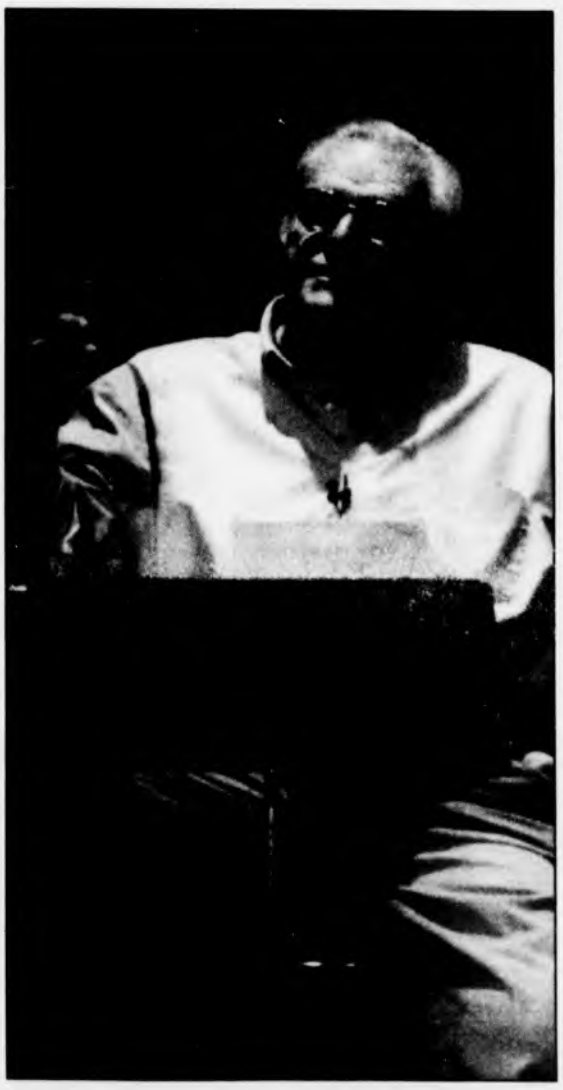
"We started out by selling hot dogs at Jiffy Lube for $1 and brownies at the mall," Jacobvitz said recalling the organization's early fundraising efforts. Why Me, Inc. has become more well known and more successful in raising money over the years and events like the Chocolate Lovers and Wine Tasting help the organization care for more than 200 local families.

"We help provide every day needs for a sick child and their family," said Jacobvitz, noting that the money raised is not put into research or looking for a cure. Instead it pays for the more mundane expenses families face, including parking fees at city hospitals, or the phone and television service in hospital rooms, wigs for children who have lost their hair due to treatment, or games they can play while receiving treatment. Jacobvitz is especially pleased about the house the organization has purchased in Worcester where children with cancer can stay with their families between hospital visits or for a respite.

She hopes to sell 500 tickets for the Feb. 8 Chocolate Lovers and Wine Tasting which will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. in two of the Clarion Nantasket Beach Hotel's ballrooms. Local candy stores including "A Matter of Taste in Scituate, and Puopolo's Candies in Hingham, and Z Chef will offer the confectionery delights while restaurants like Bridgeman's Jakes Seafood and La Calypso will serve up scrumptious chocolate desserts. Shaw-Ross International Importers, Portside Wines and A Street Liquors will offer a wide range and selection of wines.

"We see it as a wonderful way for the community to come together to support children around the state," Jacobvitz said.

In addition to truffles and cabernet, there will be door prizes, a silent auction and raffle for those who attend the Chocolate Lovers and Wine Tasting. Tickets are $25 and may be purchased in advance or at the door, said Jacobvitz, who hopes to make the event an annual one. For ticket information call 781-925-9793.



Food & dining

A simple chocolate cake

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

I was looking for a one-layer chocolate cake that was rich enough to be served on its own with perhaps a dollop of whipped cream. I didn't want to have to frost it or soak it in sugar syrup and, most of all, I didn't want two layers. I was searching for a luxurious chocolate taste and texture but well short of a damp, thick over-the-top flourless chocolate cake that I find hard to stomach.

I started with a recipe that I had developed for The Dessert Bible that was an "almost" fallen chocolate cake. First of all, a real "fallen" chocolate cake is that ubiquitous dessert found at thousands of restaurants which is basically an undercooked chocolate cake, often served in a ramekin or small bowl. Chocolate tends to lose its flavor the more it is cooked and therefore an undercooked chocolate cake has a lot of flavor. The problem with this type of dessert is that it has little structure, has to be served warm, and tends to be quite gooey in the middle. My "almost" fallen chocolate cake recipe was a big step in the right direction, but it still falls during cooling and the center is very soft and hard to manage. I wanted something a bit more cake-like without losing the great flavor and texture.

The basic recipe calls for a stick of butter melted with 8 ounces of semisweet chocolate, 1/4 cup flour, 6 whole eggs, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla, and 3/4 teaspoon salt. The eggs and sugar are beaten for 5 minutes, the flour and salt are folded in, the butter/chocolate mixture is folded in along with the vanilla, and then the mixture is baked in a springform pan. Simple enough. But I still wanted a bit more structure so I increased the flour to 1/2 cup. This created a higher, more cake-like dessert, but it needed a bit more chocolate flavor so I upped the chocolate to 10 ounces. Voila! Now I had a cake that fell very little during cooling and had a light, chocolate-cake texture around the perimeter with a rich, thick chocolate texture in the center. This cake does not have to be served warm out of the oven, although it is at its peak about 20 minutes after baking. Best of all, it is rich enough to be served on its own without frosting and yet it has the structure and feel of a real chocolate cake, not a warm pudding.

SIMPLE CHOCOLATE CAKE

The center of this cake will appear seamed and mottled when it is done, not smooth and high-rise like a regular chocolate cake. (This is due to the low proportion of flour to butter and chocolate.) Remove it from the oven when the center is just set (it doesn't shimmy and shake). Just shake the pan a bit from side to side to gauge whether the center is set. Don't press down on the center as you would with a regular cake to see if it bounces back. The cake will continue to set up out of the oven. Note that the center of the cake will be very rich and creamy whereas the perimeter will be more cake-like.

8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, plus softened butter for greasing pan

10 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped into small pieces

6 large eggs, at room temperature

1/2 cup sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/2 cup all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting pan

1/2 teaspoon salt

Confectioners' sugar for dusting cake, optional

Whipped cream or vanilla ice cream for serving, optional

1. Adjust an oven rack to center position and heat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter and flour (or dust with cocoa) an 8 or 9-inch springform pan.

2. Heat the butter and chocolate together in a heavy-bottomed saucepan over very low heat until the chocolate is just about melted. (This can be done in a microwave oven. Heat the chocolate for 2 minutes at 50% power. Add the butter and heat another 2 minutes or so at 50% or until melted. Stir every minute.) Set aside to cool almost to room temperature.

3. Beat the eggs, slowly adding the sugar, until very light and thick, about 5 minutes with a paddle attachment of a standing mixer, about 12 minutes with a hand mixer or whisk. (They should be the texture of underwhipped cream. The mixture should mound when drizzled back onto itself. Do not underbeat this mixture – give it the time it needs.) While the eggs are beating, add the vanilla to the chocolate/butter mixture and stir until smooth. When the egg mixture is ready, fold about 1 cup of it into the melted chocolate. Sift the flour and salt onto the remaining egg/sugar mixture and fold it in. (If using a standing mixer, sift the flour onto the egg mixture and mix at low speed for 10 seconds. Add the chocolate and also mix on low for 10 seconds. Then fold the mixture together with a rubber spatula.) Add the lightened chocolate mixture to the bowl with the egg/sugar mixture and fold until fully incorporated. Pour the batter into the prepared pan. (The batter will now be about half the volume it was at the outset and will fill about two-thirds of a 2 1/2-inch high springform pan.)

4. Bake about 30 to 35 minutes for the 8-inch pan, and 25 to 30 minutes for the 9-inch pan. (Baking times will vary depending on the calibration of your oven. Use the visual cues given at the beginning of the recipe as a guide to when the cake is ready.) The cake should be just set in the center (jiggle the pan back and forth to check). Don't press on the top of the cake to judge whether it is done. Let cool for 10 minutes. Run a thin knife around the edge of the pan and release the sides.

5. Dust with confectioners' sugar and serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream. This cake is best served warm but can also be served at room temperature.

Serves 8

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Mail order gardening

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

A momentary reprieve from this winter's relentless arctic blast afforded South Shore residents a brief opportunity to escape the warm, stuffy confines of our indoor sanctuaries and venture out into our frosty landscapes. Most of the gardens remain blanketed by an icy coating of snow with the promise of a fluffy new covering on the way. Armed with a teakettle of boiling water, I made my way across the crusty surface to the edge of my frozen frog pond hoping to melt a hole in ice that would favor the survival of the fish and frogs hibernating below. In recent years, a bubbling pump furnished a nearly perpetual opening in the frozen surface of the water garden enabling gases from decomposing debris to escape and providing a constant source of water for wildlife all winter long. Due to this season's bitter cold temperatures, the pond has been continuously frozen, the gurgling, miniature fountain creating unique ice sculptures whose forms change throughout the day as sun, wind, and shadows continually influence nature's artwork.

As I gazed upon the dormant, lifeless garden surrounding the frozen pond, I struggled to visualize its large clumps of handsome hostas, airy astilbes, feathery ferns, and the scores of lush shade-loving perennials that overflow these borders during the growing season. I am grateful for the books, magazines, catalogs and Internet offerings that remind me of the beauty that resting beneath the frozen earth.

I spent several hours earlier in the day sitting at my computer browsing through a sea of web sites related to plant material. When I entered the key word "perennial plants", 273,000 offerings were indicated. Overwhelmed by the potential listings, I became more selective in my designations resorting to specific catalog sources I have used and enjoyed in the past. Although many of these mail order businesses offered impressive web sites, I prefer hard copies and enjoy flipping through the pages of colorful catalogs so I requested quite an assortment on-line. Should I decide to place any orders, I may return to the convenience of my computer in the weeks to come.

Gardening magazines are another resource for locating new suppliers. Horticulture magazine and Fine Gardening provide postcard forms at the back of their publications during the winter months that enable you to order many catalogs all at once through the magazine. Some businesses charge a nominal fee to cover printing and mailing costs, often deductible with a first order, but I consider the majority of these brochures inexpensive alternatives to costly gardening books and save them from year to year. Many catalogs provide beautiful photographs and information on the growth habits and culture of the newest cultivars. I have saved numerous Wayside Gardens and White Flower Farm catalogs as reference material. The catalog format enables a supplier to present more varieties than those typically listed in a standard reference book and since these are updated and expanded yearly, the gardening enthusiast has access to descriptions and cultural information about the latest introductions.

As you scan the pages of these glorious photographic journals, be aware that some of the photos can be misleading. Insignificant tiny flowers may be substantially enlarged and the true colors of the flowers may be extremely difficult to reproduce accurately leading to the use of filters that may enhance or exaggerate the actual tints. Blue flowers are especially challenging to capture accurately on film. Glowing descriptions of a plant's attributes tend to accompany these photos and catalogs rarely mention any negative characteristics. You may want to consult additional references before you place your order noting the size of the flowers and the mature plant in addition to any mention of its being a vigorous grower, which is often an indication of an invasive aggressor.

One of the most economical ways to produce a garden full of beautiful flowers is to grow from seed. Quantities of annuals, perennials and vegetables can be raised from seed packets at a fraction of the cost of buying six-packs or individual plants. There is also a sense of accomplishment when you successfully grow plants from seed.

The purchase of perennials or woody plants through the mail may be more of a gamble. Depending on the source, you are likely to spend more for plants acquired through the mail than at your local nursery especially when the costs of shipping are figured into the final expense. The majority of local garden centers carry quite a variety of plant materials including many newer offerings but few could provide the diversity found among the pages of specialty catalogs. For those seeking rare and unusual plants including the newest introductions of daylilies, hosta, peonies, and iris, mail order catalogs can obviously list a wider selection and are practically a necessity for the serious collector. Unique species of trees and shrubs pose even a greater challenge. Mail order woody plants are often diminutive, dormant twigs while local nurseries stock larger specimens that tend to be more reasonably priced for a comparable size ordered through the mail. The factors of cost, your time to wander from nursery to nursery during the growing season, and your need for instant gratification in terms of mature specimens should all be factored into your decision to order through the mail.

As dusk approached, tiny snowflakes filled the air. Only the soothing sounds of bubbling water from my little fishpond broke the silence as darkness fell over the dormant winter landscape.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

The moon enters Capricorn at 2:30 a.m. setting the stage for a 'get things done' kind of day. Roll up your sleeves and take on a big work project. It is okay to initiate new activities. However, it is best to postpone launching major ventures until next week, after the new moon occurs. Zero in on responsibilities you have taken on or promises you have made and follow through.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

At 5:34 a.m. the Capricorn moon aligns with Mercury and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. Tackle jobs you have been putting off and get them out of the way. Don't be a procrastinator. You can be most productive, if you have a clear plan of action and stick to it. An alignment of the sun and Neptune also affects this day. It prompts you to take quiet time out for yourself. Instead of numbing out with escapes through the path of least resistance, do some serious soul-searching. Reflect on and learn from past experiences. Let go of recent hurts, traumas. Explore your options and set new goals.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

The final stage toward a new moon begins at 7:44 a.m., when the moon enters Aquarius. This is a day to finish projects already begun, clean and reorganize, clear the way for new activities. On a personal level, the dark side of a new moon brings an opportunity to shed emotional baggage, free yourself from self-defeating ideas, behaviors, patterns. Important insights and inspirations will come, if you have quiet space and time to listen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

A new moon culminates at 5:48 a.m., 12-degrees Aquarius. It sets the stage for a month that is ideal for new starts of all kinds. If you have a plan or new idea you want to pursue, now is the time to get it off the ground. This new moon opposes the giant planet Jupiter, generating feelings of optimism and hope. The evening is great for partying. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Above-average planetary influences continue. The Aquarius moon aligns with Venus and Uranus until 11:02 a.m., when it becomes inactive. Venus forms a 60-degree contact to Uranus at 12:25 p.m., and Mars interacts with Neptune at 4:40 p.m. A mellow Pisces moon arrives at 2:54 p.m. This day is prime for meeting people, developing new alliances or renewing old relationships. All social activities get the green light. Gather with friends and enjoy the good things in life.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

It may be difficult to get motivated and be productive today and tomorrow. A Pisces moon forms challenging contacts to Mars today, Pluto and Saturn tomorrow. Postpone making important decisions or initiating new ventures until Wednesday. This is a period to clean up, get rid of the clutter and make way for new starts. The rough spot today is in effect between 10:22 a.m.-1:22 p.m., when the moon aligns with Mars. Slow down. Give greater attention to accuracy, details.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. Avoid morning hassles or the blues. The Pisces moon forms potentially stressful contacts to Pluto and Saturn until 9:52 a.m., when it becomes inactive. Allow extra time to get where you are going. There are likely to be delays, unexpected obstacles. The planet Venus moves into Capricorn at 8:27 a.m., remaining there until March 2. The moon travels at the tail end of the zodiac, inactive for the remainder of the day. That means that you should finish old projects rather than starting anything new. Get extra rest tonight.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

Planetary action turns around completely today. At 12:44 a.m. the moon enters fiery Aries, setting a fast pace today and tomorrow. In addition, Mars, the planetary ruler of Aries, interacts with expansive Jupiter at 2:25 p.m. Be sure to have a clear plan of action, so that you can take advantage of today's high potential. You can be extremely productive. The green light is on for new starts across the board. Go for the gold.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Yesterday's planetary patterns continue. The Aries moon promises another high-energy day. It forms easy contacts to Jupiter, Mars, the sun, Pluto and Saturn. You will be surprised how much you can accomplish, if you are well-organized and stick to your game plan. Zero in on projects that require physical labor and exertion. Get back on track with exercise and physical fitness programs.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Step out of your usual routine; be more adventurous this morning. A lunar alignment to Uranus at 9:21 a.m. makes it prime for new experiences. Keep an open mind. At 9:21 a.m. the Aries moon becomes inactive until 12:59 p.m., when it enters Taurus. The green light goes on, particularly for selling or purchasing land or property. A lunar alignment to Venus generates a romantic mood this evening.

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boat to Boston each day. Most of my research was done at the Boston Athenaeum, while I was on my lunch hour," recalls the counsel to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy who also has his own law practice in Scituate.

Completing the play in six months, Wheatley sent it around to various people for their review and consideration. Not long after, he heard from Stephen Levine of Hingham, a professor of theater at Bridgewater State College. Levine was excited about what he had read and told Wheatley he was interested in mounting a production of the new play at Bridgewater State.

"Stephen Levine is really the shepherd of the project," says Wheatley. "He liked the play and he took on the challenge. Steven told me that it is the dream of anyone who teaches theater to one day have the chance to use of all of his best students - past and present - in one play. Steven says this is the play that is giving him that opportunity."

The part of Phillis Wheatley will be played by 20-year-old Shannon Stanton, a junior at the college. Levine's wife, professional actress Sharyn Waters, will portray Susanna Wheatley. In a bit of typecasting, the role of John Hancock will be played by State Representative Peter Koutoujian of Waltham, a graduate of Bridgewater State.

("The Trial of Phillis Wheatley," written by Ronald B. Wheatley and directed by Stephen Levine, will be presented at the Horace Mann Auditorium at Bridgewater State College, 131 Summer Street, Bridgewater at 8 PM on February 7 and 8. For tickets and information, call 508/531-1321 or visit www.bridgew.edu.)

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Mark your calendar

THE SOUTH SHORE SIMMONS CLUB will hold a luncheon meeting on Feb. 8, at noon at the Red Sauce restaurant, Route 53, Hingham. The guest speaker will be Suzanne Mahler, gardening columnist for the Mariner Community Newspapers, who will talk on "Perennial Gardening". New members and guests are welcome. luncheon $15. Reservations deadline Jan. 31. For reservations and further information, call Connie at 781-878-8443.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER announces a show of artwork utilizing digital technology to be held at the art center April 18 to May 25. The "TechArt" show is open to all artists and will be juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. Artists are invited to submit slides of their work that utilizes digital technology as a major creative component in the production of the work. Examples of eligible works may include original digital; photographs, prints, sculpture, assemblages, collages and other work created using components manipulated by or generated from the computer, video animation sound and computer and internet-based works. Each may submit up to three works. All entries must be received by March 10. For information call 781-383-2787.

THE MILTON PLAYERS presents "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." Feb. 7 to 15. Friday evenings are reserved table seating with complimentary wine and cheese. Saturday performances are general admission. All performances held at the Milton Woman's Club, 90 Reedsdale Rd., Milton. For tickets (12-$17), call 617-698-SHOW. Visit www.miltonplayers.org for more information.

WALK'N MASS VOLKSSPORT CLUB'S WINTER SOUP WALK in Sharon –March 15. Bring your favorite cup and soup, bread and dessert will be provided. A 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) and five kilometer (3.1 miles) routes available. Both routes rated suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. Call 508-668-2340 for more information.

DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS PRINCESS CLASSICS at the Fleet Center Feb. 12 - 23. Disney On Ice presents Princess Classics features Cinderella, Jasmine, Ariel, Sleeping Beauty, Belle, Mulan and Snow White - as they skate into the FleetCenter in Boston. Tickets $60 (front row), $42 (VIP), $25, $20 and $12 and are available at the FleetCenter Box Office, all ticketmasteroutlets, by calling (617)931-2000 or online via www.fleetcenter.com Group sales 617-624-1805.

TIFFANY will be coming to The Company Theatre in Norwell, on Saturday, Feb. 15, backed by her new band and belting out all the old favorites and songs off the new album. Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr. in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $38 and all seats are reserved. There are also a limited number of VIP seats at $60, which includes the best seats in the house and a meeting with Tiffany. Visit the website at www.companytheatre.com.

FOLK LEGEND MELANIE MAKES HER COMPANY THEATRE DEBUT; Feb. 8, Tickets now on sale Now on tour to support her most recent album, "Crazy Love," which features her children - Leilah, Jeordie and Beau Jarred, and a new version of her hit, "Brand New Key" - Melanie will be appearing at The Company Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 8, for one show only. The show time is 8 p.m. The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $28 and all seats are reserved. There are also a limited number of VIP seats available at $50, which includes the best seats and a reception with Melanie. You can also check out the website at www.companytheatre.com.

STOMP returns to Boston beginning Feb. 11, at The Stuart Street Playhouse. "Stomp," the international percussion sensation, makes its triumphant return to Boston, coming to the Stuart Street Playhouse for a six week engagement, Feb. 11, through March 23. Tickets available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400 by logging on to www.stomponline.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston, 02116.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and

Sharon Conservatory Concerto Competition winner plays Ravel Piano Concerto in G; Hingham High Chamber Orchestra joins HSO, and the full orchestra performs Elgar Serenade. Plus instrument Showcase. Sat. Feb. 1, at noon and 3 p.m.; Sun. Feb. 2, at 1 p.m. At Derby Academy, Hingham. $18 adult, $15 senior, $10 youth through age 18. Call 781-740-5694 for tickets.

Thurs. 30

Singing Valentines offered by the **South Shore Men of Harmony** on Feb. 12, from noon to 9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 13, from noon to 9 p.m., or Friday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. A barbershop quartet will be sent, in appropriate costume, to anywhere on the South Shore, search out the recipient, sing" Heart of My Heart I Love You" and I Love You Truly," present a long-stemmed rose, a lovely valentine card naming the sender, and a souvenir Polaroid picture. Available for $50. To place an order or more details, call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-0227 or Pete Fitzgerald 781-341-1688.

Cabaret 2003 – Join the **Hingham Community Center's 41st year of Cabaret**. This show features visits to major United States cities. Travel to Broadway, Chicago, Texas, Hawaii and more. Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. $10 seniors/$12 general public. Tickets available at the Hingham community Center, 70 South St. For information call 781-749-2261.

Norwell VNA presents **"Care for the Caregiver"** on Jan. 30. This session will take place on Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. at Sunrise Assisted Living, 125 King Street (Rte. 3A) in Cohasset. Barbara Tortorella, LICSW, will present this week's featured topic "Care for the Caregiver." The public is invited to attend any or all of the sessions in this series. All sessions will take place at Cohasset's Sunrise Assisted Living facility. For directions, call 781-383-6300. For more information about the *Caring Connections* series, call Barbara Tortorella at 781-659-2342 ext. 357.

Duxbury Art Association presents **Class Acts**, an exhibition of artwork from high school students from various South Shore communities Dec. 16 through Jan. 31. Class Acts will take place in the Bengtz &Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4. or visit www.duxburyart.org.

"Watershed Through the Lens" NSRWA's 2002 Photo Contest and Show The 30 winning photographs of the NSRWA's "Watershed though the Lens" Photo Contest will be on display at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell through Jan. 31. The public is invited to attend. To view images of this year's winning photos, visit our website www.nsrwa.org

Bruce C. Soderholm, senior vice president of operations at Talbots, will be the next speaker at the **Plymouth County Development Council's Business Forum**, which allows executives of locally based companies to share their successes and discuss new ideas for improving their businesses. The luncheon, moderated by PCDC President **Jack Meehl** of **Abington Savings Bank**. will begin at noon on Jan. 30, at the Fireside Grill in Middleboro.

Cataloni's Cat's Blues Club, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. Every Thursday night **New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam party** hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano,** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover, handicap accessible, casual dress. Jan. 30. Call 781-878-0834 for more information.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Fri. 31

The Wallace Anderson Gallery at Bridgewater State College presents the **John Heller Memorial Show** through Feb. 7. An exhibition of clay, jewelry and other art work created by this member of the Art Faculty, from September 1968 until his untimely death in February 2001. Reception Jan. 31, from 4 to 7 p.m. Call 508-531-1359 for more information.

Solid Gold Oldies II at **Quincy Dinner Theater**, all new 50s and 60s review., Motown, Doo Wop, comedy, Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 31, Feb. 1-2, 8-9, 14-16. Dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday matinees, dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. Valentine's Day gifts and champagne for all ladies. Tickets $37.50 for dinner and how, $20 show only. Group discounts available. For reservations and information, call 781-843-5862. Chairlift available for handicapped.

Second Annual Stray Cat Blues featuring **The James Montgomery Blues Band** will be appearing at **Handlebar Harry's** in Plymouth on Jan. 31,

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The Calyx Piano Trio of Boston will appear at the James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West Street, Norwell, Sunday Feb. 2, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $24/$10 for students and are available in advance by calling 781-659-7100., or at the door space permitting. A complimentary reception to meet the artists follows the concert.

The Alldillan Gallery at the Canton campus of Massasoit Community College presents Odalisque and exhibition of mixed media works by artist Scott Ketchum. The exhibit will run from Feb. 3-28 and is free and open to the public. An opening reception will be held Feb. 3 from noon to 1 p.m. For more information call (781) 821-2222, ext. 2105.

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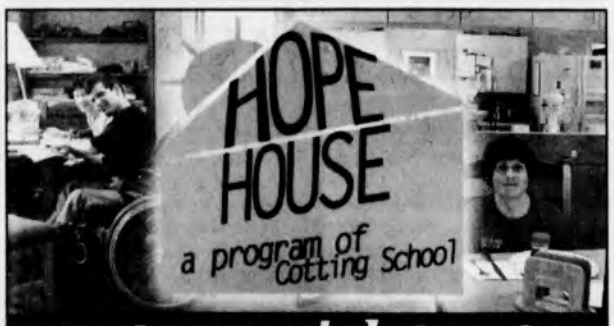

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to benefit the Friends of the Plymouth Pound's dog and cat rescue programs. Doors open at 8 p.m. Advance tickets available at Handlebar Harry's, Manomet Animal Hospital and Parker's Liquors in Hyannis. $15 per person. For information call 508-224-6651.

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth presents its dinner theater series. On Jan. 31, **Joey Canzano's Man of Many Voices** – talented performance to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and more. Dinner buffet and show $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Call 508-746-7100. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. overnight dinner-theater packages starting at $93 per person double occupancy. Packages include dinner, show and room.

Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell presents **Jumpin' Juba** Jan. 31, at 9 p.m. Call 781-659-0050 for more information.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Good Friends.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Sean O'Tooles - Shirley Square, Main St., (Route 3A) Plymouth, presents **Lonesome Jukebox** (rockabilly) on Jan. 31.

Sat. 1

Mass Audubon South Shore Sanctuaries presents **Trees in Winter** Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. to noon. This is the best time of year to learn how to identify native deciduous and evergreen trees. Come prepared for a winter hike in the woods. Fee: $7/$10nm. Call 781-837-9400 ext 7903 for information.

Hingham Symphony Discovery Concerts Musical fun for all ages! HSO and guests: Caroline, from ZOOM, narrates Kapilow's Gertrude McFuzz; South Shore Conservatory Concerto Competition winner plays Ravel Piano Concerto in G; Hingham High Chamber Orchestra joins HSO, and the full orchestra performs Elgar Serenade. Plus Instrument Showcase. Sat. Feb. 1, at noon and 3 p.m.; Sun. Feb. 2, at 1 p.m. At Derby Academy, Hingham. $18 adult, $15 senior, $10 youth through age 18. Call 781-740-5694 for tickets

Cambridge Society for Early Music, "Chamber Music by Candlelight" Series – Presenting John Schneiderman on Baroque lute and 7-string guitar: "From the Dresden Court to the Parisian Salon – Music of Silvius Leopold Weiss, Adam Falkenhagen and Napoleon Costle." Feb. 1, at 8 p.m. at the **First Parish Church**, Tremont St., (Route 3A), Duxbury. Tickets $25 general admission; $20 students and seniors. Call 617-489-2062. handicapped-accessible.

Single Executives Club Cocktail Party and Singles Dance – Feb. 1, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Dedham Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom, 25 Allied Dr., Dedham. Dance music by award-winning DJ. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m. Free door prizes. Suitable for all singles and couples age 35 to 55 years old. Admission $10 before 9 p.m. $15 thereafter. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. This is a non-smoking event. Co-sponsored by the Young Professional Club and The Single CEO's Club, www.se-4you.com

Woody's Pub 53, 1284 Washington St., Weymouth. **The New Blue Revue** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Every Saturday, Jan. 25. For information call 781-340-6666.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Tex, Mad Dog, & Sherry Dale.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Sun. 2

"Here and There" now through March 2 - **the Gallery. Artists of the Scituate Art Gallery** will present original watercolor, acrylic and oil paintings of local and travel scenes from the U.S and abroad. International works include scenes from Ireland, Italy, Spain and France. The opening reception will be held on Sunday, Feb.2, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Gallery on Front Street in Scituate Harbor. The reception and exhibit are open and free to the public. The Gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

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Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth presents a classical: Orchestral/Family concert, "Up Close and Personal" musical instrument demonstrations, at 2 p.m. and The Main Family Foundation Family concert "A Groundhog Day Zoological Celebration" narrated by Karen Marinella. Ticket range: Adults $15, youth (12 and under) $8. Call 508-746-8008 for tickets and information.

The Bridgwaye Inn will be the source for the best Dixieland sounds on the South Shore beginning Feb. 2, and continuing on the first Sunday of every month throughout 2003. All jazz shows will begin at 4 p.m. with dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. Dancing is encouraged Admission $10. Kicking off the season will be Stan McDonald's Blue Horizon Jazz Band. Call 781-834-6505 for reservations and more details.

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, presents a dinner buffet and show on Fridays and Saturdays through May 3. $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1, **Ghost at Bad Table Manor,** a captivating murder-mystery.

Mon. 3

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 3, **Bethel Heights Vineyard**, a family-owned and operated winery in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley, was established in 1984. Bethel Heights specializes in Pinot Noir, but also produces Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, and Pinot Blac. Owner Pat Dudley hosts the evening, showcasing the wide array of estate and single vineyard wines. Dinner 7 p.m. The Atlantic Room, $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Tues. 4

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books will host **G. H. Ephron** at the Hingham Library. This event, rescheduled from December because of a snowstorm, will take place on Feb. 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. G. H. Ephron is the pseudonym used by the writing team of Milton resident Hallie Ephron and Cambridge resident Donald Davidoff. This is a free event and the public is welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Scooby-Doo In Stagefright - Live On Stage returns to the Wang Center Feb. 4 to 9. Scooby-Doo and the Gang come to life for mystery-solving chills and thrills. Tickets on sale now at the Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or visit www.wangcenter.org or call 1-800-447-7400.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

The second of three programs on the crisis in Iraq will be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4, at the Old Ship Church Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham. The Rev. John Buehrens, a member of a National Council of Churches delegation to Iraq and former president of the Universalist Unitarian Association, will discuss his experiences in Iraq. A discussion period will follow.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 4. Jeff Bundschu, of the family-owned Gundlach-Bundschu hosts this evening and leads attendees in sampling his vineyard's Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Cabernet-family varietals, all paired with the culinary works of Chef Daniel Bruce The Atlantic Room, $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at Quincy District Court on Feb. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For more information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, Blue Jam with **Carriera**.

Wed. 5

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. On Feb. 5, "The Dentist". Free and open to the public.

Brazilian Artist Heloisa Helena, represented by **Artful Things Gallery** in Norwell, will be exhibiting her fine contemporary paintings throughout the month of February at the John Curtis Free Library at 534 Hanover Street, Hanover. Opening reception at the library on Feb. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibit will run from Feb. 1, through Feb. 28. The library is open Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Dan Bennett at 781-659-6595 or visit www.artful-thing.com.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening lectures ending March 26. On

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Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Mass. Audubon headquarters in Marshfield. Great Waters: An Atlantic Passage. Author Deborah Cramer will talk about her inspiring book "Great Waters" that weaves oceanographic exploration and the history and science of the Atlantic with poetry and hard truths about her role in the fragile web of marine life. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 5. Jeff Ritchey, of the family-owned Clos La chance hosts this evening and leads attendees in sampling his vineyard's Chardonnat, Pinot Noir, Cabernet, Sauvignon, Merlot, and Zinfandel, all paired with a four-course dinner prepared by Chef Daniel Bruce. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room, $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWine Festival.net

Norwell Sociables Monthly Meeting (all current and prospective members welcome), Contact Libet Callahan at 781.659.2485 for more information.

Raffael's Restaurant of Quincy announce the first dinner theatre production of their fourth season. The **Riverside Repertory Company of Hyde Park** presents their original Bob Fosse review titled ***"Forever Fosse"*** Feb. 5, 6, 12 13. The Riverside Repertory Company is the professional performance company that is housed in Hyde Park, at the historical French Opera House. The ensemble is trained to perform in various venues and styles and they strive to entertain and introduce audiences to a diverse palette of music and dance. The production is scheduled for Feb.5, *6, #12 & *13. Matinees have been selling out in advance due to the popularity of the concept, the shows themselves and the scrumptious quality food offered by Raffael's restaurant. Tickets are $35 for the matinee series and $45 for the evening shows per person. Included are dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Lunch starts at noon and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. sharp. For reservations call Raffael's restaurant directly at 617-328-1600 during regular business hours. For additional information join us on the web at www. allaboutjmproductions. com * = Matinee and evening performances # = Just Matinee Performance

Thurs. 6

Starcreations Theater from the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc.** presents its **Second Annual Variety Show,** on Feb. 6, 7, 8, 13 and 15, at 7 p.m. and Feb. 9, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park Plymouth, Mill #1, lower level. Admission is $10 adult/$5 child.

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Thayer Public Library presents Ruth Hill from **Radcliffe College's Oral History Project** will present a slide lecture on **"Black American Women and Their Lives"** on Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Held in Logan Auditorium, 798 Washington St., Braintree. For more information, call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

Miracle East, 497 Bedford St., Rt. 18, Abington, 781-878-8012. Comedy show - Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. Reservations Recommended. Admission $10. Headliner - Bob Niles of Weymouth. Host: Annette Pollack. Other Comics - Paul Keenan, Jack Hurney and Matt McConnell.

Fri. 7

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday. On Feb. 7, **"Fun Food"** at 10:30 a.m. Free and open to the public.

The James Library Center for the Arts Art Gallery, 24 West St., Norwell, presents oil paintings by **Jacquie Berard** Feb. 7 to March 5. Reception Feb. 7, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

The South Shore Folk Music Club, presents **David Mallett** at the Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Route 106, Kingston. on Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. $13 members/$15 non-members. For information call 781-871-1052.

Single Executives Club Cocktail Party and Singles Dance – Feb. 7, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Radisson Plymouth Hotel (formerly the Sheraton), 180 Water St., Plymouth, exit 6, Route 44 off Route 3. Dance music by award-winning DJ. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m. Free door prizes. For all singles and couples age 35 to 55 years old. Admission $10 before 9 p.m. $15 thereafter. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. This is a non-smoking event. Co-sponsored by "Cape Cod's Most Eligible Singles."

Bridgwaye Inn – Boston Comedy Night makes debut at Bridgwaye's Waterfront Theatre on Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. Dinner is optional beginning at 6 p.m. Admission $8. Performing comedians include **John David, Pat Napoli and Ira Proctor**. For more information call 781-834-6505.

The North River Arts Society invites the public to view its **15th Annual Members Show**, Feb. 8 to 16, Saturday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. The gala opening party is Feb. 7, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Free admission will include hors d-oeuvres and a cash bar. Awards will be presented at 8:30 p.m. For information call 781-837-8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

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The Bridgwaye Inn will be the source for the best Dixieland sounds on the South Shore beginning Feb. 2, and continuing on the first Sunday of every month throughout 2003. All jazz shows will begin at 4 p.m. with dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. Dancing is encouraged Admission $10. Kicking off the season will be Stan McDonald's Blue Horizon Jazz Band. Call 781-834-6505 for reservations and more details.

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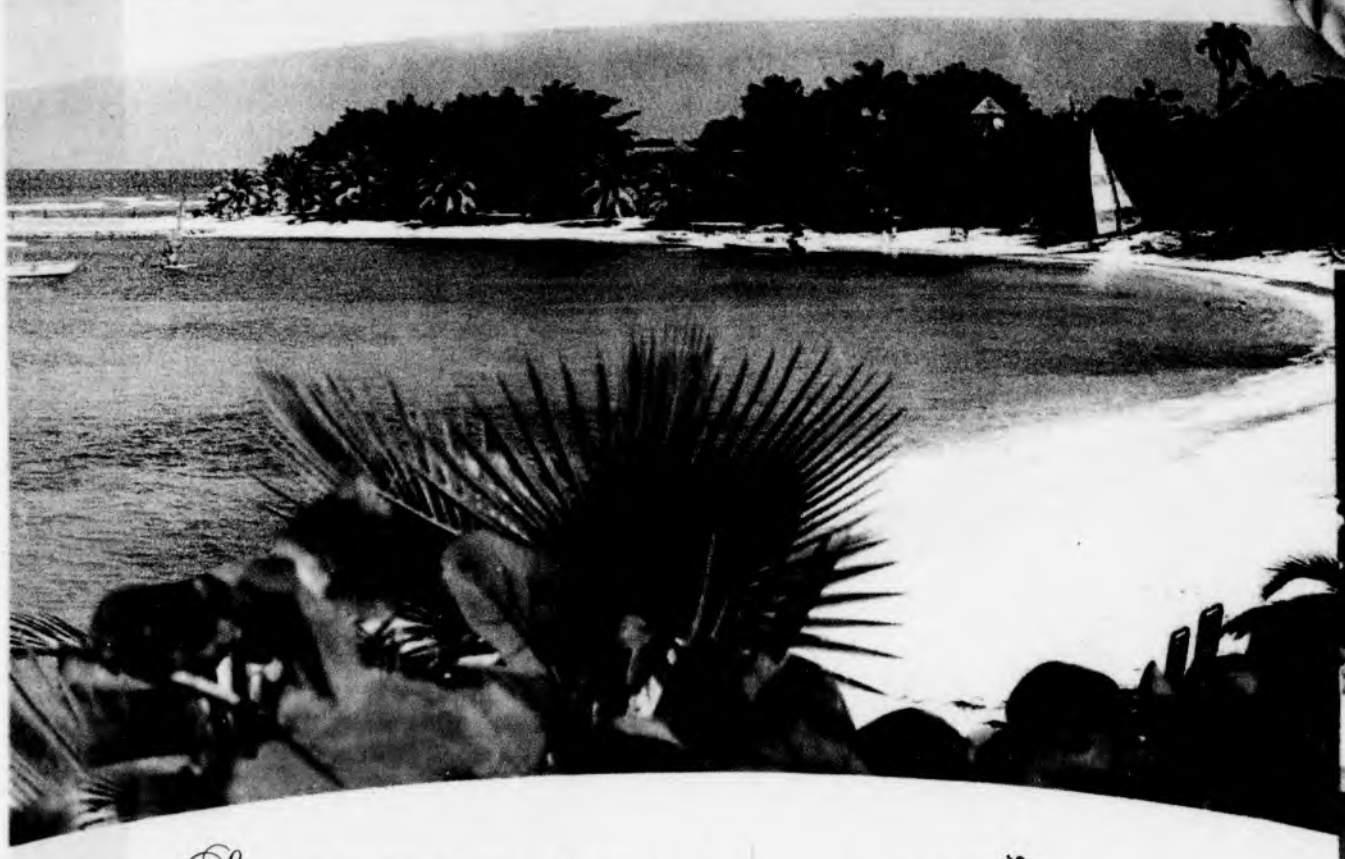

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A lifelong commitment to Cohasset

Arthur Lehr is Citizen of Year

By Mary Ford
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Arthur Lehr hasn't stopped smiling lately. Not only is he feeling better than ever after bouncing back from a recent quadruple bypass – but he's just been named Cohasset's Citizen of the Year.

Although the honor is being announced in today's edition, some friends and neighbors figured it out when they saw Lehr having his photograph taken by the Mariner photographer on Tuesday.

"He is the citizen of a lot of years."
— Joe Buckley, Linden Drive

"Some came up to give me a hug," says the 83-year-old North Main Street resident.

This is the 10th consecutive year for the annual recognition and Lehr, who is undoubtedly one of the most beloved figures in town, has been nominated every year.

The selection committee, which pored over the 20 nomi-

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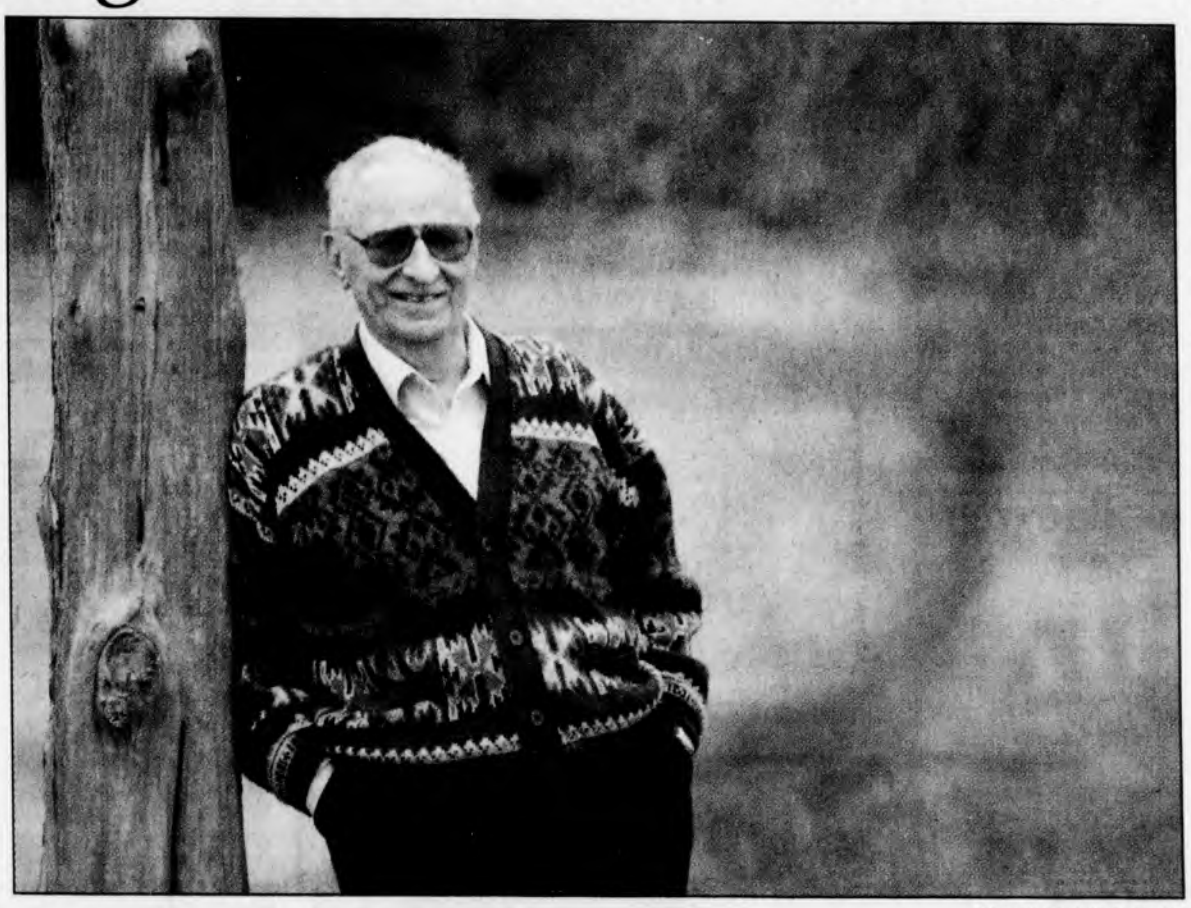

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Arthur Lehr stands by the entrance to Wheelwright Park where is often seen clearing wood. Lehr is being honored as Citizen of the Year for all the volunteer work he does around town.

More funds hope fades

Schools may cope with 4 percent

By John Camera
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The School Committee introduced its preliminary budget for fiscal year 2004 to the Board of Selectmen Tuesday night, clinging to the hope that additional funds would somehow be made available to prevent any further cuts in personnel.

Town Manager Mark Haddad had asked the committee to live with a 4 percent increase in funding. The budget it has tentatively approved would require a 4.7 percent increase.

A last-minute appropriation of $75,000 for janitorial staff that Supt. Ed Malvey said was needed "to get to the minimal staffing that was professionally recommended" was what ultimately put the committee over-budget.

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Lawyer finds more homes on small lots

By John Camera
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Homeowner Phil Ayer isn't getting any satisfaction in his crusade for equal treatment under the zoning bylaw.

But his lawyer, Roberta Sawyer, is wreaking paperwork havoc at the office of Building Inspector Bob Egan.

Sawyer filed another complaint with Egan on Monday, alleging eight more homes — all on undersized lots —underwent or are undergoing "extensions, alterations or enlargements" without the special permit that would apparently be required under the Zoning Board of Appeals' interpretation of the bylaw.

"My review will be ongoing."
— Roberta Sawyer, attorney

"I know that there are many more similar projects. I have not yet had time to completely review your files to identify all of them. My review will be ongoing," Sawyer wrote to Egan in the complaint.

The move represents the second attempt by Sawyer to get Egan to enforce across the board the ZBA's decision regarding Ayer's home at 3 Jerusalem Lane. The Zoning Board ruled on Jan. 16 that Ayer, who razed an 1,800 square foot ranch to make way for a mansion of about 5,000 square feet, never should have been issued a building permit because his lot is considered "undersized." It said Egan had erred in his interpretation of the zoning bylaws and Ayer would need to apply for a special permit to complete his home according to original plans.

Sawyer applied for that special permit on behalf of Ayer last Friday, and the public hearing that is part of the permit process has been set for March 17. At that hearing, angered neighbors will likely argue that Ayer's home should not be granted the permit on the basis it has ruined the character of the neighborhood and devalued their property.

According to the original decision of the ZBA, now that Ayer has met the 20-day deadline for the special permit application, no "cease and desist order" can be enforced on 3 Jerusalem Lane unless and until Ayer is denied that permit. Still, any work on the home is considered "at the owner's risk."

Sawyer also filed suit in superior court Monday, claiming that the initial decision of the building inspector to grant a building permit was correct all along.

Meanwhile, Egan has yet to make a decision on the first complaint Sawyer filed several weeks ago, claiming that six Cohasset homes violate the same zoning bylaw as Ayer's home. The 14-day deadline accorded to Egan by the town's bylaws expired last Thursday.

Sawyer had requested that

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On top of the environmental soapbox

PHOTO/MARY FORD

Ellen Roy Herzfelder of Cohasset is the new state Secretary of Environmental Affairs.

Cohasset woman in cabinet post

By Mary Ford
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Ellen Roy Herzfelder isn't getting home a lot these days.

The new state Secretary of Environmental Affairs is the first to admit she has a "tall order" in terms of the responsibilities she'll face in the cabinet position. And although her office on the ninth floor of 251 Causeway St. in Boston's North End seems a long way from the rocky coastline of her adopted hometown, her thoughts are never far from Cohasset.

"I come with a history of knowledge about the South Shore and I'm going to maintain that connection."
— Ellen Roy Herzfelder

"I come with a history of knowledge about the South Shore and I'm going to maintain that connection," she says, pointing out the unique qualities of the region with its coastline, woodlands, waterways and topography.

The mother of Julia, 4, and Desmond, 2, is also quick to say she's blessed with a supportive husband, Bruce Herzfelder.

"Bruce is a great person and a wonderful father," says Roy Herzfelder, 43, about the college sweetheart she met while looking at the moons of Jupiter in astronomy class at Harvard. "He is so supportive, so gung-ho for me to do this."

Her first month on the job has been so hectic, she quickly realized that leaving home before her children got up in the morning and returning after they were in bed made no sense. So until things settle down, she's been staying in Boston and making it home on the weekends.

Roy Herzfelder's involvement with Gov. Mitt Romney's administration started when, on the recommendation of an associate, she was appointed to serve on the governor-elect's 97-member transition team back in November.

Romney, who touts his private sector experience as an asset, was no doubt impressed by Roy Herzfelder's résumé that includes a mix of private sector and non-profit experience.

He subsequently appointed her to the Secretary post in a reorganized cabinet that includes newly created super cabinet secretaries: the Chief of Commonwealth Development and the Chief of Commerce and Labor. As Commonwealth Development Chief, Douglas Foy, former head of the Conservation Law Foundation, a environmental advocacy group, coordinates the departments of housing, transportation and environmental affairs.

A Harvard graduate, Roy Herzfelder holds master's degrees from the Kennedy School of Government at

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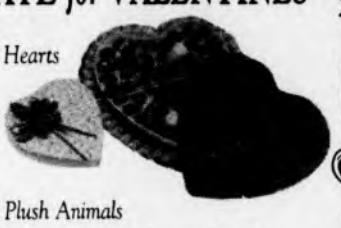

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Friday, Jan. 31

Community Preservation Committee, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Growth & Development Committee, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Harbor Committee, Feb. 11, 7 p.m.

Open Space Committee, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Police-fire Station Study Committee, Feb. 11, 9 a.m.

School Committee, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at the High School Library

Selectmen, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Resources Committee, Feb. 11, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. (40A), and Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. (Avalon).

All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Public hearing on water articles

The Water Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 26 to review the four Warrant Articles proposed by the Water Commission for the March 29 Town Meeting. The Public Hearing will be held at 8 pm in the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

"This Public Hearing will give all Cohasset residents an opportunity to review our four Warrant Articles and to ask any questions they may have," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. The Water Commission has four Warrant Articles which would.

- Authorize borrowing $2.4 million, without raising water rates, to continue the Water Commission's aggressive water system improvements program. This Article will fund improvements to the distribution system on South Main Street, North Main Street, Bancroft Road, Hill Street, and Parker Ave. The Article will also allow the Water Commission to build a new pumphouse for the Ellms Meadow Wellfield to reactivate that wellfield, to perform engineering to continue improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, and to design and implement storm-water management controls to protect the Lily Pond watershed.
- Establish the Water Department as an Enterprise Fund, to better allow the Water Commission to account for and to replace depreciated capital assets.
- Release easements not needed any more by the Water Department on Lothrop Lane and Atlantic Avenue because new water mains that have been installed to improve fire protection and water service in those areas..
- Protect Zone A of the water supply, the area of land 400 feet from Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir and 200 feet from tributaries such as Peppermint Brook and Brass Kettle Brook, by prohibiting adverse land uses that could contaminate the water supply,.

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February 2003	High AM	Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 6	2:19	9.3	8:24	2:35	9.3	8:46
Fri. 7	3:00	9.1	9:10	3:21	8.8	9:29
Sat. 8	3:44	9.0	9:59	4:10	8.3	10:15
Sun. 9	4:31	8.8	10:52	5:03	7.9	11:05
Mon. 10	5:22	8.7	11:48	6:01	7.7	11:59
Tues. 11	6:16	8.8	——	7:00	7.7	12:46
Wed. 12	7:12	9.0	12:55	7:57	7.8	1:42
Thurs. 13	8:06	9.4	1:50	8:51	8.2	2:36

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Health board raises its fees

The Board of Health is raising some of its permit fees. Most fees were increased by $5. However, fees for septic system construction permits were increased more. For both homes and commercial buildings, permits for new septic systems rose from $110 to $150 and for system repairs from $75 to $150. Fees for innovative or alternative septic systems, both for new systems and repairs, rose from $150 to $175.

Chimney fire at Red Lion Inn

A small chimney fire Friday night at the Red Lion Inn resulted in no structural damage but sent several bar customers home early, Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said.

Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn, said the fire resulted when patrons put too much wood in the fireplace.

Lincoln said the cause of the fire was still under investigation, but firefighters were looking into the possibility of a mechanical problem with the damper or a buildup of creosote, the product that results from combustion and collects on a chimney's walls.

Ordelheide said the inn's chimneys were cleaned regularly.

At least 12 firefighters from both Cohasset and Scituate responded to the scene at about 10:50 p.m., Lincoln said. The fire was doused with a fine spray of water and the chimney was cleaned of all creosote, he said.

Lincoln said the Hull Fire Department covered for Cohasset until about 12:30, when firefighters returned from the scene. He said cleaning the chimney was a good idea for anyone who uses the fireplace regularly. "It's a good idea to have it checked and cleaned if necessary every season," he said.

Sewer Commission may increase fees

The Sewer Commission is considering increasing fees by 40 percent in the Central Cohasset Sewer District, but Selectmen are questioning such a large increase.

The commission introduced the plan to Selectmen Tuesday night, saying the cost of sewer service would rise from $5 per 100 cubic feet to $7 per 100 cubic feet in the central district. The increased fee, said commissioner Ray Kasperowicz, would help pay for stabilizing flows and increasing hydraulic capacity at the Wastewater Treatment Plant during peak hours.

Selectmen Fred Koed questioned the move, saying in a worst-case scenario, it could result in a revenue decrease. "I'm just worried it's going to create a rate shock and everyone's going to jump back," said Koed.

Since the fall, overflows in the central sewer system have happened when high tides coincide with storms, and the town has received warnings from the state on the matter. The Sewer Commission believes water is infiltrating the pipes during extreme high tides and it plans on doing a smoke test to locate the faulty piping in the spring.

Selectmen encouraged the commission to revisit its budget to see if fees could be increased by a lesser amount to cover their costs. At the request of the town, the Sewer Commission has become a self-sustaining operation over the past year, which has resulted in costs previously picked up by the town being transferred to sewer users.

Sites added to National Register

The Capt. John Wilson House, the Bates Ship Chandlery and the Central Cohasset Cemetery have all been accepted by the National Park Service for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The sites were added more than a month ago, but certificates and congratulations were sent to the Historical Society from the Massachusetts Historical Commission in late January.

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Health board wants to make smoking history

Would prohibit it in all public places

By John Camera
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Cohasset could soon join the ranks of Hingham, Weymouth, Braintree, Duxbury and Plymouth by making smoking illegal in all public places.

A warrant article drafted by the Board of Health will need two-thirds approval at spring Town Meeting to change the current bylaw, which allows smoking in designated, enclosed areas at workplaces and enables restaurants to apply for variances if they can prove that banning smoking is "financially impractical."

The new bylaw would end the issuing of variances, ban smoking inside workplaces, and require smokers to stand at least 20 feet from the doorway when smoking outside of a workplace.

Three Cohasset restaurants – Atlantica, KoKo Island and Red Lion Inn — have variances that allow for smoking in their bar areas. Under the new bylaw, those restaurants would be able to keep their smoking sections until the variances expire in 2005.

The variances were granted three years ago, after eating and drinking establishments were made smoke-free in the last string of changes to the town's smoking bylaw. To be eligible — aside from arguing the bylaw could have a negative impact on business — the restaurants had to show they had working air filtration devices and sufficient barriers between smoking and non-smoking areas.

The Board of Health's effort to ban smoking in all public places comes several months after the City of Boston decided to enact similar legislation beginning in May.

Health Agent Dr. Robert Godzik said the proposed changes would not be revolutionary, given that five other South Shore towns that have already adopted similar laws. "It's not like this is some giant leap forward. We're just catching up to where everyone else is," he said.

The suggested changes were prompted in part, Godzik said, by the fact that the anti-smoking movement is becoming nationwide. "Were trying to bring (the bylaw) up to speed with the rest of the United States," he said. "Boston, New York City, those places are outlawing smoking in public places. We felt that it was important to go along with it."

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— Dr. Joseph Godzik, health agent

Godzik said employees were the main concern when the Board of Health drafted the changes. "What we're really trying to do is protect the workers," he said. "Somebody who works eight hours a day in a smoke filled environment, they're much more prone to have health problems."

Smoking would not be banned outdoors under the new article, which defines a public place as "an enclosed, indoor area when open to and used by the public."

Godzik said a person walking down the street smoking a cigarette within 20 feet of a workplace would not necessarily be in violation of the law. "That's not the intent," he said. "The intent is that if someone's coming out of their building to take a smoke break, they shouldn't be standing right by the doorway."

Joe Campbell, director of operations at Atlantica, said he was not surprised to learn of the proposed changes. "(Banning smoking) has been a hot topic in the industry for about 15 years," he said. "I knew it was coming. I certainly expected it."

Campbell said a statewide ban would create a level playing field for restaurants, but problems can arise when neighboring towns have different laws. "If everybody has to (ban smoking) that's fine," he said. "But from a competition standpoint, if one town does it and another town doesn't, you lose business."

Campbell noted when Norwell banned smoking several years ago, the restaurant "T.G.I.F." on Route 53 lost 40 percent of its business, mostly to Joe's American Bar and Grill just down the road in Hanover, where smoking was still allowed.

Campbell said many smokers were regulars at Atlantica's bar, which is enclosed and has two "smoke-eaters" to help to filter the air. While smokers may not represent a giant portion of the restaurant's business, he said, they do generate a significant amount of money for bartenders and wait staff who work in the bar.

As for the theory that eliminating smoking will encourage new, non-smoking patrons to frequent the bar, Campbell said he was not convinced. "There's probably some truth to that, but I don't think that group outweighs the group that might leave because you can no longer smoke," he said.

Godzik said if the warrant article was approved, he would not be surprised to see a statewide ban on smoking before the town's three variances expire in 2005.

Wastewater woes still dog AvalonBay project

May seek pipe on 3A

By Mary Ford
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Treated wastewater that would be discharged into a surface system is prohibited if it drains to a drinking water supply.

From the town's perspective it may not quite be "game, set, match" as a Zoning Board of Appeals consultant said Tuesday about Avalon's proposed sewer treatment plant, but it's definitely not deuce.

In an impressive Power Point presentation Water Commission consultants made a compelling case to the ZBA that the proposed wastewater treatment facility for the 200-unit apartment complex drains, at least in part, toward Lily Pond, the town's water supply.

That's a "no-no" to put it the simplest terms under both state and federal environmental regulations.

Treated wastewater that would be discharged into a surface system is prohibited if it drains to a drinking water supply.

Avalon and its consultants argued they don't believe the water flows toward Lily Pond but toward the Weir River, which would be allowed. But the Water Commission employed the help of a consultant that traced silt from Cohasset Heights Landfill, which is in the proposed Avalon Cohasset neighborhood, to bolster the argument the wetlands near the site are all contiguous, and at least some of the surface water would flow from the proposed wastewater treatment plant toward Lily Pond.

Avalon proposes construction of a plant that would handle 40,400 gallons per day of wastewater from the 200 units with 364 bedrooms with surface water discharge to an on-site wetlands system.

Norfolk Ram, consultants for the Water Commission, said control of discharges to the Lily Pond watershed is required to protect public health and ensure a safe drinking water supply.

The discussion was part of the continued hearing on Avalon's application for a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law. Under 40B, a developer can skirt most of a town's zoning regulations in exchange for providing a percentage of affordable housing. Cohasset is vulnerable to comprehensive permits because it has so little housing deemed affordable by state standards.

Despite what the Water Commission thinks, however, Avalon believes the final determination about which way the surface water flows should be left up the state Department of Environmental Protection and the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Avalon would like the ZBA to condition the comprehensive permit on its being able to obtain the surface water discharge permit from the DEP. In other words, it doesn't think the ZBA should play the role of hydrologist and scientist and should let the state and federal environmental agencies wear that hat.

However, while trying to resolve this issue, Avalon would also like to pursue a "parallel path", according to project proponent Scott Dale. That path would send the treated wastewater via a pipe to the front of the site and about 500 feet down Route 3A where there would be no question that it would discharge into the Weir River watershed, which is not a drinking water supply.

Dale went so far as to say Avalon hoped to seek the support of the town before the Sewer Commission that could accept the force main for the town because MassHighway — that owns 3A — doesn't want to be in the surface water disposal business.

He explained Avalon would pay for the installation of the pipe and maintenance of the system.

ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick described the surface water permit as a "key issue — a make it or break it" issue for the project. The board took the matter under advisement. The next Avalon hearing is slated for Feb. 24.

Group eyes landfill for platform tennis facility

By John Camera
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Unlike tennis, however, the ball is allowed to be played after it rebounds off the screen.

Platform tennis could soon be coming to Cohasset.

Pam Wilson of the South Shore Platform Tennis Association has proposed a plan to build two platform tennis courts on the site of the old landfill behind the Recycling and Transfer Station.

Wilson, a Cohasset resident, put the idea before Selectmen Tuesday night and was met with a warm response. Selectman Merle Brown was particularly surprised how much he learned about the sport from Wilson's proposal. "I didn't know anything about it before, now I think I'm an expert," he said.

Platform tennis, Wilson told the Selectmen, is a worldwide sport played in Canada, Europe and across the United States. The sport was invented as a winter substitute for tennis and is primarily a doubles game, played on a 30 ft. by 60 ft. court that is enclosed by 12 ft. high chicken wire screens.

Unlike tennis, however, the ball is allowed to be played after it rebounds off the screen.

The result is a fast-paced game that makes for some interesting shots and requires superior teamwork.

"It has been described as the 'chess game of racquet sports'" and "requires the patience of a tortoise combined with the speed of a hare," Wilson wrote in the proposal.

Wilson said construction of the two courts, to be connected by a deck and a warming hut, would be funded by the more than 40 members of the South Shore Platform Tennis Association, who have been planning to build a facility for more that a year. Utilities and maintenance would be funded by membership dues.

Since the town-owned land would be used for a recreational benefit to the town, the association would lease the land at a cost of $1 per year. The structures are removable and would not be permanent, Wilson said.

Selectmen asked Wilson contact the Board of Health about a plan to connect underground utility wires to the courts. They are also looking for more details regarding parking and insurance policies.

Wilson is preparing a draft of a licensing agreement with the town for her next meeting with Selectmen.

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Many fine citizens nominated for annual award

By Mary Ford
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The Cohasset Mariner received 20 nominations from 47 individuals and groups for the annual Citizen of the Year Award. A selection committee consisting of Jody Butman of Spring Street; Roger Whitley of Cedar Lane; Peter Whittemore of Elm Court; and editor Mary Ford pored over the nominees at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square on Saturday and selected Arthur Lehr of North Main Street for the annual award.

The other nominees were:

• Steve Bobo, who as chairman of the Board of Health, is providing guidance and useful information on so many health-related issues; and for providing careful, meaningful and intelligent answers to health questions;

• R. Murray Campbell for his regular letters to the editor that keep others informed and often provide the catalyst for others to write; and for his leadership of the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation;

• John Coe for his volunteer work at the Senior Center, St. Anthony's, South Shore Hospital, to name a few; and for being a good neighbor and friend;

• Jack DeLorenzo for his dedication to youth as a school administrator at CMHS; and for his involvement with the Second Congregational Church; Lightkeeper's Corp. and more.

• Dr. Steve Golden for unselfishly coming to the aid of anyone who needs medical attention; and for always being there for the children and young adults for sports physicals and at sports events;

• June Hubbard for saving a man in Little Harbor by rowing against the current and towing him to shore; and for all her volunteer work at the library, lifesaving museum, and more.

• Harold W. Litchfield for his many years of dedication to the town as head of the DPW; and for going above and beyond the call of duty in so many ways;

• Polly Logan for her continued generosity, volunteerism and leadership to her town, state and country, including as vice chairman of the state Republican Party encouraging more women to run for office and to get involved in government;

• John McNabb for the countless hours he has put in working tirelessly to protect and save the town's most valuable asset, its water supply;

• Kathy O'Malley, for her leadership as co-president of the Cohasset Historical Society providing the inspiration and encouragement for the society's purchase of the Paul Pratt building;

• Wigmore Pierson and Jacqueline Dormitzer for putting the new volume of the history of Cohasset on the local best seller list.

• Nelson C. Pratt, Jr. for his lifetime of support for the Boys Scouts, Rainbow Girls and more;

• Rich Silvia for his tireless and dedicated effort to acquire the Barnes property for the benefit of the citizens of Cohasset; and for his service to the town on a range of committees over the years;

• Rob Spofford for his leadership on the School Building Committee that brought the school projects in on time and on budget;

• Joyce "Jeff" Steele for volunteering with the scouts, at the Village Fair, Meals on Wheels, and at the Social Service League.

• Marjorie Steele for giving hope and positive nourishment to those in need through steadfastly managing the Cohasset Food Pantry;

• Ham Tewksbury for his hard work as a member of the Government Island Study Committee, Hagerty Committee, and Historic Commission for driving the Senior Shuttle, and for his wonderful sense of humor.

• Patience Towle for her nonstop work for the library, first as member and then President of the Friends; as a member of the Board of Trustees; and as chairwoman of the Library Building Committee;

• David Wadsworth, Town Archivist and member of the Cohasset Historical Commission, board of Cohasset Central Cemetery, and Cohasset Historical Society for his care and love of the town's history over the years, including gaining recognition for various properties on the National Register.

Lehr has a lifelong commitment to Cohasset

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nees Saturday, decided the time had come to honor Lehr, who has dedicated his life to his "adopted" hometown.

"I can't call myself a native," he chuckles. "I moved here from Maine when I was three."

Apart from service in the Navy during World War II, Lehr hasn't spent much time away from Cohasset. In fact, right after being called up Lehr's ship anchored briefly off the coast and he could see the piles of Irish moss on Sandy Beach.

"I thought, 'I'll get back here as soon as I can,'" he recalls, "but I was away 4-1/2 years." However, during that time, he met a beautiful redhead while on leave in San Diego, and married her 1-1/2 years later.

Lehr and his wife, Roberta, who passed away about two years ago, have three sons and four grandchildren.

Over the years, the retired insurance businessman has been involved in myriad good works, and always as a volunteer — whether that be mowing the "cap" of the town landfill with his red tractor or serving as the town's Civil Defense Director.

The common denominator has been Lehr's dogged determination to see things through and to serve others, a lesson he says he learned from his parents.

The Citizen of the Year selection committee consisting of Jody Butman of Spring Street; Peter Whittemore of Elm Court; Roger Whitley of Cedar Lane and editor Mary Ford reviewed the 20 candidates nominated by 42 individuals and groups at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square on Saturday.

Although not reached without considerable discussion about all the nominees, the committee's decision to honor Lehr was unanimous.

Joe Buckley of Linden Drive put it best in his nomination of Lehr.

"Arthur is a kind, loveable man, a very nice gentleman. He is the citizen of a lot of years," Buckley wrote.

Here's are some of Lehr's contributions to the town he loves:

• Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 28 for 25 years, and Explorer Adviser of Post 28 for another 25 years; he is still active as the Troop's Eagle Scout advancement chairman;

• Served on the Zoning Board of Appeals;

• Served as a Registrar of Voters for many years;

• Clerk of the Works for the new DPW garage at no cost to the town;

• Has served on the Recycling Committee for 20 years;

• Is the Civil Defense Director for the town;

• Served on the Gravel Pit Reuse Committee, and as volunteer Clerk of the Works for the new Little League Complex;

• Clerk of the Works at Mariners Park, again at no cost to the town;

• Appalachia Service Project volunteer

• Active member of the Second Congregational Church and served on the building committee for the church addition.

Jane Long of Cedar Street says Lehr has been on so many committees that she couldn't name them all. But she said he exemplifies volunteerism.

"He is always giving his time and energy to the town," she wrote in her nomination. "When you drive by Wheelwright Park, you will often see him clearing the wooded area in front of the park. Often he can be seen at the RTF working in one of the areas or placing bottle recyclables in his or another vehicle to take to a bottle recycling center."

Allan MacDonald, who has served alongside Lehr on the Recycling Committee, says Lehr epitomizes the quiet and humble but deeply dedicated commitment to public service.

"Arthur Lehr is a Cohasset native son who from the goodness of his heart has instinctively and unstintingly toiled to better the character of Cohasset's people and to better the woods, fields and byways of our rare town," MacDonald stated.

In an interview in the home he helped build back in 1945, Lehr isn't far from family. His three sons live in town and one son, Phil, now runs the insurance business out of the home office at 200 N. Main St.

Phil Lehr is keeping an cautious eye on his father, whose heart surgery took place in December. But despite having to get a little more rest – even Phil admits his dad has "a new lease on life."

And Arthur Lehr says he has no plans to stop making a contribution in any way he can.

"I'm 83 and counting," he says.

On top of the environmental soapbox

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Harvard and MIT's Sloan School of Management, where she is also a senior lecturer. She has served on the boards of several non-profit organizations including MASSInc., a non-partisan political group whose mission is to develop a public agenda to promote a growing middle class; Harvard's Environment and Natural Resources Program housed at the Kennedy School of Government; and the Kennedy's School Environment Council. She is also a member of the Kennedy School's Women's Leadership Board, that advises the dean on policy issues.

Roy Herzfelder was also a founder, owner and senior manager of International Energy Company that owned and operated electric power plants. Her family sold the business to Florida Power and Light in 1998. She is proud of IEC's environmental conscience, which was the cornerstone of the business.

"We started one of the cleanest, most environmentally friendly energy companies in the state," she says.

The Newton native who moved to Cohasset with her family in 1978 shares Romney's vision of "smart growth" – a catch phrase that means business and the environment can co-exist and benefit one another.

So while advocating for the environment, Roy Herzfelder says she also understands business has to be part of the solution in protecting air quality, waterways, coastlines and more.

As head of Environmental Affairs, Roy Herzfelder oversees 3,000 people in five agencies, including the state Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Environmental Management, the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Metropolitan District Commission and the Department of Food and Agriculture. She also sits on the board of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA).

As the governor looks to consolidating and trimming agencies in order to handle the budget crisis, Roy Herzfelder says environmental issues won't be compromised.

"The core missions of the agencies will remain in tact," she says.

Although a cabinet position is appointed, Roy Herzfelder is politically savvy and knows how to lobby for causes. She was one of the forces behind her husband Bruce Herzfelder's strong campaign to win the Sept. 17 Republican primary for state treasurer. Although Herzfelder lost to Dan Grabauskas [now the new Sec. of Transportation], the close race was one of the last ones to be called that night.

The Roy name may be synonymous with great personal wealth, but the family is also known for contributing to the public good. As examples, Roy Herzfelder's brother Peter Roy is the driving force behind a private organization that has worked with the town to secure grant money to revitalize Cohasset Village and harbor. His wife, Leah Taylor Roy, is active in the Gems of Hope organization that helps women in the poorest countries and is also helping lead the effort to build a children's museum in Cohasset that would be open to all.

Roy Herzfelder said both her parents lived through difficult times during the Great Depression and handed down to their five children an appreciation of what America has to offer. Their father grew up in foster care and their mother, a first-generation American, was a school teacher.

"They had a feeling of excitement and gratitude of being part of this place and passed that down to me," Roy Herzfelder says.

Part of her new duties include working with other governors on concerns about air quality. She explains while Massachusetts may be doing great cleaning up its air – prevailing winds send the problems from the "old coal plant" environment of other states to our region.

Roy Herzfelder — who loves to kayak , hike, collect seashells and is a self-professed amateur "birder in her "free" time — has air quality initiatives, land conservation, and water resources protection, all on her agenda. She will try to coordinate those efforts with sound economic development. As she says, it's a "tall order" but one that she is ready to accept.

"It's a grand opportunity for me to contribute in a way that is so exciting," she says. "Being Secretary of Environmental Affairs in Massachusetts is really a big deal."

Lawyer finds more homes on small lots

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Egan strip building permits from two homes and rescind certificates of occupancy from at least four others. Like Ayer's home, all of the cases allegedly involved instances on undersized lots where homes were razed and replaced with bigger structures.

Egan said last week the six homes in question were the "same cases" as 3 Jerusalem Lane but he would need to discuss the matter with Town Counsel before issuing a decision.

If Sawyer's request is granted, the affected homeowners would be required to go through the same special permit process that Ayer will now undergo.

When asked why he had not been able to issue a decision on the matter, Egan said Town Counsel advised him "it's not a strict deadline." He also said he would decide on the matter within a week.

Egan has said before that he may not rule on the matter at all. Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said it is unclear whether the Zoning Board intended its initial decision regarding Ayer's home to be retroactive, which could be why Egan is undecided.

Sawyer said she will appeal any non-decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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At right: Mitzi is very affectionate.

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Hope for more funds fades

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At their meeting last Thursday, School Committee members were not ready to agree that the need for janitorial staff warranted making additional cuts in teaching staff or supplies just yet. Instead, they hoped the town would make up the difference, either by allowing the schools to tap the stabilization fund or by promising to make more funding available by fall Town Meeting.

Neither of those options seemed likely at the Board of Selectmen's meeting Tuesday. With the town already cash-strapped in its own right, no suggestions were made by Selectmen to increase the school budget. Any hopes of tapping the $3 million stabilization fund, set aside for paying the debt service on the town's two new school projects, were also temporarily squashed.

"The one big problem with the stabilization fund is that you're only getting those funds for one year," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan.

"It multiplies the problem," said Maureen Jerz, a member of the Advisory Committee.

At this point, any further increase in the school budget would raise the amount of the general override, pegged at $486,000.

Rick Flynn, chairman of the School Committee, has said repeatedly that raising the override number too much could jeopardize its chances of passing. "Realistically, we know we want to hit $485,000 for an override number," Flynn told the Selectmen. "We voted on a 4.7 percent increase, but we're here to tell you that we're prepared to go to 4 percent."

In the coming weeks, the School Committee will have to revisit its budget to prepare for more cuts to get within the $434,000 increase in funding that Haddad originally proposed.

The School Committee arrived at its current budget after a series of cuts to allow for new, mostly mandatory expenses totaling $833,000. While janitorial staff will cost $75,000, salaries will cost an additional $420,000 next year. Sewer use, a cost that was previously picked up by the town, will cost about $31,000. Unemployment will cost an additional $10,500, and utilities are expected to cost an additional $26,000. Special education will be an additional $206,000.

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Also, a new math teacher at the high school will cost about $40,000, and a special education clerk, a position suggested by the state because of an apparent "paper logjam" in the town's special education program, will cost $25,000.

The School Committee has made cuts totaling about $325,000.

A position vacated by a retirement at the Osgood School will not be filled, and three retiring teachers at the Middle-High School will be replaced by teachers at or around starting salary. The two moves will save the schools about $171,000.

An adjustment councilor at the Middle-High School will be laid off, with the position's duties absorbed by guidance councilors, saving $60,000. A Middle School special education teacher will be laid off, saving $32,000, and supplies will be reduced district-wide, by about 10 percent on most line items, saving about $61,000.

Two part-time health positions, one at the Osgood School and one at the Deer Hill School, will be also be dropped. The positions were previously funded by a federal grant that was cut last year. This year, money was taken from other areas of the budget to accommodate for the lack of the grant. Cutting the positions will save an additional $32,000 from showing up on the fiscal year 2004 budget.

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo warned Tuesday that if the override did not pass, "there will be many teachers removed from our school system. It will be absolutely disastrous. Our school system will be worse off as a result."

Flynn said that if additional expenses in special education came up, the committee would be forced to seek the town's help. "Special education — the way the rules work and the way the law is set up — we don't have a choice," he said. "It falls under the education budget but it's a town-wide issue."

Haddad told the School Committee to prepare for another meeting soon after the governor's version of the budget for fiscal year 2004 becomes available on Feb. 26.

Haddad is budgeting for a $232,000 cut in local aid for fiscal year 2004, but a 20 percent cut, which is considered the "worst-case scenario," would amount to a loss of $436,000. Sullivan was doubtful the cuts will be that large because schools statewide would bear the brunt of the cost.

Haddad said the $58,000 cut in local aid for fiscal year 2003 will be absorbed by the town's free cash, which totals about $300,000. "We're four months away from the end of the fiscal year. It's too late to make cuts," he said.

Wires vote may have pulled plug on new village lighting

Parking layout also questioned

By John Camera
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Craig Miller of the Waterfield Design Group said the overall design of the village had been complicated by the fact that the $800,000 debt exclusion override to pay for burying utility wires did not pass.

Representatives from Waterfield — which was hired by the town to design the village revitalization project — met to discuss streetscape improvements at Town Hall Tuesday night with village merchants, abutters and other interested residents.

Miller said it is unclear whether Victorian-style lighting will still be feasible because sidewalk space will be taken up by utility poles. He said he was unsure how much it would cost to install smaller conduits to allow burying wires only for lampposts.

"The question comes down to do we really want two sets of poles, and we really don't have an answer yet," he said.

Tom Hamilton of Dean and Hamilton Realtors said he is considering raising money for burying larger conduits and constructing manholes so utility wires could be buried in the future.

That plan, according to Miller, would cost about $400,000. "That makes a lot of sense because you want this to be the last time you dig up the downtown," he said.

Miller said construction on the project would probably begin in mid-April and would last eight to nine months. The likely plan, he said, was that construction would be limited to one side of the street at a time.

On the stretch of South Main Street from Brook Street to Elm Street, for example, the road would essentially be divided into four equal sections. While construction took place on one section, the other section on the same side of the street would be used for parking, and the opposite side of the road would be open to two-way traffic.

The same method would be used on Elm Street and on South Main Street between Elm Street and Depot Court. Both are stretches of road where merchants feel maintaining parking spots during construction will be crucial for business.

Miller said nighttime construction and a plan that would limit South Main Street to only pedestrian traffic would allow work to go faster. However, he said, those methods were all but ruled out due to concerns from abutters and merchants.

Cliff Chase, owner of Village Wine and Spirits, said construction shouldn't start until the fall. "Cohasset is very busy in the summer. I know my business is going to be devastated by this," he said.

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— Craig Miller of the Waterfield Design Group

Miller said waiting until the fall would mean the project would need to be delayed through the winter and would probably cost more, though he did not know by how much.

Tensions rose at the meeting when discussion moved to parking. Miller said a new, curbed sidewalk on Elm Street will prevent people from parking on the curb as happens now, resulting in a reduction of parking spots from about 20 to 10.

Merchants and residents seemed to feel the loss of spots would not be compensated by the fact that parking would increase in the town parking lot by about 30 spots.

"Functionally, it's a step backwards," said William Donovan, an employee at Hingham Institution for Savings. "Pedestrian access is a little bit improved, but at what price?"

Miller said making Elm Street one-way would have allowed for more parking spots, but the plan already met with disapproval from most residents.

A planned crosswalk that would link a path from the town parking lot to the opposite side of South Main Street was also not looked highly upon by most who attended the meeting. The crosswalk would eliminate three potential parking spots, although the total number of spots on South Main Street would remain at 18.

Again, merchants and residents agreed additional parking would be far more valuable than what would be the third crosswalk within a block.

"If that row (of parking spots) is full, people do not stop there," said Wayne Sawchuk.

"Basically what they're doing is eliminating parking space when all we need is more," said Roger Hill.

Hill, who is running for a seat on the Board of Selectmen, said the current plans would not go over well with the DPW because sidewalk extensions at crosswalks and corners would make parking spots difficult to plow.

"Every DPW director in the state" would be against the plan, Miller said, "but it's really a lot safer for the pedestrian."

Hill also said the enlarged corners would make turning dangerous for larger vehicles like fire trucks.

Miller said that's an exaggeration — in his view, the extensions actually force people to drive more carefully by narrowing the road and making cars slow down.

Despite their differences, Miller said he would take suggestions from merchants, abutters and residents to the Board of Selectmen, but several people attending the meeting wanted to deliver the message themselves.

"You've got to get used to the fact that you cannot do some of this," said Jim Watson, owner of Cohasset Hardware.

"You're not representing us," said Sawchuk.

Miller said the Board of Selectmen will likely vote on a final version of village streetscape improvement plans by the end of February.

Nomination papers deadline looms

Time is running out for those who wish to run for elected town offices. No new candidates sought nomination papers this week.

Potential candidates have until Feb. 18 to secure 50 signatures from registered voters to make them eligible for the April 5 election. Seats up for election include:

- Board of Selectmen. Michael Sullivan will seek reelection. Roger Hill and Gabriel Gomez have taken out papers for Sullivan's seat;
- Board of Assessors. Michael Patrolia, who is running for re-election;
- Board of Trustees for the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Agnes McCann, Patience Towle and Carol Riley, who will all run for re-election;
- Board of Health. Margaret Chapman will seek re-election;
- Planning Board. Robert H. Sturdy will seek re-election;
- Recreation Commission. Richard Barrow will seek re-election;
- School Committee. Rick Flynn and Chartis Tebbetts will both seek re-election;
- Sewer Commission. Gary Vanderweil will not seek re-election, but John Beck is running;
- Water Commission. John McNabb will seek another term.

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Happy belated Groundhog Day, Andy Hailer!

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THANKS TO STUDENTS

"Thank you" to the following students in the Social Awareness Club at CHS who provided story-telling and a warm welcome to the children at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast in Cohasset on Monday, Jan. 20. The Cohasset churches and PSO Diversity Committee organized a morning of remembrance, including readings, song, prayer and a strong sense of hope! **Yasmine Afshar, Catherine Coyne, Brittany Novak, Elise Jerome**, and **Deirdre Baigley** provided a warm welcome to all of our families. Any students participating added to the bonds of community and connection of that special day. Thank you, and see you next year!

MASTERS DEGREE

Hats off to **Johanna Horn** of Cohasset, who received a masters degree in social work at the University of Michigan winter commencement. Congratulations Johanna and best of luck to you!

GALA ART OPENING

The gala opening of the South Shore Art Center's Florence & Beyond exhibition will feature fine Italian wines for connoisseurs enjoyment and education. A number of importers of Italian wines will be present to offer advice and tasting notes as they pour. The wine tasting, Feb. 28, 7 p.m., will celebrate the extraordinary exhibition of Florentine-trained artists whose work will be on display at the Art Center from Feb. 28t-April 13 .

A strolling violinist, sumptuous food stations and passed hors de oeuvres, and artwork reflecting the finest Italian tradition will excite the most discriminating tastes. **Dr. David Nolta**, curator of the exhibition will be on hand to greet guests and offer exhibition insight.

Tickets are $75. ($65 for members of the South Shore Art Center.) Only a limited number of tickets will be available so reservations are requested. The wine tasting event will raise funds to support the exhibition and education programs at the South Shore Art Center To reserve a ticket or for more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

PSO ON LINE

The Cohasset PSO would like for all families of children in the school system, staff members and any other interested people to go and view the Web site that is up and running at www.cohassetpso.org. This is a wonderful way for you to stay in touch with what is happening within the PSO and has a place for you to send your questions, comments and ideas, links to various town sites, a Swap Shop feature where you can place your ads for outgrown children's and adult clothing, sports equipment, toys, furniture, really the sky is the limit on this one. If you have any sites that you would like to be linked to this site, please submit that information to psopublicity@ yahoo.com.

Andy Hailer opens a Groundhog Day card from the staff at Fleet Bank.

QUILT SHOW

The Second Congregational Church is getting ready for its 10th year of the Quilt Show and Luncheon which will take place on March 1! This very popular event is sure to be a crowd pleaser so make sure to get your tickets early. In addition to the events held on Saturday, for the first time a preview show will be held on the afternoon of Feb. 28 from 1-4 p.m. Tickets are $10 for the show and luncheon or $5 for the preview show. To order tickets or to ask any questions, call 781-383-0345.

SYRACUSE DEAN'S LIST

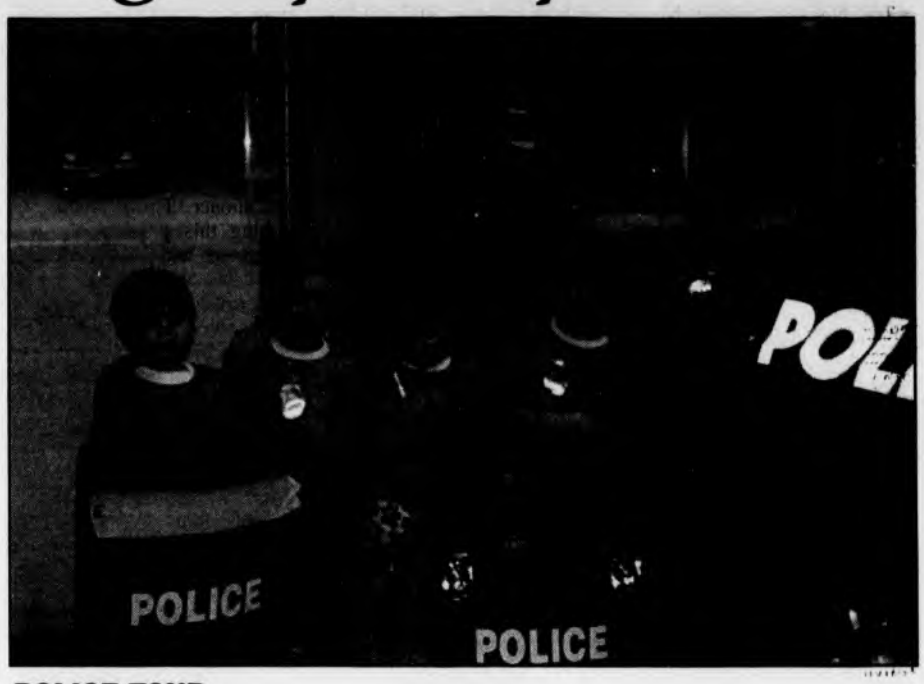
Devin Buick is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University and was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2002 semester! To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester. Devin is a senior, majoring in geology. Congratulations Devin.

HOOP SPIRIT NIGHT

Please come to "Basketball Spirit Night" at Cohasset High on Friday, Feb. 7. The boys junior varsity team will play at 5 p.m. and the varsity team will play at 6:30. Sixth-grade boys recreation team members will play during half time. All recreation players will be admitted free with an adult to cheer for our boys basketball teams. Bring the family for dinner at our new concession stand and enjoy the spirit of community in our new gymnasium

COLLEGE HONORS

Rachel Quigley, a student at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va., was named to the dean's list for the fall semester for superior quality in her academic work. Keep up the work Rachel, great job!



POLICE TOUR

Jan. 3, the Tiger Cubs led by Gina Achin met at the Cohasset Police Station. After a tour of the station, Sgt. John Conte fingerprinted the group. The boys also practiced "911" calls with the dispatcher. The troop consists of from left, Sam Curatola, Dakota Achin, Jack Conte and Rocco Laugelle. The photo includes Sgt. Conte with the cubs after letting them explore the inside the SUV emergency vehicle and hold the bullet-proof shields.

DERBY HONORS

Headmaster Edward Foley recently acknowledged the following Cohasset students who achieved academic honors for the fall semester at Derby Academy in Hingham:. **Jeff Brown; Sarah Brown, Gina Giuggio, Christopher Kuppens, Wis Murray, Sam Roth Grace Steele,** and **McKenna Teague.** Super work!

GROUNDHOG DAY

Andy Hailer from Curtis Liquors in Cohasset, has been telling this story about how in his family Groundhog Day is the favorite Holiday. Every time he goes into Fleet Bank, he adds to his stories about the ways that his family celebrates Groundhog Day. He said last week if the Groundhog doesn't show himself then no one receives any presents. So, his friends at Fleet wanted him to receive something and made him a card with a few small gifts. They all want him to know that he has brought so many laughs and smiles to all at the bank with this story. Thank you, **Maureen** for sharing this special information and bringing a smile to me and to everyone who reads this story!

THAYER HONOR ROLL

Thayer Academy Headmaster Eric Swain announces the following Cohasset students have achieved academic honors at Thayer Academy Upper School. Thayer Academy, founded in 1877, is a coeducational, independent school for grades six through 12. Thayer is located just off Route 3, at 745 Washington St., Braintree.

Congratulations to: **Catherine M. Ernst**, grade 9, who received honors for term 1 and honors for semester 1; **Joseph M. Rosano**, grade 9, who received honors for term 1 and honors for semester 1; **Suzanne Marie Lewis**, grade 10, who received honors for term 1 and honors for semester 1; **Michael Thomas Ernst** grade 11, received honors for term 1 and honors for semester 1; **Malcolm J. Stansell** grade 11, received honors for term 1 and honors for semester 1; and **Dylan Lanzillotti**, grade 12, who received honors for term 1. Great job to all of you!

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the families of the seven astronauts who lost their lives this past Saturday in the Columbia disaster. The sadness that is felt by all is almost too much to bear and witness.

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Series on Alzheimer's care

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This program was launched on Jan. 16 and will continue until Feb. 20. Sessions are held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Sunrise Assisted Living facility, located at 125 King St. (Rte. 3A). Participants are given the opportunity to ask questions to further their understanding of key topics. Thus far, attendees have learned more about such topics as "Challenges and Activities of Daily Living" and Care for the Caregiver."

Upcoming topics for the remaining three weeks of the series are:

• Feb. 6: "Adapting the Home Environment" with guest speakers Laurie Galvin, RPT and Kris Leary, RPT.

• Feb. 13: "Maintaining Family Relationships" with facilitator Barbara Tortorella, LICSW.

Sessions are held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Sunrise Assisted Living facility, located at 125 King St. (Rte. 3A).

• Feb. 20: "Legal and Financial Issues" with guest speakers Mary Cedrone, Protective Services and Elder At Risk Supervisor at South Shore Elder Services and Attorney Thomas F. Williams, who specializes in wills and estate planning.

The NVNA Alzheimer's team includes: Barbara Tortorella, LICSW; Gerry Sanderson, BSN; Janet Sennett, MEd, RN; Kris Leary, RPT; and Meg Doherty, NVNA Executive Director and Adult Nurse Practitioner. The team is presenting this program to help caregivers and families understand the nature of the disease and provide them with the ability to meet the needs of their loved ones or friends.

The public is invited to attend any or all of the sessions in this series. All sessions will take place at Cohasset's Sunrise Assisted Living facility. For directions, please call 781-383-6300. For more information about the Caring Connections series, please call Barbara Tortorella at 781-659-2342 ext. 357.

First annual Valentines Fund Dance

First Annual Valentines Fund Dance will be celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St.

The creative black-tie party will raise money to benefit the homeless of greater Boston and Cambridge.

All proceeds will be donated to Bread & Jams, Inc. Self-advocacy Programs.

Bread & Jams is a 501(C)3 non-profit day shelter for men, women and youth located in Harvard Square at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church at 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. The web site is at www.breadandjams.org

Since 1989 Bread & Jams has been providing shelter from the cold and rain, food, shower facilities, clean clothing, health care, job and housing counseling in a caring environment for those who find themselves homeless or in transition. With this year's crippling State and Federal cutbacks, this event will allow those who do not think of themselves as wealthy philanthropists to make a collective difference that will keep the shelter alive. Dress creatively, come and have compassion and fun at the same time.

Numerous merchants, restaurateurs and local artists and friends from both South Shore communities and Harvard Square have donated gift certificates, tickets to major sporting events and works of art for raffle and silent auction. The Atlantica Restaurant is donating the hall and hors d'oeuvres. There will be a cash bar and dinner reservations can be placed with the Atlantica at 781-383-0900. Featured entertainment by The Joe Micarelli Trio, The Full Moon Revue, and Shaken Not Stirred - all donating their energy to this timely cause. Donations are $25 per person. Tables and blocks of tickets are also available. RSVP by mailed invitation please as a limited number of tickets will be available at the door. For more information contact Peter Whittemore at 47 Elm Court, Cohasset, MA, 02025: 781-383-6568; peterwhittemore@hotmail.com.

ENGAGEMENTS

Amy Kathleen Brown and Joshua Kenneth Roth

Brown - Roth

John Brown Jr. and Huguette Brown formerly of Scituate, announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Kathleen Brown to Joshua Kenneth Roth. Joshua is the son of Kenneth and Colleen Roth of Cohasset.

Miss Brown graduated from Boston College in 2000 and is currently the Tasting Room Manager at Jonathan Edwards Winery in North Stonington, Conn.

Mr. Roth, a UMASS Boston graduate is currently employed by Pfizer, Groton as a research scientist while also pursuing his masters in chemistry at The University of Rhode Island.

An Autumn 2003 wedding is planned.

African dance band at Coffeehouse should not be missed

On Saturday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m., the Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the Square presents Boston's premier African dance band, Rumbafrica. Congo's Tshibangu Kadima and his exotically costumed international musicians, singers, and dancers draw on contemporary and traditional Congolese, Cuban, and other styles and rhythms towards one end — great dance music. They include the sweet vocal harmonies and lilting dance rhythms of classic Congolese Rumba, as well as guitar theatrics, percussion breakdowns, and traditional dancing.

The coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Church's fully accessible Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham Square.

Tickets are $10 at the door and coffees, teas, cider, and homemade desserts are 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit programs of the Unitarian/Universalist Service Committee. For more information, contact: Jim Watson, 781-749-1767 or John Leonard, 781-749-2852.

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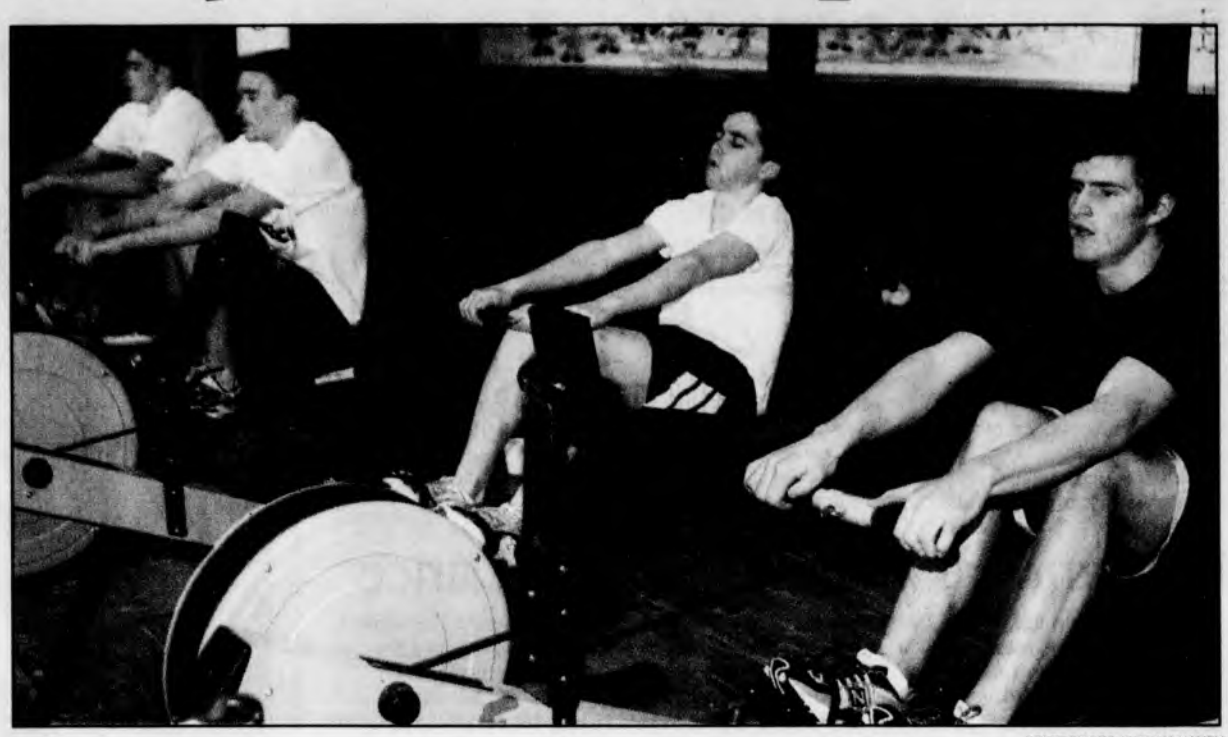

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From left, Hanover cross country team members Steve Jankins, Joe Haidul, Alex Cook and Cohasset rower Luke Fehsenfeld compete in the 5000 meter race at the indoor rowing competition in Hull on Saturday.

Buckley crew readies for indoor competition

By John Camera
JCAMERA@CNC.COM

At 5 ft.10 ins., his height is less than ideal for the sport. He was never on the crew team in college, and he looks more like a coxswain than a powerhouse rower.

Still, Jack Buckley is making the sport of rowing accessible and enjoyable for anyone in Cohasset who wants to take part.

As director of the Cohasset Maritime Institute, Buckley supervises rowing programs for kids and adults throughout the year. In the summer, he coaches them in open water races like the Head of the Weir and the Minot's Light Roundabout. In the winter, he leads them in workouts and takes them to land-based competitions, where "ERG" rowing machines take the place of boats.

"It's kind of like the Boston Marathon where people of all different ages and abilities compete in the event with the elite."
— Jack Buckley

Last weekend, Buckley accompanied a few students from Cohasset High School to the John Liffman Challenge, held in conjunction with the Hull Lifesaving Museum at the Lillian M. Jacobs School in Hull. It was a training run for a bigger event, the CRASH-B Sprints World Indoor Rowing Championship, which will take place on Feb. 23 in Boston at Roxbury Community College's Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

So what does CRASH-B stand for? Charles River All-Star Has-Beens, otherwise known as the former rowing rock stars who ruled the river in their college days.

But the race is open to everyone, and Buckley — who is also a teacher at Cohasset Middle High School — will take a group of about 10 students along with him. "It's kind of like the Boston Marathon where people of all different ages and abilities compete in the event with the elite," he said. "It's the place where people are really trying to achieve their personal best."

Buckley still remembers when he first started rowing 12 years ago. It was a clear, calm winter day in Hull, and he had had to push the traditional wooden boat he was in through chunks of ice to avoid getting stuck.

Since then, Buckley has fallen in love with the sport, working closely with rowing programs at both the Hull Lifesaving

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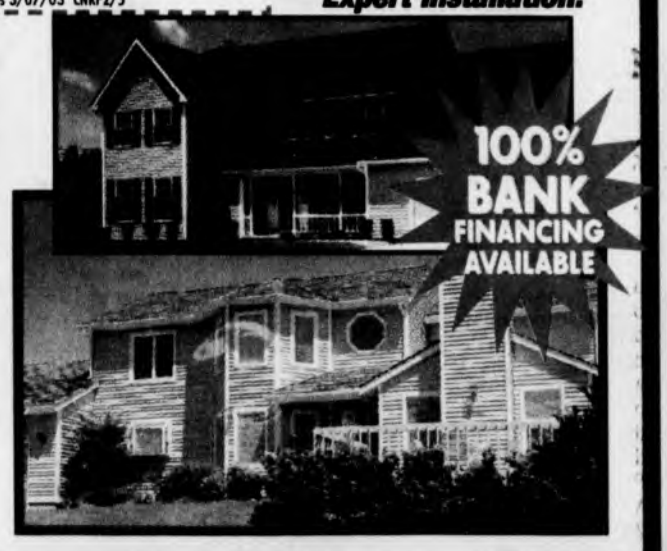

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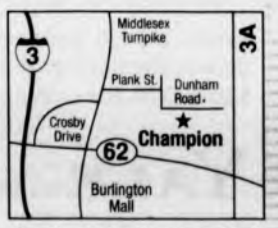

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Where rowing is a year-round sport

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Museum and the Cohasset Maritime Institute.

The students under Buckley's tutelage seem to reflect his enthusiasm for the sport. A few of them took part in the 2000 meter sprint at last weekend's Liffman Challenge, named for John Liffman, a Hull resident who is Buckley's assistant at CMI.

"The point is to put everything into it so you hardly have anything left," said Brittany Novak, a junior at Cohasset High, still half-winded from the race. "It's a full body workout. It's mainly legs, but you get your arms in there, your back and your abs too."

For Alice Bellone, a sophomore, the race was a good warm-up. She was about five seconds off her personal best, but glad to get the nerves out the way before the bigger competition later this month. "I think I got it out of my system," she said.

Alice's mother, Stefenie Thieleman, also competed in the event. "It's so much fun that we can enjoy the same sport," she said. "What's really fun is that it's intergenerational, especially at the Liffman Challenge. You've got teenagers competing against people in their 50s."

After the 2000 meter race, it was Buckley's turn to compete, but not before drilling a group of youngsters with a wind sprint. "Come on, two minutes. Best you can. This is for bragging rights," he told them.

The race Buckley competed in was a biathlon — a 5000 meter row followed by a 2-1/2 mile run through the hills of Point Allerton. A small crowd gathered in the foyer of the Jacobs School while the four competitors in the adult heat saddled their ERG machines.

Buckley's competition was stiff — or better yet, just plain tall. Buckley seemed about six inches smaller than the two middle-aged men and one college student whom he would race against.

"The point is to put everything into it so you hardly have anything left."

— Brittany Novak, a junior at Cohasset High

Still, he was unfazed. As he untangled his headphones, Ed McCabe, the director of the Hull Lifesaving Museum, asked what he was listening to.

"It's the same music I've listened to the last five Liffman Challenges — a little Sting," Buckley said.

Sting? Where's the heavy metal?

"There's a couple of slow songs you kind of suffer through," he explained.

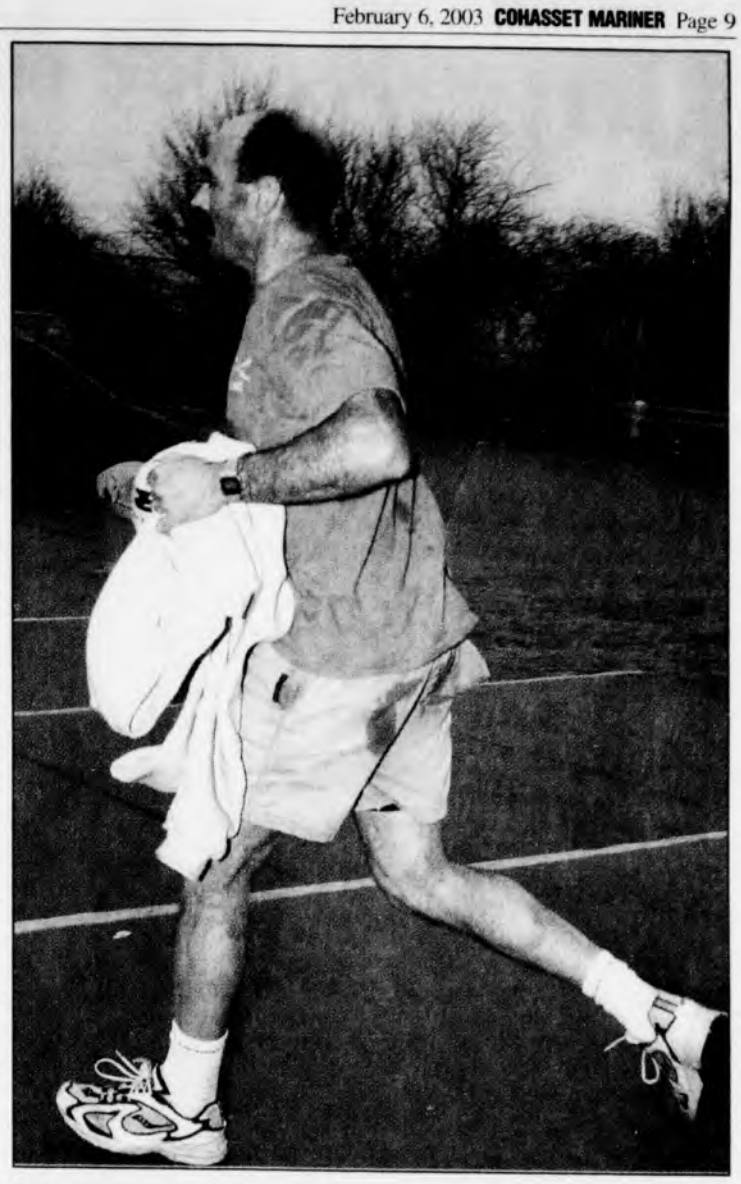
By the time the race was 15 minutes old, Buckley was breathing deeply and gritting his teeth with each stroke, but it was unclear if a Sting song was to blame.

Meanwhile, from the sidelines, Liffman talked about his work with Buckley at CMI. "We're hoping to develop it into a significant sized program. It's already started to go that way," he said. "Cohasset is lucky to have a guy like Jack."

Buckley finished the rowing portion to a giant round of applause, with a time of 18:21. He was in third, less than minute behind the leader, but after a slow transition, he was last to start the run.

While the adults raced through the hills, younger competitors marveled at the finishing times frozen on the tiny screens of the ERGs. McCabe prepped the group for the next heat. "You saw what happened up here. It's ugly," he told them. "Prepare to get ugly."

Twenty minutes later, the adults filtered in. Buckley finished third, just behind the second place finisher — a good grind. "The hill was too steep," he joked. "My legs are too short."



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At right: Jack Buckley heads out for his three-mile road race after rowing 5000 meters at the indoor rowing competition in Hull on Saturday.

Kick, step aerobics

It's not too soon to think about the beach...The Cohasset Recreation Department announces a six-week adult fitness class, to begin March 4. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer Charles Palmer will conduct the class.

This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kickboxing, and muscle conditioning.

The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Town Hall auditorium from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The cost for this 12 session class is $100 per participant. Call the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 to register.

Mr. Palmer holds seventh degree black belt in Kempo Karate, has achieved the title of Sifu (teacher) in Shaolin Kung Fu, is head of the National Association of Kickboxing Instruction, and is chief instructor of the Puma Self Defense Center in Quincy. In addition to his distinction martial arts, Palmer is both a certified master fitness trainer and professional aerobic instructor. He has been a staff aerobic instructor for members of Universe Gym, World Gym, and the Boston Athletic Club.

Step equipment will be provided for up to 20 participants, however 2 to5 lb. hand weights should be brought to class for the muscle conditioning segment of the training. Register for the class today and make a commitment to shape up before it's time to "suit up".

Outdoor events

The following events are sponsored by the Trustees of Reservations:

• Sunday, Feb. 16 at 9 a.m., Animal Tracking at Turkey Hill.

Have you noticed tracks in the mud; browse marks on a branch; or scat in the middle of the trail? What animals have left these clues? Join us as we uncover the mysteries of the winter wildlife. Meet at the Turkey Hill Parking Lot at the end of Turkey Hill Lane. Please pre-register with Marge Balzotti at 781-821-2977. Free to all .

• Saturday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m., Barnyard Tour at the Weir River Farm, Hingham

Bring your family and friends to Weir River Farm and spend an afternoon with the barnyard animals. Farm staff is on-hand to lead informal tours and answer questions. Park in lot at end of Turkey Hill Lane. Follow path through the forest to the farm. Weather permitting: 781-740-7233 Members: Free. Nonmembers: $3.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Citizen of the Year

As editor of the Cohasset Mariner, it is my pleasure to announce that Arthur Lehr is the Citizen of the Year. The father of three and grandfather of four has touched countless lives through his vocal support of many projects and causes during a lifetime in town.

You'd be hard pressed to find a worthwhile project or volunteer effort that Mr. Lehr hasn't been involved with over the past 50 years or so.

Mr. Lehr simply states he believes in service to others and derives a great deal of satisfaction by helping out as a volunteer.

He's been nominated often over the years for the Citizen of the Year, but the four-member committee decided this — the 10th year of the award — was time to honor Mr. Lehr.

Touched by the recognition, he couldn't stop smiling when interviewed this week.

While nominations were open, a total of 47 different individuals or families took the time to propose a citizen for the annual award — detailing his or her contributions to help make this town we all love a better place. The selection committee consisting of Jody Butman, Peter Whittemore, Roger Whitley and myself met at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square on Saturday to pore over the heartfelt letters of nomination.

Allan MacDonald said in his nomination, "Arthur Lehr is a Cohasset native son who from the goodness of his heart has instinctively and unstintingly toiled to better the character of Cohasset's people and the better the woods, fields, and byways of our rare town."

Jane Long said, "he loves giving of himself both to the town and all its citizens."

Helen Pratt wrote, "Arthur is a man of character. He was a devoted husband, is a loving Dad and granddad, a long-time businessman and still finds time to volunteer."

And Joe Buckley wrote," Arthur is a kind, lovable man, a very nice gentleman. He is the citizen of a lot of years."

So we extend our warm congratulations to Mr. Lehr, who, despite the same pressures of everyday life that face us all, still finds the time to devote time to so many worthwhile projects and programs.

Blizzard of memories

The Boston Globe and the Boston Herald American cost 20 cents. Close Encounters of the Third Kind, The Goodbye Girl, and Saturday Night Fever were playing in the theatres. The Six Million Dollar Man was on TV on Monday nights at 8 p.m. M*A*S*H was still on the tube at 9 p.m. The Love Boat and Lou Grant came on at 10. Debbie Boone's "You Light Up My Life" played incessantly on AM radio stations.

It's hard to believe it, but this week marks the 25th anniversary of the Blizzard of 1978, a storm whose ferocity is still remembered after all these years. Like any monumental event in history — the assassinations of JFK and Martin Luther King or Sept. 11 — everyone remembers where they were during the great blizzard that shut down entire states here in the northeast for a week or more.

Those were the days when there were no SUVs or four-wheel drive vehicles. There were no cell phones or fax machines. No Internet. In other words, the world came to a halt as people slowly came to realize that this monster of a storm would keep them indefinitely from their workplaces, schools, airports, churches, shopping centers and food markets.

To this day, people marvel at how neighborhoods and communities came together to share food, a warm hearth and a helping hand, not to mention a shovel and a strong back. Nothing since has served to bring people together in such a completely caring way as perhaps Sept. 11, or before that, the Gulf War.

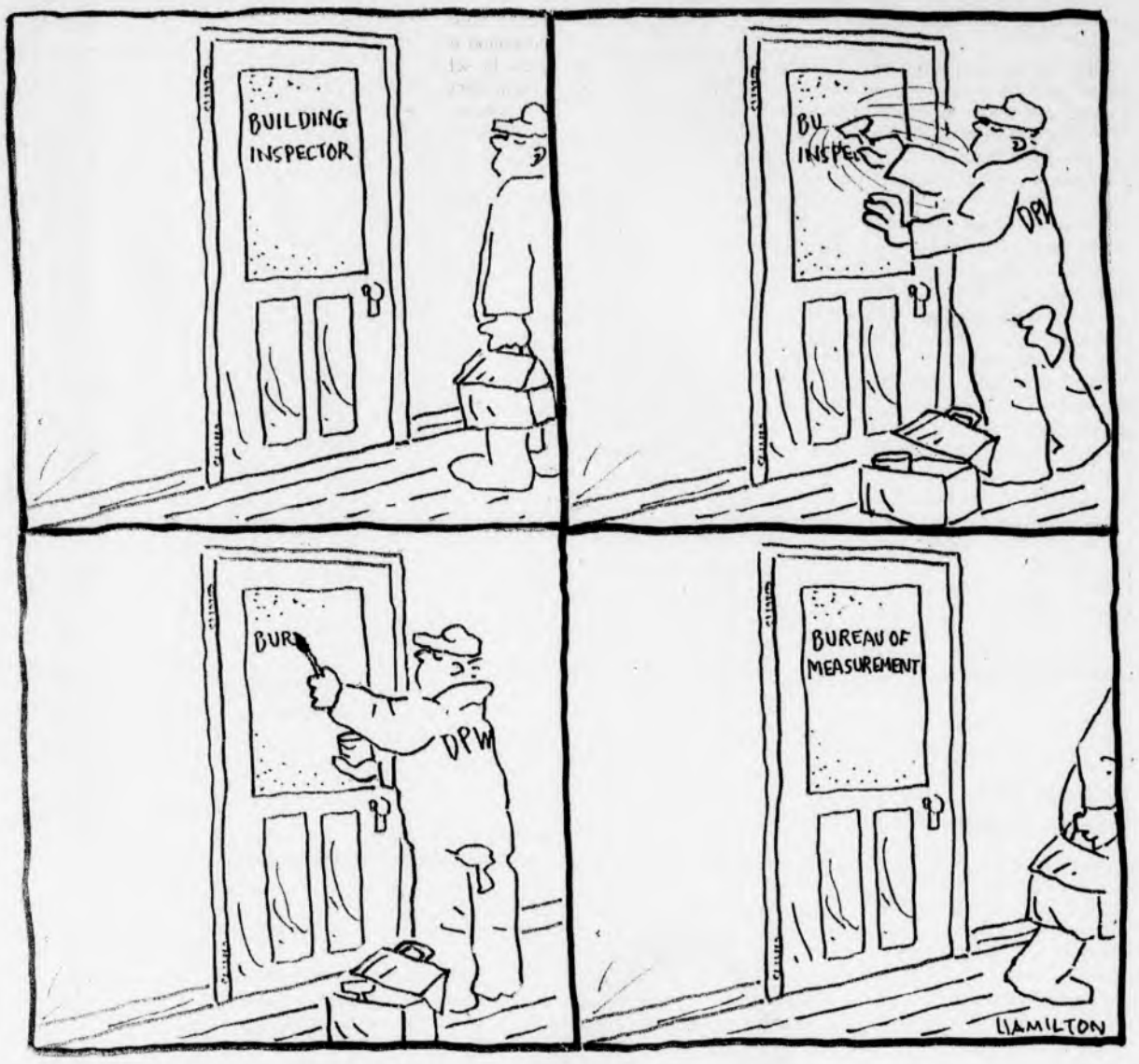
Everyone has their own special memories. Perhaps it's helping to dig out a neighbor's car (and everyone else's on the street), or moving the baby's crib away from underneath an upstairs ceiling leaking under the weight of melting snow. For others it's walking to the neighborhood grocery store for supplies — in a day when the neighborhood grocer was still around. Only to find the shelves empty. In some shoreline communities in New England, mountains of snow were deposited on beaches to melt. Cities and towns trucked the white stuff to the shore because they had nowhere else to put it.

Within days of the unforgettable storm, people turned up wearing "I Survived the Blizzard of '78" T-shirts.

All kinds of unanticipated problems came with the storm. Just as stores began to replenish their supplies, it was still impossible for many employees to get to work. Some banks stayed open extra hours to provide a check cashing service to people who had run out of money. In some cases, banks set a $50 to $200 limit so as not to run out of money themselves. Hospitals reported an increase in cardiac cases and a shortage of blood.

Some communities here on the South Shore, including Scituate, Hull and Holbrook, continued curfews in an effort to curb looting. Yes, despite all the goodwill the storm created, there was a downside. Randolph, Abington, Holbrook, Rockland, Braintree and Milton imposed restrictions on the sale of liquor.

Schoolchildren reveled in the snow days, building forts, making snowmen and doing all the things that children love to do when they're off from school for more than a week in the winter. The Blizzard of '78 probably drove moms everywhere crazy with cabin fever. It was a storm no one will ever forget.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Full disclosure warranted on local Peace Forum

TO THE EDITOR:

The recent "Peace Forum" concerning possible war with Iraq was deemed significant enough to have an article on the gathering reported in the Jan. 30 Cohasset Mariner. It is always a good thing for Americans to discuss and debate their government's policies, yet there is a need for full disclosure regarding the program.

While I did not attend the forum after reading the article I felt the most accurate comment was by Korean War veteran Peter Flynn of Braintree, who asked "why should we consider this anything but slick propaganda." Most of the individuals and organizations mentioned in the article are a "who's who" of anti-US activists.

Former US Attorney General Ramsay Clark is a fascinating case study of a man dedicated to attacking the US. This luminary of the loony left represented the Palestine Liberation Organization against the family of Leon Klinghoffer (the elderly US citizen thrown overboard from the Achille Lauro by PLO terrorists in 1986), defended Lyndon LaRouche on several occasions, defended Radovan Karadzic, leader of the Bosnian Serbs (who has been convicted of war crimes), and has been allied to the orthodox Stalinist sect, the Workers World Party (WWP). His cavorting with foils of the US such as Fidel Castro and Libyan dictator Colonel Quadafy can, and have, filled books. All this from a former member of the US corporate elite!

Scott Ritter has made a similar, if less dramatic flip from pro to anti-US. In 1998 Ritter resigned from his position as a UN weapons inspector, denouncing the Clinton administration for having withdrawn support for the U.N. agency and undermining inspections. He was widely quoted saying that Iraq had hidden numerous weapons of mass destruction (I served during this time in the US Mission to the United Nations working peacekeeping issues and there was official concern for Ritter's "grandstanding."). Ritter was then charged with spying, though he was not indicted. Increasingly hostile to the US, Ritter then visits Iraq on a trip organized by the Iraqi government (another similarity with Clark). Recent criminal charges of pedophilia against Ritter complete his resume (from an intelligence perspective this recent charge is significant as such shortcomings are commonly use to blackmail individuals of interest).

None of the above is to challenge the sincere beliefs or dedication of the South Shore Peace Forum or pacifists. It is to ensure that the public gets a full and complete picture of the individuals and groups that are supporting policies against the United States at such forums. I encourage the attendees and interested parties to do the research themselves. Also research and learn how Saddam Hussein and the September 11 terrorists think and what are their goals. Those of us in the intelligence community were relieved at the lack of damage from the attacks. Think of those planes loaded with biological, nuclear or chemical weapons. Pacifism is a valid individual choice, yet is irresponsible for a nation tasked with the protection of its citizens in a dangerous world.

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TO THE EDITOR:

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Their generosity would have significantly reduced the rate increase for each rate-payer in the community had the debt exclusion override passed on Jan. 25.

These businesses, and others who were in support of the project but unable to financially contribute, can be proud of their commitment to the village revitalization effort. By sharing some of the cost burden within the community, their generosity and vision would have made a lasting imprint on the Village business district.

Whether you supported the override election or not, please remember that local businesses, like many of you, are invested in not only the future prosperity of the overall community, but in preserving and enhancing the character of the Village.

Dean Rizzo
Cohasset Revitalization Corporation

MLK breakfast realized a dream

TO THE EDITOR:

On Monday, Jan. 20 the churches of Cohasset and the PSO Diversity Committee joined more than 100 celebrants to honor the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.. The Reverend Cliff Cutler of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church hosted guests from Cohasset and special honorees from Caribbean U-Turn, an urban ministry assisting Haitian youth.

Azia Carle, the daughter of METCO Coordinator Aleisa Gittens-Carle, read excerpts from Dr. King's biography, and Connie Afshar, a member of the Diversity Committee, read from Dr. King's Birmingham Jail Letter. Guests were treated to an inspirational sermon from the Reverend Mombeleur, pastor to members of Caribbean U-Turn in Mattapan.

Kay Doherty, Director of Sharing, Inc. and sponsor of the annual Good Friday Walk in Hingham, beautifully described her recent visit to Dr. King's Memorial in Atlanta. CHS students from the Social Awareness Committee welcomed and read stories to children in attendance. In a rare experience, followers of Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish, Unitarian, Greek Orthodox, Mormon and individual faiths held hands and sang "We Shall Overcome" on a frigid but bright Cohasset morning.

Two years ago, Cohasset's METCO Coordinator Yvonne Jones shared her dream of holding a Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast right here in Cohasset. The town's churches and PSO Diversity Committee collaborated in bringing Ms. Jones' wish to a reality. We thank her for believing it could happen and we thank all the volunteers, pancake chefs, gospel singers, ministers, priests, pastors, parents, children and friends of Cohasset and Boston for making a special event come to life.

We look forward to sharing the celebration with more of you, in 2004.

Connie Afshar
Susan Etkind
Allison Moskow
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Cohasset PSO Diversity Committee

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HEALTH NOTES

Considering tough measures to fight obesity in our children

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

This column has argued tirelessly about the need to reduce factors which lead to obesity. The Board of Health is developing programs to enhance exercise, and proper diet, as well as many other inducements. So far, however we have stopped at issuing regulations. Somehow, we balk at issuing a regulation that says: "Thou shalt not eat too much." However, there are other approaches to regulations that may be more helpful.

We're fighting powerful forces, and it may be prudent to use regulations to even the playing field. For example, schools make unhealthy foods available in vending machines. Unhealthy foods are generally considered to be "energy-dense, nutrient-poor foods". Foods such as cookies, cakes, desserts, salty snack foods, candy, soda, coffee and tea, are generally put into this category.

Caterers for schools are required to make a profit, and also to provide popular foods. Sometimes these two factors are in opposition to the profit making incentives of food providers. For example, some schools have contracts with soft drink companies to sell their sodas and junk foods in vending machines. Therefore, both schools and soda companies are getting financial gains. Featuring only one brand of soda in a vending machine has been compared to the advertising and behavior conditioning that cigarette companies used by giving away samples.

We are sending the wrong nutrition messages to our children. How many parents would provide candy to their kids for breakfast just because it's easier to get them to eat it? Most states have laws that require both health education and physical education to be taught as subjects in school. However, the requirements for such subjects have been reduced in recent years and is often left up to local school committees.

Given the social environment children face, programs aimed at changing individual behavior are extremely difficult to implement. Policy changes must occur through a coordinated effort at all levels. These would include national, state, and local governments, the private sector, nonprofit organizations and schools. It is important that this be carried out in cooperation with families and the local community.

The dramatic decline in the nutrition and health of children is in large part the result of societal and environmental pressures that include

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The $50 hamburger

HENSHAW
TOM HENSHAW

I once sat down to brunch in New York with a young lady named Charlotte who saw eggs benedict on the menu and asked me, "What can they do to an egg to make it worth $2.85?"

That was 40 years ago, as you can no doubt tell by the price of eggs benedict.

Now New Yorkers are asking, "What can they do to a hamburger to make it worth $50?"

That's what they're getting for the DB Burger Royale at the DB Bistro Moderne at 55 West 44th St.

And around the corner at the Old Homestead at 56 Ninth Ave. they're paying $41 for the Kobe Beef Burger.

You guessed it; there's a price war going on in the big city only they're competing to see who can sell the most, not the least expensive hamburger.

The way I understand it, someone publicized the 20-ounce Kobe Beef Burger at the Old Homestead as the costliest of them all at $41.

This was the ultimate humiliation for a restaurant that calls itself a bistro and had only the nine-ounce DB Burger at $29 apiece ($28 at lunch) to brag about.

Thus was born the $50 DB Burger Royale.

All of which fails to answer the question; "What DO they do to a hamburger to make it worth $50?"

Well, first you read the four-page instruction booklet the DB Bistro Moderne furnishes its kitchen help to guide them through the assembly (no other word quite fits) of the burger.

I'll not bore you by listing every one of the nearly 50 ingredients that go into a DB Burger Royale, but only seven ounces of it are ground sirloin.

It contains a filling made up of, among other things, beef ribs braised in red wine, port and veal stick; strips of seared foie gras and black truffle peelings cooked in truffle sauce.

Condiments used include mayonnaise with truffle bits. Mederia wine and truffle juice, Dijon mustard and freshly grated horseradish, Veggies include tomato "petals" made from blanched tomatoes, with peel, seeds and pulp removed.

To this mess is added two layers of freshly shaved black truffles.

In case any of you have not yet had an opportunity to dine with the caviar and brie set, black truffles are a fungi that are sniffed out and dug up by trained pigs in France.

They sell for between $350 and $400 a pound and the DB Burger Royale uses an estimated $21 worth. Leave them out and you have only a $39 burger which is hardly worth talking about.

Me, I'm sorry now that I complained in Jamie's Pub in Braintree when they charged me $6.95 for a Cajun Burger, which got me a half pound of sirloin with Cajun spices, onion rings, fried jalopenos, cheddar cheese and Cajun sauces.

I didn't know I had it so good. The cook didn't need a four-page instruction booklet to whip together. And they held the truffles, too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Disappointed in vote, low turnout

TO THE EDITOR:

I was genuinely surprised and yes, also quite disappointed about the lopsided outcome of the Jan. 25 override election, much more so however about the fact that only about 1 out of 4 registered voters participated.

After the November Town Meeting, the newspapers gave both sides ample opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings.

In the fall I can see some of those who did not make the trip to Town Hall relax on a comfortable bench along a new sidewalk next to a sloppy leaning pole holding up big fat bundles of wires and cables overhead, wondering what happened to the beautiful lanterns and trees that could have been lined up along our downtown streets.

What went wrong, was it really too much of a price to pay for this once in a lifetime opportunity to do this much good for the village ? I guess we'll never really know as long as this many people don't participate in the process.

It will be interesting to see how many citizens will participate in Cohasset's next override election.

Hubert van der Lugt
Hub Shipping

Making a difference

TO THE EDITOR:

We wanted to take a moment to thank Rob Lehr for restoring the skating pond in Wheelright Park. Such a feat was not easy. It involved clearing the pond of old tree limbs and debris; excavating years of dirt to uncover the clay bottom; pruning nearby trees; and re-building, and pointing the stone wall. We even noticed a hand-made wooden shovel to clear the pond of snow.

Thank you Rob for giving us a memorable morning of skating with our daughters. One person can make a difference!

Annemarie Whilton
207 North Main St.
Kristin Norton
320 North Main St.

Wellspring grateful for bounty of harvest

TO THE EDITOR:

As we begin the new year with hopes and expectations of what is to come, it isn't too late to look back with gratitude on the gifts of the past year. On behalf of all at Wellspring and all those we serve I wish to extend thanks to the religious communities of Cohasset — Beechwood Congregational Church, First Parish Church, Nativity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset — for the generous donations collected at Thanksgiving. Just like the bounty of the harvest saw the pilgrims through the winter, this money will allow Wellspring to help our clients through what is proving to be one of the coldest winters in many years. In times of economic hardship, more people are turning to organizations like Wellspring for help.

Many of you may know that last year Wellspring launched a capital campaign to fund the purchase of our permanent residence on Nantasket Avenue in Hull. The purchase of this building ensures Wellspring will continue to serve those in need across the South Shore. The capital campaign is still underway and we are happy to say that we are over three-quarters of the way to our goal of raising $445,000. Contributions to the capital campaign have been most generous, and we are very grateful. Other donations, like the collections at Thanksgiving which go directly towards Wellspring's programs, are equally important.

The pilgrims who celebrated the first Thanksgiving came to this country with the hope of creating a better society. It is good to see this hope is still alive.

Jo Loughnane
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Hull

ZBA should make decision

CHAIRMAN S. WOODWORTH CHITTICK
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

As you are aware, the Board of Water Commissioners is very concerned over the potential adverse impact of the proposed 200 unit (364 bedroom) Avalon Bay development project on the watershed of Lily Pond, our public drinking water supply.

Avalon Bay is proposing to discharge about 40,400 gallons per day of treated wastewater effluent into surface waters located in the Lily Pond watershed, and is seeking an exemption from the provisions of Section 14.3 of the Zoning Bylaws which requires a Special Permit for any on-site disposal of 15,000 gallons per day or more in the Water Resource District, where the project is located. Lily Pond is in a eutrophic state, meaning it is being increasingly choked with weeds and algae because of nutrients like nitrates and phosphorus from septic systems or other sanitary sewers draining into the Pond. To protect the Pond as a drinking water source, we need to find ways to decrease, not increase, this nutrient loading.

Furthermore, Lily Pond and its tributaries, including Brass Kettle Brook, are classified by the state as Class A waters, and the wetlands that drain into the water supply are designated as Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW). To protect public drinking water supplies, state regulations prohibit any new surface water discharges of any pollutants in Class A waters or into Outstanding Resource Waters. Avalon's proposed surface water discharge is prohibited by state regulations.

The ZBA has the authority and the responsibility to prevent this potential threat to Lily Pond. The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, in their November 21, 2002 "Site Approval Application" letter required Avalon to "*provide evidence that there is a plan to provide adequate sanitary and storm sewer service at the site that is acceptable to the comprehensive permit granting authority.*" [Emphasis added.] The ZBA should not defer this issue to the state.

Therefore, the Water Commission requests that the ZBA protect Lily Pond by making a determination that the proposed surface water discharge of wastewater from Avalon Bay is not "acceptable" and that if the ZBA approves this application that the ZBA include a condition prohibiting Avalon from utilizing surface water discharge for its wastewater management.

John K. McNabb, Jr.
Chairman, Water Commission

Editor's note: Mr. McNabb provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter.

Cutbacks in SPED funds

TO THE EDITOR:

The Massachusetts Administrators for Special Education (ASE), Executive Board, is deeply concerned and troubled by the recent announcement from the Department of Education (Mass.) regarding special education funding for fiscal 2003. The lack of sufficient funds to cost share residential (educational) placements for special education students for the fourth quarter of this fiscal year (with the public schools) and the timing of the notification creates immediate concern and undue uncertainty for students, parents/guardians and school districts. Central to our concerns, but not limited to them are the following:

1. How will school districts (already fiscally burdened) be able to fund (in full) the fourth quarter payments for students who are residentially placed (in the 50/50) programs when there were no FY03 local appropriations for it or appropriate time to plan for the shortfall created by the decision?

2. What will the effect of a delayed payment be on the private special education residential schools and special needs students attending them, if school systems are not able to fund the fourth quarter payment in part or in full?

3. Why has DOE not requested the increased funding for the 50/50 account to meet the need of the increases associated with the cost share program to offset the projected deficit?

4. If state and federal funds are available, as DOE indicates, why are the funds not being released during this fiscal year to fund the residential students in the 50/50 program to meet the commitment?

We are gathering important data to look at the impact of the DOE decision. In the spirit of collaboration, we are committed to working with other organizations such as The Massachusetts Association of Approved Private Schools, Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents and the Massachusetts Association of School Committees in working on an immediate resolve to the current "50/50" program dilemma. Recognizing that the state's fiscal issues are real and not easily solvable, we also recognize that through collaborative efforts, in difficult fiscal times, better and more timely solutions can be obtained than if one organization or agency proceeds singularly in the definition of the problem, the understanding of it and the possible solutions to it. We are committed to working rigorously on the "50/50" shortfall problem to ensure an immediate fiscal remedy for our most severely and in need eligible special education students.

Massachusetts Administrators for Special Education ASE
Dr. Karen Watts, President
Carla B. Jentz, Executive Director

Ad, house in bad taste

TO THE EDITOR:

I found the recent, full-page ad regarding the eyesore being built at 3 Jerusalem Lane tacky, manipulative, and in the same bad taste as the structure at issue. The writer of the ad obviously is rudely presumptuous, addressing it to "friends," and clearly has little understanding of the history, culture, and expectations of the citizens of this marvelous town. This is Cohasset, sir, not Weirs Beach in New Hampshire.

Being a town official in any town always commands my respect given the dedication and sacrifices of time and family involved in such public service. Blaming town officials is inappropriate. Working with town officials to resolve any dispute is the wise and appropriate route, and the greater good of the community traditionally must be served. These ads, public demonstrations, scare tactics, etc., are classic "how not to do it."

I do not live in the neighborhood where the "big box" is being built, but I've often driven by it, and my reaction, first time and every time, has been that it's an out-of-place tumor, an eyesore, and an albatross for the local neighborhood. I've always concluded that it was being built by an insensitive builder who could care less about its negative impact on the neighbors, the neighborhood, and the town seashore, because the contractor obviously would sell it and disappear into the night with a profit. I was not surprised, then, to learn that the builder was not from Cohasset. It was a surprise, but I guess consistent, to learn that the builder was from out-of-state. It would be useful, for "public safety," to learn the name of the architect, if any. Out-of-state also?

The eloquent letter in the Jan. 30 Mariner from the immediate neighborhood families says it all and confirms everyone's suspicions. As for the "big box" structure, it belongs in the woods of New Hampshire - deep in the woods.

Many of us, indeed perhaps most, are glad to see that a town Board is exhibiting the courage and responsibility to question this obviously grossly flawed structure. Better late than never! A house of this huge size and height squeezed onto a one-quarter acre lot is, candidly, absurd. The laws of common sense apply here! Perhaps one of the builder's four lawyers might whisper to the builder that ignorance of the law has never been accepted as an excuse, especially when exacerbated by insensitivity and plain bad taste! Also, two wrongs never make a right! The issue is 3 Jerusalem Lane - and if the glove fits, wear it.

We'll all closely follow the course of this regulatory and legal mini-drama with interest as it plays out. We have confidence that "right" and common sense will prevail. I also expect we may see further, distressing disclosures before the saga ends, unfortunately.

A "dream house" for the builder, as the ad claims? One has to question that assertion. We also had heard the $2+ million asking price. What is certain is that it's a "nightmare house" for all of the neighbors!

The neighbors are the real victims here if this wrong is not remedied in an appropriate fashion, perhaps by consulting an oncologist on the best treatment for a large and growing tumor. Surgery is the usual answer? All in favor? If you don't own a scalpel, contributions to the newly established "Cohasset Defense Fund" should be considered.

As a final note, the comments in the Mariner by the "local" North Main Street builder criticizing the ZBA were extremely ill-advised and as outrageous as it gets. He who lives in a glass house should never throw stones.

Richard E.T. Brooks, Ph.D., P.E.
68 Nichols Road

Massport responds to Dormitzer claims

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is in response to the recent article titled "Has Massport been lying about...." In the article, Mr. Dormitzer asserts Massport staff has changed its story about the results of a noise survey conducted last spring. This is not the case and is an unfair representation of what happened.

The preliminary survey results, provided verbally to Mr. Ralph Dormitzer, were explicitly qualified by staff as "preliminary." For Mr. Dormitzer to characterize to the Cohasset Board of Selectmen the preliminary data as "changing the story" is disingenuous.

The facts related to the preliminary results are as follows. The 60 decibel Day Night Level (DNL) estimate reflects one of the highest daily noise levels recorded by the microphone at King Street and includes all sources of noise (aircraft and non-aircraft). This was explained to Mr. Dormitzer at the time.

The 58 DNL figure (actually it's 58.8) is the overall measure for the entire survey period and, again, this measure includes all noise events. Mr. Dormitzer has been told that the 58 DNL reading is too high because it includes days when a lawn mower was run very near the microphone. In fact, during one such incident, Mr. Dormitzer happened to be at the survey site and (without authority to do so) unplugged the microphone, thinking that this would prevent the microphone from registering the loud events. On relaying this to Massport staff, Mr. Dormitzer was told that the field microphone has a back-up battery unit and unplugging it did not prevent it from registering the noise events.

Finally, the 53 DNL figure is the overall measure for the entire study period for aircraft-only noise (excluding noise from local traffic, lawn mowers, etc.) In fact, as the report will show, the 53 DNL estimate for aircraft-only noise is on the high side of a range that is anywhere from the high 40s to low 50s DNL.

Regarding the Freedom of Information Act request, Mr. Dormitzer should have informed the Board of Selectmen that Massport had already agreed early on in the survey that it would include all the raw data along with the report. The only valid criticism Mr. Dormitzer can make is that the report is late. But even in relaying that criticism, Mr. Dormitzer should have qualified it by pointing out that to be responsive to Mr. Dormitzer, Massport staff undertook an unprecedented 47 day field survey. Typically, Massport field surveys are done over a one week period. This extensive survey generated about 8,000 individual noise events of which about 3,400 (or 43 percent) were aircraft-only noise events.

Massport staff has spent an inordinate amount of time filtering non-aircraft events, running cross-tabulations on the data, and correlating individual aircraft over flights to the FAA radar tracks. This analysis has gone above and beyond a standard field survey and was done at the request of Mr. Dormitzer. Furthermore, knowing that this analysis would be subject to considerable scrutiny, Massport requested that a peer review be conducted by HMMH, a nationally recognized noise consultant firm. This review was only recently completed. All these facts were known to Mr. Dormitzer before his briefing to the Board of Selectmen, unfortunately he failed to include in his briefing.

The report, along with the raw data, will be issued shortly. For Mr. Dormitzer to state that Massport is "continuing to change [the] story" is simply wrong. Massport stands behind its work and invites the Town of Cohasset to hire a reputable noise consultant to review the report or the raw data or conduct its own study.

Betty Desrosiers
Director of Aviation Planning and Development

State budget crisis creates a rare level of cooperation

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government.

"I think it's easier when there's no money than when there's plenty." So said a state rep in the hallway, as he ruminated about what's going on.

What's going on is that government, for now, is working the way it's supposed to – the way it did in fifth grade social studies books. Leaders of the different parts are conferring about how best to address a serious problem, their disagreements respectful, their solution consensus-driven.

Of course, "easier" doesn't apply to the people affected. If you were depending on the city to provide a recreational space for your 15-year-old to go after school; if you were a part-time local health department worker hoping to convert to full time; if your kid received services from the state Brain Injury Program, things just got harder. Those are the kinds of people affected by the $488 million budget-balancing package Gov. Mitt Romney has laid out.

But for the decision makers, a genuine crisis has simplified life. Something really must be done right away, and it's easy to agree on the fundamentals: minimize the pain and spread it around; cut the lowest priorities; raise revenues on groups like golfers who won't suffer overmuch if they pay a few dollars more. The governor, House and Senate all worked along those principles. Where legislative approval is needed for the pieces of the Romney plan, a rare level of cooperation is anticipated.

When the state had huge surpluses, they tended to fund long-running gamesmanship, over how much to increase spending, or big tangents, such as the infamous 2001 budget stalemate that was largely about the Clean Elections Law.

The crisis has straightened out the usually twisted dynamics of life in the Statehouse. Moderation is prevailing. After starting out talking about a possible 10 percent cut in local aid, the governor cut no more than 1.8 percent of any community's allotment. He was careful to praise the Legislature for its help.

What's hard, and Romney's finding it out, is cutting the budget legitimately. He's looking for waste, and properly so, but it won't solve the problem. Romney said he was shocked to find that state government employs 800 lawyers. Assuming he sacks 700 of them, and they each get paid $79,000, and none of them do anything that brings money to the state, he'll have saved $55 million. You'd have to fire 19,000 such lawyers to solve half the problem for next year.

The government spends most of its budget easing life's problems for people who have a difficult time of it: the mentally ill, the old and sick, the young and sick, the inner city. It's expensive. Nursing home care for the middle class and affordable public higher education are huge costs. Not to mention repairing all those roads.

On Feb. 26, Romney's going to have to put out a budget that looks at those areas. He says raising taxes will only hurt working families. Casino gambling may be proposed. This is where things are likely to get the most difficult as the $3 billion problem is addressed. Even if it's easy, it's going to be unpleasant. But for now, everybody's sharing the pain. The cuts were mixed with personnel news, and plans intended to lend a silver lining to the local gloom.

• Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey said the administration is proposing the elimination of local civil service to reduce administrative costs; increases in local workers' health insurance premium payments; and union-unfriendly changes to the state's wage and bidding laws. An atmosphere of cooperation aside, all these are expected to encounter very harsh scrutiny in the House and Senate, where members depend on political support from public-employee labor unions.

• Metropolitan District Commissioner David Balfour was fired, and the governor wants to do away with his whole agency. The attempt will be a major test of how serious the Legislature is about restructuring; the MDC has long been a favorite place for lawmakers to reward supporters with jobs.

• Environmental Protection Commissioner Lauren Liss submitted her resignation, having been asked to do so by the Romney administration. She was a Cellucci appointee. There is no word yet on a successor, but environmentalists say they want a more aggressive person in one of the state's most important jobs.

• A study released by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce quantified some of the pain the region and its workers are suffering right now. Financial services, health care, higher education and high tech lost a combined 9,300 job last year, the chamber found.

• Officials from Massport joined their federal counterparts in trying to determine how a box cutter found its way onto United Flight 179 last week. Few answers were available as the week neared an end, but there was consensus the incident showed cracks remain in the airplane screening apparatus.

• The multi-billion dollar state investment in public education since 1993 hasn't been sufficient to meet the court-ordered directive of adequate education for all, according to American Civil Liberties Union officials and others who will bring the case back to Superior Court in June. ACLU officials told legislators taxes are part of the plan to bring more equity to public education. The Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, meanwhile, reported state taxes were cut more aggressively in Massachusetts during the 1990s than in any other state. Center director James St. George said taxes were cut by $5 billion over the decade, and then raised by $1.2 billion last year. Noah Berger, chief counsel and policy director under former Senate President Thomas Birmingham, was also announced as St. George's successor.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

HEALTH NOTES

Considering tough measures to fight obesity in our children

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• The proliferation of unhealthy food and beverage advertising.

• An abundance of fast-food outlets and an increase in the size of standard portions of food served. • Increased television and computer usage.

• A growing trend toward eating out of the home.

• A reliance on automobiles.

• Insufficient safe and affordable physical activity opportunities.

Preventing obesity in our children is one of the most important public health issues facing the nation. Obesity and its related economic and health impacts require immediate actions, both nationally and locally. Our timely efforts can ensure that our children will grow up to become healthier adults.

Below are some measures frequently supported by public health organizations:

1) Develop a media campaign to encourage a nutritional and physical fitness health model., using as a model the successful tobacco control initiatives to counter the unhealthy eating messages and images with which children are bombarded.

2) Augment safe physical fitness opportunities for children at schools and in their communities by creating more playgrounds, playing fields, gymnasiums, sidewalks, bike trails, swimming pools, skating rinks, tennis courts and increase supervised after-school activities.

3) Implement a "snack tax" which would reduce consumption of unhealthy foods, and use the money to fund (1) and (2).

4) Enact regulations that prohibit the sale of candy and carbonated beverages in schools during lunch periods. Particularly requiring the removal of vending machines from schools, or at least, prohibiting operation during school hours.

5) Enact mandates setting a minimum number of in-school hours annually that must be spent on physical education and activities in schools and ensure that lunch periods are sufficient for proper digestion of food.

6) Require the labeling of calories, fat and sugar content of foods sold in fast-food restaurants.

7) Develop policies to limit brand-name advertising for food and beverages in the schools.

8) Establish a coordinated infrastructure of governmental agencies, professional organizations, academia, research entities, and advocates to define and develop a program for improved nutritional and physical activity.

At a future meeting, the Board of Health will consider these eight measures, and discuss the adoption of several of them. In particular, we will consider measure 4 above, and probably adopt it. We would like your input.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Four-quad gates in limbo

By James Russell
CORRESPONDENT

The United States Army Corps of Engineers has signaled its deep unease with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's preference to use 2-quadrant gates with median barriers at intersections along the proposed Greenbush rail corridor. Underscoring problems with the MBTA proposal, the Corps yesterday took the unusual step of ordering the Section 106 historic review process for Greenbush to be reopened. Part of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 governs mitigation measures for historic properties and archeological resources, and defines types of mitigation to be undertaken in conjunction with construction projects in historic settings.

"You are welcome to submit comments regarding the seven unresolved issues contained in Section IX of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. Comments can be submitted to the Corps office in Concord until Feb. 19, 2003," said Theodore Lento, Army Corps Program Manager for Greenbush to a throng of 75 area residents and local officials at a meeting in Hingham Town Hall. Also attending was the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Brona Simon, senior MBTA officials, Sen. Robert Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley.

Eric Fleming, an engineer with DMJM Harris contracted by the MBTA said 2-quad gates with median barriers are safer than 4-quad gates without median barriers, noting 4-quad gates are "experimental in nature.

"There is a general lack of acceptance in the railroad industry for 4-quad gates," he said, adding, "Using a median barrier is a prudent safety measure, with or without 4-quad gates."

Alexander Macmillan, Hingham's Greenbush Coordinator, expressed dissatisfaction with the MBTA's claims.

"What the MBTA asserts as the experimental nature of 4-quad gates is wrong," said Macmillan, citing an ongoing rail construction project in Illinois containing 96 grade crossings that will employ 4-quad gates at 68 of the crossings. "4-quad gates have been installed at nine crossings along the new Acela Amtrak route between Boston and New York City. It is in place; it is not an experiment."

Macmillan also took the Greenbush Project Conservator, Maureen Cavanaugh of Epsilon Associates, to task.

"It appears the project conservator would have no opinion regarding median barriers used for 2-quad gates; in other words, you have accepted the MBTA's position," said Macmillan. "You might want reconsider your earlier comments so that we do not have the implied judgement that median barriers are not under the purview of the Project Conservator. We are concerned where you seem to be going on this issue."

Cavanaugh responded by noting the document referred to by Macmillan was "labeled a 'review draft.'"

"Like the Army Corps and the MBTA, I am here to listen, and to take comment. Given the additional information we will review our previous comments," she said.

Andrew Brennan, Director of Environmental Affairs for the MBTA, said figuring out how to have safe grade crossing without whistles blowing is the goal. It is estimated 4-quad gates would add $3.2 million to Greenbush, which would extend 17.5 miles of track from Braintree through Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate at a projected cost of $465 million. The transportation authority expects trains to roll sometime in 2005.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen
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January 31, 2003

QUESTIONS

With today's edition, the Cohasset Mariner begins coverage of the 2003 Massachusetts legislative session with the weekly feature "Beacon Hill Roll Call" (BHRC). This feature is a clear and concise compilation of the voting records of area state representatives and senators at the Statehouse. It provides an unbiased summary of each bill or amendment and arguments from floor debate on each side of the issue along with local legislators' votes.

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Cohasset Mariner . It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for over 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on three roll calls and local senators' votes on two roll calls from recent sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

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REQUIRE ROLL CALL VOTES ON TAX HIKES (H 2003) House 126-23, rejected an amendment prohibiting any tax hikes from being given final approval by the House without a roll call vote.The amendment, which could be suspended by a four-fifths vote, also allows the House to approve tax hikes only up to 30 days prior tothe deadline for filing nomination papers to run for a seat in the legislature. Amendment supporters said this would ensure that votersknow how their legislators vote on any tax hikes. They noted it will also prevent what occurred last year when the House took up the $1 billion plus tax hike two days after the filing deadline for candidates who may have chosen to run for office if they knew an incumbent had voted for the tax hike. Amendment opponents said the amendment goes too far and will make it very difficult for the House to consider tax hikes even during an emergency. They argued it is a bad precedent to restrict the time period during which a bill can be considered. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment requiring a roll call vote and restricting the period during which tax hikes can be approved. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).	**N**
ROLL CALL MACHINE (S 2003) House 148-4, rejected an amendment prohibiting any member's vote from being displayed on the electronic roll call machine in the House until after the time for voting has expired. Amendment supporters said this would foster members' independence and discourage them from merely looking at the roll call machine prior to voting and simply voting with the speaker and the leadership. Amendment opponents said members do not need the votes of the speaker and leadership hidden in order to be independent. They noted that displaying the votes after voting has ended will allow visitors in the gallery and viewers of Channel 44 to see the votes displayed for only a minute before the board is cleared for the next vote. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment preventing the display of votes until voting has ended. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).	**N**
TERM LIMITS FOR SPEAKER (S 2003) House 106-44, rejected an amendment prohibiting any member from serving as speaker of the House for more than eight years. Amendment supporters said 20 states have term limits for legislative leaders and argued it is healthy to rotate the speakership in order to prevent the building up of excessive power by one individual. They noted that Speaker Finneran actually voted for this eight-year limit in 1985 but in 2001 he led the successful fight to repeal it. Amendment opponents said it is unfair to restrict a member's service as speaker and argued rank and file members should have the right to re-elect a current speaker or choose a new one. They noted tha voters already may impose term limits when they vote at the polls and representatives already can impose term limits when they vote for speaker. (A "Yea" vote is for the eight-year limit. A "Nay" vote is against the eight-year limit).	**N**
SENATE RULES FOR 2003-2004 (S 1923) Senate 33-5, approved changes to the rules that govern the actions of the Senate. Changes include creation of a Committee on Long Term Debt that would be allowed to initiate legislation; abolishing the Ethics Committee and transferring its powers to the Rules Committee; adding two new leadership positions of assistant majority whip and president pro tempore; banning the use of cellular phones in the Senate chamber during a session; requiring a senate president to resign from that position if he becomes a candidate for any other state or federal elective office; and requiring that senators receive a list of cities and towns that do not receive television coverage of Senate session and an explanation for the lack of coverage. Supporters said the changes would improve the operation of the Senate and make it more efficient and accountable. Some opponents said the changes did not go far enough and noted they supported many more changes that were defeated. Others said they objected to the provision allowing the Committee on Long Term Debt to initiate legislation. They said that this power is troublesome because it has created problems in the past when Ways and Means initiated legislation that emerged without any input and public hearings and without the knowledge of most senators. (A "Yea" vote is for the package of changes. A "Nay" vote is against the package).	**NV**
LEGISLATORS' TESTIMONY (S 1924) Senate 37-0, approved an amendment prohibiting elected officials, except the governor and other constitutional officers, from speaking for more than two minutes at a public hearing unless he receives permission from the committee chair. Amendment supporters said this would prevent legislators from making lengthy speeches for the benefit of television cameras. They noted legislators often monopolize these hearings while citizens who attend to testify are forced to wait hours and miss an entire day of work. (A "Yea" vote is for the two-minute limit).	**NV**

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BLIZZARD OF '78

Blizzard was one for the history books

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In early February 1978, the air pressure off the South Carolina coast began to drop considerably. This disturbance didn't alarm forecasters because it remained unclear whether a major snowstorm was forming Local residents also gave scant attention to initial forecasts that suggested the possibility of snow amounts of six inches or more on Feb. 6.

This lackadaisical outlook stemmed party because a record-breaking 21.6 inches of snow had fallen on the South Shore 10 days earlier. Residents generally felt that any additional snowfall would be easy to handle after the "Super Storm 78," Within a few days, that storm would be largely forgotten when the "Great Blizzard of 78" arrived with fury on the evening of Feb. 5.

When it ended 35 hours later , the blizzard would leave 54 persons dead across New England, scores of South Shore coastal dwellers homeless and thousands of residents snowbound for a week. Its havoc would cause $1 billion worth of damage to the region and force a state of emergency for eight days.

"We knew a storm was coming, but we didn't realize how bad it would be until about noontime," said Esther Reed o f Marshfield. "We also had that big storm in January and didn't think anything could be as bad as that."

Sunny skies greeted area residents on Feb. 4. There was no wind and the air seemed unusually quiet. This calm before the storm hardly suggested a disaster would be soon wreaking havoc. But a change in the atmosphere's jet stream began feeding the developing blizzard off the Carolina coast on Sunday with cold air and that spelled trouble. The storm was also being fed by another smaller low pressure system that moved across the eastern seaboard from the Great Lakes on Monday.

As the day wore on, forecasters began calling for between 8-12 inches of snow to begin falling during the afternoon of Feb. 5. When area residents awoke on the following day, the storm clouds were in place. A Boston Herald headline proclaimed, "Here we go again." Some wisps of flakes began gently falling across the area after daybreak — hardly enough to cause alarm.

"For 25 years I've thought about it without a tear but when I was thinking about it the other day the tears started flowing."

— Faith Jean, a Brant Rock resident.

By 10 a.m. dire storm predictions began to emerge from local radio and TV stations. Newscasters warned coastal dwellers of extensive flooding along the South Shore and snowfall amounts of 16 inches. Residents were urged to travel for only emergency purposes during the evening. By the time these warnings became known, most residents were already at work or school. Some firms began to send workers home early, but Reed, a Gillette employee, had to remain until 5:00 p.m.

"We didn't shut down," said Reed. "When it was time to go home, the traffic on the Southeast Express way was crawling." An hour commute for Reed turned into a three-hour tour by the time she reached her home.

"The snow flakes were the size of snowballs and the wind was blowing so hard," said Hanover firefighter Jeffrey Blanchard, a high school senior at the time.

The blowing snow began making roads across the region impassible. The afternoon commute on Route 128 turned into a nightmare for nearly 3,000 drivers when two tractor trailer trucks jackknifed. The accident forced an eight-mile backup on the southbound side of the highway between Needham and Randolph.

By early evening, forecasters began calling the storm the worst in 100 years. Drivers were urged to remain home or take shelter if on the road. Scores of schools and National Guard armories began providing shelter to stranded motorists.

Angry waves hurled themselves against seawalls in Scituate, Marshfield, Cohasset and Hingham shortly after 7:30 p.m. This initial onslaught pummeled summer homes in these communities with sand, pebbles and spray. Within an hour the lights began going out along the coast and sea water began flooding basement homes along the shore. Wind-driven waves forced Scituate's Cedar Point residents in some instances to wade to safety through the icy waters.

Marshfield resident Faith Jean said the storm was initially an adventure, but it turned into a nightmare during the evening. "For 25 years I've thought about it without a tear but when I was thinking about it the other day the tears started flowing," said Jean, a Brant Rock resident.

For awhile, the blizzard provided her children, April, 10, Phyliss, 13, Tom, 18 and Katherine, 24 with some excitement. "The electricity went out and we played cards by candlelight," said Jean. "We had never experienced a blizzard before and we thought it was fun. My husband, (Howard) was at work at the Morse Shoe Company in Canton."

The adventure became a nightmare when Jean stepped outside to take some pictures. "The water was flowing down South Street like a river," said Jean. "A fire truck was nearby and full of people. The fireman looked at me and said I only have room for you and two more."

Jean bordered the fire engine with Phyllis and April. Thomas and Katherine decided to ride out the storm as long as they could in the home. "We grabbed some pillows and blankets and went to the Grace Ryder School." The family endured swirling snowflakes and wind-driven ocean spray as the truck treaded to the Brant Rock firehouse. Upon arriving , the Jeans were taken to the Grace Ryder School where 200 residents were being given shelter. While there the family could only hope that Tom and Katherine would safely ride out the storm. "I had found out that we were the last truck out of Brant Rock," said Jean.

As the tides flooded the coast without respite, town officials began requesting assistance with evacuating residents. Firefighters from several nearby towns began sending aid. At 8 p.m then Gov. Michael Dukakis declared a state of emergency and activated the National Guard.

The storm's terror continued into the following day as higher than usual tides began smashing homes and seawalls to pieces after 10:30 a.m. The wind-driven surf tossed cars and house frames like toys. Scores of residents remained trapped inside oceanfront homes and awaited rescue. Some of these dwellers had to endure the night with flooded homes and lack of heat.

In Scituate, attempts to rescue a 5-year-old Amy Lanzikos, and her mother, Sally, from a flooded Jericho Road neighborhood by firefighters ended tragically when a sea wall broke loose. The wall's collapse capsized a rowboat that was being used to take the Lanzikos to safety with Edward Hart and his wife Alice. The fire fighters were able to rescue Sally and Alice, but could not save Amy and Edward. Both would be found deceased days later by rescuers near Scituate Harbor.

The storm's fury ultimately claimed lives 24 lives in Massachusetts. A dozen of these deaths occurred in the Boston area. Several motorists died from carbon monoxide poisoning after being discovered inside snowbound cars on Route 128. Some residents died from heart attacks while shoveling snow or from stress caused by the storm.

Life in the various shelters began to take on its own creativity during the long ours. Jean was awakened by the smell of bacon and eggs when morning arrived. "A policeman was at the grill and cooking us breakfast," said Jean. "He had been out earlier rounding up food from the stores that were closed because of the blackouts. The stores were only too glad to give the stuff away because it would have spoiled."

The breakfast and friendliness by evacuees helped lighten Jean's mood as she wondered whether Thomas or Katherine were OK. "Later in the day we were told some (evacuees) were taken to the Winslow School," said Jean. " I went over there but they weren't there."

Within minutes after arriving, Jean volunteered to assist with cooking, despite fears over her children's safety. "As I began working I had tears slipping down my cheek," said Jean. "A while later I heard somebody say 'Mom'. I turned and looked and it was,... Katherine. She was with James Haddad,...who is now an assessor. I then found out Tom was safe."

The snow began to wind down by 10 p.m. on Feb. 6. On the following day, area residents away from the shore awoke to nearly 27 inches of snow. "It was quite a sight," said Blanchard. "The town hall had piles of snow. "

Roadways throughout the area remained impassible for days. A driving ban also kept motorists off the roads, and for awhile residents were forced to walk to area stores to buy groceries or take delight in the scenery.

The National Guard also assisted area towns with snow removal and residents needing help along the ravaged coastal areas. Guardsmen also helped transport doctors and nurses to work at South Shore Hospital throughout the week.

"It was quite a time," said William Molisse, a South Shore Hospital food service director , "The National Guard would give me a ride home at night and the police would give me a ride to work in the morning from Weymouth Landing."

Many of the hospital workers who were on duty when the storm struck worked continuously for almost two days until the Guard and police began transporting additional staffers.

Neighborhood block parties became a common occurrence among youngsters and the young at heart. Town centers appeared to resemble a scene out of Dickens' Christmas Carol play as residents strolled along snow combed streets with a sled in tow. Youngsters scoured towering snow banks along area roadways.

Along the storm-ravaged coast, homeowners sifted through debris and tried to salvage possessions. The storm's waves also provided many coastal dwellers with a free lobster feast. Scores of lobsters were tossed onto beaches and deposited in shrubs by storm driven waves.

Within days after the storm President Jimmy Carter declared the area a disaster scene. Scores of coastal residents applied for relief in rebuilding damaged homes.

Since then many questions remain about weather forecasting. Boston meteorologist Harvey Leonard said forecasters have more computer modules to guide them with predicting weather. "there's no question that while far from perfect, our field has grown a lot since 1978," said Leonard in a Boston Herald interview. "The computer models we use to guide us, the software and hardware available to us has improved so much over the years."

Minot's Ledge Lighthouse of the coast of Cohasset was pounded mercilessly by ocean wavesduring the "Blizzard of 78". This photoby Boston Herald photographerKevin Cole received a Pulitzer Prize.

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BLIZZARD OF '78

Local author recalls the 'storm of the century'

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For a while, the world appeared to be coming to an end to seven-year old Christopher J. Haraden as the Blizzard of 1978 aimed its fury across the region during the evening of Feb. 6, 1978.

Gale force winds howled as heavy snow fell at the rate of three inches per hour across the South Shore. Traffic came to a standstill while the snow piled up. On Route 128, nearly 3,000 cars and 500 trucks became snowbound after two-tractor trailer trucks jackknifed.

Along the coast, the ocean heaved its icy contents into Haraden's backyard at his former home in Hull. The flooding forced many residents to evacuate. Homeowners living along flooded shorefronts in Hingham, Cohasset, Marshfield and Scituate made frantic calls to police and the Coast Guard for rescue. In some instances, houses were snatched off their foundations and thrown into the angry ocean. Boats became loosened from their moorings and were tossed like toys onto nearby streets. Scituate Village became a pond as the sea emptied from its basin.

As the evening wore on, local forecasters began issuing dire warnings to remain indoors or risk death. A state of emergency was declared by then-Gov. Michael Dukakis. Driving was banned throughout the state by 10 p.m. Exceptions to the ban were allowed for snow removal crews, police, firefighters, EMT's or persons with life or death emergencies. This prohibition would last for a week in many towns.

These realities are being vividly recalled by Haraden, 31, of Hanover in "Storm of The Century, New England's Great Blizzard of 1978." The book recalls the blizzard's fury and aftermath across southern New England. "At least two-thirds of it contains pictures and the remaining portion describes what happened," said Haraden.

The pictures include a photograph of Scituate's Minot Light being smashed by towering waves along with scenes of destruction in Hull , Marshfield, Cohasset and various communities across the region. There are also a variety of pictures that show the snow-clogged highways and towering snow drifts.

Residents old enough to recall the storm will discover Haraden's recollection to be an accurate reminder of how the region was impacted and pulled itself together in the days that followed.

Haraden said the blizzard was like a camping trip for him and his family. The storm knocked out electricity for a few days in parts of Hull and in various sections of nearby communities. "We huddled by the fireplace and listened to the small radio," said Haraden. "We had the phone for awhile but we later lost that."

As the winds howled and the waves pounded the shoreline without mercy, he listened to anxious callers on the radio ask WBZ news anchors to summon rescue crews. Some of these callers came from Hull. "We heard a guy from Revere Street call up and say his street was getting flooded," said Harden. "The guy said he didn't know what to do. He must have made at least three or four calls to BZ."

The situation in Hull was especially difficult because the flood waters could not roll back out to sea with the tide. Cement barriers that normally kept the ocean from flowing into the neighborhood now acted as a barrier with keeping the floodwaters from draining. It would take nearly a week in some instances to pump the seawater out from the flooded areas. When the storm ended, it left many homeowners without a dwelling. Lucky homeowners in the stricken areas got off with flooded basements.

In the days that followed Hull High School became a shelter for the town's displaced residents. The National Guard patrolled the streets and the Red Cross provided food and clothing for those in need. School children got two weeks off from school because the roads were impassible and the schools in many instances sheltered stranded persons or residents with storm damaged homes. "The pile of snow looked like Mt. Everest," said Haraden.

He said the ability of residents to cope with being housebound during the state of emergency was amazing. "There were no VCRs or cell phones 25 years ago," said Haraden. "We had no cable TV or Internet."

Haraden said he became interested with retelling the blizzard upon noticing there were few books devoted to it. "I was surprised no one else wrote about it,' said Haraden. The book is available for purchase at local bookstores for $19.99. A portion of the profits from book sales will benefit the Fort Revere Park Preservation Society. The Society oversees the Fort Revere Park — a former military installation used during the Revolutionary War by colonial troops. Haraden is a trustee with the Preservation Society.

He is also a former reporter and editor for various local newspapers. Haraden previously worked for The Hull Times, Banker & Tradesman, Boston Homes and the TAB Newspapers. He has also written various articles about tourism, historical, and financial publications across New England. Haraden is also a contributing author of "Hull & Nantasket Beach: Then and Now." The book is a joint effort by the Committee for the Preservation of Hull's History.

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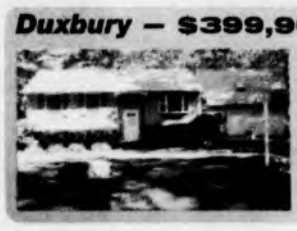
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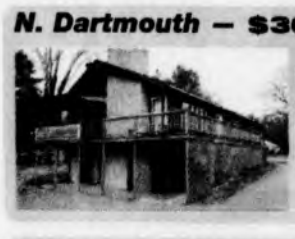
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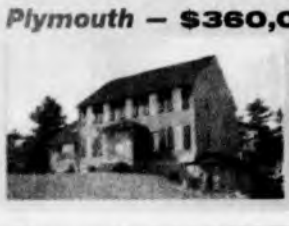
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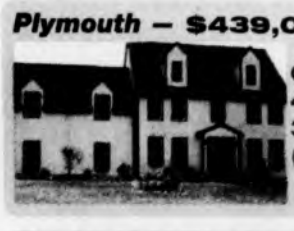
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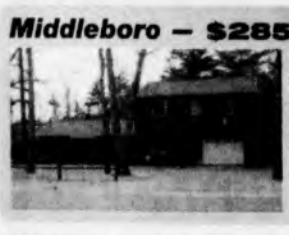
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Please come to "Basketball Spirit Night" at Cohasset High on Friday, February 7. The boys junior varsity team will play at 5:00 and the varsity team will play at 6:30. Sixth grade boys recreation team members will play during half time. All recreation players will be admitted free with an adult to cheer for our boys basketball teams. Bring the family for dinner at our new concession stand and enjoy the spirit of community in our new gymnasium.

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Cohasset's Tim Pilczak #15) and Mark Davis (#38) try to slow down Scituate's Kyle Simpson in recent non-league tilt.

Icemen bounce back

CHS hockey team rallies from first SSL loss to defeat Abington

By Mike Spellman
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A Ted Straughn power play goal broke a 1-1 tie for Cohasset with 6:05 left in Saturday's showdown with Abington at the Rockland Ice Arena, lifting the Skippers to a 2-1 win over their South Shore League rivals and keeping them in the driver's seat in their quest for a second consecutive league title.

First year Cohasset coach John Blake wasn't exactly thrilled with the performance that produced the win, but, at this stage of the season, it would appear he's well into the "win is a win is a win" mindset.

"It's wasn't pretty, but we'll take it," said Blake, whose team went to 7-1 in SSL play with the win (8-6-1 overall) to remain atop the league standings. "Teams are ready for us now. I think the first time through the league we kind of surprised a few teams. Not much was expected of us going into the season, but now we're the team to beat, I guess. Teams are trying to take away what we did the first time against them. We've got to be ready for a much stiffer challenge this second time around."

The Skippers went 6-0 the first time through the SSL, but

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Fine tuning

Focus for CHS wrestlers now on next week's Sectionals

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It's that time of year again: that time where winter sports regular seasons begin to wind down while the anticipation for postseason competition begins to heat up.

In other words, it's the right time for the wrestling team to be wrestling at the level they are right now.

"We're just looking to stay healthy," said long-time coach Torin Sweeney. "Most of our focus right now is getting ourselves ready for Sectionals."

The Skippers pushed their record to 14-3-2 last Friday, with consecutive wins over fellow contenders Rockland and Middleboro, then closing the day with a blowout over Keefe Tech. With their 37-37 tie with Carver last week, the team clinched a tie for the South Shore League title, their second straight year they've grabbed at least a share of their league crown.

On their marathon Friday, Cohasset succeeded in becoming the only team to knock off Rockland in dual meet competition this year. The Skippers took the meet, 41-30, leaving the Bulldogs (13-1) no chance to compete for the league title.

The meet started perfectly for the Skippers, with Sweeney strategically switching junior Jake Berger in the heavyweight class and moving sophomore Matt Baroudi to 215 pounds. The move worked perfectly, as senior Cosimo Cambi (189) combined with the underclassmen duo for three consecutive pins to begin the meet.

Staked to an 18-0 lead, the Skippers did fall behind at one point, but received five crucial wins from Terry Baroudi (130), Phil Strazzulla (pin at 140), Chris McKenna (pin at 145), Matt Casey (152) and Mike Casey (171).

This is the second straight win for Cohasset over Rockland, as the Skippers defeated this league rival in their final dual meet of the 2001-02 season to win back the league.

Against Middleboro, the

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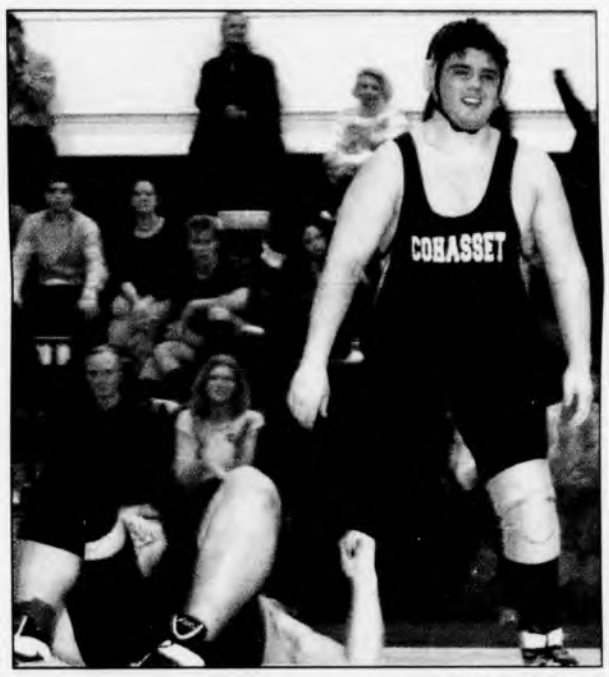

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Sophomore Matt Baroudi, seen here celebrating a recent pin, is one of several Cohasset wrestlers who enters the postseason with lofty expectations following a big regular season.

Green Wave silences Skippers, 64-48

Balanced attack leads Abington over Cohasset

By T.J. Byrne
CORRESPONDENT

Tuesday night's game between the Cohasset Skippers and host Abington Green Wave played out much like their seasons have gone. Despite a strong effort from Cohasset, the Skippers faded in the second half to Abington's steady and consistent play. The end result was a 64-48 Green Wave victory.

The win improves Abington and head coach's Don Byron record to 11-4 (8-2 South Shore League), while Ron Ford's Skippers drop to 4-11 (2-7 SSL). The Green Wave remains alone in second place in the South Shore League trailing Norwell by two games while staying a half a game ahead of Harwich.

"This was a tough win for us tonight," said Byron. "Cohasset came in here ready to play and they played their guts out. We have Norwell 'coming up on Friday, so it was important for us to go into this game on a positive note."

The Green Wave used a balanced offensive scoring sheet to down Cohasset. Seniors Bill Junkins (14 points, 12 rebounds), Steve Perry (14 points) and junior Bill Carey (16 points) lead the way for Abington. As for Carey, it was the point guards most balanced game of the season by also adding five steals, six assists and four rebounds.

"Carey is one of the more underrated players in the league," added Byron. "He protects the ball very well. So we are not losing many scoring opportunities due to careless passing and turnovers. You saw a great example of that tonight with Bill."

Cohasset got 22 points from junior Chris Bilodeau, however they also committed 22 turnovers for the game.

"We had our opportunities tonight," said Ford. "We just did not protect the ball on the offensive end. At times we got very careless and it will eventually catch up to you. The final score indicates that, but the guys still played very hard the entire game. That is all you can ask for."

The first half gave every indication though that this would be a game contested all the way to the final buzzer. Within the first nine minutes of action there were seven lead changes and four ties. The final tie coming on a Perry baseline drive to tie the score at 18.

Abington would take the lead on a give and go from Brian McSharry to Junkins, which was followed by a three pointer by Carey to increase the Green Wave lead to 23-18 with 7:00 left in the first half.

Bilodeau, as he did for most of the game, would keep the Skippers alive with a strong drive to the goal to close the gap to 23-20. However, a basket and

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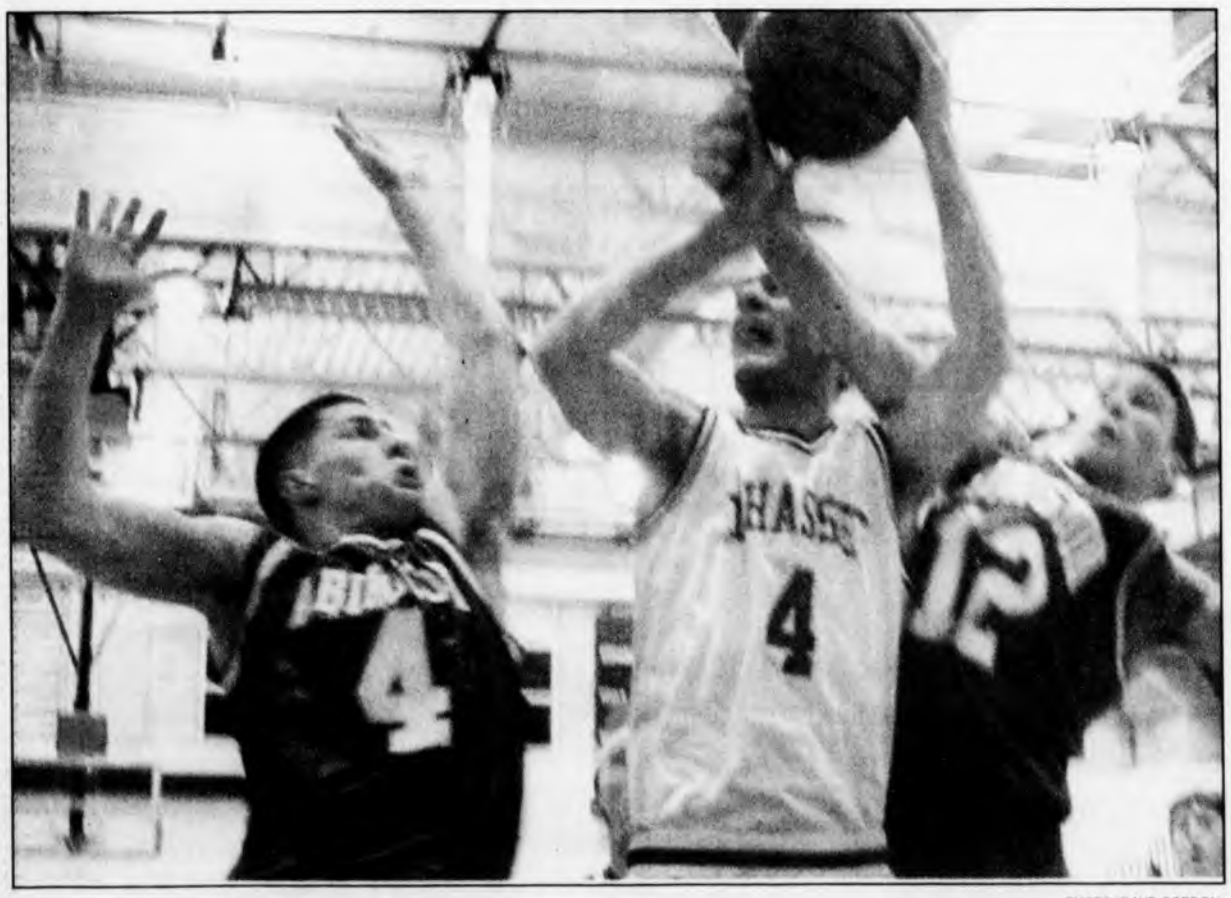

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Cohasset center Sean Connolly (#4) takes it strong against a pair of Abington defenders in Tuesday's loss for the Skippers.

Playing for pride

Eliminated from postseason picture, Lady Skippers still set sights on strong finish

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High girls basketball team has a new motto: "play with intensity." The Lady Skippers adopted this last Tuesday.

The motto proved a good one, but it still needs a little more intensity work to get that intensity thing going to make the intensity work.

The Skippers kicked off the motto during halftime of Tuesday's home game with Abington, which the vistors won, 47-38.

At the end of the first half, Abington was flying, 28-13. The 15-point deficit suddenly had the Skippers chanting "Intensity! Intensity."

The Cohasset girls did get intense over the situation, and continued cutting down the lead. But while the intensity thing was working for Cohasset, there was another problem — the foul line.

"The girls had a very poor night at the foul line," noted Cohasset coach Ellen Carr. "They played with exceptional intensity during the second half.

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Swim team drops pair

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Swim meet losses can be broken down into three categories: shoulds, woulds and the could nots. The Scituate-Cohasset swim team's meet last Friday falls into the shoulda catergory, while their Tuesday loss to Sharon is definitely a could not.

The Sci-Cohs should have beaten Barnstable, and might well have had injuries and sickness not ripped through the roster, leaving the team without its three best swimmers. Meanwhile, the Sci-Cohs could not have beaten the mighty Sharon squad on any day. The Eagles powered their way to a 103-71 victory over the girls, and an 80-40 decision for the males.

"There's nothing you can do at times like last Friday," conceded third year coach Jamie Kearney, who was missing two senior captains and her freshman phenom for the Barnstable match. "We lost some very key people. But Sharon, on the other hand, is just unbelievable. The fact that we swam so well against them just speaks volumes for the hard work our team has put in this year."

Sharon now has positioned itself to capture the Old Colony League crown, standing as the only team this year to unseat last year's champion Nauset team. The Eagles should also have a strong chance to earn the title of

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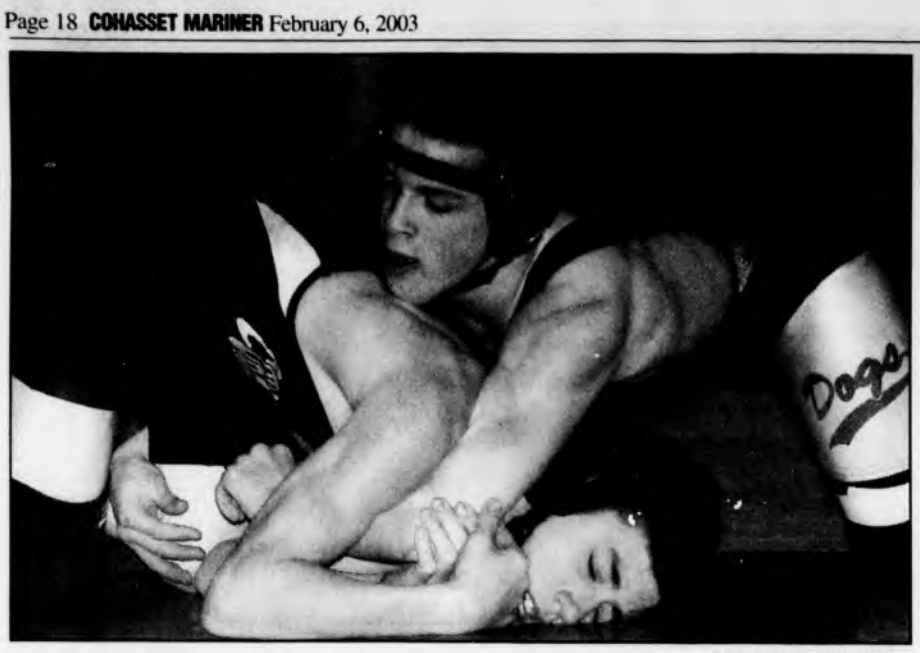

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Freshman Dave Kupsc (bottom) strains to escape from Rockland's Paul Robinson in recent league showdown.

Cohasset skiers off to strong start

The recent frigid temperatures have not deterred the Cohasset High Ski Team from competing at Blue Hills, although some might say is as much a test of endurance as speed. Halfway through the race season, the Ski Team, coached by Jack Dane, is in fourth place in the small school division. The student's race in both Slalom and Giant Slalom formats to obtain individual and team points. Co-captains, Juniors Jessie Guild and Andrew Busk have consistently earned points for the team, giving them a good chance at representing Cohasset at the State Championship in late February.

For the girl's team Junior Brenna O'Donnell and Sophomore Elizabeth Stone have added to Jessie Guild's overall results by earning points in the last two races. Freshmen Emile Shea and Catherine Whoriskey are just fractions of a second from contributing to that all-important point total.

On the boy's team, freshman Prescott Busk has picked up speed to add to the team totals. Freshman Daniel Sullivan is on the verge of earning points as are returning juniors and consistent performers, Ryan Oftshun and Dan Roth. With such a young team, the future looks bright.

The Cohasset Ski Team is organized as a club sport, which is fully funded by the participants. Race results are posted on MBSLE.org.

Green Wave silences Skippers

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foul shot later by Junkins with under 0:04 left in the half gave Abington a 29-22 halftime lead.

Cohasset came out with an aggressive man to man defensive set to start the second half, but Abington countered with some timely outside shooting. A ten footer from Perry and a three pointer later by Carey, the Green Wave grew their lead to 34-22 as the second half opened.

The Skippers would get as close as seven following a nice give and go from junior Sean Connolly (nine rebounds) to Bilodeau, but Abington would always respond on the other end. Bilodeau's basket was immediately answered on a quick transition break and basket from McSharry to get the lead back to nine.

Moments later, a drive to the basket by Bilodeau lead to a hoop, basket and made foul shot to put a spark into the Skipper roster. As was the case most of the night, Abington responded with a McSharry three pointer to get the Green Wave lead back to 13 at 48-35.

"We made the big plays tonight when we needed to," said Byron. "The one thing I like is that we did not let up when we got the lead. We continued to play smart and aggressive. Guys were hustling all over the place and that saved us some points tonight."

Despite a late run by Cohasset in the last three minutes, strong free throw shooting down the stretch from Carey and Dan Hoffman, who came off the bench with seven points, sealed the Green Wave victory. Cohasset's Ben Lynner added 11 points for the Skippers.

Wrestlers fine tuning

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Skippers went match-for-match with their opponents, winning by a score of 39-27 on the strength of three key pins. Sophomore Joey Kehoe (125), Matt Casey and Matt Baroudi figured in with six point victories. Winning by points were Cambi, senior Dave Kupsc (112), Terry Baroudi, and McKenna.

The final meet of the night was a 57-16 massacre of Keefe Tech, which merely featured a far superior team showing the form that made it one of the top teams in Division 3 right now.

The real highlight of this match was Chris McKenna, who took down Keefe's senior Russ Luttrell. McKenna had lost in two previous meetings with Luttrell (who is ranked fifth in the state for the 145 class), but got the better in this meeting by a 5-2 decision. McKenna will likely receive consideration for a very high seed at Sectionals, as he has compiled a 24-2 record this year, with losses only to the 145-pound wrestlers ranked number 1 and 2 in Massachusetts.

Heading into Sectionals, which will be held on February 14 and 15, Foxboro is clearly the team to beat, according to Sweeney ("they're head and shoulders above everybody," assessed the CHS coach). However, Cohasset should be right in the mix for a top three team finish, along with Mansfield, Duxbury, Rockland and Canton.

Cohasset will head into Sectionals, if all healthy, with six wrestlers who placed last year, and five who finished in the top five in the Sectional Tournament.

Tumblers look to extend season

Postseason berth still a possibility for C-N gymnasts

By Joel Racicot
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With two meets left, the Cohasset/Norwell girl's gymnastics team is gearing up for the chance to make the South Sectionals.

Needing big scores this week, the girls hope their 129.775 average score can shoot over or at 130, a number that will likely land the squad in the Sectionals.

"This is obviously a huge week for us," acknowledged head coach Kara Connerty. "Our goal is to get an overall team average of 130 points and then wait and see if that's enough for us to qualify for the Sectionals."

This week's meets are Wednesday night against Hingham, a meet that occurred after the Mariner's press time, and Thursday night at 6:30 at Head Over Heels in Norwell. The All-League meet will be this Saturday at Carver.

Cohasset/Norwell won their last two meets, the first a 129.05-103.25 win over Duxbury, and the last a 129.05-113.85 win over Carver.

Against Duxbury, Meredith Bixby won the all-around with a 34.3 score, her third highest for the season, Nancy Durkin came in second with a 31.9, Katherine Coyne was second on beam with an 8.2 and Jen Guiney was second on the vault with an 8.1.

In the Carver win, Bixby and Durkin were first and second in the all-around again, Bixby with a 33.9 and Durkin with a 32.8. Lisa Spirito was second on the vault with a 8.0, and Erin Kelley was third on the floor with an 8.25.

Hoopsters playing for pride

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We just couldn't sink the ball at the line. That was the big difference in the game."

The coach added: "We got that intensity thing going pretty good. If the kids can keep that up, there's a good chance we may just win the remaining four games of the season."

Unfortunately, Tuesday's loss left the Lady Skippers now playing for pride alone. The loss dropped them to 5-11 with just those four games remaining, making it impossible for them to reach that magic .500 mark needed for postseason qualification.

Senior captain Lindsay Grossman led the team both at the offensive end (15 points) and on the backboards (8 rebounds).

"Lindsay did an outstanding job for us," commented coach Carr. "She certainly had intensity going."

La'Raine Langford, another of the four senior captains, was second in scoring for Cohasset with seven points. She also had five assists and four steals.

Also playing well for Cohasset were Maura O'Brien, Casey Anderson, Danielle Pinkus, Heather Peraino, Jen Buckley and Ashley Faber.

Swim team drops pair

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Conference champions a week from this Saturday.

The biggest story from the Sci-Cohs perspective was Cohasset freshman Mammie Daley, who qualified for Sectionals in the 100 backstroke. After her previous two attempts had fallen just tenths of a second short of the qualifying time, Daley swam a 1:14.15 to become the third female on the team to earn a spot at Sectionals. Finishing third in the backstroke, Daley also came in second in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:17.97.

Scituate junior Coral Yang, who will join Daley at Sectionals in the butterfly and 100 Individual Medley, won the 100 freestyle and took second in the IM with a season best time of 2:31.76.

Scituate sophomore Becky Keys inched closer to postseason qualification for diving with a score of 162.45. Keys needs to clear 165 to qualify, and this was the closest she had come to her mark this season. Keys won the Nantucket Invitational last Saturday, indicating last year's Pilgrim Conference diving champ could be up for a repeat performance.

The Sci-Cohs girls relays looked very strong, closing out the meet with a 1-2 finish in the 400 free relay, for a 12-point swing. The team of Yang, Daley, Keys and junior Delia Regan took first, while Shevawn Mayo, Elisa Jerome, Jenn Noonan and Erin Feeney were not far behind.

On the boys side, the Eagles won every individual event except one: the 50 yard freestyle. I proudly state that I edged out Sharon's Matt Abrams by one-hundredth of a second for a six point win. While I'm on the subject, I also took second in the 100 breaststroke with a season best time.

Freshman James Smith, back in action after one week away from the team, took home two second places, in the 200 IM and in the 100 fly. Smith's time of 1:05.64 in the butterfly shows a drop of nine seconds over the course of the season.

"He is one powerful swimmer," lauded Kearney. "He was arguably the best swimmer on the team at the beginning of the season, but that hasn't stopped him from working and working to drop his times at every meet."

The relay team of Ingber, Smith, Garrett Donovan and Maran Monaco took first in the 200 relay, with a time of 1:49.86. Although this is not the championship line-up for this particular relay, the win showed the Sci-Cohs impressive depth for their small team.

Last Friday, the team lost a close one to Barnstable, 93-77. Barnstable had a small but very powerful team, made up of only 12 swimmers, nine of them male.

The Sci-Cohs were left victim of a very regimented officiating style that earned the team three disqualifications and myriad hesitant starts. Barnstable, well accustomed to the pair of officials, took advantage for an early lead while the visitors were still getting used to the unique starting style, where no one can move once they step up on the block.

"Every ref has his style; I just don't agree with this guy's style," said a grinning Kearney. "But, hey, we got past it. That's what the good teams do."

Hitters' Workshop returns to SSBC

February school vacation, Feb. 18-21, in Hingham

HINGHAM - The popular Hitters' Workshops returns to the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham during the February school vacation.

The third of four special Hitters' Workshops, under the direction of veteran SSBC instructor Rick DelVecchio, will be offered Feb. 18-21 to players in two different age groups: 8-12 and 13-18.

"Lectures and drills are intended to create habits that will give hitters what they need to succeed in games," SSBC president/director Frank Niles, Jr. explained.

SSBC's Hitters' Workshop features daily hitting lectures, five different hitting stations, various skills work and drills, live hitting cage with pitchers, soft toss and bunting stations, two live hitting stations, and a safety station for inside pitches.

Players 8-12 report at 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., while ages 13-18 go from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

The fourth and final SSBC Hitters' Workshop of the 2002-2003 academic year will be conducted during the April school vacation.

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Star-crossed hoopsters

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MIKE SPELLMAN

And other neat *Marinerland* sports stories

This had the makings of a true story destined to be exiled to Urban Legend status.

And even though it didn't go off exactly as planned, there'll still probably be a good number of folks who, hearing about it years from now, will say "Nah, that never happened."

Those who tell it will need to produce a newspaper with a written account to avoid being labeled a prevaricator. So, as I see it, I'm merely performing a public duty here.

It still is a very cool story, but...sigh, it could have been a truly great one.

What do you think are the odds of high school sweethearts, both basketball stars, reaching the 1,000 career points milestone on the same evening? Virtually nil, I'd say. In fact, it seems quite likely this is something that has never happened in the history of our race.

Well, Scituate's Tom Cuddihy and Rockland's Melissa Murphy fell just one 3-point bomb short of making mortal history last Friday night.

Cuddihy, a junior who currently leads all of Eastern Mass in scoring with a per game average of 28.8, nailed his 999th, 1,000th and 1,001st point with a bomb from beyond the arc with 8:49 left in the second half of SHS's tough luck 62-57 loss to Patriot League rival Hanover on Friday night.

At the moment Tom netted his milestone, girlfriend Melissa, a senior, was trying in vain to get her 13th point of the game to reach quadruple figures for her own career in a battle with Patriot League rival Hingham. Alas, Melissa remained stuck on 10 points, and her Lady Bulldogs likewise fell in defeat.

Melissa had to wait until tonight's game at Norwell High to try again to reach the magic millennium mark.

So what do you think are the odds of high school sweethearts reaching the 1,000 career points milestone four days apart? Still, pretty long, wouldn't you say?

Of course, most circumstances regarding the relationship between Tom and Melissa seem more than a bit of a stretch.

Rockland and Scituate High Schools are Patriot League rivals, arch-rivals in boys basketball. In fact, this might just be the South Shore's most heated basketball rivalry. And that's just the tip of the ice burg.

Melissa's brother Bobby (a 2001 RHS grad and former football, hoops and track star there) went head-to-head with Cuddihy in the backcourt more than once in a couple of classic Sailors-Bulldogs battles in the 2000-'01 season.

Melissa and Tommy met at a Patriot League spring track meet in the spring of 2001 following that winter season, each starring for their respective combatant teams. They started dating shortly thereafter and have been a couple ever since.

Bulldogs vs. Sailors = Montagues vs. Capulets...hardly? The irony of it all brings at most a wry smile to the face of any Rockland or Scituate sports fan who is in the know.

Speaking of millennium marks, Norwell senior Gerry Corcoran is on a pace to pass that mark for the second time this week. Gerry, who reached 1,000 career points five games into his junior season, likely would have topped 2,000 this past Monday at home versus Carver had illness not forced him to miss Friday night's tilt at Mashpee.

Gerry, who two weeks ago surpassed Dan McNamara's all-time school scoring record of 1,800 points, scored xx in Monday night's lambasting of league rival Carver, xx-yy, to move to 1,9xx, so he will likely reach the milestone at North Cambridge Catholic tonight or at home versus Abington Friday (both 6:30 starts). If the road game is as lopsided as the first go-round was with NCC was (a 21-point home Norwell win), we're guessing Clippers coach John Willis puts Gerry on the bench for good if he gets within three points in order to let him reach the mark in front of a home crowd.

Speaking of the Norwell boys, it seems almost unimaginable to envision anyone in the South Section of Div. 3 even giving them even a worthwhile tussle right now, never mind beating them. The Clippers are coasting with a 15-0 record, their average margin of victory over 25 points, with the closest game a mere 12-point win way down on the far end of the Cape against Harwich.

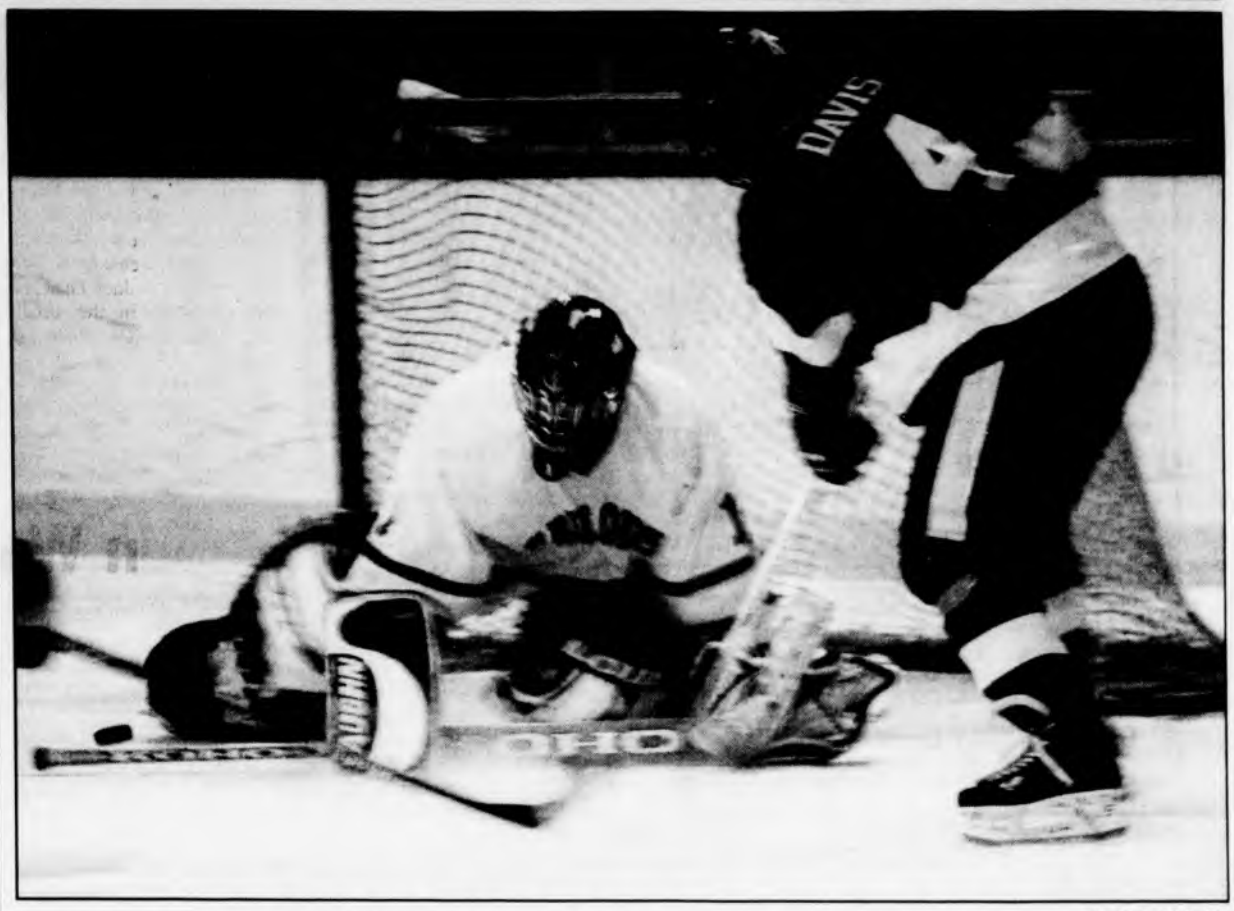
The Norwell boys knocked off the biggest school in the state, New Bedford, on Wednesday, by 34-points, 84-50. With a student enrollment exceeding 5,300, New Bedford is quite literally 10 times the size of Norwell High. The law of averages would dictate N.B. has a varsity hoop team with nothing but thoroughbreds, and indeed it does. And yet they could not even keep it close against Norwell. Think about that.

It could be a March for the ages at Norwell High, with the lady hoopsters, led by perhaps the South Shore's best female talent in Sarah Cox, also likely to be a strong player in the Div. 4 state tourney.

The girls team was allowed to drop down to D4 a year ago, and could well roll behind Cox, Shauna Eyster and fast-emerging frosh point guard Holly Gustalli .

Then there's the Scituate High hockey team, which has come out of nowhere, much like the Cohasset High icemen of a year ago (19-0-1 in regular season) to emerge as a legitimate candidate for state glory. They are currently 12-1-1 — their loss to Div. 2 power Marshfield, their tie to Div. 1 tourney bound Bridgewater-Raynham — and riding a 10 game unbeaten streak. At the moment, they are ranked second among all Div. 3 teams in Eastern Mass by Hockey Night in Boston (behind defending state champ Westwood) and third by the Herald (behind Westwood and Lowell).

The Sailors feature three strong lines, exceptional depth at the blue line (particularly for a D3 program) and a returning Mariner All-Scholastic talent between the pipes in Joe Duggan.



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Cohasset senior captain Matt Davis (#4) tries in vain to stuff one by Scituate goalie Joe Duggan 's in recent non-league action.

Icemen bounce back

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the start of the second half of the league slate last Wednesday saw Norwell avenge an earlier season 4-1 loss to Cohasset with a 4-3 win. The Skippers also beat Abington in go-round number one by a 4-1 score.

Blake did not seem surprised by this turn of events or down on his team as a result. In fact, the play of his team when the game was on the line seemed to leave him with an overriding positive feeling.

"We played pretty well in the first period, not as well in the second, but I thought we were definitely the stronger and more aggressive team in the third," appraised the former Thayer and Blue Hills assistant coach. "That says a lot about the character of our team. That was definitely a positive.

"That's the kind of thing you like to see toward the end of the year when you're fighting for a playoff spot."

Abington is likewise fighting for a postseason berth. With this loss, and another to Rockland on Monday, the Green Wave fell to 6-7-1 with six games remaining.

"Abington came to play too," noted Blake. "They gave us all they had. We were coming off a tough loss (to Norwell), but we hung tough and pulled out a win."

Defense dominated the first two periods, with Abington's forwards doing a nice job of bottling up the Skippers main offensive weapons—slick skating and puck handling captains John Durkin and Matt Davis—in the middle of the ice before they could build up a head of steam.

With so much attention being paid to the Skippers top two scorers, junior defenseman Mike Devine was able to break free for an electrifying end-to-end rush that he capped with a picture perfect backhand feed from the left corner to the hard-charging Mike Rasmussen in the slot for the quick re-direct past Abington goalie Ken O'Sullivan, putting the Skippers on the board first 3:31 in.

The hosts answered with 5:53 to go in the opening period when Greg Anderson got a stick on a Matt Kenney slapper from the right point, fortuitously re-directing it to Matt Sulmonte camped by the left post for the easy one-timer into the open half of the net behind Cohasset netminder Stefan Parnell.

Though it was largely an up and down game through the rest of the first and all of the second period, the Skippers clearly created more quality scoring opportunities over this time, but O'Sullivan (29 saves) proved equal to all salvos. League leading scorer Durkin (20 goals, 14 assists) was able to break free a handful of times, and twice hit posts.

Parnell also came up big on a handful of occasions, his best stop the bang-bang snare of a wrister from Abington's Pat Bishop on a partial break-in midway through the second period.

Cohasset clearly carried the play in the third period, with the heroics of O'Sullivan keeping it a tie game for the first 8:55 of the final frame. The senior netminder somehow got his pad on a Durkin bullet from the right circle on a break-in four minutes in and then showed just as much quickness pouncing on the rebound an instant before Davis got there.

The ability to dodge bullets finally faltered, though, as Cohasset pressure forced an Abington penalty with 6:43 to go in the game and it took the Skippers only 38 seconds to cash in for the gamewinner. O'Sullivan got a pad on a hard low slapper from the point by Cohasset defenseman Tom Anderson, and even the attempted Durkin follow, but the third time proved the charm for the Skippers, as Straughn poked the carom home.

Hockey Notes

Norwell 4, Cohasset 3

The Clippers avenged a Jan. 4 4-1 loss to Cohasset with a hard fought 4-3 win at Pilgrim Arena last Wednesday. Davis and freshman Matt O'Connell matched first period Norwell goals to send it into the break tied at 2, and Rasmussen gave the Skippers their only lead of the game early in the second. However, the Clippers would score the game's only other two goals before the end of the middle frame to put it away.

The Skippers out-shot Norwell for the game, 35-26, but Clippers junior goaltender Tom Sullivan continued to build a case for an all-star team selection with some sterling stops, including a flat out stoning of Durkin on a break-in with under three minutes to play.

After scoring in each of the first 13 games this season, Durkin has now been held without a goal for two straight heading into last night's meeting with SSL rival Hull. Defenses are now clearly keying on him. Norwell coach Paul Hurley admitted openly that his team would do this heading into last Wednesday's game.

The talented Cohasset senior still leads the South Shore League in scoring, though, with 34 points (20 goals, 14 assists). Behind him in the team scoring race, and fourth in the SSL, is Davis with 26 points (11-15). The two senior captains are followed by the surging Rasmussen (6-9—15), Straughn (4-9—13) and Anderson (3-9—12), the third team captain.

Parnell, a freshman who shows improvement every time out, lowered his already impressive goals against average to 2.2 per game (31goals/14games) with his showing against Abington.

Despite some noteworthy evidence to the contrary (the preceding few paragraphs among that), Coach Blake sees his Skippers as a team that needs to worry about defense first, and he's got the numbers to support his point.

In games this season where the Skippers let up three goals or more, they have one win, that being an 11-3 laugher over Mashpee. When they've surrendered four or more goals, they're 0-5.

"It's like I said from day one: we're not a team that's going to win many shootouts," asserted Blake. "We're at our best when we concentrate first on defense and pick our spots on offense."

Heading into last night's game, the Skippers needed only three more points (two for a win, one for a tie) in their final five games to qualify for the postseason for the second straight year. Meetings with Mashpee this Sunday and Carver next Saturday, teams the Skippers beat 11-3 and 7-0 in the initial go-rounds, should present golden opportunities for the Skippers to sew that up or improve on their seeding position.

The game on the schedule that has a big circle around it is next Wednesday's showdown with Harwich (6-1-1) on the Cape. The Skippers torched the Rough Ryders the first time around, 7-1, but coach Blake is expecting a much tougher go of it the second time around, particularly given that the South Shore League crown may well be on the line in that one.

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MAXLAX REPORT

Game of the Week: U14 Stingrays top Blades, 10-9 in OT

If a coach is lucky, every now and then they get to see the fruits of their labors in the performance of their players. This week's MaxLax GOW provided one of those moments in a contest that was arguably one of the best that we've seen at any level in any session.

The SRAYS are a new entry this session, but they were formed around a core of veteran MaxLaxers that have proven their abilities and have established good momentum coming into this game with a couple of tough wins. The BLADES are a "veteran an team" of diehard lacrosse junkies that love to play the game and though only 7th graders, they've been together since they were 9 and they definitely have the skills to hold their own against many of the stronger, and more experienced teams that they face.

The crowd knew something special was unfolding as the opening score by the BLADES was a double assist from Nate Porter, to Mike Grimm, to Chris Mills who finished off the trifecta with a split dodge around the crease.

The SRAYS, weren't about to give up their momentum this early as Mike Rice took the next face-off for an unassisted tally and then followed it up by forcing a double team that freed up Andrew Gormley for their second score. Mills then returned the favor to Grimm after he came up with the loose ball on a broken clear and found Grimm cutting down the lane for an easy strike. Dan Ferzoco then answered for the SRAYS off an assist from Gormley, who followed that up with another perfect feed to a charging Rice who also found the net.

This game could have easily turned into another SRAY's victory as the next five minutes resulted in a number of rushes that could have easily produced goals. However, led by the defensive prowess of James Jarzneiki and Matt Blair, the SRAYS came away empty handed and more than just a little bit frustrated with nothing to show for their efforts.

But you can't win a game on defense alone and the BLADES managed to take advantage of a penalty situation where PJ McCaw found Porter on top of the box for a quick strike and a score. Grimm won the next face-off and then, weaving in and out of the defensive traffic, posted his second tally going down low from about 15 feet out. Rice stemmed the tide with another solo count, again drawing the double-team, but this time escaping with the finisher as the first half ended 5 - 4.

With the BLADES shorthanded (no subs) and with more than just a few walking wounded, they were riding high having kept the game tight with a lot of the credit going to first time goaltender Alex Shipp. As Shipp would come out in the 2nd half, another first-timer, Nate Porter donned the goalie garb and, though tentative at first, he proved to be the BLADES secret weapon throughout the next 20 minutes of play. Rice (on his way to a 6 point game) quickly scored as the 2nd half opened and the crowd was a little anxious as Porter didn't seem to be very "excited" about the role he had come to.

However, as the fans soon saw for themselves, Porter became the "iron curtain" and practically shut down the scoring threats to give his team a fighting chance. McCaw found glory on a turn around one-timer in front of the SRAYS goal. The fans then saw a repeat of last week's play of the week as Grimm intercepted a clearing pass, sent it behind the net to Mills who forwarded it to McCaw, who then sent it back to Grimm who responded with a blistering upper right corner goal. Score tied 6 - 6 and the fun wasn't over.

Ferzoco notched his second score off of spin move that left the defense dizzy. The BLADES Mark Flibotte took a feed from McCaw in front of the cage, faked left, then spun the opposite way and shot to the lower corner ala a "fall-away" jumper, landing on the mat at the same time that the ball lit the lamp. Score 7 - 7. Porter then stopped several point blank shots that were 2nd and 3rd efforts by Rice and Ryan Donovan, only to clear it down the field to Mills who also found Flibotte nestled tight on the crease as he repeated his spin move, but this time got to watch his own performance as he saw the "puff". While the BLADES continued to focus on the SRAYS "big threats", they set up their next score perfectly by drawing several defenders into the center only to dish it back out to a waiting Colin Staples who then used the screen to get it past Porter. 8 - 8 .

With less than two minutes on the clock, the SRAYS went to their strength and though, repelled twice on the same rush, Donovan found the magic off of a feed by Rice which looked like it might be the game winner. In the next minute of play, with the SRAYS in possession of the ball and mounting another charge to put it away, Rice got away in front for what looked like a sure goal to everyone. Only Porter wasn't convinced, as he proceeded to "stuff" the shooter not once, but twice off of the rebound, and then came down with the ball and quickly go it out to Grimm who was streaking across the middle. He then caught the defense off guard with a quick no look pass to Alex Shipp who put it in with a quick fake, tying the score at 9 - 9 and sending the game into OT.

Though the OT only lasted a few minutes and was punctuated by a solo shot and the winning goal by Rice for the SRAYS to cap off a fine individual performance, this one had all the makings for a timeless ESPN Classic and for those that got to see it and play in it, they've all got a feature length highlight film that they'll remember for a long time.

PLAYER of the GAME: The Blades Nathan Porter, who was "fearless under pressure."

PLAY of the WEEK: BLADES v STINGRAYS - Did you see this one ?

We try not to highlight the same team twice in a row, but this one merited the attention. In a tough OT loss to the STINGRAYS, the BLADES needed some extra help to stay in the game and they got it from first time goalie Nathan Porter. After getting over some first inning jitters, Nate settled in and made one remarkable save after another culminating in a "triple-decker" play when he 1) stuffed the shooter, 2) stopped the next shot off of the first rebound, and 3) with only seconds remaining, miraculously cleared the ball to set up the tying score that sent the game into overtime. You don't see this one very often ...

Here's the rest of the MaxLax action:

U14

Pythons 13- Carr 4g/1a, B. Jackson 1g, Ainsle 5g, Sullivan 3g

Bears 9- Johnson 4g/1a, Minevitz 1g, Dupras 1g, Henesey 1g, Dwyer 1g

Stingrays 10 (OT) - Rice 5g/1a, Donovan 1g, Ferzoco 2g, Gormley 1g/2a, Staples 1g

Blades 9- Grimm 3g/2a, Mills 1g/3a, Mccaw 1g/3a, Shipp 1g, Flibotte 2g, Porter 1g/1a

Talons 14- Sears 3g/4a, St. Clair-Barrie 1g/1a, Ferris 3g, Z. Gray 4g, Crowley 2g/1a, Winter 1g

Panthers 3- George 2g, Brown 1g

U12

Cougars 13- Davis 5g, Wade 3g/1a, Forrer 3g, Seraikas 1g, Porter 1g

Tomcats 4- Oberle 1g, Todd Galvin 1g, Tim Galvin 1g, Siereveld 1a

Blazers 15- Chase 6g/1a, Kearney 1g/1a, Benoit 1g/1a, #131 4g/1a, Murphy 2g

Hawks- 6 Russell 2g, Belt 1g, Driscoll 1g/1a, Meyers 1g, Livingstone 1g

Lions 8 (OT)- Lydon 4g, Owen 1g, Dalton 1g, Flaherty 1g, Holbrook 1g

Spartans 7- Reynolds 3g, Kennedy 3g/1a, Sperandio 1g

U10

Lasers 11- Contento 1g/1a, Clark 4g, Milton 1g, Virtue 3g/1a, Milch 1g/2a

Bullets 1- Pershing 1g

Hornets 10- Wood 2g, Carroll 1g, Murphy 5g, Weber 2g

Cannons 5- Murphy 2g, Dick 1g, Routhier 1g, Coffman 1g

Cohasset Little League signups

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball is opening an exciting new chapter in its history and will hold its registration for the upcoming softball and baseball season on Saturday, March 1, 2003 from 9 to 11 AM outside both the Osgood and High School gymnasiums. This registration is for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 as of July 31, 2003.

This will be the only registration opportunity for the upcoming season for this age group. All parents /guardians who are unable to make this registration should register their child by obtaining the necessary registration forms by contacting Anne Kearney on 781-383-1451. All registrations accepted after March 1, 2003 will be subject to a $10 late fee. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a new player's registration forms.

The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the major league baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $100. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the minor league divisions for baseball (ages 7-11) and softball (ages 7-10) divisions will be $85. The registration fee for the farm league instructional tee ball division (ages 5-6) will be $65. In addition, due to recent the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization, all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program.

Questions regarding either player or coach registration may be directed to Mike Kearney on 781-383-1451 or Nancy Froio on 781-383-1897.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

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Cohasset school lunch menu

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THURSDAY, FEB. 13
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FRIDAY, FEB. 14
Pizza: cheese or pepperoni or fish fillet on a bun, veggie sticks, fruit.

Send in your school news

The Cohasset Mariner wants to develop a school news page to run every week. Short news items from teachers and school organizations are welcome. Photographs of events, accompanied with a short article or longer story are also sought. If you have "Stars of the Month", an interesting program or student volunteer effort, artwork, student writings, interesting field trip, or special projects, please share them with us.

Also, if you would like to request a photographer for your school event, please let us know. Contact editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933. News items my be sent by email to mford@cnc.com or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in the village.

Hoop spirit night

"Basketball Spirit Night" is at Cohasset High on Friday, Feb. 7. The boys junior varsity team will play at 5 p.m. and the varsity team will play at 6:30. Sixth-grade boys recreation team members will play during half time. All recreation players will be admitted free with an adult.

Kindergarten registrations

Kindergarten registration for Cohasset students entering Kindergarten in September 2003 will begin on Monday, Feb. 10. Children must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2003 in order to be eligible for enrollment. Parents may register daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Osgood School office. A copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residency is required.

Early registration is encouraged to enable the school to plan for the number of students who will be attending Kindergarten in the fall. Please call the Osgood School at 781-383-6117 for any questions or concerns.

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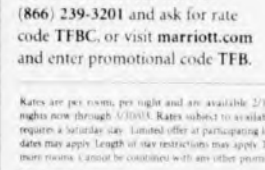

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Project SAFEGUARD expands, new programs planned

When Project SAFEGUARD first began in Cohasset back in the mid 1990s, a few parents working closely with School Health Education Coordinator, Michael Gill, set out to raise monies in the community to support a special seventh grade program.

Last December, this Project SAFEGUARD Committee joined forces with the school-based Health Education Advisory Committee and the community-based Town Drug and Alcohol Committee. Together these three groups will work to develop and promote physical, social, and emotional/mental health programs for K-12 students.

It's designed to bring students and parents together to attend presentations and workshops designed to address a number of child and adolescent health and social issues.

In addition, because of the at-large community work that the Town Drug & Alcohol Committee has performed for many years, the Project SAFEGUARD Committee will make an effort to be responsive to the needs of the entire community by working with the Parent School Organization, the Social Service League, the Department of Public Health, the Police Department, and other agencies and organizations.

What is special about this program is that it's designed to bring students and parents together to attend presentations and workshops designed to address a number of child and adolescent health and social issues. Last October, the Committee organized an exceptional program for seventh-grade students and their parents at several sites surrounding the town common. Presently, plans are being made for a program for eighth grade students and their parents on March 12 at the Middle-High School auditorium and on April 9 for sixth-grade students and their parents at the Deer Hill School. Both programs will be held during the school day. Parents, please note the dates.

Project SAFEGUARD meetings are generally held in the Middle-High School library, one morning per month. Community members interested in working with this committee are invited to contact Health Education Coordinator, Dr. Michael Gill (383-4205) mikegill@chs.ssec.org, or parent reps., Sally Sisson (salsisson@attbi.com), Karen Oronte (oronte@attbi.com), or the Reverend Clifford Cutler (ccutler@ststephens.org).

League provides student job bank

The Social Service League provides a referral service to match high school students looking for work opportunities in Cohasset. If you are interested in hiring a student to work for you, please call the League Office at 781-383-0771 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A list of student names is available for the following services: lawn mowing, leaf raking, general yard work, cooking, computer skills work, babysitting, house sitting, pet sitting, etc. at $7 per hour.

Children's vacation art series offered

The Children's Creativity Workshop is offering a special series of art activities for the February vacation. The series meets Feb. 17, 18 and 19. Boys and girls, ages five to seven, meet from 9-10:30 a.m.; ages eight to nine meet from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and ages 10-12 years meet from 1:30-3 p.m.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Massasoit hosts Scott Ketcham exhibition

The Akillian Gallery at Massasoit Community College's Canton campus, hosts "Odalisque," an exhibition of approximately 24 mixed media works by Scott Ketcham including oils, pastels, charcoal, and ink drawings of the female figure. The exhibition is free and open to the public through Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Special showings are held by request.

This exhibition of female figures is part of an ongoing initiative presently in its fourth year wherein Massasoit as part of a community outreach features local artists and their works.

Award winning artist, Scott Ketcham grew up in Cohasset, and since 1990, his studio loft has been in the Codman Building in Rockland where he is a member of the Plain Street Artists, a group of more than 55 artists and artisans. His works have been exhibited at the Fuller Museum of Art in Brockton and he has received awards in both, sculpture and painting.

On Wednesday evenings from 6 to 10 p.m., Ketcham has agreed to teach "Drawing II," the study of the figure, at the Canton campus of Massasoit Community College. For information about his exhibition or figure drawing course, call Linda Dunn, Acting Dean in the Division of Applied Technology at 781-821-2222, ext. 2105.

Photography courtesy of John Philibert: Oil painting from Scott Ketcham's exhibition "Odalisque" at the Canton campus of Massasoit Community College.

Newcomers' club

Join the Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers' Club. You don't have to be new. Applications can be found at the Scituate-Cohasset libraries or South Shore Community Center. The activities include Book Club, Bon Appetite Club, Men's Night Out, Ladies Night Out, Playgroups, and much more.

Adult caregivers

Cohasset Elder Affairs will be holding an adult caregivers presentation and discussion on Thursday, March 20 from 1-2 p.m. titled "Adult Caregivers: Coming Up To Bat." The guest speaker will be Carolyn Housman, L.I.C.S.C. who will speak at the Cohasset Elder Affairs facility at 3 North Main St. Housman's talk is about the complexities and concerns of family dynamics when an elder person needs care.

Please RSVP to Cohasset Elder Affairs by calling 781-383-9112.

African dance band at Coffeehouse

On Saturday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m., the Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the Square presents Boston's premier African dance band, Rumbafrica. Congo's Tshibangu Kadima and his exotically costumed international musicians, singers, and dancers draw on contemporary and traditional Congolese, Cuban, and other styles and rhythms towards one end — great dance music. They include the sweet vocal harmonies and lilting dance rhythms of classic Congolese Rumba, as well as guitar theatrics, percussion breakdowns, and traditional dancing.

The coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Church's fully accessible Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham Square.

Tickets are $10 at the door and coffees, teas, cider, and homemade desserts are 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit programs of the Unitarian/Universalist Service Committee. For more information, contact: Jim Watson, 781-749-1767 or John Leonard, 781-749-2852.

Kids classes offered

The South Shore Community Center at 3 North Main St. is offering the following classes:

Thursday, March 27 from 4-5:30 p.m.: Babysitting For Boys & Girls; ages 10 and up; four weeks; $45 members, $48 nonmembers.

Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Kids Cooking — Accompanied by an Adult: $45 members, and $50 nonmembers.

AAUW holds book discussion Feb. 11

The local chapter of the AAUW (American Association of University Women) will meet in Weymouth at the Allerton House off Broad St on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. The public will welcome to attend this meeting which will be a discussion of the book, "The Bondswoman's Narrative" by Hannah Crafts.

"The Bondwoman's Narrative" was written in the 1850s by a young female house slave who, with her mistress, escapes to freedom. This fictionalized account gives us a view of slavery unique in our history and speaks to the passion for education and freedom that is at the heart of the American dream.

Discovered by Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. as an unpublished manuscript in an auction catalogue of African American artifacts, the work has been exhaustively researched and authenticated.

Whether or not you have the chance to read the book before the meeting, come and join us for a lively discussion.

The goal of the AAUW is to promote education and equity for all women and girls.

For more than a century, AAUW has influenced legislative debate on critical issues such as education, Social Security, sex discrimination, civil rights, reproductive choice, affirmative action, Title IX, welfare reform, vocational education, pay equity, family and medical leave, and health care reform. Local branches carry out programs such as diversity workshops, work with local schools, raise money for the AAUW Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund.

Since 1968, the Hingham Area Branch has enjoyed activities dedicated to lifelong learning and the camaraderie of educated women. Opportunities for networking and volunteering exist on a local and state level.

To learn more about the AAUW, its vision and potential value to you, please reserve a space by calling co-president Priscilla Johnsen at 781-337-2143.

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What's New

"In Search of Robinson Crusoe" by Tim Severin (Nonfiction)

Who was the real inspiration behind Daniel Defoe's tale of Robinson Crusoe? As he did with his "In Search of Moby Dick," Severin investigates the real life stories the author might have drawn from and then travels to the remote sites to test his various theories — a literary detective story with a surprising conclusion.

"Savage Reprisals" by Peter Gay (Nonfiction)

Here's a book for anyone with a literary bent who always assumed that fiction, especially the "realistic" novel, is based on historical truth and is thus a valuable resource to historians. Not so, says Gay, and he used "Bleak House," "Madame Bovary," and "Buddenbrooks" to make his case.

"Anytime, Anywhere" by Robert Spector (Nonfiction)

For anyone committed to building a business around customer service, this book is an invaluable guide. Spector show you how to meet and exceed the expectations of customers in addition to offering powerful insights for promoting products and services and building customer loyalty.

"The Psychology of The Sopranos" by Glen O. Gabbard, M.D. (Nonfiction)

Drawing on his own professional experience, psychologist and psychoanalyst Gabbard takes a hard and humorous look at the psyches of America's favorite mob family. Fans of the show will enjoy Gabbard's assessment of the psychology of the characters, the show's depiction of therapy, and how "The Sopranos" showcases the psychological ambiguities and conflicts in our own lives.

"A Brilliant Solution" by Carol Berkin (Nonfiction)

Subtitled "Inventing the American Constitution," this is the story of how a group of lawyers, politicians and ordinary men came together in Philadelphia in 1787 to try to create a form of government more stable then the disastrous Articles of Confederation. Berkin takes the reader into the hearts and minds of our founders and shows us the human side of a great accomplishment.

Blizzard exhibit opens on Feb. 8

On the afternoon of Feb. 6, 1978 a storm arrived on the South Shore that would virtually hold the area hostage for nine days. By 6 p.m. many towns had lost power. Electricity would not return for four, or in some areas, five days. Many residents saw their homes devastated by heavy snowfall, high winds, and extreme flooding. Forced to evacuate, most found shelter in the public schools. Suddenly the need arose to feed and care for thousands of cold, hungry, and exhausted people. While the storm soon ended, its effects were felt for years to come.

On Saturday Feb. 8, the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., will open a new exhibit to mark the 25th anniversary of this unforgettable storm. The story of the South Shore's nine-day ordeal through the Blizzard of '78 is a fascinating account of New England weather as well as New England character. Through photographs, newspaper articles, personal testimonies, and film clips the Blizzard of '78 Anniversary Exhibit will examine the impact of the blizzard on the South Shore in terms of both physical damage and community experience.

The museum welcomes guest speaker Chris Haraden, author of the newly published "Storm of the Century: The Great Northeast Blizzard of 1978." Haraden's slide presentation will begin at 1 p.m., followed by a book signing. Light refreshments will be served. This event is open to the public free of charge. For more information contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433.

LEGAL NOTICES

BRANAGAN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P3197EP
In the Estate of LYLE E BRANAGAN Late of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK Date of Death October 7, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to e the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that LYLE A BRANAGAN of GASTONIA in the State of NORTH CAROLINA or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TENO'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00AM) ON **FEBRUARY 19, 2003.**

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, January 6, 2003.
Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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Cohasset Mariner 2/6/03

BURR GUARDIANSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P0172GI

In the Matter OF SARAH BURR OF COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP
To SARAH BURR of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, her spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said SARAH BURR of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is a mentally ill person and praying that LIAT MOORE LEIBOVICI of HANOVER in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MARCH 7, 2003**.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court of DEDHAM this day, January 23, 2003.
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2004 SCHOOL BUDGET
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING ON COHASSET PUBLIC SCHOOLS F.Y. 2004 SCHOOL BUDGET

There will be a public hearing on the F.Y. 2004 School Budget on Thursday, February 13, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at the Cohasset Middle-High School, located at143 Pond Street, Cohasset. A copy of the budget will be available for review in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools located at 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA.

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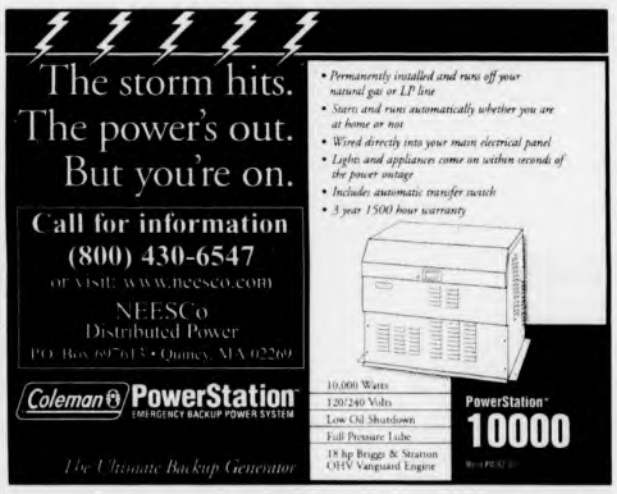

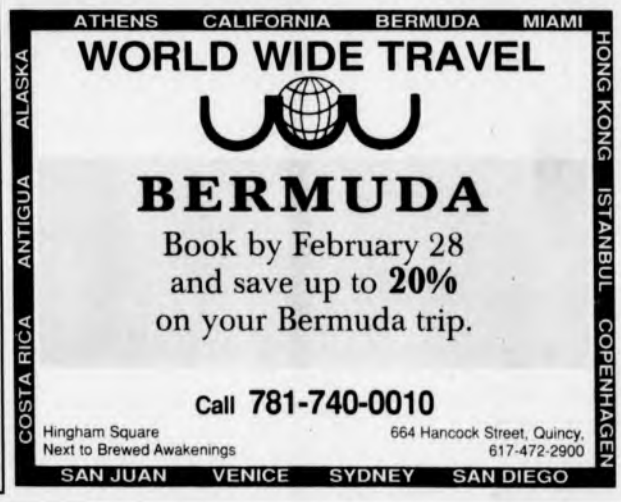

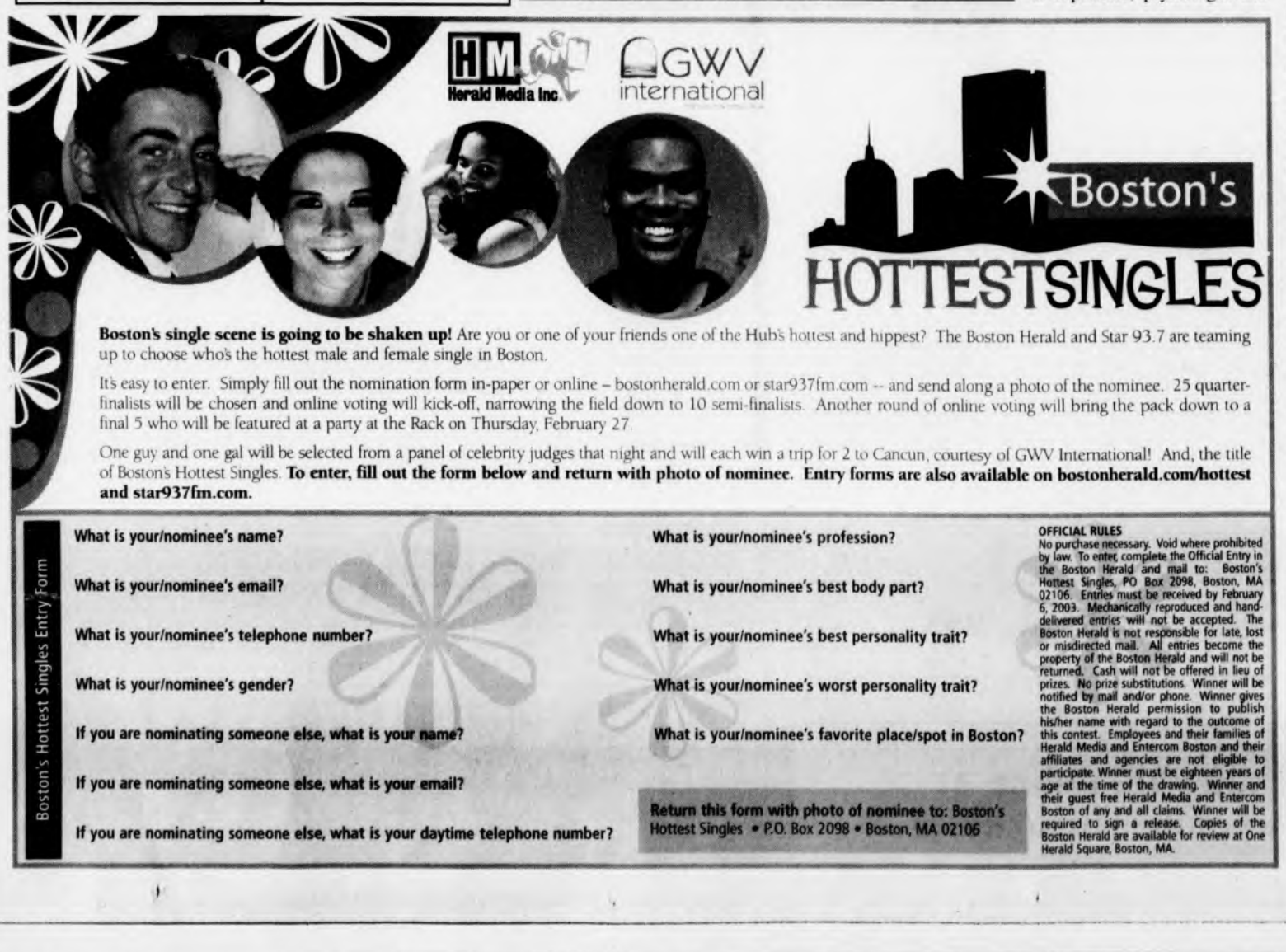

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At left: Alex Kent of Wolf Den 2 is all smiles at Sunday's Blue and Gold Dinner.

Above: The Cub Scouts that have just completed the Arrow of Light ceremony pose for a photo with Scoutmaster Jeff Forsdick at Sunday's Blue and Gold dinner.

At left: Becky Bates McArthur accepts a Certificate of Appreciation from Scoutmaster Jeff Forsdick for her help with Pack #38 at Sunday's Blue and Gold Dinner.

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SUNDAY, JAN. 26

3:42 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

9:41 p.m. Sohier St. and King St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Graham D. Chubbuck, 18, of 27 Turner Road, Scituate. Charge: Possession of a Class D drug.

MONDAY, JAN. 27

8:30 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

8:30 a.m. North Main St., fire, log entry.

8:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:30 a.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

10:46 a.m. Brook St., property damage.

11:12 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

11:43 a.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle accident, transferred/transported to hospital.

2:02 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

4:02 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

4:50 p.m. Black Rock Road, assist citizen.

5:02 p.m. Hillside Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:07 p.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

5:21 p.m. Meadow Lane, fire, structure.

6:06 p.m. Lower King St., motor vehicle stop, log entry.

8:57 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Crocker Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

TUESDAY, JAN. 28

5:02 a.m. Elm St., annoying/harassing phone calls.

8:25 a.m. Pond St., fire, investigation.

8:33 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

8:37 a.m. Jerusalem Road, general information.

8:46 a.m. Beechwood St., traffic/motor vehicle complaint.

9:12 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

11:10 a.m. Pond St., fire, log entry.

11:53 a.m. South Main St., assist motorist.

1:32 p.m. Forest Ave., animal call or complaint.

1:46 p.m. Pond St. and Bancroft Road, traffic safety inspection.

2:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

2:33 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:35 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

2:43 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:52 p.m. Pond St., fire, log entry.

5:37 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:20 p.m. Forest Ave., well-being check, services rendered.

8:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:18 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

9:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:55 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:57 p.m. Hobart Lane, fire, investigation.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

5:33 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:48 a.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

9:26 a.m. Ash St., annoying/harassing phone calls.

10 a.m. Depot Court, fire, investigation.

11:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:35 p.m. Norfolk Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity.

1:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

1:57 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:07 p.m. Pond St., request for police officer/s.

7:12 p.m. North Main St. and Depot Court, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:53 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

9:40 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:24 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

1:23 a.m. HQ, assist citizen

8:15 a.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:20 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:27 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:52 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:02 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:08 a.m. Lamberts Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:52 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:01 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:23 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, inspections.

2:31 p.m. King St., fire, log entry.

2:33 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

3:18 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

4 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:01 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive, animal call or complaint.

FRIDAY, JAN. 31

12:56 a.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:30 a.m. Ledgewood Farms Drive, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:43 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

9:47 a.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:54 a.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:45 a.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:11 p.m. North Main St., general services.

12:19 p.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Road, parking complaint, investigated, report taken.

12:30 p.m. Doane St., parking complaint.

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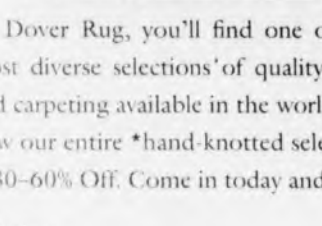

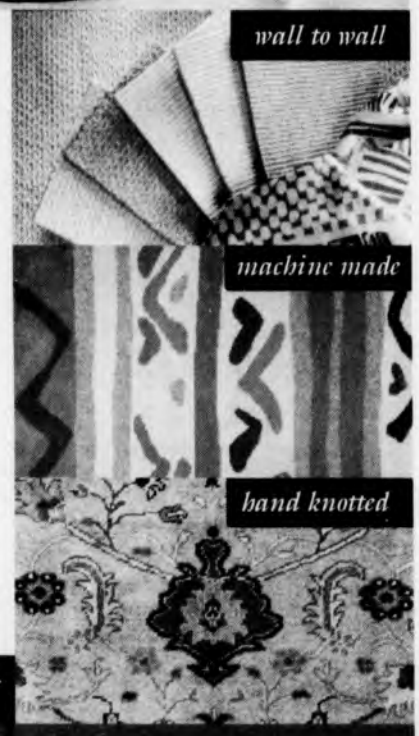

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Former flower child going with the flow

Folk singer Melanie touring to promote new CD

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Folk-rocker Melanie is the kind of "Ultimate Flower Child," hippie singer/songwriter that could have only happened in the late 1960s, or is she?

True, she's best-known, among other career milestones, for braving the elements to comfort the rain-drenched masses at Woodstock during her performance there in 1969. This event subsequently inspired the singer to write "Lay Down (Candles In the Rain)," her Top Ten hit of the following year, partly credited for giving birth to the long-running, infamous tradition of lighting candles and/or Bic lighters at rock concerts. Also in 1970, Melanie became the first pop star to play at Carnegie Hall, and followed the Who on stage at England's Isle of Wight Festival.

Altogether in her late 60s/early 70s heyday, the singer scored a string of pop/rock hits — "Lay Down," "Brand New Key," "Look What They've Done To My Song, Ma" and "Beautiful People" among others — that conveyed her left-field persona with the naive but sincere world-view of good vibes conquering all.

Much of the press in Paris thought I was British, and they used to write things like calling me the female Bob Dylan, and `the lady with the black soul.'"
Melanie

Melanie faded from the spotlight when she semi-retired to domestic life in 1973, but that didn't slow her career down as much as you'd think. She's continued to tour steadily over the last three decades, particularly in Europe. She's released the occasional album on major labels like Arista, Atlantic and others. And the singer enjoyed more recent success in 1989, when she snagged an Emmy for her lyrics to "The First Time I Loved Forever," for the CBS production of "Beauty and the Beast."

Now Melanie is touring in support of a new CD, *Crazy Love*, which is produced by her longtime producer/husband Peter Schekeryk and features her children Beau Jarred (guitars) and Jeordie (background vocals) Schekeryk. The disc is the singer's first of fresh, all-original material in a number of years, except for a new, slightly rearranged and updated version of "Brand New Key." Melanie brings her tour into Norwell's Company Theatre this Saturday, Feb. 8 for a show at 8 p.m.

"We're out there promoting this new CD," said Melanie, born Melanie Safka, now 55,. "And we've been touring pretty regularly over the past thirty years, but not always with the kind of PR company that we have this time around. This CD is hopefully bringing us back into a higher visibility, more like the old days when we had the hits on the radio. Basically, I've been a working legend, if you will."

Melanie has fond memories of her legendary spot at Woodstock,

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60s folk rocker Melanie will make a South Shore tour stop at Norwell's Company Theatre Saturday, Feb. 8

Members of the Riverside Repertory Company of Hyde Park make up the cast of "Forever Fosse" being staged through Feb. 13 at Raffael's in Quincy.

"Forever Fosse" serves up dinner and dancing

Raffael's stages tribute to Broadway choreographer

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

As an artist, the late Bob Fosse was known for his completely contemporary approach to dance.

Indeed, Fosse had a unique style which ensured that his work as a choreographer and director was never confused with anyone else's. Snapping fingers, provocatively tilted bowler hats, frequent shoulder rolls, swiveling hips and sexy strutting are among the Fosse signature elements in evidence in the new musical revue "Forever Fosse," currently being presented by J.M. Productions as the opener of its fourth dinner theater season at Raffael's in North Quincy.

After starting out as a dancer in the early 1950s with small roles on Broadway and in movie musicals like "Kiss Me Kate," Bob Fosse's legend as a Broadway choreographer and director was made with a string of hits including "Sweet Charity," "Pippin," "Chicago," and "Dancin'". He also enjoyed success with his choreography for films including "The Pajama Game" and "Damn Yankees." In 1972, after several other directors turned it down, Fosse stepped in and made the movie version of "Cabaret." Featuring music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb, the film adaptation of the stage hit became one of the most acclaimed and successful movie musicals of the post-MGM era. That year was one of the biggest in Fosse's career. He won an Academy Award for "Cabaret," a Tony for "Pippin" and an Emmy for "Liza with a Z," a television variety special which starred Liza Minnelli.

In the fall of 1998, 11 years after his death, Fosse's longtime muse Ann Reinking teamed with Director Walter Bobbie and creative consultant and Fosse widow Gwen Verdon to stage "Fosse: A Celebration in Song and Dance." After a sold-out pre-Broadway engagement at Boston's Colonial Theatre, the show went on to win the 1999 Tony Award as Best New Musical. At the same time in New York, Fosse's work was also being recreated in Broadway revivals of both "Chicago" and "Cabaret," which are still running today. Some in the entertainment industry have even suggested that the recently released Rob Marshall —directed feature film of "Chicago" owes some of its success to its Fosse connection.

J.M. Productions homage to the late choreographer comes in the form of an original production being staged for the dinner theater by the Riverside Repertory Company of Hyde Park, a song and dance ensemble trained to perform in various styles and in various venues. The revue will feature song and dance numbers like "Steam Heat," "All That Jazz," and "Cabaret," per-

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Peak performance

Filmmaker Liesl Clark takes 'Nova' viewers on uncharted climb

By Alexander Stevens
STAFF WRITER

If, during this particularly cold winter, you shiver at the thought of walking from your house to your car in the morning, you'll probably want to avoid the summit of Vinson Massif, the highest peak on the Antarctic.

Liesl Clark, a "Nova" producer who lives in Brighton, scaled the 16,067-foot peak in January 2001 to make "Mountain of Ice," airing at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, on WGBH (Ch. 2). And her stories of battling the weather make our recent cold snap seem like a day at the beach.

"It was summer there," she says, "so there's 24 hours of sunlight, and that's kind of warming. But if you climb into a shadow, you get what I called The Steel Glove. It was literally like someone put a steel glove around you, because there's no warmth. You can feel the cold creep toward your core. It's frightening."

On the day that she and the seven other climbers reached the summit, the wind chill kicked in at about 70 degrees below zero. At that temperature, your eyelashes freeze together, any sliver of exposed flesh gets frostbitten, and every breath burns in your lungs.

Liesl Clark

It would be nice to report that the thrill of reaching the top of Antarctica's highest peak created a euphoria in Clark that overwhelmed her pain. It would be nice, but it wouldn't be accurate.

"Zero elation," reports Clark.

The final day of the ascent started poorly for the filmmaker, and it never got better. She awoke with severe altitude sickness: nausea and headaches.

But, encouraged by the gentle coaching of guide Dave Hahn, she soldiered her way to the top.

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Conrad Anker was one of the eight-person Nova team that climbed the imposing east face of Vinson Massif.

Living

Oatmeal scones

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Oatmeal scones with pieces of dried fruit are common enough at coffee and teahouses, but rarely get made at home. I discovered why when I made five different recipes, most of which turned out dry and heavy. I was looking for good oat flavor packaged in a scone that wouldn't gag the family dog.

The basic concept is simple. Butter is cut into the dry ingredients (oats, flour, salt, sugar, baking powder, etc.) and then liquid is added which is either buttermilk, milk, or heavy cream. The dough is mixed until it just comes together, pressed into a circle, cut into wedges, and then baked, usually at 350 degrees. One recipe toasted the oats first and then soaked them in buttermilk, which produced good flavor but a heavy texture. Only one of the recipes was reasonably moist – the rest were too heavy – so I began with that one as a starting point.

Since I like the notion of toasting oats for oatmeal and the scone recipe using toasted oats was very flavorful, I started with this technique. I tried toasting the oats in the oven since it had to be heated for the scones. They toasted well at 375 in about eight minutes. I chose to toast them dry for a couple of reasons. First the recipe includes lots of butter that is cut into the dry ingredients. Secondly, the dry toasted oats make for minimal clean up of the sheet, which is used to bake the scones. You can do a simple pass with a towel instead of thorough washing. The oats do have to cool completely before the scones are assembled. For our recipe I settled on 1 1/4 cups each flour and oats.

The scones were definitely on the dry side and I knew that butter held the solution to this problem. After a few tests, I settled on two full sticks. This gave the scones a rich butter flavor, which nicely complements the nutty oats. (I found that if I added any more butter the scones became greasy.) Next, I tested various dairy products. Heavy cream made the scones too heavy, milk and half-and-half were lackluster, but buttermilk was a winner, adding a light note and good flavor. Since I thought the scones were still a bit dense, I added an egg along with the buttermilk. This proved to be my favorite scone. The scones were moister and lighter with the egg. It turned out that 1/3 cup buttermilk and one egg was the perfect quantity.

As for the leavener, I had started testing with 1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder and 3/4 teaspoon soda which, after much testing, turned out to the correct amount. Although a basic scone recipe may use only a tablespoon of sugar, I found that oatmeal scones need a bit more sweetener, 1/3 cup being my favorite quantity. I tried using granulated sugar, light and dark brown sugar, honey and maple syrup. The best-flavored scones were made simply with light brown sugar.

As for the dried fruit, I found that apricots and dried cranberries were winners. Dried blueberries are hard to find and raisins as well as currants were a but dull in flavor although the latter is traditional and tastes perfectly fine. I used 1/3 cup roughly chopped dried apricots and 1/4 cup cranberries in my favorite scones. Ingredients that did not make the cut were dried coconut, nuts, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and wheat germ.

As for technique, the dry ingredients are placed in a food processor and mixed to combine. The butter is added and it is cut into the dry ingredients with six 1-second pulses. I then add the oats and fruit and the dry are pulsed again six times. (If the oats were added with the rest of the dry ingredients it became over processed and the scones were dry.) The contents of the food processor are dumped into a bowl and the buttermilk and egg are added. After a quick mix with a fork the mixture is turned onto a countertop. The dough is gently kneaded a few times and then pressed into a disc. The disc is cut into wedges and placed on a parchment lined baking sheet. I baked the scones at 400 degrees (higher than most other recipes I tested) for about 15 minutes. If the oven is higher the scones are likely to burn with all the sugar and butter in this recipe. (If they are baked at a lower temperature they took more time and didn't brown quite as well.) As with most scones they should be held for about 10 minutes before serving since it gives them time to firm up. These scones have a somewhat ragged appearance compared to many other recipes, the price I had to pay to eliminate the choking dry quality of their taller counterparts.

OATMEAL SCONES WITH DRIED APRICOTS AND CRANBERRIES

You can use all apricots, all cranberries, or even currants if you like.

- 1 1/4 cup rolled oats (not instant)
- 1 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 1 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 sticks chilled unsalted butter cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1/3 cup dried roughly chopped apricots
- 1/4 cup dried sweetened cranberries
- 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 1 large egg

1. Adjust oven rack to center position and heat oven to 375 degrees. Spread oats in an even layer onto a jellyroll pan or cookie sheet. Place in oven and toast until golden brown and fragrant, about 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from oven and cool completely. Wipe sheet, line with parchment paper and increase oven temperature to 400 degrees.

2. Place flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a steel blade. Blend briefly to combine. Evenly distribute the butter over the dry ingredients and process for six one-second pulses. Add the oats and fruit and pulse an additional six times or until the largest piece of butter is about the size of a pea. Transfer to a large bowl.

3. Stir the buttermilk end egg together in a small bowl or large measuring cup until well combined. Add mixture to the dry ingredients and mix with a fork or rubber spatula until dough begins to form large wet clumps. Turn onto countertop and knead by hand, incorporating any dry floury bits until it comes together into a rough sticky ball. Pat down into a 6- to 7-inch disc and cut into 8 wedges. Transfer scones onto prepared baking sheet and bake until dark golden brown, about 15 minutes. Cool on a rack for at least 10 minutes before serving.

Makes 8 scones

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Former flower child going with the flow

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which like those of many of the festival's other performers, was instrumental in her subsequent career success. She also laments what she views as the exploitative nature and, consequently or not, disastrous results that transpired at the Woodstock reunion events of the 90s. But as far as career recollections, she'd rather go back to where it all began.

"My career really started in Paris," said Melanie. "I had my first big hit in France with a song called `Bobo's Party,' which was on my first album with Buddah Records. And shortly after that I did a major engagement of 30 days and nights at the Olympia Theatre in Paris in 1968."

"It was a typical European musical-theatre variety show of the time. I was second on the bill to the singer/emcee Gilbert Becaud, who was like the Frank Sinatra of Paris in that day. For most of the shows I was on the bill with all these different types of European dance and acrobatic troupes. And my style was very unshowbizzy for the time. Much of the press in Paris thought I was British, and they used to write things like calling me the female Bob Dylan, and `the lady with the black soul,'" Melanie said.

On *Crazy Love*, Melanie's signature cracked, folksy voice — a model for such later successful songbirds as Stevie Nicks and Edie Brickell — is smoothed over somewhat but still prevalent. Also in abundance is the famous hippie-gypsy persona, which gives us such hopeful anthems as "Smile" — "I love people who smile/If everyone smiles we'll have a hometown all over the world." But other songs like "Leftover Emotion," "The Wonderer" and the title track go beyond the persona, exploring intimate emotions closer to contemporary artists Shawn Colvin and Tracy Chapman.

"Everyone in singing/songwriting eventually develops their own style," Melanie said. "I sort of set out in the beginning to imitate Billie Holiday and Edith Piaf and got it wrong. But my new CD is the first time in a long time I've been singing and writing in such a flowing way."

Melanie will perform at Norwell's Company Theatre, Saturday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. For tickets and information call the Company Theatre Box office at (781) 871-2787.

"Forever Fosse" serves up dinner and dancing

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formed by Corinne Duggan, Rick Trusty, Michelle Giunta-McKay, and Sioux Anna Ramirez-Cruz.

For its first three seasons at Raffael's, J.M. Productions primarily presented cabaret-style entertainment with an emphasis on song, not dance. J.M. Productions Founder and President John F. McDonald, Jr. says his audiences helped him decide to join forces with Riverside Repertory.

"Our audiences have been asking us to include more dance in our shows. That's what led me to the company. That and the fact that Riverside has an excellent reputation in the greater Boston performing arts community. I knew they did excellent work, so I welcomed the opportunity to present them on the South Shore. I believe strongly in collaborating with other local theater companies. When you work together, you showcase the best of both organizations as well as the many talented performers in our area."

("Forever Fosse" will be performed at Raffael's, One Enterprise Drive, North Quincy, through Feb. 13. For tickets and information, call 617/328-1600 or visit www.allaboutjmproductions.com.)

Mail order gardening

Green thumbs up

Part 3

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Winter in New England is always an adventure. For South Shore communities our weather patterns are a perpetual roller coaster ride, rarely allowing for a dull moment. Snow, ice, and cold temperatures are often interspersed with rain and unseasonable warmth. Last year's warm open winter posed serious challenges to the survival of many perennial plants due to alternating freeze-thaw cycles. In dramatic contrast, this year's bitter cold weather accompanied by harsh, desiccating winds is likely to threaten less hardy plant material, causing potential damage to evergreen foliage and the flower buds of woody plants which were set during last year's growing season. Despite the severity of this winter season, Mother Nature has often provided a protective blanket during her most frigid blasts, which should minimize the adverse effects to dormant plants resting beneath the snowy covering.

During the month of February, there are sure to be hints of springtime intermingled with periods of wintry weather. On warmer days, I plan to briefly inspect the gardens searching for signs of spring as I prepare a list of pruning priorities. When the sun manages to peek through the steely gray cloud cover, it delivers a glow and warmth that give promise to our yearning for pussy willows, forsythia, crocuses and the gradual greening of our landscapes. Later this month, spring will burst into bloom at the Rhode Island Flower Show. When the "weather outside is frightful", I will look for spring among the pages of gardening magazines, catalogs and books.

As my stacks of gardening catalogs have grown each year, I have found it necessary to exercise tremendous self-control. Filled with tempting photographs of beautiful flowers, I long for one of everything, especially when I look out at our winter wonderland. Years of overbuying and recent time constraints, however, have made me a wiser shopper. I use most of my catalogs as reference material and order from a select few that have proven dependable over the years. I purchase the bulk of my plants from local sources.

Catalogs are practically a must for those discerning plant hobbyist in search of a broad offering of a particular family of plants or seeds although many specialty nurseries are emerging throughout our area. Certain perennials, including daylilies, iris, and hosta are currently available in countless colors and sizes due to recent hybridizing efforts. The best quality and greatest diversity of these hybrids are likely to be obtained from suppliers who specialize in these plants.

In an effort to provide some guidance for novice gardeners or for those in search of specialty plants, I will list a few sources I have found reliable in the past or that have been recommended to me by knowledgeable gardeners. Bluestone Perennials is an ideal source for those planning new borders designed with mass plantings. Although plants tend to be small, they are priced accordingly and establish quickly often reaching maturity by the end of the first growing season. Plant Delights is a new resource for me, listing many new introductions in an entertaining, colorful catalog. White Flower Farm has been a dependable New England supplier for many years with excellent cultural information and lovely photos. The Wayside Gardens catalog is perhaps the best reference catalog with gorgeous photos, extensive listings and cultural information.

There are several excellent sources for seed packets. Park Seed Co. has been my first choice for more than 20 years; their foil packaging seems to help seeds remain viable for an extended period of time. Another great catalog is Johnny's Seeds located in Maine. They test all their seeds in that locale so the varieties they list tend to do especially well in our area. Burpee Co. has an excellent reputation with extensive listings and many of their seeds can be purchased through local suppliers.

It should be noted that some of these sources charge a nominal fee for their catalogs. Place small orders initially to judge the quality of the plants and products. Keep a garden notebook to list plants you have purchased, their condition upon arrival, and their performance during the first growing season or two. Mail order perennials often fail to bloom during their first season. Many web sites offer customer comments about mail order companies.

Perennials:

Bluestone Perennials, 7211 Middle Ridge Road, Madison, OH 44057 (bluestoneperennials.com); White Flower Farm, P.O. Box 50, Litchfield, CT 06759 (whiteflowerfarm.com); Carroll Gardens, 444 E. Main St., PO Box 310, Westminster, MD 21158 (CarrollGardens.com); Wayside Gardens, 1 Garden Lane, Hodges, SC 29695 (waysidegardens.com); Plant Delights Nursery, 9241 Sauls Road, Raleigh, NC 27603 (plantdelights.com).

Iris:

Schreiner's Gardens (bearded iris), 3625 Quinaby Rd., N.E., Salem, OR 97303 (schreinersgardens.com); Tranquil Lake Nursery (Siberian, Japanese iris), 45 River St., Rehoboth, MA 02769 (tranquil-lake.com); Ensata Gardens, 9823 E. Michigan Ave., Galesburg, MI 49053 (ensata.com).

Daylilies:

Oakes Daylilies, PO Box 268, Corryton, TN 37721 (oakesdaylilies.com); Joiner Gardens, 9630 Whitfield Ave., Savannah, GA 31406 (JoinerGardens.com); Singing Oaks Garden, 1019 Abell Road, PO Box 56, Blythewood, SC 29016; Klehm's Song Sparrow Perennial Farm (peonies, hosta, daylilies), 13101 E. Rye Rd., Avalon, WI 53505 (songsparrow.com); Tranquil Lake Nursery (see address above).

Seeds:

Park Seed Co., 1 Parkton Ave., Greenwood, SC 29647 (parkseed.com); Johnny's Selected Seeds, 1839 Foss Hill Rd., RR1, Box 2580, Albion, ME 04910 (johnnyseeds.com); Atlee Burpee & Co., 300 Park Ave., Warminster, PA 18991 (burpee.com).

Brighton filmmaker Liesl Clark takes 'Nova' viewers on uncharted climb

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"I dry-heaved my way up to the summit," she says. "It was a bad day for me. No fun."

She couldn't even enjoy the fruits of her labors. "I kept thinking, 'What's the big deal [about making the summit]?' Maybe the view is nice, but frankly, at that point, I didn't care."

What she does care about is her film. "Nova" is a science series, and at the root of the expedition is a story about the health of Antarctica, the world's greatest desert (remember, deserts are defined by precipitation, not temperature), and a continent that's a key link in our global ecology.

But viewers of the show are more likely to be captivated by yet another compelling story of man (and woman) vs. nature. Although previous ascents of Vinson Massif date all the way back to 1911 when Norwegian adventurer Roald Amundsen conquered the peak, this is the first expedition to ever attain the summit from the much more imposing east face of Vinson.

"Every step was a step into the unknown," she says. "It was really a first."

Viewers of "Mountain of Ice" are likely to recall the gruesome but compelling story of the ill-fated 1996 ascent of Everest that killed nine people. Climber Jon Krakauer, who wrote the best-seller "Into Thin Air," was a key player in both expeditions. Some may view Krakauer as a controversial figure; it's tempting to blame him for some of the bad judgements that were made on that Everest climb.

But Clark is very supportive of Krakauer, describing him as a "team player" and saying he was key to both the ascent of Vinson, and also her film. But those who are predisposed to be suspicious of Krakauer will find more to dislike in "Mountain of Ice."

The key moment in the film comes when the group confronts a 3,000-foot headwall that stands between them and the summit. Two different plans emerge. Krakauer favors a direct route that follows an exposed rock ledge to the top. It's a steep ascent that only technically advanced climbers could manage — "a charismatic climb, a true climber's climb," as Clark describes it, that would have left Clark and her cameraman behind.

Hahn pitched a second, more circuitous route that was less challenging, but it also would have exposed the group to potential ice falls.

During the debates, Krakauer seems more interested in the quality and challenge of his climb than in the goal of getting everyone to the summit. And once he has scaled the headwall, he says he'll wait for a while for the others to catch up, but when the time necessitates it, he'll leave without them for the summit.

When, later in the film, Krakauer expresses his admiration for Hahn's ability to get everyone up, Clark believes it's a kind of breakthrough for Krakauer, a man who has been critical of inexperienced climbers tackling challenging mountains.

"Jon Krakauer came to terms with some of the issues he's had with guiding and mountaineering," she says.

Clark discovered something about herself as a climber, as well. Although she has climbed much higher — she's been to the advanced base camp at Everest — this climb presented some unique challenges. She admits she was uncomfortable on the final "razor-thin" ridge to the summit. But the headwall might have been even tougher. The steepness would give vertigo to a less hearty soul.

"I knew if I looked down, it wasn't going to be a good thing," Clark says. "You get disoriented and your legs start to weaken. You can see snow break away and tumble down 2,000 feet and disappear. You can't let your mind start to play games with you."

Viewers get so lost in the story of "Mountain of Ice" that it's easy to forget the great accomplishment of filming it. In addition to the daily hassle of just maneuvering the equipment, Clark had to make creative decisions while fatigued, ill, and oxygen-deprived. And her candid series of therapy-like interviews that she conducted on the mountain, in a tent, with Krakauer provide an honest and insightful narration to the story.

And she had to hope every morning that the mountain wouldn't claim her equipment.

"You kept your fingers crossed that the camera would power up every morning," she says. "If it didn't, you didn't have a film."

The summit offered little sense of accomplishment for the battered, if unbeaten, Clark. Any sense of euphoria would have to wait until a small plane lifted the team off the continent. As the plane swooped them up to warmth and safety, they were able to see from their windows the trail they had left in the snow, a trail that carved its way to the peak via a path never before trodden by humans.

"We could see our little ski prints," says Clark. "The energy inside that plane was amazing."

"Mountain of Ice" airs at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, on WGBH (Ch. 2).

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FINE ITALIAN WINE, FOOD AND MUSIC will celebrate Florence & Beyond Art Exhibition. The Feb. 28th gala opening of the South Shore Art Center's Florence & Beyond exhibition will feature fine Italian wines for connoisseurs enjoyment and education. A number of importers of Italian wines will be present to offer advice and tasting notes as they pour. The wine tasting, Feb. 28 7 p.m., will celebrate the extraordinary exhibition of Florentine-trained artists whose work will be on display at the Art Center from Feb. 28 to April 13.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER announces a show of artwork utilizing digital technology to be held at the art center April 18 to May 25. The "TechArt" show is open to all artists and will be juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. Artists are invited to submit slides of their work that utilizes digital technology as a major creative component in the production of the work. Examples of eligible works may include original digital; photographs, prints, sculpture, assemblages, collages and other work created using components manipulated by or generated from the computer, video animation sound and computer and internet-based works. Each may submit up to three works. All entries must be received by March 10. For information call 781-383-2787.

WALK'N MASS VOLKSSPORT CLUB'S WINTER SOUP WALK in Sharon –March 15. Bring your favorite cup and soup, bread and dessert will be provided. A 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) and five kilometer (3.1 miles) routes available. Both routes rated suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. Call 508-668-2340 for more information.

TIFFANY will be coming to The Company Theatre in Norwell, on Saturday, Feb. 15, backed by her new band and belting out all the old favorites and songs off the new album. Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr. in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $38 and all seats are reserved. There are also a limited number of VIP seats at $60, which includes the best seats in the house and a meeting with Tiffany. Visit the website at www.companytheatre.com.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Thurs. 6

Starcreations Theater from the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc**. presents its **Second Annual Variety Show,** on Feb. 6, 7, 8, 13 and 15, at 7 p.m. and Feb. 9, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park Plymouth, Mill #1, lower level. Admission is $10 adult/$5 child.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will present the work of South African artist **Kim Berman**, After the Fires 2000-2002, now through April 6. Her monotypes of various landscapes reflect the current South African social scene. Also on exhibition are the Duxbury Art Association Annual Winter Juried Show and Rotations: Recent acquisitions including an oil painting by **Joel Janowitz** and photographs by **Jerry Uelsman** and **Lance Keimig**. These two exhibitions run through April 27. Open to the public and free of charge. Visit www.artcomplex.org for more information.

Thayer Public Library presents Ruth Hill from **Radcliffe College's Oral History Project** will present a slide lecture on **"Black American Women and Their Lives"** on Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Held in Logan Auditorium, 798 Washington St., Braintree. For more information, call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

Miracle East, 497 Bedford St., Rt. 18, Abington, 781-878-8012. Comedy show - Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. Reservations Recommended. Admission $10. Headliner - **Bob Niles** of Weymouth. Host: Annette Pollack. Other Comics - **Paul Keenan, Jack Hurney and Matt McConnell**.

Singing Valentines offered by the **South Shore Men of Harmony** on Feb. 12, from noon to 9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 13, from noon to 9 p.m., or Friday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. A barbershop quartet will be sent, in appropriate costume, to anywhere on the South Shore, search out the recipient, sing" Heart of My Heart I Love You" and I Love You Truly," present a long-stemmed rose, a lovely valentine card naming the sender, and a souvenir Polaroid picture. Available for $50. To place an order or more details, call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-0227 or Pete Fitzgerald 781-341-1688.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Fri. 7

Encore! Comes to the Cushing Center It's time to shake off the winter blues with the Unicorn Singers and the Broad Cove Chorale as they present **Encore!** on Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. and Feb. 9, at 3 p.m. at the Cushing Center, 673 Main St. in Norwell. **Encore!** is a festive musical romp through jazz, pop, Broadway, and light classical favorites. The audience is seated pops-style at tables in a colorfully decorated setting and creative concert picnics are encouraged. Purchase single tickets for $15 at Noble's in Hingham Square. or call 781-749-6561 to reserve a table of 10 for $135. Sunday offers a family special of $10 for seniors and students.

The Milton Players presents **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**, Feb. 7 to 15. Friday evenings are reserved table seating with complimentary wine and cheese. Saturday performances are general admission. All performances held at the Milton Woman's Club, 90 Reedsdale Rd., Milton. For tickets (12-$17), call 617-698-SHOW. Visit www.miltonplayers.org for more information.

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday. On Feb. 7, **"Fun Food"** at 10:30 a.m. Free and open to the public.

The James Library Center for the Arts Art Gallery, 24 West St., Norwell, presents oil paintings by **Jacquie Berard** Feb. 7 to March 5. Reception Feb. 7, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

The James Library Center for the Arts Art Gallery, 24 West St., Norwell, will host a show of contemporary folk art by Plympton artist **Jessica Fries** during the month of February. The show will be on view from Feb. 7 to March 5. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

The South Shore Folk Music Club, presents **David Mallett** at the Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Route 106, Kingston. on Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. $13 members/$15 non-members. For information call 781-871-1052.

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Hull Lifesaving Museum - Blizzard of '78 25th Anniversary Exhibit opening, Saturday Feb. 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. A slide presentation lecture and book signing by Chris Haradon author of Storm of the Century: New England's Great Northeast Blizzard of 1978 at 1 p.m. Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave. Hull, Call 781-925-5433 for more information. Light refreshments will be served. This event is open to the public free of charge.

Single Executives Club Cocktail Party and Singles Dance – Feb. 7, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Radisson Plymouth Hotel (formerly the Sheraton), 180 Water St., Plymouth, exit 6, Route 44 off Route 3. Dance music by award-winning DJ. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m. Free door prizes. For all singles and couples age 35 to 55 years old. Admission $10 before 9 p.m. $15 thereafter. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. This is a non-smoking event. Co-sponsored by "Cape Cod's Most Eligible Singles."

Bridgwaye Inn – Boston Comedy Night makes debut at Bridgwaye's Waterfront Theatre on Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. Dinner is optional beginning at 6 p.m. Admission $8. Performing comedians include **John David, Pat Napoli and Ira Proctor**. For more information call 781-834-6505.

The North River Arts Society invites the public to view its **15th Annual Members Show**, Feb. 8 to 16, Saturday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. The gala opening party is Feb. 7, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Free admission will include hors d-oeuvres and a cash bar. Awards will be presented at 8:30 p.m. For information call 781-837-8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 7. A new and exciting region for wines, the Pacific Northwest, has a lot to offer enthusiasts. From Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris to Reisling, Merlot, and Cabernet, these offerings are all paired with an extensive display of Northwestern favorites prepared by Chef Daniel Bruce. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room, $75. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

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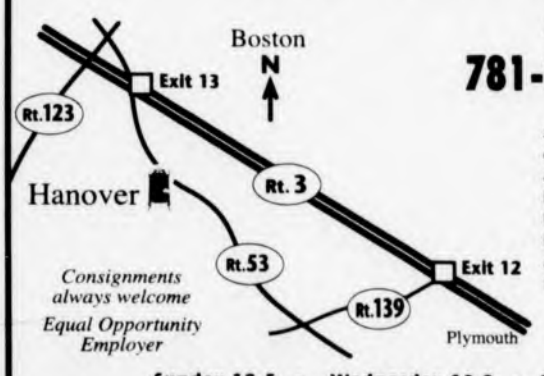

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The Wallace Anderson Gallery at Bridgewater State College presents the **John Heller Memorial Show** through Feb. 7. An exhibition of clay, jewelry and other art work created by this member of the Art Faculty, from September 1968 until his untimely death in February 2001. Call 508-531-1359 for more information.

Sat. 8

Folk Legend Melanie Makes Her Company Theatre Debut; Feb. 8. The show time is 8 p.m. Tickets available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Dr. in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $28 and all seats are reserved. There are also a limited number of VIP seats available at $50, which includes the best seats and a reception with Melanie. You can also check out the website at www.companytheatre.com.

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The South Shore Simmons Club luncheon meeting on Feb. 8, at noon at the Red Sauce restaurant, Route 53, Hingham. The guest speaker will be **Suzanne Mahler,** gardening columnist for the Mariner Community Newspapers, who will talk on "Perennial Gardening". New members and guests are welcome. luncheon $15. Reservations deadline Jan. 31. For reservations and further information, call Connie at 781-878-8443.

Congregation Beth Jacob will host a dinner theatre on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. at Beth Jacob Community Center ($18 for CBJ Members; $23 for non-members) at 8 p.m., following a delicious dinner will be **"A Night Of One Acts"** presented by "expressthyself Entertainment", For further information about Congregation Beth Jacob, contact Myra at 508-747-0372 or leave a message for Rabbi Silverman at 508-746-1575.

First Annual Chocolate Lovers and Wine Tasting to benefit **Why Me, Inc**. Feb. 8, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Clarion Nantasket Beach Hotel and Conference Center, 45 Hull Shore Dr., Hull. Participants will enjoy decadent selections from some of the region's best confectioners and wine cellars. Tickets are $25 each and are 100 percent tax deductible Call 781-925-9793 for more information.

Karamu, A Celebration of African-American Arts, featuring the **Boston Community Choir, Step Sistahs Female Step Team, and Actor Arthur Mapp** as Martin Luther King – Feb. 8, at 8 p.m. Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, off Route 27, Brockton. Reserved seat tickets $12 general public and $10 for students and seniors. Call ticket line at 508-427-1234.

Scooby-Doo In Stagefright - Live On Stage returns to the Wang Center through Feb. 9. Scooby-Doo and the Gang come to life for mystery-solving chills and thrills. Tickets on sale now at the Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or visit www.wangcenter.org or call 1-800-447-7400

Benefit Dinner Dance, "Love Around the World," will be held at the **Red Lion Barn,** 71 S. Main St., Cohasset Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. to midnight. Proceeds will benefit the playground at the new Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum off Sohier Street in Cohasset. Buffet dinner, live auction, dancing to the The Mike Dumas Band With Platform Soul. Tickets are $75 per person and will not be available at the door. Contact Logan Bernstein at 781-383-6165 for tickets and information.

Solid Gold Oldies II at **Quincy Dinner Theater**, all new 50s and 60s review. Motown, Doo Wop, comedy. Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 8-9, 14-16. Dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday matinees, dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. Valentine's Day gifts and champagne for all ladies. Tickets $37.50 for dinner and how, $20 show only. Group discounts available. For reservations and information, call 781-843-5862. Chair lift available for handicapped.

Down East Dancers Country Western Dance, Saturday, Feb. 8, The monthly Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Beginner dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Dave Pytka. Snacks, raffles, western attire prize, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. For more info. 508-995-9496 or 781-925-9066.

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, presents a dinner buffet and show on Fridays and Saturdays through May 3. $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8, Big Mugsy's Ragtime Speakeasy, an interactive evening of comedy, music and outrageous characters.

Sun. 9

South Shore Art Center exhibition travels to Newbury St. Gallery - Feature selections from the South Shore Art Center's Architectural Ornamentation: Fragments and Elements exhibition are currently on display in the McCormick Gallery at the Boston Architectural Center on Newbury Street. The work, by eighteen artists, architects, sculptors and studio furniture makers was selected from the exhibition that was curated by Chris Rifkin of Hingham and was at the Art Center last fall. The current exhibition will be available for viewing until Feb. 14, Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 am to5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

The Marshfield YWCA is celebrating 35 years of service to women on the South Shore with a year long series of events. The YWCA is also hoping to contact former members interested in seeing old faces and participating in the festivities. If you or someone you know is a former member, call the YWCA at 781-834-8371, or visit the web site at ymarshfield.org Following are some of the events planned for the YWCA's 35th year celebration. All events will take place at the YWCA on Ferry Hill Road in Marshfield. Feb. 13, ice cream social (kids and adults)

Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield Sunday concert series: Feb. 9, **Pieces of One. Rosalie** sings love songs with jazz combo back-up. For more information, call 781-834-5535.

Gerald Johnston will perform in concert at 3:30 p.m. in the Hingham Public Library's Whiton Room. Free. For more information call 781-741-1405.

Bristol Chamber Orchestra Harris Shilakowsky, Artistic Director - This second concert of the season is A Concert of French Composers Feb. 9, at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth Emunah, Brockton, Camille Saint-Saens "Prelude to the Deluge" Claude Debussy "Danse Sacre et Profane" Maurice Ravel "Introduction and Allegro" featuring Judy Saiki, harp. This concert utilizes strings plus flute and clarinet. It is open to the public. Adults: $13 ($15 at the door) Students: $8 Seniors: $11 ($12 at the door) Call 508-677-2393 for tickets and more information.

The Quincy Symphony Orchestra under the direction of **Yuoichi Udagawa**, will present the second concert of its 49th season on Feb. 9, at 2:30 p.m. in the performing Arts Center of North Quincy High School. Tickets, available at the door, $15 adults; $10 seniors and students; $5 for children accompanied by an adult. For further information call 781-761-3790.

The Hull Artists Studio Connection Valentine's Day "Affordable" Fine Art Silent Auction and Sale, at the Clarion Nantasket Beach Hotel, 45 Hull shore Drive. Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 1-800-413-1770 or visit www.hullartistsstudioconnection.com

Cabin Fever Toy Show – Feb. 9, at the Dedham Holiday Inn, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission $4.50/$3.50 after noon. Children up to 12, with an adult, free. Rare toys from the past along with collectibles. For more information, call 508-379-9733.

Railroad Hobby Show – at White's Hospitality Center, 66 State Road, (Route 6), Westport. Handicapped accessible with complete snack bar and fine family dining with free parking. Call 617-361-4445 or visit www.mysticvalleyrs.org for information.

The Mail Intellect: An Oxymoron? Starring Robert Dubac. This one-man show pinpoints the differences between the sexes in the multi-character comedy playing at the Shubert Theatre for a limited engagement through Feb. 9. Tickets on sale by calling 800-447-7400 or Shubert Theatre Box Office, 265 Tremont St., Boston.

BEST BET

Encore! Comes to the Cushing Center It's time to shake off the winter blues with the Unicorn Singers and the Broad Cove Chorale as they present Encore! on Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. and Feb. 9, at 3 p.m. at the Cushing Center, 673 Main St. in Norwell. Encore! is a festive musical romp through jazz, pop, Broadway, and light classical favorites. The audience is seated pops-style at tables in a colorfully decorated setting and creative concert picnics are encouraged. Purchase single tickets for $15 at Noble's in Hingham Square. or call 781-749-6561 to reserve a table of 10 for $135. Sunday offers a family special of $10 for seniors and students.

The Bridgwaye Inn will be the source for the best Dixieland sounds on the South Shore beginning Feb. 2, and continuing on the first Sunday of every month throughout 2003. All jazz shows will begin at 4 p.m. with dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. Dancing is encouraged Admission $10. Kicking off the season will be Stan McDonald's Blue Horizon Jazz Band. Call 781-834-6505 for reservations and more details.

Lighthouses and the Legend of Edward Rowe Snow at **The South Shore Natural Science Center,** Norwell invites the public to attend a special presentation on lighthouses by writer/photographer and lighthouse expert Jeremy D'Entremont on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m.. His talk will focus on the past and present of lighthouses in Boston Harbor and the South Shore, with an emphasis on the dramatic stories written about Edward Rowe Snow. Admission to the lecture is $3 members, $5 non-members. For more information, call the Science Center at 781-659-2559.

Mon. 10

The Braintree Art Association art instructor **Corrine Campobasso** will be exhibiting her students' paintings for the month of February at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

The Weymouth Art Association, Artist of the month, **Jack Morris** will exhibit his painting for the month of February at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum – Stories I Tell My Friends with Bob Schieffer Feb. 10, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All forums are free and open to the public. Call 617-514-1643 for reservations. JFK Library and Museums is located at Columbia Point, Boston.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 10 Joseph Phelps – The 1974 Insignia was the first Bordeaux-style blend produced in California under a proprietary label. Join Tom Shelton for a vertical tasting of Joseph Phelps Vineyards, including Cabernet, Rhone-Style, and late-harvest wines. Seminar 6:30 p.m. dinner at 8 p.m. The Atlantic Room, Dinner only $125; Seminar and dinner $175. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or, www.bostonWineFestival.net

Crafter's wanted for indoor yard sale to be held on March 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal. Tables $25 for one $40 for two. For further information, call 617-773-2445, 617-471-9311 or 617-773-6203 Proceeds to benefit Interfaith Social Services.

The Nathan Gallery presents "The Winter Show" through Feb. 10, second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanover. Gallery Hours Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 11

Transportation in Southeastern Massachusetts breakfast at the Radisson Hotel-Plymouth harbor, Feb. 11, from 7:45 to 11 a.m. Regional transportation updates and improvements. Guest speakers include Sen. Therese Murray, John Cogliano, as well as additional key transportation officials. Registration $15 per person. Call 508-747-0100.

Insight Education Center will present a workshop **Teaching The Active/Impulsive Child Self-Control** (all ages) at the Canton Community Kindergarten Feb. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Certificates of attendance for teachers, nurses, and child care providers $25 per individual, $40 per co-parenting couple, $20 groups of 4+ Pre-registration is required. Call 781-294-8004.

South of Boston Knitters Guild will hold its monthly meeting Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church , Route 139 Marshfield. A mini-workshop will feature different knitting and crocheting techniques. New members and guests welcome. Refreshments will be served. Call Heidi at 781-740-4961 for more information.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story-

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Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc. presents its Second Annual Variety Show, on Feb. 6, 7, 8, 13 and 15, at 7 p.m. and Feb. 9, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park Plymouth, Mill #1, lower level. Admission is $10 adult/$5 child.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

Planetary action turns around completely today. At 12:44 a.m. the moon enters fiery Aries, setting a fast pace today and tomorrow. In addition, Mars, the planetary ruler of Aries, interacts with expansive Jupiter at 2:25 p.m. Be sure to have a clear plan of action, so that you can take advantage of today's high potential. You can be extremely productive. The green light is on for new starts across the board. Go for the gold.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Yesterday's planetary patterns continue. The Aries moon promises another high-energy day. It forms easy contacts to Jupiter, Mars, the sun, Pluto and Saturn. You will be surprised how much you can accomplish, if you are well-organized and stick to your game plan. Zero in on projects that require physical labor and exertion. Get back on track with exercise and physical fitness programs.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Step out of your usual routine; be more adventurous this morning. A lunar alignment to Uranus at 9:21 a.m. makes it prime for new experiences. Keep an open mind. At 9:21 a.m. the Aries moon becomes inactive until 12:59 p.m., when it enters Taurus. The green light goes on, particularly for selling or purchasing land or property. A lunar alignment to Venus generates a romantic mood this evening.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

The sun forms a 60-degree contact to Pluto at 10:28 a.m. This morning is ideal for tackling projects that need to be redone, making repairs or renovations. It is also favorable for starting self-improvement programs. The Taurus moon aligns with Neptune at 11:21 a.m. and Jupiter at 1:54 p.m. Put practical, business decisions on the back burner. This is an evening to kick back and mellow out completely.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

The first quarter phase of the moon arrives at 6:11 a.m. A full moon is building and will culminate next Sunday, February 16. A Taurus moon today sets a relaxed pace. Take a vacation from stress and worry; enjoy favorite leisure activities. Follow your bliss. A lunar alignment to Uranus at 10:28 p.m. may interrupt the flow of the evening. Keep it light; be flexible. At this time the Taurus moon becomes inactive.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

At 1:45 a.m. the moon enters lively Gemini, remaining there for the next two and one-half days. An applying alignment of the sun and Saturn makes this day prime for initiating new activities, promoting ideas, launching campaigns. Pull out all the stops. You can be most productive. Lunar alignments to Neptune and Jupiter this evening prompt you to explore new options and set goals. Pay attention to your dreams.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

This day has its challenges. Take it slow and easy. It is better to handle a variety of jobs rather than one that demands mental focus and concentration. The moon continues to travel in versatile Gemini. However, it forms stressful contacts to Mars at 10:10 a.m., to Pluto at 4:15 p.m., and to Saturn at 9:29 p.m. That means that you should maintain a low profile, carefully choose your words, postpone important signings.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

Storm clouds move out today. The loquacious Gemini moon forms a harmonious contact to Uranus at 9:28 a.m. and becomes inactive. Plan to finish old business, handle routine chores and errands. The moon enters the sign Cancer at 12:19 p.m., placing a focus on home and domestic responsibilities. The planet Mercury moves into Aquarius at 8:00 p.m., remaining there until March 4. This is a favorable time for new learning or travel experiences.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

The Cancer moon opposes Venus at 7:22 a.m. and becomes inactive. It will travel void-of-course throughout today and most of tomorrow. That means that new starts are off limits. Instead, take the time to follow through on unfinished projects, review and redo, make repairs, clean and reorganize. Share a special dinner with close friends and family this evening.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

An inactive Cancer moon can make for a slow start to this day. Others may be moody, hypersensitive. Think about what you are saying. Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. Planetary influences turn around completely, however, at 7:04 p.m., when the moon enters playful Leo. The evening is prime for social activities, romantic rendezvous. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

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time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

The local chapter of the AAUW (American Association of University Women) will meet in Weymouth at the Allerton House off Broad St on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. The public will welcome to attend this meeting which will be a discussion of the book, "The Bondswoman's Narrative" by Hannah Crafts.

Coping with Food Allergies in Your Family, sponsored by **the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America/New England Chapter** - Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at South Shore Hospital. Free and open to the public. Discussion leader: Pat Mulligan, MSW, parent of food allergic children and coordinator of Southeastern Mass. Food Allergy parent Support Group. Call 617-965-7771.

Stomp returns to Boston beginning Feb. 11, at The Stuart Street Playhouse. "Stomp," the international percussion sensation, makes its triumphant return to Boston, coming to the Stuart Street Playhouse for a six week engagement, Feb. 11, through March 23. Tickets available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400 by logging on to www.stomponline.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston, 02116.

The second of three programs on the crisis in Iraq will be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4, at the Old Ship Church Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham. The Rev. John Buehrens, a member of a National Council of Churches delegation to Iraq and former president of the Universalist Unitarian Association, will discuss his experiences in Iraq. A discussion period will follow.

The Gallery Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Rt. 18), East Bridgewater, presents **Monday Night Hand Drumming Circle** on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. The event is free and no experience is necessary. For more information and directions call 508-378-1584

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Wed. 12

The Hanson Garden Club will host a **Garden Tea Party** featuring **Jennifer Geronatis** from Tea Time Worldwide on Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. at Hanson Congregational, 639 High St., Hanson. Refreshments will be served. Public welcome.

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The South Shore Folk Music Club, presents David Mallett at the Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Route 106, Kingston. on Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. $13 members/$15 non-members. For information call 781-871-1052.

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. On Feb. 12, **"Silly Grandmas"**. Free and open to the public.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening lectures ending March 26. On Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Science Center in Norwell. .**Diamondback Terrapins of Wellfleet Bay**. **Barbara Brennessel,** Professor of Biology at Wheaton College is applying genetic techniques to Conservation Biology. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 12. Join Jane Ward from Lustau for a seminar and tasting of the range of Lustau sherries followed by a dinner pairing Sherry with the cuisine of Chef Bruce. Seminar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 8 p.m. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room. Seminar and dinner and $175; dinner only $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Norwell Sociables Monthly Meeting (all current and prospective members welcome), Contact Libet Callahan at 781.659.2485 for more information.

Raffael's Restaurant of Quincy announce the first dinner theatre production of their fourth season. The **Riverside Repertory Company of Hyde Park** presents their original Bob Fosse review titled ***"Forever Fosse"*** Feb. 5, 6, 12, 13. The production is scheduled for Feb.5, *6, #12 & *13. Matinees have been selling out in advance due to the popularity of the concept, of the shows themselves and the food offered by Raffael's restaurant. Tickets are $35 for the matinee series and $45 for the evening shows per person. Included are dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Lunch starts at noon and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. sharp. For reservations call Raffael's restaurant directly at 617-328-1600 during regular business hours. For additional information join us on the web at www. allaboutjmproductions.com * = Matinee and evening performances # = Just Matinee Performance

Thurs. 13

Moseley's Country Valentine Dance at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St. (Rte. 109), Dedham, Thursday, Feb. 13, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. DJ Fred Rapoport; Country and Swing music. Dance lesson at 7:30. Potluck appreciated. $10. Call 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937; 978-664-3593 for more information.

Comedy Night Jimbo's Restaurant Braintree 5 Corners - Feb. 13, at 8:30 p.m. Valentines Day Show Featuring: **Eddie Galvin, Annette Pollack, Brian Gordon, Greg Johnson, Chris Tabb, Brian Melvin, Your Host: Chris Johnston**. Admission: $10. Special priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300.

Disney On Ice Presents Princess Classics at the Fleet Center Feb. 12 to 23. Disney On Ice presents Princess Classics features Cinderella, Jasmine, Ariel, Sleeping Beauty, Belle, Mulan and Snow White - as they skate into the FleetCenter in Boston. Tickets $60 (front row), $42 (VIP), $25, $20 and $12 and are available at the FleetCenter Box Office, all ticketmasteroutlets, by calling 617-931-2000 or online via www.fleetcenter.com Group sales 617-624-1805.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 13. Join Jan Shrem, Proprietor of Clos Pegase, for a presentation "Bacchus the Rascal," a Bacchanalian History of Wine seen through 4,000 years of Art. Following the seminar enjoy a four-course dinner paired with a variety of Clos Pegase wines including Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, and Hommage. Seminar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 8 p.m. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room. Seminar and dinner and $175; dinner only $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Fri. 14

Give Your Heart & Have a Heart - In honor of St. Valentine's Day and **the American Heart Association** Month of February, massage therapist **Judy Davis of Back and Body Massage** in Braintree will be donating a portion of the proceeds from every massage given by her to the American Heart Association. "Give Your Heart & Have A Heart" is the Valentine's Day theme at Back & Body Massage, 816 Washington St., Braintree, next to the new Thayer Public Library. Massage therapist Judy Davis, L.M.T., A.M.T.A. is offering 30, 60 or 90-minute massages during the month of February in aid of the American Heart Association. To book an appointment with Judy Davis in Braintree, call Back & Body Massage at 781-356-7775.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 14, Valentine's Day Dinner Dance. Celebrate Valentine's Day with a romantic setting of the waterfront, accompanied by a four-course dinner paired with the finest Champagne from Moët and Chandon including Brut Rose and Dom Perignon while dancing the night away to a live orchestra. Black tie optional. Dinner 7 p.m. The Wharf Room, $185. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. On Feb. 14, "Valentine's Day" Beth will read **Today is V Day and Little Bear's Valentine.**. Free and open to the public.

Valentine's Singles Dance, Feb. 14, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. $14 per person, Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree (Off Granite St.). Bring all your single friends. Dance the night away with other singles. For more info: Email angela8md@yahoo.com or call 781-710-4186.

Jimbos Restaurant Braintree 5 Corners 781-848-0300 Admission $10 Valentines Day Show Headliner - **Eddie Galvin**. Host: Chris Johnston. Other Comics - **Annette Pollack, Brian Gordon, Greg Johnson, Chris Tabb & Brian Melvin**. Reservations recommended.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Feb. 14, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

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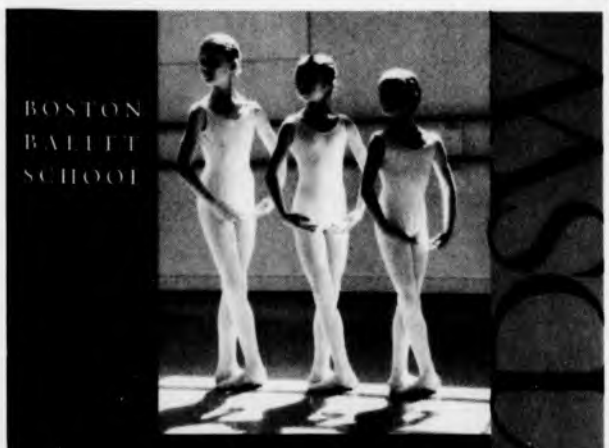

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Village project delayed

More concerns to be addressed

By John Camera
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In an effort to respond to merchants' and residents' concerns about the village streetscape revitalization project, Selectmen have decided to add two merchants to the Downtown Revitalization Committee and delay putting the project out to bid by five weeks, from mid-March to April 30.

The decision came at the Selectmen's meeting Tuesday after many merchants complained the project was not addressing parking needs in the village, while others wanted more time to explore alternative methods of burying or moving utility wires.

The project is now coming dangerously close to being extended through next winter, which could result in a higher price tag. Craig Miller, president of the Waterfield Design Group, the company in charge of planning the project, said construction is expected to take eight to nine months. An April 30 bidding date means work will probably not begin until mid-June.

A meeting last week held by the Waterfield Group revealed that many merchants felt additional parking in the town parking lot would not make up for spots eliminated on Elm Street by the addition of curbed sidewalks.

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WINTER WALK

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Derby Academy student Sam Roth walks his dog Daisy across the Town Common during last Friday's snowstorm. School was cancelled at Derby that day due to the storm.

Callahan puts forgoing raises on the table

FY'04 budget news worsens

By John Camera
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Selectman Tom Callahan is asking all town and school employees to forgo their scheduled pay raises in fiscal year 2004 so the town can balance its operating budget without having to make additional cuts in personnel.

The request came at Tuesday night's meeting of the Board of Selectmen, shortly after Town Manager Mark Haddad informed the board that the current fiscal forecast is worse than it has ever been.

Haddad said the town was likely facing a 20 percent cut in local aid for the coming fiscal year, on top of the 2.5 percent cut it took this year. The result would be a $512,000 loss of funding from Chapter 70, lottery revenue, and additional assistance. Haddad was originally budgeting for a 10 percent cut in those areas — a loss of $232,000 —and planning for a $485,000 override to balance the budget.

The news of a 20 percent cut, which town officials previously considered a worst-case scenario, has forced Selectmen to completely reconsider how they will tackle the budget. They

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Decision doesn't clear Ayer dispute

Lets other work stand

By John Camera
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While the owners of 14 Cohasset homes on undersized lots can breath a little easier this week after Building Inspector Bob Egan has apparently let them off the hook, Phil and Mary Anne Ayer aren't giving up the fight.

As they apply for a special permit and appeal the Zoning Board's decision on their home in Superior Court, the Ayers are still claiming the town is not enforcing the zoning bylaws equally across the board.

Saying the Zoning Board of Appeals' decision on 3 Jerusalem Lane does not necessarily apply to other cases, Egan last week denied requests from Roberta Sawyer, a lawyer for the Ayers, to strip building permits or certificates of occupancy from 14 homes and force the homeowners to acquire special permits for reconstruction or additions.

Sawyer, who has said her clients are being treated unfair-

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Cohasset Mariner wins top honors

The Cohasset Mariner is the best weekly newspaper in its circulation class in New England, according to judges for 2002 New England Better Newspaper Competition.

The Cohasset Mariner won first place in the General Excellence category which encompasses everything from writing, reporting and emphasis of news — to photography, sports, design, use of headlines and overall community significance.

This was the fifth year in a row the Cohasset Mariner was honored in the General Excellence category with judges calling the Mariner "simply an outstanding newspaper." They were impressed with the Cohasset Mariner's excellent design elements, solid reporting, story leads, photography, editorial pages, local cartoons and sports section.

Community Newspaper Company/South, owner of the Mariner, earned a total 13 awards — six for first place including General Excellence for the Cohasset Mariner — at the annual New England Press Association awards banquet Saturday in Boston.

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Journalists from across New England celebrated community journalism at the convention held at the Park Plaza Hotel. CNC/South was honored for journalistic excellence in a variety of categories, competing with thousands of entries sent in by papers throughout New England.

CNC/South sports editor Julie Nevero was honored for the second straight year with a first-place award for sports column writing.

The Abingtons/Rockland Mariner staff, including former

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Library project has family link

Grandson honors his late grandfather

By Mary Ford
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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Matt Losordo with some new masonry work at the new entrance to the library.

When Frank Losordo of The Frank Losordo Company wrote the motto "Don't Start Something You Can't Finish" more than 70 years ago – he had no idea how those words would ring true decades later.

The Frank Losordo Company, carpentry and masonry contractors, did the brickwork on the rear wing of the former Osgood School at the corner of Ripley Road and Sohier Street back in 1929.

Matthew Losordo, the late Losordo's grandson, is the mason on the new library, which will be housed in the former school building.

Matthew Losordo says an aunt alerted him to the coincidence and even provided some old company literature with a photo of the then, new Osgood School wing.

Losordo, who owns Cape and Island Waterproofing, says

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This week in COHASSET

Clarification on chimney fire

A news brief in last week's Mariner about a Jan. 31 chimney fire at the Red Lion Inn warrants some clarification.

In the process of putting out the fire, the fire department cleared the burning creosote from the interior of the chimney, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said. The news item may have left some readers with the impression the fire department cleaned the chimney. The fire department also evacuated the premises during the incident, he said.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tue., Feb. 11:

Board of Assessors, March 4 at 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Osgood School Council, March 4, 7:30 in the Osgood conference room

Planning Board, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 24 at 7:00 p.m. (with Zoning Board)

Police-fire Station Study Committee, March 20, 1 p.m.

School Committee, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library (Public Hearing, FY2004 Budget)

Selectmen, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. (Avalon/40B), March 10 at 7:30 (Avalon/40B)/ All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Snow removal budget extended

Numerous small storms have chipped away at the town's snow removal budget, forcing Selectmen to allow additional spending for the cause.

Before Friday's storm, less than $4,000 remained of the $60,000 appropriated for snow removal.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the town usually over-expends the budget every other year. Last year the town spent only $37,000 but the year before it spent $128,000, he said.

Haddad estimated spending this year would fall between $80,000 and $100,000.

"The problem is we've had a lot of piddling storms, but every time a storm hits you have to send out a lot of trucks because they all have to salt and sand," he said.

Health Board may add to smoking ban

The Board of Health is considering expanding the potential ban of smoking in public places to include more outdoor areas.

The board presented the warrant article to selectmen Tuesday night with the understanding that places like outdoor patios at restaurants were already included in the proposed ban. However, selectmen quickly pointed out that the language of the article is such that only indoor areas are included in the definition of a public place.

The Board of Health will revisit the warrant article and possibly redraft it before Town Meeting. Several selectmen suggested the board include outdoor areas like patios in the ban.

Town could buy White Cedar Farm

David Bigley and Alix White have informed selectmen of their intent to sell White Cedar Farm at 224 Jerusalem Road. Under state law, the owners must give 120 days' notice, during which time the town has the right of first refusal to purchase the farm. Selectmen are waiting to see an appraisal of the land before taking any further action.

Beechwood Street traffic study planned

In response to complaints of speeding on Beechwood Street near the intersection of Hillside Drive, the town will do a speed survey to determine what speed limit should be posted on the road.

Police Chief Robert Jackson recommended the traffic study after determining that turning the intersection into a three-way stop was not warranted according to recommendations on traffic control from the federal government.

The Board of Selectmen hopes posting the speed limit on Beechwood Street, in conjunction with an existing "dangerous intersection" sign, will slow traffic in the area.

Free legal clinic

Do you have a legal question or are you confused about a legal issue? The Bar Association of Norfolk County is sponsoring free legal clinics as a public service to the community. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions.

All consultations are strictly confidential. The evening legal clinics will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Quincy District Court on the following dates: March 4, April 1, June 3, July 1.

For further information, contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County at 617-471-9693.

Adopt a hydrant

Russ Bonetti of Parker Avenue suggests residents "adopt" their local hydrant by clearing away the snow around it after a snowstorm He said after Friday's storm, firefighters came by to shovel out the hydrant at the corner of his driveway on Parker Avenue and they explained there are more than 350 hydrants in town.

"Hopefully we won't get much more snow, but it would be a nice gesture that I'm sure the firefighters would appreciate," Bonetti said.

Names of local soldiers sought

The Sons of the American Legion chapter in Cohasset would like to know the names of any Cohasset soldiers who have been deployed to the Persian Gulf.

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Financial welcome mat for historical society's new home

By John Camera
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A boost from the Community Preservation Fund may soon give the Cohasset Historical Society exactly what it needs to make its new home at the old Paul Pratt Memorial Library financially viable.

The Community Preservation Committee voted Monday to recommend at Town Meeting on March 25 that voters appropriate $400,000 from the fund for the historical society to pay for improvements to the building.

Most of the money — $300,000 — would pay for the construction of two moderate-income, senior housing apartments in the building's basement, the rent for which would cover the society's operating costs. The remainder of the funding would go towards structural improvements deemed necessary by the CPC for preserving the building historically and bringing it up to code.

"Certainly, if there was anything that fits the spirit of the CPC thing, then this is it," said committee member Al Moore, noting the dual nature of the project in that it supports both community housing and historic preservation.

If approved at Town Meeting, a grant from the Community Preservation Fund would cap an improbable run of events that has made it possible for the Historical Society to acquire the Pratt Building as its new home.

The process began in early December when Selectman Tom Callahan suggested the Historical Society bid on the building and pay for it by selling its headquarters at the Lothrop House. King Street resident Lou Harvey and five other anonymous financial guarantors sealed the deal by agreeing to front the society $725,000 until Lothrop House could be sold.

On top of all that, Cohasset resident John Barry, who made the highest bid for the Pratt Building and was legally entitled to buy it, agreed to turn it over to the Historical Society in the interest of the town.

But without the money to pay for the construction of two apartments in the building's basement, the Historical Society would be unable to pay the estimated $27,000 per year in operating costs that go along with being housed there. At Monday's meeting, Historical Society vice president Tom Gruber made sure the CPC understood that.

"Certainly, if there was anything that fits the spirit of the CPC thing, then this is it."

— Al Moore, Community Preservation Committee

"Without the apartments, this thing is going to be a sinkhole for money," Gruber said. "If there's one thing we want you to consider it's the housing component, to help us get the building on a sound financial footing as soon as we can."

Gruber said the two, one-bedroom apartments would qualify as moderate income housing for seniors. But he said making the apartments "affordable" by state standards wouldn't bring in enough revenue.

"It just wouldn't be the prudent thing to do from a financial standpoint," he said. [State guidelines say an apartment must be affordable for someone making 80 percent of the Boston area median income by not having to spend more than 30 percent of their income to live there.]

As it is, an estimated minimum rent of $1200 per month for each apartment will barely cover the building's operating costs. Gruber said the society may increase the rent to $1300 or $1400 per month to allow for extra cash to pay for maintenance.

The only request of the CPC with regards to the housing was that the deed restriction — which would keep the apartments as moderate income housing for seniors — remain in perpetuity, instead of 25 years as proposed by the Historical Society. Gruber saw no problem with it, but the CPC has not yet worked out the details on how such a restriction would transfer if the property was sold in the distant future.

Gruber originally asked the CPC for more than $450,000 to fund the project. However, the CPC said it did not want to use any money to make improvements to the building that were not necessary for historic preservation or community housing. Gruber said the remainder of the proposed improvements would need to be covered by fundraising.

The town adopted the Community Preservation Act at last year's annual Town Meeting. It derives it money from a 1.5 percent surcharge on real estate tax and a 100 percent state match. Allocations are recommended by the committee and then voted on by Town Meeting. The committee's funds must be spent on three areas: open space, historic preservation, and affordable housing.

Gruber said improvements that fell under historic preservation included repairing the slate roof, repainting the exterior, reglazing some windows, restoring the cupola and balustrade, and restoring some cracks in the building's brick and stone walls.

Gruber was optimistic that the Lothrop House would be sold soon because the Historical Society recently dropped the price of the building from $975,000 to $925,000. Factoring in the realtor's fee and the cost of the Pratt Building, Gruber said the sale of the Lothrop House would leave the Historical Society with $100,000 of its own money to put towards additional improvements in its new home.

Gruber was visibly excited by the opportunities for new displays that will be opened up at the Pratt Building. "We have 17,000 items in our collection," he said. "17,000 items. I mean, I never would have guessed it."

Business manager reinstated, assault charge is still pending

By John Camera
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Ivan Klimko has returned to work as the business manager in Cohasset Public Schools.

Klimko, a 55-year-old Hull resident, is still charged with assault and battery on his wife and is slated to go to trial at Hingham District Court on March 21. The state dismissed a charge of attempted murder on Dec. 18 due to insufficient evidence.

Klimko was hired as the business manager for Cohasset Public Schools almost two years ago after working in the Vista United school district in California.

Klimko could not be reached for comment. His phone number at his home was unpublished and he could not be reached at his office in Cohasset.

Supt. Ed Malvey said Klimko was reinstated in early January after the attempted murder charge was dropped. "This was not an employment issue. This was a private matter at home," Malvey said.

Malvey indicated the school was legally obligated to reinstate Klimko and also give him his full back pay. "I can't go into the details of it, but it's the law," he said.

Malvey said he could not comment on what would happen if Klimko was convicted of assault and battery. He said Klimko had been working weekdays from 4-11 p.m. and some weekends and would be "transitioning back into working days."

Police arrested Klimko on the night of Nov. 3 after being notified that a woman was attempting to flag down cars on George Washington Blvd. Police said Mrs. Klimko told them her husband had tried to strangle her and threatened to kill her. A police report by the arresting officer said there were "fresh scratches and red marks on her throat."

Klimko was released on $1,000 bail with the condition that he surrender his passport, stay alcohol free, and stay away from the alleged victim.

Klimko, who makes $80,000 as the school business manager, has not attended any School Committee meetings since being reinstated, despite the fact that several of those meetings have focused on budget issues.

"There was nothing that couldn't be handled without him being there," said Malvey, noting that Klimko had never been required to go to School Committee meetings in the past.

Klimko attended about 75 percent of School Committee meetings before he was arrested, said Mark DeGiacomo, a member of the School Committee. He said Malvey has kept the committee informed of Klimko's status.

Open burning season is underway

Cohasset residents may obtain permits on a daily basis from through May 1, for open burning. Permits may be obtained by calling the Fire Department Dispatch, Center at 781-383-0260 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Permits are valid for one day only.

Burning may be conducted during periods of good atmospheric ventilation and must not cause a nuisance. Adverse weather conditions (wind and drought) will impact permit issuance. Burning hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on days permits are issued. Decisions to issue permits are made daily at 9 a.m. Persons calling for permits before that hour will be advised to call back.

Open burning permits are issued for the disposal of brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris. Burning shall be conducted on land proximate to the place of generation. Burning shall be conducted at a distance greater than 75 feet from any dwelling. Select a safe area with no ground cover. While burning the fire must be attended until completely extinguished. Have a water hose rake and shovel nearby for fire control.

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Egan decision doesn't clear the Ayer dispute

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ly, said the homes in question are no different than 3 Jerusalem Lane because they involve "extensions, alterations, or enlargements" on nonconforming lots without special permits.

"I wasn't surprised but I'm extremely disappointed that they continue to single out Mr. Ayer," she said about Egan's decision. "They're not enforcing the bylaw equally. They're subjecting Mr. Ayer to prejudicial treatment."

Egan said in a letter to Sawyer that he denied the requests not because the homes did not involve similar circumstances to the Ayers' home, but because the Zoning Board's decision regarding the Ayers' home concerned "a narrow case involving a single property." "I do not see that the decision and its conditions are immediately applicable to any other case," Egan wrote.

Egan also said in his decision that he questioned whether Sawyer's complaints were "in good faith" because the Ayers are asking for enforcement of the zoning bylaws and simultaneously claiming the decision of the Zoning Board is incorrect.

Although the Ayers razed a small ranch and replaced it with a much larger home, Egan issued the building permit because the new structure met all height and setback requirements. But the Zoning Board found on Jan. 16 that the Ayers' home should not have been issued a building permit because it was on a nonconforming, or undersized, lot. The board said Egan's longstanding interpretation of the bylaws was incorrect and the Ayers must apply for a special permit to complete the home according to original plans.

"The United States of America is a democracy. You have to apply the laws equally and fairly and they're not doing it."

— Roberta Sawyer, lawyer for 3 Jerusalem Lane

Sawyer said the decision was particularly frustrating because Egan appeared to agree the homes in question were similar to 3 Jerusalem Lane in terms of their nonconforming lots, but still found they were not subject to the Zoning Board's interpretation of the bylaw.

Before issuing his decision, Egan said that at least six of the 14 homes in Sawyer's complaints were the "same cases" as the Ayers' home.

"It's completely inconsistent," Sawyer said, adding that the ruling seemed to reflect an "internal war" between Egan and the Zoning Board.

But Chairman Woody Chittick has repeatedly said the Zoning Board and Egan are not at odds. He also said that "all decisions (of the zoning board) apply only to specific cases," which seems to support Egan's denial of Sawyer's requests.

Chittick said the Zoning Board did not consider the effect its interpretation of the zoning bylaw might have on older, already completed houses.

He said forcing a house under construction that was in violation of the bylaw to seek a special permit would depend "on whether someone's aggrieved or not." However, the bylaw should be applied uniformly to future cases, he said.

Sawyer said allowing such disparities between past, present and future cases was unlawful. "You can not have selective enforcement," she said. "The United States of America is a democracy. You have to apply the laws equally and fairly and they're not doing it."

Sawyer said she will appeal Egan's decision to the Zoning Board.

The public hearing for 3 Jerusalem Lane that is part of the special permit process is scheduled for March 17.

Callahan says forgoing raises should be up for discussion

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now want to prepare for the possibility of a general override being rejected, an event that would leave the town with a budget deficit as high as $765,000.

Callahan said that by town and school employees forgoing their pay raises, around $630,000 of that deficit can be erased, without raising taxes or sacrificing the quality of services for residents. "This is another thing that we've never put on the table and it needs to be in the mix," he said. "It's a sacred cow that's never been touched."

Callahan said eliminating raises was common during tough times in the private sector and that the Governor of Connecticut had even suggested the idea this year to help cure that state's budget crisis. The idea was turned down by labor unions, he said, but "hundreds and hundreds of people are now out of work there."

"It just seems to me that one of the purposes of the unions in to serve their membership," Callahan said. "In the end, the unions are going to lose members. They cut their nose to spite their face."

Reaction from other selectmen to Callahan's suggestion was mixed.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris seemed to oppose the idea, saying town and school employees already make less money than people in the private sector.

But Chairman Michael Sullivan was more receptive, noting that what were supposedly considered "cost of living" raises were not as necessary in a sluggish economy. "We have to have some more flexibility to deal with the down years," Sullivan said.

In the current school budget, salary increases account for $420,000, more than 90 percent of the 4 percent budget increase that Haddad previously told the schools to expect. The School Committee has said that any additional cuts in its budget would definitely result in additional layoffs.

Callahan said the idea of cutting raises was not his only idea for balancing the budget and he was only saying that a dialogue with unions should begin. "I'm not suggesting at this point shoving anything down anyone's throat. I'm just suggesting we open up talks with the unions," he said.

Sullivan told Haddad to begin informal talks with the unions and to set up a meeting between the Board of Selectmen and union presidents and leaders. Callahan said the board should be prepared to let the unions know exactly what cuts would be made in different budget scenarios.

Village project is delayed

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Meanwhile, several merchants are trying to raise the $550,000 necessary to bury conduits so that utility wires in the village can be buried in the future. A suggestion by Cohasset resident Wayne Sawchuk to move utility wires to the town parking lot for buildings along that side of South Main Street is also being considered.

At Tuesday's meeting, Miller said he misspoke at the last meeting by saying the cost of lighting was not included in the original scope of the project's budget. However, he said, the spacing of lighting will still be affected by utility poles.

Selectmen initially considered delaying construction on the streetscape project until September so that businesses would not be disturbed in the summer and all parking and utility issues could be sorted out.

Miller said waiting that long was risky because it would mean the project would definitely need to be extended through the winter, increasing costs.

Town Manager Mark Haddad also cautioned against the move, saying that if construction was not completed by June 30, 2004, the town would risk losing whatever remained of a $1.5 million state grant that will pay for the majority of the project.

Selectman Tom Callahan seemed to be in disbelief that the idea of extending the project was even being considered. "I'm concerned about the town being hijacked by the interests of the downtown businesses," he said. "There's so much at risk, so much financial disadvantage for us to wait."

After agreeing on waiting until April 30 to bid the streetscape project, Selectmen said the James Brook culvert project and the reconstruction of the town parking lot, to be paid for by the MBTA as part of mitigation for Greenbush line, would be put out to bid on schedule by mid-March. Selectmen said they would name two merchants to the Downtown Revitalization Committee in the coming weeks.

Miller said a consensus would be needed from the merchants looking to bury utility wires. He said the designs for burying the conduits, which those merchants would need to pay for, would take five weeks to complete.

Miller also said that Sawchuk's idea to move the utilities into the parking lot, along with other ideas he submitted to Selectmen, should be looked into. "I think Wayne has some innovative ideas and they deserve some attention," Miller said.

The Board of Selectmen reiterated it would not support another override to help pay for the streetscape revitalization project.

Cohasset Mariner wins top honors

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reporter Shanley Stern, took home a first-place prize in spot news reporting, for work on the Gary Sampson shooting spree last summer. The Mariner at the time was the first newspaper to report the alleged killer tried to call the FBI to turn himself in prior to committing the crimes for which he is being charged.

"The awards really show the breath of coverage and the hard work our editorial team does day in and day out," said Mark Skala, editor in chief for CNC/South. "It does take a team effort and requires close contact with our communities and readers, who help us do a better job every day."

Other awards include:

- First place, Editorial Writer; Alice Coyle, Scituate Mariner.
- First place, Environmental Reporting; Cathy Conley, Braintree Forum.
- First place, Coverage of Racial/Ethnic Issue; Cathy Conley, Braintree Forum.
- Second place, Coverage of Racial/Ethnic Issue; Dan Gravel, Marshfield Mariner.
- Second place, Color Photo; Alan Chapman Scituate Mariner.
- Second place, Arts/Entertainment Reporting; Alice Coyle, Scituate Mariner.
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Hundreds of area residents have taken up the fight against cancer by taking part in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. The volunteer planning committee for the Society's seventh annual Relay For Life in Cohasset is hosting a kickoff for new team captains and interested participants from 7- 8p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St. The Relay For Life in Cohasset is set to take place on May 16-17 at Cohasset High School. Funds raised support the Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and services that benefit local patients and their families. For more information, to volunteer or to find an event near you, please call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the Web site at www.cancer.org.

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LEHIGH GRAD

Many residents of Cohasset have been working hard at school and we want to recognize their efforts. **John Kasemeyer** of Cohasset received a bachelor's degree in business and economics with a major in accounting from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Penn. Jan. 12.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Joanna Larrabee graduated from Springfield College in Springfield, Mass. in January with a Bachelor of Science degree.

SYRACUSE HONORS

Grace Gardner of Beechwood Street, a junior majoring in painting, has been named to the dean's list at Syracuse University where she is a student in the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

COLBY STANDOUTS

Named to the dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, Maine are **Caitlin E. Slodden and Lauren M. Smith.** Caitlin, who is the daughter of **Henry and Karen Slodden**, is a Thayer Academy graduate. She is majoring in anthropology and minoring in women's studies. Also a Thayer grad, Lauren, who is the daughter of **William and Maureen Smith**, is majoring in English with a concentration in creative writing and sociology.

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SNOW FUN

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Harry Durant, left, with Andrea Buffum and her son, Derick Buffum take a break from snowboarding and tubing at the Cohasset Golf Club.

EARLY DECISION

Julie Marie Shea has been offered admission to Colby College under Colby's early decision program. Julie is scheduled to enroll in the fall, following her graduation from Cohasset Middle High School. The daughter of **Richard and Birgitte Shea**, Julie is a member of the National Honor Society. Other activities include, serving as a School Committee representative, captain of the tennis team, peer counselor and a sailing instructor with the Cohasset Sailing Club. With her acceptance, Julie is one of 123 students admitted early decision to Colby.

BRYANT DEAN'S LIST

Patrick Murphy, a senior in marketing, and **Todd Bestick**, a senior in finance, have been named to the dean's list at Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I.

POST-PROM PLANNING

The Post Prom Party Committee is holding a meeting for the entire Senior Class parent body on Thurs., Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the CHS cafeteria. We encourage all the senior parents to attend, especially the dads (for construction, in particular), to sign on for different responsibilities. Participants who work together on this magical project will most likely experience lots of fun and a special bonding with other Senior parents. This is also a good time to begin gathering baby pictures as well as current photos. Any questions, call 781-383-2702.

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BRICK BY BRICK

Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum celebrated its groundbreaking in November 2002 and renovations are underway to the museum's space which will be located adjacent to the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Sohier Street/ Our World has raised one-third of the funds needed to meet its goal for the opening of the museum and are portions of the museum are expected to open in the fall of 2003. The focus now is on fundraising for the playground which will be built adjacent to Our World. The estimated cost to rebuild the playground is $125,000. One of the ways the Our World Playground Committee will be raising funds for the playground is with the Brick by Brick program. Through the Brick by Brick program, your donation of $100 will be recognized with an engraved brick. You can have your name, your family's name, loved one or your business name celebrated in brick. If you prefer, you also have the opportunity to contribute a larger engraved paver or a beautiful hardwood bench complete with an engraved brass plate. Engraved bricks and pavers will be used in walkways and as accents throughout the surrounding areas of the playground. All the funds generated by the Brick by Brick program will go directly to the designing and purchasing of play structures, landscaping of the play area and on-going maintenance.

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LUNCHTIME SPEAKER

The Cohasset Social Service League resumes its Lunchtime Speaker Series on Friday Feb 28 at noontime with **Dr. Alan Jacobson** of South Shore Mental Health. Dr. Jacobson will speak on "Preventing Adolescent Risky Behavior," this will include some of the causes of risky behavior as well as some parental strategies to prevent this behavior. This presentation will emphasize the importance of balance, communication and the effects of peers. At the South Shore Art Center, Cohasset. Free. 12-1p.m. Q&A to follow. For more info call the League at 781-383-0771.

Cohasset resident John M. Connolly, M.D., left, accepts his Caring With Excellence Award from Scott Steward, M.D., of Caritas Good Samaritan Medical Center.

CARING WITH EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to **John M. Connolly, M.D.** of Cohasset, operating room medical director at Caritas Good Samaritan Medical Center, on his Caring With Excellence Award. The hospital presents the awards to individuals who have earned deep respect from their colleagues, thrive in their profession, make a profound impact on others and demonstrate everyday a commitment to the hospital's mission to heal, care, comfort and serve. All winners are nominated by their peers.

I want to end my column this week by sending out a fond farewell to a man who was known and loved by so many, my father-in-law, Mr. Frederick Piepenbrink. He was known as Bud, Fred, Freddie, Dad and Grandpa. He will be missed every day and our memories will hold us all as we move forward in all of our lives. As we sat at his Memorial Service on Tuesday, I watched and listened with tears of sadness, but also with tears of joy that his family and friends were able to see and hear what an amazing man he was. He fought for our country, delivered mail to so many and shared his life and love with his children, grandchildren, daughter-in-laws and friends. Papa, you truly were a hero to us all, we love you! The family would like to say thank you to all who helped and let us know that they were there in so many ways. The love that you all gave to us was so appreciated.

Please send in all of your news to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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BE MINE, VALENTINE!

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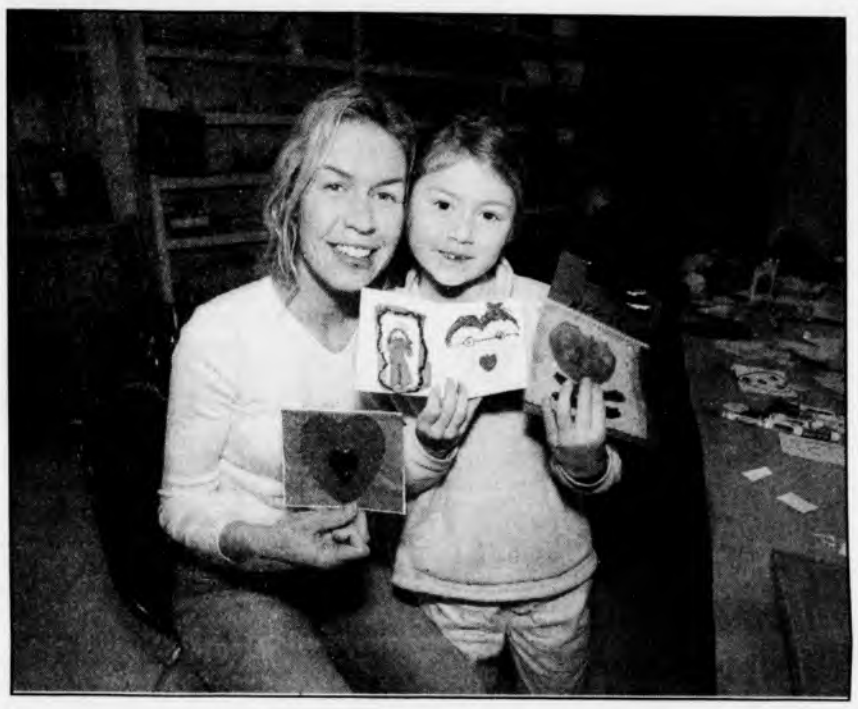
Above: Beve Davis of Cohasset shows off the valentine she created at the Valentine Workshop at the South Shore Art Center on Saturday.

Below: Caileigh Hart and her mother, Trish, showoff the handmade valentines they made at the art center's parent and child workshop. For more about art center programs, call 781-383-ARTS.



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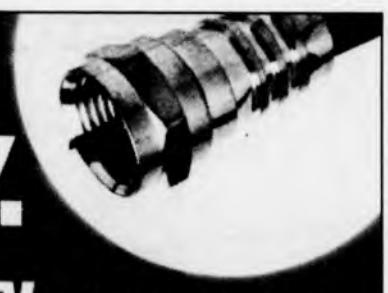

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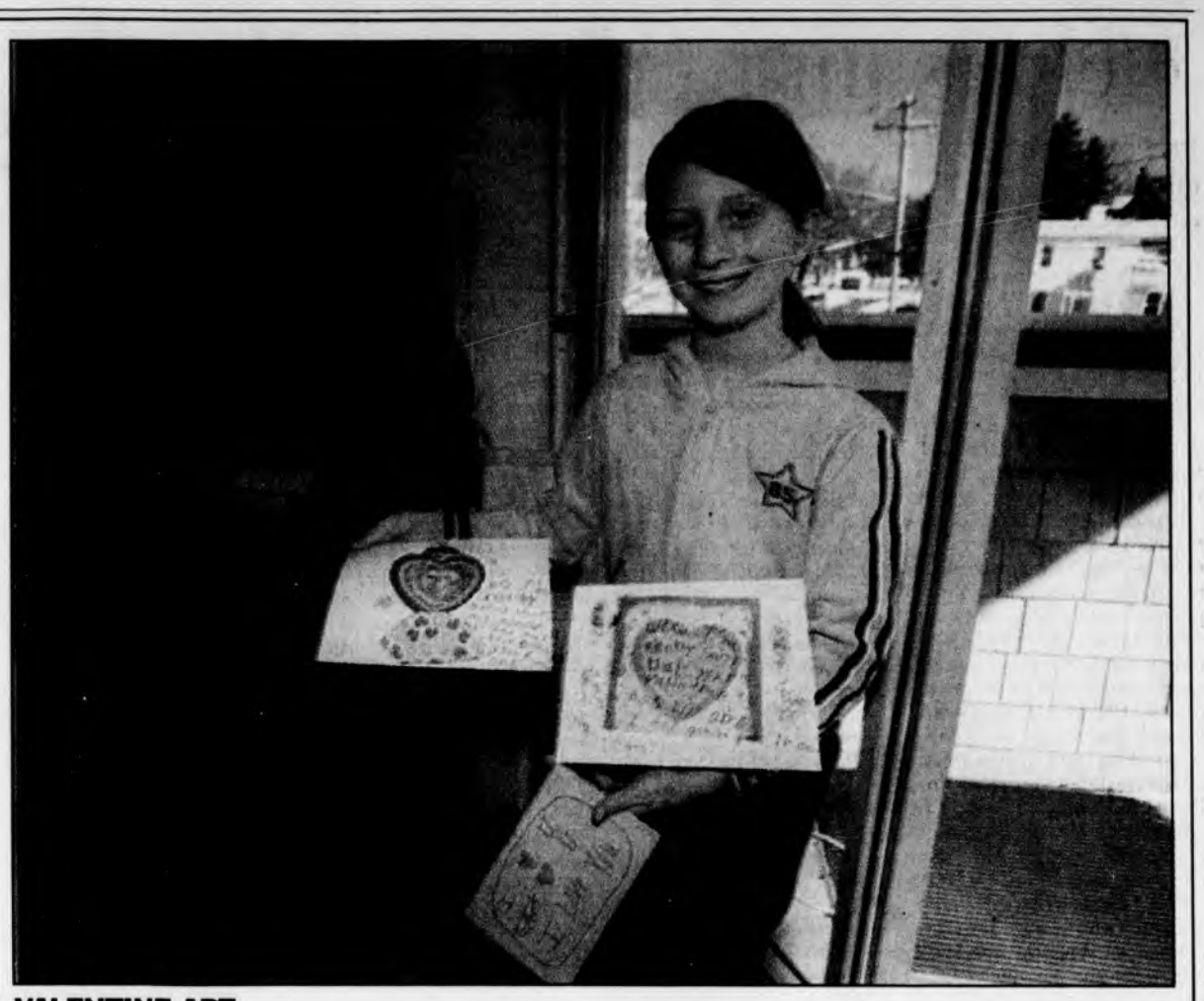

VALENTINE ART

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Some lucky ones are going to receive these handmade valentines created by Giselle Hart of Cohasset, above, at the special parent-child valentine workshop at the South Shore Art Center on Saturday.

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Library project has a family connection

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although the trade hasn't changed a lot over time, having the family connection intrigued him.

"I never met my grandfather because he died before I was born," Losordo says. "So it was satisfying to find out my grandfather had worked on the building and it was a great way for me to connect with him."

Matching new brick to the older brick took a little time, but was well worth the effort, Losordo explains.

"It's a beautiful project and I was very impressed with all the contractors and subcontractors on the job," he says.

Steve May, clerk of the words for the library project, said Lorsordo's work involved installing any new brick and repairing old brick. The job also entailed the brickwork around the new entrance and bay windows.

"It's a very difficult brick to match because it's so old," May explains. "They are not making bricks out of that type of clay anymore."

The town built the school back in 1926 due to overcrowding at the Joseph Osgood School on Elm Street [where the police-fire station are now located], and later renamed the new school after its predecessor. In 1929, the town added the back wing and called upon architect Edward Nichols for the design, and the Frank Losordo Company of Hyde Park to do the contracting work. At the time, Frank Losordo had completed a number of schools and other public buildings in Massachusetts.

"Today, 76 years later, the brickwork is being continued and expertly matched by Frank Losordo's grandson, Matt," notes Paul Pratt Library Trustee Barbara Power.

Power said Losordo wanted to memorialize his grandfather in some way and the Trustees were pleased to accept his offer to provide some extra work not included in the budget in exchange for adding a line to the donor wall "In Memory of Frank Losordo."

May said Losordo repaired the pre-cast "columns" that were badly chipped around the old front door facing Ripley Road and did a lot of pointing [mortar work] that was not in the contract in exchange for the memorial to his grandfather.

In the mid-1990s, the town built the new Osgood School on Sohier Street; and later approved the $3.9 million library project for the former Osgood School. The new library will open March 3.

Help is just a phone call away

Program can ensure local seniors are safe

By John Camera
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Help may be "only a phone call away," as the saying goes, but making that call isn't always easy.

Seniors living alone who fall down or become ill often don't have the ability to place a call in an emergency.

That's why a service from the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office — the "Are You O.K.?" telephone reassurance program — is doing it for them.

"It only takes 24 seconds, it's absolutely free, and it could save your life," says program director Cheryl Bambery, who began "Are You O.K.?" in April 2001 and modeled it after a similar program in Plymouth County.

Bambery said the program has saved 17 lives in less than two years.

"We had a women in Walpole who didn't answer her phone. When we checked up on her she was under the table with a broken leg," she said.

The way the "Are You O.K.?" program works is simple. Once an application is filled out, a person will receive a automated phone call at a designated time every day between the hours of 6 a.m. and 12 p.m. A voice will ask, "Are you O.K.?", and a simple "yes" is all that is required. But a "no" answer or a "no response" will prompt another call from an "Are You O.K.?" officer.

"I think it's a godsend. To me, it's wonderful."
— Helen Murley, Cohasset resident

If there is no answer at all to the original call, a second call is placed five minutes later. Still no answer, and an alarm tells an "Are You O.K.?" officer to contact a designated friend or family member to check on the person. If a friend or family member is unavailable, the officer will contact the local police to do the check-up.

Bambery said the program reaches about 250 seniors in Norfolk County.

"It's grown to be more of a support group than anything else," she said. "Sometimes it's the only call they get all day."

Helen Murley is one of three Cohasset residents who use the program. "I think it's a godsend," she said. "To me, it's wonderful."

Murley hasn't had any emergencies since she signed up in September, but she said the program gives her something to fall back on if her arthritis or asthma act up. "It makes me feel very secure. I'm very pleased with the results," she said.

Carol Barrett, outreach director at the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs, educates seniors about the program.

"It's a very difficult sell," she said. "The elderly say, 'I don't need someone to call me because my son or daughter calls me every day.' Well, I say, 'What if they don't call you one of these days?'"

Bambery agreed. The one day a relative doesn't call, she said, is the day something could happen. "In this program, we don't take anything for granted," she said.

Barrett said the simplicity of the program makes it very worthwhile. "All they really have to do is lift up the phone," she said. "If they say they're not feeling well, then they'll get a call back again."

For more information about the "Are You O.K.?" program, contact Cheryl Bambery toll-free at 1-866-900-7865.

About 'Are You O.K.?

Name: "Are You O.K.?" telephone reassurance program

Location: Norfolk County Sheriff's Office

Purpose: To check by telephone on the well-being of senior citizens or people with limited restrictions, giving them the comfort and security needed to maintain personal independence

Contact: Cheryl Bambery, program director, 1-866-900-7865

Statistics: About 250 participants countywide; 17 lives saved in two years

Deadline for nomination papers looms

Time is running out for those who wish to run for elected town offices. No new candidates sought nomination papers this week.

Potential candidates must secure 50 signatures from registered voters to make them eligible for the April 5 election. Nomination papers must be obtained by 4:30 p.m. today and submitted by 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Candidates who had turned in papers as of Wednesday morning include Gabriel Gomez, Richard Barrow, Carol Riley, Margaret Chapman, Michael Patrolia, Roger Hill, John McNabb, and Robert Sturdy.

Candidates who had not yet submitted papers include Michael Sullivan, Richard Flynn, Chartis Tebbetts, Agnes McCann, Patience Towle, and John Beck.

Seats up for election include:

- Board of Selectmen. Michael Sullivan will seek reelection. Roger Hill and Gabriel Gomez will also run for Sullivan's seat;
- Board of Assessors. Michael Patrolia is running for re-election;
- Board of Trustees for the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Agnes McCann, Patience Towle and Carol Riley will all run for re-election;
- Board of Health. Margaret Chapman will seek re-election;
- Planning Board. Robert Sturdy will seek re-election;
- Recreation Commission. Richard Barrow will seek re-election;
- School Committee. Rick Flynn and Chartis Tebbetts will both seek re-election;
- Sewer Commission. Gary Vanderweil will not seek re-election, but John Beck is running;
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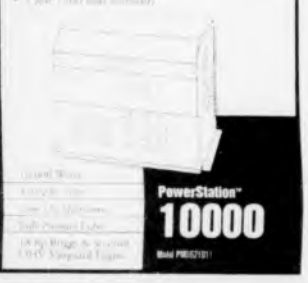
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Be prepared

"Always be prepared" is a motto that many of us learned in our days in the Boy Scouts or Girls Scouts when we were children. But that commonsense message is lost on many of us today because fast food drive-thrus are open most of the time, as are supermarkets and convenience stores.

And if we need money at odd hours, we can always find an ATM machine.

Life wasn't always this "convenient." Not so long ago, we had to plan meals because fast food and take-out pizza weren't readily available, and just about everything was closed on Sunday.

Those were the days of air raid drills in school and the fear that Khrushchev was going to drop the atomic bomb on us.

Although we knew of no one who actually had one, there were reports and even TV shows about families that had built their own bomb shelters in their basements or backyards.

The times we live come with another set of fears, not the least of which is terrorism that carries with it a range of frightening scenarios from suicide bombings to biological weapons of mass destruction.

Terrorism is nothing new — just ask any Londoner who lived in the UK during the IRA bombings. But it wasn't until the catastrophic attacks of 9-11 that many of us on this side of the Atlantic felt truly vulnerable.

During the past week, the federal warning of a terrorist attack has been rated "high" up from "elevated." But, according to reports, many of us have done little to prepare for any break in our routine. That may be attributed to the fact we're all being encouraged to conduct our daily lives as usual, so it's difficult for a threat to seem real.

Twenty-five years ago this month the Blizzard of '78 completely shut down the state for days. In many ways, the preparedness we need for a terrorist attack is no different than what would be required to have during a major snowstorm or hurricane.

Therefore, if the specter of terrorism didn't exist, it would still be a good idea for all of us to review our household emergency plans.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has an excellent Web site that asks "Are You Ready?" The site includes information on "disaster supply kits," creating a disaster plan, and emergency planning.

Here are a few tips we gleaned from the information:

- Plan how your household would stay in contact if you were separated.
- Pick a friend or relative who lives out of the area for your family members to call to say they are OK
- A disaster supply kit with essential food, water and supplies for three days should be kept in a designated place and be ready to "grab and go" should you have to leave your home quickly.
- Keep a car kit with emergency supplies, including flares and jumper cables.
- Assemble a work place disaster kit with food and water
- Store adequate drinking water for your household; keep canned foods, dry mixes and other staples
- Assemble a first aid kit for your home and each vehicle
- Make sure you have prescriptions are filled
- Store important documents in a watertight container
- Have flashlights with extra batteries
- Assemble a tool kit
- Have blankets or a sleeping bag for each family member.
- Consider the needs of infants, the elderly, disabled and pets, and include entertainment and comfort items for children.

For more on emergency planning visit www.fema.gov.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The real leaders

TO THE EDITOR:

It was a pleasant surprise to find that someone had nominated me for consideration as citizen of the year, citing leadership of the Lightkeepers as one reason. Although I have served as President for the last few years, I see it as sort of a caretaking role to preserve the great achievement of Joe McElroy, the real leader who, with Herb Towle, recognized the potential of the decrepit lightkeepers house, who persuaded the town to let it be restored and converted to a community function hall, and who raised the funds and organized the myriad activities required to deconstruct and reconstruct the building. Joe also established the operating policies and practices that we still follow with only minor adjustments

Thanks to Joe McElroy, the townspeople enjoy a beautiful facility at nominal cost, and many will long remember the weddings, birthday parties and family get-togethers they attended in Bancroft Hall.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

All viewpoints are welcome

TO THE EDITOR:

The South Shore Peace Forum invites *all* South Shore citizens of *all* viewpoints to join us in discussing our nation's future at our next forum on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. We will be investigating the domestic impact of a war on Iraq. Together we can meet our responsibility to engage in a civil public discussion and provide guidance to our elected representatives.

To Hingham's 1058th Transportation Unit, and their families: We wish you well and we pray and work daily for your safe return.

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Response to Massport letter

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is in response to the letter to the editor from Betty Desrosiers, Director of Aviation Planning and Development at Massport, and published in the Mariner on Feb. 6.

On April 12, 2002, Massport installed a temporary noise monitor on King St. in Cohasset. Its purpose was to quantify the noise levels now experienced in the town and to be used as a reference to gauge the effectiveness of mitigation procedures relating to recommended flight path changes. The monitor was in place for 47 days.

In that period there were thousands of overflights from arrivals on runways 33L and 22R, the runways which affect us most severely. Frank Icavino, manager of Massport's noise office, informed me that on the first weekend there were 300 aircraft noise events that exceeded 65 dB. This is the noise threshold above which residential land use is discouraged. In August, Mr. Icavino called to tell me that he had calculated the average noise level for the entire, period to be 60 dB. In September, he again called to tell me that after review the average noise level had been recalculated at 58.8 dB. In early December, he called once again to tell me that the actual noise levels were now 53 dB. I told him that it was simply not credible that there could have been a sevenfold reduction in noise from the original calculations. He claimed that Massport had failed to exclude lawnmower noise. This is not a plausible explanation. He had explicitly planned to exclude lawnmower and other extraneous noise from the outset. Contrary to the assertion in Ms. Desrosiers letter to the editor, Mr. Icavino did not qualify any of his remarks with words such as "preliminary" or "single day".

The monitoring equipment itself is designed to exclude most extraneous sources of noise. It records only those noises above a known threshold and of long duration. These are uniquely characteristic of airplane-generated sound. Mr. Icavino set up those parameters when he installed the equipment.

You may have been surprised to read that of the 8,000 noise events recorded, only 3,400 were counted as aircraft-only events. Since the noise monitor is equipped to exclude most other sources of noise, this reduction is quite unbelievable, 3,400 events over the study period works out to be only 72 noise events per day. When runway 33L is in use for arrivals, we experience up to 600 overflights/day, and when runway 22R is in use for departures, we experience up to 400 overflights/day. It only takes seven days of these flight patterns to accumulate 3,400 noise events. The monitor was in place for 47 days. Massport's math does not add up.

It is most inconvenient for Massport to have recorded noise levels of 60 dB in Cohasset, According to their Environmental Impact Report (EIR), noise at this level is only supposed to occur over the water somewhat north and east of the tip of Hull and six miles closer to the airport than Cohasset. Since the building of the new runway is justified by the Report, it is clear that the EIR should be revisited and corrected to reflect the measured experience of South Shore residents.

Ms. Desrosiers asserts that I was promised the "raw data" with which to do our own analysis. On Wednesday, Jan. 29, Mr. Icavino refused my direct request for the data. This was a reversal of an earlier commitment that Massport had made to make the data available. It is troubling that Ms. Desrosiers chose not to inform me directly but used the vehicle of the letter to the editor of Feb. 6, to grant the request.

Finally, the assertion that I "unplugged the microphone" of their noise monitor is nonsensical and a complete fabrication. It might have been in Massport's interest to unplug the microphone, but it was certainly not in ours. The only people who had the ability and knowledge to operate, install, dismantle, unplug, take readings, etc., were officials of Massport. If a microphone was unplugged, it could only have been done by Massport. Perhaps that is why the number of noise events was lower than expected,

As you now know, Massport and the FAA have increased the number of flights directly over Cohasset severalfold over the last three years. These flights are claimed to be "over-the-water," and ineligible for mitigation. It is tragic that Massport sought to dilute the results of the noise monitor so as to maintain the "over-the-water" fiction. The final reported results of the noise monitor are not credible. I am therefore requesting with this letter that Massport agree to a second study of the aircraft noise in Cohasset. The study should be conducted by an independent, qualified noise consultant acceptable to Cohasset and the data be made available promptly at the conclusion of the study.

Ralph Dormitzer
111 Atlantic Ave.

Valentine dance to benefit Bread & Jams day shelter

First Annual Valentines Fund Dance will be celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St. The creative black-tie party will raise money to benefit the homeless of greater Boston and Cambridge. All proceeds will be donated to Bread & Jams, Inc. Self-advocacy Programs.

Bread & Jams is a day shelter for men, women and youth in Harvard Square at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church at 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge.

With this year's crippling State and Federal cutbacks, this event will allow those who do not think of themselves as wealthy philanthropists to make a collective difference that will keep the shelter alive. Dress creatively, come and have compassion and fun at the same time.

Numerous merchants, restaurateurs and local artists and friends from both South Shore communities and Harvard Square have donated gift certificates, tickets to major sporting events and works of art for raffle and silent auction. The Atlantica Restaurant is donating the hall and hors d'oeuvres. There will be a cash bar and dinner reservations can be placed with the Atlantica at 781-383-0900. Featured entertainment by The Joe Micarelli Trio, The Full Moon Revue, and Shaken Not Stirred - all donating their energy to this timely cause. Donations are $25 per person. Tables and blocks of tickets are also available. RSVP by mailed invitation please as a limited number of tickets will be available at the door. For more information contact Peter Whittemore at 47 Elm Court, Cohasset, MA, 02025: 781-383-6568; peterwhittemore@hotmail.com.

HEALTH NOTES

Comprehensive plan is critical to storm-water management

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As you know, to meet EPA Clean Water Act (Phase II) provisions, the State requires urbanized towns, of which Cohasset is one, to meet more rigorous storm-water management regulations to control surface water runoff to our various water resources. Lily Pond, our drinking water supply, is one. The requirements of this law are reasonable. Implementation, however, is not trivial, since it changes the way we have managed our surface water runoff since colonial times.

Nevertheless, if we are to receive the benefits of modern progress, we must deal with its threats. These threats come from runoff of certain types from our roads, lawns, agricultural and industrial facilities, and from many other sources all of which are directed by the town's storm-water system of drains and catch basins into our various wetlands, streams, rivers, ponds and estuaries. About half of the surface water drained by the system is benign. The rest has harmful contaminants to a greater or lesser degree.

For about a year now, the Town has been developing under Board of Health sponsorship, a Stormwater Management Plan which would help control the harmful material entering our water resources and would meet Federal and State requirements of the Clean Water Act. A major part of this plan is to identify the source of storm waters entering all of our water bodies, but most importantly, those containing our drinking water.

But mapping and identifying is one thing, cleanup is another.

Accordingly, the Town, using state grant funding, along with some matching funds of our own, has been working on identifying all of the town's storm drains and catch basins. At the beginning of this work it was estimated that the Town had about 900 such drains. Using mapping from aerial photography (taken for other purposes) we have completed maps of about half the Town, and have found about 1100 catch basins and storm drains. By the end of this work, all significant areas of Cohasset will have been mapped and made a part of the Cohasset Stormwater Plan in conformance to Federal and State requirements.

The Town's Stormwater Plan is a blueprint for assessment and cleanup. It includes a schedule and a description of some of the measures which cleanup will require. But mapping and identifying is one thing, cleanup is another. Modifying our drains and collection systems will take years, and will only be possible if we proceed deliberately and use the people and resources we already assign to such tasks. The Cohasset DPW already inspects and services many of the towns storm drains and catch basins. It is the purpose of the plan to make this ongoing activity more effective by addressing the most important problems first. In this manner, we can keep the costs of such an undertaking within reason.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Gomez announces run for selectman

My wife, Sarah, and I moved to Cohasset a few years ago to raise our growing family. We chose the town because of the warmth of its people, the beauty of its landscape, the high quality of its public education, the feeling of physical security, and the strength of its community. We are thankful to have found such a wonderful place to permanently settle and increasingly feel the responsibility to give back to the town that we call home. I am running for the Board of Selectmen to offer the voters of Cohasset a fresh perspective on town issues, a strong commitment to hard work on the Board and a sincere promise of strict fiscal responsibility. As a new face on the Board, I look forward to the opportunity to evaluate all issues with a sole focus on the long-term health of Cohasset.

Through my military service as a U.S. Navy SEAL commander and as a U.S. Navy pilot I have learned leadership skills, the value of hard work and how to operate effectively within diverse teams. Further, my training from Harvard Business School and business experience working with growing companies in the financial services industry has enabled me to build a strong foundation of financial understanding and the discipline of a successful executive. Having served on the Board of Directors of a number of growing companies as well as the YMCA of Greater Boston, the largest YMCA in the United States, I have helped guide businesses and charitable organizations through this difficult economic period, learning to avoid the pitfalls of insufficient planning and inadequate management. I do not shy away from challenge or difficulty. It has been suggested to me that as a relative newcomer, I have an uphill battle to win your support. To the contrary, I suggest that the fresh perspective I can bring to the Board will enable me to better represent you. As you get to know me, I hope you will find that I have both the judgment and the character to be entrusted with the betterment of our community.

Spending time in the community has taught me that while the voters of Cohasset are proud of their town, they see ways that the Board of Selectmen can improve life in the community, and ways that the Board of Selectmen can improve itself. The Board of Selectmen is the executive of Cohasset, responsible for the direction of our town. In difficult economic times such as these, it is the Board of Selectmen that must be responsible for the state of our town and accountable to the people of Cohasset. In a time of difficult choices and with changes to be made, I will be your voice of responsibility and change on the Board of Selectmen. I am a family man, a military man, and a businessman with a strong sense of community responsibility and a fresh view for Cohasset.

First and foremost, I believe that a high degree of fiscal responsibility will be crucial to the future of Cohasset. Like many towns in Massachusetts, Cohasset is facing the difficult combination of decreasing tax revenues and uncertain state funding as the economy continues to falter. In Cohasset we have seen budget overrides and special expenditure votes as the town struggles to provide all of the services of the late 1990s within the stark revenue realities of 2003. This approach is both inefficient and time-consuming, as voters must head to the polls for every new issue that arises. The goal of the Board (of Selectmen) should be to propose a budget that makes overrides unnecessary. As Governor Romney presents his budget cuts later this month, Cohasset will have more difficult choices to face. I believe that these choices are a challenge to be overcome, and one that is best met with a realistic budgeting process based on the worst-case state-funding scenario.

I have a strong understanding of the issues, a proven ability to learn and to lead, a passion for the job and an absolute commitment to listening to your concerns.

Cohasset voters do not want further tax increases. It is therefore the obligation of the Board of Selectmen to keep town spending in check. Rising tax rates are threatening the security of long-time town residents and putting a strain on households already feeling the pinch of a down economy. Despite the difficulty of the situation, it is the Board of Selectmen's responsibility as representatives of Cohasset's voters to rein our spending within the new boundaries.

Unfortunately, state-level budget cuts will inevitably take funding from our schools. Cohasset's schools are one of the town's great assets. My wife, Sarah, was a schoolteacher until she decided to stay home and raise our children, and education is an issue close to our hearts. Each of us has an obligation to ensure that our children's education does not suffer during this economic downturn. The Board of Selectmen, working with the School Committee, is your leadership in this effort. We must put the students first as we seek to maintain our high standards. While financial means are tight we will work with teachers and administration to find creative solutions to difficult problems. As a start, I would propose that we all renew our efforts to contribute meaningfully to the Cohasset educational system through volunteering our time or donating our resources to make up for the losses. The Board of Selectman, in conjunction with the School Committee, can and should harness the strength of the community through this difficult time for our schools.

Gabriel Gomez

These are difficult times for Cohasset; these are defining moments for our town. Defining moments call for strong leaders. Cohasset is at a crossroads and the entrenched politics and old alliances are no longer serving your best interests as a Cohasset voter. Unique among this year's candidates, I offer you a clean slate to represent your interests in the improvement of Cohasset. I have a strong understanding of the issues, a proven ability to learn and to lead, a passion for the job and an absolute commitment to listening to your concerns. You can count on me to come to the job with a high level of commitment and dedication, with a businessman's discipline, a military leader's strength and a father's sensitivity.

I look forward to meeting all of you, and hope to have the chance to introduce you to my wife, Sarah, as well as our children, Olivia, Zander and Antonia. Over the next few weeks I will be knocking on your doors, and I look forward to hearing your view of the issues. I want to hear your perspective as I work to make the Cohasset Board of Selectmen better reflect your interests.

POLITICAL NOTES

Bradley leads call to halt the runway

After meeting with fellow members of the Legislative Caucus on Air Transportation, state Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, and the Caucus called on various state and federal agencies to immediately halt all Logan expansion related endeavors, including current legal battles, in order that the Governor and FAA may examine new information relative to the economic benefits of Logan expansion. Based on previously unreleased reports it now appears that the economic value of the proposed Logan Airside Improvements Project, the primary facet of which is the construction of a new 5,000 runway, was exaggerated by a factor of 10.

Because of this material flaw in the way the original proposals were presented to state and local environmental officials, and because this economic data factored prominently in the original certifications that were issued, Bradley and many of his colleagues have called for an immediate moratorium and a reexamination of the project. Such reexamination, according to Bradley, should take place both in the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and in the Governor's new Office of Commonwealth Development.

"This new information demands that the Governor halt this project and review it on its merit," Bradley said. "I have also asked the Attorney General to meet with us to discuss this critical new data"

The apparent exaggeration of economic benefits stems from a fundamental flaw in the proposal's drafting process. Expansion proponents (Massport and the New England Regional FAA) utilized a private consultant, Simat, Helliesen & Eichre (SH&E), in the preparation of their public arguments and ultimately their Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/S) (This is the document proponents were required to submit to state and federal environmental regulators). SH&E created its own, and previously unused model, to predict delay costs and economic benefits of the project. After public comments on the EIR/S were submitted the FAA hired the MITRE Corporation, which is a frequent consultant to the FAA on a national level, to conduct their own review of SH&E's work and to conduct an analysis using the accepted cost/delay model endorsed by the federal Office of Management and Budget. The results of that MITRE analysis indicate that the economic benefits of Logan expansion were exaggerated by a factor of 10.

Local Democrats elect delegates

Cohasset Democrats, at a caucus held 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Town Hall, elected five Delegates to attend the June 7 Democratic State Convention. Delegates elected were: Gail Collins; Tania Diatchenko, John McNabb, Kevin McCarthy, and Chartis Langmaid..

Five Alternates were also elected: Donna McGee, Susan Kent, Coleman Nee, David McMorris, and Patricia A. Laugelle. Democratic Town Committee Chairwoman Agnes McCann and Democratic State Committeeman Fred Koed will also attend the Convention as ex-official delegates.

The main order of business at the State Convention, to be held at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, will be to consider changes to the Massachusetts Democratic Party Platform and Charter.

What's his name quiz

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I was checking the Irish sports pages (i.e., the obituary pages) the other day to see if they were planning a party for me (they weren't) when I came across a name that was vaguely familiar yet I couldn't quite place it.

The name was Robert St. John and I had to read the obit before it all came back to me. He was one of those early day radio reporters who broadcast the Blitz from London and the D-Day landing from Normandy.

The man whose name was once on everyone's lips, along with Edward R. Murrow and William L. Shirer, had passed on to that Great Newsroom in the Sky, recalled only by those who grew up on his words.

There are quite a few of those once well-known names that now cause an old timer to scratch his or her head and ask: "I know the name and I can see the face, but who is it?"

For instance, can you identify these names of people who had their 15 minutes of fame — some much longer — when you old timers were growing up 50 or more years ago? Answers below. Don't peek now!

1. John F. "Jafsie" Condon
2. Deanna Durbin
3. Harold Russell
4. Dr. Allan Dafoe
5. Joe Penner
6. Horace T. Cahill
7. Elmore Morganthaler
8. Vidkun Quisling
9. Bob Burns
10. Westbrook Pegler

And the answers are:

1. Jafsie Condon was the go-between who paid a man who claimed to have kidnapped the Lindbergh baby a $50,000 ransom for the child's safe return. The baby was already dead.

2. Deanna Durbin was a singing and acting rival to Judy Garland whose first movie kiss (by Robert Stack) was heavily promoted by Hollywood. She quit the movies and moved to France to be a housewife.

3. Harold Russell was a sailor who lost both arms in World War II and won an Oscar as best supporting actor for playing himself in "The Best Years of Our Lives."

4. Dr. Allan Dafoe was the country physician who presided at the birth of the Dionne quintuplets in Callendar, Ont.. The radio serial drama "Dr. Christian" was based loosely on his persona.

5. Joe Penner was a radio comedian who, for some reason, never failed to draw laughs when he asked, "Wanna buy a duck?"

6. Horace T. Cahill of Braintree was lieutenant governor with Governor Leverett Saltonstall and ran unsuccessfully for governor. He was one of the few statewide officerholders from the South Shore.

7. Elmore Morganthaler was a seven-foot basketball player recruited from Texas by Boston College Coach General Al McLellan to make the Eagles a national power. He didn't.

8. Vidkun Quisling was Adolph Hitler's puppet premier of Norway during World War II. He was executed for treason after the war. His name has been adopted by the English language as a synonym for "traitor."

9. Bob Burns, "the Arkansas Traveler," was a comedian who played a homemade instrument consisting of two gas pipes and a funnel called "a bazooka." The name was later given to a military weapon.

10. Westbrook Pegler was a vitriolic columnist for the Hearst newspapers who never failed to refer to Eleanor Roosevelt as "la boca grande" or the big mouth.

LIBRARY CORNER

We're moving!

This library will closed on Monday, Feb. 17.

The new library at 35 Ripley Road is scheduled to open on March 3.

All Cohasset materials will be due back *after the move*. In other words, you get to keep these items for an extra two weeks! The correct due date will be stamped in the book. No overdue fines will accrue during this period.

Please *do not use the Book Drop* while we are closed. If you have a book that came *from another library*, you should return it to the Hingham Public Library or any other Old Colony Library Network (OCLN) library.

While the library is closed, you will not be able to place "holds" on Cohasset materials. However, "holds" can still be placed, but they will be filled only by another library in the OCLN. Be sure to *specify a "Pick-up Location" other than Cohasset!*

All Inter-Library Loans (books from outside the OCLN) must be returned before Friday, Feb. 14.

Finneran flexes his muscles to show who's in charge

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The only people wordier than politicians are political reporters, and both had words aplenty after the strange spectacle in the House last week.

Inexplicably, House Speaker Thomas Finneran moved to assign increased pay for people who serve in committee leadership roles that have never carried bonus pay before. Explicably, he did so in a way that would confer the bonus pay on people who are loyal to him. That is the polite phrase. The less polite phrase, which is "suck up to him," was also heard.

He also distributed the rank-and-file members on committees in a way that diminished the influence of people who criticized his leadership. They were by and large consigned to committees that don't handle important topics.

The Democrats met in caucus and let their leader know he was going too far. While the punitive committee assignments will stand — as ratified by the caucus — the pay increases have been taken off the table, for now as Finneran pointed out. So has the Speaker's bid to exempt pay hikes from the full legislative process.

Announcing the withdrawal of his proposal, Finneran demonstrated, as he has before, that he knows when to yield to the membership he supposedly leads so inflexibly. He's yielded before in such situations, as when he announced a few years back that no member would be allowed to propose amendments to the state budget, then had to reverse himself.

Yet all he was doing was giving back some of the ground he had taken. And members did enable him to punish those with whom he's displeased. An autocracy needs not just an autocrat, but a compliant peasantry.

Finneran's proposal left tongues wagging, questions hanging and theories abounding: — Did he propose the bonus pay because he didn't understand how negative the reaction would be? — Did he do it because he misperceives himself as immune to criticism or reprisal, and the members enjoy that immunity too? — Maybe he did it because it gave him the chance to abandon the idea, proving he's willing to listen to feedback from the membership. — Or: Maybe it was to keep members and the press from focusing on how the House was keeping state employees from paying more for health insurance while again drawing down reserve funds and making the state's budget problems even worse.

Synthesizing all this, one wonders if the bid wasn't simply the statement: I'm still here. Romney isn't the only player in this building. One thing is sure: when Romney starts cutting the kind of questionable spending Finneran likes — like the over assignment of court employees to Suffolk County — we'll see who's really in charge.

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In this budget climate, it should come as no surprise that most of the news was bad last week:

• Budget leaders of the House, Senate and Romney administration announced they agree the budget for fiscal 2004 should be based on an expectation of $14.67 billion in state tax revenue. That's less than a 1 percent increase from this year, and less than inflation — meaning leaders are projecting the economy to stay stagnant for another year and a half. But the figure is so conservative that even if times stay tough, the state will run a surplus if the Legislature and Romney can match spending with available revenues. With a $3 billion divide between current spending levels and projected revenues, that's a big if.

• No one was surprised to hear the fund, which relies on the performance of the stock market, lost money. What was disturbing was that the loss was $2.1 billion, or 9 percent — and that's worse than other funds of comparable size.

• The political world was murmuring, more than buzzing, with the fallout of a recent Globe story. It detailed how U.S. Sen. John Kerry's family name was originally Kohn, because on his father's side, his family is Austrian, and Jewish. Most people thought Kerry was a mix of Brahmin (which he surely is) and Irish (which he disputed, but not vigorously).

• The Department of Education said it ruled favorably on the appeals of 112 of the 196 students who said they should be allowed to graduate despite recording failing grades so far on the high-stakes MCAS exam. Meanwhile, the state was said to be investigating allegations that some students in Cambridge may have received improper coaching and help to boost their MCAS numbers.

• The first public exhibition of proposals for the exciting new opportunity presented by the Central Artery depression brought mild praise but more calls for innovation from the panelists assembled at the Boston Public Library.

• Joseph Sullivan of Braintree said goodbye to his colleagues, as he departed his job as Transportation Committee chairman to become Lottery commissioner under Treasurer Timothy Cahill of Quincy. Sullivan is hoping to parlay his relationships in the Legislature into effective lobbying for the Lottery's interests as lawmakers consider whether to approve new, alternative forms of gambling such as casinos.

• A sign of the tensions developing in these difficult times came when the Globe ran a story recounting how on, after taping a segment on local aid cuts, North Adams Mayor John Barrett and Romney's director of communications, Eric Fehrnstrom, almost came to blows. A freelance technician who had to separate them said the pair swore at each other, and Barrett called Ferhnstrom a "wuss."

Craig Sandler writes for the Statehouse News Service.

Bar association hosts legislative breakfast March 4 at Sheraton Tara

Governor Mitt Romney is the speaker for the event.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County has scheduled their annual Legislative Breakfast at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, Braintree, on Tuesday morning March 4. The Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude around 9 a.m.

Governor Mitt Romney is the speaker for the event. Traditionally this breakfast has attracted a wide audience from the judicial, political, and legal fields but is open to anyone wishing to attend. More than 85 percent of Norfolk County's State representatives and Senators attend. The Legislative Breakfast sponsored by the Bar Association of Norfolk County successfully as a vehicle of communication between the people and their State Legislators.

President James M. Brady and Chairman John E. Garland, along with committee members Attorneys John J. McGlone, Harold Cohen, T. Mark Herliby, Michael A. Podolski, T. David Raftery and Richard Sadowki expect a tremendous response. Tickets are $20 per person payable to the Bar Association of Norfolk County. For further information, call Adrienne C. Clarke, Executive Director.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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February 7, 2003

Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) (617) 722-1646 Room 413F

Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) (617) 722-2120 Room 472

QUESTIONS

"Beacon Hill Roll Call" (BHRC) is a clear and concise compilation of the voting records of area state representatives and senators at the Statehouse. It provides an unbiased summary of each bill or amendment and arguments from floor debate on each side of the issue along with local legislators' votes.

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of (insert name of newspaper). It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for over 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on three roll calls and local senators' votes on two roll calls from recent sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

GIVE ROMNEY POWER TO CUT LOCAL AID AND HIGHER ED FUNDS (H 2010) House 124-28, Senate 29-8, approved different versions of the bill giving Gov. Romney the power to make cuts to local aid and higher education funding in order to balance the fiscal 2003 state budget. The House and Senate eventually approved a new version on a voice vote without a roll call and Gov. Romney signed it. Prior to passage of the law, the governor's power to cut was mostly limited to health and human services areas. Supporters said that without the ability to cut local aid, the governor would be forced to make drastic cuts in human services and health programs that were already underfunded and were further decimated by former Gov. Swift's cuts. They argued the bill is a reasonable and balanced one that includes safeguards to ensure local aid is not excessively cut. Some opponents said it is simply unfair to cut local aid to communities after promising them a certain amount of it. They said the cuts would hurt cities and towns and result in cuts in local essential services, education and public safety personnel. Others said they opposed giving this power solely to the governor and argued the legislature should be involved in determining where cuts are made. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it).	Y	N
USE RAINY DAY FUND PRIOR TO CUTS (H 2010) House 136-15, rejected an amendment requiring the governor to use all the money in the state's rainy day fund prior to making any cuts in the state budget. Amendment supporters said it is irresponsible to make devastating cuts in human service programs and local aid when the state is sitting on a $300 million reserve fund which was set aside for emergencies. Amendment opponents said the state has already spent nearly $3 billion in reserve funds over the last year and a half and argued it is essential to keep the last $300 million to help offset even higher budget shortfalls in the months ahead. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment prohibiting cuts until the rainy day fund is spent. A "Nay" vote is against the prohibition).		N
LIMIT CUTS IN HOUSING, HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES (H 2010) House 130-23, rejected an amendment prohibiting the governor from cutting more than $200 million from housing, health care, human services or welfare programs without the approval of a majority vote of the House and Senate. Amendment supporters said that former Gov. Swift already made huge cuts in these areas including funds for breast cancer, hospitals, community health centers and AIDS and smoking prevention programs. They said the legislature should not allow Romney unilaterally to make cuts over $200 million in important areas which affect the elderly, sick and poor. Amendment opponents said the governor must have the flexibility to determine where to make the cuts in a timely fashion. They noted the legislature can later use its power by considering a supplemental budget to restore the cuts and/or make cuts in other areas. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment limiting the cuts in specific areas. A "Nay" vote is against the limitation).		N
SUBCHAPTER S CORPORATIONS (H 2022) House 139-5, rejected an amendment eliminating a deficit reduction package provision requiring all Subchapter S corporations with gross receipts of more than $6 million to pay a corporate tax in addition to their shareholders paying a tax on their personal returns. This corporate tax is three percent on receipts of $6 million to $9 million and 4.5 percent on receipts above $9 million. The amendment reinstates the current law under which these corporations have been able to avoid this tax if they restructure in a certain manner. Amendment supporters said the provision is nothing more than a tax hike, imposed without a public hearing, and would hurt more than 1000 companies and cost each one up to $200,000 per year in additional taxes. Amendment opponents said the provision closes a loophole that has allowed these corporations to avoid paying any corporate tax by essentially restructuring and establishing a dummy corporation. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment reinstating current law allowing these corporations to avoid the tax by restructuring. A "Nay" vote is against allowing the corporations to avoid the tax).		N

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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MBTA, towns wrangle over need for 4-quad train gates

By James Russell
CORRESPONDENT

Local officials rebuked the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's efforts to resolve outstanding historic and archeological resource mitigation issues on the controversial Greenbush railroad project at a Feb. 5 meeting at Hingham Town Hall that lasted longer than most marathons.

The Army Corps of Engineers, which called the meeting due to pressure from Greenbush towns, heard criticism about delays, missing and incomplete project designs, a fragmented process of construction document distribution, broken promises and unease with the "project conservator."

But leading the list, at least as far as Hingham and Cohasset are concerned, is the MBTA's plan to use 2-quadrant gates, which require median strips or barriers as a safety measure to prevent cars from driving around the gates to beat the train. The towns want 4-quadrant gates that don't require the unattractive medians that they feel would have a negative impact on historic areas.

In the town's corner is state Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, who has been a vocal Greenbush critic.

"Two-quad gates with medians will create a blight on the towns," the Weymouth Republican said.

The Army Corps — which determines if mitigation measures for historic properties and archeological resources comply with federal law — has permitting authority over the $465 million Greenbush project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Slated to carry riders in 2005, Greenbush would extend 17.5 miles of track from Braintree through Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate.

Hingham's preservation consultant, Minxie Fannin of Concord, said 2-quadrant gates would be an abomination in historic districts.

"Medians increase the black asphalt area by road widening; it removes shades trees and lessens green space," she said. "The Lincoln National Historic District will be a very different place with medians or 'channelization' devices. This will degrade the scale and character of this historic district."

But according to Project Engineer Eric Fleming of DMJM Harris — that is contracted by the MBTA to oversee the design and build contractor, Cashman, Balfour and Beatty — the use of 4-quad gates is a safety issue.

"Safety is the main consideration and the highest priority," Fleming said. "There is a general lack of acceptance in the railroad industry for 4-quad gates; one reason is the trapping hazard."

But Stephen Follansbee, a Quincy attorney representing Hingham, said cases of trapped vehicles do not exist with a 4-quad gate system.

"I have not seen any data that suggest people have been trapped in a vehicle between 4-quad gates," said Follansbee, who referred to a North Carolina Department of Transportation study comparing 2-quad gates with median barriers to 4-quad gates without barriers.

"That study concludes the risk of accidents are 86 percent less using 4-quad gates versus a 77 percent reduced risk when 2-quad gates with median barriers are used," said Follansbee. "The real issue the MBTA is concerned about is money, not safety; 4-quad gates would cost an additional $3.6 million."

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— Minxie Fannin, Hingham preservation consultant

Follansbee said the transportation authority had agreed to use 4-quad gates and to evaluate each intersection on a case-by-case basis.

"The MBTA made a commitment in writing on May 15, 2000 to use 4-quad gates. This was premised on 4-quad gates being consistent with state and federal laws. They are consistent with those laws," he said "The MBTA said it would look at each and every intersection. But they now conclude all intersections need median barriers."

Andrew Brennan, the MBTA Director of Environmental Affairs, said determining how to have safe grade crossing without whistles is the goal. Except in the case of emergencies, Greenbush is going to be a whistle-free corridor. "Given no whistles, what is the best recipe?" he said after the meeting.

Fleming, the MBTA's consultant, said 4-quad gates are "experimental in nature."

"If an accident occurs, the first thing an attorney would say is: 'Did you go by the book?' And we would have to say: 'No, we made up our own rules,'" said Fleming, adding, "Using a median barrier is a prudent safety measure, with or without 4-quad gates."

Hingham's Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan disputes that 4-quad gates are experimental. He cited an ongoing rail construction project in Illinois containing 96 grade crossings that will employ 4-quad gates at 68 of the crossings.

"4-quad gates have been installed at nine crossings along the new Acela Amtrak route between Boston and New York City. It is in place; it is not an experiment," he said.

Public safety officials also have concerns about the median barries.

"We consider 4-quad gates a vital device to enhance public safety," said Hingham Fire Chief Willaim Johnson. "Median barriers will negatively effect the response times by prohibiting access in key areas. 4-quad gates without median barriers are very important to the safety of the community."

"There is no way Hingham Police can go on record, except with 4-quad gates without barriers," added Captain Mills of the Hingham Police Department.

Pedestrian and bicycle traffic also needs to be addressed, said Hingham Design Consultant Richard Cook.

"As a design engineer, you need to look at the environment you will be working in before you design a project," Cook said.

Two other areas in which little or no progress has been made since the last Section 106 meeting the Corps hosted in December 2000 are in Scituate: the terminus and layover facility to park Greenbush trains, and the intersections of Route 3A and Route 123, where a roundabout has been proposed.

"The MBTA has made a final determination the layover will be north of the Driftway" for overnight storage of trains, said Fleming.

Items that await resolution include:

- 2 quadrant gates with median barriers vs. 4 quadrant gates without barriers;
- Weymouth Landing station design; 3] final location of the Greenbush Line terminus and layover in Scituate;
- design of the Route 3A/Driftway roundabout intersection in Scituate;
- design of the crossing at Rocky Lane in Cohasset; 6] design of several roadways and crossings in Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate;
- measures to resolve adverse effects at the former Cohasset Railroad Roundhouse site.

Where to submit comments:

For email submission, send to: Theodore.m.lento@usace.army.mil or by mail: Ted Lento, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division, 696 Virginia Road, Concord 01742-2751. Specify: "Greenbush Section 106 Comments." Deadline is Feb. 19.After comments are reviewed, the Corps will give an update.

"Within 30 days of today's meeting, the Corps will be providing a Progress Report," said Army Corps Project Manager for Greenbush Theodore Lento, who ordered the Greenbush Section 106 review process reopened for public comment.

Lento was noncommittal if the Corps would convene a formal hearing and consultation.

"We have received requests for a public hearing; a determination has not been made," he said.

Greenbush hotline

The MBTA/CBB 24-hour Greenbush telephone hotline is 781-682-6350.

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Republicans meet

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee will be holding its monthly meeting Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's Cottage. All are invited to attend to discuss issues on the state and local level.

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OBITUARIES

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Fred Piepenbrink, who was a WWII veteran, at a recent Memorial Day ceremony.

Frederick Piepenbrink

Frederick Piepenbrink, 83, of Cohasset, a retired postal worker, died Feb. 6, 2003, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, West Roxbury, after a lengthy illness.

Born in Newton, the son of Clarence and Ada (Smith) Piepenbrink, Mr. Piepenbrink was a lifelong resident of Cohasset. He graduated from Cohasset High School in 1938.

Mr. Piepenbrink worked for 34 years as a letter carrier in the Cohasset Post Office.

He was a veteran and a prisoner of war.

He served in the Army Air Forces from 1941 to 1945 and flew 24 bombing missions over Europe before he was shot down and taken prisoner after the Allied bombing of Dresden.

Mr. Piepenbrink was an active member of the Southeastern Chapter of Ex POWs, the sergeant at arms at American Legion George H. Mealy Post 118, and a life member of the Cohasset Veterans of Foreign Wars 9146.

Husband of the late Shirley (Brende) Piepenbrink, he leaves four sons, Frederick "Chip" Piepenbrink Jr. of Cohasset, Thomas Piepenbrink and his wife, Barbara, of Kingston, Kirk Piepenbrink and his wife, Keri, of Marshfield and Robert Piepenbrink and his wife, Jennifer, of Cohasset; a daughter, Susan Piepenbrink, a sister, Betty P. Enders of Cohasset; a brother, Charles Piepenbrink of Inverness, Fla.; and six grandchildren, Daniel, Callie, Cody, Kyle, Katie and Taylor.

A memorial service was held at the Second Congregational Church, Cohasset. Interment was private.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Donations may be made to the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, 02025.

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Russ Lennon by one of his gardens.

James 'Russ' Lennon

Accomplished horticulturist

James Russell Lennon, of Cohasset, affectionately known as Russ, died Feb. 7, 2003 at Boston Medical Center. He was 72 years old.

Born in Boston, he was a graduate of Jamaica Plain High School and its prestigious agricultural program. He was a lifelong gardener and horticulturist.

Mr. Lennon worked as an engineer for 40 years at AT&T, formerly New England Telephone. He had received awards for his engineering expertise from the Boston Police Department, the FBI and other federal agencies. He retired in 1993.

Mr. Lennon was a veteran of the U.S. Navy as a Seabee MCB-6 in the Korean War, at Santa Barbara, Calif. He also served in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and in North Africa.

He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and a member of Cohasset's "Old Goats," a lively club of retired gentlemen.

He loved the ocean and was an avid collector of nautical antiques.

But his greatest enjoyment and passion was his gardening. While still attending Jamaica Plain High, he was able to hone his horticultural skills by working on some of Greater Boston's larger estates. He also participated in the New England Flower Show as well as Breck's of Chestnut Hill Flower Show.

Mr. Lennon tended his acre-and-a-half garden in Cohasset for 40 years. It included a waterfall and a koy fishpond, created by him, by hand. He started flowers and plants from seedlings in his greenhouse and his efforts were recognized last year on the New England Cable News TV's "Tour of New England's Great Gardens." They profiled his garden and his was chosen "Great Garden of the Month." The broadcast started as follows: "Forty years in the making, a garden with the natural look, a maze of pathways, over a thousand plants put in each spring, a koy fishpond and waterfall — all man-made."

Mr. Lennon leaves his beloved wife, Jean L. (Shorey) Lennon; his two loving children, Therese M. Joslin and her husband, Robert of Matinecock, N.Y., and Gregory J. Lennon and his wife, Maria of Cohasset; his sister M. Frances Donovan of Albuquerque, N.M.; his beloved grandchildren, Harrison and Olivia Joslin of New York and Sophia Lennon of Cohasset; his aunt, Mildred Doherty McCarthy of Hingham; his mother-in-law, Mary Shorey of Winchester; and many nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Patricia Lennon Connelly.

Russ will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 12 at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home of Hingham.

Donations may be made in Russ's memory to the St. Anthony's Parish Center, 129 South Main St., Cohasset 02025.

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Marjorie T. Ladd at her antique shop.

Marjorie T. Ladd

Marjorie T. Ladd, a collector of antiques and owner of the Lincoln Mill Antique Shop died Friday, Feb. 7, 2003 following a brief illness. She was 81.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, she grew up in Zanesville, Ohio, Paris, Ky. and Owensboro, Ky. She attended the University of Kentucky where she pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. It was there she met her late husband of 49 years, Don Ladd, who as a member of the Michigan State Swim Team, competed in a swim meet at the University of Kentucky. They were married and have been Scituate residents since 1956. Over the years both have enjoyed restoring the historic home and mill in North Scituate built by Abraham Lincoln's great-great-great-grandfather.

Her interest in history and her passion for collecting antiques led Mrs. Ladd to travel all over New England in search of interesting things from various historical periods, and to do volunteer work in local historical societies, such as the Cohasset Gown Museum.

She helped run antique shops until it was suggested she go into business with another antique lover, the late Carol Connor; together they opened the Lincoln Mill Antique Shop in the mill on Mordecai Lincoln Road.

Mrs. Ladd was active in the First Baptist Church on Country Way, where she enjoyed working on crafts and other items for the various church bazaars. In addition to her talents in refinishing and reupholstering furniture, Marjorie was an accomplished seamstress who also embroidered, did crewel work, hooked rugs, and had a "great eye" for finding treasures and home decorating.

Wife of the late Donald B. Ladd, she leaves her three sons, Charles Ladd of Syracuse, N.Y., Donald Ladd of North Scituate, and Jeffrey Ladd of Wolfsboro, N.H.; two brothers, Forrest G. Thompson of Jacksonville, Texas and Richard P. Thompson of Westfield, N.J.; her two granddaughters, Erica Ladd of Syracuse, N.Y. and Jocelyn Ladd of Minneapolis, Minn.

A memorial service will be held for Marjorie Ladd this Saturday, Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 660 Country Way in Scituate.

In lieu of flowers, contributions, made in her memory, to the Russian Missions Fund, c/o First Baptist Church, 660 Country Way, Scituate 02066 is sincerely appreciated.

Donald B. Woomer

Donald B. Woomer, age 83, of Watertown, Conn. and formerly of Cohasset, died Jan. 12, 2003 at home following a long illness.

Born in Mount Vernon, N.Y., he was the son of Percy B. and Edna (Dillon) Woomer.

A veteran of World War II, he served as a quartermaster in the U.S. Navy. He received his master's degree in economics from Columbia University and taught economics at the University of Buffalo.

Mr. Woomer worked as a systems analyst for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad where he assisted in the installation of the railroad's first computer system. He later worked for Millennium Chemicals, Inc. and for United Fruit Co. He had lived in South Kingston, R.I. for most of his retirement.

In his retirement, he aided senior citizens with their tax returns and started each day by completing the New York Times Crossword Puzzle. He loved woodworking and was an avid sailor. When he resided in Cohasset, he was a member of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Mr. Woomer leaves his wife, Frances (Gibson) Woomer; his daughter, Deborah (Woomer) Protulis of Cohasset and his son, William B. Woomer of Scituate; his granddaughter and grandson and two great-grandchildren.

He was the father of the late Donald B. Woomer, Jr.; and the former husband of Mildred (Krauss) Woomer of Cohasset; and the brother of the late Grace (Woomer) Butcheck of Oklahoma.

He also leaves his step-daughter, Sandra Festa of Connecticut, his step-son, Lawrence G. Smith of Cohasset; his five step-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren; two nephews and a niece.

A memorial service was held Jan. 18 in Wakefield, R.I. where he had lived for the better part of his retirement. Interment will be at a later date in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, White Plains, N.Y.

Etta Lillian Lincoln

Etta Lillian (Stoddard) Lincoln, of Cohasset, died peacefully Feb. 8, 2003 at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home following a brief illness. Mrs. Lincoln was 87 years old.

She was born in Cohasset and attended area schools.

Mrs. Lincoln, committed to her faith, was a deaconess and lifelong member of the Beechwood Congregational Church in Cohasset where she worshipped for 65 years, and singing in the church choir.

She was an active and respected member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary in Cohasset; past president of the 60 Plus Club; the Harborview Tenants Association for the Housing of the Elderly; and the Cohasset Strutters Walking Group.

In addition, Mrs. Lincoln was a volunteer of various charitable organizations in Cohasset and enjoyed quilting, reading and walking.

She was the wife of the late Lawrence F. Lincoln, Sr., and leaves her son, Lawrence F. Lincoln, Jr. of Cohasset; her three daughters, Priscilla Trush of Seattle, Wash., Martha Lincoln of Franklinville, N.J. and Elizabeth Lincoln of Vineland, N.J.; two brothers, Sheldon and David Stoddard; three sisters, Nellie Lincoln, Olive Morris and Hannah Sawyers; and her three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Charles and Elmer Stoddard and Mildred Salyards.

A funeral service will be held in the spring.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Etta's memory to the Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., Cohasset 02025.

Lieut. Michael Joseph Hevey, Ret.

Marshfield firefighter and outdoorsman

Michael Joseph Hevey, age 61, of Kingston and formerly of Marshfield and Cohasset, died Feb. 6, 2003 at his home.

Born in Boston and raised in Cohasset, he was the son of the late Joseph M. and Frieda (Moeckel) Hevey. He graduated from Cohasset High School, Class of 1959, where he played varsity football. He lived many years in Marshfield and moved to Kingston in 1981.

He entered the U.S. Navy after high school and served aboard the destroyer, the U.S.S. Forest Sherman. He was later in the Naval Reserves.

Mr. Hevey was a Marshfield Firefighter for 30 years, having joined in 1968. He was appointed to lieutenant in 1970 and retired in 1998.

He was also a part-time commercial lobster fisherman in Cohasset Harbor since the age of 13.

He leaves his beloved wife, Cynthia J. (Gallagher) Hevey; his loving children, Patricia Healy of Kingston, Jim Hevey and wife, Elizabeth of Plympton, and Michael Hevey and wife, Erina of Stafford, Conn.; he also leaves a brother and sister, John J. Hevey and Patricia (Hevey) Doyle, both of Marshfield; his beloved grandchildren, Brandon Weckbacher of Maine, Bryan and Samantha Healy of Kingston and Jimmy Hevey of Plympton; and several nieces and nephews. He also leaves his devoted dog, Jake and his horse, Julie Bee.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. at the Shepherd Funeral Home, 216 Main St. (Route 106) in Kingston. Visitation with the family will take place immediately following the service at the Upland Sportsman's Club, Upland Road (off Route 80) in Plympton from 3-7 p.m.

Donations may be made in Mr. Hevey's memory to the Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree 02184.

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Renovations set to begin at Capt. John Wilson House

By John Camera
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The Cohasset Historical Society is undertaking a long overdue renovation project.

With the help of a $150,000 grant from the Community Preservation Act, the society is overseeing a plan to stop moisture damage at the Captain John Wilson House, which dates back to 1810.

Tom Gruber, a co-vice president of the Historical Society, said runoff is to blame — with each storm water runs down the ledge that the Wilson House is built on and finds its way into the floors and the walls.

The Historical Society has hired Powers and Company renovation architects of Boston to examine the house and find the best solution. The artifacts that once decorated the house when it was museum have been removed. The floorboards have been systematically pulled out — each one numbered with a small sticker, each nail put in an envelope so it stays with the same floorboard it came from.

"I call it forensic deconstruction," said Gruber. "The idea is to take enough of the building apart so you can see the extent of the damage."

Gruber said the exposed bottom layer of flooring reveals a patchwork job where wood from the original home lies next to wood from the late 1800s and two by fours from as late as the 1950s. In places where the wood is close to the ground, it has rotted completely.

"What this says to me is that this floor has been taken apart and restored over the years, probably as a result of moisture damage," Gruber said.

In one corner of the bottom floor, a small concrete "dam" was built inside one of the walls but it has failed to work properly.

"The biggest part of this project is going to be the method that the engineers come up with for diverting the water away from the house," Gruber said.

The Wilson House and its neighbor, the Bates Ship Chandlery (a.k.a. Cohasset Maritime Museum), along with the Central Cohasset Cemetery, were added to the National Register of Historic Places in December.

Gruber said improvements to the interior of the building would not jeopardize the Wilson House's position on that list. "That's a big misconception," he said. "The Register only applies to the exterior of the house."

Other properties in Cohasset on the National Register are the Cohasset Common Historic District, Government Island, the Caleb Lothrop House on Summer Street and the Walter Gropius House off Atlantic Avenue.

Another part of the planned renovation for Wilson House is the construction of handicapped access, what Gruber said could prove to be a tricky project. "We want handicapped access but we don't want a bunch of ramps in front to obscure the building. Any handicapped access will have to be sensitive," he said.

Gruber estimates renovations at the Wilson House will take at least two years, after which the building will go back to being a museum, open in the summer and staffed by high school students.

For a private tour of the Wilson House during renovations, contact the Historical Society at 781-383-1434.

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At right: Tom Gruber of the Cohasset Historical Society inspects the rotted beams under the flooring at the Wilson House.

No drought in water system upgrades

The Water Commission has made progress on the latest phase of distribution system improvements that began in September, 2002.

"So far we have installed 4,580 feet, or about 9/10 a mile, of new or replacement water mains," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission. "These improvements will help to improve fire protection and water service throughout Cohasset."

The following projects have been completed by Water Commission contractor D&C Construction under the supervision of Tutela Engineering since September:

- Lothrop Lane — replaced approximately 1,000 feet of undersized 6-inch pipe with 8-inch ductile iron pipe.
- Hobart Lane — replaced approximately 1,350 feet of undersized 2-inch pipe and 6-inch pipe with 8-inch ductile iron pipe.
- Redgate Lane — installed approximately 1,050 feet of new 8-inch ductile iron pipe to complete a loop to Jerusalem Road, plus an extension of about 270 feet requested by residents.
- Hammond Avenue and Locust Road — replaced about 200 ft of under-sized 2-inch pipe, and installed about 500 feet of water main to create a distribution loop with 8-inch ductile iron pipe to an existing main on Locust Road.
- Hammond Avenue and Locust Road — approximately 60 percent of the drainage project for the Town has been completed, including the installation of about 1,000 feet of 12 to 24-inch drainage pipes, and 50 feet of 24x36 ft. box culvert and drain manholes drop inlets and catch basins.
- Windsor Road and Westgate Lane — about 210 feet of approximately 900 feet of undersized 2-inch pipe with 8-inch ductile iron pipe has been replaced to date

The following projects, to replace about 1,300 feet of undersized water mains, will be completed this Spring:

- Sheldon Road — replace approximately 500 feet of undersized 2-inch and 6-inch pipe with 8-inch ductile iron pipe
- Nichols Road — replace 8-inch water main located in Cat Dam Bridge to restore Nichols Road water distribution loop.
- Beechwood Street — replace undersized isolation valves at intersection of Doane Street.
- Beechwood Street — replace approximately 200 feet of undersized 6-inch pipe with 10-inch ductile iron pipe.
- Bound Brook Lane — replace approximately 550 feet of undersized 2-inch pipe with 8-inch ductile iron pipe.

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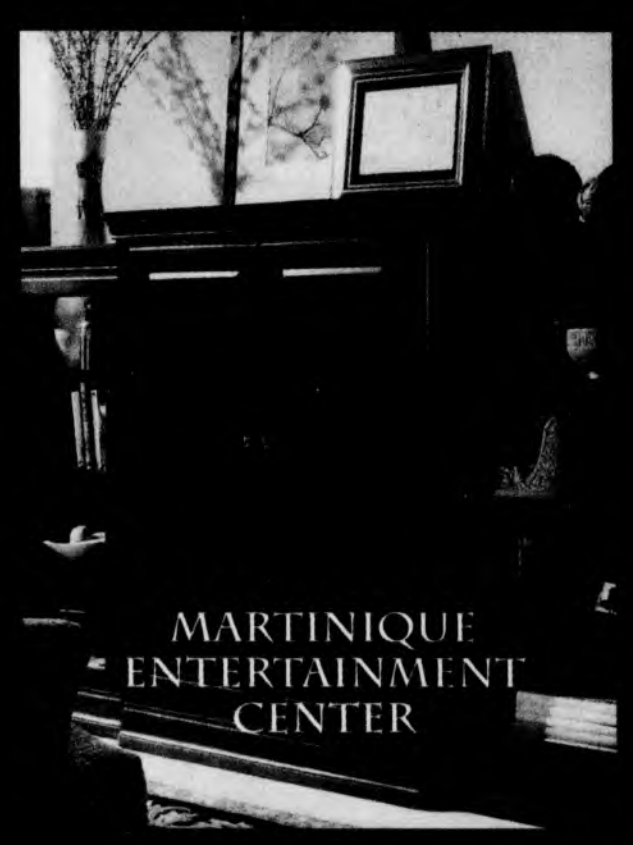

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A grand finale

Cohasset boys stun Harwich in 'Senior Night' win

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To play high school sports is to love to compete. It involves love of not only the sport itself, but everything connected to it: your teammates, your coaches, the fans that are made up of family and friends and your school.

The Cohasset boys basketball team has showed their love and played with pride over this last stretch of the regular season, and for many the last few games of their high school careers.

This past Tuesday Cohasset defeated the South Shore League's second place team Harwich, 67-61, to improve their overall record to 6-11 (4-7 in the league).

"This was our best game of the year," said Cohasset head coach Ron Ford. "It was just a great Senior Night. I'm very proud of how our guys played tonight."

The Skippers, who have won three of their last four games, jumped out to an early 4-2 lead and never trailed the rest of the game. The early excitement came from the five seniors who started in one of the last home game of their careers.

The five seniors that started were Ian Kidder, Ben Lynner, Jared Krupczak, Scott Faber and Ross Lieb-Lappen. Kidder scored 18 points, and Lynner and Krupczak each added 11 points apiece. Faber had four points and played solid defense all game and Lieb-Lappen chipped in with nine rebounds.

Cohasset jumped to a 39-25 halftime lead, and the closest Harwich would get in the second half was five points.

"This team got knocked out of the tournament a week ago and over the last four games they have played with great heart," acknowledged coach Ford. "It shows a lot about the character of a team when you really have nothing to play for and you go out like we did tonight and play your best ball of the season."

Cohasset struggled at home early on in the season, but they won their last three home games of the season.

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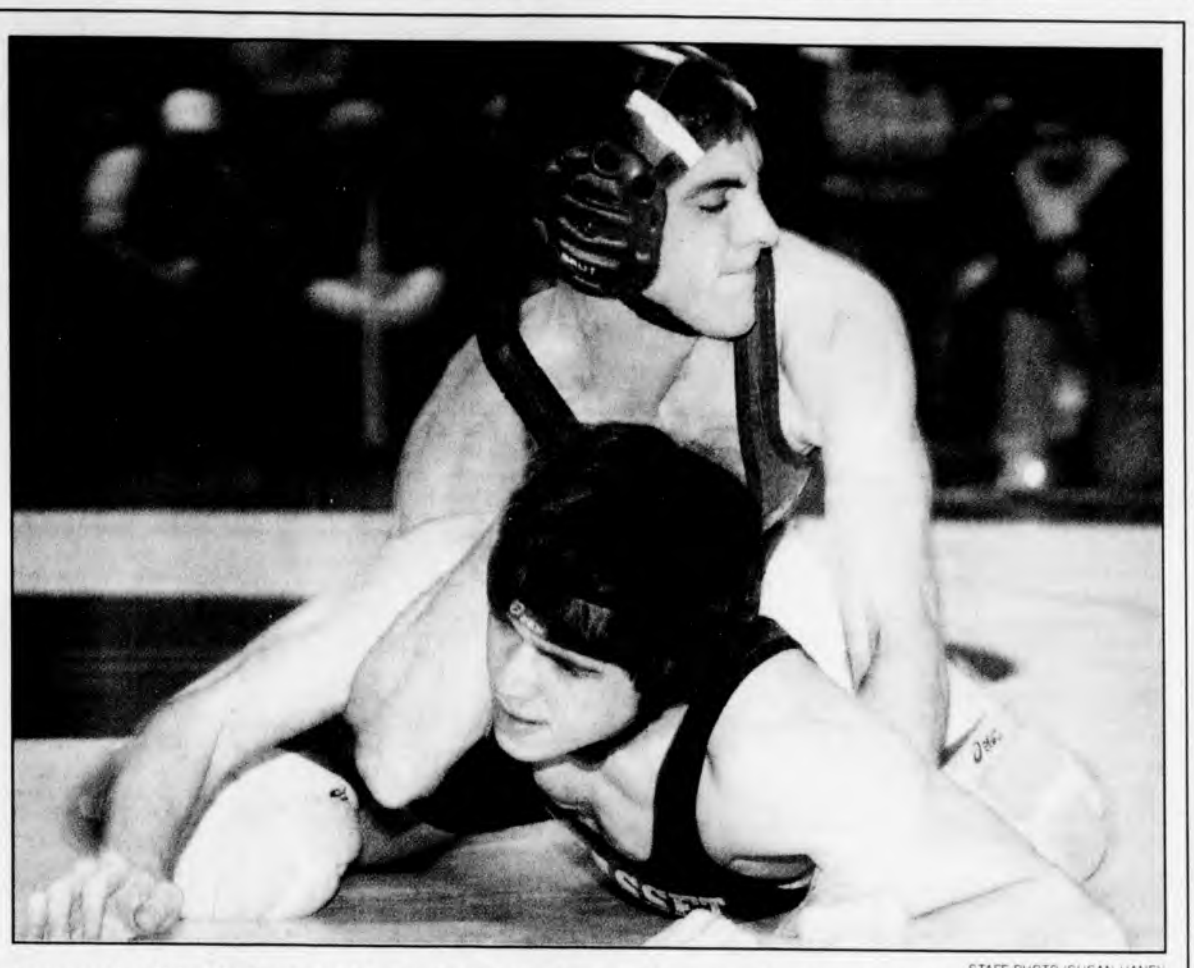

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Sophomore Joey Kehoe (bottom) is one of several Cohasset wrestlers coach Sweeney believes has a very good shot at advancing through this weekend's Sectionals to the Div. 3 state championships next weekend at Burlington High.

No holds barred

Cohasset wrestlers appear primed for this weekend's Sectionals

By Mike Spellman
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And the beatings go on.

The Cohasset wrestling team closed the regular season in style, sweeping a quad meet at home on Saturday over New Bedford, Marshfield and Norwood to finish up with a best ever 18 wins for the program, against three losses and two ties. Coach Torin Sweeney can only hope this record run of success carries over into the "real season."

"The 18 wins was great, but know comes the real test," said Cohasset's longtime mat pacer. "I think we've got some guys who could do some things at Sectionals and States. Now, it's time to see."

Cohasset is one of 21 teams readying for this weekend's Div. 3 South Sectionals at Foxboro High (Friday afternoon and all day Saturday), a Section Sweeney considers quite possibly the state's most competitive top to bottom.

"You've got one dynasty-type team there with Foxboro, and then about five good teams that will all probably be in a dogfight for second place: us, Canton, Mansfield, Duxbury and Rockland," appraised Sweeney. "And you've got a lot of good individual wrestlers there too."

Cohasset was expecting several of the wrestlers from his South Shore League co-champion team to get top 10 seedings in their respective weight divisions when the rankings came out last night, including as many as six possible top five placements.

Senior Terry Baroudi, with two losses this season (both upsets) and ranked sixth in the state among all grapplers at 135 pounds, could well get a number one seed.

Senior captain Chris McKenna, also with just two losses, is likely to get a two or three seed at 145, as one of his

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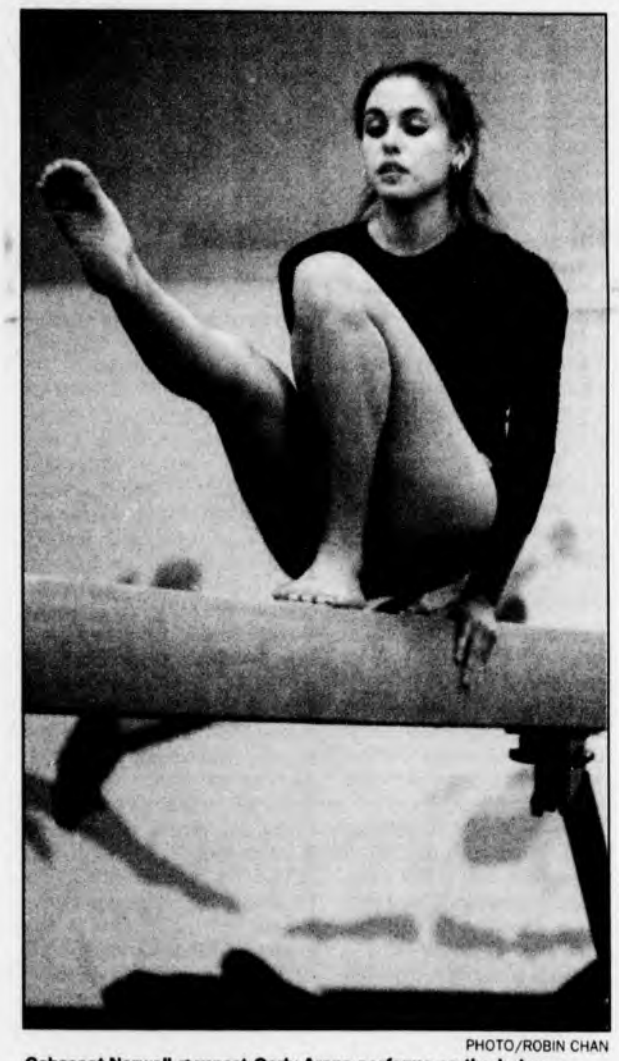

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Cohasset-Norwell gymnast Carly Arena performs on the balance beam. The joint school tumblers finished up their season with a 10-2 record, taking second place in the Pilgrim Conference, and were awaiting word at the time of this writing from last night's state sectional selection meeting to see if their season will be extended. For story, see page 19.

Hold those Tigers

Sci-Coh swimmers earn split against much larger OA

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Ask one who does not attend swim meets regularly, and they will probably tell you intimidation is not really a big factor. Try telling that to the Scituate-Cohasset swim squad, who entered the Massasoit College pool with a roster that injuries, absences and sicknesses had downsized to 15 athletes.

This past Tuesday, the fierce 15 took on an Oliver Ames team (numbering well over 30) that was hungry to avenge last year's slim 10-point loss to the Scit-Cohs. Although the girls were overmatched, 98-78, the boys showed the Tigers a thing or two about "quality over quantity," taking their meet 56-46. Equipped with only four boys, the minimum required amount simply to make a relay team, the Sci-Coh males won all but two events for their first non-combined win of the year.

"That was just an incredible effort by our boys," said third year coach Jamie Kearney. "We were missing (freshman phenom) James Smith, but we still surprised the heck out of them. A team of that size and caliber could not have believed that just four boys could do what they did today."

The senior trio of Maran Monaco, Bryan Bilton and your reporter himself all registered first place finishes in both of their (our?) individual events.

Monaco typified the selfless teammate, as the usually sprinting Brazilian exchange student put in an incredible effort to win two distance races, both of which he had never swam before in competition. He took the 200 Individual Medley with a solid 2:46.85, and won the 500 freestyle in a shade over seven minutes.

"Maran has always been the guy that's willing to do whatever the team needs," observed junior captain Delia Regan. "He'll always worry about what is best for the team before he thinks about what he wants to do."

Bilton took both of his individuals, the 50 and 100 yard freestyles, inching closer to Sectional qualification. He will have one last chance to qualify this Sunday at the All-League meet, held at North Attleboro

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Do-or-die time

Coach pulls no punches as Cohasset icemen continue to slide

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High hockey team qualified for the state tourney on Saturday with a 4-4 against Mashpee down on the Cape, but one got the impression in talking to head coach John Blake following that game that he'd almost prefer not to go to the postseason at all, given the way his team has been playing of late.

The rookie head coach makes no bones about it: he has been disappointed by the way his charges have played over the last four games, going 2-1-1 over that stretch against teams his squad swept the first time around and outscored 25-5. Cohasset came away from the four second go-rounds with a narrow 11-9 advantage in tallies, and Blake is now pointing fingers.

"Our leadership has been letting us down," charged Blake, whose team also clinched the South Shore League title with Saturday's tie, going to 9-5-2 overall (8-1-1 in league play). "I thought our leadership was further along at this point of the season, but it seems instead like it's taken a step or two back."

The former assistant coach at Blue Hills and Thayer Academy notes the problems of late—lack of hustle, heart and attention to defensive responsibilites, for starters, he charges—have been a teamwide epidemic. He has looked to his leadership to lead the charge in reversing these trends, but thus far is far from thrilled with what he's seen from those in this circle.

"When it happens in one game that's one thing, but

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Mike Devine (#9), seen here sliding the puck past Scituate's Matt Hall, netted his first career hat trick in a discouraging 4-4 loss to Mashpee on Sunday.

No holds barred

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losses came to a wrestler in this Sectional.

Coach Sweeney sounds confident that both of his stars could avenge those losses and walk away with the top prize at Sectionals, which would give them a high seed at the State Div. 3 championships at Burlington High School next weekend.

The others CHS grapplers Sweeney feels should get consideration for top five seeds are senior Phil Strazzulla (140 pounds) and sophomore Jonathan Littauer (103), Joey Kehoe (125) and Matt Baroudi (215).

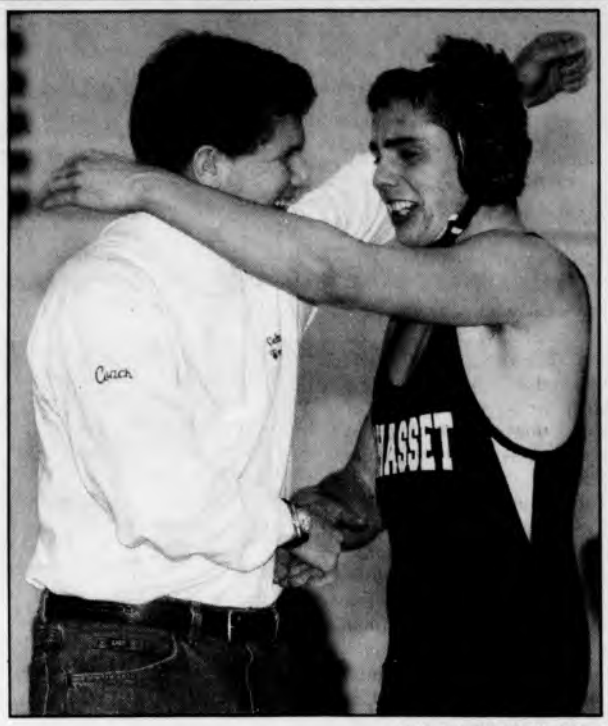
Regardless of where they start, however, Sweeney feels extremely good about the chances of all six of these wrestlers finishing top six over this weekend and, thus, advancing on the States.

"All of those guys are wrestling well right now, and, from what we know of the competition, I'd say they all have a very good shot at advancing," offered Sweeney.

The coach also feels he has a few strong darkhorse candidates for this weekends proceedings, among them junior Jake Berger (heavyweight/215), sophomore Matt Casey (152) and freshman Dave McKenna (119).

Berger, in particular, is a wrestler who has really come on down the stretch this season, as witnessed by his performance this weekend. Thrown into the heavyweight division, the 205-pound Berger stunned New Bedford's 270-pound behemoth by pinning him.

"Jake is really wrestling well right now," noted Sweeney. "He's out-quicking a lot of the bigger guys and he's really got a few of the moves from on top down. He's using what he has in his arsenal very well right now."



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Senior Terry Baroudi (right) and coach Torin Sweeney have had lots to celebrate together this season. Both hope that trend continues this weekend at Sectionals.

Wrestling Notes

Of the three wins on Saturday, only the showdown with Div. 1 New Bedford was relatively close at 37-33. Of course, Cohasset had it clinched with three matches to go when Casey notched his win at 152, and Sweeney played with the lineups a little after that.

Marshfield was taken down, 55-15, and Norwood was less of a challenge, falling, 49-9.

Cohasset had five triple winners: Littauer (103) with two pins, Terry Baroudi (135) with one pin, Strazzulla (140) with two pins, McKenna (145) with three pins and Matt Baroudi (215) with three pins.

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The final record of 18-3-2 topped the previous high water mark for win of 16-4, set in 1998.

Sci-Coh swimmers earn split against much larger OA

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High School. The 100 breaststroke and the 100 butterfly were both won by yours truly, quite the satisfying end to a 13 year dual meet swimming career.

The boys really won the meet in winning the last two relays. The team of Monaco, Bilton, Ingber and Garrett Donovan (who pitched in greatly to the winning cause with a pair of second places in the 200 free and the 100 backstroke) took top scores in both the 200 free relay and the 400 free relay.

The 11 Sci-Coh girls, although arguably more talented than their hosts, were simply overwhelmed by the much larger Tigress team.

Becky Keys, the Scituate sophomore, was for the third straight week the main attraction in this contest. Her score of 156.4 in the diving competition was well above any other diver, and she also became the fourth member of the team to qualify for Sectionals, doing so in the 100 freestyle with a time of 1:03.12.

Freshman Mamie Daley, who qualified two weeks ago for Sectionals in the 100 backstroke, continued her winning ways in the event with a time of 1:18.40. Daley also took second in the 200 IM, narrowly edging teammate Coral Yang of Scituate. Yang, in addition to her Medley, won the 100 butterfly with a season best time of 1:12.34, a nine second drop since the start of the season two months ago.

Scituate frosh Jenny Driscoll stepped up big in this contest, winning the 100 breast with a 1:24.98, 12 seconds ahead of her closest competitor. While Keys was trying to qualify in the 100, Driscoll filled in at the 500 free, taking second with a time of

The cheerleaders that participated in the competition were: (front row) Mascots: Shannon Mahoney, Kathryn Neil and Meri-Lenn Harris. (second row) Cheerleaders: Caitlin O'Neil, Lindsay Adams, Megan Sacchitella, Kimberly Neil, Nicole Dias, Laura Clancy. (third row) Cheerleaders: Anna Fortuna, Cara Donnelly, Michelle Mahoney, Brittany MacDonald, Caitlin Chase, Ellen Wise, Katlin Johnson. (fourth row) Cheerleaders: Justine Sholes, Melissa Warren, Jill Anderson, Kaylee Crane, Tasia Lund, Kaitlyn Buckley, Andrea Skane.

SPORTS NOTES

Trendowicz named Top Gun Lacrosse Player of the Week

New England's elite Box Lacrosse League, Plymouth Middle School Silver Division, Player of the Week is Dan Trendowicz, grade 8, of Cohasset.

Trendowicz scored seven goals and five assists in the recent Cohasset-Duxbury game, which his team won 29-7.

Cohasset Little League signups

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball is opening an exciting new chapter in its history and will hold its registration for the upcoming softball and baseball season on Saturday, March 1, 2003 from 9 to 11 AM outside both the Osgood and High School gymnasiums. This registration is for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 as of July 31, 2003.

This will be the only registration opportunity for the upcoming season for this age group. All parents /guardians who are unable to make this registration should register their child by obtaining the necessary registration forms by contacting Anne Kearney on 781-383-1451. All registrations accepted after March 1, 2003 will be subject to a $10 late fee. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a new player's registration forms. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the major league baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $100. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the minor league divisions for baseball (ages 7-11) and softball (ages 7-10) divisions will be $85. The fee for the farm league instructional tee ball division (ages 5-6) will be $65.

In addition, due to recent the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization, all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program.

Questions regarding either player or coach registration may be directed to Mike Kearney on 781-383-1451 or Nancy Froio on 781-383-1897.

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Cheerleaders score big

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Cheerleaders participated in the Old Colony Youth Cheerleading Competition held at Taunton High School on Nov. 17, and earned fourth place in the dance division. This division was highly competitive, since every town placed a squad in this dance division. The Scituate/Cohasset Cheerleaders performed extremely well and were rewarded for their hard work, precision and enthusiasm.

This achievement was the result of dedication and the hard work of the Junior coaches: Nicky Bonomi, Kate Donavan, Jessica Fopiano, Emily Tiedmann and the parent coaches: Sheila Mahoney, Josie Dias and Lorie Neil. Thanks are also in order for all the supportive parents, Linda Harris, Sheila Harris and our Shark mascot Shaquille Lund for helping out on competition day.

April Vacation Baseball Clinic

The South Shore Baseball Club will be providing an April Vacation Baseball Clinic, beginning Tuesday, April 22, and running through Friday, April 25, at Milliken Field.The clinic runs from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.. This week long program will cost $100 per participant. Rtegistration will be held at the Cohasset Recreation Office at Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. For more information, call 781-383-4109.

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Hitters' Workshop returns to SSBC

February school vacation, Feb. 18-21, in Hingham

HINGHAM - The popular Hitters' Workshops returns to the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham during the February school vacation.

The third of four special Hitters' Workshops, under the direction of veteran SSBC instructor Rick DelVecchio, will be offered Feb. 18-21 to players in two different age groups: 8-12 and 13-18.

"Lectures and drills are intended to create habits that will give hitters what they need to succeed in games," SSBC president/director Frank Niles, Jr. explained. "Our Hitters' Workshops have been designed to directly focus on hitting and improving all aspects of a player's hitting. Players can get plenty of at bats and receive first-class instructions from SSBC's veteran staff at this Hitters' Workshop.

SSBC's Hitters' Workshop features daily hitting lectures, five different hitting stations, various skills work and drills, live hitting cage with pitchers, soft toss and bunting stations, two live hitting stations, and a safety station for inside pitches.

Players 8-12 report at 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., while ages 13-18 go from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

The fourth and final SSBC Hitters' Workshop of the 2002-2003 academic year will be conducted during the April school vacation.

SSBC is a year-round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players, boys and girls, ages five and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or any of its programs for members and non-members, call 1-888-749-6466/781-749-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

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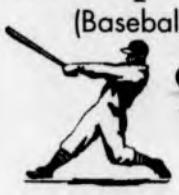

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Hope still springs for Coh-Nor gymnasts

Sectional tourney still a possibility

By Lou Molinari
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The Seeding meeting for the State Individual Gymnastic championships was scheduled to take place last night, with one member of the Cohasset/Norwell team seen as a shoe-in qualifier.

Meredith Bixby, of Cohasset, is seen as a top candidate to qualify for the State All-Around competition.

Meredith finished second in last weekend's Pilgrim Conference Championships, taking a 34.2 in the All-League meet.

Bixby was also one of three Cohasset/Norwell gymnasts named to the all-star team. Bixby received her vote for an all-star honor in the all-around: the Big One.

Kerriann Hart, of Hanover, was first in the all-around with a 34.7. Jen Ng of the Randolph/Milton team finished third with a 33.15. Katie Donovan of the Hingham/Scituate team was fourth with a 32.6.

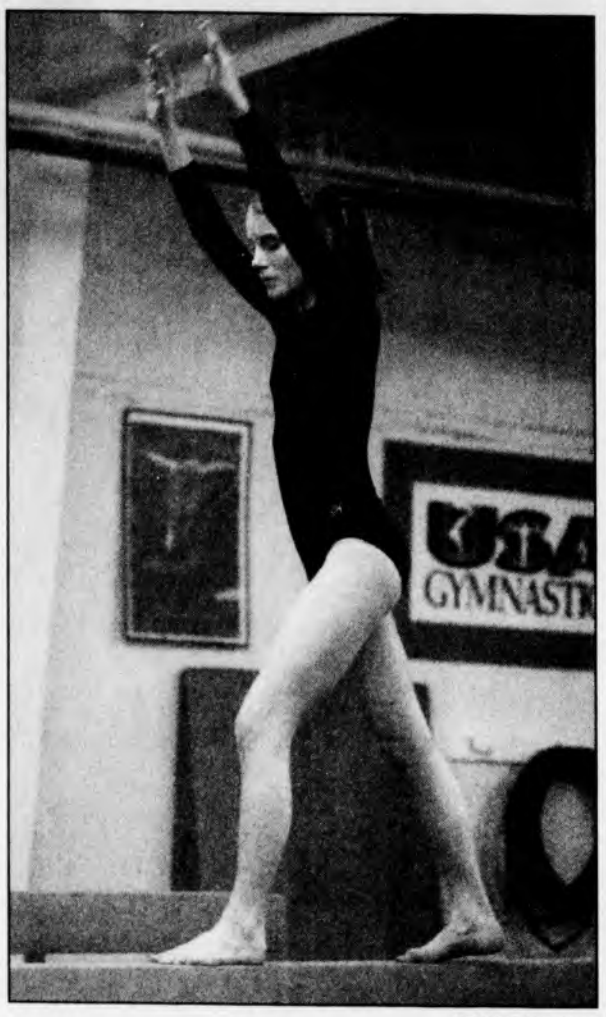
Also named Cohasset/Norwell all-stars over the weekend were Katherine Coyne on the beam and Nancy Durkin on the vault.

Cohasset-Norwell head coach Kara Connerty split the Coach of the Year award three ways with Hanover's Ruthann Ardizonni and Carver's Jenn Stadelmann.

Individual honors in the vault were Nancy Durkin with a first on the vault with an 8.3. Amy Maree was third and Lauren Kilduff turned in a sixth.

Taking a sixth place on the balance beam was Erin Kelly with a 7.9.

Lisa Spirito finished third on floor exercise with an 8.3, and Durkin was fifth with a 7.5.



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Cohasset-Norwell gymnast Carlie Arena performs on balance beam at recent South Shore League meet. The C-N tumblers have finished up their regular season, and were awaiting word at the time of this writing from last nights state sectional selection meeting to see if their season will be extended.

Earlier in the week, Hanover clinched the Pilgrim Conference title outright and was assured that it was heading to the South Sectional tournament with a perfect record as well.

Hanover had an overall record of 11-0, and a conference record of 10-0.

The Nor-Coh squad finished second to Hanover in the season with an 8-2 record. In fact, both of their losses came to Hanover.

Four league champions in the state's South-Central region qualify for Sectionals, as will four other teams, with this matter being determined by the average of the top four team scores on the season. The Nor-Cohs boast an average just under 130, which would seem to give them a decent shot of advancing to Sectionals.

A grand finale

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improved Carver team, the boys won 59-50. Cohasset scored the last 10 points of the game and held Carver scoreless over the last 4:15 of the ball game.

Senior captain Ben Lynner scored 22 points and pulled down eight rebounds, and junior guard Chris Bilodeau had 20 points.

Cohasset closes out the season this weekend in the Mansfield tournament. They played Hull at home Wednesday night after the Mariners' press time.

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MAXLAX REPORT

Game of the Week:

U12 Cougars top Blades, 7-3

In a week where the real winner was Mother Nature as the first "real" winter storm hit our area and canceled Friday's games, we still saw plenty of good action on Saturday and this one was the best of the week.

This game was a victory for both defenses as throughout the majority of the game, the score was locked in a close draw from midway through the first period through to the final couple of minutes of play and while there was certainly enough scoring to decide a winner, each and every goal was talliedthe "old fashioned way" - they earned it . . .

Scoring for the Cougars were Eamon Davis who had two points on the day along with a nice assist and the game winner; Will Wise with two, that kept his streak of scoring at least 2 points a game intact; and the goalies on the team Ian Porter and Jack Murphy both scored a goal and an assist. At the heart of this victory was the consistent play of the entire squad on both sides of the ball as they controlled their passes, set up the best scoring opportunity, and relentlessly "hounded" their opponents offensive drives.

Jackson Dean, who is a clear favorite for the "Most Dedicated Player" played one of his best games at Attack and while he didn't notch any for the score sheet, he had some marvelous near misses that allowed his teammates to take advantage down the stretch. Anchoring the defensive stand was Richard Buckley and Derek Cyr who kept coming back for more and created an impenetrable force around the net repelling all but the best executed advances. Olly Forrer, who came directly from the slopes to make the game, also demonstrated some defensive prowess at Midfield to make sure that this victory would remain intact.

The Blazers had scores from Logan Chase and two from Christopher Benoit to keep the game within reach, but the real story was the goaltending of Wes Ulmer who commanded the defensive end like a seasoned General, taking the ball across mid-field on several rushes when there wasn't a safe outlet pass to be had. He also made a number of multiple saves and confounded the Cougars with an aggressive "in your face" combativeness that made many of the Cougars just a little nervous when they started to get to close to the goaltender. The Blazers got great Middie play from John Kearney as he continues to demonstrate tremendous improvement in his game and who is now routinely notching hat tricks and assists over the last several games to give his team a much needed spark on offense and defense.

Though the score doesn't indicate that this was close one, it's not always the score at the end of the game that makes it a great contest. This one was won in the trenches and both sides came away as better lacrosse players after they were through.

PLAYER of the GAME: Spartans George Reynolds (7 Goals/2Assists)

PLAY OF THE WEEK: Talons V Stingrays - Did you see this one ?

Jake Gray is sometimes overshadowed by the skills of his "big" brother Zach on this talented Talons team, which is hard to do as Jake is an imposing figure at 180lbs and shoulder to shoulder with most of his coaches. But, you wouldn't have suspected it after watching Jake (who playing defense) took the ball off of a broken play that he caused and "danced" through defenders switching hands as if he had been doing it naturally all his life.

Needless to say, it was fun to see the "big man dance" . . .

You don't see this one very often . . .

Here's the rest of the MaxLax action:

U14

Talons 14- St. Clair-Barrie 6g, Sears 3g/2a, Reynolds 1g/1a, Ferris 1g,

Stingrays 5- Rice 1g/1a, Donovan 4g

Other U14 Games Were Canceled Due To Weather

U12

Cougars 7- Davis 2g/1a, Wise 2g, Murphy 1g/1a, Porter 1g

Blazers 3- Chase 1g/1a, Benoit 2g

Spartans 13- Reynolds 7g/2a, Kennedy 4g/1a, Sperandio 1g/1a, Wicks 1g

Hawks 7- Driscoll 6g, # 140 1g

Lions 6- Lydon 4g, Owen 1g, Dalton 2a, Flaherty 1g,

Tomcats 3- Siereveld 3g, Warmington 1a

U10

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'Rough' going for lady hoopsters

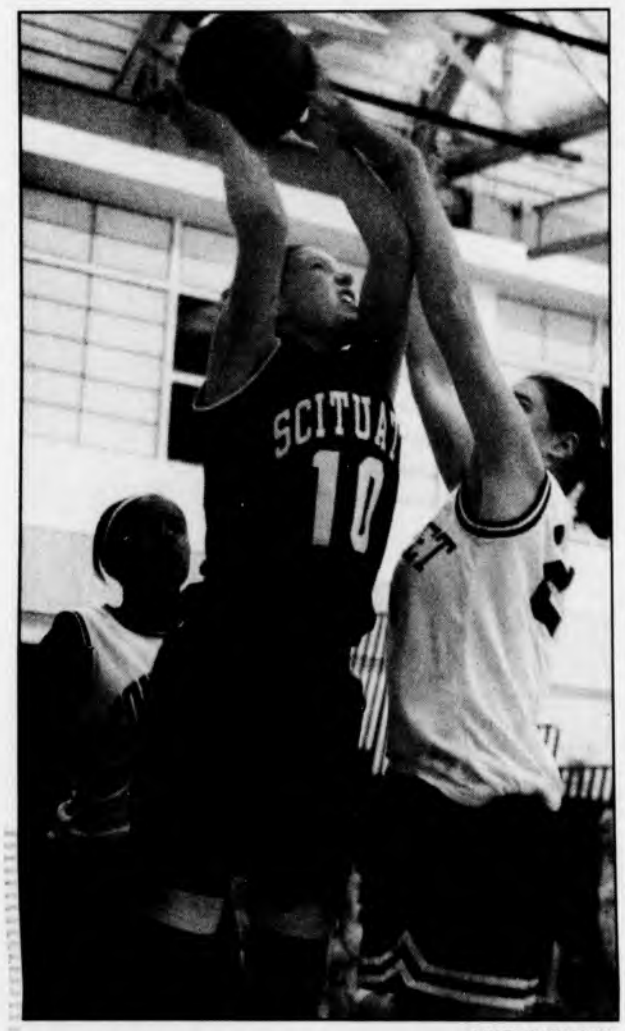
Girls basketball team proves no match for Carver, Harwich

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It's been a rough season for the girls basketball team. Armed with experienced seniors, good defenses, inside post-players and all-range shooters, the Lady Skippers have just not been able to get on the right track and beat their South Shore League opponents.

The team dropped a pair of SSL contests earlier this week, losing to Carver 72-44 in a snow make-up game and 60-41 in Harwich on Tuesday.

Against Carver, the final point differential would certainly indicate a great disparity between the two teams. However, anyone at the game could attest that the teams are not too far from even, as shown in the 24-24 halftime score.



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Cohasset center Danielle Pinkus (white shirt) tries to disrupt the shot of Scituate's Christina Obert in recent non-league tilt.

For the first 16 minutes of the game, the trio of Justine Hill, Julie Ann Burns and Meaghan Jesse were held under raps by the always tricky triangle-and-two defense, which combines a low post zone with an ability to control the top ball-handlers man to man. Cohasset sophomore Casey Anderson did a particularly impressive job defending Jesse, the Crusader center, holding the three time all-star to one basket the whole half.

"Casey played phenomenal defense," noted assistant coach Deb Beal. "We did an outstanding job containing in the first half."

But the second half told a very different story. The ever dangerous Burns, voted an all-star as well on Tuesday night, began to hit her outside runners, en route to a lethal 23 points. When the defense shifted to contain her perimeter presence, Jesse made her inside presence felt, scoring 21.

Justine Hill, rounding out the threesome of all-stars, managed only nine points while under the defense of junior Jenn Buckley. Cohasset senior captain Lindsay Grossman, voted Cohasset's lone all-star selection this year, led Skipper scorers with 12 points, although the bench rotation left her with far shorter minutes than normal.

Against Harwich, the Rough Ryders used a very balanced attack, along with a vicious press to outlast their visitors for the 19-point victory.

Sharee Daluze, a senior and no-brainer pick for the all-star squad, led all scorers with 13 points. Sophomore Jayne Vagenas, Harwich's other all-star, had eight. The Rough Ryders went deep into their bench, with 10 of their 12 players contributing points.

Grossman again took the scoring reins with 12 points. Junior center Danielle Pinkus threw in nine points down low, especially impressive against the heighty Harwich team.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset captain Tom Anderson (#2) has been lauded almost weekly by coach John Blake for his steady play this season.

Do-or-die time

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we've been having the same problems for a while now," said Blake. "We've just been flat emotionally. Our guys are being beaten to the puck, outhustled and out-worked. We need someone to give us a spark, and the ones I was looking to just don't seem like they're into it."

Two of the veterans specifically absolved from this broad slam were defensemen Tom Anderson, a senior captain, and junior Mike Devine.

"Tommy (Anderson) has been giving it all," said the coach. "He's one player you never have to worry about."

And Devine: all he did was score three of the four goals in Saturday's 4-4 tie.

The slick-skating junior blueliner put the Skippers on the board first with 1:41 to go in the first period, with assists going to Mike Rasmussen and Matt Davis.

Mashpee's Trever Fronius tied the game back up just 58 seconds later, and that's the way it stayed until Devine punched home his second with 4:46 to play in the second period on a helper from Anderson.

Devine staked the Skippers to a two-goal lead 2:10 later, with freshman Matt O'Connell and senior John Durkin getting the assists.

A Mashpee goal inside the final minute of the middle frame was answered by Cohasset sophomore Mark Donovan on a pass from freshman Brandon Smith midway through the third, seemingly putting the Skippers in the driver's seat.

However, Mashpee, 2-9-3 coming in (1-8-1 in SSL play), managed to put two behind Cohasset netminder Stefan Parnell inside the final 10 minutes, the equalizer delivered by Fronius with just 35 seconds to play, to steal the tie.

"If I was Mashpee, I'd be absolutely thrilled to come away with a tie with two late goals making the difference," offered Blake. "Obviously, though, it's a bad loss for us."

Now, too many veteran coaches to name have observed over the years that playing on the Cape is almost like playing in a foreign land and by foreign rules, and Blake did not exactly defame that notion. However, he also did not accept this as an adequate excuse for what he described as "some lackluster performances."

"We've got kids who've been around long enough to know what hockey is like on the other side of the bridge," he charged. "Instead of worrying about the Cape refs and the calls they weren't getting, they should have been worrying about just playing and controlling the things they can."

The coach did soften somewhat, noting his team was also somewhat snakebitten right now, particularly team and league leading scorer John Durkin (21 goals, 15 assists), who he says has hit no fewer than five posts in the last three games.

Blake also acknowledged the loss of practice time on Friday due to the snow storm didn't help, giving his team three days off since the start of the season. Ditto for the first "long bus ride of the year."

His predominant message, however, did not waver.

"We've got three games now to turn it around, and it's not going to get any easier," Blake concluded. "Teams that do well in the state tourney are generally the ones who finish strong, and right now we're going the other way. There's still time, but we need to get it going now. It's not something you can just turn on and off like a light switch."

Hockey Notes

Skippers 2, Hull 0

Last Wednesday, Parnell made 18 saves to notch his third shutout of the season. Matt O'Donnell and John Durkin provided the difference for the Cohasset offense, which threw 36 shots on Hull's returning league all-star netminder Mark Saville.

Scoring leaders

Durkin, with 36 points, continues to hang on to the league scoring lead despite netting just one goal and two assists in his last four games. Davis trails him with 27 points (11 goals, 16 assists), and he's followed by junior Mike Rasmussen (6-11—17) and Devine (8-6—14).

In net, Parnell continue to be among the league leaders in goals against, posting an extremely solid 2.19 mark (35 goals, 16 games).

Next on tap

The Skippers were scheduled for their second "long" bus ride of the season, last night, with Harwich on the slate down in Orleans. Coach Blake noted his team's performance in this second go-round with Harwich (9-6-1, 6-3-1), who the Skippers embarrassed the first time around by a 7-1 score, could be pivotal to his team's prospects the rest of the way.

Cohasset follows this up with a hosting of Carver on Saturday night (7:20 p.m., Pilgrim Arena) to close out the SSL schedule. Blue Hills travels to Pilgrim next Wednesday for the regular season finale (7:40 p.m. start).

The postseason will get underway following the school vacation.

Middle/Senior High fund-raiser

The Middle/Senior High School is holding a raffle fund-raiser to raise money for a portion of the athletic trainer's position at the middle-high school.

The school has been fortunate to have Jim Levenson on staff as athletic trainer for the past two years. The school's goal is to raise about one third of the cost of the position.

Two Cohasset graduates, Phil Mahoney and Robert Donahue, have generously donated tickets to a number of Celtics and Bruins games coming up in March. The following tickets will be raffled off as prizes:

Grand Prize: Four tickets, Wednesday, March 5, Celtics vs. Knicks ($360 value).

Second prize: Two tickets, Friday, March 7, Celtics vs. Clippers ($160 value).

Third prize: Two tickets, Thursday, March 13, Bruins vs. Devils ($170 value).

Fourth prize: Two tickets, Saturday, March 15, Bruins vs. Panthers ($170 value).

Raffle tickets may be purchased before Feb. 28 from any winter sport athlete or from Ron Ford, athletic director, 781-383-6103. They are $5 each or five tickets for $20. Checks should be made payable to Cohasset Middle-High School.

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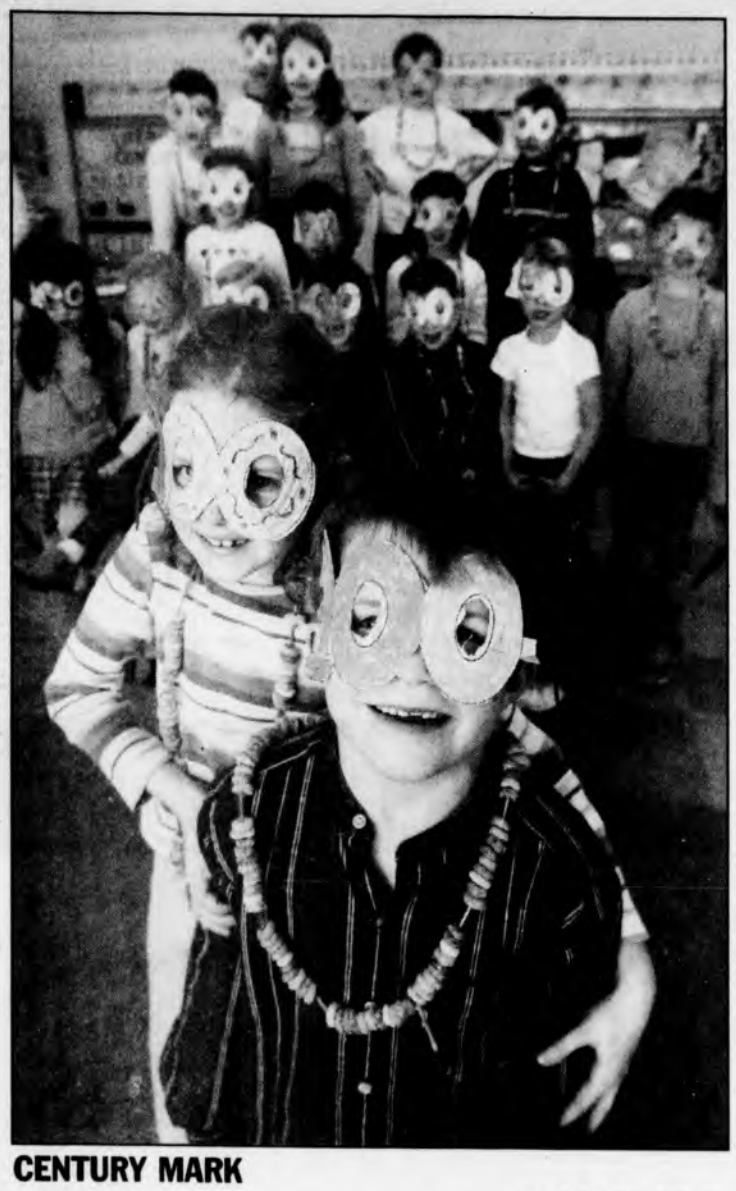

CENTURY MARK

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Osgood School first-graders Micaela Durkin and Terence Doonan pose in their shades which they made to celebrate the 100th day of school on Tuesday.

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $2,500 scholarships are available (starting Friday, Feb. 14) at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive in Hingham.

This is the 30th consecutive year that the Pilgrim Skating Arena is awarding scholarships to area high school seniors planning to further their education.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application *in person* at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Monday, March 31.

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, please call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

Postprom party donations sought

Preparations are underway for Cohasset High School's sixth annual Postprom Party 2003. The party will follow the Senior Prom, scheduled for Friday evening, May 20. The Postprom Party 2003 will be held in the Cohasset Middle/High School. It's a magical night with a surprise-decorated theme and includes music, entertainment, food and prizes. This traditional event is a chance for seniors and their guests to celebrate together in a safe, alcohol and drug-free environment. It has traditionally been a success with the majority of the seniors and guests attending.

Support is needed because contributions are relied upon to fund a major portion of the expense.

Please make donations payable to Cohasset Postprom Party 2003 and mail to: Cohasset Postprom Party 2003, 27 Forest Ave. Cohasset, MA 02025.

Kindergarten registrations

Kindergarten registration for Cohasset students entering Kindergarten in September 2003 began on Monday, Feb. 10. Children must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2003 in order to be eligible for enrollment. Parents may register daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Osgood School office. A copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residency is required.

Early registration is encouraged to enable the school to plan for the number of students who will be attending Kindergarten in the fall. Please call the Osgood School at 781-383-6117 for any questions or concerns.

SAFEGUARD expands, new programs planned

When Project SAFEGUARD first began in Cohasset back in the mid 1990s, a few parents working closely with School Health Education Coordinator, Michael Gill, set out to raise monies in the community to support a special seventh grade program.

Last December, this Project SAFEGUARD Committee joined forces with the school-based Health Education Advisory Committee and the community-based Town Drug and Alcohol Committee. Together these three groups will work to develop and promote physical, social, and emotional/ mental health programs for K-12 students.

In addition, because of the at-large community work that the Town Drug & Alcohol Committee has performed for many years, the Project SAFEGUARD Committee will make an effort to be responsive to the needs of the entire community by working with the Parent School Organization, the Social Service League, the Department of Public Health, the Police Department, and other agencies and organizations.

What is special about this program is that it's designed to bring students and parents together to attend presentations and workshops designed to address a number of child and adolescent health and social issues. Last October, the Committee organized an exceptional program for seventh-grade students and their parents at several sites surrounding the town common. Presently, plans are being made for a program for eighth grade students and their parents on March 12 at the Middle-High School auditorium and on April 9 for sixth-grade students and their parents at the Deer Hill School. Both programs will be held during the school day. Parents, please note the dates.

Project SAFEGUARD meetings are generally held in the Middle-High School library, one morning per month. Community members interested in working with this committee are invited to contact Health Education Coordinator, Dr. Michael Gill (383-4205) mikegill@chs.ssec.org, or parent reps., Sally Sisson (salsisson@attbi.com), Karen Oronte (oronte@attbi.com), or the Reverend Clifford Cutler (ccutler@ststephens.org).

Send in your school news

The Cohasset Mariner wants to develop a school news page to run every week. Short news items from teachers and school organizations are welcome. Photographs of events, accompanied with a short article or longer story are also sought. If you have "Stars of the Month", an interesting program or student volunteer effort, artwork, student writings, interesting field trip, or special projects, please share them with us.

Also, if you would like to request a photographer for your school event, please let us know. Contact editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933. News items my be sent by email to mford@cnc.com or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in the village.

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Hingham Symphony to stay in tune with tomorrow

Wants to ensure continued success

Hingham Symphony Orchestra is moving forward with plans to stabilize and enhance its organization, to enable it to grow as a source of classical music and hands-on educational opportunities for audiences across the South Shore. After extensive strategic planning, the Board of Trustees has decided that a minimum of $3 million will be needed over the next five years to implement its vision.

To meet this ambitious goal, the HSO Board has decided to undertake the largest enhancement program in the organization0s 57-year history. It is currently recruiting a development campaign steering committee, made up of major supporters from towns across the South Shore, who will recommend to the Board a dollar goal and lead the fundraising effort.

"This is an exciting time for the HSO," says Mary Beth Alger, President of the HSO Board of Trustees. "We have a very clear mission, that includes performing a full season of concerts employing the finest professional musicians and award-winning conductor Jin Kim, offering progressive opportunities to young musicians, and partnering with local community organizations.

"HSO is critically recognized as one of the best professional orchestras in New England. Now it is time to align our funding with the program and organization that we have developed," she says.

As is typical with arts organizations that keep ticket prices reasonable and perform in small venues, tickets sales account for only one-third of annual revenue. Since its conversion in 1997 from a community orchestra to a professional symphony orchestra, the Board of Trustees and the staff of the HSO have successfully addressed the growing needs for operating and program funds through annual donations, grants, and corporate sponsorships.

"It is now time to round out funding for all aspects of the organization capital, program, operating and reserve," says Alger. "We have grown quickly and efficiently, to become a major resource for classical music on the South Shore. At this point, we must increase staffing, pay musicians at a more competitive level, and add to marketing and educational efforts."

Managing Director Nina Wellford cited additional priorities.

"Capital needs include office space and updated technology," she says. "As befits an arts organization that relies on contributed income as well as generated revenue, the HSO is run on a lean budget. As we develop programs that impact audiences across the broader region, expenses grow proportionately. We need to create a reserve of funds to help with cash flow, and to increase stability."

The eventual campaign goal will reflect the funding level necessary to sustain an orchestra of the highest caliber on the South Shore, Alger says.

Blizzard exhibit at Hull Lifesaving Museum

On the afternoon of Feb. 6, 1978 a storm arrived on the South Shore that would virtually hold the area hostage for nine days. By 6 p.m. many towns had lost power. Electricity would not return for four, or in some areas, five days. Many residents saw their homes devastated by heavy snowfall, high winds, and extreme flooding. Forced to evacuate, most found shelter in the public schools. Suddenly the need arose to feed and care for thousands of cold, hungry, and exhausted people. While the storm soon ended, its effects were felt for years to come.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., has opened a new exhibit to mark the 25th anniversary of this unforgettable storm. The story of the South Shore's nine-day ordeal through the Blizzard of '78 is a fascinating account of New England weather as well as New England character. Through photographs, newspaper articles, personal testimonies, and film clips the Blizzard of '78 Anniversary Exhibit examines the impact of the blizzard on the South Shore in terms of both physical damage and community experience. For more information contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433.

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(9) Gift Shop
(10) Jewelry Store
(11) Florist
(12) Sporting Goods Store
(13) Toy Store
(14) Video Store
(15) Pet Shop
(16) Pharmacy
(17) Liquor Store
(18) Furniture Store
(19) Carpet/Flooring Store
(20) Appliance Store
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(32) Dry Cleaner
(33) Auto Service/Repair
(34) Community Bank
(35) Insurance Agency
(36) Dance/Gymnastics School

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(37) Restaurant For Breakfast
(38) Restaurant For Lunch
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(41) Italian Restaurant
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(45) International/Ethnic Restaurant
(46) Sushi Restaurant
(47) Restaurant For Takeout
(48) Restaurant For Steak
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(51) Ice Cream Shop
(52) Deli
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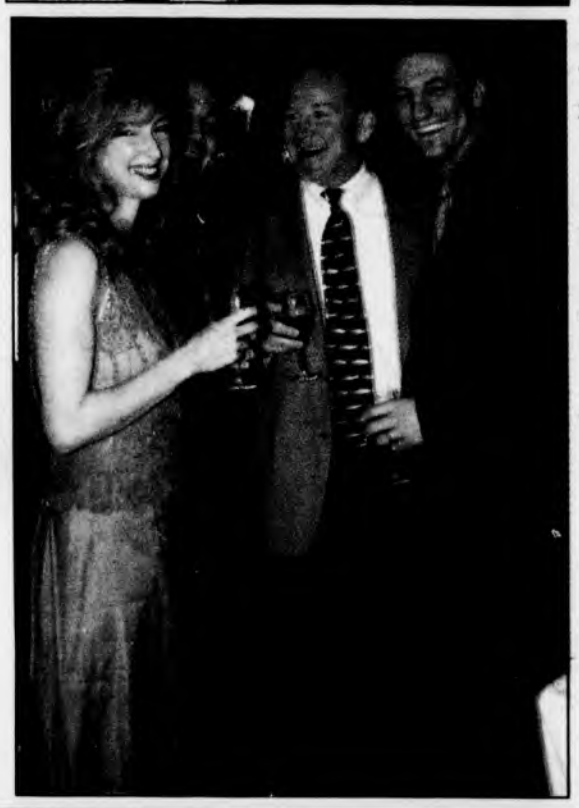
Dancing the night away

Clockwise from top left: Couples enjoy dancing, including Peter and Leah Taylor Roy (front). at the Love Around the World benefit for the Our World Children's Discovery Museum planned for the rear wing of the old Osgood School. Mrs. Roy is one of the leaders of the project.
Above, center: Benefit chairwomen , Leah Taylor Roy, left, and Mary Larson, far right, join co-chairwomen Muffy Antico, Deb Thomas and Logan Bernstein for a photo op at the event Saturday night at the Red Lion Inn. Above, right: Brad Thomas and Rob Bernstein are all smiles at the event.
At right: Suzanne and Todd Trnka chat with Kevin Thomas and Kirk Jackisch at the event that benefits a new children's museum planned for the old Osgood School.
At left: Roslyn Bryan and Cindy Matheison at Saturday's benefit at the Barn at the Red Lion Inn.



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IT'S HAPPENING

Alzheimer's support

A six-part weekly series "Home Based Care: Techniques for Caregivers" will begin Wednesday, Feb. 19, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. This educational series was developed and will be presented midday by the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Association. The goal of this series is to give caregivers techniques for caring for an at-home patient, as well as self confidence and perspective on their roles as caregivers. The class is limited to 18 participants. For more information and to register, call Jean Coffin, LICSW, at 781-740-7481.

This series is made possible through a Title IIIe grant through South Shore Elder Services. There is no fee for the course, but donations are welcome.

Oldies at Atlantica

The Timetations will be performing oldies hits from the 50', 60's and beyond at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset Saturday evening March 1.

This dinner show features "Chantilly Lace, Da Do Ron Ron, I Got You Babe, He's A Rebell' and many more. For reservations and details call 508-746-2939.

'Sound of Music' auditions slated

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for its spring musical "The Sound of Music" at Cohasset Town Hall on Sunday, March 2 from 12-3 p.m. for children, and 3-5 p.m. for adults, and also on Monday March 3 from 7-9 p.m.. Call backs will be on Tuesday March 4.

Please be prepared to sing a song from the show, and read from a script. If you are auditioning for one of the children, Rolf or Maria, you will also need to dance. Those auditioning for "Nuns Chorus" must sing harmony. Basic guitar skills a plus for Maria and Captain von Trapp. There are five non-singing male roles from 30-70 years old and one non singing woman's role, 35-70. There are five singing roles for girls 5-22 and three singing roles for boys 10-22.. The performances will be the first three weekends in May. For further information, call the producer, Jean at 617-750-8987.

'Relay For Life' meeting Feb. 25

Hundreds of area residents have taken up the fight against cancer by taking part in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. The volunteer planning committee for the Society's seventh annual Relay For Life in Cohasset is hosting a kickoff for new team captains and interested participants from 7-8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset.

Relay For Life is the Society's signature activity taking place in more than 3,800 communities nationwide. This unique, overnight event raises cancer awareness while serving as a celebration for cancer survivors, a memorial for loved ones lost, and a rally for the community. Teams formed by local businesses, schools, organizations and families camp out around a local track overnight and take turns walking or running while enjoying music, entertainment and camaraderie.

The American Cancer Society's seventh annual Relay For Life in Cohasset is set to take place on May 16-17 at Cohasset High School. Funds raised support the Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and services that benefit local patients and their families.

Events are taking place in towns and cities throughout Massachusetts. For more information, to volunteer or to find an event near you, please call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the Web site at www.cancer.org. Community Newspaper Company, parent of the Cohasset Mariner, is a media partner of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

African dance band at the Coffeehouse

On Saturday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m., the Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the Square presents Boston's premier African dance band, Rumbafrica. Congo's Tshibangu Kadima and his exotically costumed international musicians, singers, and dancers draw on contemporary and traditional Congolese, Cuban, and other styles and rhythms towards one end — great dance music. They include the sweet vocal harmonies and lilting dance rhythms of classic Congolese Rumba, as well as guitar theatrics, percussion breakdowns, and traditional dancing.

The coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Church's fully accessible Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham Square.

Tickets are $10 at the door and coffees, teas, cider, and homemade desserts are 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit programs of the Unitarian/Universalist Service Committee. For more information, contact: Jim Watson, 781-749-1767 or John Leonard, 781-749-2852.

'The Crucible' tickets available

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents, "The Crucible", directed by Lisa Rafferty at the Cohasset Town Hall. Feb. 28, March 1, 7, 8, 14, 14 & 15 at 8 p.m. and Sunday March 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304.

Garage hours

During the February school vacation, the Garage will be open on the following days and times:

Saturday, Feb. 15 from 5-10 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 17 from 4-9 p.m.; Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 4-9 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 4-9 p.m.; *Closed — on Thursday, Feb. 20*; and Friday, Feb. 21 from 5-10 p.m.

For information, call the Cohasset Recreation Commission at 781-383-4109.

Series on Alzheimer's care

The Norwell Visiting Nurse Association (NVNA), through a generous grant from South Shore Elder Services, is pleased to present a six-part, free public series called Caring Connections: Alzheimer's Caregiver Education and Support Program.

This program was launched on Jan. 16 and will continue until Feb. 20. Sessions are held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Sunrise Assisted Living facility, located at 125 King St. (Rte. 3A). Participants are given the opportunity to ask questions to further their understanding of key topics. Thus far, attendees have learned more about such topics as "Challenges and Activities of Daily Living" and "Care for the Caregiver."

Upcoming topics for the remaining three weeks of the series are:

- Feb. 13: "Maintaining Family Relationships" with facilitator Barbara Tortorella, LICSW.
- Feb. 20: "Legal and Financial Issues" with guest speakers Mary Cedrone, Protective Services and Elder At Risk Supervisor at South Shore Elder Services and Attorney Thomas F. Williams, who specializes in wills and estate planning.

The NVNA Alzheimer's team includes: Barbara Tortorella, LICSW; Gerry Sanderson, BSN; Janet Sennett, MEd, RN; Kris Leary, RPT; and Meg Doherty, NVNA Executive Director and Adult Nurse Practitioner. The team is presenting this program to help caregivers and families understand the nature of the disease and provide them with the ability to meet the needs of their loved ones or friends.

The public is invited to attend any or all of the sessions in this series. All sessions will take place at Cohasset's Sunrise Assisted Living facility. For directions, please call 781-383-6300. For more information about the Caring Connections series, please call Barbara Tortorella at 781-659-2342 ext. 357.

Adult caregivers discussion is set

Cohasset Elder Affairs will be holding an adult caregivers presentation and discussion on Thursday, March 20 from 1-2 p.m. titled "Adult Caregivers: Coming Up To Bat." The guest speaker will be Carolyn Housman, L.I.C.S.C. who will speak at the Cohasset Elder Affairs facility at 3 North Main St. Housman's talk is about the complexities and concerns of family dynamics when an elder person needs care.

Please RSVP to Cohasset Elder Affairs by calling 781-383-9112.

Brick by Brick program for new playground

Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum celebrated its groundbreaking in November 2002 and renovations are underway to the museum's space which will be located adjacent to the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Sohier Street in Cohasset. Our World has raised one-third of the funds needed to meet its goal for the opening of the museum and are portions of the museum are expected to open in the fall of 2003.

The focus now is on fundraising for the playground which will be built adjacent to Our World. The play structure previously donated to the town of Cohasset (known to many families as the Pirate Park) was outdated and eventually removed for safety reasons. The goal is to renovate the existing area and provide a new playground that Cohasset residents, along with visitors to Our World and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, will enjoy for years to come.

The estimated cost to rebuild the playground is $125,000. One of the ways the Our World Playground Committee will be raising funds for the playground is with the "Brick by Brick" program.

Through the Brick by Brick program, your donation of $100 will be recognized with an engraved brick. You can have your name, your family's name, loved one or your business name celebrated in brick. If you prefer, you also have the opportunity to contribute a larger engraved paver or a beautiful hardwood bench complete with an engraved brass plate.

Engraved bricks and pavers will be used in walkways and as accents throughout the surrounding areas of the playground. Construction on the walkways is slated to begin in the spring of 2003. All the funds generated by the Brick by Brick program will go directly to the designing and purchasing of play structures, landscaping of the play area and on-going maintenance.

To participate in the Brick by Brick program, please call Debbie Kuppens at (781) 383-6399. If you have any questions about the playground project or would like to make a larger contribution, please call Our World at (781) 383-3198. Please note that your donation is tax deductible.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 31

2:36 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:45 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:23 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

4:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, auto.

4:42 p.m. Beechwood St., general services.

7:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

7:37 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

8:37 p.m. Spindrift Lane, medical aid.

8:55 p.m. Holly Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:50 p.m. South Main St., fire, structure, extinguished.

11:29 p.m. South Main St., parking violation, log entry.

SATURDAY, FEB. 1

7:28 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:26 a.m. Border St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

10:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, PI, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:33 p.m. Elm St., general disturbance, services rendered.

1:16 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

3:32 p.m. Mendel Road and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking violation, ticket issued.

7:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2

3:30 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle accident, departmental action.

3:44 a.m. HQ, general services.

9:08 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:16 a.m. Mill Lane, medical aid.

11:53 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

2:46 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:46 p.m. Pond St. and Spring St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:21 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint, ticket issued.

8:49 p.m. Black Horse Lane, fire, investigation.

9:48 p.m. King St., animal call or complaint, area search negative.

10:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, FEB. 3

5:07 a.m. King St., request for police officer/s, returned to home or family.

8:18 a.m. South Main St. and West Gate Lane, traffic/motor vehicle safety inspection.

8:31 a.m. North Main St., fire, log entry, info.

8:37 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry, info.

9:47 a.m. Forest Ave., traffic/motor vehicle safety inspection.

11:13 a.m. North Main St., fire, log entry.

11:28 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:19 p.m. Lamberts Lane, well-being check.

12:45 p.m. Elm St., drugs/narcotics violations, investigated.

1:22 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Crocker Lane, general services.

7:02 p.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:23 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:57 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:20 p.m. Pond St., haz-mat incident.

10:56 p.m. Pond St., noise complaint.

TUESDAY, FEB. 4

4:53 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:48 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry, info.

11:40 a.m. HQ, receiving stolen property.

11:59 a.m. Howe Road, medical aid.

1:26 p.m. Cedar St., outside fire, extinguished.

5:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:09 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:34 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:47 p.m. Pond St., parking complaint.

7:43 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:14 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., request for police officer/s.

9:48 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

11 p.m. Pond St., building checks.

11:05 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

4:27 a.m. Stevens Lane, fire, misc., departmental action.

9:15 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry info.

10:42 a.m. Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:13 a.m. Brewster Road, parking complaint.

11:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:06 p.m. Elm St., parking complaint.

4:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity.

7 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

10:39 p.m. King St., request for police officer/s.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

2:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:08 a.m. Howe Road, Section 12 issued.

8:13 a.m. Brewster Road, parking complaint.

8:26 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity.

10:36 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:11 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:13 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Windy Hill Road, fire, investigation.

1:51 p.m. Smith Place, parking complaint.

1:55 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:15 p.m. Atlantic Ave., threats.

2:29 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:45 p.m. North Main St., general services.

11 p.m. Cushing Road, noise complaint.

11:34 p.m. King St., burglar alarm.

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

9:29 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle accident.

10:43 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Windy Hill Road, fire, misc., log entry info.

11:18 a.m. Beach St., motor vehicle accident.

12:01 p.m. Hull St. and Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle accident.

STATUS REPORT

Police arrested 11 in January

January was a relatively quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department, Police Chief Robert Jackson said. There were 11 arrests, two for Operating with a Suspended License, one for Violation of a Restraining Order, two for Outstanding Warrants, two for Protective Custody, one for Operating a Motor Vehicle Unlicensed, one for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol third Offense, one for Breaking and Entering in the Nighttime, and finally one for Possession of a Class D Substance, Jackson said.

During the month of January the police department investigated 11 motor vehicle accidents, five of which resulted in personal injury. There were 153 Motor Vehicle Citations issued totaling $6,670 in fines. Additionally there were 99 parking tickets issued for $2,925 in fines.

In the month of January there were four Criminal Complaints issued, all four for Motor Vehicle Violations.

Also in January our Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,045 calls for police services, of those 114 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of January there were no breaking and enterings, Jackson said.

POLICE BRIEFS

Snowstorm crashes

Cohasset police said there were no less than seven motor vehicle crashes during last Friday's snowstorm. The accidents were minor and no serious injuries were reported. But Police Chief Robert Jackson reminds all drivers to slow down during inclement conditions. He also said SUVs adhere to the same laws of physics as regular cars do, and require just as much distance to stop.

Rte. 3A break-ins

Police are investigating break-ins at two stores along Rte. 3A.

At 11:34 p.m., last Thursday, thieves forced the front door of Good Sport open and grabbed a variety of sports clothing before fleeing.

At 4:13 a.m. Saturday, officers responded to an alarm at the Shoe Market and discovered the door facing Rte. 3A had been shattered. It could not be immediately determined if any merchandize was taken, police said, and therefore, they are treating it as an attempted burglary.

Police Chief Robert Jackson said if anyone sees anything suspicious along Rte. 3A, especially at night, to notify the police.

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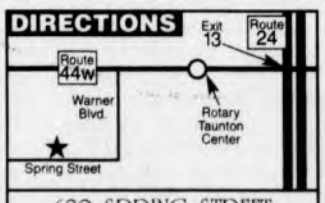

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LEGAL NOTICES

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S NOTICE
pursuant to G.L., c.40, 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000

Town of Cohasset - Case No. 2362
Special Town Meeting of November 18, 2002
Article #8

Attorney General's Authority to Waive Pro-cedural Defects in the Notice of the Planning Board Hearing
Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.40, 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000, if the Attorney General finds there to be any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment of any zoning bylaw relating to the form or content of the notice of the Planning Board hearing prescribed by G.L., c.40A, 5, or to the manner or dates on which said notice is mailed, posted or published as required by that section, then instead of disapproving the bylaw or amendment by reason of any such defect, the Attorney General may elect to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of G.L. c.40, 32. Under those provisions, the Attorney General is conditionally authorized to waive any such defect.

Defect Determined in Notice of Planning Board Hearing
The Attorney General has determined that one or more of the notice requirements for the Planning Board Hearing relating to the above Article(s) failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing as set forth in G.L. c.40A, 5. Section 5 provides in part:

No zoning ordinance or bylaw or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a city or town, and the city council or a committee designated or appointed for the purpose by said council has each held a public hearing thereon, together or separately, at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard. Said public hearing shall be held within sixty-five days after the proposed zoning ordinance or bylaw is submitted to the planning board by the city council or selectmen or if there is none, within sixty-five days after the proposed zoning ordinance or bylaw is submitted to the city council or selectmen. Notice of the time and place of such public hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and **by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the city or town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing.** Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the department of housing and community development, the regional planning agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting cities and towns.

(Emphasis added.)

In the materials submitted to us in connection with the amendments to the zoning bylaws adopted under Article 8, the notice of the planning board hearing was not posted pursuant to G.L., c.40A, 5. The failure to post the notice of the planning board hearing for the required time period is a procedural defect that could result in our disapproval of the proposed amendments. Apart from these defects, the notice in all other respects appears to satisfy the requirements of the statute. We specifically note that the planning board hearing notice was duly published in a newspaper of general circulation in the town on October 22, 2002 and October 29, 2002. Article 8 also received the unanimous recommendation of the planning board at town meeting.

Attorney General's Election to Proceed Under the Waiver Provisions of G.L., c.40, 32
The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the defect waiver authority conferred by G.L. c.40, 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Suspension of Review of Zoning Bylaw Amendments
The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General's review of local bylaws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.40, 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Posting and Publication of This Notice
The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice in a conspicuous place in the Cohasset Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy thereof once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Cohasset.

Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice Was Misleading or Otherwise Prejudicial Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Cohasset, any **resident** of the Town of Cohasset, or the **owner** of any real property in the Town of Cohasset, or any **other party** entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must set forth the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be **actually on file** with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.

Town Clerk's Certification of Compliance with This Notice
Forthwith after the expiration of the 21-day period in which any claim may be filed, the Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General a true copy of this Notice endorsed with a certification of compliance with the publishing and posting requirements of the preceding paragraph, and a certification that either (a) no claim was filed within the 21day period, or (b) one or more claims were filed within the 21-day period. The Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General true copies of any such claim(s).

Resumption of Attorney General's Review
Upon receipt of one original copy of this Notice with the Clerk's notification endorsed thereon, the 90-day period provided for the Attorney General's review under G.L. c.40, 32 shall resume; but if the expiration of the 90-day period is less than 10 days from the date on which the Attorney General receives from the Town Clerk such Notice of certification, then the review period shall be extended to the tenth day following such receipt. If no claim is made, the Attorney General may waive any such defect; if any claim is made, however, the Attorney General may not waive any such defect.

NOTE: By NOT filing a claim under this provision, a person shall not be deprived of the right to assert a claim of invalidity arising out of any possible defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment, as provided in G.L. c.40, 32, and in G.L. c.40A, 5.

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Restaurant designer and Hingham resident Bob Palmer inside the stylish FELT nightclub in Boston. Palmer has also designed several clubs on the South Shore including Waterworks at Marina Bay in Quincy, the former club Vogue in Hull and the Pasha Bar at the former Harborlight Mall in Weymouth.

Club couture

Hingham designer's a trendsetter in restaurant interiors

By Jerry Elsden
CORRESPONDENT

Bob Palmer belongs to a creative breed of professionals who design restaurant and nightclub interiors.

"I am in the entertainment and hospitality design business," Palmer says, modestly.

His latest creation is FELT, a stylish nightclub housed in an early 20th century four-story brick building at 533 Washington Street in Boston's newly-fashionable Ladder District.

"The owners chose FELT as a name because of the felt on the pool tables. It's also about having a great experience," says Palmer, who graduated from Hingham High during the late 1970s and admits to being "north of 40."

His work at FELT, and other clubs, has won accolades. Wendy Samonian, Associate Publisher of the magazine Improper Bostonian, thinks Palmer's designs are "exciting for Boston, because he has more of a New York City style. His work is progressive for Boston," a city known for being traditional and conservative.

Business has been good at FELT, which opened in March 2002. Palmer is now designing the fourth floor as a separate admissions venue, with DJ dancing and a VIP lounge. But when Palmer first saw the building in March 2000 he peeked in the front window and thought "what a mess!"

"There had been quite a few businesses here...a sports bar named Yesterdays, a Euro club named Joy, and there were broken mirrors and ugly dance floors. Also, this was a tough neighborhood," Palmer recalls. The building had originally housed a restaurant catering to shoppers at the former R.H. Stearns, Raymonds and Jordan Marsh department stores.

FELT's owners were reaching for an American crowd. "In the club industry, there are Euro crowds and there are American crowds and the two don't mix," explains Palmer. Doors open at 5 p.m. for the dinner and after work crowd. At 9 p.m. tables are removed and the first floor becomes a lounge until the 1 a.m. closing.

Palmer used circles and spheres on all four levels at FELT reinforce the billiard ball theme. The effect is stunning against red and purple velvet in banquettes lining one wall, and in floor-to-ceiling draperies hung against an opposite brick wall. The second floor mezzanine is open to the first floor so that people can furtively watch one another, thanks to Palmer's inventive placement of four oversized mahogany-framed mirrors angled just right.

"I had to remember my old high school geometry classes to make that happen," he says.

His custom designed half-sphere chairs and companion cube-shaped ottomans are a hit with club patrons. They've since been copied at several other Boston clubs.

Because Palmer respects classical architecture, he carefully restored the first floor's original fluted columns and carved plaster beams, now painted off-white and agreeably juxtaposed with the room's more modern materials. Over the bar floats an airplane-like wing he designed out of thin skinned aluminum, chandeliers resembling the 1950s spacecraft Sputnik hang over his custom made barstools, and running down the middle of the wooden bar is a strip of white neon which throws off a flattering light "like a beauty counter," says Palmer's girlfriend. A bemused Palmer explains why mirrors and specialized lighting are used in nightclubs.

"It's all theater, as if everyone is on a stage. People go to clubs to get out of their ordinary lives, to see and be seen."

From the first floor to the second — mezzanine — floor, is a curved staircase that was covered with "awful carpeting" Palmer recalls. He ripped that off to reveal near pristine marble steps, just as he did with the terrazzo floor above, discovered beneath a wooden dance floor.

The mezzanine bar is a popular hangout. Palmer's custom-

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Filling the VOYD

Pink Floyd tribute band headlines at Weymouth club

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Come Saturday night, those rocking at Club Odyssey in Weymouth will see you on the dark side of the moon. Or they may just wish you were here.

The Odyssey will host Pink Voyd, the much-acclaimed, Boston area tribute band to Britain's original and most successful art-rock mega-group Pink Floyd.

The Voyd — as fans have similarly called the Floyd — makes this return South Shore appearance back by popular demand, following a roundly well-received and much talked-about show at Plymouth's now-closed Ricky T's final night last fall.

Pink Voyd is described as New England's premier Pink Floyd Tribute on the band's Web site at www.pinkvoyd.com. According to band spokesman Dan Fisher, of Plymouth, who fills the role of original Floyd member Richard Wright on keyboards and guitar, Voyd is a faithful and record-perfect recreation of The Real Thing, not only in Floyd's original and subsequent four-piece lineups but also in the expanded 14-member (or more) editions of the band in its later years, including backup singers, string and horn sections. But, said Fisher, all of the augmentation, from musical performance to mixing and programming, is handled by the four members of Voyd as well.

Whatever songs or albums you remember as a Pink Floyd fan, the Voyd show recreates them in the band's extensive tribute repertoire.

"A true 4-person lineup recreates these timeless classics without sequences or backing tracks," said Fisher, also the tribute band's Web master, on the pinkvoyd.com homepage. "Impressive computer controlled lasers, video projection, and robotic lighting provide a multimedia spectacle for which Pink Floyd is so well known."

Along with Fisher, Pink Voyd includes guitarist/saxophonist Walter Stickle, bassist John Pitingolo and drummer Tony Caliendo. All of these players hail from the Boston and North Shore areas and, with Fisher, share in various vocal and other instrumental duties, recreating the respective Floyd roles of members Roger Waters (vocals, guitar, bass), Nick Mason (drums) and David Gilmour (vocals, guitar), plus the original band singer/guitarist and ill-fated, rock 'n' roll LSD casualty Syd Barrett, whom Gilmour replaced in Floyd's early days.

But equally essential to the Pink Voyd experience, said Fisher, is the band's production and creative crew, including digital video projectionist J. Max, a pair of lasers and lighting specialists named Amon Tighe and one who simply dubs himself Hobbit, and soundman John Teele.

"My devotion, or obsession, with Pink Floyd began back before I was in high school, with the first time I heard the *Dark Side of the Moon* album," Fisher recalled. "I was camping out in the woods, and someone was off in the distance with bullhorn speakers strapped to his car playing the track called `On the Run' from that album. And so this freaky, voluminous sound was just coming from out of the woods, and I thought that a spaceship was landing or something. The whole sound of the band just intrigued me. And I started buying all the Pink Floyd albums, and their music became the soundtrack to my life."

Fisher, now in his late 30s, is a former U.S. Army staff sergeant who specialized in Electronic Warfare, Intercept Systems. He was later discovered by a Chief Warrant Officer of the Army band who heard him jamming at a local Army club. Fisher then spent two years touring Europe with the 84th Army band, followed by another two years travelling the States with the U.S. Army Rock Band. He is currently a professor of Music Technology and Synthesis at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Whatever songs or albums you remember as a Pink Floyd fan, the Voyd show recreates them in the band's extensive tribute repertoire, including the early Barrett-era psychedelic jams, the prime era of *Meddle* (even all epic, 20-plus minutes of "Echoes"), *Dark Side*, *Wish You Were Here*, *Animals*, *The Wall* and beyond.

Saturday's show begins at 9 p.m. For more information, call the Odyssey at 781 335-1400.

Pink Voyd, Boston's premier Pink Floyd tribute band will play Club Odyssey in Weymouth Saturday, Feb. 15.

Michael Caine is the shaken, jaded journalist being offered help by his Vietnamese assistant, played by Tzi Ma.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

Caine shines in 'American'

The Quiet American (A-)

Slipped into town for September's Boston Film Festival and brought back now but given little promotion, "The Quiet American" encompasses one of the handful of best performances of 2002. If Michael Caine's incarnation of the jaded but cordial British journalist, Thomas Fowler, ensconced in Vietnam in the early 1950s, calmly observing the unraveling of the French imperial venture in Indochina, and besotted by an enticing former taxi dancer, doesn't win an Oscar nomination, chalk it up as another of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences absent-minded goofs.

Graham Greene's 1955 novel was first filmed in 1958, when Hollywood's gurus either loved America to the point of wearing blinkers about our faults or pretended to, lest the witch hunters go for their scalps. It now comes to us at a time when movie makers, like movie critics, tend to loathe America or at least find appealing the sneering at and supposedly superior awareness of our boorishness, insularity, wrong-headedness. This version is truer to Greene's searing book. Its American, Alden Pyle, an intelligence operative masquerading as a medical aide worker (given solid, slightly stolid incarnation by Brendan Fraser), is the stand-in for American obtuseness. The film's unneeded coda connects America's baby steps into involvement to the later war, though America's complicity in the subjugation of Vietnam to communist tyranny vanishes.

Greene's devout Catholicism appears here in Fowler's wife, never seen but alluded to, who, back in England, refuses to grant

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Food & dining

Chewy oatmeal cookies

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Years ago, I developed a recipe for oatmeal cookies that produced thick cookies that were moist with a hint of chew. Since then, I have tasted oatmeal cookies at bakeries that had big-league chew, really a whole different style of oatmeal cookie. I didn't want them greasy or too sweet – two of the most common problems with this common confection — but I did want to give my jaw a workout so I investigated how to bake the chew into the cookie.

The basic recipe includes butter, white and brown sugars, eggs, oats, flour, soda or powder, spices, salt, and raisins. I started my testing with the butter, which I left at two sticks. I found that melting the butter produced a greasier cookie than when I creamed (beat) it with the sugars. In my original recipe, I had used 1 cup granulated sugar and 1/2 cup brown sugar. When I reversed these quantities, I got more chew. As far as oats and flour are concerned, I knew that more oats and less flour would provide more texture and therefore more chew although too little flour made the cookies spread too much during baking. I settled on 3 cups oats to 1 cup flour. (Toasting the oats ahead of time wasn't necessary – they "toasted" during baking.)

The eggs (two) and the leavener (1/2 teaspoon baking soda) remained the same, much to my surprise. Adding baking powder or more soda simply made the cookies thinner and less chewy since they deflated a bit during baking and cooling. I reduced the spices considerably, ending up with just vanilla, salt, and a 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon. My secret ingredient turned out to be 2/3 cup of toasted and finely chopped pecans. They fortified the nutty flavor of the oats and gave the cookies some backbone. Coarsely chopped macadamias and blanched almonds also worked nicely as an optional addition.

The oven remained at 350 degrees from the original recipe and baking time was about 14 minutes. Be sure to remove them from the oven before they appear fully cooked.

CHEWY OATMEAL PECAN COOKIES

The batter can also be mixed by hand or with a hand-held mixer. If using the latter switch to a wooden spoon or spatula before trying to incorporate the oats, raisins, and nuts. These cookies will not appear fully cooked when they must be taken out of the oven. If baked too long, they will become hard and dry when cool.

1/2 pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened but still firm
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup all purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
3 cups rolled oats
1 cup raisins
2/3 cup pecans, toasted and finely chopped
3/4 cup macadamia or blanched whole almonds coarsely chopped (optional)

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees and position a rack to the center position. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper.

2. In a large bowl of a standing mixer fitted with the paddle attachment beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about three minutes. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat until well-combined, about one minute more.

3. In a separate bowl whisk together the flour, soda, salt, and cinnamon. Add to the butter/sugar/egg mixture and mix on low speed until the dry ingredients are fully incorporated. Add the oats, raisins, pecans and optional macadamias and mix until the batter is homogeneous.

4. Place generous 2 tablespoons of dough (#24 ice cream scoop makes simple work of this step) on parchment paper leaving at least 2 inches in between each scoop of dough. Bake one cookie sheet at a time for about 14 minutes or until the cookies are light brown around the edges, puffy and cracked, and appear to be undercooked on top. Rotate the pan half way through the baking time for even browning. Bake second sheet of cookies and then repeat with remaining dough as necessary using new parchment as needed. For best results you should let the cookie sheets cool between batches.

Makes about 36 cookies

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com.

Club couture

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designed top looks like cracked ice. "We hammered some tempered glass to get the look we wanted and underlit it with blue," he explains. The bar's backdrop is a wall of original windows with curved wooden mullions, draped with sheer silver-threaded curtains.

On the third floor — the purple level —Palmer removed a rusted-out tin ceiling and revealed oak beams. He reused a granite bar at the room's far end, adding Sputnik lights overhead and Swedish martini stools for seating.

Right now Palmer is designing FELT's fourth floor.

"I start with a colored drawing, then execute the plan to scale, and build a model for the many areas within the floor's space." He's already defined the palette ("Zenish, with calming colors") the bar top ("some exotic marble") and the lighting ("LED lights in blue, red and green, programmed by computer").

Besides FELT, Palmer's currently designing projects for a Providence restaurant aptly named Prov, the Caprice Restaurant in the Tremont House, and the just-opened News on Kneeland Street. To meet deadlines he "works seven days a week."

A labor of love, obviously. But he's used to juggling. While at Hingham High he took architecture courses at Harvard School of Design and fell in love with the classics. After graduating Boston University's School of Communications he designed materials for trade shows, did some animation, and started his own production company called ACME Design in Boston "We did a bunch of stuff on the cutting edge of computer animation," Palmer recalls.

Cutting edge, indeed. It's atypical of Palmer to boast about his work, but according to longtime friend and former colleague Marc Manderosian "Bob does his homework, studies trends, knows what works design-wise, and then it becomes mainstream." The two collaborated for years animating for commercial projects and illustrating children's books, even winning an award in the 1980s for an animated short film promoting the former Apollo Computer Company. The computer-generated graphics he used then are commonplace now.

Palmer's other projects include designing the former Vogue Nightclub in Hull, Waterworks and Hot Water at Marina Bay in Quincy, and Pasha Bar at the former Harborlight Mall in Weymouth. Only Waterworks remains today. Still, by opening day of any restaurant or club Palmer's work is finished, and he bears little responsibility for their success or failure. "The best part about this job is the designing," he says.

Obviously, Palmer grew up in a creative environment. His mother is Dorothy Palmer, a well-known artist from Hingham and Nantucket. "Bob's amazing," she says. "He can take a concept and apply it to any part of his senses. He can play many percussion instruments, and speaks several languages. Every part of him is a gift." Bob's brother, Nicholas, is a symphony orchestra conductor, and does guest performances at the South Shore Conservatory of Music every July.

Samonian describes Palmer as "a style setter …who doesn't follow the norm, and is taking Boston to the next level."

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The basics of seed sowing

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

February is historically the snowiest month of the year and as news reports flashed back memorable scenes of the Blizzard of '78 on its 25th anniversary, Mother Nature seemed determined to provide an exclamation point with yet another wintry offering. Only a few days before, torrential downpours had washed away all signs of winter giving many gardeners a touch of spring fever as our lawns and gardens became momentarily visible during the fleeting thaw, but it was back to reality by week's end. Although I am reluctant to give any credence to that chubby, prognosticating rodent, Punxsutawney Phil, it seems likely that the advent of spring may be weeks away.

As the storm passed out to sea leaving a foot or more of fluffy snow in its wake, a new day dawned under crystal clear blue skies, beckoning me forth, my camera in hand, to document the beauty of our winter wonderland. Few events in nature rival the serenity and pristine elegance of a new fallen snow when even an average landscape can be transformed into a picture postcard. On this perfect winter afternoon, spring seemed light years away, but even for gardeners who yearn for the greening of the landscape, the peaceful solitude of the storm's aftermath was undeniably mesmerizing.

With muscles aching from hours of shoveling, I paused periodically to observe the changing patterns cast by the elegant forms and distinctive lines of the winter landscape as the light shifted throughout the afternoon. A small flock of robins, perched high above, seemed out of place in this wintry scene, their occasional calls to one another sounding like protests to Mother Nature's for her most recent chilly offering.

Dusk, fatigue and falling temperatures compelled me to retreat to the warmth and comfort of my home. I wondered if February storms were Mother Nature's way of preparing gardeners for the labors of spring. In a few short weeks it will be time to rake, clip, and begin turning over new gardens. With more snow in the forecast, muscles should be toned and ready for the spring cleanup. I collapsed into a cozy chair and allowed my mind to wander, envisioning the beauty of spring nestled beneath the blanket of snow. Eager to preserve these visions of flowers and greenery, I sought refuge in my gardening catalogs, their colorful illustrations providing just the needed touch of springtime splendor.

One of the most economical ways to produce a garden full of beautiful flowers is to grow your own plants from seeds. Quantities of annuals, perennials and vegetables can be raised from seed packets at a fraction of the cost of buying flats or individual plants. There is also a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment when you successfully grow plants from seed. Gardeners of all ages experience an indescribable thrill when they discover that leaves have sprouted from the seeds they have sown. The magic of a tiny seed germinating and growing to produce a clump of exquisite flowers, a vine covered with delicious, plump tomatoes, a flowering shrub or a stately tree, is one of nature's greatest miracles.

Another advantage to starting your own seeds is the fantastic diversity available from seed sources. While many local nurseries offer a wide selection of plants and seeds, the possibilities from seed catalogs are infinite. Raising plants from seeds enables the gardener to select the colors, attributes, and varieties best suited to their needs rather than being limited to those offered as transplants later in the season at local nurseries.

The month of February is an ideal time to begin the process of gathering seeds and supplies. Seeds, containers and growing medium can be bought locally or through catalogs. Perhaps the most difficult task will be selecting which types and varieties of seeds to purchase with so many enticing descriptions and photographs offered by the seed companies. A good reference book on seed starting is highly recommended, as well. Although most packets provide pertinent information on how to treat the seeds contained within the package, a complete reference will assist you in making your selections and provide many details which simply cannot fit on the back of a small seed envelope.

Should you have seeds from previous years, they should be tested now for their viability. Most seeds remain viable for a number of years if stored in a cool, dry environment, but some types last better than others. Airtight containers, plastic bags or canisters are ideal for storage. Place a number of stored seeds between damp layers of paper towels and keep in a warm location consistently above 70 degrees. Keep the toweling damp but not soggy and start checking the seeds in a few days for up to three weeks. If none or only a very small percentage of the seeds germinate, fresh seeds should be purchased.

While it is wise to begin planning and preparing for seed starting now, be sure to wait a few weeks before starting most seeds. Limited sunlight and short day length often lead to leggy, spindly seedlings if seeds are to be grown on sunny windowsills. Fluorescent lighting generally produces stocky, healthier transplants but little will be gained by beginning the germination process too early. For now, be content to research, purchase and dream of your upcoming bounty of seedlings and the rewards they will produce through the spring and summer months.

Caine shines in 'American'

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him a divorce. Since, therefore, he can't marry his alluring, plaint Phuong (Do Thi Hai Yen) and can only have her so long as he is employed and in Vietnam — his employers at The Times are about to summon him home — Pyle is the logical next step for her. Pyle has fallen for her, as he stumblingly but unabashedly tells Fowler, at first sight, and the two men, despising each other but loving the same woman and attempting always to do the right thing and retain that stiff upper lip, keep in close contact, becoming entwined. Vietnam's hideous war for independence from France invariably scooped up everyone in its wake.

The milieu becomes palpably entrancing and terrifying, validating Fowler's open voice-over. He says people come to Vietnam looking for something and invariably finding it. A terrible bombing of civilians in downtown Saigon — a no-doubt unintended, swift reminder of the ongoing barbaric "suicide" atrocities committed by Arab fanatics in Israel, Judaea and Samaria — jolts. But what lingers, making this an unforgettable film, is Caine's Fowler, world-weariness incarnate but still throbbing with sexual yearning, palpable adoring his mistress, loving the country, its people, its aura. Absent histrionics, this is arguably Caine's best performance.

None who subject themselves to the contemporary American cinema will be shocked, *shocked,* to find its ideology is of a piece with movie-land's habitual reflexive leftism. But this is much superior to most of the clunky, preachy films showing Americans as jerks, our economic and social systems as oppressive and vile, and our politics and world involvement as wrongheaded. TV and movies are the captives of willful purveyors of a dogma permitting neither nuance nor any possibility that another point of view may have even an iota of validity. Endure that as we must — an alternative is to stop watching most TV and most mainstream movies — and concentrate on what Caine does with this part, and the experience is decidedly worth your time.

Written by Robert Schenkkan and Christopher Hampton; directed by Phillip Noyce. Rated R.

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FINE ITALIAN WINE, FOOD AND MUSIC will celebrate Florence & Beyond Art Exhibition. The Feb. 28th gala opening of the South Shore Art Center's Florence & Beyond exhibition will feature fine Italian wines for connoisseurs enjoyment and education. A number of importers of Italian wines will be present to offer advice and tasting notes as they pour. The wine tasting, Feb. 28 7 p.m., will celebrate the extraordinary exhibition of Florentine-trained artists whose work will be on display at the Art Center from Feb. 28 to April 13.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER announces a show of artwork utilizing digital technology to be held at the art center April 18 to May 25. The "TechArt" show is open to all artists and will be juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. Artists are invited to submit slides of their work that utilizes digital technology as a major creative component in the production of the work. Examples of eligible works may include original digital; photographs, prints, sculpture, assemblages, collages and other work created using components manipulated by or generated from the computer, video animation sound and computer and internet-based works. Each may submit up to three works. All entries must be received by March 10. For information call 781-383-2787.

WALK'N MASS VOLKSSPORT CLUB'S WINTER SOUP WALK in Sharon –March 15. Bring your favorite cup and soup, bread and dessert will be provided. A 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) and five kilometer (3.1 miles) routes available. Both routes rated suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. Call 508-668-2340 for more information.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Thurs. 13

Raffael's Restaurant of Quincy announce the first dinner theatre production of their fourth season. The **Riverside Repertory Company of Hyde Park** presents their original Bob Fosse review titled ***"Forever Fosse"*** Feb. 12, 13. Matinees have been selling out in advance due to the popularity of the concept, of the shows themselves and the food offered by Raffael's restaurant. Tickets are $35 for the matinee series and $45 for the evening shows per person. Included are dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Lunch starts at noon and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. sharp. For reservations call Raffael's restaurant directly at 617-328-1600 during regular business hours. For additional information join us on the web at www. allaboutjmproductions.com * = Matinee and evening performances # = Just Matinee Performance

Starcreations Theater from the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc**. presents its **Second Annual Variety Show,** on Feb. 13 and 15, at 7 p.m. and at Cordage Park Plymouth, Mill #1, lower level. Admission is $10 adult/$5 child.

The Marshfield YWCA is celebrating 35 years of service to women on the South Shore with a year long series of events. The YWCA is also hoping to contact former members interested in seeing old faces and participating in the festivities. If you or someone you know is a former member, call the YWCA at 781-834-8371, or visit the web site at ymarshfield.org Following are some of the events planned for the YWCA's 35th year celebration. All events will take place at the YWCA on Ferry Hill Road in Marshfield. Feb. 13, ice cream social (kids and adults)

Singing Valentines offered by the **South Shore Men of Harmony** on Thursday, Feb. 13, from noon to 9 p.m., or Friday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. A barbershop quartet will be sent, in appropriate costume, to anywhere on the South Shore, search out the recipient, sing" Heart of My Heart I Love You" and I Love You Truly," present a long-stemmed rose, a lovely valentine card naming the sender, and a souvenir Polaroid picture. Available for $50. To place an order or more details, call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-0227 or Pete Fitzgerald 781-341-1688.

Moseley's Country Valentine Dance at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St. (Rte. 109), Dedham, Thursday, Feb. 13, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. DJ Fred Rapoport; Country and Swing music. Dance lesson at 7:30. Potluck appreciated. $10. Call 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937; 978-664-3593 for more information.

Comedy Night Jimbo's Restaurant Braintree 5 Corners - Feb. 13, at 8:30 p.m. Valentines Day Show Featuring: **Eddie Galvin, Annette Pollack, Brian Gordon, Greg Johnson, Chris Tabb, Brian Melvin, Your Host: Chris Johnston**. Admission: $10. Special priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300.

Disney On Ice Presents Princess Classics at the Fleet Center Feb. 12 to 23. Disney On Ice presents Princess Classics features Cinderella, Jasmine, Ariel, Sleeping Beauty, Belle, Mulan and Snow White - as they skate into the FleetCenter in Boston. Tickets $60 (front row), $42 (VIP), $25, $20 and $12 and are available at the FleetCenter Box Office, all ticketmasteroutlets, by calling 617-931-2000 or online via www.fleetcenter.com Group sales 617-624-1805.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 13. Join Jan Shrem, Proprietor of Clos Pegase, for a presentation "Bacchus the Rascal," a Bacchanalian History of Wine seen through 4,000 years of Art. Following the seminar enjoy a four-course dinner paired with a variety of Clos Pegase wines including Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, and Hommage. Seminar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 8 p.m. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room. Seminar and dinner and $175; dinner only $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Fri. 14

The Milton Players presents **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**, Feb. 7 to 15. Friday evenings are reserved table seating with complimentary wine and cheese. Saturday performances are general admission. All performances held at the Milton Woman's Club, 90 Reedsdale Rd., Milton. For tickets (12-$17), call 617-698-SHOW. Visit www.miltonplayers.org for more information.

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, presents a dinner buffet and show on Fridays and Saturdays through May 3. $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14, **Joey Canzano's Man of Many Voices**, tribute performances to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and more. Call 508-746-7100 or visit www.johncarverinn.com for more information.

The North River Arts Society invites the public to view its **15th Annual Members Show**, through Feb. 16, Saturday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. The gala opening party is Feb. 7, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Free admission will include hors d-oeuvres and a cash bar. Awards will be presented at 8:30 p.m. For information call 781-837-8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

South Shore Art Center exhibition travels to Newbury St. Gallery - Feature selections from the South Shore Art Center's Architectural Ornamentation: Fragments and Elements exhibition are currently on display in the McCormick Gallery at the Boston Architectural Center on Newbury Street. The work, by 18 artists, architects, sculptors and studio furniture makers was selected from the exhibition that was curated by Chris Rifkin of Hingham and was at the Art Center last fall. The current exhibition will be available for viewing until Feb. 14, Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 am to5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

Give Your Heart & Have a Heart - In honor of St. Valentine's Day and **the American Heart Association** Month of February, massage therapist **Judy Davis of Back and Body Massage** in Braintree will be donating a portion of the proceeds from every massage given by her to the American Heart Association. "Give Your Heart & Have A Heart" is the Valentine's Day theme at Back & Body Massage, 816 Washington St., Braintree, next to the new Thayer Public Library. Massage therapist Judy Davis, L.M.T., A.M.T.A. is offering 30, 60 or 90-minute massages during the month of February in aid of the American Heart Association. To book an appointment with Judy Davis in Braintree, call Back & Body Massage at 781-356-7775.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 14, Valentine's Day Dinner Dance. Celebrate Valentine's Day with a romantic setting of the waterfront, accompanied by a four-course dinner paired with the finest Champagne from Moët and Chandon including Brut Rose and Dom Perignon while dancing the night away to a live orchestra. Black tie optional. Dinner 7 p.m. The Wharf Room. $185. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. On Feb. 14, "Valentine's Day" Beth will read **Today is V Day and Little Bear's Valentine.** Free and open to the public.

Valentine's Singles Dance, Feb. 14, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. $14 per person, Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree (Off Granite St.). Bring all your single friends. Dance the night away with other singles. For more info: Email angela8md@yahoo.com or call 781-710-4186.

Jimbos Restaurant Braintree 5 Corners 781-848-0300 Admission $10 Valentines Day Show Headliner - **Eddie Galvin**. Host: Chris Johnston. Other Comics - **Annette Pollack, Brian Gordon, Greg Johnson, Chris Tabb & Brian Melvin**. Reservations recommended.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Feb. 14, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

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The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents the touring company of "I Love You, You're Perfect...Now Change", for eight shows only; Feb. 19 to 23. Shows are: Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets $32. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. at $29 and Thursday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. at $25. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell

Sat. 15

The 47th Annual New England Boat Show, Bayside Expo Center from Feb. 15 to 23, featuring more a quarter a million square feet of powerboats, sailboats and accessories. Admission $9 adults/$5 children ages 6 to 12. Bayside Expo is located off exit 15 on the Southeast Expressway (Rt. 93).

Tiffany will be coming to The Company Theatre in Norwell, on Saturday, Feb. 15, backed by her new band and belting out all the old favorites and songs off the new album. Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr. in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $38 and all seats are reserved. There are also a limited number of VIP seats at $60, which includes the best seats in the house and a meeting with Tiffany. Visit the website at www.companytheatre.com.

The Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the Square presents Boston's premier African dance band, **Rumbafrica,** on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m., Congo's Tshibangu Kadima and his exotically costumed international musicians, singers, and dancers

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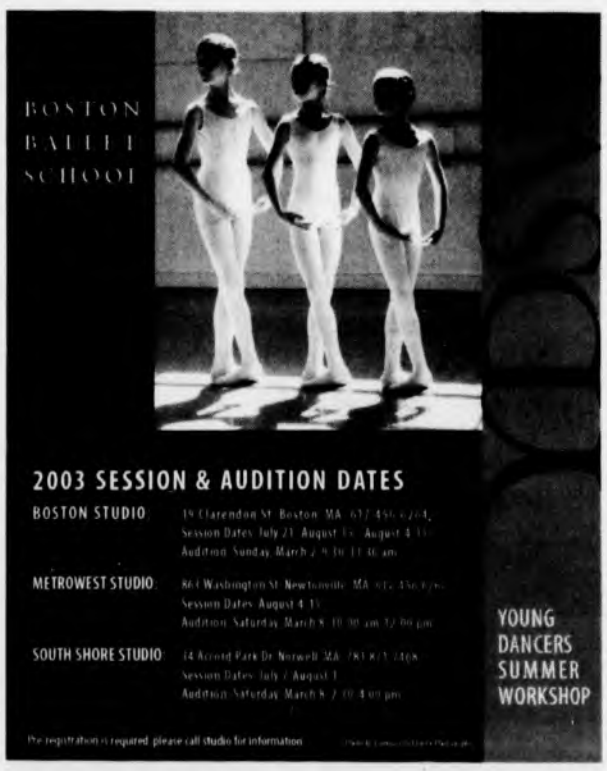

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draw on contemporary and traditional Congolese, Cuban, and other styles and rhythms towards one end - great dance music. The coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Church's fully accessible Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham Square, on the T's 220 bus from Quincy Center, and a few doors up from the Loring Hall Theatre. Events begin with an open mike. Tickets are $10 at the door and coffees, teas, cider, and homemade desserts are $.50. Net proceeds benefit programs of the Unitarian/Universalist Service Committee.

Hull Lifesaving Museum - Blizzard of '78 25th Anniversary Exhibit opening, Saturday Feb. 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. A slide presentation lecture and book signing by **Chris Haraden** author of **Storm of the Century: New England's Great Northeast Blizzard of 1978** at 1 p.m. Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave. Hull, Call 781-925-5433 for more information. Light refreshments will be served. This event is open to the public free of charge.

Solid Gold Oldies II at **Quincy Dinner Theater**, all new 50s and 60s review. Motown, Doo Wop, comedy. Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 14-16. Dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday matinees, dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. Valentine's Day gifts and champagne for all ladies. Tickets $37.50 for dinner and how, $20 show only. Group discounts available. For reservations and information, call 781-843-5862. Chair lift available for handicapped.

Pink Voyd At The Odyssey Sat. Feb 15, 9 p.m. Club Odyssey, 1073 Main Street (Route 18), Weymouth, MA 02190. Call 781-335-1400 for more information.

Sun. 16

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum will host the First-Ever National Presidential Tapes Conference examining the history of the presidential taping systems and their impact on the leadership and legacy of Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon. Feb. 16 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This two-day conference is free and open to the public. Reservations are required by calling 671-514-1644. For more information visit www.jfklibrary.org

Sixth Annual Monotype Guild of New England Juried Exhibition. Hosted by the Bengtz and Cutler Galleries at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Opening reception on Feb. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. During the reception the Monotype Guild will hold a printmaking workshop led by Donald F. Larkin. Open and free to the public. For more information call 781-934-2731.

The Cohasset Social Service League in collaboration with **the Womans' Club of Norwell and Wellspring of Hull**; is offering a **Dress for Success** program for women. Any woman in the South Shore area that is entering the workforce, interviewing for a job or housing, and needs help with updating a professional wardrobe is encouraged to stop by the Wellspring office 814 Nantasket Ave. in Hull to pick out a clean, in some cases brand new outfit, to help with you professional image. Resume writing assistance is also available. All are welcome, services are free. For more info call Wellspring 781-925-3211.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 16, Valentine's Brunch. Celebrate Valentine Weekend with a selection of Sparkling Wines from Domain Chandon and a buffet brunch overlooking Boston Harbor. Brunch 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Atlantic Room, Dinner only $65; For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

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Mon. 17

Westford Realty, 690 Main St., Norwell, will host the **Young Artists of the Future**, Norwell High School Traveling Art Exhibit during the month of February. All are welcome to come and view the work of these talented young artists between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Young Artists of the Future.

Crafter's wanted for indoor yard sale to be held on March 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal. Tables $25 for one $40 for two. For further information, call 617-773-2445, 617-471-9311 or 617-773-6203 Proceeds to benefit Interfaith Social Services.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 18

The Boston Men's Baseball League is accepting registrations for the 2003 season across three age divisions: 18+, 30+ and 40+. To register or with questions, visit www.bostonbaseball.com. If you do not have internet access, you may call 508-358-4550.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

The third, and final program in a series sponsored by the South Shore Peace Forum will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 18, at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St. Two films, "Domestic Blowback: The Domestic Impacts of the Bush Administration's War," and "Steps to Peace: The Journey of September Eleventh Families for Peaceful Tomorrows," will be shown, followed by discussion. The program is free and open to the public.

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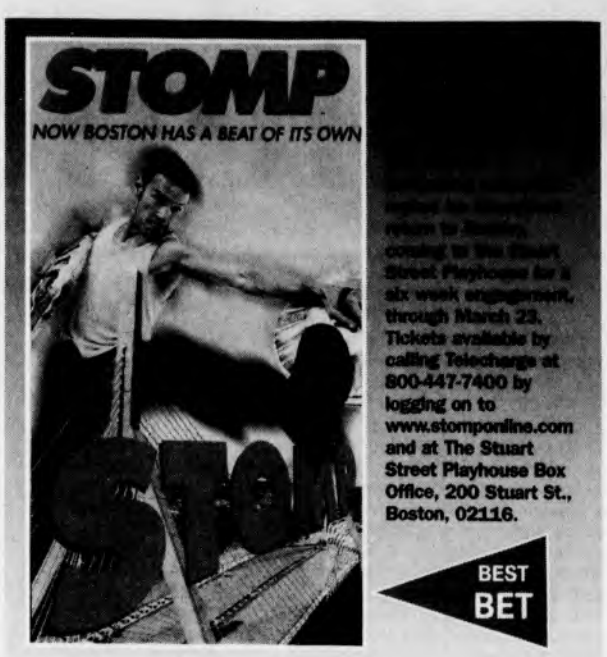

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The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 18, Join Aldo Vaca in this all-Barbaresco dinner as we compare several single vineyards in different vintages as well as an older wintage Barbaresco. Dinner 7 p.m. The Atlantic Room, Dinner only $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Wed. 19

The Story of the Portland Gale, November 1898. A slide lecture by authors David Ball and Fred Freitas. Norwell Public Library, 64 South St, Norwell, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. Admission free. Sponsored by the Norwell Historical Society. Join us for this slide presentation and book signing.

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday. On Feb. 19, **Just Duckie** at 10:30 a.m. Free and open to the public.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening lectures ending March 26. On Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Mass Audubon headquarters in Marshfield. **Beyond the Beach: Exploring the Last Frontier**. All aboard the underwater research vessel, The jason, for a journey to the edge of the world's last great frontier. Narrated by Dr. David Gallo, Director of Special Projects at the Woods Hole oceanographic institute, this multi media presentation will take viewers into undersea lakes and volcanoes to observe life forms that are new to science, and to explore the remains of the Bismark and the Titanic. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

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Rafael Alonso will lead a seminar focusing on Vega Sicilia's Valbuena followed by a dinner including several vintages of Spain's greatest red wine Unico and Oremus Tokaji. Seminar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 8 p.m. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room. Seminar and dinner and $225; dinner only $175. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents the touring company of **"I Love You, You're Perfect...Now Change"**, for eight shows only; Feb. 19 to 23. Shows are: Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets $32. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. at $29 and Thursday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. at $25. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, MA, and by calling 781-871-278. You can also visit the website at www.companytheatre.com

Thurs. 20

Boston Ballet presents its Company premiere of Sir Frederick Ashton's full-length story ballet, **La Fille Mal Gardee**, at The Wang Theatre from Feb. 20 to March 2. Tickets may be purchased by calling Tele-charge at 800-447-7400 or by visiting telecharge online at www.telecharge.com or inper son at 270 Tremont St., Boston.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Eva Cincotta** will demonstrate painting a still-life in acrylics. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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Walk through the Willamette - Lloyd Foster, Pacific Northwest specialist, will conduct a vintage comparison of 2000 versus 2001 followed by a dinner to include wines from such high-end wineries as Lemelson, Shea Wine Cellars, Patricia Green, Tony Soter, and "Papa Pinot" David Lett. Seminar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 8 p.m. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room. Seminar and dinner and $175; dinner only $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Fri. 21

The Akillian Gallery, located at Massasoit Community College's Canton campus will host **Odalisque**, an exhibition of approximately 24 mixed media works by **Scott Ketcham** including oils, pastels, charcoal, and ink drawings of the female figure. Free and open to the public through Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New World Theatre Company will present an original musical concert, **"Songs You'd Love to Hear Us Sing From Shows We Can't Afford to Do (Yet)!"**, for all ages running for only one weekend Feb. 21 to 23, at Elmwood Hall in East Bridgewater. The show will run Friday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $15 in advance or may be purchased at the door for $17. Box office hours are Sundays 3 to 6 p.m. and Fridays 7 to 9 p.m. For reservations or more information please call New World Theatre Company at 617-794-4522 or email NWTCTickets@aol.com. or visit www.newworldtheatrecompany.com) Elmwood Hall is located on Route 106 in East Bridgewater.

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday. On Feb. 21, **What a Doll** at 10:30 a.m. Free and open to the public.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing Feb. 21, will be **Deb Pasternak**, and **Angela Marseglia**. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Singles Executives Club Social and singles Dance Feb. 21, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rt. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Route 3. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary buffet all night, and numerous free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Proper business dress is required, ties and jackets suggested. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com for more information. A non-smoking event Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

Storm clouds move out today. The loquacious Gemini moon forms a harmonious contact to Uranus at 9:28 a.m. and becomes inactive. Plan to finish old business, handle routine chores and errands. The moon enters the sign Cancer at 12:19 p.m., placing a focus on home and domestic responsibilities. The planet Mercury moves into Aquarius at 8:00 p.m., remaining there until March 4. This is a favorable time for new learning or travel experiences.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

The Cancer moon opposes Venus at 7:22 a.m. and becomes inactive. It will travel void-of-course throughout today and most of tomorrow. That means that new starts are off limits. Instead, take the time to follow through on unfinished projects, review and redo, make repairs, clean and reorganize. Share a special dinner with close friends and family this evening.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

An inactive Cancer moon can make for a slow start to this day. Others may be moody, hypersensitive. Think about what you are saying. Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. Planetary influences turn around completely, however, at 7:04 p.m., when the moon enters playful Leo. The evening is prime for social activities, romantic rendezvous. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

A full moon is building and will culminate tomorrow evening. Expect the unexpected this weekend. Energy and emotions run high. This full moon is intensified by two major planetary alignments. Mars will conjoin with Pluto; avoid power struggles, disagreements with others. Drive defensively. A polarity of Jupiter and Neptune also occurs, making it difficult to separate the facts from the fiction. Keep it light. Don't overdo or overindulge. Stay busy with practical projects.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Read yesterday's advice. Jupiter opposes Neptune at 4:12 a.m. Mars and Pluto conjoin at 19 1/2-degrees Sagittarius at 10:55 a.m. The full moon culminates at 6:51 p.m., 28-degrees Leo/Aquarius. The Leo moon opposes Uranus at 8:18 p.m. and becomes inactive until 10:22 p.m., when it enters Virgo. This day can go either way. A positive, easygoing attitude is your ace in the hole.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Conflicting planetary influences occur today. The moon continues to travel in practical Virgo. However, a sun-Uranus alignment takes the spotlight, prompting you to take a break from your daily routine. Do something different. Be willing to entertain new ideas, view worries or concerns from another perspective. Free yourself from negative thinking, bad habits, emotional baggage.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Storm clouds move in this morning. The Virgo moon forms stressful 90-degree alignments to Pluto, Mars and Saturn until 10:56 a.m., when it becomes inactive. Remain calm and upbeat no matter what is going on around you. Stay busy with work projects. Tackle jobs that have been left hanging, chores you've been meaning to get to. Clean out drawers and closets; get rid of the clutter. The sun enters Pisces at 9:01 p.m., remaining there until March 20. The moon enters Libra at 11:48 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

A social Libra moon forms harmonious contacts to Mercury, Jupiter and Neptune today. However, an applying polarity of Mars and Saturn urges you to face your responsibilities and fulfill promises you have made to others. Cool your heels; put the needs or demands of others on top of your 'to do' list. If you have been experiencing tension in a relationship, now is the time to make concessions and smooth things out. A kind word or thoughtful gesture will make all the difference.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Mars opposes Saturn at 9:13 a.m., making for a rough start to this day. You may have to face the facts about a situation that has been troublesome and take action. On the other hand, this influence is prime for getting down to brass tacks and taking care of important business projects. You can be most productive. The moon travels in Libra, forming easy contacts to Pluto, Saturn and Mars this morning. Planetary action turns around completely this afternoon, as alignments of Mercury to Jupiter and Neptune take over. Social activities get the green light. Kick back and enjoy yourself. Don't take anything or anyone too seriously. The Libra moon aligns with Uranus at 11:29 p.m. and becomes inactive.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

At 1:09 a.m. the moon enters serious Scorpio, remaining there today and tomorrow. Mercury aligns with Neptune at 1:55 a.m., and the moon interacts with Mercury and Neptune this evening. That means that you should sleep on new ideas; don't take action today. Things may not be as they appear. On the other hand, this is an ideal time for developing creative projects. You can also make gains on an inner, spiritual level. Spend time alone. Look within for answers.

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Tracking the high cost of Greenbush restoration

Changing politics could hurt train

By Mary Ford
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Welcome back aboard the Greenbush roller coaster.

With contracts awarded, a regional construction office open in Weymouth and miles of old track being removed from the 17.7 miles of railroad bed that wends its way from Braintree to Scituate, most bets were on that the controversial rail spur would be up and running by Spring 2005.

But last week, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority stalled the estimated $470 million project [of which $282 million is for construction] for six months due to a key right-of-way issue in Braintree and delays in obtaining necessary regulatory permits.

While the move caught local legislators, town officials and area residents by surprise because they had no advance warning the MBTA would suspend construction — the issues surrounding Greenbush are nothing new. In addition to filling wetlands, environmental and historic district impacts, and land-takings, at the center of the Greenbush controversy has been its rising price tag. Expected to attract some 4,200

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About Greenbush

Estimated cost: $464 million

Total riders: 4,200 inbound per typical weekday

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Town projects may be in limbo

By John Camera
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A six-month delay in the Greenbush railroad project may have also derailed projects that were part of a mitigation package between the town and the MBTA.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he did not yet know exactly how the town would be effected by the delay, but Joe Pesaturo, a spokesman for the MBTA, said mitigation projects would not be exempt.

"Anything that involves construction is on hold for at least six months," said Pesaturo.

A meeting between MBTA officials, Haddad and Greenbush town ombudsman Kristina Patterson was cancelled Tuesday morning due to

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Selectman's race tops spring ballot

Three candidates focus on economy

By John Camera
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In what will be the only race in town for the second year in a row, three candidates will vie for a single seat on the Board of Selectmen this spring.

Incumbent Michael Sullivan will run for his fourth term on the board, while challengers Roger Hill and Gabriel Gomez seek their first.

All of the candidates realize that a tough economic road lay ahead for Cohasset. While Sullivan says his experience makes him the man for the job, Hill and Gomez say Town Hall needs new blood.

"The most important thing is that we're going to be looking at some difficult financial issues with the cuts from the state," said Sullivan. "We've rebuilt the infrastructure of the town and you don't want to take that apart. We really need to scrutinize the whole budget thoroughly. It becomes a balancing act."

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"In light of that, I think having some experience is important," said Sullivan. "I think continuity is in the town's best interest."

The candidate who can convince voters he is most capable of solving the town's budget woes may emerge victorious. No other issues — in particular, ones that the candidates seem to disagree on — have come to the forefront.

Hill, who narrowly lost to Selectmen Fred Koed and

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ICEBOUND

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A fisherman on Cohasset Harbor tires to rock his dinghy through the ice in an attempt to reach his boat on Tuesday following the President's Day blizzard.

SHARING WARMTH

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Deer Hill fourth-graders Samantha Liberty and Anna Rodriques model scarves the class made for the "Have a Heart" scarf drive for the Plymouth Coalition for the Homeless. For story, see page 26.

St. John tragedy on the record

By Mary Ford
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There's something about this song.

Rik Tinory knows it, that's why despite decades in the music and recording business he's as excited as a teenager with tickets to a sold-out rock concert.

"I woke up in the middle of the night and was staring out into the woods behind my home, when the song came to me."
— Rik Tinory

Tinory, whose home and studio is on Pond Street, also knows when a song comes from the heart — the soul, if you will — it's got a quality that will endure.

"Mother of Ireland" with music and lyrics by Tinory also tells a story — the true story about the brig St. John disaster off the Cohasset coast nearly 154 years ago that claimed the lives of 99, most of whom were emigrants from Galway, Ireland on their way to a better life in America.

Stacy Rock, a Boston University graduate, sings the ballad, which is getting airtime on some 100 radio stations across the country so far.

The genesis for the song took root about three years ago when Tinory, by happenstance, saw a long procession at Cohasset Cemetery at Joy Place off North Main Street and inquired what it was all about. The answer shocked him. He couldn't believe after 40 years in town, he had never heard about the brig. St. John or had taken note of the large Celtic cross in the cemetery that marks the mass grave of 45 victims, whose bodies were recovered.

But Tinory was all too familiar with the infamous Grampus Ledge off Cohasset where the brig St. John broke up. He's never forgotten the day 25 years ago when he was out with his family on their cabin cruiser "Lady Claire" and had a run in with the ledge that is hidden just below the surface. Despite water pouring into the stateroom below, Tinory was able to beach the boat and bring his family to safety.

But it wasn't until on night last September that Tinory had the inspiration to memorialize the brig St. John story, which had so touched him. The song, which was released Feb. 1 and has already been played in Ireland, may indeed be the vehicle to share the tragic, but enlightening, St. John story with the world.

"I woke up in the middle of the night and was staring out into the woods behind my home, when the song came to

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About the song:

New release: "Mother of Ireland," a ballad sung by Stacy Rock

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Troubled about increasing taxes?

Have you had enough? Are you troubled about the increases in property taxes? Come to the next Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers Meeting at the Lightkeeper's Cottage on Thursday Feb. 27 at 7:30p.m. to discuss the situation. For further information contact Lee Jenkins (781-783-0024) or Karen Quigley (781-383-6368) email: kmquigley@attbi.com

Entrance, parking changes at CMHS

Cohasset Middle High School will have a new layout when students return from vacation.

Supt. Edward Malvey said the Middle School side of the building and the High School's main entrance will be closed. The temporary main entrance will be the door closest to the old Dorr Gymnasium.

The changes come at the beginning of the third and final phase of construction on the school, which Malvey said would last through December this year.

Malvey also said parking would be tight when students returned. He said the parking lot on the Middle School side of the building would be closed by the end of February, and parking would be limited to the main and front lots.

Superintendents seek cost savings

In anticipation of drastic cuts in local aid, school superintendents across the state are proposing changes to the school systems that might help save money.

At the last school committee meeting, Supt. Edward Malvey announced a list of requests the Massachusetts Superintendents' Association was presenting to the state and the Department of Education.

Malvey said the superintendents were asking the state to:

- reduce the number of reports required from schools, eliminating paperwork
- freeze tuition hikes at private special education schools
- end the ability for teachers to have schools pay for re-certification, which is mandatory every five years
- allow more health care providers to trim the cost of health care
- suspend charter schools
- reduce audit processes
- drop the requirement on providing transportation to grades K-6, or allow schools to charge fees for that transportation
- postpone MCAS testing by 1 to 2 years
- allow schools to keep money they don't spend in their budget instead of returning it to towns' general funds

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Wed., Feb. 19:

Advisory Committee, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Assessors, March 4 at 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Osgood School Council, March 4, 7:30 in the Osgood conference room

Planning Board, Feb. 24 at 7:00 p.m. (with Zoning Board)

Police-fire Station Study Committee, March 20, 1 p.m.

Selectmen, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. (Avalon/40B), March 10 at 7:30 p.m. (Avalon/40B), March 17 at 7:30 p.m. / All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Grant awarded for water flow study

The Water Commission has been awarded a $5,000 grant from the state Riverways Program to help pay for a hydrological assessment of the flow of water in the watershed of Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir.

"This grant will help us to better manage our water resources so they can continue to meet the demands of Cohasset residents for drinking water now and in the future," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "This study will help us to make sure that our use of our water resources is sustainable for the current demand and for any future increases in demand for drinking water."

To collect the necessary data for the hydrologic assessment, said McNabb, the Commission will install five gauging stations in the watershed where streamflow measurements will be made over the next year. Measurements will be taken of water flow at each of these locations to accurately measure flow into Lily Pond from tributaries and out of the Aaron River Reservoir into Lily Pond and Bound Brook.

This project implements two tasks recommended in the Commission's recently completed "Surface Water Supply Protection Plan." Total project cost is $20,590.

Free legal clinic

Do you have a legal question or are you confused about a legal issue? The Bar Association of Norfolk County is sponsoring free legal clinics as a public service to the community. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions.

All consultations are strictly confidential. The evening legal clinics will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Quincy District Court on the following dates: March 4, April 1, June 3, July 1.

For further information, contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County at 617-471-9693.

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Sat. 22	3:00	10.9	9:19	3:31	9.9	9:39
Sun. 23	3:55	10.6	10:18	4:32	9.3	10:36
Mon. 24	4:54	10.4	11:22	5:37	8.9	11:38
Tues. 25	5:58	10.1	——	6:46	8.6	12:28
Wed. 26	7:04	10.0	12:42	7:54	8.6	1:35
Thurs. 27	8:09	10.1	1:46	8:56	8.8	2:37

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President's Day blizzard is one for the record books

By Mary Ford
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It isn't often that traveling at 20 miles per hour feels just about right and the motorists behind you agree.

But for those who ventured out during the President's Day blizzard this week, a slow crawl was the best way to avoid ending up in a snow bank.

Kids in families that hadn't snuck off to warmer climes over the weekend loved the six-foot drifts, as snow forts were the order of the day. Youngsters didn't complain even thought they were already out of school due to February vacation so they didn't get an official "snow day." However, most town employees —save the DPW crew, police and fire — did get an extra day off, as local Town Halls remained closed Tuesday. The storm even kept letter carriers from delivering the mail.

DPW crews worked around the clock from the beginning of the storm Monday well into Tuesday night.

Crews got an early start the next day hauling out huge mounds of snow out and clearing the ends of roads to improve visibility. Because of the severity of the storm, there were a number of equipment breakdowns.

This latest storm puts the snow removal budget another $20,000 to $30,000 more further in the red, which means the deficit so far this year is about $60,000, according to Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Haddad said the budget for snow removal is $60,000, an amount the town usually over expends every other year.

"It was a long night," said DPW employee Kenny Thayer. "It was a hard storm to plow because of the drifting snow and the whiteout because of the wind. Every time you plowed a road, you'd have to come back a couple of hours later and do it all over again."

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— Kenny Thayer of the DPW

At the height of the storm, conventional methods of plowing were thrown out the window.

"The snow was just so intense we had to use loaders in a lot of cases just so we could get the small plows in there," said Thayer.

The town's nine DPW employees worked a 24-hour shift on Monday, stopping only for coffee breaks. "If we stopped plowing, we'd go do sanding or snow removal," said Thayer.

The top priority was clearing the streets for commuters, school parking lots, and sidewalks to avoid people having to walk in the street. By Tuesday evening, some of the streets were bare.

"Like I said, you gotta praise the guys. They all worked hard right through," said Thayer.

Haddad called for a snow emergency shortly after noon on Monday, but police dispatcher Tom Wigmore said no cars were towed. "Everybody was good. They stayed off the roads," he said.

Wigmore said four small accidents resulted from the blizzard. One Cohasset motorist was treated and released from South Shore Hospital after suffering minor injuries when his car hit a telephone pole.

On Wednesday, DPW crews were getting ready to truck snow out of Cohasset Village. "They're starting at around 4 or 4:30 and will probably go until around 12," said Thayer.

In one of the snowiest, coldest winters in recent memory — folks didn't flood the hardware stores for snow blowers, because they're used to Old Man Winter by now. After all, when he was considerably younger way back in November, he dropped the first snowflakes on our region.

With many residents claiming to have seen robins, a sure harbinger of spring — Tina Watson of Cohasset Hardware reported birdseed is selling well, like...hotcakes, if you'll excuse the reference to "warmth."

Watson said the last shovel in the store had been sold by Wednesday afternoon, and only a few bags of rock salt were remaining.

A brave few suffering from cabin fever ventured out to local shops in the village on Tuesday, only to return home to hunker down until sunshine and 40s promised for the end of the week make the storm just another winter memory.

Mariner weather observer Bob Skilling says Monday's storm was the fourth biggest in 50 years and buried us with nearly 22 inches in 19 hours.

But it was business as usual for Hingham Bay's Hornstra Farms, which made deliveries to regular customers during the height of the storm.

Many were surprised to find the breakfast items they had ordered – milk, eggs, and orange juice – on their doorsteps even as heavy snow continued to fall, making driving difficult.

"I don't ever remember us missing a delivery due to weather, including during the Blizzard of '78," said John Hornstra, who recalls delivering milk to customers on a toboggan with his father, Jack.

The Hornstras received numerous calls from pleased customers expressing gratitude that their orders had been filled in such a timely fashion, despite the weather.

Many years ago, Hornstra's grandfather would load a "pung" (horse-drawn sleigh) with milk when the streets hadn't been cleared yet.

"We take our job seriously," said Hornstra. "If our customers are waiting for milk, we'll get it to them."

John Camera and Carol Meyer also contributed to this report.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Garrett Canney blows snow off his driveway on South Main Street while his dog Stoney tries to make his way up the street.

Selectman's race tops spring ballot

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Ronnie McMorris in the last election, said this year's campaign would not be too different than the last. "I'm going to do what I did the last time. I'm just going to dig harder," he said. "It's the same as it was last year. People in the town are still not happy."

Hill criticized the Board of Selectmen for not being more prepared to handle an economic downturn. "You've got to look a little bit farther ahead than the Selectmen," he said. "They're spending money that they don't have."

Hill's strongpoint is his connection with other residents. "I've lived here a long time and I feel I have a very strong tie with the people here," said the Cohasset native. "I feel that knowing the issues are very important, but I also feel that knowing the people is very important. And I feel the Selectmen have lost touch with that."

Gomez, although not quite as critical of the Selectmen as Hill, is approaching the race in a similar fashion, saying a fresh perspective is needed on the Board.

"These are tough times and they're going to require tough decisions," he said. "It's going to require a person that isn't going to just come up with 'vanilla' solutions — solutions that may have worked in the past. It's going to take someone who's going to think outside-the-box and be able to effectively communicate ideas with the other Selectmen."

Gomez said his military experience as a pilot and SEAL commander in the Navy and his business experience at Harvard Business School and in the financial world have honed his leadership skills and taught him "how to operate effectively within diverse teams."

"I'm young and I've got a passion for the job. This is what I want to do," he said.

As far as his campaign is concerned, Gomez said he has already named a campaign manager, Patrick Waters of Aaron River Road, and also formed an executive committee and a regular campaign committee.

Having moved to Cohasset two years ago, Gomez went door-to-door and collected about 150 more signatures than the 50 required for nomination papers, an exercise he says introduced him to many residents' concerns and also produced a large base of volunteers.

He said his supporters include both new residents and people who have lived in Cohasset all their lives. "I feel like I've got some of the smartest people in town working for me," he said.

Hill voiced concerns that voter turnout at the April 5 election would be low. "I would really like it if a lot of people got out and voted," he said. "It's an important part of the process. People need to get out and voice their opinions."

League provides student job bank

The Social Service League provides a referral service to match high school students looking for work opportunities in Cohasset. If you are interested in hiring a student to work for you, please call the League Office at 781-383-0771 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Tinory produces ballad about St. John tragedy

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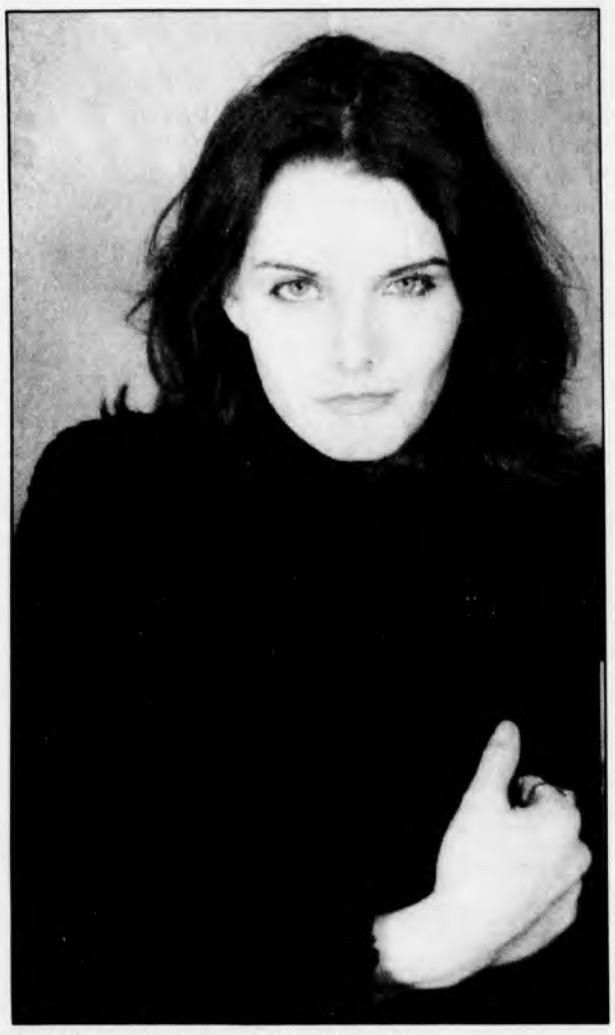
me," says Tinory, who keeps a legal pad on the nightstand by his bed. "I wrote the lyrics in five minutes and put the song to music the next morning." The result is an ethereal ballad that is both uplifting and patriotic despite the tragic outcome.

Tinory contacted Stacy Rock, who is working as an actress in New York City, and asked her to come to Cohasset to record the song. Rock, who is classically trained, plays the piano on the recording and Tinory added the other arrangements including a blast of French horns as the song opens.



Stacy Rock, who sings "Mother of Ireland."

"I wanted it to be very dark, very warm, very much like a tragedy," he recalls.

Locally, the song was featured recently on WATD's Shamus Mulligan show that features Irish music. Kathy Dee, also on WATD that is based in Marshfield, is playing the record, as is Sean Casey on WPLM in Plymouth.

Tinory also knows that timing is important in the creative industry, whether you're a novelist, TV or movie producer or a songwriter.

With St. Patrick's Day around the corner, and Martin Scorcsese's film about poor Irish immigrants in the mid-1800s in "The Gangs of New York" garnering 10 academy award nominations — a true story about Irish citizens fleeing the potato famine may get more than just a passing interest.

To obtain a copy of the CD, contact Tinory at 781-383-9494.

"Mother of Ireland"
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by Rik Tinory

Mother of Ireland, Gave Birth
to a land, Across the deep
waters
A boat drifts to sand, Striking
the ledges
Off Cohasset shore, She lies
on a beach according to lore
(Chorus)
Mother of Ireland, Breathes
life to the air
The wind from the
Marshlands, blowing her hair
Weeping with joy, giving
birth to a land
Far from the shores of old
Ireland

The Brig St. John, Sailed
from Galway Bay
Striking the ledge, one
October day
Forty five people, of ninety
nine
Their bodies lay lost, but not
in kind

They came in great numbers,
No fear in their hearts
To build this great country,
Although set apart
They fought and were
scorned, But it didn't deter
They knew in their souls it
was all for her
(Repeat Chorus)

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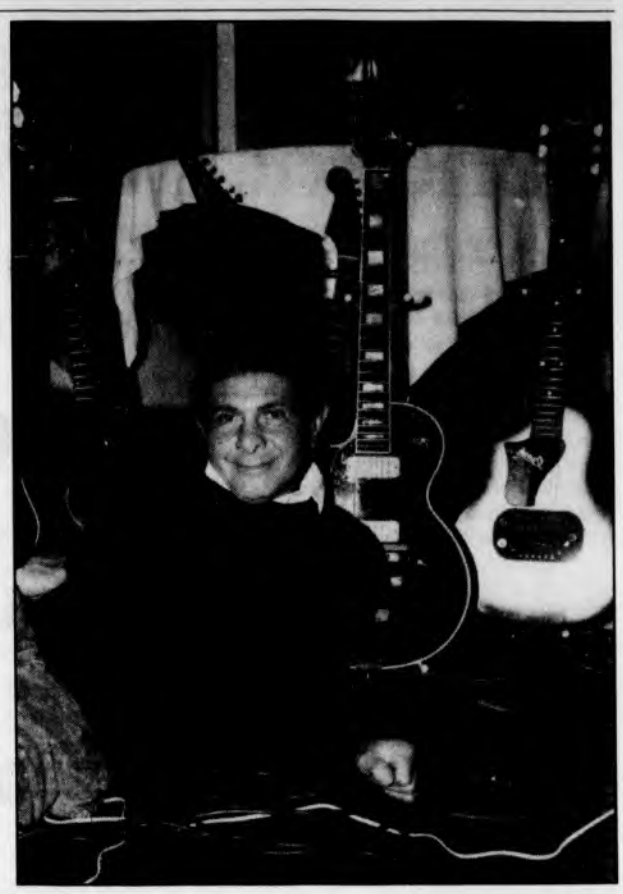

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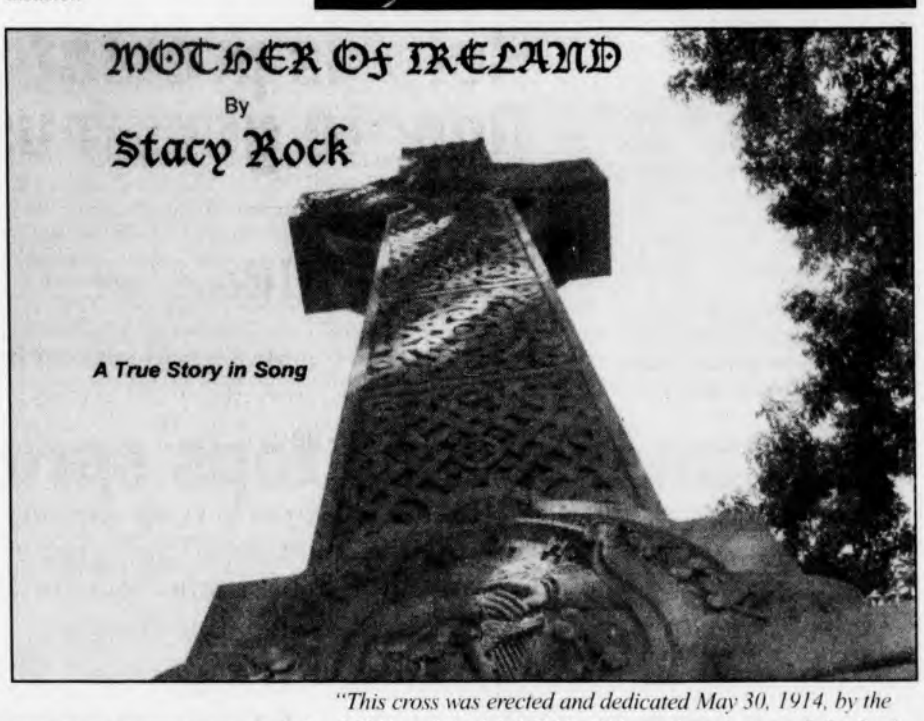
At right: Rik Tinory wrote the music and lyrics to the recording about the brig St. John disaster.



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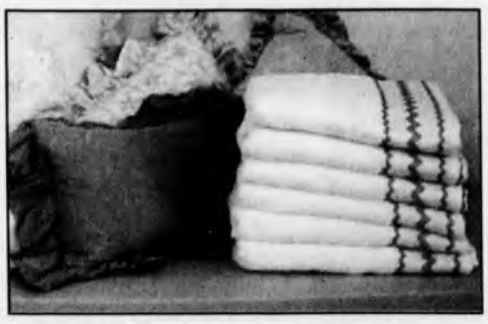

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Does Massport know what is best for Massachusetts?

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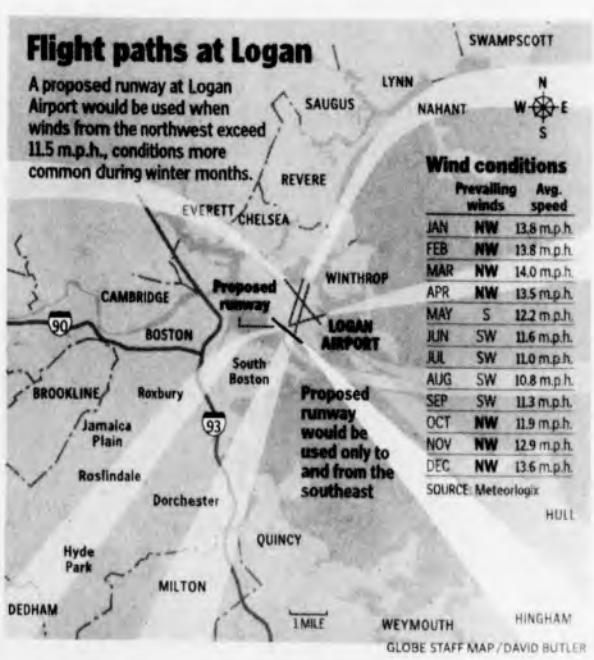
The Governor's post 9/11 Special Advisory Task Force on Massport calls Massport a four-headed monster of patronage. That monster is intent on spreading its filth over our homes. Please join the fight!



Boston Globe map, page 1, June 22, 2002, showing all traffic to and from proposed runway 14/32 – low altidude arrivals & departures on their initial climb – streaming over the South Shore towns.

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Above: Helping to serve are John Coe, Anna Abbruzzese, Claire O'Brien, Terry Sullivan and Ellie Wilson.

At right: Pat Halon and Ruth White wait for their tea to be poured.

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Mary Griffin chats with friends over tea and sandwiches.

Terry Sullivan serves gourmet tea sandwiches and desserts.

Ruth White takes a sip of tea at the event held at the Second Congregational Church.

Jake Johnson would like to stay six for ever and ever!

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SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday this week to a very cute young man, Mr. **Jake Johnson**. Jake turned six years old on Sunday, Feb. 16 and is very excited to be six. Jake's mom, dad and little sister **Abbey** helped him spend a fun day enjoying his new "sixness" and all his family and friends hope that he has a great year. We all love you a great big bunch Jake!

DEAN'S LIST

Cohasset has many students who have done a great job at college the past few months.

Hat's off to **Stephanie Perkins** has been named to the dean's list at UMass Dartmouth.

Dean's list at the University of Vermont for the fall semester includes: **Connor Avery**, a freshman majoring in physics; **Lydia Guild**, a sophomore majoring in Asian-Latin American studies; **Stephen Laney**, a freshman majoring in environmental studies; and **Corinna Noering**, a sophomore majoring in political science.

HONOR ROLL

Kate Lewis, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis** of Cohasset, has been named to the honor roll at the Middlesex School in Concord where Kate is a senior.

David F. Crowley-Buck '03, **Christopher P. Barber '05** and **Andrew J. Flynn '05** of Cohasset achieved high honors for the second quarter at Boston College High School. For high honors a student must have at least a 3.8 quality point average. Edward M. Chase '03 achieved Honors, receiving a Q.P.A. of at least 3.2. Great job to all three of you.

GARDEN WORKSHOP

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 9 a.m.. **Mary Kathleen Stewart**, president of Feng Shui Boston and a master practitioner, will introduce the garden club to Feng Shui. Feng Shui is a systematic approach to living and workspace that brings harmony to surroundings, directs creative and productive energies, and amplifies opportunities for success. In addition to her discussion of Feng Shui, Mary will show the members how to create their own "Wealth Garden." It will be an extremely interesting and informative morning for all who attend.

WORKING AT DISNEY

Dr. John Burns and his wife Charlene announced their daughter **Christine Burns**, graduate of CHS class of 1996, was recently asked to join the Disney Youth Event Management team as a Youth Event Management Coordinator. Christine graduated from Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I. with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She began her Walt Disney World career in 1998 with internships in merchandise, the Marketing Resource Center and Disney Youth Markets. In addition to her internships, Christine also worked as a Walt Disney World cast member in merchandise and was most recently on temporary assignment in Youth Event Management. Christine's enthusiasm, positive attitude, and product knowledge, in addition to her desire to exceed guest expectations and improve processes make her a great addition to the Youth Event Management team. Congratulations to you Christine from your very proud parents and the town of Cohasset on this wonderful opportunity.

CYBS SIGNUPS

Attention all baseball and softball players.... Registrations for this year's exciting season will be held on Saturday, March 1 from 9-11 am. outside both the Osgood and High School gymnasiums. This registration is for boys and girls aged 5-12 as of July 31, 2003. This is the *only* registration opportunity for this upcoming season so make sure to plan ahead for it. If you are unable to attend this registration, please call **Anne Kearney** at 781-383-1451. Also, make sure to have a copy of your child's birth certificate if he or she is a first-time player. The fee for boys and girls participating in the major league baseball(ages 10-12) and softball divisions(ages 11-12) will be $100. The fee for minor league baseball(ages 7-11), the new instructional softball(ages 7-8) and the minor league softball division(ages 10-11) will be $85 and the fee for farm league instructional tee ball division(ages 5-6) is $65. Any questions regarding the registrations may be directed to **Mike Kearney** at 781-383-1451 or **Nancy Froio** at 781-383-1897.

SENIOR PARENTS!

The Post Prom Party Committee is holding a meeting for the entire Senior Class parent body on Thurs., Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the CHS cafeteria. We encourage all the senior parents to attend, especially the dads (for construction, in particular), to sign on for different responsibilities. Participants who work together on this magical project will most likely experience lots of fun and a special bonding with other Senior parents. This is also a good time to begin gathering baby pictures as well as current photos. Any questions, call 781-383-2702. The fundraising drive is underway for Postprom Party 2003. Note cards (5x7) with the school's logo and colors (blue and white) are available with matching envelopes in packages of 10 for $10.. To place an order, send your name, telephone number and check (payable to Cohasset Postprom 2003) to: Cohasset Postprom 2003, 16 Fernway, Cohasset, MA 02025

That is all for this week. Please make sure to have all your news and event information to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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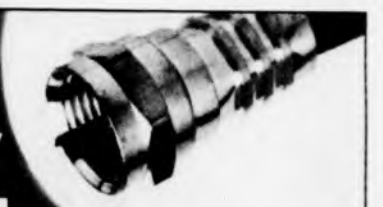

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Veterans' groups seek names of local troops in Middle East

By John Camera
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Police Chief Robert Jackson has been doing a little extra homework lately.

As a member of the American Legion, Jackson has been trying to track down any Cohasset natives in the Armed Services who may have been deployed to the Middle East.

The American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion are looking for the information in anticipation of a possible war with Iraq. During the Gulf War, the two organizations sent packages to troops based in the region.

Although he does not yet know if any Cohasset residents have been called to the Middle East, Jackson has found the names of 12 people in active duty and is contacting their families to find out where they are stationed.

"We don't know if they're over there, stateside or what," said Steve Wigmore, commander of the Cohasset American Legion Post. "There could plenty more, we don't know. We're looking all the time to find out and asking questions."

"It's a great feeling when you get something sent to you from home."
— Steve Wigmore, Commander of George H. Mealy Post 118

Wigmore said packages sent to troops would contain simple items like cigarettes, peanuts, gum, candy and toiletries. "Just to let them know we're behind them all the time," he said.

A veteran of the Korean War, Wigmore knows how a package can brighten a troop's day. "It's a great feeling when you get something sent to you from home," he said.

A possible war with Iraq has been on the minds of many veterans who gather at the American Legion Post in Cohasset, which has about 300 members. "We think about it. There's not much ever said. There's a group of us that come here every day. We'll watch the four o'clock news," Wigmore said.

Wigmore's son, Tom, who is the commander of the Sons of the American Legion, has been working with Jackson in his search. He said the Sons sent Monopoly board games to more than 10 Cohasset residents who served in the Gulf War. In the event of another conflict in that region, they are prepared to offer whatever support they can to the troops and their families. "Anything we can do to help the families, we'll be more than happy to do that," he said.

The Legion and the Sons are also ready reinstate the Blue Star Banner Program, whereby a blue star is displayed in the window of a home to signal that a son or daughter is serving in the war. The Legion has a dozen blue stars on order.

"You used to ride around and see them all over the place years ago," said Steve Wigmore.

Cohasset has seen residents serve in every war in the nation's history, but has also mourned the loss of many who did not return. Five residents were killed in World War I, eight in World War II, one in Korea and eight in Vietnam.

Of the Cohasset natives that are now in active duty, six are in the Marine Corps, four are in the Navy, and two are in the Army.

To notify the American Legion of a family member in the Armed Services, contact Tom Wigmore at 781-383-9657.

CMI to launch spring benefit gala

Mark your calendars for 7:30 p.m. on March 28 for the annual Cohasset Maritime Institute(CMI) fundraiser at Bancroft Hall. Also know as the "The Spring Launch Fundraiser", the party last year brought together more than 100 partygoers, who raised more than $5000.

This year brings special significance as it represents the tenth year the rowing club has made its strong presence felt in Cohasset Harbor. Founded by a small group of rowing and maritime education enthusiasts, CMI now boasts a vibrant program and a growing membership. (For those unfamiliar with CMI, it sponsors rowing and maritime programs for middle-high school students and adults.)

Lynne Layman, Lisa Hewitt Dick, and Sharon Daly, spearhead this year's fundraiser planning. According to Layman, "The town buzzed last year about how so many townspeople loved the party and wanted to repeat the experience. We expect a second round of great times this year." Layman said this year the party will once again include the musical talents of Mat Brown, a silent auction, great food, and wonderful friendships.

When asked how CMI will deploy proceeds from the upcoming "Spring Launch," founder Jack Buckley said, "Annual membership fees cover most of the operating expenses like staffing. But we need to build up our reserves for large ticket capital items like boat replacements and building upkeep."

"We have tremendous momentum to our membership. We want to deliver a top notch experience for our students and adult rowers," he said.

To further energize the silent auction, CMI has asked interested individuals and businesses to donate items or services such as gift certificates, gourmet baskets, home-cooked meals, artwork, services for pets, boat rides, vacation home stays and any other appealing ideas of a whimsical or practical nature. Deadline for delivery of silent auction items is March 16.

Please call Layman at 545-0096(or email at Laymanphoto@attbi.com) or Lisa Hewitt Dick at 383-0204(or email at Lmhewitt@attbi.com) before March 21 if you wish to purchase tickets at $25 per person. $35. at the door. Seating is limited! Checks should be mailed to CMI c/o P.O. Box 131, Cohasset , MA. 02025 .Please mark your check clearly "Spring Launch" and the number of tickets requested.

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School Board opts to wait and see

Wants a look at Governor's budget

By John Camera
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Rumors of cuts in local aid that are more than double what the town has budgeted for in fiscal year 2004 have left the School Committee paralyzed in its attempts to finalize its own budget.

At its meeting last Thursday, the School Committee approved a 4 percent budget increase for the coming fiscal year, but whether that increase is even possible will depend on Governor Romney's budget plan for the state, set to be revealed Feb. 26.

Town Manager Mark Haddad had asked the School Committee to accept a 4 percent increase contingent upon an expected 10 percent cut in local aid and a proposed $485,000 general override. But after talking with Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, Haddad told selectmen last Tuesday that a 20 percent cut in local aid was more likely. And it would come on top of a 2.5 percent cut in local aid already assessed in the current fiscal year.

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo said the new figures would mean the schools would need to chop another $180,000 from their budget.

"We're like driving blind in a snowstorm because you don't know where it's going to end."
— Rick Flynn

"We're like driving blind in a snowstorm because you don't know where it's going to end," said committee chairman Rick Flynn. "If there's a 20 percent cut, then we go back to the drawing board."

The School Committee still needs to cut $75,000 from its current budget plan to fit within a 4 percent budget increase, but members were hesitant to make any decisions on the matter with so much uncertainty surrounding cuts in local aid.

"I think we're spinning our wheels if we try to cut anything now," said member Jane Pescatore. "If we have to make more cuts, it could take us in a different direction."

In balancing the budget so far, the committee has agreed to eliminate one teaching position thorough attrition, as well as layoff two health teachers, an adjustment councilor and a special education teacher.

The layoffs are necessary due to new costs in next year's school budget, the most significant of which are $420,000 for salary increases and more than $200,000 for special education. Committee members said more layoffs would be hard to avoid in the face of a 20 percent cut in local aid.

Selectman Tom Callahan has asked that all town employees forgo their raises in fiscal year 2004 so the town can avoid layoffs, an idea that Flynn said is worth considering. "Inflation is not 3.5 percent. Inflation is more like zero percent," he said, suggesting the raises are not as necessary in a struggling economy.

The committee discussed several other areas where money might be saved, among them eliminating administrative raises (which are not union-negotiated), not hiring new teachers for three positions being vacated by retirements, and bringing the school's lunch program "in-house" instead of contracting it to a private company.

Consolidating to one principal between Osgood and Deer Hill School was also mentioned as a possibility, a move that Flynn said would result in a "difficult…if not chaotic" situation.

Supt. Ed Malvey said he was working closely with other school officials to determine where additional cuts would be most easily absorbed. He said he may suggest some cuts that school administrators would not agree with but did not elaborate on what specific areas he would target.

The School Committee will meet with the Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen on Feb. 27 after Gov. Romney's budget is announced. Any additional cuts would need to be finalized between then March 25, when the committee will present its budget at Town Meeting.

Postprom party donations sought

Preparations are underway for Cohasset High School's sixth annual Postprom Party 2003. The party will follow the Senior Prom, scheduled for Friday evening, May 20. The Postprom Party 2003 will be held in the Cohasset Middle/High School. It's a magical night with a surprise-decorated theme and includes music, entertainment, food and prizes. This traditional event is a chance for seniors and their guests to celebrate together in a safe, alcohol and drug-free environment. It has traditionally been a success with the majority of the seniors and guests attending.

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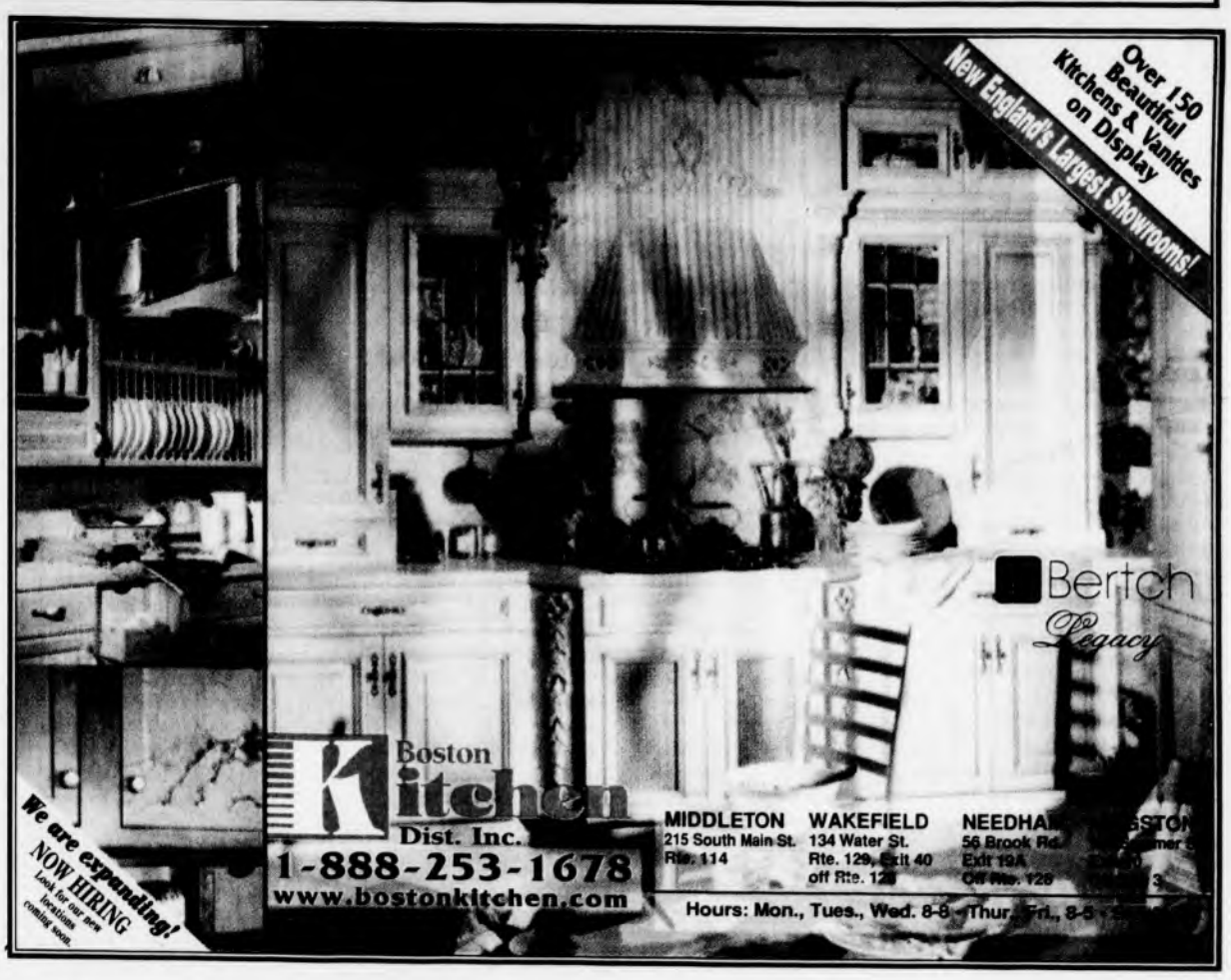

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Permits, land and turtles all stall Greenbush construction

David W. Ryan, assistant MBTA general manager for Design and Construction, says current projections for the resolution of outstanding issues do not support the approved Greenbush construction schedule. The MBTA's contractor Cashman/Balfour Beatty (CBB) planned significant mobilization by March 1, 2003 in order to substantially complete the track, signal and communications work no later than Dec. 31, 2004 with a start up date for service of June 2005.

- The MBTA, therefore, has taken the following actions:
- CBB will conclude any current construction activities on the project
- CBB will not to start any new construction activities until further notice
- CBB will revise the project schedule to extend the date for substantial completion of the track, signals and communication work from Dec. 31, 2004 to June 30, 2005.
- CBB and the MBTA will continue design and permitting efforts on the project.

"I am very concerned with the potential that CBB would mobilize and would be forced to demobilize or incur stand-by costs due to the failure of one or more of these issues to be resolved in a timely manner."

— David W. Ryan, assistant MBTA general manager for Design and Construction

Outstanding issues include:

- Access to the CSX right-of-way in Braintree: CSX Corporation, a train freight company, owns the first 1.4 miles of track in Braintree. The MBTA, which will make the necessary track upgrades, has offered to pay CSX $70,000 annually for access to the right-of-way; CSX wants $580,000 annually. Negotiations are ongoing.
- Wetlands permits: Variances are needed from the state Department of Environmental Protection for Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate because part of the work will exceed guidelines in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The variance for Hingham has been obtained, but the decision was appealed by the Hingham Board of Selectmen, Hingham Conservation Commission and Hingham-based AfTA [Advocates for Transportation Alternatives], an anti-Greenbush group.
- Weymouth Landing Design: Town of Weymouth officials have indicated they will not sign off on the final design details until the Section 106 [historic preservation] permitting process for the area is complete, which is not expected until June 2003. According to the schedule, that work was to begin in March.
- Spotted turtle mitigation: 42 crossing structures specifically designed to encourage turtle use have been incorporated into the project. The DEP has required, as a condition of the Hingham variance, that a demonstration crossing project be constructed in Hingham and monitored this spring to see if the turtles will use the crossings to get to wetlands habitat on both sides of the right of way. While the demonstration project is complete and monitoring for turtle use will begin in March, it is not clear how the schedule would be affected if monitoring is not successful and additional turtle mitigation is required.

"The financial exposure in proceeding with construction at this time without the CSX issues resolved, and the permitting process appeal process completed is significant," Ryan stated in his Feb. 11 memo on the Greenbush project. "In particular, I am very concerned with the potential that CBB would mobilize and would be forced to demobilize or incur stand-by costs due to the failure of one or more of these issues to be resolved in a timely manner." Ryan cited as an example, the standby costs for a "slurry wall" contractor could be $50,000 a week, with a $200,000 cost for demobilization and mobilization. [Slurry walls is technology that can be used for tunnels and retaining walls.]

Greenbush timeline

1849 — Service on the Old Colony line begins

1959 — Passenger service on the Old Colony lines stops; Southeast Expressway opens

1971 — Red Lion extends to Quincy, delaying talk of restoring the Old Colony Lines

1984 — Traffic congestion in the region prompts the state Legislature, with the support of then Gov. Michael Dukakis, to direct the MBTA to study the feasibility of restoring the Old Colony lines to Plymouth, Middleboro and Greenbush

1988 — Due to the complexity of the project, the Greenbush feasibility study is split from the Plymouth and Middleboro lines

1991 — At the ballot box, Hingham is the only town along the Greenbush corridor to vote against the train.

1994 — The Citizens Advisory Committee, appointed by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to comment on Greenbush feasibility studies, votes to support the train with a short tunnel under Hingham Square.

1996 —The MBTA decides to pay for Greenbush using only state dollars; the Town of Hingham launches a lawsuit saying the MBTA is deliberately trying to skirt tougher federal environmental laws

Sept. 1997 — The Plymouth and Middleboro lines open to much fanfare

1999 — the MBTA says a short tunnel under Hingham Square is feasible and would cost $29 million.

March 2000 — Scituate voters approve spending up to $50,000 for any legal action against the MBTA over the Greenbush rail restoration project.

May 2000 — Hingham signs a mitigation agreement with the MBTA and agrees to drop its lawsuit; is promised a short tunnel under Hingham Square at a cost of $39 million and a $1.35 million preservation fund to protect historic properties.

March 2001 – MBTA decides to use the "design-build" method for Greenbush, where the contractor, designs, builds and pays for the project with the MBTA then paying the contractor back over 20 years. The "design-build" method has only been used once before, for the Route 3 North widening project.

Where the Greenbush players stand:

Opposition:

State Sen. Robert Hedlund

"The corpse in the coffin but the lid is not shut."

— **State Sen. Robert Hedlund,** *R-Weymouth, whose district includes all Greenbush towns except Braintree.*

State Rep. Garrett Bradley

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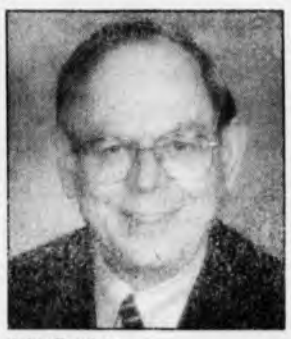
— **State Rep. Garrett Bradley,** *D-Hingham. District includes Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and one precinct in Scituate..*



John Bewick

"The hold last week is an important step, but the battle wages on and we must be diligent in waging it."

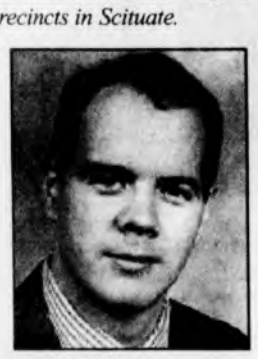
— **John Bewick,** *of Hingham, is president of AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives).*

Supporters:

State Rep. Frank Hynes

"To abandon the project at this stage in the game would be penny-wise and pound foolish. I'm not at all pessimistic right now (about Greenbush)."

— **State Rep. Frank Hynes,** *D-Marshfield. District includes Marshfield and five precincts in Scituate.*



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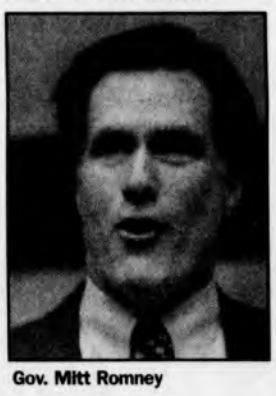

Gov. Mitt Romney

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State Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas

State Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas *says the decision will be based on objective criteria, and not on who can shout the loudest for or against it.*

Greenbush governors:

Michael Dukakis
William Weld
Paul Cellucci
Jane Swift
Mitt Romney

Delay could derail Scituate CPA funding

By Amy Lambiaso
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It is a project that has divided Scituate residents for years. And while rail opponents are rejoicing this week at the news the Greenbush restoration has been delayed six months, town officials are wondering when or if Scituate will get the $10.4 million in funds promised in the mitigation agreement inked with the T.

Last week, the MBTA halted all construction work on the 17.7-mile commuter rail line running from Scituate to Boston due to permitting problems and wetlands issues that could plague the project down the line. The design process and permitting is still moving forward, but for all intents and purposes, the project is on hold, said the town's MBTA liaison Susan Phippen.

"We're really at a crossroads right now," said Phippen. "We really don't know what this is going to mean and we won't for a while."

Phippen said several of the Army Corps of Engineers permits dealing with historical resources, wetland-designated areas and issues with the Clean Water Act are at the forefront for delays involving Scituate, while larger issues with contractors in Braintree are causing some uneasiness with project.

Scituate signed its $10.4 mitigation deal with the MBTA in March and construction was slated to begin in Scituate next month. After the preliminary brush clearing along the track lines taking place last fall, the biggest step was to be the demolition of the Stockbridge Road bridge scheduled for March 1. But without the necessary permits, such a move would not make sense, Phippen said.

Scituate officials are more concerned with how, when and if the mitigation money will come through, and what it will mean for other projects dependent on that money. The MBTA issued its Intent to Proceed Construction to the town Jan. 10, meaning payments for the mitigation money would begin in 60 days, or March 10. But with the project's delay, officials say they must now wait and see.

"The town is arguing that some mitigation money is due to us," Phippen said. "We have proceeded in good faith with measures to ensure we would receive some money by March 10 and I'm optimistic that part of it will come through."

Without the Greenbush mitigation money, proposals for the Community Preservation Act funding must be reconsidered entirely, said Phippen, who also serves as chairman for the CPA committee. Included within the MBTA deal is $3 million allotted for open space acquisitions, $490,000 for recreation and $1 million for historic resources — all areas with project considerations through the CPA as well.

"Without the MBTA money we'll certainly have to re-evaluate the CPA proposals," Selectmen Chairman Joseph Norton said. "We'll either have to postpone the CPA plan altogether or at least part of the plan."

Selectmen asked to reconsider the ballfield complex plan for the Cushing Elementary School last week since the plan included funding from both the mitigation deal and the CPA fund. Phippen suggested that such reconsideration would have to be given to open space acquisitions and historical projects as well if there was to be no Greenbush mitigation money.

Some North Scituate residents are hoping that may just be the case. Gannett Road resident Gilman Wilder said he and many of his neighbors are delighted with the decision to delay the project and hopes it is a sign the train may not come at all.

"I've been hoping Romney would put a thumb on it and hopefully he still will," Wilder said. "I'm overjoyed (with the news) I've had no love for the project for the last 20 years anyway."

Cohasset projects may be in limbo

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poor road conditions from the blizzard.

Haddad said he was working to schedule another meeting as soon as possible so he could find out the details of the delay.

In May of 2001, Cohasset became the second Greenbush town, behind Hingham, to agree to mitigation. In the agreement, the MBTA pledged to contribute $1.2 million for the completion of the James Brook flood control project, $500,000 for the reconstruction of the town parking lot, $250,000 for the replacement of Sohier Street wells, and additional funds for the construction of a sidewalk on North Main Street from King Street to the proposed station entrance.

Designs for the James Brook and town parking lot were nearing completion and the projects were scheduled to go to bid by mid-March. Craig Miller, president of the Waterfield Design Group, which is handling the designs, said he had received no word from the MBTA about whether designs should be halted or the bidding delayed.

Designs for James Brook and town parking lot were nearing completion and the projects were scheduled to go to bid by mid-March.

Waterfield is also in charge of designs for the village streetscape revitalization project, which is not funded by the MBTA, but paid for by a Public Works Economic Development grant from the state that the MBTA endorsed. Miller said a potential snag could result if the streetscape project was scheduled to be completed before repairs could be made on a culvert for James Brook that crosses under South Main Street.

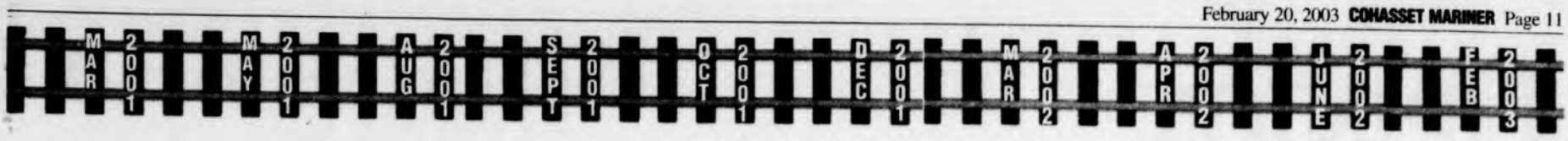
Delaying work on the town parking lot could also prove inconvenient because the project was originally intended to be completed before any streetscape construction on South Main Street began so parking would remain available throughout the summer.

John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission, said preliminary construction on the Sohier Street well project was also nearing.

McNabb said permits had been acquired and designs for test wells were completed. He said the test well portion of the project was ready to go to bid, but only if the MBTA could guarantee reimbursement.

The MBTA gave written authorization in August that it would reimburse the town up to $250,000 for the well project. McNabb said $9,500 had been spent so far, but receipts had not yet been submitted.

Patterson, the Greenbush town ombudsman, said she did not know if her position as ombudsman would be eliminated or suspended since it is funded by the mitigation package.



Greenbush timeline

March 2001 – a new anti-rail group publicly surfaces, dubbed AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives) and is headed by John Bewick, a former state Secretary of Environmental Affairs.

May 2001 — Cohasset signs a $5 million mitigation agreement with the MBTA.

Aug. 2001 — then state Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand issues a certificate giving the Greenbush project the green light

Sept. 2001 – In a closed-door meeting with local officials, then Gov. Paul Cellucci says Greenbush is a go, but sets a $408 million cost ceiling.

Oct. 2001 — Scituate files a lawsuit against both the MBTA and Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand stating the final environmental impact report on Greenbush does not adequately comply with MEPA standards.

Dec. 2001—Weymouth signs partial mitigation agreement; does not address the design of Weymouth Landing.

March. 2002 — Scituate becomes the last community to come to an accord with the MBTA by signing a $10.4 million mitigation agreement with the transit authority.

April 2002 – MBTA awards $252 million construction contract to Cashman Balfour Beatty (CBB)

June 2002 – MBTA opens construction office at 1580 Commercial St. in Weymouth's Jackson Square.

February 2003 – Citing permitting and access issues, the MBTA suspends construction on the Greenbush project for six months.

Square is OK with the delay

Army Corps hearing cited as a key reason

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Word that Greenbush construction will be halted for at least six months spread quickly in Hingham Square, where preparatory work for the $40 million tunnel was underway.

Some merchants considered the announcement good news. Those residents waiting to use the restored service reconciled themselves to further delay.

"I got a lot of hugs when I went around telling the merchants," said Hingham Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan.

But Patti Libby, whose Square Café on North Street abuts the tracks, had mixed reactions.

"I think everybody was ready for the project to start. We were thinking, Okay, it's here. Let's deal with the reality that the train is coming and develop a good relationship with the construction people," she said, noting that a member of the construction team shoveled her walkway on a snowy day. "In the end, I was starting to think the construction wouldn't be as bad as I thought. Now it's just delaying the inevitable."

Susan Achille, who manages the Bowl & Board with her husband, Carl, was thrilled when Macmillan shared the news with them.

"It's fantastic. I can't tell you how happy we are," she said. "I know it doesn't mean it's the end of the project, but it's another delay, and as long as we can keep the delays coming, we'll take them however we can get them. Then we'll see what happens. In the meantime, we're very happy about the whole thing."

The decision came amid rising speculation that Governor Mitt Romney might nix the project as part of his cost-cutting measures.

"To the surprise of almost no one, the costs are on the verge of escalating well beyond even the most current estimates," Macmillan said. "The MBTA can see the handwriting on the wall. I speculate the (transit authority) probably has marching orders from the Governor not to ask for another nickel."

Selectman Melissa Tully considers the decision a "very wise" one on the part of the MBTA.

"There are a number of important unresolved issues, such as permitting and the ultimate cost, and it's important to nail those down before the project moves forward," she said. "The MBTA is showing responsibility to Massachusetts taxpayers because there's no stronghold yet on the total cost."

In the meantime, efforts to complete an archaeological dig in search for any historic artifacts that might be unearthed along the rail bed will continue, work that is expected to last two to three weeks.

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— Hingham Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan.

Macmillan also believes the "straw that broke the camel's back" is that the towns came out "with all bells blazing" at a recent Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) hearing about the need for four-quadrant gates and other issues.

"Without waiting for the current comment period to expire, the ACE and others involved in the 106 historic review process decided that further consultation would be necessary and that there would be another public hearing tentatively scheduled for April 15," said Macmillan.

Four-quadrant gates block both lanes in each direction at grade crossings, while two-quadrant gates block only the right lanes and are often combined with median barriers to prevent motorists from cutting around the gate.

The ACE, the lead federal agency involved with the project, must grant various permits before rail restoration can move forward. For example, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act governs mitigation measures for historic properties and archaeological resources.

Historic and permitting issues will be discussed at the tentatively scheduled April Corps meeting, which makes the March 1 previously expected start-up date for actual construction unrealistic.

"A comment period will follow, which brings the project into May at a minimum," Macmillan said. "I suspected that the MBTA's idea that it would get all the required permits so they could start digging up the Square this summer wasn't feasible."

Another cause for delay is that Town Brook can't be relocated before the project is permitted.

"They can't build the tunnel under Hingham Square until that happens," Macmillan said. "This really delays the whole thing. There'll be a lot of speculation (in the next several months)."

Tracking the high cost of Greenbush rail restoration

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daily in-bound riders, opponents claim alternatives, such as expanded bus and commuter boat service, would be much cheaper, just as efficient, and more environmentally friendly.

But today with a new administration in place on Beacon Hill and a state fiscal crisis showing no signs of abating, the cost of building and operating Greenbush is taking center stage.

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"They are not saying the project is dead," says state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, about the Romney administration. "But they do have serious, legitimate questions about whether the MBTA can afford the project."

Even questions about Greenbush's affordability are not new, but what has changed is the state's fiscal crisis.

Hedlund points to three separate studies — from the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, the Pioneer Institute for Public Policy and the MBTA's own Blue Ribbon Commission — that have questioned the MBTA's ability to build, maintain and operate Greenbush, along with its other commuter trains and T service without seeking more money from the state's general fund.

Under the so-called "forward funding" plan passed by the Legislature in 1999, the MBTA is no longer supposed to simply submit bills to state at the end of the year, but has to prepare a budget and live within it. The MBTA is now funded through fares, assessments on user communities and 20 percent of the revenues from the sales tax.

"The reason these concerns weren't heeded in the past, is the MBTA thought it could raid the general fund," said Hedlund. "They are not in a position to do this now."

But one of the Greenbush project's major proponents, Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, suggests the project's financing has already been worked out to stretch through the next 20 to 25 years and is accounted for through the fiscal year 2008 capital budget. To abandon the project at this stage in the game would be "penny-wise and pound foolish."

"I'm not pessimistic at all right now," Hynes said. "Capital expenditures are not something to be taken lightly, but the alternatives to Greenbush are not adequate to accomplish what we have set out to do."

Hynes speaks to the goal of Greenbush creating an alternative means of transportation for coastal residents to commute and travel to the metro area. With rising gasoline prices, population increases and growing business districts on the South Shore, Hynes said the restoration of the Greenbush line will be the "lifeline for the coastal area and Boston."

"People are becoming more aware of the need for an alternative means of transportation," he said. "(A commuter train) is something that is enjoyed by every region around Boston except the coastal area."

Half the story

But John Bewick of Hingham, who is president of the anti-Greenbush group, AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives), says the construction cost are only half the story.

"We are thrilled at the news Secretary Grabauskas and the MBTA have put a six-months hold on Greenbush construction," said Bewick, who is a former state Secretary of Environmental Affairs. "It means the Romney administration is taking a hard look at the costs of this project. As the Mass. Taxpayers Foundation pointed out last year, the MBTA cannot fund adequate maintenance and still fund an exorbitantly expensive project like Greenbush at a time when declines in fare revenues are putting enormous pressure on the MBTA to pay for current expenses and projects."

Not thrilled with the construction delay is the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, which is determined to see that Greenbush becomes a reality.

"No one has ever said that Greenbush is not needed," says Chamber president and CEO Ron Zooleck. "We're not saving money by delaying it. Those, like Mr. Bewick, who argue it costs too much have been delaying it for 15 years, almost doubling the cost."

Zooleck, who says the Chamber will help "educate" the new administration about Greenbush as the organization has done with the four previous governors, says train service is critical to the area. If the popular Middleboro and Plymouth lines are a gauge, Greenbush will attract more riders than estimated, he says.

"Not one of the opponents has ever stood up and said, 'We don't need Greenbush,'" Zooleck says. "Just go out and look at Route 3, and the answer is not recreating Dunkirk everyday with a flotilla of boats from Hingham to Boston."

Statehouse observers say the politics of Greenbush may have shifted since its main cheerleader: former state representative Joseph Sullivan of Braintree, who continues to back the project, left the Statehouse to head the state Lottery Commission. Sullivan was chairman of the powerful House Committee on Transportation.

"This is a bit of a timeout," Sullivan said this week. "But I expect Greenbush will be built and the commitments that have been made will be kept. I expect instead of the spring of 2005 for full service, it will be the fall of 2005. I believe in this project.

"We prioritized it when I was in the Legislature, and I'm not going to easily walk away from it."

But Sullivan's departure gives Sen. Hedlund's like-minded counterpart across the hall, state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, more anti-Greenbush clout.

Bradley — who plans to file an amendment to the upcoming state budget asking to kill the project, or if the project flies making four-quadrant gates mandatory — welcomes a Greenbush financial review. [Four-quadrant gates would eliminate the need for median strips at grade crossings].

"We have to have some hard numbers," Bradley said. "A cost-benefit analysis needs to be applied to Greenbush before more money is put into it."

Partial suspension

Jon Carlisle, spokesman for state Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas' office, said the MBTA called a six-month moratorium to resolve all permitting and mitigation issues prior to actual construction to avoid escalating costs.

"We don't want to send contractors into the field, then have to call them back," he said, adding the delay would also reduce the need to change design plans and construction documents.

Dale Pyatt, president and chairman of the board of Jay Cashman Inc., declined to speak about the politics of the project.

"We just design and build them," he said. However, Pyatt did say its contract with Cashman gives the MBTA the right to terminate or suspend work, and described recent events as a "partial suspension."

"It was probably a prudent budget decision on the MBTA's part," he said about the six months' delay.

Pyatt said the Weymouth office in Jackson Square would remain open and CBB would continue to work on design and preparatory work. An archeological dig for colonial artifacts in Hingham Square will continue, for example.

Sen. Hedlund also claimed the design-build method, being used for the Greenbush project, was another ploy by the MBTA to put the project on the fast track, so to speak. With design-build — in which the contractor acts as the bank — a project does not have to be at 100 percent design before it is put out to bid and therefore, can get underway without all the permits in place. It also makes it more difficult to pull the plug on a project when it is already underway.

Hedlund cautioned the delay is not a deathblow to Greenbush but if it is ultimately killed, there would be a lot of loose ends with mitigation packages and land-takings that would need to be addressed.

But Rep. Hynes said there is no current discussion of the project being halted altogether.

"I have continued determination and optimism for the Greenbush restoration," Hynes said. "I am hopeful the delay is for the reasons stated by T officials and not because of any uneasiness with the project."

Those for and against the project agree the all important question about how to provide mass-transit to the South Shore still remains in the balance.

"I don't think if the administration kills the project, it will turn its back on the region," Hedlund said.

Jim Russell, Amy Lambiaso and Robert Aicardi also contributed to this report.

FLASH BACK

FILE PHOTO

Then state Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan listens to arguments from then Cohasset Selectman Diane Sullivan and mitigation committee chairman Tom Gruber, far right, during a walking tour of the right of way in Cohasset back in July 1999.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Off track

While it's still too early for Greenbush opponents to pop the corks on their vintage bottles of "no train" champagne, many of them greet the news of the sixth-month construction suspension with glee.

Others, who are stalled in traffic on Route 3A or Route 3 and the Southeast Expressway everyday, just shrug their shoulders again about the decades' old project that has become synonymous with uncertainty.

There's little doubt over the next six months the Romney administration is going to take a hard look at the cost of restoring the 17.7 miles of railroad to the South Shore. And with the current economic climate, the MBTA's burgeoning budget for Greenbush, now estimated at about $464 million, can't be good news.

That being said, unraveling the train line won't be easy.

Abandoning the project now, says rail supporter state Rep. Frank Hynes, would be "penny-wise and pound foolish."

And as state Sen. Robert Hedlund, a vocal critic of the project, said last week — there are a lot of "loose ends." Not the least of which are the mitigation agreements the towns along the corridor have inked with the MBTA. These agreements, which promised to be a boom to local downtown areas, may now be in limbo.

While Hingham Square is one of the gems of the South Shore, the prospect of ridding it of the abandoned railroad bed of its hodgepodge of parking and dumpsters and replacing them with some green space would be a real plus. Station Street is also scheduled for a facelift with a spruced up, village-like area for the shops that face the parking lot.

In Cohasset, town parking lot improvements to be paid for by the MBTA are an integral part of the Village Revitalization Project, with construction set to begin this spring. Upgrades to the long-neglected village parking lot are sorely needed and would be a big boon to the shops and businesses there.

North Scituate Village also stands to see a rebirth from the return of the rail with a station, despite opposition from some residents and merchants there. Streetscape plans were underway and there's little doubt small businesses there might find themselves booming when commuters start coming. Greenbush, the controversial end of the line, is another small business area that could benefit. You can bet the owner of the new Dunkin Donuts on the Driftway, formerly the Whistle Stop Cafe appropriately named for its anticipated proximity to the restored rail line, was banking on the train's return when he embarked on his newly opened Scituate franchise. And what about all those residents persuaded to settle on the South Shore based on a Realtors promise they would one day be able to take the train to work?

For more than a decade we've written editorials about Greenbush. We've watched those on board with the train project, jump ship and have followed an opposition movement from its grassroots beginnings through its most powerful and resolute incarnation today. We've talked about the "shifting sands" of the controversial railroad project, have nearly declared it dead, only to see it revitalized again.

This time around, Mr. Hedlund may have put it best. "The corpse is in the coffin but the lid isn't shut," he says. There may be life left in Greenbush, we certainly hope so. However, proponents and opponents can agree it's time to get off the roller coaster and make a decision once and for all. Then we can all get on with our lives.

The uncertainty about this project is, and has been unsettling and the status quo alternative to Greenbush is unacceptable. As Ron Zooleck, president and CEO of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, says no one has every said Greenbush is not needed.

"Just look at Route 3," he says.

Our local economy can't afford to be the only greater Boston region without mass transit.

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—Alice Coyle, acoyle@cnc.com

Republicans meet

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee will be holding its monthly meeting Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's Cottage. All are invited to attend to discuss issues on the state and local level.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for support

TO THE EDITOR:

"Don't Tell Me This Town Ain't Got no Heart ....."

The Valentines Fund to benefit the homeless at Bread &Jams, Inc. would like to thank everyone who helped promote and organize, every restaurant, merchant and artist from Marshfield to Harvard Square who donated items for auction, everyone who sent contributions with their RSVP regrets, and everyone who attended on one of the coldest nights of the century, for making Saturday night's outrageous fundraiser ail absolutely overwhelming success.

From the staff at Atlantica to the volunteer event coordinators to the kids from Scituate and Marshfield schools who made and decorated ceramic heart charms for ID bracelets and mementos for the guests…the complete would go 16 column inches.

The clients who look to Bread & Jams for sustenance and safety, the board of directors and staff, and I personally would like to say, "Thanks," to you all in hopes that one word will convey the full measure of our gratitude for your manifested compassion.

Peter Whittemore
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More receptivity on school budget

TO THE EDITOR:

I recently attended the School Committee meeting (Feb. 13, 2003) regarding the fiscal year 2004 budget. From the outset, I wish to commend each of the members of the School Committee for their selfless dedication of time and energy in their advocacy for the betterment of our schools. They are truly deserving of the entire community's thanks.

After acknowledging reports that State cuts to local aid may be as high as 20 percent, the School Committee voted to conditionally approve a budget for fiscal year 2004 based on an assumed cut in local aid of 10 percent. Several citizens sought discussion from the Committee on the ramifications of cuts to local aid greater than those assumed in the "conditionally approved" budget. In declining to discuss the matter, the School Committee reasoned that discussion would be a mere "exercise" based on "speculation".

While disappointed by the School Committee's vote, it was their lack of receptivity to alternative ideas that was most striking. This was evidenced throughout the course of the meeting by the School Committee's polite dismissal of suggestions from citizens in attendance (e.g., adult education, scholastic sports, library staff, etc.). It is not my purpose to debate the relative merits of the suggestions, but to illustrate my concern that we are limiting the discussion. No one knows how this budget crisis will play out; however, there should be no debate that we need to be more receptive to creative solutions.

We are missing an important opportunity for a full and open discourse on our priorities in school funding. If more draconian cuts in local aid are looming, the School Committee will need as much community involvement, understanding and support as possible. Change is difficult, but we would do well to remember the old adage "foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds". Now, more than ever before, we must challenge ourselves and our elected officials to think in novel ways and to explore alternative solutions in addressing our most pressing problems.

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HEALTH NOTES

End of environmental effort could be watershed for groups

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last Tuesday, I attended the last South Coastal Watershed Team meeting at Norwell Town Hall. The Massachusetts Watershed Initiative (MWI) is coming to an end. The MWI is a program sponsored by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to promote and coordinate "intra-town" cooperation on environmental issues based on the premise that most towns have environmental issues which extend to neighboring towns because of shared watersheds. Almost always, these issues, where water, sewage, pollution, drainage, and environmental damage are involved are defined by the watersheds where the problems occur.

A watershed is an area defined by its water drainage pattern. Generally, a ridge of high ground separates one watershed from another. With modern mapping techniques, it has been possible to delineate watersheds with greater precision than ever before possible. Problems arise when, for example, a neighboring town has a landfill which is discharging pollution into the watershed containing another town's water supply, a common problem in suburban towns all over eastern Massachusetts. In Cohasset, for example, the fate of Avalon Bay, the 40B community proposed for the Web Norfolk property hangs on the delineation of the Weir River and the Lily Pond watersheds. If the Lily Pond watershed covers almost all of the Web Norfolk land as cited in the "Avalon Cohasset Hearing Submittal for the Zoning Board of Appeals," it will be considerably more difficult for Avalon to find a discharge location for their storm water and septic effluent.

Fortunately, there is promise that these diverse groups may continue to meet.

The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs espoused the Watershed principle, because it made sense to support environmental programs which solved a problem relating to several towns sharing a drainage area rather than addressing the problem for each town separately. Nevertheless, the watershed thinking was an abstruse concept, understood by environmentalists and by few others. It was an awesomely diverse group that met with George Zoto, South Coastal Watershed's team leader at the Norwell Town hall on the first Thursday of each month. Planners, environmental activists, tree huggers, public works officials, and, yes, some health board members. This was virtually the only state organization that supported and facilitated activities designed to solve regional environmental problems. A major watershed related problem for the South shore, for example, is to find enough water for the ongoing growth spurt in our towns, and fairly apportion water from a very limited supply.

Since January 1999 George Zoto sent the members of the South Coastal Watersheds team nearly 1,000 emails giving advice of grant opportunities, notice of important environmental issues of interest to the watershed, and a diversity of other topics. In all, the South Coastal Watersheds comprising towns from Bourne to Cohasset received grants in the $10,000 to $40,000 range for watershed related projects that

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Bradley hits stride as he embarks on second term

Details legislative agenda for 2003

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With two years under his belt as a state legislator, Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, is excited for the challenges his second term on Beacon Hill will present.

"The learning curve would be very steep coming in this cycle," said Bradley. "I'm happy to have had the last two years to prepare and understand how the process works because there's no time for that this year…I'm able to hit the ground running, which is critical."

Bradley, who represents Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and North Scituate, knows that some of the biggest issues in the state are also effecting his local communities.

Along with Sen. Bob Hedlund, R-Weymouth, Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, and three other legislators, Bradley is serving on a steering committee for new legislation on Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law. As a lead sponsor on new 40B laws, Bradley said his goal is to redraft the bill and return "some level of control to the local communities."

Step one, he said, would be putting a moratorium on current 40B laws to prevent an onslaught of developers from applying for comprehensive permits. Step two would be to allow communities to negotiate with developers so that deeds would be "in perpetuity," allowing affordable housing to become permanent, instead of returning to market value after 15 to 25 years, as is currently the case.

"That really has a negative effect on the community because it's like taking two steps forward and three steps back," said Bradley.

Bradley is also working to allow "in-law" apartments to count as affordable housing. Recently passed legislation allows only those "in-law" apartments built after July 31, 2002 to count. But Bradley said by allowing all such units to count, towns could have more control over how they determine their approach to affordable housing. Allowing newly developed units to count under "inclusionary zoning", Bradley said, would also have that effect.

Bradley is also the lead sponsor on a bill to reform the state's School Building Assistance Program, which reimburses towns for new schools. Funding for the program was cut from $52 million to $30 million last year, Bradley said, and he fears it will be cut again if action is not taken. More than 300 communities are on the on the waiting list to be reimbursed through the program — including Scituate, Hull and Cohasset — and Bradley does not want to see them hung out to dry by the state.

"What we're looking to do is transfer the School Building Assistance program out of the operating budget and into and under the bond cap," he said. "By transferring it to the bond cap, communities will receive their money within a fixed time…They can properly plan, and more importantly, we make the state keep its word."

A third bill that Bradley is sponsoring would change the way the state handles capital gains tax.. By building capital gains revenue into the budget year after year, Bradley says the state set itself up for the current fiscal crisis.

With capital gains now plummeting, revenue shortfalls are unparalleled. Bradley said revenue from capital gains dropped from $1 billion two years ago to $200 million last year.

Bradley's solution? "Any capital gains tax that comes in, I want to spend a third, save a third, and return a third to the taxpayers," he said.

State Treasurer Tim Cahill swears in state Rep. Garrett Bradley for a second term, as Bradley's wife Heather looks on. The special event took place at Tosca in Hingham on Jan. 31.

When it comes to a national solution to the deficit, Bradley also has ideas. "We have 45 states that are running a deficit. What the federal governments should be doing right now is stepping up and doing a state stimulus package. That's the type of stimulus package that will actually have an effect where the rubber meets the road," he said.

Another piece of legislation Bradley is sponsoring would prevent the Fore River Bridge from being raised at peak traffic hours. "I've been driving that road since I was 14 years old going to BC High. I've never understood why they couldn't do that," he said.

Bradley is serving on a steering committee for new legislation on Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law.

Bradley filed the bill after several constituents brought the matter to his attention. He tried to talk with Mass Highway, but officials there told him that it was up to the Coast Guard. Now, Congressman Delahunt, D-Quincy, is arranging a meeting between Bradley, Sen. Hedlund, and the Coast Guard.

"The resulting traffic creates economic loss and environmental damage that is far greater than a ship sitting at anchor for an hour or planning ahead and not coming in at that point," Bradley said.

If the Coast Guard tells him tides are to blame, Bradley wants to see proof.

"It's just too much traffic," he said. "That's a major roadway in the morning for the South Shore. If the bridge goes up, all the side roads are jammed through Braintree and Weymouth."

Bradley is also asking for a permanent notification system on the new Fore River Bridge so that commuters can prepare for all openings.

Outside of his legislative work, Bradley is working with Sen. Hedlund to facilitate a deal between the Cohasset Water Department, Aquarion Water Company, and the Erickson Retirement Community planned for Hingham.

Erickson is in desperate need of water, Aquarion is the company that provides water in Hingham, and Cohasset has water to spare — at a price, of course. By bringing the parties together, Bradley is hoping they can come to an agreement more easily.

"If done correctly I think it can be a win for both communities," said Bradley. "It's good for Cohasset because A.) they have plenty of water in their aquifer, and B.) they get significant revenues to their community at a time when most communities are going to be losing revenue to local aid."

"It's positive for the town of Hingham because we get to do some of these projects that the town boards have approved, and we do it by not draining off the existing aquifer."

Bradley said the deal represents a larger theme that he feels is part of his job as a representative — making sure development is proceeding according to the wishes of town boards and residents.

"If I can have an effect helping a community develop a parcel of land in a way they feel is positive to the community, I want to do that," he said.

A "triple eagle" graduate of B.C. High, B.C., and B.C. Law School, Bradley is hoping his experience as prosecutor in Plymouth County will make him a contributor of the Criminal Justice Committee. He said the "per se" law could come up for discussion. The law would make breathalyzer readings indisputable.

"We're the only state in the union which doesn't allow you to take the breathalyzer as being 'per se' under the influence. You can draw an inference from it," said Bradley. "We lose somewhere around $50 million a year in federal highway funds by not having a per se law."

But when it comes down to it, Bradley said the budget crisis is by far the biggest issue facing the state. He said revenue drop-off last year was 15.5 percent, compared with only 3.5 percent in the recession in the early 1990s.

"What I've been telling my Boards of Selectmen — every group I go in front of — I've been telling them: 'I'll be honest with you, but there are going to be some tough choices. You're not going to like a lot of what I have to say over the next two years. But it's going to be honest and its going to be straightforward.'"

Purity of language

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

The next Russian businessman who tells his friend he is in "mirchendaizing" is liable to wind up in the gulag, which, as everyone knows, is English for tourist accommodations in Siberia.

The Russian legislature, or State Duma, is in the process of outlawing the use of foreign words when a perfectly good Russian word will accomplish the same purpose.

When this is done in the United States it is considered to be the work of John Ashcroft, Jesse Helms and Rush Limbaugh and the Cambridge City Council passes a resolution decrying it.

Under the law that would make Russian the official state language, politicians speaking about default on debts would have to say "nevypolneniye obyazatelstv" instead of "defolt" as in default.

"Unfortunately, there are no legal norms in our current legislation on the purity of the Russian language," said Alexei Alexeyev, one of the 12 legislators who filed the bill to fix that omission.

The bill was passed by the lower house of the State Duma earlier this month and now only needs to be approved by the upper house and signed by President Vladimir Putin to become law.

This was part of "Operation Linguistic Cleansing," led by the French Language Self-Defense Brigade.

A number of countries are taking steps to protect the "purity" of their native languages, chiefly from English, which can be a monumental task when there is a McDonald's on every block offering "le hamburgaire."

In Latvia, it's the Russian language which is under fire. A Latvian law requires that 75 per cent of all radio commercials and talk be in Latvian, a language that was suppressed when Latvia was a Russian satellite.

This was a tough turnaround since 40 per cent of Latvia's 2.4 million people use Russian as their primary language and those who wish to can still tune their TVs in to Moscow channels.

The Latvians even have an official government agency which is charged with making up Latvian words to replace modern foreign words and a language police to check on the use of Latvian words by Latvians.

The French language is regarded as so important in the Quebec province of Canada that St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church in Montreal was firebombed after its social hall was used for a fund-raiser by Alliance Quebec, an English-speaking rights group.

This was part of "Operation Linguistic Cleansing," led by the French Language Self-Defense Brigade.

"From now on, hall owners who rent to Alliance Quebec must know that by associating with these anti-Quebec racists, they expose themselves to reprisal," said the Brigade in letters to newspapers.

Even the English are at odds with the Americans over the language they both share. The fighting was particularly fierce when the English found American spellchecks on their own computers.

"As if Microsoft, the Internet, Disney, rap music, McDonald's and chads were not enough to contend with, we now find a fifth column in our own midst," grumbled The Independent newspaper in an editorial.

"Are we really going to take lessons in language from the land whose president came up with, 'It depends what the meaning of 'is' is.'"

HEALTH NOTES

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were identified as priorities in the Annual Work Plan.. Cohasset received more than $150,000 over four years that in some way supported watershed related projects. This was virtually the only way some small activist groups could become a part of the big environmental picture.

A major part of the watershed initiative was the nurturing of smaller watershed organizations. The South Shore doesn't have large rivers such as the Neponset or the Charles whose watershed associations are powerful forces in the region. Instead we have the North South River Watershed Association, our largest, the Jones River and Eel River Watershed Associations and others, and in Cohasset, the Gulf Associations. All have benefited from association with other similarly minded groups swapping information and techniques, and frequently collaborating to obtain joint watershed grants.

Fortunately, there is promise that these diverse groups may continue to meet. In the discussions last week, in a loose jointed way, characteristic of most discussions of those who deal with nature, there was an expressed desire to continue to swap information about grant opportunities, major watershed issues, and recent events affecting the participants. It was unanimously agreed that future meetings of the team should be identified under a new name: the South Coastal Watersheds Alliance.

Samantha Woods, Executive Director of the NSRWA expressed a desire to provide a resource to other watershed-based organizations, and Wendy Garpeau, South Shore Coordinator of the Massachusetts Bays Program, a division of the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management division of the EOEA indicated that, since she was sited at the NSRWA she could act as coordinator for future meetings. So, it seems that, for the near future anyway, one day a month is still spoken for, for watershed issues.

It's for the future to say what impact the watershed concept has in cleaning up the region and how well communities will communicate without the coordination provided to our region for the past five years by the Watershed Initiative. But for Cohasset, it gave us an invaluable plan that will lead us into a cleaner more healthy use of our town's precious environmental resources.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Brick by Brick program for new Our World playground

Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum celebrated its groundbreaking in November 2002 and renovations are underway to the museum's space which will be located adjacent to the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Sohier Street in Cohasset. Our World has raised one-third of the funds needed to meet its goal for the opening of the museum and are portions of the museum are expected to open in the fall of 2003.

The focus now is on fundraising for the playground which will be built adjacent to Our World. The play structure previously donated to the town of Cohasset (known to many families as the Pirate Park) was outdated and eventually removed for safety reasons. The goal is to renovate the existing area and provide a new playground that Cohasset residents, along with visitors to Our World and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, will enjoy for years to come.

The estimated cost to rebuild the playground is $125,000. One of the ways the Our World Playground Committee will be raising funds for the playground is with the "Brick by Brick" program.

Through the Brick by Brick program, your donation of $100 will be recognized with an engraved brick. You can have your name, your family's name, loved one or your business name celebrated in brick. If you prefer, you also have the opportunity to contribute a larger engraved paver or a beautiful hardwood bench complete with an engraved brass plate.

Engraved bricks and pavers will be used in walkways and as accents throughout the surrounding areas of the playground. Construction on the walkways is slated to begin in the spring of 2003. All the funds generated by the Brick by Brick program will go directly to the designing and purchasing of play structures, landscaping of the play area and on-going maintenance.

To participate in the Brick by Brick program, please call Debbie Kuppens at (781) 383-6399. If you have any questions about the playground project or would like to make a larger contribution, please call Our World at (781) 383-3198. Please note that your donation is tax deductible.

The first 100 brick orders received will be entered into a drawing for a $100 gift certificate for dinner at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset.

LIBRARY CORNER

We're moving!

This library closed on Monday, Feb. 17.

The new library at 35 Ripley Road is scheduled to open on March 3.

All Cohasset materials will be due back *after the move*. In other words, you get to keep these items for an extra two weeks! The correct due date will be stamped in the book. No overdue fines will accrue during this period.

Please *do not use the Book Drop* while we are closed. If you have a book that came *from another library*, you should return it to the Hingham Public Library or any other Old Colony Library Network (OCLN) library.

While the library is closed, you will not be able to place "holds" on Cohasset materials. However, "holds" can still be placed, but they will be filled only by another library in the OCLN. Be sure to *specify a "Pick-up Location" other than Cohasset!*

Start of recession recovery could be 18 months off

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Lobbyists and tourists and wide-eyed eighth-graders shivered in line to pass through metal detectors at the State House, getting the once-over from MDC park rangers just to be sure they weren't Al Qaeda.

The piercing glances were a bit more lingering during the full week of orange alert, adding to the edgy gloominess that seeped into the Statehouse months ago.

Discussion of hypothetical disasters (the first smallpox vaccines were administered last week to Massachusetts health-care workers) mingled unpleasantly with the real calamity already unfolding in the impassive reams of economic data and budget legislation occupying the Statehouse's attention. Lives are at stake on both fronts.

"We're told we can't count on any growth in the economy for the next 18 months," Governor Romney said. After a year and a half of declining state tax revenues, that is appalling news — so bad it almost doesn't seem possible. Those revenues are determined entirely by how well the economy does, and they pay for things no one but the state is willing to supply — like dentures for old ladies, and shelter for abused women.

"I do hope that's pessimistic," Romney said of his advisors' economic forecast. But his hope seemed wan as the sunlight fighting its losing weeklong battle with the incredible, indifferent February chill.

The weakness of his faith in the state's near future is shared by his constituents. Massachusetts has begun lagging the nation as a whole in consumer confidence. That element — confidence — is the economy's defining factor, and the state seems to be losing it. That's why Frederick Breimyer, chief economist at State Street Corp., said not only is the recession surprisingly stubborn, looking forward, he's only willing to use the word recovery "in quotes."

The result could be seen on the floor of the Legislature last week. Senators passed a bill helping to paper over this year's budget gap by diverting about $145 million from various smallish specialty state reserve funds. As they did so, the Senate Ways and Means Chairwoman, Therese Murray, told her colleagues the state's disparity between income and spending just this year could be $105 million larger than the latest revised revenue projections. That's like a family of four finding out it's going to come up short about $5,000 this year, with a pay cut on the way.

A lot of families are facing situations almost that bad as businesses lay people off and cancel spending. That limits politicians' willingness to preserve programs by raising taxes. That can actually make the economy worse; some of the spending now being cut at the state level helps business create jobs, or unskilled workers to train for them.

Massachusetts has begun lagging the nation as a whole in consumer confidence.

The spiral is beginning to look at least as bad as it did 10 years ago: the government struggles, so business leaders lose confidence, so the economy suffers, so the government struggles. Fear of war, fear of terrorism, a lack of understanding how to turn things around are all converging.

Romney named members to his new regional economic competitiveness councils; business leaders vowed a strong effort to maintain tax breaks and regulation rollbacks they say keep the state business-friendly. Here's a recap of the other news:

- The governor appeared at the Local Government Advisory Council meeting, usually chaired by the lieutenant governor. He said he wants to improve his relationship with the mayors and boards of selectmen – but won't raise taxes, and will likely make more cuts in local aid. But the locals by and large said they appreciated the gesture.
- The state may now seek to recoup overruns caused by incompetence and malfeasance for 10 years after the actionable occurrence, if the House goes along with the legislation, as expected; the governor is a supporter. Betchel Parsons Brinckerhoff is enduring lots of anger after the Globe detailed how, among other curiosities, the contractor forgot to include the FleetCenter in its design diagrams.
- Permitting delays, rising costs and political opposition were cited. The decision left project opponents optimistic that the whole effort will be cancelled. Romney transportation aides say no final decision has been made.
- The "yes" side and the "no" side held lobby days simultaneously, and the issues were the persistent ones: the value of innovation versus the cost to traditional schools. It's a debate that lawmakers will take up this spring.
- The lower numbers from 2002 show "those who suggested the sky was going to fall because of MCAS were wrong," said Education Commissioner David Driscoll.
- In a span of just days, the junior US senator announced he has prostrate cancer, underwent successful surgery and looked forward to being cancer-free after doctors determined the cancer had not spread. He'll resume his presidential campaign in two weeks.
- The state and localities could recoup about $40 million from Washington for security; the governor wrote to Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge, and legislators discussed how to lobby effectively for the state's share of a $3.5 billion federal appropriation.
- Via executive order, Romney mandated that all nominees must possess 10 years of legal experience; some political appointees didn't have that. Nominees may not lobby members of the Judicial Nominating Council, nor donate money to constitutional officers. Romney said he shares the perception that politics is influencing judicial picks.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

Weir River canoe launch, educational center backed

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, has put his efforts behind the Town of Hull's grant application to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs that would provide funding for the study and future planning of the Weir River Estuary. The grant would subsequently lead to the implementation of a kayak/canoe launch area and an educational center.

The Weir River Estuary, which was designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern in 1996, includes 950 acres of extensive salt marshes throughout the greater Boston area. The Weir River Watershed covers 23.4 square miles and is located throughout the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and Norwell. The estuary serves as both a nursery and feeding area for a diversity of fish and bird species, and also contains many marsh grasses and plant species throughout its land.

The grant would provide funds allowing the town to hire a qualified firm to conduct a survey of existing conditions, design access for kayaks and canoes that would have minimal impacts on the marshes, identify permits, and develop signage identifying the location as public access for kayaks and canoes.

"This project will enhance the environment along the Weir River for the residents and organizations of Hull, Cohasset, Hingham, and other surrounding communities as well," Hedlund said.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on three roll calls from the week of February 10-14. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

DEFICIT REDUCTION PLAN (S 1939) Senate 38-0, gave near final approval to a deficit reduction plan designed to help close the state's estimated $600 million to $650 million fiscal 2003 budget deficit. The House has okayed a different plan and a conference committee will likely hammer out a compromise version. A key provision, estimated to raise $73 million, increases fees on many real estate transactions conducted at Registries of Deeds across the state and imposes an additional $5 surcharge on all transactions. The measure also taps reserve funds including $40 million from a capital projects fund; $12 million from a workforce training fund; $2.9 million form the Clean Elections Judgment Fund; and $35 million from the Renewable Energy Trust Fund. Other provisions include making some retroactive changes in corporate tax laws including allowing the state to collect taxes on income and dividends from Real Estate Investment Trusts. Supporters said the bill would generate $267 million that in conjunction with Gov. Romney's recent $343 million in budget cuts would close the state's entire fiscal 2003 deficit. They noted the bill does not cut any programs and argued that it also closes many corporate tax loopholes that cost the state millions in lost tax revenue. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill). — **Y**

BIG DIG LAWSUITS (S 1939) Senate 38-0, approved an amendment extending the statute of limitations on lawsuits brought by the federal or state government or their contractors arising out of contracts for the planning, design or construction of the $14 billion Big Dig project. The amendment allows suits to be filed on past violations up to ten years after this amendment becomes law and future suits up to ten years following the violation. Current law only allows the filing of suits for three to six years following the incident. Amendment supporters said recent reports show that recovery efforts for outrageous cost overruns were weak and argued that it is time to hold businesses accountable for their overruns and mismanagement on this taxpayer-funded project. (A "Yea" vote is for extending the statute of limitations). — **Y**

NEWBORN HOME VISITING PROGRAM (S 1939) Senate 39-0, approved an amendment restoring $2 million of the $4 million cut by Gov. Romney from the neonatal and postnatal home parenting education and home visiting programs for at-risk newborns. Amendment supporters said that if the funding is not restored, the program would shut down and all 3221 families currently enrolled would be discharged. They noted that the programs, focused on first-time parents under 21, have been very successful in educating teen parents about taking care of their babies. They argued that this has resulted in a reduction in child abuse, increased health for the children and reduced subsequent pregnancies for the teenage mothers. (A "Yea" vote is for restoring the $2 million). — **Y**

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PHARMACY TAX (S 1939) - The Senate rejected on a voice vote, without a roll call vote, an amendment to repeal the $36 million annual assessment the legislature imposed last year on pharmacies for each non-Medicaid and non-Medicare prescription they fill. The assessment led to many of the state's pharmacies charging customers a $1.30-per-prescription fee to cover the assessment. Last week, the state's major pharmacy chains agreed to stop charging the fee. A roll call vote is required if six senators request it but fewer than six requested a roll call on this amendment.

NO CLEAN ELECTIONS CANDIDATES - Governor Romney signed into law legislation making candidates in a special election to fill the recently vacated House seat of former Rep. Joe Sullivan on the South Shore ineligible to run as Clean Elections candidates. The Clean Elections Law provides public financing of campaigns to candidates who agree to certain fundraising and spending limits. A spokeswoman for Gov. Romney said that nomination papers are due shortly and there is not enough time for the regular Clean Elections process to play out in this election.

CHARTER SCHOOL MORATORIUM - Supporters of Massachusetts charter schools descended on the Statehouse to express their opposition to proposed legislation that would place a moratorium on new charter schools in the Bay State.

JUDICIAL NOMINATING PROCESS - Gov. Romney has issued an Executive Order announcing what he called "a non-partisan, merit-based process for nominating judges in Massachusetts." Provisions include prohibiting applicants from making political contributions to the governor or lieutenant governor and a total ban on political contributions and activity by any nominee; barring applicants from campaigning for a judgeship via telephone or email; and "blind review" of applicants' qualifications without regard to their names and political connections. — **Y**

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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Criminal checks required for school employees, volunteers

By John Camera
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In keeping with a new state law that takes effect Feb. 25, the Cohasset School Department will need to conduct criminal record checks every three years on all its employees and most volunteers, including parents who may go along on field trips.

Signed into law by Acting Gov. Jane Swift in November, "An Act Further Protecting Children" amended previous legislation on background checks by making it stricter.

Schools no longer have discretion to decide when, and under what circumstances, to conduct criminal background checks on employees, job applicants and volunteers who have unsupervised contact with children. The statute now imposes a legal obligation on schools to conduct the background checks on those groups "periodically, but not less then every three years."

Superintendent Ed Malvey said he was not aware of any changes to the original version of the law, which has been in place for several years. "If there have been further changes, we have not addressed them yet," he said.

Malvey said criminal record checks for new hires had been "standard procedure" since he joined Cohasset schools five years ago. He said volunteers were subject to the checks if it was known far enough in advance for results to be returned on time.

The criminal record checks are obtained by requiring potential employees or volunteers to complete a CORI [Criminal Offender Record Information] form. The superintendent's office forwards the request for CORI data to the state Criminal History Systems Bureau and the school department acts on CORI information on a case-by-case basis.

Malvey said he had not updated any CORI information for employees except for those who had gone to another school district and then returned. Under the new law, the school department would need to update all CORI checks more than three years old.

According to the CORI office, through the background checks, schools receive information on convictions, pending circumstances and dismissals. The office spokesman explained that schools get more information because they deal with children, while some businesses that run background checks might not get dismissals, for example.

While the CORI office provides criminal record offender information, it does not provide advice or suggestions with hiring decisions or other employer action. Questions regarding the use of CORI information should be discussed with legal counsel, the office said.

Malvey said there were no set guidelines as to what would disqualify a candidate from being eligible for employment or volunteer work. "We treat each case individually," he said. "What we're really concerned with is behavior with children."

In some communities, every time a child is enrolled in school the parents are given a CORI form with the thought, they may go on a field trip at some point. Hingham is distributing a copy of the revised CORI procedure with in all current employees' paychecks and has set up procedures for implementing the law that include what actions may be appropriate if a CORI report is positive. Hingham Supt. Dorothy Galo said some towns are taking a hard line and cited an example in another school system of a Dad who wasn't allowed to attend a first-grade field trip because of an OUI conviction in his youth.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said he supports the law in concept.

"Certainly some level of checking people who watch over our children is appropriate," he said, adding he hoped access to the forms would be restricted to certain individuals.

Malvey said CORI files were kept extremely confidential. He said he personally reviewed CORI data and shared the information with administrators only on a need-to-know basis.

CORI and the law

- The new law, "An Act Further Protecting Children," was signed into law on Nov. 27, 2002
- CORI stands for Criminal Offender Record Information
- The state Criminal History Systems Board of the Executive Office of Public Safety oversees CORI
- The CORI Web site is www.state.ma.us/chsb/CORI.html
- CORI telephone number is 671-660-4640

The new law imposes a legal obligation on schools to conduct criminal background checks.

Alzheimer's support group meets

Attorney Brian Barreira will address the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St. His topic will be "A New Year: New Changes in the Law Effecting Alzheimer Families." This timely presentation will outline new state and federal legislation that will effect financial planning for long-term (nursing home) care as well as the financial health of the well spouse.

A question and answer session will follow Barreira's presentation. Barreira specializes in estate planning, probate and elder law with offices in Plymouth and Hingham and is a certified elder law attorney. For more information call 781-740-2426 or 781-741-2712.

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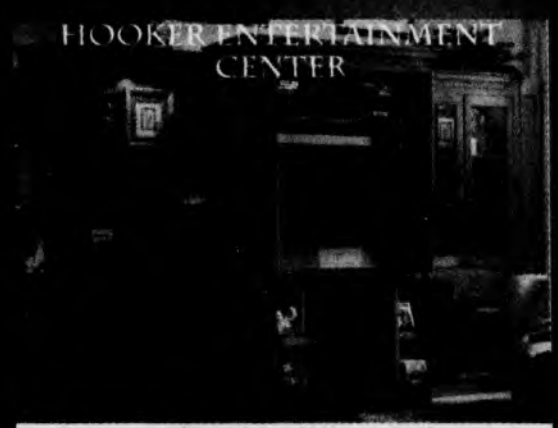

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Let it snow, let it snow

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Could someone please tell me what exactly the "Let it Snow" songwriter was thinking when he called the weather outside "frightful"?

I have given it some thought, and I think I figured it out. It seems that, as I get older, the pure and pristine pleasure that used to come hand-in-hand with snowfall has been replaced by a disgruntled association with thick, wet precipitation.

Instead of plunging into the nearest snow bank for the day's first snow angel, we are enduring the marathon known as shoveling the driveway. Instead of rushing down a hill on freshly pumped inner tube, we are lifting and grunting a set of snow tires onto our SUV's. Instead of engaging in snowball forts, we are anxiously waiting for the plows to come by our streets.

Since I entered teenagerhood (also known as the time when shoveling stopped being the father's responsibility and became the son's), I too have had the subconscious connection of snow with hassle. But some of my favorite memories are set in a landscape of white. With the majority of postseason MIAA practices, meets and games in Massachusetts post-

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Swimmers close out in style at BCC meet

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Scituate-Cohasset swim team made their final splash of the regular season on Sunday at the Bay Colony Conference Championships, with the women's team finishing sixth and men's taking eighth. It was the third straight year that both teams ended in the top ten of its conference despite much larger and more established competition.

"Our program is growing," started coach Jamie Kearney, who has been at the helm of the Skipper-Sailor squad for all three of the top 10 finishes, "but what this relatively small team has accomplished this year is simply remarkable."

The Sci-Cohs switched out of the Pilgrim Conference last year to face competition more comparable in numbers to themselves. Yet, the Bay Conference competition, while far more competitive with the Sci-Cohs, still possessed the ability to overwhelm the small South Shore shared squad by sheer numbers. The Sci-Cohs still put forth an impressive effort, with more than several squad members placing in individual and relay events.

Senior Coral Yang, an exchange student through the AFS program at Scituate High, completed her only BCC Championship as the top point scorer on the team with a sixth place in the 200 yard Individual Medley with a season best time of 2:40.12 and a seventh place in the 100 freestyle with another personal record, 1:03.05. Yang will lead a host of Sci-Coh females into Sectionals later this week, having qualified for the postseason in five different events.

Senior captain Kathryn Noonan, who, among others,

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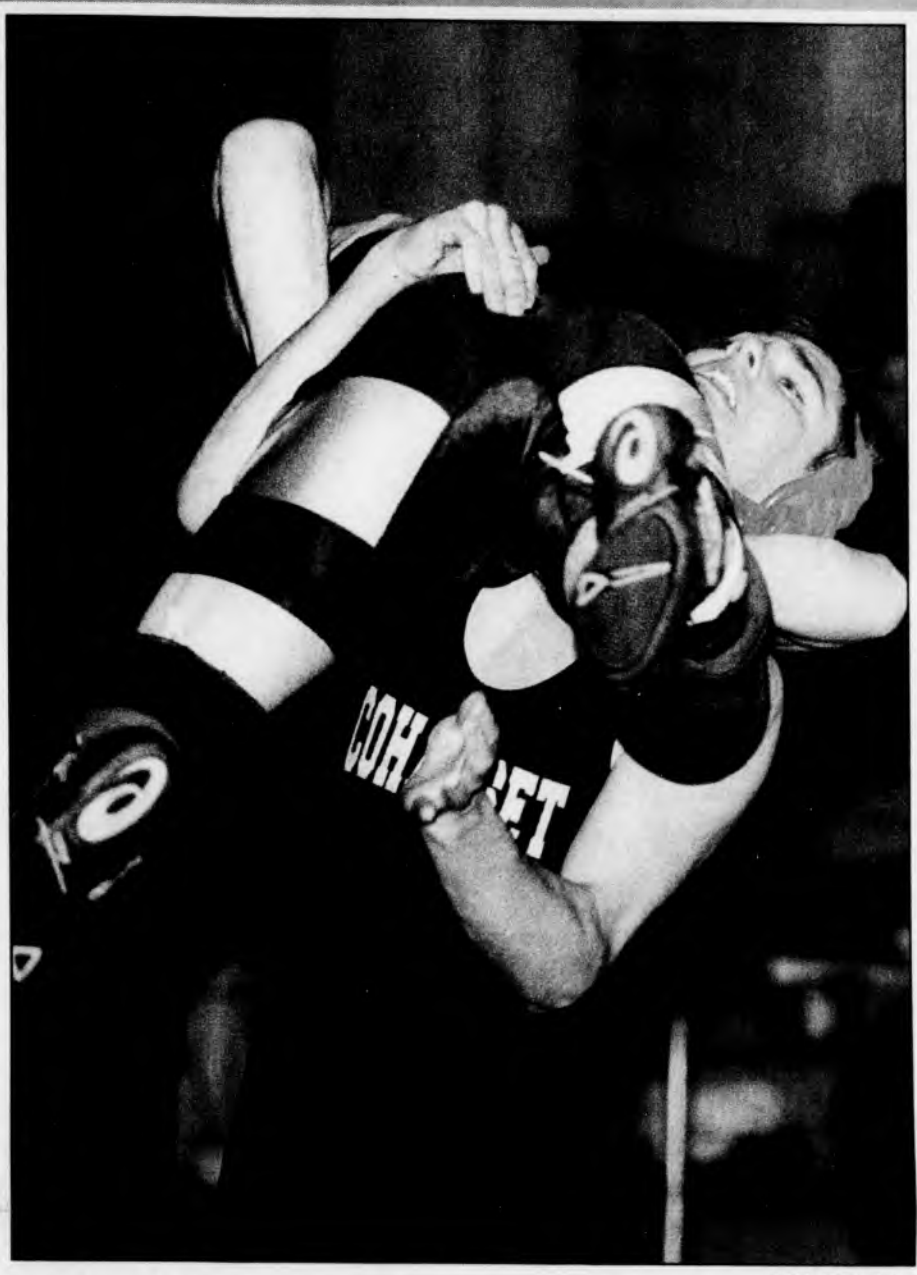
PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Carlie Arena performs on the balance beam at recent South Shore League dual meet. Unfortunately, the joint Cohasset-Norwell squad, which finished the season with a 10-2 record, fell just short of qualifying for the South Sectionals, so the gymnastics season is over.



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Cohasset senior Terry Baroudi prepares to lay an atomic knee slam on Canton's Jeff Sullivan ...oh that's right, this is *real* wrestling. Baroudi won this semifinals match and all of his others to capture the Div. 3 South Sectional crown in the 135-poound division this past weekend. He, along with eight of his teammates, advanced out of Sectionals to this weekend's Div. 3 state championships.

Battle ready

Cohasset wrestling team advances nine to state championships

By Mike Spellman
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There were surprises, both good and bad, disappointments and a few great stories to come out of this past weekend's Div. 3 South Sectional championships for the Cohasset High wrestling team. The bottom line, though, when this weekend of craziness finally ended was the local squad could boast a second place finish in the field of 21 and the advancement of nine wrestlers to the Div. 3 state championships.

"Overall, I'm happy," said longtime Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney, whose team finished second to only host Foxboro High at the Sectional meet, which started early Friday afternoon and went late into Saturday evening. "We had a couple of kids lose bouts we thought they might win, but just about everyone wrestled well."

Wrestling for the Skippers at this weekend's divisional state championships at Burlington High School will be Jonathan Littauer (103 pounds), Dave Kupsc (112), Dave McKenna (119), Joe Kehoe (125), Terry Baroudi (135), Phil Strazzulla (140), Chris McKenna (145), Cosimo Cambi (189) and Matt Baroudi (215).

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Boys fall to Southeastern

Hoopsters look to close tough luck season strong

By Mike Spellman
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A shorthanded Cohasset boys basketball team nearly stunned tourney-bound Southeastern in the opening round of the Mansfield Tourney on Sunday night before the Hawks superior inside game finally wore the Skippers down and allowed them to escape with a 61-51 win.

With South Shore League all-star Chris Bilodeau (21 points) continuing his torrid pace of late, the Skippers carried a six-point lead into the final five minutes of the first half. However, Southeastern (18-1) closed with a 10-0 run to take a 31-27 edge into the break. It was a lead the Hawks would never relinquish.

"We were missing a few players, and Southeastern was really big up front with a 6-4 and 6-5 player," reported Cohasset head coach Ron Ford. "Our guys played hard, and I thought pretty well overall, but we just didn't have enough answers down the stretch.

"Chris (Bilodeau) played a great game. He really helped keep us in it."

Ford went on to also laud the play of two of Bilodeau's fellow juniors: center Sean Connolly (eight points) and point guard John Andrade.

"Sean played a good game inside, especially considering he didn't have the support around him he normally has," said Ford, referring to the absences of power forward Ben Lynner and backup center Scott Faber.

"And John (Andrade) did a nice job of handling the press. I thought he played with a lot of poise."

The Mansfield Tourney consolation game against Dighton-Rehoboth (12-7), originally scheduled for Monday but wiped out by the snowstorm, was moved to Wednesday afternoon after the Mariner press time. Unfortunately, Ford heads into this one with just seven healthy bodies.

This will be the regular season finale for the Skippers (7-12), who won four of five games previous to the Southeastern setback.

"We've ended the season strong, which is what you like to see," concluded Ford. "It says something about the character of this team. We've got some good players coming back next year, and I'm hoping to end this season on a positive note."

Champion's pride

Cohasset skaters crush Crusaders to stop slide

By Joel Racicot
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When you are the champions of your league, as the Cohasset boys hockey team is, you are expected to play at a certain level of excellence. After playing five sub-par games it was time for Cohasset to play like the champions they are, and they did.

The Skippers defeated Carver 9-1 in a game that featured good skating, sharp passing and excellent goaltending from the South Shore League's best. The game also knocked Carver out of postseason contention.

"We really had been struggling, but we're back to where we want to be," acknowledged Cohasset head coach John Blake. "We were going through the motions the last couple of games. We weren't playing with enough emotion, but that definitely changed tonight."

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset forward Mike Martone (#7) spins away from the check of Scituate's Bill Cibere in recent non-league tilt at Hingham's Pilgrim Arena.

At 13:35 in the first period, Cohasset gave the initial blow when defenseman Ted Straughn took a pass from behind the net to put the Skippers up 1-0. At 5:32 to go in the period Michael Martone scored off a rebound in front of the Carver goalie to give Cohasset a 2-0 lead.

The second period started with Carver on the power play after John Durkin had been put in the

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Wrestling team advances nine to state championships

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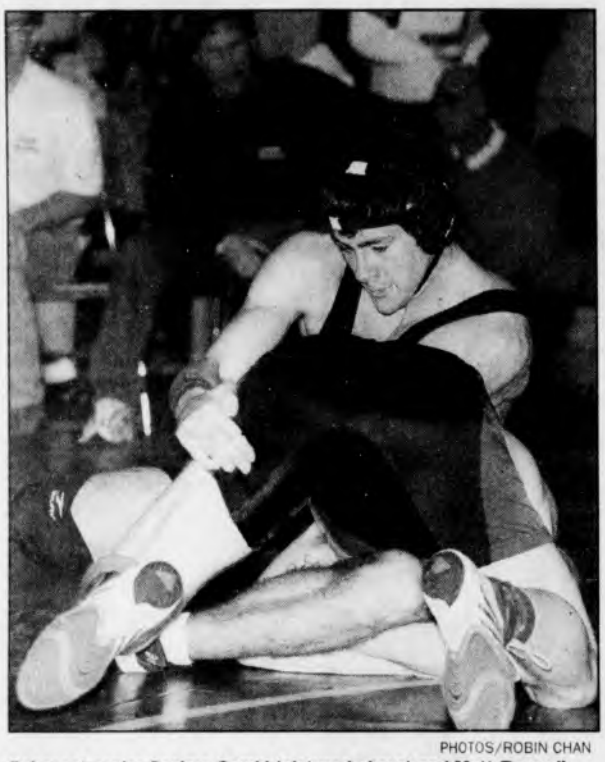
The Skippers finished with 180 placement points to Foxboro's 243. Mansfield took third place with 162.5 points.

The top point-getters for Cohasset were senior Terry Baroudi and sophomore Jonathan Littauer, both going unbeaten to capture the championships in their respective weight divisions.

Littauer, who wrestled at 103, follows in the footsteps of a few older brothers who went on to wrestle at the state championships. He earned the top seed in his division, and more than lived up to that billing, pinning fourth seeded Eric DeWolf of Hopkinton in the semifinals and easily besting Canton's JJ McKenzie (third seed), 9-3, in the finals.



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Cohasset senior Cosimo Cambi (pictured above) and Matt Baroudi (pictured right, at rear) both finished second in their respective weight divisions at this weekend's Div. 3 South Sectionals, and advance to this weekend's Div. 3 state wrestling championships along with seven of their teammates.

Senior captain Terry Baroudi committed himself to an intense training regimen after finishing fourth at Sectionals last year, and he saw that hard work pay off, as he too earned the number one seed and swept all comers over the weekend. He dominated Carver's Chris Foley, 10-2, and Canton's fourth seeded Jeff Sullivan, 7-1, on his way to the finals, where he beat Duxbury's second seeded Scott Klebanoff for the third time in as many tries this season.

Baroudi's larger kid brother Matt, a sophomore, was one of three Cohasset wrestlers who took second place, all three losing to the one seed in their respective divisions in the finals.

Matt Baroudi earned the second seed after a breakthrough sophomore season wrestling at 215. He pinned three of his five opponents on the way to the finals, including one on sixth seeded CJ Fuchs of Hopkinton in the semis. He then wrestled top seeded Paul Kenyan (who is ranked fourth in the state) tougher than most everyone in attendance anticipated in the championship bout before falling to the more experienced Dedham grappler, 9-5.

"Matt really had a great tourney," lauded coach Sweeney. "I really thought he could have beaten Kenyan. It'll be interesting to see what happens if he gets him again at ates."

Joe Kehoe stunned the South Shore wrestling community when he took second place at 112 pounds at Sectionals last year as a freshman, but few were surprised when he equaled that achievement this time around as a sophomore in the 125 pound class. Joe was seeded third, but upset Dedham's Charlie Citrone in the semifinals, 6-2, to advance for a showdown with Rockland's Zach Gorman, who had defeated Joe in their two previous meetings. Unfortunately the third time did not prove the charm for the young Skipper, and he had to settle for second place.

The third second place finisher for Cohasset was senior second-year wrestler Cosimo Cambi, and this was a surprise. Cambi, a superb athlete and football talent, only started to come into his own as a wrestler toward the tail end of this season. He was seeded seventh, but pulled off upsets over Hanover's Nick Rierdon in a 4-3 buzzer beater in the quarterfinals and then Holliston's sixth seeded Jim Domestico in the semifinals, 11-6. He came within inches of stunning everyone in attendance in the finals against defending Sectional champ Matt Lanuto, of Duxbury, nearly getting him onto his back for what could have been a pin situation. However, Lanuto fended that of, and eventually went on to pin Cambi.

"Obviously, Cosimo is one of the really great stories for us," said Sweeney. "He's really committed himself to wrestling since he joined up two years ago, and it's great to see that type of dedication pay off."

Team captains Chris McKenna (145) and Phil Strazzulla (140) both lost heartbreakers in the semifinals, but battled back to take third place honors in the consolation match.

McKenna, seeded second, lost a 3-1 decision to Keefe Tech's third seeded Ryan Lutrell, a wrestler he had beaten in their only previous meeting. He bounced back, though with a lopsided 6-1 decision over Holliston's fourth seeded Naeem Ovins, last year's Sectional champ at 140.

Strazzulla, a junior captain, wrestled much of the season at 130, but had trouble making that weight, so he finally decided to leap two classes to 140 (135 was out of the question with Baroudi entrenched there). Earning a fifth seed, Strazzulla lost a heartbreaker to Ashland's fourth seeded Nick Buchan on Friday, but then won three straight matches to set up a rematch with Buchan for third place. Strazzulla got his revenge with a 7-4 win.

"Phil's another one of those great stories," asserted Sweeney. "First, you've got him jumping two weight classes midseason then you've got him winning four matches out of the loser's bracket to finish third. I'm real proud of him."

Senior Dave Kuspc (112) and freshman Dave McKenna (119), Chris' brother, earned their way to this weekend's festivities with clutch wins on Saturday.

Kupsc, who wrestled at 103 much of the year flip-flopping with Littauer and entered Sectionals with a seventh seed, was knocked off in the quarterfinals by Watertown's second seeded Donald Rando. He then beat Hull's Rob Smolinsky, 4-2, and Keefe Tech's sixth seeded Diego Lopes by pin to sew up a top six spot and an extended season. Rockland's fourth seeded Leo Mahoney then bested him, 14-3, but Kupsc ended the days on a high note with a pin in the fifth/sixth place consolation match against Holliston's fifth seeded Bill Drake.

McKenna pulled off a big overtime win over Rockland's Scott Gerrish to advance to the top six. He then lost a heartbreaker to Canton's Kevin Mathieson, getting caught in a spradle and pinned in a match that saw him leading. He came back strong, though, to take the fifth/sixth place consolation match.

After losing his bid to advance to States in heartbreaking fashion, getting pinned late in the third round of a match in which he held a 1-0 lead, sophomore Matt Casey showed some character to come back with a 3-0 win to earn seventh place and a couple of points for his team.

Also wrestling for Cohasset were sophomore Bill Carbone (130 pounds), who recorded a pin for a win, freshman Pat O'Brien (160), sophomore Drew Musto (171) and junior heavyweight Jake Berger.

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Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Feb.
12 beat Hull, 53-40
End of Season

COED SWIMMING
COHASSET — SCITUATE
14/15 BCC Meet
Girls finished sixth
Boys finished eighth
20 Girls Sectionals @ Milford
21 Boys Sectionals @ Quincy
End of Season

GYMNASTICS
COHASSET — SCITUATE
Season Over

WRESTLING
14-15 Div. 3 South Sectionals
Cohasset finished second of 21
9 wrestlers advanced to States
21-22 Div. 3 State @ Burlington

BOYS BASKETBALL
16lost to Southeastern 61-51
@ Mansfield Tourney
19vs Dighton-Rehoboth
@ Mansfield Tourney
End of Season

ICE HOCKEY
12 tied Harwich, 4-4
15 beat Carver, 9-1
19 Blue Hills
End of Regular Season

Swimmers close out in style at BCC meet

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will be joining Yang at Sectionals for the 100 backstroke, took eighth in that event at the BCC Championship in a time of 1:12.22.

The Sci-Cohs' own coverage reporter scored highest for the men, earning 16 points with eighth and sixth places in the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke. The senior ended his 13 year career of competitive swimming for Cohasset teams with personal bests in both events.

Maran Monaco, an exchange student from Brazil, placed in both of his Individuals in his final swim meet in America. The converted water polo star took tenth in the 50 freestyle, breaking 27 seconds for the first time, and finished 12th in the 100 free with a 1:01.43.

"It seemed like every time I turned around, someone was swimming in their final race ever," observed Kearney. "I am going to miss this senior class so much. Their swimming skills aside, the intangibles they brought to the team chemistry will be impossible to replace."

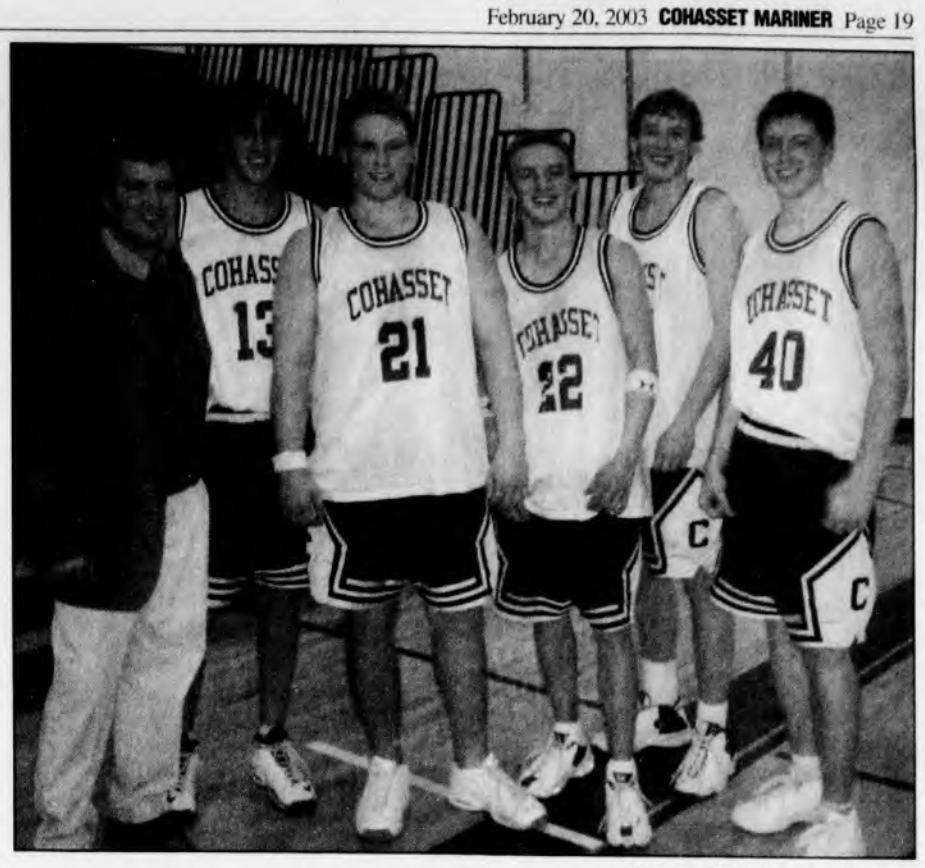
Aside from those already mentioned of the final year swimmers, the team will lose captains Bryan Bilton and Erin Feeney to graduation. Luckily, the team has a solid foundation of young talented swimmers, many of whom will be looked to for major contributions in the coming years.

Cohasset's Amanda Daley, the only freshman who qualified for Sectionals, took 11th in the 100 backstroke, a second behind Noonan, and 12th in the 200 IM, two seconds behind Yang.

"[Daley] has been a huge asset to our team this year," noted Kearney. "Seeing her come in right behind two of my seniors in both those events, it was like a changing of the guard. I know she is really going to be leading the way for us in the next couple of years."

Sophomores Liz Tierney and Becky Keys will also be looked to as key members of future teams. Keys ended a terrific diving season by finishing fourth in the Conference, and took a pair of 13th place finishes in the 200 and 500 freestyles. Tierney placed in the breaststroke with an 11th place finish. In addition, she took 17th in the 100 freestyle, one place behind junior captain Delia Regan, who took 16th. Regan also took 13th in the 50 free.

The meet officials took the time to recognize every senior in the Conference by name, and had them ring the pool. The team will undergo some major reconstruction this offseason, requiring some heavy recruitment, especially for the men's team. However, this year's BCC Championship served as a very nice tribute to those seniors who made the 2002-2003 season a successful one.



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Cohasset coach Ron Ford (left) with graduating players (L-R) Ross Lieb-Lappen, Capt. Ben Lynner, Capt. Jared Krupczak, Capt. Ian Kidder and Scott Faber.

Let it snow, let it snow

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poned due to the current road conditions, I am reminded of the snowy sports that made up the youth of my friends and me.

We would wake up at six o'clock on a Sunday morning to be the first ones to the sledding hill, staying until our fingers and toes were fantastically frozen. Then, we would head back to someone's house to throw our wet coats, gloves, hats, socks and snowpants in the dryer. After thawing ourselves, in the meantime emptying the house of all its hot chocolate mix, we would head right back outside until dark.

Other times, we would lace up our skates and create "the whip", where a line of skaters would use momentum to get one skater flying around in a circle. Sometimes, we would build elaborate forts, everyone calling their own the best the neighborhood had ever seen. Most of the time, we would just get into the old fashioned stuff, hurling snowballs at each other until someone got hit in the face with one containing a rock, and the day's fun was over. Ah, to be a kid again.

Yet here I sit, watching three feet of snow creeping up the windows of my house, and all I can think of is how much of a bother it is that it will be at least another day before I can drive anywhere. What happened to the days when a fresh coat of snow on the lawn meant a full day's worth of entertainment?

For the vast majority of high school athletes, the exception being the fortunate ones who have entered the playoffs either as an individual or with his/her team, the winter season is over. The basketball players, wrestlers, swimmers, hockey players and gymnasts will have to wait another nine months before they can get back to their organized teams.

Organized sports are indeed done, but 'tis the season for the most fun sports: the disorganized ones. Sledding, skating, snowball fighting, skiing, fort building. These are the sports that are played with fun-loving friends and without referees, revolting rules and repulsive regulations.

I realize that, at 18 years old, writing a piece about my "youth" is like skating on thin ice—going too far could be dangerous. Still, the snowstorm earlier this week reminded me why winter was always my favorite season.

The weather outside is anything but frightful. Maybe the writer of that song was just a Californian who moved to New England and was understandably spiteful. But for a Boston boy who has lived here his whole life, this is just plain delightful.

Girls' softball pre-season hitters' workshop debuts at SSBC

Starts Feb. 23 in Hingham

HINGHAM - Softball takes center stage at the South Shore Baseball Club with the debut of its Pre-Season Hitters' Workshop for girls, starting February 23 and under the direction of Kate Daley, in Hingham. Girls' Member Only workout sessions and pitching clinics are also in full swing at SSBC.

The girls' softball Pre-Season Hitters' Workshops will be held Sunday evenings for four consecutive weeks, Feb. 23-March 16. This program has been designed to improve all aspects of a hitting. It is open to girls 10 and older who will be grouped according to age and ability.

Each player will pass through a series of hitting stations, each with a slightly different focus, in order to help improve and prepare them for the 2003 season. A variety of live pitching, soft toss, tee work, short toss, bunting and machine work will provide plenty of "swings" for every participant.

"Softball has become a very popular sport in our market," SSBC president/director Frank Niles, Jr. said. "We want to provide girls with the same opportunities for off-season training that boys have received here in the past. This is a great opportunity for girls to further develop their softball skills and get a head start on the spring season. We're very fortunate to have newly appointed Weymouth High School varsity coach, Kate Daley, conducting these workshops."

Structured Girls' Members Only workouts, under the direction of coaches Niles and Daley, are being held Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 8 p.m., now through April 16.

Lectures, drills and a variety of indoor games are featured during these clinics. Girls of all ages are invited, provided that they are SSBC members. They may show-up unannounced to participate in as many, or as few, workouts as they choose. Players will be grouped by age for drills and competition.

The second of three one-hour softball pitching sessions (five consecutive Sunday mornings at 9, 10, 11 or 12), offered by veteran instructor Barry "No Hit" Needham to girls 10 and older, is scheduled for Feb. 9-Mar. at SSBC.

(Pitchers must provide their own catchers.)

"Barry's one of best softball pitching instructors in New England," Niles added. "He focuses on the mechanics and basics of the windmill style of pitching. "His calm manner and concentration on fundamentals has helped many young pitchers launch promising softball careers."

SSBC is a year-round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players, boys and girls (5 and older), in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or any of its programs call 1-888-749-6466/(781) 749-6466 in Hingham, or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

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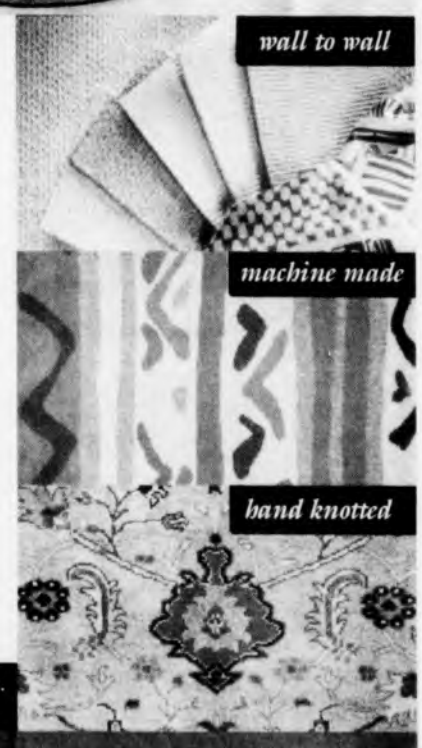

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Cohasset defenseman Mike Devine (#9) tries to circle around Scituate's John Anthony in recent tilt at Hingham's Pilgrim Arena.

Champion's pride

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penalty box for a misconduct. At 14:13, Carver scored on a wrist shot over goalie Stefan Parnell's right shoulder.

That would be as close as the Crusaders would come for the rest of the game.

Cohasset would pick up the pressure and keep the puck in the Carver zone and eventually score at the 7:53 mark to go ahead 3-1. That would be Michael Rasmussen's first of two goals on the period. The Skippers would strike four more times before the period was over to take a 7-1 lead going into the third period.

Matt Davis, Matt O'Connell, and Ted Straughn capped off the dominating second period.

"We did a great job of moving the puck around the ice, we just had great motion all around," noted coach Blake. "The guys were out there rooting for each other and playing great as a team. It was nice to see."

Cohasset would get two more goals in the final period, the first from Mike Devine and the second from Mark Bouchard. Matt Davis led the team with four points on the night, one goal and three assists, and Michael Rasmussen had three points on two goals and one assist.

Cohasset improved to 10-6-3 overall on the season and won the South Shore League crown with a final 9-1-2 mark to beat out second place finishers Norwell (6-3-3) and Abington (7-4-1).

"This is the level of play that I hope Cohasset hockey can maintain now," said Blake after the game. "If tonight's team shows up for the tournament, we will be a very dangerous team."

The Skippers were scheduled to play their final regular season game last night against Blue Hills.

Seedings and brackets will be released by the MIAA on Sunday, with games to begin on Tuesday.

Lady Skippers sink Pirates in finale

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High girls basketball team went out on a winning note that could carry on to a sweet song next season.

Come next season, coach Ellen Carr's team will feature four very promising juniors and one sophomore that could explode on the scene.

The winning note that's still echoing through Cohasset took place last week when the Lady Skippers turned back Hull, 53-40. It was a little get even time for the Skippers who were beaten by 14 points the last time the two teams met.

When Cohasset takes revenge, it really takes revenge. Not only did Hull lose the game, it also lost the game it needed to qualify for the tournament.

Don't mess with the Skippers.

There was more. Hull's Christine Sampson, a senior, was looking to end her career with her 1,000th career point. In her prior game, Sampson scored 29 points and Cohasset was looking to button her down in the finale. The Skippers held Sampson to 24 points, one point more than Christine needed to make the 1,000.

Senior Lindsay Grossman was the leading scorer for Cohasset with 15 points. She was also named to the all-star team, her second consecutive year for that honor. Lindsay averaged 11 points per game this season.

Other seniors who closed out their high school hoop career included La'Raine Langford, heather Peraino and Maura O'Brien. Langford averaged six points, with four assists and six steals. Peraino, who missed six games due to an injury, had two three-pointers against Hull. Maura O'Brien was one of the top rebounders over the season.

The juniors who will be counted upon next year include Jenn Buckley, Ashley Faber, Danielle Pinkus and Caitlin Gontarz.

Buckley averaged 5.5 points per game, and looks like a very good player; according to coach Carr.

"She's our go-to-player," noted the veteran coach. "We will see a lot of her next season."

Faber, a center, is awesome under the boards, while Pinkus is a three-year starter who averaged seven points and six rebounds per game this season.

Gontarz has been coming along, playing half the season with the junior varsity and the other with the varsity.

Sophomore Nicole Whitney also did the half-and-half routine and looked good.

The sophomore Carr is extremely high on is Casey Anderson.

"She's the most improved player on the team," said Carr. "She plays with a lot of intensity and she's a power forward. She should be awesome next year."

The coach added: "What the team needs most is a lot of shooting time during the off-season. This team has a very good defense, but it needs help on offense. A little extra work could prove very beneficial."

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- **Join or plan community projects to promote respect, understanding, and justice**

Suggested Questions:

- **What feelings came up for you as you viewed the program?**
- **What themes stood out for you?**
- **What instances of bullying or discrimination have you experienced, witnessed, or heard about?**
- **Have you ever felt pressure or seen others pressured to act a certain way in order to be accepted? If so, in what ways?**
- **What kinds of things can you and other students do to counter racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of prejudice and discrimination in your school, home and/or community?**

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It is often hard for people to discuss controversial subjects, especially when they touch their lives so personally. Discussions about racism, sexism, homophobia, bigotry and hatred can sometimes turn into heated arguments. Review the following chart with students prior to starting the discussion and ask them to remind each other to follow practices that move us forward in constructive ways. This can help turn destructive arguments into healthy dialogue.

Talking With Each Other: Behaviors that...

Set us Back	Move us Forward
Using a loud, harsh tone of voice	Say or show you're upset without raising your voice
Interrupting	Let the other person finish a point before you start to speak.
Changing the subject	Stick to each point until you've worked it through.
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Using pushy or threatening body language Touching or getting too close to others	Use calm hand motions. Don't touch (unless you are sure it is welcome). Respect each other's space.
Talking fast, rushing. Not sharing air time with others	Pause before responding. Give others a chance to comment on what they have heard.
Faking it or making it up if you don't know something	Try saying " I don't know," or, "I'm not sure," or, "I think x because...," or "I believe y because..."
Sticking to your point, even if you begin to agree with something someone else said	Look for and acknowledge areas of agreement. Try saying, "I agree with you that..." Know that it's ok to change your mind and show you are open to new ideas
Thinking only of your next point, instead of listening to and thinking about the ideas being presented by others	Listen carefully and seriously to the views of others. Show that you're listening by checking to see if you're interpreting what they're saying accurately. Ask questions to deepen your understanding of their point of view. Slow down sometimes and require that each person reflect back what they've heard *before* responding.
Thinking the goal is to beat the opponent	Decide that the goal is to share ideas and consider different perspectives.

- *Facilitating a healthy dialogue is just one way of helping students as they form relationships with others and sort out issues in their lives. We invite you to visit www.esrnational.org and http://www.teamharmony.org where you'll find more information on the Day of Harmony, questions which can help spark constructive dialogues, detailed lesson plans, and ideas for helping students counter bullying, discrimination, harassment, and hate crimes.*

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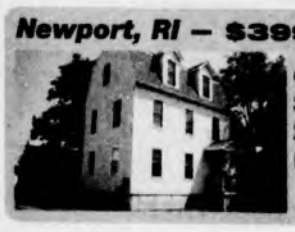
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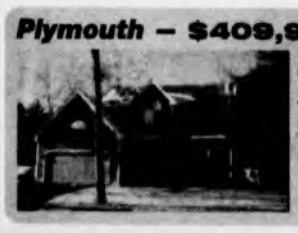
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1:30 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Black Rock Road, parking complaint.

1:36 p.m. South Main St., request for police officer/s.

1:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

2:11 p.m. Sohier St. and Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle accident.

3:20 p.m. North Main St., request for police officer/s.

3:28 p.m. North Main St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

3:30 p.m. Elm St., fire, misc.

3:37 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:21 p.m. Elm St., annoying/harassing phone calls.

5:25 p.m. Elm St., annoying/harassing phone calls.

6:26 p.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

7:28 p.m. Jerusalem Road, well-being check.

9:54 p.m. Mill Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

6:10 a.m. King St., assist citizen.

7:49 a.m. South Main St., property damage.

8:48 a.m. Margin St., animal call or complaint.

8:53 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

9 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

9:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assault. Arrest of Richard P. Barrow, II, 40, of 283 King St., Cohasset. Charge: Assault and battery.

9:10 a.m. Elm St., assault.

9:26 a.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

10:01 a.m. Ripley Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

10:09 a.m. Doane St., traffic complaint.

10:12 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave., motor vehicle accident.

10:25 a.m. King St., property damage.

10:40 a.m. Border St., parking complaint.

11:08 a.m. Elm St., 209A restraining order, served.

12:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation.

1:23 p.m. Doane St., parking complaint.

3:13 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, fire, log entry info.

4:48 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:29 p.m. Border St., parking complaint.

6:46 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

10:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:14 p.m. Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:44 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, FEB. 9

7:08 a.m. Forest Ave., suspicious person(s)/activity.

8:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:02 a.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

10 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry info.

10:26 a.m. Elm St., parking complaint.

11:02 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:32 p.m. Elm St., property, lost.

2:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, log entry info.

4:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, arrest.

5:47 p.m. Pond St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

6:07 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:09 p.m. Shaw's Plaza, parking complaint, ticket issued.

6:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:23 p.m. Broad Cove, parking complaint.

7:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:35 p.m. North Main St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:50 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:38 p.m. King St., investigation.

9 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

9:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:25 p.m. Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:57 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

11:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

MONDAY, FEB. 10

7:56 a.m. Pond St., animal call or complaint.

8:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., lost property.

9:03 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, fire, log entry.

9:51 a.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

10:03 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:35 a.m. Highland Ave., lost property.

1:11 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:20 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:37 p.m. Jerusalem Road, property, found.

3 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle accident, traffic citation issued.

3:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident, area search negative.

3:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, traffic citation issued.

6:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:28 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:59 p.m. South Main St. and Cushing Road, motor vehicle accident.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

4:48 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:49 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

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(6)	Bookstore	
(7)	Camera Store/Photo Processing	
(8)	Frame Store	
(9)	Gift Shop	
(10)	Jewelry Store	
(11)	Florist	
(12)	Sporting Goods Store	
(13)	Toy Store	
(14)	Video Store	
(15)	Pet Shop	
(16)	Pharmacy	
(17)	Liquor Store	
(18)	Furniture Store	
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(20)	Appliance Store	
(21)	Home Decorating Store	
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	Business/Place Name	Town
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(42)	Pizza Place	
(43)	Asian Restaurant	
(44)	Seafood Restaurant	
(45)	International/Ethnic Restaurant	
(46)	Sushi Restaurant	
(47)	Restaurant For Takeout	
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(64)	Place To See Theatre	
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Quilt show sure cure for winter doldrums

Spring will be arriving a little early this year, along with the 10th Annual Quilt Show & Luncheon in Cohasset on Friday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, March 1. More than 55 beautiful quilts will be on display at the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue on Friday afternoon, from 1- 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Originally conceived as an idea to help brighten up what can often be the dullest time of year, the Quilt Show has grown over the years. "The Saturday Show and Luncheon is almost always a sold-out event," notes Carol Sandblom, one of the event's original organizers. "That's why we've added the Friday showing this year."

The Saturday Show includes a sit-down luncheon where volunteers serve homemade strata, salad and a selection of desserts. "We decorate the tables with linens and beautiful flowers to help bring a hint of spring to the midst of winter," Sandblom added. "And tickets are just $10 for the luncheon and show on Saturday."

"We've always had such a tremendous response from people willing to share their quilts, we've never shown the same quilt twice."

— Carol Sandblom, an organizer

Those that can't make the Saturday luncheon should be sure to stop by the church Friday afternoon. Tickets for the Friday showing are just $5 at the door.

"We've displayed more than 550 different quilts here over the last 10 years," said Sandblom. "We've always had such a tremendous response from people willing to share their quilts, we've never shown the same quilt twice."

The quilts displayed come from all over the South Shore and beyond, and each quilt has its own story which is shared in the show's program. "Hydrangea Basket", a "3-D Quilt" by Dorris Carrol of Marshfield, will be on display. The quilt features beautiful fabric petals hand-sewn onto the quilt squares.

The Scituate Senior Center Quilters will also be proudly displaying "Flower Fantasy", the result of the group's weekly meetings.

This event has proved to be a successful fundraiser over the years, raising more than $15,000 for charity. All proceeds will again be shared between the Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and Boston Medical Center's Reach Out and Read Program.

Tickets for the Saturday Show and Luncheon should be bought in advance at the Second Congregational Church next to Cohasset's Town Hall on Highland Avenue. Stop by the church office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday, or call (781) 383-0345 for more information.

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'Sound of Music' auditions slated

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for its spring musical "The Sound of Music" at Cohasset Town Hall on Sunday, March 2 from 12-3 p.m. for children, and 3-5 p.m. for adults, and also on Monday March 3 from 7-9 p.m.. Call backs will be on Tuesday March 4.

Please be prepared to sing a song from the show, and read from a script. If you are auditioning for one of the children, Rolf or Maria, you will also need to dance. Those auditioning for "Nuns Chorus" must sing harmony. Basic guitar skills a plus for Maria and Captain von Trapp. There are five non-singing male roles from 30-70 years old and one non singing woman's role, 35-70. There are five singing roles for girls 5-22 and three singing roles for boys 10-22.. The performances will be the first three weekends in May. For further information, call the producer, Jean at 617-750-8987.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the garage on Friday, Feb. 28, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in Grade 6 and up is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

'Relay For Life' meeting Feb. 25

Hundreds of area residents have taken up the fight against cancer by taking part in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. The volunteer planning committee for the Society's seventh annual Relay For Life in Cohasset is hosting a kickoff for new team captains and interested participants from 7-8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset.

Relay For Life is the Society's signature activity taking place in more than 3,800 communities nationwide. This unique, overnight event raises cancer awareness while serving as a celebration for cancer survivors, a memorial for loved ones lost, and a rally for the community. Teams formed by local businesses, schools, organizations and families camp out around a local track overnight and take turns walking or running while enjoying music, entertainment and camaraderie.

The American Cancer Society's seventh annual Relay For Life in Cohasset is set to take place on May 16-17 at Cohasset High School. Funds raised support the Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and services that benefit local patients and their families.

Events are taking place in towns and cities throughout Massachusetts. For more information, to volunteer or to find an event near you, please call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the Web site at www.cancer.org. Community Newspaper Company, parent of the Cohasset Mariner, is a media partner of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

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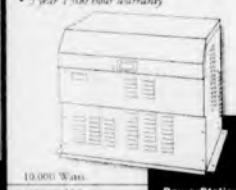

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In the weeks leading up to Valentine's Day, many students at Deer Hill School got a chance to show just how big their hearts really are.

In what was deemed the "Have a Heart" scarf drive, fourth-graders made about 170 scarves for the Plymouth County Coalition for the Homeless. Meanwhile, fifth-graders participated in a "Random Acts of Kindness" program, where students were rewarded for three good deeds with an ice cream party.

"It makes me feel good that I'm doing something for the homeless."
— Jennifer Curley

The two projects were an offshoot of the school's "character education" program, aimed at teaching students the meanings of important values like honesty, respect, and compassion.

The idea for the scarf drive came from fourth-grade teacher Suzi Corkhum, whose friend informed her she was collecting clothes for the homeless.

"She was asking for donations and I thought it would be a great program for the school," Corkhum said.

Fabric to make the scarves was purchased with money donated by parents. The students wrapped the scarves in tissue paper with a valentine card and a candy jar before sending them off.

"It's important to do things like this because we're a global society and were all connected. You can never start learning that at too young an age," Corkhum said. "(The students are) able to really see what empathy is rather than just that big word."

Terence Durkin and Jennifer Curley are students in one of the six fourth-grade classes that participated in the project. "I just liked it. It was fun to help the homeless," said Terence.

"It was fun. I just liked cutting and wrapping it up. It makes me feel good that I'm doing something for the homeless," said Jennifer.

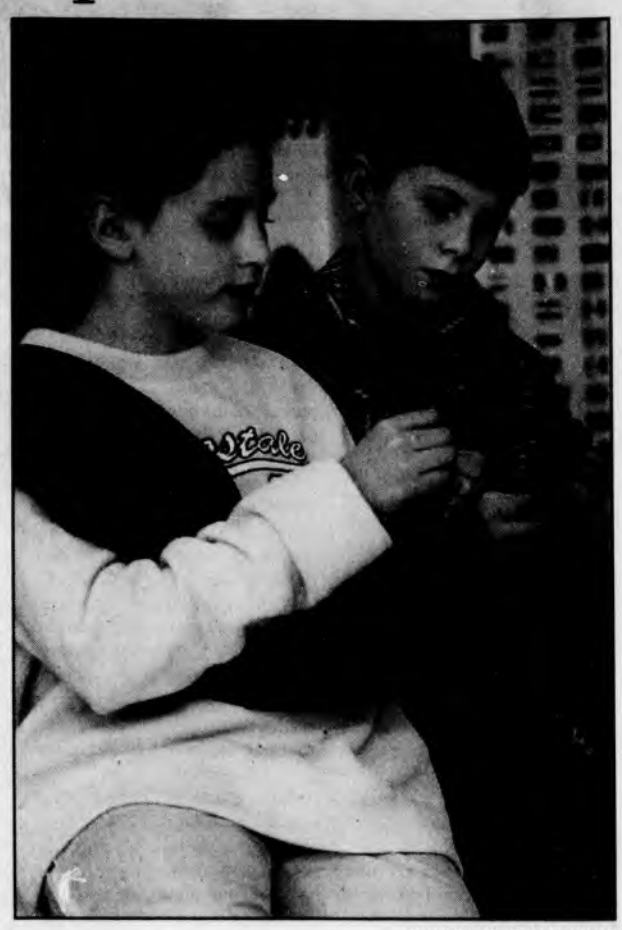
In the "Random Acts of Kindness" program, fifth-grade students recorded their good deeds on paper hearts that were displayed in the school hallway.

"We're trying to get the kids to do things for each other without being asked or expecting something in return," said teacher Kathy Jordan, who noted acts ranged from taking out the trash to setting the table to "all those kinds of things kids normally don't like to do."

Jordan said parental involvement played a key role in the success of the program. "Without the parents' support, we never could have done it," she said.

A room filled with candy-snacking fifth graders last Friday revealed a wide array of kind acts that were performed in the past two weeks, from one student who brought in the groceries and emptied the dishwasher to another who shoveled his driveway and even bought his teacher some Elvis-shaped chocolates.

"It makes me feel good when I'm doing something for someone else," said fifth-grader Chris Brown.



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Carli Haggerty and John Currier work together making scarves for the homeless as part of a fourth-grade project at Deer Hill.

"I thought it was caring. You feel good about yourself when you do it," added classmate Sarah Libby.

Charitable acts are nothing new at Deer Hill. Art teacher Ann Berman worked with about 60 students, parents and staff who knitted more than 150 hats this fall for Rosie's Place, a local homeless shelter. Also, for the past three years, librarian Marjorie Murphy and custodian Ted Holland have organized donations during the winter holidays to a Lakota Sioux reservation in South Dakota.

Murphy seemed to speak for all the staff at Deer Hill when she summed up why charitable projects were so valuable to the school. "It's nice to see that the kids learn by doing," she said. "That's important."

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $2,500 scholarships are available (starting Friday, Feb. 14) at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive in Hingham.

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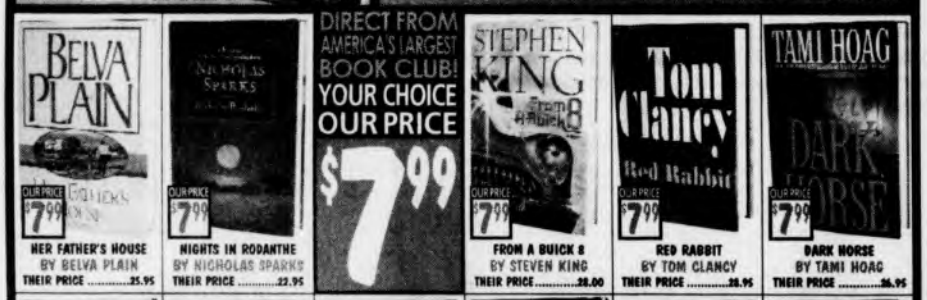

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Adaptable art

Marshfield painter keeps work fresh 'through the years'

By Matt Whorf
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Marshfield painter June Angier has had one main approach to her work through the years— the only constant is change.

Throughout a long career, Angier has tried to keep her work fresh and interesting by constantly changing her style and media — from oils and inks to acrylics — as well as her focus of subjects varying from ships, florals, other still lifes, to landscapes, portraits and more. An impressive display of this diversity is on view in the artist's exhibit, "Paintings Through the Years," at the Ventress Library in Marshfield through March 29.

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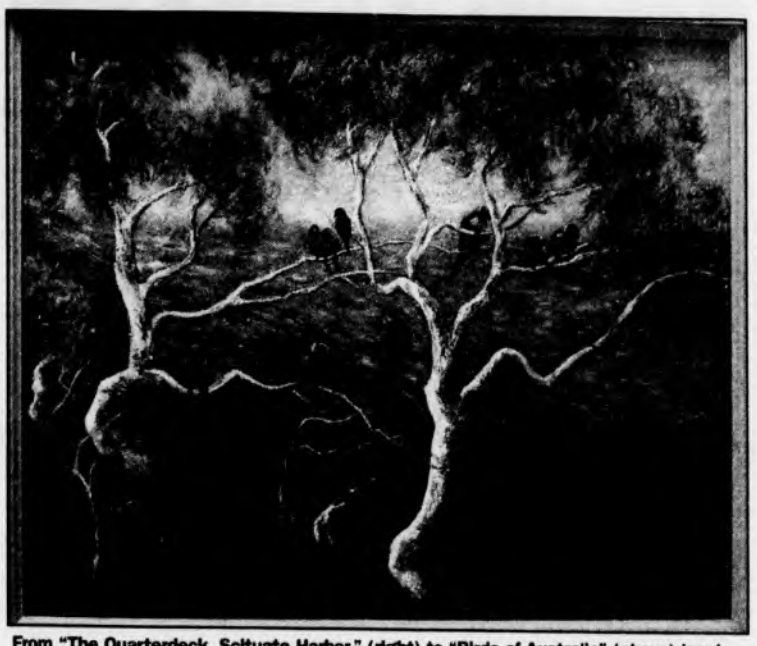
By using new mediums and a constant variety of subjects, Marshfield artist June Angier is always reinventing herself and her artwork.



From "The Quarterdeck, Scituate Harbor," (right) to "Birds of Australia" (above) local and not-so-local color makes up June Angier's Ventress Library show "Paintings through the Years."

"I paint mostly in oil, ink and acrylic, but try to improve these media for new styles and effects constantly," said Angier in her artist's comment. "I do a wide variety of subjects as everything interests me. Art is in all my thinking, and there is certainly a lot of thinking when you are creating."

Angier, originally from Newton, began her artistic career as far back as the early 1940s, when she attended Newton's Mount Ida College studying art and business. She was honored with an Alumni Achievement Award in The Field of Arts at the college in 1966, and then almost a decade later in 1975, when the late Cardinal Medeiros placed her portrait of the late Pope Paul, titled "Peace," in a school in Jamaica Plain.

More recently, Angier has had selected works of her specialty, oil portraits, put on current display at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth, and at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care in Norwell (in honor of its founder, Dr. Samuel Stewart). Along with the North River Arts Society, the artist is also currently a member of Boston's Copley Society and the Plymouth and Duxbury Art Associations and has taught oil painting in her own home studio for the past 25 years.

June Angier's painting "Jamaican Ladies" won the Best In Show award at the Cohasset Art Festival in 1997.

Oil portraits are among Angier's most candid and noteworthy pieces in her Ventress show. The subjects of them range from the youngster in "Nick Cyr of Weymouth, MA" and the picturesque, sandy-blonde, unnamed young woman in "Splendor In the Sun" to the patchy, oil-and-acrylic rendering of "Einstein." The artist also shows a taste for strikingly uncommon subjects, such as the double portrait "Jamaican Ladies," which won the Best In Show award at the Cohasset Art Festival in 1997.

Wildlife of various forms is also a subject to which Angier is drawn, represented in this show by the elegant, snow-and-woodlands-background portrait of "Wolf," the grazing horse of "'Fly So Free' Three Chimneys Farm, Kentucky" and the tropical, multi-colored oceanside view of "Birds of Australia." Diversifying even further, the artist's ship rendering, "'Square Rigger' Antique Cpy. — British" displays a fine, textbook eye for line and tone detail, and "The General Store" portrays its Northern New England title subject in a quaint, light-snowfall, horse-at-the-hitching-post scene.

Angier's various landscape pieces capture elegant rural and wilderness scenes in Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont.

"I like to jump around between subjects and techniques as much as I can," she said.

'Idol' thoughts on reality television

By Gregory Mathis
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For those of us living in the real world, reality television couldn't be further from the truth.

How many of us have been stranded on a deserted island with total strangers, forced to ration rice and drink juice from coconuts? How many bachelors out there have 30 women parading around in skimpy swimsuits beating down their door to be their bride?

Which brings us to the latest calamity in reality television, Bridezilla. If the inventor of the camcorder knew it was going to lead to this, he probably would have just scrapped the idea of putting hand-held cameras in the possession of amateurs.

For those of you who are couch potatoes, it should come as no surprise that reality TV has taken over the airwaves. If you look at the television ratings week to week, the top shows are reality-based.

"American Idol" has risen to the top of the reality-based genre with its winning recipe for success. Take one part Coca-Cola, one part Ford Focus, add a pinch of snitty Brit Simon Cowell, and you have a show American viewers are tuning into in record numbers. Millions and millions of people call each week to vote for their favorite performers. With numbers like that, it's not just teenage girls going gaga over the show.

While the purpose of the show is to discover great, new talent, the bad performances are far more entertaining and humorous, especially with Simon "Scowl" imparting his pompous words of wisdom on these unsuspecting wannabes. Fortunately lightweight judges Paula Abdul and Randy Jackson are at Simon's side to soften the blow.

"American Idol" improves on the original "Star Search," the one-time popular show that produced stars such as Leanne Rhimes, Drew Carey, Justin Timberlake, Britney Spears; Christina Aguilera, and Alanis Morresette. The latest revival of this one-time classic is ABC's attempt to ride the coattails of "America Idol"'s success, but it falls as flat as some of the notes coming from the performers. The host, Arsenio Hall, is old news, and the judges are washed up performers who lack personality. Like "American Idol," the viewing public is invited to vote on the performers. Unlike "American Idol," you have about two minutes to log onto your computer to vote during commercial breaks. When are you supposed to have time to go to the bathroom and get to the refrigerator for another cold beverage? Get real!

ABC's Bachelorette Trista was is set to pick her man this week.

Last year's American Idol finalists including winner Kelly Clarkson wow the crowd.

Survivor Amazon guys make their way along the balance beam in the first immunity challenge of the sixth installment of the popular reality show.

When television producers aren't searching for the next superstar, they're playing matchmaker.

Get as many shallow men or women together, give them one shallow object of desire to pursue, and see how many shallow people will watch. By most accounts, Americans are as shallow as they come. Viewers hang on every grunt coming from Joe Millionaire, or every cleavage-showing shot from the women chasing the man or the men chasing the woman. Cleavage, as we know, is very popular with American viewers. How real the cleavage is is another story.

For those who can't get enough cleavage, the creators of The Bachelor on ABC is attempting to titillate us even more with the airing last week of "Are You Hot?: The Search for America's Sexiest People." You know this reality smut is getting serious when ABC jumps into the fray. You expect this kind of programming from Fox, but ABC is the respected network that's home to Monday Night Football, Peter Jennings and wholesome Disney programming. But when you've fallen as far as ABC has, apparently anything goes. Parading "hot" bodies across the "boob" tube seems to be their answer to their declining number of viewers.

Like Fox, CBS seems to have a winning formula for reality TV. The newest "Survivor" pits the men against the women in an all out battle of the sexes. It'll be interesting to see how this season plays out in the dangerous Amazon region. Producers are trying to keep the game fresh, but after six seasons, it's getting a little more difficult.

Survivor is fresher and far more interesting than some of the other reality options, like Fear Factor. Being forced to eat bugs or letting snakes crawl all over you isn't scary, it's gross. It should be called Gross Factor, but then again it wouldn't have the alliteration the genius creators came up with when naming the show.

If Fear Factor isn't gross enough for you, you can always tune in to see how man stacks up against beast. Ever wonder if a skinny Oriental man can chow down more hot dogs than a bear? You'll relish this show. And to settle once and for all who is stronger, an elephant or a team of midgets, "Man Vs. Beast" rounded up more midgets than we've seen on screen since the Munchkin scene in "The Wizard of Oz" to see who could pull an airplane the farthest. You can't call the producers of this show shortsighted.

Meet My Folks is another reality show that toys with our reality. Who would want their parents to pick their next mate? Even though we'd like to hook our potential dates up to a lie detector machine, who would ever hire that creepy guy that gives the thumbs up or the thumbs down when the parents ask the girls questions about their past sexual encounters or their intentions with momma's little boy? Hook that guy up to the machine and let's see who's lying.

And who needs television cameras in people's homes so we can see how they live? Are we that interested in the

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Food & dining

Potato soup

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Everyone knows that soups make quick and easy dinners yet most of us stick to the run-of-the-mill variations such as vegetable, chicken noodle, or tomato. Few of us have made potato soup, a staple of many cuisines, which is hearty and, if well made, also complex. The problem is achieving just the right texture - creamy rather than slippery - as well as enhancing flavors so that the soup does not turn out bland.

The first issue was the selection of the potatoes. I tried low starch (red), medium starch (all-purpose and Yukon gold), as well as high starch (russet) potatoes. The red potatoes were the worst of the lot - they didn't offer enough body to the soup and their texture was 'slippery.' In addition, their sweet flavor was not enough of a balance to the heavy cream. Next, I tried all-purpose and they were too bland. The texture was decent but the flavor was unremarkable. Yukon golds, if you enjoy their distinctive flavor and yellow color, were good (I find their strong and slightly unusual flavor to be a bit overpowering for this recipe) but the russets offered the most body and their earthiness was a welcome addition to what could be a very dull main course recipe. This recipe needs big potato flavor and the russets deliver.

The onion is no surprise nor is the addition of leek as the pairing of potato and leek is a French classic. I had decided early on to use a balance of chicken stock and heavy cream and finally settled on 3 1/2 cups of stock to 1/2 cup heavy cream. I did not want to overpower the potatoes with too much dairy. I also tested half-and-half and light cream but the soup was too milky. The addition of one tablespoon of herbs to the soup while it simmers and then a healthy dose of raw herbs to garnish just before serving brightened the flavor considerably. I also tried adding a couple of tablespoons lemon juice but it tasted like anchovies in a slice of apple pie – definitely out of place. The only other unusual addition is just a 1/2 teaspoon of sugar which kicks up the flavor.

POTATO SOUP WITH LEEK AND CHIVES

Use russets for this soup since both red potatoes and all-purpose potatoes don't deliver enough flavor. This soup can be puréed for a more elegant version which is best done before the cream is added. Try using tarragon with this soup for a more interesting flavor combination.

2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium onion cut into 1/4-inch dice, about 1 1/2 cups
1 large leek, white part only, cut into 1/4-inch dice, about 1 cup
1 1/2 pounds potatoes, russet or Yukon gold preferred, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch dice (about 3 russets or 4 Yukon gold)
1/2 teaspoon sugar
3 1/2 cups chicken stock, homemade or Swanson0s preferred
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon fresh thyme, tarragon, or other herb
1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste
Freshly ground pepper to taste
1/4 cup finely chopped chives or parsley, for garnish

Heat the butter and olive oil in a large pot. Add onion and leek and cook, covered, over low heat for about 15 minutes, or until they are very soft but not browned. Add the potatoes, sugar, and stock and bring to a simmer. Cook, until the potatoes are tender about 25 minutes. Add the heavy cream and herbs and cook 5 minutes longer. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Garnish each serving with chives or parsley. Serves 4

'Idol' thoughts on reality television

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life of Ozzy Osbourne and his foul-mouthed family? If you could understand what they were saying, it might be good. Between the slurred speech from the former Black Sabbath lead screecher and the lame interaction between family members, there's little substance to this family unit. Come to think of it, that's pretty real given the state of families in American today.

And who cares about Anna Nicole Smith? She's old news too. The former Playboy Playmate has ballooned to the size of Rosie O'Donnell and Oprah Winfrey and we really don't care what she's doing or how she's spending the old man's money.

I guess we have MTV to blame for all of this. The Real World, which aired for the first time back in the 1980s, successfully threw a bunch of college-age kids into a house and let them duke it out. Their discussions, battles and tears were caught on tape and the real life dramas that played out were far more interesting than any daytime soap opera.

And there appears to be no end in sight. Soon, America will be voting on which two strangers will marry in a new reality show that is sure to add to our nation's already staggering divorce rate.

Whatever happened to turning on the television to escape reality? Those days are long gone.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

A social Libra moon forms harmonious contacts to Mercury, Jupiter and Neptune today. However, an applying polarity of Mars and Saturn urges you to face your responsibilities and fulfill promises you have made to others. Cool your heels; put the needs or demands of others on top of your 'to do' list. If you have been experiencing tension in a relationship, now is the time to make concessions and smooth things out. A kind word or thoughtful gesture will make all the difference.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Mars opposes Saturn at 9:13 a.m., making for a rough start to this day. You may have to face the facts about a situation that has been troublesome and take action. On the other hand, this influence is prime for getting down to brass tacks and taking care of important business projects. You can be most productive. The moon travels in Libra, forming easy contacts to Pluto, Saturn and Mars this morning. Planetary action turns around completely this afternoon, as alignments of Mercury to Jupiter and Neptune take over. Social activities get the green light. Kick back and enjoy yourself. Don't take anything or anyone too seriously. The Libra moon aligns with Uranus at 11:29 p.m. and becomes inactive.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

At 1:09 a.m. the moon enters serious Scorpio, remaining there today and tomorrow. Mercury aligns with Neptune at 1:55 a.m., and the moon interacts with Mercury and Neptune this evening. That means that you should sleep on new ideas; don't take action today. Things may not be as they appear. On the other hand, this is an ideal time for developing creative projects. You can also make gains on an inner, spiritual level. Spend time alone. Look within for answers.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The planet Saturn, standing at 22-degrees Gemini, begins direct travel at 2:40 a.m. Its influence may bring to light the facts about a situation, and help you to make realistic decisions. The green light goes on for new starts, particularly before 12:08 p.m. At this time the Scorpio moon forms a harmonious contact to Venus, making the morning prime for purchasing or selling property or handling financial matters. The remainder of the day rates high for getting things done. Keep your nose to the grindstone. Hard work will pay off.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Take a vacation from daily responsibilities and go with your fun-loving side. At 2:15 a.m. the Scorpio moon becomes inactive until 3:46 a.m., when it enters Sagittarius. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 11:46 a.m. A new moon will culminate next Sunday, March 2. Lunar alignments to Jupiter and Neptune generate optimism, enthusiasm. Concentrate on enjoying yourself and recharging your batteries.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Although the moon travels in upbeat Sagittarius, there are a couple of pitfalls in today's planetary picture. Slow down and don't take risks. Use extra tact and diplomacy. The moon aligns with Pluto at 2:04 p.m., Saturn at 6:16 p.m. and Mars at 11:28 p.m. Channel high energy constructively. Stay busy with practical projects. Be more sensitive to the feelings of others. You can let off steam by spending extra time with exercise programs or participating in sports.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

The Sagittarius moon aligns with Uranus at 6:50 a.m and becomes inactive. A pragmatic Capricorn moon takes over at 8:11 a.m., beginning a period that tops the charts for productivity. Take on a full work agenda. This is also an excellent time to make practical decisions, sign important contracts, launch business ventures. Take advantage of above-average influences and plan to work or study late into the evening.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Read yesterday's advice. The moon continues to travel in Capricorn, active throughout the day. In addition, Mercury forms harmonious contacts to Pluto today and Saturn on Friday. This influence is ideal for handling projects that require study, investigation or research. You can cut through obstacles and get to the heart of a matter. The green light for new starts remains on.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Get an early start to this day. Plan to initiate new activities before 7:58 a.m., when the Capricorn moon aligns with Venus and becomes inactive. Handle routine chores and finish projects already begun until 2:24 p.m., when the moon enters Aquarius. The remainder of the day rates high for new beginnings in your business or personal life. An applying alignment of Mercury and Saturn aids jobs that require mental precision and attention to detail. You can get work projects out of the way in short time.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

The Aquarius moon aligns with Jupiter at 8:41 a.m. and Neptune at 12:05 p.m., generating an upbeat, easygoing mood. Don't take on more than you can handle. Avoid making impulsive purchases, promises. This is a wonderful day for vacationing, enjoying favorite sports, hobbies, friends. Take extra time out for yourself; kick back, relax and enjoy life to the fullest.

The basics of seed sowing

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

During a memorable winter season of relentless bitter cold temperatures and incessant snowstorms, the days seem to creep along for those who yearn to till the soil. For enthusiastic gardeners, weather conditions play a prominent and continuous role in our hobby as we monitor the effects of temperature, rainfall, wind, and sunlight throughout the year. From droughts to flooding downpours, severe cold or excessive heat, we often become obsessed with the environmental conditions that both threaten and nurture our beloved plants. Memories of last winter's drought and this season's frigid temperatures and snowy interludes are sure to linger for years to come.

Despite the serenity of our recent snowfalls, the dormant winter landscape offers only a pen and ink sketch of the secret beauty hidden beneath Old Man Winter's snowy covering. We long for Mother Nature's kaleidoscopic artwork of multicolored flowers splashed against a soft green grass canvas accompanied by the sweet perfume of springtime blossoms and singing birds. Many northern residents are headed south in search of warmer temperatures and tropical vegetation. For those unable to escape to milder climes, a visit to the Rhode Island Spring Flower Show, February 20-23, at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, should offer that desperately needed early glimpse of the springtime glory that will eventually be ours to enjoy. Visit the show's web site at www.flowershow.com for ticket information and a schedule of lectures, demonstrations, and workshops.

In preparation for spring's arrival, the time has come to assemble supplies for starting seeds. While the majority of my seeds come from catalog sources, I make an effort each season to collect several varieties of annuals, biennials and perennials from my own garden. Cleome, poppies, salvia, angel's trumpet (Datura), forget-me-nots (Myosotis), foxgloves (Digitalis), columbines (Aquilegia), and balloon flower (Platycodon) are just a few of the seeds tucked away in canisters each fall. In addition, several plastic bags filled with daylily seeds, which are the result of personal hybridization efforts, have been labeled and refrigerated, awaiting sufficient time to initiate the germination process.

Seed packets purchased from outside sources usually print germination requirements on the back of the package but a reference book on seed propagation is helpful to ensure success. Two references I keep handy are Park's Success with Seeds published by the Park Seed Company and Seed Sowing and Saving by Carole B. Turner. These books contain valuable information on seed viability, germination times, temperature and light requirements and special treatments that may be required for certain varieties.

Despite the serenity of our recent snowfalls, the dormant winter landscape offers only a pen and ink sketch of the secret beauty hidden beneath Old Man Winter's snowy covering.

Seed-starting supplies are readily acquired locally and should include containers, growing medium, labels, a spray bottle, and possibly some form of heating cable or warming mat to supply bottom heat for seeds that require warmer temperatures for germination. Large, clear plastic bags or seed-starting kits with plastic domes are advantageous. Should you lack brightly lit, sunny exposures inside your home, grow lights or a fluorescent light fixture may be necessary to provide supplemental light essential for strong, stocky growth. A liquid soluble fertilizer should be purchased to provide dilute feedings once seedlings are actively growing to ensure husky, robust plants.

A wide range of containers can be used for seed starting, the only major requirement being that the containers have drainage holes. Flats or pots approximately 2 1/2 to 3 inches deep are ideal as they provide adequate room for root growth and prevent drying out. Large trays with individual cells for each seed can be purchased with or without growing medium; these are ideal for sowing larger seeds. I prefer empty containers, as the starting medium in pre-filled trays is often difficult to moisten properly due to a high percentage of peat in the mix.

The most important aspect of successfully sowing seeds indoors is to purchase a suitable growing medium. The ideal medium for starting seeds is a sterile, soilless mixture of peat, perlite and/or vermiculite. Purchase ready-made mixes formulated for growing seeds such as Jiffy Mix or Metro Mix for best results. Avoid using garden soil. Even many sterile potting soils tend to be too heavy for sowing seeds unless additional peat and perlite are added to create a light, airy, porous mixture.

Once the essential supplies and seed packets have been acquired, carefully read the instructions on the back of the seed packets or consult catalogs and books to enable you to prepare a timetable for starting your seeds. Be sure to date your seed packets if they have not been stamped with the year of production. Do not start seeds earlier than recommended. Perennials tend to grow more slowly and can be started up to 12 week before the last frost. Most annuals and vegetables should wait until six to eight weeks prior to Memorial Day to be sown. Seedlings are best transplanted to their final location before they are budded or flowering. Very little is gained and much can be lost by sowing seeds too early or rushing to transfer seedlings into the ground.

Outside my window, the leaves of the rhododendrons remain tightly furled under steely gray skies as another winter storm approaches. Despite this gloomy forecast, the springtime songs of birds can be heard resonating from the treetops high above the frozen, snow-covered landscape. Their cheerful melodies offer the promise that other signs of springtime may soon

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FINE ITALIAN WINE, FOOD AND MUSIC will celebrate Florence & Beyond Art Exhibition. The Feb. 28th gala opening of the South Shore Art Center's Florence & Beyond exhibition will feature fine Italian wines for connoisseurs enjoyment and education. A number of importers of Italian wines will be present to offer advice and tasting notes as they pour. The wine tasting, Feb. 28 7 p.m., will celebrate the extraordinary exhibition of Florentine-trained artists whose work will be on display at the Art Center from Feb. 28 to April 13.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER announces a show of artwork utilizing digital technology to be held at the art center April 18 to May 25. The "TechArt" show is open to all artists and will be juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. Artists are invited to submit slides of their work that utilizes digital technology as a major creative component in the production of the work. Examples of eligible works may include original digital; photographs, prints, sculpture, assemblages, collages and other work created using components manipulated by or generated from the computer, video animation sound and computer and internet-based works. Each may submit up to three works. All entries must be received by March 10. For information call 781-383-2787.

WALK'N MASS VOLKSSPORT CLUB'S WINTER SOUP WALK in Sharon –March 15. Bring your favorite cup and soup, bread and dessert will be provided. A 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) and five kilometer (3.1 miles) routes available. Both routes rated suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. Call 508-668-2340 for more information.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Thurs. 20

Give Your Heart & Have a Heart - In honor of St. Valentine's Day and **the American Heart Association** Month of February, massage therapist **Judy Davis of Back and Body Massage** in Braintree will be donating a portion of the proceeds from every massage given by her to the American Heart Association. "Give Your Heart & Have A Heart" is the Valentine's Day theme at Back & Body Massage, 816 Washington St., Braintree, next to the new Thayer Public Library. Massage therapist Judy Davis, L.M.T., A.M.T.A. is offering 30, 60 or 90-minute massages during the month of February in aid of the American Heart Association. To book an appointment with Judy Davis in Braintree, call Back & Body Massage at **781-356-7775.**

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents the touring company of **"I Love You, You're Perfect...Now Change"**, for eight shows only; Feb. 19 to 23. Shows are: Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets $32. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. at $29 and Thursday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. at $25. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, MA, and by calling 781-871-278. You can also visit the website at www.companytheatre.com

Boston Ballet presents its Company premiere of Sir Frederick Ashton's full-length story ballet, **La Fille Mal Gardee**, at The Wang Theatre from Feb. 20 to March 2. Tickets may be purchased by calling Tele-charge at 800-447-7400 or by visiting tele-charge online at www.telecharge.com or inper son at 270 Tremont St., Boston.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Eva Cincotta** will demonstrate painting a still-life in acrylics. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

11th Annual Mardi Gras Ball held at the Rhodes On The Pawtuxet Ballroom, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, R.I. from 7:30 to midnight both nights. For more information call 401-783-3926 or visit www.mardigras-ri.com

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 20.

Walk through the Willamette - Lloyd Foster, Pacific Northwest specialist, will conduct a vintage comparison of 2000 versus 2001 followed by a dinner to include wines from such high-end wineries as Lemelson, Shea Wine Cellars, Patricia Green, Tony Soter, and "Papa Pinot" David Lett. Seminar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 8 p.m. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room. Seminar and dinner and $175; dinner only $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Disney On Ice Presents Princess Classics at the Fleet Center through Feb. 23. Disney On Ice presents Princess Classics features Cinderella, Jasmine, Ariel, Sleeping Beauty, Belle, Mulan and Snow White - as they skate into the FleetCenter in Boston. Tickets $60 (front row), $42 (VIP), $25, $20 and $12 and are available at the FleetCenter Box Office, all ticketmasteroutlets, by calling 617-931-2000 or online via www.fleetcenter.com Group sales 617-624-1805.

Fri. 21

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. On Feb. 21, **What a Doll!** Free and open to the public.

The Akillian Gallery, located at Massasoit Community College's Canton campus will host **Odalisque**, an exhibition of approximately 24 mixed media works by **Scott Ketcham** including oils, pastels, charcoal, and ink drawings of the female figure. Free and open to the public through Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New World Theatre Company will present an original musical concert, **"Songs You'd Love to Hear Us Sing From Shows We Can't Afford to Do (Yet)!"**, for all ages running for only one weekend Feb. 21 to 23, at Elmwood Hall in East Bridgewater. The show features some of the most loved songs and pop standards from Broadway's biggest spectacle productions. The show will run Friday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $15 in advance or may be purchased at the door for $17. Box office hours are Sundays 3 to 6 p.m. and Fridays 7 to 9 p.m. For reservations or more information please call New World Theatre Company at 617-794-4522 or email NWTCTickets@aol.com. or visit www.newworldtheatre-company.com) Elmwood Hall is located on Route 106 in East Bridgewater.

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South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing Feb. 21, will be **Deb Pasternak**, and **Angela Marseglia**. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Singles Executives Club Social and singles Dance Feb. 21, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rt. 228, Rockland, Exit 14 off Route 3. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary buffet all night, and numerous free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Proper business dress is required, ties and jackets suggested. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com for more information. A non-smoking event Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club.

Sat. 22

Bonnie Rideout, Scottish Fiddle Champion, Jerry O'Sullivan and Cape Cod's **Highland Light Scottish Pipe Band** will perform at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, on Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $17 and $22, and are available at www.ticketweb.com or 866-468-7619, or in person at 50 Court St., Plymouth. The hall is handicap accessible

The Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water St., will be hosting an appearance of **Goon,** author **Doug Smith**, and his co-author, **Adam Frattasio** giving local hockey buffs the opportunity to obtain a copy of **Goon** personally inscribed by the author. Free and open to the public on Feb. 22, at 10 a.m. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 508-591-5007 or visit www.radissonplymouth.com

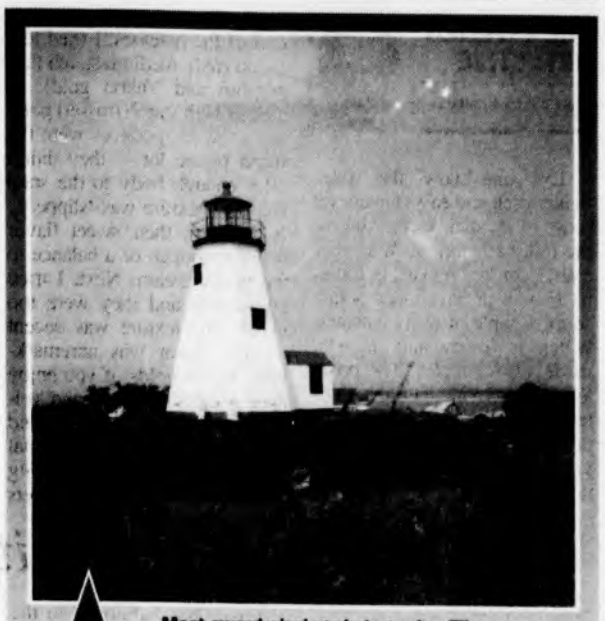
Meet the artist, photographer, **Eileen Picariello** will be the first featured artist in a series at **C & J Camera**, Liberty Street, Hanson, on Feb. 22, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The 47th Annual New England Boat Show, Bayside Expo Center from Feb. 15 to 23, featuring more than a quarter million square feet of powerboats, sailboats and accessories. Admission $9 adults/$5 children ages 6 to 12. Bayside Expo is located off exit 15 on the Southeast Expressway (Rt. 93).

8minuteDating Feb. 22, at **The Red Parrot** in Hull (ages 28-40). Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Enter and receive your matches after the event. Set-up another date soon after. For more information and to sign up, visit www.8minutedating.com

Sun. 23

Singing State Trooper, Dan Clark, of the Massachusetts State Police, will present a concert accompanied by **his wife, Mary, and Raymond Cavicchio,** including patriotic, Broadway, and religious music on Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. at Cardinal Spellman Center at Holy Ghost Parish, Washington and School St., Whitman. Sponsored by Connected Catholics. Tickets $10 in advance $12 at the door/$8 seniors at all times/$5 for children. Call 781-878-8398 for tickets.



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Meet award-winning photographer Eileen Picariello, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at C & J Camera in Hanson. Picariello will show a collection of her photographs titled "As I See It" as part of a series C & J Camera is hosting. C& J Camera is located on Liberty Street. For more information call (781) 294-0202.

The South Shore Science Center in Norwell will host **Sunday Family Funday – A Crock of Gators**. Herpetologist, **Michael K. Ralbovsky** of Rainforest Reptile Shows brings several species of the crocodilian family. This show is limited to children age 5 and up and accompanied by an adult. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Calling 781-659-2559. Tickets $6 members/$7 non-members. After the show visit the EcoZone, the new multidimensional interactive exhibit area that depicts the ecosystems of southeastern Massachusetts (included in ticket price).

The Cohasset Social Service League in collaboration with **the Womans' Club of Norwell and Wellspring of Hull**; is offering a **Dress for Success** program for women. Any woman in the South Shore area that is entering the workforce, interviewing for a job or housing, and needs help with updating a professional wardrobe is encouraged to stop by the Wellspring office 814 Nantasket Ave. in Hull to pick out a clean, in some cases brand new outfit, to help with you professional image. Resume writing assistance is also available. All are welcome, services are free. For more info call Wellspring 781-925-3211.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents paintings by Janet Barker, Claire Sapellati and photographs by Linda Garrity on display through March. An artists reception will be held Sunday, Feb. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Merry Meeting Room of the Duxbury Free Library. The library is located at 77 Alden Street. For more information call (781) 934-2721.

The Pleasant Grill, E. Weymouth, will host a Debut of **Art by Dennis Doyle** through March 15. Opening reception Feb. 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. Doyle, a lifelong Weymouth resident and professional fisherman, his paintings, both oil and watercolors are inspired by that which exists in our own back yards.

Mon. 24

The North River Arts Society presents **Simple Pleasures** - an exhibit of original oil paintings by **Susan F. Lynch Raffa** at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. This show runs through March 29, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

Westford Realty, 690 Main St., Norwell, will host the **Young Artists of the Future**, Norwell High School Traveling Art Exhibit during the month of February. All are welcome to come and view the work of these talented young artists between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Young Artists of the Future.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes

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A device recently approved by the FDA gives new meaning to the phrase "tune out." This new type of hearing instrument has the ability to automatically turn up the volume when it detects a human voice. If it picks up background noises, on the other hand, the device automatically lowers the sound level. Less background noise helps reduce the fatigue commonly encountered among users of hearing instruments. This hearing instrument comes in a non-directional model, which is equally sensitive to sounds coming from all directions. It may also be purchased as a directional model, which is more sensitive to sounds coming from the listener's front. This is one hearing instrument of which people with good hearing might be envious.

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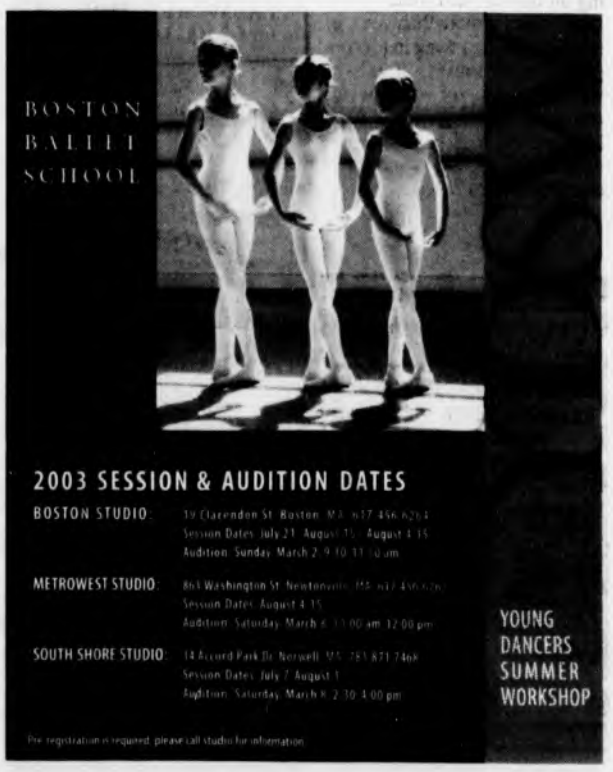

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Wharf, Boston. Feb. 24, **Rivera.** The Rivera Estate is located in the Apulia region of Italy Sabastiano DeCorato, representative of the third generation fro Rivera visits Boston to show case the many outstanding wines produced including their Il Falcone, Triusco and Rupicolo. The Atlantic Room. dinner and $125; For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Crafter's wanted for indoor yard sale to be held on March 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal. Tables $25 for one $40 for two. For further information, call 617-773-2445, 617-471-9311 or 617-773-6203 Proceeds to benefit Interfaith Social Services.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 25

The Boston Men's Baseball League is accepting registrations for the 2003 season across three age divisions: 18+, 30+ and 40+. To register or with questions, visit www.boston-baseball.com. If you do not have internet access, you may call 508-358-4550.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

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11th Annual Mardi Gras Ball featuring CJ. Chenier and Red Hot Louslana Band will be held at the Rhodes On The Pawtuxet Ballroom, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, R.I. from 7:30 to midnight Feb. 21 and 22. For more information call 401-783-3926 or visit www.mardigrasri.com

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blue Jam with Carriera**.

8minuteDating Feb. 22, at **Pat Flanagan's** in Quincy (ages 21 to 31)). Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Enter and receive your matches after the event. Set-up another date soon after. For more information and to sign up, visit www.8minutedating.com

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 25, Borgo Magredo/Torre Rosazza, the largest estate in the Fruili region producing Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, Merlot, and Cabernet as well as the "Braida," or single vineyard, wood-aged varietal wines. Torre Rosazza also located in Fruili, produces mostly single vineyard wines, Pinot Gregio, Chardonnay and Merlot. Join Piero Totis for a dinner paired with a variety of wines from these two wineries. Dinner 7 p.m. The Atlantic Room, Dinner only $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Wed. 26

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday. On Feb. 26, **Good Clean Fun** at 10:30 a.m. Free and open to the public.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening lectures ending March 26. On Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Science Center, **Fly fishing Boston: A Complete Saltwater Guide from Rhode Island to Maine**. Join **Terry Tesein**, a veteran of a lifetime of fishing the Atlantic coastline as he shares his guidebook to the multitude of fly fishing possibilities with easy reach of downtown Boston, including local South Shore spots. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

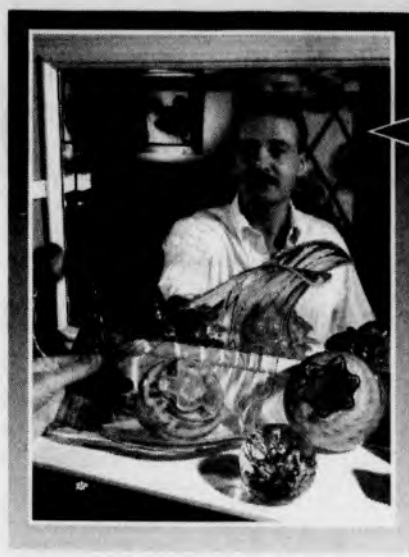
The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 26. **Opus One**, a partnership between Robert Mondavi, the renowned Napa Valley vintner, and Baroness Philippine de Rothschild, proprietress of Chateau Mouton Rothschild in Bordeaux, has been making world-class wines since 1929. Join winemaker Patrick Leon as he takes you through a tasting of several vintages of Opus One paired with the innovative cuisine of Chef Bruce. Dinner 7 p.m. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room. Dinner $145. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Attorney Brian Barreira will address the **Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore** on Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m. His topic will be **A New Year: New Changes in the Law Effecting Alzheimer Families**. This presentation will outline state and federal legislation that will effect financial planning for long-term (nursing home) care as well as the financial health of the well spouse. This meeting is open to the public. Complimentary respite care available by calling 781-749-4774 x843 by 3 p.m. on Feb. 26. For more information call 781-740-2426.

Puppetry of the Penis, the Ancient Australian Art of Genital Origami will make its Boston debut at the Copley Theatre, 225 Clarendon St., in a limited engagement beginning Feb. 26. Press night will be Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. Puppetry of the Penis, the international comedy, is a non-sexual adult show presented by POP Broadway Company, LLC. Tickets, priced at $39.50 and $35 can be purchased through the Copley Theatre Box Office; by calling Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com

Thurs. 27

The Silver Ribbon – American Crafts and Art Gallery, Pembroke Crossing, Route 53, will showcase work by **George Watson** a local glassblower and a new artisan to the gallery. For more information call 781-828-1525.



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InSight Education Center presents a workshop **Teaching The Active/Impulsive Child Self-Control** at the Montessori Community School in Scituate from 7 to 9 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling 781-294-8004.

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The Glastonbury Abbey presents The Glastonbury Series 2002-2003 "Listening To Other Voices: Hope in a Time of Uncertainty." featured speaker will be **Terry Paulson, PhD., CSP, CPAE,** Leading With Optimism and Hope In An Age of Change and Uncertainty, on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7:15 p.m. Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, MA. Call the Abbey to reserve a place at 781-749-2155. Free will offering.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 27. **Chaateau de Beaucastel'Tables Creek** Winemaker Pierre Perrin will join us for a seminar comparing the Beaucastel Appellations-Chateauneuf du Pape, Gigondas, and Vacqueyras followed by a dinner including red and White Rhone Blends from both Chateau de Beaucastel and Tablas Creek. Seminar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room. Seminar and dinner $175. Dinner only $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Fri. 28

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday. On Feb. 28, **How Now Brown Cow** at 10:30 a.m. Free and open to the public.

America to appear for one show at **Plymouth Memorial Hall**, 83 Court St,. Route 3A, Plymouth on Feb, 28, at 7 p.m. Founding members **Gerry Beckley and Dewey Bunnell** bring the folk-rock tradition of **America.** Tickets $29 and $34 and are available at www.ticketweb.com or 866-468-7619, or in person at 50 Court St., Plymouth. The hall is handicap accessible.

The Top of the Rainbow Club, a student organization formed for the purpose of providing services for Massasoit Community College's minority students will host **A Tribute To Africa** in celebration of Black History month. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Lombardo's in Randolph and will feature **Anthony Browder** as the keynote speaker. Tickets $45 per person or $85 per couple. For more information, call 508-588-1900 ext.1482.

The Massasoit Theatre Co., presents Neil Simon's **Broadway Bound, a Bittersweet Comedy** for two weekends at the Buckley Performing Arts Center in Brockton, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28, March 1, 7, and 8 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $13, general public, $11 students and senior citizens; all seats reserved and the theaters has wheelchair access. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Feb. 28, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Ongoing Events

The Gallery Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Rt. 18), East Bridgewater, presents **Monday Night Hand Drumming Circle** on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. The event is free and no experience is necessary. For more information and directions call 508-378-1584.

Stomp returns to Boston beginning Feb. 11, at The Stuart Street Playhouse. "Stomp," the international percussion sensation, makes its triumphant return to Boston, coming to the Stuart Street Playhouse for a six week engagement, through March 23. Tickets available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400 by logging on to www.stomponline.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston, 02116.

The Braintree Art Association art instructor **Corrine Campobasso** will be exhibiting her students' paintings for the month of February at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

The Weymouth Art Association, Artist of the month, **Jack Morris** will exhibit his painting for the month of February at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

The James Library Center for the Arts Art Gallery, 24 West St., Norwell, presents oil paintings by **Jacquie Berard** now until March 5. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

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The James Library Center for the Arts Art Gallery, 24 West St., Norwell, will host a show of contemporary folk art by Plympton artist **Jessica Fries** during the month of February. The show will be on view through March 5. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will present the work of South African artist **Kim Berman**, After the Fires 2000-2002, now through April 6. Her monotypes of various landscapes reflect the current South African social scene. Also on exhibition are the Duxbury Art Association Annual Winter Juried Show and Rotations: Recent acquisitions including an oil painting by **Joel Janowitz** and photographs by **Jerry Uelsman** and **Lance Keimig.** These two exhibitions run through April 27. Open to the public and free of charge. Visit www.artcomplex.org for more information.

Brazilian Artist Heloisa Helena, represented by **Artful Things Gallery** in Norwell, will be exhibiting her fine contemporary paintings throughout the month of February at the John Curtis Free Library at 534 Hanover Street, Hanover. Opening reception at the library on Feb. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibit will run through Feb. 28. The library is open Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Dan Bennett at 781-659-6595 or visit www.artfulthing.com.

"Here and There" now through March 2 - **the Gallery Artists of the Scituate Art Gallery** will present original watercolor, acrylic and oil paintings of local and travel scenes from the U.S and abroad. International works include scenes from Ireland, Italy, Spain and France. The opening reception will be held on Sunday, Feb.2, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Gallery on Front Street in Scituate Harbor. The reception and exhibit are open and free to the public. The Gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

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South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing Feb. 21, will be Deb Pastemak, and Angela Marseglia. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

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The North River Arts Society presents **Treasured Memories Watercolors** by Elizabeth Trubia now through March 1, at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

Mothers & More: South Shore Chapter: If you are a women who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about Mothers & More. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Route 228, Hingham. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information.

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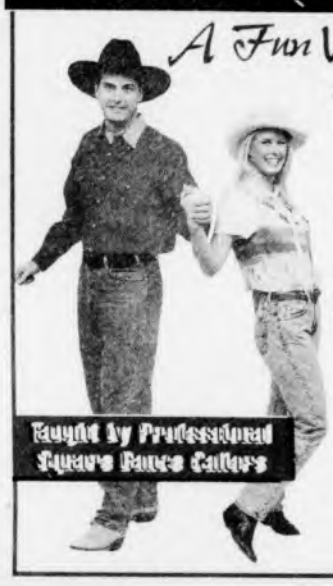

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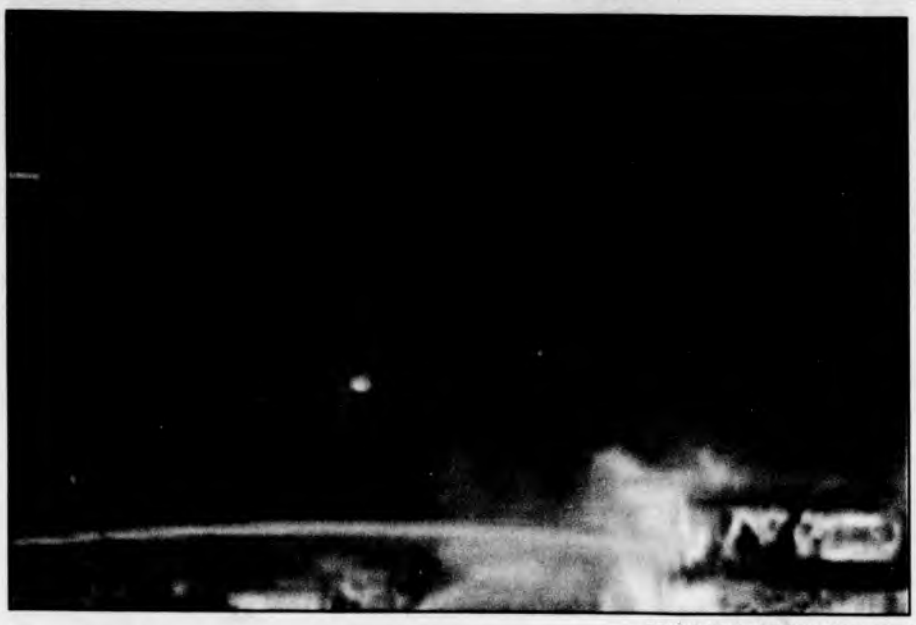

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Fire and rescue personnel tried in vain to put out the huge inferno that engulfed the club in three minutes. A pyrotechnics display is blamed for the fire.

BOSTON HERALD PHOTO/MARK GARFINKEL

The Station nightclub was a heap of charred ruins following last week's devastating fire that killed 97 people, including a local couple.

Deadly nightclub inferno claims life of Cohasset man

By John Camera
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The Rhode Island nightclub inferno that killed 97 patrons last week has tragically hit home, claiming the life of a Cohasset man, Carlton L. "Bud" Howorth, III. He was 39.

Howorth attended the fateful rock concert at The Station in West Warwick with his companion, Donna Reis, whom he assisted to safety in the moments before his death.

A memorial service for Howorth will be held today (Thursday) at 4 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church on Cohasset Common.

Howorth's family moved to Cohasset from Weymouth when he was five years old. He grew up attending Cohasset Public Schools and graduated from Cohasset High School in 1981. At the time of his death, Howorth was living in Norton and working as a technology support manager at Ciber Corp. in Woburn.

Family members remembered Howorth as a loving father who enjoyed sports, the outdoors, and computers.

"He was a likeable person," said his father, Carlton Howorth, Jr. of Fair Oaks Lane during an interview Wednesday morning with the Mariner. "Everybody loved him."

"He was a likeable person. Everybody loved him."
Carlton L. Howorth II
remembering his son,
Carlton L. Howorth, III

Family members said Howorth and Reis were on the left side of the concert stage when a pyrotechnics display put on by the group Great White ignited the fire at The Station.

"If he was going to go to a concert, he had to be up close," said his sister, Diane Dooley of Buttonwood Lane. "He loved music. He loved rock n' roll because he grew up in that era."

The Station, a popular West Warwick nightspot, became totally engulfed in flames within three minutes when the on stage pyrotechnics display put on by the group Great White ignited highly flammable sound insulation.

Some 300 people are estimated to have been packed into the nightclub, many apparently unaware that what was unfolding around them was a fast-moving fire and not part of the heavy metal band's act.

Family members said Howorth and Reis noticed the fire quickly but were caught in the mix of people pushing to get to an exit. They said Howorth tried to calm people around him, telling them not to push or panic. The couple gave up on trying to get to the front door when they saw how backed up it was. The two ventured into another room, where Howorth gave Reis a giant push that enabled her to get to a window and escape. Howorth, however, did not emerge behind her.

Reis was released from the hospital the day after the fire with severe third-degree burns on her hands.

Dooley said Howorth's three-year-old daughter, Elizabeth,

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Carlton L. Howorth III, in an undated photo from the 1980s.

A new chapter at library

By John Camera
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The Paul Pratt Memorial Library sits like a classic novel that's been rebound and fit with a new cover.

After a year of renovations to the building that formerly housed the Osgood School, the library is ready to take root in its new facility. The new library will be dedicated during an open house Sunday and will open for business Monday.

"We're very excited," said Patience Towle, chairwoman of the Library Trustees. "Everyone in Cohasset will be able to come together in a new community environment."

Towle said the new facility has provided an additional 6,000-square-feet of breathing room for the library, almost doubling the square footage of its previous home on South Main Street. That, combined with the fact that things are much easier to manage now because everything is located on one floor, will mean the library will be able to play a much bigger role in the community.

"We anticipate more than doubling the activity here," said Towle.

The idea for a new library surfaced five years ago, when trustees realized the old library would not accommodate the growing need for expansion. The trustees acquired the old Osgood School at fall Town Meeting in 1998. A $1.5 million state grant, more than $1.1 million in donations and $725,000 from the sale of the old library helped pay for the cost of renovations.

A quick tour of the library this week showed all that money was certainly put to good use.

The library's reading room has 12 carrels with computers that are connected to the Internet and reference databases. The new computers are a giant improvement upon the three computers at the old library which needed to be signed-out by the half hour. The computers will now house much of the library's expanding reference section.

"What we save by not having to replace reference material helps pay for the cost of operating the computers," said library trustee Roger Whitley.

The reading room's tall Palladian windows have been enlarged and the reference bookcases in the room have been kept low to create a sense of openness. Cherry paneling gives the building a traditional feel throughout.

"From an architectural standpoint, I think having this feeling of openness is really terrific," said Whitley. "Even though its a new library, to us, it's still has a great feeling of the old traditional space."

A new cupola on the building is another architectural highlight. The mackerel

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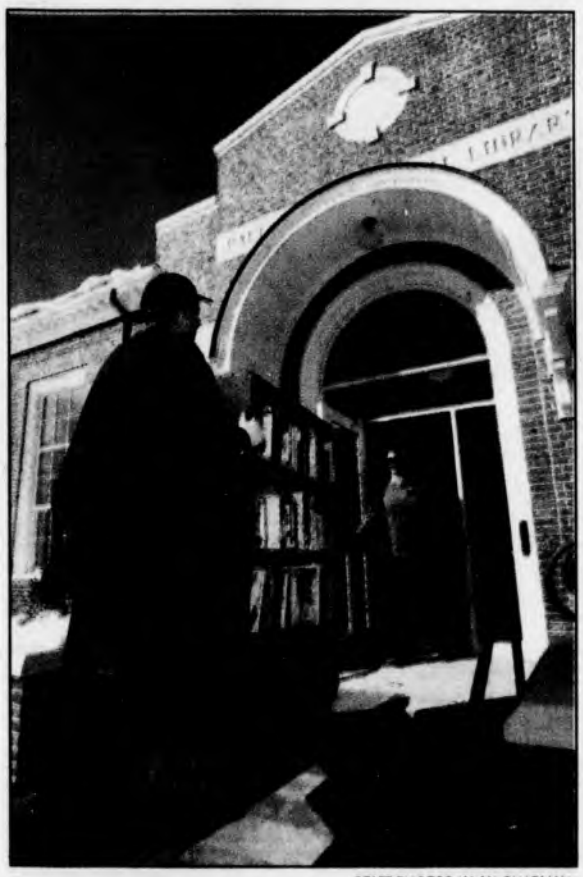

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Patience Towle, chairwoman of the library trustees, greets workers as they begin moving books into the new Paul Pratt Library scheduled to open March 3.

Planners: house is detrimental

Recommends Zoning Board deny special permit for 3 Jerusalem Lane

By John Camera
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Planning Board members say the 5,000-square-foot mansion at 3 Jerusalem Lane devalues neighboring properties and should not be granted a special permit.

In the latest decision regarding the controversial mansion, the Planning Board voted last week to recommend that the Zoning Board deny the owners' application for a special permit. Pursuant to the zoning bylaw, the board said, the home should not be granted the permit because it has devalued surrounding properties and eliminated many of their views of the ocean, making it substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the 1,500 square foot ranch that it replaced.

The Zoning Board will make a final decision on the matter in a public hearing on March 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

The Planning Board decided on its recommendation at its meeting Wednesday night before a group of several upset neighbors. Neither owners Phil and Mary Anne Ayer nor their lawyer Roberta Sawyer were present.

In a story line that most, if not all, Cohasset residents are familiar with, the Ayers were told on Jan. 16 by the Zoning Board to

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Our Readers Choice ballot in today's edition is your last chance to vote for your favorite picks for everything from coffee, bagel to clothing store and more.

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Advisory Committee, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Assessors, March 4 at 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Osgood School Council, March 4, 7:30 in the Osgood conference room

Planning Board, Feb. 24 at 7:00 p.m. (with Zoning Board)

Police-fire Station Study Committee, March 20, 1 p.m.

Selectmen, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. (Avalon/40B), March 10 at 7:30 p.m. (Avalon/40B), March 17 at 7:30 p.m. / All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Elms Meadow Wellfield approved

The new wells installed last year by the Water Commission in the Ellms Meadow Wellfield have just been approved by the Department of Environmental Protection for use of up to 170,000 gallons per day.

"This is the 'green light' for us to go ahead with the reactivation of the wellfield," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission. "At the March 29 Annual Town Meeting the Water Commission will seek funding, along with other projects in our ongoing water system improvement program, to build a new pumphouse for the wellfield so we can get it on line."

"The DEP approval letter concluded that the quality of the water was generally good." said McNabb. "These wells can be used to help take the pressure off the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant in times of high demand. While we have more than enough water available from the Aaron River Reservoir and Lily Pond for even the highest demand, a supplemental supply will still be very useful."

"Also, the well will provide, along with the Sohier Street Well that we expect to reactivate in a few years, a backup water supply to provide the town's minimum needs just in case the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant can't be used for a period of time."

The Ellms Meadow Wellfield was used for public water supply purposes from 1897 until 1991, when the pipe connecting the wells to the distribution system was broken and not repaired. The Water Commission replaced the seven wellheads in 2001 and then conducted a pump test in 2002 according to state regulations.

Register to vote

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections. The last day to register to vote is Friday, March 7, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office for the Annual Town Meeting, Saturday, March 29, 2003 and the Annual Town Election, Saturday, April 5, 2003. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library and must be postmarked on or before March7.

Study shows need to reduce nutrient loading

A major study of the ecology of Lily Pond, Cohasset's public drinking water supply, has just been completed. The Lily Pond Limnology and Water's Edge Study, conducted by ENSR for the Water Commission, was partially funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management.

"This study shows, as we expected, that Lily Pond is in a eutrophic condition which impairs its use as a water supply because it is receiving too many nutrients from developed areas of the watershed," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission. "To improve drinking water quality and to preserve the integrity of the water supply we need to reduce this nutrient loading of the Pond," he said.

"For example," said McNabb, "the proposed discharge of 40,400 gallons a day of treated wastewater from the proposed Avalon development would exacerbate this problem because the effluent would contain nutrients like nitrates and phosphates, which is why the Water Commission has requested the ZBA to prohibit this discharge."

The study found that the most dominant symptom of the eutrophication of Lily Pond is the extremely dense coverage of rooted aquatic plants such as fanwort, a non-native invasive species. The study also found that a disproportionate share of these nutrients and other contaminants are generated in the Peppermint Brook watershed, due to urban land use and street runoff; and that reductions in the nutrient loading of Lily Pond are therefore needed.

"The Water Commission is strongly considering the recommendations of this important study," said McNabb. "For example, at the March 29 Annual Town Meeting we will seek funding to design and construct the recommended stormwater controls. The recommended reconstruction of our sludge lagoons is already in our long range capital improvements plan to be completed within the next few years. The proposed hydraulic dredging, as it is a much larger project, will take more consideration before the Water Commission can decide how to respond to that recommendation."

The Study recommended that the Water Commission consider hydraulic dredging of Lily Pond to reduce accumulated sediment that has reduced the maximum capacity of the Pond and which contributes to plant growth. An estimated 75,000 cubic yards of sediment was proposed to be removed from the northwest shoreline, with sediments dewatered near the Water Treatment Plant, and disposed offsite, for an estimated cost of about $1,450,000.

To reduce discharge of nutrients and other pollutants from the Lily Pond watershed into the Pond, the study recommended that the Water Commission develop an education package to inform homeowners in the watershed about environmentally sound applications of lawn chemicals and other beneficial household practices, and that the Commission design and construct storm water management devices, particularly in the Peppermint Brook watershed.

The study found that sediment has been discharged into the Pond from the Treatment Plant sludge lagoons and that while the sediment itself does not cause a water quality concern in the Pond, that the Commission should reconstruct the lagoons to stop this discharge from continuing.

The Study recommended that the Water Commission continue to carefully review all existing and future development plans within the watershed for consistency with protection of water quality in Lily Pond and also continue regular water quality monitoring of Lily Pond and two tributaries on a seasonal basis. The Study also recommended that the Commission purchase simple non-mechanical harvesting equipment for periodic maintenance for plant control around water intake area of the Treatment Plant, as needed.

The report is available for review at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

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Budget discussion set for today

The Board of Selectmen will meet tonight with the School Committee and the Advisory Committee to discuss the impact of cuts in local aid on the town's budget. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in Town Hall. At the center of the discussion will be the specific cuts outlined in Gov. Romney's newly released state budget for fiscal year 2004. Selectmen must decide on an override amount by March 6 so Town Manager Mark Haddad can meet the posting requirements for the March 29 Town Meeting.

Hingham Lumber to open Monday

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Study predicts student draw from Avalon

By John Camera
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A study by AvalonBay Estates estimates that between 35 and 60 school-age children would be added to the Cohasset Public Schools as a result of the company's proposed 200-unit luxury apartment development.

The study was presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday night as part of an ongoing public hearing with Avalon, which is applying for a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law. Under 40B, a developer can skirt most of a town's zoning regulations in exchange for providing a percentage of affordable housing.

Avalon gathered data for the study by looking at statistics from the state Department of Education and some of the company's other housing developments in Massachusetts.

Avalon representative Elizabeth Smith said there were four factors that contributed to how many school-age children an Avalon housing development typically produced: the building product type, the reputation of the local school system, the affordability component and the mix of one, two, and three bedroom apartments.

Smith said a garden-style development, as is planned for Cohasset, traditionally attracts more school-age children than a high-rise development. She said a development in a town with reputable schools attracts more school-age children than one in a town with poor schools. She said a development with mixed income apartments, which Avalon Cohasset would include, attracts ten times as many school-age children as one where all apartments are sold at market rate.

But the most important and telling factor, Smith said, was the apartment mix.

Using data from Avalon Lexington, Avalon Oaks and Oaks West in Wilmington and Avalon Orchards in Marlboro, the Avalon study calculated the average number of school-age children per apartment for four different groups.

The study found that:

- A two-bedroom affordable apartment produced 0.67 school-age children.
- A two-bedroom market-rate apartment produced 0.22 school-age children.
- A three-bedroom affordable apartment produced 1.46 school-age children.
- A three-bedroom market-rate apartment produced 0.72 school-age children.

Those averages were then applied to the proposed apartment mix for Avalon Cohasset, which calls for 58 one-bedroom, 120 two-bedroom and 22 three-bedroom apartments. The study assumed 25 percent of those units would be affordable.

The result was a high-end estimate of about 60 school-age children for the Avalon Cohasset development. Factoring in that 10 percent of children statewide go private school, and that people with children already attending Cohasset Public Schools may move in, the study said the number of children added to the school system by the development could be as low as 35.

Zoning Board Chairman Woody Chittick said the predictions seemed far more accurate than those proposed by Superintendent Edward Malvey two years ago.

Chittick said Malvey, assuming a 250-unit complex as opposed to a 200-unit one, claimed that between 168 and 268 children would be added to the schools, resulting in the need for eight more school buses, 17 more teachers and 17 more classrooms.

Chittick and other members of the Zoning Board discounted Malvey's estimates in the face of the Avalon data. Chittick said Malvey would also agree his estimates were not accurate.

Chittick relayed only one suggestion from Malvey to Avalon—that the development be designed so that a bus could enter and do an easy loop, preventing students from having to be picked up or dropped off on Route 3A.

At the end of the meeting, the Zoning Board adjusted its agenda so that the next Avalon hearing, scheduled for March 24, would address matters concerning the Planning Board.

The March 24 meeting was supposed to be an opportunity for the general public to voice overall concerns with the Avalon project, but that agenda will now be moved to the final Avalon hearing, tentatively scheduled for April 7.

The Planning Board was originally scheduled for this Monday's agenda but members asked for more time because Selectmen only recently approved the board's request for legal counsel.

The Planning Board's first dialogue with Town Counsel took the form of a conference call at its meeting last Wednesday night. The conversation revealed that the board will fight the Avalon project on the grounds that it is a serious threat to Cohasset's supply of drinking water.

Developers build case for senior housing

By John Camera
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Two new senior housing complexes may be coming to Cohasset, if the proposals garner the necessary town permits.

The Planning Board heard preliminary proposals last week from two residents who intend to build senior housing in town.

Wayne Sawchuk is looking to build 37 units of housing on a 12-acre lot he owns behind Shaw's supermarket. Meanwhile, a team of entrepreneurs led by David Calhoun is purchasing the 40-acre Hayes Estate off Beechwood Street with the intent of developing 100 to 160 units of upscale housing.

Both developments would be gated communities for independent seniors, age 55 and older. While neither facility would offer "assisted living," some individual units would be large enough to accommodate a live-in aide if one was needed.

The biggest difference between the two developments is their price tags. Calhoun estimated his units will sell for somewhere between $400,000 and $700,000; Sawchuk said his will cost only $175,000.

Calhoun, who lives on Sheldon Road, described his development as a "first-rate facility" that would be "more upscale" than the senior housing development on Pond Street. "You're really going to feel great when you walk into it," he said.

Calhoun and his partners envision a "service-driven community" where, for example, homeowners' lawns would be mowed by caretakers.

Units would likely have two floors, Calhoun said, with a master bedroom, a gourmet kitchen and a study on the first floor, and a second bedroom and a den on the second floor. Each unit would also probably have its own two-car garage.

Calhoun said homes would be "shingle-style" and would probably contain multiple units. He said he was considering asking for zoning relief of height limitations so he could create more units in less space.

Calhoun also said he would include the barn on the Hayes Estate as part of the development, perhaps using it to store residents' antique cars.

Calhoun and his partners went before the Planning Board looking for "assistance with accelerating" their project. Their goal, Calhoun said, was to have a model unit completed by the end of the year.

The Planning Board suggested that Calhoun consider making some of the housing affordable if he was interested in speeding up the permitting process. That way, the board said, he and his partners could apply for a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law.

"We're doing what everybody in town needs. Everybody needs a place where they can eventually go and I think it would be a great asset to the town."
Developer David Calhoun

The board also suggested that since the Hayes Estate was divided into two parcels of land, Calhoun and his partners might be able do a "package development" where, on one parcel, a percentage of units were made affordable and, on the other, all units were sold at market value.

Calhoun was receptive to the board's ideas, saying he would further explore adding an affordable component to the project.

Planning Board members said the biggest obstacle to the project would be obtaining sewer capacity. "I don't see a lot of opposition to this," said board member Al Moore. "I think there's going to be a lot of positive support, which is important."

Calhoun said the housing would be a perfect fit for Cohasset residents who feel they can no longer take care of a big house or who are interested in moving their aging relatives nearby. "We're doing what everybody in town needs," he said. "Everybody needs a place where they can eventually go and I think it would be a great asset to the town."

Calhoun is now looking to meet with the Sewer Commission to discuss the issue of sewer capacity. He might be competing for that capacity, however, with Sawchuk, whose planned development of 37 units behind Shaw's supermarket would also need a sewer hookup.

Sawchuk, who lives on Beechwood Street, said his project would center around a mansion that would include 20 units of housing. The building would be have a wrap-around deck and would be much like the mansion at Sunrise Assisted Living on Route 3A, although not as big, he said.

Sawchuk is considering building facilities for a few small businesses — such as a hairdresser and a caterer —near the proposed entrance to the development off Pine Ridge Road. He also plans to construct pedestrian access to Shaw's.

Sawchuk expressed concern that the town's existing senior housing developments are too expensive for many people who have lived in Cohasset all their lives.

"In terms of Cohasset, this would be the most affordable thing," he said. "(Other senior living facilities) are really starting to get out of the price range for townies."

Planning Board member Peter Pratt was excited by the ideas for the two senior housing facilities and said they may allow the town to escape from other unwanted affordable housing proposals.

"We can hit the ball out of the park here," said Pratt. "If we make sure Mr. Calhoun's and Mr. Sawchuk's developments meet state mandates (for affordable housing), we can get out from under the sword of 40B."

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A new chapter at Paul Pratt Memorial Library

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weathervane that has been the library's symbol for a decade was placed atop the cupola after being repaired locally. Whitley said the building originally had a cupola when it was built in the 1920s but it was taken down by because it leaked.

Library patrons will find getting comfortable in the new facility is quite easy. Youngsters have a colorful children's room to take advantage of, as well as a story room where reading and arts and crafts projects will take place. Middle-schoolers can seek haven in the young adult's room, while high school students may find the cushioned chairs and ottomans near the periodical room more appealing.

Need a snack break? Don't worry, the community room has a vending machine with candy and drinks, as well as a few tables where people can sit and chat.

How about a place for a meeting? The library has that covered, too. Two study rooms are available for working on projects, while a more serious presentation can make use of the meeting room, which seats 60, has a state-of-the-art audio-visual projector, and was designed so it can be accessed even when the library isn't open.

A new, large staff room has library employees happy as well. "What they had before was a glorified closet," said Whitley. "It's a big improvement."

On top of that, the library's historical room will be home to a host of old maps and archives on Cohasset.

The library even has a waiting room near the front door where people can make a free phone call to anywhere in Cohasset to secure a ride home. The phone may not be familiar to all who use it, however — it's a 1950s rotary-style pay phone. "We'll see how long it takes them to figure that one out," joked Whitley.

Towle said she couldn't be happier with the speed of the project. "Normally it takes 10 years for a library of this size to get off the ground, from the planning to the ribbon cutting," she said. "We cut that in half."

She said retired library director Janet Husband was "instrumental in the planning of the new library."

Husband's vacancy has just be filled by Jacqueline Rafferty, who served as director of the Hanson Public Library for the past six years.

At Sunday's open house, which lasts from 2 to 5 p.m., staff and trustees will meet with the public while volunteers from the Friends of the Library give tours of the new facility. A brief dedication ceremony will take place at 3 p.m.

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Above: Barbara O'Connell and Holly Holway check out what will be the story room in the children's section of the new library

At left: Library director Janet Husband arranges books.

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Planners: house is detrimental

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stop work on their home — nearly 80 percent complete at that point — after it was determined building inspector Bob Egan erred in issuing them a building permit.

Neighbors had fought to stop construction on the property since August of 2002, but their requests were denied by Egan, who stuck to what he thought was a widely-held, longstanding interpretation of the zoning bylaws.

The neighbors then appealed the matter to the Zoning Board, which found the bylaws had been wrongly interpreted. The Ayers' lot was non-conforming, the board said, so they should have applied for a special permit, unless they had planned to stick within the exterior dimensions of the pre-existing building.

If the Zoning Board sides with the Planning Board in its upcoming ruling, the Ayers will have to hope for victory in Superior Court to complete their home according to plans. The "cease and desist" order previously mandated by the Zoning Board would become enforceable if the application for a special permit is denied. But Sawyer has said she would seek an injunction against the order if necessary.

Debate at Wednesday's Planning Board meeting started off on a tense note. When board member Al Moore began by saying there was a tendency to feel sympathy for the Ayers because their home was almost completed, neighbor Jack McCarthy of 278 Jerusalem Road interrupted, "Do you have sympathy for the neighbors too, or?"

But after a lengthy reference to the musical "Fiddler on the Roof," Moore revealed he did agree with the neighbors. "It's clearly more detrimental to the neighborhood and it's unfortunate," he said.

Neighbor Steve Jacob of 15 Jerusalem Lane proceeded to argue why the home was so detrimental. Jacob said he had statements from state-certified appraisers to prove that his property, which abuts 3 Jerusalem Lane, had been significantly devalued by the Ayers' new home. He showed photographs of views of the water from his home and another that had been almost completely eliminated. "Now I'd say that's substantially more detrimental. Wouldn't you?," he said to the board.

Jacob also questioned Mr. Ayer's intent to keep the house, claiming he was planning on selling it for profit all along. Jacob's wife, Patty Davis, echoed that sentiment. "The first thing Mr. Ayer said to me when we moved here was, 'Every house on this block is a teardown,'" she said. "If that's his view of the neighborhood, then what's his view of the rest of Cohasset?"

Reached by phone, Mr. Ayer disputed Mrs. Jacob's statement. "That's not true," he said, adding that a few of the neighbors had done "a gorgeous job" in recent renovations to their homes.

Ayer also said he was confident that "justice would prevail." "I think the more outside scrutiny that comes in on this matter, the more people will see that we're being singled out for discrimination," he said.

These two photos from neighbors at 9 Jerusalem Lane show their view prior to the new house at 3 Jerusalem Lane and with the house near completion.

But Planning Board member Bob Sturdy, after defending the neighbors in their extensive efforts to halt construction, said that neither Egan nor the town was to blame for the situation. "The old saw of the law is 'Ignorance of the law is no excuse,'" he said. "It's beholden upon the owner to know the law and hire legal counsel if he has any questions about it."

However, the Ayers did have legal counsel in Sawyer, as did Egan in Town Counsel. Sawyer said the four parties met before Egan denied neighbors' requests to stop work on 3 Jerusalem Lane. She said everyone agreed that Egan's interpretation of the bylaws was correct.

Sawyer also said Zoning Board chairman Woody Chittick was originally in agreement with Egan, pointing to statements Chittick made in an early ZBA hearing on the matter—testimony she has included in a complaint now filed in Superior Court.

According to Sawyer, this is not a case of the Ayers being ignorant, but a case of the town reversing its interpretation of the bylaws.

"It's not ignorance of the law," she said in an interview. "How is (Mr. Ayer) ignorant of a law that was not in place when he applied for something? How can you be ignorant of something that does not exist?"

Sawyer questioned the role of Town Counsel in the dispute. "How Town Counsel can advise Mr. Egan to do one thing, and then when the Zoning Board of Appeals reverses their longstanding interpretation of the zoning bylaw, how Town Counsel can then jump on that ship—it doesn't make a lot of sense to me," she said.

Sawyer also criticized the Planning Board for weighing in on the issue of a special permit when one of its members, Chris Ford, is indirectly involved in the matter.

Ford and fellow Planning Board member William Good were absent from the recent meeting, but the remaining board members voted 3-0 to recommend that the Zoning Board deny the Ayers' request for a special permit.

Ford's home and at least 13 others in town involve circumstances similar to 3 Jerusalem Lane, having undergone extensions or alterations on non-conforming lots without special permits. Sawyer has demanded the homes be forced to acquire special permits.

Egan ruled two weeks ago that the homes would not be immediately subject to the Zoning Board's decision regarding 3 Jerusalem Lane. Sawyer is appealing the decision, saying her client has been singled out for prejudicial treatment.

Were Ford and the 13 other homeowners eventually made to apply for special permits, it is unclear whether they would faee opposition from neighbors claiming their extensions or alterations were detrimental to the neighborhood.

Meanwhile, the Planning Board has drafted a new warrant article with the hope of avoiding future situations like the one at 3 Jerusalem Lane. The article would amend the bylaws so that plans for new homes would be reviewed by the Planning Board, the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals before a building permit is issued.

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Congratulations are being sent out to **Lance and Amy Norris** on the birth of their new son, **Dillon**. Dillon was born on Feb. 12, 2003 weighing in at 9 lbs. 4 ozs and joins big sister **Savannah** and big brother **Ray** at home. We know this little guy will be loved by all, best of wishes to all!

TALK WORTH CHECKING OUT

Dr. Alan Jacobson, of South Shore Mental Health, will be speaking at the South Shore Art Center on Friday, Feb 28 from noon to 1p.m. He will be discussing "Adolescent Risky Behavior" and strategies for parents to prevent it. There will be a Q&A to follow.FREE Any questions call the Cohasset Social Service League 781-383-0771.

AN IMPORTANT SAFEGUARD

The Cohasset Project SAFEGUARD Committee, whose mission includes promoting physical, social, and emotional/mental health programs for K-12 students, invites you to a special program for eighth grade students and their parents on March 12, 2003. The Project SAFEGUARD concept is one that emphasizes parent and community involvement in youth risk reduction and prevention programs.

Students and parents will view and discuss the play Jesse's Journal, an innovative health program for middle school students developed by The Women's Crisis Center of Newburyport. This presentation uses drama as an educational tool to address a variety of middle school issues including family and peer relationships, appearance and behavior, dating, gender issues, substance use and abuse, and social and academic stress. Cohasset High School students will act out the play. In addition, there will be opportunities for small group discussions and interaction among the students and adults.

Parents of eighth grade students, as well as other interested community members are invited and encouraged to attend. The program will begin at 8:55 A.M. with refreshments in the high school cafeteria. The play begins promptly at 9:15 in the auditorium. The program will end at 11:15 A.M. and students will be dismissed from school (this is an early release day for students). Parents will be invited to remain at the school until 12:00 for further discussion among themselves.

For more information, please contact Health Education Coordinator, Dr. Michael Gill (383-4205) mikegill@chs.ssec.org. Parents, please let us know by March 1, 2003 if you plan to attend.

PARTY PLANNING

The Post Prom Party Committee is holding a meeting for the entire Senior Class parent body on Thurs.,

February 27, 2003 at 7:30 PM in the CHS cafeteria. The group encourages all the senior parents to attend, especially the dads (for construction, in particular), to sign on for different responsibilities. Participants who work together on this magical project will most likely experience lots of fun and a special bonding with other Senior parents. This is also a good time to begin gathering baby pictures as well as current photos. Any questions, call 781-383-2702.

FUNDRAISER

The fundraising drive is underway for POSTPROM PARTY 2003. Note cards (5x7) with the school's logo and

colors (blue and white) are available with matching envelopes in packages of 10 for $10. To place an order, send your name, telephone number and check (payable to COHASSET POSTPROM 2003) to: Cohasset Postprom 2003 16 Fernway Cohasset, MA 02025.

A WORLD OF DISCOVERY

Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum celebrated its groundbreaking in November 2002 and renovations are underway to the museum's space which will be located adjacent to the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Sohier Street in Cohasset. Our World has raised one-third of the funds needed to meet its goal for the opening of the museum and are portions of the museum are expected to open in the fall of 2003. The focus now is on fundraising for the playground which will be built adjacent to Our World.

The play structure previously donated to the town of Cohasset (known to many families as the Pirate Park) was outdated and eventually removed for safety reasons. The goal is to renovate the existing area and provide a new playground that Cohasset residents, along with visitors to Our World and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, will enjoy for years to come. The estimated cost to rebuild the playground is $125,000.

BRICK BY BRICK

One of the ways the Our World Playground Committee will be raising funds for the playground is with the Brick by Brick program. Through the Brick by Brick program, your donation of $100 will be recognized with an engraved brick. You can have your name, your family's name, loved one or your business name celebrated in brick. If you prefer, you also have the opportunity to contribute a larger engraved paver or a beautiful hardwood bench complete with an engraved brass plate. Engraved bricks and pavers will be used in walkways and as accents throughout the surrounding areas of the playground. Construction on the walkways is slated to begin in the spring of 2003. All the funds generated by the Brick by Brick program will go directly to the designing and purchasing of play structures, landscaping of the play area and on-going maintenance.

To participate in the Brick by Brick program, please call Debbie Kuppens at (781) 383-6399. If you have any questions about the playground project or would like to make a larger contribution, please call Our World at (781) 383-3198. Please note that your donation is tax deductible. The first 100 brick orders received will be entered into a drawing for a $100 gift certificate for dinner at Atlantica Restaurant

AMAZING CREWS

I hope that everyone is dealing OK with all the cold weather and snow! I want to thank all of the DPW crew and everyone who came in to work last week on doing a fantastic job with the roads, sidewalks and schools, etc… I have to say that it never ceases to amaze me, the number of people who complain during a snow event given the magnitude of the job at hand. Yes, my husband is a member of the DPW crew but this message is not being written for him, it is being written for all of the crew who worked night and day last week to get the job done and had numerous complaints from residents who were upset that their driveways were plowed in! The reality of a snowstorm is that roads need to be cleared and it is just not possible to go around each and every driveway to avoid blocking it.

I cannot believe that I would actually feel the need say this but..... Yelling, complaining and causing problems will not clear your driveway for you, especially when they are made to the people who work so many hours straight trying to keep the roads clear for traffic. Sorry, I just had to vent.

That is all for this week. Please send me your news and information no later than Mondays by noon.

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OBITUARIES

Carlton L. Howorth III

Carlton L. "Bud" Howorth III of Cohasset died Feb. 20, 2003, at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I. He was 39.

Mr. Howorth was born in Milton, spending his early years in So. Weymouth. Moving to Cohasset in 1968, he was a graduate of Cohasset High School. He attended Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I. and graduated from Plymouth State College, where he was a marketing major, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration. He was elected president of the American Marketing Association during his senior year at PSC. In addition, he was nominated in 1986 and 1987 in "Who's Who" in Scholastic Excellence of American Universities & Colleges Honor Programs.

His career began at American Industrial Products in Cambridge, where he was senior marketing and sales representative. He later worked for several years as manager of tech services at Assistive Technology Inc. in Newton and Shoreline Computer Inc. of East Haven, Conn. as a systems consultant.

Mr. Howorth most recently worked at Ciber Corp. of Woburn serving their client Harvard University as tech support manager.

He enjoyed and excelled at football and hockey and was an avid fisherman. He adored his two black Labs, Maggie and Cody.

He leaves a daughter, Elizabeth A. Howorth of Mansfield; his parents, Carlton L. Howorth Jr. and Eileen M. (Sorterup) of Cohasset; two sisters, Susan Howorth Pritchard of Darien, Conn., Diane Dooley and her husband Denis Dooley of Cohasset; a niece and nephew, Lauren and Michael Dooley; and his companion, Donna Reis (whom he was with and assisted to safety).

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Feb. 27, at 4 p.m. in the Second Congregational Church, Cohasset Common.

The Rev. Gary A. Ritts will officiate. Interment will be private.

Arrangements are by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, 02025.

Roger Crafts

Roger Crafts, 87, formerly of Acton and more recently of Concord, died at E.N. Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital in Bedford, on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003, following a long illness.

Born in Boston, he was the son of the late George B. and Margaret (Donahoe) Crafts.

Mr. Crafts grew up in Cohasset and was graduated from Thayer Academy in 1934 in 1938, he was graduated with honors in biology from Williams College.

A World War II U.S. Navy veteran, he served as a communications officer on board the U.S.S. San Diego, based in the Pacific with the fifth and third fleets. As the flagship of Task Force 31, the San Diego was the first American warship to enter and dock in a Japanese port during the war. It was from this ship he observed the surrender of Yokosuka Naval Base from the Japanese Vice Admiral.

Mr. Crafts had a long association with American Mutual Liability Insurance Company of Boston. Starting as a sales trainee, he held a number of positions until retiring as Vice President and National Industrial Sales Manager in 1978. He had been with the firm for 38 years.

Mr. Crafts had made his home in Acton from 1946 until 1973, and had served on Acton's Finance Committee as well as the Regional School committee. He was a long-time member and former Junior Warden of Trinity Church, Concord and a Director and Corporator of both Emerson Hospital and Middlesex Savings Bank. An avid golfer, he particularly enjoyed his 80-year membership, at the Concord Country Club.

One of his most enjoyable golf experiences was his team's paring with Jack Nicklaus at the Dow Jones Invitational Tournament played in August, 1970 at Upper Montclair Country Club, N.J. Following play, Mr. Nicklaus invited team members and their wives to join him in the pro's lounge for relaxation. Upon arrival, the couples were greeted by Arnold Palmer and Tom Weiskoph as well, and enjoyed drinks and golf chatter with three of the best in the game.

While active professionally in the insurance business, he also maintained his memberships and served on various committees of the Insurance Company Educational Directors Society (ICEDS) and the American Mutual Alliance.

Many will remember him for his woodworking talents and his skill And enjoyment of building and repairing golf clubs in a small home business.

He leaves his wife of 60 years, Katherine (Blanchard); his daughters Margaret C. Thorpe of Concord and Katherine C. Marchand of Whately; and his son, Roger Crafts Jr. of Cohasset; his grandchildren, Marissa E. and Matthew R. Marchand; Lydia, Amy and Jonathan C. Crafts; Jonathan S. and Andrew C. Thorpe; as well as his niece, Susan Ray.

Memorial services were held in Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm St., Concord, on Feb. 24. Private interment was in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the MacRae-Tunniclifte Funeral Home, Concord.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in his memory may be sent to Emerson Hospital, Attn: Development Office, Concord, MA 01742 or E.N. Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital, Attn: G. R. E. C. C. Center, Building 62, Floor AB, 200 Springs Road, Bedford, MA 01110. In recognition of his World War II U.S. Navy service, Concord's town flag will be flown at half staff on Monday.

Helen Greenblatt

Helen (Davis) Greenblatt of Cohasset died Feb. 15, 2003.

Mrs. Greenblatt leaves her husband, Irving Greenblatt; two daughters, Linda Greenblatt-Schenne of Cohasset and Joanne Greenblatt of Milton; a brother, David Davis of California and a grandchild.

A graveside service was held at the Hull Village Cemetery.

Memorial observance was at her residence.

Arrangements were handled by the Levine-Briss Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 275 Turnpike St., Suite 201, Canton 02021.

Maida Miltner

Maida (Brenner) Miltner, 96, of Cohasset, died Feb. 21, 2003, in Harbor House Nursing & Care Facility in Hingham, after a brief illness.

Born in Queens, N.Y., the daughter of the late John and Helen (Schmidt) Brenner, she attended Scarsdale New York schools. She moved to Cohasset in 1987.

Mrs. Miltner was the treasurer for Westshire Construction Co. for 36 years in Scarsdale New York, retiring in 1980.

She was an active member and volunteer at the Senior Citizen Center of Cohasset.

Wife of the late Harry P. Miltner, she leaves a daughter, Joyce Conway of Cohasset and a son, Harry Miltner of Wenatchee, Wash. She was the mother of the late Barbara Simonsen, formerly of Brewster, N.Y.

Services and interment were private in Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale, N.Y.

The arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory may be made to the Cohasset Senior Citizens Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset 02025.

Stephanie Leydon, WB56 reporter and anchor, fifth from right, is welcomed by Cohasset resident and Angel Fund President Rich Kennedy, far left, and Gareth Charter, fourth from right, to the 4th Annual Sheila Duggan Charter Cymmhorth for the benefit of the Angel Fund, a nonprofit organization that supports ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) research at Massachusetts General Hospital. The event honors Gareth's mother, Sheila Duggan Charter, who died of ALS. Joining them in welcoming Leydon, who also serves as the Honorary Chairperson of the Board of Directors of The Angel Fund, are members of the board.

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EDITORIAL

Avoidable tragedies

With the nation hunkered down under a terrorist alert, we have been reminded this past week in Rhode Island and the previous week in Chicago, of dangers that have nothing to do with terrorism.

The record-breaking snowstorm that hit last week had a comforting familiarity to it. But there was nothing comforting about the horrifying stampede at a Chicago nightclub that left 21 dead that same day. That nightmare has now been eclipsed by a similar tragedy closer to home. As authorities pick through the rubble of a West Warwick, R.I., nightclub and doctors work to save the injured survivors of last Thursday night's fire, everyone's asking what went wrong. Ninety-seven are known dead.

There are many answers, none of them satisfying, and questions are likely to linger for days to come. Why were there no sprinklers? Why was the band allowed to fire up its pyrotechnic display in such a small, cramped place? Why couldn't panicked patrons find the emergency doors?

Tragedies always breed comparisons, and here in New England this fire sparks memories of the infamous 1942 blaze that killed 491 people at Boston's Cocoanut Grove. Both of the nightclub disasters bear similarities to the Cocoanut Grove. The Cocoanut Grove was decorated with palm trees made of paper that turned into torches. The wall behind the stage in the Rhode Island club ignited just as quickly and the fire spread across the ceiling, just as it did at the Cocoanut Grove. Like the Chicago club, the Cocoanut Grove lounge where the fire started was on the second floor. Emergency exits were locked and patrons were trampled in a mad rush to squeeze out the front door.

"This is the Cocoanut Grove, the Kentucky supper club fire," Garry Briese, executive director of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, told the Associated Press, referring also to a nightclub fire that killed 164 people in Southgate, Ky., in 1977.

"The tragedy here," Briese said, "is that there's nothing new." The Cocoanut Grove inspired new fire codes that have saved countless lives, but each new tragedy reminds us that laws and regulations only work when they are enforced. The Chicago nightclub had been ordered closed months ago because of safety violations, but nobody bothered to see that the court order was being followed.

These two nightclub tragedies will, we hope, lead to better safety codes and more diligent enforcement wherever large crowds gather. They should also remind people that, whether the threat is terrorism or panic in a crowded club, individuals must take responsibility for their own safety. Know where the exits are and, for that matter, the fire extinguishers. Report anything that seems unsafe to those responsible.

Have fun, but stay alert and if something should happen, don't let panic cloud your judgment.

Al Qaeda is far from our only danger.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The selectman's race promises to perk up what would otherwise be a sleepy April 5 Town Election.

Political newcomer Gabriel Gomez, and last year's selectman challenger Roger Hill are seeking to unseat incumbent Selectman Michael Sullivan.

As in keeping with our tradition, we will pose a Question of the Week to local candidates in contested races.

All candidates opposed or unopposed, who have not already done so, are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies.

Starting next week, we will feature candidates' answers to the Question of the Week. Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

The following is the first Question of the Week:

Where do you stand on the need for a Prop. 2-1/2 override to help balance the fiscal year 2004 budget?

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

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Bradley leads call to halt the runway

After meeting with fellow members of the Legislative Caucus on Air Transportation, state Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, and the Caucus called on various state and federal agencies to immediately halt all Logan expansion related endeavors, including current legal battles, in order that the Governor and FAA may examine new information relative to the economic benefits of Logan expansion. Based on previously unreleased reports it now appears that the economic value of the proposed Logan Airside Improvements Project, the primary facet of which is the construction of a new 5,000 runway, was exaggerated by a factor of 10.

Because of this material flaw in the way the original proposals were presented to state and local environmental officials, and because this economic data factored prominently in the original certifications that were issued, Bradley and many of his colleagues have called for an immediate moratorium and a reexamination of the project. Such reexamination, according to Bradley, should take place both in the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and in the Governor's new Office of Commonwealth Development.

"This new information demands that the Governor halt this project and review it on its merit," Bradley said. "I have also asked the Attorney General to meet with us to discuss this critical new data"

The apparent exaggeration of economic benefits stems from a fundamental flaw in the proposal's drafting process. Expansion proponents (Massport and the New England Regional FAA) utilized a private consultant, Simat, Helliesen & Eichre (SH&E), in the preparation of their public arguments and ultimately their Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/S) (This is the document proponents were required to submit to state and federal environmental regulators). SH&E created its own, and previously unused model, to predict delay costs and economic benefits of the project. After public comments on the EIR/S were submitted the FAA hired the MITRE Corporation, which is a frequent consultant to the FAA on a national level, to conduct their own review of SH&E's work and to conduct an analysis using the accepted cost/delay model endorsed by the federal Office of Management and Budget. The results of that MITRE analysis indicate that the economic benefits of Logan expansion were exaggerated by a factor of 10.

No emergency for expansion

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

Massport is suing to lift a 3-decade-long injunction against runway expansion. It claims a right to relief from harm caused by no expansion.

Massport is trying to prove extreme hardship from NW wind delays and relief that can be gained only by runway expansion. Massport needs to document a pressing emergency that outweighs citizens' rights to environmental protection. Lawyers for Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, Somerville and citizens' groups, all of which oppose the runway scheme because of pollution impacts, deftly took apart Massport's greatly inflated claims about delay reduction, using Massport's own data.

In the first round of closing arguments, Feb. 13, Judge Margot Botsford asked Massport's lead attorney why Logan dropped so dramatically in delay ranking relative to other airports, after 9/11. Opponents of runway expansion believe it is because prior to 9/11, at "peak hours," Logan was vastly overscheduled for its acreage and geographic location. Massport's attorney Roscoe Trimmier said the relative drop in delays is because the terrorist planes originated from Logan! In his argument, 9/11 is a temporary setback on the march to expansion. The argument was a time capsule from the peak of the 90's bubble - before Massachusetts faced severe cuts in services, local aid and jobs, before cities and towns sued Massport for negative impacts, before Acela proved a low impact alternative to incessant air shuttle traffic, and before security became the aviation priority.

Here we are on the South Shore. The proposed runway points right at us. All the new flight paths would scream over our heads and add toxic combustion pollution to our finite stock of airshed, which we breathe. What emergency wipes out our right to clean air and water, quiet enjoyment of our homes and the accumulated joint investment we have made in our region's economic value?

I appeal to South Shore people who thought they were willing to take on the impacts in exchange for a promise of reduced airport delays on the 10 days a year of strong NW winds. Are you willing to accept the South Shore impacts in exchange for nothing?

I appeal to Governor Mitt Romney, environmental, transportation, and housing chief Douglas Foy, and Secretary for Environmental Affairs Ellen Roy Herzfelder. Runway expansion does not outweigh the value to the regional economy of a healthful, high quality, South Shore residential zone. We are not willing to be robbed of our environmental rights as Americans, short of a horrendous, unavoidable, immediate emergency that voids the social contract.

I listened carefully to Massport's arguments in court. There is no emergency.

Mary Ann Frye, South Shore Jet Pollution Council, Southshorejetpollution.org

On his solitary dune: remembering Henry Beston

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

The world today is sick to its thin blood for lack of elemental things, for fire before the hands, for water welling from the earth, for air, for the dear earth itself underfoot.

—Henry Beston
The Outermost House

For those of us of a certain age, details of the Blizzard of '78 - 25 years ago this month will be forever seared into our memories. I still have my "I survived the Blizzard of '78" T-shirt, having survived the storm in an apartment in Boston. My thoughts were, however, on Cape Cod, particularly Provincetown where I spent the summers of my childhood and where I would spend one last summer, that summer of '78. How vulnerable, I wondered, would that sandy arm of Massachusetts, a seemingly fragile place that glaciers had shaped some 15,000 years earlier, be to the thundering, howling menace that was bearing down? If the storm could wreak the kind of havoc that television crews were showing us on the South Shore. I couldn't begin to imagine what its wrath would be doing to my beloved Long Point, the sandy tip of Provincetown 30 miles out to sea.

I should have known that Cape Cod a resilient, organic place that changes a little bit with every tide, every puff of wind would ultimately survive. She had seen such storms before and would, no doubt see them again. Though resculpted, the Long Point sand bar was still there when I arrived in town in late May. The breech in the beach behind the salt marsh and breakwater was the only obvious reminder of the fury that had visited back in February.

For those of us who love wildness and solitude, the storm had its silver lining. The breech prevented over-sand vehicles from driving out to the tip of Long Point where the sand meets sea, though anyone with a boat or the willingness to trek two miles over breakwater and sand could still enjoy the Point.

Within a few years the wound had healed itself, but by then National Seashore rangers had decided to make the ban on vehicular traffic permanent. Nature could begin to reclaim what was rightfully hers.

Up-Cape, another sand bar — the Nauset Spit — sculpted and remade over the years by storms, also felt the full fury of the storm. Wind and tide cut the dunes and washed over the marsh, turning it into a vortex of sand and water. Consumed in that vortex was the Fo'castle, a simple, two-room house, measuring, 16 by 20, that had been built on a dune in 1925 for writer Henry Beston.

Beston would spend more than two years in his house on the dune, staying at the Fo'castle for weeks at a time, his otherwise solitary existence interrupted occasionally by stays at Eastham's Overlook Inn, visits to the nearby Coast Guard station and forays to Orleans for supplies.

Facing "the four walls of the world" Beston chronicled the seasons, nature's beauty and mystery. He saw the majestic ocean afire with phosphorescence. He studied the anatomy of waves. With reverence, he watched the organization of bird flocks, the life of wild animals. With patience he waited for plants to send forth their colors, the sand to capture the sun's warmth. He saw, first hand, death and then renewal.

"The Outermost House: A Year of Life on the Great Beach of Cape Cod," published in 1928, became Beston's ode to wonder, to the powers of observation, to man's oneness with the natural world. He concluded his narrative by writing that "whatever attitude to human existence you fashion for yourself, know that it is valid only if it be the shadow of an attitude to Nature. A human life, so often likened to a spectacle upon a stage, is more justly a ritual. The ancient values of dignity, beauty, and poetry which sustain it are of Nature's inspiration; they are born of the mystery and beauty of the world. Do no dishonour to the earth lest you dishonour the spirit of man."

Born in Quincy

Born Henry Beston Sheahan on June 1, 1888 in Quincy, the man who would dub himself the "vagabond of the dunes" was the son of a surgeon, Dr. Joseph Sheahan, and Marie Louise (Maurice) Sheahan, a native of France. Beston's childhood was one filled with a love of sea and shore, with the wonders of the natural world, and a love for the theater to which he was introduced by his mother. After attending the Adams School in Quincy, Beston enrolled at Harvard, earning a bachelor's degree in 1909 and a masters two years later. By then, he had taken pen in hand and was writing. He returned to Harvard in 1915 as an English department assistant.

With war raging in Europe, Beston joined the French Army, serving with the Ambulance Corps and later as an official press representative with the U.S. Navy. His war experiences were recounted in two books, "A Volunteer Poilu" and "Full Speed Ahead," published under the name Henry Sheahan.

The savagery of war took an emotional toll on Beston who returned home in 1921 and began writing children's stories, fairy tales, under the name Henry Beston. It was his way of trying to expunge the horrors of war from memory.

Struck by the wanderlust and unfulfilled by his New York editing job, Beston was difficult to track down over the next few years, though one place he returned to time and again was Cape Cod. After publication of "The Outermost House," Beston married writer and poet Elizabeth Coatsworth, a native New Yorker whom he had met in 1921. The couple settled in Hingham, on Ship Street, in a home Coatsworth had bought in 1924 and named "Shipcote" (ship cottage). In her book, South Shore Town, Coatsworth described the house as a "gentle house in which to live or die."

From the top of Ship Street, she wrote, "the view northward is one of the prettiest I know on the South Shore. The bright waters of the harbor, and its islands, lie below one - seen between trees and four old houses holding the four corners of the intersecting Cottage Street. "

Coatsworth also fell in love with a diminutive "doll's house" cottage tucked away on Green Street Court in a district then known as Kickaboo (behind what is today the Fruit Center). The Bestons rented the Littlest House, as it is still known, and it became Elizabeth's secret refuge, a place where she worked contentedly for two years, where she planted pansies, sat on the bench out back and watched the life around her, and occasionally had friends in for tea.

In time, Beston grew weary of the increasingly hectic pace of suburban living and the couple bought a farm, Chimney Farm, in Nobleboro, Maine. For some years, they and their two daughters divided their time between Hingham and Maine, but in the early 1940s they gave up their Hingham home and moved permanently to Chimney Farm. In 1948, while Coatsworth remembered the charms of Hingham in South Shore Town, Beston chronicled their life in Maine in Northern Farm., sounding again the theme of man's disconnectedness from nature.

Beston seldom returned to the Cape after settling in Maine. His Outermost House was moved twice — in 1933 and again in 1944 — to save it from the sea. In 1959 the Fo'castle and the surrounding dunes were donated to the Massachusetts Audubon Society for use by its members. Five years later, in 1964, Beston and Coatsworth traveled from Maine to attend a ceremony dedicating the Outermost House as a national literary landmark. In his remarks Beston, in failing health, urged his audience to "touch the earth, love the earth, honor the earth - her plains, her valleys, her hills and her seas." It was Beston's last visit to his beloved dune. He died in Maine in April of 1968.

Nan Turner Waldron

As interest in Beston and "The Outermost House" spread, people in need of nature's restorative powers began making the pilgrimage down the lonely barrier beach to Beston's dune. One of those pilgrims was Nan Turner Waldron whose father had been Beston's Harvard classmate.

Henry Beston's home, known as the Outer Most House located on a stretch of land in Orleans called Nauset Spit.

An avid birder and conservationist, Waldron stayed often in the Fo'castle over a 20-year period, spending more time than even Beston himself. She called the Fo'castle her "chrysalis," her spiritual cocoon, and wrote about her days and nights in the embrace of Beston's presence. In her book, "Journey to the Outermost House," she reflected on Beston's stay in the dunes and understood that his "year" had not been about his own personal survival but, rather, his exploration of the relationship between the human spirit and nature. Waldron wrote that Beston "showed others that there is a basic human need to belong once again to the earth that there are ways to open new doors for the human spirit."

Of the "thousands who come every year to the Cape God National Seashore," noted Waldron, "some hear of Beston and his house for the first time during a lecture or from a park ranger as they walk the marsh trail and return eager to learn more."

Don and Nita Wilding of North Attleborough had such an epiphany in 1996. Regular visitors to Cape Cod, one afternoon they found themselves browsing the bookshop at the National Seashore Visitor's Center in Provincetown. They bought Thoreau's "Cape Cod" and Beston's "The Outermost House" and settled in that evening with their reading, Don with Thoreau, Nita with Beston. Little did they know their lives were about to change.

Nita, an office manager who confesses that she has always wanted to live on a beach, remembers that she couldn't put down her book.

She said to Don, who was enjoying Thoreau's chronicle, "you are going to love this book."

She was right. Once he picked up the book, he couldn't put it down, hasn't put it down.

"Here I was," says Don, a sportswriter for the Foxboro Reporter, "living in an apartment 95 miles from Beston's beach. His book about connecting with nature just hits me. I couldn't stop thinking about how to get off this treadmill of modern life and apply Beston's attitude toward our own lives."

Eager to learn more about Beston, Don and Nita scoured libraries and the Internet but were disappointed by the dearth of information. They began their own quest and, little by little, put together the story of Henry Beston. They interviewed Cape Cod historians and writers, gathered photographs and artifacts, met with friends and family including two of Beston's nieces, poured over Beston's own writings, walked Beston's beach. The more they searched, the more they found, the more they learned, the more there was to learn. They met Nan Turner Waldron who became a cherished friend and who, through her own experiences in the Fo'castle brought Beston's adventure to life.

Outermost Web site

In September of 1999, the Wildings launched The Outermost Web Site dedicated to Henry Beston. As the site expanded so, too, did the circle of Beston devotees who were eager to share their thoughts about "The Outermost House." When Eastham celebrated its 350th anniversary in 2001, Don paid tribute to Beston with a 32-page magazine, "On its Solitary Dune," from which his new book, "Henry Beston's Cape Cod" evolved.

"Henry has taken over our lives," says Don with a chuckle.

Nita agrees and says that the couple is more enthusiastic, more determined than ever to bring Beston to a wider audience.

"The fact that one book could inspire us says a lot about the power of Henry's words," says Nita. "It seems to be a simple book, but it's very powerful, profound. I can't read it just anywhere, I have to quiet my mind as Henry quieted his mind. He got so much out of nature, recaptured his relationship with nature because he was quiet. It's his attitude that we appreciate, that we're trying to bring to our own lives. We believe that there is a place for Beston in the modern world."

The Wilding's latest effort to honor Henry Beston and share his philosophy is the Henry Beston Society, a non-profit organization still in its infant stages. Don and Nita would like, one day, to build a small museum for Henry Beston. Henry David Thoreau has one, so does Thornton Burgess, say Don and Nita. Henry Beston should have one, too. They'd like to build a replica of the Fo'castle so that people can see how Henry lived, see in a tangible way how he came to understand the "mystery of being" by living simply, Zen-like, always with awareness.

Had Beston lived to see the Blizzard of '78 bear down on his beloved beach, he would not have despaired that his tiny house, from where he saw the "stains of springtime greenness," heard the sibilant notes of duck wings, and tasted the "fine sea tang in the air," had been taken by the sea, that his beach had been remade. Nan Waldron, who did live to see the storm's aftermath, called the loss of the Fo'castle an "acceptable sorrow."

When asked what understanding of nature one shapes from so strange a year, Beston wrote that "creation is still going on, that the creative forces are as great and as active today as they have ever been, and that tomorrow's morning will be as heroic as any of the world. *Creation is here and now.* So near is man to the creative pageant, so much a part is he of the endless and incredible experiment, that any glimpse he may have will be but the revelation of a moment, a solitary note heard in a symphony thundering through debatable existences of time."

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To learn more about Henry Beston visit The Outermost Web Site and the Henry Beston Society web site at www.henrybeston.org. Don Wilding's new book, Henry Beston's Cape Cod can be ordered from Infinity Press at www.buybooksontheweb.com. The Wildings are always interested in hearing from Beston devotees. E-mail Don and Nita at outermost@lycos.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School chief addresses projects

TO THE EDITOR:

The following was sent to parents and staff of the Cohasset Public Schools.

I am writing to provide an update on the renovation projects. As we draw nearer to the completion dates of the Deer Hill and Middle/High School projects, I am aware of the need to confirm the School Committee plans for the actual date of the grade moves, based upon my recommendations. Please know that I welcome any of your questions or suggestions in writing to my office, or you may speak to your School Council or PSO representative for forwarding to me.

Let me begin with a brief summary of the renovation at Deer Hill and the Middle/High School. The Deer Hill project was completed in December with some finish work still ongoing. I am pleased to report that the project was both on schedule and on budget. The Middle/High School project, vastly greater in scope, also appears to be on schedule and on budget for delivery in December of 2003. The completion dates for these buildings directly affect our grade reconfiguration plans in so far as the Cohasset Public Schools utilizing the new space to full capacity, and in the most positive manner for academic and financial reasons.

The community is aware of the Task Force, which I convened comprised of administration, faculty and parents, who made recommendations to me based upon material that they collected from all facets of the school system as well as from systems comparable to ours in Norwell and surrounding areas. Because the reconfiguration is a designated plan and the renovations reflect that plan, let me clarify the remaining steps prior to the actual move date.

I have received the Task Force recommendations and have taken them into consideration. I soon will take my plan before the School Committee, at which point they may vote on a move date. The School Committee will take into account various recommendations compiled from the Task Force and my office. Recommendations such as expanded School Administrations, academic continuity and sequencing, transportation, social and athletic programs, special education services, as well as faculty and parental concerns. Clearly, the considerations are many and the budget issues are complex. I am certain that you appreciate the immensity of this move and the seriousness with which we take the issues.

Again, we welcome all parent and staff participation in this move decision. Please feel free to contact your School Committee members to express your concerns and opinion regarding the date of the move.

To reiterate, the move may take place either in January, February or April 04 (this would affect the current 5th grade and the current 2nd grade as the first to move), or at the latest, September 04 (this would affect the current 4th and 1st grade classes). Of course plans would have to be expedited if the projects were completed earlier than anticipated. A final decision on the move date will be made soon after the School Committee reviews the task force report.

The Task Force will reconvene over the ensuing months to help facilitate the complexities around the move once a decision on the move date has been made. I look forward to the utilization of these new facilities and appreciate the continuing support of the community.

Edward M. Malvey, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

Budget priorities

TO THE EDITOR:

The following is a copy of a letter sent to the Board of Selectmen dated Feb.17.

We read in the Mariner that the Town is facing a "worst case scenario" with probable cuts of 20 percent in state aid. It is reported that Town officials are struggling with a "balancing act" of unwelcome alternatives such as layoffs, elimination of school positions, cutting school supplies, imposing fees for school bus rides, forfeiting raises for employees, and other economies.

When Cohasset voters wisely voted "No" to an override to help finance taking down the utility poles and burying the overhead wires in the Village, Dean Rizzo of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation lamented, "You no longer have the option to do decorative lighting spaced evenly throughout the sidewalk".

Is this the time to spend money on "decorative lighting"? Or on city- style sidewalks with 6-inch granite curbs? Why aren't asphalt sidewalks and low asphalt curbs better? As we have written before, high granite curbs are a hazard to bike riders and an unnecessary impediment to mothers and others pushing strollers.

Many people think Cohasset is a charming town, as is. Many of us who live here are mindful that major movie companies chose Cohasset as the perfect setting for two quite different films because of our great natural beauty and pleasant patina of age.

In better times, the state and MBTA made grants of $2.7 million for CRC initiated "improvements". We wish there were some way, now, to divert the state portion of those public funds to our more basic needs.

David and Jacqueline Whipple
119 North Main St.

Grinding slowly

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to Patrick G. Water's letter last week citing his disappointment in the School Committee for its lack of receptivity to alternative ideas, I would like to cite another old adage, "The wheels of government grind slowly." Although not very popular in the age of the sound bite, I reference this to say that perhaps what he perceived as a polite dismissal of suggestions from citizens or an unwillingness to debate was really our need as budget makers to take every suggestion, novel idea or alternative solution extremely seriously. We do this knowing each one must be carefully considered for its full impact on the entire district and the many different types of students it serves. We must also move forward knowing it will not be the school committee's job to implement the new programs or adjust to cuts proposed but rather that of the administration, staff and students. We therefore must always allow the additional and necessary time for our administration to examine each change proposed, alternative or otherwise. Our budgeting process and the input that goes into it is much larger and longer than one meeting of the school committee where we invite input from the audience. During budget season, which this year began in the second week of December, each principal presents their school budget to the committee. Our administrative team will meet weekly as well to discuss the impact of any new ideas or changes being discussed by the School Committee. They then funnel that information back to us through the superintendent. In addition, Dr. Malvey meets monthly with his LINKS group comprised of 15 citizens who serve as a conduit to the school community. They are asked to provide budget input as are each of the three school councils.

This does take time and thus our wheels do grind slowly. Given the magnitude of the budget cuts being discussed and the amount of change that they imply, we feel more than ever that we should move ahead slowly and carefully. We say this not as some type of defense but as a clarification to let folks know that we do appreciate and encourage their input, ideas and suggestions. We ask anyone with thoughts or ideas on the further developing budget to come to a meeting of the school committee, superintendent links group or school council. If those are not convenient, please feel free to contact any member of the school committee or the superintendent himself. By taking our time we feel more input, rather than less will go into this extremely important, community-based and, yes, somewhat slow process.

Pat Martin, Secretary
On behalf of the School Committee

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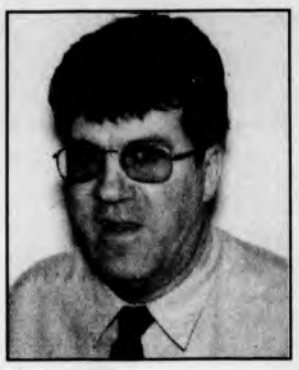
Hill runs for selectman



Roger Hill

My family has had ties with Cohasset for 50 years. I was born and raised in this small town and I have achieved all my childhood milestones in Cohasset. I got married, purchased a home and started a family here. I live and carry out my business in Cohasset and I will most likely be buried in Cohasset.

My business is located here also. I invested in the local business community by purchasing commercial property on Route 3A. I meet you on the street, in local stores, at school functions and athletic events. I don't reside in Cohasset, I live in Cohasset.

I ran for Selectman last year because I felt if Cohasset was to be successful in the coming years, we needed to change the way things get done. I have attended all but three of the Selectmen's meetings in the past year and a half. I know what's going on in town. Not much has changed. In fact, the financial picture is worse and the challenges more difficult. There is a need for trust and better leadership than we have seen in the past year, so I'm running again.

Fundamental concerns over costs that coincide with the challenges of growth and development of the community are minimized among conflict. We need a representative that will bring resolve back to the people. My motivation to provide leadership comes from a desire to protect integrity of what I know and love. I have the sensibility of a businessman and the insight of a native.

As someone who has grown up in Cohasset, I am invested personally with the crises that are looming over our residents. Education shall remain a paramount priority for our children. Alternative solutions for equitable and affordable housing for those citizens who have a fixed income need to be asserted and directed into a realistic plan in the face of the state's housing crisis.

The cutback in state funding has made balancing the budget even more pressing. We literally cannot afford to continue in the same track. There needs to be more accountability and better prioritizing in the budget. Balancing the budget is going to take creative thinking and courage; willingness for all town agencies to work together towards the common good; and an unprecedented cooperation between town government and the community. It won't be easy, but together we can do it.

The town's natural beauty is a matter near and dear to my heart. My father purchased and donated the Great Brewster Woods to the town. The harbor area, Wheelwright Park, Whitney & Thayer Woods, Little Harbor, Sandy Beach, are conservation and recreation areas we all enjoy. Our marshlands and wetlands provide us scenic beauty and a bountiful water resource. We need to protect them. The challenge is to balance the interests of preserving Cohasset's scenic character, it's environmental health, it's unique open space, and the interests of development. Again, not easy, but together we can do it.

My ties to the town, and to you, are strong. I have known most of you for many years. I have been active in the community for those same years – Yacht Club, House Committee member, Senior Shuttle driver, South Shore Art Center volunteer and gallery artist. I have also been vocal in the effort put forth in the downtown area.

I am not new to town or its concerns, but I do bring a new outlook and an initiative to bring about a positive change. I have a first hand understanding of the issues, a longtime commitment to Cohasset, and a proven passion for the job at hand.

I believe I can provide the leadership we need. I hope you will agree. I would appreciate your input regarding my platform. Please contact me by email: the19ahills@attbi.com.

- Roger Hill

WEEK IN COHASSET

Effects of Greenbush delay still unknown

Town officials are still unsure how a six-month delay on the Greenbush railroad project will effect other projects that are part of a mitigation agreement between the town and the MBTA.

In the mitigation, the MBTA agreed to provide $500,000 for improvements to the Town Parking Lot, $250,000 for reconstruction of the Sohier Street wells, and more than $1 million for completion of the James Brook Drainage Improvement project.

Town Manager Mark Haddad met last week with several MBTA officials to discuss how the projects would be effected but received no definite answers.

"They have assured me that the Greenbush Line restoration is still a viable project and they believe that after all these issues are worked out, construction activities will resume," Haddad wrote in his weekly report to the Board of Selectmen.

Haddad asked the officials whether the town should still move forward with James Brook Drainage Improvement project. He also said the town would be willing to oversee the reconstruction of the Town Parking Lot if the MBTA could provide the funds.

MBTA officials are meeting today to discuss the matter and will report back to Haddad.

Deadly nightclub inferno claims life of Cohasset man

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was dear to him. "She was his life. He would do anything for her," she said. "He was a great father."

Howorth was also fond of his two Black Labrador dogs, Maggie and Cody.

Growing up in Cohasset, Howorth was an accomplished athlete. He was a member of the varsity hockey team and the varsity football team at the high school. He also enjoyed fishing on his father's boat out of Cohasset Harbor. "He was out there everyday in the summer," recalled his father. "He fished everywhere — from Marblehead all the way down to Plymouth."

Howorth attended Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I. after graduating from Cohasset High School. He later transferred to Plymouth State College in Plymouth, N.H., where he majored in marketing.

For his outstanding academics, Howorth was nominated to the "Who's Who" in American Colleges and Universities in 1986 and 1987. He was the president of the American Marketing Association during his senior year and he was a leader in a nearby hospital drive for four years. He graduated from Plymouth State in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Howorth worked for his father's company as a sales representative for a short time and then got involved in computers. "He taught himself everything he knew with computers" said Dooley. "He loved helping people out."

Howorth eventually went on to work for two different technology companies before landing his job in Woburn.

Aside from his daughter, father, sister, and companion, Howorth is survived by his mother, Eileen M (Sorterup) Howorth Jr. of Cohasset; a sister Susan Howorth Pritchard of Darien, Conn.; a niece and a nephew.

Contributions may be made to Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on three roll calls from recent sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. All roll calls are on the bill that was signed into law giving Gov. Romney the power to make cuts to local aid and higher education funding in order to balance the fiscal 2003 state budget.

CUT THE SAME PERCENTAGE FOR ALL COMMUNITIES (H 2010)

House 131-20 approved, an amendment requiring any local aid cuts in a specific local aid category to reduce local aid by the same percentage for every city and town. The final version of the bill signed into law by Gov. Romney did not include this provision. Amendment supporters said this would ensure that all communities are treated equally and would prevent the governor from making unfair decisions that would cut different percentages of local aid from various communities. Amendment opponents said the restriction goes too far and would tie the governor's hands. They noted it could result in some communities' aid being reduced so much that they would be spending less than the minimum foundation level required under the Education Reform Act. (A "Yea" vote is for requiring equal cuts. A "Nay" vote is against requiring equal cuts).

$200 MILLION EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND (H 2010)

House 127-26, rejected an amendment creating a $200 million loan fund from which cities and towns can borrow interest-free money to mitigate the impact of any local aid cuts made by Gov. Romney. The $200 million would be funded from available resources or by a state bond issue and communities would pay the funds back over a five-year period. Amendment supporters said this fund would help cities and towns make up for the drastic local aid cuts and help prevent cuts in essential services, education and public safety personnel. They noted many communities do not have any reserve or stabilization money to make up for the cuts. Amendment opponents said there are no "available funds" to fund this loan reserve and argued that it is fiscally irresponsible for the state to borrow money and then loan it interest-free to communities. They said this type of avoidance just postpones the day of reckoning. (A "Yea" vote is for creating the $200 million emergency reserve fund. A "Nay" vote is against creating the fund).

LIMIT LOCAL AID CUTS TO ONE-THIRD OF ALL CUTS (H 2010)

House 139-12, approved an amendment prohibiting the local aid cuts made by the governor from totaling more than one-third of the total cuts he makes. Amendment supporters said this would ensure that local aid is not cut excessively and that cuts are made in other areas as well. Some amendment opponents said the governor has already promised to limit local aid cuts to no more than one-third of the total cuts. Others said the amendment is too restrictive and does not give the governor enough flexibility. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment limiting local aid cuts to one-third of the total cuts. A "Nay" vote is against the limit).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MORE KENO - State Treasurer Tim Cahill announced a plan to hold Keno drawings every four minutes instead of every five minutes beginning March 1. Cahill says the plan will generate an estimated additional $35 million over the remainder of fiscal 2003 and fiscal 2004. Keno is currently played in 1700 locations and is the lottery's second most popular product.

ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY - Sen. Joan Menard (D-Somerset) has re-filed a bill providing that state employees who are granted a leave of absence for active military duty continue to receive their base state salary reduced by their military salary. It also ensures the employees do not lose any seniority or accrued vacation or leave time. The legislation was approved by the Senate last year but never made it through the House. Supporters say the bill will ensure that these brave citizens and their families do not suffer financially while defending the United States. They note that many private companies in Massachusetts already offer this protection.

COURT SYSTEM OVERHAUL - Gov. Mitt Romney proposed an overhaul of the state's court system. A key provision closes eight of the state's 60 district courthouses. Another provision folds the Boston Municipal Court system into the District Court system. Romney said that "one might think the Boston court is a haven for patronage" because the administrative costs for that one court with only 11 judges and one courthouse rivals the costs of the entire district court system with 170 judges and 60 courthouses. Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret Marshall issued a statement praising the governor for addressing reform but warning that the magnitude of the proposed budget cuts is of great concern. The governor's plan was quickly criticized by some officials including those from some of the courts slated for closing.

GOV'S BUDGET ONLINE - Governor Romney's fiscal 2004 budget proposal is scheduled for release on February 26 and will be available online at mass.gov/eoaf.

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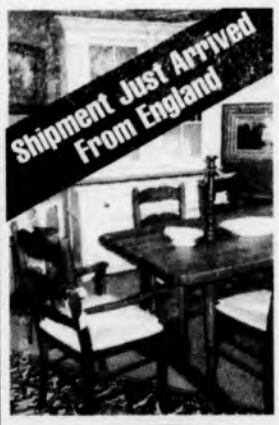

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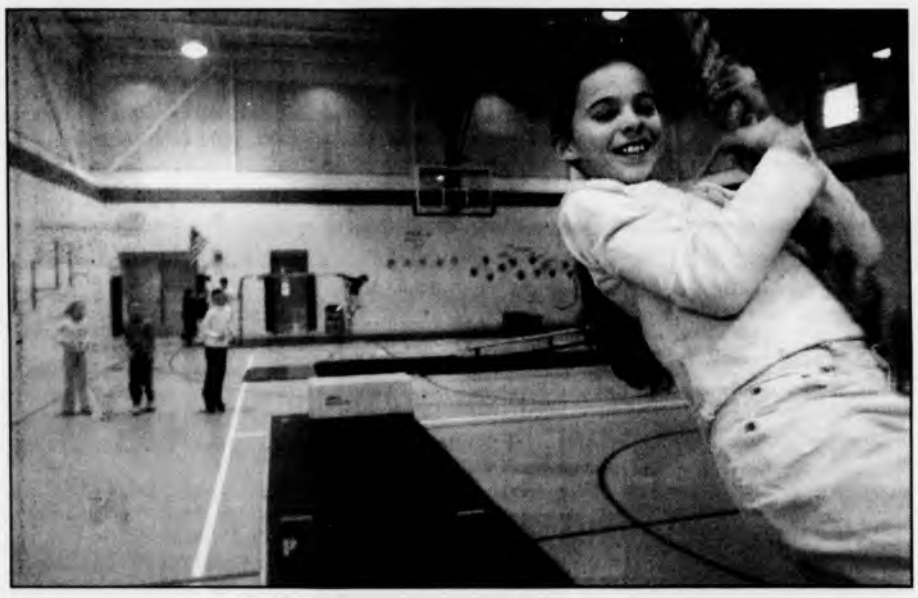
Back in the swing

Above: Angela Sestito and Lauren Blaze enjoy a game of pattty cake to keep warm outside Deer Hill School.

At left: A fifth-grader at Deer Hill plays teather ball during recess as she braves the cold wind.

STAFF PHOTOS BY ALAN CHAPMAN



Above: First-grader Sarah Whilton looks over her work with her teacher, Miss Jennifer Thorell at the Osgood School.

At left: After a week with a snowy vacation, students were back to the books and school this week. Third grader Amanda Farren performs the rope swing in physical education class at the Osgood School.

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Reflecting on A Day of Harmony Through Journaling

For Students, Parents, and Teachers

During the Day of Harmony broadcast, you heard many stories about how students experienced issues of difference and bigotry. Some of them talked about how they felt after being involved in or witnessing an incident of conflict, harassment, or bullying while others spoke about what they experience on a regular basis. They talked about how they often experience feelings of confusion, guilt, anger, etc. At times like these it is often useful to find ways to self-reflect. Writing in a journal is often a useful tool to help you sort out what happened from your point of view. It also serves as a way for you to observe your feelings and behavior over time. Journaling can give you ideas of how you or others could act in a more positive way in the future. You can also use what you have written in your journal to help focus your discussions with others.

Here are some questions that can help guide you as you write about an incident or to help you focus on issues that you would like to talk about with others regarding an incident your observed or were involved in:

- **What was the date and time of the incident?** — Knowing when something happened can help you sort out details especially when you're talking with others about it.
- **Where did the incident take place? Was it at school (inside or out)? Was it at a favorite hangout?** — Often the location of the incident has an impact on how an event unfolds.
- **Who was directly involved in the incident? Who was around when it happened? What did they say or do? Do you know any of these people?** — Often an incident involves more than the individuals who seem to be directly involved. The actions of bystanders can have a big influence over what is going on.
- **Describe the incident from your perspective. How did it start? How did it get better or worse? What did each person do? What did the witnesses and bystanders do? What did you do?** — Understanding your perspective and considering the perspectives of others can help you be open to other ways of understanding what happened. It can also help you to explain your perspective to others.
- **Did anyone try to resolve the problem? How? If it ended, how did it end? What happened to the people involved?**
- **How do you think things could have ended differently? What do you wish someone could have said or done differently?**
- **Is the incident really over? Could it start up again tomorrow or some other time in the future?**
- **How did you feel during the incident? How do you feel now?** — Often it is good for you to take time to sort out your feelings. Learning what things trigger certain feelings and what feelings trigger certain behaviors for you can help you get through difficult times. (See our anger management guide on the www.esrnational.org website.)
- **What might you be able to do next time?**

Suggestions for students:

Start to practice journaling by writing about your reactions to the Day of Harmony Program. You might want to either talk with your friends about what you wrote or you might want to wait a week or so and review what you wrote. It is often useful to compare how you feel about something after time has passed.

Suggestions for Teachers and Parents:

Write a sample journal entry and then share it with students and/or your child(ren). You could share it before they write their journal entries as a model to them or after so you can compare and contrast your experiences.

Teachers can ask students to pair up and read each other's entries. (You'll need to tell them ahead of time that this is the plan so they can leave out anything they don't want read in the version they share with you and others.) Then ask questions of each other in order to understand the other person's point of view. See our dialogue questions on our website (www.esrnational.org).

Adapted from William J. Kreidler and Rachel Poliner's, Conflict Resolution in the Middle School: Student Workbook and Journal (Cambridge, MA: Educators for Social Responsibility, 1999) For more information, contact ESR at 800-370-2515.

IT'S HAPPENING

Oldies at Atlantica

The Timetations will be performing oldies hits from the 50', 60's and beyond at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset Saturday evening March 1.

This dinner show features "Chantilly Lace, Da Do Ron Ron, I GotYou Babe, He's A Rebell' and many more. For reservations and details call 508-746-2939.

'Sound of Music' auditions slated

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for its spring musical "The Sound of Music" at Cohasset Town Hall on Sunday, March 2 from 12-3 p.m. for children, and 3-5 p.m. for adults, and also on Monday March 3 from 7-9 p.m.. Call backs will be on Tuesday March 4.

Please be prepared to sing a song from the show, and read from a script. If you are auditioning for one of the children, Rolf or Maria, you will also need to dance. Those auditioning for "Nuns Chorus" must sing harmony. Basic guitar skills a plus for Maria and Captain von Trapp. There are five non-singing male roles from 30-70 years old and one non singing woman's role, 35-70. There are five singing roles for girls 5-22 and three singing roles for boys 10-22.. The performances will be the first three weekends in May. For further information, call the producer, Jean at 617-750-8987.

'The Crucible' tickets available

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents, "The Crucible", directed by Lisa Rafferty at the Cohasset Town Hall. Feb. 28, March 1, 7, 8, 14, 14 & 15 at 8 p.m. and Sunday March 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304.

Care packages for local soldiers

A group of veterans and local community members is seeking the names and addresses of Cohasset servicemen and servicewomen currently serving overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to receive care packages from home.

Due to security restrictions, the defense department will not release the names of individual service members. In order to get these packages to Cohasset natives serving in Operation Enduring Freedom, family and friends are encouraged to contact the project coordinator, Coleman Nee, at 781-383-6958. All information will be kept strictly confidential and destroyed after the packages are sent.

"Being away from home is difficult and, many times, lonely for members of our armed forces," said Nee. "It is important that we remember our military officers and enlisted personnel that have been placed in harm's way in service to their country. These care packages will show them that their well-being and safety remain in our thoughts."

In addition, the group is also asking members of the community that wish to donate items or help coordinate the sending of the packages to also contact Nee for more information.

Step aerobics at Recreation Department

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces a six-week adult fitness class to begin March 4. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer Charles Palmer will conduct the class. This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kickboxing, and muscle conditioning. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Town Hall auditorium from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The cost for this 12-session class is $100 per participant. Call the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 to register.

Palmer holds a 7th degree black belt in Kenpo Karate, has achieved the title of Sifu (teacher) in Shaolin Kung Fu, is head of the National Association of Kickboxing Instruction, and is chief instructor of the Puma Self Defense Center in Quincy. In addition to his distinction martial arts, Mr. Palmer is both a certified master fitness trainer and professional aerobic instructor. He has been a staff aerobic instructor for members of Universe Gym, World Gym and the Boston Athletic Club.

PAC meeting March 5th

The Cohasset PAC (Parents Advisory Council) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5 in the Osgood School music room. Our speaker for the evening will be Dr. Karen Watts, Acting Special Education Director for Cohasset. She will answer any questions concerning your child, budget cuts, IEP's, etc. The meeting is open to parents and interested citizens. For information call Wendy Kennedy at 781-383-6008 or Bev Koswick at 781-383-2751.

Jonathan Basil Medwid stands with Andrea Williams, general manager of Stars on Hingham Harbor, as he proudly displays his artwork. Jonathan, a Cohasset resident and aspiring artist has been selling pastel paintings for more than two years. His inspiration comes from scenic locations on the South Shore, and was first discovered by onlookers as he was painting outdoors. Jonathan's art will be displayed in Stars on Hingham Harbor through the middle of March. For more information on his work, call 860-416-0993 or visit www.basilgallery.com.

Consignment shop gala dinner

The Social Service League will continue celebrations for its Cohasset Consignment Shop's Golden Jubilee with a Gala Dinner Auction at the Cohasset Golf Club Saturday, April 5.

With a celebrity host and entertainment by vocalist Anne Czerkawski there will be plenty of attractions for the anticipated diverse crowd. Executive Chef, Tina Ricci, with help from the new Clubhouse Manager, Damon Kubitz, will be planning a gourmet dinner menu. Auction items will include: a week at Troon, a Four Season's Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz.; a week in Kiawah Island, S.C.; nights at Ritz Carlton Hotels; a weekend in Newport, R.I. with special tours; a week's retreat at a New Hampshire hideaway; tickets to Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins games, as well as other entertainment tickets; autographed sports memorabilia; rounds of golf at private clubs; and many other items. Not only will it be an event to celebrate the fifty years of dedicated work of the shop's many volunteers, but it will also help to further expand the services of the Social Service League as it commemorates 91 years of providing needed programs to the South Shore communities.

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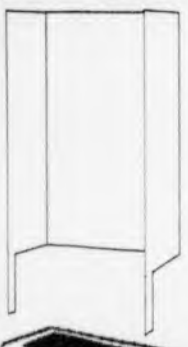

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Docket No. 03P0342EP

In the Estate of MARY CHARLOTTE DREW

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 6, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JANE DELOREY of WILMINGTON in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MARCH 28, 2003.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, February 12, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#165283
Cohasset Mariner 2/27/03

ZBA/147 BEECHWOOD ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to **12.2.3** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Three Jerusalem Lane Realty Trust,** is aggrieved by the decision of the Zoning Officer relating to **147 Beechwood St.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-02-14A.

AD#164146
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/22 NORFOLK RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **APPEAL** pursuant to **12.2.3** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Three Jerusalem Lane Realty Trust,** is aggrieved by the decision of the Zoning Officer relating to **22 Norfolk Road** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-02-14E.

AD#164174
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/309 KING ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to **5.3.1** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Luther S. & Phyllis B. Leighton, seek to place a nonconforming house on a conforming lot at **309 King St.,** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #03-02-10.

AD#164098
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/396 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **APPEAL** pursuant to **12.2.3** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Three Jerusalem Lane Realty Trust,** is aggrieved by the decision of the Zoning Officer relating to **396 Jerusalem Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-02-14B.

AD#164148
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/3 JERUSALEM LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7b** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Three Jerusalem Lane Realty Trust,** seeks to build a house on a nonconforming lot at **3 Jerusalem Lane** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-01-31.

AD#164144
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/414 NORTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **APPEAL** pursuant to **12.2.3** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Three Jerusalem Lane Realty Trust,** is aggrieved by the decision of the Zoning Officer relating to **414 North Main St.,** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. #03-02-14F.

AD#164176
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/47 NORFOLK RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7b** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Robert & Susan Cunningham,** seek to extend a nonconforming dwelling at **47 Norfolk Road** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-02-13.

AD#164140
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/575 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **APPEAL** pursuant to **12.2.3** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Three Jerusalem Lane Realty Trust,** is aggrieved by the decision of the Zoning Officer relating to **575 Jerusalem Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-02-14C.

AD#164170
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/64 RED GATE LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7b** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Todd & Suzanne Childress Trnka,** seek to extend a nonconforming dwelling on a nonconforming lot at **64 Red Gate Lane,** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #03-02-25.

AD#164142
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/7 LOTHROP LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **APPEAL** pursuant to **12.2.3** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Three Jerusalem Lane Realty Trust,** is aggrieved by the decision of the Zoning Officer relating to **7 Lothrop Lane,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-02-14D.

AD#164172
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

IT'S HAPPENING

Brick by Brick program for new Our World playground

Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum celebrated its groundbreaking in November 2002 and renovations are underway to the museum's space which will be located adjacent to the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Sohier Street in Cohasset. Our World has raised one-third of the funds needed to meet its goal for the opening of the museum and are portions of the museum are expected to open in the fall of 2003.

The focus now is on fundraising for the playground which will be built adjacent to Our World. The play structure previously donated to the town of Cohasset (known to many families as the Pirate Park) was outdated and eventually removed for safety reasons. The goal is to renovate the existing area and provide a new playground that Cohasset residents, along with visitors to Our World and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, will enjoy for years to come.

The estimated cost to rebuild the playground is $125,000. One of the ways the Our World Playground Committee will be raising funds for the playground is with the "Brick by Brick" program.

Through the Brick by Brick program, your donation of $100 will be recognized with an engraved brick. You can have your name, your family's name, loved one or your business name celebrated in brick. If you prefer, you also have the opportunity to contribute a larger engraved paver or a beautiful hardwood bench complete with an engraved brass plate.

Engraved bricks and pavers will be used in walkways and as accents throughout the surrounding areas of the playground. Construction on the walkways is slated to begin in the spring of 2003. All the funds generated by the Brick by Brick program will go directly to the designing and purchasing of play structures, landscaping of the play area and on-going maintenance.

To participate in the Brick by Brick program, please call Debbie Kuppens at (781) 383-6399. If you have any questions about the playground project or would like to make a larger contribution, please call Our World at (781) 383-3198. Please note that your donation is tax deductible.

The first 100 brick orders received will be entered into a drawing for a $100 gift certificate for dinner at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset.

Adult caregivers discussion is set

Cohasset Elder Affairs will be holding an adult caregivers presentation and discussion on Thursday, March 20 from 1-2 p.m. titled "Adult Caregivers: Coming Up To Bat." The guest speaker will be Carolyn Housman, L.I.C.S.C. who will speak at the Cohasset Elder Affairs facility at 3 North Main St. Housman's talk is about the complexities and concerns of family dynamics when an elder person needs care.

Please RSVP to Cohasset Elder Affairs by calling 781-383-9112.

Newcomers' club

Join the Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers' Club. You don't have to be new. Applications can be found at the Scituate-Cohasset libraries or South Shore Community Center. The activities include Book Club, Bon Appetite Club, Men's Night Out, Ladies Night Out, Playgroups, and much more.

Quilt show sure cure for winter doldrums

Spring will be arriving a little early this year, along with the 10th Annual Quilt Show & Luncheon in Cohasset on Friday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, March 1. More than 55 beautiful quilts will be on display at the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue on Friday afternoon, from 1- 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Originally conceived as an idea to help brighten up what can often be the dullest time of year, the Quilt Show has grown over the years. "The Saturday Show and Luncheon is almost always a sold-out event," notes Carol Sandblom, one of the event's original organizers. "That's why we've added the Friday showing this year."

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Oldies at Atlantica

The Timetations will be performing oldies hits from the 50', 60's and beyond at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset Saturday evening March 1.

This dinner show features "Chantilly Lace, Da Do Ron Ron, I GotYou Babe, He's A Rebell' and many more. For reservations and details call 508-746-2939.

'Sound of Music' auditions slated

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for its spring musical "The Sound of Music" at Cohasset Town Hall on Sunday, March 2 from 12-3 p.m. for children, and 3-5 p.m. for adults, and also on Monday March 3 from 7-9 p.m.. Call backs will be on Tuesday March 4.

Please be prepared to sing a song from the show, and read from a script. If you are auditioning for one of the children, Rolf or Maria, you will also need to dance. Those auditioning for "Nuns Chorus" must sing harmony. Basic guitar skills a plus for Maria and Captain von Trapp. There are five non-singing male roles from 30-70 years old and one non singing woman's role, 35-70. There are five singing roles for girls 5-22 and three singing roles for boys 10-22.. The performances will be the first three weekends in May. For further information, call the producer, Jean at 617-750-8987.

'The Crucible' tickets available

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents, "The Crucible", directed by Lisa Rafferty at the Cohasset Town Hall. Feb. 28, March 1, 7, 8, 14, 14 & 15 at 8 p.m. and Sunday March 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304.

Care packages for local soldiers

A group of veterans and local community members is seeking the names and addresses of Cohasset servicemen and servicewomen currently serving overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to receive care packages from home.

Due to security restrictions, the defense department will not release the names of individual service members. In order to get these packages to Cohasset natives serving in Operation Enduring Freedom, family and friends are encouraged to contact the project coordinator, Coleman Nee, at 781-383-6958. All information will be kept strictly confidential and destroyed after the packages are sent.

"Being away from home is difficult and, many times, lonely for members of our armed forces," said Nee. "It is important that we remember our military officers and enlisted personnel that have been placed in harm's way in service to their country. These care packages will show them that their well-being and safety remain in our thoughts."

In addition, the group is also asking members of the community that wish to donate items or help coordinate the sending of the packages to also contact Nee for more information.

Step aerobics at Recreation Department

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces a six-week adult fitness class to begin March 4. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer Charles Palmer will conduct the class. This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kickboxing, and muscle conditioning. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Town Hall auditorium from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The cost for this 12-session class is $100 per participant. Call the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 to register.

Palmer holds a 7th degree black belt in Kenpo Karate, has achieved the title of Sifu (teacher) in Shaolin Kung Fu, is head of the National Association of Kickboxing Instruction, and is chief instructor of the Puma Self Defense Center in Quincy. In addition to his distinction martial arts, Mr. Palmer is both a certified master fitness trainer and professional aerobic instructor. He has been a staff aerobic instructor for members of Universe Gym, World Gym and the Boston Athletic Club.

PAC meeting March 5th

The Cohasset PAC (Parents Advisory Council) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5 in the Osgood School music room. Our speaker for the evening will be Dr. Karen Watts, Acting Special Education Director for Cohasset. She will answer any questions concerning your child, budget cuts, IEP's, etc. The meeting is open to parents and interested citizens. For information call Wendy Kennedy at 781-383-6008 or Bev Koswick at 781-383-2751.

Jonathan Basil Medwid stands with Andrea Williams, general manager of Stars on Hingham Harbor, as he proudly displays his artwork. Jonathan, a Cohasset resident and aspiring artist has been selling pastel paintings for more than two years. His inspiration comes from scenic locations on the South Shore, and was first discovered by onlookers as he was painting outdoors. Jonathan's art will be displayed in Stars on Hingham Harbor through the middle of March. For more information on his work, call 860-416-0993 or visit www.basilgallery.com.

Consignment shop gala dinner

The Social Service League will continue celebrations for its Cohasset Consignment Shop's Golden Jubilee with a Gala Dinner Auction at the Cohasset Golf Club Saturday, April 5.

With a celebrity host and entertainment by vocalist Anne Czerkawski there will be plenty of attractions for the anticipated diverse crowd. Executive Chef, Tina Ricci, with help from the new Clubhouse Manager, Damon Kubitz, will be planning a gourmet dinner menu. Auction items will include: a week at Troon, a Four Season's Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz.; a week in Kiawah Island, S.C.; nights at Ritz Carlton Hotels; a weekend in Newport, R.I. with special tours; a week's retreat at a New Hampshire hideaway; tickets to Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins games, as well as other entertainment tickets; autographed sports memorabilia; rounds of golf at private clubs; and many other items. Not only will it be an event to celebrate the fifty years of dedicated work of the shop's many volunteers, but it will also help to further expand the services of the Social Service League as it commemorates 91 years of providing needed programs to the South Shore communities.

Reserve the date and come prepared for an exciting and stimulating evening of good food, good companionship and entertainment.

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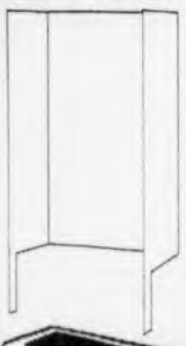
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In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 6, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JANE DELOREY of WILMINGTON in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MARCH 28, 2003.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, February 12, 2003.

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Register of Probate

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AD#164098
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AD#164172
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IT'S HAPPENING

Brick by Brick program for new Our World playground

Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum celebrated its groundbreaking in November 2002 and renovations are underway to the museum's space which will be located adjacent to the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Sohier Street in Cohasset. Our World has raised one-third of the funds needed to meet its goal for the opening of the museum and are portions of the museum are expected to open in the fall of 2003.

The focus now is on fundraising for the playground which will be built adjacent to Our World. The play structure previously donated to the town of Cohasset (known to many families as the Pirate Park) was outdated and eventually removed for safety reasons. The goal is to renovate the existing area and provide a new playground that Cohasset residents, along with visitors to Our World and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, will enjoy for years to come.

The estimated cost to rebuild the playground is $125,000. One of the ways the Our World Playground Committee will be raising funds for the playground is with the "Brick by Brick" program.

Through the Brick by Brick program, your donation of $100 will be recognized with an engraved brick. You can have your name, your family's name, loved one or your business name celebrated in brick. If you prefer, you also have the opportunity to contribute a larger engraved paver or a beautiful hardwood bench complete with an engraved brass plate.

Engraved bricks and pavers will be used in walkways and as accents throughout the surrounding areas of the playground. Construction on the walkways is slated to begin in the spring of 2003. All the funds generated by the Brick by Brick program will go directly to the designing and purchasing of play structures, landscaping of the play area and on-going maintenance.

To participate in the Brick by Brick program, please call Debbie Kuppens at (781) 383-6399. If you have any questions about the playground project or would like to make a larger contribution, please call Our World at (781) 383-3198. Please note that your donation is tax deductible.

The first 100 brick orders received will be entered into a drawing for a $100 gift certificate for dinner at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset.

Adult caregivers discussion is set

Cohasset Elder Affairs will be holding an adult caregivers presentation and discussion on Thursday, March 20 from 1-2 p.m. titled "Adult Caregivers: Coming Up To Bat." The guest speaker will be Carolyn Housman, L.I.C.S.C. who will speak at the Cohasset Elder Affairs facility at 3 North Main St. Housman's talk is about the complexities and concerns of family dynamics when an elder person needs care.

Please RSVP to Cohasset Elder Affairs by calling 781-383-9112.

Newcomers' club

Join the Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers' Club. You don't have to be new. Applications can be found at the Scituate-Cohasset libraries or South Shore Community Center. The activities include Book Club, Bon Appetite Club, Men's Night Out, Ladies Night Out, Playgroups, and much more.

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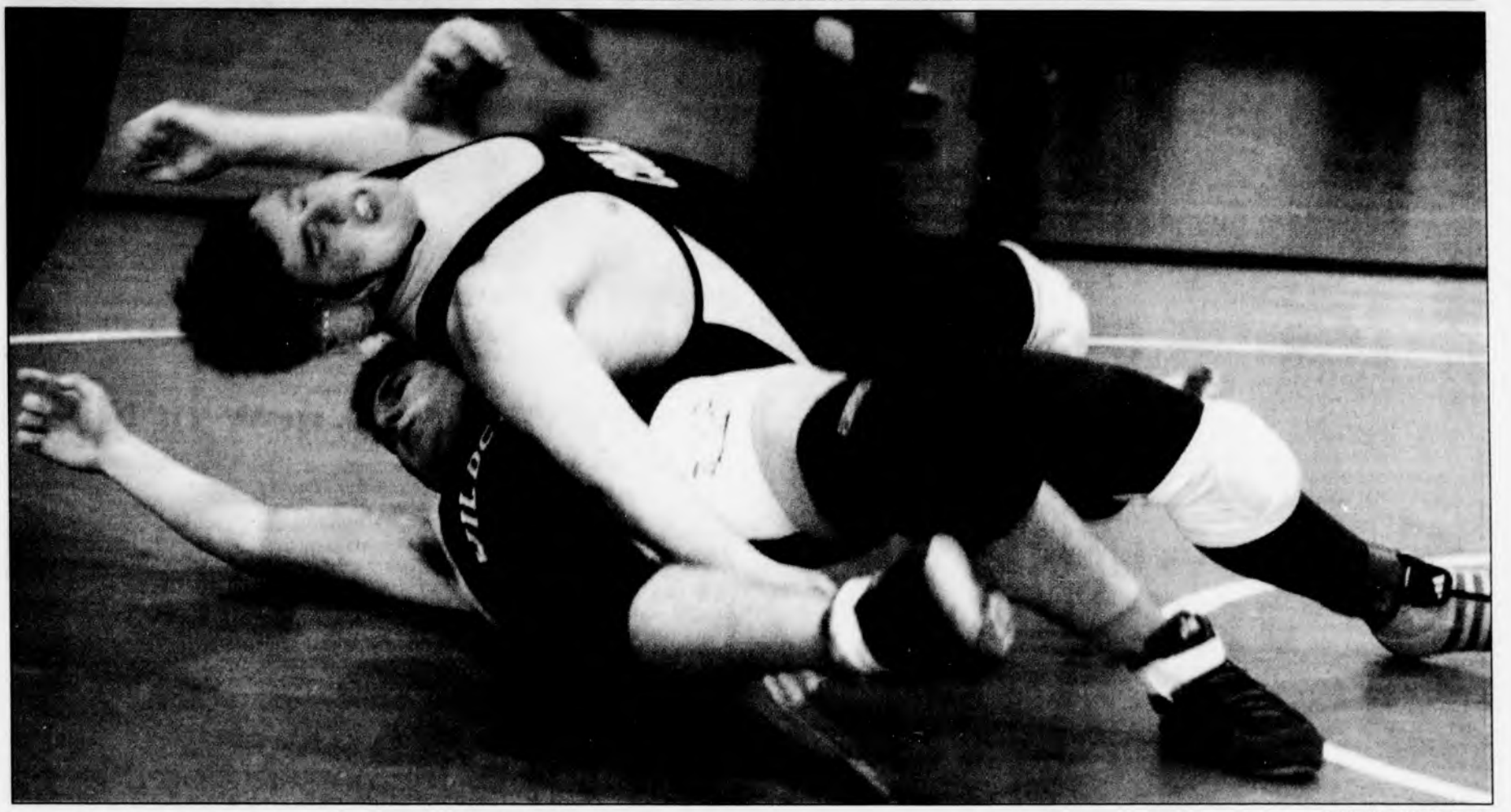

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Cohasset's Matt Baroudi flops on top of Triton wrestler in battle for third place at this weekend's Div. 3 state championships. Baroudi won the match, and will join three other CHS wrestlers at the All-State championships this weekend at Salem High School.

Ready to rumble

Four CHS wrestlers qualify for All-State championships

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

And the season marches on.

Now in the final days of February, and a talented few Cohasset athletes still find their season continuing. Four Cohasset wrestlers will head to the All-State competition this weekend in Salem to compete against the top competition from every school division, with a fifth teammate to possibly join them.

Cohasset took second place at the Division III Sectionals the previous weekend at Foxboro High, finishing only behind the host Warriors. Nine different Skippers placed high enough at that tournament to qualify for the Div. III State competition, held this past Friday and Saturday at Burlington High School.

The tremendous showing at Sectionals proved invaluable for preferential seeding and placement at States.

Senior captain Terry Baroudi, his sophomore brother Matt, freshman Jon Littauer and junior captain Phil Strazzulla all took top four placings to advance to All-States. Sophomore Joe Kehoe finished sixth, and is an alternate for the upcoming competition.

What head coach Torin Sweeney was most impressed with at States was the team's ability to fight off a flu that had ravaged virtually the entire team.

Terry Baroudi (135 pounds), who was suffering from some of the worst symptoms, managed to make it to the semifinals. Although he lost to eventual champion Roman Walsh of Wilmington in the semis, he won two more matches to take third.

Littauer (103) felt effects of the cold so severely that Sweeney noted "the fact that he was able to stay in the tournament was a real accomplishment."

To Littauer's credit, the now veteran underclassman avenged

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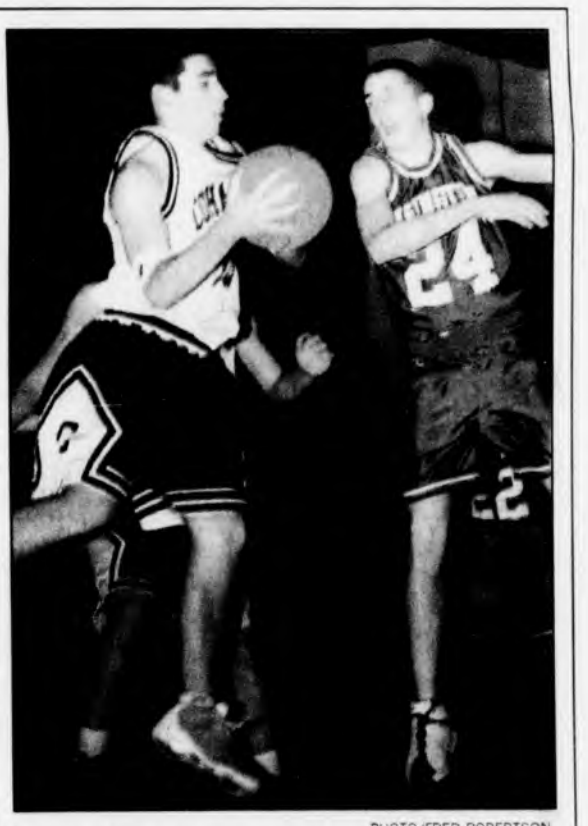

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Cohasset's Chris Bilodeau (left), the Skippers leading scorer and lone South Shore League all-star this season, is one of the few hoopsters with experience who will be returning next season. ***See boys basketball season wrap-up on page 16.***

Goings now smooth as ice

CHS skaters glide in to tourney on high after tie with powerhouse B.H.

State Tourney Hockey Cohasset vs. Diman
Saturday morning, 11 a.m.
Gallo Arena (Bourne)

By Mike Spellman
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Yeah, this is pretty much what John Blake had in mind

When the first year Cohasset High head hockey coach finalized his first schedule this past fall, he was only too happy to set the date with defending South Sectional champion Blue Hills for the regular season finale. The fact that his squad skated to a 2-2 tie with the perennial powerhouse squad made it all the better.

"It feels like we've already started the (state) tourney," said Blake, who actually spent the previous few years as an assistant coach at Blue Hills. "That game with Blue Hills had a playoff feel to it. It was extremely intense, good up and down hockey with both goaltenders standing on their heads."

As a result of that game played last Wednesday, Blake feels his team has a slight leg up going into Saturday's first round tourney match-up as "underdogs" against sixth seeded Diman Voke (11 a.m. start at Bourne's Gallo Arena). The Skippers finished with a 10-6-4 record and

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset defenseman Mike Devine (#9) tries to circle around Scituate's John Anthony in recent tilt at Hingham's Pilgrim Arena.

Bixby vaults to new heights

Cohasset gymnastics star to represent Coh-Nor squad at States

By Joel Racicot
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As the old Irish proverb goes, "Your feet will lead you to where your heart is." In the case of Cohasset High senior Meredith Bixby, her "feet" have vaulted her to a passion for gymnastics.

Bixby has become a pillar of consistency and excellence for a Cohasset/Norwell squad that she has starred on for four seasons. The four year Pilgrim Conference League All-Star will culminate her high school career this Friday night in Beverly at the state individuals meet.

At the state individuals meet, the top eight gymnasts in each the south, north and central divisions are chosen to compete in the all-around, and then the top eight in each of the four categories— vault, floor, beam and bars— are chosen to compete.

Bixby has qualified for the vault, floor and the bars, but missed competing for the all-around by two tenths of a point on her year's average. Representing the south section in the individuals, she is ranked eighth on bars with an 8.55 average, fifth on the floor with an 8.96, and fourth on the vault with an 8.7. Last season, Bixby took sixth place overall in the vault at the individuals meet.

"I'm looking to improve on last year's performance on the vault, and I also think I can do well on the floor," noted Bixby. "I have a lot more experience this year so I'm not really nervous."

Bixby stays in gymnastics shape and competes year round on a club team based at the Ellis School of gymnastics in Braintree. She does note,

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Net loss for hoopsters

Season of frustration ends with graduation

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

As many well know, the difference between winning and losing a game can be slight. A missed bounce here, an unforced turnover there, or a lucky roll for the opponent all can quite easily turn a win into a loss.

Welcome to the story of the 2002-'03 Cohasset boys basketball team, whose 7-13 season, by all accounts, could almost as easily have been 13-7, which would have translated into extended play in the state tourney, which has gotten underway this week.

"It was really tough," noted senior captain point guard Jared Krupczak. "We had a real great shot but we just didn't get it done. We started playing team basketball too late."

The most obvious games that could have been potential season changers include some played in the South Shore League. Cohasset lost to Carver in overtime without the services of very important senior bigmen Ben Lynner and Ross Lieb-Lappen, who were both out due to sickness. Also painful was an early season loss on he road to Mashpee, a team the Skippers were clearly superior to, as evidenced in their 30-point thrashing of the Falcons the second time around.

Cohasset played Harwich very competitively their first time around, but could not close out the game on the road, ultimately falling by eight points.

As the regular season wound down with Harwich fighting for a higher seed in the postseason, Cohasset reversed its luck against the Rough Ryders, proving they had the skills to match competition with some of the best in Div. 4.

"We entered the season expecting to make the tournament," reported Lieb-Lappen, adding "A ref at the Mansfield tournament commented that our league must be really strong if we didn't make the tournament."

In truth, the South Shore League was rather impressive this year, the pace being set by an always potent Abington squad and Norwell, the team veteran coach Ron Ford has called "possibly the best team I have ever coached against."

But outside the SSL, the story was more of the same misfortune for the Skippers. Cape Cod Voc Tech slipped by the Blue on a buzzer-beater. Cohasset was beating Southeastern (18-1) the entire game before the Hawks made a run at the end to win it.

It would be easy to look at the Skippers strong finish as a positive, as they won four of their last five before the Mansfield tournament, and had a better than .500 record in the league for the latter half of the season.

However, their improved team play served primarily to frustrate, especially since Harwich, Cape Cod Voc Tech and Southeastern were all high seeds in the State Tournament.

Members of the team point to this year as the last one, at least for the foreseeable future, where the Skippers had a feasible chance to advance to the playoffs.

The caps and gowns this spring will claim five valuable seniors: tri-captains Krupczak, Lynner and Ian Kidder, as well as Lieb-Lappen and Scott Faber.

Next year's team will feature returning starters Chris Bilodeau and Sean Connolly, but the underclass turnout was extremely thin this year, with only one sophomore and a freshman team that recorded two wins.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset/Norwell gymnastics standout Meredith Bixby will compete at the state gymnastics championships in all events except the one she's pictured on here, the beam.

Bixby vaults to new heights

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though, that high school competition will be tough to replace.

"I'll miss competing for the high school squad," acknowledged Bixby. "I have so much fun on our team. High school is not as serious as club, so it's really a good time. Everyone is cheering each other on and the atmosphere is great."

Head coach Kara Connerty also realizes that losing Bixby will be tough to bear.

"It's going to be a huge loss for us when she graduates," noted Connerty. "She is a good kid, a great leader and our team has been very successful under her lead. It's going to be a big void for our team."

Eight seniors will also be chosen for the state national team Friday night, and Bixby is among those being looked at as a possible candidate. It will be very difficult to make the national team, especially this year, with the very competitive senior class that is vying for spots on the team.

Meredith is looking to continue her gymnastics career at Ithica College in New York, which has a Div. 3 gymnastics program.

"I really like the school academically, and I have talked to the coach, so it's looking like a nice fit," said Bixby.

Cohasset's Hill top 'dog'

Cohasset resident, Brian Hill has recently been named as an early selection to the 2003 S.S.B.C. "Seadogs" 13-and-Under Division AAU Travel Team Baseball Program as announced by the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham. As a member of the "Seadogs", Brian will compete against other AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) organizations in Massachusetts for the right to appear in the AAU Baseball National Championships to be held in Kingston, NC this coming August. "Brian is an excellent athlete with explosive quickness and a strong arm. Should be a lot of fun!", says Frank Niles, 13-and-Under Team Manager.

Locally, Brian is a seventh grader at Cohasset Middle School and has played for Cohasset Little League and the All-Star Summer League since moving to Cohasset in 1998, at age nine.

Brian Hill

Growing in popularity, AAU Travel Team Baseball gives players, coaches and families the opportunity to travel and compete in a national tournament. "Competing in the National Championships is a thrill of a lifetime", says Frank Niles, President of the South Shore Baseball Club.

The South Shore Baseball Club will field eight teams in 2003 from the 10-and-Under to the 17-and-Under Divisions. Each member of the program is responsible for fund-raising approximately $2000 to participate. If you would like to sponsor Brian, please call the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham at 781-740-4382.

Coastal Stars hockey sign-ups

Coastal Stars Youth Hockey will hold its 2003/04 registration on Saturday, March 1 from noon to 4 p.m. at St. Christine's Parish/Rectory, 1295 Main Street (Rt. 3A), Marshfield, and March 8 from noon to 4 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish/Rectory, 10 Summer Street, Cohasset. Space may be limited so registration at one of these dates is mandatory for all new and returning players.

Trendowicz' memory honored by TopGun lax Coach Award in his name

Paul Trendowicz was a regular in the Plymouth Sports Dome (and even in Hingham when we played there).

But even though he was an occasional player, we knew him primarily as a coach. He coached his brother Dan's Cohasset team. And he helped them win…a lot.

Paul didn't win by coaching in a Bobby Knight sort of way. Quite the contrary, he won by making his players want to play hard for him. They wanted to because they know how much he cared about them.

During a game, it was quite extraordinary to see how Paul always kept his focus on the boys. And he always kept it positive. He never rode the refs. He never complained about the other teams or their coaches. And he never, ever rose his voice to his players.

It's ironic that Paul, probably the youngest coach we've ever had in our league, was so much wiser than many of the "adult" coaches in our league.

And so, to remember Paul, and moreover, to set the standard for coaches to follow if they want to be part of our league, we will present this award at the end of our last season from now forward.

Dan Trendowicz named MVP in TopGun championship game

Cohasset 17 vs Scorpions 11
Start Line: 7 goals, 5 assists

Dan Trendowicz a secret unleashed on the unsuspecting Scorpions? No. He was the one player Coach Ray knew he had to shut down if he was t have any chance of winning the eighth grade indoor lacrosse league championship. But there is no shutting down Dan Trendowicz when the game is on the line. His 12 points (7 goals and 5 assists), gave him a role in 70 percent of his team's goals. And that's with a double team, or "face-guarding" defenseman hanging on him most of the way.

Say what you will about this team, but without Dan Trendowicz and Jared Kinch, we may just have had a horserace in this Middle School Silver Division.

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drew the 11th seed.

"If we play the way we did against Blue Hills, I like our chances against just about anyone," said Blake, who took full advantage of his Blue Hills contacts to get a scouting report on Diman (13-6-1), a Mayflower League rival to the Warriors. Apparently, the Warriors did quite the dance on Diman in their two league meetings this season.

"I think developed a sense of confidence in that game and it looks like we're feeling more comfortable as a team than we were a few weeks ago. I've been pretty pleased with our play in the last three games."

Prior to Wednesday's tie, the Skippers sewed up their second consecutive South Shore League title with a hard fought 4-4 tie on the road against Harwich and then obliterated Carver's postseason dreams with a 9-1win.

A Mike Rasmussen tally off a nice feed from behind the net by Matt O'Connell tied last Wednesday's game for good with Blue Hills with eight minutes to play.

Much of coach Blake's optimism can be traced to the strong finish of junior Rasmussen, freshman O'Connell and their sophomore linemate, Ted Straughn.

"That second line has really been clicking lately, and taking some pressure off our top line," noted the rookie head coach. "To go into the tourney with two good scoring lines we can count on is a big plus for the whole team."

The top line comprised by senior captains John Durkin and Matt Davis along with freshman Mark Bouchard have hardly been slouches. For much of the season, this trio carried the team, but they have been somewhat snakebitten lately.

"The post seems to be a magnet for Durkin lately," noted Blake. "But he's a senior, and I wouldn't be at all surprised to see his best hockey come out in the tourney."

Despite his recent run of buzzards luck, Durkin still captured the South Shore League scoring title this season with 39 points (21 goals, 18 assists), with Davis (14-19—33) not far off that pace.

The latter star actually scored the Skippers first goal on Wednesday, and it came in typical Matt Davis fashion. The slick skating winger picked off a pass in front of Blue Hills blue line and walked in all alone on the Blue Hills net, faking the goalie out with a nifty bit of puckhandling and then tucking it around him. This tally came late in the first period just six seconds after the Warriors had potted their first.

"That was just a great solo effort from Matt," said Blake. "He can really do some exciting things in the open ice."

Make no mistake about it, though, the number one star of this game for Cohasset was freshman goalie Stephan Parnell. Of his 37 saves, Blake said "at least five or six were worthy of the highlight reel."

"Stephan has been a rock all year, and you have to remind yourself some time that he's just a freshman," said Blake "He took it to another level in this game, though. Obviously, that's another nice thing to see heading into the playoffs."

Parnell finished the season with an outstanding goals against average of 2.15 (41 goals, 19 games), and should garner serious all-star consideration in a veteran laden field that includes two seniors who are the returning league all-stars (Hull's Mark Saville and Abington's Kenny O'Sullivan).

Should Choosiest get by Divan, it will likely be Blue Hills (third seed, 13-3-2) awaiting them in round number two. The Warriors— who also edged Choosiest in an early season showdown, 3-2— have Abington (10-8-2, 14th seed) on Saturday.

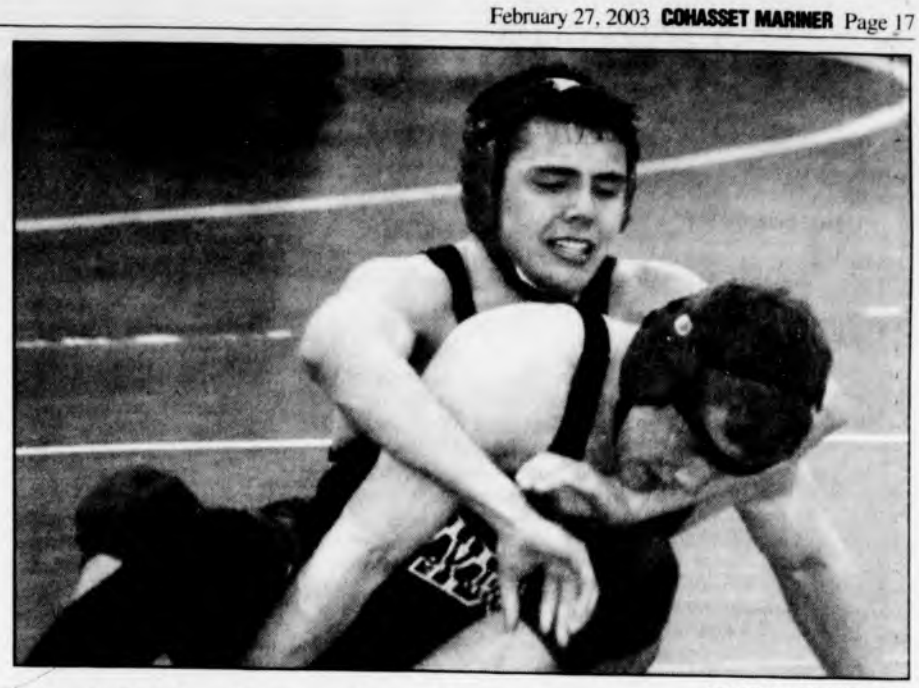
"All in all, I think we're in real good shape heading into Saturday," concluded Blake. "This is why we played an extremely tough non-league schedule. We played Blue Hills tough twice, hung with Westwood (4-2 loss), beat Bourne and stayed right with Scituate one time. Those teams are all considered top (Div. 3) programs in the state. I think, looking at that, plus the way we finished, our players have a lot of confidence right now."

Hockey Notes

As mentioned, Durkin (21-18—39) and Davis (14-19—33) finished one-two in the team scoring race.

This dynamic duo was followed by Rasmussen (9-14—23), junior defenseman Mike Devine (10, 7—17), Straughn (7-9—16), O'Connell (6-10—16) and the third senior captain, Tom Anderson (4-10—14), who had 34 points last season, but sacrificed a lot of personal glory this season by agreeing to move from forward to defense.

Correction- A goal that was scored by freshman Ben Libby in the Carver game was mistakenly credited to another player in last week's report.



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Cohassett's Terry Baroudi (rear) battles Duxbury's Klebanoff in the third/fourth place match at the MIAA Division 3 state tournament this past Saturday at Burlington High School.

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his loss in the quarterfinals to take fourth place in the consolation rounds.

Strazzulla (140) showed true grit at the tournament, outlasting three consecutive opponents on Saturday by one point decisions.

"He wrestled so well," mentioned Sweeney of his fourth placed captain. "I just can't say enough about him."

Matt Baroudi (215) took third in earning his first trip to All-States.

Sweeney noted that the flu had also taken a toll on Baroudi, as he did lose to the eventual champion Chris Platto of Burlington, but managed to hang on for an impressive finish.

Kehoe (125) went 3-3 for the tournament, closing strongly for this sixth place finish. Should the current four and five seeds be unable to attend in Salem this weekend, Kehoe would step in.

The top four wrestlers from every Division will compete at All-States, making it 12 athletes for every weight class. The top two wrestlers at All-States in each weight class earns the prestigious right to compete at the New Englands.

Reported the optimistic Sweeney: "I would like to think that all four of those guys could do it."

With five squad members placing, the Skippers, as a team, finished seventh in the Div. 3 field of 58 teams. The grappling Skippers also recorded 18 dual meet wins this year, the highest ever for a CHS wrestling team.

Seniors Dave Kupsc (112) and Cosimo Cambi (189) finished up their wrestling careers at the State Tournament. It was a nice way to go out, with both wrestling well, and Cambi, a relatively new team member in only his second year, recorded an impressive win.

Freshman Dave McKenna (119) won his first match at the tournament, ending up at 1-2 for his first State competition.

Cohasset Middle School TopGun Laxers win third championship of 2002/2003 season

On February 9th the Cohasset Boy's TopGun Lax Team won it's third and final championship of the 2002/2003 TopGun season. It was the final result of a third consecutive undefeated session and a 17 to 11 win over a team from Sandwich in the championship round.

Most of these young Cohasset athletes have been playing together for four years and they have created something very special during that time. Something that goes far beyond their string of forty-eight victories and one tie in fifty-one attempts. Something beyond their seven championships over the past two years and something beyond all of the stats that each of them have posted during their many challenges on the athletic fields. What they have created is a special bond amongst themselves and with their biggest fans; their families. At every game that they participated in, the stands would be filled with parents and siblings cheering on each and every one of them. The pride in their efforts that has been built and felt by not only the players but by those who supported them throughout the many seasons represents the best that athletics has to offer. Not because of the victories, but because of the dedication and the sense of TEAM that so clearly characterized this group of kids. Whenever one player needed assistance, it was there. If someone needed to step up to fill a void, it happened. Because there was no designated goalie, everyone played goalie rotating game to game and learning what it was like to be in that cage being shot at; often times with a game on the line. At the end of each game the stat sheet would show that 50% to 60% of the goals scored were assisted versus individual effort. Finally these boys are friends and they care about each other. They will play on different teams in the future as they go off to different schools and colleges, but they will always be Friends and TeamMates.

They are in alphabetical order : Parker Berg, Mike Bunstein, Jeff Brown, Corey Chase, Jared Dick, Patrick Flynn, Jared Kinch, Ryan Kucinski, Bobby Meikleham, Adam Smith, Robert Silvia, and Dan Trendowicz.

Cohasset Little League signups

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball is opening an exciting new chapter in its history and will hold its registration for the upcoming softball and baseball season on Saturday, March 1, 2003 from 9 to 11 AM outside both the Osgood and High School gymnasiums. This registration is for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 as of July 31, 2003.

This will be the only registration opportunity for the upcoming season for this age group. All parents /guardians who are unable to make this registration should register their child by obtaining the necessary registration forms by contacting Anne Kearney on 781-383-1451. All registrations accepted after March 1, 2003 will be subject to a $10 late fee. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a new player's registration forms.

The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the major league baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $100. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the minor league divisions for baseball (ages 7-11) and softball (ages 7-10) divisions will be $85. The registration fee for the farm league instructional tee ball division (ages 5-6) will be $65.

In addition, due to recent the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization, all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program.

Questions regarding either player or coach registration may be directed to Mike Kearney on 781-383-1451 or Nancy Froio on 781-383-1897.

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WORSHIP NEWS

Helping teens explore Israeli-Palestinian conflict

"Seeking Shalom, Salaam, Peace" is a special five-week spring program designed for teens to explore the issues of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

This series is based on the documentary "Promises." "Promises" offers fresh insight into the Middle East conflict when filmmakers Justine Shapiro, B.Z. Goldberg and Carlos Bolado travel to this complex and charged city to see what seven children. Palestinian and Israeli - think about war, peace and just growing up. Living within 20 minutes of each other, these children are nevertheless locked in separate worlds. Through candid interviews, the film explores a legacy of distrust and bitterness, but signs of hope emerge when some of the children dare to cross the checkpoints to meet one another.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Cohasset invites teens for a spring series on the Abrahamic religions and their impact on our lives today. Each meeting will involve some presented material and a lot of discussion - the most important part of this series is talking and listening to one another.

- Sessions 1-3: Promises Video 4 to 5:30 p.m. held March 9, 16, 23
- Session 4: Meeting the Yasin Family 4 to 5:30 p.m. held March 30.
- Session 5: Interfaith Seder at Temple Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham 3 to 5 p.m. held April 6.

There is no charge for this program. For more information, contact the Rev. Beth Wheatley Dyson at 781-383-1083.

Hope in uncertain times

The Glastonbury Series continues with "Listening to Other Voices: Hope in a Time of Uncertainty."

Terry Paulson will talk about optimism and hope in an age of change and uncertainty Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham.

Please call the abbey to reserve a place, 781-749-2155. Free will offering.

In this presentation Paulson focuses on the leadership of men and women of hope and faith who can inspire others in times of cynicism and change, leading others in the pursuit of a hopeful future and in the task of reclaiming the power of purposeful service and lifelong learning.

One woman play for Lenten Season

"Head of the Cross. A Passion Play" is a one-woman play for the Lenten Season. Written and performed by Olivia Woodford, the play depicts women as they witness and recount the events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection.

The play will be performed at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 16 Highland Ave., on March 9, at 6 p.m. Suggested donation is $5

Join the women as they witness and recount the events of Holy Week and Easter, as well as their own personal awakenings that happen in relationship to Jesus.

A young girl sneaks up the stairs to watch The Last Supper; Veronica watches Jesus carry the cross; Mary Magdalene watches Him die on the cross and later is at the tomb when He rises; Mother Mary cleanses and buries Him; and Martha wonders at the events of the Pentecost.

Woodford, who received a BFA in theatre from Boston University and was a professional actress in New York City is the founder of Healing Theater. She has taught theatre in public and private schools, and to people of all ages.

Lunch, laughter at the Glastonbury

Glastonbury Abbey invites the public to "Lunch and Laughter" at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11 in its new Conference Center at 16 Hull St.

A buffet lunch will be served at 1 p.m. followed by an hour of stress-reducing laughter with Humor Talks & Workshop humorists, John and Ann Murphy. Come and experience a new perspective: when you can find humor in whatever bugs you, and can laugh at it, you can have a brighter, happier view of everything.

Tickets are $20. For telephone reservations and directions, call Glastonbury Retreat Center at 781-749-2155.

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(9) Gift Shop
(10) Jewelry Store
(11) Florist
(12) Sporting Goods Store
(13) Toy Store
(14) Video Store
(15) Pet Shop
(16) Pharmacy
(17) Liquor Store
(18) Furniture Store
(19) Carpet/Flooring Store
(20) Appliance Store
(21) Home Decorating Store
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Business/Place Name — *Town*

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(40) Fine Dining Restaurant
(41) Italian Restaurant
(42) Pizza Place
(43) Asian Restaurant
(44) Seafood Restaurant
(45) International/Ethnic Restaurant
(46) Sushi Restaurant
(47) Restaurant For Takeout
(48) Restaurant For Steak
(49) Bakery
(50) Coffee Shop
(51) Ice Cream Shop
(52) Deli
(53) Butcher Shop
(54) Fish Market
(55) Bar
(56) Caterer

Regional Favorites

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(61) Beach
(62) Golf Course
(63) Museum
(64) Place To See Theatre
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MONDAY, FEB. 17

9:03 a.m. Elm St., general information.

9:18 a.m. Stockbridge St., general information.

9:43 a.m. Elm St., general information.

10:13 a.m. Pond St., fire.

10:18 a.m. Elm St., general information.

10:25 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle crash.

10:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

10:49 a.m. Doane St. and Bates Lane, motor vehicle crash, removed to hospital.

10:57 a.m. Elm St., fire.

11 a.m. Elm St., general information.

11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general information.

12:20 p.m. King St., medical aid.

12:23 p.m. Elm St., general information.

12:28 p.m. Elm St., fire.

1:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

2:02 p.m. Elm St., general information.

4:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:19 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle crash.

7 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.

7:11 p.m. Forest Ave., family disturbance.

7:19 p.m. Old Pasture Road and Pleasant St., fire investigation.

8:19 p.m. Elm St., serve restraining order.

9:51 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist motorist.

10:01 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist motorist.

TUESDAY, FEB. 18

5:49 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, assist citizen.

7:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist motorist.

7:58 a.m. King St., assist citizen.

8:30 a.m. Forest Ave., assist citizen.

9:46 a.m. Border St., assist citizen.

10:21 a.m. Assist citizen.

10:22 a.m. Cedar St., medical aid.

10:55 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist motorist.

11:08 a.m. Fire.

11:19 a.m. Grace Drive, assist citizen.

12:08 p.m. Joy Place, assist motorist.

12:30 p.m. Fire.

12:50 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

1:24 p.m. Quincy Court, general information.

1:39 p.m. Jerusalem Road, wires down.

1:54 p.m. Woodland Drive, assist citizen.

1:59 p.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

4:33 p.m. Border St., lost property.

8:30 p.m. Rustic Drive, suspicious.

10:44 p.m. Aaron River Road, suspicious.

10:49 p.m. Border St., fire.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

5:35 a.m. Assist citizen.

6:57 a.m. Ripley Road.

8:43 a.m. Forest Ave., message delivery.

9 a.m. Elm St., notification.

10:59 a.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.

1:12 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle crash.

1:21 p.m. King St., assist citizen.

1:24 p.m. Depot Court, notification.

1:26 p.m. North Main St., well being check.

1:29 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

3:18 p.m. Elm St., notification.

4:08 p.m. King St., medical aid.

5:17 p.m. Elm St., general information.

5:41 p.m. Rustic Drive, suspicious.

9 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance.

9:17 p.m. Highland Ave., general disturbance.

9:58 p.m. Hull St., arrest of Joseph Francis Morgan Jr.,44, 110 H St., South Boston, assault and battery.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20

8:19 a.m. Elm St., fire.

8:43 a.m. Elm St., fire.

8:46 a.m. Highland Ave., fire.

9:11 a.m. Brook St., general information.

9:45 a.m. Elm St., fire.

10:18 a.m. Elm St., fire.

10:22 a.m. Windy Hill and Jerusalem roads, fire.

1:22 p.m. King St., medical aid.

3:20 p.m. Depot Court, gathering disturbance.

4:07 p.m. Hammond Ave., general information.

4:56 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

5:20 p.m. Elm St., general information.

7:08 p.m. Parker Ave., general information.

7:40 p.m. Ripley Road, medical aid.

8:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

8:37 p.m. Sohier and King streets, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:56 p.m. King and Pond streets, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:18 p.m. Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:53 p.m. Ripley Road, general information.

10:07 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire.

10:57 p.m. Hull St., medical aid.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

7:11 a.m. Elm St., general information.

8:29 a.m. Summer St., general information.

8:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

9:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person, protective custody.

10:14 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle crash.

10:40 a.m. Elm St., general information.

11:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general information.

12:56 p.m. Elm St., found property.

12:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

2:07 p.m. Elm St., general information.

3:39 p.m. Depot Court and Parking Way, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:41 p.m. Highland Ave., gathering disturbance.

4:43 p.m. Highland Ave., gathering disturbance.

4:58 p.m. Rustic Drive, general services.

5:38 p.m. Center, lost property.

5;55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:05 p.m. Deep Run, officer wanted.

7:08 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, missing person.

7:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

9:26 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:28 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

12:51 a.m. Bancroft Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:29 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

9:12 a.m. South Main St., general information.

12:56 p.m. Jerusalem Road, illegal dumping.

1:18 p.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

1:37 p.m. Elm St., fire.

4:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:10 p.m. Hull St., general information.

5:11 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

5:26 p.m. Hull St., assist citizen.

7:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general information.

8:08 p.m. West Gate Lane, general services.

8:48 p.m. Beechwood and Doane streets, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:11 p.m. Hill St., fire.

11:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, arrest of Daniel P. Hurley, 37, 540 Union St., Weymouth, operating motor vehicle with license suspended.

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

1:43 a.m. Atlantic Ave., fire.

9:56 a.m. Margin St., animal control.

1:21 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hill side Drive, general information.

1:48 p.m. Beach St., fire.

3:04 p.m. King St., trespassing.

5:59 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.

6:52 p.m. Pleasant St., disturbance.

7:59 p.m. Elm St., family disturbance.

10:51 p.m. King St., general information.

11:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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Spring has sprung

Scenes from last year's big Spring Flower Show at the South Shore Natural Science Center include a water garden display (above) by Kennedy's Country Gardens in Scituate.

Science center flower show's a welcome retreat from winter

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

There may be a blanket of soggy snow spread over the area, but the gardeners among us are already thinking about what lies beneath the snow cover, wondering which bulbs will pop through first this year, how to improve the garden and what's the latest in landscape design.

They can find some answers to those questions this weekend — Feb. 28-March 2 — when the South Shore Natural Science Center hosts its 6th annual Spring Flower Show featuring three days of workshops and events intended to teach, inspire and even relax attendees.

Gardening experts at the show will offer a variety of workshops on growing orchids, starting a well-designed garden, the best early spring flowers, and planning a water feature in the garden. A flower show highlight this year will be a visit from "the man with the red suspenders", Roger Swain — the former host of PBS' "The Victory Garden" and current science editor of Horticultural Magazine.

Swain, who is scheduled to talk at 1 p.m. Saturday on "Starting Your Springtime Garden," is making his first appearance at the science center and is expected to be a big draw for the avid and not-so-avid gardener alike, according to Joan Reid, public relations director at the science center.

"I think we're all ready for a little spring right about now.
South Shore Natural Science Center Public Relations Director Joan Reid

"We have a large following of people involved in garden clubs throughout the area. We have gardening programs all year long and they are very well-received. I think this year's Flower Show and the appearance of Roger Swain will be a nice attraction," she said.

And this year's show is the most jam-packed ever with events and workshops, according to Reid.

Several of the area's most talented landscape architects, area

See next page

America coming to America's hometown

70s rock legend headline at Plymouth's Memorial Hall

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

America band members Gerry Beckley and Dewey Bunnell make a tour stop at Plymouth's Memorial Hall Friday night. In addition to the 70s hits that made them famous, the duo says concert-goers can expect some new music and a few surprises.

In the 1970s, America rose to Top 40 fame with two main distinctions. One of them was as a leading proponent of the mellow, laid-back soft-rock movement of the decade. The other was as the second most successful act to ever work with legendary studio producer George Martin, next to only a certain quartet of mop-topped lads from Liverpool.

America was then the original trio of Gerry Beckley (vocals, guitar, keyboards), Dewey Bunnell (vocals, guitar) and Dan Peek (vocals, guitar, bass), who in the mid 70s harmonized their way to multi-album gold and platinum success and a string of Top Ten hits, including "A Horse With No Name," "I Need You," "Ventura Highway," "Tin Man" and "Sister Golden Hair" among others. Since 1977, the band has carried on as the duo of Beckley and Bunnell and continued to release albums and tour regularly, following up with more Top 40 hits including 1982's Top Ten "You Can Do Magic."

The remaining America twosome is currently on tour once again, and will make a stop in Plymouth as the newly renovated Memorial Hall continues its 2003 Celebrity Series concerts this Friday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

"We're still playing about 120 to 150 shows a year, at clubs, theatres, county fairs and casinos among other venues," said Bunnell just before America left on a recent Central American leg of its current tour. "It's difficult at this stage of our career as a band to the find the commitment from a major label, with the right kind of distribution and promotion plan, and the time to go into the studio to make an album that we'd call commercially viable."

"But Gerry (Beckley) and I are always writing new music. For most of our career, whether or not that music gets heard by most people has usually depended on which came first, the record deal or the songs. For quite awhile now, we've had a good ongoing relationship with Warner Brothers and Rhino Records, which is a joint effort arrangement between our old label in the 70s. But these days, to get any new music widely heard, it's important to have that major distribution and promotion plan in place."

Bunnell, with Beckley, has been one of America's two main vocalists for three decades. The 51-year-old singer/guitarist possesses the huskier, country-twang voice of the two singers, heard on "A Horse With No Name," "Ventura Highway" and "Tin Man" and somewhat similar to that of Stephen Stills, which drew America sometimes overstated comparisons to Crosby Stills & Nash during the 70s. Beckley's voice has a more crys-

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For the troops

Dance party gala a tribute to those serving abroad

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Call it a dance party for defense of the homeland.

This Saturday, March 1, the VFW Hall on Rt. 138 — Washington Street in Stoughton will host a dance-party gala featuring two of the South Shore's best rock and pop dance-jam bands, Joe Kidd & the Force and Midlife Crisis.

Paul Papetti of Pyramid Productions in Brockton is promoting the event and both bands promise to rock the house with solid, high-energy music of both original and cover material, the latter including choice offerings by the likes of Stevie Ray Vaughan, the Allman Brothers, Eric Clapton, B.B. King and others plus a variety of classic rock dance music. In addition, event organizer Joe Fernandez, of Easton, will set the theme and color of the show as a tribute to the U.S. Military troops, many of whom are expected to be either shipping out to the Middle East or beginning their engagement in battle there by the date of this event. Fernandez is also offering a 50 percent discount on the admission price for any customers with an active Military I.D., including all four service branches plus the Coast Guard, National Guard and Reservists.

"Let's Rally and Send Off Our Troops, Wishing Them All a Safe Return!," says Fernandez in publicizing the event.

Fernandez is also Joe Kidd, singer, guitarist and front man with the Force, the headliner band for Saturday's dance-party show. The 42-year-old singer/musician is a veteran of the South Shore area club-music scene, forming his current band as a return vehicle a few years ago when he re-entered the local music-biz fray after a long hiatus. Fernandez/Kidd is also an independent music promoter and handles most of his own booking and management for his band's shows.

"It's been about four years since I was playing out and it feels great to be back," said Fernandez. "I missed the excitement and release of being onstage and fronting a good, rockin'-out band behind me."

During the 1980s, Fernandez, then living in Stoughton, worked at various levels of the music business, from playing as a solo-acoustic act in lounges and dinner theatres, local and otherwise, and opening for artists such as Crystal Gayle at the Tropicana and Bobby Rydell at the Dunes Casino in Las Vegas. He then switched to rock, fronting a number of Boston area club bands including his current group The Force, which in the last few years has landed opening spots in concert for such headliners as Meatloaf, James Montgomery and John Entwistle at the Orpheum and Paradise Theatres in Boston.

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Along with Fernandez, The Force includes bassist/singer Bobby Dee, of Hanson; keyboardist/singer Scott O'Brien, of Quincy; saxophonist/flutist Bruce McGrath, of Middleboro; drummer/percussionist Jeff Armstrong, of Halifax; and guitarist/singer Steve Denny, of Quincy.

The VFW show is one of a series of dance-party events that Fernandez is planning to book and promote with his band and others throughout this year, in the South Shore and Boston areas and even as far as Rhode Island and New York State.

Food & dining

Weeknight cassoulet

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Cassoulet, the traditional French dish of beans and meat — usually pork, duck confit, and sausage — is cooked very slowly to allow the flavors to meld. It can be dry, heavy, and salty, but when prepared properly, it is juicy and succulent without being overbearing. The problem, of course, is that this dish is inordinately time consuming making it unsuitable for anyone other than an intrepid retiree.

The first step was to simplify the ingredient list and shorten the cooking time. Gone was the duck or goose confit and the long, slow simmering. Instead, I opted for quicker cooking chicken thighs (they stay moist even when overcooked) and Italian sausage. The first issue to resolve was how to prepare the beans. After some testing, I decided to pre-cook the beans and then build the finished dish. (Although overnight soaking does produce slightly plumper beans, the difference is marginal.) I wanted to infuse flavor into the beans during cooking so I added a small onion studded with whole cloves, a bay leaf, and salt to the cooking water. The cooking takes about 45 minutes —I wanted my beans very tender not al dente — but you can leave the kitchen while the beans cook.

For the chicken, bone-in, skinless chicken thighs worked best. I found that the skin becomes gummy during braising and that the thighs do not lose any moisture or flavor prepared skinless. I found that brining (soaking in salted water to add flavor and moisture) did not make much difference in this dish since the thighs are braised which infuses them with flavor.

I thought that the dish needed one more type of meat and I opted for pork. At first, I rendered fat from a few slices of bacon and then used the fat to brown the chicken and the bacon to garnish the finished dish. I then tried using sweet Italian sausage removed from its casing in place of the bacon; this was a major improvement since it added depth of flavor and texture, making the dish hearty and rustic.

The liquid I preferred was 1/2 cup of white wine and three cups of chicken stock. The water used to cook the beans had a taste which was overpowering and unwelcome and plain water didn't add enough taste or body. Additions which made the cut were onion, carrot, and a couple of tablespoons of tomato paste for flavor and color — actual chopped tomato seemed out of place. Finally, I added a bit of fresh rosemary during the last 10 minutes of cooking although you could try either fresh sage or thyme. The dish is garnished with a generous portion of chopped parsley.

QUICK CASSOULET

A word of caution about the beans. Do not undercook them. They will not soften much when cooked with the meat so they should be just shy of soft after precooking. There is nothing worse than half-cooked beans in this sort of dish.

1 pound great northern or navy beans picked over and rinsed

1 small onion peeled and studded with 8 whole cloves plus one medium onion cut into 1/2-inch dice

1 bay leaf

3/4 teaspoon salt plus additional salt for seasoning the chicken

1/2 pound sweet Italian sausage removed from casing and crumbled

8 bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed

Freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 medium carrot, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice

2 cloves garlic, finely mined or pressed

1/2 cup white wine

2 tablespoons tomato paste

3 cups chicken stock

1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary

1/4 cup chopped flat leaf parsley

1. In a large saucepan combine the beans, onion studded with cloves, bay leaf and 3/4 teaspoon salt with 6 cups water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, reduce the heat to maintain a simmer, partially cover and cook for 45 minutes or until just tender. Discard the clove-studded onion.

2. Place a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the sausage and brown well on all sides, breaking apart any large pieces with a spatula. Remove with a slotted spoon and set on paper towels to drain. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon of fat. (Some sausage is very lean and may not render much fat.) Season the chicken with salt and pepper and brown well on both sides in batches if necessary. Remove and reserve.

3. Adjust the heat to medium and add the olive oil. Add the chopped onion and carrot and cook until soft, stirring occasionally, 5 to 7 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for an additional 2 minutes. Add the white wine and scrape browned bits from bottom of pan. Add the tomato paste and stir to combine. Drain beans and add them to the Dutch oven along with the chicken, sausage, and chicken stock. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to maintain a simmer and cook, covered, for 20 to 30 minutes or until chicken thighs are cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees. Add the rosemary and cook for 10 minutes more or until the beans and chicken are very tender. At this point if the braising liquid is very thin, simmer uncovered for a few minutes more. Season to taste with salt and pepper. (Add liberal amounts of both.) Serve immediately, garnished with the chopped parsley. Serves 4-6.

Spring has sprung

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garden centers, crafters and floral designers will transform the science center into a springtime fantasy.

The Spring Flower Show Weekend begins Friday night, Feb. 28, with the annual "Spring Stirrings" benefit preview reception and silent auction. Guests will enjoy culinary treats at tasting stations from caterers around the South Shore and take in the lovely surroundings while listening to live jazz music provided by Standard Deviation. "Spring Stirrings" takes place from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are $55 per person.

The next day, the Flower show opens at 9:30 a.m. and runs until 5:30 p.m. Admission is $5 adults, $3 children. The all day horticultural workshops run from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and are $12 per session or $40 for all four sessions.

Reid said the day of workshops has been the most ambitious undertaking for Flower Show organizers yet.

"These workshops are very informative. Things like gardening in a small space, finding out what's involved in having a water feature will be covered," said Reid.

Experts will also discuss the care and "demystification" of Orchids and landscape design.

On Sunday, March 2, the Flower Show will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and admission is $5 for adults and $3 for children. In addition to the show, gardening and craft demonstrations are included with admission. An herbal gift demonstration and a children's garden demonstration will also take place during that day.

Also on Sunday, the "Spring Tea-se," a special tea nestled among the gardens at the science center, begins at 3:30 p.m. The cost for the tea is $15 and includes admission to the Flower Show.

New to the flower show this year is a display of homemade Troll Houses as part of the science center's Fairy and Troll House competition. Entrants have used natural elements such as leaves, dried grasses, dried or fresh flowers, pine cones, twigs, mosses and bark to build fanciful houses for a fairy, woodland troll or other creature of the imagination. Awards will be given for the best adult and child entry.

Reid said the contest is very popular.

"The nice thing about this is people who come to the Flower Show can see these creations and we will have handouts available on how to create them at home. It's a wonderful activity to do with young children with materials from the backyard," she said.

Reid said she expects a good turnout for the Flower Show.

"I think we're all ready for a little spring right about now," she said.

The South Shore Natural Science Center is located on Jacob's Lane in Norwell. For more information, call (781)659-2559.

America coming to America's hometown

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talline tone, heard on other hits such as "I Need You," "Only In Your Heart" and "Sister Golden Hair."

The three original members of America met in England in the late 60s, as sons of U.S. servicemen stationed overseas, and took their name from the Americana jukebox in the military base cafeteria where two of the members worked. But one of Bunnell's favorite early stories is how the band hooked up with such a reputable producer as Martin.

"We needed to start working with a producer around '74, until which point we'd mostly been producing our records ourselves. And we were young and brash," Bunnell explained. "So around Grammy time George (Martin) was in L.A., with an award nomination for producing "Live and Let Die" with Paul McCartney the year before. And our manager at the time, David Geffen, arranged to introduce him to us when the opportunity came up. We had five good albums and a great relationship with George after that."

More recently, Bunnell has enjoyed songwriting success in the secondhand form of Janet Jackson's hit "Someone To Call My Lover," which prominently samples the bouncy acoustic guitar riff of Bunnell's composition "Ventura Highway." The America singer/guitarist shares a songwriting credit on the tune through a special licensing deal with Jackson producers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis.

"I think their using samples of our music has done a lot to help bring our presence to light with younger audiences. We've had a lot more hits on our Web site since Janet's (Jackson's) song hit the airwaves," Bunnell said.

Bunnell added that America's show in Plymouth will offer a balanced mix of the old hits and newer songs plus a few surprises, such as a suite piece coupling the band's hit ballad "I Need You" with George Harrison's more up-tempo tune of the same title that he sang with the Beatles, in a tribute to the late Fab Four member.

America will perform at Memorial Hall in Plymouth, Friday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at.ticketweb.com, by telephone to TicketWeb via toll free 866-468-7619 (all major credit cards are accepted), in person at Loretta LaRoche & Company, 50 Court Street, Route 3A, Plymouth, MA from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at Plymouth Memorial Hall on the night of the performance as available.

Visions of springtime

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As Mother Nature gradually erases the mountainous heaps of snow that buried our landscapes only a week ago, I dream of the hidden beauty of springtime just waiting to burst forth from beneath the melting slushy snow cover. Torrential downpours and milder temperatures seem destined to quickly wash away our memories of this monumental holiday blizzard. Was it only a year ago that drought and water restrictions dominated every gardener's vision of spring?

Desperate to escape this year's perpetual winter wonderland, I traveled south in search of spring. The sweet perfume of heavenly hyacinths mingled with the fresh scent of pine bark mulch as I passed through the doorway of the Rhode Island Convention Center leaving the snow, ice and winter behind and stepped into the wondrous sights, sounds and fragrances of springtime. Pretty primroses, handsome hostas, luscious lilies, and wonderful woodland wildflowers were just a few of the horticultural delights on display at the Rhode Island Spring Flower Show this past weekend.

I spent hours mesmerized by glorious slides of flower-filled landscapes as an impressive lineup of prestigious speakers presented programs on a diverse range of horticultural topics. Lectures featuring hardy perennial geraniums, elegant astilbes, spectacular scenes from remote areas of China and Chile, and an outstanding presentation on landscape design rejuvenated my gardening spirit.

While snow and chilly weather may limit outdoor activities, most gardeners are already preparing for a new growing season. The months of February and March are an ideal time to begin planning new gardens or redesigning overgrown landscapes. Our local spring flower shows offer a wonderful opportunity to explore a variety of garden styles. From formal gardens adorned with statuary, urns and geometric designs to naturalistic woodland gardens and seascapes, there is always an exhibit which is sure to inspire and might suggest an appropriate theme garden for your own property. Mark your calendar for the New England Spring Flower Show sponsored by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society at the Bayside Expo, March 15-23. This year's theme, "The Garden Journey", is sure to suggest ideas for your personal landscape as well as providing a welcome breath of springtime splendor.

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Although a landscape should offer beauty in all seasons, planting for winter interest should be a priority. During the spring and summer months, our meadows, roadsides and woodlands allow us to enjoy nature's beauty with the greening of the landscape and the flowering of our native plants. Gardeners enhance this kaleidoscope of color by adding ornamental trees, shrubs and flowers to our personal spaces. Autumn brings the brilliant colors of the changing leaves, but winter tends to be dreary, gray and void of color just at a time when we need it most.

As you analyze your landscape at this time of year, consider the view from the street, the driveway, walkways, and from within your home. Take a series of photographs of your home and gardens from different angles and at various times during the day. During the dormant winter season, scenery tends to be observed from a kitchen window, a favorite sitting area, beside a walkway, entryway or along the driveway or street. Strategic placement of colorful winter plantings this spring will greatly enhance these views and lift your spirits throughout the year.

Evergreen trees and shrubs provide a dramatic contrast to the drab browns and grays of winter or a blanket of snow. Consider a variety of different colored evergreens combining blues, yellows and coppers with the diversity of greens. Blend, contrast and repeat textures and colors, using the smooth, shiny foliages of rhododendron, mountain laurel, holly, and leucothoe with the coarser textures of false cypress, arborvitae, and the fine needles of dwarf white pine or hemlock. The blue tones of junipers, blue Atlas cedar, and blue spruce combine beautifully with the yellow and copper tints of Rheingold arborvitae, gold thread cypress or any of the variegated varieties of euonymus. The deep, lustrous, bronze hues of azaleas and PJM rhododendrons are attractive companions to these blue and gold tones at this time of year.

Fruit-bearing shrubs and trees offer excellent sources of brilliant color during the fall and winter months, at least until Mother Nature's creatures strip them of their bounty. Hollies and crabapples are particularly noteworthy providing multiple seasons of interest. The brilliant red twigs of the variegated red-twigged dogwood are electrifying during the dormant winter months against an evergreen background, a blanket of snow, a white fence, or in a foundation planting. Equally pleasing are the bright golden branches of the variegated, yellow-twigged dogwood. As the branches of these vigorous shrubs mature, the older bark tends to lose its vibrancy and a major renewal pruning in early spring is recommended to rejuvenate and promote new growth that will demonstrate the fabulous winter color in late autumn. The addition of bold clumps of ornamental grasses provide texture, motion and sound during the latter half of the summer through the winter months. A well-planned design that provides color and textural contrasts during the winter months becomes a landscape for all seasons.

As I clipped a few dormant branches of forsythia to force into bloom indoors, I noticed that the silvery, silken catkins have emerged on the contorted branches of the Japanese fantail willow. Despite Mother Nature's persistent reminders that the winter season is far from over, a few harbingers of spring are beginning to offer promise that springtime flowers may soon appear.

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THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER announces a show of artwork utilizing digital technology to be held at the art center April 18 to May 25. The "TechArt" show is open to all artists and will be juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. Artists are invited to submit slides of their work that utilizes digital technology as a major creative component in the production of the work. Examples of eligible works may include original digital; photographs, prints, sculpture, assemblages, collages and other work created using components manipulated by or generated from the computer, video animation sound and computer and internet-based works. Each may submit up to three works. All entries must be received by March 10. For information call 781-383-2787.

WALK'N MASS VOLKSSPORT CLUB'S WINTER SOUP WALK in Sharon –March 15. Bring your favorite cup and soup, bread and dessert will be provided. A 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) and five kilometer (3.1 miles) routes available. Both routes rated suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. Call 508-668-2340 for more information.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Thurs. 27

Give Your Heart & Have a Heart - In honor of St. Valentine's Day and the American Heart Association Month of February, massage therapist Judy Davis of Back and Body Massage in Braintree will be donating a portion of the proceeds from every massage given by her to the American Heart Association. "Give Your Heart & Have A Heart" is the Valentine's Day theme at Back & Body Massage, 816 Washington St., Braintree, next to the new Thayer Public Library. Massage therapist Judy Davis, L.M.T., A.M.T.A. is offering 30, 60 or 90-minute massages during the month of February in aid of the American Heart Association. To book an appointment with Judy Davis in Braintree, call Back & Body Massage at 781-356-7775.

Michael Tougias, local author and historian, will take his audience on a narrated slide lecture **400 Miles Down the Connecticut River** on Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Free and open to the public. For more information call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of the nationally-known **Brattle Book Shop** in Boston, will speak at a free and open lecture Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. at the **Kingston Public Library** located at 6 Green St. in Kingston. Mr. Gloss' talk is entitled, "Treasures in Your Attic: Old and Rare Books."

The Silver Ribbon – American Crafts and Art Gallery, Pembroke Crossing, Route 53, will showcase work by **George Watson** a local glassblower and a new artisan to the gallery. For more information call 781-828-1525.

InSight Education Center presents a workshop **Teaching The Active/Impulsive Child Self-Control** at the Montessori Community School in Scituate from 7 to 9 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling 781-294-8004.

The Glastonbury Abbey presents The Glastonbury Series 2002-2003 "Listening To Other Voices: Hope in a Time of Uncertainty." featured speaker will be **Terry Paulson, PhD., CSP, CPAE,** Leading With Optimism and Hope In An Age of Change and Uncertainty, on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7:15 p.m. Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, MA. Call the Abbey to reserve a place at 781-749-2155. Free will offering.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Feb. 27. **Chaateau de Beaucastel'Tables Creek** Winemaker Pierre Perrin will join us for a seminar comparing the Beaucastel Appellations-Chateauneuf du Pape, Gigondas, and Vacqueyras followed by a dinner including red and White Rhone Blends from both Chateau de Beaucastel and Tablas Creek. Seminar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room. Seminar and dinner $175. Dinner only $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Puppetry of the Penis, the Ancient Australian Art of Genital Origami will make its Boston debut at the Copley Theatre, 225 Clarendon St., in a limited engagement beginning Feb. 26, through March 2. Press night will be Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. Puppetry of the Penis, the international comedy, is a non-sexual adult show presented by POP Broadway Company, LLC. Tickets, priced at $39.50 and $35 can be purchased through the Copley Theatre Box Office; by calling Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com

The South Shore Natural Science Center presents a watercolor exhibition by artist **Mary Lizotte** through March 31, in the Vine Hall Gallery. Entitled "Creation - Gardens of Delight", the show features various flowers, in still life or garden settings. Artist's reception on Saturday, March 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit is open for viewing during the month of March, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30 am to 4:30pm. Call the Center at 781-659-2559, or visit www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline**. Show starts at 8 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Fri. 28

Borders in Kingston will host children events every Wednesday and Friday. On Feb. 28, **How Now Brown Cow** at 10:30 a.m. Free and open to the public.

Art of Music Chamber Players featuring **Piotr Buczek**, violin, **Timothy Roberts,** cello, **Lorena Tecu**, piano, presents Hummel piano Trio in Eb, Op 12; Kodaly Duo for violin and cello; Schmann, piano trio in D minor, Op. 63 at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Tickets $20, Seniors $15, Students $5.

Fine Italian Wine, Food and Music will celebrate **Florence & Beyond Art Exhibition**. The Feb. 28, 7 p.m. wine tasting celebrating the opening of the **South Shore Art Center's** Florence & Beyond exhibition will feature fine Italian wines for connoisseurs' enjoyment and education. Dick Graham of Hingham Wine Merchant has invited ten importers of Italian wine including Winebow Imports, Vias Imports, Masciarelli Wine, and Martignetti who will be presenting 75 red and white wines from all regions of Italy. Tickets are $75 ($65 for members of the South Shore Art Center). Only a limited number of tickets will be available so reservations are requested. The wine tasting event will raise funds to support the exhibition and education programs at the South Shore Art Center and are, in part, tax-deductible. The exhibition of Florentine-trained artists will be on display at the Art Center from Feb. 28 to April 13. To reserve a ticket or for more information call 781-383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org.

America to appear for one show at **Plymouth Memorial Hall**, 83 Court St,. Route 3A, Plymouth on Feb, 28, at 7 p.m. Founding members **Gerry Beckley and Dewey Bunnell** bring the folk-rock tradition of **America.** Tickets $29 and $34 and are available at www.ticketweb.com or 866-468-7619, or in person at 50 Court St., Plymouth. The hall is handicap accessible.

Norwell Women's Club will be holding it's **First Annual Art Auction** on Friday, Feb. 28, at the Cushing Center, 673 Main St., Norwell. A preview of the items will be from 7 to 8 p.m. The auction will start promptly at 8 p.m. Upon request, selections may include: Wooster Scott, Kinkade, Rockwell, Delacroix, Picasso, and many more. There will also be a selection of sports memorabilia, estate jewelry, sculptures and raffle items. Hors d'oeuvres, coffee and dessert will be served along with a cash bar. Tickets are $10 per person or $15 per couple. For more information call 781-659-2431.

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The Top of the Rainbow Club, a student organization formed for the purpose of providing services for Massasoit Community College's minority students will host **A Tribute To Africa** in celebration of Black History month. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Lombardo's in Randolph and will feature **Anthony Browder** as the keynote speaker. Tickets $45 per person or $85 per couple. For more information, call 508-588-1900 ext.1482.

The Massasoit Theatre Co., presents Neil Simon's **Broadway Bound, a Bittersweet Comedy** for two weekends at the Buckley Performing Arts Center in Brockton, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28, March 1, 7, and 8 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $13, general public, $11 students and senior citizens; all seats reserved and the theaters has wheelchair access. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Feb. 28, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **2 Shady.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Sean O'Tooles, 22 Main St., (Route 3A) Plymouth **Lonesome Jukebox** (rockabilly) appearing at 6:30 p.m. All shows no cover and begin at 9 p.m. Feb. 28, **Mardi Gras Party** 'til 10 p.m. Wear costumes, beads, etc. Lou Bryant will join the boys.

Sat. 1

American Baby's Boston Baby Faire 2003 - March 1 and 2, at Bayside Expo Center-Halls A & C, 200 Mt. Vernon St., Boston. Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event offers expectant parents and young families more than 150 exhibits showcasing the latest in child care, parenting information and services; the newest products for infants and toddlers, exciting interactive children's exhibits and free products samples. Babies can compete hourly in the Babies "R" Us Baby Derby races for the title of Boston's fastest

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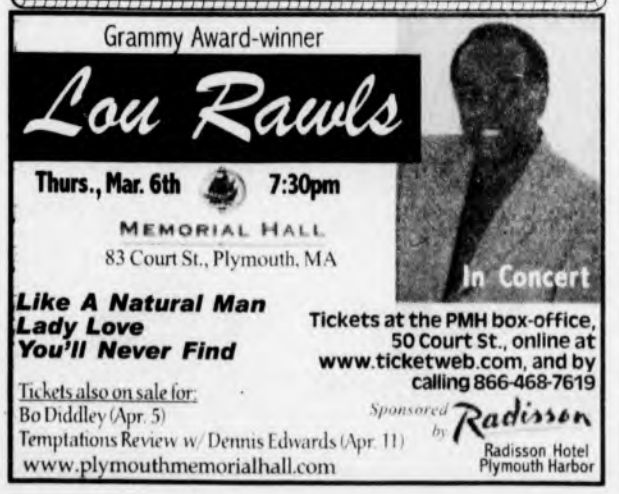

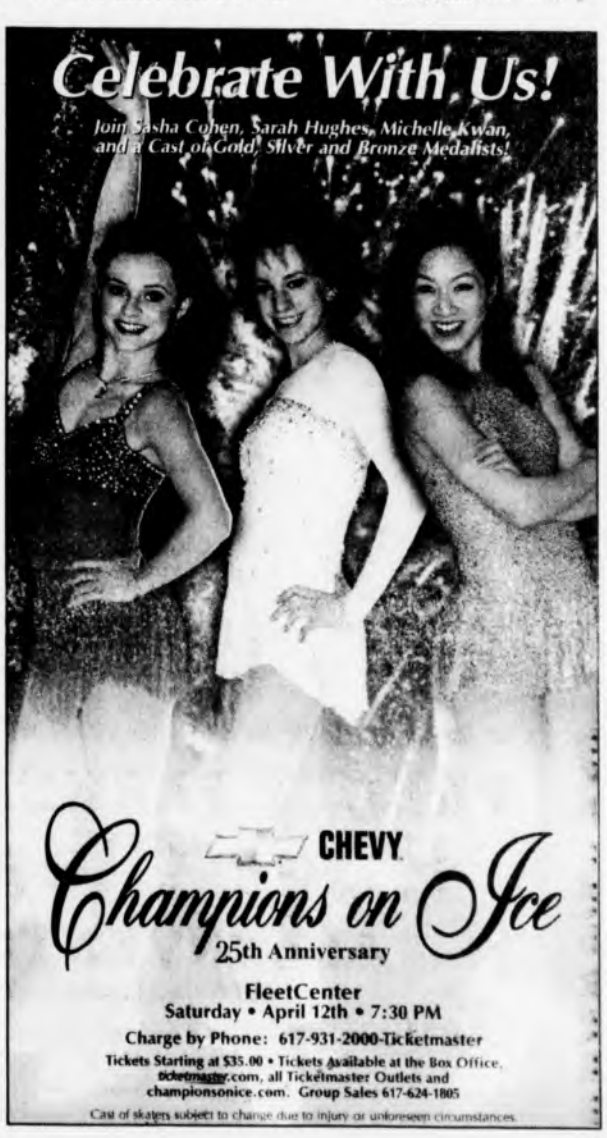

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crawler." A total of 500 babies are scheduled to race throughout the two-day event. Adults $8; children under age 12 and grandparents free. $3 discount admission coupons available at local Babies 'R" Us.

The Sixth Annual Spring Flower Show Weekend to benefit the **South Shore Natural Science Center** in Norwell, on March 1 and 2. Fairy and Troll House competition will be held along with flowering plants, floral and gardening accessories, and other nature-related items will be for sale throughout the weekend. Hours are March 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Four horticultural workshops will be offered on March 1: **Planning Your Spring Garden** with **Roger Swain**, former host of PBS-TV's The Victory Garden, **Flowers for Early Spring** with **Scott Frederickson**, landscape designer, **Designing Your Water Garden** with **Steve Tibbetts** of Custom Design Waterfalls and **Demystifying Orchids** with **Nick Mancero** of A&P Orchids. Tickets are $12 per workshop, or $40 for all four (includes admission to the Flower Show), and must be purchased in advance. Admission to show is $5 adults, $3 children For more information, or to pre-register for horticultural workshops, call the center at 781-659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

South Shore Conservatory and Duxbury Art Association present a **Toast to the Arts**, featuring representatives of several wineries, at the invitation of Duxbury Wine and Spirits offering their best wines for an evening of tasting and enjoyment in the exquisite ballroom of the Indian Pond Country Club clubhouse, Kingston. Hors d'oeuvres compliment the selection of fine wines. Entertainment features the Ed Sorrentino Trio, with vocalist Amanda Carr, and an appearance by the Snugtones. a raffle and silent auction offer exciting prizes. Tickets $75 per person includes wines (cash bar also available). Proceeds benefit educational scholarships at South Shore Conservatory and Duxbury Art Association. Call Laura Carleton at 781-934-2731 ext. 14, for information and reservations.

The South Shore AIDS Project will host an **Antique Appraisal Day** at Cordage Park, Route 3A, North Plymouth, on March 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature the expert advice of Skinner, auctioneers and appraisers of Boston and Bolton with more than 25 years' hands-on experience in appraisal. Admission to the event is free. There is a fee of $10 for appraisal of one item and $15 for three items. The sponsors recommend that, in the event of large and/or breakable items, photographs be substituted for the actual item. All proceeds from the day go to the South Shore AIDS Project.

The Pendragons: The First Couple of Magic will perform at **Plymouth Memorial Hall** on Saturday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. The magical husband and wife team are constantly working on new and amazing illusions, audiences will gasp at the wizardry of The Pendragons. Tickets $29 and $34 are available by visiting www.ticketweb.com or calling 866-468-7619. In person at Loretta LaRoche & Company, 50 Court St., Route 3A, Plymouth from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Handicap accessible.

The Hockomock Association, 31st Spring Antiques Show and Sale will be held March 1 and 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 52 dealers. Early buyers preview on Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. Admission $3.50 proceeds to benefit scholarship fund.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **The Tom Glenn Duo.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Sun. 2

Traditions a concert of traditional Irish music, song, and dance will take place March 2, at 2 p.m. at **Glastonbury Abbey** Conference Center. 16 Hull St., Hingham. For information call 781-749-2155.

South Shore Conservatory Woodwind Faculty Concert **Jazz Meets Classical**, Sunday, March 2, 4, Cox Hall, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, Sally Davenport, oboe; Pat Donaher, Earl Harmon, John Vanderpool, saxophone; and Donald Zook, flute will perform selections by Berlioz, Corea, Coltrane, Donaher, Doppler and Stevens. Adults $15, Students/Seniors $12 All proceeds benefit the Building the Future Capital Campaign. For tickets and more information, call 781-749-7565, ext. 23.

Ventress Memorial Library Sunday concert series, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. March 2, at 2 p.m. Atwater Donnelly - Irish Music in America. Light refreshments served at a post-performance social hour. For more information call Chris Woods at 781-834-5535.

Candlelight Concert Series The Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham. March 2, at 4 p.m. **Traditional Chinese Music**. Children welcome. Free. Handicap accessible.

Mardi Gras Jazz at the Bridgwaye, 1265 Ferry St., Humarock Beach: Dixieland to swing. Jeff Hughes and **Lost in the Sauce** 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. $10 admission. Dancing available. First Sunday of every month. Call for reservations for all performances at 781-834-6505. Visit www.bridgwayeinn.com

Dawna Hammers will return in concert to the **Art Complex Museum** in Duxbury on March 2, at 4 p.m. The concert begins at 4 p.m. It is free and open to the public. For more information call 781-934-6634 or visit wwwart-complex.org

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. March 2, **New Orleans Jazz Brunch** - Celebrate Mardi Gras in Boston with live Dixieland Jazz, authentic Cajun cuisine from Chef Bruce, and Mardi Gras decor, along with a selection of wines to complete this fabulous Brunch. Brunch 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Wharf Room. $75. Open to the public. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

The Cohasset Social Service League in collaboration with **the Womans' Club of Norwell and Wellspring of Hull**; is offering a **Dress for Success** program for women. Any woman in the South Shore area that is entering the workforce, interviewing for a job or housing, and needs help with updating a professional wardrobe is encouraged to stop by the Wellspring office 814 Nantasket Ave. in Hull to pick out a clean, in some cases brand new outfit, to help with you professional image. Resume writing assistance is also available. All are welcome, services are free. For more info call Wellspring 781-925-3211.

Mon. 3

South Shore Women's Business Network luncheon at Jimbo's South, Braintree Five Corners, noon to 1:30 p.m. SSWBN Luncheon's offer you the opportunity to introduce yourself and your business to a group of business colleagues who share your interest in networking and collaboration. Bring plenty of business cards and promotional material. Limited seating, register early. Call 781-749-8883.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum: Human Rights and the Legacy of Robert F. Kennedy Join **Kerry Kennedy Cuomo**, author of **Speak Truth to Power** and daughter of Robert F. Kennedy, Poune Viand, 2002 recipient of the RFK Human Rights Award and **Peter Edelman**, former legislative aid

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to Robert F. Kennedy and author of **Searching for America's Heart: RFK and the Renewal of Hope** for this discussion moderated by former New York times columnist **Anthony Lewis.** Monday, march 3, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations and information, call 617-514-1643.

The 15th annual *Great Chefs* event to benefit **Partners Home Care/The Affiliated Community Visiting Nurses** are well underway. This fundraising gala will be held on March 3, at the Sheraton Braintree Hotel. The evening's festivities, which will be a celebration of Mardi Gras, will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an assortment of hors d'oeuvres from the Borrowed Butler of Scituate and Jake's Seafood of Hull, as well as a sampling of fine wines, courtesy of the Bare Cove Wine Annex of Hingham. Dinner stations, including sumptuous main entrees by Saporito's and the Red Parrot of Hull; La Storia's Italian Bar and Grille, Stoughton; Z-Chef, Hingham; Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery, Braintree; The Olde Hitching Post, and The Bistro at Cataldi's, Hanson; Season's Café of Rockland, The Red Lion Inn, and Bernards of Cohasset; Fifty-three South of Norwell, and The Sheraton Braintree Hotel, will be presented at 7:30 p.m., followed by desserts by Montilio's Baking Company, Nona's of Hingham; Konditor Meister, Braintree, and Veronica's Sweetcakes, Marshfield. In keeping with the Mardi Gras theme, the New Orleans Connection will provide entertainment, and a live and silent auction will allow for some spirited bidding among the guests join **Ron Della Chiesa**, of **WPLM** and **WGBH Radio** and **Kim Carrigan of WBZ-TV** for this spectacular culinary event to benefit the work of Partners Home Care. Tickets are priced at $65 per person or $600 for a reserved table of 10. For information on corporate sponsorship, to purchase an ad in the program book, donate items for the auction or to reserve tickets, call 781-681-1229.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. March 3, **Silverado Vineyards**, located in the heart of Napa Valley's Stag's Leap District, Silverado Vineyards is known as one of the region's great estates. Winemaker Jack Stuart hosts this dinner, showcasing the consistently outstanding wines produced, including his vineyard-designated wines and limited Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon. Dinner 7 p.m., The Atlantic Room, $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

The Braintree Art Association member **Roger Davenport** will be displaying his paintings for the month of March at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Tues. 4

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will hold its annual Legislative Breakfast at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, Braintree on March 4. The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude around 9 a.m. **Governor Mitt Romney** is the speaker for the event.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at Quincy District Court on March 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For more information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. March 4, **Beaulieu Vineyards** was founded in 1900, in Rutherford, California, by Georges de Latour. Join winemaker Joel Aiken as we celebrate George de latour more than 100 years later with a seminar and tasting a vertical of Georges de latour Private Reserve Cabernet followed by dinner featuring a wide range of the many varietals made by Beaulieu Vineyards. Seminar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 8 p.m. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room. Seminar and dinner and $175; dinner only $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

The Boston Men's Baseball League is accepting registrations for the 2003 season across three age divisions: 18+, 30+ and 40+. To register or with questions, visit www.bostonbaseball.com. If you do not have internet access, you may call 508-358-4550.

Contact, the Tony Award winning best musical returns to Boston March 4 to 9, at the Wang Theatre. Three sensual stories told entirely through dance about people in the wild pursuit of love. **contact** is performed to a wide range of music. Tickets ranch in price from $28 to $73 and are available at The Wang Theatre Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston, online at www.wangcenter.org or through telecharge.com 1-800-447-7400.

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Tickets are available in advance at a discount of $5 on every ticket with a minimum ticket purchase of 20. Groups must contact Erin McSheffrey at Plymouth Memorial Hall at 508-747-0234. Non-group tickets are $33 and $38 and are available on the Internet at www.ticketweb.com, by telephone to TicketWeb via toll free 866-468-7619 (all major credit cards are accepted), in person at Loretta LaRoche & Company, 50 Court St. Route 3A, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at Plymouth Memorial Hall on the night of the performance (as available).

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

8minuteDating March 4, at Jimbo's in Braintree (ages 40-50) sold out for women; eligible bachelors wanted). Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Enter and receive your matches after the event. Set-up another date soon after. For more information and to sign up, visit www.8minute-dating.com

Wed. 5

The Weymouth Art Association, Artist of the month, **Bob Weikel** will exhibit his painting for the month of February at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening lectures ending March 26. On March 5, at 7 p.m. at the Mass Audubon South Shore Headquarters **Rowing Forward Looking Back - Shellfish and the Tides of Change at the Elbow of Cape Cod** Author, Sandy Macfarlane, the first municipal Shellfish Biologist in Massachusetts and later the first Conservation Administrator for the Town of Orleans, will talk about the paradoxical Paradise - Cape Cod - one of America's most beautiful and beloved vacation havens and also one of the most fragile natural resources in the Nation. Macfarlane talks about her book that tells from a unique and compelling perspective the story of a Cape that during the last third of the 20th century, witnessed dramatic social change that collided head on with powerful natural forces and a centuries-old way of life. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents **Walls that Bloom**, March 5 to 30. An opening reception, which is open and free to the public, will be held Sunday, March 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information about exhibits or artist workshops, call 781-545-6150.

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The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. March 5, **Wines of Burgundy with Bill Nesto, MW** - Join Bill Nesto, Master of wine and highly regarded wine writer, for a seminar comparing the finest Premier Cru wines from top villages along the Cotes d'Or followed by a four-course dinner paired with your favorite Premier Cru and Grand Cru Burgundies from Cotes de Beaune and cotes de Nuits. Seminar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 8 p.m. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room. Seminar and dinner and $225; dinner only $175. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Sean O'Tooles's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on.

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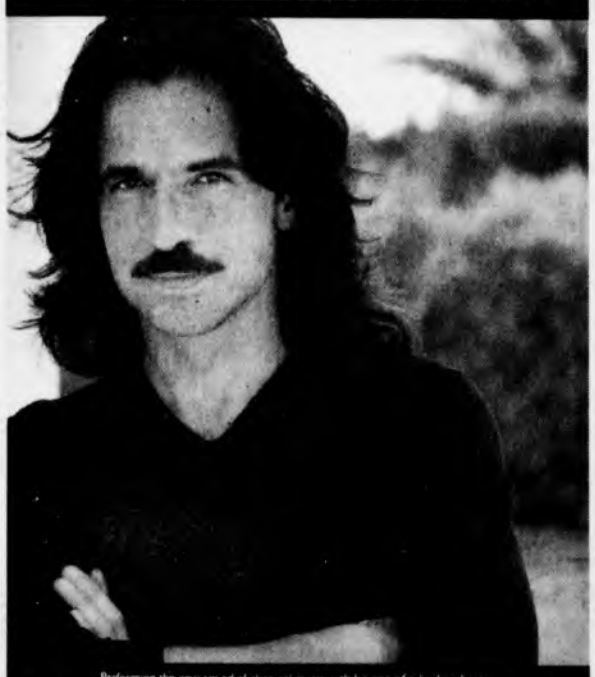

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Two Poetry Readings will be given this spring on March 6, and April 22, at the Whiton Room in Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St. An open mike session with a signup sheet will follow the featured readers. The public and all poets are invited to join the other poets, to listen, and to bring their original poems to read. March 6, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. will be an **Evening of Irish Poetry** in which **Joyce Wilson** and **Aidan Rooney-Cespedes** will read from the Irish poets and their own work and discuss the influence of the Irish on their writing. All poets are invited to bring their favorite Irish poem or poetry of their own inspired by the Irish. Free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing, Refreshments will be served. For more information call 781-741-1405 and/or 781-545-0731

Duxbury Art Association presents the **Sixth Annual Monotype Guild of New England Juried Exhibition** in the Bengtz & Cutler Galleries at **The Ellison Center for the Arts**. This exhibition is open through April 18. Open and free to the public. Gallery hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 or visit www.duxburyart.org

Lou Rawls presents one show only Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Route 3A, Plymouth, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. "Civic Night" Groups are encouraged to take advantage of a discount of $5 on every ticket with a minimum ticket purchase of 20. Groups must contact Erin McSheffrey at Plymouth Memorial Hall at 508-747-0234. Non-group tickets are $33 and $38 and are available on the Internet at www.ticketweb.com, by telephone to TicketWeb via toll free 866-468-7619 (all major credit cards are accepted), in person at Loretta LaRoche & Company, 50 Court St. Route 3A, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at Plymouth Memorial Hall on the night of the performance (as available).

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Comedy night Jimbo's Restaurant Braintree 5 Corners March 6, 8:30 p.m. double headliner show featuring: **John Turco** and **Tony Moschetto,** Annette Pollack, Troy Diamond, Sue Sapir-donnelly, Todd Verdonck, host: Vernon Harrison, admission: $10 special priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300

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Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull, will opens its doors on March 7, at 5:45 p.m. to practicing and non-practicing Jews alike, so they may join together to experience and rejoice in a traditional Shabbat service and festive meal. Those in attendance will experience an interactive Friday night beginner's service and a traditional Shabbat dinner with all the rituals explained. Reservations required. Adults: $18; children 10 and under $7; children age 3 and under $3. Call 781-925-0091.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be **Harvey Reid** with **Joyce Andersen** opening. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $13 members $15 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

The Bay Players have announced four March performances of Philip King's side-splitting British farce **See How They Run**, presented in the new theatre at the Kingston Intermediate School. located close to exit 9, off Route 3. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on March 7, 8, 14, and 15. Tickets $16, with a $2 discount for students and seniors, and may be purchased at the door. Tickets are also available for purchase in advance at Westwinds Bookstore in Duxbury. For more information, or directions to the Kingston Intermediate School theatre, visit http://www.bayplayers.org www.bayplayers.org, or call 800-290-6825.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

Read yesterday's advice. The moon continues to travel in Capricorn, active throughout the day. In addition, Mercury forms harmonious contacts to Pluto today and Saturn on Friday. This influence is ideal for handling projects that require study, investigation or research. You can cut through obstacles and get to the heart of a matter. The green light for new starts remains on.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Get an early start to this day. Plan to initiate new activities before 7:58 a.m., when the Capricorn moon aligns with Venus and becomes inactive. Handle routine chores and finish projects already begun until 2:24 p.m., when the moon enters Aquarius. The remainder of the day rates high for new beginnings in your business or personal life. An applying alignment of Mercury and Saturn aids jobs that require mental precision and attention to detail. You can get work projects out of the way in short time.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

The Aquarius moon aligns with Jupiter at 8:41 a.m. and Neptune at 12:05 p.m., generating an upbeat, easy-going mood. Don't take on more than you can handle. Avoid making impulsive purchases, promises. This is a wonderful day for vacationing, enjoying favorite sports, hobbies, friends. Take extra time out for yourself; kick back, relax and enjoy life to the fullest.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

The planet Uranus takes the spotlight this month. Uranus will enter the sign Pisces, remaining there until March 2011. It will bring unexpected opportunities and new freedom, particularly for people born under the sun sign Pisces.

Today the moon continues active travel in Aquarius until 9:30 p.m., when it aligns with Uranus. This is a time when people are more likely to reach out and network with others to achieve their goals. The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 10:26 p.m., when the moon enters Pisces.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Plan a quiet day. Unplug from daily routines; spend time alone. The dark side of a new moon is in full force and effect until 9:35 p.m. At this time the sun and moon conjoin at 12-degrees of the sign Pisces. Venus enters Aquarius at 7:40 a.m., remaining there until March 27. This period is prime for meeting people, developing new relationships.

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Although the new moon has culminated, it is best to hold off on new starts for a couple of days. Today the Pisces moon forms stressful contacts to Pluto at 12:36 p.m. and Saturn at 5:14 p.m. Others may be pensive, moody. There may be delays, obstacles. Stay alert and use common sense. Applying alignments of Mars and Mercury to Uranus prompt you to look for new solutions, make alternative plans, keep your options open.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

A lunar alignment to Mars can make for a rough start to this day. Sidestep morning hassles. Take it slow and easy. At 8:04 a.m. the Pisces moon becomes inactive until 8:30 a.m., when it enters Aries. Mercury and Uranus conjoin at 4:16 p.m. This is an ideal influence for taking on a new study or brainstorming. Go with your instincts; be original. The planet Mars moves into Capricorn at 4:17 p.m., remaining there until April 21. At 9:04 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

An Aries moon sets a fast pace today and tomorrow. You can be most productive, if you carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan. New starts in your business or personal life are recommended. Explore options, make long-range plans and set new goals. Get back in the swing of favorite sports and exercise programs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Yesterday's planetary influences continue today. The Aries moon forms harmonious contacts to planets until 8:10 p.m., when it aligns with Uranus. Roll up your sleeves and plan to get a lot accomplished. Zero in on jobs that require physical labor and exertion. At 8:36 p.m. the moon enters Taurus, and forms a harmonious contact to Mars at 11:35 p.m. Love is the name of the game this evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

It may be difficult to get back to business today. The moon travels in Taurus, forming 90-degree alignments to Venus in the morning, Jupiter in the afternoon and Neptune in the evening. That means that this is a great day to hang out, relax, enjoy favorite pastimes and friends. On the other hand, don't overdo, overindulge, spend money on impulse. Sleep on new ideas and postpone taking action for a few days.

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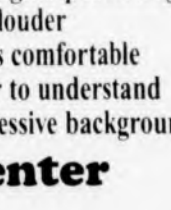

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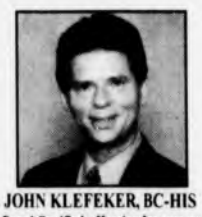

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to Robert F. Kennedy and author of **Searching for America's Heart: RFK and the Renewal of Hope** for this discussion moderated by former New York times columnist **Anthony Lewis.** Monday, march 3, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations and information, call 617-514-1643.

The 15th annual *Great Chefs* event to benefit **Partners Home Care/The Affiliated Community Visiting Nurses** are well underway. This fundraising gala will be held on March 3, at the Sheraton Braintree Hotel. The evening's festivities, which will be a celebration of Mardi Gras, will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an assortment of hors d'oeuvres from the Borrowed Butler of Scituate and Jake's Seafood of Hull, as well as a sampling of fine wines, courtesy of the Bare Cove Wine Annex of Hingham. Dinner stations, including sumptuous main entrees by Saporito's and the Red Parrot of Hull; La Storia's Italian Bar and Grille, Stoughton; Z-Chef, Hingham; Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery, Braintree; The Olde Hitching Post, and The Bistro at Cataldi's, Hanson; Season's Café of Rockland, The Red Lion Inn, and Bernards of Cohasset; Fifty-three South of Norwell, and The Sheraton Braintree Hotel, will be presented at 7:30 p.m., followed by desserts by Montilio's Baking Company, Nona's of Hingham; Konditor Meister, Braintree, and Veronica's Sweetcakes, Marshfield. In keeping with the Mardi Gras theme, the New Orleans Connection will provide entertainment, and a live and silent auction will allow for some spirited bidding among the guests join **Ron Della Chiesa**, of **WPLM** and **WGBH Radio** and **Kim Carrigan of WBZ-TV** for this spectacular culinary event to benefit the work of Partners Home Care. Tickets are priced at $65 per person or $600 for a reserved table of 10. For information on corporate sponsorship, to purchase an ad in the program book, donate items for the auction or to reserve tickets, call 781-681-1229.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. March 3, **Silverado Vineyards**, located in the heart of Napa Valley's Stag's Leap District, Silverado Vineyards is known as one of the region's great estates. Winemaker Jack Stuart hosts this dinner, showcasing the consistently outstanding wines produced, including his vineyard-designated wines and limited Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon. Dinner 7 p.m., The Atlantic Room, $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

The Braintree Art Association member **Roger Davenport** will be displaying his paintings for the month of March at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

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American Baby's Boston Baby Faire 2003 - March 1 and 2, at Bayside Expo Center-Halls A & C, 200 Mt. Vernon St., Boston. Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event offers expectant parents and young families more than 150 exhibits showcasing the latest in child care, parenting information and services; the newest products for infants and toddlers, exciting interactive children's exhibits and free products samples. Babies can compete hourly in the Babies "R" Us Baby Derby races for the title of Boston's fastest crawler." A total of 500 babies are scheduled to race throughout the two-day event. Adults $8; children under age 12 and grandparents free. $3 discount admission coupons available at local Babies 'R" Us.

Tues. 4

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will hold its annual Legislative Breakfast at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, Braintree on March 4. The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude around 9 a.m. **Governor Mitt Romney** is the speaker for the event.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at Quincy District Court on March 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For more information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

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The Boston Men's Baseball League is accepting registrations for the 2003 season across three age divisions: 18+, 30+ and 40+. To register or with questions, visit www.bostonbaseball.com. If you do not have internet access, you may call 508-358-4550.

Contact, the Tony Award winning best musical returns to Boston March 4 to 9, at the Wang Theatre. Three sensual stories told entirely through dance about people in the wild pursuit of love. **contact** is performed to a wide range of music. Tickets ranch in price from $28 to $73 and are available at The Wang Theatre Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston, online at www.wangcenter.org or through telecharge.com 1-800-447-7400.

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Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

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Wed. 5

The Weymouth Art Association, Artist of the month, **Bob Weikel** will exhibit his painting for the month of February at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening lectures ending March 26. On March 5, at 7 p.m. at the Mass Audubon South Shore Headquarters **Rowing Forward Looking Back - Shellfish and the Tides of Change at the Elbow of Cape Cod** Author, Sandy Macfarlane, the first municipal Shellfish Biologist in Massachusetts and later the first Conservation Administrator for the Town of Orleans, will talk about the paradoxical Paradise - Cape Cod - one of America's most beautiful and beloved vacation havens and also one of the most fragile natural resources in the Nation. Macfarlane talks about her book that tells from a unique and compelling perspective the story of a Cape that during the last third of the 20th century, witnessed dramatic social change that collided head on with powerful natural forces and a centuries-old way of life. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents **Walls that Bloom**, March 5 to 30. An opening reception, which is open and free to the public, will be held Sunday, March 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information about exhibits or artist workshops, call 781-545-6150.

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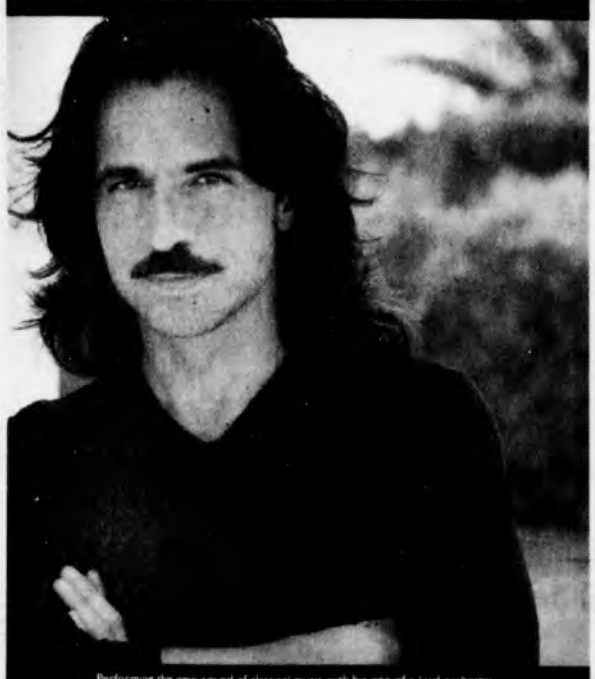

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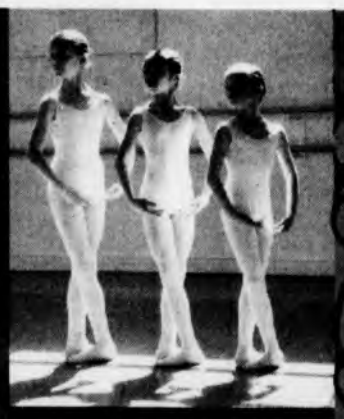

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Thurs. 6

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Duxbury Art Association presents the **Sixth Annual Monotype Guild of New England Juried Exhibition** in the Bengtz & Cutler Galleries at **The Ellison Center for the Arts**. This exhibition is open through April 18. Open and free to the public. Gallery hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 or visit www.duxburyart.org

Lou Rawls presents one show only Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Route 3A, Plymouth, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. "Civic Night" Groups are encouraged to take advantage of a discount of $5 on every ticket with a minimum ticket purchase of 20. Groups must contact Erin McSheffrey at Plymouth Memorial Hall at 508-747-0234. Non-group tickets are $33 and $38 and are available on the Internet at www.ticketweb.com, by telephone to TicketWeb via toll free 866-468-7619 (all major credit cards are accepted), in person at Loretta LaRoche & Company, 50 Court St. Route 3A, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at Plymouth Memorial Hall on the night of the performance (as available).

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The North River Theatre, Inc., will present its fall production of the Norm Foster comedy, **The Foursome**, for four performances, March 7, 8, 14, 15 at the theatre, 513 River St., Norwell. All performances start promptly at 8 p.m. with cabaret seating and cash bar. Tickets are $14. For more information and ticket reservations, call 781-826-4878.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull, will opens its doors on March 7, at 5:45 p.m. to practicing and non-practicing Jews alike, so they may join together to experience and rejoice in a traditional Shabbat service and festive meal. Those in attendance will experience an interactive Friday night beginner's service and a traditional Shabbat dinner with all the rituals explained. Reservations required. Adults: $18; children 10 and under $7; children age 3 and under $3. Call 781-925-0091.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be **Harvey Reid** with **Joyce Andersen** opening. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $13 members $15 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

The Bay Players have announced four March performances of Philip King's side-splitting British farce **See How They Run**, presented in the new theatre at the Kingston Intermediate School. located close to exit 9, off Route 3. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on March 7, 8, 14, and 15. Tickets $16, with a $2 discount for students and seniors, and may be purchased at the door. Tickets are also available for purchase in advance at Westwinds Bookstore in Duxbury. For more information, or directions to the Kingston Intermediate School theatre, visit http://www.bayplayers.org www.bayplayers.org, or call 800-290-6825.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

Read yesterday's advice. The moon continues to travel in Capricorn, active throughout the day. In addition, Mercury forms harmonious contacts to Pluto today and Saturn on Friday. This influence is ideal for handling projects that require study, investigation or research. You can cut through obstacles and get to the heart of a matter. The green light for new starts remains on.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Get an early start to this day. Plan to initiate new activities before 7:58 a.m., when the Capricorn moon aligns with Venus and becomes inactive. Handle routine chores and finish projects already begun until 2:24 p.m., when the moon enters Aquarius. The remainder of the day rates high for new beginnings in your business or personal life. An applying alignment of Mercury and Saturn aids jobs that require mental precision and attention to detail. You can get work projects out of the way in short time.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

The Aquarius moon aligns with Jupiter at 8:41 a.m. and Neptune at 12:05 p.m., generating an upbeat, easy-going mood. Don't take on more than you can handle. Avoid making impulsive purchases, promises. This is a wonderful day for vacationing, enjoying favorite sports, hobbies, friends. Take extra time out for yourself; kick back, relax and enjoy life to the fullest.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

The planet Uranus takes the spotlight this month. Uranus will enter the sign Pisces, remaining there until March 2011. It will bring unexpected opportunities and new freedom, particularly for people born under the sun sign Pisces.

Today the moon continues active travel in Aquarius until 9:30 p.m., when it aligns with Uranus. This is a time when people are more likely to reach out and network with others to achieve their goals. The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 10:26 p.m., when the moon enters Pisces.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Plan a quiet day. Unplug from daily routines; spend time alone. The dark side of a new moon is in full force and effect until 9:35 p.m. At this time the sun and moon conjoin at 12-degrees of the sign Pisces. Venus enters Aquarius at 7:40 a.m., remaining there until March 27. This period is prime for meeting people, developing new relationships.

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Although the new moon has culminated, it is best to hold off on new starts for a couple of days. Today the Pisces moon forms stressful contacts to Pluto at 12:36 p.m. and Saturn at 5:14 p.m. Others may be pensive, moody. There may be delays, obstacles. Stay alert and use common sense. Applying alignments of Mars and Mercury to Uranus prompt you to look for new solutions, make alternative plans, keep your options open.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

A lunar alignment to Mars can make for a rough start to this day. Sidestep morning hassles. Take it slow and easy. At 8:04 a.m. the Pisces moon becomes inactive until 8:30 a.m., when it enters Aries. Mercury and Uranus conjoin at 4:16 p.m. This is an ideal influence for taking on a new study or brainstorming. Go with your instincts; be original. The planet Mars moves into Capricorn at 4:17 p.m., remaining there until April 21. At 9:04 p.m.

the green light for new starts goes on, when Mercury moves into Pisces. Mercury travels in Pisces until March 21.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

An Aries moon sets a fast pace today and tomorrow. You can be most productive, if you carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan. New starts in your business or personal life are recommended. Explore options, make long-range plans and set new goals. Get back in the swing of favorite sports and exercise programs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Yesterday's planetary influences continue today. The Aries moon forms harmonious contacts to planets until 8:10 p.m., when it aligns with Uranus. Roll up your sleeves and plan to get a lot accomplished. Zero in on jobs that require physical labor and exertion. At 8:36 p.m. the moon enters Taurus, and forms a harmonious contact to Mars at 11:35 p.m. Love is the name of the game this evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

It may be difficult to get back to business today. The moon travels in Taurus, forming 90-degree alignments to Venus in the morning, Jupiter in the afternoon and Neptune in the evening. That means that this is a great day to hang out, relax, enjoy favorite pastimes and friends. On the other hand, don't overdo, overindulge, spend money on impulse. Sleep on new ideas and postpone taking action for a few days.

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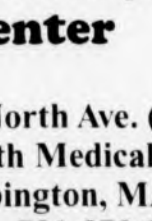

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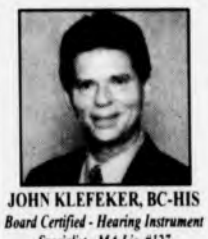

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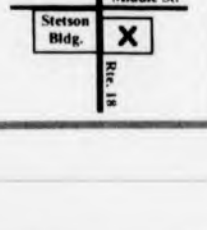

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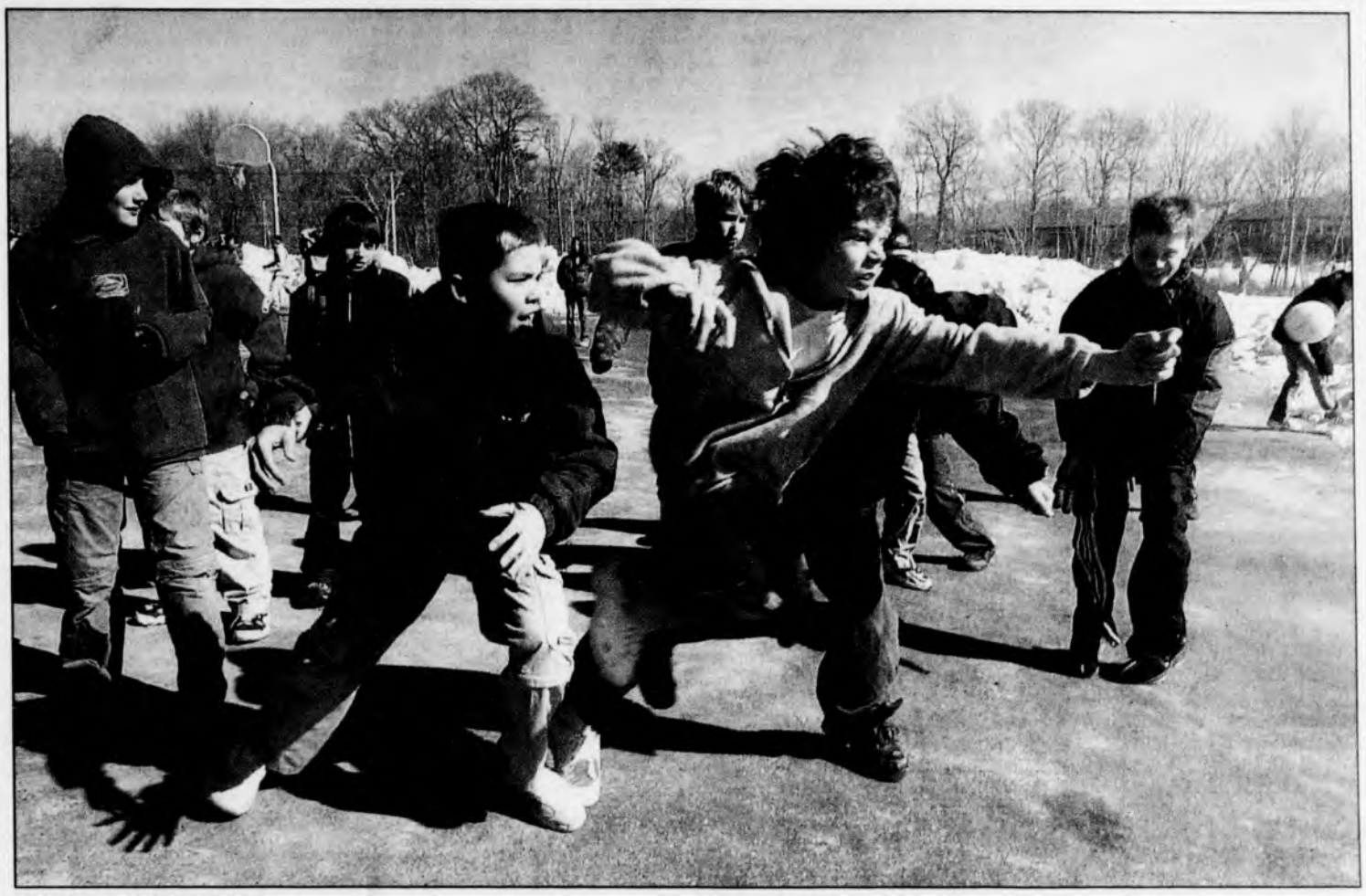

WINTER WORKOUT

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Deer Hill fifth-graders Tom Condon and Max Shipp stay warm during an energetic game of "Off the Wall" during recess in freezing temperatures.

Train stalls town work

Delay puts projects off

By John Camera
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A six-month delay in construction on the Greenbush commuter line has put four town projects in limbo.

Town Manager Mark Haddad put the projects on hold Tuesday after meeting with MBTA officials who said reimbursement could not be guaranteed for any Greenbush mitigation projects.

"The official word is that everything's on hold for 60 days pending a review of the Greenbush project by Gov. Romney and Secretary of Transportation Daniel Grabauskas," Haddad said. "We're in a holding

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Lighter tax override likely

Trimmed down some $135,000

By John Camera
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Town officials hope to lower the amount of a proposition 2-1/2 general override from $485,000 to $350,000.

Officials agreed tentatively on the reduced figure last week after looking at reductions in local aid outlined in Gov. Mitt Romney's version of the state's budget. Town Manager Mark Haddad said Romney's budget proposal amounted to a loss of $307,000, or a 10.9 percent reduction in local aid for Cohasset in fiscal year 2004.

The town had originally budgeted for a 10 percent cut in local aid, a move that was questioned by some in the face of rumors of cuts as high as 20 percent.

Last Thursday, Haddad told members of the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee, and the Advisory Committee that if the override remained unchanged, no further cuts would be necessary.

He said that although the local aid reduction was almost 1 percent higher than anticipated in the budget, the difference had been offset by adjustments to estimated receipts and a recent $20,000 increase in revenue from new growth.

But Selectmen and School Committee members said a $485,000 override was simply too much to ask from voters, especially given the lagging economy. After Haddad noted the town's last two overrides were $300,000 and $380,000, they agreed on a new override figure of $350,000.

The new override figure would amount to a 21 cent increase in the tax rate. The average taxpayer, considered the owner of a $575,800 home, would pay an additional $121 in property taxes. The $485,000 override amounted to a 29 cent tax rate increase and would have cost the average taxpayer $168.

The override needs two-thirds approval at Town Meeting on March 29 to go to a town-wide vote. A final figure for the override must be set by March 7, when the warrant for Town Meeting goes to print.

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Tonight:

- Selectmen discuss Town Meeting warrant articles at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.
- School Committee tackles School Department budget at 7 p.m., at the high school library.

Hingham Lumber has new home

By John Camera
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Hingham Lumber opened for business this week at its new home in Cohasset.

It may only be short ride down Route 3A from the company's old facility in Hingham, but the complicated move has been 10 years in the making.

Owners Thomas and John McNulty are glad to finally be settling down. Their new home has allowed them to expand their business dramatically but maintain the level of personalized service that sets them apart from the competition.

"Everybody's excited," said Thomas McNulty. "This was a huge culmination between the townspeople who helped at getting us through the boards in a reasonable and timely fashion, our customers who persevered through what we had down there (in Hingham) during the last year and a half our so, and certainly our employees who have done a tremendous job working longer hours than typical."

"Initially it was hard to comprehend that we'd be moving from the existing site. After all, it was started by my father in '47."
— Thomas McNulty

The new Hingham Lumber sits on a 13-acre parcel of land on Route 3A next to Cohasset Collision Center. The land used to be the site of a golf driving range.

The McNulty brothers first contemplated moving in the early 1990s when the MBTA showed interest in their Summer Street property in

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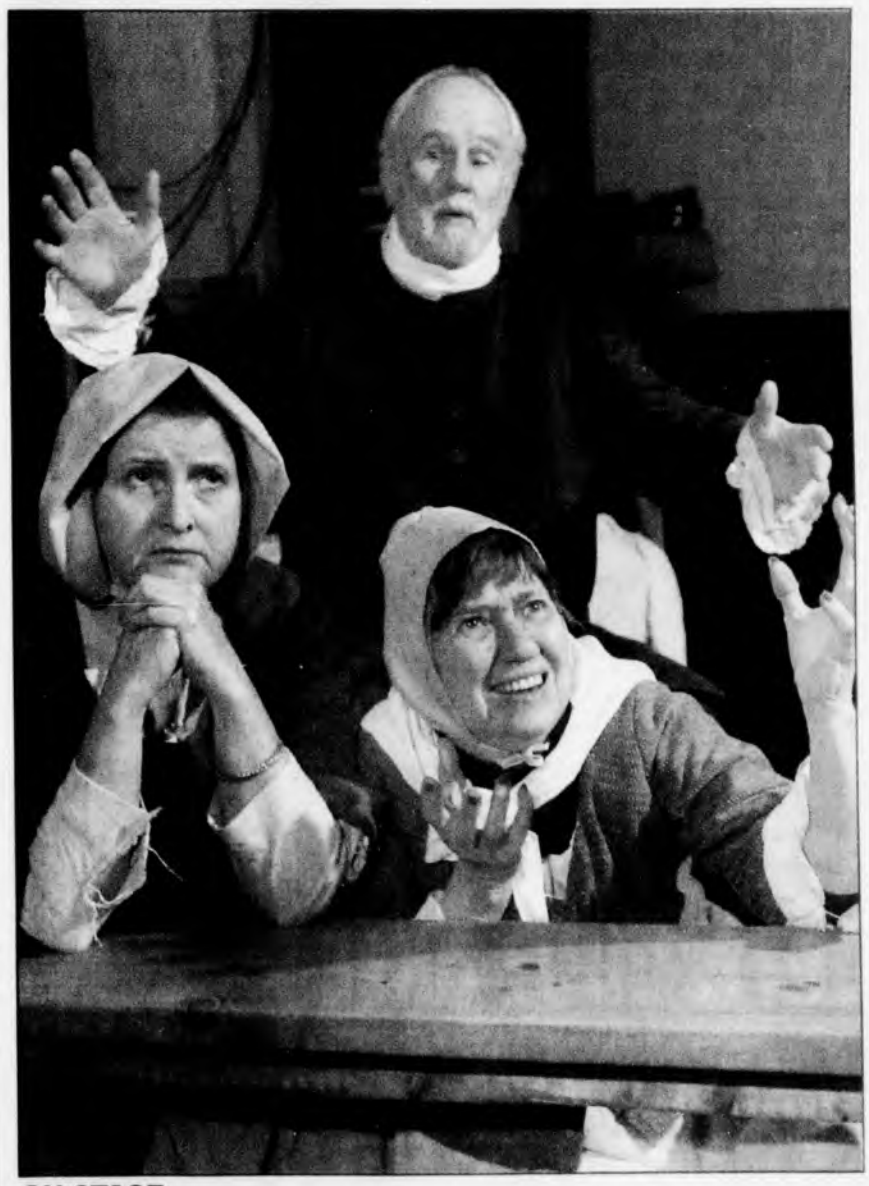

ON STAGE

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Judge Danforth (Dick Sherill) rails against the Devil in the story of the Salem witch trials in Arthur Miller's masterpiece "The Crucible" on stage at Cohasset Town Hall. Caroline Cooker, left, portrays Tituba, and Carol Borges plays Sara Good. For more photos see page 21.

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Historical society seeks assistant

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Mon., March 3:

Advisory Committee, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, March 13 at 7:30 p.m., March 20 at 7:30 p.m., March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Growth and Development Committee, Mar. 6 at 7:30 p.m. (open space public meeting)

Planning Board, March 13 at 7:30 p.m., March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Police-Fire Station Study Committee, March 20, 1 p.m.

School Committee, March 6 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library

Selectmen, March 6 at 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, March 10 at 6 p.m.

Water Commission, March 6 at 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

Zoning Board of Appeals, March 10 at 7:30 p.m., March 17 at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Old school furniture

There are a few items of old furniture for sale at the Cohasset Middle School from 9-10 a.m., Saturday, March 8. Buyers must take items away with them as there is no storage available. For more information call the Superintendent's Office, 781-383-6111.

Selectmen name Charles to CPC

Selectmen last week unanimously voted to appoint Margy Charles to the Community Preservation Committee. Charles will fill a vacancy made when David McMorris resigned from the committee in January.

Selectmen Merle Brown and Ronnie McMorris recommended Charles for the position after interviewing several qualified candidates. Brown and McMorris supported Charles because of her strong background in community housing, one of three areas that money from the Community Preservation fund is supposed to benefit. The other areas, which McMorris felt were already well represented on the committee, are open space and historical preservation.

The appointment was not without controversy. Selectman Thomas Callahan, who is also a member of the CPC, opposed McMorris' premise that the committee was weak in the area of community housing. He noted that the largest project the CPC has supported to date — a plan to appropriate $300,000 for two "moderate income" apartments in the basement of the old library — is a housing project. Callahan accused McMorris of "playing politics" because the CPC turned down a large proposal from the Senior Housing Authority, which her and Charles both serve on.

Master Plan talk is at 7:30 p.m. tonight

The Cohasset Growth and Development Committee is holding a Master Plan discussion focusing on Environment, Open Space and Cultural Preservation on Thursday March 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. All are welcome to come and put their ideas into action for the Master Plan.

Discussion will include strategies to preserve and enhance Cohasset's environmental sustainability, natural landscapes, open space, and scenic and historic character. For more information, please contact Liz Harrington, Town Planner, at 781-383-3517.

Register to vote

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections. The last day to register to vote is Friday, March 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office for the Annual Town Meeting, Saturday, March 29 and the Annual Town Election, Saturday, April 5. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library and must be postmarked on or before March7.

Ellms Meadow bids solicited for project

The Water Commission has requested bids from contractors for the next round of improvements to the water distribution system, for a new pump and pumphouse for the Ellms Meadow Wellfield, and for relocating the Sohier Street Wells away from the Greenbush railroad right of way.

"These projects will improve fire protection and water service throughout Cohasset," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "The distribution system projects will improve about 1.54 miles of water mains on South Main Street, North Main Street, Bancroft Road, Hill Street, Parker Ave., and Doane Street, which are areas we have identified as having insufficient fire flow or problems with water service.

"Bid proposals are due by March 13, so by the time of the March 29 Town Meeting, where we will seek funding for these projects, we will have good information about their costs," he said, "and so we will be able to begin these needed projects soon after the conclusion of the Town Meeting."

The Ellms Meadow Pumphouse project includes demolition of the existing pumphouse, relocation of the old pump, construction of a new pumphouse, installation of a new pump and instrumentation, and connection of the pump to the water distribution system.

In the Sohier Street Well Field exploratory project, the contractor will drill exploratory wells behind Sohier Street to find a location that is suitable for the new wellfield, so the existing wells located 50 feet from the Greenbush Railroad right of way can be moved. This project is supposed to be reimbursed by the MBTA as part of its mitigation package for Cohasset.

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Sun. 9	3:00	9.2	9:20	3:32	8.4	9:34
Mon. 10	3:45	9.0	10:10	4:23	8.0	10:23
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Securing its place in history

Cemetery is on National Register

By Mary Ford
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Cemeteries, especially ancient ones, tell old stories.

Just take a walk through Cohasset Central Cemetery at Joy Place where the oldest grave dates back to 1705. There you'll also find the Celtic Cross memorializing the 45 unidentified victims of the brig St. John disaster 150 years ago; the grave of world renowned acrobat William Hanlon (of the Hanlon Brothers); and the grave of the Rev. Nehemiah Hobart, the town's first clergyman — to name a few.

But thanks to the efforts of cemetery trustees — in particular Anne Montague and Jo Ann Ford who did much of the research on the application with the help to town archivist David Wadsworth and Deirdre Barrett, who researched the gravestone art — the cemetery has a new story to tell. The beautiful, peaceful place with its glacial moraines and views of Little Harbor is now officially a "national treasure" through its recent inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

Phil Bergen of the Massachusetts Historical Commission presented cemetery trustees with a certificate heralding the recent accomplishment Sunday during the cemetery's annual board meeting at the Lightkeepers Residence.

The National Register provides recognition that a property is of significance to the nation, state or the community. The designation also provides some protection and ensures the cemetery will be preserved.

Cohasset Central Cemetery with its funerary art by Colonial stone carvers like Scituate's Jacob Vinal and his son, Jacob Jr. — has long been a town treasure.

Bergen explained the effort to place a property on the National Register could take up to two years.

He said the application was affirmatively voted back in September at the state level before being sent to the National Park Service.

Wadsworth, who has drafted several National Register applications in town, praised the work of Montague and Ford.

"They did an absolutely marvelous job putting it together," he said.

The cemetery also had the good luck of being able to work with several Boston University students who provided consulting services on the project for free as part of their master's degree thesis. The state currently has no money to provide consultants, and therefore, the cemetery could still be on the waiting list if it weren't for the help from B.U.

"We filled out the application and they put it into the nomination form," Montague explained.

In addition to the honor of being listed, the designation will enable the cemetery to apply for grant money from the state Department of Environmental Management through a program aimed at providing funds to help maintain green spaces on the National Register and for preservation work in cemeteries.

Montague said the association's next effort is to create a guide so people who stroll through the cemetery can have a sense of the local history the picturesque place represents.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Phil Bergen, center, from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, presents Anne Montague, left, and Jo Ann Ford, a certificate noting the listing of Cohasset Central Cemetery on the National Register of Historic Places.

Friends, family remember Howorth

Helped girlfriend escape club blaze

By John Camera
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He was a computer whiz who cheered up the lives of his co-workers. A die-hard heavy metal fan who idolized 80s rockers like Ted Nugent and Motley Crue. A loving father whose favorite pastime was watching "Scooby-Doo" and eating popcorn with his daughter.

That was how Carlton "Buddy" Howorth III was remembered by more than 150 friends and family who gathered in his memory last Thursday at the Second Congregational Church on Cohasset Common.

Howorth, 39, a longtime Cohasset resident, was one of 98 people killed in a fire two weeks ago during a rock concert at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I. He assisted his girlfriend, Donna Reis, to safety in the moments before his death.

Howorth's sister, Susan Howorth Pritchard, said her brother had died doing what he loved—listening to live heavy metal music.

"Unfortunately, this tragedy has allowed us to understand how many lives Buddy touched," she told the crowd. "He was a caring son, a devoted father, a loving brother and uncle, and in his last moments, a hero...His unique personality completed our family."

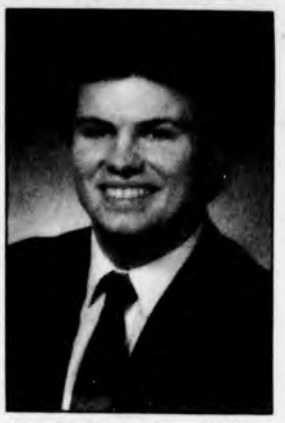
Howorth Pritchard recalled how Howorth enjoyed spending time with his three-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, and how he had fought to overcome Hodgkin's Disease five years ago with the help of his dog, Maggie.

"He was always smiling, always ready to help," said friend and co-worker Frank Pellicano.

Pellicano spoke of Howorth's unparalleled love for music. "Even at official business meetings, he would throw comments in about heavy metal bands," he said.

Pellicano drew laughter when he joked that he enjoyed talking to Howorth on the phone, but always made sure he put his kids to bed and went to the bathroom beforehand. "Everyone knew Bud was a talker," he said. "Whatever your problems were, Bud was there."

John MacLeman, another friend and co-worker, recalled how Howorth picked him up when he was having trouble enjoying his job. MacLeman said it was Howorth who introduced him to his wife. He said Howorth was filled with passion for his friends, his family and his music.



Carlton "Buddy" Howorth III

"His life was full every minute of every day," said Rev. Gary Ritts.

Rev. Ritts read from Howorth's entries in the Cohasset High School yearbook from 1981, the year of his graduation. He let Howorth's "parting statement" in the yearbook speak for itself: "Whatever you do, don't let the good times pass you by."

Ritts remembered Howorth with rock lyrics that captured his outgoing spirit. He closed with lyrics from a Motley Crue song: "Plug me in. I'm alive tonight....I'm hot, young, running free. A little bit better than I used to be."

Time to file for tax exemptions

The Cohasset Board of Assessors would like to notify property owners the deadline for filing for fiscal year 2003 real estate tax exemptions is Monday, March 24. The qualification date is July 1, 2002. If you have filed since July 1, 2002, it is not necessary to file again. The following exemptions are available:

Persons over 70 years of age: $750 off — if annual income is less that $13,000 (single person) or $15,000 (married couple), and the value of your assets, excluding your home, is less than $28,000 (single person) or $30,000 (married couple).

Surviving spouse: $262.50 off — also minors of deceased parents and persons over 70 years of age. There is no limit on income, but the value of your assets, excluding your home, must not exceed $40,000.

Disabled veterans: $375 off — at least 10 percent disabled as determined by the Veterans Administration. Purple Heart Award recipients qualify, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross. Other exemptions are available for more seriously disabled veterans and paraplegic veterans.

Blind persons: $656.25 off — must be registered with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

Tax deferral: all or part of the tax — applicant must be 65 years of age as of July 1, 2002 with income less than $40,000 and must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years. All or part of the tax may be deferred.

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Hingham Lumber has new home in Cohasset

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Hingham as the future site of a parking lot for the Nantasket Junction station on the Greenbush commuter line. The news halted expansion plans on the site that had been delayed by legal battles with neighbors.

The company finalized plans to move to Cohasset in 2001. Thomas McNulty said coming to grips with the move was tough. "Initially it was hard to comprehend that we'd be moving from the existing site. After all, it was started by my father in '47," he said. "In the long run, looking back, it now makes a lot of sense, but looking at it then, it was never something we considered."

McNulty said the MBTA paid "a little bit more than the assessed value" of $761,000 for the Hingham property. The agency did not pay, however, for moving costs.

"Whenever you have to move, you'd like to get a total compensation for whatever it costs you to move, but that's not always a reality," he said. "That's what we would have liked, but we didn't get it. I don't think anybody did."

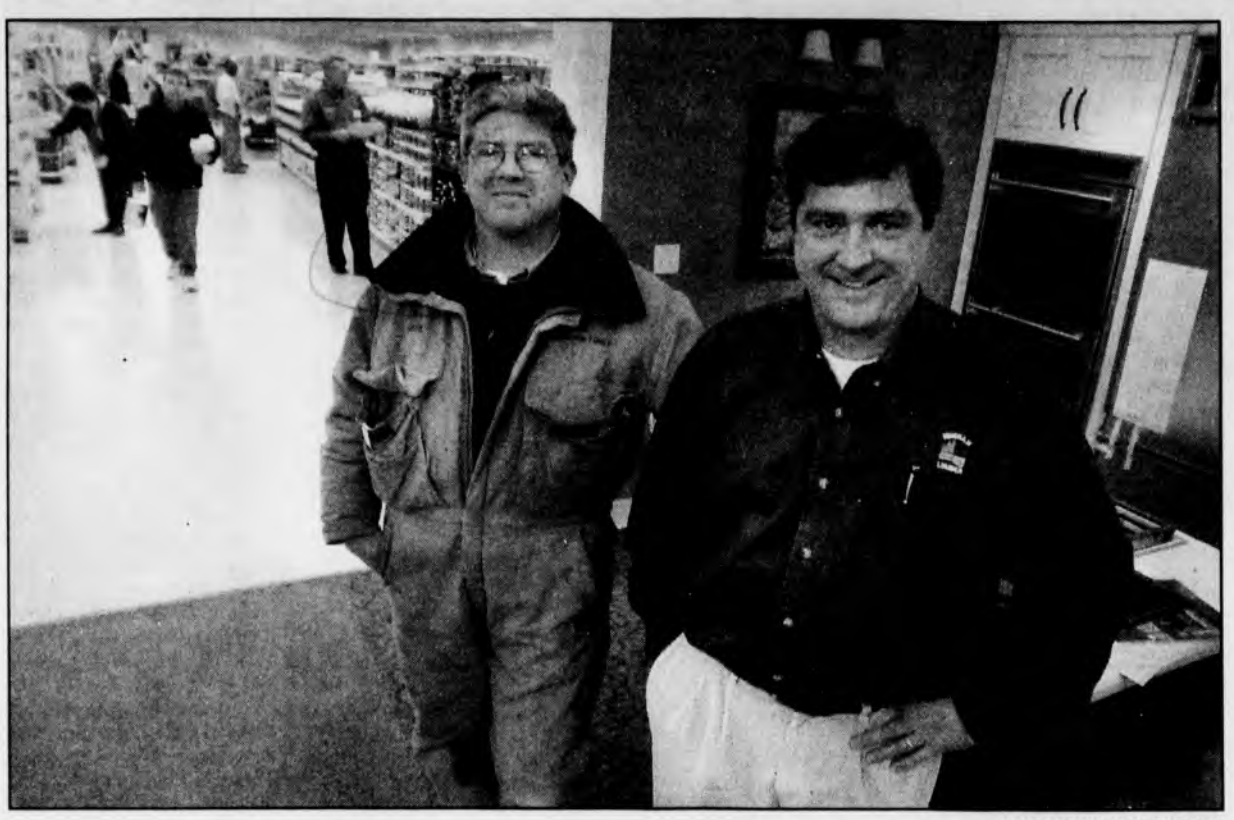
McNulty said the company paid about $10,000 per year in property taxes to the town of Hingham and would now pay about $60,000 per year to Cohasset because the new facility is much larger.

Although sad to leave Hingham, McNulty said the convenience of finding a plot of land only a mile and a half down the road made for a much smoother transition. "We're very lucky to have obtained the land. That helped a lot in keeping our business operational," he said.

McNulty said he's happy the company didn't rebuild on its old property only to find out the MBTA would take the land by eminent domain. "That would have been a most difficult situation for us," he said.

Instead of being a back-breaker, the move has proved to be an opportunity for growth.

McNulty said he expects business to grow by at least 10 percent at the new facility. The company now has a 24,000-square-foot building that houses the retail store, showroom and offices and a 60,000-square-foot lumber warehouse with drive-through service.



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John and Tom McNulty at the new Hingham Lumber which opened on Rte. 3A in Cohasset this week.

At look inside Hingham Lumber's expanded new facility which is now open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

"I'd say we're certainly one of the most state-of-the-art operations in the northeast," McNulty said.

That's quite an accomplishment when compared to Hingham Lumber's old site, where old trailers from 18-wheelers served as storage and the retail area was more like a maze than a store. "It was really kind of pork-chopped," said McNulty. "It was like a house of cards, if you will."

With the move, areas that were limited by space at the Hingham site have grown exponentially. The showroom—where kitchens, doors and windows are on display—has gone from 200 square feet to 4,200 square feet. Meanwhile, the retail store has gone from 2,500 square feet to 14,500 square feet.

McNulty hopes an expanded product line will mean South Shore contractors will be stopping by more frequently, but he's also looking for business from motivated homeowners looking to make home improvements.

"I think the business itself is going to attract a different market," he said. "We were not very strong in the do-it-yourself or the retail trades because the business physically didn't dictate that. Anybody that visits will notice a big difference in that personality of the store."

New perks include beeper devices so customers can shop while they wait for paint to be mixed and a TV area in the showroom where kids can watch movies while their parents browse.

Hingham Lumber has also hired new staff in its showroom and retail departments. The company has grown from 50 to 65 employees because of the move.

The desire to attract more clientele has also led to expanded hours. Before, the company's hours were 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; now it's open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

As owner of an independent lumberyard, McNulty says he's not intimidated by nationwide chains like Home Depot or Lowe's, what he calls "box" stores.

"With the proliferation of the 'box' stores, a lot of retailers have said, 'We're not going to do anything in the hardware area or the retail area,' which I think is a mistake," he said. "I think we service customers better than the big boxes and as a result I think its natural for us to offer the products that people want."

Hingham Lumber was started in 1947 by the McNultys' father, William McNulty, who built the business on a tradition of good customer service.

"We're a small company that still strives to keep that small company personality and attitude towards customers," said McNulty. "Any dealer in this business that performs those things is going to be successful."

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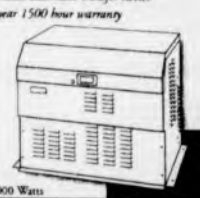

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Rave reviews for new library

By Mary Ford
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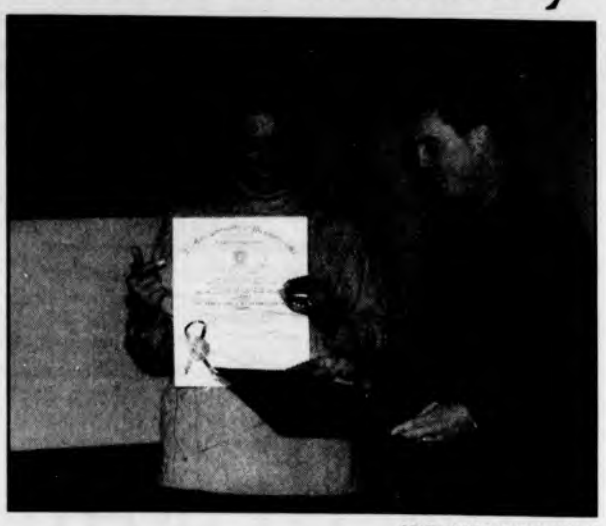
Whoever said libraries are supposed to be quiet, studious places wasn't in Cohasset on Sunday.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library was a figurative beehive of activity as upwards of 200 residents traipsed through a torrential downpour for the new facility's open house.

Patience Towle, chairman of the Board of Library Trustees, couldn't stop smiling as she welcomed everyone into the renovated building that housed the former Osgood School for the better part of the last century.

"This is so exciting," said an energized Towle, as citizens of all ages poured through the front door.



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Patience Towle, chairman of the library trustees, accepts congratulatory citations from the House and Senate from state Rep. Garrett Bradley during Sunday's open house.

Dozens of youngsters gravitated toward carrels with computers or the "pint-sized" stacks and furniture in the children's room that features a nautical motif. Others, with their eyes wide as they tried to take it all in, rode around on their dads' shoulders. Even the "old folks" in attendance seemed to be in awe as they wandered through.

Brian Riley, now 24, who went to grades K-3 at Osgood, tried to recall where the nurse's office, principal's office and his old Kindergarten room once stood.

"I don't recognize my old school," he said.

Town Moderator George Marlette, who was on hand for the festivities, said when he went to Derby Academy in Hingham the Hingham Public Library made him envious.

"I thought, 'why doesn't Cohasset have a library on a par with Hingham's?'" he said. "Now we do."

At 3 p.m., one-third way through the open house, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan kicked off a brief ceremony in which he praised the community spirit that brought the new library to fruition.

"At a time when we're dealing with difficult challenges both fiscally and politically, it's nice to be participating in something so positive and uplifting," he said.

As he praised all those involved in the process, Sullivan said the library was an example of the same type of community spirit that propelled the town to build the Osgood School back in the 1920s. He said the library building committee had met two-to-three times a week since 1998 "to bring this beautiful project to the community."

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— Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan

Deborah Hill Bornheimer of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners – that awarded a $1.5 million state grant for the project — lives in Duxbury but grew up in Cohasset and attended the old Osgood School. She said the new library is "what dreams are made of."

She recalled 50 years ago when she was in Gertrude Young's second grade, the same year she got her first Paul Pratt Library card, which opened a new world for her.

"It wasn't here but over there at the library that my intellect formed and my imagination sparked," she said.

Quoting Margaret Meade, Library Director Janet Husband said one should "never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world: indeed it's the only thing that ever has.'

"This building is proof that is the case," said Husband, who was hired 5-1/2 years ago when the trustees were just beginning their work to secure the building for a new library.

"For me it's been a thrill to see the building turn from a paper construct into reality," she said.

Towle, the trustees president, said it was her "happy duty to thank everyone today." Her eyes welled with tears as she went down the list of names of fellow trustees, town officials, library staff, volunteers, and members of the construction and architectural team. She thank each one individually while she shared anecdotes about the challenges they faced.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, who presented congratulatory citations from the House and Senate recognizing the Herculean library effort [Sen. Hedlund was attending an Eagle Scout ceremony], came along with his daughter Amanda, who clutched a children's book and gently interrupted her dad to get him to read to her.

He said Cohasset should take great pride in its new library.

"It's is a gathering place for the community and speaks volumes for the town of Cohasset," he said.

About the new library:

Groundbreaking: Jan. 17, 2002
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Article seeks safer storage at Pilgrim

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A large-scale accident would release 10 times more high-level radioactivity than the Chernobyl disaster in Russia, contaminating an area three times the size of Massachusetts.

Voters at Town Meeting will be asked to support a warrant article that would request safer storage of spent fuel rods at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth.

If the article is approved, the Town would request the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to require the placement of all but recently unloaded spent nuclear fuel in secure, dry cask storage. The Town would also ask local, state and federal officials to support the measure.

"The reason we're requesting this is that terrorism is real," said Mary Lampert, chairwoman of the Duxbury Nuclear Advisory Committee. "We know that nuclear power plants are on the terrorists' short lists. The President told us that in his State of the Union two years ago."

Lampert spoke to Selectmen last week on behalf of Cohasset residents who support her efforts to improve safety at Pilgrim. It was those supporters who drafted the article for Town Meeting by citizens' petition. Selectmen voted unanimously to recommend the article. Lampert has submitted a similar article in Duxbury.

Lampert said Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station has 2,278 spent fuel rods in a storage pool designed to hold 880 rods. The pool is located in a tall building that houses the plant's main reactor, making it an especially attractive target for terrorists. By 2012, the plant will have almost 4,000 rods, she said.

Lampert said a large-scale accident would release 10 times more high-level radioactivity than the Chernobyl disaster in Russia, contaminating an area three times the size of Massachusetts.

Lampert's goal is to get the spent fuel rods placed in dry cask storage units, which would separate them into groups of about 2 dozen and allow them to be spread out, minimizing the chance of an accident.

"Pilgrim is on 1,600 wooded acres," she said. "They don't have to have all their eggs in one basket, so to speak, as is done now."

With the proposed federal nuclear repository at Yucca Mountain scheduled to open in 2010, transferring spent fuel into dry cask storage may be something Pilgrim has to do in the near future, anyway. The rods would require dry cask storage to be transported, although the waiting list to get into the repository could be as long as 30 to 40 years.

Lampert said waiting for Yucca didn't make sense, given the current threat.

"The sensible thing to do is to be prepared and to reduce the attractiveness of the target," she said. "Secure dry-cask storage is definitely the way to go."

Lampert estimates it would cost $71 million to place all of Pilgrim's spent fuel in dry cask storage. She said the cost — whether paid by the ratepayer or the taxpayer — would ultimately be picked up by Massachusetts residents no matter what.

Lampert said stepping up security at Pilgrim was also necessary. She said the only way to truly protect the plant would be to have on-site surface-to-air missiles and constant Coast Guard patrols.

"I have a swimming pool and I have to put a fence around it," she said. "They have a radioactive swimming pool and they have a no trespassing sign."

Lampert said emergency plans needed revision. "The current emergency plans are designed for accidents that are slow building," she said. "We want real emergency plans for communities we know will be affected."

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Selectmen to tackle articles on Town Meeting Warrant

By John Camera
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Selectmen have postponed their meeting this week until today (Thursday) so they can make recommendations on several warrant articles after they are reviewed by the Planning Board. The meeting is at 7 p.m. in Town Hall.

The Planning Board holds a public hearing before each Town Meeting for all warrant articles that would make changes to the zoning bylaws. This year, the board did not schedule the hearing until Wednesday, March 5, two days before the warrant goes to print.

Five potential articles in this year's warrant involve zoning changes. One article calls for a building permit review process, one would tighten rules for ledge removal, one would give amnesty to "illegal" apartments if they were made affordable, and a another would make large houses trigger a site plan review and possibly require a special permit.

A fifth article, filed by citizens petition, would amend the zoning map so that the business district behind Stop and Shop would expand 200 feet further back from route 3A.

Five potential articles in this year's warrant involve zoning changes.

Selectmen were hoping to make recommendations on these articles at their meeting last week. They invited members of the Planning Board, who did not attend because they were unprepared to comment.

With the exception of citizen's petitions, Selectmen can vote to remove any article from the warrant. Because of that power, when a board or committee presents an article, Selectmen can offer opinions and negotiate changes or even postponement of the article until a future Town Meeting.

Other articles to be reviewed this week by Selectmen involve the fiscal year 2004 budget, funding recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee, funding for improvements to the sewer treatment plant, funding for improvements to the Police/Fire station and funding for a new school bus.

Lighter tax override likely

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Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said the town needed to put forward a strong effort to cut costs as much as it could without sacrificing services. "It has to be a joint effort that we all feel good about," he said. "I think we're close to the number where we know we want to be."

Because Haddad has already cut the municipal side of the budget by $21,000, Selectmen asked the schools to absorb $100,000 of the $135,000 that must now be eliminated from town's expenses to accommodate for the reduced override.

Haddad noted this week in his weekly report to Selectmen that the town will absorb the remaining $35,000 by temporarily reducing the emergency services fee that the fire department pays to the Water Commission, which operates independently.

The School Committee will discuss its portion of the cuts at its meeting today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the High School Library. The committee must also still cut $75,000 from its budget to pay for the cost of additional janitorial staff.

Sullivan reiterated at last Thursday's meeting that an override was important to maintaining the town's services. "We don't lightly bring forward an override. It's because we really feel that these are the services that the town wants to have," he said.

Selectman Tom Callahan said renegotiating the town's union contracts to eliminate $630,000 in pay raises should still be on the table in budget discussions. "If the unions played ball with us, we might not need an override," he said.

But School Committee members and other Selectmen said it was too late in the budget process to explore the plan. Some also said that only eliminating non-union raises would be unfair and that contract negotiations should be held across the board if they happen at all.

Sullivan said that when the town's union contracts expire after next fiscal year, pay raises might have to be eliminated for the first year of the new contracts. He also said solving budgetary problems by redesigning town government was not as easy as some might think.

"We can't drastically change how government is run in the town of Cohasset," he said. "I think people have to understand that. I think there's this perception out there that just because the state is radically changing the way government is run that we have to radically change the way the town is run, too."

Town officials are still unsure how Romney's cuts in local aid — provided they are approved by the Legislature — will play out over the next few years. Haddad pointed out that the Governor's plan actually cut more than $750,000, or about 25 percent, of the town's local aid, but replaced much of it with funds labeled as "transitional mitigation."

"They threw in $450,000 to soften the blow for fiscal year 2004," he said. "That money does not reappear in 2005."

According to Romney's budget, Cohasset's local aid reduction in fiscal year 2004 would be 10.5 percent — the largest cut allowed under the plan, which seeks to chip away at the state's $3 billion budget deficit. Haddad said Romney's numbers did not account for the 2.5 percent cut in local aid in fiscal year 2003, which is why Haddad's numbers showed the reduction was actually 10.9 percent.

The previous cut, made last month, amounted to a $58,000 loss that Haddad covered with the town's free cash, which totals about $300,000.

Jet council meeting at Hingham Library

The South Shore Jet Pollution Council meeting originally scheduled for March 12 at the Spinnaker Island Clubhouse has been relocated.

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ZBA public hearing on 3 Jerusalem Lane nears

By John Camera
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Forget the local pub. Anyone looking for red faces on St. Patrick's Day, go straight to Town Hall.

That's when the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to decide whether to grant Phil and Mary Anne Ayer a special permit for their home at 3 Jerusalem Lane. The case has been a controversial topic around town for more than a month.

The Ayers' building permit was revoked in January when their home was 80 percent complete. Responding to an appeal from neighbors, the Zoning Board of Appeals determined the Ayers should have initially applied for a special permit because they were building on a non-conforming lot.

Two weeks ago, the Planning Board recommended that the Ayers' application for special permit be denied in accordance with the bylaws. The board said their home was detrimental to the neighborhood because it devalued neighboring homes by eliminating views of the ocean.

"If the neighbors were so worried about their views, they had the option of purchasing the lot just like anybody else did."
— Roberta Sawyer, Ayers' attorney

Roberta Sawyer, the Ayers' lawyer, said that claiming other properties had been devalued because their views were eliminated would not hold up in court.

"The Zoning Board of Appeals and the courts have consistently held that views are not protected absent view easements or protective bylaws — neither of which existed in this case," said Sawyer. "If the neighbors were so worried about their views, they had the option of purchasing the lot just like anybody else did."

Sawyer said she and her clients did not attend the Planning Board meeting two weeks ago because they were unaware it was taking place. She said she was not contacted by the Planning Board in advance of the meeting.

But member Bob Sturdy said the Planning Board never contacted permit applicants or others parties involved because it was not required.

"The process is standard," Sturdy said. "The meeting of the Planning Board is posted and the agenda is there for anyone who wants to see it."

Sturdy said the Planning Board traditionally issues recommendations on applications for special permits and variances before they go to the Zoning Board.

The Ayers' application for a special permit will now go before the Zoning Board on March 17 at 7:30 at Town Hall.

Also decided upon at that hearing will be Sawyer's request for enforcement on six homes that allegedly violate the same zoning bylaw as 3 Jerusalem Lane. Sawyer's initial request to force the homes to acquire special permits was denied by Building Inspector Bob Egan, who ruled that the Zoning Board's previous decision regarding the Ayers' home was not immediately applicable to any other case.

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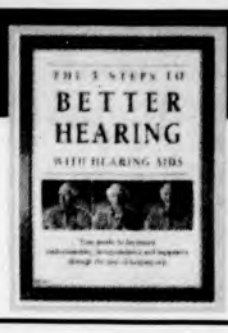

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Train stalls town work

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pattern…They're going to look at the Greenbush project and then make a decision on how to go forward."

Stalled are the James Brook Drainage Improvement Project, the reconstruction of the Town Parking Lot and the reconstruction of the Sohier Street Wells, all to be covered by MBTA mitigation funds at a total cost of about $1.75 million.

Although not funded by the MBTA, the Village Streetscape Revitalization Project has been put on hold as well. Haddad has told the Waterfield Design Group, in charge of the project, to cease all work for the time being.

"We're in a holding pattern."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

Haddad said he stopped the streetscape project because he was unsure how town officials might want to proceed if Greenbush is abandoned. The $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development grant that would fund the streetscape improvements may end up being used for some mitigation projects, Haddad said.

"Selectmen may want to reconsider using some of that money for the Town Parking Lot since parking is such an issue in the village," he said.

Haddad is applying to MassHighway for a one-year extension on the PWED grant, which, as of now, the town must use by March of 2004.

In a letter to Haddad last week, MBTA design and construction manager David Ryan said "the MBTA remains fully committed to the completion of the (Greenbush) project."

But Haddad could not guarantee the future of the project after his meeting Tuesday. "It may still happen. It may not happen," he said. "I'm just sitting here waiting."

Since the MBTA is moving forward with design and permitting efforts, Haddad has requested that the agency continue to pay for the town ombudsman, Kristina Patterson.

"If they're going to continue design, then we're going to need to deal with reviewing those designs, so we're still going to need an ombudsman," he said.

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FAMILY FUN

Looking for something fun to do with the whole family during these arctic cold evenings? Come join us for Family Night at the Osgood School Cafeteria on Friday, March 14 at 7 p.m. We'll have dessert and a well known entertainer, Rick Goldin, give a lively show. Maybe you've seen Rick at the annual WGBH Ice Cream Fun Fest? His performances are lively and interactive and he's sure to entertain the young and the "not-so-young" alike! This fundraising event is only $5 per person, but not to exceed the cost of $25 for the entire family. So bring the whole gang....who can beat that price for dessert and family entertainment? This event is open to the community and all proceeds benefit our children at the Osgood Elementary School. As always, we welcome your support.

QUILT SHOW

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Betty Vogel and Elinor Murphy pose by Betty's quilt "Precious Petals" during the annual Quilt Show at the Second Congregational Church on Sunday. The event raises money for the Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and Boston Medical Center's Reach Out and Read Program.

TAX RELIEF

The Cohasset Board of Assessors would like to notify property owners that the deadline for filing for fiscal year 2003 real estate tax exemptions is Monday, March 24. Check this week's Mariner for more details! Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall. For additional information, please contact the Assessors' Office at (781) 383-4114.

A TRUE HERO

I wanted to send out all our sympathy to the families and friends who lost a loved one in the tragedy that occurred two weeks ago in Rhode Island. Words cannot express the sadness over such a senseless accident. I want to let the family of **Carlton "Buddy" Howorth** know how much everyone is thinking of them as they begin to deal with the loss of Buddy. Buddy, only 39 years old and a son, father, uncle and friend, lost his life in this horrible fire and saved the life of his girlfriend by pushing her out. He is a hero and will always be remembered lovingly by family and friends.

TOP DEBATER

Reed P. Smith of Cohasset, a junior at Boston College High School, finished among the top B.C. High debaters, with a high score of 95.33 speaker points out of 120 possible points at the Boston Catholic Forensic League Championship at Shrewsbury High. Reed, with teammate **Steven B. O'Reilly** of Pembroke were the highest ranked B.C. High team in the tournament. Boston College High School has a long tradition of debating, dating back to just after the school's founding in 1863. B.C. High over the years has had many championship debate teams and this tradition continues to the present. The team currently has 20 members. The B.C. High Debate Team is not just about the competitions, but also teaches the skills of debate, and educates club members about the social topics discussed through the national resolution. The team has membership with the National Catholic ForensicLeague (Boston Catholic Forensic League), and The Massachusetts Forensic League. Keep debating Reed, we would love to hear more as time goes on.

ON STAGE

Cohasset resident **Michela Valente**, a fifth-grader at Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, portrayed the maiden "Tinkerbel" in the school's recent production "Pirates of Penzance." Super performance Michela, keep up the shining work.

DEAN'S LIST

I heard from **Gary Anderson** this week and he and his wife , are so proud of their daughter, **Elizabeth W. Anderson** who has been named to the dean's list at Curry College for the Fall 2002 Term. Elizabeth needed to maintain a GPA of 3.3 to qualify. Elizabeth is majoring in psychology and is a sophomore at Curry. Great work Elizabeth.

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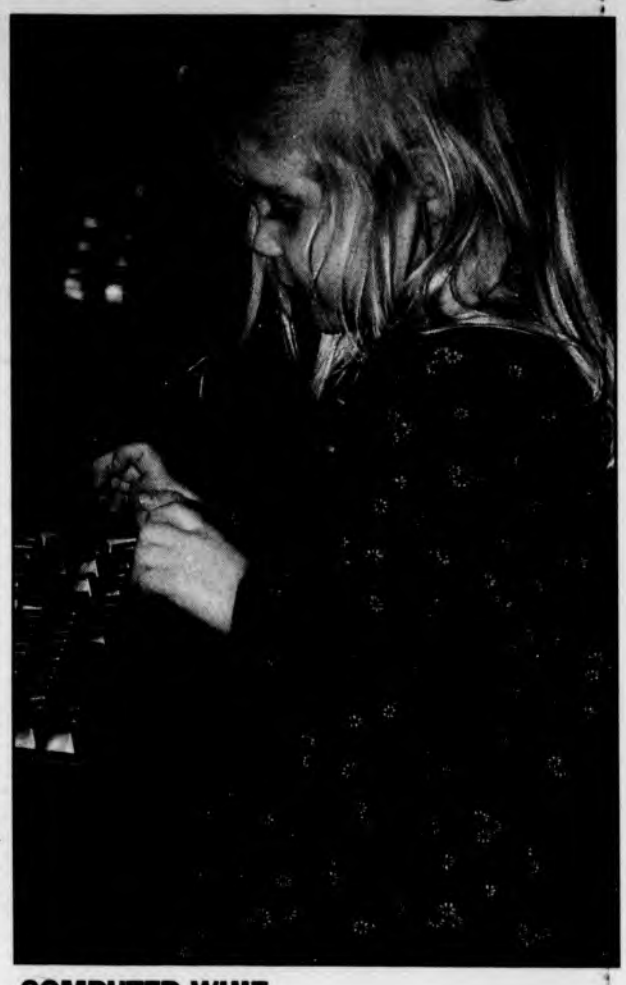

COMPUTER WHIZ

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Emily Hurtig tries out one of the new computers during the new Paul Pratt Library open house on Sunday.

GIRL SCOUT WEEK

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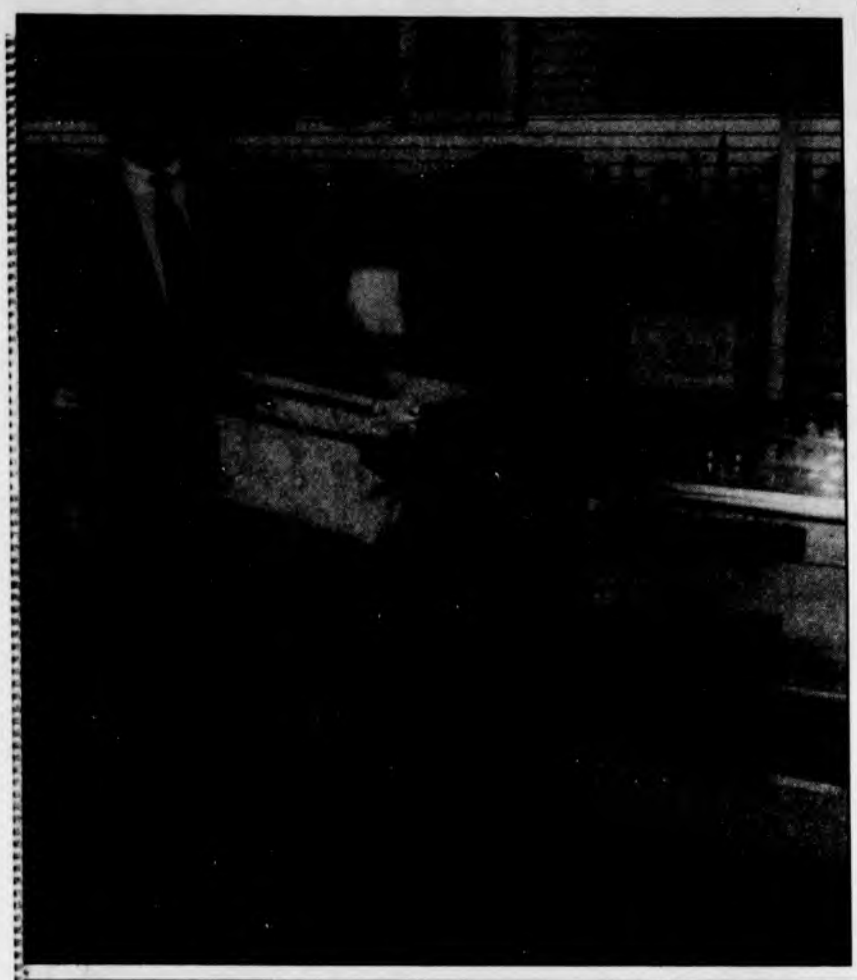

At left: Model Edythe Ford holds the box of names for state Sen. Robert Hedlund in the drawing for the $10,000 mink coat.

Above: Sen. Hedlund reads the name of the lucky winner. The drawing was part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Cohasset Consignment Shop.

At right: The senator calls the winner on the telephone.

Edythe Ford helps Mary Mack of Cohasset try on her new coat as Polly Logan looks on.

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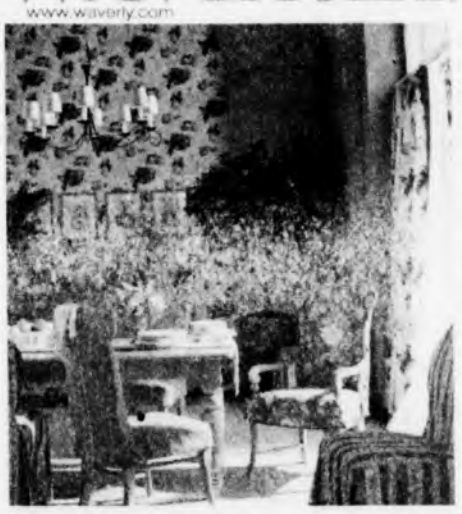

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Take a bow

There wasn't a frown on any of the 200-plus faces at Sunday's open house at the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library, just a lot of wide eyes.

Those directly involved pointed out the library was a "community project". So here's a list of all those who made financial contributions to the new 21st century library, which will serve Cohasset for at least the next 100 years.

The following is a list of all the donors to the Cohasset Library Building Fund. The size of the smallest gift was $5 and the size of the largest was $100,000. More than $1.1 million was raised.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote No on override

TO THE EDITOR:

On Thursday, Feb. 27, a group of Cohasset residents interested in promoting responsible taxation fiscal discipline met to discuss the financial dilemma facing our town. Several practical aspects of municipal spending were discussed including the following issues:

1. The likely request for a Proposition 2-1/2 override this year is expected to be $350,000. This will be put in the format of a permanent tax rate increase not only for this year but for every year in the future.
2. Proposed municipal pay raises for this year total $584,685!
3. A simple salary freeze of municipal employees this year would mean no cut in school programs, no school or town lay-offs, and no reduction in town services would be necessary.
4. Proposition 2-1/2 provides for predicted increases in revenues. We should learn to live within this limit.
5. Town and school leadership should be held responsible to manage their budgets without threatening to cut popular programs or they should resign and allow someone else to rise up to this challenge.
6. During these hard economic times many residents working in the private sector have lost their jobs or experienced pay reductions. We do not want to see any town employees loose their jobs or value school programs eliminated at the expense of funding pay raises.

Cohasset residents have been very generous in providing tax dollars to fund significant improvements in our schools, municipal services, and town projects. However, the long history of approving Proposition 2-1/2 overrides has now placed Cohasset amongst the highest taxed towns in Massachusetts. The problem we face now and in the future if we allow this trend to continue, is that the pattern of "ask and you shall receive" has been established and is now expected by our town officials.

There is a point in time, which I believe is now, that the taxpayers need to take a stand, need to take control, and most importantly meet to set limits on the expenditure of their tax dollars.

The only way to send this message to our town officials is to attend the town meeting on March 29, and have your voice heard. To promote fiscal responsibility "Vote No" on the Proposition 2-1/2 override.

John M. Connolly, M.D.
5 Atlantic Ave.

Help for burn victims

TO THE EDITOR:

Many of the survivors of the dreadful fire in Warwick, R.I. have been transported to our local hospitals in Boston. This is a horrible tragedy and families need our help. A desperate need for blood and platelets will be needed not only now but also in the weeks to come. I urge anyone who is able to donate to please do so. For families and survivors that need support you may contact me and/or visit the following website. http://www.phoenix-society.org/ This site is a resource for burn survivors, their friends and loved ones, and anyone that has been affected by the devastation of burn injuries.

Marion Douglas
Beechwood Street

Train is still best alternative

TO THE EDITOR:

The MBTA's recent decision to suspend further construction work on the Greenbush restoration is being seized on by its detractors as a sign of that project's inevitable demise. The decision was made not due to past cost overruns resulting from irresponsible spending, but rather with the purpose of avoiding just such an occurrence. It therefore stands as an act of responsibility and foresight which will go to protect the restoration project and assure its hoped-for completion. Meanwhile, the planning and permitting process continues to move ahead.

Time is money, and any delay in the project will almost certainly increase its cost. This has been basic to the strategy of the various opponents over the past 15-plus years as they have sought one roadblock after another to hamper the progress of commuter rail restoration, hoping to drive up its price until the state finally threw up its hands and cancelled it. Their arguments, lawsuits and schemes for "transportation alternatives" have failed to sway the decision-making bodies (e.g. the Army Corps of Engineers, the MBTA, and the past four administrations) that they had a better answer. It is thus ironic that the opponents decry excessive spending when it is partly through their efforts that the project's costs have risen as they have. The present holding pattern also does not result from any merit of these ploys, but from the desire of the project's managers to avoid premature commitments until all its ducks are lined up.

The holding decision does, of course, complicate the plans of the Greenbush communities for projects which would utilize mitigation funds. These communities, Hingham first and foremost, have struck hard bargains for mitigation concessions from the state. My perception is that the MBTA has been generally accepting of these stipulations (though not always, as the issue of quad grade-crossing gates shows), and has likewise accepted their price tag. Having secured these mitigation agreements, the towns cannot turn around and say that the whole thing costs too much.

The most glaring example of a cost overrun comes from Hingham, which appropriated $100,000 at Town Meeting for a lawsuit to cancel the restoration project, then spent over three times that amount without seeking voter approval or accounting for it in any way until it was already done. Or have I missed something here?

But enough. Opponents of rail service restoration view this latest development as what they hope will be the beginning of the end for the Greenbush Line — Sen. Hedlund's "corpse in the coffin". Supporters can look at the 5-year record of success of the other two Old Colony lines (Kingston & Middleborough) and at the provisions of the mitigation agreements now existing, and hope that Secretary Grabauskas will indeed take an objective look at the project and conclude that its merits are as sound today as they ever were, both for the individual communities involved and for the region which they comprise.

Ross D. Hall
249 High St.
Hingham

Full speed ahead

TO THE EDITOR:

When I became aware of the possible delay of Greenbush restoration, I could only recall the years of road blocks by Hingham for 128 expansion (now 228). They now, by delay, have caused the Greenbush costs to rise more than 200 million.

Government should not make decisions by the number of protest letters by a small well-financed protest group.

The South Shore region desperately needs relief for the commuters to Boston. All administrations from Dukakis to Swift have pushed forward. I am shocked that a savvy businessman (Mitt Romney) would delay and not have the history of needs analysis at his fingertips.

I have been part of the 20 year study, which discussed, tested, and affirmed the present plan. You always have those directly affected by a project and protesters—mitigation is paramount and has been generously made.

The people of the South Shore are not an elite group which has its boat, bus and closeness to Boston for travel. They are hard working ordinary citizens that suffer with the costs of a second car for commuting. They want a train!

The majority does not write letters since they trust government to do the right thing. Don't delay, full speed ahead.

Martha Gjesteby
81 Old Pasture Rd.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Selectman:

Where do you stand on the need for a Prop. 2-1/2 override to help balance the fiscal year 2004 budget?

SELECTMAN/Roger Hill

Proposition 2-1/2 is a mechanism put in place by the state government to increase taxes by 2.5 percent each year on the local level with out asking permission from the residents. We are in a year in which the Town needs to take advantage of the override provision of Prop. 2-1/2. A tax levy increase this year will avoid damaging levels of cutbacks in our schools, fire, police, and public works.

I support this year's proposed operating override, and urge the selectmen to keep it as low as possible, while maintaining vital services. Massachusetts is in an economic downturn, yet we must maintain quality schools and town services at the local level.

In the future all local agencies need to work together towards a common goal, keeping Cohasset affordable for all its residents and to avoid overrides Spending must be closely guarded and every purchase should be a wise one.

There is an underlying problem of over spending in Cohasset. The local government needs to prioritize spending. The economy has a tendency to go in cycles, and when times are good, the spending may not be such a problem, but when it crumbles so does our budget, from misappropriated funds. In good times, all money spent seems like a good idea , but when times are a little tougher there is a lot of finger pointing and we're backed into a corner, with only a few options, such as layoffs or an override. There needs to be more long term planning .

The selectmen need to anticipate possible economic downturns that may face us in the future We need to better plan and think ahead for the bad times. We need to do better to keep Cohasset as affordable as possible.

SELECTMAN/Gabriel Gomez

Between a stumbling economy and state cuts, the next few years could be difficult times for Cohasset. Difficult times require tough choices. It is necessary to offer voters the option of increasing their taxes in order to save town services. The problem with the current budget issue is not that the Board of Selectmen intends to propose an override, but the manner in which the Board is proceeding. Voters may indeed choose higher taxes, but they must have confidence that both the amount of the override and the details of the services being cut have been thoroughly considered and given sufficient public hearing prior to the override vote.

Under these difficult circumstances, the Board's obligation is to present a responsible override, an amount justified by and to the voters. Deciding what amount is likely to pass and then tailoring cuts to this figure is per se inappropriate. Instead, the override amount should be clearly justified to voters. I propose the Board evaluate the current expenditure plan and rank by priority the items that would be cut without an override. The Board's process should include full and open public debate of the proposed expenditures that are considered so essential as to necessitate an override. Public debate will establish which services voters are willing to live without, and which they would rather pay a tax increase to maintain. Only then may the Board establish an override amount that is justified by the services that it recommends be maintained.

Overrides should not be the normal course; they create additional expenditures for residents already bearing a heavy tax load. However, I would support an override recommendation that results from careful analysis and vigorous public debate; one that is linked to specific essential needs and that is no larger than necessary to meet those needs.

SELECTMAN/Michael Sullivan

The town of Cohasset is not in crisis. We are, however, dealing with a challenging financial environment. These challenges came about not through any fiscal mismanagement at the local level, but rather as a result of the Commonwealth's fiscal crisis.

Proposition 2-1/2 mandates that a town's annual operating increase cannot exceed 2.5 percent without an override. Over the last several years, the town has supported the strategy that we need an operational override every three years to maintain services. Within this strategic financial plan, Cohasset would have faced an override in the fiscal year 2005. However, the 10.87 percent reduction in state aid (or $307,827) to Cohasset as proposed in Gov. Romney's budget has forced the town to consider an override this year. Without this override, we will have to significantly change our expectations of town services. Thus, I support the override.

The proposed $350,000 override will add 21 cents to the tax rate. To put this in perspective, a home valued at $560,000 would see a tax bill increase of $118 per year or $2.26 per week. While I would prefer not to recommend raising taxes, I am willing to invest an additional $2.26 per week to maintain that which we have all worked so hard to accomplish.

Over the last seven years, this community has committed itself to responsibly rebuilding Cohasset's infrastructure and services. Our capital projects have been completed on time and, with few exceptions, on budget. We have accomplished all this while increasing our bond rating and maintaining one of the areas lowest tax rates. The leaders in this town have and will continue to scrutinize expenses and provide quality services. I hope you all appreciate our efforts and support our intent.

Next week's question:

If it were up to you, would you pull the plug on Greenbush?

Responses to the Question of the Week should be no more than 300 words and must be received by 5 p.m., Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.) Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fundraisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

Finding fault with France

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

"How many Frenchmen does it take to screw in a light bulb?" asked a friend of mine the other day.

"You mean Poles, don't you?" I replied.

"No, Frenchmen."

"I give up," I said. "How many Frenchmen does it take?"

"Three," my friend chortled. "One to hold the bulb in the socket and two to turn him around."

The last time I heard that one the holder and both turnees were Polish.

The time before that, they were "Newfies," as Canadians are wont to call their fellow countrymen who happen to live in Newfoundland.

And, as far as I known, the Chinese tell Japanese jokes, Australians tell them about New Zealanders and Martians are getting ready to tell them about Earthlings.

Right now it's fashionable to diss the French with the same jokes ever since their president, Jacques Chirac, declined an invitation to join the chorus of hounds that are baying after the scalps of Saddam Hussein and his Iraqis.

I'm not here to defend the French, even though they apparently have needed an outside defender ever since their national hero, Napoleon, fled from the field at Waterloo.

Don't get me wrong now. I'm not here to defend the French, even though they apparently have needed an outside defender ever since their national hero, Napoleon, fled from the field at Waterloo.

Napoleon wasn't really French but a native of Corsica, an island that is as much Italian as it is French.

How can you defend a people who think that Jerry Lewis is just about the funniest thing in American movies, that frogs legs are a delicacy and maybe even put tomatoes in their clam chowder, for all I know?

It seems like relations between the French and the Americans, which started on such a high note as far back as 1781, have been going steadily downhill since the first World War when Col. Charles Stanton of the American Expeditionary Force told the French: "Lafayette we are here!"

It's hard to tell just when those relations hit rock bottom but my guess was that it was the day last month when the French decided they wanted no part of an invasion of Iraq.

Of course, the German, the Russians, the Chinese and several other erstwhile friends came to the same conclusion but it was the French who, for some reason, stood alone in the path of instant retaliation.

Vacations in Paris — once "everybody's hometown" — were cancelled and the French Institute in New York noted a decrease in students at their French-language classes.

A restaurateur (pardon my French) in Beaufort, S. C., renamed his French fries "freedom" fries and the idea spread like wildfire across the country.

Worst than that, folks in West Palm Beach, Fla., took to pouring French wines into the street until cooler heads prevailed, hopefully, before they reached M for Merlot.

The recycled Polish jokes were heard on the talk shows and appeared on the Internet, like, "What do you call a million men with their hands in the air?" "The French army, of course."

The crowning insult came with the discovery that Joan of Arc, the ultimate French heroine, was not really French at all but a native of the Duchy of Bar, which did not become part of France until some 300 years after her death.

Furthermore, her father threatened to drown her if she went into France.

HEALTH NOTES

The challenge of controlling growth

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last October we looked at several initiatives which would increase the number of housing units in town. Since that time, the number has increased. The current approximate count is shown in the table. There are probably some inaccuracies as this information is far from easy to find.

History tells us that typically in the 1870s and for a hundred years, the way to control growth in a town like Cohasset was to build sewers where you wanted growth, and then pass a law prohibiting unsanitary waste disposal, that is: outlaw privies. People wanting a bathroom typically moved to where these amenities would be cheapest to provide: near the sewer. It was either that, or build a septic system, and if your land didn't perk (pass a so-called percolation test) you were out of luck.

Two factors have served to change this dynamic. The first is that amenities such as water, waste disposal, and sewers have become ever increasingly expensive. The second is that, for a price, it is possible to provide wastewater treatment virtually anywhere. It is still not possible to use the latest innovative technology on new construction. But parcels with homes which have failed systems can now be upgraded to use satisfactory wastewater disposal. Many parcels heretofore thought of as "unperkable" now can be made to accept legal wastewater disposal systems. These factors coupled with mortgage rates that are the lowest in three generations, and house prices higher than they have ever been, have provided an almost irresistible desire for developers to capitalize on those parcels in town which become available regardless of suitability or community sentiment.

The problem for a town like Cohasset is that we are used to having large parcels of land around us which can't or shouldn't be developable — never mind that we have been more successful than most towns in discouraging wholesale development. It's not up to the Board of Health to propose solutions to growth issues. But it is appropriate for the board to point out that two valuable commodities which the town provides: drinking water and wastewater disposal are closely related and have very important health implications. If we, through neglect, threaten our water supply or, as we have in the past, pollute our groundwater through poor wastewater disposal — every citizen will be affected.

Name	Acres	Planned dwellings	Status
Avalon Bay	64	200 units	Pending ZBA decision
Beach Street	24	110	Application rejected by EOCD
Jane Cook Property	30	15	Unknown
Jerusalem Road Estates (Curtis estate)	54	24	Awaiting Sewer Decision
Senior Housing	20	50	Planned
Hayes Estate	41	150	Before Planning Board
Total Units		549	

Town regulations relating to development haven't kept pace with the changing dynamic of universally available wastewater disposal and the high price of housing. To their credit, the volunteers manning the various town boards are doing their best to cope with the ever changing economic and demographic realities facing the town, but generally the process of change for regulators and administrators is slow and unwanted projects slip in before new regulations can be implemented.

We have spoken of the Growth and Development Committee before and the good work that group is doing reviewing the bylaws of other towns, selecting for consideration those which seem to fit the needs of Cohasset. Actually, there is a public meeting of this committee tonight at Town Hall to discuss open space and cultural preservation. But as chairman Rick Swanborg says this is a work in progress and the committee will continue its work over several years, eventually resulting in a coherent set of bylaws and regulations reflecting the citizens' desires for the town. Hopefully, as this process evolves regulations and bylaws will come before the town to be enacted which will help the town achieve the goal of preserving its character.

Given the unusual number of current projects facing town regulators, one expedient has been proposed: to call for a moratorium on new construction starts. Other ideas may also have merit. One thing which most boards are now doing is circulating minutes of their meetings and deliberations to the other boards. This is now relatively easy to do, since most minutes are now kept electronically. The board encourages the continuation and expansion of this practice, since it has proven extremely useful in coordinating the town's response to many of these new development initiatives. There is no single answer to the management of progress. In Cohasset, however, we are fortunate to have many citizens who are sufficiently concerned about keeping the town's character to speak out about what they see going on.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

POLITICAL NOTES

Local legislators talk runway with AG

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, met with Attorney General Thomas Reilly recently regarding the expansion of Logan Airport.

Bradley and Hedlund had requested the meeting due to the recent revelations regarding the so-called "Mitre Report". This report indicates the data used by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs during the environmental impact review process was flawed. It indicated that the benefits of adding an additional runway at Logan Airport were exaggerated by "a factor of 10".

"Given this information, we felt that it was critical to speak with Attorney General Reilly to see what position his office was going to take on the matter and I am very thankful that the Attorney General took the time to speak with us" said Bradley. "It is our hope that this issue could be litigated further in the ongoing case to lift the injunction against building an additional runway. We also wanted the Attorney General to undertake a separate legal action to re-open the environmental impact process given the fact that the submissions were based on inaccurate data.".

"It would be in the best interest of the impacted communities to re-open the environmental impact process" said Hedlund. "I am hopeful that Attorney General Reilly will agree to take immediate action"

Reilly indicated in the meeting his office will review the matter. He promised follow-up discussions with the Bradley and Hedlund as well as other members of the Legislature.

Republicans meet

The February Republican Town Committee meeting had a full agenda. Two of the three selectmen candidates appeared to introduce themselves and stay for some questions and answers. A lively discussion centering on the town's fiscal situation ensued with candidates Roger Hill and Gabriel Gomez.

Christopher Allen was elected to fill the vacancy on the committee created by Marjorie Smith moving out of state The next meeting of the Town Committee will be held at the LightKeeper's Cottage on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Several Gomez events planned

Kick-off reception for Gabriel Gomez at the home of Anne & Gary Vanderweil, 500 Jerusalem Road, co-hosted by Polly Logan & Julie Guild, Sunday March 9, 4-6 p.m., RSVP by Thurs. March 6 to Polly Logan 383-0031 or Julie Guild 383-6443 or e-mail votegomez@attbi.com

Reception to meet Gabriel Gomez, hosted by Louis Harvey, 465 King St., Saturday March 15, 4-6 p.m., RSVP 383-6884 or e-mail votegomez@ attbi.com.

St. Patrick's Day celebration, Sunday March 16, 3-6 p.m. at the Cohasset American Legion Hall (upstairs) — all welcome.

Coffee with Gabriel Gomez, hosted by Suzanne Waters, 91 Aaron River Road, Tuesday March 18 from 1-3 p.m., RSVP 383-1560 or e-mail: votegomez@attbi.com

Meet Roger Hill

There will be two "meet the candidate" nights set up next week to meet Roger Q Hill and invitations will be sent out . There will also a "meet the candidates" at the American Legion Hall on the March 28, the night before the annual Town Meeting and one week before the election, all are welcome to attend . Mr. Hill is eager to hear your views and ideas on the issues you think are important .

Care packages for local soldiers

A group of veterans and community members is seeking the names and addresses of Cohasset servicemen and servicewomen currently serving overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to receive care packages from home.

Due to security restrictions, the defense department will not release the names of individual service members. In order to get these packages to Cohasset natives serving in Operation Enduring Freedom, family and friends are encouraged to contact the project coordinator, Coleman Nee, at 781-383-6958. All information will be kept strictly confidential and destroyed after the packages are sent.

Romney makes his case to reform the state budget

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL P. NORTON

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The governor is back on the campaign trail.

After delivering a State of the State speech that served as a rally for the budget he released the following day, Gov. Mitt Romney embarked on a campaign for his ideas.

Romney's budget lays to waste state government as it is currently constituted and rebuilds it from the ground up. Pretty much everything that falls within the $22.9 billion proposal is either restructured, dismantled or streamlined.

In many cases, programs and workers are eliminated to bring state spending in line with expected revenues.

Romney made it clear he intends to aggressively make his case for reform and downsizing state government. He held a press conference to take questions from reporters. He held conference calls with newspaper editors and reporters. He and Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey immediately began making the rounds at radio and television stations.

Just two months into his first job in government, the Republican governor has already proffered a plan that represents the most significant change in the way state government operates in a generation. Democratic legislative leaders will have the final word on which plans pass and which ones get rejected, but Romney has the bully pulpit.

He made it clear that he will attempt to block any tax hikes and fight any bid to cut funding for education or what he calls core government services, an amorphous category that includes things like homeless shelters. Beyond that, Romney said, it's all negotiable. Actually, Romney can be as bold as he wants publicly. But from an operational standpoint, he is soberly aware that he is vastly outnumbered by Democrats and has no choice but to negotiate.

Throughout the week, Romney portrayed himself in a somewhat contradictory manner. At times, he boldly cited his principled beliefs, noting he would be unwilling to bend on a "long list" of issues. Other times, he emphasized his intention to be flexible and work with the Legislature on substantive changes to the vast majority of his ideas. The House and Senate have four months to complete their response. The early read from Democrats on Romney's budget was telling. They said the proposal is a solid start towards closing a projected $3 billion budget gap but restructuring the state bureaucracy won't save anywhere close to the $2 billion that Romney claims. Critics said Romney's spending cuts will hurt more than he believes or is letting on. While Romney budget chief Eric Kriss said the budget is structurally balanced, it depends on hundreds of millions of dollars in one-time revenues. And legislators pointed out that

Democratic legislative leaders will have the final word on which plans pass and which ones get rejected, but Romney has the bully pulpit.

the tax-phobic Romney has gone wild with fee increases to generate new revenues.

Romney, anticipating the criticism, said he understands his budget isn't perfect, and urged legislators to join him in improving the budget and proposing their own ideas. He assured legislators that his staff is willing and ready to work with them. Like Gov. William Weld, who in 1991 professed no pride of authorship when he proposed the last radical budget plan, Romney said he too is not wedded to his own proposals and is ready to learn about other plans.

"I recognize they're not going to adopt every suggestion that we've made," Romney said. "But I think a lot of these proposals they'll find to be interesting, stimulating and potentially adoptable. And if there are some other ideas they have we haven't thought of, we learn from them. I have probably the largest most comprehensive legislative team that we've seen in Massachusetts from the executive branch in 10 years."

All in all, considering the breadth of the proposed changes, there was lack of acrimony in the air on Beacon Hill that one might expect. Those with major stakes in the budget predictably balked at the changes. Romney's responded the way a parent would, essentially saying change is difficult but sometimes necessary.

And he reminded legislators that while there may be a majority in the House and Senate that would raise taxes again, he doesn't believe two-thirds of legislators — enough to override his tax veto — would opt for new taxes. "I think there's going to be strong support for holding the line on taxes," he said.

The most promising development of the week for taxpayers was a subtle one. During his public appearances, Romney appeared poised, engaged and comfortable. He looked like he was enjoying himself. When he said he relished the challenge of balancing a budget that is woefully out of whack, he seemed credible. Whether the Legislature will tackle the budget crisis with the same zeal is an open question.

In other news:

• Gov. Mitt Romney said he intends to conduct an independent review of the Big Dig to determine if the state or the federal government is entitled to the recovery of costs. Romney echoed his previous calls for further review after meeting with top officials from Bechtel/Parsons Brinckerhoff for about an hour. Both sides called it a "cordial" exchange of ideas and information. Adrian Zaccaria, chief operating officer of the contracting firm responsible for Big Dig construction, issued a statement saying the firm welcomes a "comprehensive review" so they can get on with "the expeditious completion of this project." The meeting comes in the wake of a three-day Boston Globe series that concluded at least $1.1 billion in construction cost overruns, or two-thirds of the cost growth to date, are tied to Bechtel mistakes. The construction joint venture issued a lengthy rebuttal to the series, saying it was loaded with "half truths." The Globe stands by its coverage. Romney did not provide a timetable for the latest review process, nor would he speculate on the likelihood of the state recovering any money.

• Less than 48 hours after announcing during a televised address that his team has uncovered $2 billion in waste and inefficiencies in state government. Romney did a 360 when a reporter informed him that House Speaker Thomas Finneran had questioned that broad claim. "I don't say that there's $2 billion in waste and inefficiency," Romney said. "I'm not telling you that there's $2 billion in waste and inefficiency that I've found. There may be $2 billion but I haven't found it all." Romney said his restructuring plans and reforms do add up to $2 billion.

• After his State of the State speech, Democrats agreed that Romney is an excellent public speaker. But party leaders took partisan aim. Democratic Party chairman Philip Johnston called the governor's speech "rhetorical nonsense" and called the governor a "right wing ideologue." Romney rejected that label outright.

• Despite its universities, an influx of immigrants and the economic expansion of the 1990s, Massachusetts and the Greater Boston region have lost a significant portion of young workers, according to a new Web site that provides a wealth of data on issues affecting residents of Greater Boston. That's bad news for the economy, the Boston Foundation reports, because cities like San Francisco, Austin, Seattle and Atlanta are attracting workers between the ages of 20 and 35. The findings are included in a new report and Web site:

www.bostonindicators.org

• Romney resisted an opportunity to tackle one program that critics say is somewhat wasteful. He said police officers deserve to continue receiving pay increases for earning graduate degrees because officers need to be more highly trained in an era of terror threats. Higher education officials tightened program standards this week to ensure its integrity.

• State Treasurer Timothy Cahill announced as part of a $1.13 billion borrowing, the state replaced old bonds with new lower interest bonds, lowering anticipated interest payments by $33 million. The bulk of the savings will be delivered in fiscal 2004 and the maneuver will help the state deal with its budget crunch.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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February 24-28

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on the only roll call from the week of February 24-28. There were no roll call votes in the House last week.

$207 MILLION DEFICIT REDUCTION PACKAGE (S 1949)

Senate 38-0, approved and sent to Gov. Romney a deficit reduction plan designed to help close the state's estimated up to $650 million fiscal 2003 budget deficit. The House okayed the plan on a voice vote without a roll call. A key provision, estimated to raise $61 million, increases fees on many real estate transactions conducted at Registries of Deeds across the state and imposes an additional $5 surcharge on all transactions. The measure also taps reserve funds including $40 million from a capital projects fund; $12 million from a work force training fund; $2.9 million from the Clean Elections Judgment Fund; $6.5 million from a health protection fund; $7.5 million from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and $17 million from the Renewable Energy Trust Fund. Other provisions include making some retroactive changes in corporate tax laws including allowing the state to collect taxes on income and dividends from Real Estate Investment Trusts; restoring $2 million of $4 million cut by Gov. Romney for a home visiting program for at-risk newborns; and extending the statute of limitations on lawsuits brought by the federal or state government or their contractors arising out of contracts for the planning, design or construction of the $14 billion Big Dig project. Supporters said the bill would generate $207 million that in conjunction with Gov. Romney's recent $343 million in budget cuts would close a $550 million budget gap. They noted the bill does not cut any programs and argued that it also closes many corporate tax loopholes that cost the state millions in lost tax revenue. No senators voted against the bill but some critics oppose the Registries of Deeds fee hikes and say they are nothing more than disguised tax hikes. Some human service advocates say that the reserve funds are not really extra cash and argue that raiding $6.5 million from a health protection fund and $7.5 million from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund would have a real effect on people. Other critics include business leaders who oppose the corporate tax law changes and have promised to challenge the retroactivity of the tax on income and dividends from Real Estate Investment Trusts. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

GOV. ROMNEY'S BUDGET PROPOSAL - The big news on Beacon Hill was Gov. Romney's submission of a $22.8 billion fiscal 2004 state budget that he said eliminates $2 billion in waste, management and inefficiencies. Romney said his proposal will make the most sweeping changes to state government in years. He noted it would close the estimated $3 billion fiscal 2004 budget gap without raising taxes and pointed out that it only increases spending by one-half of one percent over projected fiscal 2003 spending. Critics immediately pounced on the proposal criticizing a host of provisions including a $232 million local aid cut and cuts in human services, higher education, health care and prescription drug programs for seniors. Romney's proposal is the first of three that will be considered on Beacon Hill. Next up is the House package followed by the Senate version. After each branch approves it own package, a House-Senate conference committee will eventually craft a plan that will be presented to the House and Senate for consideration and sent to the governor.

BACKGROUND CHECKS ON CAMP WORKERS - The Department of Public Health has issued regulations requiring all Bay State summer camps to check the criminal background records of all paid staff and volunteers. The regulations were issued as a result of a bill approved by the legislature and signed into law last November by former Gov. Swift. Prior rules only required a check of workers over age 17 who had unsupervised, direct contact with campers. Under the new policy, camps will check arrest records and sex offenses and cannot hire anyone until the review is complete.

ANTI-TERRORISM FUNDS - The Public Safety Committee held a special hearing on state and federal funding for Massachusetts homeland security. Several police and fire officials told the committee that increased funding is necessary to prevent and/or respond to terrorist attacks. Senate committee chair Jarrett Barrios (D-Cambridge) said that lack of federal funding combined with local aid cuts have compromised the ability of the state and local communities to respond to a terrorist attack. Needham Fire Chief Robert DiPoli told the committee that providing the proper equipment is not sufficient. He noted that if local aid cuts continue to reduce police and fire staffing, there would not be adequate staff to respond to an attack.

POTHOLES - Transportation Secretary Dan Grabauskas announced the establishment of a toll-free telephone number for motorists to report potholes on the approximately 9,500 lane miles of state-owned roadways. Potholes have become a bigger problem this year because of the extremely cold weather and heavy snowfall. Motorists can call (800) 227-0608 or #321 from a cellular phone.

BOND REFINANCING - State Treasurer Tim Cahill announced a bond refinancing that he says would save the state $32.7 million through lower debt service costs. The restructuring will replace old bonds with new bonds at lower rates and the bulk of the savings would come in fiscal 2004 beginning July 1.

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Fiscal reality

TO THE EDITOR:

While I understand Mr. Van der Lugt's frustration over the Jan. 25, Cohasset voter turnout (See Feb. 6, letter to the editor, "Disappointed in vote, low turnout"), the small numbers and their majority vote accurately reflect the town's beyond breakeven point sentiment about budget override needs and priorities against the background of a significantly depressed economy.

Greater numbers of Cohasset voters have, in some cases repeatedly, auditioned budget overrides in the presence of a compelling need and opportune financing (i.e., significant State reimbursement). During healthier fiscal times, "Cohasset, which ranks ninth in the state in average bills, has passed overrides for new schools, a new library, capping of the town landfill, and sewer projects. The town also has passed five general budget overrides, which permanently increase the towns tax limit under 2-1/2; since 1981.

Yes, it may be interesting to see how many citizens participate in Cohasset's next override election. For the duration of the fiscal cold wave, I would hope that interest accedes to critical importance when observing how effectively we evaluate our neighbors' individual "R-value" equivalent economic insulation alongside fundamental community needs.

Dan Walsh

254 Beechwood St.

Why we fight Greenbush

TO THE EDITOR:

The news that the MBTA has put Greenbush on a six-month hold is exhilarating to say the least. Even more encouraging are comments from Secretary of Transportation, Daniel Grabauskas, that he plans to take an objective look at the project in light of all the other pressing transportation needs in the Commonwealth. An objective look at Greenbush by a fiscally responsible administration is all we could have asked for, short of outright cancellation of the project.

While many Greenbush opposition groups over the years deserve credit for this turn of events, a great deal of credit of late goes to our elected officials. Sen. Bob Hedlund, and Rep. Garrett Bradley and to Former Secretary of Environmental Affairs and president of Advocates for Transportation Alternatives (AfTA), John Bewick. They stuck by their guns on this issue even as Jersey barriers and chain link fences appeared along the right of way causing resident's spirits to plummet. They waited patiently for the political landscape to change. And when it did, they let the new administration know that Greenbush was a deeply flawed and overly expensive project and one that would become even more so over time.

And yet much remains to be done.

In the words of Sen. Hedlund, "We've put the corpse in the coffin, but we haven't nailed it shut." No sooner had he spoken these words, than the South Shore Chamber of Commerce launched a campaign to get the project, "back on track." And you can rest assured the South Shore Chamber of Commerce will not be the only pro-train constituency working the back halls of Beacon Hill.

So just as AfTA has claimed all along that Greenbush was not a done deal, it has to be recognized that conversely the end of the project is not yet a done deal.

To this end, I encourage South Shore residents who has helped fund AfTA's legal fight against Greenbush to redouble their support. It is due in part to AfTA litigation that we are where we are today and AfTA litigation will continue to pose a serious challenge to the MBTA as they seek the permits they need to resume construction.

While the main goal of the litigation is to win on the merits, it is no small matter that a natural fallout from litigation is "delay" and when John Bewick says the process "could take years" he is sending a message the MBTA does not want to hear.

One of the important costs of AfTA's litigation is the retaining of experts to provide testimony to counter claims by the MBTA. As an example of how important this process is, consider that one of the four reasons the MBTA gave for the six-month delay: The order of the state Department of Environmental Protection that the MBTA must build special crossings to allow spotted turtles and other species to travel across the right of way.

It may seem trivial, but the DEP order sets an enormous precedent involving public works projects and endangered species, and adds another line item to the Greenbush price tag. The DEP order would most likely never have happened had it not been for the expert testimony provided by Dr. Bryan Windmiller, an endangered species expert retained by AfTA.

In addition to Dr. Windmiller, AfTA intends to retain the services of several other experts for upcoming litigation. Among them are Professor Frank Koppleman of Northwestern, one of the country's leading experts in transportation modeling, and Dr. Carl Berkowitz, former head of the Staten Island ferry.

The retaining of expert witnesses is a vital but expensive part of the process and AfTA needs the financial support of all those opposed to Greenbush to help fund it.

This long and hard fought battle is not over. But at long last someone on Beacon Hill is listening, which is all the more reason for the voice of opposition to Greenbush to remain loud and clear.

It is unfortunate that we are embroiled in a process that is resulting in so much waste, but it is also important to remember why we in Hingham oppose Greenbush. We are very fortunate to live in one of the most pristine historic districts in the nation. A restored Greenbush with 24 heavy diesel trains a day running through the heart of the district would create a blight zone through its very center and forever alter it, tunnel or no tunnel. Hingham would never be the same. No public transit system is worth it and if the Romney administration puts an end to Greenbush, for whatever reason and at whatever cost, then we will have done a great service to future generations. There are other public transit alternatives available to us, but there is only one Lincoln National Historic District.

Michael Weymouth

29 Water St.

Hingham

Village spruce up

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter was sent to selectmen Feb. 25

I'd like the residents of Cohasset to visit Scituate Harbor to see what's happening to a once scenic, historic, beautiful, New England area. It's going into obscurity: the beauty gone, the quaintness gone, the small town feeling gone. This could happen to our village, very easily, if we don't watch out.

A few years ago some self styled road/street designer was hired by the Town of Scituate to redesign Front Street. And he did. Now it's a sterile feeling Main Street. It doesn't say to the visitor, "come on down and enjoy the shops - the area - the people. This could happen to our village, very easily, if we don't watch out.

I realize that something should be done to the sidewalks; they're in tough shape. So let's do it but does that mean we have to redesign the Village? No, it means we redo the sidewalks and lower the road so we have curbing.

There is talk regarding "bumpouts" at three spots for cross walks. These are unnecessary and only add to the problems of maintenance and plowing. There are signs available for specifically identifying "crosswalks." You can't miss them; they're very effective.

As far as wires, poles and streetlights are concerned the Town turned down the override for burying the wires and rightly so. First, it's not needed and second the cost is prohibitive. As you all know the figure given to do the project is $800,000 - but - this figure could balloon to more than a million dollars before it's finished because of the unknowns beneath Brook Street, Elm Street, and South Main. Attractive and effective streetlights can be mounted on the light poles. There's no need for special poles to make Cohasset look like something it isn't. We have throughout the Town street lights that do the lighting of the road, very effectively; isn't that what we're after?

For some reason someone a few years ago, felt that Cohasset had to be revitalized - had to be dressed up - had to be modernized - had to be made classy - had to be made to look like what it isn't. Cohasset is Cohasset; a very active, small New England Village, unique in its appearance, a pleasant place to shop.

Look at it any morning from 7 a.m. to the close of a full work day. Look at it on a weekend. Is this what you'd call a village that needs revitalization? No, but it could use a "sprucing" up.

Please express your thoughts and ideas to the Board of Selectmen or the Town Manager, for they are your key to a village you'll be proud of. A plain, simple, interesting, inviting, appealing New England Village that says "come on down - visit our town - visit our historic harbor, museums - shop our shops - have a meal - spend the night in a local inn or bed and bath.

Let's do the best we can to keep Cohasset and its village a pleasant, quaint, New England Town.

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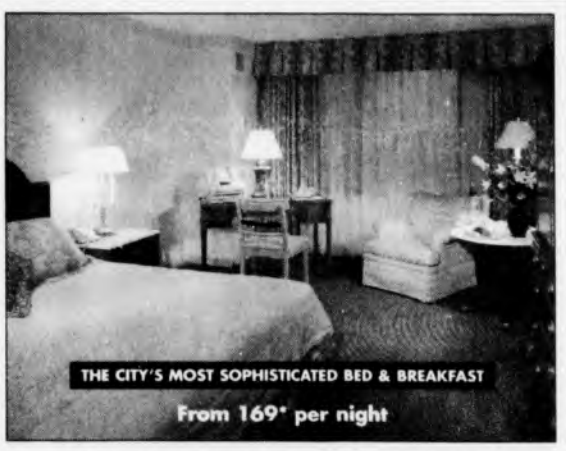

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Investments topic of lecture

Investment questions for just about anything can be answered on Friday, March 14, from noon to 1 p.m. at the South Shore Art Center. Listen to John Flanagan, an investment specialist with Edward Jones Inc., speak about investment concerns, such as saving for college and retirement. Learn some basic investment strategies. This informative presentation may help your financial planning. Free.

Experience the wonders of Florence, home of the Italian Renaissance, thorough a slideshow and discussion of paintings, architecture and sculpture produced during the 14th through 16th centuries. This armchair tour is presented by artist Heather Collins and coincides with the Florence and Beyond Exhibition at the South Shore Art Center. The slideshow is Friday, March 28 from noon to 1 p.m. All lunchtime speaker series programs are sponsored by the Cohasset Social Service League. No admission is charged.

CMI to launch spring benefit gala

Mark your calendars for 7:30 p.m. on March 28 for the annual Cohasset Maritime Institute(CMI) fundraiser at Bancroft Hall. Also know as the "The Spring Launch Fundraiser", the party last year brought together more than 100 partygoers, who raised more than $5000.

This year brings special significance as it represents the tenth year the rowing club has made its strong presence felt in Cohasset Harbor. Founded by a small group of rowing and maritime education enthusiasts, CMI now boasts a vibrant program and a growing membership. (For those unfamiliar with CMI, it sponsors rowing and maritime programs for middle-high school students and adults.)

When asked how CMI will deploy proceeds from the upcoming "Spring Launch," founder Jack Buckley said, "Annual membership fees cover most of the operating expenses like staffing. But we need to build up our reserves for large ticket capital items like boat replacements and building upkeep."

"We have tremendous momentum to our membership. We want to deliver a top notch experience for our students and adult rowers," he said.

To further energize the silent auction, CMI has asked interested individuals and businesses to donate items or services such as gift certificates, gourmet baskets, home-cooked meals, artwork, services for pets, boat rides, vacation home stays and any other appealing ideas of a whimsical or practical nature. Deadline for delivery of silent auction items is March 16.

Please call Layman at 545-0096(or email at Laymanphoto@attbi.com) or Lisa Hewitt Dick at 383-0204(or email at Lmhewitt@attbi.com) before March 21 if you wish to purchase tickets at $25 per person. $35. at the door. Seating is limited! Checks should be mailed to CMI c/o P.O. Box 131, Cohasset , MA. 02025 .Please mark your check clearly "Spring Launch" and the number of tickets requested.

Auction items at gala dinner

The Social Service League will continue celebrations for its Cohasset Consignment Shop's Golden Jubilee with a Gala Dinner Auction at the Cohasset Golf Club Saturday, April 5.

The event includes a celebrity host and entertainment by vocalist Anne Czerkawski. Executive Chef Tina Ricci with help from the new Clubhouse Manager Damon Kubitz are planning a gourmet dinner menu. Auction items include: a week at Troon, a Four Season's Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz.; a week in Kiawah Island, S.C.; nights at Ritz Carlton Hotels; a weekend in Newport, R.I.. with special tours; a week's retreat at a New Hampshire hideaway; tickets to Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins games, as well as other entertainment tickets; autographed sports memorabilia; rounds of golf at private clubs; and many other items. Not only will it be an event to celebrate the 50 years of dedicated work of the shop's many volunteers, but it will also help to further expand the services of the Social Service League as it commemorates 91 years of providing needed programs to the South Shore communities.

Snow Row in Hull is Saturday

The Hull Lifesaving Museum is hosting its signature rowing race, The Snow Row, at noon on Saturday March 8 at the Windmill Point Boathouse, Hull. The Snow Row covers a 3-3/4 mile triangular course starting off the beach at Windmill Point, continuing around Sheep Island, past the Peddocks Island day marker, and back to shore. Huge crowds gather on the beach beside the museum's Windmill Point Boathouse to share in the wild, LeMans-style start, unpredictable weather, and one-of-a-kind gathering of boats and athletes. Entirely within view of the Boathouse, the event is as much of a thrill for spectators as for participants.

After watching the excitement of the Snow Row's one-of-a-kind start, come inside the Boathouse to warm up with a cup of hot coffee or cocoa. A mile from the Boathouse, the museum will be open throughout the day with free admission. In addition to exhibits about shipwrecks, lifesaving, lighthouses, and local heroes, our brand new exhibit Taken by Storm: the Blizzard of '78, is also on display. For more information about the Snow Row, contact Ed McCabe, Hull Lifesaving Museum Maritime Program Director, at 781-925-5433.

Art Moves opens

Don't miss the grand opening of Art Moves Inc., 115 Ripley Road, next to the South Shore Art Center, from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, March 8. Explore a selection of art from around the world; artists will be one hand all day to discuss their work.

Refreshments and treats for the kids. Call 781-383-6383.

Adult caregivers discussion is set

Cohasset Elder Affairs will hold an adult caregivers' presentation and discussion on Thursday, March 20 from 1-2 p.m. titled "Adult Caregivers: Coming Up To Bat." The guest speaker will be Carolyn Housman, L.I.C.S.C. who will speak at the Cohasset Elder Affairs facility at 3 North Main St.

Housman's talk is about the complexities and concerns of family dynamics when an elder person needs care. Please RSVP to Cohasset Elder Affairs by calling 781-383-9112.

Third time a charm?

Staszko seeks to expand plaza

By John Camera
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Expanding Cohasset Plaza will once again be on the warrant at Town Meeting this year.

It's the fourth time in five years that owner Donald Staszko has sought the expansion – but the third time it will go before Town Meeting.

Last year, Staszko withdrew his article at the last minute due to lack of support, mostly from the Planning Board. This year, Staszko is reverting to the approach he took at Town Meeting two years ago, when his article missed the necessary two-thirds approval by only four votes.

Staszko's goal is to expand the Highway Business district back 200 feet behind Stop & Shop to create more space for development. He told Selectmen last week the plan would mean $100,000 per year in additional property taxes for the town.

Under the current bylaw, a use permitted in one zoning district may be extended by up to 200 feet into another district by special permit if both portions of the property were under common ownership before zoning district lines were adopted.

Staszko does own the abutting property, but because Cohasset Plaza lies in the watershed protection district, it's ineligible for a special permit.

Last year, Staszko initially asked for the right go before the Zoning Board of Appeals for the special permit despite his watershed location. The Planning Board rejected the plan, however, because of the precedent it would have set.

This year, Staszko is asking for the zoning map to be redrawn to accommodate for the expansion — the same route he took in 1999 and 2001.

Planning Board members have been opposed to the plan in the past, saying that zoning districts should be permanent, not changeable by request.

Selectmen last week postponed their decision whether to recommend the article, opting to wait for an opinion from the Water Commission. Water Commissioner John McNabb told Selectmen he had not had time to review the plans.

Need something to do?

Check out our **Living** section for a whole **Calendar** of local happenings!

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Baroudis move on up

Brothers Terry and Matt advance to New England wrestling championships

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

When an athlete from a small school like Cohasset High places at Sectionals, it's always impressive. When one places at the Division State Championships, it's rare. What CHS senior Terry Baroudi did last weekend was remarkable.

In one of the toughest weight classes in ht state, 135 pounds, Baroudi took second at All-States in a 12 man field which featured the top four finishers from Divisions I, II and III. Baroudi became the only other All-State Finalist from Cohasset besides Kevin Duffy (who took second, also at 135 pounds, in 1997) since the tournament came into existence a decade ago.

Cohasset sent four athletes to All-States, and all wrestled extremely well. Sophomore Matt Baroudi (215 pounds), like his senior brother, earned a spot at New England's with a sixth place finish. Junior Phil Strazzulla, who jumped up two weight classes at the start of the postseason to 140, and sophomore Jon Littauer, an up-and-comer at 103, both put in solid performances in the two day tourney.

"The kids wrestled awesome," smiled longtime coach Torin Sweeney. "Just to get the chance to wrestle at All-States, you have to wrestle phenomenally."

Terry Baroudi took down the Div. State Champion Wes Parker to open his tournament. Merely an hour later, he beat the Div. I State Champ Dave Lapschelle of West Springfield to advance to the finals. Although he lost to the Div. 2 runner-up, Matt Kahlil of

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Mark Bouchard (#3) tries to start a breakout with a pass to linemate John Durkin (foreground) in first round tourney win over Diman on Saturday.

Bixby shines at States

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

There's nothing sweeter in high school sports than when a senior closes out a brilliant career on a high note. CHS gymnastics phenom Meredith Bixby did exactly that last weekend, finishing her six year tenure as a varsity competitor with a great showing at the State Individuals competition.

"She had a great meet," lauded Cara Connerty, the head coach of the Cohasset/Norwell combined gymnastics team, a position she has held for four years. "It was a great way for her to end her career."

After qualifying for States in only the vault as a junior, Bixby came back as a senior to compete in three events, the vault, the floor and bars.

Her top performance of the day was the vault, earning a score of 8.7 with her back tsuk vault, good enough for fifth place in the state. Bixby tied several other gymnasts for 10th for her floor routine, earning a tremendous 9.0. The only event in which Bixby did not place was the uneven bars, where she still had an impressive showing, with a score of 8.25.

At the State Individuals, Bixby was facing the best of the best. It was not like most sports, where the small schools face the small schools, and the big ones take on the big ones. This meet, held at Beverley High School, featured the top gymnasts from all three Sectionals, regardless of their division.

"It was a very competitive year," affirmed Connerty. "There were a lot of excellent, excellent gymnasts."

Senior Emily Rinaldo, of Beverley, impressed her home crowd with a second place fin-

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Icemen can't scale this Hill

CHS hockey team falls in quarters to Blue Hills

By Joel Racicot
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After graduating 10 seniors and bringing in a new coaching regime, it seems fair to say that few expected the Cohasset High hockey team to accomplish what it did this season.

This past Tuesday night, the Cinderella story ended when the South Shore League champion Skippers ended their season with a tough luck loss in the sectional quarterfinals to perennial state power Blue Hills, 4-2.

"That first period was really tough for us. Inexperience played into us falling behind so early, and you can't forget that (goalie Stefan) Parnell is only a freshman. He just needed to settle down and get over the nerves."
Cohasset hockey coach John Blake

The third seeded Warriors came out of the gates firing on all cylinders, and a young and inexperienced Cohasset team found themselves in a big 3-0 hole heading into the first break.

"That first period was really tough for us," noted first year Cohasset coach John Blake. "Inexperience played into us falling behind so early, and you can't forget that (goalie Stefan) Parnell is only a freshman. He just needed to settle down and get over the nerves."

Blue Hills scored just 25 seconds into the game when the Warriors dumped the puck in behind the Cohasset net, and the puck was dug out of the corner and centered beautifully to a streaking Warrior forward, who flicked a wrist shot over Parnell's left shoulder.

Blue Hills continued to keep the pressure on, and the puck in their zone during the first period. On the Warriors second goal, Steve Richards picked up the puck at the blue line and skated ahead of a Cohasset defensemen leading to a two-on-none and another goal, this one 6:07 into the game.

The goal that really blew the Skippers sails into a storm during the period came 1:38

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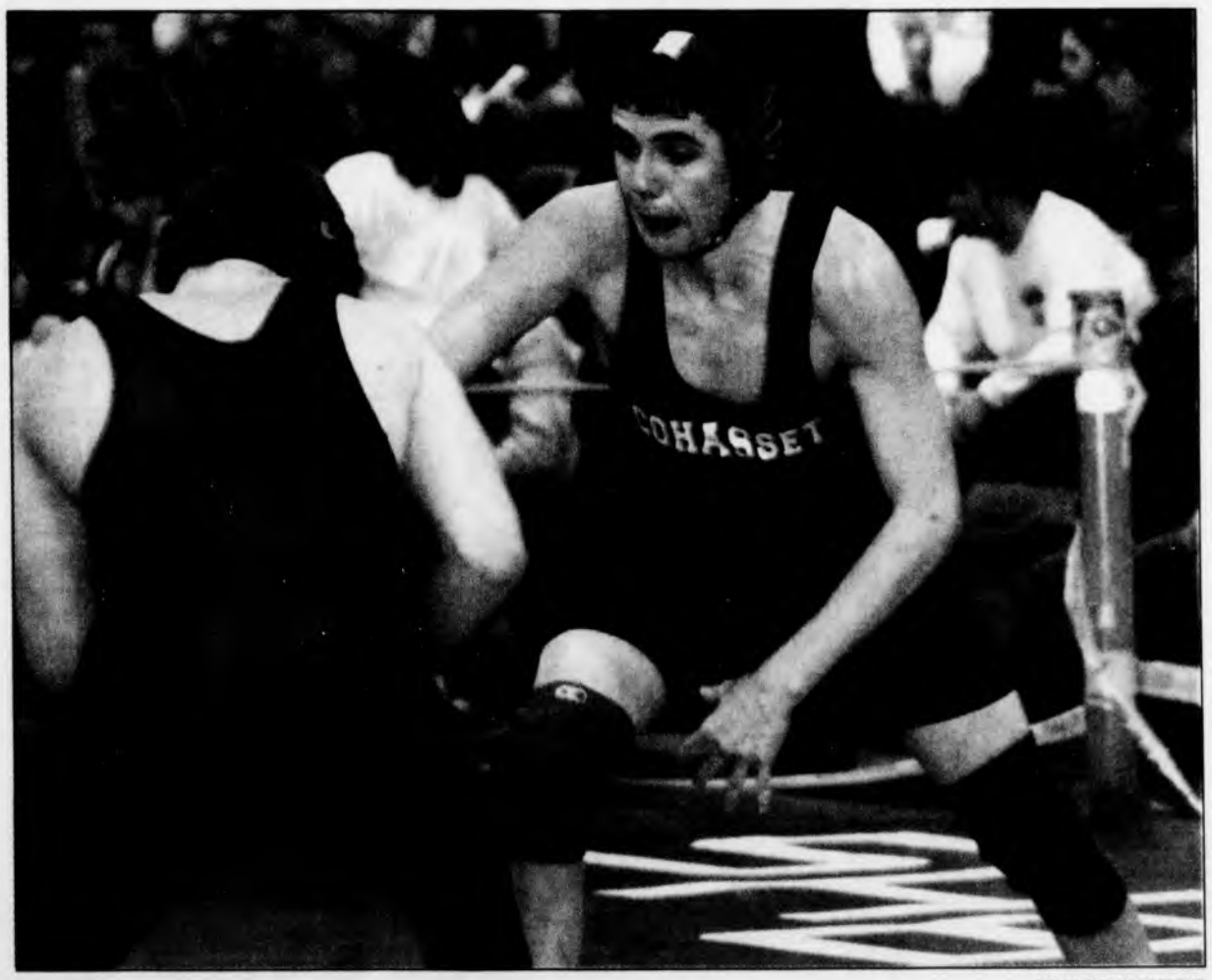

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Cohasset's Terry Baroudi circles around Canton's Jeff Sullivan at Div. 3 State championships two weeks ago.

Brothers in arms

The battling Baroudis tackle challenge they've been training their whole lives for

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Perhaps it really isn't all that surprising that both of the Baroudi brothers advanced to the New England wrestling championships this Saturday at Lowell High School.

Genetics no doubt played a part, but this is a challenge senior Terry and sophomore Matt have been readying for for most of their lives, even though neither of them likely had any idea what the New England Wrestling Championships even were until a few years ago.

Matt and Terry, you see, were quite the little hellions growing up, and they've been using one another as wrestling dummies for as far back as either can remember, each honing their grappling skills along the way, though this was hardly the intent in most of their brouhahas.

"Oh, they've always been real...energetic," said mom Trina Baroudi with a laugh. "Even in the last few years, I remember a lot of times coming home or walking into the room and finding them going at each other tooth and nail."

Longtime Cohasset High wrestling Torin Sweeney was first introduced to the Baroudi boys when he ran a grade school sports summer camp at the Deer Hill School.

Trina can't help but break into laughter thinking back to the facial expressions and body language Sweeney used to exhibit when he saw her arriving with young Terry and Matt.

"Yeah, they were a handful," confirmed Sweeney.

"But Torin was great with them," Trina said. "He still is. I can't thank him enough for what he's done with Terry and Matt."

Torin has likewise been impressed with the progress of both boys, Terry in particular, both on and off the mat.

"Terry has made huge strides maturing as an athlete, a person and student," said coach Sweeney of the Honor Roll Student. "He was voted a student of the month last month, and that was well earned. He's come a long way."

Matt is the "little brother" in age designation only. He wrestled in the 215-pound division

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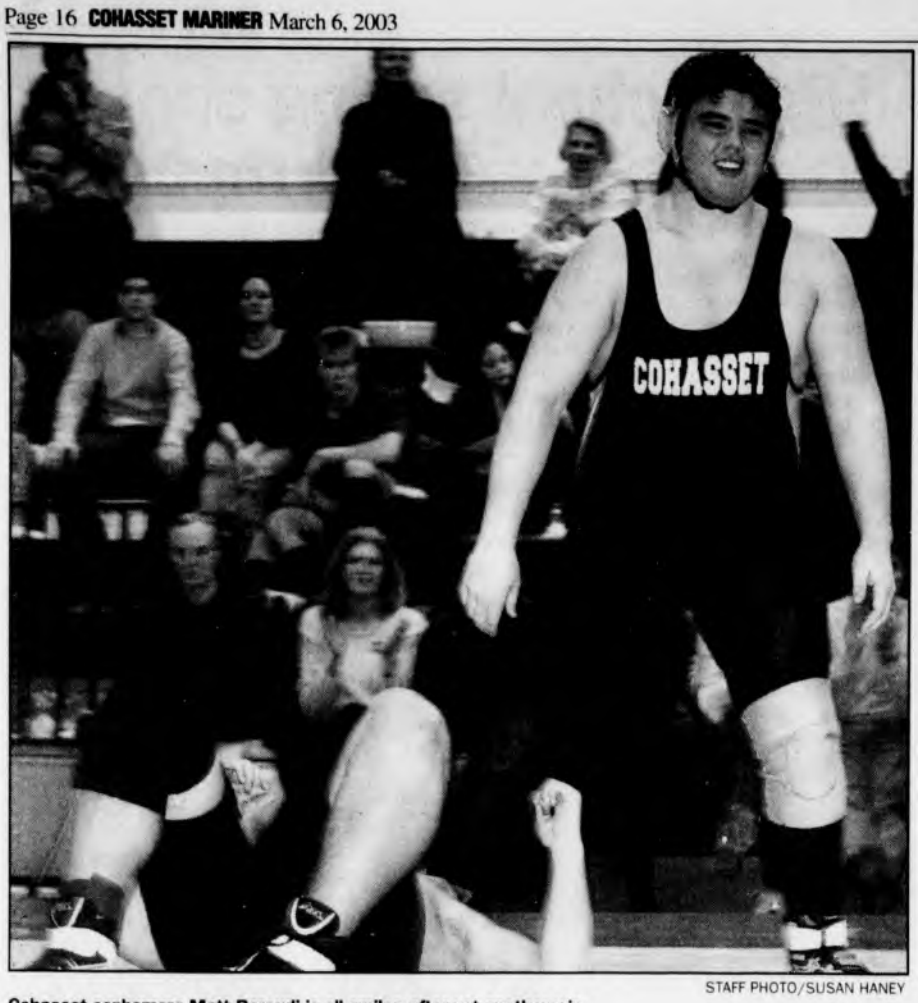

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Cohasset sophomore Matt Baroudi is all smiles after yet another win.

Baroudis move on up

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Central Catholic, in the finals, he earned a very solid draw for the New England's, which will be held this Friday and Saturday at Lowell High School.

Matt Baroudi finished the two-day meet at 2-3, defeating strong opponents from Wilmington and from Billerica, as he will go to the New England competition as the sixth seed from Massachusetts.

"To place as a sophomore is phenomenal," said Sweeney. "He's got a shot to do OK at New England's."

Strazzulla, a junior captain, opened his two day set with a tough loss to Franklin's Dan McNalley, who was the Div. 2 runner-up. In the consolation bracket, he was eliminated in a heart-breaking 5-4 decision to a Div. 3 runner up Brian Dietzal, of Foxboro. Sweeney noted that the final buzzer sounded as Strazzulla was making a take-down move that could have swung the match in his favor.

Littauer pinned the Div. I runner-up to start things off for himself.

However, he could not maintain a 4-2 lead in the third period of his quarterfinal match-up, losing to the eventual All-State champ, 5-4. Littauer lost his final match-up after a very strong showing, in which he held a lead of 4-0 heading into the third period.

Brothers in arms

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this winter season, while "big brother" Terry wrestled at 135. Matt has outweighed Terry for about as far back as their mother can recall, so most of those knock down-drag outs have always been pretty evenly matched.

"Yeah, we were at each other's throats a lot of the time," said "big brother" Terry. "It's better now, though. Wrestling has given us an excuse to fight without killing each other."

Wrestling has clearly helped mend a lot of fences between the brothers Baroudi. Matt and Terry spent many hours in the offseason throwing one another around on a mat their parents put in the basement for them in the hopes they'd burn off their energy in a productive manner. Terry got the feel for what it's like to wrestle a bigger, stronger opponent, while Matt picked up a few pointers for staying with a quicker, more technically proficient grappler.

"I think it helped both of us," said Terry. "I think Matt stole a few of my move, though."

Not that Terry begrudges his "little brother" the use of a few moves. In point of fact, Terry is extremely proud of the progress Matt has made this season.

"I think it's incredible what he's done for a sophomore," said Terry. "When I was a sophomore, I went two (losses) and out at States. It was a learning experience. But here's Matt taking third at States and then sixth at All-States. It's tough to believe how much he's improved this year."

Matt made it to States last year as an alternate after finishing seventh at 189 pounds at Sectionals. He went two and out at States, but the wrestling bug that had his big brother in a hammer lock by this point had begun to take firm hold of him as well.

Terry's improvement over the last year has also been noteworthy, as has the work that made it possible. After finishing fifth at States last year wrestling in the 135-pound division, missing by one spot of qualifying for All-States, the then junior committed himself totally to improvement. He gave up on high school baseball and football in order to concentrate fully on his winter sports obsession.

He finished this season with a 28-2 record, leading the Skippers to their second consecutive league title, and then took first place at 135 pounds at the South Sectionals, Cohasset finishing second to only host Foxboro in the 21 team field.

Despite being in the throws of a nasty flu bug, Terry finished third at States the following weekend. Matt followed suit and both advanced to All-States this past weekend at Salem High School, along with teammates Jonathan Littauer, a sophomore, and Phil Strazzulla, a junior.

Now, only the Baroudis are left to represent Cohasset High at the New England Wrestling Championships this Saturday at Lowell High School, as Terry placed second at 135 and Matt grabbed the sixth and final qualifying spot at 215.

Terry swept through Weston's Peter Orth, two-time defending state champ Wes Parker (3-1) of Natick and Div. 2 state champ Dave Lachapelle of West Springfield, to advance to the All-State championship match with Catholic Central's Matt Kalil.

The Skipper grappler hung tough with the favored Kalil, keeping him scoreless through the first two periods. Unfortunately, Terry was likewise unable to score. Kalil finally broke the ice in the final frame getting Terry onto his back for a 3-point takedown and then repeated this move late in the match as Terry's desperate attempt at a takedown backfired. Kalil won going away, 7-0.

Matt won two of his five matches, but this was good enough to get him onto the next level and some experience which should prove valuable down the road.

"I don't know how well I'm going to do at New England's, but I'm really looking forward to next year," said Matt, sounding more and more like his big brother.

Next year, of course, Matt will be a solo Baroudi act. If things go well, however, both brothers will still be wrestling.

Terry has been accepted to Johnson & Wales University, and has already had a couple of conversations with the school's wrestling coach. His first choice, though, would be Roger Williams University, a bigger school with a more prominent wrestling program. That school's coach has also been in contact, and he made a recruiting trip to Salem High this weekend to check out Terry for himself.

"I think I had a pretty good day," said Terry, who is leaning toward majoring in business. "Hopefully, he liked what he saw."

Assuming the RWU coach did indeed like what he saw, Terry owes a debt of gratitude to his...energetic "little brother."

SPORTS NOTES

Coastal Stars hockey sign-ups

Coastal Stars Youth Hockey will hold its 2003/04 registration on Saturday, March 8 from noon to 4 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish/Rectory, 10 Summer Street, Cohasset. Space may be limited so registration at one of these dates is mandatory for all new and returning players.

Cohasset Soccer Club coaching course offered

The Cohasset Soccer Club will be hosting an E Level soccer coaching course presented by the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association on March 15th and 22nd. This two day course will prepare coaches for working with players up through the U16 age category and will be required for all Cohasset travel team coaches in the upcoming 2003 - 2004 soccer season.

To register for the training sessions or to request additional information, please call Mark Richardson at 781-383-3119.

Swim Center Notes

It's not too soon to be thinking about a summer time job.

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor. Spring courses are being offered starting in March and April. Water Safety Instructor applicants must be 17 years old.

Programs to become a certified Lifeguard are also be offered throughout the region during the Spring. Lifeguard course applicants must be 15 years old. Sign-up Now!

For more information call Sue Mavilia at 781-383-1988 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@attbi.com please include your phone number with your contact information.

Splash into the Summer of 2003

Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors for the 2003 summer season. All applicants must be 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Letters of interest should be sent to Attn: Darleen Koetsch, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@attbi.com Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

Battery Clubs at SSBC in Hingham

HINGHAM - The final Battery Club is scheduled for Saturday mornings March 22-April 12. at the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham for players age 13-18.

This popular Battery Club offers specialized instruction for serious pitchers and catchers.

"Our Battery Club has been designed for pitchers and catchers who want to learn and work on the finer points of baseball's most important positions," SSBC president/director Frank Niles, Jr. noted.

Pitching instruction will concentrate on proper mechanics from the wind-up and stretch, strategy and pitch selection, different grips and its effects on the ball, pick-off moves, fielding, and positive attitude. Catching sessions focus on correct receiving and throwing techniques, pitch selection, blocking low pitches, and overall strategy.

SSBC is a year-round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players, boys and girls, ages five and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or any of its programs for members and non-members, call 1-888-749-6466/781-749-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

12th annual Run for the Ribbon

Sacred Heart racecontinues to honormemory of student Melissa Benoit

A SCHOLARSHIP RUN in memory of former Sacred Heart student Melissa Benoit on May 10, 2003, 10 a.m..

Challenging 10K . . . through the Kingston countryside. Racecourse begins and ends at the schoolÕs athletic fields and travels east on Route 80 looping back to the Sacred Heart campus and the FINISH LINE.

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There will be are ample water stations on the well marked course.

*Barbecue to follow.

Awards will be given to the top 3 winners, male & female, in each division. There will be additional awards, plus a raffle.

Those wishing to pre-register, should make checks payable to:

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Prospects for 2003-'04 looks bright with returning players such as junior Mike Devine (left, dark shirt) and freshman Mike Martone (#7).

High School spring sports preseason sign-up meeting

On Wednesday, March 12, there will be a mandatory sign-up meeting for all high school athletes (grades 9-12) interested in participating in a Spring Sport. The meeting will begin at 6:45 pm with student-athletes signing up for teams. We ask that all student-athletes be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian to the meeting.

At 7:00 pm a guest speaker, Peter DiGuillio, will address the issue of drug and alcohol use by high school student athletes. At 7:45 p.m., The Cohasset High School Athletic Department Coaching Staff will then be available to meet with the student-athletes and parents to distribute schedules, discuss team rules and expectations, and answer any questions you may have. During this time Cohasset High School Athletic Director, Ron Ford will be available for any questions you may have.

We also ask you to bring the user fee payment to this meeting. ($75 for the student-athlete's first or second sport; $50 for the third sport).

Practices for the all high school spring season sports will begin on Monday, March 17. The following sports are offered during the winter season: Baseball, Softball, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Track and Field, Girls Track and Field, Boys Tennis, and Girls Tennis.

Spring Sports Physicals

GRADES 9-12, March 12 @ 2:30 pm

GRADES 7-8, April 9 @ 2:30 pm

In order to begin practice for a winter sport you need an up-to-date physical examination. Physicals exams are only valid for 365 days. If you have had a physical recently please bring a copy of the doctor's form to the school nurse, Mrs. Cicciotte or make arrangements with her to attend the physicals provided free of charge (see dates and times above) by our school physician, Dr. Steve Golden. The physicals exams will take in the Middle-High School Health Office. No student-athlete will be allowed to begin practice without an up-to-date physical exam.

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ish in the all-around competition, behind only Sarrie Rubin of Brookline. Rinaldo was also named Senior Gymnast of the Year later in the meet. Kerry Ann Hart, who led Hanover to the South Shore League title during the regular season, placed tenth in the all-around.

The Coh-Nor team will greatly miss Bixby's presence on the squad, both as a competitor and as a leader. The captain set a very high standard for the talented underclass members of the squad, including Cohasset's Lindsay Durkin and Norwell's Jen Guiney.

"Her skill level has improved every year," observed Connerty. "It is important in gymnastics to be committed to it year round. She is a good example for some of the younger kids to follow."

Icemen can't scale this Hill

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before the break when, following a face off in the neutral zone, the puck was dumped down towards the Cohasset net and bounced over the goalie's stick and into the goal.

"The puck just wasn't bouncing our way," said Blake. "We never gave up after that period and in the locker room I just told the guys that there was a lot of hockey to be played."

Blake was right.

After the heartbreaking first period, the Skippers out-skated Blue Hills to almost every loose puck in the second period, and finally struck gold. Finding themselves shorthanded after a boarding penalty, Cohasset senior captain Tom Anderson cleared the puck into the Blue Hills zone, and, when Blue Hills goalie Sean Ciafrei played the puck, it slipped between his pads into the net.

"After we scored that goal it gave us some momentum," noted Blake. "We were patient in the second period and it paid off. We knew we just needed to keep chipping away."

After an extremely physical second period Blue Hills seemed to wear down Cohasset in the final frame. Following a penalty, and some sloppy defense, the Skippers bounced back with a three-on-three charge, led by John Durkin, Ted Straughn and Michael Rasmussen.

Durkin led the rush and fed down low to Straughn, who then fired a shot off of Ciafrei. Rasmussen followed the play and flipped in the rebound to put Cohasset within a goal at 7:26 into the third period.

The Skippers would continue to battle to the finish, but with just under one minute to play Blue Hills scored after some good passing on a chip-in right in front of Parnell.

"Our goal was to keep this a one goal game," said Blake. "We wanted to stay in striking distance and we did. They were a little bit bigger and faster than us and we just didn't get the bounces we needed to pull it out."

As for the future of this Cohasset program things are looking good.

"We had to skate four or five freshman and that is tough to overcome, but things are looking good for next year," said Blake.

Cohasset will lose four seniors off this years team including Durkin, Matt Davis, Mike Colorio, and Tom Anderson. Blake gives credit to these seniors for the run in the tournament and never giving up early against Blue Hills.

"Their was no quit from our seniors tonight, especially from Tommy Anderson," noted Blake.

Anderson helped lead the second period charge and fired up his teammates after the tough first period.

"Tommy is one of the best leaders I've been around in seven years of hockey coaching."

HOCKEY NOTES

This is a sight we'll miss: South Shore League scoring champ John Durkin raising his arm after yet another goal.

Cohasset 5, Diman 2

The tourney opening win on Saturday over Diman was no where as close as the final score of 5-2 might indicate, despite the fact the Skippers barely clung to a 3-2 lead entering the third period.

A more accurate indication of those first two periods could be seen in the shots on goal statline. The Skippers out-shot the Tigers 23-9 for that stretch, and continued to pour it on in the third.

Senior captain Matt Davis gsave the Skipeprs their first two-goal cushion of the game with 8:40 to playwhen he took a nifty drop pass from hard charging linemate John Durkin 15-feet out in the slot and roofed it just inside the glove-side crossbar past the helpless Diman netminder.

Freshman Matt O'Connell iced the game less than three minutes later when some nice forechecking by he and linemates Ted Straughn and Mike Rasmussen resulted in a steal in Diman's end and a quick shot from the right circle by O'Connell that beat the Diman goalie high and far.

Rasmussen, a junior, gave the Skippers a 1-0 lead 1:51 into the game, set up by a nice rush and pretty drop pass by Straughn at the top of the right circle.

South Shore League scoring champ Durkin scored the other two Cohasset goals, both of which broke ties, with Davis assisted on both of these tallies.

All-Stars

The Skippers, who won their second straight South Shore League title this season, placed five players on the South Shore League all-star team, including all three senior captains: forwards Matt Davis and John Durkin and defenseman Tom Anderson.

Also named to the team were juniors Mike Rasmussen, a forward, and Mike Devine, a defenseman.

Freshman goalie Stephan Parnell was nominated, but he picked a bad year to break-in in terms of postseason kudos. Returning senior all-stars Ken O'Sullivan, of Abington, and Mark Saville, of Hull, were named, as was Norwell junior netminder Tom Sullivan, who led the league with a 1.8 goals against average.

Stats Central

John Durkin, the SSL scoring champ, finished the season with a team best 42 points in 22 games (22 goals, 20 assists), postseason included.

Matt Davis finished up with 34 points (15 goals, 19 assists). He was followed by Mike Rasmussen with 26 (11-15) and sophomore Ted Straughn with 18 (7-11). Three players finished with 17 points: Mike Devine (10-7), Tom Anderson (7-10) and freshman forward Matt O'Connell (7-10).

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MAXLAX REPORT

U10 Playoff and Championships

Normally we would reserve this spot for a recap of the Championship game (which we will get to below), but I wanted to make mention of an outstanding example of good sportsmanship that I think we can all appreciate and should readily applaud.

After winning their first U10 playoff game, the Cannons were pitted against the first place Mavericks to see who would go onto the Championship round. However, when the Mavericks got ready to play, they realized they were a man short and, with heads low, they conceded the game as a forfeit as per the rules of the program. Cannons head coach Mike Dick would have no part of this, though. In an incredible gesture of sportsmanship, he suggested and then helped recruit, getting additional players from the previous games to "fill out" the Mavericks roster. The extra kids the Mav's got ended up playing a pivotal role in the Mavericks eventual win, but the Spirit of the Game was boosted a few notches by this coach's unselfish desire to "do the right thing" even if it meant putting his own squad at a potential disadvantage. I hope that we all take this approach when we have a chance like this and that we keep this sterling example of what's best about our game forefront in our minds. For the record, the Mav's beat the Cannons in a hard fought game that provided plenty of excitement and a great finish to this final session of MaxLax.

Now, as for the Championship:

Laser 6, Mavericks 4

The game started like most Championships with a restless air of anticipation and with both teams chomping at the bit to take the field. However, we saw something a little unusual for both of these scoring powerhouses - almost 5 minutes of action with no blood drawn. Talk about back and forth action and defensive execution - each team seemed to be one-upping the other as the months of indoor play were clearly coming to the forefront.

The goaltenders were the true stars in this first period as Ty Martina (Lasers) and Teddy Costello (Mav's) repelled shot after shot from almost every angle and repeatedly making saves off of the shot and then the rebound.

The Lasers Stephen Thomas used a one-timer and a top side screen to get the first tally off of an assist by Tyler Virtue. The Lasers kept this momentum going with two more goals by Mike Russell who broke up a Mav's clear and took it to the cage on his own, and then Zach Robertshaw who made a nice underneath move to find glory on the backside. Once again, the Lasers Martina dug in, and in what seemed like eternity, he made 7 saves in a row that left the Mav's shaking their heads disbelief at his prowess.

The Mav's Kevin Plant finally found a crack in the armor to get them on the scoreboard during a man-up situation.

However, this was quickly answered by Russell for his 2nd of the game with a shot from the restraining line and then the first half ended on a tally from the Lasers William. This gave the Lasers a commanding 5-1 lead going into the locker room.

As in the playoff game against the Cannons, the Mavericks needed to gather their forces and make a comeback to get the game back within reach and that's exactly what they did. In the first few minutes they came out on fire and after repeatedly banging away at Martina, they finally notched another one on a rebound recovery that Plant found in front of the crease and put in for good. Cabot Noyce also lit the flame after he got a loose ball and made several quick fakes before he got one to go in off of the top pipe. With time becoming a factor and the momentum clearly in favor of the Mavericks, the Lasers relied on their team defense to stymie multiple scoring threats by the Mav's. The "don't stop until you succeed" mantra paid off however as Plant completed his hat trick for the day on aspectacular end-to-end rush that was capped off by a curving bounce shot that even Martina couldn't get a handle on. Now the game had gotten interesting as the Lasers lead was just one at 5-4.

Knowing that they had to turn up the pressure and take back control of the game, the defense of the Lasers kicked back in with aggressive play that was punctuated by an unbelievable wrap check by Ryan Weber that stopped a sure goal dead in it's tracks.

This led to a quick change of possession which found Robertshaw in full stride heading towards the goal and ala Bobby Orr, he stuck it in the back of the net as he flew through the air for what ended up being the final goal of the game. Though the Mav's had several near misses in the home stretch, they couldn't muster the charge they needed to overcome the last minute ball control and sensational defense of the Lasers that clinched them the victory and the Championship.

Congratulations to the champion Marshfield U10 Lasers!

PLAYER of the WEEK: **Ty Martina** - Lasers - Outstanding Goaltending

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Here's the rest of the MaxLax action:

U14

Blades 14- Grimm 4g, Oswald 3g/1a, Mccaw 3g, Mills 2g/2a, Burgess 1g/1a, Connors 1g

Talons 13- St. Clair-Barrie 3g/3a, Z Gray 5g, Ferris 1g, Powers 1g, Crowley 3g

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Stingrays 13- Rice 4g, Donovan 4g/1a, Gormley 4g/2a, Ferzoco 1g

Panthers 3- George 1g, Brown 1g, Mcintyre 1g

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Pythons 13- Carr 4g, Jackson 4g, Sullivan 3g, Garcia 1g/1a, Mambro 1g/1a

Bears 11- Minevitz 7g, J Day 2g, Dupras 1g/3a, Dwyer 1g

U12 Playoffs

Cougars 8- Davis 4g/1a, Wise 1g/1a, Shipp 1g/1a, Forrer 1g, Seriakas 1g

Tomcats 3- Buckley 1g, Hughes 1g, Cousens 1g, Gagnon 1g

Hawks 7- Driscoll 3g, Landon 1g/2a, Livingstone 1g, Lieberman 1g, Queenan 1g

Blazers 3- Chase 2g, Benoit 2g, Smith 1g/1a, Graham 1g

U10 Playoffs

Cannons 10- Kearney 3g Ernst 2g/1a, Routhier 1g, Dick1g, Murphy 1g/1a, Maccormack 1g,

Hornets 3- Wood 2g, Carroll 1g

Lasers 8- Virtue 2g/1a, Robertshaw 3g/1a, Clark 1g,Russell 1g, Thomas 1g

Bullets 1- Weber 1g

Mavericks 9- Wood 4g, Plant 2g, Reilly 1g, Weber 1g/1a, Noyce 1g

Cannons 7- Ernst 2g/1a, Murphy 2g, Kearney 1g, Mcgoldrick 1g, Czerkawski 1g - First Goal

U10 Championship

Lasers 6- Robertshaw 2g, Russell 2g, Thomas 1g, Contento 1g

Mavericks 4- Plant 3g/1a, Noyce 1g

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TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND To all persons interested in the estate of CAROLYN SIDEMAN, late of COHASSET, NORFOLK.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the FIRST account of JEFFREY M. SANKEY as Executor (the fiduciary) of said estate of the will of said deceased has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before the **25th day of MARCH, 2003,** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this 13TH day of FEBRUARY, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#167884
Cohasset Mariner 3/6/03

ZBA/147 BEECHWOOD ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to **12.2.3** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Three Jerusalem Lane Realty Trust,** is aggrieved by the decision of the Zoning Officer relating to **147 Beechwood St.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-02-14A.

AD#164147
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/22 NORFOLK RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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AD#164175
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/309 KING ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to **5.3.1** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Luther S. & Phyllis B. Leighton, seek to place a nonconforming house on a conforming lot at **309 King St.,** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #03-02-10.

AD#164099
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/396 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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AD#164149
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/3 JERUSALEM LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7b** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Three Jerusalem Lane Realty Trust,** seeks to build a house on a nonconforming lot at **3 Jerusalem Lane** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-01-31.

AD#164145
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/414 NORTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **APPEAL** pursuant to **12.2.3** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Three Jerusalem Lane Realty Trust,** is aggrieved by the decision of the Zoning Officer relating to **414 North Main St.,** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. #03-02-14F.

AD#164177
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/47 NORFOLK RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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AD#164141
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/575 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **APPEAL** pursuant to **12.2.3** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Three Jerusalem Lane Realty Trust,** is aggrieved by the decision of the Zoning Officer relating to **575 Jerusalem Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-02-14C.

AD#164171
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/64 RED GATE LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7b** of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Todd & Suzanne Childress Trnka,** seek to extend a nonconforming dwelling on a nonconforming lot at **64 Red Gate Lane,** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #03-02-25.

AD#164143
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

ZBA/7 LOTHROP LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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AD#164173
Cohasset Mariner 2/27, 3/6/03

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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth J. Abell

Elizabeth J. Abell, 86, a former resident of Cohasset, died Feb. 24, 2003 at the Village at Waterman Lake in Greenville, R.I.

Born in New Brunswick, N.J., she was the daughter of the late Albert R. Johnson and Ethel H. Johnson.

She was a 1934 graduate of New Brunswick High School in New Jersey and graduated from The New Jersey College for Women (Douglass College) in 1938 with a B.S. in Home Economics.

After graduation, she served as a hostess for Wood Lawn at Douglass College for two years, spent two years teaching home economics at Highland Park High School in New Jersey, served as a dietitian at Princeton Hospital, and worked as a supervisor of dormitories for Douglass College, a division of Rutgers University for 26 years.

She was an active member of the Reformed Church of Highland Park, N.J. where she served on numerous committees, sang in the choir and was a deaconess for a number of years. She was active in the Douglass College Alumni Association and helped co-chair her 50th Class Reunion.

Upon retirement, Mrs. Abell moved to Cohasset where she became active in the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset. She has resided at the Village at Waterman Lake in Rhode Island since 1996.

She leaves her daughter, Jane Bishop of Cohasset; her two sons, David Abell of Seekonk and Carl Abell of East Haddam, Conn.; and her five grandchildren.

A memorial service for family and close friends is planned for later this spring in New Jersey.

Funeral arrangements were made by J.H. Williams & Co. in East Providence, R.I.

Arthur J. Corrigan, Jr.

Arthur J. Corrigan, Jr., age 75, a retired U.S. Marine Corp Gunnery Sergeant, died Feb. 9, 2003 in Roseville, Calif.

Born in Dorchester, he was a longtime resident of North Highlands after his retirement in 1968 after 22 years of proud service in the Marines. He retired again in 1990 after 22 dedicated years of service with the State of California Department of Transportation Bridge Department.

He will be sorely missed by all with whom he had forged strong and lasting memories and relationships.

Some of his Marine Corps assignments included tours of duty at the Pentagon, Camp Lejeune, El Toro, Korea and Okinawa.

While at the Bridge Department in California, he was well known as someone with a great sense of humor due to his witticisms. He was the kind of guy who was always willing to lend a helping hand by offering his many mechanical and electrical skills to those who needed them.

He was a war history aficionado and played a competitive game of chess. He played piano and spoke Japanese. Prior to his death, he was teaching himself Russian and Tagalog.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 49 years, the late Doris Catherine Corrigan; and leaves his loving children, Donna M. Pratt and her husband, John, Virginia A. Patterson and her husband, Steve, Victoria E. Copeland and her husband, John; his devoted stepmother, Helena Corrigan; his beloved grandchildren, Kevin and Lauren Patterson; and his cherished sister-in-law, Margaret M. Stoughton and husband, Ira of Cohasset.

He was interred in San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine, Calif.

The family asks that in remembrance of Art, friends and loved ones do something patriotic for the United States.

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MONDAY, FEB. 24

8:34 a.m. Red Fox Lane, animal call or complaint.

8:56 a.m. Stagecoach Way, burglary, B&E.

9:45 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:32 p.m. Jerusalem Road and North Main St., paring complaint, ticked issued.

1:40 p.m. Sohier St., animal call or complaint.

2:44 p.m. Stagecoach Way, investigation.

3:42 p.m. Highland Ave., general disturbance, gathering.

4 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Kings St., motor vehicle accident.

4:27 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:33 p.m. South Main St., missing person, returned to home or family.

5:56 p.m. Beechwood St., assist motorist.

6:33 p.m. Bancroft Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

7:52 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

8:13 p.m. Beechwood St. and Riverview Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/issued.

TUESDAY, FEB. 25

1:35 a.m. Beechwood St. and Wheelwright Farm, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/issued.

2:30 p.m. Cedar St., animal call or complaint.

3:04 p.m. North Main St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

3:33 p.m. South Main St., medical aid.

6:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle accident.

6:51 p.m. Margin Court, fire, investigation.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

12:43 a.m. James Lane, well being check.

12:50 a.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

1:11 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/issued.

8:54 a.m. King St., officer wanted.

9:20 a.m. Elm St., missing person.

10:19 a.m. Cedar St., fire, investigation.

10:40 a.m. Forest Ave., medical aid.

12:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person(s)/activity. Arrest of Joshua Demontigny, 21, of 141 First Parish Road, Scituate. Charge: Possession of a Class D drug.

2:47 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire, investigation.

3:05 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

3:09 p.m. Elm St., general services.

5:28 p.m. King St., suspicious person(s)/activity, auto.

6:10 p.m. Cherry Lane, assist other police department.

11:54 p.m. South Main St., fight.

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

12:44 a.m. Pleasant St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

8:30 a.m. Sohier St., animal call or complaint.

9 a.m. Evergreen Lane, animal call or complaint.

9:30 a.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

10:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, threats (bodily harm).

1:10 p.m. Pond St., general services.

2:11 p.m. King St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

2:54 p.m. Bound Brook Lane, assist other agency.

3:29 p.m. Locust Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

4 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle violation(s).

5:54 p.m. Elm St., threats (bodily harm).

7:39 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:06 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/issued.

8:41 p.m. Highland Ave., parking complaint, ticket issued.

8:49 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:52 p.m. Clay Spring Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/issued.

8:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:37 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/issued.

9:54 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:13 p.m. Sohier St., office wanted.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

1:30 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

2:25 a.m. Nichols Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

9:08 a.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

9:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, transported to hospital.

2:26 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:36 p.m. South Main St., escort.

2:40 p.m. Summer St., outside fire.

3:06 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

3:13 p.m. Cedar St., animal call or complaint.

6:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, open door/window.

8:23 p.m. Elm St., well being check.

8:25 p.m. Elm St., well being check.

9:16 p.m. Beechwood St., barking dog.

9:52 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:56 p.m. South Main St., fight.

11:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

12:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

1:29 a.m. Marion Way, suspicious person(s)/activity.

8:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, investigation, report taken.

9:59 a.m. Ripley Road, medical aid.

11:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person(s)/activity.

1:11 p.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle accident.

2:01 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, departmental action.

2:30 p.m. Highland Ave., general disturbance.

2:53 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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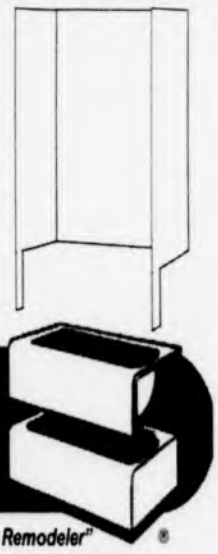

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CMHS Honor Roll for second quarter

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GRADE 9
HIGH HONORS

Brooke Allen, Kelsey Bell, Susan Curry, Zachary Etkind, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Emily Nash, Christopher Reynolds, Nils Sceery.

HONORS

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GRADE 10
HIGH HONORS

Jack Carroll, Jonathan Grimm, Toby Norman.

HONORS

Matthew Casey, Cecelia Chapman, Jeannette Daley, Rachel Garber, Lindsey Kennedy, Jonathan Littauer, Christine Lovallo, Molly Ogrodnik Thomas Ross Elizabeth Stone, Domenic Strazzulla.

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Dominique Asnault, Catherine Calorio, Elizabeth Condos, Danielle Hajjar, Courtney Hurley, Molly Kirk, Jennifer Murray, Lauren Rizzotti. Christopher Simms.

GRADE 11
HIGH HONORS

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Postprom party donations sought

Preparations are underway for Cohasset High School's sixth annual Postprom Party 2003. The party will follow the Senior Prom, scheduled for Friday evening, May 20. The Postprom Party 2003 will be held in the Cohasset Middle/High School. It's a magical night with a surprise-decorated theme and includes music, entertainment, food and prizes. This traditional event is a chance for seniors and their guests to celebrate together in a safe, alcohol and drug-free environment. It has traditionally been a success with the majority of the seniors and guests attending.

Support is needed because contributions are relied upon to fund a major portion of the expense.

Please make donations payable to Cohasset Postprom Party 2003 and mail to: Cohasset Postprom Party 2003, 27 Forest Ave. Cohasset, MA 02025.

SCHOOL MENU

Lunch Menu

MONDAY, MARCH 10

Chicken nuggets; or turkey & cheese sandwich; mashed potato, corn, fruit, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Bagel with soup of the day; or ham pocket; green beans, pudding, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Pasta with meat sauce and dinner roll; or tuna sandwich; mixed veggies, sliced apples, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Chicken patty on a bun; or seafood salad pocket; potato wedges, fruit, choice of milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or egg salad sub; veggie sticks, Jello, choice of milk.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Breakfast for lunch: pancakes with maple syrup, ham potato puffs, raisins, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Roast turkey sandwich; or bologna sandwich; mashed potato, green beans, fruit, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Pasta with meat sauce and breadstick; or chicken salad pocket; garden salad, sliced apples, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato, rice and cheese; or ham & cheese sub; pears, choice of milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or fish fillet on a bun; carrots, fruit, choice of milk.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Cheeseburger on a bun; or turkey pocket; oven fries, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Chicken nuggets; or tuna salad sub; rice, corn, peaches, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Macaroni & cheese, dinner roll; or chicken salad sandwich; garden salad, fruit, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, MRCH 27

Bagel with soup of the day; or bologna & cheese sub; veggie sticks, pudding, choice of milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or Greek salad with pita bread; sweet peas, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Chicken patty on a bun; or ham & cheese sub; oven fries; sliced apples, choice of milk.

Family Night at Osgood

Looking for something fun to do with the whole family during these arctic cold evenings? Come to Family Night at the Osgood School Cafeteria on Friday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

There will be dessert and a well-known children's entertainer, Rick Goldin, who will give a lively show. Maybe you've seen Goldin at the annual WGBH Ice Cream Fun Fest? His performances are lively and interactive and he's sure to entertain the young and even the "not-so-young" alike!

THINKING BIG

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Zach Coggins mulls over his "What I've Learned in the First Grade" paper during the recent 100th day of school festivities at Osgood.

This fundraising event is only $5 / person (with one adult *free* of charge)but not to exceed the cost of $25 for the entire family. So bring the whole gang....who can beat that price for dessert and family entertainment? The new Cohasset T-shirts will also be for sale. Be the first one to get one and show your town pride! This event is open to the community and children of all ages are welcome. All proceeds benefit children at the Osgood Elementary School.

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $2,500 scholarships are available (starting Friday, Feb. 14) at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive in Hingham.

This is the 30th consecutive year that the Pilgrim Skating Arena is awarding scholarships to area high school seniors planning to further their education.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application *in person* at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Monday, March 31.

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, please call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

Send in your school news

The Cohasset Mariner wants to develop a school news page to run every week. Short news items from teachers and school organizations are welcome. Photographs of events, accompanied with a short article or longer story are also sought. If you have "Stars of the Month", an interesting program or student volunteer effort, artwork, student writings, interesting field trip, or special projects, please share them with us.

Also, if you would like to request a photographer for your school event, please let us know. Contact editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933. News items my be sent by email to mford@cnc.com or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in the village.

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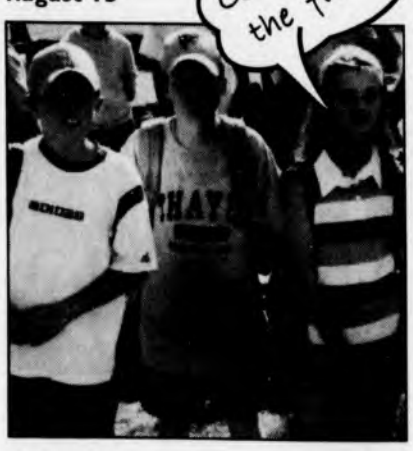

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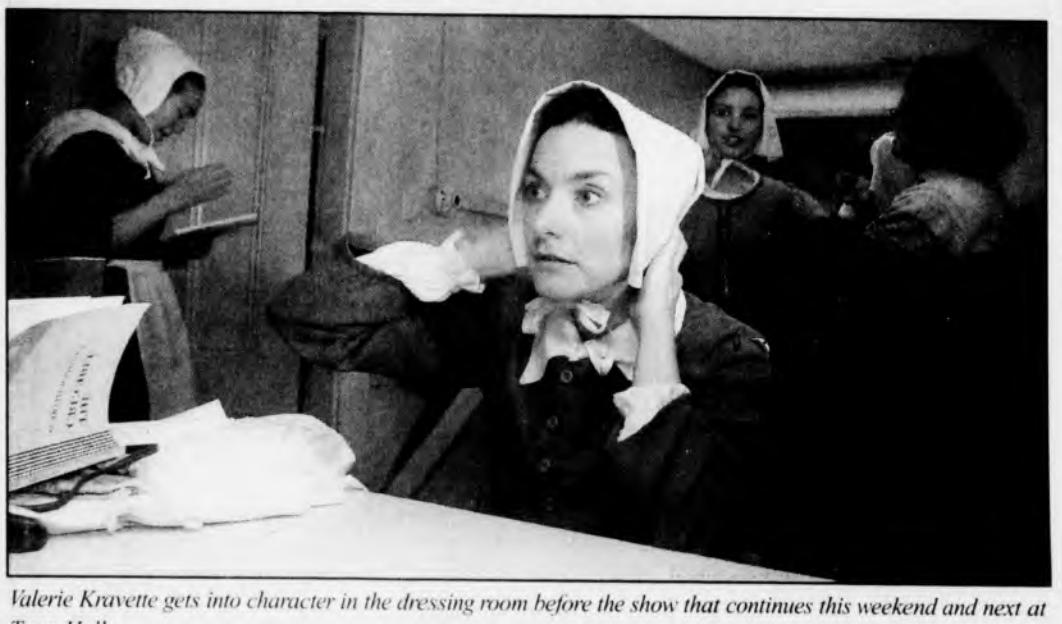

Valerie Kravette gets into character in the dressing room before the show that continues this weekend and next at Town Hall.

No citizen was safe from the accusations of witchcraft, as recreated in Arthur Miller's dramatic masterpiece. Tickets for the show are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or at the door.

STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Michael DiMasi, Marcia McDonald, Valerie Kravette and Dick Sherill (standing) star in the dramatic story of the Salem witch trials in Arthur Miller's Broadway classic, "The Crucible" on stage at Town Hall.

John Proctor (Michael DiMasi) and his wife Elizabeth (Valerie Kravette) stand against a society gone made in the face of the Salem witch trials. Show dates are times are March 7, 8, 14 & 15 at 8 p.m. and Sunday March 16 at 2 p.m.

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Renaissance redux

Florence and Beyond exhibit celebrates art's great past and present

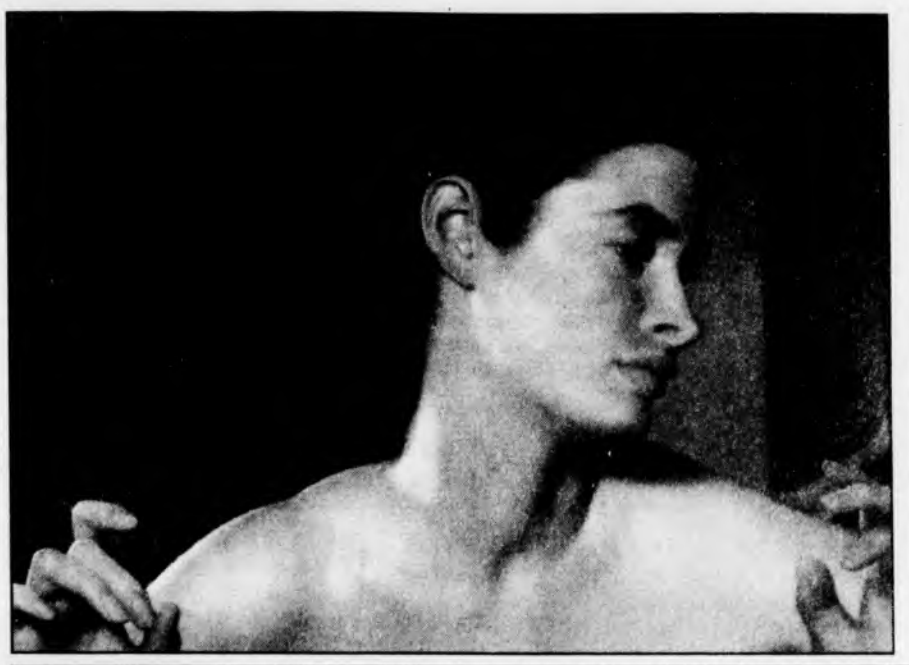
By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

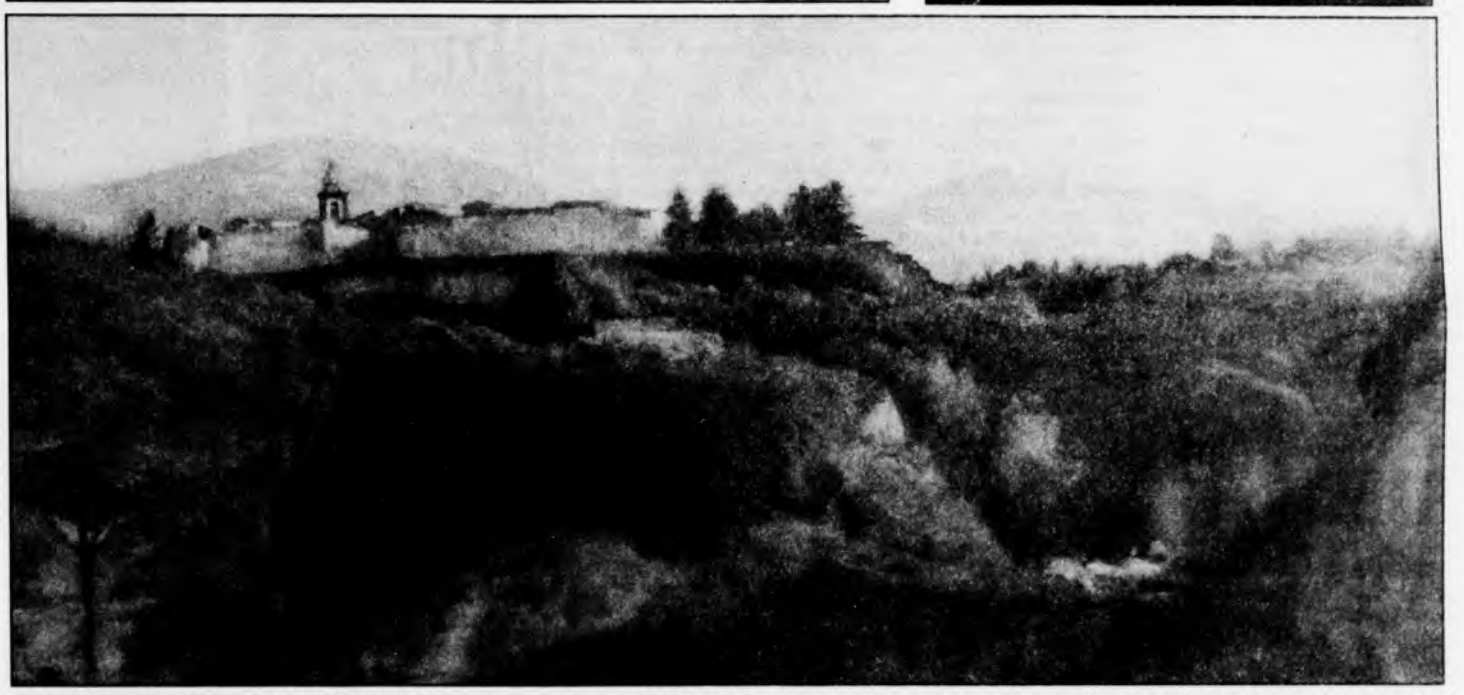
The ancient city of Florence in the Italian province of Tuscany, has long been considered the birthplace of the Renaissance, the revival of European arts and culture transpiring during the 14th to 17th centuries.

This came to be defined as the classic artistic era in European history, including painting, sculpture, music, architecture, literature and more. The Italian origins in the era's visual arts would produce such perennially household-name masters as Michelangelo, Da Vinci and Rapheal as well as the lesser known but comparably influential likes of Masaccio and others.

"The Florentine school is the oldest continuing tradition in Western art history. All of the artists in this show are interested in maintaining their connection with the original 15th and 16th century artists of the early and high Renaissance. These works are their unique way of perpetuating the Renaissance."

Florence and Beyond exhibit curator David Nolta





The Florentine-influenced works of Charles H. Cecil, Daniel Graves, Benjamin Long, D. Jeffrey Mims, Frank Strazzulla and Kamille Corry are on display through April 13 at the South Shore Art Center.

"Florence and Beyond," the major winter-spring exhibit at Cohasset's South Shore Art Center, proves that such a grand tradition in painting/drawing/art-vision does not have to be strictly consigned to its illustrious past. The show spotlights the multimedia works of six contemporary American artists who have all studied and/or taught at the famed Florentine school and impressively interpret its myriad styles and techniques in a modern idiom.

"Florence and Beyond" is on view at the SSAC through April 13.

The works on view range in media from oil paintings to pencil and ink sketches and in format from landscapes and still lifes to figures and portraits. The scope of subject matter could not be more faithful to the Florentine tradition, highlighting the pure features of human forms, lines and cracks of aged faces, lush rural hillsides and quaint villages with much history in their high walls and narrow passageways.

"The Florentine school is the oldest continuing tradition in Western art history," said exhibit curator David Nolta, a Renaissance art scholar and professor at Massachusetts College of Art. "All of the artists in this show are interested in maintaining their connection with the original 15th and 16th century artists of the early and high Renaissance. These works are their unique way of perpetuating the Renaissance."

The sextet of featured artists in the exhibit includes one local in Quincy native Frank Strazzulla, who now lives in Newburyport but maintains a studio in Scituate. Strazzulla, 45, captures inspired rural moments in his various landscape pieces with titles such as "Cypress Trees," "Cloudy Day — Arno River" and "Morning in San Miniato," all of them created in the original Renaissance techniques of hand-mixed pigments and self-prepared surfaces.

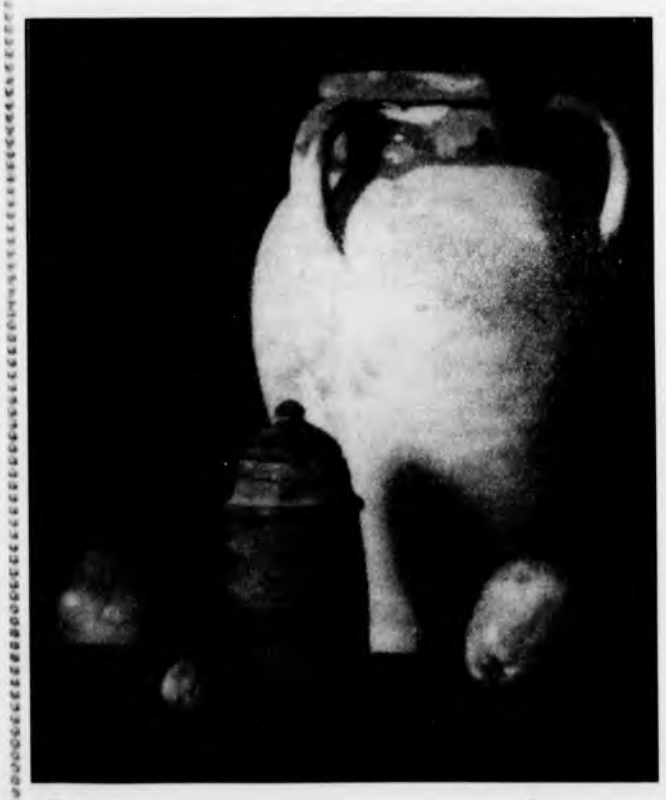
The scope of subject matter could not be more faithful to the Florentine tradition, highlighting the pure features of human forms, lines and cracks of aged faces, lush rural hillsides and quaint villages with much history in their high walls and narrow passageways.

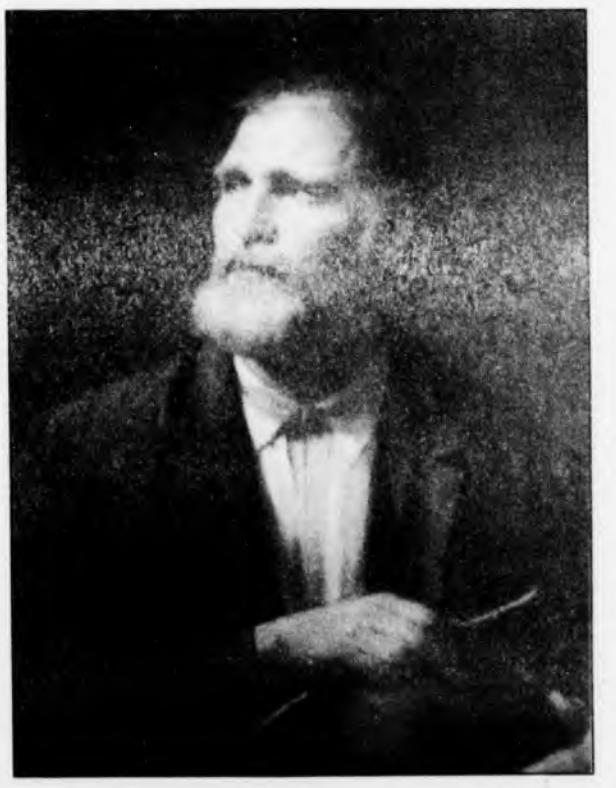
"I like to start each work on-location," said Strazzulla. "Some of them are finished in the studio and some later at the location. I'm mainly interested in atmosphere, subtlety, color and value shifts to convey a certain feeling in my work."

Strazzulla studied in the same Florence studios as two other exhibit contributors, Charles H. Cecil and Dan Graves, both of whom now reside in Florence. The remaining participants include Ben Long, of North Carolina, whom the local artist learned directly from, and Jeffrey Mims, of North Carolina, and Kamille Corry, of Utah, both of them classmates of Strazzulla in Florence.

All of the artists' work showcase certain individual specialties, be them landscapes, still life, figures or portraits, but all the contributors demonstrate the versatility to move easily between formats. Each one also includes an eloquent self-portrait in the exhibit.

"Florence and Beyond" has highlighted its SSAC run with a number of festive exhibition programs open to the public, including a Tuscan Wine Tasting Gala and a Reception Tour/Lecture during the show's opening weekend. Still to come is *A Day in the Renaissance: Classical Creativity* on Sunday (March 9), 1-4 p.m. This is a family day at the Art Center that will offer parents and children a hands-on introduction to art, music and inventions of the Renaissance period.





Food & dining

Potato frittata simplified

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

A frittata is nothing more than a big, filled omelet. The omelet is not folded – it is cooked flat, the eggs and ingredients melded together, and then it is usually served in wedges. So what's the problem? Well, the eggs are usually tough and dry, the potatoes are soggy and take a long time to cook, and many recipes suggest slipping the frittata in and out of the pan, a process that is prone to disaster. I wanted a quick and easy potato frittata with crisp potatoes, just-cooked eggs, and plenty of flavor.

I started testing with five different recipes from the likes of Carol Field, Penelope Casas, and Marcella Hazan and decided that the cooking method for the potatoes was key. Instead of using slices, I started with one and a half cups of small dice and then fried them in a 9-inch non-stick skillet. This took just 10 minutes and only 1 cup of peanut oil. (Other oils either added no flavor or produced less than crispy potatoes.) As for the potatoes, I preferred Yukon Gold or Russets, both of which have good flavor and a nice light texture.

For the eggs, six was the right amount but I did not like the addition of milk of cream. (Separating one or two of the eggs and beating the whites made a fluffier, but not better, frittata.) Once the potatoes were cooked, removed from the pan along with the oil, I found that a tablespoon of butter to cook the eggs added flavor and also tenderness. The lightly whisked eggs are combined with the cooked potatoes and returned to the pan. Now the question was, what was the best method for cooking the eggs?

The problem with a frittata is that the bottom cooks before the top is ready, leading to overcooked eggs. Part of the solution is to pull in the edges of the frittata, tilting the pan so some of the uncooked egg on top runs down onto the hot pan. (This is the same method used to cook a French omelet.) However, this still leaves one with eggs that are undercooked on the top. Many cooks use a broiler to finish this dish (a good solution if you have a good broiler), flip the dish onto a dinner plate and then slide it back into the pan (tricky, at best), or simply place the skillet in a hot oven to finish. This last method is easiest and least prone to error. (Four minutes in a 450-degree oven did the trick.)

Other additions include chopped chives or parsley, sautéed onion, and roasted asparagus. One can also add grated Parmesan cheese, a great addition with the asparagus frittata. Note that salt and pepper are key ingredients and ought not to be reduced or overlooked.

QUICK AND CRISPY POTATO FRITTATA

If one uses a smaller dice, say 1/4-inch, the potatoes will cook in a just a few minutes.

1 cup peanut oil

1 1/2 cups Yukon Gold or Russet potatoes washed and cut into 1/4- inch dice about 2 medium

6 large eggs

3/4 teaspoon salt

Freshly ground black pepper

2 tablespoons finely chopped chives or flat leaf Italian Parsley

1 tablespoon unsalted butter

1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Heat the peanut oil in a heavy-duty 9-inch non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. When hot (375 degrees) add the potatoes and cook, stirring occasionally, until they are dark golden brown, a few minutes. Drain the potatoes in a mesh colander and then dump onto paper towels. Sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon salt. Wipe out the skillet. Lower the heat to medium.

2. Meanwhile whisk the eggs in a medium bowl until foamy, about 2 minutes. Add 1/2 teaspoon of the salt, pepper, and chives or parsley and stir to combine. Place the butter in the skillet. Once it has stopped foaming add the potatoes and then the egg mixture. Stir gently. As the eggs begin to set, push and lift the edges of the frittata to allow the loose egg to run underneath, tilting the skillet if necessary. Continue until the frittata is no longer runny but the surface is still wet, about 2 minutes.

3. Place the skillet in the hot oven and cook until the surface is dry and set, but not browned, about 3 to 4 minutes. Slide onto a plate and serve. Serves six as a side dish.

Onion Variation

Before browning the potatoes, sauté one cup of diced onion in one tablespoon peanut oil for 3 to 4 minutes over medium heat until soft and just starting to brown. Remove from skillet, set aside and add to the egg mixture when adding the chives.

Asparagus Variation

Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Omit the potatoes, and chives or parsley in the above recipe. Snap or trim the stalks of one pound asparagus. Place on a baking sheet and coat very lightly with olive oil. Place in oven and roast until barely limp and bright green, 5 to 8 minutes depending on the thickness of the asparagus. Remove from the oven and lower the temperature to 450 degrees. Proceed with the recipe at step two. Reduce the amount of salt to 1/2 teaspoon and add 1/4-cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese to the egg mixture. Add the asparagus to the skillet in place of the potatoes.

Late winter pruning of trees and shrubs

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

From high above the icy snow-covered terrain, the piercing call of a handsome flicker momentarily disrupted the peaceful solitude of the stark winter landscape. Moments later, the distinctively marked woodpecker swooped from its perch and descended to the frozen pond below, the black crescent across its chest clearly visible from afar. A quick sip from a tiny opening created by the bubbling pump and it was in flight again, the telltale white rump flashing as it disappeared into the underbrush.

A year ago, my spring cleanup was well underway by this first week of March. Glistening white snowdrops, saffron yellow crocuses, and deep violet blue dwarf iris were in full bloom, dotting the gardens with cheerful abandon. Last year's record-breaking warm winter season delivered an especially early spring, a dramatic contrast to this year's endless winter and our perpetual snow-covered landscapes. How I long for warmer weather, bare earth and springtime flowers!

Shoveling snow continues to dominate my outdoor activities although tiny patches of bare ground are gradually becoming visible. As I excavated a narrow path to our front entry through the densely packed, icy white covering, it became evident that our constant barrage of winter storms has taken its toll on my foundation plantings. The weight of the melting snow has bent, broken, and squashed many well-established shrubs. Although some of these are likely to recover once the warmer weather finally arrives, others may require major pruning to repair nature's damage.

A late winter survey of your property's trees and shrubs should be performed annually. Mid-February to mid-April is the preferred time of year to prune many of these dormant deciduous plants since it is considerably easier to view their architecture and to observe damaged, diseased, or crossed branches before they leaf out. This year's winter storms have injured a wide range of woody plants leaving jagged cuts that may collect water potentially leading to disease and partially broken tree limbs, which may eventually cause the bark of the trunk to be stripped beneath the tear. Damaged or diseased stems and limbs should be pruned as soon as they are noticed to prevent the spread of infections. Should you observe crossed branches, remove at least one of the branches as the constant rubbing of one branch against another is an open invitation for disease to penetrate the damaged bark.

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Learning to prune effectively requires practice. A poor pruning job is analogous to giving a bad haircut. Barring the infiltration of disease, the tree or shrub will nearly always recover, regrow, and be ready for another trim later in the season or the following year allowing for correction of any gross mistakes. The acquisition of a good reference book on pruning will greatly assist with helpful illustrations and recommendations on the appropriate timing of pruning particular plant species. Our local county extension service usually offers annual workshops during March to demonstrate proper pruning techniques.

Purchase and use the proper tools. Quality tools make the job easier, last longer, and produce cleaner cuts facilitating the healing process. Bypass pruners and loppers tend to be preferred by nurserymen, their scissors-like action enabling cleaner, closer cuts. High quality pruners, like the Swiss-made Felco, are worth the additional cost for their durability, precision, and the fact that they have replaceable blades. Avoid anvil-style pruners that have one sharp blade with an opposing flat blunt edge as these may crush stems and produce uneven cuts. Inexpensive pruners also tend to produce ragged cuts because they are easily bent out of shape. Hand pruners are preferred for twigs and smaller branches up to half an inch across. Long-handled lopping shears are useful for cutting larger branches up to 2 inches thick.

Curved-blade pruning saws are usually designed to cut only on the pull-stroke and are ideal for larger branches and great for tight places. Bow saws cut on both the push and pull strokes but require more room to maneuver. Both of these types of saws are available in models with replaceable blades.

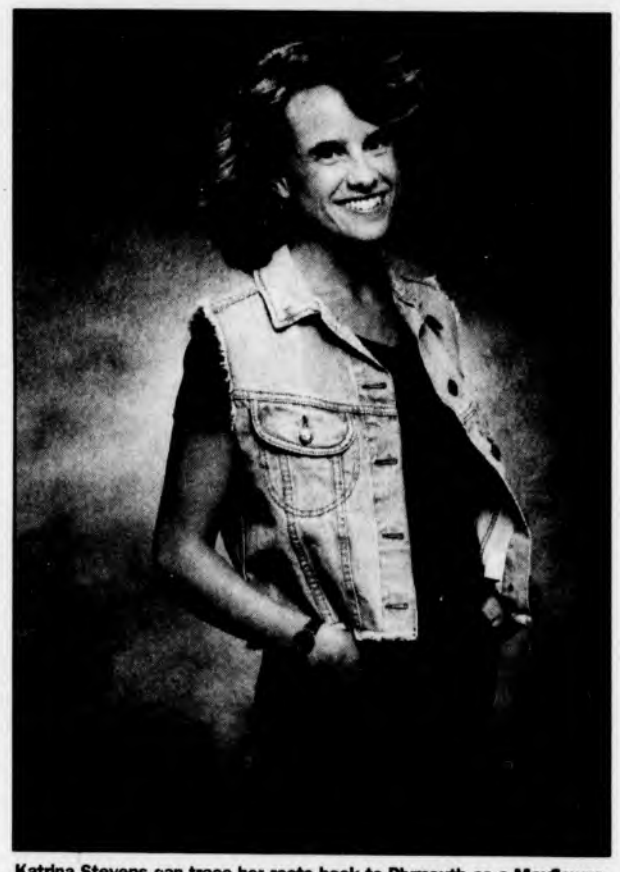
To shorten a woody stem, always cut back to a bud. On branches where the buds alternate, cut the stem at an angle and cut away from an outward facing bud to encourage growth away from the interior spaces of your shrub or tree unless you are striving to fill a gap which may have been produced by storm damage. If the plant has opposite buds, cut immediately above a strong pair. Do not leave stubs as these may develop disease but be careful not to prune too closely to a bud, which may cause the bud to dry out.

When pruning entire branches from the trunk of a tree, cuts should be made just beyond the ridge (above the branch) and the collar (a swollen area below the point of the branch's attachment to the trunk). Sawing a branch too closely to the trunk may disrupt the healing process or may stimulate growth around the site of the wound producing new, unwanted sprouts. It is not necessary to apply paint to the wound as this application may actually interfere with the plant's natural healing ability.

Enjoy the sights, sounds and fragrances of spring at the New England Spring Flower Show at the Bayside Expo, March 15-23. A wide selection of pruning tools is available from the marketplace and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Bookstore offers an excellent collection of gardening reference books.

Actress comes in 'Contact' with her heritage

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Katrina Stevens can trace her roots back to Plymouth as a Mayflower Descendent.

In the musical "contact," three sensual stories are told entirely through dance. Each is set in a different era, but all concern people in the wild pursuit of love.

Actress and theater professional Katrina Stevens, assistant stage manager for the national tour of the musical currently at Boston's Wang Theatre, believes the show makes a simple statement that resonates profoundly in today's world climate. "This show is all about making human contact as opposed to duct taping yourself in your house," Stevens explained by telephone last week from Nashville. "The message of "contact" is that reaching out to other people is what will save you."

Directed and choreographed by Susan Stroman, "contact" is performed to a wide range of music — from Stephane Grappelli's rendition of Rodger's and Hart's "My Heart Stood Still," to pieces by Grieg, Tchaikovsky andBizet to Robert Palmer, Dean Martin, The Beach Boys, and The Squirrel Nut Zippers by a company of 24 dancer/actors.

Stevens is quick to acknowledge that those elements also helped earn "Contact" the Tony Award for Best Musical and just about every other major theater award given in 2000. "This show has great music and a beautiful, talented cast. Not only are the performers are excellent dancers, but they're also fine actors. They help make the show both a thrilling and meaningful experience."

A graduate of the drama program at Duke University, Stevens's own experiences include both acting and stage management. The Bath, Maine native has appeared as an actress on television, in regional theater, and on Broadway. Her current assignment marks her first stage management gig in eight years and a return to her roots.

"In my senior year at Duke, I interned for New York producer Emanuel Azenberg on a pre-Broadway tryout of "Long Day's Journey Into Night," which starred Jack Lemmon and Kevin Spacey. Right out of college, Mr. Azenberg hired me again as a production assistant for the New York production of "Broadway Bound." Mr. Azenberg is now one of the general managers of the "contact" tour which is one of the main reasons I decided to take this job."

Another was the involvement of Stroman, one of Broadway's leading creative talents and the choreographer responsible for recent stage hits like "Show Boat," "The Music Man" and "The Producers."

"This show has given me the chance to work with Susan Stroman. She is, of course, an amazingly gifted individual. She is also the most involved of any director I have ever worked with on a national tour. It's great just to watch her work."

As assistant stage manager, Stevens has a lot to watch. "I go back and forth backstage making sure everything is moving smoothly, because on a tour like this we work with different local stage hands in each city."

Until recently, Boston was the city Stevens called home. "When I took this job, I gave up my apartment. My stuff is in storage right now, while I travel."

Stevens may not have not have a place to call home right now, but she does have roots on the South Shore that trace all the way back to the 17th century. Her ancestors on both sides of her family came over on the Mayflower.

"My mother's family is descended from, Jonathan Fairbanks, the first mate on the Mayflower," Stevens explains. "My father can trace his own ancestry to another crew member on the ship who later settled on Georgetown Island, off of Bath, Maine. My mother is originally from the Boston area, but grew up in St. Louis. She met my father on a family vacation to Maine when she was a young woman. The Mayflower connection was a pure coincidence."

And a happy one at that, according to Stevens. It isn't something we flaunt or boast about, but it is certainly a source of pride within my family that our ancestors came over on the Mayflower."

(The national tour of "contact" will be at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, through March 9. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.broadwayinboston.com.)

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THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER announces a show of artwork utilizing digital technology to be held at the art center April 18 to May 25. The "TechArt" show is open to all artists and will be juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. Artists are invited to submit slides of their work that utilizes digital technology as a major creative component in the production of the work. Examples of eligible works may include original digital; photographs, prints, sculpture, assemblages, collages and other work created using components manipulated by or generated from the computer, video animation sound and computer and internet-based works. Each may submit up to three works. All entries must be received by March 10. For information call 781-383-2787.

WALK'N MASS VOLKSSPORT CLUB'S WINTER SOUP WALK in Sharon –March 15. Bring your favorite cup and soup, bread and dessert will be provided. A 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) and five kilometer (3.1 miles) routes available. Both routes rated suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. Call 508-668-2340 for more information.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Thurs. 6

Two Poetry Readings will be given this spring on March 6, and April 22, at the Whiton Room in Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St. An open mike session with a signup sheet will follow the featured readers. The public and all poets are invited to join the other poets, to listen, and to bring their original poems to read. March 6, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. will be an **Evening of Irish Poetry** in which **Joyce Wilson** and **Aidan Rooney-Cespedes** will read from the Irish poets and their own work and discuss the influence of the Irish on their writing. All poets are invited to bring their favorite Irish poem or poetry of their own inspired by the Irish. Free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 781-741-1405 and/or 781-545-0731

Duxbury Art Association presents the **Sixth Annual Monotype Guild of New England Juried Exhibition** in the Bengtz & Cutler Galleries at **The Ellison Center for the Arts**. This exhibition is open through April 18. Open and free to the public. Gallery hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 or visit www.duxburyart.org

Lou Rawls presents one show only Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Route 3A, Plymouth, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. "Civic Night" Groups are encouraged to take advantage of a discount of $5 on every ticket with a minimum ticket purchase of 20. Groups must contact Erin McSheffrey at Plymouth Memorial Hall at 508-747-0234. Non-group tickets are $33 and $38 and are available on the Internet at www.ticketweb.com, by telephone to TicketWeb via toll free 866-468-7619 (all major credit cards are accepted), in person at Loretta LaRoche & Company, 50 Court St. Route 3A, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at Plymouth Memorial Hall on the night of the performance (as available).

Jimbos South Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners, Braintree 781-848-0300. Reservations recommended. Admission $10 Double headliner show. **John Turco and Tony Moschetto**. Host: **Vernon Harrison**. Also featuring: **Annette Pollack, Troy Diamond, Sue Sapir-Donnelly and Todd Verdonck**. Enjoy dinner before the show or special-priced appetizers during the show.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. March 6, Matanzas Creek Elegance, complexity, balance and consistency are words used to describe the wines of Matanzas Creek Winery, originally founded in 1977 in Sonoma County' Bennett Valley. Our host, winemaker Even Bakke, continues the Matanzas reputation for producing award-winning Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and Merlot. Dinner 7 p.m. The Atlantic Room $125.For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline**. Show starts at 8 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Fri. 7

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will present Arthur Millers **The Crucible** at the Cohasset Town Hall. Performances are March 7, 8, 14 and 15, at 7:30 p.m. and March 16, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304.

The South Shore Charter School presents **The Bards** in a reunion concert to benefit the school on March 7, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for students. For more information call 781-545-5697.

Silver Lake Commons, formerly Evanswood, 21 Chipman Way, Kingston will host the Annual World Day of Prayer on March 7, at 10 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. All community members are invited to attend.

Congregation Beth Jacob, Plymouth, invites practicing and non-practicing Jews to experience and rejoice in a traditional Shabbat service and festive meal. Attendees will enjoy Shabbat dinner, beginning with candle lighting at 6:15 p.m. Following dinner will be an interactive traditional Friday night Sabbath service beginning at 7:30 p.m. The event will take place at the Beth Jacob Community Center, located at the corner of Court Street (Route 3A) and Brewster St. Plymouth. For information, contact, Robin at 508-888-7901. Family and friends are welcomed for a dinner and an evening of inspiring music and joyful prayer to welcome Shabbat. For further information call Myra at 508-747-0372.

The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center will host a show of watercolor and oil paintings by **Nancy Howell** during the month of March through April 2. An opening reception will be held on March 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-659-7100.

The North River Theatre, Inc., will present its fall production of the Norm Foster comedy, **The Foursome**, for four performances, March 7, 8, 14, 15 at the theatre, 513 River St., Norwell. All performances start promptly at 8 p.m. with cabaret seating and cash bar. Tickets are $14. For more information and ticket reservations, call 781-826-4878.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center presents the musical **Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center** presents the musical **Wizard of Oz** on March 7, 8, 14, 15, 20 and 22, at 7 p.m. and March 9 and 16, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission $10 adult, $5 child. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull, will opens its doors on March 7, at 5:45 p.m. to practicing and non-practicing Jews alike, so they may join together to experience and rejoice in a traditional Shabbat service and festive meal. Those in attendance will experience an interactive Friday night beginner's service and a traditional Shabbat dinner with all the rituals explained. Reservations required. Adults: $18; children 10 and under $7; children age 3 and under $3. Call 781-925-0091.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. Performing will be **Harvey Reid** with **Joyce Andersen** opening. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $13 members $15 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

The Bay Players have announced four March performances of Philip King's side-splitting British farce **See How They Run**, presented in the new theatre at the Kingston Intermediate School. located close to exit 9, off Route 3. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on March 7, 8, 14, and 15. Tickets $16, with a $2 discount for students and seniors, and may be purchased at the door. Tickets are also available for purchase in advance at Westwinds Bookstore in Duxbury. For more information, or directions to the Kingston Intermediate School theatre, visit http://www.bayplayers.org www.bayplayers. org, or call 800-290-6825.

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, will feature **Irish Comedy** on March 7 and 15. Laugh, sing and have a great time with Boston's best Irish comedian, **Paul O'Donnell.** Dinner buffet and show $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call 508-746-7100 for reservations and information.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **David James Duo**. Show starts at 8 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

The Massasoit Theatre Co., presents Neil Simon's **Broadway Bound, a Bittersweet Comedy** for two weekends at the Buckley Performing Arts Center in Brockton, Friday and Saturday, March, 7, and 8, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $13, general public, $11 students and senior citizens; all seats reserved and the theaters has wheelchair access. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144

BEST BET

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association is sponsoring a Kayak Expo on March 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Norwell Middle School on Rte. 123 in Norwell. The Expo will feature kayak experts presenting slide shows of paddling adventures and information about up coming paddling trips, major vendors of kayaks and equipment, local boat building classes with wooden kayaks in various stages of construction, kayak clubs, paddling videos, lectures and displays and discussion of camping gear and techniques and paddling videos. Donations $5/ Adults $3 12 years and under. For more information visit www.nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168.

BEST BET

Raffael's Restaurant in Quincy welcomes cabaret artist Valerie Sneade accompanied by Jim Rice on piano and Steve Skop on bass in "Her Name is Barbra: the Streisand Songbook" March 5,6, 12 and 13. Tickets are $35 for matinee show, $45 for dinner show. For reservations and information call (617) 328-1600.

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The 23rd Annual Snow Row Windmill Point Boathouse Hull Gut Race starts at noon; on March 8, free for spectators. The Hull Lifesaving Museum's signature rowing race, the Snow Row, covers a 3 3/4 mile triangular course starting off the beach at Windmill Point, continuing around Sheep Island, past the Peddocks Island day marker, and back to shore. For further information contact the Hull Lifesaving Museum at 781 925-5433.

The South River School, Marshfield, will host its **20th annual Camp Fair** on March 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families with young children and teens are invited to come and explore a wide variety of summer opportunities. Dozens of representatives from recreational day camps, childcare facilities, diversified sports, academic and cultural programs will be present to answer questions and provide information. Admission is free. For more information call 781-834-5030.

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Imperials "Spring Fever!" Benefit Dance The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore are planning a Spring Fever Benefit Dance, to help raise funds for musical instruments. The event will be held on March 8, at 7:30 p.m. until midnight at the Abington Knights of Columbus, Hancock St. Abington. Tickets are $25 each and include a buffet dinner. To order tickets or more details please visit www.masscorp-slinks.com/imperials.htm

Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St., Weymouth Landing – **Comedy Night** featuring **Teddie Bergeron** Hosted by **Annette Pollack**, also featuring **Will McNeill, Jamie Daly, Cyndi Tarnauskas and Dick Prime**. Admission $6. Call 781-356-4311 for information and reservations. Full menu.

Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will perform Saturday, March 8, at 8 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. Maestro Steven Karidoyanes conducts the PPO in a program including **Samuel Jones'** *Elegy*, **Mozart's** Symphony No. 41 *(Jupiter)*, **Vaughan Williams'** *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*, and **Rodrigo's** *Concierto de Aranjuez* with Harpist Deborah Feld-Fabisiewicz. Memorial Hall is fully accessible. Ticket range: $35, $30, $25, $20. At 7 p.m., Maestro Karidoyanes will give a pre-concert talk in the hall. 508-746-8008

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, will feature Finnegan's Wake on March 8 and 14. An interactive, Celtic comedy. The beloved Tim Finnegan has passed away and the grieving widow invites you to a real Irish wake with plenty of food, drink and laughter. Filled with tender ballads, rowdy reels and hilarious eulogies. Dinner buffet and show $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call 508-746-7100 for reservations and information.

The Temple Beth Emunah Brotherhood located at Torrey and Pearl Sts. Route 24 Exit 17B, presents its **5th Annual Father and Daughter Dance**, March 8, from 7 to 11 p.m. Dancing, prizes and snacks. Fathers, grandfathers, uncles and others welcome. Entertainment provided by R&R Productions Admission $7 per person in advance; $10 per person at the door. For more information call 508-583-5810.

Alliance for Children, a non-profit international adoption agency will sponsor a multicultural fair on March 8, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Needham, 1154 Great Plain Ave. Admission $10 per family. Fore more information call 781-431-7148 or visit www.allforchildren.org

The Beachcomber, located on Wollaston Beach in Quincy will host its third annual **Reggae Beach Party** March 8, from 3 to 8 p.m. This year's live Reggae performer will be **Noddaclu** also featuring **DJ Johnny "Raz" Kelly**. Donation at the door will be $10 with all net proceeds going to The Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Contact, the Tony Award winning best musical returns to Boston March 4 to 9, at the Wang Theatre. Three sensual stories told entirely through dance about people in the wild pursuit of love. **contact** is performed to a wide range of music. Tickets ranch in price from $28 to $73 and are available at The Wang Theatre Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston, online at www.wangcenter.org or through telecharge.com 1-800-447-7400.

Monthly **Down East Dancers Country Western Dance** will be held at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Beginner dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Fred Rappoport. Snacks, raffles, western attire prize, cash bar. Smoke free. $5. For more information call 508-995-9496 or 781-925-9066.

The Bay Players will perform four March performances of Philip King's side-splitting British farce **See How They Run**, which will be presented in the new theatre at the Kingston Intermediate School Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on March 7, 8, 14, and 15. Tickets $16, with a $2 discount for students and seniors, and may be purchased at the door. Also available at Westwinds Bookstore in Duxbury. For more information visit www.bayplayers.org or call 800-290-6825.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Tex, Mad Dog and Sherry Dale Malone.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Sun. 9

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents **Walls that Bloom**, through March 30. An opening reception, which is open and free to the public, will be held Sunday, March 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information about exhibits or artist workshops, call 781-545-6150.

The Walden Chamber Players, who are **members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra**, will appear at The James Library & Center for the Arts on Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. This concert is the part of the art center's 2002-2003 series of chamber music concerts. Tickets are $25/$10 for students and include a reception to meet the musicians. Call 781-659-7100 for tickets.

John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation presents **Kennedy Library Forums** March 9, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Kennedy Library continues its examination of 20th century presidents with a session featuring **Susan Eisenhower,** President Eisenhower's granddaughter, and **Fred Greenstein,** presidential historian and author of **The Hidden hand Presidency: Eisenhower as leader**. All forums are free and open to the public. Reservations are required. Call 617-929-4571 for reservations. For more information visit www.jfklibrary.org

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Rd., Cohasset. Art Exhibition - **Winter Break - Joan Brancale,** an inaugural exhibit, now through April 30. Artists reception March 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 9 to 5 p.m. Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

Mon. 10

The Gallery Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Rt. 18), East Bridgewater, presents **Monday Night Hand Drumming Circle** on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. The event is free and no experience is necessary. For more information and directions call 508-378-1584.

Mothers & More: South Shore Chapter: If you are a women who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about Mothers & More. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Route 228, Hingham. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information. March 10, **Jealous of your husband's work life, How come I can't do that?"** Discussion.

The American Cancer Society's second annual **Relay For Life of Greater Plymouth** will hold its volunteer planning committee meeting on March 10, from 7 to 8 p.m. at PartyLite, 59 Armstrong Road, Plymouth. This kickoff is an opportunity to register for a team, pick up team captain packets and learn more about this year's event. Call 1-888-648-4880 and press 3 for extension 249.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. March 10, **Wines of Bordeaux with Bill Nesto, MW**. Bill Nesto will host this special Blind Tasting comparing the great Red Wines of Haut Medoc, St. Emilion, and Pomerol followed by a dinner including a variety of wines from top producers throughout Bordeaux. Seminar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room. Seminar and dinner $225. Dinner only $175. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

The Braintree Art Association member **Roger Davenport** will be displaying his paintings for the month of March at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

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The Cohasset Dramatic Club will present Arthur Millers "The Crucible" at the Cohasset Town Hall. Performances are March 7, 8, 14 and 15, at 7:30 p.m. and March 16, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304.

Tues. 11

Glastonbury Abbey invites the public to **Lunch and Laughter** at 1 p.m. March 11, in its new Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham. A buffet lunch will be served at 1 p.m., followed by an hour of stress reducing laughter with Humor Talks & Workshop humorists John and Ann Murphy. Tickets $20. For reservations and directions call 781-749-2155.

Voice of the Faithful Meeting Notice: The sixth meeting of the St. Albert the Great Chapter of the VOTH will be held on March 11, at 7 p.m. in the church hall at 1130 Washington St., Route 53, East Weymouth. Guest speaker will be Professor Barbara Susan Balboni, from Bridgewater State College. Balboni teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in sociology and criminal justice at the college. She will present her research finding and the responses from her examination of 20 bishops and six priests-perpetrators about the abuse of children and adolescents by clergy. Question and answer period to follow presentation. Refreshments will be available.

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold their monthly meeting on March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Rt. 139 in Marshfield. This will be a social knit with Election of Officers and Annual Meeting. New members and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Heidi 781-740-4961.

LaLeche League will hold a meeting on March 11, at 7:30 p.m. Jacob's Trail Norwell. The discussion subject is **Overcoming Breastfeeding Challenges**. Meeting is free. Pregnant and nursing mothers are encouraged to attend, babies are always welcome. Call 781-924-1919 or 781-544-6626 for information.

John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation presents **Kennedy Library Forum**, March 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. **Rogue States and Weapons of Mass Destruction**. Former National Security Advisor **Sandy Berger** and former Assistant Secretary of Defense **Ashton Carter** will discuss how the U.S. should best respond to the growing threat of weapons of mass destruction throughout the world today. All forums are free and open to the public. Call 617-929-4571 for reservations. For more information visit www.jfklibrary.org

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The Boston Men's Baseball League is accepting registrations

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for the 2003 season across three age divisions: 18+, 30+ and 40+. To register or with questions, visit www.bostonbaseball.com. If you do not have internet access, you may call 508-358-4550.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

8minuteDating March 11, at **Raffael's in North Quincy** for ages 34-45 (Eligible bachelors wanted). Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Enter and receive your matches after the event. Set-up another date soon after. For more information and to sign up, visit www.8minutedating.com

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Wed. 12

The Weymouth Art Association. Artist of the month, **Bob Weikel** will exhibit his painting for the month of February at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening lectures ending March 26. On March 12, at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Science Center **Admiring Rocks from the Road - a Roadside Tour of Massachusetts Geology.** Ever wonder what those cutaways in the rock features along the highways of Massaehusetts could tell you about their history? Join Boston College Geology **Professor James Skehan** as he explains the geologic history behind the rocks and landforms visible from the state's highways, including such well-known historic features as Bloody Bluff, Beacon Hill, Plymouth and Walden Pond. Read the bones of the earth as your ride past the exposed evidence of the earth's history. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

Joyce Wilson, published poet and editor of the **Poetry Porch** (www.poetryporch.com), will hold a poetry workshop this spring at her home in Scituate on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for six weeks, March 12, and through April 16. Beginning and experienced poets are welcome. Each participant will present at least one poem per session for the group to discuss. The fee is $20 per session, $95 for all six. Those interested should register by telephone 781-545-0731 and/or submit a sample of their work by March 7.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. March 12, **Chateau Ste Michelle** Winemaker Erik Olsen joins the Festival to show case a variety of red and white wines from Washington State's oldest and most prestigious winery. Sample the single-vineyard, Artists Series, and Reserve wines with this Washington-influenced four-course dinner. Dinner 7 p.m. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room. Dinner $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

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Thurs. 13

Curtain Call Theatre, Braintree announces the production of **One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest** on March 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, and 22. All shows are at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 each, call 781-3546-5113. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

The 14th Annual Boston Wine Festival - held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. March 13, **Panther Creek Cellars** - Panther Creek has been producing top quality wines in Oregon since 1986. Winemaker Michael Stevenson hosts this dinner, featuring several of the vineyard's highly rated single-vineyard Pinot Noirs as well as its Pinot Gris and a surprise for many, its Melon. Dinner 7 p.m. Open to the public. The Atlantic Room. Dinner $125. For reservations and information call 888-660-WINE, 617-330-9355 or www.bostonWineFestival.net

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Hingham Pubic Library presents and exhibition of **John Lewiecki's** photographic portraits at the Clemens Gallery through March 27. Lewiecki dedicates the exhibit to the memory of Jack and Betty Thomas, two long time Hingham residents who recently passed away.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline**. Show starts at 8 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

An Aries moon sets a fast pace today and tomorrow. You can be most productive, if you carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan. New starts in your business or personal life are recommended. Explore options, make long-range plans and set new goals. Get back in the swing of favorite sports and exercise programs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Yesterday's planetary influences continue today. The Aries moon forms harmonious contacts to planets until 8:10 p.m., when it aligns with Uranus. Roll up your sleeves and plan to get a lot accomplished. Zero in on jobs that require physical labor and exertion. At 8:36 p.m. the moon enters Taurus, and forms a harmonious contact to Mars at 11:35 p.m. Love is the name of the game this evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

It may be difficult to get back to business today. The moon travels in Taurus, forming 90-degree alignments to Venus in the morning, Jupiter in the afternoon and Neptune in the evening. That means that this is a great day to hang out, relax, enjoy favorite pastimes and friends. On the other hand, don't overdo, overindulge, spend money on impulse. Sleep on new ideas and postpone taking action for a few days.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

The moon continues its travel in Taurus, active throughout the day. In addition, Venus, the planetary ruler of Taurus, prepares to oppose Jupiter. Read yesterday's advice. Indulge yourself and enjoy the good things in life; however, know your limits. This planetary combination also makes this day prime for social or romantic get-togethers.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

A lunar alignment to Uranus at 9:29 a.m. may disrupt the flow of the morning. Take it slow and easy. Avoid rigid time schedules. At this time the Taurus moon becomes inactive until 9:38 a.m., when it enters loquacious Gemini. In addition, Venus opposes Jupiter at 11:17 p.m. This day tops the charts for fun and games. Put recent pressures on the back burner. Gather with friends and let the good times roll.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

The planet Uranus takes center stage today. At 3:54 p.m. Uranus enters Pisces, remaining there until March 2011. In addition, the sun forms a 90-degree alignment to Pluto at 4:47 p.m. This combination of planetary energies urges you to let go of old fears and limited thinking; open your mind to new possibilities. Uranus brings freedom, change, new inventions, major discoveries. The moon continues active travel in versatile Gemini.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 2:15 a.m. A full moon is building and will culminate next Tuesday, March 18. The Gemini moon conjoins Saturn at 6:24 a.m. and becomes inactive. It can be difficult to focus on work projects and easy to waste time and energy. People will be sociable, talkative, but easily distracted from practical matters. Finish old business, rather than starting anything new. Take extra time out for social and leisure activities. The moon enters the sign Cancer at 9:12 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

The Cancer moon opposes Mars at 6:29 a.m., warning you to wake up in a good mood. Allow extra time. Fortunately, this influence passes over quickly, and an alignment of Venus and Neptune takes over. All creative and artistic projects are highlighted. Go on a cooking or baking spree. Beautify your home or work area; redecorate, repaint, purchase new appliances or furniture.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

This day begins with a 90-degree alignment of the sun and Saturn, reminding you to zero in on responsibilities you have taken on. You may have to face the facts about situations, and take action. Others may be grouchy, difficult to please. Don't make waves. The Cancer moon interacts with the Pisces sun at 4:13 p.m. and becomes inactive. Kick back, relax and unwind this evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

The moon enters Leo at 5:06 a.m., generating an upbeat mood today and tomorrow. Take advantage of this break in a stormy period, and plan to get important projects off the ground. Planetary influences are particularly favorable before 8:31 p.m., when the moon and expansive Jupiter conjoin. The green light is on for new starts across the board, in your business or personal life. Put on your party hat and go for the good times this evening.

BEST BET

The South Shore Charter School presents The Bards in a reunion concert to benefit the school on March 7, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for students. For more information call 781-545-5697.

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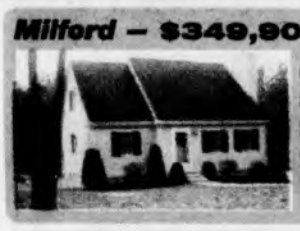
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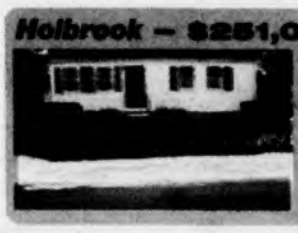
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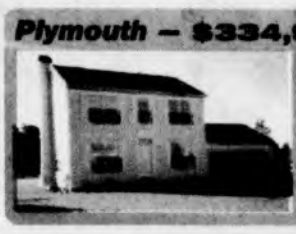
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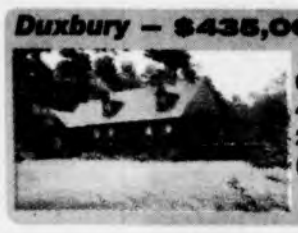
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Aides to get the ax

More cuts if override fails

By Mary Ford
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School Committee meetings aren't usually a big draw. So despite the importance of the budget discussion, it was no surprise last Thursday with the addition of 6-8 ins. of new snow and the accompanying slick roadways that attendance from the public was almost non existent.

But when Heidi Salerno watched the meeting live on cable-TV and heard the School Committee's plans to cut virtually all the teacher aides at Osgood and replace them with volunteers to save upwards of $60,000 – she braved the snowstorm to make an appearance.

The mother of two elementary school-aged children said activity aides, like herself, do more than supervise recess.

"Times have changed," said Salerno, adding aides are trained to deal with "life and death" situations including food allergies and other health issues, as well as behavior problems. She questioned how

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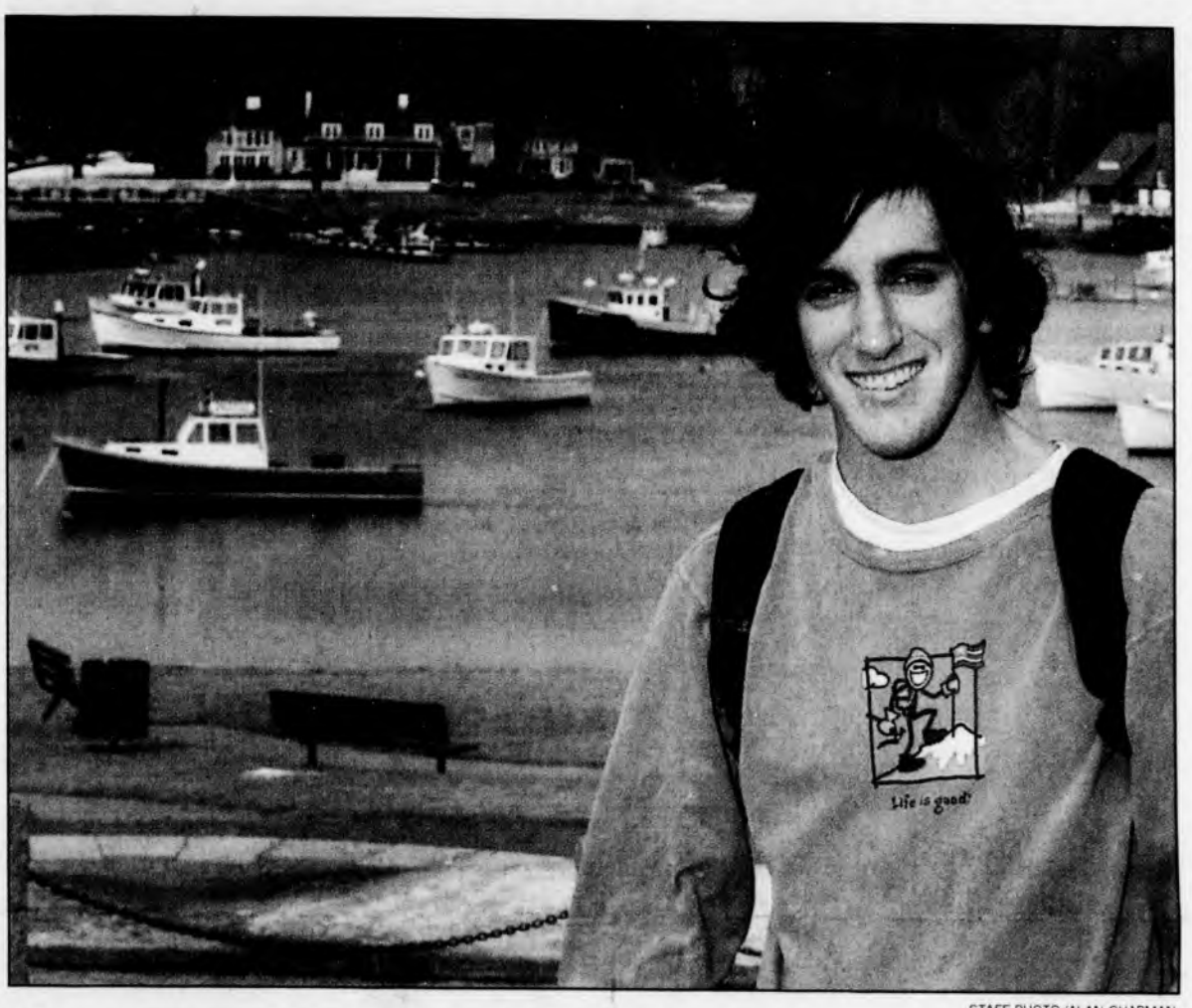

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CHS senior Ross Lieb-Lappen at Cohasset Harbor where he conducted salinity tests.

Lieb-Lappen wins science scholarship

By John Camera
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Ross Lieb-Lappen may not know what he wants to study in college, but one thing is for sure — he loves science and has a passion for the great outdoors.

Those interests have propelled Lieb-Lappen to heights he never expected. This spring, he became the third Cohasset High School senior in three years to win the Henry David Thoreau Scholarship.

"I've just had great teachers and our science department is really strong."
— Ross Lieb-Lappen, CHS senior

The scholarship, now in its fourth year of existence, provides $30,000 over four years to college students pursuing interests in the environment. All high school seniors in Massachusetts are eligible to apply. According to Northeast Educational Services, the orga-

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Another crack at bylaw

Selectmen are split on ledge TM article

By John Camera
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A proposed bylaw intended to protect natural ledge will go before annual Town Meeting for the second year in a row.

The bylaw would make removal of ledge eight feet tall or higher require a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The ZBA could deny the permit if it found the ledge removal would create drainage or public safety problems or be "detrimental to the character of the Town, locale or neighboring area." The bylaw would not apply to municipal projects, work relating to public utilities or repairs to existing septic systems.

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A similar article at Town Meeting last spring failed to garner the necessary two-thirds support it needed to pass. With a vote of 191-146, the article fell more than 30 votes short of approval.

Some selectmen initially questioned why the article appeared again on the warrant this year, saying it should abide by the traditional two-year waiting period after being rejected.

But the Planning Board, which proposed the article, is the only town board that has the authority to ignore the two-year rule. Regardless of that fact, Planning Board members said this year's version has been changed enough to allow it to be reconsidered under state law.

Those changes include a provision that allows for the removal of not more than 10 cubic yards of ledge per year from individual lots. In addition, the bylaw no longer requires site plans for ledge removal for the Zoning Board and the definition of ledge has been altered.

Mark DeGiacomo, a supporter of ledge preservation, said the changes addressed concerns expressed at Town Meeting last year, particularly by allowing homeowners to do small projects that involve blasting.

DeGiacomo said ledge could face extinction if the town does not act. "Properties where people assumed the property could never be built upon are now being built upon because the value of the land outweighs the cost of the blasting, and that's going to continue," he said.

The ledge article promises to be one of the more hotly debated items on the floor of Town Meeting on March 29. Selectmen discussed the article last Thursday in hopes of making a recommendation on it before the warrant went to print. But a 2-2 tie forced the board to defer recommendation because Selectman Merle Brown was absent.

Proponents of the bylaw said it will protect one of Cohasset's most treasured and unique natural assets. Opponents said it would infringe upon property rights and create a blurry criteria for accepting or denying special permits.

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy, who was the lone dissenting vote in that board's decision to recommend the arti-

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COOL CANINE

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Walter Ross shovels while his dog Heidi frolics in the snow. Another snowstorm is predicted for today.

Rails-trails takes step

$25K study is recommended

By John Camera
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Thanks to the Community Preservation Act, a feasibility study of a pedestrian and bike trail along the Cohasset stretch of the Greenbush rail corridor could soon be a reality.

On Tuesday, the Community Preservation Committee voted 5 to 2 to recommend at Town Meeting that the $25,000 study be paid for by the Community Preservation Fund. The proposed trail would run from Hingham to Scituate, perhaps extending beyond the last stop of the Greenbush line and into the North River estuary.

Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo and Health Agent Joseph Godzik brought the idea to the CPC, saying it would promote the health of residents by providing a much needed avenue for exercise. The duo was joined by Mark Fenton, a Scituate resident and leader of a local citizens' group, People for Active Transportation and Health (PATH).

Fenton was instrumental in securing a recommendation for $40,000 from the Scituate CPC for a feasibility study there. The project was sidelined, however, when the recent six-month delay in Greenbush construction caused the town to reconsider how it should spend its community preservation money. Fenton will ask for funding again at Scituate's special town meeting later this year.

Fenton gave Cohasset's CPC a long list of reasons why rails with trails was a good idea. He said one study showed

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Smoking article includes patios

Outdoor patio areas at restaurants will be subject to a new ban on smoking in all public places and workplaces, if the new bylaw is approved at Town Meeting.

The Board of Health, which drafted the warrant article, initially forgot to include outdoor patio areas at restaurants in the list of places where smoking is banned. When Selectmen reviewed the bylaw last month, they pointed out the omission. The Board of Health revisited the bylaw and corrected the language.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, March 11:

Assessors, March 18 at 4 p.m., April 1 at 4 p.m.

Board of Health, March 18 at 7 p.m.

Capital Budget Committee, March 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, March 13 at 7:30 p.m., March 20 at 7:30 p.m., March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Deer Hill School Council, March 19 at 3:30 p.m. at Deer Hill School

Planning Board, March 13 at 7:30 p.m., March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Police-Fire Station Study Committee, March 20 at 1 p.m.

Recreation Commission, March 19 at 6 p.m.

Selectmen, March 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, March 17 at 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, March 17 at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Selectmen request new runway review

Selectmen are sending a letter to the state Attorney General requesting a new environmental impact report on a proposed new runway at Logan Airport. They are asking Hingham and Hull to write letters also.

A previous report on the impact of the runway has been criticized for exaggerating the need of a new runway. Ralph Dormitzer, a Logan runway opponent, told Selectmen earlier this year that the study exaggerates by a factor of 10 the current delays at the airport.

Sen. Bob Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, have already contacted the Attorney General about a new review, according to Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Selectman Fred Koed said attempts to get state Secretary of Environmental Affairs Ellen Roy Herzfelder to request a new review had failed.

Hynes drops plan to change CPA

A plan to amend the Community Preservation Act to give towns more flexibility in tough financial times has been abandoned.

In a letter to Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, said widespread negative reaction had forced legislators to drop the plan.

In towns where the CPA has been adopted, funds are raised through a property tax surcharge and are spent on three areas: open space, historical preservation and community housing. A plan that Hynes supported earlier this year would have allowed for communities to spend that funding in other areas if they felt it necessary. Selectmen wrote to Hynes in protest when they learned of the plan.

"The outcry against this proposal has been so loud and strong that it has now been abandoned," Hynes wrote in his letter to Sullivan. "Legislators have been impressed not only with the arguments you and others advance but also with the recognition that tampering with the CPA would violate the trust which municipalities accepted when they adopted the CPA."

Historical society seeks assistant

The Cohasset Historical Society is moving its headquarters to the former public library, doubling its space for collections storage and display. The society seeks an organized and experienced individual to work part-time under the direction of the co-presidents. Duties will include re-housing the collections and archives, developing public programming and exhibits, grant writing, coordinating volunteers, and general administrative tasks. For further information, please contact Paula Kozol or Kathy O'Malley, co-presidents, at 781-383-0141.

Time to file for tax exemptions

The Cohasset Board of Assessors would like to notify property owners the deadline for filing for fiscal year 2003 real estate tax exemptions is Monday, March 24. The qualification date is July 1, 2002. If you have filed since July 1, 2002, it is not necessary to file again. The following exemptions are available:

Persons over 70 years of age: $750 off — if annual income is less that $13,000 (single person) or $15,000 (married couple), and the value of your assets, excluding your home, is less than $28,000 (single person) or $30,000 (married couple).

Surviving spouse: $262.50 off — also minors of deceased parents and persons over 70 years of age. There is no limit on income, but the value of your assets, excluding your home, must not exceed $40,000.

Disabled veterans: $375 off — at least 10 percent disabled as determined by the Veterans Administration. Purple Heart Award recipients qualify, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross. Other exemptions are available for more seriously disabled veterans and paraplegic veterans.

Blind persons: $656.25 off — must be registered with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

Tax deferral: all or part of the tax — applicant must be 65 years of age as of July 1, 2002 with income less than $40,000 and must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years. All or part of the tax may be deferred.

Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall. For additional information, please contact the Assessors' Office at (781) 383-4114.

Court volunteers

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Norfolk County RSVP also has other volunteer opportunities available, including mentoring pre-release inmates, reading to elementary children, delivering meals on wheels, friendly visiting to shut-ins and more.

Norfolk County RSVP is funded by the Corporation for National Service and sponsored by the Norfolk County Commissioners. For additional information contact Tammy Colbert, at 781-329-5728 or email rsvp@norfolkcounty.org

Open burning season underway

Cohasset residents may obtain permits on a daily basis from through May 1, for open burning. Permits may be obtained by calling the Fire Department Dispatch, Center at 781-383-0260 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Permits are valid for one day only.

Burning may be conducted during periods of good atmospheric ventilation and must not cause a nuisance. Adverse weather conditions (wind and drought) will impact permit issuance. Burning hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on days permits are issued. Decisions to issue permits are made daily at 9 a.m. Persons calling for permits before that hour will be advised to call back.

Open burning permits are issued for the disposal of brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris. Burning shall be conducted on land proximate to the place of generation. Burning shall be conducted at a distance greater than 75 feet from any dwelling. Select a safe area with no ground cover. While burning the fire must be attended until completely extinguished. Have a water hose rake and shovel nearby for fire control.

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Door closes on house permit bylaw changes

Two warrant articles nixed

By John Camera
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Two articles were dropped from the Town Meeting warrant last week, both of which involved changes to the zoning bylaws and appeared to respond to issues stemming from the controversy at 3 Jerusalem Lane.

That situation has led to concern that homes with possible "permitting snags" could receive building permits and end up in lawsuits with the town. It has also highlighted residents' concerns about the tearing down of older, smaller houses to make way for larger homes.

One article proposed by the Planning Board that has been sidelined would have required building permits to be reviewed by the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission, and the Planning Board before final approval.

A second article submitted by the Growth and Development Committee would have required new houses more than 3,000 square feet or more than 10 percent of their lot area, up to 6,000 square feet, to apply for a special permit and undergo a site plan review by the Planning Board.

Both articles were reviewed by the Planning Board in a public hearing last Wednesday. Planning Board member Bob Sturdy said the article regarding building permits was dropped after Town Counsel questioned its legality.

Sturdy told Selectmen last Thursday he did not fully understand Town Counsel's concerns. He said the article would prevent "fiascoes like 3 Jerusalem Lane" by giving other boards a chance to spot any potential snags in the permitting process. He said currently the building inspector could only deny a building permit if he found a violation of the zoning bylaws, even if a problem with obtaining permits from other boards was anticipated.

"The idea is to try to accommodate the public," Sturdy said. "It might take a few days for you to get the (building) permit but when you get it, you know you can go forward without any problems."

Sturdy said he drafted the article after a conversation with Town Counsel and was upset that it was now being dropped. "I'm not particularly happy with Town Counsel on this," he told Selectmen.

Members of the Growth and Development Committee dropped the article requiring a special permit and site plan review for larger homes after reviewing it with the Planning Board. The committee decided to hold the article until fall Town Meeting to allow for changes.

Growth and Development Committee member Tom Callahan, who is also a selectman, said the requirement for a special permit would be dropped from the article. Also, he said, the town's site plan review process needed to be modified because it was geared more toward commercial properties.

Callahan said the committee would review the site plan review process in Weston, where the bylaw was adopted from.

According to previous drafts of the warrant, the goal of the article was to insure large houses are built with notice to abutters and in a manner consistent with surrounding properties.

Callahan said removing the special permit requirement would mean the bylaw would have "less teeth in terms of its enforceability" but would be a more cooperative process.

Blackfin sails into Siros site

Opens later this month

By Mary Ford
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Anthony Ambrose may be one of the only people who can stand amid wet paint, drop cloths and the sound of power drills and still make you think about a sirloin steak and au gratin potatoes.

The chef turned restaurateur likes to talk with his hands while he describes the vision he and Dorene, his wife and partner — who also own Ambrosia on Huntington — have for the former Siros on Main Street.

Ambrose, who is the former executive chef at the Bostonian and Hotel Meridien, describes bringing the 1766 colonial back to its roots, giving the interior a sea captain's house look with mahogany paneling and rich colors – a work still in progress. But he never travels far from food which he describes with such contagious energy that you can almost hear the grill sizzling and feel the warmth of patrons chatting at the bar over large beers and raw oysters.

As it turns out the transformation of Siros into the Blackfin Chop House and Raw Bar is a good new story all around. The business is staying in the family. Kristie Henriksen, Siros owner, sold the lease to the Ambroses. Henriksen's husband Tom Fallon is Dorene's father. They all live in Cohasset and made the decision over a recent holiday meal, according to Anthony, who good naturedly pestered Henriksen over the years to sell him the site. The move enables Henriksen to focus on her other restaurants, especially the popular Siros on Hull's waterfront which has become a magnet for wedding parties.

In fact Ambrose had his eye on the property when it became available back in 1998 – only to be beaten to the deal by his father-in-law and Henriksen. Ambrose declined to give any monetary details about the recent sale inked appropriately on Valentine's Day – but it appeared during an interview Monday that all sides were happy.

The new restaurant will open later this month.

So passionate is Ambrose about the property, which has three working fireplaces, that he pitched in with the sanding and staining of the wood floors himself. The smaller dining and meeting rooms upstairs will all have a nautical flare and colors, such as Nantucket blue.

The name Blackfin, not only conjures up tuna, but is also a sport fish. Sport fishing is one of Ambrose's other passions.

"I cook better than I fish, but I'm working on it," jokes Ambrose, who explains steak and chop houses were popular in the 50s and 60s, so this new idea actually harks back to old traditions, casual comfort and affordability.

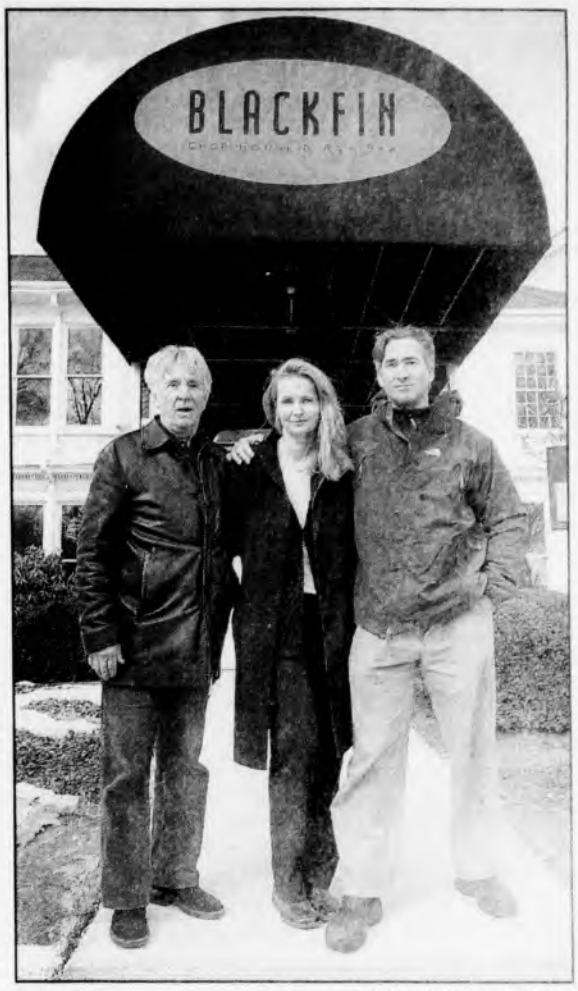
"Customers here will be comfortable in polo shirts, shorts and dock-siders," says Ambrose, adding entrees will range from $17-$24. "They can kick back and have a dry-aged sirloin and a strong scotch.

"The same thing you pay $40 at Grille 23 you can get for $24 here."

Dorene describes the environment as "extremely down to earth and unpretentious." The Ambroses, who have two young children, had looked at finding a site for their concept in town. But the Hingham location makes sense geographically because it plants the couple closer to home some of the time. They will continue to operate Ambrosia on Huntington.

According to the Hingham Historical Commission, the restaurant history of 1217 Main St. began in 1938 when Otto and Herberta N. Kley purchased the property, establishing a restaurant known as "Country Fare." Subsequent owners changed the name to the Whiton House, after Daniel Whiton (1722-1768) who built the present colonial house. Siros on Main Street replaced the Whiton House, which closed in June 1997 after 16 years.

The 4.07-acre site is owned by A. W. Perry, Inc.



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Tom Fallon, left, and Dorene and Anthony Ambrose, all of Cohasset, outside the Blackfin Chop House & Raw Bar at 1217 Main St. near Queen Ann's Corner.

About Blackfin:

Name: Blackfin Chop House and Raw Bar
Location: 1217 Main St. (Daniel Whiton House)
Owners: Anthony and Dorene Ambrose of Cohasset
Opens: End of March
Telephone: 781-740-4000

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New school budget has no room for teacher aides

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volunteers would handle the privacy issues.

Salerno also said the aides pitched in earlier Thursday helping to handle some 60 phone calls in about an hour's time from parents concerned about the snowstorm and to give messages about whether their child should take the bus.

"I think it's an easy figure to cut but we are people who actually help the school run," she said.

But the School Committee said it had little wiggle room in the budget and had to come up with $100,000 in cuts and identify an additional $75,000 (already in the budget for other purposes) for custodial-cleaning services. [Additional custodial services are needed to clean and maintain the new school buildings; the school department is studying whether to go with an outside cleaning service, keep the service in-house or a combination of both.]

The School Committee will present an $11,177,297 budget to Town Meeting on March 30, which is $100,000 less than the budget it approved last month. Even with that, the town and school budgets are out of balance and dependant on a successful $350,000 Prop. 2-1/2 override ballot vote on April 5. If the override should fail, the schools will have to absorb another $210,000 in cuts *(see charts)*, Supt. Edward Malvey said. [The town budget would absorb $140,000].

The School Committee said cutting aides is a way to trim a fairly large number from the budget without affecting class sizes. In addition to a corps of volunteers, the committee said teachers may have to pitch in with recess and lunch duty as is the case in other school districts.

"We want cuts to have the least impact on educational services," member Chartis Tebbetts said. The committee conceded a volunteer coordinator may ultimately be needed, but wanted to give the program a try.

Chairman Rick Flynn said there may be contractual issues to be worked out before teachers could be assigned to recess and lunch duty.

Member Mark DeGiacomo told Salerno the cut was not done in a "cavalier style."

"We know you're doing a great job and this is going to be difficult," he said, pointing out the Osgood activity aides line item adds up to almost two teachers.

Pat Martin said the School Committee was in a position "where things have to go." And Jane Pescatore said the "challenge is to look at doing things differently than in the past."

The School Committee also explained the cuts were all predicated on Gov. Mitt Romney's budget. It is not clear how the House and Senate versions of the budget will mesh with the governor's, and if they don't, more cuts in local aid could be around the corner.

Allison Moskow, an elementary school parent concerned about cutting the aides, questioned why middle school athletics — with a total cost of $72,000 including transportation — were not in the first round of cuts. She noted that sports booster clubs can help out with the expense.

But the School Committee estimated the middle school "no cut" athletic program draws 80 percent participation.

"It's the perfect anecdote to the age group," Martin said.

If the override shouldn't pass, the School Committee said it would look at reductions to the middle school athletic program, including the possibility of fees for transportation.

Proposed school cuts if Romney's budget holds:
- 7 activity aides at Osgood-Deer Hill, $62,928
- 1 nurse aide, $17,846
- 1 library aide at CHS, $17,846
- Supply reductions, $25,000
- Reading teacher at CMHS, $40,000
- Miscellaneous cuts from various salary accounts, $11,380*

**Dr. Malvey explained sometimes "salary steps" are rounded up in the budget and he will "fine tune" all the numbers.*

Additional potential cuts on the table if override fails:
- Reduce Middle school athletic program, $35,000
- Reductions in elementary PE, music & art, $60,000
- Technology aide at Osgood, $27,319
- Deer Hill teacher, $40,000
- Proposed CHS math teacher, $40,000
- Clerical aide at Osgood, $12,708
- Elementary librarian, $43,000 (remaining librarian to be shared between Deer Hill and Osgood)

School Committee would seek input from principals before deciding on which of these cuts to make in order to reach the $210,000 needed should the override fail.

Lieb-Lappen wins $30K college science scholarship

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nization that grants the scholarship, 10 to 12 scholars are chosen from a pool of about 200 applicants each year.

In winning the scholarship, Lieb-Lappen will follow in the footsteps of two other Cohasset High students. Chris Golden, now a sophomore at Harvard, won the Thoreau Scholarship two years ago. Charlie Anderson, a freshman at Bowdoin College in Maine, won it last year.

"I knew Charlie won. I figured I might as well go for it," said Lieb-Lappen, who will attend Middlebury College in Vermont in the fall.

As part of his scholarship, Lieb-Lappen will chose a faculty advisor who will serve as a mentor for his environmental studies throughout his four years of college. Between his junior and senior years, he'll receive a stipend for a summer internship. After he graduates, he'll become a member of the Henry David Thoreau Society for the Environment, whose members write a digest about their research and experiences.

Lieb-Lappen could probably fill his own digest about his research and experiences to date. For the past two summers, he worked at the Center for Student Coastal Research on the Hagerty Property. Along with teachers Dr. Ann Thomae and Patricia McGrail, and with the help of Cohasset Maritime Institute director Jack Buckley and his boats, Lieb-Lappen, Anderson, and other students tested water for dissolved oxygen and salinity to determine if it was safe for catching lobsters.

Last spring, Lieb-Lappen traveled with teachers and students to Costa Rica during vacation to study environmental science. "It really sparked my interest," he said.

Lieb-Lappen said he's excited to be going to school in Vermont, where his family has owned a log cabin for several years. "That's what really got me interested in science," he said. "I just like being out in nature. Fresh air, woods, mountains. That's why I like Vermont."

When it comes to giving credit, Lieb-Lappen said his teachers at Cohasset High School have been nothing short of inspirational. "I've just had great teachers and our science department is really strong," he said.

David Magnussen, head of the science department, is ecstatic that Cohasset High students have won the Thoreau Scholarship three years running. He said Lieb-Lappen, Anderson and Golden were strong students who worked as hard outside the classroom as they did inside.

"I think the key is that not only have they done a lot of backbreaking academic work, but they've done a lot of work in the field as well," he said.

Magussen said environmental science was quickly catching on at the high school. "We have made a conscious choice to move away from what I would call an old fashioned curriculum and towards a more modern curriculum that would include environmental science," he said. "I think we have a very strong science staff here, all of whom have an interest in the environment. I think that's one of the reasons all these kids have gone in this direction."

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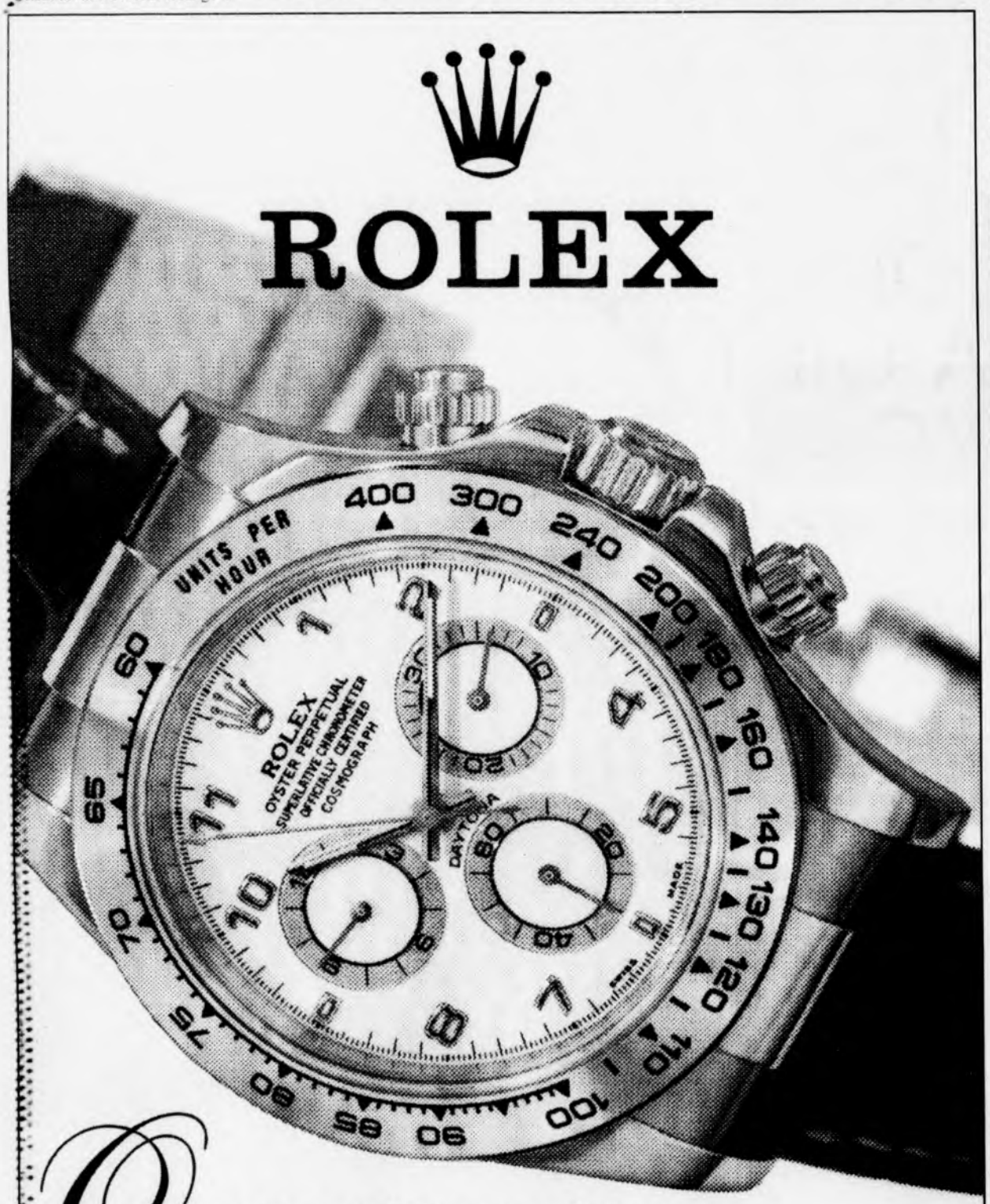

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Town meeting voters to get another crack at ledge bylaw

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cle at Town Meeting, said determining whether ledge removal is "detrimental to the character of the Town" is too subjective of a process. He compared the bylaw to regulating house design or the removal of mature trees. "We can't really regulate the esthetics of the property," Sturdy said.

But Selectman Tom Callahan, who supported the article, said any argument over property rights was "just a red herring." He cited the purpose of zoning as stated in the bylaws: "to preserve and protect the outstanding characteristics and natural beauty of the town."

Callahan said this bylaw was no different than existing bylaws that regulate the removal of dirt. "It's another regulation of land use," he said. "That's what the zoning bylaws are all about."

Selectman Fred Koed agreed, saying that a special permit process would allow neighbors to voice possible concerns about serious ledge removal through a public hearing. "I think neighbors have an interest in what their neighbors are doing, and this is to address that," he said.

But Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan and Selectman Ronnie McMorris opposed the article on the basis that it stripped too much control from property owners.

"I think its a serious interference with an individual's property rights," said McMorris. "In order to do that, we need an overriding public reason and I just don't see that with the ledge."

After hearing Selectmen debate the bylaw, the Advisory Committee voted 5 to 1 to not recommend the article. Some members said they were opposed to the fact that repairs to septic systems were exempt from the bylaw but expansion of septic systems was not.

Rails-with-trails study on docket

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that property values along the corridor would appreciate because of the trails. Another study contracted by the U.S. Department of Transportation showed that rails with trails — when properly constructed using fences —were actually safer than rails without trails because patrols would reduce illegal activity and trespassing.

The project would cost an estimated $800,000 in Cohasset alone, Fenton said, but federal funding was a distinct possibility. In the past month, he has contacted legislators, such as Congressman William Delahunt, state Sen. Robert Hedlund and state Sen. Frank Hynes. While Delahunt said he planned on submitting the Greenbush trail project for federal funding under the Transportation Enhancement Act, Hedlund received a letter from Sect. Of Transportation and MBTA chairman Daniel Grabauskas, who said he would instruct the MBTA to "cooperate with any study that the towns commission."

"The squishy tree-hugger in me loves this project. The fiscal watchdog doesn't."

— Selectman Tom Callahan

Fenton said the likelihood that the MBTA would embrace the project was high because a report by the state Senate Post-audit and Oversight Committee chastised the agency for not being open to alternative modes of transportation. He said new rails-with-trails projects in Somerville, Plymouth and at North Station in Boston were probably in response to that report.

Fenton said a feasibility study would give the project a more accurate price tag and point out areas where potential problems could develop — for example, where wetlands or a narrow berm might complicate designs. The study would also find out what right the town would exercise over the land — whether it would have a license or an easement. The study would consider the trail project under two scenarios — if Greenbush went ahead, and if it was abandoned.

Members of the CPC were cool to the proposal at first because they worried that the study could be no more than a waste of $25,000.

Tom Callahan, the Selectmen's representative on the CPC, questioned whether the MBTA would actually cooperate with the project. "The squishy tree-hugger in me loves this project," he said. "The fiscal watchdog doesn't."

Debbie Cook, another CPC member, said the potential destruction of more wetlands troubled her. She said the trail might not be appealing to all residents. "It's very isolated at some points and I don't know how seniors and little kids would feel," she said.

But Fenton said the delay in Greenbush construction presented a unique opportunity — if the feasibility study was a success, trail designs could be incorporated if and when construction resumed.

"There are so many unanswered questions that to let an idea like this die just because those questions are unanswered just wouldn't be right," he said. "Essentially, there's a door open now."

Before making a motion to recommend funding the study, CPC member Jim Dedes seemed to sooth concerns that the money may not lead to a finished product. "Yeah, it might not go forward," he said. "That's why you do a feasibility study."

When the vote was taken, Cook and CPC chairman Stuart Ivimey were the only members opposed.

Selectmen will review the CPC's recommendations for funding at their next meeting, March 18 at 7:30 p.m.. The CPC will then present their recommendations to Town Meeting on March 29.

Assessors propose higher exemptions

The Board of Assessors has proposed to raise real estate tax exemptions for veterans, the elderly and the blind. The exemptions would increase by between $125 and $300 and would need approval at Town Meeting on March 29.

"It is the position of the Board that this increase would be of great assistance to residents of Cohasset, enabling some to maintain residency in town," wrote Deputy Assessor Mary Quill in a letter to the Board of Selectmen.

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Zoning Board to hear 3 Jerusalem Lane case

By John Camera
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The Zoning Board of Appeals will have its hands full Monday night.

The board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall to decide whether 3 Jerusalem Lane should be granted a special permit. The board ruled in January that the building inspector erred in granting owners Phil and Mary Anne Ayer a building permit because the home is on a non-conforming, or undersized, lot. Neighbors will argue Monday that the home is "detrimental to the neighborhood" and should not receive a special permit.

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The Zoning Board will also rule Monday on an appeal from Roberta Sawyer, a lawyer for the Ayers, who requested that the town require other homes built under similar circumstances to 3 Jerusalem Lane to apply for special permits. Building inspector Bob Egan previously denied that request, saying the case of 3 Jerusalem Lane was not immediately applicable to any other case.

The Planning Board, which offers an opinion to the Zoning Board on most of its decisions, has recommended that 3 Jerusalem be denied a special permit because it eliminates neighbors' views, making it detrimental to the neighborhood. The Planning Board has also said that Sawyer and the Ayers do not qualify as an aggrieved party in relation to the other homes the have requested enforcement on, meaning they would have not standing in an appeal to the Zoning Board.

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Amnesty article for illegal apartments is scrutinized

Town Meeting to have final say

By John Camera
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A warrant article that would give amnesty to illegal apartments in hopes of creating affordable housing may need to be opened up and changed on the floor of Town Meeting.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris argued last week that the bylaw does not go far enough to protect the single-family character of Cohasset. Her opinion swayed the vote of the Planning Board, which reversed its earlier decision and voted 2 to 1 to not recommend the article at Town Meeting.

Drafted by the Growth and Development Committee, the new bylaw would grant comprehensive permits for existing illegal accessory units, provided they remain affordable as defined by Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law.

The bylaw is modeled after a similar program in Barnstable, where 50 affordable units have come online since it was instituted.

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To make use of the bylaw, homeowners would need to bring their apartments up to code, negotiate a deed restriction with the town and rent the apartment to a family or person whose income is 80 percent or less of the median income in the Boston metropolitan area. In accordance with state law, rent could be no more than 30 percent of that income. For the first year of the program, tenants would be screened by the Cohasset Housing Authority to guarantee they qualify for low or moderate income housing.

Selectman Tom Callahan, who is also a member of the Growth and Development Committee, said the bylaw would not solve all of Cohasset's affordable housing woes but would be "a sign of good faith to the state that we're making 40B progress."

But last week the amnesty bylaw was scrutinized by some town officials.

"This brings 40B next door to every person in this town," said Planning Board member Bob Sturdy, who was originally the lone dissenting vote when the Planning Board voted 2 to 1 to recommend the article at Town Meeting.

But when McMorris said the bylaw needed more conditions — like those in last year's accessory dwelling bylaw — to protect the single-family character of the town, Planning Board member Bill Good agreed. The board reopened its vote and decided 2 to 1 to not recommend the article.

Callahan vowed to revisit the article and asked fellow Selectmen to defer their recommendation until Town Meeting. He stopped short, however, of making any changes to the bylaw before the warrant went to print last Friday.

Callahan and other supporters said the bylaw could end up helping efforts to turn away larger Chapter 40B developments, resulting in affordable housing that was more in the character of the town and that would not dramatically increase enrollment at schools.

Under new Chapter 40B regulations, if a town increases its affordable housing stock by three-fourths of 1 percent of the total housing units in the community each year, then the state will uphold a local zoning board's decision to deny a developer a comprehensive permit. To meet that commitment, Cohasset would need about 20 new affordable units each year.

Callahan admitted it is unknown how many units the new bylaw would produce but said it is definitely a step in the right direction. Selectmen Fred Koed agreed, noting that under Gov. Mitt Romney's new budget, some local aid would be distributed to towns in accordance with their efforts to create affordable housing.

Like the Selectmen, the Advisory Board has also deferred recommendation on the bylaw until Town Meeting.

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Buddhist monks on peace beat

Pass through town Friday

By Carol Britton Meyer
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— Betty Green, local coordinator

A group of Buddhist monks is coming to town, spreading a message of peace and justice.

South Shore residents are invited to join the second annual non-denominational Peace Walk across the state. The "Walk for a New Spring, Wake Up Peace!" began at the Peace Pagoda in Leverett, Mass., Feb. 16 and will culminate at the Statehouse in Boston March 21 after passing through Hingham, Cohasset, and Scituate on Friday, March 14.

Old Ship Church will host a conversation between the monks, nuns, and community members Friday evening at 7 p.m. in the Parish House, 107 Main St. to share experiences in the search for peace. The monks will spend the night in Cohasset homes.

The walk makes a connection between perpetual wars and their effects on one's daily life. It runs from the final days of winter through the first day of Spring as "a prayer that the ardent wish for peace embedded in our hearts may arise singly and together at this most crucial time," according to the monks.

The Buddhist monks, who have shaved heads and dress in saffron-yellow robes, beat small drums as they chant ancient verses to instill a sense of quiet, peace, and perspective. They believe that every footprint left behind brings a prayer for peace to earth.

As Spring arrives, the monks look toward a rebirth of the belief in the sacredness of life and what they consider to be the "preciousness and nobility of every human being alive today."

The monks belong to the Leverett Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist religious order, founded at the end of World War II. The pagoda was built by young Americans led by Japanese monks and nuns of the Nipponzan Myohoji order of Buddhism. Pagodas are built to house relics of the Buddha and are common in Buddhist countries. The Nipponzan Myohoji order is distinct in that the ordained do not seek personal salvation or enlightenment but rather the removal of all weapons from the earth.

The monks walk about three miles in an hour, but residents who join in when they come across the highly visible group may walk at their own pace.

"This is what they live for – prayer and the hope for peace on this planet. They work at developing a calmness in themselves and passing it on to others," said Betty Green of Weymouth, who is helping to coordinate the monks' South Shore stay. "People driving along the road can stop – safely – and join the walk for as far as they are able to go. Rides will be provided back to their cars when they're finished."

The walkers collect threads, yarns, or torn pieces of fabric along the way and consider themselves a thread binding communities together. A craftsperson has volunteered to weave a fabric of those materials for presentation at the Statehouse at a later date. Thread donations will be collected throughout the walk from those who wish to contribute to the effort.

"These are fabulous, compassionate people who really want to absorb what's in our hearts as well," Green said.

On Friday, the monks will travel from Dorchester to Quincy Center and then head down Route 3A to Pilgrim Congregational Church in Weymouth for lunch. Then they'll continue walking down Route 3A to Hingham Rotary and on to Cohasset and Scituate.. Taking part in such walks is one way those who oppose a war with Iraq can make their feelings known.

"As much as the current Administration wants to control people, we need to keep voicing our opinions so people don't just give up and think there's nothing they can do," Green said.

The monks and their supporters oppose a war with Iraq as well as racial discrimination and suppression of domestic civil rights. Their hope is for an awakening of a new vision of peace and justice and restoration of trust and genuine sharing globally.

Indoor rally to support President Bush, troops

The Hull Republican Town Committee will host an indoor rally in support of President Bush's Iraq policy, as well as in support of our men and women in uniform. Celebrity and local speakers will be on hand and refreshments will be served.

The rally will be held Saturday, April 5, at 1:30 p.m. at Hull's VFW Post. All are invited to attend.

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Friends remember Gia Barresi with special scholarship award

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GREEN BOWS

Driving around town this week, it was so nice to see all of the beautiful green bows hanging on various houses, mailboxes and porches to say that a very proud Girl Scout lives there. Make sure to try and spot them as you drive around as Girl Scout week comes to an end.

MIDDLEBURY NEWS

Elizabeth C. Myers, daughter of **Michael and Rhonda Corey Myers**, has been named a College Scholar for academic excellence during the 2002 fall term at Middlebury College. A College Scholar represents the highest level of academic achievement at the liberal arts institution.

Caitlin M. Flint, daughter of **Charles and Judith Flint**, and **Kristen T. Deane**, daughter of **Gordon and Motoko Taniguchi Deane**, have been named to the dean's list at Middlebury College for the fall 2002 term. The dean's list is the second highest recognition for academic achievement at Middlebury. To be selected, students must carry a full course load and achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and have no grade lower than a B-.

YOUTHFUL GENEROSITY

After talking with their Mom, **Lisa LoJacono,** about how presents have become excessive at birthday parties, the **Bumstead** brothers — **Stephen**, now 9, **Christian**, turning 8, and **Nathan**, now 6 — decided to help some other children and moms have food rather than to receive toys themselves at their parties. Stephen had his party on March 7 and Christian celebrates his on Friday. On their party invitations the boys asked their friends to bring along a bag of nonperishable items for the food pantry. The boys figure they'll have 16 bags to deliver to the food pantry! Lisa says, "I'm very proud of their decision and their enthusiasm about being able to use their special occasion as a way to help others." All three of the boys should be very proud of this generous decision they have made.

COLLEGE HONORS

Gregory A. Boyne of Riverview Dr. has been named to the dean's list at UMass Lowell for the fall 2002 semester. Greg had to maintain a grade point average of at least a 3.0 with no grade lower than a B to acheive this honor.

MORE DEAN'S LIST

Two Cohasset students have made the dean's list at Emmanuel College in Boston. They are **Jennifer S. Meehan** and **Susan D. Thompson**. Great job to both of you.

Greogory M. Donovan, 422 King St., has been selected for inclusion on the dean's list at St. Lawrence University. Greg had to maintain an average of at least a 3.6 on a 4-point scale for this honor!

AT THE HELM

George J. Rabstejnek was recently elected chairman of the Foundation and the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, said **F. Curtis Smith**, president of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. A resident of Cohasset, Mass., Rabstejnek was chairman and chief executive officer of Harbridge House, Inc., and retired in 1993. He is currently chairman for the Center for Technology Commercialization. "Mr. Rabstejnek has served the Infirmary for nearly 20 years," said Smith. "His dedication to his work here has been invaluable. We are pleased that he is at the helm as chairman." Rabstejnek has been a trustee of the Infirmary since 1984 and on its board of directors since 1991. He is the former vice-chairman of the Foundation and the former chairman of the Reynolds Society, which recognizes the Infirmary's most generous benefactors, and serves on numerous committees. Rabstejnek is the founder of the Infirmary's Neural Prosthesis Center, whose research focus is on developing micro-electronics to perform neurological functions to compensate for hearing or vision loss, balance problems, and voice disorders.

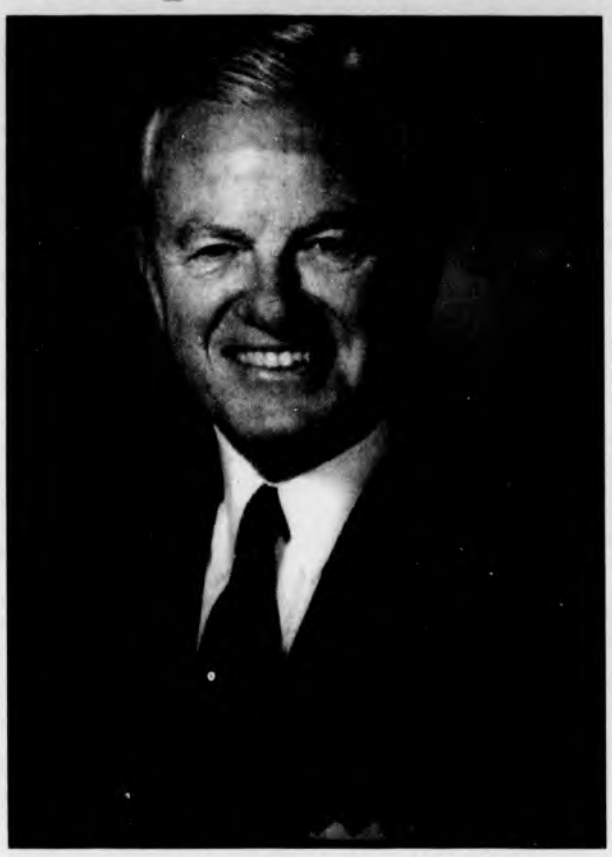
REMEMBERING GIA

So many of us from the town of Cohasset and beyond, remember **Gia Barresi** who passed away suddenly in September of 2001. As you read this, please think about the meaning and whether you can make a donation to a scholarship fund that would have made Gia so very proud. It's the "Gia Barresi Award" that several friends and classmates of Gia's are setting up in her memory. She died suddenly in September of 2001, and she was so well loved and admired by so many people that her friends thought it would be nice to honor her memory with a scholarship to be presented to a CHS graduating senior every year.

Gia was a member of and valedictorian of the CHS class of 1983 and went on to graduate from Harvard University in 1987. Letters have been sent out to the members of the classes of 1982, 83 and 84. Many people who weren't in her class knew her from the various teams she played on (field hockey, basketball and softball) where she lettered and captained. In fact, she was such an incredible athlete that she was the first girl to play Little League in Cohasset, and several of the donations received have come from friends who were young boys when they played against her and they mention how great she was and how they didn't like having her on the opposing team because she was just so good!

Letters and checks are coming in from all over the country, and her friends say it has been so heartwarming to read the notes that come with them and to see the names of people who may have moved away from Cohasset in third grade, but still remember Gia as one of the nicest and most memorable people they have ever known.

The first award will be presented this June to a member of the Class of 2003, the 20th anniversary of Gia's graduation. While letters have been sent to members of the Classes of 1982-84, her friends would like to extend to other friends, parents, teammates and teachers the opportunity to donate to this award and remember Gia in a special way, since she truly was a very special person. If you are interested, please feel free to send a check in any amount you feel comfortable with to: The Gia Barresi Award, PO Box 5, Cohasset, MA 02025. Should you have any questions, please call **Maureen Kelley McCarthy** at (781) 383-9125. From their hearts, Gia's friends thank you: **Maureen Buckley, Jenny Fox Markulec, Maureen Kelley McCarthy, Kristin Wilkin Rosano** and **Tara Pompeo**



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RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, March 15 from 7-11 p.m., an American Cancer Society pre Relay For Life Fundraiser is being held at the American Legion. This Saint Patrick's Day get together is a wonderful way to get out of the house, socialize, buy some raffle tickets and listen to some music all to benefit an organization that is so important. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased by contacting **Ann Marie Goff** at 781-383-2684 or **Pat Laugelle** at 781-383-1737. This year's Relay For Life is being held on May 16 and May 17'. Line up your babysitters, pull out all your green and come on down for a fun night for a great cause.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be high school seniors or residents in the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell or Scituate, who intend to begin or further their studies in nursing, social work, or allied health fields. Two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded for the 2003-2004 academic year. Applications are available at the League office, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or in each town's high school guidance office. Applications must be received at the League office by April 18. For further information call 781-383-0771 or E-mail sscohasset@worldnet.att.net

Well, I cannot believe I am going to say this as I truly love winter and snow but is Spring really right around the corner? Even I am ready to see just a peek of it although, we all need to remember the April Fool's Storm.... Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all the Irish families and residents here in town(and to all who become Irish on this fun and special day. I hope the leprechauns are kind and the tricks are not too great in number.

That is all for this week. Make sure to send in all your news to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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King Jewelers is a gem at Great Chefs benefit

The presence of Valerie and Victoria King at "Great Chefs 2003", A Mardi Gras Gala, was more than an evening as corporate donors to the event benefiting Partners Health Care.

Guests admired the elegantly illuminated suite of cultured pearl jewelry their business, King Jewelers, had provided as the grand prize to be won at the close of the evening during the culmination of a "Sweets and Jewels" raffle. Monies raised from this event will be used to provide services to those touched by cancer in local communities, a cause very near to the hearts of the King family.

In 1990, June King, mother of Valerie and Vicki, had been diagnosed with breast cancer. Now 13 years later, Mrs. King remains well and cancer free. On the day her daughters stood at a benefit to raise funds to fight the disease with which she had been stricken, she was healthy and strong and on her way to the warmth and sun of Florida. Although "semi-retired", she remains active in her family's business as a buyer of giftware for the store and as a stringer of pearl and bead jewelry.

Joining King Jewelers were other participating businesses from Cohasset, The Red Lion Inn and Bernard's.

Valerie and Vicki recalled their mother's ordeal with cancer as a time that a close knit family became even more so. "It was a time of uniting for all of us," reflected Valerie recently. "We are the kind of family that doesn't focus on the negative. We concentrated on treatment and family and thoughts that she would again be well.

"When Mom was ill, we would go over regularly and see that she was eating and cook healthy meals for her. She always maintained an interest in the business, but would only come into the store when she occasionally felt able, and then would leave when she was tired. She was fortunate that we had a family business and this was possible. I can only imagine how hard it is for someone not in this situation."

The Kings are the third generation in a family of jewelers. Vicki and Valerie's grandfather Forrest King, a watchmaker, founded the business in Lexington in 1921. The business eventually was moved to Scituate. In the mid fifties, their dad, Forrest King, Jr. took over the store then located on Front Street. Though the family resided in Scituate, the company next moved to Cohasset and is currently located on Route 3A in Cohasset Plaza.

Anxious to interest his daughters in the family trade, Mr. King trained them to work in the store where they spent Saturdays during their teens. One summer, he gave Valerie two showcases in the corner of the store and a budget, with which she could run her own "costume jewelry" business. "I had a ball," recalls Valerie with a smile. "And the department did very well, too!"

Eventually, sister Vicki became involved, and attended the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) where she earned her Graduate Gemologist Diploma. Today the sisters manage the business together. Vicki does all necessary appraisals of the jewelry as well as many aspects of merchandising, while Valerie handles marketing and publicity for the company. They work as a team to present a selection of items to their customers that combines unique pieces and designs with others that are classic and traditional, creating an assortment that is exceptional and timeless.

Their role in the community is a prominent one, as they are now serving a third generation of customers. As shoppers make purchases commemorating important life occasions the Kings are aware of the importance of the service they are providing. "We are a family business and we treat people as family," said Valerie.

At "Great Chefs 2003" Valerie and Vicki hosted a table of guests who were among more than 350 people who enjoyed the cuisine offered by 19 regional restaurants at this 15th annual gala for Partners Home Care. Joining King Jewelers were other participating businesses from Cohasset, The Red Lion Inn and Bernard's. Both presented stations serving specialties of their respective establishments.

Valerie and Vicki joined Kim Carrigan, WBZ TV news anchor, and celebrity emcee as she drew the number determining the winner of the "Sweets and Jewels" raffle. The lucky recipient went home with the strand of culture pearls, mabe pearl earrings and mabe pearl and diamond ring, donated by the Kings.

Valerie clasped the necklace around the neck of the winner as Vicki and Carrigan joined the audience in cheers .The gift of jewelry had raised a significant portion of the evening's proceeds which would assist those afflicted with the same disease that had stricken their mother.

The event was a successful one for Partners Home Care attracting a larger audience than ever and raising an unprecedented $40,000 for the home care agency.

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Radio personality Ron Della Chiesa, left, looks on as Kim Carrigan of WBZ-TV assists Valerie King, right, and draws the winner of the pearl jewelry donated by King Jewelers.

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Linda Azersky smiles in disbelief as Valerie King adorns her with her new necklace.

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Erica White, left, and Chef Stephen Cobble of the Red Lion Inn and Kelly Cobble of the Great Chefs Committee at the benefit event.

Bernard and Sheila O'Neil, owners of Bernard's, stand at their serving station.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Hat's off to the Health Department

This is one of those editorials that we've been meaning to write for some time but it always seemed to be pushed aside due to some other more pressing issue.

But with Town Meeting and Election Day still a few weeks down the road, a budget crisis that won't go away and 3 Jerusalem Lane before the Zoning Board next week — this is an opportune time to single out the Cohasset Health Department for a well deserved attaboy before we have to refocus on other matters.

We wonder if Cohasseters realize what an innovative, forward-thinking Board of Health and Health Department they have.

For starters Tara Mullen, who doubles as the Sewer Department secretary, sets the right tone with her pleasant, helpful manner both on the telephone and in person at the Town Hall office.

Dr. Joseph Godzik, our award-winning Health Agent, anchors the department with quiet intelligence and a wealth of knowledge about everything from septic systems to smoking regulations. He was recognized in 2001 by his peers who presented him with the Michael Saraco Award for his "vast knowledge in the field of public health and dedication, loyalty, enthusiasm, and leadership."

And Public Health Nurse Judy Fitzsimmons can write the book on community nursing. She combines warmth and caring with concern and expertise. Our elderly citizens, in particular, rightly put their trust in her judgement.

You may be thinking, "We'd expect no less of these qualified staffers." And you'd be right in a perfect world. But we know from covering other towns in the past that the type of service offered by the Cohasset Health Department isn't necessarily the norm.

We'd be remiss if we didn't praise the Board of Health, with Robin Lawrence, Peggy Chapman and chairman Steve Bobo at the helm. Mr. Bobo almost without fail contributes the column "Health Notes" every week to the Cohasset Mariner in which he tackles a range of issues, projects and programs and informs us about health board initiatives. This week, for example, the Cohasset Walking Club is featured.

In Health Notes, we've been informed how the Health Department is working on ways to prevent obesity in our youngsters, get us all exercising, rid smoking from the Town, and in conjunction with local students, is testing our waters. We've learned ways to prevent the spread of the Norwalk Virus and about the dangers of melanoma, not buckling up and drinking and driving. We've read about diabetes, the dangers of too much summer heat, and how to dispose of mercury thermometers. The useful information has run the gamut from news about influenza to safe Thanksgiving turkey handling tips.

The Board of Health through Mr. Bobo is providing these weekly columns as a volunteer effort which leaves no doubt members of the Health Department really care about the citizens of Cohasset. They have become the model for what other towns' health departments should strive to become.

There's nothing left to say, but "thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

— Mary Ford
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Youth sports and violence

TO THE EDITOR:

The National Alliance for Youth Sports publishes a quarterly magazine called SportingKid. The latest issue is out and is a must read for all parents, coaches, and organizers with any involvement in youth sports. The Jan/Feb issue's cover story asks the question: Is the rash of parental violence at youth sporting events increasing, or are we just recognizing it as a problem?"

Perhaps the first reaction to reading such a question is that *our* community doesn't have such issues. That's what many think. Many also might wonder why of 24 accounts of violence detailed, including the top story, the death of Hockey Coach Michael Junta, there were four stories detailing occurrences in Massachusetts, as close as Weymouth and Quincy. It would be hard to explain to somebody in another state that it's not our community. One of the article's sources stated: "....for every community that's doing it right, there are 5000 that are doing it wrong." That's a lot of people not getting it, and more reason why people should "get" this magazine. Call 1-800-688-KIDS to do so. Quincy and Weymouth are close enough for us to realize that it's everybody's issue.

Mark Bell
460 King St.

Backs Greenbush

TO THE EDITOR:

A train from the South Shore to Boston would be luxurious beyond belief. Avoiding bumper to bumper traffic on the South East Expressway relaxing in a comfortable seat reading your newspaper.

Hingham has delayed the construction of the railroad by hiring lawyers to fight it and demanding a tunnel under Hingham Square. These things contribute to the cost.

Winchester and Manchester by the Sea have trains that run through the middle of town and my friends who live there love the convenience of taking a train to Boston and have never mentioned noise.

I am in favor of having a train to Greenbush.

Patricia Monahan
87 Wheelwright Farm

Heartfelt thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our many friends and neighbors who have comforted our family at this time of our tragic loss of our son and brother, Bud.

The many cards, letters, thoughts and prayers have been very supportive over these past few weeks. Our heavy hearts have been lifted and touched by all of you. We are blessed to know so many caring people. Thank you all very much.

Bud and Eileen Howorth
Susan Howorth Pritchard
Diane, Dennis, Lauren and Michael Dooley

HEALTH NOTES

Walking club steps off at CHS

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Under joint sponsorship by the Board of Health and Cohasset Elder Afairs, the Cohasset Walking Club will begin its 2003 season with a tour of parts of the new Cohasset High School. On March 26 at 3 p.m., the club will meet at the north entrance of the high school (near the old gym) to inaugurate the first school walk. This first meeting will begin by a short discussion and description of the club's plans followed by a walking tour of the parts of the high school which are now open. As construction of the building is on going, the walk route will be changed to accommodate construction. Joe McElroy will be the walk leader and will have important information about health issues and appropriate walking dress, shoes, clothing and preparation such as stretching exercises. He will also have information about routes and schedules; dates and times of future walks.

For information on the Walking Club or to sign up, call Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112, or contact the Board of Health at 781-383-4116.

Rails with Trails

In addition to the Walking Club, the board of Health is moving ahead on the Rails with Trails initiative. Three towns Cohasset, Scituate and Hingham are joining in developing a walking and bike trail which, when it is finished, will run from Greenbush to the ferry at Hingham Shipyard. The delay in start of the Greenbush line gives the three towns the opportunity to initiate a biking and walking trail over the present right of way. This project for a trail, which would be built using federal funding already earmarked for the purpose, will connect the three towns and hopefully ensure a continuing access to the right of way for the citizens of the three towns. In order to secure the federal grant, Cohasset needs to do a feasibility study for the project in Cohasset to be paid for by Community Preservation Act funding. Cost of this study will be $25,000 and the project will be managed by the Town Planner Liz Harrington.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

New director comes on board

Jacqueline S. Rafferty was named the new Library Director of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at the meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Feb. 25. Town Manager Mark Haddad recommended her to the Selectmen as both the unanimous choice of the Search Committee for Library Director and of the Board of Trustees of the Library. Twenty-nine applicants responded to the Search Committee's advertisements.

Rafferty has been the Library Director of the Hanson Public Library since 1996. She also has had previous varied experience in the libraries of Quincy College, Stonehill College and the Plympton Public Library. She has been Treasurer of the Southeastern Automated Information and Library System (SAILS Network) and on the Planning and Budget Committee of the Southeastern Massachusetts Library System (SEMLS). She is a graduate of Southeastern Massachusetts University and has a masters degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Rhode Island.

Sheila Evans, chairman of the Search Committee and a Library Trustee, said Rafferty "is wonderfully qualified, both personally and professionally, to maximize the beautiful new library's great potential!" The Search Committee included Town Manager Mark Haddad, Library Trustees Patience Towle, Barbara Power and June Hubbard, and Meg Bertolami and Kathy Ofsthun as community representatives. The Search Committee, after interviews with several candidates for the position, believed that Rafferty offered Cohasset an outstanding chance to acquire an extraordinarily well-qualified person for its new library director. Rafferty will assume her new position on March 31. Janet Husband, who as served Cohasset Library director since 1997, took an attractive early retirement package.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

If it were up to you, would you pull the plug on Greenbush?

SELECTMAN/Gabriel Gomez

It is not in the best interests of Cohasset to pull the plug on the Greenbush project at this late stage. Living in a beautiful historic town, we struggle constantly to balance improving life in Cohasset with maintaining our old character and charm. Greenbush will provide commuters with a welcome alternative to the currently inadequate highway system. A weekend and evening schedule will make Boston more accessible to all residents. Both will make Cohasset more appealing to current residents and new families alike. Further, the Greenbush project will benefit Cohasset with mitigation funds earmarked for $1.75 million of critical town projects. It is our responsibility to try to limit the adverse effects of projects such as Greenbush while focusing on the benefit of the community as a whole. Cohasset is already facing fiscally challenging times — not times in which it is in our best interest to refuse substantial state funding. I propose that we are not currently prepared to find millions in our budget to replace the mitigation funds. Further, I believe voters would like to avoid an override of this magnitude.

The current focus of the Board of Selectmen should be planning for the real possibility that Governor Romney decides to cut the Greenbush project. As we know, drastic cuts have already been made to state services. The Governor is now likely to decide to postpone the project and save the state hundreds of millions of dollars. Because the voters of Cohasset will be strongly impacted if state mitigation funds do not flow, we should start now with a responsible budgeting process to prioritize the earmarked projects. By publicly discussing the contingency plan, the Board will be able to determine which of the projects voters prefer to find funding for, and which they would rather live without.

SELECTMAN/Michael Sullivan

Should we pull the plug on Greenbush? Cohasset has had several referendums regarding the question of the Greenbush restoration and the results indicated that the town was split down the middle. Any decision made about the future of the train will be welcome news for some and a disappointment for others.

From the information I have read the MBTA has not acquired full access to the right-of-way along Greenbush and is also involved in legal issues that could take an extensive amount of time to resolve. Additionally, the price of the project now exceeds $400 million, a level at which Governor Cellucci said he would not proceed with the project.

While I don't have all the information that the MBTA and Governor have to make this decision, I suspect that the Governor and his staff will do as we have done with any capital project that has come before the Board of Selectmen, undertake a thorough cost-benefit analysis to determine the project's viability and then act accordingly.

How the Governor prioritizes this project is yet to be determined. My priority on Greenbush has always been clear: to mitigate the potential impact of the train to Cohasset and its citizens in the event that the Greenbush line is restored. I have worked with many individuals in Town who have invested their time and energy on this endeavor and believe that together we have negotiated an effective agreement for the Town. I believe that these negotiations will serve to monitor this project every step of the way while protecting the interests of our community.

SELECTMAN/Roger Hill

The need for alternative transportation is very important, but when it is at the cost of our schools and local aid from the state, it should be reconsidered. The Greenbush line is not an economical solution. Another aspect that doesn't seem right was Weymouth getting $20,000,000; Hinghan $44,000,000; Scituate $10,000,000; and Cohasset only $3,000,000 . That to me was bad negotiating on our part. It's unfortunate that we weren't able to dig a little deeper into the MBTA's pocketbook, if so we probably wouldn't be in the finical squeeze we're in now . Perhaps there wouldn't be any reason for an override this year if we push for more money from the T.

The three other towns were a little better prepared for negotiations with the T, and because of that we are not getting what we deserve. Cohasset owned the right of way through our town and should have held out a little longer. By holding out it would have given us more leverage and bargaining power. There still is a lot of mitigation left to do and I feel Cohasset needs to be more aggressive in its fight to get what it deserves.

Some important problems are still not resolved as of yet and safety is top the list . We need quad gates at the street crossings, without them safety is jeopardized — especially around the center of town where the train would be in a heavily populated area and have no reason to slow down .

Mr. Romney needs to take a closer look the Greenbush line and its cost, maybe its not such a good idea after all.

Next week's question:

Which is the bigger threat to Cohasset's character — Chapter 40B or "mansionization"?

Responses to the Question of the Week should be no more than 300 words and must be received by 5 p.m., Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.) Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fundraisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

New Zealand birds — a report from down under

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

I usually write about local birds, but this month I am departing from that practice. Having just returned from 19 days in New Zealand, I am too focused on the birds of the Southern Hemisphere to write about anything else. New Zealand consists of two main islands plus a number of smaller islands with the Tasman Sea on one side and the South Pacific Ocean on the other. About 135 million years ago New Zealand separated from the Antarctic continent, before the age of mammals and reptiles. It is now roughly 3500 miles from Antarctica, 7000 miles from South America and 1000 miles from Australia. Long isolation from other landmasses had great importance in determining what flora and fauna would inhabit the country. The only land mammals that arrived in New Zealand without being introduced by humans were three species of bats, one of which is now extinct. There are no native snakes. Gradually some birds flew there on their own. With nothing to fear from mammal predation, many became flightless and began to nest on the ground.

In New Zealand there are almost 70 "endemic" species of birds, those that breed only in New Zealand. There are about 85 more self-introduced species, those that are considered "native". Migrants and human-introduced birds account for the rest. There are some 12 species of shags, or cormorants, but only one native owl, one hawk and one falcon, the falcon being an endangered species.

Ratites are flightless birds with no keel on the breastbone and include South American rheas, African ostriches and Australian emus: Moas were giant New Zealand ratites ranging from 3-12 feet high. Fossil records show that these birds did survive the Ice Age. They did not survive being hunted by the Maori and Polynesian peoples who considered Moas extremely good to eat. The kiwi is the only ratite left in New Zealand, although there are other flightless birds. The kiwi, of course, is the most famous bird in New Zealand. The people of New Zealand are also called "kiwis". The fruit is always referred to as "kiwifruit" to minimize confusion.

There are three species of kiwis in the world, all endemic to New Zealand. Kiwis, unlike most birds, have a keen sense of smell. They are the only birds to have nostrils at the end of their very long beak. This helps them find food as they dig around in the earth for earthworms, insects and grubs. They are nocturnal and have long whiskers at the base of their bill to help them find their way in the dark. They have no tail and only tiny remnants of wings. In many ways they resemble mammals more than birds. Because they cannot fly, they run around on the ground. Their feathers are thick and fur-like. They live in burrows. Their egg weighs in at 15-20 percent of the female's weight as compared with an ostrich egg that is 2 percent of the female body weight.

Albatrosses are the largest seabirds in the world, having wingspans of up to 10 or more feet. They may fly as far as 8000 miles without landing on land. They alight on the ocean to sleep and to feed, usually on squid or fish. Amazingly, this takes more energy than flying, because of the heat loss. They take advantage of updrafts and air currents to soar and glide, flapping only when necessary in turbulent air. They drink salt water, exuding the salt through special tube structures on their beaks. They breed on uninhabited islands, laying only one egg. The cycle for incubating and hatching the egg is so long that they only breed every other year. The Royal Albatross is the only albatross to breed on the mainland coast, namely on Taiaroa Head near Dunedin, New Zealand. We visited this colony, which is strictly managed to prevent predation by humans and other mammals.

New Zealand has several species of honeyeaters that have curved bills and long tongues with brush-like ends for collecting nectar from flowering plants. Honeyeaters are different from hummingbirds. They play an important role in pollination as they ingest nectar from flowering plants. The Tui is black with white throat tufts. The Saddleback is black with a brown "saddle" across its back. The Bellbird is an undistinguished looking olive green bird with a very distinguished, liquid, bell-like song. We listened to this beautiful song follow us all across Ulva Island as we hiked its trails. The Stitchbird or "Hihi" is the rarest of this group, but due to conservation efforts is making a comeback.

Penguins are another unusual group of birds found in New Zealand. There are fossils here of the largest penguin that ever lived. Now the smallest penguin, the Blue Penguin, nests in burrows or under rocks. In the same way we put up birdhouses for bluebirds, the Department of Conservation builds igloo-shaped structures from boulders to encourage this penguin. There is a colony of Yellow-eyed Penguins near Dunedin, and several other species of penguin nest on the outer islands.

The Maoris may have killed off the Moa and introduced a few animals, but the European settlers who came later did even more damage by destroying forests and introducing animals such as stoats, ferrets, possums and rats. Because birds were isolated for so long, they did not develop any defenses against these predators. There is a concerted effort now to rid New Zealand of these introduced mammals. Possum fur is extremely soft and when mixed with Merino sheep wool makes lovely garments. This is one kind of fur that is on the approved list to wear!

The Weka and the Takahe are both flightless birds in the rail family that includes coots and gallinules. Most rails are very secretive and seldom seen. The New Zealand Weka, by contrast, does not shy away from people. It can swim and has feet strong enough to kill rats and stoats. The Takahe was thought to be extinct in the 1930s, but a few were found in 1948 in the Murchison Mountains within the Fiordland National Park. Now they are protected in this area with entrance "by permit only" for research and management.

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Brown Kiwi

An island called Tiri Tiri Matangi ("looking to the wind" in Maori) has been set aside as an Open Scientific Reserve. It is about 20 miles from any mainland, just enough to keep mammals from swimming across. There has been a concentrated effort to rid the island of all rats, dogs, feral cats, stoats and possums. Volunteers planted 250,000 to 300,000 native trees. Many threatened endemic and native birds were moved to Tiri Tiri to help prevent their extinction. The public can visit, but their activities are closely monitored. Increasing numbers of some species tells a story of success.

It was wonderful to see so many unusual birds, 85 species in all, but it is also nice to come home to my regular backyard visitors.

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for Project FeederWatch, WetlandWatchers and International Shorebird Surveys.

Can't call this a war

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Sorry, George, but I just can't get a handle on this thing you call a war in Iraq and I probably won't until . . . I go into a grocery store and they tell me that hamburger will cost me seven red points and a can of grated tuna is five brown points and a 16 ounce can of pickled beets is nine blue points. They call it rationing.

Or I stop for gas and find that the A sticker I have in the lower right corner of my windshield entitles me a gallon and a half to last me a week. If I had a B or a C card I could get two and a half gallons. They call that rationing, too.

Or I hear whistles that have been placed at strategic locations signal the warning that a blackout is due...

Or I visit the Firestone store and I'm told I can't get new tires because rubber is scarce and the best is reserved for those essential workers and, beside, my whole community is eligible to get only 37 new tires, 200 retreads and 120 inner tubes for the whole month.

Or I see in the windows of houses the simple little flag with a red border and a blue star in the middle that means someone from that house is away for a while in uniform. Some have as many as six stars. If one of the stars is gold, then he won't be back.

Or if I'm a pleasure boater with my craft in Hingham Bay I'm licensed only to sail in Zone D and I have to keep my radio transmitter sealed lest I give away some crucial information to the spies that are everywhere. Remember, "a slip of the lip may sink a ship."

Or I'm thrilled to such stirring phrases as: "Send us more Japs," the last message from Wake Island; or "Praise the lord and pass the ammunition," as urged by the Rev. Howell M. Fogg, chaplain aboard the cruiser USS New Orleans at Pearl Harbor.

Or I'm required to paint the upper half of the headlights on my automobile black to comply with the "dimout" so that lights from the shore won't outline ships in coastal waters for the submarines that are lurking offshore.

Or I'm subject to occasional test blackouts when every light in the city is extinguished for 15 minutes and those who don't take it seriously can be fined $500 and jailed for a year. This has created a run on blackout curtains and blackout paints in hardware stores.

Or I hear whistles that have been placed at strategic locations signal the warning that a blackout is due — a five-second blast followed by two seconds of silence followed by a five second blast repeated for four minutes.

Or the Rose Bowl game is moved from the West Coast to Durham, N. C., lest the Japanese attack and the Army-Navy football game is played in Annapolis, Md., before a mere 12,000 people, tickets being sold only to residents who live within 10 miles of the field to conserve gasoline and rubber.

Or I hear on the radio, the hits songs of the day, "In Der Fuhrer's Face" by Spike Jones and his City Slickers; or read such books as "See Here, Private Hargrove;" or watch John Wayne defeat the enemy in such movies as "The Sands of Iwo Jima."

Then and only then, George, will I call it a war.

Renovated Homeshare apartment opens at First Parish House

First Parish announces the re-opening of its Homeshare apartment. After extensive renovations to 23 North Main St., the apartment has been newly painted, decorated, and furnished with the essentials for daily living. It will soon ready for occupancy by a family in need of temporary housing.

Interest in the homeless began at First Parish with a book and a movie. The Meeting House was used during the filming of the "Witches of Eastwick" In gratitude, Warner Brothers made a donation to First Parish, of which funds were dedicated towards an Outreach program.

At about the same time, the First Parish book group was reading Jonathon Kozol's "Rachael and Her Children," which chronicles the homeless with an intimate look into the lives of several families sheltered in New York City hotels. The group members were deeply moved and subsequently proposed to then minister, Ed Atkinson, the idea of converting under utilized space at the Parish House into a temporary home for families in transition.

The result was a coordinated effort including enthusiastic support from Ed and the Parish, donations of time and supplies from parishioners and a local electrician, money from the newly formed Outreach Fund, and inspiration and support from Dorothy Newell, founder of Homeshare Finally, a tiny apartment on the second floor of the Parish house became a reality.

In October 1989, the first occupants, a young mother and her child, moved into the apartment. Four other families called it "home" that first year. Since then, more than 20 families have been guests in the Homeshare apartment. Mothers and fathers, after a stay in the Homeshare apartment, have gone on to earn GEDs, LPN degrees, enter community college programs, or simply, yet profoundly, found affordable housing and kept their families together during a time of crisis.

As a Homeshare provider, First Parish is associated with the Weymouth-based organization, Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore. For these families in transition, Executive Director, Dorothy Newell and her staff, facilitate the process of finding temporary shelter, employment, education, permanent housing, and obtaining help from state agencies and community services. Once permanent housing is found, the furniture bank helps get the family set up with furniture, linens, dishes and more Additionally, they supervise every family in the Homeshare network, providing counseling and special education where needed.

MCAS shows urban school districts aren't keeping up

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

It would have been as glorious as "Stand and Deliver," but this isn't Hollywood.

The Department of Education announced that after three rounds of testing, 90 percent of the students in Massachusetts' public schools passed the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System test. Some superintendents claimed the pass rate was actually a bit higher than reported by the state. Passage is mandatory for graduation from high school, the first time that's been so in the state where free public education was invented.

Supporters of the standardized test said it was a situation just like that in the movie. If you set high standards, kids pegged for failure will rise to the occasion. The teachers' unions and other critics had said kids would drop out and flunk out in droves. A huge political backlash was predicted. Instead, the kids mostly met the new high standards. None of the doom predicted by critics of MCAS came to pass: the dropout rate fell a bit last year, and the non-graduation rate looks like it will tick upward, but not appallingly.

But the kids who turn out winners in "Stand and Deliver" are mostly urban and non-white – and in that regard, there's no Hollywood ending in sight. Though places like Somerville and Fall River did well, only 70 percent of Hispanics in the senior class passed; only 75 percent of blacks; only 79 percent of kids from urban areas overall. Lawrence's pass rate: 54 percent. Seven other cities showed similar results. The problem seemed to be not with the test; the test appeared to be quantifying the problem. This was exactly the result hoped for by William Weld, Mark Roosevelt and Tom Birmingham when they wrote the education reform law in 1993. In the old days, the kids in the problem areas were by and large handed a diploma and sent on their way; now, they can't graduate. In becoming quantifiable, educational deficiencies become undeniable, and educators become accountable.

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The test also appears to quantify the extent to which Massachusetts discriminates against its minority groups. Nobody's arguing that the enormous racial disparity on the math portion — to pick the most objective part of the MCAS exam — is due to its cultural bias.

Either black kids are dumber than white kids, which they're not, or the state has an awful long way to go before equal opportunity is reality in Massachusetts. The implications are enormous, though it remains to be seen if policymakers can respond cogently with no new money available to target the problematic districts and groups.

What remained striking, and scary, is that all those kids from Lawrence and other urban areas would have gotten diplomas before MCAS. It was reminiscent of the first teacher certification tests in 1998, when 54 percent of those who took the test failed and everyone suddenly thought, with a shudder: "Hey! They all would have become teachers before the test!"

In the old days no one knew what a high school diploma from a Massachusetts school meant. For good or ill, now they do. For what it's worth, it means you can pass this standardized test, the MCAS exam. And the MCAS exam ain't easy. So it appears the state has measured up to the gigantic problem of designing and delivering statewide standards and a rigorous but manageable assessment system. Now all that remains to solve are poverty and racism, and we'll be all set.

Most of the other talk in the building was about the budget.

- House Ways and Means Chairman John Rogers said the mayors and town managers should plan for a 20 percent cut in local aid in the House budget, though the actual proposed reduction may not be that large. Romney wound up taking the odd approach of offering to stand tall with the locals, who had lambasted the administration's budget, against the evil axe-wielders of the House. Meanwhile, Administration and Finance Secretary Eric Kriss had some rare good news: February revenues were up 4 percent over 2002.
- The Globe ran a front-page story detailing claims by analysts that Massachusetts had "passed up hundreds of millions of dollars in savings adopted by some other states." Medicaid accounted for 21 percent of state budgets on average; in Massachusetts, that number has reached 28 percent.
- A gathering of activists on bilingual education said the Legislature should adopt changes in the bilingual referendum passed by voters last November. The organizers said the law should allow some more flexibility, and that teachers ought not to be liable as plaintiffs if they teach in languages other than English, as the new law stipulates they may be. Gov. Romney has signaled his opposition to suing teachers, but if he pursues that change, other proposals for amendment may be attached.
- As the Supreme Judicial Court heard arguments in a case that would require the state to recognize same-sex marriage, House Speaker Finneran said he is comfortable with proposals to make the legal definition of marriage as between a man and woman only.
- Acting Gov. Jane Swift had all but wiped out funding for the project, which was designed to work with local mayors, town managers and police chiefs to eliminate race as a factor in deciding who gets pulled over by police.
- Planning for the project is just getting under way; the state's first national forest would celebrate and preserve the beauty of the Berkshires.

Craig Sandler writes for the Statehouse News Service.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Gomez events

Gabriel Gomez, candidate for selectman, has the following campaign events scheduled:

Reception To Meet Gabriel Gomez, hosted by Louis Harvey, 465 King St., Saturday March 15, 4-6 p.m., RSVP 383-6884 or e-mail: votegomez@ attbi.com

St. Patrick's Day celebration, Sunday March 16, 3-6 p.m. at the Cohasset American Legion Hall (upstairs) — all welcome RSVP:votegomez@attbi.com

Coffee with Gabriel Gomez, hosted by Suzanne Waters, 91 Aaron River Road, Thursday March 20, 1-3 p.m., RSVP 383-1560 or e-mail:votegomez@ attbi.com

Reception To Meet Gabriel Gomez, hosted by Nancy Garrison, 429 King St., Sunday March 23, 4-6 p.m., RSVP or e-mail:votegomez@attbi.com

Bradley office hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D–Hingham, will be hold district office hours this Friday, March 14, in Hull. He will be available at the William E. McTighe Manor, 6 Atlantic House Road from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, please call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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March 7, 2003

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on two roll calls from recent sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

FORCE BILLS TO HOUSE FLOOR FOR DEBATE (S 2003)

House 126-24, rejected an amendment requiring the House speaker to schedule a session to consider a bill if 40 percent of the 160 House members sign a petition requesting that the bill be discharged from a committee onto the floor for a vote. The amendment excludes certain appropriation measures and only allows the discharge of bills that have had a hearing and have been reported on by their committee. Amendment supporters said this will allow 64 members to force a bill out of a committee and noted that many proposals that have widespread support are bottled up in committee. They said the amendment would simply allow the legislation to be brought to the House floor for debate and a vote where the full House can then approve it, reject it or amend it. Amendment opponents said there are already procedures to force bills out of committee by a majority vote of the House and for some committees by the signing of a petition by a majority of House members. They argued that allowing discharge by only 64 members interferes with the committee process, allows the minority to rule and will create chaos by bringing thousands of proposals to the House floor for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment allowing 40 percent of the members to discharge a bill onto the House floor for consideration. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (H 2003)

House 134-16, rejected an amendment requiring that each rank-and-file House member, to the greatest extent possible, be assigned to at least one of his top three choices of joint committees assignments. The amendment exempts committee chairs, vice-chairs, Ways and Means Committee members and members already appointed to the leadership. Amendment supporters said this would ensure that all rank-and-file members are assigned to at least one important and influential committee in which they are interested and would prevent the speaker from only giving good committee assignments to his favorites. Amendment opponents said the amendment is too restrictive and ties the speaker's hands. They noted the speaker is fair and spends many days developing committee assignments. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment giving rank-and-file members at least one of their top three choices. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

DEFICIT REDUCTION PACKAGE (S 1949) - Gov. Romney signed into law a deficit reduction plan that he says in conjunction with his recent $343 million in budget cuts would easily close the state's estimated up to $650 million fiscal 2003 budget deficit. The package includes increased fees on many real estate transactions conducted at Registries of Deeds across the state and imposition of an additional $5 surcharge on all transactions. The measure also taps reserve funds including $12 million from a work force training fund; $2.9 million from the Clean Elections Judgment Fund; $6.5 million from a health protection fund; and $17 million from the Renewable Energy Trust Fund. Other provisions include making some retroactive changes in corporate tax laws including allowing the state to collect taxes on income and dividends from Real Estate Investment Trusts; restoring $2 million of an earlier $4 million cut by the governor for a home visiting program for at-risk newborns; and extending the statute of limitations on lawsuits arising out of contracts for the planning, design or construction of the $14 billion Big Dig project.

BUDGET HEARINGS - The House and Senate Ways and Means Committees will hold joint hearings across the state on Gov. Romney's proposed $22.9 billion fiscal 2004 state budget. Hearing dates include Friday, March 14 in Holyoke; Tuesday, March 18 in Lynn; Wednesday, March 19 in Pittsfield; Friday, March 21 in West Barnstable; Monday, March 24 in Lowell; and Friday, March 28 in Boston. Citizens interested in the hearings can obtain additional information and exact locations by calling 617-722-2990 or 617-722-1481.

HANDICAPPED PARKING (S 1301, S 1357 and S 1343) - A Public Safety Committee hearing is scheduled for the week of March 10 on several proposals related to handicapped parking. Among the bills to be considered are ones requiring cities and towns to designate temporary handicapped parking spaces when permanent spaces are temporarily unavailable due to constructio projects or events; allowing the Registry of Motor Vehicles to issue temporary handicapped plates for a three month period; and requiring some handicapped spaces to be designated for use only by handicapped persons who use wheelchairs.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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BUSINESS NOTES

Edward Jones gets top listing

For the second consecutive year, the financial-services firm of Edward Jones, received the number one ranking by Fortune Magazine in its annual listing of the "100 Best companies To Work For" in America.

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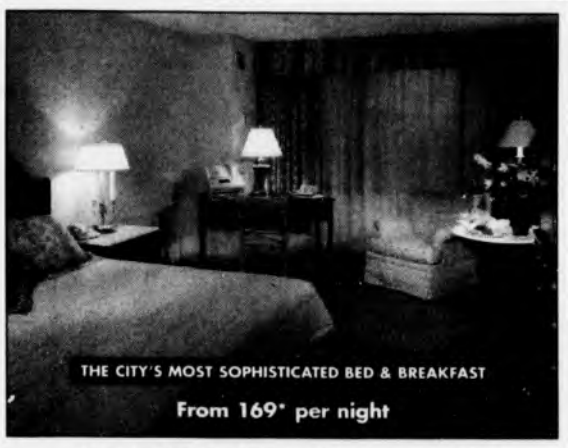

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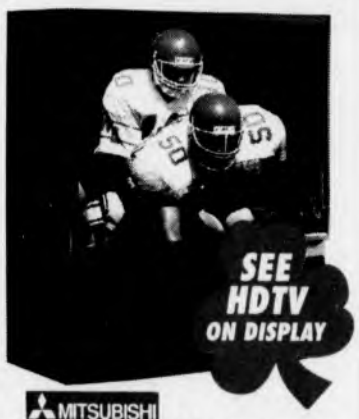

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K&K express keeps rolling

Kidder & Krupczak head into track season off of strong hoop campaign

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

They are Cohasset's version of Stockton and Malone: CHS seniors Jared Krupczak and Ian Kidder.

The quick, crafty point guard and the powerful yet versatile forward have been playing together for as long as either of them remembers. They have developed court intuition, knowing when the other is going to make a pass seconds before anyone else. They train together, they work out together, and they co-captained together.

"We compete at the same level of intensity," notes Krupczak. "We motivate each other to be better."

The two have been honing their playing skills with each other seemingly forever. One-on-one games in the driveway, coach Ron Ford's shooting clinics, basketball camps all over New England, including Hoop Mountain and Satch Sanders, recreation ball, Patriot Leagues and, of course, Cohasset High School basketball games are all on both their resumes.

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN
Cohasset's Mike Rasmussen (#10) finished the season on a roll, and will no doubt be looked to for even bigger things next winter.

Fresh view

All things considered, Cohasset hockey team's season a success

By Mike Spellman
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John Blake felt pretty lousy following his team's ouster from the state tourney last Tuesday night, and went to bed figuring he'd feel even worse the next day.

But a funny thing happened in those dozing hours. As is so often the case, sleep brought both healing and a broader perspective.

"You know, I woke up feeling pretty good about all we'd accomplished this season," Blake said of his rookie campaign with the Cohasset High hockey team. "Everyone was telling me when I took the job that this was a rebuilding year, and we started slow, but then we turned it around with a big win over Bourne, and we just took off after that.

"I couldn't have asked for a harder working, more committed group of players. We won the South Shore League championship in a year nobody expected us to do much of anything and made it to the second round of the state tourney. If you could have told me that's what we were going to accomplish this season, I'd have

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The last laugh

CHS hockey star Durkin proves naysayers wrong

By Mike Spellman
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Yeah, John Durkin sure showed them.

When the Cohasset High hockey star lost his linemates and fellow juniors Greg O'Connell and Rob Carpenter to prep school transfer after last winter's 19-0-1 regular season for the Skippers and a combined 123 points from this first line trio, many South Shore League coaches expressed the thought/hope that he'd be in for a rude awakening this winter.

As it turned out, they were the ones who were in for the not so pleasant realization, as Durkin finished his senior season with six more points than he had a year ago to lead the allegedly rebuilding Skippers to their second straight SSL title.

"It was a great feeling doing so much better than just about anyone expected," said Durkin, when asked about the Skippers 10-6-4 record this season, which included a 9-1-2 SSL mark. Of course, were it not for his humility, John might have just as well have been talking about himself with this remark. He certainly earned the right to

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN
This is a sight Cohasset hckey fans will miss next year: John Durkin heading up ice with the puck and a head of steam.

Grapplers close out on high note

Terry Baroudi takestop eight spot at New England championships

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Last weekend, the truly elite of this year's wrestling team had their go at the top competition of the Northeast, wrestling at the New England championships in Lowell, MA. The brothers Baroudi, senior Terry and sophomore Matt, both having placed top six at All-States, closed out a phenomenal season not only for themselves, but for Cohasset wrestling.

Cohasset, as a team, finished the regular season with a dual meet record of 18-3-1, the most wins by a Skipper team in history.

The team came in second at the South Sectional, with nine wrestlers placing.

At the Div. III States, six more placed top eight, as the CHS took seventh overall in the 58-team field.

Four athletes advanced to All-States, with the older and younger Baroudis taking second and sixth, respectively, to move on to New England's.

Sending two athletes to New England was a perfect end to a near perfect winter.

Terry Baroudi, at 135 pounds, wrestled a remarkable two-day tournament in what veteran coach Torin Sweeney believed to be one of the most challenging weight classes. Baroudi earned a top eight spot in New England, and actually, with his second place finish at All-States, qualified for Senior Nationals.

Questioned about the success of his captain, who took fifth at States as a junior, Sweeney is simply not surprised, noting "When you come back from placing at States, you should have a good year."

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Mariner All-Scholastic girls gymnastics team

Cohasset's Bixby and Durkin named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

After consulting with area coaches, though, we do feel secure that we chose the top 11 gymnasts in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Meredith Bixby - Senior
All-Around - Cohasset

Meredith Bixby

This marks Meredith's third consecutive selection to the Mariner All-Scholastic team... averaged a 34.5625 in the all-around, an 8.55 on bars, 8.65 on beam, 8.9 on floor, and 8.675 on vault—all team best marks...led Coh-Nor squad to second place finish in Pilgrim Conference and an 8-2 record, with both losses coming to unbeaten Hanover...qualified in three events for the All-State individual competition, and finished fifth in vault (8.7), 10th in floor (9.0) and scored an 8.25 on the uneven bars...a six year member of the Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team...three-time Pilgrim Conference All-Star, making it for the vault as a sophomore and for the all-around the last two years...Honor Roll student...trains year round at the Ellis School of Gymnastics in Braintree, where she also works as an instructor...a level 9 gymnast...has qualified for the upcoming State championships in USA Gymnastic competition...plans to continue her gymnastics career in college...her first collegiate choice is Ithaca...leaning toward a major in Communications...Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics coach Kara Connerty: "Meredith is a very committed year round gymnast. She plans to compete at the college level and she should do very well there. Obviously, she leaves us with a pretty big void. She's been such a consistently strong performer over the last several years."

Nancy Durkin

Nancy Durkin - Sophomore
Vault- Cohasset

This sophomore emerged in a big way to fill the huge slippers of 2002 Cohasset graduate Kristen Sheerin (who holds every singles CHS gymnastics record) as a key all-around performer for the Cohasset-Norwell squad, which finished second place in the Pilgrim Conference and with an overall record of 8-2 (the only losses coming to unbeaten Hanover)...averaged a 32.45 in all-around competition and was a PC All-Star in the vault with an 8.3125 average...also averaged an outstanding 8.5 in the floor exercise...started in gymnastics at the age of three, and has been training year round since the age of eight with former Cohasset High coach and current Hanover High coach Ruthanne Ardizzoni at Gymnast in Motion...Performs at Level 8 in USA Gymnastics...Cohasset/Norwell coach Kara Connerty: "Nancy really helped fill a huge void for us this year, and improved in just about all areas. She's very committed to gymnastics, and we'll be looking for even bigger things from her down the road."

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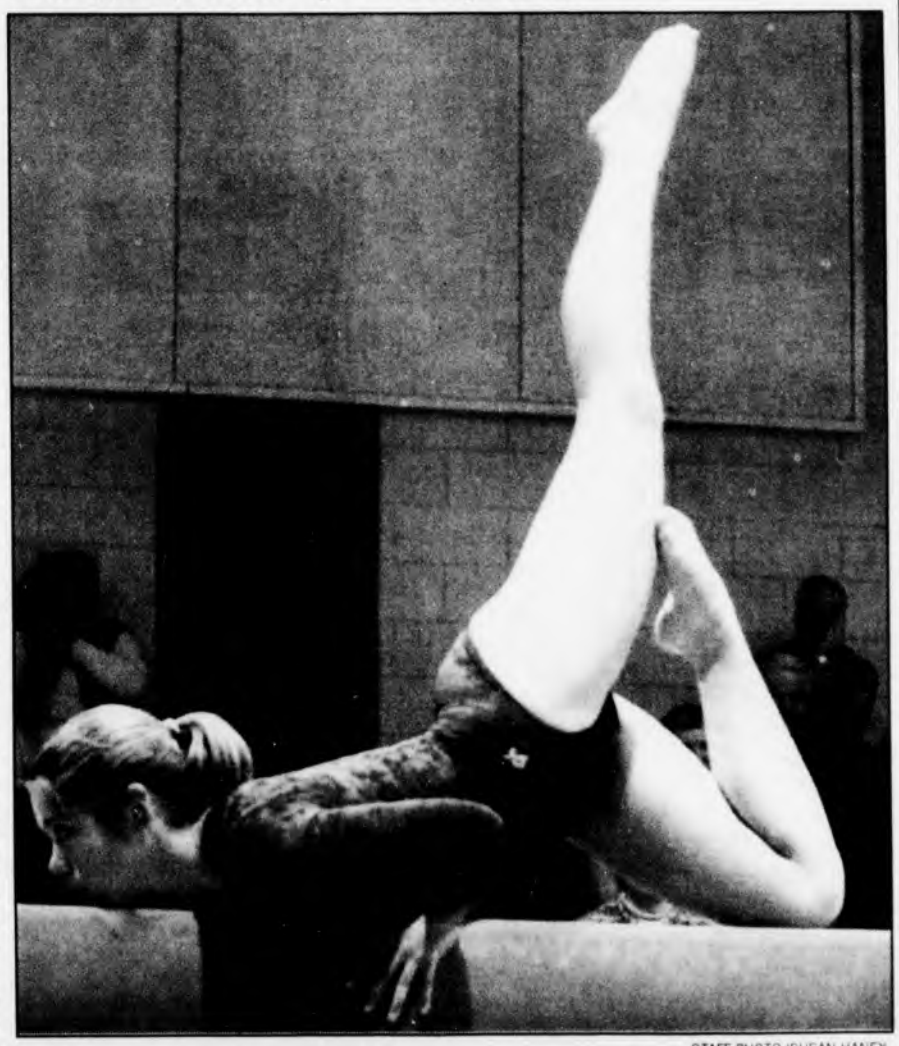

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Norwell-Cohasset gymnastics standout Meredith Bixby attempts a twisting dismount from the uneven bars at recent Pilgrim Conference meet. Bixby has been named to her third consecutive Mariner All-Scholastic team this week.

Cohasset's Bixby and Durkin named among area's elite

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Keriann Hart - Senior
All-Around - Hanover

Keriann Hart

Although she competed only two seasons (sophomore/senior) with the Hanover High gymnastics team, Hart emerged as the school's top performer…The senior led the Lady Indians to an unbeaten 12-0 season, Pilgrim Conference title, and to the South Sectionals…A PC All-star, Hart qualified for the State Individuals in the All-Around and finished 10th overall with a 35.0 score…Her performance in a meet against Hingham helped Hanover break the school record for most points scored in a meet with 135.9…Was voted by her teammates as the season MVP…A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Hart competes year-round…She has applied to Ithaca, Springfield, and Brown with the hopes of continuing her gymnastics career. Hanover coach Ruth Ann Ardizzoni: "Her scores definitely showed her talent. She puts the time in off-season and her bars are unbelievable. I can't say enough about her."

Keri Gerrish - Junior
Bars - Hanover

Keri Gerrish

A standout on the Hanover squad for the last three seasons, Gerrish was named a Pilgrim Conference All-star on the bars, averaging 8.55 on the difficult apparatus…The junior also made the trip to State Individuals on the event…Gerrish has competed in the All-Around (33.9 avearge) for Hanover, which won the PC title (10-0), finished 12-0 overall, and took sixth at the South Sectionals…A two-time All-Scholastic, Gerrish is a three-sport athlete at HHS, also competing on the field hockey and softball squads…She will be a top All-Around performer next season. Hanover coach Ruth Ann Ardizzoni: "She's the easiest girl to work with because she'll just try anything. She's gifted with natural talent and is a very good performer on the bars."

Mollie Fanning - Sophomore
Bars/Floor - Hanover

Mollie Fanning

A two-year performer on the Lady Indians team, Fanning is making her second appearance on the All-Scholastic squad…Just a sophomore, Fanning is quickly emerging as one of the school's best performers, earning Pilgrim Conference All-star status the last two seasons (34.0 All-Around average)…Fanning also competed on the beam (8.5 average) at this year's State Individuals…Fanning's performance this season helped Hanover land a PC title (10-0) and a sixth-place finish at the South Sectionals…The team was 12-0 overall…Fanning competes year round and will be a top returnee next season. Hanover coach Ruth Ann Ardizzoni: "She's become a very strong performer. She competed in the All-Around several times this year and will do the job full-time next year. She's very talented."

Julia Wilson - Senior
(Capt.)
All-Around - Marshfield

Julia Wilson

Through injuries and surgery, Wilson has been a top performer on the Marshfield squad for four years… She capped her career with yet another solid season, as her consistency in the All-Around (34.5 average) helped the Lady Rams capture the Old Colony League title at 4-0 (Barnstable was disqualified) and led Marshfield to a fourth-place finish at the South Sectionals…A four-time OCL All-star, Wilson was the league champ on the bars (9.05) and took fourth on the bars at the State Individuals, while also competing on the vault…Last year, Wilson won the vault and was third on the bars…The senior was selected as an alternate for the National High School Championships, taking place in Las Vegas in May…A three-time All-Scholastic, Wilson competes year-round and has applied to several colleges with the hopes of continuing her gymnastics career. Marshfield coach Marion Cherubini: "She's been a leader from day one. She's had surgery on both ankles and injured her back last spring, but has always come back totally focused. She's done a great job."

Christine Walker - Senior
All-Around - Marshfield

Christine Walker

A two-time Old Colony League All-star, Walker has come a long way in her four year career at Marshfield … The senior consistently traded leads with teammate Julia Wilson, helping the Lady Rams take the OCL title (4-0) after Barnstable was disqualified…Walker (34.0 All-Around average) took third on the bars at State Individuals, while also competing on the vault…Her performance on several apparatus this season helped Marshfield take fourth at the South Sectionals…Walker competes year round and is making her second appearance on the All-Scholastic squad…She has plans to attend college next year. Marshfield coach Marion Cherubini: "Christine has definitely improved her skills. She's a tough competitor and puts forth a great effort and really has been rewarded for it."

Nicole Souris - Senior
Beam - Marshfield

Nicole Souris

The third element of the Lady Rams' talented senior trio, Souris was yet another top performer on the Marshfield squad despite battling ankle problems for the last two years…A two-time Old Colony League All-star, Souris finished second on the beam (8.9) at the OCL championships…The senior also competed on two events at the State Individuals (bars/beam)…Her performance this season helped Marshfield lock up the OCL title (4-0) after Barnstable was disqualified…She also keyed the team's fourth-place finish at the South Sectionals…Souris competes year round and plans to attend college. Marshfield coach Marion Cherubini: "She's developed some great routines over the years. Her ankle problems have limited her, but she's a big part of this team."

Casey Quinn - Freshman
All-Around - Weymouth

Casey Quinn

Competing on a team with no seniors, the Lady Wildcats were looking for a youngster to step up and Quinn did just that…A Bay State League All-star, Quinn was the team's top All-Around performer with a 33.0 average… Quinn qualified in two events (bars/vault) for the State Individuals and took fourth on the vault (8.75)…Just a freshman, Quinn still has a lot of competing to do on the WHS squad…She competes year round and will obviously be the Lady Wildcats' top returnee next season. Weymouth coach Jen McEachern: "Casey has a great road ahead of her. I can't wait to see how talented she will be as a senior. She is one of the toughest kids that I have coached."

Kelly Longo - Freshman
All-Around- Silver Lake

Kelly Longo

Kelly emerged as the top all around gymnast for the Silver lake team in her first year of high school competition this winter…averaged a 32.825 the all-around competition, including team best averages in the bars (8.0), beam (8.325) and floor (8.4625), and the second best team mark on vault (8.3125) to lead the LAdy Lakers to an 8-4 season…took fifth at the Old Colony League meet in the floor exercise with an 8.4 and sixth in the all-around (32.8)…this Pembroke native, along with fellow frosh Hillary Labonte, should keep the SL girls near the top of the OCL standings for years to come…has been doing gymnastics year round since the age of three…currently trains at Gymnastics Plus in Pembroke…a level 8 gymnast…is planning to run spring track for Silver Lake this spring…aspires to be a college gymnast…Silver Lake coach Lindsay Leigh-Consolati: "Kelly has really came on over the course of this season. She fought through some injuries, and kept competing as hard as she could. It looks like she's got an extremely bright future in gymnastics."

Emily Farley - Sophomore
Beam - Braintree

Emily Farley

This second year high school gymnast enjoyed a breakout year to help lead the Lady Wamps to a second place finish in the Bay State Conference and an overall record of 10-2…averaged a score of 33.4875 for the all-around competition this season… qualified for the All-State Gym-nastics championship in beam with her 8.5 average…missed out also qualifying for states on the vault by 6-100ths of a point and on uneven bars by one-tenth of a point…earned Bay State Conference All-Star honor as a vaulter…Honor Roll student…has been involved in gymnastics since the age of five, and performing year round since the fifth grade at the Ellis School of Gymnastics in Braintree…a level 8 gymnast…hopes to be a gymnast at the college level…Braintree coach Debbie Duprey: "Emily is a naturally talented gymnast who is graceful and fun to watch perform. She was the top point earner for us this year."

Honorable Mention:

Julianne Sullivan - Sr. (Capt.) - Hanover
Tayva Martin - Sr. - Hanover
Christine Cullivan - Fr. - Marshfield
Katie Donovan - Hingham
Sarah Rathman - Hingham
Jen Lamm - Fr. - Weymouth
Hillary Labonte- Fr.- Silver Lake
Katherine Coyne- Jr. - Cohasset
Francesca Samuelson- Jr.- Braintree
Jessica Goscik- Jr. -Braintree
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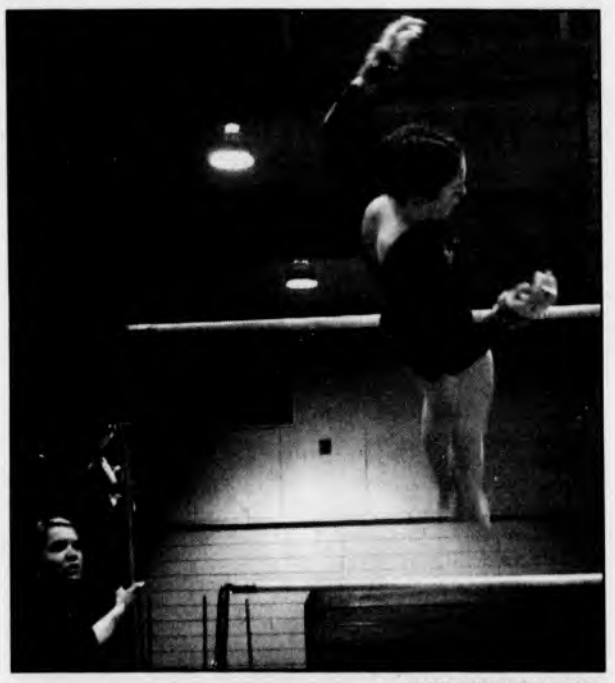
Cohasset's Katherine Coyne was deservedly named one of our Honorable Mentions.



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Cohasset High sophomore Nancy Durkin (pictured) stepped into some huge shoes this winter, taking the place of CHS's top all-time gymnast Kristen Sheerin as an all-around performer, but she did her predecessor proud, helping to lead the Cohasset-Norwell team to a 10-2 record and earning All-Scholastic honors for herself.

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To register for the training sessions or to request additional information, please call Mark Richardson at 781-383-3119.

Baseball clinic

Cohasset Recreation Department's South Shore Baseball Camp will provide an April vacation baseball clinic beginning Tuesday, April 22, through Friday, April 25, at Milliken Field.

The clinic runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. and this week-long program will cost $100 per participant.

For more information, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Registration forms can be found at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall.

Spring wrestling clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces registration for a wrestling clinic for grades 4-6, which will begin Monday, March 17, from 2:45 to 4:30 p.m. at the Deer Hill School gym. The program will meet Mondays and Thursdays through April 17.

There will also be available to second-year wrestling clinic participants, a Friday program as well which will begin Friday, April 4.

Registration will be held at Deer Hill gym at 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 17. The cost for the two-day per week program is $50 for the 10 sessions and $65 for the three-day program.

Krupczak still running strong

Former CHS track star Brian Krupczak, now a sophomore at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA competed in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) indoor track championships for the Generals this past Saturday. He took the third place medal in the long jump and 4th place in the 200m.

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Grapplers close out on high note

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Terry took down the New Hampshire state champion Matt Hicks of Salem, NH by scoring a 2-0 decision. The win advanced Terry to the quarters held on Friday night, where he lost a close 5-2 decision to Mark Whipple, who ended up taking fifth for the entire tournament. Terry was leading 2-0 in the third period against Whipple, but got caught in a devastating move to end it.

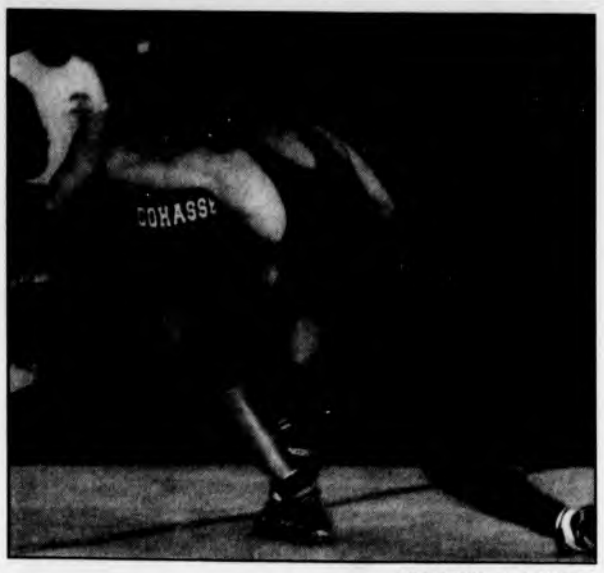
On Saturday morning, Terry beat the number one seed from Maine, earning another shot at the winner's bracket, and earning a spot in the top eight. The final match of the tourney was a hard-fought battle versus Wilmington's

Roman Walsh, the wrestler Terry lost to in the semi-finals of the Div. III States.

The bracket featured 22 wrestlers: the top six wrestlers from Massachusetts, as well as the top few finishers from the Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island All-State competitions. Beating two state champions and finishing eighth was a remarkable way to close out his career.

Sophomore Matt Baroudi did not fair as well as his brother, losing his opening round match on Friday, but merely making the tourney as an underclassmen is a tremendous achievement. Also, Matt's sixth place seed from Massachusetts left him a particularly challenging opening draw at Lowell. The way the brackets were designed, Matt would have been back in the tournament if his opening round opponent had reached the semi-finals, but there was no such luck.

Baroudi appears ready to lead an amazingly talented sophomore class into next year, hoping to pick up right where they left off. Matt's classmates Jon Littauer (103), Matt Casey (152), Bill Carbone (130), Joe Kehoe (125) and Leo Clougherty (171) all had excellent sophomore seasons. With juniors Phil Strazzulla, who went to All-States at 140 this year, and Jake Berger, who had a strong finish at heavyweight, will lead next year's team as seniors.



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Cohasset wrestler Terry Baroudi (left) finished up his high school career this weekend with a top eight finish at New England's.

Four team members who placed at States will be return to next year's squad, Matt Baroudi, Littauer, Kehoe and Strazzulla. While the all-stars will be aplenty, the balance of the team will leave something to be desired by Sweeney, as he will lose a core of five excellent seniors, all of whom started, and contributed greatly.

Still, Sweeney maintains that his wrestling program is back up to the form that once made it one of the most feared programs in Massachusetts. Said Sweeney, who was named the South Section Coach of the Year: "The thing I liked the best this year is that we had a great year team-wise, and a great year with individuals. When you have that and a great team season, it really ties things together nicely."

CHS hockey star Durkin proves naysayers wrong

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do so.

As a junior, Durkin scored 20 goals on his own and assisted on 16 others, often cleaning up on the scoring opportunities created by the scintillating rushes and offensive acumen of O'Connell (27 goals, 32 assists) and the tireless digging of Carpenter (eight goals, 20 assists).

As a senior, however, this wiry 5-foot-9 sniper was left largely to his own devices— particularly early in the season when an injury to cousin Joe Durkin forced talented forward Matt Davis back on defense. All he did was finish with an SSL best 22 goals and 42 points.

15 of those tallies came in the season's first 10 games, many on absolutely electrifying end-to-end rushes that left a trail of dizzy defenders in his wake and ended with a well-placed salvo past a helpless netminder.

"It didn't take me long to figure out that Johnny was our go-to-guy," said first year Cohasset coach John Blake. "We based a lot of what we did around him, and it really worked out well, especially in the early going.

"I think John definitely showed that he could create his own opportunities this year. He's a talented offensive player. He's a sniper and a great skater too."

The two Durkin performances that really stand out in Blake's mind were his season opening hat trick against a sensational Scituate team in a 5-3 loss, and the Bourne game, where he netted the gamewinner on a sensational steal and break-in with 13 seconds remaining in overtime to give the Skippers their first win of the season against three losses.

"John kept us in a big game against a very talented Scituate team to open the season, and I think that got the confidence up of every member of this team," asserted Blake. "And the goal against Bourne just ignited our whole season. We showed that we could play with the best-of-the best in that game, and John really hammered that home."

"That's the thing about John," the rookie head coach added. "So many of his goals were huge, meaningful goals. He had that ability to carry us at times."

To no surprise, it didn't take all that long before John became a marked man, and that was particularly true the second time around against league opponents, with opposing coaches often paying him the ultimate respect by placing full-time shadows on him.

No problem. His assist totals picked up after this, with Davis (15 goals, 19 assists) becoming the main beneficiary.

Still, this drop in goal scoring did raise a bit of a concern for John heading in to the heavy recruiting period, which is precisely why coach Blake trumpets his star's decision to do a year of prep school before starting college.

"John has all of the tools to play for a good Division 2 or 3 college program; he just needs to add a little size and muscle, and hopefully an extra year will enable him to do that," said Blake.

This does not, in Blake's opinion, make John much different from the majority of high school hockey senior standouts, particularly those in the smaller division public schools.

"Even Division 3 (college) coaches are recommending to a lot of the players they're looking at right now to try a year of prep or juniors before college," said Blake, a former assistant at high school hockey factories Blue Hills and Thayer Academy. "It's just such a big step up from high school hockey to college hockey. Most players simply aren't ready for that."

Blake further illustrates his argument by pointing to Scituate High standouts Matt Hall and Kyle Simpson, two teammates of Durkin for the South Shore Dynamos club team who are also leaning heavily toward a year of prep school.

John Durkin

Deerfield, Berkshire, Pomfret Academy and Kimball Union are among the handful of prep schools Durkin has applied to, and the coaches from his top two college choices at this time, Stonehill and the University of Vermont, seem content with the notion of waiting an extra year for his services. At the time of this writing, John was expecting to hear back from these schools any day now.

Regardless of where he winds up, Durkin feels he will be better off for having played a year under coach Blake's defense-first system.

"Coach Blake taught me so much about positional play and defensive responsibilities," said Durkin, who is also a standout in football and lacrosse for Cohasset High. "I'm sure I'm a better hockey player now because of him."

This was something coach Blake was pleased to hear.

"It's nice to think I might have helped him out a little because I definitely think he has the ability to have a good college career," said Blake. "It's up to him now."

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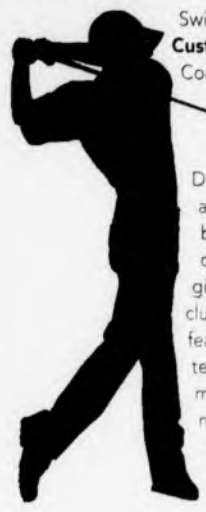

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Cohasset Ski Team Co-Captains Andrew Busk and Jessie Guild are pictured here with Coach Jack Dane at the State Alpine Ski Championships held on February 26th at Berkshire East. The MIAA sponsored event included 300 of the state's top racers from over 30 schools

K&K express

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"We are always in competition for everything," affirms Kidder. "We were both very focused this year."

Their skills on the court complement each other. Krupczak has developed the guard's knack for finding a target in the low-post, while Kidder has both the power and the soft-touch to finish from all angles. Kidder has demonstrated a toughness to rebound over opponents a head taller, and the selflessness to kick the ball out to the perimeter, where Krupczak hit over 50 percent of his threes this year.

The duo wrapped up their final winter wearing Skipper Blue, although their 7-13 record left them wishing they had qualified for tournament, as was their preseason goal. Yet the spring should hold something quite different.

K&K co-captain the boys track and field team as well, a squad which won back-to-back South Shore League titles in 2001 and 2002.

It is true that they push each other during the basketball season, but a true rivalry (albeit a friendly one) really heats up on the track. Krupczak and Kidder began doing sprint programs together as far back as last July to prepare themselves for the year. Returning from their 2002 trips to the track and field All-States, both have strong shots for re-qualification in a number of events, possibly even a shot at the New England competition.

While their basketball abilities contrast, their track skills are quite similar. They are both sprinters. Both are jumpers. They both have developed excellent starting technique off the blocks. They both lead by example, earning a quiet respect from their teammates and coaches.

In the running events, Kidder ousted Krupczak in the 200 meters last year, holding the team's top time by a tenth of a tick. Krupczak seems to have the edge in the 100 meters, having recorded an 11.1 his junior year (his season goal is to break 11 seconds), but Kidder refuses to believe himself inferior in the race. Krupczak ran the first leg in last year's All-State 4x100 relay while Kidder the anchor.

In the field, both athletes excel as impressively. Both could very well go undefeated in the South Shore League in their respective field events, as they were easy decisions for the '02 SSL All-Star team. Kidder has had remarkable success throwing the javelin and even more in the triple jump, last year recording a leap of over 43 feet. Krupczak, meanwhile, continues to improve his already championship-caliber long jumping talent.

The boys track team was decimated by graduation last year, and their chances at a threepeat are dicey. It is odd to say that the outlook of the team that has the number one and number two tracksters in the league is uncertain. But at least one thing is absolutely certain: neither one of them will let the other settle for being number two.

Jared Krupczak

Ian Kidder

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All things considered, Cohasset hockey team's season a success

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taken it in a heartbeat without asking for another thing. So I'm not going to complain now."

With that said, Blake quickly changes direction to begin his evaluation of next season—which would hardly come as a surprise to anyone who knows this hard driving 28-year old bench boss.

The Skippers will lose four seniors to graduation—tri-captains John Durkin, Matt Davis and Tom Anderson, along with defenseman Mike Calorio. The three captains were also league all-stars, with Durki nand Davisd topping the team in scoring.

Durkin, the SSL scoring champ, finished the season with a team best 42 points in 22 games (22 goals, 20 assists), while Davis ended up with 34 points (15 goals, 19 assists).

"Forwards who can skate the way Matt does, and create and finish like John does don't come along too often," noted Blake. "That's 76 points from two players we're going to have to replace. That's obviously a lot we're going to have to make up."

As difficult as it might seem to believe, given the production of this dynamic duo, Anderson might actually prove the most difficult to replace. All things considered. Anderson, who completed his junior season with 34 points (21 goals, 13 assists), sacrificed personal glory this season to move back to anchor the defense, and he emerged as the unquestioned leader of this team.

"Tom might be the best leader I've ever been around in high school hockey," said Blake of the defenseman who chipped in 17 points (seven goals, 10 assists) this season. "Every player on this team looked to him to carry the load as leader. He led both on and off the ice. Whenever he startee to talk, the locker room went silent. That's the kind of respect he commanded."

But four players is still just four players. A team that finishes with a 10-6-4 record obviously had a lot more going for it than just a handful of impact individual talents.

The reasons for hope begin with juniors Mike Devine and Mike Rasmussen, both of who joined the three captains as South Shore League all-stars.

Devine, a returning Mariner All-Scholastic skater, was the other lead defenseman (along with Anderson) in the blue line pairings. He and Anderson were out there for virtually all special team situations, and, Devine, also like Anderson, provided all-star caliber play at both ends of the ice. Devine finished fourth in the team in goal-scoring with 10 to go along with seven assists.

"At the beginning of the year, I'd see Mike starting looking to carry the puck end-to-end, and I'd be yelling for him to stay back," recalled Blake with a chuckle. "Then I saw how good he was at it, and how good a sense he had for when to do it, and I just said 'yeah, go for it when you get the chance.' He made a believer out of me pretty quick. He's just a good, extremely reliable defenseman."

One of Devine's most important responsibilities next year, according to Blake, will be to take the other two returning blue line starters, sophomores Joe Durkin and Tim Pilczak, under his wing, much the way Anderson did this past season.

"Joe and Tim both have ability and did a nice job this season, but we'll need Mike to sort of step in and show them some of the little things, and to help them out when they're on the ice together," said Blake.

So the Skippers return 80 percent of their primary defensive core intact, as freshman Stefan Parnell will also be back between the pipes. The ninth grade netminder was clearly the most pleasant surprise this season for the Skippers, if not the entire South Shore League. All he did in his first year of high school hockey was post a goals against average of 2.24 (47 goals against in 21 games.)

"And with a year under his belt, Stefan should be a lot more comfortable," asserted Blake. "He did a fantastic job this season. He saw a lot of rubber this year, a lot of good competition. That can only help him down the road."

Up front, Rasmussen was arguably the Skippers hottest forward down the stretch, finishing the season with 26 points (11 goals, 15 assists). He teamed well with sophomore Ted Straughn (7-11—18) and freshman Matt O'Connell (7-10—17) to provide the Skippers with a reliable second punch to compliment the top line knockout blows of Davis, Durkin and freshman Mark Bouchard.

These four forwards provide Blake with a solid frontline nucleus that should only get stronger. Straughn and Rasmussen are blessed with both size and natural ability around the net, while O'Connell and Bouchard lack only the size necessary for becoming big-time high school talents. Ditto for freshmen Brandon Smith and Ben Libby, both of whom saw regular varsity time.

"I told Matt and Mark and Ben that they probably needed to concentrate on getting a little stronger," said Blake. "Of course, you figure natural growth will take care of some of that, but they should still be looking to help themselves out a little by lifting weights or whatever. All three of them have good hands, good skills and are good skaters. All's they need is that extra size, so they're not getting bumped off the puck quite so easily."

Junior Mark Davis, sophomore Mark Donovan and freshman Mike Martone added forward depth this year, and Blake expresses hope that these players will likewise return bigger and better next winter.

If Cohasset had had enough players to field a JV team this season, several of these players would have likely remained down a level.

""That's what a JV program is for," asserted Blake. "Going from youth hockey to varsity hockey is like a quantum leap, but that's the situation we had."

Even worse, the coach added, was having a handful of promising players rarely get on the ice at all in game situations.

Reports are that upwards of a dozen hockey players may be in next year's freshman class, which would push the total school hockey roster over 30 and make it possible to field a JV team.

"That would be great, and it's what I'm really hoping for," said Blake. "You're better programs on the South Shore have those JV feeder systems. That's where players learn the system and gain some experience and confidence."

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Southern Rail

Appalachian Festival

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (ASP) will sponsor its third annual Appalachian Festival on Saturday, March 29 at First Parish Hall (23 No. Main St.) and Second Congregational Church (next to Cohasset Town Hall).

A unique blend of Appalachian traditions will be presented to help awaken people to the culture that all of the ASP volunteers have come to appreciate so much. The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with a family-style, sit-down dinner featuring Appalachian cuisine.

An Appalachian Mountain Marketplace will take place from 7:15 to 8 p.m.. Authentic Appalachian crafts will be for sale, chances can be purchased for an Appalachian Quilt. A slide show of ASP previous trips will also be shown.

Southern Rail, a local favorite Bluegrass/Gospel band, will cap off the evening with a concert at 8 p.m. There will be some foot stompin', hand clappin' entertainment as old and new fans of this local, award winning performance.

Tickets may be purchased at St. Anthony's, St. Stephen's, First Parish, and Second Congregational Churches. Dinner and Concert: adults-$20, children-$8, family maximum - $50. Concert only: adults-$12, children- $6. The Market Place is free and open to all.

Proceeds will benefit the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project's 16th annual trip. This year 120 teenage and 55 adult volunteers will travel to Virginia to do repairs and improvements on 25 homes.

Call (781) 383-0345 or visit our website at www.CohassetASP.org for more information about the project.

'Celebrate' at St. Stephen's

On Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m., the St. Stephen's Players will "take a sentimental journey" as they present "Celebrate," a journey through the music and times of the 20th century. Performing old favorites such as, "Take Me Out To the Ballgame," "Singing in the Rain," and "Sing, Sing, Sing," they will travel through the early years of the past century. Newer "old" favorites include "Rock Around the Clock," "Fun, Fun, Fun," "Celebrate, Good Times," and "I'll Be There For Your" will round out this journey.

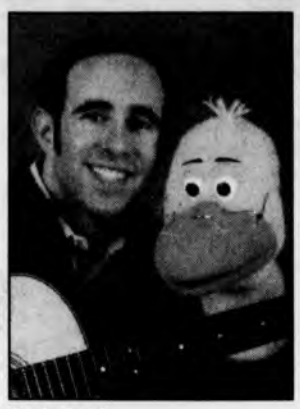
"Celebrate" will be performed March 30 in the Walton Rodgers Hall at St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering is welcome. For more information, call the church office at 781-383-1083.

Investments topic of lecture

Investment questions for just about anything can be answered on Friday, March 14, from noon to 1 p.m. at the South Shore Art Center. Listen to John Flanagan, an investment specialist with Edward Jones Inc., speak about investment concerns, such as saving for college and retirement. Learn some basic investment strategies. This informative presentation may help your financial planning. Free.

Experience the wonders of Florence, home of the Italian Renaissance, thorough a slideshow and discussion of paintings, architecture and sculpture produced during the 14th through 16th centuries. This armchair tour is presented by artist Heather Collins and coincides with the Florence and Beyond Exhibition at the South Shore Art Center. The slideshow is Friday, March 28 from noon to 1 p.m. All lunchtime speaker series programs are sponsored by the Cohasset Social Service League. No admission is charged.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK



Rick Goldin

Goldin featured on Family Night

Rick Goldin will be performing live at the Osgood Elementary School's Family Night on Friday, March 14 at 7 p.m. Goldin's lively, interactive and humorous children's songs have made him one of the most popular children's entertainers in New England. His performances feature singing and song-leading of original and familiar songs (with guitar accompaniment), movement activities, child-participation, and lots of silliness and fun for the whole family.

His programs are designed to entertain, educate and to introduce basic musical and learning concepts while building children's confidence, self-esteem, and social skills. Children love his performances because they get to sing, dance and jump along with Goldin and are offered for children of all ages (including older siblings too).

Goldin has been a performing song-writer and guitarist for 20 years. He now presents more than150 shows a year at schools, libraries, concerts, and all kinds of community and family events such as the WGBH-TV Ice Cream Festival, the Hatch Shell in Boston, WXKS-FM Family FunFest, First Night (Boston), The Museum of Science and many more!

Be sure to mark your calendars for this wonderful family event at the Osgood School Cafeteria. Dessert, entertainment and beverages will be provided for only $5 per person (not to exceed $25 for a family). One adult admission will be free, so bring the whole gang and gather with your friends for a truly entertaining evening. This event is open to the community and children of all ages are welcome to attend. All proceeds benefit the children at the Osgood Elementary School. If you have any questions, please contact Claudia McKeon at 781-383-6125.

Postprom party donations sought

Preparations are underway for Cohasset High School's sixth annual Postprom Party 2003. The party will follow the Senior Prom, scheduled for Friday evening, May 30. The Postprom Party 2003 will be held in the Cohasset Middle/High School. It's a magical night with a surprise-decorated theme and includes music, entertainment, food and prizes. This traditional event is a chance for seniors and their guests to celebrate together in a safe, alcohol and drug-free environment. It has traditionally been a success with the majority of the seniors and guests attending.

Support is needed because contributions are relied upon to fund a major portion of the expense.

Please make donations payable to Cohasset Postprom Party 2003 and mail to: Cohasset Postprom Party 2003, 27 Forest Ave. Cohasset, MA 02025.

SCHOOL MENU

Lunch Menu

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or egg salad sub; veggie sticks, Jello, choice of milk.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Breakfast for lunch: pancakes with maple syrup, ham potato puffs, raisins, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Roast turkey sandwich; or bologna sandwich; mashed potato, green beans, fruit, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Pasta with meat sauce and breadstick; or chicken salad pocket; garden salad, sliced apples, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato, rice and cheese; or ham & cheese sub; pears, choice of milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or fish fillet on a bun; carrots, fruit, choice of milk.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Cheeseburger on a bun; or turkey pocket; oven fries, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Chicken nuggets; or tuna salad sub; rice, corn, peaches, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Macaroni & cheese, dinner roll; or chicken salad sandwich; garden salad, fruit, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, MRCH 27

Bagel with soup of the day; or bologna & cheese sub; veggie sticks, pudding, choice of milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or Greek salad with pita bread; sweet peas, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

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OBITUARIES

Mary E. Rosano

Mary E. (Curran) Rosano, age 80, of Scituate and formerly of Cohasset died March 4, 2003 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth following a lengthy illness.

Born and raised in Scituate, she was the daughter of the late Charles P. and Delia (Darcy) Curran. She was a graduate of Scituate High School.

She married and lived in Cohasset for 58 years and for the past five years was a Scituate resident.

A homemaker by profession, Mrs. Rosano also worked as an assistant dietician at Scituate High School.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 118 of Cohasset.

Wife of the late James "Midge" Rosano, she leaves her daughter, Ann D. Rosano of Scituate and formerly of Cohasset; and her sister, Ann Froberger of Scituate. She was the mother of the late James "Rozo" Rosano and the sister of the late Barbara Shaw.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 8 at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Mrs. Rosano's memory to St. Anthony Building Fund, 129 Main St., Cohasset 02025.

Frances Elizabeth Ricketts

Frances Elizabeth (Clapp) Ricketts, 80, of Cohasset, a retired school lunch supervisor, died March 4, 2003 at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth.

She worked for 20 years in lunchrooms at the Deer Hill Elementary and Cohasset High Schools. She retired in 1990.

Mrs. Rickets was a past president of the Sisters of Pythias of Belmont and a 50-year member of the Second Congregational Church, Cohasset.

Born in Chelmsford, she had lived in Cohasset for the past 50 years.

Wife of the late Edwin "Carl" Ricketts, she leaves her six sons, Edwin Bruce Ricketts of Somerville, John F. of California, Donald C. of Florida, Eric of Kingston, Guy of Abington and Gordon of Scituate; her daughter, Beverly Morrison of Florida; her 23 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Donations may be made in her memory to Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St., Cohasset 02025.

WORSHIP NOTES

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The Second Congregational Church located at 43 Highland Ave. offers a quieter, more liturgical style of worship with communion at 8 a.m. on Sundays in the chapel. Traditional service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. For further information call 781) 383 - 0345 or visit us on line: www.secondcongregationalchurch.com.

Purim Carnival

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom will hold its annual Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 1112 Main St. in Hingham. Purim is a holiday of fun food and festivity for everyone, a time of prizes, noisemakers, costumes and treats. It is a celebration of the survival of the Jewish people. The event will feature games and activities for children from preschool age through grade 6 and a wide range of prizes. Lunch and baked goods will also be available. All are welcome to experience the festivities of the Jewish holiday of Purim.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 1

3:27 p.m. Tad Lane, medical aid.

4:09 p.m. Ripley Road, general disturbance.

4:23 p.m. King St., assist citizen.

5:49 p.m. Summer St. and Spring St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:50 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:47 p.m. Barker Road, assist other agency.

10:08 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

11:29 p.m. King St., general disturbance.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

2:41 a.m. All over town, general services.

2:49 a.m. North Main St., suspicious person(s)/activity, auto.

4:11 a.m. King St., larceny.

9:44 a.m. Sankey Road, animal call or complaint.

11:04 a.m. King St., larceny.

11:44 a.m. Rocky Lane and North Main St., traffic complaint.

4:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, transported to hospital.

4:26 p.m. Nichols Road, general services.

4:52 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

10:53 p.m. Sohier St., fire, investigation.

11:15 p.m. Throughout town, general services.

11:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

11:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist motorist.

MONDAY, MARCH 3

4:46 a.m. King St., medical aid, canceled before arrival.

7:31 a.m. Pond St., traffic control.

1:16 p.m. North Main St., well-being check.

2:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:16 p.m. Cedar Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:46 p.m. Beechwood St. and Wheelwright Farm, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:17 p.m. Doane St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:58 p.m. Gammons Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10 p.m. King St., general disturbance; 60-year-old Marshfield male taken into protective custody.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

12:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

1:41 a.m. Hammond Ave., general services.

4:33 a.m. Locust Road, assist citizen.

8:22 a.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, fire, investigation.

8:47 a.m. Hill St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:48 p.m. Gammons Road, request for police officer/s.

9:21 a.m. Elm St., well-being check.

9:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

1:01 p.m. Elm St., fire, entry into police log.

4:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:02 p.m. Parker Ave., fire, investigation.

5:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:39 p.m. South Main St., fire, investigation.

10:39 p.m. Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

2:14 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Hull St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

5:51 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9.11 a.m. Surry Drive, assist citizen.

9:35 a.m. Clay Spring Road, parking complaint.

10:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property, found.

10:56 a.m. Pond St., fire, entry into police log.

11:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

11:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic safety inspection, area search negative.

12:59 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

3:19 p.m. Pond St., fire, police log entry.

4 p.m. Church St., assist motorist.

5:15 p.m. Doane St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:49 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation.

9:21 p.m. Cushing Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

12:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.

6:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:37 a.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

8:32 a.m. King St., medical aid.

8:37 a.m. Oak St., annoying/harassing phone calls.

9:09 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle accident.

9:14 a.m. James Lane, annoying/harassing phone calls.

11:54 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle accident, parking ticket issued.

12:16 a.m. Forest Ave. and Black Rock Road, motor vehicle accident, unfounded.

12:27 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle accident, investigated.

12:56 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

12:58 p.m. Pleasant St., request for police officer/s.

1:28 p.m. North Main St. and Green St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:30 p.m. Forest Ave., request for police officer/s.

2:36 p.m. Elm St., fire, miscellaneous.

5:51 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, patient sign-off.

6:19 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle accident, good-intent call.

6:50 p.m. Jerusalem Lane, traffic/motor vehicle complaint, ticket issued.

7:05 p.m. Rust Way, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:25 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

10:22 p.m. Beach St., parking complaint, services rendered.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

11:10 a.m. Atlantic Ave., fire, investigation.

11:55 a.m. Lily Pond Lane, animal call or complaint.

1:56 p.m. Spring St., house checks.

3:07 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

4:30 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.

4:31 p.m. Jerusalem Road Drive, annoying/harassing phone calls.

4:36 p.m. Beach St., general services.

5:02 p.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

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Rocky Horror characters Brad and Janet played by Christopher Landis and Sara Spillane are surrounded by the colorful cast. The Company Theatre production is on stage March 14-April 6.

'Horror' on stage

Just take a jump to the left and a step to the right and you'll find yourself at The Company Theatre in Norwell, where The Rocky Horror Show — the live stage version of the cult film that has thrilled midnight audiences for years, makes its South Shore debut this week. The production will open March 14 with performances through April 6.

Columbia (Karen Cavallo), Phantom 5 (Christopher Smith), and Magenta (Jennifer Kenneally) join together in song.

Under the direction of Zoe Bradford and Jordie Saucerman, with musical direction by Michael Joseph, the talented cast of The Rocky Horror Show will take the stage with outrageous costumes and make-up as they bring to life all your favorite characters — Janet, Brad, Riff Raff, Columbia, Magenta, Rocky, Eddie, and ... of course, Frank N Furter. Together they will belt out such memorable songs as "Dammit Janet," "Science Fiction Double Feature," "Over At The Frankenstein Place," "Sweet Transvestite," and "The

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Janet and Brad look for refuge from the storm.

The cult film and the stage production both feature wild costumes and an even wilder story line.

A prescription for healthy eating

Local doc dishes out cooking tips

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

Think you might be putting a little too much butter in your Bouillabaisse or too much oil in your onion fritters? Want to know how to cook more healthy, balanced meals?

If so the doctor is in

Dr. Sarah Sciascia, a board-certified physician affiliated with South Shore Hospital, will lead "Cooking with a Doctor," a six-week evening program featuring hands-on demonstrations of how to prepare healthy meals.

"I think people are pleasantly surprised at how painless it is to cook this way. It's all about a balanced diet. Not all vegetables, not carb free. Just a program for healthy living."
Dr. Sarah Sciascia

"The class is intended to teach healthy habits that will last a lifetime," said Sciascia, who will kick off the program starting this Thursday March 13 at 7 p.m. at The Life Care Center of the South Shore in Scituate.

Sciascia said she has always had an interest in nutrition. A family physician practicing at Norwell Family Medicine, Sciascia said too many people think healthy cooking is difficult or expensive.

"I will be using inexpensive, common ingredients from the local grocery store and making meals in 30 minutes or less from start to finish. These will be easy, uncomplicated dishes, nothing exotic. There's no $10 jars of spices you use once and put back in the cabinet," she said.

The food will be prepared in front of the class, a la' Emeril, and class participants can ask questions as they go along. Afterward, they will be able to taste the results.

And while the class endeavors to teach healthy food preparation, Sciascia said it's not a diet program.

"There are no radical changes to how the food is cooked and it's not completely fat free. I use butter, I use half and half," she said. Sciascia said the classes are not about weight loss, strictly speaking.

"It's not about dieting. Crash dieting doesn't work. The crux of the matter is to eat healthy balanced meals and stick with it," she said.

Sciascia said the acid test for her is when participants tell her they have used some of the recipes for company.

"I think people are pleasantly surprised at how painless it is to cook this way," she said.

The key to eating healthy is moderation, according to Sciascia.

"It's all about a balanced diet. Not all vegetables, not carb free. Just a program for healthy living," said Sciascia..

The class will cover meals and foods participants are most interested in, whether it be breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Sciascia said there has been a lot of interest in the class and she is already planning a later spring session.

"I think there's a lot of people who want to make friends with common interests and learn new healthy habits at the same time," she said.

Classes begin Thursday, March 13, and will continue for five more Thursday evenings. Classes begin at 7 p.m. and run from 60 to 90 minutes. Cost is $40 for the six-seek session and can be pro-rated if a class is missed. The Life Care Center of the South Shore is located at 309 Driftway, Scituate. Call 781-659-1800 to register or

Kingston Trio

Folk legends in the 'hall

Plymouth welcomes Kingston Trio and Tom Paxton

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Folksinger Tom Paxton has been making music for more than four decades. And even before him, came the Kingston Trio, who led the commercial end of the folk-music scene revival in the late 1950s/early 60s and sparked young listeners such as Paxton to make their entree into the scene as well.

Both Paxton and the Kingston Trio have toured together in package double-bills occasionally since the late 70s and the two acts will be united once again (the Trio in its current lineup of lone original member Bob Shane, plus singers/instrumentalists George Grove and Bob Halworth) when they appear in concert at Plymouth Memorial Hall Saturday (March 15) at 7:30 p.m.

Folksinger Tom Paxton

For Paxton, 65, the current spate of shows with the Trio is an always welcome chance to share the stage with a player whom he and many others saw as a musical and even mentor in folk's [illegible] heyday.

"I still remember hearing 'Tom Dooley' on the radio for the first time," said Paxton. "It was sometime in '57, and the song would become the Kingston Trio's first major hit, and I thought it was wonderful, there was simply nothing else like it on the radio at the time. Then I saw the Trio live at the University of Oklahoma where I was going to school the next year, and thought the show was just incredible. A lot of people might forget today but the Trio was almost like the Beatles back in those days. They were the biggest act on Capitol Records during the era, and were responsible for about half the income for the label."

Throughout his career, Paxton has

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Living

Pan-fried fish fillets

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Fried fish fillets run the gamut from pedestrian to horrible, the coating gummy and tasteless and the fish bland and overcooked. Yet this simple dish cooks in just minutes, takes little preparation, and, when made properly, produces juicy, tender fish encased in a crisp, flavorful coating. What's not to like?

First, the fish. I tested a variety of fillets and found that only the thinnest will do for this recipe. (Thicker fillets such as cod turn out overcooked on the outside and undercooked on the inside.) The best choice turned out to be sole with flounder a distant runner-up. Flounder fillets are a bit too small (about 2 ounces) for this recipe. Sole fillets run 4 to 6 ounces.

The coating consists of three parts: a liquid such as milk or egg, breadcrumbs, and flavorings. I tested egg whites, whole egg, milk, and buttermilk. (The fillets are dipped in the liquid, coated with breadcrumbs, and then pan-fried.) The egg white version was crisp and clean, the milk was good but not quite as clean tasting, the whole egg was too rich, and the buttermilk added a tang that was unwelcome. I also determined that seasoning the fillets directly was preferable to letting the coating do all of the work.

For the breadcrumbs, I tried a flour/cornmeal coating, fresh breadcrumbs, and dry breadcrumbs all of which were fried in an olive oil/ butter combination. The flour/cornmeal was gummy and the least flavorful, the fresh breadcrumbs tasted like a bad church supper stuffing, and the dry breadcrumbs were the crunchiest. adhered well, browned nicely and contributed just the right amount of buttery breadcrumb flavor. Next, I tasted flavor additions to the breadcrumbs. I liked the addition of chopped parsley and/or chives since their flavor complements the breaded fillets. For 1 1/2 cups breadcrumbs (enough for eight fillets) I used 4 tablespoons of chopped fresh herbs. I tried dried thyme but it was overpowering so stick with fresh parsley or chives. Next, I experimented with Parmesan cheese but it simply interfered with the flavor of the fish. Lemon zest was an interesting addition but I quickly found that I needed a lot of zest to get any lemon flavor. When I added enough zest, it then turned bitter so I simply squeezed fresh lemon juice over the fillets after cooking.

Finally, I wanted to confirm the cooking technique. A combination of butter and oil was my first choice but I also tested peanut oil (too much flavor) and canola oil (flavorless and not crispy). Using the butter/olive oil combination and a 12-inch skillet, I found that 8 fillets could be cooked in three batches, 60 to 90 seconds per side. I found that I needed to add an additional tablespoon each of butter and olive oil by the third batch. For best results the heat should be medium-high. If the fish cooks at low heat the fillets become oily and soggy. At high heat the butter burns. These quick-fried fillets are great served with a salad, bread, and glass of wine.

PAN FRIED FISH FILLETS

Note that you should use store-bought dried breadcrumbs, not fresh breadcrumbs. Also, be sure to purchase unflavored crumbs since many brands also include herbs and seasonings.

1 1/2 cups dry, unflavored, store-bought breadcrumbs
1 teaspoon salt plus additional salt for seasoning the fish fillets
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper plus additional for seasoning the fish fillets
4 tablespoons flat parsley or chives or a combination of both, chopped fine
2 egg whites
8 very thin fish fillets such as sole, about 4 to 6 ounces each
3 tablespoons olive oil
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
Lemon wedges for serving

1. In a shallow bowl or pie plate add the breadcrumbs, salt, pepper, and chopped parsley/chives. Stir with a fork to combine well. Whisk the egg whites in another shallow bowl or pie plate until slightly foamy. Season the fish fillets lightly with salt and pepper. Line a baking sheet with waxed paper.

2. Heat a heavy-duty 12-inch skillet over medium high heat. One at a time dip the fish fillets first into the egg whites and then the breadcrumb mixture. For best results flip the fish a couple of times in the crumbs pressing down to adhere the coating. Set aside in a single layer on the prepared baking sheet.

3. Place two tablespoons each of olive oil and butter in the skillet. Swirl to coat the bottom of the pan. The butter will melt and foam very quickly at this point. Once the butter has stopped foaming place 3 fillets (or as many as you can fit in a single layer), in the skillet. Cook for 60 to 90 seconds or until dark golden brown. With a large spatula turn the fillets and cook on the other side until dark golden brown. Remove and place on a warm platter. Repeat with the rest of the fillets adding the additional tablespoon olive oil and butter before cooking the third batch of fillets. Serve immediately.

Serves four to six.

Folk legends in the 'hall

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written and or sung his share of topical songs, outspokenly addressing the political and social issues of the day, along with the assorted love songs, reflective odes and traditional-style ballads that typically cover the folk realm. For most of those 40 years, a good topical song for Paxton is seldom more than the latest headlines away.

This is especially true in the last decade or so, since Paxton introduced what he calls his Short Shelf Life Songs into his onstage repertoire. These songs are generally short, one-or-two-verse, pointed little ditties weighing in on some current, headline-grabbing issue and worked into the singer's live sets while the issues are still relevant.

These songs have had even wider exposure since Paxton launched his Web site at www.tompaxton.com, which contains a special page for SSLS free MP3 downloads. Current features on this page include "John Ashcroft and The Spirit of Justice,'" which humorously comments on our current Attorney General and his motion to cover up the bare marble breast on the Spirit of Justice statue in the Justice Department, and "In Florida," which gleefully sends up the 2000 election Florida vote-count debacle. The singer recalled that a few years ago he had a SSLS about the Bobbitts (John Wayne and Lorena) that "was a great ice-breaker with audiences."

"Too much of the media tends to think of folksingers as a sort of bleeding-heart, tree-hugging, Granola-eating, mournful aging hippie lot."

Folksinger Tom Paxton

Paxton has never been one to hesitate about speaking his mind. At a rare and memorable 1987 performance at the Beal House in Kingston — home of the South Shore Folk Music Club — the singer opened his set with the commentary, "What I really like about playing at this club is that somehow, the media just doesn't seem to know about this place. And I sure hope the media doesn't come in and destroy the folk scene like they did the last time around."

So how does Paxton feel about the folk scene and the media these days?

"I have no fears about where the folk scene is going, it still seems pretty healthy. I hope more and more of media see this music as still alive and valid and fun. I would suggest to the media that folk music is much more broad in its application that they sometimes make it out to be. Too much of the media tends to think of folksingers as a sort of bleeding-heart, tree-hugging, Granola-eating, mournful aging hippie lot. And that's just not an accurate picture of the folksingers I know, most of whom are very entertaining, with funny songs and positive attitudes, just all-around good entertainers," Paxton said.

Paxton added that his Plymouth set will include the vintage 60s songs that people expect, such as "Can't Help But Wonder Where I'm Bound," "The Last Thing On My Mind," "Ramblin' Boy" and others, "because I owe them that," he said. But the singer also promised he'd mix in a few numbers from his latest CD, 2002's *Looking For the Moon*, a fine roots-folk disc on the Appleseed Recordings label.

Tom Paxton and The Kingston Trio will perform Saturday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth's Memorial Hall. Tickets are available at Ticketweb.com by telephone to Ticketweb at 866-468-7619, at Loretta LaRoche & Company, 50 Court Street (Route 3A) Plymouth, or at the hall on the night of the performance.

Late winter pruning of trees and shrubs

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

The month of March is a time of considerable anticipation, excitement, and often frustration for New England gardeners. Mother Nature usually offers a roller coaster ride of weather highs and lows. Hints of spring alternate with chilly blasts and snowy interludes, reminders of a winter season reluctant to release its grip. Just as our icy snow cover finally seemed to be dwindling away, another foot-deep layer of fluffy flakes coated our landscapes. Days later, seasonable temperatures and mild breezes erased nearly all remnants of this wintry offering. During this transitional month, signs of springtime will surely appear as multicolored crocuses push their way up through the crusty earth beckoned forth by the sun's warming rays and the spirited melodies of courting birds.

As the snow slowly melts revealing patches of bare earth, there is an irresistible urge to venture forth into the yard in search of spring. The gradual rebirth of our landscapes rekindles the spirit and awakens our creative energies. While the lingering snow cover may limit our spring cleanup, this is an ideal time to begin pruning many dormant trees and shrubs.

Pruning is the selective removal of specific plant parts for a purpose. Nearly all woody plants benefit from a routine pruning to train and revitalize their growth or to retrain those that have become overgrown to keep them in scale with their surroundings. Regular pruning improves the health of most plants by promoting air circulation and allowing light to reach the interior of an otherwise densely branched tree or shrub. Creative pruning may also enhance the beauty of many plants and may be expanded to produce artistic forms as in the case of topiary or hedges.

The timing of pruning will determine a plant's response to the process. Plants produce food reserves at season's end to help them survive the winter months and to initiate growth in spring. Reducing the number of branches and buds in late winter leaves more energy for the remaining shoots and promotes especially vigorous growth in spring. One drawback to pruning early bloomers at this time of year is the removal of some of this season's flowers that were set the previous year on what is termed "old wood", but the ultimate rewards are worth a few less blossoms. It is considerably easier to view the architecture of these deciduous woody plants while they are still dormant and to observe damaged, diseased, or crossed branches. Bring the pruned branches of early-flowering shrubs indoors to force into early bloom. If you do not wish to sacrifice those lovely blossoms, prune spring bloomers immediately after they finish flowering.

Many suckering, overgrown shrubs will benefit from a process known as renewal pruning. Forsythia, lilac, quince, Spiraea, Potentilla, Virburnum, and Weigela, are just a few of the shrubs that tend to become dense and overcrowded over time with diminishing flower production. These shrubs will look their best given an annual pruning, including lopping the oldest stems to within 1 foot of the ground. If approximately one-third of the stems is removed each year, an overgrown specimen can be completely rejuvenated over a three-year period without sacrificing the majority of flowers. Prune during late winter or immediately after flowering.

Some ornamental shrubs, especially those grown for their foliage or their colorful twigs, will produce better color and larger leaves on new growth. Red- and yellow-twigged dogwoods and purple smokebush should be drastically pruned as their leaf buds swell and may even be cut down to the ground to promote vigorous new brightly colored stems or leaves. Another candidate for this type of severe spring pruning is the snowball hydrangea, 'Annabelle', which will produce spectacular, massive, white spherical trusses beginning in July when pruned to the ground.

Trees and shrubs that flower in late June or after tend to bloom on "new wood". Late winter pruning will not reduce flowering and should stimulate vigorous new growth and greater flower production for butterfly bush (Buddleia spp.), sweet pepperbush (Clethra), Rose of Sharon (Hibiscus syriacus), blue-mist shrub (Caryopteris) and Peegee Hydrangea. Butterfly bushes, in particular, can grow to be sizeable shrubs that may become overly dense, leggy and unattractive if allowed to grow unrestrained. Cut back these vigorous shrubs to 12 to 18 inches tall or even to the ground this month. This ruthless pruning will promote glorious quantities of fragrant blooms later in the summer.

Perhaps the shrubs that generate the greatest number of inquiries about pruning and flower production are the blue and pink hydrangeas (Hydrangea macrophylla). Although these deciduous shrubs produce their spectacular blossoms later in the season, their flower buds are formed on old wood at or near the end of the branches. Substantial fall or spring pruning of the stems will eliminate a majority of the flowers. Hydrangeas require protected locations in our area to avoid desiccation of their buds during the winter months, which is often the primary cause for sporadic bloom. Moisture retentive soils are also critical for bud formation. Thin out stems of older shrubs to allow light and air to reach the interior of the plant and remove dead tips or branches as the plant begins to develop its leaves.

Regular pruning will improve the overall appearance of nearly all woody plants. Few trees and shrubs grow with perfect shapes and even when selected appropriately for their allotted space, most benefit from an occasional trim to look their best.

'Horror' on stage

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Time Warp." The cast includes John King as Frank N Furter, Sara Spillane as Janet, Christopher Landis as Brad, Christian Potts as Rocky, Jennifer Kenneally as Magenta, and Karen Cavallo as Columbia..

The Rocky Horror Show has always been known for its audience participation and the Company Theatre production will remain true to form. Those who attend the show will be able to purchase goodie-bags in the lobby, filled with items to "enhance" the experience.

Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit them online at www.companytheatre.com.

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tick, tick...BOOM! a musical by Jonathan Larson, comes to the Wilbur Theatre May 27 to June 8, starring Boston's own Joey McIntyre. Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster or directly at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston St. Boston.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER announces a show of artwork utilizing digital technology to be held at the art center April 18 to May 25. The "TechArt" show is open to all artists and will be juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. Artists are invited to submit slides of their work that utilizes digital technology as a major creative component in the production of the work. Examples of eligible works may include original digital; photographs, prints, sculpture, assemblages, collages and other work created using components manipulated by or generated from the computer, video animation sound and computer and internet-based works. Each may submit up to three works. All entries must be received by March 10. For information call 781-383-2787.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

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The South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the work of Easton artist Irma Cerese through the end of April. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to Noon. The South Shore Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.

Thurs. 13

Curtain Call Theatre, Braintree announces the production of **One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest** on March 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, and 22. All shows are at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 each, call 781-3546-5113. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

Miracle East, 497 Bedford St. Route 18, Abington, presents **Mark Riley. Host: Jonesy**. Other comics - **Annette Pollack, Malissa Hunt, Eric Cannon and Joe Huang.** Admission $10. For information call 781-878-8012

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline**. Show starts at 8 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Fri. 14

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center will present four performances of the Tony award winning play **"The Miracle Worker"** at Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. Performances are March 14, at 7 p.m. March 15, at 2 and 7 p.m. and March 16, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for general admission. $8 for senior citizens and students, and $5 for Dreamchasers students. Tickets go on sale 30 minutes prior to the performance. For more information call 508-224-4548.

The Company Theatre in Norwell will be presenting their stage production of the cult classic **"Rocky Horror Show,"** live on stage from March 14 to April 6. Tickets on sale at the box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will present Arthur Millers **The Crucible** at the Cohasset Town Hall. Performances are March 14 and 15, at 7:30 p.m. and March 16, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304.

The North River Theatre, Inc., will present its fall production of the Norm Foster comedy, **The Foursome**, for four performances, March 14, 15 at the theatre, 513 River St., Norwell. All performances start promptly at 8 p.m. with cabaret seating and cash bar. Tickets are $14. For more information and ticket reservations, call 781-826-4878.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center presents the musical **Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center** presents the musical **Wizard of Oz** on March 14, 15, 20, and 22, at 7 p.m. and March 16, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission $10 adult, $5 child. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

The Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy presents **"The Amorous Ambassador"** on March 14-16, March 22-23, and March 28-30. Friday and Saturday dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday dinner at 2 p.m. show at 3:30 p.m. Tickets $32.50-$37.50 for dinner and show; $15-$17.50 for show only. For reservations or information call 781-383-5862. Wheelchair accessible.

The South Shore Charter School's classical Guitar Project will be hosting internationally acclaimed classical guitarist **Lily Afshar. Afshar** will be conducting a masterclass for students form the school on March 14, from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m., The masterclass is free and open to the public. For more information call 781-925-2225 x314.

Ms. Afshar will perform on March 15, at 8 p.m. at the Hull Village home, former St. Mary of the Bay Catholic Church, of Beverly and Kevin Gaughen located at 110 Highland Ave. in Hull. General admission $100 and includes a catered reception before the performance and intermission. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Gene Stein at 781-925-2225 x314

Russia's Eifman Ballet returns to Boston with Who's Who playing March 14, through March 16, at the Wang Theatre. For more information call 1-800-477-7400 or visit www.wangcenter.org

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance March 14, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, will feature **"Finnegan's Wake"** on March 14. An interactive, Celtic comedy. The beloved Tim Finnegan has passed away and the grieving widow invites you to a real Irish wake with plenty of food, drink and laughter. Filled with tender ballads, rowdy reels and hilarious eulogies. Dinner buffet and show $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call 508-746-7100 for reservations and information.

The Original Three Irish Tenors join by Jaqueline Whelan, one of Ireland's leading sopranos, in concert at Memorial Hall, Plymouth, 83 Court St., Plymouth, at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com or 866-468-7619, or in person at 50 Court St., Plymouth. The hall is handicap accessible.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Situation unplugged**. Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

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Patricia Brady, performs her acclaimed musical program, Ireland on Parade, at the Fuller Museum of Art in Brockton on March 16, with two shows scheduled at 12:30 and 3 p.m. The museum is located at 455 Oak Street, Brockton. For ticket information call 508-588-6000 x 100. Tickets are $15 for general admission/$10 museum members

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NOISE'S EFFECT ON LEARNING

A new study involving German school children shows that noise can have as much of a deleterious effect upon learning as it does on hearing. According to the German study, after Munich moved its airport in 1992, scores on reading and memory tests went up near the old airport and down near the new one. The students were tested before the move and one and two years later, along with two control groups of students who had similar characteristics but did not live in noisy settings. The researchers found improvement among students near the old airport in tests of reading skills and short-term and long-term memory. Near the new airport students' reading and long-term memory performance declined.

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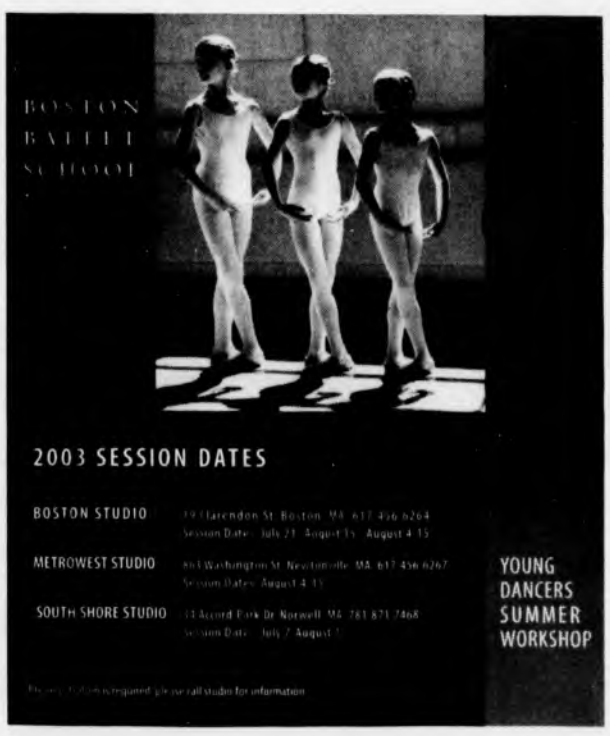

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Friends Fighting Breast Cancer Sixth Annual Gala Dinner Dance at Boston Copley Marriott Hotel, 110 Huntington Ave., Boston, 6:30 p.m. to midnight. $75 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, sit-down dinner and dancing to the B Street Bombers Band, silent auction, raffle, violin duet. Proceeds benefit breast cancer research at The Mass General Hospital's Center for Cancer Risk Analysis in memory of co-founder Janet Connolly O'Neill.

Walk'n Mass Volkssport Club's Winter Soup Walk in Sharon – March 15. Bring your favorite cup and soup, bread and dessert will be provided. A 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) and five kilometer (3.1 miles) routes available. Both routes rated suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. Call 508-668-2340 for more information.

The Weymouth Art Association will meet on March 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. **Bob Aiello** will present a demonstration in oils Open to the public. Free. Call 781-337-1402 for information.

Aoife Clancy returns for her third appearance at the Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the Square. in Hingham, on March 15, at 8 p.m. The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Church's fully accessible Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham Square. Events begin with an open mike, allowing singers, dancers, poets, mimes, jugglers, storytellers to be seen and heard by our attentive audience. Tickets are $10 at the door. Proceeds benefit programs of the Unitarian/Universalist Service Committee. For more information, contact: Jim Watson, 781-749-1767.

The Kingston Trio will perform at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on March 15, at 7:30 p.m. The show will also feature special guest **Tom Paxton.** Tickets are $34 and $29 and may be purchased by logging on to www.ticketweb.com or calling 866-468-7619 or at the Memorial Hall box-office, located at 50 Court Street in Plymouth. For more information you can log on to www.plymouthmemorialhall.com

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, will feature **Irish Comedy** on March 15. Laugh, sing and have a great time with Boston's best Irish comedian, **Paul O'Donnell.** Dinner buffet and show $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call 508-746-7100 for reservations and information.

The Bay Players will perform four March performances of Philip King's side-splitting British farce **"See How They Run,"** which will be presented in the new theatre at the Kingston Intermediate School Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on March 14, and 15. Tickets $16, with a $2 discount for students and seniors, and may be purchased at the door. Also available at Westwinds Bookstore in Duxbury. For more information visit www.bayplayers.org or call 800-290-6825.

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Cambridge Society for Early Music, "Chamber Music By Candlelight Series presenting the Renaissance choir and viol consort "Capella Alamire" performing Pierrequin de Therache's Missa Coment peult avoir Joye on March 16, at 4 p.m. at the First Parish Church, Tremont St., Route 3A, in Duxbury. Tickets $25 general admission; $20 for students and seniors at the door or by mail to CSEM, P.O. Box 336, Cambridge, MA 02238-0336; or call 617-489-2062.

St. Patrick's Day Party at **St. Paul School**, Hingham, on March 15, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 per person. For ticket information, call Susan Sullivan at 740-4464.

Eighth Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction to benefit Cardinal Cushing Centers will be held March 15, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Lombardo's, Randolph. Traditional corned beef and cabbage or stuffed chicken dinner will be served. Silent and live auctions, raffles and dancing. Tickets $30 each/$300 table of 10. Call Abington Savings Band at 781-682-6761 for tickets.

16th Annual Hingham Antiques Show and Sale will be held on March 15, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Hingham Middle School, Rte 228. Adults $5. Sponsored by Hingham South Elementary PTO. Goosefare Antiques and Promotions 800-641-6908.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Good Friends.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Sun. 16

College Funding Advisors, Inc. will present a one-afternoon workshop **"Maximize your Financial Aid and Lower the Cost of College"** on March 16, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Scituate Public Library, 85 Branch St. Scituate. Strategies that can lower the cost of college and maximize your eligibility for financial aid will be discussed. CFA, Inc. is a non-profit organization. Call 781-275-4243 to pre-register. Free.

Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield Sunday concert series: March 16, Irish Music **Eammon Sheehan and friends** return for foot stompin fun. For more information, call 781-834-5535.

Jane Struss mezzo-soprano in concert Schubert's Winterreise (Winter's Journey), Brian Moll, piano, to benefit the **Fine Arts Choral** on March 16, at 4 p.m. at the Duxbury Council on Aging Senior Center, 10 Mayflower St. Duxbury. Light refreshments following the performance. Tickets $20 adults/$15 seniors/students available at Duxbury Senior Center, The Studio, Westwinds Book Shop or call 1-800-230-7555 or visit www.FineArtsChoral.org

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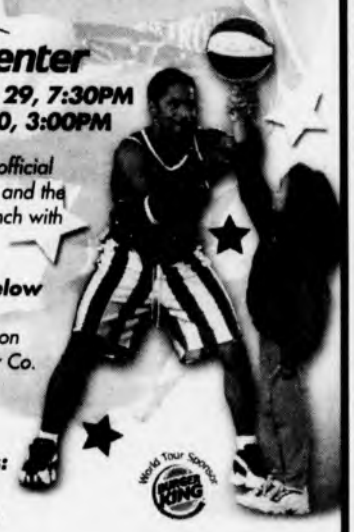

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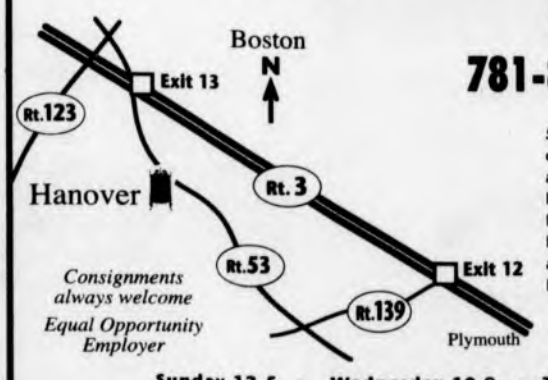

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Temple Beth Sholom's Purim Carnival will be held March 16, from noon to 3 p.m. at Boyer Auditorium, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Enjoy a moonwalk, games, face painting, prizes, popcorn and lemonade. Free admission. Call 781-925-0091 for more information.

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Mon. 17

John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation presents **Kennedy Library Forums** March 17, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. **Eleanor Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy. Allida Black,** editor of the "Eleanor Roosevelt Papers," will lead a discussion on these two towering figures of the 20th century and their positions on politics, international affairs, and human rights. All forums are free and open to the public. Call 617-514-1643 for reservations. For more information visit www.jfklibrary.org

The North River Arts Society presents **Simple Pleasures** - an exhibit of original oil paintings by **Susan F. Lynch Raffa** at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. This show runs through March 29, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Humarock Beach, will host a **St. Paddy's party** with live music by the **Irish Painter's Band** from 5 to 9 p.m. Admission $5. Irish dinner optional. Call 781-834-6505 for reservations.

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Tues. 18

The South Shore Caregiving Collaborative invites family caregivers to attend "Let's Get Together, Family Relationships in Caregiving," a community forum to be held on March 18, at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 316 South Franklin St., Holbrook. Kate Granigan LICSW will be the guest speaker followed by Caregiver's Speak Out, an opportunity for caregivers to share their stories and offer support. a free light lunch will be served. For reservations call 781-848-3910 x335 or 439.

The Wang Theatre presents **"Cinderella"** for eight performances only, March 18-23. Tickets on sale now at The Wang Theatre Box office or through Tele-Charge 1-800-447-7400 or online at www.wangcenter.org Discounted tickets available for groups of 20 or more by calling 617-350-6000.

The Boston Men's Baseball League is accepting registrations for the 2003 season across three age divisions: 18+, 30+ and 40+. To register or with questions, visit www.bostonbaseball.com. If you do not have internet access, you may call 508-358-4550.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

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Stan McDonald's Blue Horizon Jazz Band will perform March 18, in the new jazz series at the **Bridgwaye Inn**, Marshfield.

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Wed. 19

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. will sponsor an informational meeting for those faced with health care and medical decisions for elderly parents or spouses on March 19, at 7:30 p.m. . A representative from Senior Health Services will explain care management services as an expanding option in dealing with the disease. Free and open to the public. Call 781-749-2426 for information. Complimentary respite care during the meeting for your patient may be arranged by calling Gervaise Haley at Harbor House, 781-749-4774 x843.

The Thayer Library's "Meet the Author" series continues on March 19, at 7:30 p.m. with Joe D. Buckley, author of "Wings Over Cape Cod: The Chatham Naval Air Station, 1917-1922". Signed copies available. The lecture will include a slide presentation on the history of the Air Station and early aviation photographs. Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium is located at 798 Washington St., Braintree. Free and open to the public. Call 781-848-0405x4420 for information.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening lectures ending March 26. On March 19, at 7 p.m. at the Mass Audubon South Shore **Discovering the Wreck of the Steamship Portland in the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary**. John J. Galluzzo, will share the details of the 20-year search conducted by the American Underwater Search and Survey team that led to the discovery by Sanctuary researchers using underwater technology. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

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Performances are March 14, at 7 p.m. March 15, at 2 and 7 p.m. and March 16, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for general admission. $8 for senior citizens and students, and $5 for Dreamchasers students. Tickets go on sale 30 minutes prior to the performance. For more information call 508-224-4545

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

Thurs. 20

The Hanover Parent Advisory Council invites all parents and teachers to attend: **"Identifying Signs of Depression in Children & Adolescents,"** presented by: Alan Jacobson, Psy. D., March 20, Hanover High School Auditorium - 7 p.m. For further information, call Mary 829-9130, Karen 826-0137 or Marybeth 878-3037.

The Nathan Gallery, located on the second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanover, presents "Full Circle" featuring artwork by the faculty and students from the **Hanover Public School Art Department** (K-12) now through April 14. **Gallery reception** March 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-826-6500.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on March 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. Dorothy Ramsey will demonstrate an oil floral landscape. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Insight Education Center will present a workshop "The Trouble With Talking Back...Teaching Children Respect" (all ages) at the Children's World Learning Center, Route 139, Marshfield, from 7 to 9 p.m. Pre-registration required. Call 781-294-8004 for pre-registration.

The Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor has brought back its Wine Dinner on March 20, at 7 p.m. at the Radisson's Harbor Grille Restaurant. The restaurant will present a five-course meal accompanied by specially selected wines to accommodate each course. Limited seating. $50 per person, includes meal tax and gratuity. For reservations or information, call 508-591-5007.

Fri. 21

The duo pianist and composing team of **Kirk Whipple and Marilyn Morales,** Kennedy Center Approved Artists will perform at Whitfield House in Plymouth on March 21, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets $10 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. Call 508-746-5289 for more information.

The North River Arts Society presents **"Home and Away"** - an exhibit of original watercolor paintings by **Mary Callahan** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the **Hingham Public Library**, Route 228, Hingham. This show runs through April 25. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

The Cancer moon opposes Mars at 6:29 a.m., warning you to wake up in a good mood. Allow extra time. Fortunately, this influence passes over quickly, and an alignment of Venus and Neptune takes over. All creative and artistic projects are highlighted. Go on a cooking or baking spree. Beautify your home or work area; redecorate, repaint, purchase new appliances or furniture.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

This day begins with a 90-degree alignment of the sun and Saturn, reminding you to zero in on responsibilities you have taken on. You may have to face the facts about situations, and take action. Others may be grouchy, difficult to please. Don't make waves. The Cancer moon interacts with the Pisces sun at 4:13 p.m. and becomes inactive. Kick back, relax and unwind this evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

The moon enters Leo at 5:06 a.m., generating an upbeat mood today and tomorrow. Take advantage of this break in a stormy period, and plan to get important projects off the ground. Planetary influences are particularly favorable before 8:31 p.m., when the moon and expansive Jupiter conjoin. The green light is on for new starts across the board, in your business or personal life. Put on your party hat and go for the good times this evening.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

A Leo moon prompts you to be more lighthearted and enjoy life. Take time out for yourself, to relax and enjoy favorite pastimes and friends. The next few days will be hectic; now is the time to rest and recharge your batteries. The Leo moon aligns with Saturn at 8:24 p.m. and becomes inactive. An applying 90-degree alignment of Mercury-Pluto warns against making major decisions or signing contracts. Avoid late-night bickering; know when it's time to call it a night.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

The moon enters Virgo at 8:52 a.m., beginning an intense full moon buildup. The full moon will culminate Tuesday morning. In addition, Mercury and the moon form stressful contacts to Pluto and Saturn today and tomorrow. Resolve to be a positive thinker. Stop blaming others; take responsibility for your life and your choices. The best way to channel this high energy is to work. If you keep your nose to the grindstone, you will be extremely productive.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Gear up for a hectic day. Read yesterday's advice. The full moon continues to build, and the Virgo moon forms stressful contacts to Pluto, Saturn and Mercury. Mercury forms a 90-degree alignment to Saturn at 12:34 p.m. Eat light foods and avoid stimulants. Meditate for peace of mind. The plus side of current planetary patterns is that you can gain key insights, new understanding to resolve difficult situations.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

At 5:35 a.m. the full moon culminates, when the moon and the sun oppose at 27 1/2-degrees of Virgo-Pisces. At this time the moon becomes inactive until 9:43 a.m., when it enters Libra. Mild astrological weather arrives with the Libra moon today and tomorrow. Plan to initiate new activities before 11:14 p.m., when the moon forms a harmonious contact to Jupiter. Moon-Mars and Venus-Pluto alignments set the stage for a romantic evening.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Planetary action continues to rate high. Today the Libra moon forms harmonious contacts to Neptune, Pluto, Venus and Saturn. In addition, Venus, the planetary ruler of Libra, prepares to form a flowing 120-degree contact to Saturn. That means that the time is ideal for meeting people, beginning important alliances or strengthening key relationships. If you've been experiencing problems with another, work things out, clear the air and start anew. This influence also favors making important promises and commitments to others. At 10:02 p.m. the moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Storm clouds move in again at 9:38 a.m., when the moon enters serious Scorpio. Pluto, the planetary ruler of Scorpio, is slowing its rate of motion and preparing for retrograde travel. The next couple of days can be very intense and challenging. Others may be temperamental and difficult to get along with. Don't rock the boat. Stay busy with work projects. The good news is that the Vernal Equinox arrives at 8:00 p.m., when the sun enters Aries.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

A barrage of planetary activity can make for a rough day. Wake up in a good mood. Don't allow anyone or anything to throw you off course. Take on a full work agenda. You can be most productive. Influences are especially favorable for making repairs, redoing and renovating, problem-solving. You can cut through obstacles and get to the heart of a matter. Mercury enters Aries at 7:16 a.m., remaining there until April 5. Venus aligns with Saturn at 1:31 p.m., and the sun with Mercury at 6:35 p.m. The moon travels in Scorpio, active until 11:30 p.m.

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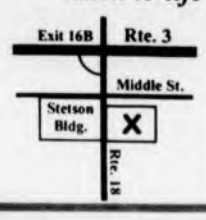

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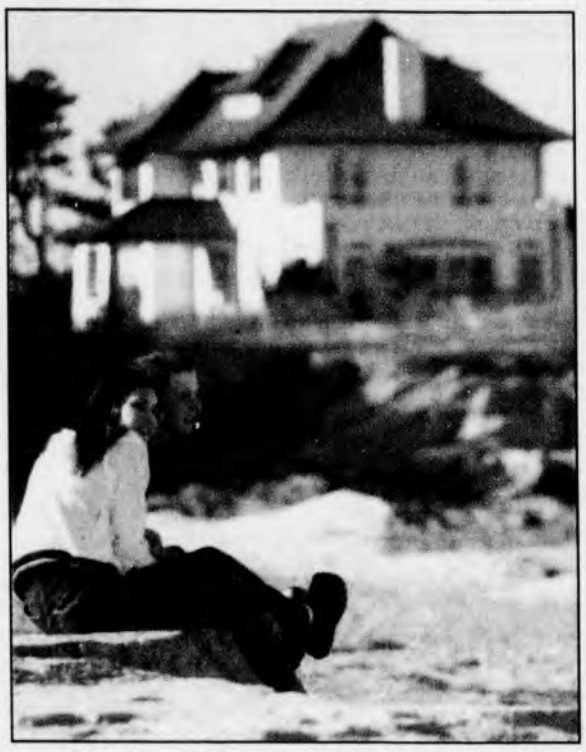

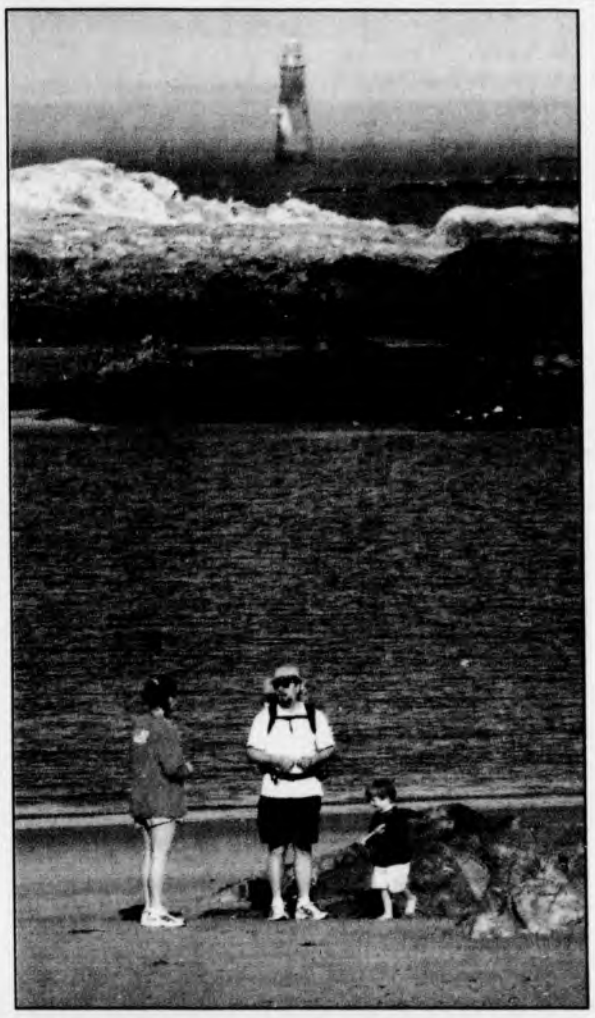

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Above: Don Difazio and Kristen Ackerson enjoy the view at Sandy Beach.
At right: Jennifer, Michael, Dylan and Conrad Davis take advantage of the beautiful weather.

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Jeff Donze throws a Frisbee for his dog Tobey on Monday when temperatures reached 60 degrees.

To be continued...

'Big' house saga to resume in May

By John Camera
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If the drama created by 3 Jerusalem Lane was a 10-part miniseries, the Zoning Board's public hearing on Monday would have been parts four and five put together. It was the long, drawn-out battle scene with no clear winner. The main players are still standing; the conflict is not resolved.

Tune in May 19th for the next episode.

The four-hour Zoning Board meeting resulted in no new decisions. More than 50 people packed the overflowing Selectmen's meeting room as lawyers for both sides argued why the mansion owned by Phil and Mary Anne Ayer should or shouldn't be granted a special permit. Definitions of terms in the town's bylaw such as "neighborhood" and "detrimental" were called into question. Appraisers and other experts gave professional opinions. Shortly before the clock struck 12, the zoning board tabled further debate until May 19.

The Ayers were told on Jan. 16 by the Zoning Board to stop work on their home — nearly 80 percent complete at that point — after it was determined building inspector Bob Egan erred in issuing them a building permit.

Neighbors had fought to stop construction on the property since August of 2002, but their requests were denied by Egan, who stuck to what he thought was a widely-held, longstanding interpretation of the zoning bylaws.

The neighbors then appealed the matter to the Zoning Board, which found the bylaws had been wrongly interpreted. The Ayers' lot was non-conforming.

JERUSALEM, PAGE 6

Selectman's race open for debate

By John Camera
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With the April 5 election only two weeks away, three candidates vying for a seat on the Board of Selectmen are preparing for a debate next Thursday at Town Hall.

But when it comes to the issues, trying to find differences between the candidates could prove to be difficult. They may come from different backgrounds, but incumbent Michael Sullivan and challengers Gabriel Gomez and Roger Hill are not yet butting heads on anything controversial.

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Each candidate claims to have a sense of fiscal responsibility to help the town weather the state's fiscal crisis. Each says he can minimize the negative effects of mansionization and Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law. While last week's "question of the week" in the Mariner may have revealed a difference of opinion over Greenbush, it seems too late for Selectmen to have any influence on the matter anyway.

That leaves voters choosing who they will support based largely on the past record and solid campaigning skills of the candidates. That, plus anything that might sway those still undecided during next week's debate.

Gomez said answering "pointed questions" from voters at campaign meetings has prepared him well for the debate. He said what set him apart from the other candidates was his perspective on the issues.

RACE, PAGE 14

Affordable units possible at Pratt

Selectmen want credit for '40B'

By John Camera
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Selectmen Tuesday night scrutinized a plan to fund the creation of two moderate income senior housing apartments in the basement of the old Paul Pratt Memorial Library, soon to be the new home of the Historical Society.

Construction of the two apartments would be paid for out of the Community Preservation Fund at a cost of $200,000. Under the same proposal, an additional $100,000 would go towards necessary structural improvements on the building. The plan needs two-thirds approval at Town Meeting to go forward.

Rent from the apartments would offset the Historical Society's estimated $28,000 operating cost and help pay for additional maintenance to the building. But Selectmen asked society co-vice president Tom Gruber to revisit the proposal to see if the apartments could be made affordable for low-income tenants — that way, the town could get credit for the units under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law.

Gruber said under the current plan, the apartments would be rented for $1,200 a month. According to Selectman Tom Callahan, the units would need to be lowered to $1,075 a month to be "affordable" by the state's low-income standards.

But making the apartments affordable would only produce $25,800 for the Historical Society, leaving the organization short of its anticipated operating budget in its new location.

Community Preservation Committee Chairman Stuart Ivimey argued it was better to do a moderate income senior housing project than no project at all. "The Community

PRATT, PAGE 8

Peace vigil held on Common

Was one of some 6,800 worldwide

By John Camera
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More than 150 people Sunday night gathered outside the First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common as part of a worldwide peace vigil for an impending war against Iraq.

The "Global Vigil for Peace" was sponsored by Win Without War, a coalition of groups including the Sierra Club, the NAACP, Peace Action and MoveOn.org. More than 6,800 vigils took place in 141 countries across the globe. The "rolling" vigils were held between 7 and 8 p.m. in each time zone, starting in New Zealand.

The Global Vigil came on the same day that President Bush met in the Azores with leaders from England and Spain, deciding to make a final push for United Nations support of a war against Iraq. On Monday Night, Bush told the nation that U.N.-led coalition was not likely. He vowed the U.S. and its allies would invade Iraq if Saddam Hussein and his two sons did not leave the country within 48 hours.

Here in Cohasset, vigil-goers gathered in a large circle and held candles in support of a peaceful solution to the conflict. After a 10 minute period of silence, they spontaneously sang songs like "This Little Light of Mine," "This Land is Our Land" and "We Shall Overcome." The vigil lasted about 30 minutes. Residents from Cohasset, Scituate and Norwell attended.

"People go for a lot of different reasons," said Cohasset resident Chartis Tebbetts, who attended the vigil and has been a member of the South Shore Peace Forum since 1990. "Some people go because they're afraid...Some people go because they feel it's their duty

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, March 18:

Advisory Board, March 20 at 7 p.m., March 29 at 9:30 a.m. (in High School Gym)

Assessors, April 1 at 4 p.m.

Capital Budget Committee, March 24 at 7 p.m.

Cohasset Common Historic District Committee, March 24 at 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, March 20 at 7:30 p.m., March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Police-Fire Station Study Committee, March 20 at 1 p.m.

School Committee, March 20 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library

Selectmen, March 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Wastewater Commission, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, March 20 at 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Selectmen split on ledge article

Selectmen voted 3 to 2 last night to not recommend a warrant article that would protect ledge more than eight feet tall. The Planning Board has sponsored the article, which will go before Town Meeting on March 29.

Selectmen put off voting on the article last week because Selectman Merle Brown, the tie-breaking vote, was absent. The ledge article promises to be one of the more hotly debated items on the floor of Town Meeting.

Federal disaster aid for Cohasset

The town will receive 75 percent reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for costs incurred during the Feb. 17 and 18 blizzard.

The funding was authorized for cities and towns in 14 Massachusetts counties after a review of Gov. Romney's request for the aid. The money will help pay for costs of equipment, contracts and personnel overtime related to emergency measures dealing with the snow for a continuous 48-hour period to be designated by the town.

"This will help us since our snow and ice deficit is over $100,000 right now," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "It's been a long winter."

Originally, the town's snow removal budget was set at $60,000 for this fiscal year.

Businesses get PAYT bag break

Selectmen agreed Tuesday night to lower the cost of Transfer Station "Pay As You Throw" bags for businesses that sell them.

The Recycling Committee was approached by some of those businesses, which requested they be compensated for the sale of the bags. Selectmen voted to lower the cost of 33 gallon bags from $10 to $9 and 15 gallon bags from $5 to $4.50. Businesses will keep the difference.

According to Town Manager Mark Haddad, based on last year's sales, the price change will cost the town $8,000. That cost will be partially offset by a $4,200 state grant the Recycling Committee has just received. On Tuesday night, Selectman Merle Brown publicly thanked Claire Sullivan and Mary Snow of the South Shore Recycling Committee for securing the grant. "It took a lot of work to get that," Brown said.

Wants to pursue senior housing

Representatives of K.S.S. Realty of Boston approached Selectmen Tuesday night and introduced their intention to build 55-plus senior housing in Cohasset.

The group said they were attracted to Cohasset by its need for senior housing and its senior overlay district. K.S.S. housing specialist John Sawyer said his company was looking for direction identifying available plots of land. He said. K.S.S. was willing to work with the town to develop affordable senior units as well.

"We have no interest in fighting a town," Sawyer said. "What we do have is an interest in working with a town to identify their housing needs."

K.S.S. is the third developer in recent weeks to approach a town board with intentions to build 55-plus senior housing. Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan told Town Manager Mark Haddad to refer K.S.S. to the other appropriate boards. Sullivan also suggested looking into a market study to see how much demand for senior housing there really is in Cohasset.

Absentee ballots are now available

Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on April 5, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Friday, April 4, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person, The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by April 5, to be counted.

The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

Time to file for tax exemptions

The Cohasset Board of Assessors would like to notify property owners the deadline for filing for fiscal year 2003 real estate tax exemptions is Monday, March 24. The qualification date is July 1, 2002. If you have filed since July 1, 2002, it is not necessary to file again. The following exemptions are available:

Persons over 70 years of age: $750 off — if annual income is less that $13,000 (single person) or $15,000 (married couple), and the value of your assets, excluding your home, is less than $28,000 (single person) or $30,000 (married couple).

Surviving spouse: $262.50 off — also minors of deceased parents and persons over 70 years of age. There is no limit on income, but the value of your assets, excluding your home, must not exceed $40,000.

Disabled veterans: $375 off — at least 10 percent disabled as determined by the Veterans Administration. Purple Heart Award recipients qualify, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross. Other exemptions are available for more seriously disabled veterans and paraplegic veterans.

Blind persons: $656.25 off — must be registered with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

Tax deferral: all or part of the tax — applicant must be 65 years of age as of July 1, 2002 with income less than $40,000 and must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years. All or part of the tax may be deferred.

Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall. For additional information, please contact the Assessors' Office at (781) 383-4114.

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Sun. 23	2:37	11.3	9:01	3:16	9.9	9:18
Mon. 24	3:33	10.8	10:00	4:17	9.3	10:16
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Deer Hill to keep its name

Won't be changed to W. Ripley School

By Mary Ford
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Don't order any new stationery. The Deer Hill School is going to keep its name.

The School Committee has nixed the idea of renaming the grade 4-6 elementary school the William Ripley School after the long-time superintendent, teacher and coach.

Chairman Rick Flynn said after two months of soliciting comment from the community, the consensus was to leave it alone.

"We found the name has a lot of nostalgia attached to it," Flynn said this week. "My peers who grew up in Cohasset have fond memories of the Deer Hill School."

Flynn also pointed out the high school library is named after William Ripley, whom Flynn described as a great educator. Ripley served in the Cohasset School System for 42 years, 24 of those as superintendent, retiring in 1969.

"He has a nice facility named after him."
— School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn

"He has a nice facility named after him," Flynn said.

Ed Goff of Ledgewood Drive approached the School Committee back in January about changing the name. Goff pointed out renaming a school is not unprecedented in town. He noted the former Ripley Road School at the corner of Sohier Street and Ripley Road was renamed the Joseph Osgood School after Joseph Osgood, a superintendent in the late 1800s. That name was carried over to the new Osgood School that opened in September 1998. At the time, the School Committee took the matter under advisement and asked for feedback from the community.

Along with the middle-high school, the Deer Hill School is being renovated and expanded as part of the town's $42 million school projects.

Flynn described the entire naming matter as "a good exercise."

"We learned a lot in the process," he said.

The Deer Hill School opened in September 1955, on a 15-acre tract on Deer Hill next to the then Oaks Farm on Sohier Street, according to the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III."

Fire strikes Atlantic Ave. home

Joggers spot blaze

By John Camera
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A two-alarm fire Friday morning at 9 Atlantic Ave. resulted in substantial damage to the home's second and third floors and is thought to have been caused by an artificial fireplace.

The fire was reported at about 5:30 a.m. by joggers who called 911 from their cell phones, Cohasset fire captain Mark Trask said. The occupants were not at home at the time. The current owner is Richard J. Madigan Jr. of Milton, who said his daughter and son-in-law were living there.

"Because of the fast response, we got in quick and we got it knocked down quick."
— Tom Finegan, senior firefighter

The fire was "knocked down," or limited to only burning coals, by 6:10 a.m., Trask said. No one was injured.

Two fire engines and one ladder truck from Cohasset responded to the scene, along with an engine from Hull and an engine and a ladder from Scituate. Hingham covered for the Cohasset Fire Department during the blaze.

Trask, who investigated the fire for three hours after it was doused, said the cause appeared to be a gas-powered "manufactured" or artificial fireplace on the second floor, which may have been tied into the heating system. He said evidence pointed to a faulty vent where the fire started.

PHOTO/JOHN CAMERA

A fire caused extensive damage to this home at 9 Atlantic Ave.

Trask said the fire caused "pretty substantial heat and smoke damage on the second and third floors." He said personal belongings, furniture and clothing on those floors had been ruined, while only light smoke and water damage was seen on the home's first floor.

Trask complimented senior firefighter Tom Finegan, who was in charge of the Cohasset fire crew that responded to the blaze. "(Tom) and his crew did a great job of getting to the fire before it extended into the structure," Trask said.

Finegan said the fire was close to being a total loss. "Because of the fast response, we got in quick and we got it knocked down quick," he said. "Another few minutes and (the home) would have been gone."

On Monday, the home still showed signs of the fire. A burned chair sat in the center of a pile of damaged belongings on the home's front lawn. Second and third floor windows were boarded up, and tracks left by emergency vehicles could still be made out on the side of the road.

It is unclear how much the damage will cost to repair. The house which was built in 1880 and underwent renovations in 2002. The property is assessed at $458,500, with the house itself assessed at $167,100, according to the Assessor's Office. Madigan said he plans to rebuild.

Town floats plan for dock fix

Ice damages pilings at Mariner's Park

By John Camera
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A harsh winter has taken its toll on Mariner's Park at the Hagerty Property on Parker Avenue.

Three of the four pilings that hold the park's dock in place have been damaged by cold weather. According to Assistant Harbormaster John Muncey, ice formed and stuck to the pilings during the deep freeze in January. At some point, when the tide rose, the pilings were dislodged from the floor of the harbor.

"It happens all up and down the eastern seaboard in the winter," Muncey said, adding that the pilings had been "lassoed and tied up" until they can be removed from the water.

Vine Associates of Hingham, the engineering company contracted by the town to design a solution, has proposed a plan that would use bottom anchors instead of pilings to stabilize the dock. The plan would also connect a new 12 ft. by 16 ft. float to the dock, moving it an additional 10 to 15 feet into the channel to allow better access to small boats at low tide.

The damage may have reminded some Selectmen of the old saying, "Be careful what you wish for." In January, the Board considered changing the dock arrangement because boat owners were forced to haul their dinghies over the dock to its outside edge at low tide. Selectmen discussed moving the dock further away from shore and considered using a design that incorporated bottom anchors.

"This was going to have to happen anyway," Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Still, because Mariner's Park was only completed in 2001, Selectmen have inquired as to whether faulty design may have been partially responsible for the damage. Haddad said he is investigating the matter but signs pointed to the ice as the primary cause.

Haddad said design for the new project cost the town $4,800 but the total cost including implementation was still unknown.

The project has been granted the necessary permits from the Conservation Commission and the Department of Environmental Management, but is still awaiting approval from the Army Corps of Engineers before it can go forward.

Haddad said the dock would be operational by Memorial Day.

Open burning season underway

Cohasset residents may obtain permits on a daily basis from through May 1, for open burning. Permits may be obtained by calling the Fire Department Dispatch, Center at 781-383-0260 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Permits are valid for one day only.

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Ava Margo Doherty of Ash Street makes her debut

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IT'S A GIRL!

Thank Heavens for Little Girls... **Michael & Margo Doherty** of Ash Street are happy to announce the arrival of the newest Cohasset resident — their new daughter **Ava Margo Doherty**. She was born early on Friday, March 14. Everyone is excited about her arrival, in particular her big sister, **Zoe**. Grandparents are **Joe & Ruth Nedrow** of Fair Oaks Lane and **Edward & Roberta Doherty** of Franklin. Congratulations to all of you on this wonderful addition to your loving family.

SSL SCHOLARSHIP

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be high school seniors or residents, who intend to begin or further their studies in nursing, social work, or allied health fields. Two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded for the 2003-2004 academic year. Applications are available at the League office, 16 Highland Ave. weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. or at the high school guidance office. Applications must be received at the League office by April 18. For further information call 781-383-0771 or e-mail sscohasset@worldnet.att.net

BRICK BY BRICK

Would you like to help build the new playground to be built adjacent to Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum (next to the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library)? The play structure previously donated to the town (known to many families as the Pirate Park) was outdated and eventually removed for safety reasons. The goal is to renovate the existing area and provide a new playground that Cohasset residents, along with visitors to Our World and library, will enjoy for years to come. The estimated cost to rebuild the playground is $125,000.

One of the ways the Our World Playground Committee will raise funds for the playground is with the Brick by Brick program. Through the Brick by Brick program, your donation of $100 will be recognized with an engraved brick. Engraved bricks and pavers will be used in walkways and as accents throughout the surrounding areas of the playground. All the funds generated by the Brick by Brick program will go directly to the designing and purchasing of play structures, landscaping of the play area and on-going maintenance. To participate in the Brick by Brick program, please call **Debbie Kuppens** at (781) 383-6399.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team is offering a scholarship. An applicant must be a high school senior and have been a member of the Cohasset Swim-Dive Team for five years. All portions of the application must be completed and postmarked no later than April 28.

Questions about the scholarship application process should be directed to **Irene Volpe Barry**, Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship Committee at 383-1605.

Applications may be picked up in the Cohasset High School Guidance Department.

COLLEGE HONORS

Stephen Mark Reynolds, class of 2003 at Connecticut College, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2002 semester. Stephen achieved "Deans High Honors" that recognizes students who have earned a grade point average of 3.7-4.0. Congratulations Stephen on a job well done.

ON STAGE

Cohasset's Michaela Valente, left, starred as the maiden "Tinkerbel" in Newton Country Day School's recent production of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "Pirates of Penzance." Shown with Michaela is Cecilia Bahamon, who portrayed a police chorus member.

HIT HOME RUN!

Baseball season has started at Cohasset High School. A record number of hopeful players have signed up to tryout for the varsity team! I wonder if the new coaches have anything to do with attracting this enthusiastic group? **Al Gallotta** joins the staff after retiring from a successful career as head coach for Archbishop Williams and **Damian D'Angelo** coached at the varsity level in Connecticut. Both are passionate about rebuilding the baseball program at CHS. However, they are going to need a little help.

The newly formed Diamond Club is seeking contributions to pay for equipment the coaches think is essential. Contributions can be sent to: The Diamond Club, PO Box 63, Cohasset, MA 02025. If you send $100, you hit a Home-Run! $75 gets you to third base, $50 lands you on second, and $25 dollars gives you a single and safety at first base. Let's score! If you would like to join the Diamond Club, get in touch with **Chris Straughn**, **Mark and Lynn DeGiacomo** or **Al and Linda Snowdale**.

EARLY ACCEPTANCE

Kimberly Maxwell Ulmer, CHS '03, has been accepted early to Williams, the second oldest college in Massachusetts and one of the top-ranked schools in the nation, a so-called "Little Ivy". She is continuing a tradition set by her late grandfather, **Kenneth M. Ulmer** '45; her father, **Dr. Kevin M. Ulmer** '72; and her sister **Ashley Weeks Ulmer** '05.

Kimberly is an AP Scholar; vice-president of the National Honor Society; recipient of the Holy Cross Book Award; co-editor of this year's CHS yearbook; a varsity letter athlete; an accomplished dancer in Boston Ballet School's Level 7; and a competitive sailor. Congratulations on your many achievements, Kim – you have much to be proud of and much to look forward to!

ELECTION SUPPER

The Annual Election Supper, a springtime tradition, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street. Candidates and voters are invited to get together for dinner on Thursday evening, March 27 at 6:30. Dinner will include stuffed chicken, peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, rolls, mashed potatoes, cake and ice cream as well as beverages. Before dinner, all candidates will be introduced. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

SPRING LAUNCH

Mark your calendars for 7:30 p.m. on March 28 to repeat one of last year's most fun events, the annual Cohasset Maritime Institute ("CMI") fundraiser at Bancroft Hall. Also know as the "The Spring Launch Fundraiser", the party last year brought together well over 100 enthusiastic partygoers. This year represents the 10th year the rowing club has made its strong presence felt in Cohasset Harbor. **Lynne Layman, Lisa Hewitt Dick**, and **Sharon Daly**, spearhead this year's fundraiser planning. Please call Lynne at 545-0096(or email at Laymanphoto@attbi.com or Lisa at 383-0204(or email at Lmhewitt@attbi.com) before March 21 if you wish to purchase tickets at $25 per person. $35. at the door. Seating is limited! Checks should be mailed to CMI c/o P.O. Box 131, Cohasset , Ma. 02025 .Please mark your check clearly "Spring Launch" and the number of tickets requested. Want to learn more about the National Parks of the World?

GARDEN CLUB

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, March 25 at 9 a.m.. **Joy Viola**, naturalist, photographer, and leader of natural history tours, will present a slide lecture tracing the history of our national parks. In addition, she will show examples of how the park concept has been exported to other nations of the world. It will be an extremely interesting and informative morning for all who attend and especially so for all those who enjoy the natural beauty of our park system.

MATH AND SCIENCE NIGHT

Attention kindergarten and first-grade students! Math and Science Night for kindergarten and first grade students will be held in the Joseph Osgood School Cafeteria on Thursday, March 27, from 6-7:30 p.m. This evening gives students and parents an opportunity to participate in a variety of fun and educational hands-on math and science activities.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Palmieri of Hanson, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Patrice Palmieri to David H. Farrag the son of Linda Farrag of Cohasset and Hasan Farrag of Houston, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Salem State College in Salem, and Notre Dame Academy High School in Hingham. She is employed as a Special Care Nurse at Jordan Hospital, Plymouth.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Suffolk Law (JD), Suffolk (MPA), Northeastern University (BS) and Cohasset High School. He is employed as an attorney at Loring & Robinson in Scituate.

A May 25, 2003 wedding is planned..

Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham to close

Cohasset store to remain open

By Mary Ford
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Betsey Detwiler looks out the window of Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham. The Hingham Buttonwood is closing at the end of April, and will be consolidated with the Cohasset store.

Like so many Hingham Square shops, Buttonwood for Kids fills a niche in the downtown shopping area. Housed in a Victorian building but filled with the latest toys and books for the younger set – the store has a delightful mix of coziness and a large enough inventory to appeal to shoppers, who, often with little ones in tow, are looking for the right gift.

Shop owner Betsey Detwiler hopes her clientele will make the trek down Route 3A to the Hingham store's predecessor — Buttonwood Books and Toys at Shaw's Plaza in Cohasset — after she closes the Hingham shop at the end of April.

Detwiler said the decision to close Buttonwood for Kids after 10 years in business wasn't an easy one. But at 70, the energetic grandmother of eight wants to be able to squirrel away a little more time for home, family and her myriad other activities.

"The decision was made in part to make life easier," the Norwell resident says.

With a new Web site and the growth of shopping on-line, Detwiler thinks it's an opportune time to consolidate in the one location. The Cohasset store is a full service bookstore for adults and children; and Detwiler notes that many of her customers shop at both stores.

"But this has been a super little place," Detwiler said during an interview at the Hingham store Monday. "The Square has a special character."

Detwiler opened the Cohasset store with her daughter-in-law Kathy Detwiler in 1989. The decision to expand to Hingham in 1993 with a shop concentrating on toys was partly based on plans that Kathy would run the new store. [However, after baby number two, Kathy opted to be a full-time mother, recalls Detwiler, a decision that she wholeheartedly supports.]

So after "10 wonderful years" Detwiler, who's been described as the "energizer bunny" by her employees, is ready to kick back just a bit.

The former teacher, who taught at Thayer Academy in Braintree before "retiring" to the book business, has no plans to close the Cohasset store. She loves the business too much and will continue to host author events.

"I really love it," Detwiler says. "There are always new books and new authors to meet."

She describes her staff as family, and employs a full-time manager and 16 part-timers at the Hingham store. But unfortunately the Cohasset shop will not be able to absorb those jobs.

Although she'll miss the shop and the customers, long-time manager Linda Gardner is ready for a change. Gardner has managed the Hingham location for four years, and worked at the Cohasset store for nine years before that.

"I'm going to take a break and see what comes," she says.

Gardner says the staff, whose children are grown for the most part, have the right kind of patience to handle mothers with their youngsters.

"We know how fast it all goes by," she says about how quickly children grow up.

Detwiler says the uncertain economy also played a role in her decision but she hopes people will continue to support the local shops.

"I feel strongly that people should support local businesses that hire locally and spend locally," she says.

Buttonwood is not selling the building at 28 South St., which houses about six tenants, and plans to lease the Buttonwood space. There has been some interest, Detwiler says.

She says Buttonwood's ties to Hingham will remain strong.

"We plan to continue to support Hingham schools and organizations," Detwiler says about donations to PTOs and other groups.

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XAVERIAN HONORS

Two Cohasset students attending Xaverian Brothers High School have earned Second Honors. Senior John **Dwyer**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. John Dwyer**, and sophomore **Mark Lewis**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Kevin F. Lewis**, both earned this honor for the second term. Great job to both of you, keep up the hard work.

TOP WRESTLER

Congratulations to BC High senior and wrestling captain **Jim French** for placing in Division 1 Wrestling Sectionals and for moving on to Division 1 States. Jim will be attending Curry College next year. We look forward to hearing more about this very talented young man.

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I would like to remind and encourage all residents to try and attend town meeting on Saturday, March 29, especially if you have a strong feeling for any of the issues being discussed and want to hear the pros and cons of each issue.

With the very scary and uncertain times that our country heads into this week, I would like to send out our prayers to all of the brave men and women who are fighting for our country and for a quick resolve to the war ahead. That is all the news for this week.

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Jerusalem Lane saga to resume in May

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the board said, so they should have applied for a special permit, unless they had planned to stick within the exterior dimensions of the pre-existing home, a 2,000 square foot ranch.

The Ayers' lawyer, Roberta Sawyer, began Monday night by retelling the story of how the Ayers came to purchase the 3 Jerusalem Lane after securing a building permit. She said before Egan denied the neighbors' request to stop work on the new home, she met with Egan, Town Counsel Rick Hucksam and Mr. Ayer. "We went through all the issues...We went through all of the case law," she said.

Sawyer said she still maintained that the Ayers' home did not need relief under the zoning bylaws. But Zoning Board Chairman Woody Chittick wanted reasons why the property should be granted a special permit. He asked Sawyer if she wished to withdraw her application.

Sawyer said she did not, adding: "It's critical that this board hear the story from start to finish." She then claimed that the zoning bylaw in question had been changed in 1987 to specifically allow for the building inspector to issue permits in cases like 3 Jerusalem Lane.

"This board has been aware of the historical interpretation and application of this bylaw for 16 years," she said. "Conforming work on a non-conforming lot does not need zoning relief."

But Zoning Board member Ben Lacy didn't see it quite like Sawyer. "The argument you're making is that if a court has been wrong, it can't change from being wrong," he said.

Chittick then gave Sawyer an ultimatum. "You're wasting our time. If you want to go on, go on, but I'm not going to pay attention," he said. "You're either going to deal with 8.7.B (the special permit bylaw), or frankly I'm going to close the hearing."

Sawyer turned the meeting over to her new co-counsel, Martin Healy, an expert on real estate law. Healy said that the special permit bylaw did not apply to 3 Jerusalem Lane because it required an increase in the "nonconforming nature of the structure," not the lot. "There is no non-conforming nature of what's been built," Healy said, because the structure keeps to all the height and setback requirements.

Healy also said if the board felt the bylaw did apply, it should not use esthetic qualities to determine if the house was "substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood." "You can't make a judgement based on those types of reactions," he said. "You're measuring stick is the bylaw...I think it would be an error to address subjective criteria."

Healy said the town's version of the special permit bylaw essentially oversteps the limits of Chapter 40 A, the state law with which it must comply. He said the state's version of the law dealt with the use of the land being substantially more detrimental. "These are just people that are going to live in a big house and that's not substantially more detrimental," he said.

Sawyer then showed the Ayer's home was average size for its "neighborhood," which she defined as being 84 properties along the stretch of Cohasset's waterfront known as the "Gold Coast." She said 55 of those homes were on nonconforming lots. She said 3 Jerusalem Lane's gross square footage of about 7000 square feet and its footprint of about 3000 square feet was average for the group of homes she looked at.

Sawyer called on David Bond of Bond Appraisers in Hanover, who told the Zoning Board that neighboring homes would appreciate in value as a result of the Ayers' home. "It's just a normal trend that as neighboring houses get more valuable in the neighborhood, other houses tend to rise with them," he said.

But members of the Zoning Board wanted to know if neighboring homes with an blocked view of the ocean would be impacted negatively.

"They may be impacted a little," said Bond. "Not a lot."

Sawyer then called Deborah Haskell of Winthrop Real Estate Advisors. Haskell said she had conducted an impact study of a case where one home in a group of older homes was expanded. She said the unit prices increased at the average rate despite the construction.

After the board asked questions to Sawyer and Healy, lawyer Mark DeGiacomo took up the neighbors' case. DeGiacomo countered an earlier point of Healy's, citing case law that said increasing the size of the structure did increase the "nonconforming nature of the lot."

He pointed to more case law that showed a neighborhood should be defined as the "immediate environs" or "immediate vicinity." "We have a very well defined neighborhood here, and it is only the seven homes on Jerusalem Lane," he said.

DeGiacomo pointed to further case law that said the Zoning Board can take into account the financial impact of blocked "views and vistas" in determining detrimentality.

DeGiacomo called on civil engineer John Chessia of Coler and Colantonio, who speculated that the height of 3 Jerusalem Lane was just over 35 feet or 39 feet, depending on how you calculated it. Either way, he said, it was higher than the 35 foot limit allowed in the bylaw.

Chessia also said the property was dangerously close to being over the allowed 30 percent lot coverage. He said plans indicated the property was at 30 percent coverage but that without including a driveway and front steps. According to Chessia, the plans don't provide dimensions for a concrete pool and also incorrectly reflect the width of fake rock material around the edges of the property. He also said a concrete wall on the property infringes into the Jerusalem Lane right of way by seven feet.

"There's nothing to show you what's supposed to be the finished product and that's been a complaint of the neighbors throughout the process," said Chessia.

Chessia said how the home would deal with wastewater was still under question, too. Initial plans to have an alternative septic system had been abandoned, and Sawyer said the home would not use a tight tank but instead revert to a traditional system but still needed to go before the Board of Health.

"This thing, like I said, was a moving target," said Chessia. "Very difficult to keep track of what was going on."

By the time neighbors made their personal cases to the Zoning Board, it was so late that DeGiacomo encouraged them to be brief. Residents from four of the six neighboring houses were at the meeting.

Helen Hooper of 4 Jerusalem Lane read from a letter that her husband, James, who is legally blind sent to the Zoning Board in January.

"I think that the town got it wrong in this instance, and I think the town should find a way to make it right," Hooper said. "I believe that this is primarily the responsibility of your august board and I trust that you will soon find an appropriate solution."

Steve Jacobs of 15 Jerusalem Lane, originally from England, said the Ayer's home was out of place. "You wouldn't take Buckingham Palace and put it in the financial district," he said. "By putting a large structure into a neighborhood it doesn't belong in, it impacts the neighborhood."

Steve Elliot, an appraiser hired by the neighbors, said there was no doubt that the Ayer's home had negative impacted the value of neighboring homes. He said Cohasset's Board of Assessors had increased properties at 1 and 12 Jerusalem Lane by 17 and 22 percent between fiscal years 2002 and 2003 because those properties' views are not impacted. The remaining properties, he said, had not been increased in value at all, probably because of construction at 3 Jerusalem Lane.

DeGiacomo then told the Zoning Board that the neighbors would like the board to deny a special permit and enforce a stop work order on the building. He said the ultimate goal would be to have the home torn down and returned to a state that would not be detrimental to the neighborhood. "The applicant is obviously going to appeal. This is all going to end up in court someday," he said.

After agreeing to continue the public hearing in May, the Zoning Board turned to Sawyer's request to have homes that were built under similar circumstances to 3 Jerusalem Lane apply for special permits as well.

The Zoning Board asked Sawyer why her client was an aggrieved party in relation to those homes. "You are granting them property rights that you are not granting my client," she said.

But Chittick did not agree. "Aren't you arguing a general civil interest more than a private interest?" he asked.

The Zoning Board did not decide on the matter, however, deciding to review documents submitted by Sawyer first. The case will be carried over until May as well.

PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Phil Ayer, owner of 3 Jerusalem Lane, listens intently as his lawyers argue his case in front of the Zoning Board.

The Ayers' lawyer, Roberta Sawyer, presents her clients' case to a packed hearing before the Zoning Board at Town Hall.

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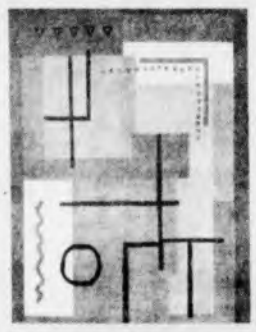

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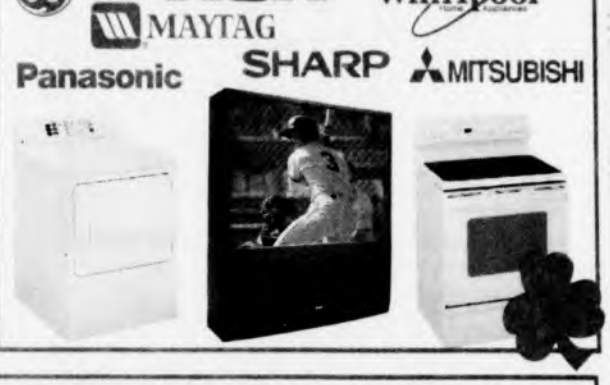

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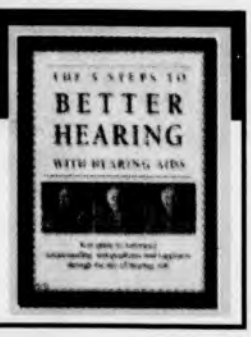

Peace vigil held on Common

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to speak their mind...I think people go to show solidarity with an idea they agree with."

Others, Tebbetts said, went to the vigil to "maintain a spiritual integrity."

The vigil was organized by Scituate resident Maxwell Pounder, a parishioner at First Parish Meeting House. Pounder decided to hold the vigil after he was made aware of the world-wide movement last week through an email from MoveOn.org.

"One of my purposes in doing this is that the world, since the Cold War ended, is trying to find a way to deal with these things in a better way."
— Max Pounder, organizer

"One of my purposes in doing this is that the world, since the Cold War ended, is trying to find a way to deal with these things in a better way," Pounder said. "I'm not a pacifist. I think there are times you need to use military force. I just think we can find a better way to do things.

"If there is a united world that says we should be a part of (a war against Iraq), then I agree. But I don't think we've gone far enough in trying to secure peaceful means of disarming Saddam Hussein."

Other local vigils took place Sunday night in Plymouth, Marshfield, Hingham, Hull and throughout the Greater Boston area.

Pounder said he was not yet sure of any other planned events in support of peace. "I don't know where it goes from here," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if there continued to be some sort of a vigil. Whether there's other spontaneous protests that break out in Boston or around here I don't know."

Tebbetts said the South Shore Peace Forum holds weekly vigils Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in front of the Hingham Post Office at 121 North St. Next week will be the one year anniversary of the vigils, which began as means of praying for U.S. soldiers and Afghan citizens killed in Afghanistan.

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The rally will be held Saturday, April 5, at 1:30 p.m. at Hull's VFW Post. All are invited to attend.

Affordable units could be possible at the Pratt building

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Preservation Act is 40B blind," he said. "There's a need for senior housing at all levels of the economic ladder. This would meet the need in the middle."

Selectmen, however, felt that the Historical Society might be able to rearrange its budget to allow the apartments to be affordable and still fund its operating costs.

"What we're saying is, 'If we're that close to it (being affordable), why not get credit for it?,'" said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan. "If we can accomplish both objectives, why not?"

Gruber will bring the recommendations back to the Historical Society for discussion. Selectmen will then vote on whether to recommend the article to Town Meeting at their meeting next week.

According to Selectman Tom Callahan, the units would need to be lowered to $1,075 a month to be "affordable" by the state's low-income standards.

The proposal from the Historical Society was one of three proposals that Selectmen heard Tuesday night for funding from the Community Preservation Act.

- The board voted unanimously to recommend $25,000 from the fund go toward conducting a feasibility study of a pedestrian and bike trail along the Cohasset stretch of the Greenbush Line.
- Selectmen also voted to recommend that $36,000 go toward a $100,000 project to renovate a building on the Hagerty Property. The building would house computer and science labs for the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research, six art studios to be rented by the South Shore Art Center and two public bathrooms that would be accessible from Mariner's Park.

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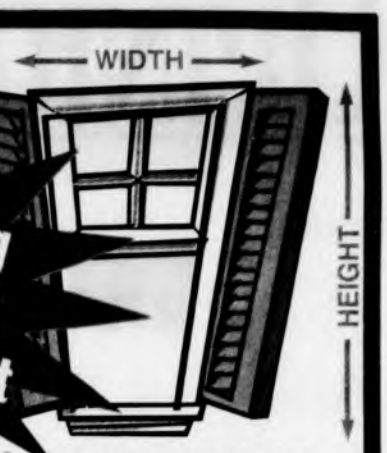

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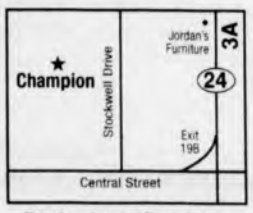

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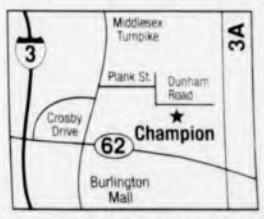

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

'What man has made of man'

This editorial started out about potholes and the headaches they are giving us as we rush to wherever we are headed. But somehow, worrying about potholes on our streets and potential front-end misalignment of our motor vehicles just doesn't seem all that important this week.

Even the state's budget problems are taking a back seat to the news of war in Iraq and nuclear worries in North Korea. And then to top it off a mysterious flu dubbed SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) is making its way around the globe. It's all enough to make you want to lock your doors, close the shutters and shut out the world.

But if we did that, we'd miss something wonderful — the onset of Spring in our beautiful town.

Almost like magic this week, temperatures rose into the 50s and 60s, our jackets came off, and the huge snowdrifts either disappeared or were reduced to a small piles of wet sand.

The sounds of birds chirping fills the air with a wonderful concert of happy tunes. Our feathered friends always seem to know when to return and lift our spirits.

Our gardens are wet and muddy now but will soon yield colorful flowers. Can the sound of lawnmowers and smell of cut grass can't be far behind?

We know we're not completely out of the grip of Old Man Winter yet. A few years back, he whacked us with an April Fool's Day storm that no one thought was funny. But with the daylight hours growing, we can rest assured that any more snow will melt away as quickly as it arrives.

This winter has toughened us up. We've gotten off easy the past few years with little snow and few days below freezing.

Like those easy winters — for most of the '90s with a booming economy and soaring stock market, we were lulled into believing good times could last forever.

We were due for a correction, to coin a Wall Street phrase. It was time for a "wake-up call." Only then, after a winter like this one, can we really appreciate Spring and the hope it brings.

It's time for all of us to take a walk on the beach, look out at great Atlantic – and take a deep breath. We all need a break, time to try and put things in perspective.

Things could be worse. Times have been bad before. This is not the Great Depression; and the international discord today is not on the scale of the World Wars of the last century.

Individually and collectively, we need to keep going. However, after this "winter of discontent," we've earned a beautiful Spring and the feelings of rebirth and fresh start it symbolizes.

The following verse by William Wordsworth could have been written today:

Lines Written in Early Spring

by William Wordsworth

I HEARD a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Nuclear nonsense'

TO THE EDITOR:

There may be an article on the Cohasset town meeting warrant asking for a vote in support of removing the Pilgrim nuclear power plant spent fuel rods from their storage pool, and storing them in above ground dry casks. The impetus for the article comes from the claque of anti-nuclear activists who now cloak their activities under the guise of protecting us from terrorists. Although the Nuclear Regulatory Commission makes its rulings on the basis of technical, rather than political considerations, nevertheless we should avoid voting (even token voting) against the long-term public interest. Voters will be expected to believe that the probability and potential hazard of a terrorist attack on the well-secured spent fuel pool justifies the risks introduced by unnecessary extra handling of spent fuel elements into above-ground dry casks!

Although the world's demand for energy (and the increasing demand in developing nations), and the limitations of conservation and of renewable energy and fossil fuels, guarantee that nuclear energy will be an increasingly important source of energy, the campaign to subvert it marches on. Part of that campaign is to block the completion of the permanent nuclear waste storage facility at Yucca Mountain, and a sub set of that campaign is to get existing spent fuel moved from storage pools into dry storage casks. Then it can be argued that this type of storage can be used indefinitely so that there is no need to proceed with Yucca Mountain.. Then, of course, it will be argued that there is too much spent fuel stored at power plant sites.

Town meeting, or any political process, is an ineffective way to address a complex technical issue. Nevertheless, if we are to make any statement through the political process, it should be rational and in the long-term public interest. We should avoid being suckered into supporting the dry cask red herring, and instead come up with a statement urging timely completion for permanent nuclear fuel storage facilities at Yucca Mountain.. Congress has exhibited a woeful lack of leadership for decades on this issue, and the nation is ill served by providing further excuse for dithering.

The treatment of nuclear waste isn't much of a technical problem, and the solutions are well understood. But it has become an intractable political problem. Let us not join the campaign to keep it intractable.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Thanks for support

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Recreation Department is appreciative to the individuals who have lent their time, effort and experience in support of our basketball program this winter.

The Cohasset Recreation Department and staff wish to thank the many individuals of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club, coaches and parents.

Their support and involvements and with the children and basketball program is greatly appreciated. The youngsters the Recreation Commission are truly grateful for their interest in our community.

Again, our very sincere thanks to the CBB coaches and parents for their effort and interest in the program.

John M. Worley, Director
Cohasset Recreation Commission

HEALTH NOTES

Be on the lookout for Lyme ticks

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Believe it or not, the season is nearing when we will begin worrying about bugs. One bug which is becoming more notorious and pervasive every year is the Lyme tick. More properly called the Deer tick. On March 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's office at Town Hall, Linda Hilliard, RN,CRNA and Fredric Cantor, DVM, MPH, the state Public Health Veterinarian will give a talk about Lyme Disease to educate citizens about this and other tick borne illness, its prevention, causes, and information on available treatments as well as the establishment of support groups for those diagnosed with Lyme disease, their families and the community.

Lyme disease was named in 1977 when arthritis was observed in a cluster of children in and around Lyme, Connecticut. Other clinical symptoms and environmental conditions suggested that this was an infectious disease probably transmitted by an arthropod. Further investigation revealed that Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium, *Borrelia burgdorferi*. These bacteria are transmitted to humans by the bite of infected deer ticks and cause more than 16,000 infections in the United States each year.

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Vector: Black-legged ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*) are responsible for transmitting Lyme disease bacteria to humans in the northeastern and north-central United States. On the Pacific Coast, the bacteria are transmitted to humans by the western black-legged tick (*Ixodes pacificus*). Ixodes ticks are much smaller than common dog and cattle ticks. In their larval and nymphal stages, they are no bigger than a pinhead. Ticks feed by inserting their mouths into the skin of a host and slowly take in blood. Ixodes ticks are most likely to transmit infection after feeding for two or more days.

Risk: In the United States: In 2002 there were more than1000 cases of Lyme disease in Massachusetts. This rate was over four times the national average (27 cases per 100,000 residents vs. 6 cases per 100,000 residents.) About 90 percent of all cases in the country come from Connecticuit, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Individuals who live or work in residential areas surrounded by tick-infested woods or overgrown brush are at risk of getting Lyme disease. Persons who work or play in their yard, participate in recreational activities away from home such as hiking, camping, fishing and hunting, or engage in outdoor occupations, such as landscaping, brush clearing, forestry, and wildlife and parks management in endemic areas may also be at risk of getting Lyme disease. If you find a tick attached to your skin, be calm and remove it with a fine point tweezer gripping the tick as close to the skin as possible and pulling it straight out with steady pressure.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which is the bigger threat to Cohasset's character — Chapter 40B or "mansionization"?

SELECTMAN/Michael Sullivan

The issues presented in this week's question are difficult ones. Chapter 40B and mansionization are two very different issues facing the Town.

On the question of Chapter 40B, I support its underlining philosophy to provide affordable housing but feel the implementation scheme it mandates is inadequate in protecting our town. Currently the law strips the local community from the decision making process. What it should provide for is joint local and state oversight of affordable housing developments. At last year's Town Meeting I supported the motion calling on the state to enact a three-year moratorium on the provisions of 40B. This sent a clear message to our state officials that local communities wanted to be heard on this issue. Concerning present applications before the ZBA, I have supported funding for legal and technical experts needed to wade through the difficult standards that are presented Cohasset by the law. It is important that we protect the interests of our community.

Mansionization is not a new issue in Town. Large homes have been built in town for many years. The management of our town, the quality of our schools along with the aesthetics of the community together make Cohasset a very desirable town. During the 90s investors and homeowners demolished existing homes to rebuild more desirable homes and significant expansion of homes also became popular. In some circumstances these changes created significant controversy.

This issue is a difficult balance between the right of ownership and the management of land use. I believe that we can revisit the zoning bylaws to ensure that they provide the proper balance.

SELECTMAN/Roger Hill

Both mansionization and the continued use of state law Chapter 40B pose serious threats to the maintenance of the high quality community we have in Cohasset.

As a Selectman, I will strongly support the work of the Planning Board, the Growth and Development Committee, and citizens groups to control mansionization. We need to change our zoning bylaws. We need to better enforce the bylaws on the books. I don't want to see another area of town go through what the neighbors around 3 Jerusalem Lane have experienced. Uncontrolled expansion of home size threatens the investment we homeowners have in our property. Clearly, we need selectmen who will better supervise enforcement, through the town manager and building inspector, to protect all of our properties.

With the clout of the state behind developers' use of Chapter 40B, we need to work even harder on local solutions. The proposed Avalon Bay apartment complex is a disaster for Cohasset waiting to happen. The town, especially our schools, simply can't swallow the impact of 200 apartment units at once. Even if impacts on town services were minimal, the site is just not acceptable — not for fire fighting, not for walking or driving safety accessing Route 3A, not for its forced loss of tax paying commercial property, and clearly not for its placement in the watershed of our drinking water at Lily Pond.

As a Selectman, I will strongly support the stance of the Planning Board and Water Commission, and outright oppose Avalon. I feel there has been no opposition from our current selectmen — all too often we have heard just the opposite. Avalon will not solve our housing problems. The answer to the threat of 40B is to build affordable units in situations where Cohasset controls our own destiny and development choices.

SELECTMAN/Gabriel Gomez

With responsible leadership, the Board of Selectmen can limit the negative impact of both 40B and mansionization to ensure that neither is a long-term threat to Cohasset. While both currently jeopardize the character and charm of our town, Cohasset's leaders may limit their effects through sensible town legislation. The Board of Selectmen's priority should be to develop its own master plan for affordable housing satisfactory to both 40B state requirements and Cohasset and to ensure that mansionization is restricted within boundaries satisfactory to voters.

Because 40B provides flexibility for Cohasset to encourage the type of affordable housing that best suits our town, with the proper leadership 40B should not be a significant threat. As a state program, 40B is currently an inevitable part of life in Massachusetts. However, the state has charged towns with the responsibility of integrating affordable housing. The Board of Selectmen's focus should be to develop its own plan for affordable housing that encourages alternatives to massive construction projects, as these are neither the only nor the best means to satisfy 40B requirements. For example, senior overlay projects enable long-time town residents to stay in Cohasset without creating an undue burden on town services.

Town leaders may also ensure that mansionization does not threaten Cohasset's charm or disrupt its neighborhoods. The Board of Selectmen should focus on hearing voter wishes for new build and expansion guidelines to limit mansionization. This legislation should receive full public hearing to ensure that the character of Cohasset is protected without excessive restrictions on the rights of residents to build on their property.

While issues such as 40B and mansionization currently threaten the character and charm of Cohasset, this need not be the case; with responsible leadership and sensible legislation, town officials may mitigate the impact of both.

Next week's question:

Should Cohasset resign itself to the eventuality of a new Logan runway and more flights overhead?

Responses to the Question of the Week should be no more than 300 words and must be received by 5 p.m., Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.) Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fundraisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

Agitating a bag of wind

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Back in the days when college sports was played by real students, a group of undergraduates from Cornell petitioned the university to let them travel to Michigan to play a game of this new-fangled football.

The president gave them a resounding "no," adding "I shall not permit young men to travel 500 miles to agitate a bag of wind."

Then it was discovered that the public was not only willing but eager to pay money to watch that bag of wind being agitated by young men who traveled many times that distance to do it.

And the university could keep all the money, except for a comparative pittance paid to the coaches, and the athletes didn't even have to show up for classes and half of them didn't stick around for graduation.

It didn't matter because the athletes played for free and the announcers on TV called them "student-athletes" even though the last time they saw the inside of a classroom was when they took a wrong turn in the corridor on registration day.

The whole thing reached critical mass the other day when three major colleges called off their basketball (another bag of wind to be agitated) seasons...

The whole thing reached critical mass the other day when three major colleges called off their basketball (another bag of wind to be agitated) seasons just as they were getting to the most interesting and lucrative part of the schedule, the tournaments.

Georgia fired Assistant Coach Jim Harrick Jr., who also taught a course called "basketball coaching philosophy," and suspended Head Coach Jim Harrick, his father, for academic fraud. We used to call it "basket weaving."

The academic types in the Georgia front office didn't describe the fraud in detail but Athletic Director Vince Dooley did say that all 31 students in Harrick Jr.'s class, including 10 members of the team, got straight As on their report cards.

At the same time, Fresno State, a basketball power on the West Coast once coached by Jerry Tarkenian, whose nickname was "the Shark," announced that it was taking itself out of the post-season tournaments amid charges of academic fraud.

And St. Bonaventure, a school in upstate New York that is best described as a basketball court with laboratory and library attached, not only cancelled the last two game of the season but lost its president, Robert Wickenheiser, who resigned.

Incidentally, the best known graduate of St. Bonaventure is 6-foot-11 Bob Lanier, whose size 18 (or was it 16) kept the shoemakers of St. Bonaventure (the town) busy at the custom last for the duration of his college career.

But I digress . . .

College basketball has been through some tough ordeals in the past — like the times when the CCNY team and three all-Americans from Kentucky were caught shaving points, but no one can recall a season that ended in such chaos.

"It's just gone crazy," said David Swank, former chairman of the NCAA's Infractions Committee. "To have three major programs removing themselves from competition immediately before the tournament is highly unusual."

Think of how unusual it would be to that Cornell president of long ago if he knew how they were agitating his bag of wind now.

Bulger and Romney take the 'Mitts' off

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

When Sen. Jack Hart stepped up to the microphone in the Ironworkers Hall Sunday, he stood at Bill Bulger's spot, in Bill Bulger's shoes and speaking to Bill Bulger's crowd. Except for Bulger's newest worst enemy.

Hart is the senator from South Boston, the job Bulger had before and during the longest tenure as Massachusetts Senate president in history. The senator from Southie has been hosting this breakfast since before Hart was born. Bulger turned it into one of the major political events of the year; the president — U.S., that is — usually calls.

There's always some tension as rivals and outright foes show up to prove they're good sports. Bulger hasn't gone to the breakfast since he left the Senate to become UMass president. And he wasn't going to reverse himself to spend Sunday with that elitist Mitt Romney.

Things had been so polite up till now. Romney on Feb. 24 put out a budget that makes huge changes in a status quo mostly authored by the Democrats who overwhelmingly control the Legislature. But knowing the projected deficit is $3 billion whether there's a D or an R after your name, Democratic leaders and the Republican administration had been going light on the criticism and trying to keep things on a fairly high plane.

But when Bulger went public last week with his objections to Romney's restructuring of the public higher education system, it was high road be damned. He attacked Romney not just on substance — for proposing a flawed budget plan — but on moral grounds. He said Romney can't relate to the need for support of the working classes. Romney, who strikes most of those getting to know him as inherently disinclined to play rough, was unusually unrestrained in returning Bulger's fire.

The showdown came as part of a week in which the political argument over the budget was brought into clearer focus. After three weeks of circling and feinting, which comes out as "we'll have to look at the details" in Statehouse sound bites, Bulger and House Speaker Thomas Finneran pounced.

The Old Guard on Beacon Hill is starting to feel as though Romney is trying to claim all the high ground for himself, and "make himself the only good guy," as one veteran put it. The main counter-argument is that Romney makes broad, vague claims about budget savings, then offers "mumbled" retractions, as Finneran put it in a speech to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Certainly, Romney was sending an obvious message about his intention to find ways to break away from business as usual, even as cannily practiced by his own predecessors — Bulger is, after all, a Republican appointee. William Weld gave him the UMass post after years of horse trading between the governor's office and Senate.

Now, Romney's proposing doing away with Bulger's job altogether. And so, Southie is, um, perturbed. Hart's job was to keep the event in the spirit it is intended — to prove, as the breakfast intends, that some things transcend politics — like humor, fellowship, beer. But in light of recent events, that job is going to be unusually tough. It's the nature of the news biz, but most developments last week seemed to center on the negative: shrinking what's available to citizens, or pointing out problems that don't seem to want to be solved.

• *Romney says he'll close 36 health/human services offices* — The governor said his administration will close 36 of the state's 164 health and human services offices to save $2.3 million in the upcoming fiscal year. Critics pointed out he did not mention the Romney budget would do more than consolidate: services would be cut too. But the governor said his budget would help recipients by making delivery more efficient.

• *New pyrotechnics restrictions gain support* — There will be thousands of words written and said about The Station fire this year, but perhaps the most impactful ones were spoken last week in Room B-1. Grieving family members and solemn legislators agreed: most if not all the victims would be alive today if sprinklers had been required and pyrotechnics banned at gathering places like the nightclub. Such stipulations are likely to clear the Legislature soon.

• *Health care maladies diagnosed; prognosis uncertain* — A series of events surfaced difficulties in the health care sector:

US Sen. Edward Kennedy highlighted a rambunctious rally labeling the absence of health coverage for about 500,000 people in Massachusetts a moral failure.

Hospitals warned the Romney budget would seriously damage their financial condition largely by limiting reimbursement rates and failing to fix the fund that covers the uninsured. Romney was scheduled to hold a summit with hospital leaders Tuesday. Administration officials said they inherited the problems and are trying to fix them while also balancing the state budget.

A new survey indicated 92 percent of employers in Massachusetts are considering passing on new health insurance co-payments and other charges to their workers.

• *Governor says state can get some reimbursement for storm* — A bit of bright news: Romney announced the federal government will provide money to pay for road clearing during the record-setting blizzard in February. The state can get back 75 percent of the removal costs for the 48 hours of the storm and its aftermath; Romney's hoping reimbursements will cover 72 hours of storm cleanup.

• *Big-digging complete on northbound side* — Okay, one more positive note: The management of the Big Dig said a huge milestone will occur this month. The northbound side of the Big Dig, the $14.6 billion highway under Boston, will open March 28, after 20 years in the making.

• *Water rates likely to rise 3.9 percent* — Back to the bad news now: The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority board proposed a 3.9 percent rate hike. It's the third rate increase in a year.

• *MBTA fares going up a quarter* — And it gets worse if you're a subway-riding, water-drinking homeowner: the official action and politics are just starting, but the MBTA intends to cover its budget problems with fare hikes this spring, officials acknowledged. Fares were raised in 2000 as well, but ridership numbers are down.

• *Reilly says penalties for covering up abuse too weak* — State laws addressing the failure to report abuse are too lenient and the church sex abuse scandal proves it, Attorney General Thomas Reilly said in testimony before the Criminal Justice Committee. He backed legislation increasing the fine for failure to report by 2,500 percent: to $25,000 from the current $1,000.

• *Story of the week* — The Bulger-Romney battle will keep killing trees and consuming data packets for months. When it comes to the UMass restructuring, here's what's important: Bulger's not in the Legislature anymore, but he's still got the votes.

Nighttime joggers need a good dose of common sense

LOCAL VIEW

OVE PYGH WILCHE

SEQ CHAPTER \h \r 1He wasn't there, and then he was, and I almost ran him over. I claim to be a careful driver and recently when I pulled out of my driveway I followed the rules I was taught in school. I looked to the left, then to the right, and then to the left again. I thought I was safe, but as soon as I started driving I saw him right in front of the car. The only reason I did not cause injury or death was that the lower part of the driveway was free of ice and snow so the traction was good. The car came to an immediate halt and so did he. I was not surprised to see that he showed all the signs of being shocked because so was I, partly because I was thinking about what could have happened and partly because I could have sworn there was nobody within a block.

In the worst case scenario I would have killed him, and in a country famous for lawsuits, my only defense would be his failure to obey the rules of traffic, follow safety standards, and show common sense. In the American law jungle this is a rather lame argument compared to the accusation that I am a reckless driver, that his family lost a loved one, his wife lost her husband, and his children their father and supporter. It should be rather evident that even though I would be the surviving party, I would still be doomed the looser.

The incident took place after dark. It was one of these cloudy winter nights during a new moon, and in addition, the street light in front of my house was out, leaving this cold winter night pitch black, except for my turned on head-lights.

The street had been plowed, leaving banks of snow partly on the shoulder and partly on the sidewalk. This caused him to run into the street and, to blend perfectly in with the night, he was dressed all in dark clothes. To make sure he could not hear anything, he was equipped with the inevitable walkman, and to break all safety rules, he was jogging in the right side of the street with the traffic coming onto him from the back.

I can understand his wish to exercise during the long dark winter, but I will never understand why he, as so many of the bicyclists, pedestrians, and joggers I see so often, absolutely has to make it attempted suicide.

Nowadays, where jogging suits with reflective material, sneakers with flickering lights, and small easily handheld (and cheaper than a walkman) flashlights are available, it should not be too much of a problem to be equipped for safe exercising after dark. To use common sense and switch from the right to the left side of the street is not only one of the few free things in life, but also a tremendous safety measure.

Let this be an appeal to those who walk, jog or bike in the streets that, you, at all times, act like responsible members of the traffic. In addition, please remember the inconsiderate behavior of this particular jogger. Had the worst of all accidents happened, I would, despite it having been caused by his negligence, have had to live with the tragedy for the rest of my life. So, please show respect when you go out in the world to do your "thing." Respect the drivers (we are people too), but first and foremost show respect to yourself. After all, it is your life put at high risk when you act irresponsibly in the traffic.

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Hill coffees

There will be a coffee for Roger Hill sponsored by Ann Musto and Mark DeGiacomo on Tuesday, March 25, from 4 to 6 p.m. at 42 Steven Lane, RSVP Ann at 781-383-0401.

There will be an election party from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, March 28, at the American Legion Hall.

There will also be an after election party for all that are interested at the Lightkeepers from 7 to 9 p.m. after the votes are counted.

Gomez events are scheduled

Coffee with Gabriel Gomez, hosted by Suzanne & Patrick Waters, 91 Aaron River Road, Thursday March 20 1-3 p.m., RSVP 383-1560.

Reception To Meet Gabriel Gomez, hosted by Dorothy & Terry Green, 7 Linden Drive, Saturday March 22, 4-6 p.m. RSVP 383-3310.

Reception To Meet Gabriel Gomez, hosted by Nancy Garrison, 429 King St., Sunday March 23 4-6 p.m., RSVP by phone.

Interested citizens may also RSVP by email at votegomez@attbi.com

Gomez kicked-off his campaign for Selectman on March 9 with a reception at the home of Anne & Gary Vanderweil, co-hosted by Polly Logan & Julie Guild, that was attended by more than 75 supporters and interested citizens. The event included a question and answer session for attendees to probe the candidate's views on current issues facing the town. Gomez had a similarly impressive crowd this past weekend at the home of Louis Harvey with another lively question and answer period.

Sullivan coffees

The Committee to re-elect Michael Sullivan is hosting the following coffees with the candidate. All Cohasset residents are invited to meet Selectman Sullivan to discuss the issues facing the town in the coming years.

Coffees will be held on: Friday, March 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the home of Susan and Denny Meikleham, 178 South Main St. and Tuesday, April 1, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the home of Andrea and Rick Flynn, 30 Summer St. Please RSVP to 781-383-1205.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen
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March 14, 2003

QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. BHRC records local representatives' and senators' votes on one roll from prior legislative session.

CONSIDER VETOES (H 2003)

House 126-22, rejected an amendment requiring that any specific state budget items vetoed by the governor be brought to the full House for an override vote if two-thirds of House members sign a petition requesting the action. Amendment supporters said that without the amendment, the speaker-controlled Ways and Means Committee unilaterally decides which vetoes are considered by the House. They noted that a petition signed by two-thirds of the members shows strong support to bring a vetoed item to the House floor for a vote. Some noted that many vetoes in human service programs were never considered by the House last year because they remained in the Ways and Means Committee. Amendment opponents said the amendment flies in the face of the committee system and would take authority away from 32 members of the Ways and Means committee. They argued that the committee looks at the state's fiscal situation as a whole and argued that allowing discharge of individual spending items will result in more overrides and a continuing deficit. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment requiring consideration of a specific veto if two-thirds of House members sign a petition. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

$5 SURCHARGE AT REGISTRIES OF DEEDS (S 1939)

Senate 38-0, approved an amendment establishing a $5 surcharge on all transactions at Registries of Deeds across the state. The surcharge would be imposed in addition to proposed hikes in many real estate transaction fees. The funds from the surcharge would go into a newly-created Registers Technological Fund and for five years would be used for automation and technological improvements at the state's Registries of Deeds. The funds could also be used for operational improvements and the hiring of workers only at the Registries that are under control of the Secretary of State because of the abolition of some county governments. All revenue from the surcharge would go into the state's general fund after five years and could be used for any purpose. Amendment supporters said many Registries' operations are bordering on a state of collapse including long lines, long waits and questions over the accuracy of documents. They argued that technological improvements are long overdue and would benefit consumers across the state. No senators voted against the bill but critics say the $5 surcharge is an unnecessary and unwarranted tax particularly since after five years it would go to the state's general fund and would not be used for technology improvements at the Registries. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MANDATORY SPRINKLERS AND FIREWORKS BAN- The Public Safety Committee has okayed a bill requiring all nightclubs and dance halls, regardless of size, and all commercial buildings with an area of more than 7,500 square feet, to install sprinkler systems. The proposal also bans the use of fireworks at most indoor entertainment venues. Approval of the proposal came following a hearing at which some of the families of victims of the Rhode Island nightclub fire tearfully testified.

SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION AND ETHICS LAWS- The Senate is hosting a training seminar for senators and staff during the week of March 17 on state ethics laws and public employee conduct. Last week, the Senate held a seminar for senators and staff on sexual harassment and discrimination.

DOMESTIC ABUSE (S 154)- The Public Safety Committee held a hearing on a bill imposing up to a five year prison sentence on anyone convicted of assault and battery on a family or household member. Under the terms of the bill, "family or household members" is defined as persons who are married or divorced, residing in the same household, related by blood or marriage, have a child regardless of whether they have ever married or lived together or have been in a substantive dating or engagement relationship.

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE (S 204)- Attorney General Tom Reilly led the charge as the Public Safety Committee heard testimony on his proposed legislation increasing penalties for persons who fail to report child abuse. The measure would increase the maximum penalty from the current $1000 fine to $25,000 and/or 2.5 years in prison.

POST TAX DELINQUENTS ON INTERNET (S 1737)- The Taxation Committee heard testimony on a proposal expanding a current law that allows the Department of Revenue (DOR) to disclose the names of delinquent taxpayers who have owed the state in excess of $25,000 for more than six months. The bill would require the list to be available for public inspection at DOR or by other means of publication, including the Internet.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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Selectman's race open for debate

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"(Sullivan and Hill) have always kind of looked back. I've always looked forward," he said.

But one issue that could haunt Gomez is that he has never voted in a Town election or participated in Town Meeting since moving to Cohasset more than two years ago. Gomez said he did not participate initially because he was not familiar with town issues. "I don't think that should be one of the qualifications," he said. "It's not a litmus test for who should be a Selectman."

Gomez said his experience in the Navy is proof that he is committed to public service. "I regret not getting involved earlier, but the reality is I've always been involved in leading my town or my country," he said. "We've been watching. We've been learning. We've been honoring the views of longtime residents. And we've been developing our own positions. To me, this is a non-issue."

While Gomez may need to defend his lack of participation in town government, Hill will play up his role as an "active member of the community."

"I've attended as many community meetings as I could feasibly get to," said Hill, adding that in the past year he had been to almost every Selectmen's meeting, as well as those of the Zoning Board, the Board of Health and the Community Preservation Committee.

Although he has never served as an appointed or elected town official, Hill is confident that his attendance at town board meetings will be reflected in the debate. "I feel I know what the issues are. I just have to organize the facts," he said. "Last year's debate is what got me a lot of votes. I did very well in last year's debate and I feel I'll do very well in this year's as well."

Roger Hill

Michael Sullivan

Gabriel Gomez

Sullivan agreed the candidates have not been too divided on the issues. "I haven't seen any strong differences," he said. "They seem to be pushing the issue that change is important, and I don't agree with that obviously."

Sullivan said his experience as an elected official makes him the qualified candidate. "I have 13 years of municipal experience that is valuable to the town at this point. I think that's as important as anything."

Next Thursday's debate will begin at 8 p.m. following the Annual Election Supper at Beechwood Congregational Church. The debate will be hosted by Noel Collins and will be broadcast on the town's local cable channel.

Collins, who has moderated debates at both the town and state levels in the past, said races for state legislators tend to be far more heated. "The local elections tend to be more civic and cautious," he said. "That's not to say (the candidates) won't have any differences but they're far more polite."

Collins said this year's debate would be a "golden opportunity to make things more interesting." Questions will come from both the media and viewing residents, who can call the Selectmen's office at 383-4105.

"It's an anonymous way to ask a pointed question to a candidate," Collins said.

POLITICAL NOTES

Election supper at Beechwood

The Annual Election Supper, a springtime tradition, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street.. Candidates and voters are invited to get together for dinner on Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m.. Dinner will include stuffed chicken, peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, rolls, mashed potatoes, cake and ice cream as well as beverages. Before dinner, all candidates will be introduced. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

Republicans meet

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's Cottage. All are invited to attend to discuss issues on the state and local level and the upcoming Annual Town Meeting.

Local legislators talk runway with AG

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, met with Attorney General Thomas Reilly recently regarding the expansion of Logan Airport.

Bradley and Hedlund had requested the meeting due to the recent revelations regarding the so-called "Mitre Report". This report indicates the data used by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs during the environmental impact review process was flawed. It indicated that the benefits of adding an additional runway at Logan Airport were exaggerated by "a factor of 10".

"Given this information, we felt that it was critical to speak with Attorney General Reilly to see what position his office was going to take on the matter and I am very thankful that the Attorney General took the time to speak with us" said Bradley. "It is our hope that this issue could be litigated further in the ongoing case to lift the injunction against building an additional runway. We also wanted the Attorney General to undertake a separate legal action to re-open the environmental impact process given the fact that the submissions were based on inaccurate data.".

"It would be in the best interest of the impacted communities to re-open the environmental impact process" said Hedlund. "I am hopeful that Attorney General Reilly will agree to take immediate action"

Reilly indicated in the meeting his office will review the matter. He promised follow-up discussions with the Bradley and Hedlund as well as other members of the Legislature.

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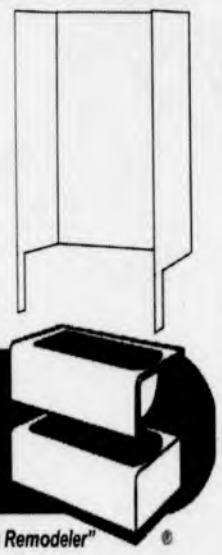

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Cohasset's Nicynski making his mark on the college stage

Plans to pursue a professional career

By John Camera
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If you're a theater nut and you've been around town long enough, then you're probably familiar with the work of Ron Nicynski. The longtime Cohasset resident has been acting since the age of six and directing since his days at Cohasset Middle School.

More notably, he's directed three plays with the Cohasset Plays-by-the-Sea Theater Group: "Oliver", "Into the Woods" and an adaptation dubbed "Shakespeare's West Side Story."

Now a senior at Boston College, Nicynski, 22, might be taking part in his last local production for a long time to come. This week he will direct "La Bête", written by David Hirson, at B.C.'s Robsham Arts Center. The show will run tonight and tomorrow starting at 8 p.m. and Saturday starting at 7 p.m.

Nicynski, a theater major, will graduate this spring and pursue an acting and directing career in Chicago or New York. Whether you liked what you saw in his previous productions or just want to see what all the hype is about, this could be you're last chance to do it — at least locally, that is.

Nicynski's current production is his first directing gig at B.C. "La Bête" is set in 17th century France and written in rhyming iambic-pentameter couplets. The play recounts the arrival of a vulgar street performer, Valere, into an elite company of veteran actors. The battles between Elomire, the troupe's leader, and Valere provide the basis for an antic comedy questioning the divide between high art and popular entertainment.

"The caliber of actors at B.C. is very high. It's a very professional atmosphere."
— Ron Nicynski, Boston College senior

"It's really about selling out," said Nicynski, who has been working on the project about 60 hours a week during the five and a half week rehearsal process. "It's sort of about giving up your own personal values for fame and fortune...and how easy that is for some people.

"It's really thick commentary on art and artists but in a very high style, very comedic way. That's why I chose the script. This shows you instead of tells you. It makes you think more, keeps you on your toes."

The play was critically acclaimed when it debuted on Broadway in 1992, but according to Nicynski, it missed with most audiences. "It flopped," he said. "It was three hours. It was very much a 'period style' show. It was very flat."

Nicynski's answer to that has been to pare things down and reach out to a wider audience. He shortened the play to two hours, including intermission. He sped up the punch lines to sharpen the play's humor.

"My big challenge was how do I make this work for the general masses and not just for the purists," he said. "The small, preview audiences have been very receptive."

Nicynski has led up to his college directing debut by starring in numerous lead roles in other plays at B.C. Among his more notable roles were King Herod in "Jesus Christ Superstar," Claudius in Shakespeare's "Hamlet," Dr. Dorn in Chekhov's "The Seagull," and Dr. Von Helfing in "Dracula."

Now, Nicynski is back to directing, something that he first started when he was named director of "The Wizard of Oz" at Cohasset Middle School. He said his acting experience has made him a better director.

"I keep jumping back and forth," he said. "I think it's a good thing. It makes the director see the world from the actor's point of view."

Nicynski said the transition hasn't been that difficult. "It's been easier than one would think. The caliber of actors at B.C. is very high. It's a very professional atmosphere. It's not a workshop production."

Nicynski started dancing when he was only six years old at Diane Purdy's Children's Theater Workshop in Quincy. By the time he left the school at age 14, he said, the strict learning environment had rubbed off, making him more "focused and driven."

"You learn the basics. You learn an understanding of the business itself," he said.

Now, Nicynski hopes his experience will land him a job with a professional theater company. If he does more directing, he hopes to work on adaptations, like "La Bête," where he can mold the script to make it "more accessible to the audience."

But Nicynski still has one more curtain call before he can tackle his professional dreams. For tickets, contact the Boston College Robsham Arts Center at 617-552-4200.

Ron Nicynski, 22, will graduate from Boston College this spring and plans to pursue a professional acting and directing career.

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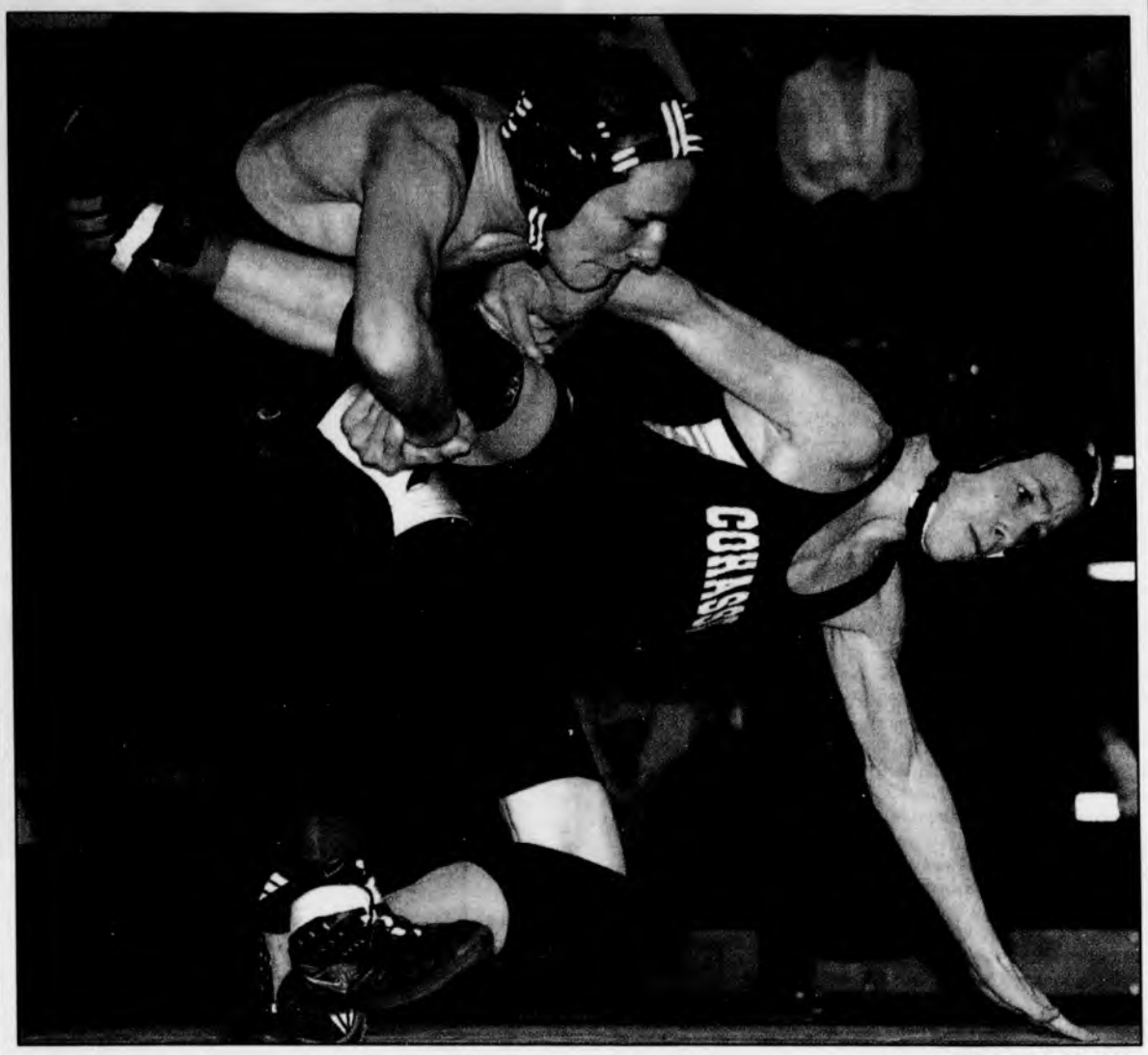

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Cohasset's Jonathan Littauer, seen here trying to extricate himself from a tricky situation, follows in the footsteps of big brother Dan by being named a Mariner All-Scholastic wrestler.

Mariner All-Scholastic Wrestling team

Cohasset's Littauer, McKenna, Strazzulla and Baroudis named among area's elite

Capping off a season that saw the Cohasset wrestling team finish with a program best 18 wins, finish second at the Div. 3 South Sectionals in a 23-team field, advance nine wrestlers to the state divisional championships, four to All-States and then two to New Englands, we here at Mariner papers have named five CHS wrestlers to our All-Scholastic team, the highest number from any of the 12 public schools we cover.

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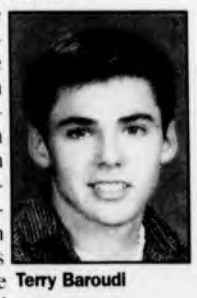
Jonathan Littauer - Sophomore
103 - Cohasset

Jonathan Littauer

Following in the footsteps of older brothers Ben and Dan (class of '02, two-time Mariner All-Scholastic) to become a star wrestler for Cohasset High...won the South Sectional crown, then took fourth at State Div. 3 championships and won one match in a very tough veteran field at All-States...carried a 30-4 record into the Divisional championship, with three of those losses coming to Rockland's high state ranked Paul Robinson, the other in a bout at 112 pounds...was originally slated to bump to 112 pounds this year, but did a remarkable job of maintaining his weight at 103 all season...Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "Jonathan is a little machine. He never gets tired and his technique is way beyond his years. He's just a strong fundamental wrestler, and he's only going to get better."

Terry Baroudi - Senior (Capt.)
135 - Cohasset



Terry Baroudi

This two-time Mariner All-Scholastic won the Div. 3 South Sectional championship, and went on from there to finish third at the state divisional championships and then second at All-States to advance to the New England wrestling championships, one of just seven in our subscriber area to do so...put together a 47-6 season, including a 37-2 regular season....played baseball at CHS through his sophomore year and football through his junior year, but decided after his junior wrestling season to give up the other sports in order to concentrate more fully on wrestling...Terry intends to wrestle in college...has narrowed his collegiate choices to Johnson & Wales and Roger Williams,.. leaning toward majoring in Business... Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "The most impressive thing about Terry is his work ethic and his desire to learn all he can about wrestling. Since he was a freshman, he's picked my brain constantly. He was never satisfied with just being good, and look where it got him. It's a perfect story of hard work paying off."

Phil Strazzulla - Junior (Capt.)
140 - Cohasset

Phil Strazzulla

Took third in the Div. 3 South Sectionals and fourth at the state Divisional championships in one of the toughest weight divisions in Massachusetts...lost a pair of close heartbreakers at All-States to top ranked state wrestlers... went 33-3 in the regular season...began this season wrestling at 130 pounds, but bumped up two classes (as Terry Baroudi was entrenched at 135) due to a growth spurt...beat two fellow Mariner All-Scholastics during the season at 130: splitting a pair of matches with Scituate's Steve Barry and besting Weymouth's Elijah Cheeks, a New England Wrestling championship qualifier, 15-6...played soccer his freshman year at CHS, but decided to concentrate on wrestling after that...one of the few junior captains the CHS wrestling program has ever had...wrestles for Orange Crush in the off-season, and has also attended a few wrestling camps... Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "Phil is a true student of the

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Best of the best

The Bigger View
By Joel Racicot

I have been a gym rat since I was nine years old, regularly attending High School basketball games on the South Shore for the last 11 years.

When I was 10 years old me and one of my best friend's at the time used to go to North Quincy almost every weekend to watch AAU basketball. Our brother's played for the South Shore Tigers, but we never watched them play.

Instead, we volunteered to be ball-boys for Leo Papile's BABC team. It was there that my high school basketball education began, watching the likes of Jamal Jackson, Shannon Bowman, Carmelo Travieso and Wayne Turner.

This season, I was thoroughly impressed with the excitement, and talent level in high school boys basketball on the South Shore, and was inspired to write an article about the top high school boys basketball players in "Marinerland" over the last few seasons.

I'm no Doctor Jack Ramsey of high school hoops, but I have some background, and thanks to the huge help from many area coaches, I ventured into this daunting task.

This is kind of like the NBA all 50 team that came out a few years ago, except I've decided to add the Shaquille O'Neal factor, which means I won't include players that are still active; Sorry Tom Cuddihy of Scituate, Joe Coppens of Rockland, Gerry Corcoran (2000 + points) and John Mohan of Norwell.

Who is eligible for this list? I won't go as far back as 1994/1995, but I will go as far as 1996, for no reason besides many coaches from long ago are long gone, and I would not feel confident validating my own ideas with comments from

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A perfect fit

Torin Sweeney continues to follow his 'calling'

By Mike Spellman
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Most of us stumble into professions and then work hard to settle in and convince ourselves that *this* is the place for us.

Then there are those fortunate few among us who seem to be genuinely born to their vocation. Torin Sweeney, all evidence would appear to indicate, is one in that blessed handful who falls into the latter category.

"Torin was just meant to be a coach," stated Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford.

If anyone is in a position to judge this, it is Ford. The two have worked side-by-side for well over a decade at Cohasset High School. Ford has been the boys varsity head basketball coach for 11 years, and the Athletic Director for the last four. Sweeney, who currently serves as Ford's Assistant A.D., has coached just about every sport over that time: baseball, softball, football, lacrosse, golf, wrestling...and it seems to make no difference. He's enjoyed success in all.

Sweeney took over the varsity golf team three years ago, and has helped put that long moribund program back on the right track. He took over the girls lacrosse program last spring at the bequest of Ford when coach Kathy Guadiano went out on maternity leave, and promptly led the Lady Skippers to their winningest season ever and their first ever victory in the

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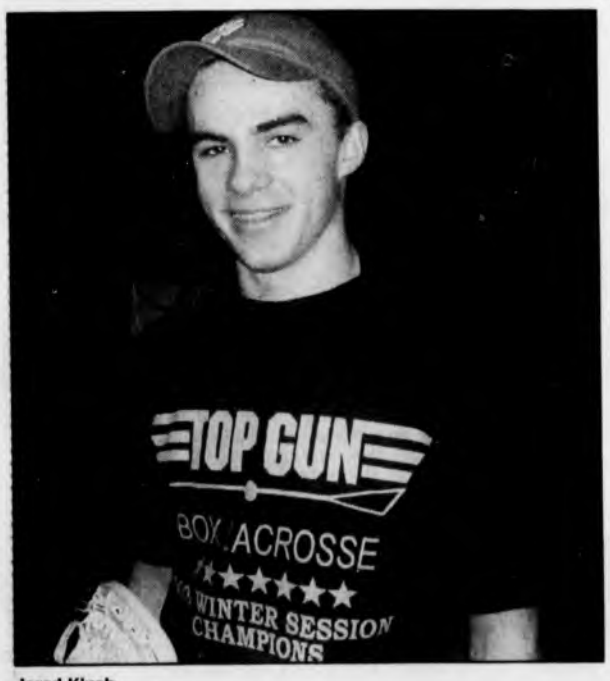
Torin Sweeney keeps a close eye on one of his wrestlers at recent meet.



Jared Kinch.

Kinch earns TopGun lax MVP honors

Congratulations to Cohasset eight grader Jared Kinch for recently being named MVP for TopGun Lacrosse's last session at the Plymouth Sports Dome.

Would Cohasset have won the Middle School Silver Division without Jared Kinch? Probably. Would they be the powerhouse that has dominated this league for two years? Probably not.

For those of you unfamiliar with the well-oiled machine that is Cohasset, they are led offensively by Dan Trendowicz (18 goals, 10 assists). Four other players are in our top ten list - Jeff Brown (10 and 17), Michael Bunstein (17 and 9), Patrick Flynn (12 and 6), and Jared Kinch (13 and 11).

So how does Jared Kinch end up as this team's MVP, much less the MVP of the entire division? The answer comes from the story that the stat sheet doesn't tell. And that is this; Jared Kinch spent exactly half of each game in the goal. And while in the goal, he recorded the league's top save percentage (a remarkable 71%).

Back to his offensive numbers, one can only imagine what his stats would be if he played the whole game out of the net. As it was, he was the league's 4th leading scorer, and 2nd in assists.

In short, and this means no disrespect against any player on this remarkable team, Jared Kinch is a player that any coach would want on his team.

Myers scales new heights

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Winter is usually the time reserved for the basketball players, the skiers, the wrestlers, hockey players and gymnasts. But look beyond the Skippers of Cohasset High School, and you will find another Cohasset resident excelling at a much less publicized sport.

Tom Myers, a junior at Milton Academy, recently took first place at the 5th Annual Milton Academy indoor climbing competition.

The competition is separated into three subdivisions, beginner, intermediate and advanced. Myers, along with two other teammates, swept the advanced category with a 1-2-3 finish. Over 60 climbers from the private schools of Milton, Nobles, Governor Dummer Academy, Loomis Chaffee, Exeter and Tilton took part at the competition.

Myers started with the opening round, in which climbers compete a marked route. The athletes are scored based on the difficulty and complexity of the routes they choose. Reaching the finals with five other competitors in the advanced group, Myers took part in the much

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Cohasset's Littauer, McKenna, Strazzulla and Baroudis named among area's elite

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sport. No one has worked harder than him to make things come together. There's a reason he's a junior captain. He sets a great example."

Matt Baroudi - Sophomore
215 - Cohasset

Matt Baroudi

The "little brother" of Terry Baroudi came seemingly out of nowhere to finish second at the Div. 3 South Sectionals, third at state divisional championships and then sixth at All-States to become the second Cohasset wrestler to qualify for New England's (older brother Terry was the other), and just the seventh in our subscriber area to do so…improved steadily over the course of the regular season, finishing with a 23-8 record… Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "I think Matt surprises people. He's not as physically imposing as a lot of 215-pound wrestlers, but he's got a lot more savvy and intelligence as a wrestler than most sophomores, and I think he's deceptively quick and strong."

Chris McKenna - Senior
(Capt.)
145 - Cohasset

Chris McKenna

Illness cost this two-time Mariner All-Scholastic wrestler his shot at the Divisional state championships… took third at South Sectionals to complete his season with a 31-3 record…at Sectionals, dominated Holliston's Naeem Ovins, 6-1, who went on to wrestle at All-States…a natural athlete who took to wrestling exceptionally fast after trying out for the sport his sophomore year…became the first CHS wrestler in a decade this winter to take first place in all three of CHS's regular season wrestling tourneys: Marshfield, Whitman-Hanson and Cohasset…also a standout football player for Cohasset High…sophomore brother Dave is a bright prospect for the wrestling and football teams…Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "Chris is just a natural athlete who progressed as quickly as a wrestler as just about anyone I've ever seen. It's a shame he didn't make it to States, because he was just dominating people. I definitely think he could have made it to All-States and quite possibly New Englands too."

Dan Villanova - Senior
(Capt.)
125 - Weymouth

Dan Villanova

A nagging knee injury couldn't stop this senior from finishing his wrestling career in style, establishing himself as one of the area's top middleweights…Jumping from 112 to 125 this season, Villanova captured second at the Div. 1 South Sectionals, third at the Div. 1 States, and fifth at the All-State Championships to reach the New Englands…His performance was key to the Wildcats winning their sixth-straight Sectional title, Bay State League title, and 21-1 season, their only loss coming against powerhouse Lowell…Villanova won division and state titles at 112 as a junior…Also a lacrosse player at WHS, Villanova has been accepted to Roger Williams and applied to Kings Point…He plans to continue his wrestling career and study either Computer Science or Law. Weymouth coach Kevin Mackin: "Dan's a very polished wrestler. He's learned a lot of technique over the years and has been very comfortable at every position. He's basically the whole package."

Jay Anzalone - Senior
(Capt.)
215 - Weymouth

Jay Anzalone

A Div. 1 South Sectional champion at 215, Anzalone was key to the Wildcats winning their sixth-straight Sectional Championship…The senior went on to place second at the Div. 2 States, was fourth at the All-State Championships, and won a match at New Englands…Sometimes bumped to heavyweight (275), Anzalone's athleticism in the upper-weights set him apart from his opponents, leading to his team's Bay State League title and 21-1 overall record…He was one of the team leaders in pins this season…Also a standout on the WHS football team, Anzalone plans to attend Northeastern to continue his football career and study Criminal Justice. Weymouth coach Kevin Mackin: "Jay came into this to stay in shape for football, but actually turned himself into an excellent wrestler through hard work. He competed at heavyweight when we needed him and gave up 40 to 60 pounds. He was still able to beat opponents because of his athleticism and balance."

Elijah Cheeks - Senior
130 - Weymouth

Cheeks recorded one of his most successful seasons to date, capping his four-year wrestling career at the New England Championships…The senior spent the last two seasons seeing only limited action behind the team's veterans, but this season was his year…After helping his team record a Bay State League title and 21-1 overall season, Cheeks's third place finish in the 130 class at the Div. 1 South Sectionals helped key the Wildcats' sixth-straight team title at the meet…Cheeks went on to take fourth at the Div. 1 States, fifth at the All-State Championships, landing him at New Englands. Weymouth coach Kevin Mackin: "Elijah is probably my favorite story of the season. He didn't see much action for two seasons but he hung in there and turned it around. Most kids generally pack it in, but he was the opposite of that. He took his lumps and showed the team what you can accomplish through hard work and perseverance."

Mike Cicchese - Junior
119 - Weymouth

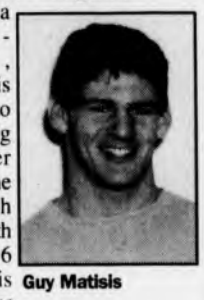
In a break-out season for the Weymouth team, Cicchese captured the Div. 1 South Sectional title at 119, defeating fellow All-Scholastic Christian Vercollone, 13-1, in the finals…The first-year varsity wrestler had a great overall Sectional tournament, taking less than a minute to pin his first two opponents, before defeating New Bedford's Tuoi Dang, 2-0, in the semifinals…Cicchese went on to wrestle at the Div. 1 State Championships…A fierce and dedicated grappler in the highly competitive 119 class, Cicchese put in the work off-season at several wrestling camps and improved his skills, racking up 30 plus wins in the process…His consistent performance this season helped land the Wildcats their sixth-straight Sectional title and win two tournaments (Whitman/Hanson, Weymouth) en route to an impressive 21-1 season and unbeaten Bay State League title…With seven key WHS grapplers graduating this spring, Cicchese will be a top returning athletes to the Wildcats team. Weymouth coach Kevin Mackin: "Mike improved tremendously. He got better on his feet and got stronger. He needed to work on getting stronger and on recording take downs, and it was evident that he did."

Greg Kahn - Senior (Capt.)
140 - Hingham

Greg Kahn

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Kahn finished his Hingham career with another solid season going 50-4…The senior won the Div. 2 South Sectional title at 140, helping the Harbor-men capture the team title… Went on to take third at the Div. 2 State Champion-ships, and went on to wrestle at New Englands…Won three tournaments this season (Belmont, Scituate, Cohasset) and was a finalist at the prestigious Lowell tourney…He holds two Hingham High records for wins by a senior (50) and pins in dual meets (18)…Kahn also plays football at HHS and plans to attend college. Hingham coach Keith Durham: "Greg was a wonderful leader. No one was able to contain him on the mat. He's very strong in all aspects of the sport."

Guy Matisis - Sophomore
189 - Hingham

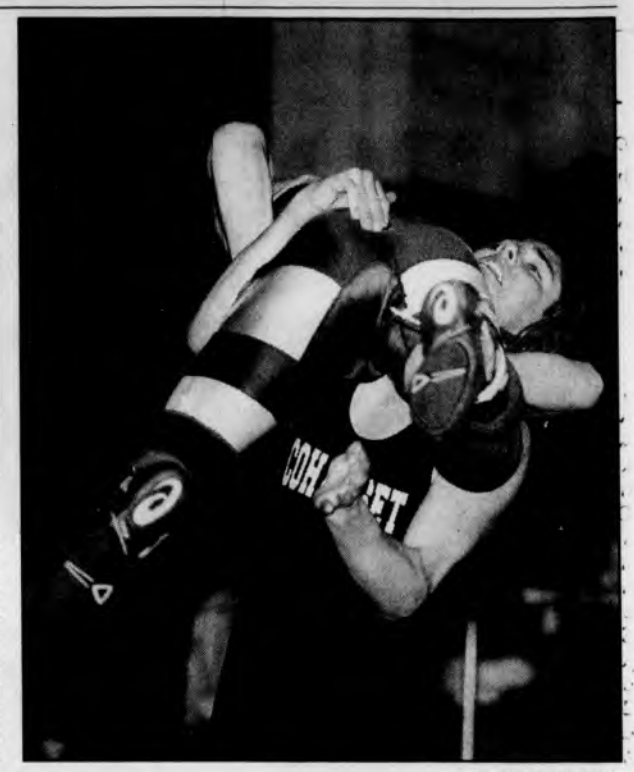

Guy Matisis

Just a sophomore, Matisis is proving to be a big contender on the South Shore with 36 wins…His first place finish at the Div. 2 South Sectionals at 189 helped the Harbormen capture the South team title…Matisis went on to wrestle at the Div. 2 state championships, where he reached the semifinals…Matisis won the Scituate tourney, was third at Belmont, was a finalist at Cohasset, and reached the quarters at Lowell…Matisis set a school record for wins by a sophomore (36)…Also a linebacker on the Hingham football team, Matisis will be among the top returning athletes to the HHS team next year. Hingham coach Keith Durham: "He's got a great work ethic and is relentless. He'll do whatever he has to do to win. He's a great athlete."

Dave Laramee - Senior
130 - Rockland

Dave Laramee

Laramee jumped several weight classes this season and still saw the type of success he's enjoyed throughout his wrestling career…Laramee won the Div. 3 South Sectional title at 130 and was named the meet's "Outstanding Wrestler"… Suffered an unfortunate setback at the Div. 3 State Championships, ripping a tendon in his leg…His dedication to the sport is unmatched, according to his coach…Laramee helped Rockland capture second place in the Patriot League this season…The senior is also a standout on the RHS cross country team and plans to attend college. Rockland coach Tim Brown: "He's the type of athlete every coach would want on his team. You ask him to jump and he's already in the air asking how high. He puts in the extra work in the off-season. He's a very coachable kid."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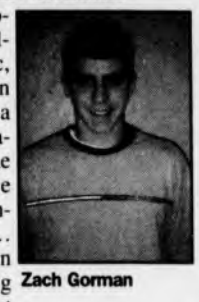
Terry Baroudi prepares to lower the boom on one of his 47 victims this season.

Zach Gorman - Senior
125 - Rockland


Zach Gorman

A two-time All-Scholastic, Gorman capped a great season at the All-State Championships… Unbeaten entering the meet at 42-0, Gorman's only two losses came here… Gorman was the Div. 3 South Sectional champion at 125…According to his coach, Gorman's great conditioning and natural wrestling ability is what sets him apart…Helped Rockland capture a second-place finish in the Patriot League, behind only Duxbury…Gorman was also a standout on the RHS cross country team in the fall. Rockland coach Tim Brown: "He's very aggressive and intense. He's a good all-around wrestler and can be very dominating. He's in great condition. Every time we ran at practice, he would finish first."

Paul Robinson - Sophomore
103 - Rockland

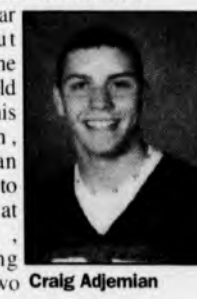
Just a sophomore, Robinson was clearly the most dominating lightweight grappler on the South Shore this season…His aggressiveness and uncharacteristic strength at the 103 class set him apart from other grapplers…Robinson pinned just about every opponent he faced and racked up a team high…Won the Marshfield, Scituate, and Cohasset tournaments and suffered an unfortunate setback at the Div. 3 South Sectionals, not making his weight…He was the top seed in the meet…Robinson was also key to Rockland's second-place finish in the Patriot League…The sophomore has run cross country and track at RHS and plans to play football next fall. Rockland coach Tim Brown: "He's pinned everyone in the area this season. He's very strong for his class and only had one bad day, which was unfortunately at Sectionals. He can only get better."

Dan Cotrone - Senior
(Capt.)
275 - Hanover

Don Cotrone

One of the most athletic heavyweight grapplers around, Cotrone capped yet another solid season wrestling with the big men going 38-2…The senior was third at the Div. 3 South Sectionals, but went on to place second at the Div. 3 States, All-States, and New England Championships, falling to only nemesis Jeff Parker of Foxboro in three tight decisions…His quickness on the mat clearly set him apart from his opponents over the years, thanks to his role as a lineman on the Hanover High football team…A three-time All-Scholastic, Cotrone plans to attend college next year. Hanover coach Bill Dunn: "Dan is very athletic. He is very quick and agile. Recently, he has been doing a lot more than just throwing his weight around."

Craig Adjemian - Junior
(Capt.)
152 - Marshfield


Craig Adjemian

A clear standout on the Marshfield team this season, Adjemian was one to watch at 152, recording only two losses…
Just a junior, his leadership on the team has earned him captain status…Adjemian won the Cohasset tourney and took third at Marshfield's own holiday tourney…Second at the Div. 2 South Sectionals, Adjemian suffered a heartbreaking setback at the Div. 2 state championships as he was recorded as being just .1 pound over his weight and was deemed unable to wrestle despite being highly seeded…A year-round grappler, Adjemian took third at last year's Bay State Games…Also a football player at MHS, Adjemian will return to captain the wrestling team next season. Marshfield coach John Kenney: "It's unfortunate that his season ended so abruptly because he certainly

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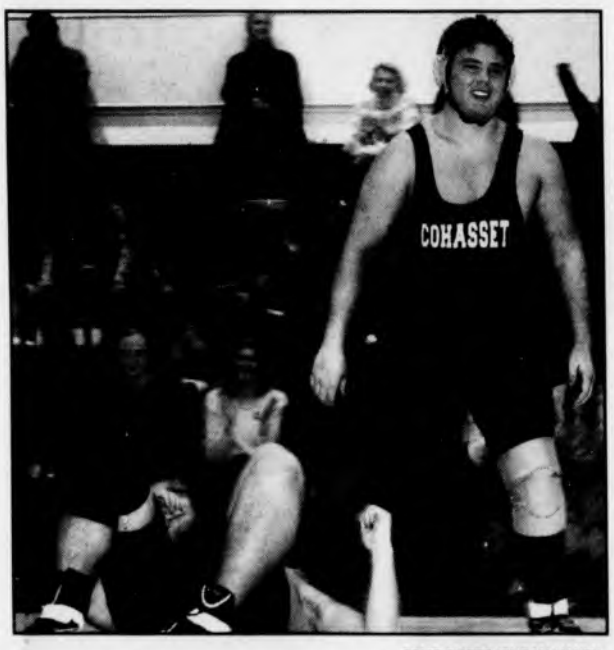

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Matt Baroudi (standing) is all smiles after one of his many wins this season.

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All-Scholastic Wrestling team

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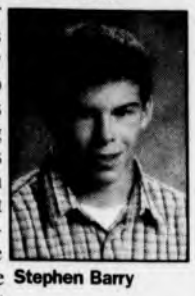
had the talent. He's the hardest worker on the team. He's got no one else around him. He was a junior captain and was outstanding at that."

Stephen Barry - Junior
130 - Scituate


Stephen Barry

If not for James McCarthy who knows how long Barry's season might have lasted...the Scituate junior lost only eight times all season against 28 wins, with three of those losses coming to the aforementioned Mansfield High senior, the last two in the Sectional and Div. 3 state championships...avenged his other regular season losses, splitting his season's series with Rockland's Dave Laramee (2-2) and topping Cohasset's Phil Strazzula after suffering an early season loss at this hands...also beat Cohasset star Terry Baroudi, who went on to win the Div. 3 South Sectional crown at 135 pounds and qualify for New England's...finished fourth and Sectionals, and then lost a one-point heartbreaker at the Div. 3 state championships to lose his shot of advancing to All-States...finished the regular season as the state's 10th ranked wrestler at 130-pounds...hopes to wrestle in college...Scituate coach Tom Giacomozzi: "The best thing about Stephen is his work ethic. We found a weakness in his wrestling style that McCarthy was able to exploit, and that just made him re-double his commitment to the sport. He's already a very good wrestler, but I predict he's going to really tear it up next year."

Sean Dolan - Senior (Capt.)
125 - Braintree

Sean Dolan

After finishing second at South Sectionals, the senior was unable to compete at the Div. 2 state championships due to a nasty case of bronchitis...a solid technical wrestler who improved all four years...put together a strong 18-7 regular season...lauded by rookie head coach Greg Rainieri for his leadership and helping to hold his young Wamps team together...plans to major in Civil Engineering at Norwich University, where he also hopes to wrestle...Braintree coach Greg Rainieri: "Sean is a good wrestler who really stepped it up in the postseason. The thing that made him most special on this team this year, though was his leadership. He was the first kid to practice and the hardest worker. He set the tempo, and his enthusiasm rubbed off on just about everyone."

Brian Hess - Junior
171 - Silver Lake

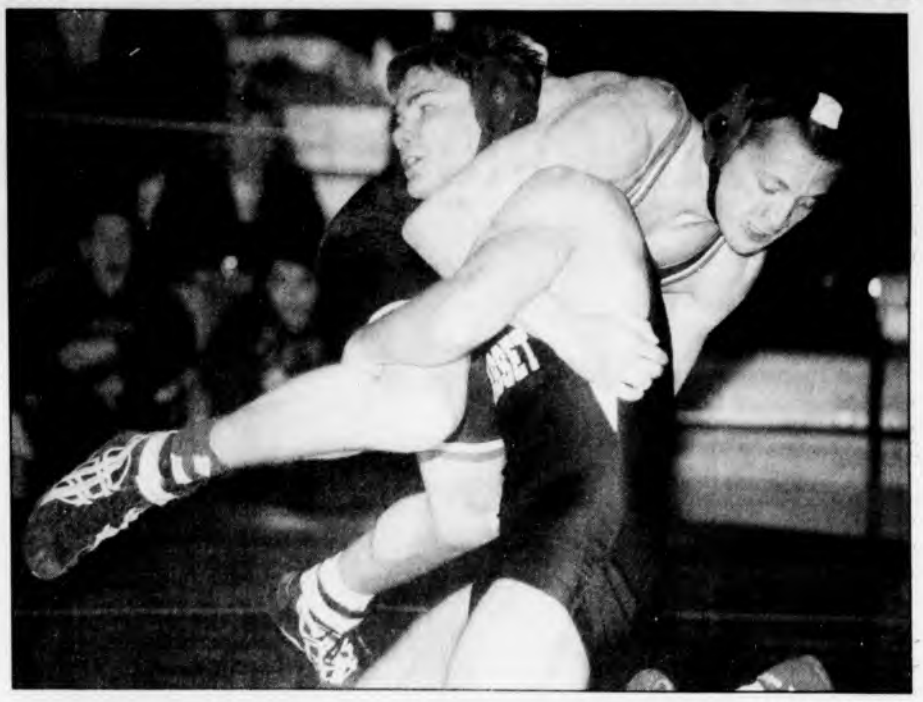
The junior took second at Sectionals in a very difficult field, and then third at the Div. 1 State championships to become the only Silver lake wrestler to advance to All-States...finished the regular season with a record of 25-2, and went 33-6 overall...not bad, considering wrestling is his "hobby"...uses wrestling primarily to stay in shape for football...was a star two-way performer (tailback/linebacker) for the Lakers on the gridiron this fall, leading all team running backs in rushing and finishing second in tackles...hopes to play college football as a linebacker...wrestled at 171 this year because 189 was filled by 2002 Mariner All-Scholastic Sean Kane...plans to bulk up for football and wrestle at 189 next year...Silver Lake coach Greg Black: "Brian is first and foremost a very good athlete. On the mat, he is very aggressive, and he works very hard. He hates giving away a single point. I guess that's the football mindset of not wanting to give up even one more yard than necessary."

Brian Hess

Christian Vercollone - Sophomore
119 - Silver Lake

Christian Vercollone

On the heels of a solid freshman campaign at 103-pounds, Christian put together an outstanding 21-3 regular season at 119...went on to finish second at Sectionals and fifth at the State I Divisional championships, missing out by one spot of qualifying for All-States...like the other Silver Lake athlete named an All-Scholastic (Brian Hess), wrestling is merely Christian's "sporting hobby." this extremely athletic sophomore aspires to follow in the footsteps of older brothers Luke and J.P. (both currently on scholarship at Seton Hall) and play college soccer...Luke was also a sensational high school wrestler...one-year older brother Anthony is also a very good soccer player and wrestler for Silver Lake...Christian, a two-year varsity soccer player for Silver Lake, has played the last two years on both the state and regional Olympic Developmental Program soccer teams...was named a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention for soccer this past fall...Silver Lake coach Greg Black: "Christian really turned the corner this year as a wrestler. He was very smart out there, especially at the end of the season. He should be a very exciting wrestler the next two years."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Now two-time Mariner All-Scholastic wrestler Chris McKenna (front) tries to flip his opponent at South Sectional tourney last month, where he took third place.

Honorable Mention:

Scott Long - Sr. (Capt.) - Weymouth
Logan Riley - Sr. - Hingham
John Ferrante - Sr. - Hingham
Glade Ricart - 125 - Hingham
Leo Mahoney - 112 - Rockland
Rob Affleck - Sr. - 140 - Rockland
Jim Egan - 103 - Hanover
Chris McCauley - 125 - Marshfield
Ryan Kane- Sr.- 189- Silver Lake
Greg Teich- Sr. (Capt.)- 135- Silver Lake
Anthony Vercollone-Jr.- 130- Silver Lake
Matt Beane-Sr.- 145- Silver Lake
Cosimo Cambi- Sr.- 189- Cohasset
Joe Kehoe- Soph.- 125- Cohasset
Jared Barilaro- Sr.- 152- Scituate
Khalid Yasin- Sr.- 160- Scituate
Joe Alfano- Jr.-119- Braintree
Chris O'Brien- Jr.- 140- Braintree
Mike Hathaway- Jr.- 140- Holbrook
Kyle Bowers- Jr.- 189- Holbrook

SPORTS NOTES

Youth Football and Cheerleading signup

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2003 fall season on Sunday, April 6, from 9am to 12pm at the equipment facility located at the back of Scituate High School.

Rosters must be submitted to the league by may 1st. any players not signed up on April 6th will not be guaranteed a position on a team. If unable to attend this signup, please call.

Football questions, call Bob McQuaid at (781) 545-0963

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Attention all CHS baseball fans

It's hard to believe with all of the cold weather and snow that it is still on the ground that it is time to start thinking of baseball. The Red Sox are well underway down in Fort Myers and thoughts of those warm summer afternoons at Fenway are creeping in. Hope springs eternal for those die-hard Red Sox fans as a new General Manager and some new players on board have us hoping for a World Series title this year.

Things are looking up this year as well for Cohasset High School's baseball program. New Varsity head coach Al Gallotta and new sub varsity coach, Damian DAngelo, are looking forward to turning things around for the baseball program in Cohasset.

Coach Gollatta brings more than 20 years of coaching experience to Cohasset. Most recently, coach Gollatta was with Archbishop Williams. Coach D'Angelo has coached at the varsity level in Connecticut. It did not take long for word to get out to the students about the new coaches. At a recent spring sports meeting, almost 40 players signed up to play baseball. In years past, it was a struggle to put enough players together to have both a varsity and sub varsity team. In addition to the new coaches, a group of die-hard baseball parents got together and formed the Diamond Club. The Diamond Club was formed to help support Cohasset High School baseball. Not only were both coaches overwhelmed by the turnout of players, but also they were astounded to see so many parents eager to see baseball succeed in Cohasset.

The task ahead of the new coaches is daunting. Coach Gallotta was encouraged to see such a fine feeder system for baseball in Cohasset, that being the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball association. In fact, the new Little League complex definitely factored into Coach Gallotta's decision to be the new head coach.

But putting in place a baseball program for the older boys is not without its obstacles. Some of Coach Gallotta's goals for his first year as head coach are to attain a home plate batting cage, some pitching screens and a full dimensional batting cage. The Diamond Club is seeking contributions to help coach Gallotta achieve the tools that he needs to rebuild Cohasset High School baseball.

Please help us support coach Gallotta and his efforts to once again make Cohasset High School baseball a competitive and respected team in the South Shore League. Anyone interested in making a contribution to help coach Gallotta achieve his objective, could send a check along to the Diamond Club, P.0 Box 63, Cohasset MA 02025. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to a renewed baseball program at CHS.

Cohasset Soccer Club coach course

The Cohasset Soccer Club will be hosting the second of two E Level soccer coaching course presented by the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association on March 22nd. This course will prepare coaches for working with players up through the U16 age category and will be required for all Cohasset travel team coaches in the upcoming 2003 - 2004 soccer season.

To register for the training sessions or to request additional information, please call Mark Richardson at 781-383-3119.

Baseball clinic

Cohasset Recreation Department's South Shore Baseball Camp will provide an April vacation baseball clinic beginning Tuesday, April 22, through Friday, April 25, at Milliken Field.

The clinic runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. and this week-long program will cost $100 per participant.

For more information, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Registration forms can be found at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall.

Swim Center Notes

It's not too soon to be thinking about a summer time job.

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor. Spring courses are being offered starting in March and April. Water Safety Instructor applicants must be 17 years old.

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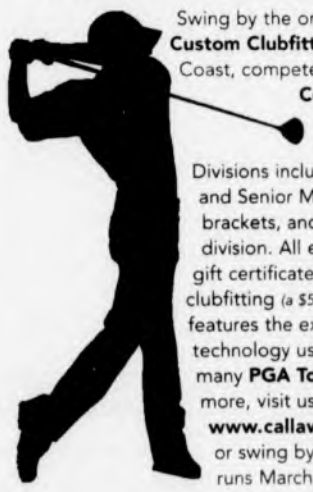

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Torin Sweeney continues to follow his 'calling'

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state tourney. Guadiano has moved on to take another coaching position, and Sweneey is back this spring looking to improve on this unprecedented success.

Sweeney conceded up front before taking both of these jobs that he knew relatively little about either golf or lacrosse

"It almost doesn't matter what the sport is," continued Ford. "He just has a way or connecting with younger people and getting the most out of them. He creates a family-type atmosphere with his teams, and his athletes seem to flourish."

In no venue is this "family-type atmosphere" more vividly apparent than Sweeney's true athletic passion: wrestling. Sweeney starred in this sport at Cohasset High, winning the Sectional championship in the 134-pound weight division in 1981 as a junior and finishing runner-up at Sectionals a year later as a senior at 128 pounds. Coaching the sport was his real calling, though, and Ford's predecessor as A.D., the late Clark Chatterton, was the first to recognize this, as he named Torin his head coach just two years out of high school in 1983.

In the 20 years that have passed, Sweeney has earned a college degree, become a teacher in the Cohasset school system, gotten married, started a family, coached close to a dozen different sports at the middle school and high school level and compiled 191 team wins for his wrestling program.

"I think that record says it all," asserts CHS senior Terry Baroudi, one of this year's captains who went on to win the Sectional championship at 135 pounds and advance all the way to the New England Wrestling Championships. This was one of many highlights in this season that saw the Skippers post a program-best 18 wins and take second as a team at the Div. 3 South Sectionals in a strong 23-team field.

"We've got one of the smallest schools around, but year in-year out, Torin just seems to turn out winners," continued Baroudi, who will wrestle at either Johnson & Wales or Rogers Williams next year. "That's not a coincidence. It's tough to explain, but he's just the kind of guy you want to work hard for. He puts so much into it, and cares so much about us as people and the program. It makes you want to work your hardest for him."

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Coach Sweeney (foreground) obviously believes in the hands-on approach.

This past weekend, several of Sweeney's current and former wrestlers decided to do something special for the longtime coach. The annual team breakup banquet, in most years a pot luck dinner at a local hall, was turned into a gala event at the Atlantica Restaurant and a day full of honorings for the double-decade mentor. All sorts of plaques and mementos were presented to Sweeney. Even Torin's wife, Becky, wasn't forgotten. She was presented a $100 gift certificate to a local spa for a day of pampering.

"After all of the extra hours Torin puts in during the wrestling season, and all the time she's at home alone with their baby (18 month old Olivia), she more than deserves it," noted Baroudi with a laugh.

Sweeney was humbled by the shows of appreciation.

"I've probably taken more out of the program than anyone," said the 39-year old Sweeney. "I've been blessed to have some great wrestlers and some great wrestling families. The parents in this town have been extremely supportive of me, and the kids really inspire me."

As witnessed by the fantastic turnout at Saturday's banquet, held at Cohasset's Atlantica Restaurant, Sweeney has maintained a close relationship over the years with his wrestlers. Several, in fact, remain integral figures in his life. One of his ex-grapplers is his banker, another his electrician. Sweeney recites the roll, sharing anecdotes of recent contacts with current, relatively recent and long ago charges, several of whom went on to become extremely well-to-do businessmen.

"There's probably a couple I might be able to get a job with after retirement driving their limo," said Sweeney with a laugh.

1988 CHS graduate Peter Buckley, one of Sweeney's many Sectional champs, is now his assistant coach. He runs the Cohasset Middle School wrestling program, the feeder system Sweeney calls his "secret weapon."

"If you're thinking of writing a story about me, you'd better not dare leave Peter Buckley out," was one of the first things Sweeney said when this typist made his intentions clear. "I don't even want to think about where I'd be without him."

So why do so many people who enter Sweeney's life stay in it? The answer, says Cohasset High Wrestling Booster Chairman Tony Carbone, is simple, and it goes hand-in-hand with the success the longtime coach has enjoyed.

"He's just a great guy, a great motivator and a great coach," says Carbone, who is pleased to be following the third of his three sons, sophomore Bill, through Torin's wrestling program. "He gets the most out of the kids because he gives everything he can to them."

Best of the best

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veteran math and chemistry teachers from area high schools.

We will start, in no particular order, with one of the best high school athletes in the South Shore during his time, Norwell's Dan MacNamara-class of 2000.

MacNamara scored 1,810 points and had over 1000 rebounds in his career, averaging 29 points and 12 rebounds a game for the Clippers his senior season.

"Dan MacNamara was the best all-around player I've ever coached," noted eight year veteran Norwell head coach John Willis. "Dan's drive, his will to win was second to none. He just had a knack of being at the right place at the right time."

We will move south to Silver Lake High School where "Hoosiers" extra Chris Conroy drained jump-shots until graduating in 2001, with over 1000 career points.

"Chris Conroy is the most complete basketball player I've seen at the high school level in the last three or four years, though (Norwell High junior) John Mohan has begun to make me call that back into question, " noted senior sports editor of the Mariner newspapers Mike Spellman. "Chris could score from the anywhere— inside, outside or by taking it strong. He was a much better rebounder than his size (6-2, 170 pounds) implied (see Dan MacNamara), and he was also an outstanding ball-handler and passer. He was also a very good athlete, but I thought he got as much out of his athletic gifts as any player I've seen. When he turned the ball over, it was usually the result of him surprising a teammate with an absolutely perfect pass."

Chris, who led the Lakers to consecutive OCL championships in his final two years, is now a sophomore at St. Anselms who averaged 10.1 points for the Hawks this season while shooting a team best 45.2 percent (57-for-126) from 3-point land.

Let's turn back the clock to a 1998 tournament game in Rockland High School, where I saw two of the most explosive high school basketball players I've ever seen this side of 1992/1993 Burke High star "Bunny" Jefferson: Chris Worden of Rockland (class of 1998), and Colin Ready of Scituate (class of 1998).

"(Chris) Worden without question was one of the premier players in the area," noted 22 year Rockland head coach Bob Fisher. "He could elevate, shoot, put the ball on the floor and he was extremely quick.

"Worden was as complete a player as there has been in the area over the last few years," added Norwell's John Willis.

Worden scored 18 plus points a game as a senior, and led his undefeated team to the Fleetcenter.

Ready— who had the first step of a Lear Jet— scored just under 1000 points for his career, and was the point guard on a Sailors team that missed a trip to the Boston Garden by one game in 1995.

"Of all the kids I've ever coached against, I had as big a fear of Colin Ready as any," noted Fisher. "He was one of the quickest players I've seen from end line to end line."

Third year Scituate head coach Matt Poirier added, "Colin was the fastest player I've seen with the ball in his hand."

Diving a bit deeper into the past, we will go to 1996, and Cohasset's Jared Hardwick.

Hardwick was a Globe and Ledger All-Scholastic, and led his team in scoring, averaging 26 points per game his senior season. Hardwick was also part of two South Sectional champion Skippers squads in 95' and 96'.

"Jared was the best I've ever coached," noted 12 year Cohasset head coaching veteran Ron Ford. "We went 31-1 in two seasons in the South Shore League with him on the team. That should help you understand the kind of player he was."

With Conroy and Ready in the back-court, MacNamara, Worden and Hardwick up front, I feel like we have a formidable starting five.

Now for the bench, from most recent graduates to the earlier ones:

Shooting guard James Smith (Abington, class of 2002), three-time Patriot League all-star center **Jesse McKinnell** (Scituate, '02), point guard **Bobby Murphy** (Rockland, '01), **Brian Cerrone** (Hanover, '00), **Jay Edwards** (Norwell, '99), **Ben Loomis and Ryan Kent** ('97) of Marshfield's 1997 undefeated regular season team, **Ryan Mitchell** (Rockland, '99), **Josh Davidson** (Rockland, '99), who was mentioned by three separate coaches as one of best defensive players they have ever seen in high school basketball, **Tom Carey** (Abington, '99), who recently scored his 1000th point at Suffolk University. **Pat Durgin** and **Andrew Monticone,** both Hingham graduate's in1998. Durgin went on to captain for Bentley College.

All of the player's above were league all-stars and all-scholastics, and if I had more time and space to write about them, and all the comments I received from area coaches about them I would. If there were any glaring omissions from the 17 player's mentioned over the last eight season's forgive me.

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Rosano named to S.S.B.C. Seadogs

Cohasset, resident Jodi Rosano has recently been named as an early selection to the 2003 S.S.B.C. "Seadogs " 11-and-Under Division AAU Travel Team Baseball Program as announced by the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham. As a member of the "Seadogs 11, Jodi will compete against other AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) organizations in Massachusetts for the right to appear in the AAU Baseball National Championships to be held in Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex, Florida this coming August. "Jodi represents the epitome of hustle and determination. A player who always gives his best." says Ralph Berry, 11-and-Under Team Manager.

Locally, Jodi is a fifth grader at Deerhill School in Cohasset and plays for the Red Sox, a Major League team in Cohasset's Little League. The "Seadogs" program is not intended to replace but rather supplement local league play.

Growing in popularity, AAU Travel Team Baseball gives players, coaches and families the opportunity to travel and compete in a national tournament. "Competing in the National Championships is a thrill of a lifetime," says Frank Niles, President of the South Shore Baseball Club.

The South Shore Baseball Club will field eight teams in 2003 from the 10-and-Under to the 17-and-Under Divisions. Each member of the program is responsible for fund-raising approximately $2,000 to participate. If you would like to sponsor Jodi, please send your donation to Jodi Rosano, 48 Howe Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 or call the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham at 781-740-4382.

Cohasset Soccer Club Update

The Cohasset Soccer Club is currently finishing up its indoor training sessions with over 100 players participating in a weekly skills training program and an indoor game schedule playing against towns from throughout the South Shore. The spring outdoor season will begin the weekend of April 5th, with both in-town and travel teams beginning their seasons on Saturday the 5th. All players should be contacted by their coaches during the week prior to the start of play to provide information on game times and practice schedules.

In addition, the Soccer Club will be holding a work day at the soccer fields on Saturday, March 29th to prepare the fields for spring play. If possible, between the Town Meeting and yard cleanup chores, come up to the field and help put the playing area back in order after this long winter.

Myers scales new heights

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more challenging "free climb."

In this portion of the competition, the climbers must utilize strategy and improvisation to create a manageable climbing route as they ascend the wall.

Finalists are given merely two minutes to assess the wall before making their climbs.

Myers has been climbing for three years with the Milton Academy Outdoor Program, incorporating different sports all year as part of his climbing training. Kayaking, hiking, several different types of skiing, rock climbing and ice climbing all contribute to his recent indoor competition success.

Weymouth Club Programs

The following Weymouth Club programs are open to all South Shore residents. For more information on any of these programs, call 781-337-4600.

PADI SCUBA CERTIFICANTION COURSE - Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive, South Weymouth. Four-week course for PADI certification as an open water diver. Sundays, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Includes pool and open water training dives and equipment usage, Requires PADI medical form and physician's approval. $300 members, $350 non-members. 781.337.4600, ext. 141.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL CLINICS @ Weymouth Club. Ages 10 and above. Baseball/Mondays and Wednesdays, Softball/Tuesdays and Thursdays. Focus on pitching, fielding, throwing, and fundamental mechanics. 12 one-hour sessions. $200 members, $225, non-members.

SPORT-SPECIFIC TRAINING @ Weymouth Club. All ages. Specially designed strength and conditioning programs to prepare for or participate in a specific sport. 6-week sessions. Registration & information

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CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE @ Weymouth Club Begins Feb. 6th. Games to be played on Thursday evenings. Ages 16 and above. $75 members, $90, non-members. Team entries also accepted. Registration & information 781.337.4600

MaxLax Championship Results

As they say, all good things must come to an end sometime (or at least until next year anyway), but boy did we have a great weekend of lax action to close out our first year of MaxLax. There were great battles all throughout the playoffs - like the BLADES playoff wins against perennial powerhouses from Hingham and Scituate to reach the U14 finals. The U12's also gave us plenty of excitement as the two top teams at the end of the season battled through to reach their Championship and as result gave us a memorable finale in their title match-up as well. So, without further adieu, here's the highlights:

U12 Championship

Spartans 11, Cougars 9

This was the match up that we were hoping to see as these two top teams had been butting heads back and forth all session long and it was time to finally declare who got the bragging rights. The SPARTANS got the first tally on a solo shot from Dean Kennedy as he used a "screen" to his full advantage to keep the goalie shielded from the shot until the last minute.

Greg Reynolds, Division Scoring Leader, quickly followed up with a blind turn-around shot from the left side off of a perfect feed from Sam Wicks.

Eamon Davis got the COUGARS in the game by taking the face off and finding the lower corner after dodging several Spartans in traffic and brushing past Ian Porter who provided a perfectly set pick. Kennedy than lit the lamp for his second point on a reflex one-timer when he found a rebound after a point blank save by the Cougars goalie Jack Murphy. In the "what worked once . .." category, Reynolds did his part to keep the tandem alive and demonstrating why the Spartans were in 1st place as they completed a five pass clear to let him finish uncontested. With the momentum swinging towards another Spartans win, the Cougars defense knew they had to step up and led by Richard Buckley and Derek Cyr, they kept the Spartans barrage at bay in order to give their offense an opportunity to keep them in it.

Murphy continued his brilliant play in the goal and in one stand stopped 3 shots in a row to clear the ball to Mark Seraikas who drew a double team before getting it off Davis. Davis finished the clear with another tally on a blistering shot from half court and Johnny Wade quickly followed that up by scoring off of a "FIRE-CRACKER", a play that the Cougars had perfected for just such an occasion that had Thomas Pecca giving the feed. Reynolds (who narrowly beat out Davis for the scoring honors) netted his hat trick after a penalty put the Cougars in a man down situation. With only a couple of minutes left on the clock, the Spartans were setting up for another quick score with a fast break, and Chris Sperandio made it count, but he paid the price as he took a bone jarring shot from the Cougars Olly Forrer as he released the ball. As time ran out on the first half, it was the Spartans up 6 - 3.

Normally this is a safe lead for this highly talented team from Scituate, but the Cougars were determined to make a game of it and came out on fire in the second half. Will Wise got his first of the day by coming from behind the cage and freezing the defense with a face dodge that left no doubt as to the outcome. Tim Curran took a quick feed from Ian Quinlan to put another one in the back of the net and Davis won the next face-off and put a rocket past the goalie to narrow the gap to 6 - 5. Kennedy joined Reynolds with his hat trick, again as the beneficiary of great ball control and passing through the lanes to set up the quick fake and score. Wise then picked the pocket of a Spartans clear in mid-air after Jackson Dean (who scored his first goal in the game before) forced a bad pass; and then made it count with a shot from outside the box that ricocheted off the post and into the top corner. The Cougars were keying in on Reynolds and Kennedy, but the Spartans had too many weapons in their arsenal as they simply shifted their own offensive focus and lined up another star in the making Paul McInerney who got not one, but two goals in a row off of almost identical face-off wins that left him uncovered on the low post for easy tallies. With the lead now solidly in favor of the Spartans, time was beginning to become a factor and both teams powered up their defense which for the Spartans, resulted in three unanswered scores. You guessed it - a 3rd hat trick on the day as McInerney got his third goal, while Reynolds added 2 more of his own to finish his day at 5. With the score 12 - 6 in favor of the Spartans and less than 3 minutes to go, reality should have set in for the Cougars, but funny thing about Champions, they never give up and this team wouldn't.

Taking quick advantage of a free clear, Davis took it to the cage in a New York minute, catching everyone off guard on a laser-like strike. He then repeated his performance by winning the next face-off and cranking from the top of the box down low. The Spartans gained possession on the next start and played strategic ball control to keep the score frozen and succeeding in eating away precious seconds with each new completed pass. The Cougars managed to double up the ball carrier and forced a turnover that set up a perfect "BRONX Left" (give and go) between Wise and Davis for what turned out to be the last score of the session. As the final seconds slipped away, the Spartans were able to claim the Championship hats and another thrilling adventure for the memory books of both rosters.

U14 Championships

StingRays 16, Blades 10

The SRAYS had been steadily improving all session long and they were clearly peaking as they came into the playoffs and with a 2nd seed birth as they were able to advance on the strength of their horses and had fully expected to be here. The BLADES on the other hand, had an uphill battle all the way and had "beaten the odds" to advance to the "Show" in hard fought victories against the Bears (3rd Seed) and the Talons (1st Seed), both of which had beaten them repeatedly in the regular season. So it was the underdogs against the heir to the throne and nothing in this game was going to be taken for granted.

The adventures began with Pete Oswald winning the opening face-off for the Blades and taking it immediately to the cage, only to have his shot stopped cold by a great save, but he calmly scooped up the rebound and reversed directions placing it perfectly in the open corner. This seemed to trigger an offensive explosion by the SRAYS as they clicked off 4 unanswered goals in an exhibition of possession defense and precise ball movement that didn't allow a turnover for almost 5 minutes of play. Scoring twice was the league's leading scorer Mike Rice with Ryan Donovan and Andrew Gormley also getting one apiece. Donovan's coming on a college level pick and roll that everyone applauded.

The Blades didn't get this far watching other teams have all the fun and after a tremendous defensive stand led by Graham George and Justin Connors that practically shut down the SRAYS juggernaut, Mike Grimm put on a clinic of his own with two gorgeous stunt plays for scores. One coming off a long clear from Chris Mills who forced a turnover and then found Grimm mano-a-mano; and the second, on a cut from behind the cage that Mark Flibotte read perfectly as he put it on Grimm's stick at full stride leaving the SRAYS keeper with no chance to react. Oswald, an ace hockey player in his "spare time", followed suit by knocking down a SRAY shot in the defensive end, scooping the ball on the run, and taking it end to end for a score that gave the Blades a 4-3 advantage.

This was the first game in a long while that the SRAYS had been down and they quickly put the horses back in and put a furious rush on to close out the period. After some great defensive plays by Nathan Porter and PJ McCaw, Rice managed to dance along the crease to slip one past Wes Ulmer who had managed to stuff him just a few plays earlier. With the Blades getting the next face-off, Flibotte, (an "old-school" crease attackman if there ever was one), got the step on his defender and opened the seam on the top side and took a perfect pass from Mills for a one timer to the goalie's stick side for another Blades score to tie it up. The Blades got a bad break on a slashing call that opened up a man advantage for the SRAYS, an advantage that they weren't going to squander as they put together a 4 pass scoring drive that had Rice finishing to cap off the half with the SRAYS up 6-5.

For those that have followed the league and in particular the play of the Blades, they knew that this was a dangerous 2nd half team as they had yet to lose a game that they had been even with or one behind at the half. This track record was certainly looking to repeat itself as the 2nd period opened up with a "Gatorade" energy burst that set off a dominant offensive rampage.

Ramsey Davis, fresh from a championship basketball game, lifted the Blades up another notch when he opened the half with a solo tally that was pure competitive reflex - finding a loose ball and shooting as he turned to find glory. Oswald then got the next face-off and smoked it past the goalie after only two strides from the center line and followed it up with a give and go with Mills that allowed him a "walk-in" goal just seconds later. Four minutes into the 2nd half and the SRAYS were now down by 2.

However, while the SRAYS may have been a little stunned as this was new territory for them, they were certainly not defeated and they went to an aggressive run and gun style of play that began to wear the Blades down. On the comeback trail, Donovan got two goals to finish off his hat trick while Gormley capped his "trik" as well to bring the game back to a single point contest. The Blades responded with a college level 3 point play from the "X" (that we'll see again in the Spring) that gave Grimm his hat trick with Porter and Mills assisting. Score tied again with less than 5 minutes to play. With fresh legs and the game clearly on the line, the SRAYS continued to wear down the Blades and Rice made them pay with two quick strikes that they seemed helpless to do anything about. Smelling the blood in the water, the SRAYS went for the knock out punch only to find that the Blades were still very much alive. Justin Connors stopped another Rice assault and then followed it up with a quick clear to McCAw who drew a double team that let defenseman Graham George slip over on a middie-back and take a pass that led to a score that would be the final Blades tally. Out of gas and out of tricks, the Blades fought down to the wire, but late scores by Rice and two by Dan Ferzoco (along with some last minute "frustration" penalties that put the Blades in man down for the last two minutes of play); ended up sealing the victory for the SRAYS. All in all though it was a great run for both teams as they both capped off winning seasons and gave themselves something to play for when they face each other again on the "real stuff" in a few weeks time.

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Scenes from Hull's Snow Row

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Just before the start, crews ready on the beach for the spectacular start of Snow Row 2003 on Saturday, March 8. Snow Row covers a 3-3/4 mile triangular course starting off at Windmill Point in Hull, continuing around Sheep Island, past the Peddocks Island day marker, and back to shore.

Members of the crew of the Sound from the Sound School in New Haven, Conn. hurry into their positions. A huge crowd gathered on the beach beside Windmill Point boathouse to share in the wild LeMans-style start.

The chaos of the start as crews try to turn their boats around and head out around the course. Entirely within the view of the boathouse, the event is as much a thrill for spectators as for participants.

Cohasset's CMI crew pulls away in a sliding seat four. Fifty-three boats took part in the exciting, annual event.

IT'S HAPPENING

The Sarah Jane on her round-the-world cruise.

Sailing talk for student coastal research center

The Cohasset Yacht Club will continue its annual support for maritime activities by sponsoring a public lecture on Saturday April 12 at 7 p.m. The speakers for this event will be CYC members Martha and Dana Robes who will present a program on their recently concluded five-year around the world cruise on their cruising yacht Sarah Jane, a Little Harbor 48.

During their voyage, the Robes logged more than 40,000 miles sailing west to east. This lecture will focus on a portion of the trip covering roughly the first two years. During this time, the Robes traveled from Florida to Australia, spanning the South Pacific with stops in such exotic locales as the Friendly Islands (Tonga, Vava'u and Ha'apai), French Polynesia, and New Zealand. (All this provides a sharp contrast to last year's speaker Cam Lewis who spent much of his three month circumnavigation avoiding "growlers" in the Southern Ocean!)

The Robes are currently in the process of building a 65-foot glass Hood design in their yard with launching expected in May.

Proceeds from the talk will go to the Cohasset High School Summer Institute's Center for Student Coastal Research. These funds are being specifically earmarked for construction of two Gloucester Gulls. The Gloucester Gull or Light Dory is a 15.5-foot rowing dory that students will construct in order to carry out water quality studies in Cohasset Harbor, the Gulf River, and Little Harbor.

Additionally, in November this group received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to "enable Cohasset Middle High School students to work as Summer Institute interns re-establishing water quality monitoring in the Gulf River and to assist the Gulf Association in its goal of conducting a Natural Resources Inventory of the Gulf River Watershed."

The location for the lecture will again be St. Anthony's Parish Center and the cost will be $12 per person (students free) if reservations are made by telephone (781) 383-9280, $15 at the door. The lecture is open to the public

Details can be obtained by calling Steve Bobo at (781) 383-9280.

Appalachian Festival

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (ASP) will sponsor its third annual Appalachian Festival on Saturday, March 29 at First Parish Hall (23 No. Main St.) and Second Congregational Church (next to Cohasset Town Hall).

A unique blend of Appalachian traditions will be presented to help awaken people to the culture that all of the ASP volunteers have come to appreciate so much. The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with a family-style, sit-down dinner featuring Appalachian cuisine.

An Appalachian Mountain Marketplace will take place from 7:15 to 8 p.m.. Authentic Appalachian crafts will be for sale, chances can be purchased for an Appalachian Quilt. A slide show of ASP previous trips will also be shown.

Southern Rail, a local favorite Bluegrass/Gospel band, will cap off the evening with a concert at 8 p.m. There will be some foot stompin', hand clappin' entertainment as old and new fans of this local, award winning performance.

Tickets may be purchased at St. Anthony's, St. Stephen's, First Parish, and Second Congregational Churches. Dinner and Concert: adults-$20, children-$8, family maximum - $50. Concert only: adults-$12, children- $6. The Market Place is free and open to all.

Proceeds will benefit the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project's 16th annual trip. This year 120 teenage and 55 adult volunteers will travel to Virginia to do repairs and improvements on 25 homes.

Call (781) 383-0345 or visit our website at www.CohassetASP.org for more information about the project.

'Celebrate' at St. Stephen's

On Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m., the St. Stephen's Players will "take a sentimental journey" as they present "Celebrate," a journey through the music and times of the 20th century. Performing old favorites such as, "Take Me Out To the Ballgame," "Singing in the Rain," and "Sing, Sing, Sing," they will travel through the early years of the past century. Newer "old" favorites include "Rock Around the Clock," "Fun, Fun, Fun," "Celebrate, Good Times," and "I'll Be There For Your" will round out this journey.

"Celebrate" will be performed March 30 in the Walton Rodgers Hall at St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering is welcome. For more information, call the church office at 781-383-1083.

National parks of the world

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, March 25 at 9 a.m.. Joy Viola, naturalist, photographer, and leader of natural history tours, will present a slide lecture tracing the history of our national parks. In addition, she will show examples of how the park concept has been exported to other nations of the world.

It will be an extremely interesting and informative morning for all who attend and especially so for all those who enjoy the natural beauty of our park system.

Alternatives to invasive plants

On Sunday, March 30, at 2:30 p.m., the Cohasset Garden Club will sponsor a lecture by William E. Brumback at St. Anthony Parish Hall on Summer Street. The lecture will address alternatives to invasive plants that are overtaking and eradicating native plant species indigenous to our area and especially to our wetlands.

As conservation director for the New England Wildflower Society, Brumback has initiated a plant conservation program to protect the region's rare and endangered plants from annihilation and to promote their recovery in the wild. There are currently more than 500 plants that are of conservation concern in New England. Brumback will address major plant conservation and habitat protection challenges before us in the Northeast.

Refreshments will be served. Guests are invited to attend. Admission is free.

Free health clinic

Healthy Options will host a spring Health Clinic on Saturday, April 5 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Hypertone Personal Fitness Training on Rt. 3A in Cohasset. The clinic will offer free blood pressure screenings and individual mini-nutrition assessments. Call 781-740-4552 to register.

Evening of wines

The South Shore Community Center will host an evening of wines at Bernard's Restaurant on March 31 from 7- 9 p.m. Come and sample a variety of red and white wines and delectable light hors d'oeuvres courtesy of Bernard O'Neil. Tickets on sale the South Shore Community Center for $50 per person.

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Minda McDonald chats with Osgood third-grader Alison Whalen at a special intergenerational luncheon at the Senior Center on Tuesday.

What's up at the Senior Center

The following offerings are sponsored by Cohasset elder Affairs. Please call CEA office to reserve your space at 781-383-9112.

PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

Book Club

Meets the second Friday of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Book discussion, coffee and camaraderie every month.

Bridge

Monday Bridge at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday - call for a time.

Two separate classes, both with instructor Wennerberg. Both held at Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset. For additional information, call Bill at 508-746-8715.

Chanticleers

Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast club for men. No dues, no charges, just the cost of breakfast or other events, such as day trips, evening dining, etc. Transportation available. Call Coordinator win Merrill to sign up at 781-545-0695.

Computer Class

Meets once a week. Instructor, Mary McElroy. Call CEA for classes and times at 781-545-9112.

Exercise: Strength Training

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.

an invigorating workout to music. Increase cardiovascular, flexibility and muscular strength with hand-held weights and an aerobic workout to music. $3/class.

Exercise: Tai Chi

Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Names are being taken on a waiting list for the classical system of Chinese exercise, which promotes health, balance, relation and flexibility through slow, fluid movements.

Foot Care

Wednesday, April 9

Cohasset Elder Affairs hosts a low-cost foot care service on the second Wednesday each month. Open to all South Shore residents. Cost is $25. Fills up quickly. Call to reserve at 781-383-9112.

Gourmet Cooking with Anna

First and third Wednesday of the month 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Get on the waiting list for this very popular class. Gourmet cooking at its lightest. For men and women who would like to learn meal planning. Hands-on for every level. Registration fee: $20 plus $3 per class. Held at St. Anthony's Parish House at 781-383-9112.

Knitting

Every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m.

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Legal Consultation Clinic

Fourth Thursday of month by appointment only.

CEA offers 20-minute, free consultation with Susan M. Cox, Attorney at Law of Hingham. Questions about wills, trusts, durable powers of attorney, health care proxies and planning for long-term health care. Reserve by calling 781-383-9112.

New Walking Club

Wednesday at 3 p.m.

New program held at selected corridors and stairs at Cohasset High School. Get on the list by calling 781-383-9112.

Supper Club

Thursdays, twice a month.

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TRIAD "Are you Ok? program

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Volunteer Opportunities

Call the senior center to inquire about the many opportunities. Currently, we are looking for CEA van drivers, kitchen helpers, people to decorate the Senior Center dining room for special events and pianists who will occasionally share their talents at special events or weekly luncheons.

TRANSPORTATION

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Stop & Shop

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First Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Tree Shop

Second Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m.

Hanover Mall

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

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Scott Faber, center, is flanked by his parents Leslie and Steve at the DAR Good Citizen Award ceremony on Sunday.

Local DAR good citizens honored

On Sunday, March 16, the Col. Thomas Lothrop/Old Colony Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored recipients of the DAR Good Citizen Award. Sponsored through the chapter, the winners recognized were Scott Faber of Cohasset High School, Nora Creahan of Hingham High School, Jennifer O'Brien of Weymouth High School, and Erin O'Connell of Whitman-Hanson High School. Unable to attend, but also recognized were Allison Moje of Cohasset High School and Christine Canale of Rockland High School.

The DAR Good Citizen Award is given annually to members of the senior class of accredited high schools. The students are selected by the faulty and voted on by members of the senior class. They must have the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The program is recognized by the National Association Secondary School Principals.

Scott Faber of Cohasset High School is the son of Stephen and Leslie Faber. He is a member of the National Honor Society, business manager of the school newspaper, student representative to the school evaluation team, and a peer counselor. He has also participated in soccer, basketball and track. He was also selected to attend the Presidential Classroom. For the past two years he has been on Biology school trips to Belize and Costa Rica. He is on the Cohasset Swim Team. He also has participated in the Appalachia Service Project and church activities.

The second Good Citizen from Cohasset is Allison Moje, daughter of George and Myrna Moje. She is co-executive editor of the school newspaper, a member of the National Honor Society, received Commendation from the National Merit and the Wellesley Book Award. She is co-leader of the Social Awareness Organization at the school and part of the school's art & literary magazine. She studies the piano and has done extensive church outreach service.

At the reception held in their honor, each recipient was presented with a pin and Certificate from the National Society of the DAR. They received a gift from the local chapter. They were also presented with citations by state Rep. Garrett Bradley and state Sen. Robert Hedlund. The Daughters of the American Revolution congratulate each Good Citizen and their parents.

Swim-dive team offers scholarship

The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team is offering a scholarship. An applicant must be a high school senior and have been a member of the Cohasset Swim-Dive Team for five years. All portions of the application must be completed and postmarked no later than April 28.

Questions about the scholarship application process should be directed to Irene Volpe Barry, Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship Committee at 383-1605.

Applications may be picked up in the Cohasset High School Guidance Department.

PAC to meet

Cohasset PAC (Parents Advisory Council) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, in the Osgood School music room. Speaker for the evening will be Elizabeth A. Buckley, Program Director Health, Education & Careers Network. The topic is: "Student Centered Planning Transition Services — Graduation requirements for children on IEP's." The meeting is open to parents and interested citizens. For information call, Wendy Kennedy 383-6008 or Bev Koswick 383-2751

College expo

College/Expo March 26, at 8:50 a.m. at the Middle High School Cohasset. A panel of representatives from area colleges will explain the application process and answer questions regarding admissions and financial aid.

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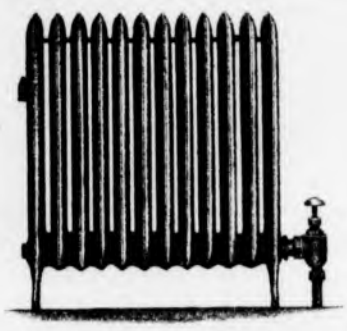

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WORSHIP NOTES

Author Jan Phillips will lead a weekend retreat at Glastonbury Abbey.

Noted author to lead weekend retreat

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For more information on Alpha, please call 781-383-6792.

Purim Carnival is Sunday at Temple

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom will hold its annual Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 1112 Main St. in Hingham. Purim is a holiday of fun food and festivity for everyone, a time of prizes, noisemakers, costumes and treats. It is a celebration of the survival of the Jewish people. The event will feature games and activities for children from preschool age through grade 6 and a wide range of prizes. Lunch and baked goods will also be available. All are welcome to experience the festivities of the Jewish holiday of Purim.

Evan Mehlenbacher will offer insights at a free lecture-workshop.

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After earning a B.A. degree in economics from Stanford University, Mehlenbacher worked for several years in his family's farming business in Washington state. Here he saw the effect of prayer at work in his daily life. Before long, people began asking him to pray for them and his public practice of healing through the power of prayer was born.

Mehlenbacher has lectured throughout North America at conventions, conferences, bookstores, colleges, hospitals, Internet events, interdenominational gatherings and churches. He has addressed topics such as, "Spiritual Help You Can Trust" and "A Spiritual Approach to Terrorism," among many others.

Today, he is manager of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship in Boston, a practitioner of spiritual healing and an authorized teacher of Christian Science.

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OBITUARY

Dorothea R. Candela

Dorothea R. (Twohig) Candela, a homemaker and resident of Cohasset for more than 30 years, died March 15, 2003, at Quincy Medical Center following a lengthy illness.

She was formerly of West Roxbury and Westwood.

Mrs. Candela was born in Somerville, daughter of the late Edward and Nora Herlihy. She was educated in the Boston school system.

She was a volunteer with the Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset and for many years with the Cohasset Girl Scouts.

She leaves her husband, Robert J. Candela; a daughter, Ellen Candela of Cohasset; a brother, Edward Twohig of Sandwich; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society, 25 Stewart St., Boston, or to the St. Jude Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn., 38105.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

7:27 p.m. Sankey Road, assist other police department.

8:08 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:20 p.m. Beechwood St., assist citizen, services rendered.

11:36 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

1:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:10 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:42 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.

10:27 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.

10:32 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

11:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

12:52 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, well-being check.

1:13 p.m. Aaron River Road, medical aid.

1:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

2:48 p.m. North Main St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

3:30 p.m. King St., general services.

3:41 p.m. North Main St., general disturbance, area search negative.

5:02 p.m. North Main St., property found.

6:11 p.m. Cohasset Police HQ, 43-year-old Cohasset male taken into protective custody.

8:43 p.m. Beechwood St. and Riverview Drive, general disturbance.

10:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

2:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Christopher K. Zawadzki, 20, of 496 Hingham St., Rockland. Charges: OUI, liquor—second offense; operating motor vehicle with license suspended for OUI; marked lanes violation; license not in possession; WMS warrant.

Arrest of Angela Mary Brown, 17, of 29 East Ave., Whitman. Charge: Possession of a Class B Drug.

5:08 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:17 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

9:53 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:05 a.m. King St., request for police officer/s.

12:15 p.m. Doane St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

1:13 p.m. King St., general disturbance.

7:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident, investigated.

10:13 p.m. Doane St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

8:20 a.m. Forest Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:35 a.m. Cedar St., larceny.

10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., trespassing.

10:32 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

1:10 p.m. Pond St., investigation.

2:39 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:58 p.m. Ripley Road, fire, investigation.

10:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle, suspicious person(s)/activity.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

3:21 a.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

6:56 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, services rendered.

10:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Alfredo Costa Filho, 47, of 27 Bartlett St., Weymouth. Charge: Warrant.

12:08 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:53 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:06 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:28 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:35 p.m. Forest Ave and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:38 p.m. Route 3A and Hingham line, assist other agency, services rendered.

5:44 p.m. Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:50 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Jay T. Manna, 45, of 12 Chestnut St., Hingham. Charges: Possession of a Class D drug; Warrant.

6:40 p.m. Smith Place, animal call or complaint.

6:51 p.m. Highland Court, fire, structure.

9:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:47 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:53 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:16 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

10:44 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:42 p.m. Highland Ave., general disturbance.

2:55 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance, gathering.

3:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, investigated.

10:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

12:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:25 a.m. Holly Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:06 a.m. Pond St., general services.

8:43 a.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:49 a.m. Smith Place, animal call or complaint.

10:51 a.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

12:35 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, patient sign-off.

2:01 p.m. Crocker Lane, fire, investigation.

2:15 p.m. Hobart Lane, fire, investigation.

4:11 p.m. Jerusalem Lane and Atlantic Ave., assist motorist.

4:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:48 p.m. Joy Place, general disturbance, verbal warning.

5:25 p.m. Reservoir Road, 209A restraining order, service.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

12:02 a.m. Gannett Road, assist other police department.

2:25 a.m. Pond St., open door/window.

3:59 a.m. All over town, general services.

5:33 a.m. Atlantic Ave., fire to structure, extinguished.

11:54 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:19 p.m. Ledge Way, larceny.

3:53 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Red Gate Lane, request for police officer/s, area search negative.

Police arrested seven in February

February was a very quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were seven arrests, two for Assault & Battery; two for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor; one for Operating with a Suspended License; one for Possession of a Class D Substance; and finally one for Protective Custody.

During the month of February the police department investigated 18 motor vehicle accidents, five of which resulted in personal injury. There were 93 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $5,455 in fines. Additionally, there were 64 parking tickets issued for $1,750 in fines. There were six criminal complaints issued four for Motor Vehicle Violations; one for Assault and Battery, and finally one for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Jackson said.

Also in February the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,115 calls for police services, of those 115 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of February there was two Breaking & Entering of a Business, and one attempted Breaking & Entering of a Business, he said.

Finally in the month of February Officer Jeffrey Treanor became a Certified Child Restraint Technician after successfully completing a 32-hour National Highway Safety Transportation Administration (N.H.T.S.A) course.

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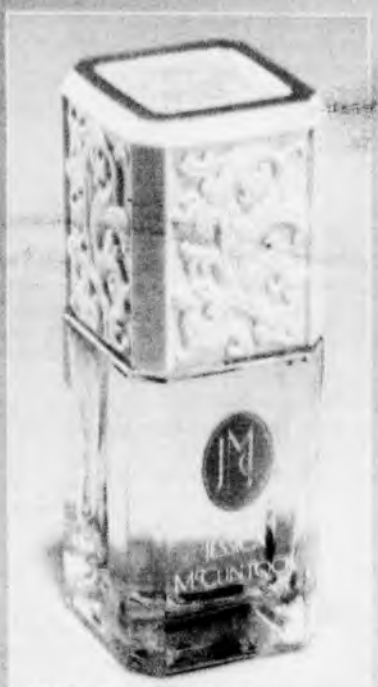

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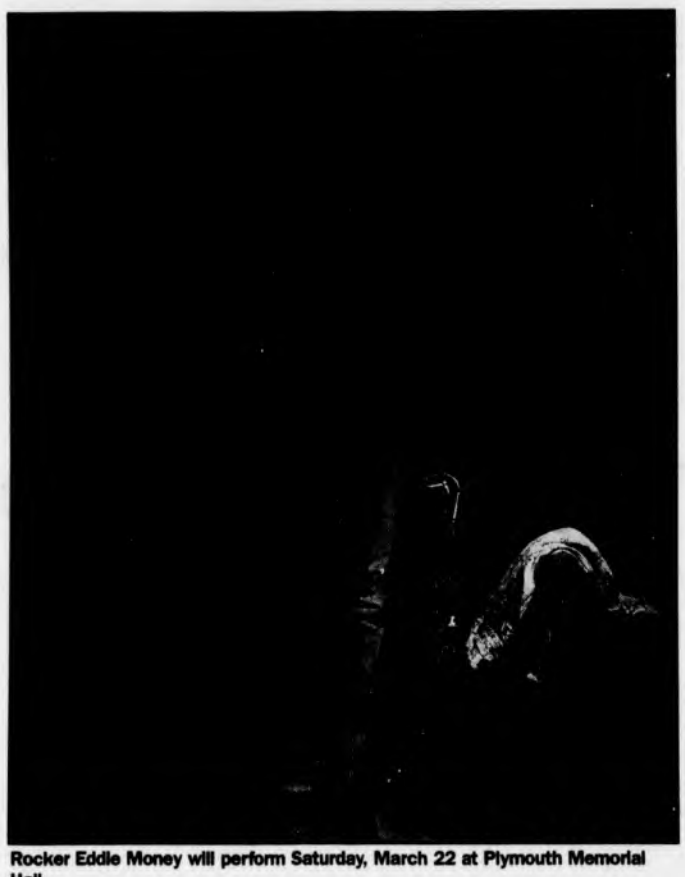

Rocker Eddie Money will perform Saturday, March 22 at Plymouth Memorial Hall.

Show me the Money

80s rocker makes tour stop in Plymouth March 22

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-five years after "Baby Hold On" and "Two Tickets to Paradise," Eddie Money is still known as one of the hardest working men in rock 'n' roll. He's also lost none of the genuine hungry-rocker passion that drove him to such ambition in the first place.

That much is evident as Money has recently kicked off the 2003 touring season, which with a hot new band and a milestone adjoining project in the works, once again promises the singer's typical average of some 150 shows a year. Money's current tour makes its only Massachusetts stop this Saturday (March 22) at the 2003 Celebrity Series concerts at Plymouth Memorial Hall.

The show was originally booked as a double-bill with Money and ex-Men At Work singer/guitarist, now solo artist, Colin Hay. Due to Hay's cancellation, his opening slot will be filled by Boston-based duo Jumpin' Juba, which is the part-time project of area blues-folkie singer/guitarist Steve Hurl along with sideman, blues/barrelhouse-style pianist Bruce Ward.

Later this month, Money's tour will touch down for two shows at the Performance Hall of the Renaissance Center in Dickson, Tennessee. The Money band and the Center will salvage the dates by videotaping them for release on VHS and DVD as well as possible future television broadcast. The singer will also make use of the occasion to donate any proceeds from official Eddie Money merchandise on sale to benefit the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

"I think it's going to be our latest and greatest piece of work in my usual humble opinion."
Eddie Money

The Foundation is named for the late wife of Money's close L.A. friend and former *Starsky & Hutch* star Paul Glaser. Elizabeth Glaser passed away from AIDS in 1994 and Paul has also lost a child to the disease and currently is caring for another child stricken by the illness.

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Swing into action

Conditioning program gives golfers the edge

By Jeffrey Wright
CORRESPONDENT

When Tiger Woods drove his way onto the golf scene a few years ago, he brought the game a new level of prestige and popularity.

His dominance of the game is so unprecedented that he has influenced change on the way the traditional golf swing is taught. This 'new millennium golf swing', as serious golfers call it, places a lot of tension on the lower spine and emphasis on the use of the upper back muscles as well as the rotation of the hips.

As much as Woods has helped revolutionize the game of golf he is such a good athlete that his influence may be detrimental to older or less athletic golfers who may find it difficult to use this swing to their advantage without getting injured. That's where training and conditioning programs like the one being offered at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth come in to play. When followed closely, these programs can help golf lovers avoid tedious injuries and enjoy a full, healthy golf season.

With the change in swing technique, back problems are becoming practically an epidemic in golf, according to Harry Rose, a professional golf instructor at Needham Golf Club.

"Although these injuries may not have been caused by golfing, playing the game definitely does not help," says Rose.

South Shore Hospital's five-week Golf Conditioning Program is being pitched for "amateur golfers who need to get the kinks out for the current season." The program will focus on stretching and strengthening exercises specific to muscles most used in the golf swing. Meeting twice each week, participants will learn how to condition themselves through various forms of exercise. In addition, a local PGA (Professional Golf Association) pro presents a lecture on the mechanics of the golf swing. The criteria for participation is very broad; amateur golfers of any age can sign up but must be able to perform the given exercises.

While she's not an avid golfer, the course instructor Jen Logan has been working as an exercise physiologist at the hospital since 2000 and has worked in physical therapy since 1996. Currently, Logan is working with a community program in the hospital with those stricken with Parkinson's Disease and arthritis. Logan is about to begin her fourth season of teaching the Golf Conditioning Program — a program she pitched to the hospital three years ago while a graduate student at Northeastern University.

The idea for the program came to Logan when she was working at the Cohasset Golf Club where she noticed more than a few out-of-shape golfers. She centered her research on the mechanics of the swing and also common injury type. The response to the course was good, said Logan, noting her students' average age was somewhere around 50 to 60. In her program, Logan places emphasis on strengthening and she leaves the mechanics of the swing and golf technique to the PGA pro to teach.

There are many muscles used when playing golf and the golf conditioning program works out everything from the neck to your hands. Almost all of the exercises deal with the legs and back in some capacity and just about every one is done in sets of ten. There are exercises for the hamstring, quadriceps, groin, stomach, and shoulder muscles as well as the hips. Since it is very easy to accidentally alter the way a stretch is supposed to be executed the program outlines all the dos and don'ts as well as how long to hold each stretch for.

Free weights are also incorporated into the training sessions. These exercises primarily deal with the shoulders and back as well as the biceps, triceps, and wrists. The exercises for the back are a little more important because they are not muscles that are used as much as the biceps and triceps. These workouts teach golfers to use and strengthen muscles that may be rarely used if at all.

The benefits of the program are many, Logan said. A golfer can improve flexibility of golf-specific muscles, improve strength of muscles used in golf, and increase knowledge of swing mechanics. The program is also beneficial for the cardiovascular system.

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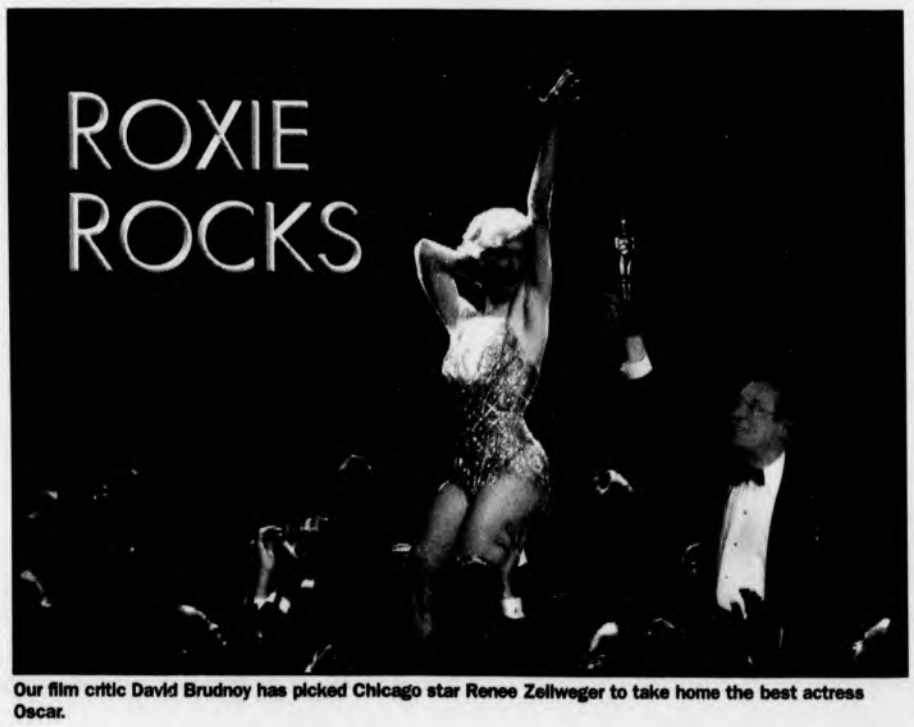
PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Kingston resident Steve Webby chips one out of a sand trap at an October golf tournament at Pine Hills Golf Course in Plymouth. Area golfers can put some spring in their swing and get in shape this season thanks to a five-week golf conditioning program offered at South Shore Hospital.

Brudnoy says... Roxie rocks

Our film critic predicts a big night for 'Chicago'

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic



Our film critic David Brudnoy has picked Chicago star Renee Zellweger to take home the best actress Oscar.

Richard Gere evidently didn't sufficiently razzle-dazzle 'em — "'em" being members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences who nominate the actors and who by now have voted for those to whom the Oscar "goes." Everybody else connected to "Chicago" has been nominated, including the kid who totes the coffee and doughnuts and the other kid who strews rose petals on the ground before the actresses, all three of whom *have* been nominated. OK, I'm kidding about the kids, but just barely. Not kidding about Gere, shamefully neglected.

"Chicago" is worthy, a pretty pudding of pure pizazz and maybe, if Hollywood's honchos sense a trend in the making, an augur of more filmed musicals to come.

With the Best Picture category, to whom the Oscar "goes," this is a win-win-win-win-lose situation, in my opinion, the "lose," though it might win, being the overwrought "Gangs of New York," historically much of a sham and overacted to a fare-thee-well. "Gangs" is nobody's so-so movie choice; you love it or you do not. I do not. Meticulously conceived and assembled in Rome's Cinecitta studios, accurate to the last detail of costuming, but another instance of a movie that wants to be "of" history but not "in" history. It tells the story of the eponymous gangs and of the anti-draft and anti-black riots in New York City in 1863 but can't resist doing a "Titanic" on it, meaning fiddling with reality to accord with PC verities. Hollywood's servitude to the gods of their ideology is eternal.

"The Hours" is the most impressive film of 2002, to which the Oscar should go but probably won't. "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" is another love-it-or-loathe-it movie; I love it and I'm not a Tolkienite. Forgive me my sins, but I have not read the trilogy, but I'm told by the books' acolytes that it's faithful, given the requisites of movies as opposed to the limitlessness of novels' scope, a compelling adventure saga. "The Pianist" is not just another Holocaust movie, of which we may have had about enough, at least for a while; it's a true story of a man who was not heroic but lucky and plucky and who somehow made it through the torments in Warsaw during the ghastly years of National Socialism's horror. Foot-tappingly fun "Chicago" will likely win here, but this is a good field, save for "Gangs," and I doubt that many moviegoers will be gnashing their teeth, yanking out strands of hair, and angrily furrowing their hard-to-furrow Botoxed brows, no matter who and what comes out on top Sunday.

I'm not going to tire you with a rant about the sheer awfulness of Daniel Day-Lewis's Oscar-nominated performance in "Gangs" — you got the point — but how remarkably fine are his rivals here: Nicholas Cage, who puts everything into any role and here got to be two people, real-life screenwriter Charlie Kaufman and his non-existent brother; Adrien Brody, a stealth candidate in that he's long been admired by folks who watch movies carefully but hasn't had a role that propelled him onto the movieland A-shelf, gets us by the gut and doesn't let go in "The Pianist;" Jack Nicholson — need any prep on this guy? — in "About Schmidt" is so fine, so sober and at the same time nutty; and Michael Caine, in what is undeniably one of his best performances, as a jaded, resourceful reporter in Vietnam in the '50s in "The Quiet American."

The leading actress category is well represented — no complaints here. But the standouts are Nicole Kidman ("The Hours") as Virginia Woolf,

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Pan-fried fish fillets

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Fried fish fillets run the gamut from pedestrian to horrible, the coating gummy and tasteless and the fish bland and overcooked. Yet this simple dish cooks in just minutes, takes little preparation, and, when made properly, produces juicy, tender fish encased in a crisp, flavorful coating. What's not to like?

First, the fish. I tested a variety of fillets and found that only the thinnest will do for this recipe. (Thicker fillets such as cod turn out overcooked on the outside and undercooked on the inside.) The best choice turned out to be sole with flounder a distant runner-up. Flounder fillets are a bit too small (about 2 ounces) for this recipe. Sole fillets run 4 to 6 ounces.

The coating consists of three parts: a liquid such as milk or egg, breadcrumbs, and flavorings. I tested egg whites, whole egg, milk, and buttermilk. (The fillets are dipped in the liquid, coated with breadcrumbs, and then pan-fried.) The egg white version was crisp and clean, the milk was good but not quite as clean tasting, the whole egg was too rich, and the buttermilk added a tang that was unwelcome. I also determined that seasoning the fillets directly was preferable to letting the coating do all of the work.

For the breadcrumbs, I tried a flour/cornmeal coating, fresh breadcrumbs, and dry breadcrumbs all of which were fried in an olive oil/ butter combination. The flour/cornmeal was gummy and the least flavorful, the fresh breadcrumbs tasted like a bad church supper stuffing, and the dry breadcrumbs were the crunchiest. adhered well, browned nicely and contributed just the right amount of buttery breadcrumb flavor. Next, I tasted flavor additions to the breadcrumbs. I liked the addition of chopped parsley and/or chives since their flavor complements the breaded fillets. For 1 1/2 cups breadcrumbs (enough for eight fillets) I used 4 tablespoons of chopped fresh herbs. I tried dried thyme but it was overpowering so stick with fresh parsley or chives. Next, I experimented with Parmesan cheese but it simply interfered with the flavor of the fish. Lemon zest was an interesting addition but I quickly found that I needed a lot of zest to get any lemon flavor. When I added enough zest, it then turned bitter so I simply squeezed fresh lemon juice over the fillets after cooking.

Finally, I wanted to confirm the cooking technique. A combination of butter and oil was my first choice but I also tested peanut oil (too much flavor) and canola oil (flavorless and not crispy). Using the butter/olive oil combination and a 12-inch skillet, I found that 8 fillets could be cooked in three batches, 60 to 90 seconds per side. I found that I needed to add an additional tablespoon each of butter and olive oil by the third batch. For best results the heat should be medium-high. If the fish cooks at low heat the fillets become oily and soggy. At high heat the butter burns. These quick-fried fillets are great served with a salad, bread, and glass of wine.

PAN FRIED FISH FILLETS

Note that you should use store-bought dried breadcrumbs, not fresh breadcrumbs. Also, be sure to purchase unflavored crumbs since many brands also include herbs and seasonings.

1 1/2 cups dry, unflavored, store-bought breadcrumbs
1 teaspoon salt plus additional salt for seasoning the fish fillets
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper plus additional for seasoning the fish fillets
4 tablespoons flat parsley or chives or a combination of both, chopped fine
2 egg whites
8 very thin fish fillets such as sole, about 4 to 6 ounces each
3 tablespoons olive oil
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
Lemon wedges for serving

1. In a shallow bowl or pie plate add the breadcrumbs, salt, pepper, and chopped parsley/chives. Stir with a fork to combine well. Whisk the egg whites in another shallow bowl or pie plate until slightly foamy. Season the fish fillets lightly with salt and pepper. Line a baking sheet with waxed paper.

2. Heat a heavy-duty 12-inch skillet over medium high heat. One at a time dip the fish fillets first into the egg whites and then the breadcrumb mixture. For best results flip the fish a couple of times in the crumbs pressing down to adhere the coating. Set aside in a single layer on the prepared baking sheet.

3. Place two tablespoons each of olive oil and butter in the skillet. Swirl to coat the bottom of the pan. The butter will melt and foam very quickly at this point. Once the butter has stopped foaming place 3 fillets (or as many as you can fit in a single layer), in the skillet. Cook for 60 to 90 seconds or until dark golden brown. With a large spatula turn the fillets and cook on the other side until dark golden brown. Remove and place on a warm platter. Repeat with the rest of the fillets adding the additional tablespoon olive oil and butter before cooking the third batch of fillets. Serve immediately.

Serves four to six.

Show me the Money

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"This DVD project will be one of the most important we've done in a long time," said Money by phone from the Nashville area, not far from the scene of the videotape shoot later this month.

"I think it's going to be our latest and greatest piece of work in my usual humble opinion. I recently quit smoking after many years, and as a result, I've got a lot more range and power in my voice than I've had in a long time. I'm also working with a fresh new band that I think is the best I've had in quite awhile. I still have my longtime guitarist, Tommy Girvin, who's been with me from the beginning. But the rest of the band is all new players who are just fantastic and I think the audience is really going to get into."

"The DVD shoot will all be very professionally done. I tend to be a perfectionist in my work. I've always tried to make my records sound as much like a live show as possible, and by the same token, recreate the original studio sound as much as possible onstage as well," Money said.

Money, who just turned 53, speaks in a distinct and affable, second-or third-generation New York-Irish accent, which gives him a unique ability to converse with total strangers such as interviewers like he's known them forever. Born Eddie Mahoney in Brooklyn, the singer is also well-known for having been originally primed to follow in his father's and brothers' career footsteps as a New York City police trainee. Money/Mahoney, of course, chose rock 'n' roll instead.

The singer's other chart hits through the late 1970s and 80s include "I Wanna Go Back," "Shakin'," "Take Me Home Tonight" (a duet with girl group legend Ronnie Spector), "Think I'm In Love" and numerous others.

Money said that while he has new music to play, he understands his fans want to hear the hits that made him a legend.

"I understand that for an artist of my caliber, who's been doing this for as long as I have and been lucky enough to have as many chart records, people tend to not want to hear too much off my new music, though I'm doing some of that," he said. "My fans are older, and they spend more time and money these days going to Ace Hardware to buy lawn sprinklers than buying new records. But my show has always been about how I present myself onstage. And the current show is electrifying. My voice sounds great, the band's playing good, we're having a great time."

Eddie Money will perform Saturday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth Center. For tickets go to Ticketweb.com, call 866-468-7619, visit Loretta LaRoche & Company at 50 Court Street (Route 3A), or at the hall on the night of the performance.

Swing into action

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"You can be as strong as possible," said Logan, "but if you are not in shape it can affect your golf technique." "To get ready to do eighteen holes, you need to get ready to play just like any other sport," she says.

One of Logan's students, Don Baltucci of Weymouth couldn't agree more. Baltucci said he was out of shape and a little overweight before embarking on the program last year. He credits the class for getting him in better shape for the links and helping him hit "the ball twenty yards farther than before." And although Baltucci has never suffered a golf-related injury, he said the program really helped improve his reach and flexibility.

Anna Marie Elkhill is another golf conditioning student, who said she would definitely recommend the curriculum because of the way it improved her flexibility. Playing twice a week she said that the exercise regime made her more aware of how to prepare for playing. The one drawback of the program is the fact that the exercises are very time consuming, considering that eighteen holes of golf takes about five hours, if you are lucky. Ms. Elkhill admitted to neglecting some of the exercises.

"You have to spend 45 minutes on them. Normal golfers would not have time," she said.

Rose also raised concerns about the time involved in exercising. "Golf is a five or six hour endeavor. Working on your swing and all these exercises may leave you no time for anything else."

Which is one reason the course is scheduled to take place before the golf season gets in full swing.

In order to sign up for the golf conditioning program pre-registration is required. A completed golf questionnaire and physician clearance form is required for participation. Jennifer Logan can be contacted at the Outpatient Rehabilitation Center at South Shore Hospital at (781) 340-8177 for an application form. The program begins on March 31.

The harbingers of spring

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the last few days of winter pass quickly by, the long-awaited signs of spring are finally beginning to appear.

Beckoned forth by the cheerful melodies of the Carolina wrens, I rambled through the snow-covered landscape on a misty Sunday morning to breathe in the fresh, crisp air and witness the sights and sounds of springtime. Despite the wintry setting, hints of spring were to be found around every corner, offering assurances that all the beauty nestled beneath the crusty cover of snow would soon burst forth.

The intensity and warmth of the late winter sun gradually dissipated the morning haze as brilliant sunshine beamed down on the frozen landscape, slowly melting the layers of snow and ice. Several large patches of bare ground appeared in the sunnier portions of my landscape as the day progressed, revealing clusters of early springtime miracles hidden beneath the soggy leaf litter. The telltale tips of crocuses, snowdrops, and dwarf iris reticulata foliage have started to push their way up through the soft, moist earth and with several days of milder temperatures in the forecast, their colorful blossoms may come into bloom by week's end.

In the damp, wetlands meadow, the silvery, silken catkins of the Japanese fantail willow have fully emerged, its contorted branches twisting and turning to form fascinating curlicues. When cut and dried, these unique spiraling, curved stems produce delightful artistic decorations perfect for vases and floral arrangements. Stem cuttings taken during early spring root easily in water or moist sand and once established grow quickly in moisture-retentive soils into a fascinating multi-stemmed tree. Nearby, a dense stand of wild pussy willows grows along the brook. In another week or two, their small, steel gray-colored catkins will be revealed, but for the present, their bare branches host flocks of returning red-winged blackbirds whose noisy chatter drowns out the peaceful sounds of the babbling brook beneath their canopy.

Passing through my garden arbor, I was delighted to discover the vibrant yellow, fringed blossoms of the witch hazel, Hamamelis 'Arnold Promise' had finally burst into bloom. Its dense clusters of delicate ribbons were dazzling as the slanted rays of the afternoon sun illuminated its spidery blossoms covered with sparkling drops of moisture. Although its flowers often appear during February, this season's chilly temperatures delayed their opening. Planted many seasons ago as a small, bare-root, mail order sapling, this vase-shaped shrub has been pruned and nurtured over the years and has gradually matured into a handsome 15-foot tree. From my window, the tree resembles a frilly, lemon chiffon cloud, and provides an exquisite addition to a shady corner alongside my water garden against a backdrop of deep evergreen foliage provided by a cedar tree.

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There are several desirable cultivars of witch hazels (Hamamelis spp.) currently available in the nursery trade, each offering unique, colorful flowers for several weeks when little else is in bloom during late February and March. Cold weather causes the spidery petals to close tightly and when temperatures moderate, the clusters unfurl once again. The unusual blossoms of the majority of witch hazels are extremely fragrant. Tolerant of a wide range of growing conditions, ideal culture includes provision of a moisture-retentive but well-drained soil in an area of full sun to half shade. In addition to the early, persistent, fragrant blossoms, these handsome shrubs display attractive leaves during the growing season which culminate in a dazzling fall display of multicolored autumn foliage.

Many of these witch hazels, like the cultivar H. 'Arnold Promise' which was developed at the Arnold Arboretum, are the result of cross-pollinating Japanese (H. japonica) and Chinese (H. mollis) varieties. The deep, coppery-red flowers of Hamamelis 'Diane' are a bold contrast to the lemon yellow blossoms of 'Arnold Promise.' H. 'Pallida', a Cary Award winner, displays especially large, sulfur-yellow blooms. It should be noted that our native witch hazel, H. virginiana, which is likely to be found growing in moist woodlands or streamside, is a fast-growing shrub with yellow fall foliage and yellow flowers that appear in autumn unlike those of the varieties derived from Asian species. Unfortunately, witch hazels are not commonly grown, most likely because their unique blossoms have departed by the time most gardeners' make their first spring pilgrimages to their local nurseries.

Every year, no matter what Mother Nature provides outdoors, spring arrives in all its glory when the Massachusetts Horticultural Society presents the New England Spring Flower Show at the Bayside Expo. The welcome sights, sounds and smells of spring flourish in the glorious landscapes and floral displays. This year's exhibition, which runs through Sunday, March 23, features its usual array of magnificent flowering trees and shrubs, handsome hostas, cheerful daffodils, tulips and crocuses, colorful primroses, and floral designs. Many of the gardens offer peaceful patio settings enhanced by creative water features. A spectacular display of massive holly trees covered with dense clusters of fruit and underplanted with masses of white squill (Scilla) and checkered lilies (Fritillaria meleagris) is highlighted by a towering waterfall. Many newer perennial introductions are beautifully arranged in tranquil garden designs. Breathtaking stands of elegant deep blue delphiniums appear throughout this year's show. In addition to the lovely gardens and floral displays, informative lectures, workshops and an extensive marketplace offer a complete horticultural experience that is sure to create an overwhelming sense that springtime is imminent.

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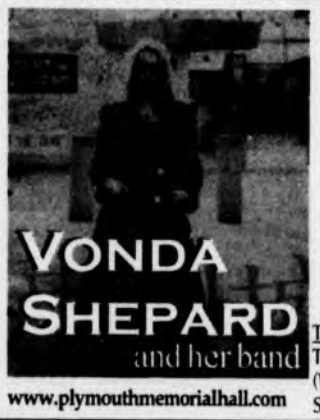

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tick, tick...BOOM! a musical by Jonathan Larson, comes to the Wilbur Theatre May 27 to June 8, starring Boston's own Joey McIntyre. Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster or directly at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston St. Boston.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER announces a show of artwork utilizing digital technology to be held at the art center April 18 to May 25. The "TechArt" show is open to all artists and will be juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. Artists are invited to submit slides of their work that utilizes digital technology as a major creative component in the production of the work. Examples of eligible works may include original digital; photographs, prints, sculpture, assemblages, collages and other work created using components manipulated by or generated from the computer, video animation sound and computer and internet-based works. Each may submit up to three works. All entries must be received by March 10. For information call 781-383-2787.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

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The Nathan Gallery presents "Full Circle" a showing of artwork by the faculty and students from the Hanover Public School Art Department through April 14 on the second floor of the Frame Center, 152 Rockland Street in Hanover. A gallery reception will be held Thursday, March 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 826-6500.

Thurs. 20

The James Library and Center for the Arts invites preschool children to attend an evening family story time on March 20, at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100.

Curtain Call Theatre, Braintree announces the production of **One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest** on March 20, 21, and 22. All shows are at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 each, call 781-3546-5113. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

The Wang Theatre presents **"Cinderella"** for eight performances only, March 18-23. Tickets on sale now at The Wang Theatre Box office or through Tele-Charge 1-800-447-7400 or online at www.wangcenter.org Discounted tickets available for groups of 20 or more by calling 617-350-6000.

The Hanover Parent Advisory Council invites all parents and teachers to attend: **"Identifying Signs of Depression in Children & Adolescents,"** presented by: Alan Jacobson, Psy. D., March 20, Hanover High School Auditorium - 7 p.m. For further information, call Mary 829-9130, Karen 826-0137 or Marybeth 878-3037.

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The Braintree Art Association will meet on March 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. Dorothy Ramsey will demonstrate an oil floral landscape. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Insight Education Center will present a workshop "The Trouble With Talking Back...Teaching Children Respect" (all ages) at the Children's World Learning Center, Route 139, Marshfield, from 7 to 9 p.m. Pre-registration required. Call 781-294-8004 for pre-registration.

The Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor has brought back its Wine Dinner on March 20, at 7 p.m. at the Radisson's Harbor Grille Restaurant. The restaurant will present a five-course meal accompanied by specially selected wines to accommodate each course. Limited seating. $50 per person, includes meal tax and gratuity. For reservations or information, call 508-591-5007.

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Fri. 21

The Company Theatre in Norwell will be presenting their stage production of the cult classic **"Rocky Horror Show,"** live on stage until April 6. Tickets on sale at the box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center presents the musical **Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center** presents the musical **Wizard of Oz** on March 20, and 22, at 7 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission $10 adult, $5 child. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

The Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy presents **"The Amorous Ambassador"** on March 14-16, March 22-23, and March 28-30. Friday and Saturday dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday dinner at 2 p.m. show at 3:30 p.m. Tickets $32.50-$37.50 for dinner and show; $15-$17.50 for show only. For reservations or information call 781-843-5862. Wheelchair accessible.

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The North River Arts Society presents **"Home and Away"** - an exhibit of original watercolor paintings by **Mary Callahan** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the **Hingham Public Library**, Route 228, Hingham. This show runs through April 25. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

Stomp at The Stuart Street Playhouse. "Stomp," the international percussion sensation, has been held over, and is currently on sale through April 20. Tickets available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400 by logging on to www.stomponline.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston, 02116.

New England Humane Association in conjunction with **Happy-Dog House**, a Caginess Dog Boarding and Day Care Center will sponsor a free Dog DayCare on March 21, to celebrate the first day of spring. Pre-registration is required by call 781-857-1010.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing March 21, will be **Charlie Strater, New Bedford Sea Chanty Chorus**. The open mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

The Plummils will perform at **Plymouth Memorial Hall** in Plymouth, on March 21, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by logging on to www.ticketweb.com or calling 866-468-7619 or at the Memorial Hall box-office, located at 50 Court Street in Plymouth. For more

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Sat. 22

The Ladies Group of the South Shore Viking Club is having their annual **Antiques & Collectibles Flea Market** on March 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donation $1. Children free. Snack bar. Call 781-337-0736.

"I Dwell in Possibility," a two woman play featuring the poetry of **Emily Dickinson** set to music and song comes to the library on March 22, at 3 p.m. at Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Free and open to the public. Call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420 for information.

The South Shore Natural Science Center presents a watercolor exhibition by artist **Mary Lizotte** through March 31, in the Vine Hall Gallery. Entitled "Creation - Gardens of Delight", the show features various flowers, in still life or garden settings. Artist's reception on Saturday, March 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit is open for viewing during the month of March, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30 am to 4:30pm. Call the Center at 781-659-2559, or visit www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

Early Childhood Fair, Daniel Webster School, 1456 Ocean St., Marshfield, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission $3 per family. Call 781-834-5048 for more information.

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Humarock Beach, will present **Joey Canzano** "The Man of Many Voices." Sinatra, Jones, Bennett, Elvis and more. Dinner and show $35 beginning at 6 p.m. For reservations call 781-834-6505.

The Timetations singing oldies from the 50's, 60's and beyond in concert for "Run Pam Run" an American Liver Foundation Boston Marathon Fundraiser at the Windsor House, Duxbury. $15 admission. Pamela Campbell Smith will be running her 11th Boston marathon and raising funds for continued liver research. Call 781-934-6492 for more information.

The Annual St. Patrick's Scholarship dance, sponsored by the South Shore Irish American Society will held on March 22, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Rte. 18, Whitman. **John Connors and the Irish Express** will provide music for dancing. Special guest will be **Maureen Haley's Irish Step Dancers**. A cold buffet, desserts, coffee and tea will be served. $10 per person. For more information call 508-697-6001, 781-447-5304, 781-447-7106.

South Shore Model Railway Club open house March 22 and 23, at Building 51 Bare Cove Park off Fort Hill St., Hingham opposite The South Shore Country Club, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission $4, children (6-12 years with adult) $2 seniors (65+) $2. For information call 781-740-2000, www.ssmrc.org

Plymouth Memorial Hall 83 Court Street, **Jumpin' Juba** opens for '70s rocker **Eddie Money** at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by logging on to www.ticketweb.com or calling 866-468-7619 or at the box-office, located at 50 Court St. in Plymouth. For more information you can log on to www.plymouthmemorialhall.com 866-468-7619

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra with Jin Kim conducting, will feature world-class guest soloist John Ferrillo at Hingham High School on March 22, at 8 p.m., and at Sanders Theatre in Cambridge on March 23, at 3 p.m. Ferrillo, principal oboe for the Boston Symphony Orchestra will perform Martinu's Oboe Concerto. Proceeds will be shared with the Hingham chapter of Anti-Defamation League's No Place For Hate campaign, a program designed to foster understanding and respect and prevent hate crimes and bigotry. Tickets for Hingham/Cambridge are $20/$25 for adults, $18/$20 for seniors and $10 for youth through age 18. The price includes free parking and a pre-concert lecture with conductor Jin Kim an hour before each concert. They are available at the door or in advance at the Hingham and Weymouth Main Libraries, Noble's Hingham Square and Queen Anne Corner, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, or by calling the HSO at 781-740-5694.

Sun. 23

USS Constitution Museum celebrates **Women's History Month** with an afternoon at Mrs. Broader's Tavern. Visitors will meet Mrs. Priscilla Broaders, proprietor of the Federal Eagle Tavern, where officers of USS Constitution recruited members for "Old Ironsides" crew in May 1798. The Museum's Figgie Theater will be transformed into "The Federal Eagle Tavern," complete with period entertainment and refreshments. The interactive play about the ship's history will be presented noon, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. At 2 p.m. visitors Jack Larkin, author of The New England Country Tavern, will illustrate his talk with slides of tavern-related objects, from 2 to 3 p.m. For more information visit www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org

South Shore Model Railway Club Show will be on Sunday, March 23, at Weymouth High School, 1071 Commercial St., Weymouth, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information call 781-740-2000, www.ssmrc.org

"Laughter and Hope and a Sock in the Eye: An Afternoon with Dorothy Parker." One woman show by Elizabeth Morrell, at the Unitarian Church of Sharon, 4 North St. Sharon. Tickets $6 (students $3). Call 781-784-8620 for reservations and information. Reception with the artist following the performance.

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Fourth Annual Music Festival featuring faculty and student performers from **South Shore Conservatory** on Sunday, March 23, at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. All performers will play selections from the Baroque Period, 1600-1750, and will include work by composers such as Bach, Handel, Scarlatti and Telemann. There will be two concerts, at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Each concert will feature different performances. Between each concert, at 3 p.m., a lecture/demonstration by Core Faculty member and Chair of the Certificate Program, Stephen Deitz, will discuss the music to be played as well as an overview of the period and its most illustrious composers. Tickets are $15 adult, $12 Sr./student and may be purchased at South Shore Conservatory offices in Hingham and Duxbury. Each ticket allows admittance to both concerts and the lecture. All proceeds benefit the South Shore Conservatory educational programs.

Brockton Symphony Orchestra presents Mozart and Beethoven Breakout on March 23, at 3 p.m. Guest artist, **Julie Martin**, oboe. Repertoire includes Mozart – Oboe Concerto in C Major, Symphony No. 35 in D major; Beethoven Egmont Overture and Symphony No. 2 in D Major. Brockton High School Auditorium, Rt. 123, Brockton. Tickets $10 to $19.50 Group discounts. Free parking. Handicap accessible. 508-588-3841 or visit www.brockton-symphony.org

Mon. 24

David Cox, will discuss his latest book "After College Now

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What Do I Do?" in Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium on Monday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. (Rescheduled from previous weather cancellation.) Focus on how to identify, develop and use your talents in job searching. A book signing will follow the presentation. 798 Washington Street, Braintree. 781-848- 0405 ext. 4420

The South Shore Women's Business Network ("SSWBN"), the premiere networking organization on the South Shore, is pleased to announce they will be hosting their annual fashion show, "Dress for Success", at Raffael's, 1 Enterprise Drive, North Quincy, on March 24, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. The event will be hosted by Julie Foley, "The Consultant of Style. The show, which will feature volunteer models from the SSWBN, will educate and illustrate the fundamentals of professional, business casual, and business formal dress. In addition to the fashion show, there will be a cocktail hour and dinner sponsored by RBC Dain Rauscher. For more information, contact the SSWBN at 781-749-8883 or at info@sswbn.org <mailto:info@sswbn.org>.

BEST BET

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra with Jin Kim conducting, will feature world-class guest soloist John Ferrillo at Hingham High School on March 22, at 8 p.m. Ferrillo, principal oboe for the Boston Symphony Orchestra will perform Martinu's Oboe Concerto. Proceeds will be shared with the Hingham chapter of Anti-Defamation League's No Place For Hate campaign, a program designed to foster understanding and respect and prevent hate crimes and bigotry. Tickets for Hingham/Cambridge are $20/$25 for adults, $18/$20 for seniors and $10 for youth through age 18. The price includes free parking and a pre-concert lecture with conductor Jin Kim an hour before each concert. They are available at the door or in advance at the Hingham and Weymouth Main Libraries, Noble's Hingham Square and Queen Anne Corner, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, or by calling the HSO at 781-740-5694.

The Braintree Art Association Annual Member Exhibit will take place March 24 through April 17, at the Thayer Academy Gallery, 745 Washington St., Braintree. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The North River Arts Society presents **Simple Pleasures** - an exhibit of original oil paintings by **Susan F. Lynch Raffa** at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. This show runs through March 29, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 25

The Talking Information Center (TIC) Auction will be held March 25 to 27, tune to WATD-FM at 95.9 and join the live auction going on to benefit TIC. Call in your bids on an Aerosmith drumhead autographed by Steven Tyler, Red Sox tickets, restaurant gift certificates, travel packages and more. All proceeds go to the Talking Information Center for the visually impaired. For more information or to make a donation call TIC at 781-834-4400.

The Boston Men's Baseball League is accepting registrations for the 2003 season across three age divisions: 18+, 30+ and 40+. To register or with questions, visit www.boston-baseball.com. If you do not have internet access, you may call 508-358-4550.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

Wed. 26

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening lectures ending March 26. On March 26, at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Science Center **Wicked Big Puddles - an Exploration of Vernal Pools**. Leo Kenny, known as Massachusetts's Vernal Pool guru, will talk about the myriad creatures that live in vernal pools and then lead you outside for an exploration of vernal pools on the Science Center's grounds. All ages are encouraged to attend. Wear warm clothes and bring boots and a flashlight. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

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C Major, Symphony No. 29 in D major, Beethoven Egmont Overture and Symphony No. 2 in D Major. Brockton High School Auditorium, Rt. 123, Brockton. Tickets $10 to $19.50 Group discounts. Free parking. Handicap accessible. 508-588-3841 or visit www.brocktonsymphony.org

Mothers & More: South Shore Chapter: If you are a women who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about Mothers & More. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Route 228, Hingham. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information. March 26, **Gardenscaping** with guest speaker Paula Murphy owner of Hollyhocks and Flocks.

Maximize your Financial Aid and Lower The Cost of College on Wednesday, March 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., College Funding Advisors, Inc. will present a free one-night workshop at the Rockland Memorial Library, 20 Belmont St. in Rockland. Strategies that can lower the cost of college and maximize your eligibility for financial aid will be discussed. Call 781-275-4243 to pre-register.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum: **A Conversation with Howard Dean**. Former Governor Howard Dean, presidential candidate in 2004, will discuss his positions on a range of domestic and foreign policy issues facing the nation. March 26, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations and information call 617-514-1643.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

Thurs. 27

Donna Rich, Ph. D, Bereavement Coordinator at **Old Colony Hospice** and **Marian LaFreniere, LPN** will hold a discussion entitled "Living with Grief." Together they will explore the stages of normal grief and discuss how you can move forward with the healing process in your day-to-day life. This is a vital discussion for anyone suffering the loss of a loved one. The presentation will take place at the Randolph Senior Center, 16 Fencourt Ave. in Randolph on March 27, at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided and open to all seniors. Call 781-341-4145 ext. 315 with any questions. Free of charge.

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formance at "Tybalt," McCormack Theatre, March 27-30 and April 1. Call 617-287-5642 for . information. Admission $10. Students/seniors $5.

Merrill Kohlofer, a regular performer on the Schooner Thomas Lannon of Gloucester, brings the men who sailed the Atlantic to life in "Stories from the Gloucester Fisheries" on March 27, at 7:30 p.m. **Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium**, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Free and open to the public. For more information call 781-848-0405 ext.4420.

The 7th Annual Taste of the South Shore benefit for the South Shore YMCA on March 27, South Shore visitors and residents will have the opportunity to sample the area's finest cuisine. This festive evening will feature innovative food from the South Shore's most recognized restaurants and will benefit the local YMCA. The event begins at 6 p.m. at Lombardo's in Randolph. For more information about the event, contact June Blair at 781-829-8585 x 225 or jblair@ssymca.org.

Fri. 28

Plymouth Memorial Hall 83 Court St., Plymouth. **Mark Wills and Blake Shelton** Tickets may be purchased by logging on to www.ticketweb.com or calling 866-468-7619 or at the box-office, located at 50 Court St. in Plymouth. For more information you can log on to www.plymouthmemorialhall.com 866-468-7619

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance March 28, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Ongoing Events

Hingham Pubic Library presents and exhibition of **John Lewiecki's** photographic portraits at the Clemens Gallery through March 27. Lewiecki dedicates the exhibit to the memory of Jack and Betty Thomas, two long time Hingham residents who recently passed away.

The Weymouth Art Association, Artist of the month, **Bob Weikel** will exhibit his painting for the month of March at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

The Braintree Art Association member **Roger Davenport** will be displaying his paintings for the month of March at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

The Gallery Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Rt. 18), East Bridgewater, presents **Monday Night Hand Drumming Circle** on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. The event is free and no experience is necessary. For more information and directions call 508-378-1584.

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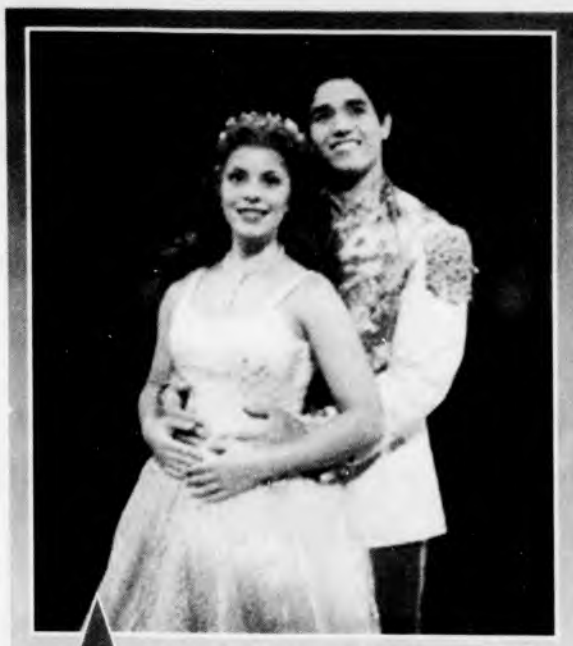
Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Rd., Cohasset. Art Exhibition - **Winter Break - Joan Brancale,** an inaugural exhibit, now through April 30. Gallery hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 9 to 5 p.m. Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents **Walls that Bloom**, through March 30. An opening reception, which is open and free to the public, will be held Sunday, March 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information about exhibits or artist workshops, call 781-545-6150.

Duxbury Art Association presents the **Sixth Annual Monotype Guild of New England Juried Exhibition** in the Bengtz & Cutler Galleries at **The Ellison Center for the Arts**. This exhibition is open through April 18. Open and free to the public. Gallery hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 or visit www.duxburyart.org

The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center will host a show of watercolor and oil paintings by **Nancy Howell** during the month of March through April 2. Call 781-659-7100.



The Wang Theatre presents "Cinderella" for eight performances only, March 18-23. Tickets on sale now at The Wang Theatre Box office or through Tele-Charge 1-800-447-7400 or online at www.wangcenter.org Discounted tickets available for groups of 20 or more by calling 617-350-6000.

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The Silver Ribbon – American Crafts and Art Gallery, Pembroke Crossing, Route 53, will showcase work by **George Watson** a local glassblower and a new artisan to the gallery. For more information call 781-828-1525.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will present the work of South African artist **Kim Berman**, After the Fires 2000-2002, now through April 6. Her monotypes of various landscapes reflect the current South African social scene. Also on exhibition are the Duxbury Art Association Annual Winter Juried Show and Rotations: Recent acquisitions including an oil painting by **Joel Janowitz** and photographs by **Jerry Uelsman** and **Lance Keimig.** These two exhibitions run through April 27. Open to the public and free of charge. Visit www.artcomplex.org for more information.

Brudnoy says... Roxie rocks

Continued

and Julianne Moore ("Far From Heaven") as a 1950s wife and mother watching her husband turn into something she never could have imagined — gay. And not one negative syllable out of my mouth about the supporting actress nominees except that I'm not sure Kathy Bates' audaciously full frontality in "About Schmidt," Queen Latifah's tough jail matron in "Chicago," Meryl Streep's writer going googoo over a weird orchid lover in "Adaptation," and Catherine Zeta-Jones kicking up a mighty storm of joyful dance and song in "Chicago" quite rise to the brilliance of Julianne Moore in "The Hours." No, I'm not related to her — Brudnoy is, I grant, Old French for "Moore" — but I yearn to spend an hour interviewing her.

Best Supporting Actor nominees are splendid though Chris Cooper, grungy and cantankerous in "Adaptation," seems to me the lesser of a fine lot. Ed Harris goes under with AIDS in "The Hours" in (pardon the cliché) a heart-rending performance, Paul Newman incarnates a tough but also sentimental crime boss in "The Road to Perdition," John C. Reilly, another actor whom everybody admires but nobody dashes out the door in a blizzard to see on screen, is sensational as the cuckolded husband in "Chicago," a true Mr. Celophane, and Christopher Walken is — boy, is he *ever* — glorious to watch as the wise but downtrodden dad to the precocious little con artist son in "Catch Me If You Can." And lest you think that because I'm not googly about "Gangs of New York" and loathed "Titanic," I therefore have a hair across a tender spot regarding Leonardo Di Caprio, know this: He's flawless in "Catch Me If You Can" and should have snagged a Best Actor nod for that instead of Day-Lewis, his "Gangs" co-star.

'Chicago' on fire; Moore's the pity

Here's my yearly fall-flat-on-my-face predictions; fortunately, I'm not your broker or you would be broke.

— David Brudnoy

	Will Win	Should Win
Picture:	"Chicago"	"The Hours"
Actor:	Jack Nicholson	Michael Caine
Actress:	Renee Zellweger	Nicole Kidman
Supporting Actor	Paul Newman	John C. Reilly
Supporting Actress	Catherine Zeta-Jones	Julianne Moore
Director	Rob Marshall ("Chicago")	Stephen Daldry ("The Hours")

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Planetary action continues to rate high. Today the Libra moon forms harmonious contacts to Neptune, Pluto, Venus and Saturn. In addition, Venus, the planetary ruler of Libra, prepares to form a flowing 120-degree contact to Saturn. That means that the time is ideal for meeting people, beginning important alliances or strengthening key relationships. If you've been experiencing problems with another, work things out, clear the air and start anew. This influence also favors making important promises and commitments to others. At 10:02 p.m. the moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Storm clouds move in again at 9:38 a.m., when the moon enters serious Scorpio. Pluto, the planetary ruler of Scorpio, is slowing its rate of motion and preparing for retrograde travel. The next couple of days can be very intense and challenging. Others may be temperamental and difficult to get along with. Don't rock the boat. Stay busy with work projects. The good news is that the Vernal Equinox arrives at 8:00 p.m., when the sun enters Aries.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

A barrage of planetary activity can make for a rough day. Wake up in a good mood. Don't allow anyone or anything to throw you off course. Take on a full work agenda. You can be most productive. Influences are especially favorable for making repairs, redoing and renovating, problem-solving. You can cut through obstacles and get to the heart of a matter. Mercury enters Aries at 7:16 a.m., remaining there until April 5. Venus aligns with Saturn at 1:31 p.m., and the sun with Mercury at 6:35 p.m. The moon travels in Scorpio, active until 11:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

The moon enters Sagittarius at 10:33 a.m. and aligns with Uranus at 11:36 a.m., making for a hectic morning. Expect the unexpected. Avoid rigid time schedules. The planet Pluto has a major impact on this day, because Pluto turns retrograde twelve minutes after midnight. Spend time alone this weekend. Instead of trying to change others or external situations, look within, change your thinking and find a new course of action for yourself.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Yesterday's planetary influences affect today as well. The planet Pluto begins retrograde travel at 12:12 a.m., 20-degrees Sagittarius. The Sagittarius moon aligns with Pluto at 8:19 p.m. Pluto represents change and transformation. It brings a time to look within and change the areas of your life that aren't working. Start new programs to help you break bad habits; set new personal goals.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

This morning is great for relaxing, vacationing; however, if you have to get back to work or school, it can be difficult. The Sagittarius moon becomes inactive at 6:58 a.m. Mercury prepares to align with Jupiter, generating a social, optimistic mood. To avoid spinning your wheels, carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan. At 1:48 p.m. the green light for new beginnings goes on. At this time the moon enters industrious Capricorn. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 8:51 p.m. This moon will decrease in light until April 1, when the new moon culminates.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Sign contracts, make long-range plans, promote new ideas before 9:27 a.m., when Mercury forms a harmonious 120-degree contact to Jupiter. The moon continues to travel in practical Capricorn, active until 1:16 p.m., when it aligns with Mars. Plan to get a lot accomplished today; tackle jobs you've been putting off, fulfill promises, handle responsibilities.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

The moon continues to travel in ambitious Capricorn today; however, it is inactive until 7:51 p.m. That means that this is a day to finish projects already begun rather than starting new ones. Get your ducks in line so that you are ready to launch ventures tomorrow and Friday. Planetary influences turn around completely at 7:51 p.m., when the moon enters adventurous Aquarius.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

A flurry of planetary alignments in the next few days makes for an interesting period. You can be most successful, if you plan to initiate new endeavors in your business or personal life. An Aquarius moon today and tomorrow makes this period particularly favorable for meeting people and starting professional or romantic relationships. A harmonious alignment of Mercury-Neptune stimulates intuition and inspires creative thinking. Venus moves into Pisces at 1:14 p.m., remaining there until April 21. Don't be a hermit tonight. An applying alignment of Venus-Uranus promises an exciting evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Venus and Uranus conjoin at 7:43 a.m., 1-degree Pisces. In addition, the Aquarius moon interacts with Pluto. Be willing to experiment with new ideas, be open to new experiences, take a risk. The moon aligns with Saturn at 3:27 p.m. and becomes inactive. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Mars urges you to slow down, keep it light, enjoy the moment. In addition, an applying alignment of the sun and Jupiter sets for the stage for fun and games, late-night partying.

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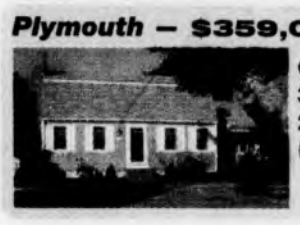
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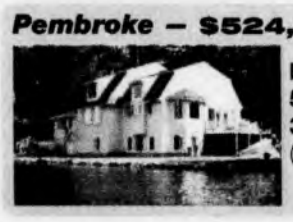
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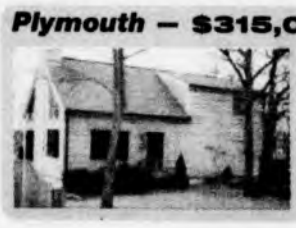
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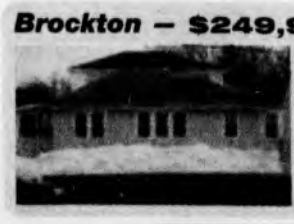
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Issues to take center stage

Short warrant is really packed

By John Camera
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Citizens at Annual Town Meeting on Saturday will vote on everything from a $350,000 general override to a $60,000 school bus to an $800,000 project to improve the town's police and fire station.

They'll also decide on a few zoning amendments and even vote on expanding the town's smoking bylaw to include workplaces and outdoor patios at restaurants.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the High School Gymnasium. Town Moderator George Marlette said he expects a relatively quick meeting. "We've had four articles indefinitely postponed so there's only 21 articles. It's the shortest warrant I've seen in a long time," he said.

Marlette said he foresees no trouble reaching a quorum of 100 residents. If the meeting is close to concluding come lunchtime, he plans to continue straight through. Otherwise Marlette will break for 45 minutes.

The meeting will include updates from the Sewer Commission, the School Building Committee and the Growth and Development Committee, as well from Ralph Dormitzer, who will speak about the proposed new runway at Logan Airport.

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Here are 12 of the boys who plan to compete for the title of the first-ever "Mr. Skipper" on Friday: (front) Joey Durkin and Ryan Tufts; (middle) Dan Roth, Teddy Straughn, Chris McKenna and Ian Hickey; (back) Ross Lieb-Lappen, Cosimo Cambi, Tommy Anderson, Ben Lynner, Adrian Batson and Braun Goodson.

Who will be the first-ever Mr. Skipper?

Find out on Friday night

By Mary Ford
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No, the prom isn't this weekend. But the conversation right after lunch at the high school gym on Monday where a handful of boys were talking about being fitted for tuxes could have fooled anyone who didn't know better.

In a show of school spirit a dozen or so Cohasset High School boys have signed up to compete in the first-ever "Mr. Skipper" contest Friday night. Mr. Skipper Night is a four-part, all-male beauty pageant that will feature the guys in tuxedos, beach wear, a talent contest, and answering a question.

There is a prom connection, according to Maura O'Brien, one of the student organizers, in that proceeds from the ticket sales for the event will help offset the cost of the prom.

"Girls wearing gowns will escort the guys onto the stage," O'Brien said.

She explained the questions, which are being drafted by a group of girls, will be drawn randomly for the contestants.

"This is the first time it's being done and I thought I'd give it a whirl."
— Tom Anderson, contestant

Although Dan Roth, a junior, said he was "peer-pressured" into competing, he thought the event would be fun.

Ryan Tufts, a junior, was far less modest about his reason for participating.

"I'm the sexiest man alive," he said with a grin.

Senior Tom Anderson, who is captain of the hockey, foot-

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Young passengers get police protection

Child seat safety program underway

By Mary Ford
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At just three months old, Sean Newcomb had no idea Monday about the effort underway to ensure his safety when he rides in the backseat of his family's car.

But his mother, Michelle, knows it's critical that little Sean is protected. So she contacted the Cohasset Police Department about proper installation of his infant car seat.

Officer Jeffrey Treanor recently completed a certification course in proper installation of child safety constraints in motor vehicles.

Most parents buy a car seat for a child, read the directions, install it in the back seat, and then drive around thinking their youngster is adequately protected. However, many of those parents, who no doubt have the best of intentions, are mistaken. The sad fact is that 90 percent of child restraints in Massachusetts

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Officer Jeffrey Treanor looks on as Michelle Newcomb sees if her son Sean, 3 months, is properly strapped into the infant seat.

Wastewater woes still hound Avalon

By John Camera
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The Water Commission and the Planning Board presented Monday night what could be the strongest argument yet for denying AvalonBay Estates a comprehensive permit, saying wastewater from the developer's proposed 200-unit apartment complex on Route 3A would dump into the Lily Pond watershed and threaten the town's drinking water.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis told the Zoning Board of Appeals it should deny the permit because Avalon's wastewater plan would violate state regulations and does not adhere to generally accepted standards. DeRensis referenced the findings of the Norfolk Ram Group, the engineering firm contracted by the Water Commission that has studied the flow of surface and groundwater on the site.

"The legal consequences of it are that this project is dead on arrival."
— Town Counsel Paul DeRensis

In a lengthy PowerPoint presentation, DeRensis outlined the positions of both the Water Commission and the Planning Board with respect to Avalon. The burden is on Avalon, he said, to prove that its wastewater plan and other aspects of its proposal are adequate.

Avalon representatives said little except that they wanted to time to review what was presented.

Arguing for the Water Commission, DeRensis said Avalon's wastewater plan makes it ineligible for funding as a low or moderate income subsidized housing development. Also, he said, it would violate the town's wetlands bylaw by discharging material that may degrade water

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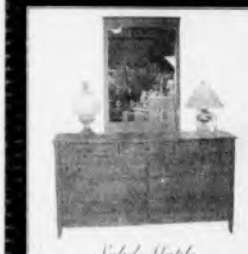

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, March 25:

Advisory Board, March 29 at 9:30 a.m. (in High School Gym)

Assessors, April 1 at 4 p.m.

Board of Health, April 7 at 7 p.m.

Community Preservation Committee, March 29 at 9 a.m. (in High School Gym)

Conservation Commission, March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, March 29 at 9:30 (in High School Gym)

Wastewater Commission, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. (40B), April 22 at 7:30 p.m. (40A)

Youth Resources, April 8 at 7 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Klimko trial is rescheduled

The trial of school business manager Ivan Klimko has been rescheduled to April 29 at 9 a.m. in Hingham District Court.

Klimko is charged with assault and battery after an alleged dispute with his wife in November. The trial was initially set to begin March 21.

Klimko was originally charged with attempted murder in addition to assault because his wife told police he threatened to kill her. That charge was dropped by the District Attorney's office in December due to lack of evidence.

Accreditation at CHS expected to continue

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges has issued its 10-year accreditation review of Cohasset Middle High School. Principal Michael Jones said he expected the association would vote this week to continue accreditation.

"It's really the result of the community supporting the schools over the years, the excellent staff that we have and certainly the hard work of the students," said Jones.

The association will highlight certain recommendations in its review when it issues accreditation. The Middle High School has five years to respond to the suggestions.

The accreditation review is a public document and will be available on the school web site and in the town library, Jones said.

Librarian will not be eliminated

The Mariner incorrectly reported two weeks ago in an article entitled "Aides to get the ax" that if the general override failed, a librarian could potentially be cut at the elementary school level. School Committee members said last week that no such cut was being considered.

Moratorium on 40B appeals called for

In their fight to reform Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, Sen. Bob Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, have called for a moratorium on a developer's right to appeal to the state when a local zoning board rejects a comprehensive permit application. The plan is aimed at protecting communities that are currently facing 40B applications until reforms can be enacted.

Legislators have agreed to delay debating changes to Chapter 40B until May 31, when a new task force organized by Gov. Romney is scheduled to have completed its review of the law. Hedlund has criticized the task force, saying it is "heavily weighted with people who opposed 40B reform."

Callahan's contract will not be renewed

Superintendent Edward Malvey announced last Thursday that the contract of Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan will not be renewed for next school year. Callahan has served as a principal in Cohasset's school system for seven years.

Malvey pointed to issues surrounding curriculum, instructional leadership and the restructuring of elementary school grades as reasons for the decision. "I think it's time for a change in the leadership and we need to move forward," he said.

Chairman Rick Flynn said the School Committee supported the decision, but he complimented Callahan for his service. "Paul has done a good job in his seven years and we wish him well going forward in his future endeavors," Flynn said.

Malvey said he is forming an interviewing committee to assist in the process of hiring a new principal.

Regional school payment could rise

If Gov. Mitt Romney's budget is approved, the town's payments for membership in the South Shore Regional School District will rise $10,000 in fiscal year 2004, from $79,000 to $89,000.

Other towns in the district will see far more drastic increases or decreases in their payments. Scituate would pay an additional $62,000, a 14 percent increase; and Norwell would pay $94,000 more, a 70 percent increase. Whitman, however, would pay $481,000 less, a 41 percent drop from this year. Hanson would pay $75,000 less, a 18.5 percent decrease.

Straits Pond midge control

Per approval of Cohasset and Hull's conservation commissions, a pesticide application will be made to Straits Pond April 8, at 9 a.m. weather permitting. If weather problems delay the application, the spraying will be scheduled on the next appropriate day.

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If there are any questions or concerns, call the Hull Board of Health at 781-925-2224.

Election supper at Beechwood

The Annual Election Supper, a springtime tradition, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street.. Candidates and voters are invited to get together for dinner on Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m.. Dinner will include stuffed chicken, peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, rolls, mashed potatoes, cake and ice cream as well as beverages. Before dinner, all candidates will be introduced. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

Open burning season underway

Cohasset residents may obtain permits on a daily basis from through May 1, for open burning. Permits may be obtained by calling the Fire Department Dispatch, Center at 781-383-0260 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Permits are valid for one day only.

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Town opposes proposed new local aid formula

Would grant up to $3,000 for each occupancy permit

By John Camera
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Town officials are opposing a new plan from Governor Mitt Romney that would award $50 million of local aid in fiscal year 2005 to communities that create new housing.

Under Romney's proposal, cities and towns would receive the money based on the number of occupancy permits issued during fiscal year 2004. As much as $3,000 would be granted for each occupancy permit issued. Occupancy permits for regular housing and "affordable" housing would be rewarded equally.

Funding for Romney's plan would come as part of the phase out of the $293 million Transitional Mitigation fund, provided temporarily in Romney's fiscal year 2004 budget to mitigate the effects of cuts made in other areas of local aid, such as Chapter 70 and additional assistance. Cohasset is set to receive more than $450,000 from the Transitional Mitigation fund in fiscal year 2004.

Town Manager Mark Haddad and Selectmen sent a letter last week to local state legislators asking them to fight Romney's local aid proposal.

"The Board of Selectmen and I are adamantly opposed to this type of formula to distribute local aid in the future," Haddad wrote in the letter. "In order for the Town to recoup the $400,000, we would have to issue 133 occupancy permits in a year's time. Given the fact that the Town only issues between 15 and 25 new occupancy permits in a year, this is an unattainable goal. Under this program, the town would surely lose a substantial amount of aid."

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— Town Manager Mark Haddad

According to Romney's press office, the town would not be expected to replace all of its Transitional Mitigation funding through the occupancy permit program. The new program would only phase out $50 million of the fund statewide.

Regardless, Haddad said, the plan would not benefit the town. "It doesn't make sense for towns like Cohasset," he said. "It's impossible for us to compete with bigger towns with more buildable land."

"Even if the town were to begin soliciting proposals for projects at this time, it is highly unlikely that they would be permitted and completed and ready for occupancy in a year's time when this program would take effect," Haddad wrote in his letter.

Sen. Bob Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said Romney's plan was an attempt to increase the state's housing stock using a "one-size-fits-all" strategy. He said some communities would be left out, particularly those that had recently allowed large developments built under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law.

"I don't like it," Hedlund said. "What about the communities that have made strides in community housing? In a sense, they're being penalized. It's another little tinker around the edges of (Chapter) 40B when we need a top to bottom reform of the law."

Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said the formula was part of Romney's larger plan to "incentivize" local aid. But Bradley said communities shouldn't have to make use of incentives to build their local aid back to its fiscal year 2004 level. He said incentives should only come in addition to a level funded local aid package.

Schools review emergency plan

Letter going out to parents

By John Camera
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Superintendent of Schools Edward Malvey is working with local public safety officials to improve the school system's emergency plan in the event of a chemical, biological or nuclear terrorist attack.

After meeting with school administrators, the town civil defense director and the chiefs of the police and fire departments early last week, Malvey announced at the School Committee meeting on Thursday that he would send a letter to parents outlining the current emergency plan. He said he had received several phone calls from worried parents who wondered about the details of the plan.

Though Malvey does not see Cohasset as a prime target for terrorism, he said he understood the potential for nuclear, chemical and biological attacks to spread over large areas and the increasing danger that such attacks could occur in response to the war with Iraq.

Under the current emergency plan, in the event of an attack, Cohasset schools would initially go into a "lockdown situation," where windows and doors would be locked and ventilation and heating systems would be shut down to protect against any airborne threat. Malvey said safety officials are still investigating whether plastic and tape would be necessary to help seal the buildings.

Parents should not rush to the schools to find their children in the event of an emergency, Malvey said. Once it was considered safe, police would organize a controlled release of students from each school. Potential "neutral pickup sites" are being looked into for scenarios that might require immediate evacuation of the schools.

"We're going into that type of detail," said Malvey. "It's new to us. We think we're on top of it. We're developing the specific protocols."

Malvey cautioned parents against flooding the schools with phone calls in an emergency because phone lines would need to remain open to allow school officials to contact public safety officials. He said he would use media outlets to stay in touch with parents.

Malvey hopes to complete his review of the school emergency plan in the coming weeks. "We're moving on it as quickly as we can," he said. "We hope it's just an exercise that we never have to pull out and implement."

Sun won't rise on van policy

No rides for residents of for-profit facilities

By John Camera
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Denise Baxter, executive director of Sunrise Assisted Living, is upset by the Council on Elder Affairs' policy to not provide transportation for residents of assisted living facilities.

In early February, the CEA denied a request from a woman living at Sunrise who needed a ride to a medical appointment in Weymouth. Sunrise does have its own van but, according to Baxter, it could not accommodate the woman at the time she needed transportation.

Baxter wrote a letter on Feb. 15 to CEA Chairman Rev. Gary Ritts requesting an explanation for the decision.

According to CEA director Kathy Bryanton, the COEA gives rides to seniors who live in homes or at Harborview Apartments at 60 Elm St., the housing complex for the elderly run by the Housing Authority. "We do not provide transportation to units that are for-profit, as in the case of Sunrise" or other assisted living facilities or nursing homes, she said in an interview this week.

Bryanton said expanding the CEA's van service to include for-profit senior living facilities would not fit within the council's budget and would result in added liability.

"Our volunteers are trained to support people who are living at home and that's what this system is set up to do," said Bryanton. "This would be setting a different precedent."

Cohasset is not the only town to have adopted such a policy regarding senior transportation. The Council on Aging in Weymouth and the Department of Elder Services in Hingham both said they do not provide rides to seniors in assisted living facilities that have their own vans.

"Most Councils on Aging have limited budgets with limited resources so it makes it hard to expand," said Sandra Kent, director of Hingham's senior services. "People think it just takes a driver to pick them up. But it takes the dispatcher to take the calls, the extra scheduling, et cetera, et cetera."

Bryanton said the practice is standard throughout the South Shore: because for-profit senior living facilities can afford to provide their own transportation, they are excluded from a town's elderly van service.

But Baxter called the Cohasset CEA's policy "discriminatory." "I've worked in other towns and the Council on Aging has served every senior in the community. They served wherever the need was," she said. "I've never seen this. I don't get it."

Baxter said it was the first time in two years that a Sunrise resident had requested van service from the town and she was surprised the CEA did not make an exception to its policy.

"We can't (make an exception) because it sets a precedent," said Bryanton. She added that residents of Sunrise were eligible for transportation through the MBTA's service for the elderly, "The Ride."

Absentee ballots are now available

Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on April 5, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Friday, April 4, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

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Congratulations to Charlotte, the 'Reel' top speller in town!

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

TOP SPELLER

I want to start this column off by sending a huge congratulations out to eighth-grader **Charlotte Reel** who finished an amazing second place in this year's Patriot Ledger's Regional Spelling Bee. This was Charlotte's second year of reaching this amazing level and the word that stumped her was, "tanager." I just think that everyone who reads about this Charlotte will be as equally impressed and proud of you as I am and as I know your parents, teachers and peers are! You have represented Cohasset beautifully and we all just want to congratulate you on a job very well done.

FLOWER SHOW

Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop #4785 attended the New England Flower Show on Wed., March 19. They enjoyed a tour of the exhibits which was sponsored by the Amateur Garden Club of Cohasset. The girls entered several plants and nature collages in the Junior Horticultural Competition. They won 3 first-place ribbons, 9 second-place ribbons, 4 third-place and one honorable mention. This trip marks the fourth annual visit for the troop to the flower show at the Expo Center in Boston. Congratulations to all the girls and thank you to all the adults who helped out.

DEAN'S LIST

Karen McMorris, daughter of **David and Ronnie McMorris**, was named to the dean's list at Emory College in Atlanta for the fall 2002 semester. Students must be in the top 20 percent of Emory College or have approximately at GPA of 3.8 or higher to be named to the dean's list.

NEW ARRIVAL!

Welcome to the world to **Gabrielle "Elle" Marie Kennedy** who arrived March 9 at Emerson Hospital in Concord. Her proud parents are Benjamin Kennedy and Laura M. Davidson-Kennedy of Andover. Grandparents are Don and Mary Kennedy of Cohasset, and Brenda and George Davidson of Eatontown, N.J. So if you see Don and Mary out buying "pink" be sure to congratulate them!

SEMESTER ABROAD

Grace Gardner, 90 Beechwood St., a junior majoring in painting at Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts, is spending the spring 2003 semester studying in Madrid, Spain, through SU's Division of International Programs Abroad.

IT'S A GIRL!

Nina and Mike Hughes of 140 Beach St proudly announce the arrival of **Samantha Grace Hughes** on Tuesday, March 18 at 9:33 p.m.. Samantha tipped the scales at a svelte 8lbs., 3oz and looks like whichever grandmother you ask!. Grandparents are **Sheldon and Dorothy Lipsky** of Northport, N.Y. and **Margaret Hughes** of Hingham.

SEASIDE ADVENTURES

Coming to Cohasset this summer! Seaside Adventures, an exciting new program, offered at the Center for Student Coastal Research, starts July 1, and runs for three 2-week sessions through August 7. The program's motto, "inspire excitement" reflects the program's purpose of educating current fourth through sixth graders in exciting ways on the topics of oceanography, geology, beach composition, and local habitat preservation and appreciation. All sessions, available in the morning or afternoon, incorporate hands-on learning and may involve excursions to such places as Cohasset Harbor, Sandy Beach and Lily Pond. Each session will meet Tuesday through Thursday, 2-1/2 hours daily, for two weeks.

For more information on the Center for Student Coastal Research's Seaside Adventures please visit its Web site, www.cescr.org, or call the office at (781)-383-8909. **Karen Oronte** and **Susan Galligan** will happily answer any questions or concerns you might have. Applications are available online, at the Paul Pratt Library, or at the Recreation Department, and can be mailed to 40 Parker Avenue any time before May 1. If you'd like more information on Seaside Adventures, the Center for Student Coastal Research is hosting an Open House at the newly remodeled Hagerty Building, 40 Parker Ave., Saturday April 12, 9a.m.-2p.m.

Girl Scout Troop #4785: back row (from left) Sarah Trahon, Margaux Donze, Johanna Regan, Emily Bertovich, Victoria Lehr, Samantha Lehr, and Kelsea Hindley. Front row, Meaghan Leong, Rebecca Dickinson, Savana Young-Norris and Courtney Culhane.

RETREAT WORKSHOP

Don't Miss Jan Phillips, award winning authors return to Cohasset. Jan Phillips will be leading a retreat workshop: From Compassion to Action on April 5 and 6 at Glastonbury Abbey. This is the award winning authors third year as a workshop presenter in Cohasset and she states: "We are the help we have been waiting for. We are the light of the world we inhabit. It is our time to speak, act and be tender and powerful.. come bring your light to the dark, warmth to the chill." Call for details and to register at 781-383-9184. Registration is $195. and includes three meals. This workshop is being sponsored by the Spirituality and Healing Form of the Second Congregational Church.

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY

Picking up where she left off in 2002, former Cohasset High girls' lacrosse standout **Jackie Kahn** has begun the 2003 season on a scoring streak for Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Penn.. In the Garnet Tide's first four games, Jackie has 21 goals and two assists to lead the Centennial Conference in goals per game and is among the NCAA Division 3 leaders in the category. Jackie's team is 3-1 on the season, in part due to her heroics. In the opener against Whittier, she scored five in an 11-9 victory. On Sunday, she had six goals in a come-from-behind 9-8 overtime win against Vassar, including the tying goal with 34 seconds left in regulation. She was named to the Seven Sisters All-Tournament team on Sunday, in recognition of her 15 goals and two assists in that event. Jackie graduated from Cohasset High in 2001, where she co-captained the Lady Skippers.

Meanwhile, her brother **Curt Kahn** — who is co-captain of the current Cohasset boys' lacrosse team and President of the Senior Class — has learned that he's been accepted into the Class of 2007 at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. Curt has been recruited to play lacrosse there, and will be the third Kahn to go from Cohasset High to the college lacrosse ranks. Curt and Jackie's older brother **Ely** was a goalie at Harvard from 1997 until 2001.

LAUNCH COUNTDOWN

Hey, if you haven't filled your weekend with other plans – be sure to attend the "Spring Launch Fundraiser" at 7:30 p.m., March 28 at Bancroft Hall in the Lightkeepers Residence. The event benefits the Cohasset Maritime Institute, better known as CMI. CMI, a rowing club, is celebrating its 10th year. Please call Tickets are $25. Call **Lynne Layman** at 545-0096 or **Lisa Hewitt Dick** at 383-0204 if you can attend.

STANTON SCHOLARSHIP

The Stanton Scholarship was founded to honor and thank Town employees who have done so much for the Stanton family. It is awarded annually to a graduating senior of any four-year high school whose parent is a full-time town employee. The application forms and criteria are available at the Guidance Office at CHS.

That is all for this week. Please have your news and information to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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Appalachian Festival

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (ASP) will sponsor its third annual Appalachian Festival on Saturday, March 29 at First Parish Hall (23 No. Main St.) and Second Congregational Church (next to Cohasset Town Hall).

A unique blend of Appalachian traditions will be presented to help awaken people to the culture that all of the ASP volunteers have come to appreciate so much. The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with a family-style, sit-down dinner featuring Appalachian cuisine.

An Appalachian Mountain Marketplace will take place from 7:15 to 8 p.m.. Authentic Appalachian crafts will be for sale, chances can be purchased for an Appalachian Quilt. A slide show of ASP previous trips will also be shown.

Southern Rail, a local favorite Bluegrass/Gospel band, will cap off the evening with a concert at 8 p.m. There will be some foot stompin', hand clappin' entertainment as old and new fans of this local, award winning performance.

Tickets may be purchased at St. Anthony's, St. Stephen's, First Parish, and Second Congregational Churches. Dinner and Concert: adults-$20, children-$8, family maximum - $50. Concert only: adults-$12, children- $6. The Market Place is free and open to all.

Proceeds will benefit the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project's 16th annual trip. This year 120 teenage and 55 adult volunteers will travel to Virginia to do repairs and improvements on 25 homes.

Call (781) 383-0345 or visit our website at www.CohassetASP.org for more information about the project.

Alternatives to invasive plants

On Sunday, March 30, at 2:30 p.m., the Cohasset Garden Club will sponsor a lecture by William E. Brumback at St. Anthony Parish Hall on Summer Street. The lecture will address alternatives to invasive plants that are overtaking and eradicating native plant species indigenous to our area and especially to our wetlands.

As conservation director for the New England Wildflower Society, Brumback has initiated a plant conservation program to protect the region's rare and endangered plants from annihilation and to promote their recovery in the wild. There are currently more than 500 plants that are of conservation concern in New England. Brumback will address major plant conservation and habitat protection challenges before us in the Northeast.

Refreshments will be served. Guests are invited to attend. Admission is free.

Wonders of Florence

The Lunchtime Speaker Series is sponsored by the Social Service League of Cohasset.

Heather Collins will speak on Friday, March 28, at South Shore Art Center from noon to 1 p.m.

Experience the wonders of Florence, home of the Italian renaissance, through a slide-show and discussion of paintings, architecture and sculpture produced during the 14th through 16th centuries. This armchair tour is presented by Collins and coincides with the Florence and Beyond Exhibition at the South Shore Art Center. Free and open to the public.

Questions and answers will follow. For more information, call the League office at 781-383-0771.

Annual road race

The Cohasset Rotary Club announces that the 27th Annual 10K RoadRace by-the-Sea and FunWalk will be held Sunday, April 6 at 1 p.m. starting from Cohasset Common. The proceeds go to the many local, regional and international projects the Rotary supports. The FunWalk starts at 10 a.m. from Sandy Beach. *Everyone is reminded that Daylight Saving Time begins on April 6 at 2 a.m. — the day of the event.*

More than 800 runners are expected from all over New England. The race is sanctioned by USATF—NE. There will be free refreshments for all registered runners.

Applications are available at: www.roadracebythesea.com; and in Cohasset at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shop; and by mail from the Cohasset Rotary, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset 02025; or send an email with your mailing address to tlg@dreamcom.net.

The registration fee for the RoadRace is $15 prior to March 31 and $18 after. The registration fee for the FunWalk is $15. On-site registration will be held at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset on Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to noon.

For race questions, call 781-383-2811; or send an email to tlg@dreamcom.net.

BRIDGING THE GENERATION GAP

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Sue Griffin shares some time with Osgood School third-grader Stephen Bumstead at an intergenerational program and lunch at the Senior Center.

Sailing talk for Student Coastal Research Center is April 12 at St. Anthony's

The Cohasset Yacht Club will continue its annual support for maritime activities by sponsoring a public lecture on Saturday April 12 at 7 p.m. The speakers for this event will be CYC members Martha and Dana Robes who will present a program on their recently concluded five-year around the world cruise on their cruising yacht Sarah Jane, a Little Harbor 48.

During their voyage, the Robes logged more than 40,000 miles sailing west to east. This lecture will focus on a portion of the trip covering roughly the first two years. During this time, the Robes traveled from Florida to Australia, spanning the South Pacific with stops in such exotic locales as the Friendly Islands (Tonga, Vava'u and Ha'apai), French Polynesia, and New Zealand. (All this provides a sharp contrast to last year's speaker Cam Lewis who spent much of his three month circumnavigation avoiding "growlers" in the Southern Ocean!)

The Robes are currently in the process of building a 65-foot glass Hood design in their yard with launching expected in May.

Proceeds from the talk will go to the Cohasset High School Summer Institute's Center for Student Coastal Research. These funds are being specifically earmarked for construction of two Gloucester Gulls. The Gloucester Gull or Light Dory is a 15.5-foot rowing dory that students will construct in order to carry out water quality studies in Cohasset Harbor, the Gulf River, and Little Harbor.

Additionally, in November this group received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to "enable Cohasset Middle High School students to work as Summer Institute interns re-establishing water quality monitoring in the Gulf River and to assist the Gulf Association in its goal of conducting a Natural Resources Inventory of the Gulf River Watershed."

The location for the lecture will again be St. Anthony's Parish Center and the cost will be $12 per person (students free) if reservations are made by telephone (781) 383-9280, $15 at the door. The lecture is open to the public. Details can be obtained by calling Steve Bobo at (781) 383-9280.

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Youngest passengers can get police protection

are not properly installed, Treanor says. The numbers are compiled from traffic stops across the state.

The CPD has begun to make a dent that statistic here in town by offering free child car-seat installation by appointment. Treanor, who completed the 32-hour course, went though the steps at the station at 9:30 a.m. on Monday. It was his second appointment that day.

Because seatbelts, seat fabrics and styles vary depending on the age and make of a vehicle, the infant seat may have to be adjusted so it fits with little "wiggle room."

Newcomb's Toyota Camry has leather seats, which are slippery and can allow a car seat to move. Treanor placed some rubber-like material [the same material that can be used to prevent throw rugs from slipping] under the base of the infant seat. He also used plastic "pool noodles" at the point where the seat and seatback meet to make the seat level before installing the base.

Treanor also adjusted the safety harnesses in Sean's infant seat so they were the proper length for his size and explained the seat should be installed in the rear but on the passenger side. That way Newcomb can quickly take a look at her baby while driving. Also the passenger seat is on the curb or sidewalk side making it safer when either putting Sean into the car or taking him out.

Treanor also stressed that parents should not buy a used car seat.

"It's important that you know its history," he said, explaining car seats need to be replaced if the vehicle they are installed in is involved in an accident that results in bodywork. The child restraint may have tiny cracks and therefore, its ability to protect the child could be diminished. Car seats that are older than six years should also be replaced, he said.

All infant seats must meet the safety guidelines issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Treanor described the certification course as "the most intense thing since the police academy." He explained the course also included hands-on installation in different makes and models.

He's installed about a dozen child restraints so far in Cohasset. Each installation can take up to an hour.

"It's preferable to have the child with you," Treanor said, so the seat can be adjusted accordingly.

He suggests the parent or parents bring something along to occupy the child during the installation.

Police Chief Robert Jackson said the financial impact to the police department budget to offer this service is minimal and well worth it.

"If we can't protect the little ones then what are we doing," Jackson said. "That's what it is all about."

To make an appointment to have a child seat installed call the CPD at 781-383-1055.

About child restraints:

When properly installed, child safety seats reduce the risk of death in a motor vehicle crash by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers. Safety belts increase the chance of surviving a crash by 45 percent.

Safety tips-before you go:

- Children under 12 should always ride in the back seat. Airbags can seriously injure or kill a child.
- Extremely Important: Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an airbag.
- Never place a shoulder belt behind a child's back or under the arm!
- Set a good example: 70 percent of children whose parents do not buckle up will not buckle up when they become adults. Wear your safety belt every time! The Massachusetts Safety Belt Law requires everyone to buckle up.
- Any object in the car can become a projectile in a crash. If you have a trunk, use it to store loose items.
- Learn to position your child's seat by reviewing the directions from the seat manufacturer and your vehicle's owner's manual. If you need assistance, click here to locate your nearest Child Passenger Safety Technician.

Join a team for Relay For Life

Every lap counts at the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset. Join a Relay For Life team and take part in a celebration of cancer survivorship. Local residents are encouraged to join with their community and take steps to raise the vital funds needed to help find a cure for cancer.

The Relay For Life in Cohasset planning committee is currently seeking local residents to serve as team captains and/or team members. Relay For Life teams raise money by gathering sponsors to support their participation in the Relay. Teams of walkers keep a continuous presence on a local school track throughout the overnight event, walking in shifts to raise funds for American Cancer Society programs of research, education, advocacy and local patient services. The first Team Captain's meeting is set for Tuesday, April 8 from 7-8pm at the Second Congressional Church, 43 Highland Ave. Anyone interested in finding out more about Relay For Life and how to join is welcome to attend.

The Relay For Life in Cohasset is a community event bringing together teams of families, friends, churches, neighborhoods, and businesses all with the same goal of curing cancer in the new millennium. Residents from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate and other surrounding towns are encouraged to attend. The American Cancer Society's seventh annual Relay For Life in Cohasset is set for May 16-17 at Cohasset High School.

For more information about Relay For Life in Cohasset or to find out how to volunteer, please contact the event chair Laurie Livingstone Greenip at 781-383-6193.

Synopsis of annual water quality report

The Cohasset Water Department provided the Mariner with this press release.

On Monday, March 24, the Cohasset Water Commission mailed its 2003 Water Quality Report to all Cohasset residents. EPA requires all water suppliers to prepare and distribute this report by July 1 each year.

"We are pleased to report, again, that Cohasset drinking water is in compliance with all applicable water quality standards," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission.

In 2002, the water department continued to take many significant steps to preserve and protect the quality of Cohasset's public drinking water, including the annual flushing of the distribution system, the rehabilitation of about nine-tenths of a mile of water mains by replacing undersized mains and by cleaning & lining others, and by starting to implement the department's comprehensive "Surface Water Supply Protection Plan," McNabb explained.

EPA regulations require all water suppliers to report all regulated contaminants which are detected in the drinking water. During calendar year 2002, the following contaminants were detected, all within compliance of applicable water quality regulations:

Fluoride – Added to the water to promote strong teeth; detected at a maximum of 1.25 parts per million (ppm), less than the Maximum contaminant Level (MCL) of 4 ppm.

Chlorine – Added to disinfect water to prevent disease from microorganisms. While chlorine is required to be added to the water for public health reasons, it is important to keep chlorine levels as low as possible. "We detected a maximum of 1.45 ppm of chlorine, which is lower than the 4.0 ppm Maximum Residual Disinfection Level recommended by EPA," said McNabb.

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) – Byproduct from chlorination and reaction of chlorine with sediment in water mains. TTHM's were detected in the distribution system for an average of 68.7 ppb; which is below the MCL of 100 ppb. "Note that the MCL for TTHM's does not apply for small systems, said McNabb. "We are voluntarily testing for HAC's and TTHM's," said McNabb. "Because we are concerned about these levels and are taking steps to reduce them to provide the maximum possible protection to the people of Cohasset.

"Since HAC's and TTHM's are caused by the reaction of chlorine and sediment in water, we expect that the flushing of the water pipes, our continued distribution system improvements, and planned improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment plant will continue to reduce the levels of HAC's and TTHM's," McNabb said.

Total Haloacetic Acids (HAC) – A byproduct from chlorination of water. "While HAC's were detected at 61.9 ppb, and the MCL is 60 ppb, this is not a violation because the MCL does not apply to small systems, under 10,000 populations, like Cohasset. The Water Commission is taking action to reduce HAC levels, by regular flushing of the water distribution system and by changes to the operation of the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant," McNabb said.

Turbidity – a measure of the amount of sediment in the water. From daily testing, which is an overall measure of water quality, the highest turbidity detected was 0.07 NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units), lower than the regulatory limit of 5 NTU.

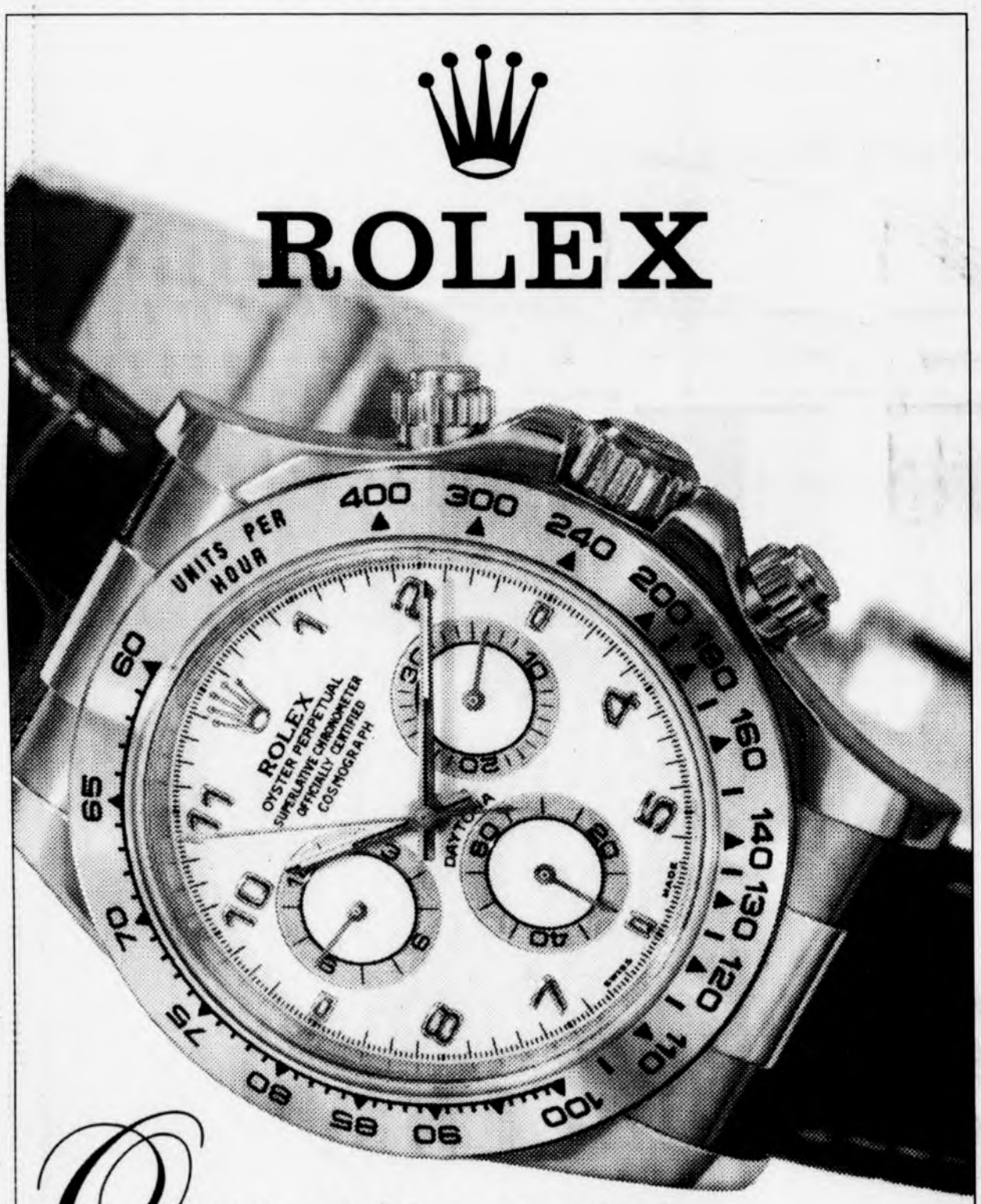
Sodium. Detected 21.2 ppm. There is no MCL for sodium, but it is recommended that people on salt restricted diets consult with their physicians when the level is over 20 ppm.

Sulfate. Detected 29.9 ppm. There is no MCL for sulfate, which is unregulated but which the water dept. is required to include in our regular annual tests.

Hexachlorobutadiene. Detected at 0.6 ppb. There is no MCL for Hexachlorobutadiene, which is a chemical used to make rubber compounds, used as a solvent, to make lubricants, used as a heat transfer liquid and hydraulic fluid.

"Our aggressive system improvements program will continue after the March 29 Town Meeting, where we expect to get authorization to borrow $2,400,000, which we are able to do without raising water rates, for the next phase of the improvements program," McNabb said.

Copies of the 2003 Water Quality Report are available at Town Hall, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, and at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant.



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Who will be the first-ever Mr. Skipper?

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ball and lacrosse teams, said helping raise money to offset the cost of prom tickets was a cause worth supporting.

"This is the first time it's being done and I thought I'd give it a whirl," he said.

English teacher Christine Berman, who came to Cohasset last fall from Scituate High, suggested the pageant (which is run in Scituate) would be a good fundraiser and the idea snowballed from there, O'Brien said.

School Health Director Mike Gill said the event is student-run and doesn't involve too much work.

"It's a chance for the senior class to make some money," he said. "So we thought we'd give it a shot."

Mr. Skipper Night has been talked up at lunch to generate more interest. Also, flyers and posters have gone up, in addition to a notice in the school newspaper.

The pageant begins at 7 p.m., Friday at the high school gymnasium. Tickets, which are $6 each, are available at the door.

O'Brien said while most of the contestants are seniors, there is one freshman competing and a couple of sophomores and juniors.

Having boys from the different grades compete ensures there classmates will support the event, Gill said.

O'Brien said the talent competition could run the gamut from playing the piano or singing, to showing off wrestling moves.

Moms will run the concession stand, O'Brien said. She said the tuxedos are being donated by Mr. Tux in Hanover and Gingiss Formalwear in Braintree.

Judges will be Assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo, art teacher Nina Berkowitz; English teacher Carolyn Crimmons; Nicole Santoro, a CHS graduate and special education aide; and Berman.

O'Brien said all contestants will compete on all four categories.

"No one will be eliminated," she said.

Tony Rolfe, the football coach, will provide the commentary including providing a short biography of the contestants including height and weight. A raffle with two $50 gift certificates to Siros in Hull is also planned. The boy chosen as Mr. Skipper will receive $50 in cash.

O'Brien said because the class is so small, money is needed to offset the cost of the prom and keep the price of the tickets down. This spring the class will take trolleys all the way to the Venezia Restaurant in Boston for the prom.

"It's hard with so few kids in the class," she explained about the cost. She pointed out in bigger high schools, like Weymouth, the students can pay much less to their prom because the cost can be divided among so many more.

Senior Arianna Dedes, another event organizer, said she hopes the event will be a success.

"We definitely need money for the senior class and we're working really hard," she said. "We'd also be happy if the event became a tradition."

Dedes said the Class of 2003 has left a good impression on the school and Mr. Skipper Night would be something positive the class could leave behind.

Jazzing it up for 50th gala!

The Social Service League of Cohasset will jazz it up for the 50th anniversary of its treasured Consignment Shop with a dinner, auction and live entertainment at the Cohasset Golf Club on Saturday, April 5 from 6:30-11p.m.

Noted jazz vocalist Ann Czerkowski and her father, saxophonist John Linscott, will tribute the League's Consignment Shop and volunteers by performing original jazz pieces from their acclaimed CD, "Manhattan Lady."

Television news anchor Anthony Everett will keep up the beat with a live auction featuring a wide-array of newsworthy items including: a week-long stay at a Four Seasons Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz., nights at the Ritz Carlton, a week's retreat at a New Hampshire hideaway, tickets to sporting events, autographed sports memorabilia, commissioned portraits and other works of art, sailing adventures and more.

More than 45 silent auction items also will be on display, including gift certificates to restaurants, theater tickets, an assortment of items from local merchants, hand-made jewelry and clothing, and other exciting items. Clubhouse executive chef Tina Ricci is planning a gourmet dinner menu.

Tickets are $125. Proceeds from both the event and the League's Consignment Shop benefit the charity's counseling services, oncology support groups, Meals on Wheels, a scholarship fund, confidential mental health services and other programs. The League was founded in 1912. For more information about the League or for tickets to the event contact Dana Kamoski at 383-0771.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A yea for police-fire station expansion

The nature of their job means they never intended to win any popularity contests. Although we want firefighters and paramedics to be there when we need them — no one wants to have the need, so to speak. House fires are a nightmare as is a heart attack or automobile accident. While we're grateful to see the ambulance respond, we're not thrilled to face the reality of the incident that precipitated it. And while firefighters are praised for saving lives, they use axes to break through roofs and tear down walls, and pour tons of water into burning buildings.

Police officers also don't get high marks from the perpetrator who's been issued a ticket following a traffic stop or from a suspect who's been arrested on an OUI, drug offense or other crime.

Yet in Cohasset, our public safety officers in both departments have quietly gone about performing their duties with little expectation of even a pat of the back.

Here at the Mariner, we cover police and fire when accidents, fires, crimes and tragedies occur. We find the men and women in both departments to be dedicated, hard-working professionals.

The time has come to show our appreciation and our understanding of the importance of the job they perform by making the facility they work in adequate to meet their needs.

That's right, adequate. What voters are being asked at Saturday's Town Meeting is not for a state-of-the-art facility, but to appropriate enough money to expand the current police-fire station that was built 41 years ago so it can accommodate both departments for about five more years.

It's a stopgap measure until the fiscal picture improves enough to build a new police station sometime down the road. The fire department would then be able to spread out into the police side of the building on Elm Street.

Last fall, voters at November's Special Town Meeting appropriated $50,000 to cover detailed architectural designs to expand the existing building.

The estimated $800,000 cost for the expansion can be paid for through retiring debt service and not affect the tax rate.

Both Police Chief Robert Jackson and Fire Chief Roger Lincoln wholeheartedly support the project. It's not going to answer all the problems that exist in the tight quarters they work in now, but it will make the facility habitable.

The expansion will provide a bunk room and facilities for female paramedics and office space for fire captains. It also includes an eight-foot addition to the rear of the building so that the new ladder truck, when purchased, will fit inside. The roof will be raised 2-1/2 feet so that maintenance can be performed on the fire trucks while indoors. A new squad room for police and additional office space with new computer technology are also planned.

Over the years, Cohasset has demonstrated its commitment to the schools and Department of Public Works with new and/or expanded and renovated facilities. The library also has a new home and Town Hall was expanded sometime ago.

It's time to ante up for our police and fire departments. The project will be explained in detail on Saturday.

Please attend and vote yes and support our police officers and firefighters.

— Mary Ford
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town Counsel explains concerns over bylaw change

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Mariner reports in an article titled "Door Closes on house permit bylaw changes" that a planning board member "told Selectmen last Thursday he did not fully understand Town's Counsel's concerns" (3/13/03, p. 3) regarding a proposed article for the annual town meeting for a building permit by law.

This letter is to explain my concerns. Prior to expressing these concerns, I had recommended, and do continue to recommend, that the town of Cohasset, like other town's are now doing, adopt a coordinating bylaw that grants additional powers to the Building Inspector to deny building permits if he does not receive from the various regulatory boards appropriate certifications that the matters under the jurisdiction of that particular board or commission have been completed. That is what I understood was happening with the proposed building permit article.

To my surprise during a conference call, I learned for the first time the intent of the proposed bylaw was not to *empower* the building inspector, but to substantially *weaken* the building inspector by essentially giving the Planning Board a veto over all building permits thereby essentially transferring the building inspectors zoning function to the Planning Board. Upon hearing this plan for the article, I acknowledge I immediately raised a host of practical and legal concerns, and I recommended that we stick to a coordinating, empowering article. That empowering article was not what the Planning Board wanted, so it withdrew the article.

I continue to recommend that the town adopt a coordinating bylaw, as such a bylaw benefits the building inspector, gives the other regulatory boards an opportunity to preserve their jurisdiction, and gives the property owner the advantage of orderly process.

Paul DeRensis
Town Counsel

Ban smoking in Cohasset

TO THE EDITOR:

As a health educator, I believe it is important to support the Town Meeting warrant article that would ban smoking in Cohasset bars and restaurants because:

- One in every 18 people suffers from asthma and one in every five has an allergy. This is a large and increasing portion of the population.
- Tobacco smoke is a major preventable trigger of asthma and allergy symptoms.
- Second-hand smoke can bring on life-threatening asthma symptoms. It increases the frequency of asthma episodes and the severity of symptoms such as shortness of breath, wheezing, chest tightness and bronchial constriction.

Everyone should be free to work at or patronize all restaurants and other establishments without worrying about whether they will suddenly find it difficult to breathe. Even waiting for a table or walking through a smoky area can cause serious distress for a person with sensitive airways. Their breathing may be compromised for days afterwards, and they become more vulnerable to harm from other asthma triggers. Employees who spend long hours at their bar and food service work-sites especially need to be protected.

Completely smoke-free premises are the only real solution. So-called "non-smoking areas" should really be called "second-hand smoking areas," since trying to keep the air separate is like trying to chlorinate only half of a swimming pool. It simply doesn't work.

Sharon Schumack
Health Education Coordinator
Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America,
New England Chapter

Mariners Park pilings clarified

TO THE EDITOR:

It was with mild amusement that I read the article in the March 20th edition of the Cohasset Mariner regarding the docks at Mariners Park.

I would like to offer a brief history of the dock and piling system that has failed so miserably. The ice is being blamed for the piles being pulled from the mud; this is at best partially true.

In the original design, the ramp to the float was to be 50 feet long. There were no pilings in the original plan. The float was to be held by bottom anchors, as is the case at the yacht club. Just after Army Corps permits were issued, the plan was revised to use pilings. The Corps agreed with the change and the project was started.

Prior to the delivery of the ramp, the harbormaster pointed out that a 50-foot ramp would be impossible to move. The engineer and Mr. Haddad at that point decided to switch to a 30-foot ramp to "solve" the problem. This moved the float inland 20 feet. The Hagerty Committee (HC) was not informed of the move. A new ramp was ordered and pilings were driven in the bottom. Unfortunately the move inland placed the pilings where the mud was not deep enough to hold them. The pilings were wobbly from day one. The HC sent a memo to the Selectmen addressing this problem. The memo also addressed the fact that the float rested on the bottom at low tide, making it inaccessible. This and subsequent memos were sent to the Town, and were ignored.

Back in December the HC was called before the Selectmen to see if the committee should be disbanded. At that time the HC gave the Selectmen a list of things that have to be addressed at Mariners Park, including re-configuring the float. We suggested at that time that the float be moved out and attached to the ramp in the manner that is now being considered.

At that meeting Selectman Sullivan complained that this was the first time these issues were brought to their attention, Mr. Callahan suggested the problem was a design flaw, and Mr. Haddad said the location of the docks was "a matter of opinion".

While the harbor did ice up this year, it was not that icy. The pilings should never been placed where they were. I have heard estimates that the piles were driven less than 5 feet. Cohasset Harbor Marina did not lose a single pile, and I would doubt that properly driven piles would have been pulled out.

Funds that were voted by Town Meeting for the project at Mariners Park have been diverted to other projects. Over $30,000 has been put into the building, which was not part of the project. The town is proposing to build a bathroom in the flood plain at the back of the building. This area is subject to storm surges. The pump for the sewer is located at the edge of the building and is mounted high enough to keep it from getting flooded. Why is town money being spent to locate a bathroom where it might flood?

There are many items that need to be addressed at the park, and they ought to be completed as Town Meeting was lead to believe they would be. Money that was allocated for the project should not be doled out to pet projects until Mariners Park is completed.

I am also somewhat disappointed by recent articles in the Mariner regarding this project. No effort was made by either reporter to contact the HC to get both sides of this issue. This project has been a long time in the making. Let's work together and get it done.

Russell Bonetti
Chairman,
Hagerty Committee
(if it still exists)

Some more on nuclear nonsense

TO THE EDITOR:

The citizens' warrant article asking us to petition the authorities to change the method of storing spent fuel at the Pilgrim nuclear-electric plant states that scientists from leading universities support the proposed dry cask storage. Well, I don't know of any nuclear engineering professor that thinks shifting spent fuel from water storage to dry storage casks justifies the needless risks of additional fuel handling, *unless* there is no more room in the storage pool.

Dry storage casks are a useful supplement to storage pools when the pool's capacity has been reached, but they should not be considered a preferable alternative to well protected storage pools. .A significant disadvantage is that the fuel would have to be handled again later, to place it in shipping casks, instead of handling only once and under water. The opinions of scientists in other disciplines aren't very relevant. to this issue, although handy for activists to cite when it suits their purpose. And the notions of the Union of Concerned "Scientists" don't carry any weight in scientific circles, although much quoted by journalists too lazy or too naïve to go to real authorities.

Note that anti-nuke activists have vigorously opposed dry cask storage in cases where the utility proposed adding dry storage because it was running out of storage pool space! And who do you suppose is helping subvert implementation of the permanent nuclear waste facility at Yucca Mountain?

I've long been fascinated by the passionate certainty of the anti-nukes relative to their glaring lack of knowledge of the subject they are so passionate about.. For example, an unqualified statement in the warrant to the effect that breaching the spent fuel storage pool would cause the nuclear fuel to burn and contaminate 25,000 square miles!

Probably this foolish article will pass, being the last article on the warrant and attended mainly by those dedicated to its passage while most others will have shrugged and gone home for cocoa or other relaxant. I note that Duxbury had the good sense to vote down the same idea and instead voted for an amendment, urging the government to move forward expeditiously on the permanent nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Should Cohasset resign itself to the eventuality of a new Logan runway and more flights overhead?

Selectman/Roger Hill

I am in favor of the continued fight against Massport. In 1980, South Boston, Dorchester and Quincy lobbied Massport to agree to what amounts to a "no fly zone" which pushed the planes routes further south over Cohasset!

Approximately 6,000 gallons of jet fuel is burned over us each day, the pollution rate is higher in the air we breathe, water we drink, and ground our children play on as a result.

On the federal level we are not receiving any representation on this issue. Unfortunately, the only way to deal with Massport effectively is through the court system. That takes time and money, but that burden does not just fall on Cohasset. Hull, Hingham and Cohasset will all be apart of the suit. The only way for us to make progress on this issue is to stick together and continue fighting. If not, our silence will count as acceptable.

On the average, planes fly over us at a rate of two per minute. An airplane emits nine times the pollution as a bus. If you can imagine, this equates to 18 buses a minute coming through Cohasset, the pollution level is staggering, not to mention the noise level. The construction of the new runway will only increase flights over Cohasset dramatically.

As Selectman, I will make sure that the voices and concerns of our citizens and town will be heard and addressed on this and other issues. I am strongly committed to protecting and preserving the town's character.

SELECTMAN/Gabriel Gomez

Cohasset must not give up the fight against the proposed runway. Additional jet traffic over Cohasset poses very real problems of noise and pollution with the potential to result in both health problems and falling property values. With all indications showing Logan currently under capacity, now is a better time than ever to fight the project.

Beyond dealing with the day-to-day details of running Cohasset, the Board of Selectmen must represent and advocate for the citizens of Cohasset to state officials on long-term issues such as the runway. Concerned citizens groups, such as the South Shore Jet Pollution Council, have been working tirelessly to protect Cohasset. And still, it is the Board of Selectmen that must speak with one voice for the citizens of Cohasset to hold State Representative Bradley and State Senator Hedlund accountable and to push Senator Kennedy, Senator Kerry and Representative Delahunt to take a stand. Further, it is the Board of Selectmen that can advocate for Cohasset to Governor Romney.

Like the issues of 40B and local aid cuts, the runway is a decision being made at the state level that threatens a negative impact on Cohasset. In the face of these hurdles, the Board of Selectmen must not only work within the town to mitigate the impact, but also intermediate between Cohasset voters and state officials to ensure that our needs are met.

The Selectman that you elect April 5th should not only be a leader with experience in building consensus within groups like the Board, but, to best represent your interests to state officials, he must also be an individual with experience initiating contact and negotiating with powerful individuals. I believe that my business and military background has prepared me well and I would be proud to serve Cohasset in this capacity.

SELECTMAN/Michael Sullivan

Cohasset has good reason not to concede the inevitability of a new Logan runway.

In 2002, the Mitre Corporation issued an analysis based on FAA guidelines and Massport delay statistics which concluded that there was "little benefit attributable to the new runway" and that the delay data was exaggerated tenfold. Results of this analysis did not, however, appear in Massport's Final Environmental Impact Report. Since the environmental and economic analyses in that report rests on the delay assumptions, they must be reexamined in light of Mitre's conclusions. As such, the Board of Selectmen requested that the Attorney General issue a Notice of Project Change as the discovery of this information constitutes a material change in a project.

Similarly, last year, at the request of Ralph Dormitzer and other interested individuals, Massport's Noise Abatement Office (NOA) conducted a noise survey in Cohasset. The results indicate that Cohasset experiences aviation noise from a number of configurations at Logan. As a result of this survey, there has been continuous dialogue with Massport and the FAA over the mitigation efforts to be made.

Regardless of runway expansion, Cohasset experiences significant air traffic. The Board of Selectmen, has been working with Senator Hedlund and Representative Bradley, along with Congressman Delahunt's office, to redirect flight patterns out over the ocean. Real progress can be made on this front, though it will be slow going.

FAA Director Jane Garvey's staff met with me last year to discuss flight patterns, and they clearly understand our concerns. Still, they warned that this type of change is a three-year administrative process.

Although it will be time-consuming and challenging to fight the runway and change flight patterns, it is in the best interest of Cohasset to keep up the fight.

Candidate profiles

This is the final week for Question of the Week. Next week profiles of the candidates will be featured.

Debate tonight

Candidates for a seat on the Board of Selectmen will square off tonight in a debate at 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Incumbent Michael Sullivan and challengers Roger Hill and Gabriel Gomez will participate in the debate, which will be moderated by Noel Collins and broadcast on the town's local cable channel. Questions will come from both the press and residents. Viewers can call the Selectmen's office at 781-383-4105.

HEALTH NOTES

Some facts about new respiratory illness

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Recently, the media has been filled with stories about a strange pneumonia-like illness. The new malady has been named Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). Actually, according to the Center for Disease Control(CDC), SARS is a respiratory illness of unknown cause that has recently been reported in a number of countries. As of March 21, The World Health Organization reported 337 cases of SARS from 14 countries. That is including 10 people who have died from the illness internationally, and in the United States there have been 22 reports of SARS that are under investigation in a total of 12 states. We have not yet had deaths in the United States. The CDC has identified situations where a case in a traveler may have involved transmission to others in the United States.

In one cluster, an individual who traveled to Asia may have been the source of infection in two health care workers who provided care, and in the second situation, one person who traveled to Asia may have been the source of infection in a family member. In addition, two Americans stayed in the hotel in Kowloon, Hong Kong, that's been implicated as the initial source of most of the spread of this disease. The two Americans were staying on the ninth floor of the hotel, which is the place where almost all of the international cases appeared to have been exposed initially during sometime in February. Those two Americans are now in the United States and are included in the 22 cases cited above.

As to prevention, the CDC knows that apparently, spread of this illness can be prevented by use of appropriate precautions in health-care environments.

If you are ill with fever accompanied by cough or difficulty breathing, you should consult a health care provider.

For the general population, however, the CDC recommends careful screening for symptoms. If you are ill with fever accompanied by cough or difficulty breathing, you should consult a health care provider. To help your health-care provider make a diagnosis, tell them about any recent travel to regions where cases of SARS have been reported and whether you were in contact with someone who had these symptoms.

Moreover, the CDC has issued about 35,000 health alerts to arriving travelers and have intercepted more than five planes and boats that have passengers ill that have recently traveled to the affected areas. These efforts are resulting in identification of additional suspect patients and have led to a much greater awareness among travelers of the need to seek medical attention if a fever and respiratory are developed after departure, within seven days of departure from one of the suspect countries. If you are traveling, or have just come back from a trip, and you become ill with fever, accompanied by cough or difficulty in breathing, you should consult a health care provider and tell them about your recent travel.

Just in case you may be thinking that this illness is related to the war on terrorism, we have reassurance from the CDC: "Information currently available about SARS indicates that people who appear to be most at risk are either health-care workers taking care of sick people or family members or household contacts of those who are infected with SARS. That pattern of transmission is what would typically be expected in a contagious respiratory or flu-like illness."

For more information about SARS, contact the Board of Health or the Center for Disease control in Atlanta.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Vineyard bird count

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I was reading the Vineyard Gazette the other day to see if Bill Clinton had returned to check out the interns when I spotted a story that aroused my curiosity.

The first ever tufted duck had been spotted on Martha's Vineyard by a quartet of "birders" at 8:15 in the morning on Crackatuxet Cove along the south shore of Edgartown.

Just as I suspected, the year 'round denizens of the vacation island have little to do in the wintertime, except maybe go down to the high school gym and boo the Nantucket basketball team.

Since the range of the tufted duck includes the Middle East, I would tend to think of the mid-winter visitor to the Vineyard as just another refugee from Saddam Hussein, but not to the birders.

"It was feeding by diving repeatedly and came into close contact with red-breasted mergansers and common goldeyes as well," enthused E. Vernon Laux, who has a weekly bird column in the Gazette.

"The views were fabulous. The year is off to a great start with a new and pleasing bird finally added to the all-time list of avifauna seen on Martha's Vineyard."

Of course, the big question to the rest of us is just what were Laux, Sally Anderson of West Tisbury, Peter Trimble of Mashpee and Bill Loughran of Cotuit doing on Crackatuxet Cove at 8:15 of a cold January morning?

Why, they were taking part in the 42nd annual Martha's Vineyard Christmas Bird Count (CBC), the day nosy bird-lovers on the island — and a few off-islanders, too — fan out to count every bird they can find.

I spent the summer working on Martha's Vineyard in 1949, which is 54 years ago, so I can't be blamed for any annoyance the island's birds have to put up with after that.

A little deeper research and I discovered that there appear to be Christmas Bird Counts all over Massachusetts, including the Buzzard's Bay, the Cape Cod and the Stellwagon Bank, which is conducted by boat.

It was nearly two months before I got the final score of the great Martha's Vineyard Christmas Bird Count, published in two columns (where else?) in the Vineyard Gazette.

Vineyard birders fixed their binoculars on 116 species, bringing to 206 the all-time list since 1960, and 134,963 individuals, including — yes, there he is — one tufted duck.

There were also 1,836 black ducks, which I recall as the name of a rumrunner's boat during Prohibition that used to sneak booze into Fall River in the wake of the New York night boat.

But I digress . . .

Martha's Vineyard being an island in the ocean, one might think the gull would be the bird of choice. But, no. There were only 1,250 herring gulls, 223 black-backed gulls, 146 ring-billed gulls and one Bonaparte's gull.

Incidentally, there is no such thing as a sea gull. So don't be disappointed if you don't see one in next Martha's Vineyard Christmas Bird Count, already scheduled for Dec. 28, 2003 — if the Nantucket basketball team in not in town, that is.

White-throated sparrows — the 'Peabody Birds'

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

There are about 320 species of New World Sparrows found worldwide. They are all small songbirds, with conical bills. Almost all are brown in color and streaky in pattern. They all feed on the ground and in low bushes. Even though less than 50 of these species are found in North America, all this similarity makes them hard to tell apart. Identification frequently has to be left as merely "LBJ", or "Little Brown Job".

One of them, the White-throated Sparrow, has two distinctive features that help it stand out from the rest. It has a white throat outlined thinly in black, and its lores, or areas between the eye and the bill, are yellow. It also has a very clear song that helps with the identification. Its whistled notes sound something like "Old-Sam-Peabody-Peabody-Peabody" to most people. Canadians prefer to think of it as "Oh-sweet-Canada-Canada-Canada." There is yet another mnemonic that goes like this: "Sow-wheat-Peverly-Peverly-Peverly". The story is that Farmer Peverly couldn't decide what to plant. After listening to White-throated Sparrows singing all around his fields, he planted wheat with great success.

White-throated Sparrows are separated into two color morphs, the white-striped birds and the tan-striped birds. These are not sub-species, but the heads of some birds have white stripes and others have tan stripes. For years, scientists were sure that the different coloration represented males and females. Then there was the theory that tan-striped birds were juveniles and the white-striped birds were adults. It turns out that neither of these ideas is correct. Some birds simply have tan head stripes and some have white head stripes, the way some people have red hair and some people have brown hair. Polymorphism that is unrelated to sex or age is very rare.

White-throated Sparrows are separated into two color morphs, the white-striped birds and the tan-striped birds. These are not sub-species, but the heads of some birds have white stripes and others have tan stripes.

The color of their stripes does seem to affect their behavior, though. White-striped birds, whether male or female, are more aggressive than their tan-striped counterparts. The tan-striped birds, on the other hand, are more attentive to their young and the responsibilities of parenthood. One theory is that the more aggressive white-striped birds get better territories. The tan-striped birds have to make up for poorer nest sites by working harder to feed and care for their babies. In addition, the attraction between opposite morphs is very strong in White-throated Sparrows. There are almost no pairings of like-striped birds with each other. White-striped females sing and tan-striped females do not. Singing, aggressive, white-striped males usually succeed in chasing away singing, aggressive, white-striped females. At the same time, all the wing movement and singing activity by the white-striped females seems to attract the tan-striped males.

In the winter, White-throated Sparrows form flocks. The purpose of this strategy is to make it easier to find food and to provide safety from predators. More birds flocked together means more eyes looking, which means more success in locating food sources and in spotting potential danger. White-throated Sparrows eat seeds in the winter, but eat and feed insects to their young during the breeding season. They use a "double-scratch" technique for foraging. This involves hopping up to let both feet reach forward together, then quickly backward, before resuming the regular upright position. This repeated process rapidly scatters leaf litter and debris to uncover food.

What about threats to population numbers? The danger faced in the 19th century from being hunted for food is no longer real, but there are other dangers. Mammals raid nests that are too close to the ground. Strangely, cowbirds do not parasitize White-throated Sparrow nests very often, in spite of the fact these sparrows tend to stay more at the edge of forests than deep within forests. Collision with towers is a common hazard for these nocturnal migrants. According to William E. Davis, Jr., more than 400 have been reported killed at the Prudential tower in Boston in a single night.

The White-crowned Sparrow is similar to the White-throated Sparrow, in that some birds have white head stripes and some tan. In this case, however, it is the adults who have bright white stripes and the juveniles who have tan head stripes. Other differences are that they never have a white throat, and their breast is a pearly gray color. Their bills are yellow or pink in contrast to the gray bill of the White-throated Sparrow. Seen less often in the east than White-throated Sparrows, they do show up with some regularity both on World's End and Turkey Hill.

White-throated sparrow © Dan Sudia

Although White-throated Sparrows regularly breed in western Massachusetts, only a few nest in the eastern part of the state. They are a common migrant throughout the state in April and May and again in October. The number is variable from year to year, but quite a few survive winter in Massachusetts, as is demonstrated by the Christmas Bird Count. In Hingham alone, we usually get 5 to 30 on the CBC. Counts in other parts of Massachusetts may get up to 100. If you are not lucky enough to have them at your feeders, a good place to look for them is at World's End and at Turkey Hill.

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for Project FeederWatch, WetlandWatchers and International Shorebird Surveys.

Romney, legislature not winning war on budget

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis about the week in state government.

"United We Stand" is the most effective organizing principle imaginable for a war, or approaching any challenge faced by a diverse group. As a true war began in Iraq, the leaders of Massachusetts exhibited solidarity behind helping the nation's cause. The stock they placed in unity made one wonder what would happen if they applied the same approach to the state they run.

To state the obvious — but it needs to be stated — balancing the budget is not as important as winning the war. That said, balancing the budget is still important, and the job of Mitt Romney, Tom Finneran and Bob Travaglini is not winning the war. It's balancing the budget and getting the state back on track.

And it's clear their approach to the two challenges differs. They spoke as one about the need to protect the public. Aside from that, though, it was pretty easy to determine the conversation about how to run the state is proceeding along the old, red-team vs. blue team line, not according to the red, white and blue model that makes everybody look good.

Talk now is increasing that the House is going to do what it always does – throw most of the governor's budget away and start over. Given the demands posed by the present emergency, and the volume of innovations proposed (sketchily) by the rookie governor, there's some head scratching among moderates that the Romney budget was trashed so quickly.

A consensus has developed that the House had better come up with something good, something that both justifies and transcends the Democrats' criticism of the governor. A hypothetical compromise is shockingly simple to define: Romney would agree to a $1 billion tax hike; the Democrats would agree to $1 billion worth of the restructuring proposed in the Romney budget, and the governor would give up the other $1 billion worth; and both sides would agree on $1 billion in spending cuts. Why this won't happen is not dissimilar to why the United Nations Security Council couldn't get together on an approach to Saddam. The dispute really comes down to a disagreement of perspective or values, and nobody wants to abandon the values. As the Globe's Rick Klein put it, Romney sees the government as broken. Finneran doesn't. And Romney sees tax hikes as the opposite of good management.

One can only make comparisons between global geopolitics and state-government affairs with a disclaimer, and this is it: drawing analogies between governing the world and governing the state is only that. It's not to equate the importance of the two. With that understood, there's no harm in looking for instruction from the global stage.

But of course, as soon as we do that we notice half the world opposes how the U.S. is proceeding in Iraq, and the other half is all for it. So perhaps on both levels, all we can do is hang on and hope for the best. Maybe everything will turn out great.

Concerns about security and the larger global picture kept people somewhat distracted, even as the legislative machinery cranked up.

• *Romney details massachusetts war footing* — The governor said that along with other states, Massachusetts would ramp security up to levels not seen since right after Sept. 11. Other than Logan Airport and the Fleet Center, though, the governor said the presence of extra guards and watchful eyes would be low key. Romney did go up in a State Police helicopter to observe a gas tanker entering Boston harbor – a normally routine event that in these days worries public safety leaders. Officials put the Framingham emergency command center on line as the war got under way.

• *Ignoring court order, House seats Patrick* — By a vote of 116-21, the House seated Rep. Matthew Patrick, D-Falmouth. The Superior Court had ordered a special election be held for Patrick's seat, but House leaders ignored that ruling, arguing only they have jurisdiction over whether and when an election is held.

• *House and Senate send governor snow and ice budget* — The Legislature approved a $62 million supplemental budget for snow and ice removal and sent it to the governor; it will cover the budgetary problems caused by the under-funding of the snow and ice removal account, an annual phenomenon made even worse this year by the bad weather.

• *Administration will review capital spending* — The state plans to spend $3 billion servicing debt obligations this year, and Administration and Finance Secretary Eric Kriss said there's little rhyme or reason as to how the debt is added, authorized or tracked. The administration plans a top to bottom review of capital operations, Kriss said, with a plan for rationalizing the system ready by July.

• *Kriss warns of municipal failure if local aid too deeply cut* — The secretary also said some cities and towns could lose fiscal viability if the Legislature cuts to the upper limit of what House Ways and Means Committee Chairman John Rogers, D-Norwood, has warned about.

• *Housing probably won't get capital funds; transport could* — The administration called on the Legislature to capitalize the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which was authorized in a major housing bill last year. Officials also said they may well put together a "mini transportation bond bill," which would authorize borrowing for local and state highway projects that need to go out to bid quickly. A multibillion dollar transportation bond is passed every few years, but with the fiscal crisis and the desire to review capital spending in toto, such a bill is not likely to be proposed soon.

• *IG to look at land deals around MDC* — Inspector General Gregory Sullivan said he's going to investigate two land deals the Herald's been reporting on vigorously. In one, the MDC may have unnecessarily purchased land around the Quabbin Reservoir from a politically connected developer. In another, Sullivan may question the legitimacy of the sale of six acres to Joe Trainor, a former aide to Gov. Weld and Speaker Finneran; Trainor's now a judge.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Meet Roger Hill

Meet Roger Hill at the Cohasset Legion Hall on Friday, March 28, from 6 to 10 p.m. All are welcome and at the home of Martha Gjesteby, 81 Old Pasture Road on Wednesday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. Gjesteby at 383-1614 to let her know if you can attend. Thanks for your support and see you there, Roger Hill.

Sullivan coffees

The Committee to re-elect Michael Sullivan is hosting the following coffees with the candidate. All Cohasset residents are invited to meet Selectman Sullivan to discuss the issues facing the town in the coming years.

Coffees will be held on: Friday, March 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the home of Susan and Denny Meikleham, 178 South Main St. and Tuesday, April 1, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the home of Andrea and Rick Flynn, 30 Summer St. Please RSVP to 781-383-1205.

Gomez goes door-to-door

Gabriel Gomez thanks all of those who attended his several coffees and receptions this past week and invites citizen's to continue to offer their views and comments on issues of import to the community. Questions and/or comments can be sent to Gabriel via e-mail to: votegomez@attbi.com.

Gomez is now more than halfway through his door-to-door walk of the neighborhoods and will continue this effort through Election Day. He hopes to see many of you on his walk through town or at this week's Beechwood Congregational Church dinner. For those who have been unable to attend any of the scheduled events, Gomez reminds you that the candidate's debate (Thursday March 27) is carried on your local community access cable channel.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives votes on three roll calls from the week of March 17-21. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

All three House roll calls are on the constitutional controversy surrounding the disputed November 2002 election for state representative in the Cape's Third Barnstable District. The question is whether the legislature or the courts have the power to determine the winner and/or to call for a special election for the seat.

Initial election results gave incumbent Democrat Matthew Patrick (D-Falmouth) a 12-vote victory. He received 8,640 votes to the Republican challenger Larry Wheatley's 8,628. A recount increased Patrick's margin over his challenger to 17 votes and the recount returns were certified by the governor and the Governor's Council on December 4. On December 30, in response to a complaint filed by Wheatley, the Barnstable Superior Court ruled that irregularities place the results of the election in doubt and ordered that a new election be held. Two days later, the House seated Patrick under a "holdover" provision of the Massachusetts constitution to ensure that the Third Barnstable District has temporary representation. On January 13, a special House committee held a public hearing on the controversy. Last week, the House approved resolutions drafted by the committee declaring Patrick the representative from the Third Barnstable District.

DECLARE PATRICK ELECTED (H 3720)

House 116-21, approved resolutions stating that Matthew Patrick was duly elected and is the representative of the Third Barnstable District. Supporters said the Massachusetts constitution clearly gives the House this authority when it states "the House of Representatives shall be the judge of returns, elections and qualifications of its own members." They argued that a special House committee spent hours investigating the matter and concluded that Patrick should be seated. Some noted that the fact that 13 voters from the Third Barnstable District were mistakenly given ballots that listed candidates from another district would still not negate the 17-vote margin of victory. They also said that Wheately has not produced a single witness who says he was deprived from voting because of an allegation that one precinct was closed for a short period because it ran out of ballots. Opponents said a Superior Court has called for a new election but that order has been ignored. They noted that in addition to the 13 ballots that did not include Patrick or Wheatley's names, there were also eight absentee ballots with the same omission and testimony from a police officer that some 45 people left the waiting line when a precinct ran out of ballots. They argued that this totals 66 people who were denied the right to vote-- almost four times the margin of the recount results. (A "Yea" vote is for seating Patrick. A "Nay" vote is against seating Patrick).

Y

OBTAIN SJC RULING (H 3720)

House 116-21, rejected an amendment asking the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) if the House has the power and authority to refuse to follow an order of the Superior Court for a new election in the Third Barnstable District. Amendment supporters said this will simple ask the state's highest court for an opinion on this controversial issue and noted that the case would be closed if the court says the House has the authority. They noted the separation of powers in the constitution is important and argued that the creation of the SJC ensures there is a neutral decision-maker. Amendment opponents said asking the court's opinion would abrogate the rights and responsibilities of the legislature. They argued that the constitution and case law is clear that the House has authority in this matter. (A "Yea" vote is for asking for an SJC opinion. A "Nay" vote is against asking for an SJC opinion).

N

CALL FOR NEW ELECTION (H 3720)

House 116-21, rejected an amendment calling for a special election for representative in the Third Barnstable District. Amendment supporters said the House should do the right thing and call for a special election in order to remove the cloud over this situation. They argued that there is clearly a vacancy in the seat since Patrick has never taken the oath of office and was only temporarily given to right to vote and debate under a provision of the constitution designed to ensure a district has representation if there is an election dispute. Amendment opponents said the House does not have the authority to call a special election because Patrick won the election and technically there is no vacancy. Some noted that the turnout for a special election would be far less than the 17,000 plus people who voted in the regular November election and would allow a small minority to elect a representative. (A "Yea" vote is for a special election. A "Nay" vote is against a special election).

N

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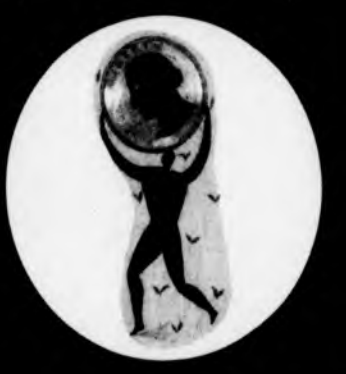

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Saturday's Town Meeting is packed with issues

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One of the first items to be discussed will be the budget for fiscal year 2004. The proposed general override will need two-thirds approval to go to a vote in the April 5 election. Selectmen and members of School Committee hope that by lowering the override from $485,000, they have convinced residents that as much as possible was cut from the operating budget without sacrificing the quality of services in town.

A new school bus, at a cost of $60,000, is at the top of the school department's wish list. The schools operate five full-size buses each day, but their sixth bus was permanently sidelined by an accident. The lack of a spare bus has caused problems when buses need to be serviced or repaired.

Superintendent Edward Malvey said that renting a bus is expensive and not always possible, and running on three or four buses can result in a chaotic school day. Having a sixth bus, Malvey said, would allow repairs to be done during weekdays, instead of forcing schools to hire mechanics on weekends at higher costs. Both the Selectmen and the Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend the article.

The schools aren't the only ones with needs. Police and Fire officials hope residents at Town Meeting will grant their request and vote to fund improvements to the police and fire station. A base bid, at a cost of $675,000, would pay for the expansion of women's facilities and office space in the station. It would also cover extending the garage by eight feet in the rear of the building so that when the fire department's 25-year-old ladder truck is retired, its new replacement will fit.

An additional $125,000 would pay to raise the building's roof two and a half feet so maintenance can be done on fire trucks while inside. Currently, the fire department must take vehicles outside three times a week to perform routine maintenance.

Selectmen and the Advisory Board voted unanimously Tuesday to support both phases of the police and fire station expansion. The improvements will allow the building to serve as the permanent home of the fire department for the next 20 to 25 years. Police still hope the town will appropriate money for a new police station sometime in the near future.

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Police and Fire officials aren't the only one's looking to improve their home. The Historical Society hopes to receive $300,000 from the Community Preservation Fund for improvements to their new home at the old Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The Community Preservation Committee has recommended the appropriation, most of which would pay for the construction of two senior apartments that would help pay the Historical Society's operating cost in the building.

Selectmen have requested that the apartments be made affordable by state standards, but the Historical Society has said it would not be able to survive financially if that were the case. Selectmen still plan to lobby for affordable apartments: they will meet Saturday morning before Town Meeting with the Historical Society, the CPC and the Advisory Board. Town Manager Mark Haddad has advised the Selectmen and the Advisory Board to delay making recommendations on the article until after the sale of the old library is closed on Friday.

The CPC has also recommended that $36,000 go toward a project to renovate a building on the Hagerty Property and $25,000 go toward a feasibility study of a bike and pedestrian trail along the town's stretch of the Greenbush railroad. Selectmen unanimously recommended both those appropriations. The Advisory Board voted by majority to support the former and unanimously to support the latter.

Amnesty bylaw

As far as new bylaws are concerned, with debate on the ledge bylaw postponed indefinitely *(see related story)*, an article that would give amnesty to illegal apartments will take center stage. Under the bylaw, apartments would be granted a comprehensive permit, provided they were brought up to code and made "affordable" by state standards.

Selectman Tom Callahan submitted a revised version of the bylaw to Selectmen Tuesday night, who voted unanimously to recommend the article. Callahan's revisions, adopted from the accessory dwelling bylaw, address concerns that the amnesty bylaw would threaten the single family character of Cohasset. The Advisory Board also recommended the article unanimously. The Planning Board initially voted 2 to 1 to not recommend the article, but are expected to revote after taking revision into consideration on Saturday.

The town's smoking bylaw also stands to be revised. The new version, drafted by the Board of Health, would eliminate the issuance of variances, make smoking illegal in any public place or workplace, and even bring the smoking ban outdoors — lighting up would not be allowed within 20 feet of any entrance to a workplace and would also be prohibited in outdoor patio areas at restaurants. Selectmen voted unanimously and the Advisory Board by majority to recommend the article.

Residents at Town Meeting will also decide whether to rezone land behind Cohasset Plaza and Stop & Shop so that owner Donald Staszko can have enough room to develop more retail space. The article, filed by citizens' petition, would extend the Highway Business district back an additional 200 feet along Staszko's property. This will be the third time Staszko has brought the article before Town Meeting. In 2001, it missed the necessary two-thirds approval by only four votes.

The rezoning would create about 29,000 square feet of new retail space and allow Stop & Shop to expand by 19,000 square feet. Staszko says the expansion will result in $1.1 million in tax revenues for the town over the next 10 years. He and Stop & Shop pledge to pay for a traffic signal at the intersection of Route 3A and Sohier Street if the article is approved. Selectmen and the Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend the article, but the Planning Board has voted unanimously to not recommend it.

Nuclear power

The final article to be debated at Town Meeting is also a citizens' petition. Residents will decide whether the town should formally request that spent fuel rods at Pilgrim Power Station be placed in dry cask storage to reduce the plant's vulnerability to a terrorist attack. Currently, the rods are stored in a pool in the same building as the power station's main reactor. Proponents of the article warn against the potential for disaster presented by of this type of storage. They say dry cask storage would disperse the rods and reduce the attractiveness of Pilgrim as a terrorist target.

A "yes" vote on this article would mean the town would ask the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory to require dry cask storage and would also ask local, state and federal officials to support the measure.

Selectmen voted unanimously to recommend the article a few weeks ago. But at Tuesday night's meeting, prompted by a letter from an opponent of the article, some worried that they may have voiced an opinion too quickly. Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan questioned whether the board was qualified to make a recommendation on such a technical issue.

"It's a problem when we only hear one side and we make a recommendation and then the other side comes forward," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris.

Selectmen will listen to opposition to the article at Town Meeting and may reconsider their recommendation. The Advisory Board is divided on the article after a 4 to 4 vote.

Here are some other articles scheduled for Town Meeting, all of which were recommended unanimously by both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board.

- Article 9 would appropriate $40,000 for an ambulance to be shared with Scituate and Norwell and used as a backup to the ambulance operated by the fire department. The current shared ambulance was purchased in 1988 and needs replacement.
- Article 11 would appropriate $25,000 for the repair of a leaky roof in the 1929 wing of the former Osgood School, soon to be occupied by the Children's Discovery Museum, who will rent the space from the town.
- Article 13 will give property tax exemptions to certain veterans, seniors and blind people.
- Article 19 would establish the Water Department as an enterprise fund and allow them to be completely self-sufficient.
- Article 21 would impose new land use restrictions in Zone A, the area of land within 400 feet of Lily Pond and Aaron River Road and 200 feet from tributaries such as Peppermint Brook. The article would protect the town's drinking water supply and allow the town under state law to withdraw additional water from its surface water supply in the future.

Classes offered at community center

The South Shore Community Center at 3 North Main St. announces new events and classes for March and early April. For more information and registration, please call 781-383-0088.

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Ledge bylaw article is ditched

Others for sewer, culvert postponed

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The Planning Board voted unanimously last Wednesday to indefinitely postpone consideration of the so-called "ledge bylaw" article after both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board voted by majority not to recommend it.

The article could still be discussed at Town Meeting this Saturday. A majority vote would reopen debate, and a two-thirds vote would be needed for approval. The Planning Board would need a majority vote to bring the article forward at a future Town Meeting.

The proposed bylaw would require a special permit for the removal of ledge eight feet in height or taller. The Zoning Board could deny a special permit if it found ledge removal would create drainage or public safety problems or be "detrimental to the character of the Town, locale or neighboring area." The bylaw would not apply to municipal projects, work relating to public utilities or repairs to existing septic systems.

Opinions on the bylaw reflect a divide among elected town officials on how the town should regulate land use.

Proponents say ledge is Cohasset's most unique natural asset. They say developers are more and more inclined to destroy it because the cost of blasting is cancelled out by the potential value of new homes.

Opponents, however, say the new bylaw would infringe on property rights. They say requiring a special permit to remove ledge is akin to regulating the removal of old trees or the colors one can paint a house.

The ledge bylaw was first introduced at Annual Town Meeting a year ago. Drafted as a citizens' petition, the article was brought forward primarily by residents who opposed plans to blast ledge on Beach Street to make way for a housing development. The article failed by 30 votes to get the necessary two-thirds approval.

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Since then, authors of the bylaw have worked with the Zoning Advisory Committee to address residents' concerns. The Planning Board initially agreed to take up the article and sponsor it on this year's warrant.

But not all Planning Board members support the article. Member Bob Sturdy is a strong opponent, and Chairman Al Moore said he does not necessarily agree with the bylaw either. Moore said the board took up the article in order to help revise its language. He said if the bylaw had passed in the form it went to Town Meeting last year, it would have been overly restrictive.

This year, Moore said, it was the lack of overwhelming support from other town boards caused the Planning Board to postpone the article indefinitely.

"If the Selectmen and the Advisory Board had voted unanimously to recommend this, then I think we would have brought it to Town Meeting," Moore said.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt, perhaps the board's strongest supporter of ledge preservation, said he wanted to bring forward the article at fall Town Meeting as part of a "coherent package of zoning bylaw reform."

Also likely to be in that package, Pratt said, would be a bylaw that would trigger a site plan review for large homes, a bylaw that would allow apartments by right on the second floor of downtown businesses and a bylaw that would require all building permit applications circulated to the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board.

"I'm not concerned about the majority of Selectmen not supporting this," Pratt said of the ledge bylaw. "The issue was there were so many moving pieces here that have not come together at the right time. I think it makes sense to bring it back in the fall, and to give all citizens a chance to kick the tires here, and not give elected officials a chance to speak up at the 11th hour."

The ledge bylaw was one of four articles that were indefinitely postponed on the warrant in the past two weeks.

- Two articles submitted by the Sewer Commission were also postponed, one of which was a request to borrow $300,000 for additional membrane cartridges to increase hydraulic capacity at the Sewer Treatment Plant. The second article was a request for funds to pay for the design and permitting for the construction of the Little Harbor and Atlantic Avenue Sewer Districts.
- A third article that was postponed would have appropriated $40,000 to pay for Cohasset's share of engineering designs to repair the West Corner Culvert on Route 228 on the town line with Hingham and Hull. Town Manager Mark Haddad said Hingham and Hull were not prepared to take on the project. If and when it does happen, the three towns would equally share the cost of design, while the state would fund the construction.

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Planning Board, Water Commission argue against Avalon project

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quality. Finally, DeRensis said., a review by the Department of Environmental Protection has shown the site is contaminated with hazardous waste, making it unsuitable for human occupancy.

"The legal consequences of it are that this project is dead on arrival," he said.

Turning to the Planning Board's case, DeRensis reviewed Avalon's requests for certain town bylaws to be waived. The Planning Board was opposed to waiving:

- a bylaw that would make the applicant shield lights at eye level,
- a bylaw that sets standards for access roads to subdivisions,
- a bylaw that regulates signage,
- a bylaw that prevents wastewater from being released into wetlands,
- a bylaw that requires onsite recharge of storm water, and
- a bylaw that would require a site plan approval.

The Planning Board requested that sidewalks be placed on both sides of the road within Avalon's development, that a pedestrian crossing light be placed at the entrance to the development connecting it to the other side of Route 3A, and that sidewalks be continued on the other side of Route 3A to the Cohasset Greenbush stop or the Jonathan Livingston Seagull Plaza. The board also called for sidewalks along Route 3A to Sohier Street and along Sohier Street to Fair Oaks Lane.

"Because this is a residential development and not a business development, there needs to be connectors to make this work," said DeRensis. "Without these, the site remains very isolated."

"It's isolated, but yet it's close enough to a lot of things to be very tempting," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore. "I think it's just an open invitation, particularly for children, to leave the site on bicycle, on foot."

The Planning Board also argued the town has long intended the proposed site of Avalon's development to be for commercial use. The land is currently zoned for technology business and was recommended for commercial use as far back as 1961, when the town's first master plan was drafted.

DeRensis said the proposed site makes up 17 percent of the total land area zoned for business in the town. He said it represented 38 percent of the commercially zoned land available for development.

The Planning Board said Avalon's plans for an eight degree grade in the driveway were unacceptable. The board said the grade should be no more than six degrees, as stated in the bylaw. The board also said the development should have a second access way because its road was more than 1500 feet long. DeRensis said another access way would improve fire safety.

The Planning Board said fighting a fire could prove to be difficult at the proposed development because its buildings were close together and its elevation was above that of the town's water tank, meaning water pressure would be insufficient. The pressure issue could be solved by a pumping system, but the board cautioned the development might require so much water that they would prevent the town from being able to fight a fire in another location at the same time.

DeRensis said this could mean that Avalon needs its own emergency water supply. He said the state's Housing Appeals Committee had upheld a decision to deny a comprehensive permit because a proposed development would have created a fire hazard that outweighed the need for housing.

The Planning Board's final argument was that Avalon's development did not incorporate enough open space. The board said the site needed more walking areas for pets, trails through the woods or connections to the rest of the community.

DeRensis said Avalon's problems "cannot be solved by the imposition of conditions on the project." "The amount that has to be fixed becomes so big that the site becomes unusable for what Avalon wants to do," he said.

Scott Dale, Avalon's vice president of development, said the company had a plan to process all its wastewater at its own "package treatment plant" and avoid discharging into the Lily Pond watershed.

Dale also said Avalon intended to clean the site of all hazardous wastes and install water pumps to increase water pressure to acceptable levels.

Zoning Board Chairman Woody Chittick said the board would need time to review the material presented. "A lot of this is food for thought that we're going to have to really study and think about," he said.

Chittick said the issue of wastewater potentially effecting the town's drinking water would demand the utmost attention. "I think I speak for the board when I say this is the most serious and most consequential item in this proposal," he said.

Keep well clinics

The Board of Health will sponsor the following Keep Well Clinics in April:

- Thursday April 10 at 11 a.m. at the Senior Center Luncheon
- Thursday April 24 from 1-3 p.m. at the Harborview Senior Housing on Elm Street.

Kick aerobics

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces ongoing registration for adult fitness classes based upon six-week sessions. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer, Charles Palmer will conduct the class. This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kickboxing, and muscle conditioning.

The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the auditorium at Town Hall from 9-10:15 a.m. The cost of the 12-class session is $100 per participant. Step equipment will be provided for up to 20 participants; however, two-to-five-pound hand-weights should be brought to class for the muscle conditioning segment of the training.

Call the recreation department at 781-383-4109 to register.

'Celebrate' at St. Stephen's

On Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m., the St. Stephen's Players will "take a sentimental journey" as they present "Celebrate," a journey through the music and times of the 20th century. Performing old favorites such as, "Take Me Out To the Ballgame," "Singing in the Rain," and "Sing, Sing, Sing," they will travel through the early years of the past century. Newer "old" favorites include "Rock Around the Clock," "Fun, Fun, Fun," "Celebrate, Good Times," and "I'll Be There For You" will round out this journey.

"Celebrate" will be performed March 30 in the Walton Rodgers Hall at St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering is welcome. For more information, call the church office at 781-383-1083.

Evening of wines

The South Shore Community Center will host an evening of wines at Bernard's Restaurant on March 31 from 7- 9 p.m. Come and sample a variety of red and white wines and delectable light hors d'oeuvres courtesy of Bernard O'Neil. Tickets on sale the South Shore Community Center for $50 per person.

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Lax dreams

CHS boys open season with visions of state title run

"This is a hard-working, level-headed team," said Cohasset High boys lacrosse head coach Kevin Orcutt, as he watched the 37 members of the Skippers varsity and JV squads go through first-week drills on Milliken Field. "They've got the skills and the experience to go after a Pilgrim League title and a state championship."

The Skippers — coming off two years in which they were Division Two finalists and quarterfinalists — return three Mariner All-Scholastics, seven starters and 15 lettermen as they prepare for the 2003 season April 4 opener against Pilgrim rival Scituate. This will be the first season that there will be a third division for postseason play, and "on paper" Cohasset should be a strong contender in the new small-school category.

"If we can do well in our league play, where we face the Division One (Duxbury) and Division Two (Hingham) state champs, then we should have success as well in the postseason," said third-year coach Orcutt, who has added former Boston College High School All-American defenseman Matt Rossi to his coaching staff. "But we're taking this a day at a time, maintaining our focus, trying to enjoy and get better with each practice."

Midfield Depth

The Skippers' strength starts at the midfield, where three seniors, co-captains Tom Anderson and Robert Hickey, and John Durkin, make up one of the area's most athletic and potent lines. Anderson, captain of both the football and hockey squads and hoping to play lacrosse next year at Connecticut College, split time a year ago between defense and midfield. He's full-time at midfield now, and, after scoring 29 goals the previous two seasons, could have a breakout offensive year. Hickey, a faceoff specialist who captained the soccer team and who's being recruited by Div. 1 Providence and Div. 3 Widener, had 16 goals in 2002. Durkin, the South Shore League's leading scorer in hockey this winter, has been the most pleasant surprise of the first week.

"Tom and Robert have been vocal, effective leaders and are working hard," said Orcutt, "but John has been unreal. He may be our best athlete. He's a workhorse and, in my opinion, the missing piece of our puzzle. I really expect a lot from him this spring."

Three other hockey standouts — juniors Mike Rasmussen and Mark Davis, and soph Joey Durkin — will make up the Skippers' second midfield line.

"Raz is making the move from attack," said Orcutt, "and we'll use him around the crease a lot on offense. Mark's made big strides from last

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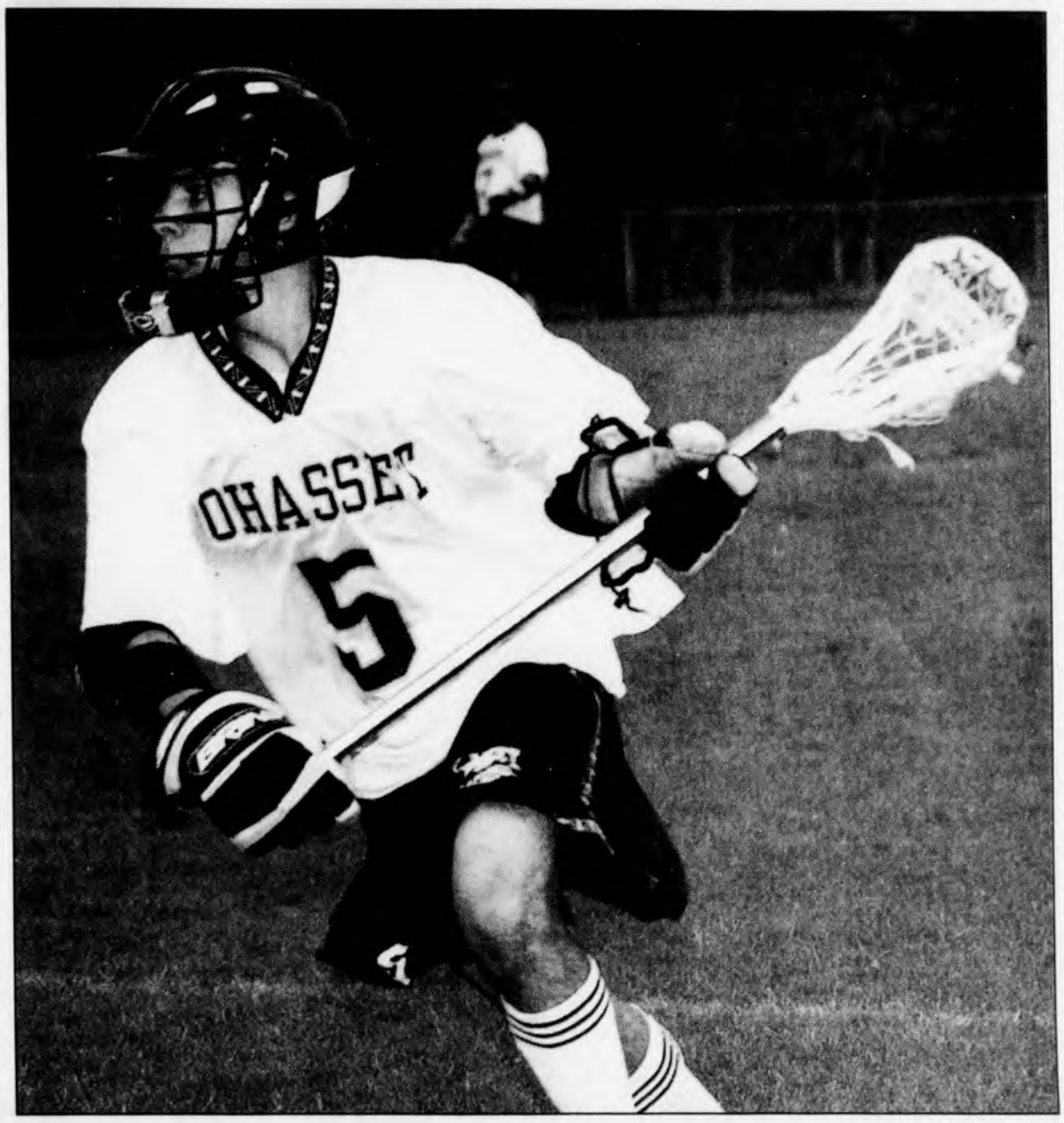

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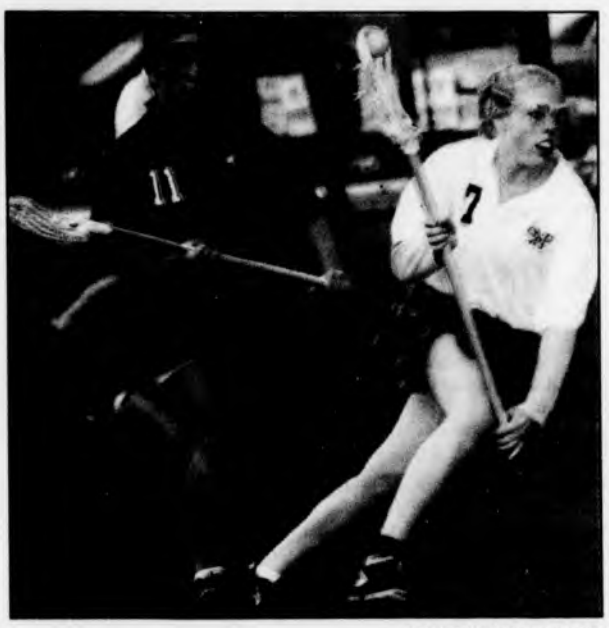
Midfielder John Durkin has been the most pleasant surprise in the first week of practices, according to Cohasset lacrosse coach Kevin Orcutt.



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Cohasset's Maura McKenney (#11) is looking to build on last season's remarkable 53-goal tally.

Tracking success

Cohasset boys hope they have enough for another title run

By Jim Logan
CORRESPONDENT

Winning a championship in the South Shore League is tough. Pulling off back-to-back banner seasons, as well as a two-year undefeated stretch—even tougher.

But a three-peat in the SSL? With nothing more than a goose egg still showing in the right hand-side of the win-loss column?

Let's just say, for the smallest boys track team in the league, the Skippers, each and every one of them, are gonna need one very big team effort if 2003 will follow its predecessors.

A huge showing that even Head Coach Al LaFontaine has to admit will be one large challenge for the locals this spring.

"We definitely have our work cut out for us this season," LaFontaine said. After 14 straight wins and consecutive SSL titles over the past 24 months, the Skippers look ahead to the 2003 campaign with defense of the crown in their hearts, but a looming reality also in their minds.

In the track and field game it takes not only quality, but also quantity.

"We're (typically) a small program to begin with, but it's even more so this year," LaFontaine said. A team, only 22 strong in 2002 must now take on the depth and breadth of the league's powerhouses sporting a mere 12 Skippers.

"I mean, with the guys we do have coming back, I feel good about what they can accomplish individually in their (particular) events," the coach continued. "They can win."

But, LaFontaine added. "This is a sport where, you need to be strong in the second and third-place spots too. And it's tough to win those points when you just don't have enough people out there to compete.

"What it really comes down to is utilizing the guys you have the best way you can. More than for the athletes, I think this will be a [challenging] coaching year."

Three athletes the Cohasset coach will be relying on heavily to make his job a bit easier in 2003 are tri-captains Ian Kidder, Jared Krupczak, and Eric Belz. The former two are seniors. Eric is a junior.

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Lady laxers eye another big score

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

Scoring goals should not be a problem for the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team this season. That's good news.

Defense should not be a big problem for the skippers this season. More good news for Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney.

Put it altogether, and it simply means the Cohasset girls lacrosse team appears to be in a very good position.

Coach Sweeney will be starting his second season at the helm, after leading his Skippers to an 11-11 season last year and a first round tourney win.

One of the Skippers who made the tourney possible is senior Maura McKenney, who is returning as one of the four captains on the team. Maura scored 53 goals last season, one of the biggest individual scoring efforts in the area.

The scoring machine plays center on the team.

To go along with the 53 goals by Maura, Cohasset will also be returning junior Nicole Turgiss, who scored 25 goals last season.

"We should have a pretty good team," noted the coach. "We have all but four starters returning from last year's team."

The defense will be led by the three other captains, Catherine Coyne, Julie Lordan and goalie Gia Petrakis.

Last year's tourney season has also increased the number of players on the team to 27.

"We got a very good turnout and now we're looking to put together a junior varsity team as well," declared the coach. "There's no question a JV team would mean a lot to the program.

"We plan to schedule a 10-game (JV) season," said the coach.

Cohasset plans a 16-game varsity schedule, needing a .500 record to qualify again for tourney play.

Cohasset has no scrimmages planned at the present time as it prepares for the season opener against Cape Cod Academy on April 3.

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They're baaack

High hopes abound as varsity softball returns to CHS

By Joel Racicot
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Varsity softball is back at Cohasset High school for the first time in nine years. After posting an 11-4 record last season at the junior varsity level, it's now time to play with the big girls.

"We are really excited and looking forward to this season," noted head coach Deb Bostwick. "We have a new facility right on North Main Street, and thanks to the help form a lot of people this program is really starting to go in the right direction."

This year's team consists of 19 players, too little for a junior varsity team, and maybe too much for one varsity team.

"It's going to be tough for the new girls to get experience because right now we have a nucleus from last year that should get the bulk of the playing time," said Bostwick. "We have a lot of girls that just want to play and have some fun, and right now we will do the best we can to get everybody some playing time when the time is right."

The extremely young squad is made up of one senior, seven juniors, five sophomores and six freshmen.

The pitching staff consists of senior Heather Peraino, freshman Katie James, junior Caitlin Condon and freshman Jennifer Dinger.

"Heather will be our captain this year as well as our number one pitcher," said Bostwick. "Having four pitchers this year will really be a plus."

Juniors Danielle Pinkus (OF/IF), Casey Anderson (C.), Rachel Doyle (IF), Caitlin Gontarz (IF), Andrea Keating (IF) and Marisa Mello (OF), are all part of a strong core of players that should keep Cohasset competitive.

"I'm looking for those girls to lead the way now that they all have a year's experience," said Bostwick. "Danielle (Pinkus) should be big. Casey (Anderson) has a lot of talent and Doyle, Gontarz and Keating make up a solid infield. Marisa (Mello) is a great sport and really keeps the team morale up with her great attitude."

Cecelia Chapman, Molly Ogrodenik and Molly Liddell are three returning sophomores.

"All these girls get along great, and they really want to build this program and get a name for themselves," noted

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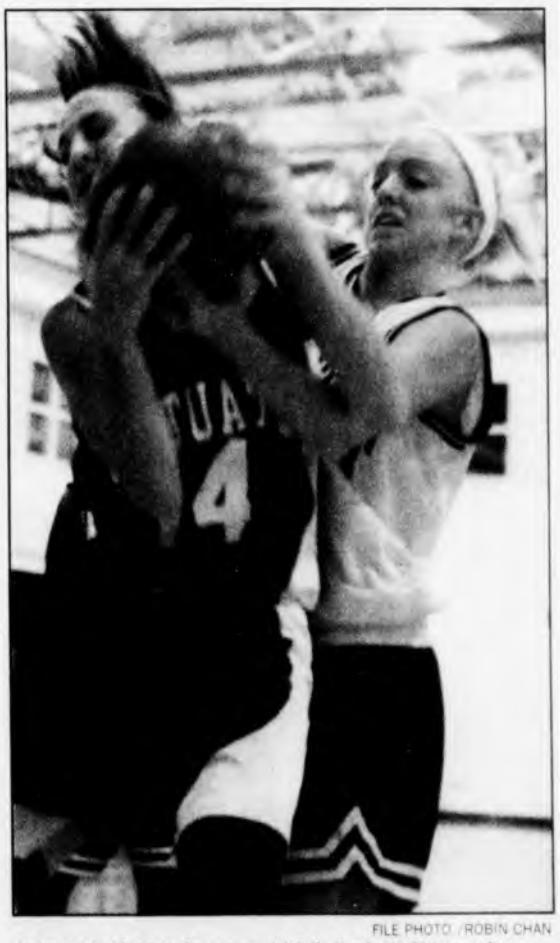

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Cohasset's Lindsay Grossman (right), the Lady Skippers lone South Shore League All-Star this season, was deservedly named an Honorable Mention for our team after a strong senior year. See the Mariner Girls All-Scholastic Basketball team on pages 16 and 17.

All-Scholastic girls basketball team

Cohasset's Grossman, Buckley and Langford named Honorable Mentions

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 16, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top girls basketball players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

Sarah Cox - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Norwell

Sarah Cox

This three-time Mariner All-Scholastic selectee was widely considered the top female basketball talent on the South Shore this winter…finished second in Eastern Mass in scoring with a 25.6 points per game average and wrapped up her high school career with 1,785 points…possesses the whole hoop package: size (5-feet-10), athleticism, top notch ball-handling and passing skills, and the ability to score from anywhere on the floor…four time South Shore League all-star…led the Lady Clippers to a 17-3 regular season and a South Shore League title, the third in Sarah's four years for the Lady Clippers…also a South Shore League all-star keeper for the NHS girls soccer team this past fall…Honor Roll student…will play basketball next year on full scholarship at Assumption College… leaning toward majoring in Communications… Norwell coach Bruce Emerson: "Sarah took it to another level this year. She was consistently sensational, but she simply took it to another level when we were challenged. She's just a remarkable athlete and person."

Katie Boutilier - Junior
Center/Forward - Hingham

Katie Boutilier

A three-year starter at center/forward, Boutilier had a breakout season for the Harborwomen, who reached the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional…A great rebounder and solid free throw shooter, Boutilier led the team in scoring with 9.5 ppg for the Patriot League runners-up (15-6, 10-2)…Often outsized in the middle, Boutilier never seemed phased consistently pulling down key rebounds (7.3 per game) for second-chance baskets…A unanimous PL All-star this season, Boutilier will be among the team's top returning players next year. Hingham coach Dave Hickey: "She made the team as a freshman and has really come into her own. She's a very tough kid and is going to be one of the premier players next season."

Amy Kulp - Senior
Center - Hingham

It was a breakout season for this three-year varsity player…A Patriot League All-star, Kulp (6') was an undeniable presence inside the paint, adding new life to Hingham's once quiet inside game…A solid rebounder, Kulp averaged 7.5 per game to lead Harborwomen (15-6) en route to a second place finish in the PL (10-2)…Also a solid free throw shooter, Kulp and teammate Katie Boutilier provided one of the most effective inside games in the Patriot League and helped advance the team to the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney…She scored a team high 16 points in a one-point win over B-R in the Massasoit tourney and shut down the team's two six-foot starters. Hingham coach Dave Hickey: "Last year, she came off the bench, but by the third game, she was really making strides. She was most improved last year and continued that this season."

Deirdre King - Senior (Capt.)
Point-Guard - Hingham

Deirdre King

A three-year Patriot League All-star and four-year starter, King capped her Hingham hoop career with another solid season…Speed and aggressiveness are among this player's best qualities, making her one of the best penetrators on the South Shore…She was also key to the Harborwomen's (14-7) trapping defense (3 steals per game), which helped land the team in quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional…Offensively, lack of size never stopped King (7.5 ppg, 3.5 assist per game) from taking the ball inside, while her short-range jumpers also proved effective. Hingham coach Dave Hickey: "She's a great athlete and a very unselfish player. She can bring the ball up under any kind of pressure and create her own shots and for others."

Lauren Murphy - Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Hingham

Lauren Murphy

Unquestionably one of the best defenders on the South Shore, Murphy shut down just about everyone who came in her path…Fellow All-Scholastic Melissa Murphy, B-R's standout guard, and Duxbury's Carlie Harrington were among her victims, holding all well below their averages…An underrated offensive player, Murphy's average 6 points per game were usually scored primarily in the big ones, particularly her game-winning 3-pointer in the closing seconds in Hingham's (14-7, 10-2 PL) win over B-R in the Massasoit tourney…Received the team's "Unsung Hero" award this year…Murphy also plays soccer and lacrosse at HHS and plans to attend Tufts University. Hingham coach Dave Hickey: "Athletically, nobody touches her. She's an absolutely fearless defender. She's great in the open court because she anticipates so much. She can cover 3/4 of the court by herself."

Carolyn King - Senior (Capt.)
Forward/guard - Hanover

Carolyn King

A four-year varsity player and three-year starter for the Lady Indians (9-11), King was the team's leading scorer again this season, averaging 12.6 ppg…Used as a small forward and guard, the Patriot League All-star was successful both driving to the hoop or launching a trey (47 percent, 30-of-63)…Also a consistent free-throw shooter, King averaged 70 percent at the line and pulled down 7.6 rebounds per game…A member of the National Honor Society, King is also a standout field hockey and softball player at HHS…She plans to attend college. Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "Carolyn can just do it all. She's scored in double figures every year. She can post up inside and shoot threes. She's a great player."

Lindsey Arria - Sophomore
Point-guard - Hanover

Just a sophomore, Arria is already a two-year starter at point-guard for Hanover…An extremely athletic player, Arria's speed, shooting ability, and aggressive defensive play proved invaluable for the Lady Indians (9-11)…A Patriot League All-star, Arria averaged 10 ppg, while also averaging four steals and 4.5 assists per game… Arria was a 71 percent free throw shooter this season…Also a standout soccer and softball player at HHS, Arria will be among the team's top returning players. Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "Lindsey is quickly becoming a real good point-guard. She's still learning and is gaining a great deal of confidence. She's very coachable and is a real smart kid."

Lindsey Arria

Melissa Murphy - Senior (Capt.)
Point-guard - Rockland

Melissa Murphy

What can you say about a player like Murphy… In the Rockland (14-7, 8-4 PL) organization since the 8th grade, Murphy scored her 1,000th career point this season, finishing with 1,118 overall…Blistering speed was this point-guard's biggest asset, making her very difficult to contain…The team's leading scorer with 17.1 ppg, while adding five steals per game…The three-time Patriot League All-star was deadly on a fast break, and from behind the arch, and was always the first one down the court in transition…Murphy was a freshman on RHS's Div. 3 State Championship team in 2000…She also led the RHS cheerleading squad to back-to-back state titles and is a standout sprinter on the outdoor track team. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "We won't be able to replace Murphy next year. Much like (Liz) Martin this year, it will probably take a couple of players to do what Murphy did for us. She has a tremendous inside and outside scoring ability."

Laura Goggin - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Rockland

Not necessarily a flashy scorer, Goggin's workhorse mentality has helped key Rockland's success over the years…A three-time Patriot League All-star and three-year starter on the Lady Bulldogs' (14-7, 8-4 PL) squad, Goggin is best known for her aggressive play inside the paint, despite routinely being outsized…A fierce rebounder and defender, Goggin notched the assist on teammate Melissa Murphy's 1,000th career point…Goggin (7.5 ppg, 6 rpg) is also a member of the RHS cheer squad, which won back-to-back state titles, and plays softball…She plans to attend college. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "Goggin takes an awful lot of pride and work ethic when she gets on the floor. She has a real solid game around the key box. She's been part of this program since the eighth-grade and will be a tremendous loss."

Laura Goggin

Meghan Duffy - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Marshfield

Meghan Duffy

A two-time Old Colony League All-star, Duffy has been the Lady Rams' (9-11) leading scorer for the last two seasons…Her 13.1 ppg placed her among the top five in the league…A very aggressive and versatile player, Duffy also averaged 10 rebounds per game…A three-year starter at forward, Duffy is a relentless worker, putting in extra practice time to work on free throw shooting, according to her coach, the results of which were clear in the final 10 games of the season, in which she averaged 89 percent from the line…Duffy is also a standout field hockey and tennis player at MHS. Marshfield coach Rick Fredericks: "Meghan is a leader on and off the floor. She's a great kid and a real hard worker. We're certainly going to miss her."

Erin Curran - Sophomore
Point-guard - Abington

Erin Curran

After seeing limited action last season, Curran was the team's leading playmaker this year…Just a sophomore, Curran is already playing well beyond her years, leading the Green Wave (12-7) in scoring this season with 11.1 ppg…She also led the team in 3-pointers, hitting 28 and in assists with 4.5 per game…Quickness and athleticism are among Curran's greatest qualities on the court both offensively and defensively…She helped lead the rebuilding Abington squad to a respectable third-place finish in the South Shore League (8-4) and tourney berth in the Div. 3 South Sectional…Also a midfield/keeper on the AHS soccer team, Curran will be among the top returning players to the hoop team. Abington coach Mike Mayhew: "Erin was very important to all of our wins. She made some big baskets when we needed them. She's still developing her game and is going to be a great player."

Erica Murphy - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Weymouth

Erica Murphy

With much of the team being underclassmen, Murphy was called upon to play a variety of positions and did so for the better of the team…A Bay State League All-star, this two-year starter averaged 11 ppg for the Lady Wildcats (8-12)…Her eight rebounds per game also led the team this season…Voted the Most Valuable Player by her teammates, Murphy was the only senior on the squad this year…Primarily a forward, Murphy was also used at point-guard and at several different defensive posts…Murphy plans to continue her basketball career at Western Kentucky. Weymouth coach Steve Shoff: "Erica had a very good senior year. She was a big leader on the floor. She's so strong and is a great leaper, which allowed her to guard some pretty big girls."

Stephanie Geehan - Freshman
Power Forward - Braintree

Stephanie Geehan

This freshman emerged quickly as a force in the paint for the Lady Wamps this winter, leading them to a surprising 13-7 record in what was supposed to be a rebuilding season…averaged a team best 11.4 points and seven rebounds per game… put her long arms, 5-feet-11 frame and excellent hoop sense to good use, blocking more than four shots per game…lone BHS player named a Bay State Conference first-team all-star…had a season high 24 points against Dedham, and a season high 19 rebounds versus Brookline…scored in double figures in 14 games…plays basketball year round as a member of the AAU Bay State Magic team…also a standout volleyball player for Braintree High this past spring…will play golf this spring for BHS… brother Jonathan Geehan, a BHS senior, was named a Mariner All-Scholastic for golf this fall…Braintree coach Nick Krot: "Stephanie is just one of those girls who has a nose for the ball. She's got unusually strong court sense for a freshman She's not terribly strong or anything, but she manages to block shots and grab rebounds by being in the right place. She

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All-Scholastic girls basketball team

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finishes very well after grabbing offensive rebounds."

Katie Castignetti - Junior Guard - Braintree

Katie Castignetti

This junior swingman had to adjust on the fly to a new role this season, point guard, and her floor leadership was a major component in the Lady Wamps surprising 13-7 regular season and run to the second round of the state tourney…named a second team all-star in the 16-team Bay State Confer-ence… averaged 7.4 points and nearly four assists per game… had a season high 19 points against Framingham…two-year starter…an outstanding defender and team leader…played varsity soccer and softball at BHS in her freshman year, but decided after that to concentrate exclusively on basketball…plays basketball year round for the Bay State Magic…an Honors Students with a 3.5 GPA…has a rank of 49 in her class of 331…Braintree coach Nick Krot: "Katie was an extremely strong influence on our team. She's so mentally and physically tough. Although she didn't score a lot, she really made our offense go, and she was an exceptional defensive player who set the tone for us at that end of the floor."

Dominique Jones - Senior Center - Holbrook

Dominique Jones

Emerged as a major force in the paint this winter to play a key role in the Lady Bulldogs, playing a key in the Lady Bulldogs Mayflower League title run…the 5-foot-10 bruiser led the ML in rebounding, grabbing 13 caroms per game, which included a single game best of 30 rebounds…also led the team in scoring with 18.7 points per game…Mayflower League all-star…extremely adept at boxing out…a good post player who proved very difficult to knock off her shot down low…won a starting spot last year after transferring from Blue Hills … plays basketball year round in area leagues…would like to play college basketball…has been accepted to Johnson & Wales and Rhode Island College, and is still waiting to hear back from Northeastern…plans to major in Law Enforcement…Holbrook coach Kristi Bach: "The things that set Dominique apart are dedication and hard work. She was always fighting for position down low. She refused to back down, and she was very good at boxing out once she got the position. She works so hard in games and in practices, and that rubbed off on her teammates."

Jeanne Steele - Sophomore Point-Guard - Silver Lake

Jeanne Steele

The lone member of the SL girls basketball team named an Old Colony League all-star… the Lady Lakers struggled on offense this season, but this slick little playmaker was certainly not to blame…averaged 5.6 assists per game and had a direct hand in over one-third of the SL girls' points on the year…also a sensational defender who tied Alex Bradshaw for the team lead in steals…voted the team's Most Valuable Player by her teammates…father Dick Steele is the team's coach…Honor Roll student…plays AAU basketball year round…also a sensational soccer player who has played with the SL varsity squad since her freshman year…plays club soccer year round…also ran spring track in her freshman year…Silver Lake coach Dick Steele: "Jeanne did a very good job getting the ball up the floor and getting us into our offense. She really loves being the point guard and playmaker. She's a very good passer and defender. Obviously, it can be tough playing for your father, but the kids accepted her very well, and that really helped her."

HONORABLE MENTION

Jessica Mellen - Fr. - Forward - Rockland
Shawna Carroll - Fr. - Center - Rockland
Erin Smyth - Sr. (Capt.) - Guard - Abington
Meghan Farrell - Jr. - Center - Abington
Liz Marvelle - Sr. (Capt.) - Forward - Hanover
Kate Wilson - Jr. - Center - Hanover
Heather Boles - Jr. - Forward - Hingham
Hilary Lynch - Sr. - Forward - Hingham
Kendall Carlson - Soph. - Forward - Weymouth
Colleen Sinewick - Sr. (Capt.) - Forward - Weymouth
Mandy Lovell - Sr. (Capt.) - Center - Marshfield
Shauna Eyster- Sr.- Forward- Norwell
Minnie Doherty- Sr.- Forward- Norwell
Holly Guastalli- Fr.- Guard- Norwell
Heather Glass- Sr.- Guard- Holbrook
Jessie MacNeil- Jr.- Guard- Holbrook
Merry McDonald- Sr.- Guard- Braintree
Alex Bradshaw- Sr. (Capt.)- Forward- Silver Lake
Kate Schmuttenmaer- Sr. (Capt.)- Guard- Silver Lake
Kate Carlezone- Fr.- Forward- Scituate
Christina Obert- Sr. (Capt.)- Center- Scituate
Lindsay Grossman- Sr. (Capt.)- Forward- Cohasset
Jenn Buckley- Jr.- Guard- Cohasset
La'Raine Langford - Sr.- Guard- Cohasset

Yearning for the outdoors

Gymnasium no place to begin CHS baseball rebuilding

By Mike Spellman
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Other than the placement of a few new scuff marks on the brand new Cohasset High gymnasium floor, there's not a whole lot to report at this point regarding the CHS baseball team.

The beginning of a new week brought with it the hope that the Skippers diamond gang could finally get outdoors to begin in earnest their preparations for the 2003 season, which gets underway officially a week from this coming Monday, April 7, with South Shore League rival Norwell coming to town (3:30 p.m. start).

Rain and melting snow contributed to impossibly sloppy conditions at Milliken Field last week, forcing all workouts to be conducted indoors, a far from ideal situation for any coach, but exponentially more so for a first year coach.

"I still really don't know much about what I have for ballplayers," said CHS "rookie" head baseball coach Al Gallotta this weekend. "It's so tough to get a read on players indoors; you really need to get them outdoors. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate this week, and I'll be able to really get into the evaluation process."

Of course, Gallotta will be helped along immeasurably in this time-constrained "process" by his 27-years of experience as a baseball coach. Gallotta comes to Cohasset High fresh off a 27-year coaching stint at Archbishop Williams, the last 25 years of which he also served as that school's Athletic Director.

Though hitting, fielding and even speed are nearly impossible to evaluate well in a gymnasium, pitching is a little easier to assess, so Gallotta did have a reasonable idea of where he stood in that area before heading outdoors.

Sophomore Ted Straughn, the younger brother of 2002 staff ace Tim Straughn (now at UMass-Amherst), appears the lead candidate to step into the number one hurler's role. Ted, like his older brother, plays AAU ball year round, and that's definitely given him a leg up in the early going, according to Gallotta.

Senior Mike Snowdale, who was in the regular starting pitcher rotation last year along with the two Straughns, is back looking for his old job.

Mike, who quarterbacked the CHS football team the last two years, will be looking to fend off the challenges of fellow seniors Chris McKenna and Terry Baroudi, who are both returning to the baseball program after one-year absences. Both are coming off fantastic wrestling seasons that saw them each garner Mariner All-Scholastic selections last week.

Baroudi, who sat out baseball last year due to shoulder surgery, has caught coach K's eye with his control. McKenna, a lefty who is also a lead candidate to start in centerfield, has made an impression with his velocity.

"I imagine all four of those guys will be called on pretty heavily to pitch," said Gallotta. "They've all looked pretty good so far, but until you get them outside against some live hitting and in scrimmages, it's tough to say."

That kind of uncertainty for Galotta went double and then some for the rest of his positional players after a week's worth of indoor work. In fact, coach Galotta said he did not feel comfortable commenting yet on any other players on his team.

"It just wouldn't feel comfortable and it wouldn't be fair to the kids to comment based on what I've seen so far," he said. "We can talk next week. I should have a much better idea then."

One thing we can report is that the number of players is up dramatically this season. There was not enough interest to support a JV team last year, and the season ended, reportedly, with just 14 players in the program. This year, 36 Cohasset High students signed up for baseball, and 32 are currently still in the mix.

This is a circumstance many feel is related directly to the impeccable reputation Gallotta brings with him from Archbishop Williams—a reputation that has, if anything, gained only more luster in his short time with the Cohasset High players.

"Coach Gallotta's practices are so well organized and well run," assessed sophomore hopeful Brendan Barry. "It doesn't take long at all to see that he and coach (assistant Damien) D'Angelo really know what they're doing."

CHS boys open season with visions of state title run

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year, while Joey is a natural who's going to be very good."

The Skippers, for the first time in Orcutt's tenure, will be able to run a third line of middies, comprised of juniors Mike Hajjar, Dwayne Morris and Ryan Tufts.

"Mike is an experienced player with good stickwork," said Orcutt, "and Dwayne is a tremendous athlete who improves every day. Ryan transferred this year from Xaverian, and from what I've seen is very quick and has a great work ethic."

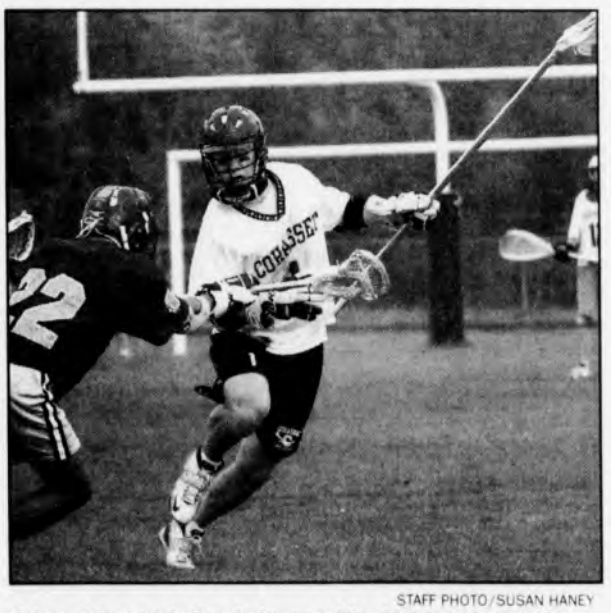
Standout Attack

Two Mariner all-stars and senior co-captains lead the Cohasset attack. Soccer captain Curt Kahn and Matt Davis — a hockey captain and a 2001 Pilgrim League all-star as a soph midfielder — combined for 75 goals last spring. Kahn, with 143 career points, has already committed to play for Trinity College while Davis, with 90 points in his first three years, will be continuing his career at Ursinus College in the tough Div. 3 Centennial Conference. They'll be joined by soph Jake Previte, a highly skilled playmaker who had nine goals as a freshman.

"The attack unit is one of the best in the league without question," said Orcutt. "Curt is a regional all-star who's played in national competition up and down the East Coast. He had 52 goals last year, and most of them came when we needed them. He steps up in big games and responds to pressure. Matt is an exceptional dodger and gives one hundred percent at every practice. We moved him to attack because of his ability to create his own shot. Those two, working together, are going to give us plenty of scoring opportunities. Even though Jake's a sophomore, I expect a lot out of him, because he's got the talent. He's good off either hand, and is both a playmaker and a shooter."

Adding depth to the attack will be sophs Sam Steele, an exceptional player at Derby Academy in 2002, Jon Grimm and Jake Kovach, and freshman Aidan Buick.

"On any given day," said Orcutt, "three will probably play in the JV game, and the fourth will dress for the varsity. Who goes where will be decided on how they've been practicing."



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Cohasset Co-captain Tom Anderson (white shirt) is a big part of a midfield that may be one of the best in the Pilgrim Conference this season.

Dominating Defense

The Skippers defense will be led by two-time captain and Mariner all-star Nick Spirito, who has committed to ninth-ranked Div. 3 power Nazareth. He'll be joined by senior Ben Lynner, who captained both the football and basketball teams, and by juniors Mike Devine, a hockey all-star, and Stephen Davis. Junior Dan Roth should also find playing time at close defense.

"Nick is one of the top three defenders in our league one-on-one," said Orcutt. "He was picked for the eastern Massachusetts underclassmen all-star game last spring and — along with Curt, Robert and Matt Davis— won a gold medal this summer in the Bay State Games. Nick is tenacious, and he's getting a lot of help from coach Rossi in terms of discipline on when to slide to the open man or the man with the ball. He could be great this season.

"Ben is much quicker this spring, playing at about 205," Orcutt continued. It's really only his second year, and coach Rossi is helping him with understanding game tactics. He's going to be solid. So are Mike and Stephen. Mike's just got great instincts and is a wonderful, quiet leader by example. And Stephen's attitude is fantastic. He's working hard."

At longstick midfielder will be senior Evan Pestone, a soccer captain, and junior Conor Buick, the soccer captain for next fall. Soph Casey Coleman could also see time at the position.

"Evan switched from shortstick this season," said Orcutt, and he's been looking great. He's handling the ball well, and he's one of our fastest athletes. He's showing great intensity. Conor's stepped up from last year too, and this position is going to be one of our strengths."

In the Goal

After two years as a back-up to all-star Kyle Weber, junior Nick Murphy will take over the starting role in the goal. In the previous two seasons, Murphy appeared in 19 games, one as the starter, and made 59 saves while allowing 32 goals for a .648 save percentage. In the off-season, Murphy anchored a Cohasset indoor team that three times made the Top Gun League championship game and was twice named Player of the Week. Backing him up will be soph Chris Simms and freshman Ben Libby, who will also share JV goaltending duties.

"Nick's been doing a great job, and his hard work in the off-season is paying off," said Orcutt. "He's seeing the ball well, and finding the open man on the clears. He's also getting great competition from Chris and Ben. I'm very pleased with our goalie situation."

The Skippers have a 16-game schedule, and two pre-season contests. The first was scheduled for Wednesday, against the new Quincy/North Quincy combined team, playing its first varsity season. On Saturday, Cohasset will travel to New Bedford for a jamboree featuring public and private school teams from Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

"We've got ambitious goals this season," concluded Orcutt, "but we've also got simple ones. We want to get the most out of each day. For the first week, that's been true."

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Middle school/high school spring sports schedule

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

Date	Opponent	Time
March		
29	at N. Bedford Scrimmage	10 a.m.
April		
4	at Scituate	7 p.m.
8	Falmouth	6 p.m.
11	at Duxbury	7 p.m.
13	Nantucket	2 p.m.
15	at Barnstable	4 p.m.
25	St. John's	1 p.m.
29	Norwell	7 p.m.
May		
2	Marshfield	5 p.m.
6	Hingham	7 p.m.
8	at Norwell	4 p.m.
10	at Nantucket	2 p.m.
12	at Milton	7 p.m.
13	Hanover	4 p.m.
15	Sandwich	4 p.m.
19	Hopkinton	7 p.m.
21	Canton	7 p.m.

BOYS JV LACROSSE

Date	Opponent	Time
April		
4	at Scituate	5 p.m.
8	Falmouth	4 p.m.
11	at Duxbury	5 p.m.
15	at Barnstable	4 p.m.
29	Norwell	5 p.m.
May		
2	Marshfield	5 p.m.
6	Hingham	5 p.m.
8	at Norwell	6 p.m.
13	Hanover	4 p.m.
15	Sandwich	4 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

Date	Opponent	Time
April		
3	at Cape Cod Ac.	4 p.m.
8	N. Bedford	4 p.m.
9	at Barnstable	4 p.m.
15	Norwell	7 p.m.
29	at Duxbury	4 p.m.
May		
1	Sandwich	5:30 p.m.
2	Bourne	7 p.m.
6	Holliston	4 p.m.
9	Scituate	7 p.m.
10	at Nantucket	12 p.m.
13	at Falmouth	4 p.m.
15	at Marshfield	4 p.m.
20	Hingham	5:30 p.m.
22	at Bourne	4 p.m.
27	at Scituate	7 p.m.
28	Nantucket	4 p.m.

GIRLS JV LACROSSE

Date	Opponent	Time
April		
8	N. Bedford	5:30 p.m.
9	at Barnstable	5:30 p.m.
15	Norwell	5 p.m.
29	at Duxbury	5:30 p.m.
May		
1	Sandwich	4 p.m.
9	Scituate	5 p.m.
13	at Falmouth	5:30 p.m.
15	at Marshfield	5:30 p.m.
20	Hingham	4 p.m.
27	at Scituate	5 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
April		
7	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
8	Mashpee	4 p.m.
10	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
14	Holbrook	3:30 p.m.
15	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
16	Carver	3 p.m.
22	at S.S.V.T.	10 a.m.
24	Millis	10 a.m.
29	at Harwich	4 p.m.
May		
1	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
5	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
6	Hull	3:30 p.m.
8	Abington	3:30 p.m.
12	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
13	S.S. Christian Ac.	3:30 p.m.
15	Harwich	4 p.m.
22	at Holbrook	3:30 p.m.
23	at Millis	4 p.m.

BOYS JV BASEBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
April		
7	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
8	Mashpee	4 p.m.
10	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
14	Holbrook	3:30 p.m.
15	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
16	Carver	3 p.m.
24	Millis	10 a.m.
29	at Harwich	4 p.m.
May		
1	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
5	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
6	Hull	3:30 p.m.
8	Abington	3:30 p.m.
12	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
15	Harwich	4 p.m.
22	at Holbrook	3:30 p.m.
23	at Millis	4 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
April		
3	Holbrook	3:30 p.m.
7	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
8	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
10	Hull	3:30 p.m.
14	at S.S. Chrstn Ac.	3:30 p.m.
15	Abington	3:30 p.m.
16	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
29	Harwich	4 p.m.
May		
1	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
5	Mashpee	4 p.m.
6	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
8	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
12	Carver	3:30 p.m.
13	S.S. Christian Ac.	3:30 p.m.
15	at Harwich	4 p.m.
19	Sacred Heart	3:30 p.m.
20	at Rockland	3:30 p.m.
22	Rockland	3:30 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

Date	Opponent	Time
April		
1	Hanover	3:30 p.m.
3	at Cape Cod Ac.	4 p.m.
7	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
8	Mashpee	4 p.m.
15	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
16	Carver	3 p.m.
29	at Harwich	4 p.m.
May		
1	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
5	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
6	Cath. Mem.	4 p.m.
8	Abington	3:30 p.m.
12	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
13	Cape Cod Ac.	3:30 p.m.
15	Harwich	4 p.m.
19	at Hanover	3:30 p.m.
20	Hingham	3:30 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

Date	Opponent	Time
April		
3	Scituate	3:30 p.m.
7	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
8	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
14	Duxbury	3:30 p.m.
15	Abington	3:30 p.m.
16	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
29	Harwich	4 p.m.
May		
1	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
2	Ursuline	4 p.m.
5	Mashpee	4 p.m.
8	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
9	at Duxbury	3:30 p.m.
12	Carver	3:30 p.m.
15	at Harwich	4 p.m.
20	at Hingham	3:30 p.m.
21	at Notre Dame	3:30 p.m.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Date	Opponent	Time
April		
1	Tri Meet Rockland/Hull	3:30 p.m.
3	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
7	Carver	3:30 p.m.
10	Hull	3:30 p.m.
14	Harwich	3:30 p.m.
16	Abington	3:30 p.m.
30	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
May		
3	at W-H Frosh-Soph Meet	10 a.m.
3	at Weston Twi-light Inv.	5 p.m.
5	SSL Meet at Carver	3:30 p.m.
10	Coaches Inv. at Lowell	10 a.m.
17	Coaches Relays at Weston	10 a.m.
24	S.S. Principals at Norwell	10 a.m.
31	State Class D at Norwell	10 a.m.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Date	Opponent	Time
April		
1	Tri Meet Rockland/Hull	3:30 p.m.
3	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
7	Carver	3:30 p.m.
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3	W-H Frosh-Soph Meet	10 a.m.
3	at Weston Twi-light Inv.	5 p.m.
6	SSL Meet at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
10	Coaches Inv. at Plym. South	10 a.m.
17	Coaches Relays at Weston	10 a.m.
24	S.S. Principals at Norwell	10 a.m.
31	State Class D at Norwell	10 a.m.

Tracking success

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"We'll count on those three for their leadership, as well as their abilities and their flexibility, especially the flexibility," LaFontaine stated. "I'm going to really need that from them this year,"

Others the Skippers are looking toward this season are seniors Adrian Batson and Braun Goodson, and junior Nick Parker, along with underclassmen Pete Bunstein (sophomore) and Marc Bouchard (freshman).

Each bring strength and solidity to their usual, respective events. Now it's hoped they can bring that same level of winning into other areas.

Still, the question remains: regardless of the talented pool of athletes Cohasset has, will the waters be deep enough to ride one more championship and undefeated wave in 2003?

Coach LaFontaine will hold off a bit longer before making that call.

"I'm going to wait and see (before that prognostication)," he said. "I think I'll have a better idea where we'll stand as a team after we've gone through our first couple of meets and I get to see who's in the league."

That time for judgment starts next week, when the Skippers take on Rockland and Hull in a tri-meet at home (April 1 in a non-league contest), then host Norwell on Wednesday—in the SSL opener.

Lady laxers eye another big score

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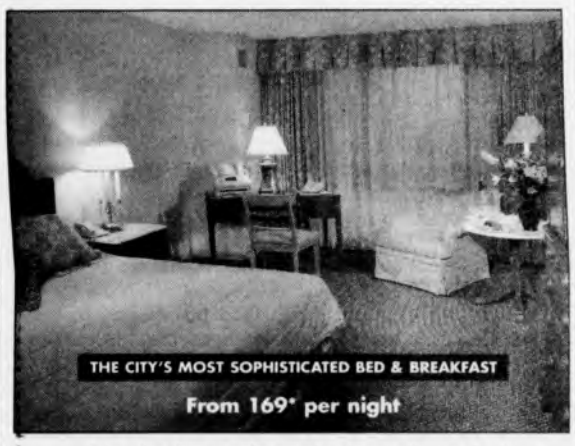
"We have a nice mixture of veteran players and youngsters, who will learn a lot from players like McKenney and Turgiss," commented the coach.

Boston Men's Baseball League seeks players

The Boston Men's Baseball League is accepting registrations for the 2003 season across three age divisions: 18+, 30+ and 40+. To register or with questions, visit www.bostonbaseball.com. If you do not have internet access, you may call 508-358-4550. The Boston Men's Baseball League is New England's largest amateur baseball league, with 63 teams last year. Players of all ages and skill sets can compete, as there are 3 age divisions (18+, 30+ and 40+) as well as conferences based on ability. A 26-game schedule is played, beginning the weekend of April 26-27 and ending in September. We play every weekend, plus one weeknight game per week. There will be a tryout end-March/early-April (date TBD), but registrations are being accepted now.

Teams are located in Boston and in the surrounding suburbs. Take a look at the attachment to see how players come from more than 200 difference cities in Massachusetts!



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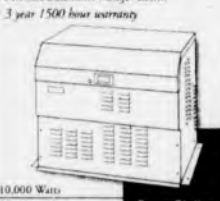
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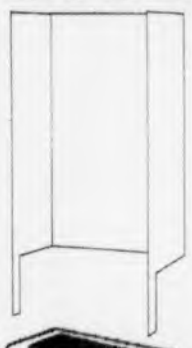
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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

PAC to meet

Cohasset PAC (Parents Advisory Council) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, in the Osgood School music room. Speaker for the evening will be Elizabeth A. Buckley, Program Director Health, Education & Careers Network. The topic is: "Student Centered Planning Transition Services — Graduation requirements for children on IEP's." The meeting is open to parents and interested citizens. For information call, Wendy Kennedy 383-6008 or Bev Koswick 383-2751

Swim-dive team offers scholarship

The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team is offering a scholarship. An applicant must be a high school senior and have been a member of the Cohasset Swim-Dive Team for five years. All portions of the application must be completed and postmarked no later than April 28.

Questions about the scholarship application process should be directed to Irene Volpe Barry, Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship Committee at 383-1605.

Applications may be picked up in the Cohasset High School Guidance Department.

Hospital 'Friends' offer scholarships

The Friends of South Shore Hospital, the hospital's 500-member auxiliary, will award four $1,000 scholarships to area public high school seniors who are planning a health-care career. Applications will be made available on March 1, eligible students must complete and submit a scholarship application by April 18. The applications can be picked up at the information desk in the main lobby of the hospital or by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: South Shore Hospital, Attention: The Friends' Scholarship Chairman, 55 Fogg Road, Box 29, South Weymouth, MA 02190. The applications may be returned to the information desk in the main lobby or to the scholarship chairman at the above address.

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

Be presently enrolled as seniors in a public high school; Be residents of a community served by South Shore Hospital; Have been accepted to study medicine, nursing or any other health-care related field at an accredited higher learning institution; Demonstrate financial need; Have good high school records; Recommendation of guidance counselors; and Personal references.

The Friends of South Shore Hospital is an auxiliary whose members are dedicated to bringing together persons who will support and advance the good health of our region through the mission of South Shore Hospital. The specific goals of The Friends are to encourage volunteerism, generate financial support for the Hospital and to foster community goodwill and involvement. Anyone may become a Friend by calling 781-340-8520.

SSL scholarship

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be high school seniors, residents and intend to begin or further their studies in nursing, social work, or allied health fields. Two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded for the 2003-2004 academic year. Applications are available at the League office, 16 Highland Ave. weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or in the town's high school guidance office. Applications must be received at the League office by April 18,

Seaside Adventures

Seaside Adventures, a new program, will be offered at the Center for Student Coastal Research, starting July 1, and runs for three 2-week sessions through August 7. The program's motto, "inspire excitement" reflects the program's purpose of educating current fourth-through-sixth graders on the topics of oceanography, geology, beach composition, and local habitat preservation and appreciation. All sessions, available in the morning or afternoon, incorporate hands-on learning and may involve excursions to such places as Cohasset Harbor, Sandy Beach and Lily Pond. Each session will meet Tuesday through Thursday, 2-1/2 hours daily, for 2 weeks.

The three sessions each focus on a different theme. In the first session, "Beachcombers," young geologists will explore local beach compositions and tides, and will participate in interesting activities along the shoreline. Session II, "Under the Sea," includes building and examining aquariums, and exploring ocean dwellers ranging from creepy crawlers to fascinating fish. The third session of the summer, titled "Explorers," involves exciting activities caring for the special critters that dwell in our ocean and fresh water ponds.

For more information on the Center for Student Coastal Research's Seaside Adventures please visit its web site, www.ccscr.org, or call our office at (781)-383-8909. Applications are available online, at the Paul Pratt Library, or at the Recreation Department, and can be mailed to 40 Parker Avenue any time before May 1. If you'd like more information on Seaside Adventures, the Center for Student Coastal Research is hosting an Open House at the newly remodeled Hagerty Building, 40 Parker Ave., Saturday April 12, 9am-2pm.

SPORTS NOTES

Youth Football and Cheerleading signup

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2003 fall season on Sunday, April 6, from 9am to 12pm at the equipment facility located at the back of Scituate High School.

Rosters must be submitted to the league by may 1st. any players not signed up on April 6th will not be guaranteed a position on a team. If unable to attend this signup, please call.

Football questions, call Bob McQuaid at (781) 545-0963

Cheerleading questions, call Lorie Neil at (781) 545-4526

Registration Fees: football $145.00, cheerleading $95.00*

*Maximum charge per family is $290.00

Minimum age: must be 8 by 12/31/03

Maximum age: cannot turn 15 in 2003

First year players and players that did not play last year must bring a copy of their birth certificate that the league will keep on file.

Soccer Club Work Day

The Cohasset Soccer Club will be holding its annual work day at the soccer fields this Saturday, March 29th to prepare the fields and equipment for spring play. If possible, between the Town Meeting and yard work chores, come up to the field and help put the playing area back in order after this long winter.

The spring outdoor season will begin the weekend of April 5th, with both in-town and travel teams beginning their seasons on Saturday the 5th. All players should be contacted by their coaches during the week prior to the start of play to provide information on game times and practice schedules.

Soccer Club spring signup

The Cohasset Soccer Club is currently accepting registrations for the spring outdoor soccer program which will begin April 5th. Registration is open for players aged 5 (by August 1, 2003) through 10, up through the 4th Grade. Registration for the Club's travel teams with players in Grade 5 or older is closed.

Registration forms are available at the Town Hall or will be available at the soccer field shed this Saturday during the Club's work day. Registrations must be completed and submitted prior to the start of the season on April 5th.

Baseball clinic

Cohasset Recreation Department's South Shore Baseball Camp will provide an April vacation baseball clinic beginning Tuesday, April 22, through Friday, April 25, at Milliken Field.

The clinic runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. and this week-long program will cost $100 per participant.

For more information, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Registration forms can be found at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall.

Swim Center Notes

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor. Spring courses are being offered starting in March and April. Water Safety Instructor applicants must be 17 years old.

Programs to become a certified Lifeguard are also be offered throughout the region during the Spring. Lifeguard course applicants must be 15 years old. Sign-up Now!

For more information call Sue Mavilia at 781-383-1988 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@attbi.com please include your phone number with your contact information.

They're baaack

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Bostwick. "Our realistic goal is to get six or more wins, maybe finish at .500. That would be great."

Cohasset will play in the notably competitive South Shore League.

"Hanover, Abington and Norwell could all be tough," acknowledged Bostwick. "Hopefully, we can get some confidence playing against other young teams like Holbrook, Hull and South Shore Christian."

As for last years impressive 11-4 record, the team knows this season will be no cakewalk.

"We just need to take things a base and an inning at a time and make realistic goals," noted Bostwick. "We know that this is going to be different being in a varsity league and we are just hoping to stay enthusiastic and have some fun."

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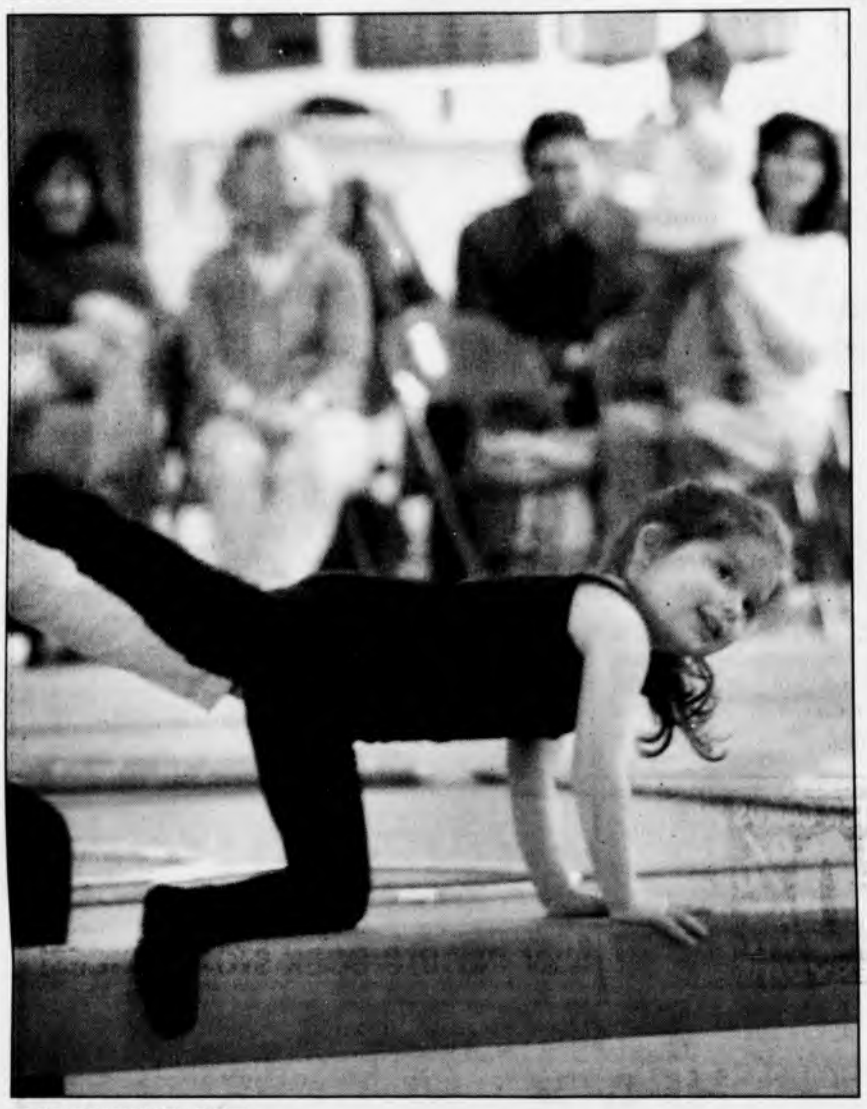
Brancale art is on exhibit

Joan Brancale, a gallery artist with South Shore Art Center, will have an exhibit of her most recent oil paintings at Cohasset's new Paul Pratt Memorial Library now located in the former Osgood Elementary School at 35 Ripley Road. The show, "Winterbreak," will feature local South Shore landscapes. This will be the inaugural exhibit at the new library which opened March 3, and the show will remain until April 26.

Many of the paintings for "Winterbreak" are local Hingham and Cohasset scenes, developed in the artist's studio this past January and February, working from plein-air studies, thumbnail sketches and her own photographs. For a landscape painter, this "winter break" of working inside provided an opportunity to focus more on memory and emotional intent. A moment outside caught in a sketch or photograph is extended and altered in the process of painting.

Brancale's art career began as a professional set designer and muralist. Having received her MFA in Design from Tisch School of the Arts at New York University she designed and painted scenery in New York City before moving to the Boston area. Over the years she has continued to work in theatre as well as creating murals for residential and commercial interiors. Her profession developed skills that have proved useful as a fine artist.

Painting on location throughout the South Shore and Cape Cod offers Brancale the opportunity to savor nature's gifts. Stories are often waiting to unfold in her work, the mood of the moment highlighted by sensitive use of color and detail.



BALANCING ACT

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Marina Longo performs for family and friends on the balance beam in Tumble Bugs during Observation Week at the South Shore Community Center on North Main Street.

OBITUARIES

Audrey M. Devine

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Audrey M. (Sheehan) Devin, 87, a 51-year resident of Cohasset, died peacefully at her residence, surrounded by her children on March 20, 2003, of cancer after a three month illness.

Mrs. Devin was a retired Post Office worker for the Town of Cohasset, She was born in South Boston, and was educated in the Boston school system.

Wife of the late John A. Devin, she leaves her children, John Devin and his wife, Sally, of Hingham, Paul Devin and his wife, Joanne, of North Andover, Robert Devin of Cohasset, Sheila McDonald and her husband, Tom, of Providence, R.I. Cathleen Brock and her husband, Michael, of Cohasset, Patrice Kane and her husband, Tom, of Foxboro, Deborah Davolio and her husband, Michael, of Turnwater, Wash., Mary Ann Quinn and her husband John, of Hingham; 14 grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Genevieve Fowler, formerly of South Boston and Falmouth.

A Funeral Mass was held in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers donations to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree, Mass. 02184

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, One Summer St., Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Sally Miller

Sally (Palmer) Miller, 59, of Scituate and formerly of Quincy and Marshfield, president of Sally Miller Antiques, died March 21, 2003 at her home.

Mrs. Miller was president of the antique business for the past 14 years. She and her husband owned and operated a second antique business in Scituate for the past 10 years.

Born in Quincy, she had lived in Marshfield for many years and in Scituate for the past five years. She attended North Quincy High School, Hingham High School and the University of Massachusetts.

She was on the boards of directors of the South Shore Visiting Nurses Association and the Myles Standish Credit Union. She was also a member of the Cohasset Garden Club and a past commodore of the North River Yacht Club.

Mrs. Miller was a gourmet cook, flower arranger, and she participated in ballroom dancing competitions.

She leaves her husband, Jerome Miller; a sister, Jean Burke of Plymouth; five nephews and two nieces.

A funeral service was held at the MacDonald Funeral Home in Marshfield. Interment was in High Street Cemetery, Hingham.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Peter Black Research Fund, Boston Neurosurgical Foundation, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston 02115.

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayers for peace

Saint Stephen's since 1990 has prayed continuously for world peace every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in their chapel. The fighting that has begun in Iraq calls directly upon this ministry of prayer for servicemen and women and for the innocent especially the children in Iraq. Prayers are for our troubled world and for all God's people everywhere — for peace, forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus asks prayers for one another and for enemies as well. Prayer can unite people globally in a way nothing else can. In a 20-minute Wednesday service of Evening Prayer, all innocent victims of war, those who serve sacrificially in the armed forces, all relief and disaster agencies, hospital and care providers, chaplains, the media personnel who influence so much in the world, the President and all in authority, the United Nations and all who work for peace with compassion and justice all over the world are prayed for.

"Lord, make us instruments of your peace." *A prayer attributed to St. Francis (BCP, p. 833).*

Author to lead weekend retreat

From Compassion to Action, a weekend retreat workshop with award winning author Jan Phillips will be held on April 5 and 6, at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. Phillips is a writer, multi-media artist and inspirational workshop leader. She is the award-winning author of "Marry Your Muse, God is at Eye Level" and "Making Peace: One Woman's Journey Around the World." Phillips states: "We are the help we have been waiting for. We are the light of the world we inhabit. It is our time to speak, act and be tender and powerful....come bring your light to the dark, warmth to the chill." Call for details and to register 781-383-9184. Registration is $195 and includes three meals. This workshop is being sponsored by the Spirituality and Healing forum of the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset.

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Alpha is for everyone: Catholics, Protestants, atheists and agnostics; those who want to investigate Christianity; those who want to brush up on the basics; and those who feel they've never really "got going" as a Christian.

For more information on Alpha, please call 781-383-6792.

Abbey series on 'Other Voices'

The Glastonbury Abbey series will host Dr. Harvey Cox whose topic is "Hope and Expectation" on Thursday, April 3 at 7:15 p.m. at the Abbey. This is the next installment of the Abbey's for 2002-03 series, Listening to Other Voices: Hope in a Time of Uncertainty.

A teacher at Harvard Divinity School since the early 1960s, Dr. Cox is currently the Victor S. Thomas Professor of Divinity at Harvard. An American Baptist Minister, his research and teaching interests are in the areas of urbanization, world Christianity, and the ministry of the church in the global setting. Cox has been visiting professor at Brandeis University, Seminario Bautista de Mexico and the Narope Institute.

Cox is a prolific and acclaimed author of many titles including "The Secular City," "The Feast of Fools," "Many Mansions: A Christian's Encounters with Other Faiths." He also writes a column for beliefnet.com.

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Docket No. 03P0567EP

In the Estate of WILLIAM D. DITMAR

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 20, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JOY A. NASH of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **APRIL 23, 2003.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, March 11, 2003.

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POLICE LOG

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

4:03 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

5:26 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

8:15 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

9:42 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

1:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

2:13 a.m. Church St., motor vehicle accident.

7:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:19 p.m. Highland Ave., general disturbance/gathering, area search negative.

2:48 p.m. Elm Court, request for police officer/s.

5:16 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, area search negative.

5:38 p.m. Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:12 p.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Jonathan G. Huskins, 18, of 2 Kathys Path, Scituate. Charges: Person under 21 possessing liquor on a state highway; improper starting and stopping; inspection sticker violation.

8:58 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:36 p.m. North Main St. and Joy Place, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

12:27 a.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:36 a.m. Forest Ave., general services.

12:57 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

1:39 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

2:41 a.m. Kendall Village, suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle, verbal warning.

8:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglary, breaking and entering.

10:52 a.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

12:56 p.m. Lily Pond Lane, request for police officer/s.

1:50 p.m. Stevens Lane, animal call or complaint.

2:28 p.m. Stevens Lane, animal call or complaint.

3:10 p.m. Country Way, transport.

9:08 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of John Andrew Myers, 32, of 164 Turner Road, Scituate. Charges: OUI, liquor; negligent operation of abandoned motor vehicle; speeding in violation of special regulation; marked lanes violation; unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

9:21 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Black Rock Road, parking complaint.

1:03 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4 p.m. Cohasset P.D. Headquarters, larceny.

4:56 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:59 p.m. King St., general services.

5:23 p.m. Hobart Lane and Atlantic Ave., general services.

Hate crime reported

Cohasset police are seeking the public's help with information about a hate crime involving a swastika painted with spray paint on a mailbox on Whitehead Road. The incident occurred sometime between 8:45 p.m. and 9 p.m. on March 21. The community mailbox serves about 10 homes in the neighborhood. No other vandalism was reported.

Defacing a mailbox or other object on a public way or in public view can result in punishment of up to two years in prison or by a fine of up to $1,500, police said. The perpetrator could also lose his driver's license for one year.

Anyone with information about the incident should contact Det. Garrett Hunt at 781-383-1055.

Hunt said the incident appears to be a random act and wasn't targeted at any specific individual.

Car break-ins

Police are asking those planning to take a walk in Whitney Woods off Route 3A not to leave their wallets or pocketbooks in plain view inside their vehicles while they are walking. Det. Garrett Hunt said there has been a spate of break-ins in parked vehicles at Whitney Woods lately. The perpetrators take the credit cards and use them right away, he said. Anyone who sees something suspicious should call the police at 781-383-1055.

5:27 p.m. Atlantic Ave., and Howard Gleason Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:45 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:03 p.m. Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:33 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:01 p.m. Forest Ave. and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:04 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:10 p.m. Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Jesse D. Allen III, 19, of 734 Country Way, Scituate. Charges: OUI, liquor; possession of a Class D drug; negligent operation of motor vehicle; assault and battery on a police officer; resisting arrest; wanton destruction of property; speeding in violation of special regulation; license not in possession; failure to wear seatbelt.

Arrest of Benjamin J. Cassiani, 18, of 10 Ship St., Hingham. Charge: Possession of a Class D drug.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

6:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:09 a.m. Hull St., assist other police department.

12:04 p.m. Gammons Road, house checks.

12:11 a.m. Jerusalem Road, house checks.

1:24 p.m. James Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:25 p.m. Jerusalem Road, threats to do bodily harm.

5:35 p.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:29 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of John L. Currier, 32, of 63 Church St., Cohasset. Charges: OUI, liquor—2nd offense; speeding in violation of special regulation.

9:36 p.m. Elm St., identity fraud.

9:53 p.m. Forest Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:20 p.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:36 p.m. HQ, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

1:09 a.m. James Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:16 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:45 a.m. Holly Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:47 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

2:13 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Linden Drive, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

2:57 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:51 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

1:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity.

3:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

3:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

9:14 a.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:29 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:29 a.m. Ripley Road, general disturbance.

12:39 p.m. Elm St., larceny, investigated.

1:24 p.m. Pond St., parking complaint, area search negative.

3:06 p.m. Beechwood St. and Doane St., assist citizen, returned to home/family.

8:01 p.m. Beechwood St., general services.

8:30 p.m. Elm St., annoying/harassing phone calls.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

9:27 a.m. Ripley Road and Smith Place, parking complaint.

9:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11 a.m. Sohier St., general disturbance.

8:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Ridge Top Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:05 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:54 p.m. Black Horse Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:08 p.m. Beechwood St., general disturbance, area search negative.

11:02 p.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint.

11:08 p.m. White Head Road, hate crime, departmental action.

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Life after 'Ally'

Vonda Shepherd makes tour stop in Plymouth

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When a long-running television series is canceled, its cast members are often devastated.

But when "Ally McBeal" ended its five year run in 2001, Vonda Shepherd was actually relieved.

"I appreciated that job immensely. It was a blast and I certainly got a lot out of it, but I was also ready for it to be over," explained Shepherd by telephone from Scranton, PA. last week. "Now, I just want to be an artist."

After five years of performing on the series, arranging its music and producing segments featuring big-name musical guest stars, the singer, songwriter and producer was eager to return to her solo career. Shepherd, 39, brings her current US concert tour to Plymouth Memorial Hall on Saturday night.

"What I did before 'Ally McBeal' was write songs, record albums and tour. And during the time I was on the show, I kept very focused on writing. I learned so much working on 'Ally,' but at the same time I dwelled in a parallel creative universe with my writing."

During her last year or so of the series, Shepherd was also writing the 11 songs that appear on her new CD "Chinatown," recently released on her own record label, Jacket, and distributed by Navarre. Shepherd co-produced the album with her longtime collaborator, Mitchell Froom.

"'Chinatown' is like what I've done since I was 14," says Shepherd. "It is very autobiographical. The songs are all about real life — the high points and the heartbreak, the lost opportunities and the sweet fulfillment. One of my goals when I write is to create a world of my own in the music, to capture a space where I can feel completely lost. I love nature and I love the city, and I try to fuse these two extremes."

The California native was just a teenager when she got her first gigs as a singer and pianist in the Los Angeles area. By 21, she was touring as a backup singer and keyboardist for Rickie Lee Jones. During this time, Shepherd recorded the Top 10 duet hit "Can't We Try" with Dan Hill. Throughout the 1980s and '90s, Shepherd was busy on the road and as a session musician working with everyone from Jackson Browne to Al Jarreau while also releasing her own albums.

Boosted by the success of her time on the former Fox series "Ally McBeal," Vonda Shepherd has taken her act on the road. She performs at Plymouth's Memorial Hall Saturday night.

It was while performing on the Southern California club circuit, that Shepherd was "discovered" by "Ally McBeal" Executive Producer David E. Kelley who hired her as musical director and featured performer on his Fox-TV series. One of Shepherd's primary tasks was to give musical voice to the many highs and lows of Calista Flockhart's character (Ally) through a range of standards and original compositions.

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Singer/songwriter Vonda Shepherd

"I worked with so many different styles of songs in all kinds of situations. The entire experience really gave me confidence as a producer."

The confidence came in handy when it was time for Shepherd to produce the many musical guest stars who visited the fictional Boston law firm — from Randy Newman, Gladys Knight, Chubby Checker, Barry Manilow, Jennifer Holiday and Al Green to Sting.

"Working with some of these people was just amazing. As a kid, I played Al Green's albums three times a day. It was a high point of my life just to get to meet him. And, of course, Sting. I've loved his music forever, too. It was really trippy to actually

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Chris brings home Oscar®

Kingston resident Chris Cooper earned Hollywood's top honor Sunday at the 75th Annual Academy Awards® where he won a best supporting actor Oscar® for his critically acclaimed role in Adaptation.

Cooper's toothless orchid hunter beat out supporting roles played by Ed Harris (The Hours), Paul Newman (Road to Perdition), John C. Reilly (Chicago), and Christopher Walken (Catch Me If You Can).

Cooper, who last month took home the best supporting actor award at the Golden Globes® was favored to win the Oscar® by many industry experts.

This was the first Academy Award nomination and award for the prolific and understated actor who has had roles in a host of recent Hollywood hits including "American Beauty," "The Patriot" and "The Bourne Identity."

Wearing one of the peace pins many celebrities donned for the somber awards ceremony, tempered by the U.S. war with Iraq, Cooper ended his acceptance speech with a plea for peace.

"In light of all the troubles in this world, I wish us all peace," said Cooper, who in accepting the honor thanked everyone from the "Academy to the womb that bore me." Cooper paid credit to fellow nominees saying "It's a pleasure to be thought in your company" and thanked everyone involved in Adaptation — which he called the most enjoyable job he ever had. An emotional Cooper also paid special tribute to his wife, Marianne.

Local officials and friends of the Coopers were thrilled with the actor's big win.

"He's such an extraordinarily gifted artist who has breathed life into some very outstanding roles," said Silver Lake Regional School Committee member Brian Caseau, who admitted he is more familiar with his friend as a husband and father than an esteemed and award-winning Hollywood actor.

Kingston resident Chris Cooper shows off his Oscar® statue at Sunday's 75th Anniversary Academy Awards® ceremony. Cooper took home the best supporting actor award for his role in Adaptation.

"We're extremely happy for him and profoundly proud of this outstanding accomplishment," he said. "In the annals of cinematic history, there will always be Chris W. Cooper."

-Alice Coyle

Country time

Nashville recording stars play Memorial Hall

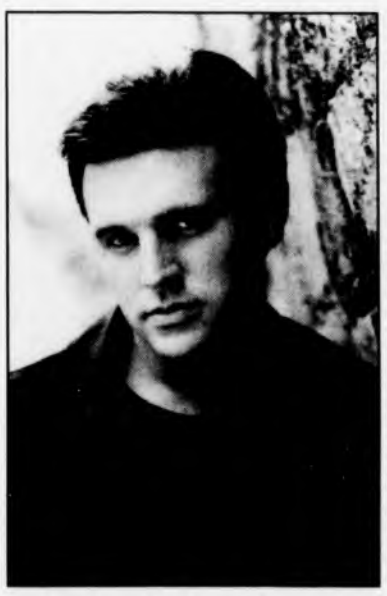
By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

America's music comes to America's hometown. That's how some of the area's hardest-core country music fans might describe the all-star country double-bill coming to Plymouth Memorial Hall this Friday.

The show brings to Plymouth two of Nashville's hottest ACM (Academy of Country Music) artists currently riding the country charts in veteran headliner Mark Wills and relative newcomer Blake Shelton. The performers have combined credits of over 4 million albums sold, nine Top 5 singles including six #1's, 7 Top 5 videos including 4 #1's, and numerous ACM and other industry association awards and nominations.

Bill-topper Wills has been making hit albums and singles since 1998, and currently has five albums since the release of his first *Greatest Hits* package last November. His major breakthrough came in '99, when he took home that year's ACM award for Top New Male Vocalist. Since then it's been a solid winning streak for the Cleveland-born, Georgia-raised singer/guitarist, with five #1 country singles, including the latest chart-topper, the post-baby boomer, 1970s-80s nostalgia rave-up, "19 Somethin'," one of two new tracks on the *Greatest Hits* disc.

Country artists Blake Shelton (above) and Mark Wills (below) perform Friday at Plymouth's Memorial Hall.



Opener Shelton is currently on the road in support of his newly released second CD, *The Dreamer*, the much-anticipated follow-up to his 2001 self-titled debut disc. That album made for an impressive, gold-selling national breakthrough for the Oklahoma native, and even put the singer in the country record books as the disc's single, the cleverly scripted phone-tag and answering machine melodrama, "Austin," set a new maximum for the genre by spending five weeks at #1. The follow-up single, "Ol' Red," the tale of a prison inmate who befriends the warden by taking care of his dog - the title character, also spawned a #1 CMT (Country Music Television) video.

"It's up to the artist to take the songs and make them their own. They go out and find the great songs, but then, they have to make them theirs and into something special. Otherwise, they're just karaoke cowboys," muses Wills, 29, in a current publicity release, reflecting on his career and the release of his *Greatest Hits*.

Wills will be onstage with his regular touring band, which he has dubbed the Nokintobob Band, so named as to denote "no kin to Bob Wills," the legendary Texas swing fiddler and bandleader. Mark Wills' actually given name is Daryl Mark Williams, which he shortened to his trademark moniker to avoid confusion with another country singer named Mark Williams working the same Atlanta club scene as Wills in the mid 90s.

Together, Wills and Shelton offer a dynamic contrast performing on the same bill. Wills is more of the romantic country crooner type, naming artists such as Conway Twitty, Ronnie Milsap and Keith Whitley as his main influences. Shelton's style is bolder, more in the good-timing, beer-drinking, honky-tonking mode, with singers like Hank Williams Jr. and Travis Tritt cited as major influences. Both performers are multi-dimensional, however, diversifying between ballads and uptempo numbers as well as country styles and moods.

"19 Somethin'," with its fond reminiscences from the 70s ("Farrah Fawcett hairdo days, bell-bottoms and 8-

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Food & dining

Updating noodle casseroles

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Jean is a Vermonter and lives across the dirt road from our farmhouse. Over the years she has treated us to a variety of unexpected main courses from a woodchuck stew (the beast had been caught that morning in a trap) to four gray squirrels, skinned, boned and served up in a traditional Brunswick stew, to a dish that I thought had been relegated to the history books many years before, turkey Tettrazini. I'm not much for casseroles featuring heavy cream sauces slathered over noodles, meat, and vegetables. Flavors get lost and the dish is too heavy for my taste. But this casserole was good eating; spaghetti coated with a light sauce, studded with large chunks of moist turkey, topped with toasted breadcrumbs. It was satisfying but not heavy and easy to make.

I went back to my cookbook library and pulled out American Cookery by James Beard and found his version that he claimed was named after a San Francisco gourmand and opera singer around the turn of the century. I tested Beard's version as well as a few others and finally settled on a basic formula. Instead of basing the sauce on a béchamel (flour, butter, milk) which I found too heavy, I used a velouté instead (flour, butter, chicken stock). A dash of sherry and some grated Parmesan also improved flavors as did a little lemon juice and some freshly grated nutmeg. I also doubled the amount of meat (earlier versions were mostly pasta) and followed Beard's advice about cooking in a shallow dish in a hot oven. This helps to solve the problem with casserole cookery; the ingredients have to be cooked twice which ruins texture and reduces flavor. I admit, this recipe won't be featured by Weight Watcher's anytime soon, but if you have the courage to indulge upon occasion, this beats the standard weeknight fare of pasta with butter and cheese.

MASTER RECIPE FOR NOODLE CASSEROLE

This recipe works best with chicken or turkey and spaghetti, which is then a recipe for Tettrazini. According to James Beard, the name comes from a famous turn of the century opera singer who was partial to both pasta and large quantities. Note that this dish is not baked covered for a long time. For a fresher, less sodden texture and flavor, it is best to use a shallow baking dish, no cover, and a very hot oven. The ingredients warm quickly and the bread crumbs brown nicely. If done properly, this is quite a good dish, not just a way to make do with leftovers. Don't be stingy with the salt and pepper. This dish needs aggressive seasoning.

8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter plus extra for greasing baking dish
1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs, toasted preferred
2 cups sliced white button mushrooms
1 cup onion, diced
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
1/2 pound spaghetti, macaroni, or any similar pasta
1/2 cup flour
2 cups low-sodium chicken stock, homemade preferred
3 tablespoons dry sherry
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons lemon juice
4 cups boned leftover meat (chicken or turkey preferred) cut into bite-size chunks

1. Heat oven to 450 degrees. Heat pot of salted water. Butter a shallow casserole or baking dish. Melt 2 tablespoons butter and toss with fresh breadcrumbs. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a skillet and when hot, add mushrooms and onions. Sauté over medium heat, stirring frequently, until the mushrooms release their juices and start to squeak when stirred. Season with plenty of salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste. Remove to a large bowl.

2. Snap strands of spaghetti in half and add to the boiling water. Cook until al dente, about 7 minutes. Reserve 1/4 cup of cooking liquid, drain spaghetti, and return to pot with the reserved liquid.

3. While spaghetti is cooking, heat 4 tablespoons butter in a medium saucepan. When foam subsides, whisk in the flour over medium heat for 1 minute or until mixture loses the scent of raw flour. Add the chicken stock and cook over medium-high heat, whisking constantly until mixture thickens, about 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat and whisk in the next 5 ingredients. Add sauce to bowl along with meat. Mix.

4. Add spaghetti to the bowl and mix well. Taste and adjust seasonings if necessary; be generous with the salt. Pour mixture into baking dish and sprinkle buttered breadcrumbs on top. Place in preheated oven for 8 minutes until breadcrumbs brown and mixture is bubbly. Serve at once.

Serves 6

TUNA NOODLE CASSEROLE VARIATION

Substitute two 6 1/2 ounce cans of water-packed chunk light tuna, drained and flaked for the leftover meat.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective @cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Life after 'Ally'

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be working with Sting."

It was also very good for Shepherd's record sales. Her CD "Songs from Ally McBeal" went quintuple platinum, with worldwide sales of more than 12 million copies. The show's popularity also helped make hits of two other Shepherd CD's "Heart and Soul: New Songs from Ally McBeal" and "Ally McBeal: For Once In My Life." The series' success has been good for Shepherd's concert career, too.

"Before 'Ally,' I was performing for maybe 35 people a night in clubs near LA Now, I'm playing all over the world and in much larger venues," she admits. "I like variety so my current show is pretty dynamic. It has an intimate section of just me at the piano, then a section of R&B covers with my band, then some music from my nine albums including 'Chinatown.'"

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Shepherd is keenly aware that concert-goers may have a lot on their on their minds these days, because of the military conflict in Iraq.

"I do a song called "Lucky Life" which is all about being grateful for what you have. I haven't been too sure recently what the mood of my audiences will be, but they really seem to appreciate the song's message. They seem glad to be able to take their mind off of the world situation, even briefly, and just escape into the enjoyment of music."

(Vonda Shepherd performs March 29 at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Plymouth. For tickets and information call 866/468-7619 or visit

Country time

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track tapes") to the 80s ("Skating rinks and black Trans-Ams, big hair and parachute pants"), has been Wills' fastest-rising #1 single to date.

"Yeah, I had a Stretch Armstrong action figure. I had the Rubik's Cube and the Atari 2600 and all those kind of things," recalled Wills of his days growing up in Riverdale, Georgia in a recent *Country Music Today* interview. And yes, he said he even had that Farrah Fawcett poster.

Blake Shelton and Mark Wills will perform Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Memorial Hall 83 Court Street, Plymouth. For tickets and information call 866/468-7619 or visit www.ticketweb.com

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Prepare your landscapes for springtime

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Patches of snow still linger in the shadiest corners of my landscape but in barely a week's time, the landscape has been miraculously transformed from a winter wonderland into a promising springtime setting. With the passing of the vernal equinox, gardeners emerge refreshed and revived, ready to embark upon a new growing season. Having endured an especially challenging winter, even the least horticulturally minded homeowner eagerly awaits the glory of spring this year. The slightest hint of color would be a welcome relief after nearly six months of stark silhouettes, prolonged snow cover, and the drab browns and grays of winter, but Mother Nature will soon reward our patience with a kaleidoscope of breathtaking splendor as our awakening landscapes magically burst into bloom. The warmth of the sun and the extended daylight hours beckon us forth to stroll our grounds, enjoy the exhilarating spring air, and begin the process of spring cleaning our yards and gardens.

Along my back walkway, a solitary crocus opens each morning to greet the warm sunshine; its satiny white blossom, delicately striped with purple veins, glistens in the bright sunlight. Clusters of plump buds surround this lone harbinger of spring suggesting a bouquet of blooms will soon follow. The tips of daffodil foliage have appeared here and there, their pointed leaves pushing their way up through the damp, dark earth creating telltale mounds among the matted, decaying leaves.

Nearby, the spikes of a winter heath, Erica carnea 'December Red', have finally emerged from beneath a heavy blanket of crusty snow. Its long-lasting clusters of pretty purplish pink bells are a welcome touch of color against the rich, deep dark green needle-like foliage that persists throughout the winter months. Heaths offer a wide range of bloom seasons and colorful flower and foliage possibilities. While most prefer well drained, acidic soils in full sun, these winter heaths are tolerant of a little shade.

The foliage of rhododendrons and evergreen shrubbery has changed virtually overnight from a sickly yellow-green pallor to a deep vibrant shade of green. Shrubs that seemed to be hopelessly bent and deformed by ice and snow are magically springing upright again, reaching for the warmth of the afternoon sun. Although a number of their branches were split or broken, the damage was surprisingly minimal and their reformation will require only minor spring pruning.

Heaths offer a wide range of bloom seasons and colorful flower and foliage possibilities.

The weather during early spring is always unpredictable featuring a roller coaster ride of highs and lows, often predominated by prolonged periods of cold and dampness only to be followed by instant summer-like weather. A warm, dry weekend may spark an overwhelming attack of spring fever and a sense that the lawn, garden and the entire landscape must be perfectly manicured all at once. To prevent a random, haphazard approach to your spring projects, take a few minutes to walk around your property and prepare a prioritized list.

A thorough cleanup of the perennial borders is often a first priority for many gardeners. Despite my best intentions, many of my gardens were not clipped, raked and weeded before wintry weather arrived last fall and winter storms scattered leaves and debris throughout. As bulbs and perennials emerge, it becomes more and more difficult and time-consuming to remove this litter. Soggy, decomposing plant material encourages diseases and slugs and may also suffocate developing foliage resulting in yellow leaves and rot. Treading on waterlogged soils should be avoided as this often results in compaction which eliminates the air in the soil essential for healthy root systems, but the removal of leaves, branches and debris from lawns and gardens should be undertaken as soon as time and conditions permit. Clumps of ornamental grasses should be sheared to within a few inches from the ground early in the season to minimize damage to new growth as it emerges.

As the end of March approaches, winter mulches can be eased away from the crowns of plants to allow light and air to reach emerging leaves. These protective covers are best left in place over root systems for another week or two, however, to minimize the effects of our alternating freeze-thaw cycles, typical of early spring weather.

Spring pruning of damaged and overgrown trees and shrubs continues and a pruning shears and folding saw are always nearby once my cleanup gets underway. Plants that are prone to heavy sap production, including birches, maples or grapes, bleed profusely if pruned in spring as the leaf buds are swelling. Although the running sap will not actually harm the tree or vine, this bleeding can be most disconcerting. Late winter pruning, while the plant is still fully dormant, or spring pruning after new growth begins, will minimize this condition. Crabapple trees tend to be vigorous growers producing numerous vertical shoots from the base of the tree, along the roots, or from the tops of branches. These suckers or water sprouts should be pruned away as close to the base as possible. Members of the cherry family, including peaches, plums and cherries, are particularly susceptible to disease and tend to be best pruned while they are in bloom.

As the leaf and flower buds of many trees and shrubs begin to swell, nature prepares to burst forth with the glorious blooms of spring. Each new day reveals yet another springtime miracle. Soak in the sunshine, delight in the spirited melodies of the singing birds, and watch the magic unfold.

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JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR - opens at the Wang Theatre on April 15 for a one-week engagement, playing through April 20. Tickets are $70 to $28 for all performances; all prices include $3 restoration and education fee. There will be an Audio Described performance on April 20, at 7 p.m. Tickets available at the Wang Box Office, 270 Tremont St., Boston, or by calling 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.wangcenter.org

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS AT EDAVILLE USA June 20-22, June 27-29 and July 3-6 - Day Out With Thomas offers fans of all ages the opportunity to take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine. There is a variety of Thomas & Friends entertainment for the whole family. Interactive children's activities include storytelling; live music; indoor and outdoor play areas; toy train sets; temporary tattoos of Island of Sodor friends and face painting; an Imagination Station; live music and more. Other event highlights are Thomas & Friends video viewing and an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Thomas the Tank Engine's firm, but kindly boss, Sir Topham Hatt. 35 minute train rides depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission $14 for ages one and up and may be purchased by calling 1-866-468-7630 and at the Edaville box office. for more information visit www.thomasthetankengine.com Edaville USA is located off of Route 58 in Carver.

tick, tick...BOOM! a musical by Jonathan Larson, comes to the Wilbur Theatre May 27 to June 8, starring Boston's own Joey McIntyre. Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster or directly at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston St. Boston.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER announces a show of artwork utilizing digital technology to be held at the art center April 18 to May 25. The "TechArt" show is open to all artists and will be juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. Artists are invited to submit slides of their work that utilizes digital technology as a major creative component in the production of the work. Examples of eligible works may include original digital; photographs, prints, sculpture, assemblages, collages and other work created using components manipulated by or generated from the computer, video animation sound and computer and internet-based works. Each may submit up to three works. All entries must be received by March 10. For information call 781-383-2787.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Thurs. 27

Donna Rich, Ph. D, Bereavement Coordinator at **Old Colony Hospice** and **Marian LaFreniere, LPN** will hold a discussion entitled "Living with Grief." Together they will explore the stages of normal grief and discuss how you can move forward with the healing process in your day-to-day life. This is a vital discussion for anyone suffering the loss of a loved one. The presentation will take place at the Randolph Senior Center, 16 Fencourt Ave. in Randolph on March 27, at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided and open to all seniors. Call 781-341-4145 ext. 315 with any questions. Free of charge.

UMASS Boston presents William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet featuring Marshfield's Matthew Flynn in his debut performance at "Tybalt," McCormack Theatre, March 27-30 and April 1. Call 617-287-5642 for information. Admission $10. Students/seniors $5.

Merrill Kohlofer, a regular performer on the Schooner Thomas Lannon of Gloucester, brings the men who sailed the Atlantic to life in "Stories from the Gloucester Fisheries" on March 27, at 7:30 p.m. **Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium**, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Free and open to the public. For more information call 781-848-0405 ext.4420.

The 7th Annual Taste of the South Shore benefit for the South Shore YMCA on March 27, South Shore visitors and residents will have the opportunity to sample the area's finest cuisine. This festive evening will feature innovative food from the South Shore's most recognized restaurants and will benefit the local YMCA. The event begins at 6 p.m. at Lombardo's in Randolph. For more information about the event, contact June Blair at 781-829-8585 x 225 or jblair@ssymca.org.

The North River Arts Society presents **Simple Pleasures** - an exhibit of original oil paintings by **Susan F. Lynch Raffa** at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. This show runs through March 29, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners, presents **Jon Fisch** on March 27, at 8:30 p.m. along with **Annette Pollack, Greg Rodrigues, Paul Keenan, Jenn Ruelas, Matt McConnell.** Admission $10. Call 781-848-0300 for reservations and information.

The Talking Information Center (TIC) Auction will be held March 25 to 27, tune to WATD-FM at 95.9 and join the live auction going on to benefit TIC. Call in your bids on an Aerosmith drumhead autographed by Steven Tyler, Red Sox tickets, restaurant gift certificates, travel packages and more. All proceeds go to the Talking Information Center for the visually impaired. For more information or to make a donation call TIC at 781-834-4400.

The Company Theatre in Norwell, invites all students — college and high school — to have the opportunity to "Take a jump to the left... and a step to the right" this week with a special **Student Rush** for **The Rocky Horror Show-Live!**. Any student presenting his or her ID at the box-office for any show this week will receive a special $12 ticket to enjoy this ultimate crowd participation show. Shows this week are: March 27at 7:30 p.m. Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 8 p.m. at 3 p.m. ROCKY HORROR SHOW-LIVE! continues at The Company Theatre through April 6. The theatre is located at 30 Accord Park Dr. in Norwell, just 20 miles south of Boston. Tickets and info at 781-871-2787.

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The Helen Bumpus Gallery at the Duxbury Free Library is featuring Recent Works by the students of Duxbury High School during the Month of March. The library is located at 77 Alden Street, Duxbury. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-2721.

Fri. 28

The Company Theatre in Norwell will be presenting their stage production of the cult classic "**Rocky Horror Show**," live on stage until April 6. Tickets on sale at the box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

The Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy presents **"The Amorous Ambassador"** on March 28-30. Friday and Saturday dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday dinner at 2 p.m. show at 3:30 p.m. Tickets $32.50-$37.50 for dinner and show; $15-$17.50 for show only. For reservations or information call 781-843-5862. Wheelchair accessible.

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth. **Comedy on the Road**, stand-up comedy. Dinner buffet and show $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call 508-746-7100.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144

Stomp at The Stuart Street Playhouse. "Stomp," the international percussion sensation, has been held over, and is currently on sale through April 20. Tickets available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400 by logging on to www.stomponline.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston, 02116.

Sean O'Tooles Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth - **Lonesome Jukebox** (rockabilly) 9 p.m. start, wheelchair access.

Plymouth Memorial Hall 83 Court St., Plymouth. **Mark Wills and Blake Shelton** Tickets may be purchased by logging on to www.ticketweb.com or calling 866-468-7619 or at the box-office, located at 50 Court St. in Plymouth. For more information you can log on to www.plymouthmemorialhall.com 866-468-7619

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance March 28, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

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Sat. 29

The North River Arts Society will present A.R. Gurney's **Love Letters** on March 29, starring **Judy Lukos and Paul F. McCarthy** at the Cushing Center, Route 123, Norwell Center. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tickets are $25 each and may be purchased by calling the NRAS office at 781-837-8091.

Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild Show will feature nearly 200 quilted items by members from more than 30 communities southwest of Boston. The Treasures and Traditions Show is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 29, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 30. The show takes place at Christina's on Route 1 in Foxboro. Admission $5, $4 for seniors.

The Cole School and Vinal PTO's are hosting an all day storytelling event called Fablefest on Saturday, March 29, at the Cole Elementary School 81 High St., Norwell. The hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for storytelling, tale spinning, contests and art shows. From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. there will be a "Funniest Ever Fables" family concert. Among the storytellers are nationally known Bill Harley, Karen Ashton, Tom Lee, Betty Lehrman and Norwell own local hero, Steve Harvester.

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The South Shore Art Center continues to display its exhibit "Florence & Beyond" featuring internationally renowned American painters working in and around Florence Italy including Charles H. Cecil, Kamille Corry, Daniel Graves, Benjamin Long IV, D. Jeffrey Mims and Frank Strazzulla. The exhibit will run until April 13. The South Shore Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. For gallery hours and information call (781) 383-2787,

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Fablefest will engage, delight and enchant audiences of all ages. For more information, to enter contests or to order tickets call 781-987-1090 or visit the Web site www.fablefest.org <http://www.fablefest.org/.

The South Shore Charter School's Ecology Project will have a Spring Fashion Show fundraiser at Clarion Hotel, Nantasket Ave., Hull, on March 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. Kids ages 5 to 18 will model clothes and gear. Tickets $15 adults/$10 for children under 15. Children under age 5 free.

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, presents **The Man of Many Voices. Joey Canzano's Las Vegas-style show** with tributes to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and others. Dinner and show $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call 508-746-7100.

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Sun. 30

The Greater Boston Antique & Collectible Toy Show will be held on March 30, at the Holiday Inn, Dedham, located on Route 1, at exit 15A, off Route 128/95. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission is $4.50 in the morning and $3.50 after noon.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472

The Cohasset Garden Club will sponsor a lecture by **William E. Brumback** at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, March 30, at 2:30 p.m. The lecture will address alternatives to invasive plants that are overtaking and eradicating native plant species indigenous to the area especially to wetlands. Refreshments will be served. Guests invited. Free admission.

The First Congregational Church of Randolph, 1 South Main St., Randolph, will host Choir Festival 2003 on March 30 at 3 p.m. Choral groups from several south Shore area churches will be participating. New England Weather, a Boston Metro area contemporary folk group opens the concert. Free-will offering with proceeds to benefit Action Against Poverty International and the Randolph Food Pantry. Wheelchair accessible. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-963-6373.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum: Non-Violence and the Quest for Civil Rights Journalist **Juan Williams** will facilitate a conversation about the role of non-violence in the civil rights movement with civil rights leaders **Diane Nash** and the **Rev. James Lawson** and former Kennedy administration official **John Seigenthaler** on March 30, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations call 617-514-1643.

South Shore Conservatory presents **Pianist Mark Goodman** on Sunday, March 30, 4 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. Admission to the concert is free. South Shore Conservatory's Ellison Center for the Arts is located at 64 St. George Street and is handicapped accessible. For more information call 781-934-2731, ext. 10

Mon. 31

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham are hosting a poetry contest and all middle school students (Grades 6, 7 and 8) are invited to participate. This will be a month long event to celebrate poetry month. Students may submit their entries directly to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Rt. 3A, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset or Buttonwood For Kids, 28 South Street, Hingham Square, Hingham. Students can enter one of four categories. 1. Free Verse 2. Rhyming 3. Form; any type, such as haiku, limerick, pantoum, tanka, sonnet. 4. Theme: Friendship. All Entries will be displayed through April 19 in Cohasset and Hingham. The contest dates are March - April 19, and the judges are local middle school teachers (Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate and Norwell). For rules and more information call Buttonwood Books & Toys at 781-383-2665

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 1

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, will present a photography exhibit, **Nature's Eye**, April 1 to May 31, in the Vine Hall Gallery. The work of photographer **Patience Taylor** of Plymouth, Nature's Eye features many different south shore landscapes, along with the animals, birds and plants found living in those areas. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, April 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m, April 1 - May 31, For more information, call the Center at 781-659-2559, or visit us on the web at www.ssnsc.org.

Silent Auction - Original works by **Scituate Art Gallery Artists** will be on display and for auction throughout the month of April. Visit the Gallery any time April 1 through 27, and post a bid for your favorite piece of art. Final open bidding will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, during a reception at the Art Gallery on Front Street. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with an opening reception on Sunday, April 6th from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

Braintree Art Association member **J. Marshall Dyke** will display his paintings for the month of April at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

The Quincy Art Association announces its **Annual Spring Silver Tea Art Exhibit** in the Atrium at the Thomas Crane Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy. The exhibit begins April 1, and runs through April 30. the opening reception will be April 13, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at Quincy District Court on April 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For more information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

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Wed. 2

Raffael's Restaurant, Quincy, presents its third dinner theatre production **"Burt & Carole & Mary & Brian"** April 2, 3, 9, and 10. Tickets per person are $35 for the matinee series and $45 for the evening show. Includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Lunch starts at noon and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call 617-328-1600. For more information contact JM productions at www.allaboutjmproductions.com

Fourth Annual South Coastal Career Fair, April 2, noon to 5 p.m. Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Free employer seminar from 9 to 11 a.m.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

Thurs. 3

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month, **Allan Chambers** will exhibit his paintings for the month of April at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. for information call 781-337-4513.

The North River Arts Society presents **"Home and Away"** - an exhibit of original watercolor paintings by **Mary Callahan** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the **Hingham Public Library**, Route 228, Hingham. This show runs through April 25. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

The Glastonbury Series presents listening to other voices: **Hope in a Time of Uncertainty Harvey Cox Hope and Expectation** on April 3, at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham. Call 781-749-2155 Free will offering.

Fri. 4

South Shore ARC to hold 52nd Annual Dinner Dance at South Shore Country Club in Hingham. Call 781-335-3023 x120 for tickets are $25. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and dancing to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The James Library and Center for the Arts will host a show of recent oil paintings by **Judith St. Peter** during the month of April. For more information, call 781-659-7100.

Art of Music Chamber Players will perform at the **Ellison Center for the Arts,** 64 St. George St., Duxbury., April 4, at 8 p.m. Tickets $20 general/$15 seniors/$5 students.

The Milton Players will perform the **Last Night of Ballyhoo** directed by Paul Conroy April 4-5 and April 11-12. Friday performances are at 8 p.m. with reserved table setting and complimentary wine and cheese. Saturday performances are general admission. Two performances April 5, at 2 and 8 p.m. April 12 performance at 8 p.m. For tickets ($12-$17) call 617-698-SHOW. Visit www.miltonplayers.org for more information.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Maria Sangiolo and Anni Clark on April 4, at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. Show starts at 8 p.m. door open at 7:30 p.m. $8 members/$10 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Quincy Symphony Orchestra under the direction of **Yoichi Udgawa** will present the fourth concert of its 49th season featuring 17-year-old **David Requiro**, cello soloist, on April 4, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of North Quincy High School, 316 Hancock St. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for seniors and students and $5 for children. For more information call 781-691-3790.

BikeXpo, featuring **"100 Years of Motorcycling"** an exclusive exhibit of vintage and antique motorcycles from the past 100 years will be held at the World Trade Center, Boston, April 4 to 6. Hours are Friday 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are $15 per adult, children 6 to 12 years old $6, and under age 6 free. For more information call 1-877-245-3976.

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, presents **The Altos**, Eat Italian food, dodge bullets and laugh at this Mystery Café. Dinner and show $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call 508-746-7100.

The James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents the oil paintings of Judith St. Peter April 4 to 30. A reception will be held April 4, 7 to 9 p.m.

The American Cancer Society, the Massachusetts Dermatology Nurses Association in collaboration with the **Massachusetts Melanoma Foundation** and **Ortho Neutrogena Corporation** present a sun safety workshop on Friday, April 4, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. The event will provide participants with an understanding of the skin cancer epidemic and the rationale for implementing a sun safety curriculum.

Ongoing Events

The Nathan Gallery, located on the second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanover, presents "Full Circle" featuring artwork by the faculty and students from the **Hanover Public School Art Department** (K-12) now through April 14. Gallery hours Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-826-6500.

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The Gallery Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Rt. 18), East Bridgewater, presents **Monday Night Hand Drumming Circle** on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. The event is free and no experience is necessary. For more information and directions call 508-378-1584.

Mothers & More: South Shore Chapter: If you are a women who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about Mothers & More. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Route 228, Hingham. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Rd., Cohasset. Art Exhibition - **Winter Break - Joan Brancale,** an inaugural exhibit, now through April 30. Gallery hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 9 to 5 p.m. Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

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Duxbury Art Association presents the **Sixth Annual Monotype Guild of New England Juried Exhibition** in the Bengtz & Cutler Galleries at **The Ellison Center for the Arts**. This exhibition is open through April 18. Open and free to the public. Gallery hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 or visit www.duxburyart.org

The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center will host a show of watercolor and oil paintings by **Nancy Howell** during the month of March through April 2. Call 781-659-7100.

The Silver Ribbon – American Crafts and Art Gallery, Pembroke Crossing, Route 53, will showcase work by **George Watson** a local glassblower and a new artisan to the gallery. For more information call 781-828-1525.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will present the work of South African artist **Kim Berman**, After the Fires 2000-2002, now through April 6. Her monotypes of various landscapes reflect the current South African social scene. Also on exhibition are the Duxbury Art Association Annual Winter Juried Show and Rotations: Recent acquisitions including an oil painting by **Joel Janowitz** and photographs by **Jerry Uelsman** and **Lance Keimig.** These two exhibitions run through April 27. Open to the public and free of charge. Visit www.artcomplex.org for more information.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

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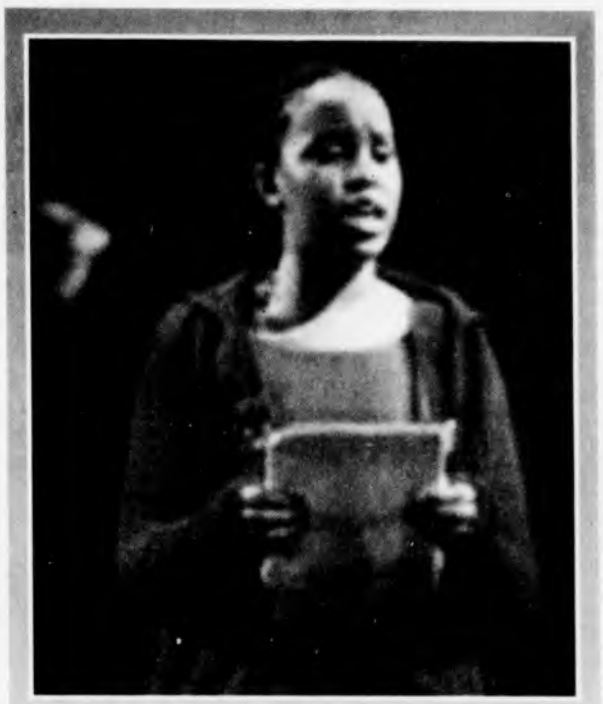

Huntington hosts Boston premier of 'Breath, Boom'

Playwright Kia Cothron has crafted a riveting look at life in a girl gang in the drama "Breath, Boom," currently being staged in its Boston premiere by the Huntington Theatre Company. "Breath, Boom" follows gang leader Prix through 14 tumultuous years in her young life. The leader of a gang of African-American girls, Prix takes a tough journey from gang life on the streets to prison and back. All the while, she struggles with the harsh realities of a home life marked by both neglect and abuse. Directed with startling realism by Michael John Garces, "Breath, Boom" stars Kellee Stewart, as Prix, leading an excellent 11-member cast.

Recognizing that the play speaks to a younger audience, the Huntington is inviting theatergoers aged 35 and under to "pay your age" at any performance during the run. The Huntington Theatre Company will present "Breath, Boom" at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, through April 6. For tickets and information, call 617/266-0800 or visit www.huntingontheatre.org.

- R. Scott Reedy

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

The moon continues to travel in ambitious Capricorn today; however, it is inactive until 7:51 p.m. That means that this is a day to finish projects already begun rather than starting new ones. Get your ducks in line so that you are ready to launch ventures tomorrow and Friday. Planetary influences turn around completely at 7:51 p.m., when the moon enters adventurous Aquarius.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

A flurry of planetary alignments in the next few days makes for an interesting period. You can be most successful, if you plan to initiate new endeavors in your business or personal life. An Aquarius moon today and tomorrow makes this period particularly favorable for meeting people and starting professional or romantic relationships. A harmonious alignment of Mercury-Neptune stimulates intuition and inspires creative thinking. Venus moves into Pisces at 1:14 p.m., remaining there until April 21. Don't be a hermit tonight. An applying alignment of Venus-Uranus promises an exciting evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Venus and Uranus conjoin at 7:43 a.m., 1-degree Pisces. In addition, the Aquarius moon interacts with Pluto. Be willing to experiment with new ideas, be open to new experiences, take a risk. The moon aligns with Saturn at 3:27 p.m. and becomes inactive. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Mars urges you to slow down, keep it light, enjoy the moment. In addition, an applying alignment of the sun and Jupiter sets for the stage for fun and games, late-night partying.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

The moon enters Pisces at 4:26 a.m., setting a relaxing, easygoing pace this weekend. Don't take on more than you can handle. Postpone launching important enterprises until the new moon occurs Monday. If you are working, zero in on creative projects. Kick back and mellow out completely this evening.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Today's planetary patterns are similar to yesterday's. The Pisces moon highlights creativity and artistic sensitivity. Renew your spirit through time spent in meditation, listening to music or enjoying nature. An applying alignment of Mercury to Pluto also affects the day. Its influence can add new depth and dimension to ideas and communications. You can cut through obstacles and free yourself from self-defeating attitudes.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Gear up for a slow-starting day. Allow extra time to get where you are going. Others may be sleepy, distracted, late for appointments. The Pisces moon aligns with Saturn at 1:59 a.m. and becomes inactive. It travels at the tail end of the zodiac until 3:04 p.m., when it enters Aries. A new moon will culminate tomorrow. This is a day to finish old business, handle routine chores, clean and reorganize.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Take advantage of above-average planetary influences during the first half of April; be sure to get important projects off the ground. A Mercury retrograde period will affect the latter part of this month, placing all major purchases, moves, decisions off limits.

An Aries new moon culminates today at 2:19 p.m. The sun and moon come together at 12-degrees of the fire sign Aries. A particularly favorable period for signing contracts and initiating enterprises occurs between 2:19-11:29 p.m. At this time Mercury forms a flowing 60-degree contact to Saturn, aiding mental focus, clarity, precision.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

A harmonious alignment of the sun and Neptune helps to take the edge off a fiery Aries moon. It serves as a reminder to slow down and enjoy the moment. On the other hand, this is a great day to get things done and to initiate new activities. Go for the gold. It is best to launch ventures before 2:16 p.m., when the moon interacts with Saturn. However, the green light remains on until 5:05 p.m. At this time the moon aligns with Mercury and becomes inactive.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

The giant planet Jupiter takes the spotlight today. At 10:03 p.m. Jupiter, standing at 8-degrees Leo, begins to travel in direct motion. It generates feelings of optimism, confidence and can bring luck and opportunities to some. The moon enters Taurus at 3:20 a.m. This day is ideal for beginning new activities, selling or purchasing land, property. Lunar contacts to Jupiter and Venus may spark romantic passions this evening.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

The Taurus moon aligns with Neptune at 5:13 a.m., making for a slow start to this day. Allow extra time to get where you are going. Planetary influences turn around as the day goes on. If you have a clear plan of action, you can be most productive. Initiate new activities before 7:15 p.m., when the moon aligns with Mars and becomes inactive. Lighten up, relax and unwind this evening.

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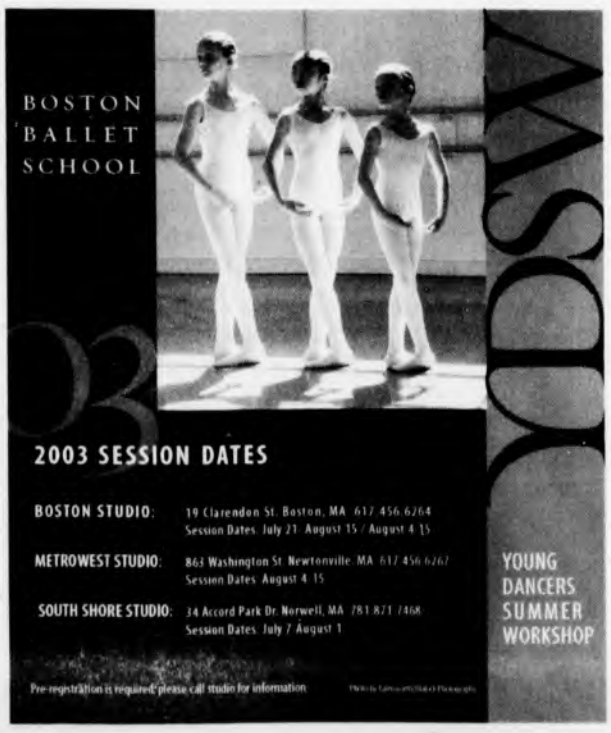

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Residents get their turn on Avalon project

Open Meeting Law complaint is filed

By John Camera
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Residents on Monday night will have a chance to voice concerns and offer suggestions relative to AvalonBay Estates' application for a comprehensive permit to build a 200-unit apartment complex off Route 3A.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the meeting as part of its ongoing public hearing with Avalon. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's office at Town Hall and will be broadcast on the town's local cable channel.

Avalon has applied for a permit under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law. The law allows developers to request that local bylaws be waived provided they designate a certain percentage of their proposed development as affordable.

Since the Zoning Board began public hearings with Avalon in September, it has heard feedback on the proposal from almost all town boards and committees.

"Our job is to see if this can be made compatible with the health, safety and environmen-

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Survey: Keep train on track

Two-thirds in poll want rail

By Mary Ford
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If the controversial Greenbush railroad restoration project is on the ropes, you wouldn't know it by the upbeat mood of one its chief proponents – the South Shore Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber, which is armed with a new opinion poll that it commissioned showing two-thirds of the residents along the corridor want the train, is ebullient but not surprised by the results.

The non-profit association, which has 2,300 member businesses on the South Shore, had a similar survey which yielded similar results conducted back in 1995 when, under then Gov. William Weld, Greenbush was on life support.

The new survey results were announced at a press conference at the Chamber headquarters in Quincy on Tuesday morning. The event was attended by representatives from the media and

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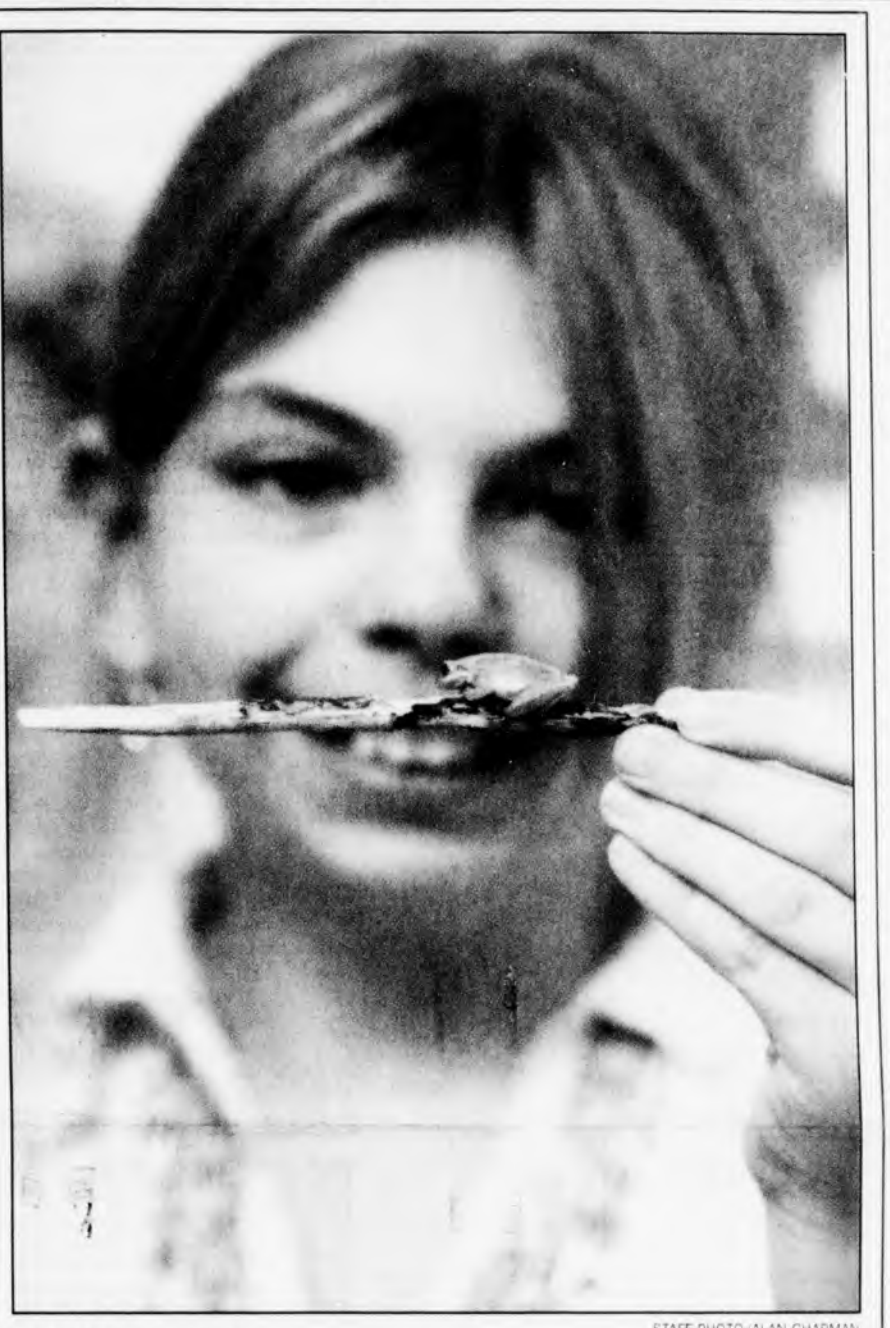

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OUT ON A LIMB
Deer Hill sixth-grader Chloe Duff with the star of her social studies project, a green tree frog. For more photos of student exhibits see page 26.

$350K on the ballot

Three-way race for selectman should be a draw

By John Camera
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Voters this Saturday will decide on a $350,000 general override and a three-way race for a seat on the Board of Selectmen. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said she expects a turnout of between 35 and 40 percent.

In the battle for a Selectman's seat, challengers Roger Hill and Gabriel Gomez will try to unseat incumbent Michael Sullivan. The candidates voiced their views in a debate last week that was televised on the town's local cable channel. *(See related story)*

The proposition 2-1/2 override would help fund the town's $28,112,000 operating budget in fiscal year 2004 and is necessary because the town seeks to raise property taxes more than the 2.5 percent allowed by state law.

The override was put on the ballot after being approved in a vote at Town Meeting and now needs a majority vote to pass. If it is approved, the tax rate would increase by $0.21. The average taxpayer, considered the owner of a $575,000 home, would see a $121 hike in taxes.

The override has been the focus of many town officials

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Rezoning sets stage for Cohasset Plaza expansion

By John Camera
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For Cohasset Plaza owner Donald Staszko, the third visit to Town Meeting proved to be a charm.

On Saturday, voters approved an article submitted by Staszko that will expand the Highway Business District behind Cohasset Plaza to make way for future retail space. It was the third time in five years that Staszko has brought the proposal to Town Meeting.

The Highway Business District will now be rezoned to include an area extending back 200 feet behind its previous boundary. The rezoning will apply only along the plot of land occupied by Cohasset Plaza and Stop & Shop. Staszko was able to propose the rezoning because he also owns the land that will be rezoned. The move will allow Staszko to begin seeking permits for plans to add 29,000 square feet of new retail space to the plaza and construct a 19,000-square-foot addition to Stop & Shop.

The location of Cohasset Plaza in the watershed protection district is what has forced Staszko to go to Town Meeting to seek expansion of his retail space.

Under the current bylaws, a use permitted in one zoning district may be extended by up to 200 feet into another district by special permit, but only if both portions of the property were under common ownership before zoning district lines were adopted. That does apply in Staszko's case, but because

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PROUD MOMENT

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Rob Lehr, left, honors his grandfather and Citizen of the Year, Arthur Lehr, during a special reception at the Cohasset Harbor Inn on Sunday. For more photos, see page 31.

Helping win race against polio

Proceeds will go to eradicating disease

By Mary Ford
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"How often do we get to pitch in globally to help eradicate a disease that continues to be a problem."
— Coleman Nee, Cohasset Rotary

The thoughts of the hundreds of participants, who will take off for the 27th running of Cohasset's Road Race by the Sea on Sunday, will no doubt be focused on the finish line, not on suffering children a world away.

But thanks to the Cohasset Rotary Club, which sponsors the race, Sunday's runners will be making a contribution to eradicate polio, a sometimes crippling disease that still affects children in the poorest of countries.

Cohasset Rotary will donate a significant amount of this year's proceeds to the fight against polio, according to Coleman Nee, club secretary.

Eradicating the disease is a cause that Rotary International has supported since 1979 when it launched a five-year immunization program in the Philippines. Today Rotary International continues its commitment to rid the world of polio.

Nee explained there is real hope with continued efforts by the World Health Organization and through groups like Rotary that polio can be completely eliminated by 2006.

He said other Rotary clubs in the area are also joining the effort through their own fundraisers.

Organizers expect 800 to 1,200 entrants for the popular road race, which is considered one of the premier events of its kind and a tune-up for the Boston Marathon held April 21. The number of runners depends on the weather, says race director Peter Guild.

"If the weather is lousy, we'll get about 800 – if it's good we could get 1,200," he says.

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Board of Health, April 7 at 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, April 10 at 7:30 p.m., April 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Commission on Town History, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, April 10 at 7 p.m.

Selectmen, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, April 17 at 6 p.m.

Wastewater Commission, April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, April 3 at 8 p.m., April 17 at 8 p.m. (both at 339 King St.)

Youth Resources, April 9 at 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. (40A) and 7:30 p.m. (40B), April 22 at 7:30 p.m. (40A)

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Bradley office hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D – Hingham, will hold district office hours Thursday, April 3, in Cohasset. He will be available at the Cohasset Town Hall from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, call 617-722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

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Per approval of Cohasset and Hull's conservation commissions, a pesticide application will be made to Straits Pond April 8, at 9 a.m. weather permitting. If weather problems delay the application, the spraying will be scheduled on the next appropriate day.

The application is to be done by boat. The product to be applied is Abate. The active ingredient in the product is Temephos, an Organophosphate, which is in a sand granule of fine to medium beach sand. The pests to be controlled are Chironomid Midges.

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If there are any questions or concerns, call the Hull Board of Health at 781-925-2224.

Keep well clinics

The Board of Health will sponsor the following Keep Well Clinics in April:

- Thursday April 10 at 11 a.m. at the Senior Center Luncheon
- Thursday April 24 from 1-3 p.m. at the Harborview Senior Housing on Elm Street.

DEP: Avalon site must be cleaned up

The existing contamination on the site of the proposed 250 unit Avalon Bay Chapter 40B housing project will have to be cleaned up to meet drinking water standards, according to a recent letter from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

"We are very pleased," said John McNabb, Water Commission Chairman. "We had requested DEP, based on research by our environmental consultants, Norfolk Ram, to take this action to require that this site be cleaned up to drinking water (GW-1) standards, because it is in the watershed for Lily Pond, our drinking water supply. We were concerned that construction of the Avalon project could stir up contaminants that could then drain toward Lily Pond."

"The Avalon site is a state Superfund site that is contaminated with high levels of toxic chemicals," said McNabb, "For example, the soil is contaminated with 28,000 parts per billion (ppb) of Tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and 34,000 ppb of Trichloroethylene (TCE). If the site was cleaned up to GW-2 standards as much as 20,000 ppb would be allowed to remain — but now the levels have to be reduced to 500 ppb or less, which is more protective of public health and safety."

the watershed."

Vote absentee until noontime, April 4

Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on April 5, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Friday, April 4, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

Public hearing on Greenbush project

The New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will hold a public hearing in Hingham on Tuesday, April 15 at the Hingham Town Hall Auditorium, 210 Central St.. The first session will be held from 1-4 p.m. with registration beginning at noon; the second session will begin at 7 p.m. with registration at 6 p.m.

All interested federal, state and local agencies, interested private and public organizations and individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.

This public hearing is in response to an application from the MBTA for a Corps permit to place fill material within a total of 7.81 acres of wetlands and waterways for the construction of the Greenbush Old Colony Railroad commuter line through the towns of Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate.

The two public hearings will be held on Tuesday, April 15 in the main auditorium of the Hingham Town Hall in both the afternoon and evening. Persons wishing to provide oral comments are reminded they need to register at the site prior to the start of the hearing.

The MBTA staff will provide a brief presentation of the current project at the beginning of each session.

The Army Corps of Engineers released a public notice describing the project on Dec. 12 last year. Copies of the public notice are available from Ted Lento of the Regulatory Branch or by calling 1-800-362-4367. Copies of the public notice will be available at the public hearing.

By conducting this public hearing, the Corps of Engineers seeks to fulfill its regulatory requirements to solicit public comments and input about the proposals. They will be considered in evaluating whether the application should be issued or denied. In addition, extensive meetings pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act with consulting parties have been held to review the project impacts on historical resources affected by the project.

A prior public hearing was held in August 1997 and the Corps is seeking comments on project design changes that have occurred since that time, including changes to locations of the Nantasket Junction Station, the Weymouth Landing Station, and the layover station in Scituate as well as the relocations of Town Brook in Hingham.

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing. Additional written comments will be accepted by the Corps of Engineers until April 25 this year. Send comments to Ted Lento at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division, 696 Virginia Road, Concord 01742-2751.

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Sun. 6	2:43	9.7	9:05	3:17	8.8	9:16
Mon. 7	3:24	9.5	9:48	4:02	8.4	10:00
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Town sued over Wolf Pits

By John Camera
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The town is being sued over land it took two years ago by eminent domain.

Leland and Leonora Jenkins, the trustees of Wolf Woods Trust, have filed suit in Superior Court alleging that the town did not pay fair market value for a plot of land known as the Wolf Pits.

The town took the 6.75-acre plot of land in May of 2001 after Town Meeting authorized the Water Commission to pay the owners $150,000 for the property.

The town took the land because of fears it could threaten Cohasset's supply of drinking water if developed. The land lies adjacent to the Aaron River Reservoir.

The Jenkinses were co-owners of the property with Wayne Sawchuk of Beechwood Street at the time it was taken. The three bought the property in December of 2001 from the Bates/Pratt Trust for $150,000.

Sawchuk had plans to construct 27 units of senior housing or an 11-lot single-family subdivision on the property. A preliminary plan for the subdivision was denied by the Planning Board shortly before the town took the land. The Board of Health also denied a plan for a shared septic system on the site.

Leland Jenkins and Sawchuk proposed a land swap as alternative to the town taking the land by eminent domain. They wanted the town to take the Wolf Pits property and in return give them a comparable developable piece of town-owned land. Sawchuk said at the time that a land swap would have been a "fairer" solution.

The Jenkinses and Sawchuk had three years from the time the Wolf Pits property was taken to appeal the town's decision.

Sawchuk is not listed as a plaintiff in the current lawsuit and declined to comment.

Leonora Jenkins also declined to comment on the suit. Her husband, Leland, said the town never negotiated over the price of the land. He could not say how much the land had been appraised for and referred the Mariner to his lawyer, who did not immediately return a phone call.

The lawsuit comes just as Water Commissioner John McNabb announced at Town Meeting on Saturday that the Water Commission settled out of court for $225,000 for a strip of land it took by eminent domain on Scituate Hill. That land was used to connect a pipe to the town's water tower.

It appears as though the Jenkinses will argue that the Wolf Pits property was developable and should have been worth more money as a result.

In the legal complaint filed by Wolf Woods Trust, the town is asked to provide information about the opinions of appraisers who surveyed the land for the town before it was taken. The notice asks for the appraisers' opinions as to the "highest and best use" of the property.

Sawchuk said two years ago the land was fully developable, relying by 10 successful percolation tests for septic systems on the site.

It would be more than a year before the case went to trial if it is not settled out of court.

The name "Wolf Pits" came from a time when the wild animals roamed Cohasset, and were a major public safety threat. In several locations around town, pits were dug and covered over. A carcass would be either strung up over the pit or in the pit, causing the wolf to fall into it.

TOWN MEETING

Preservation funds for Hagerty house, trails

Town Meeting voters approved $36,000 under the Community Preservation Act for a $100,000 project to renovate a building on the Hagerty Property. The building will be used by both the Center for Student Coastal Research and the South Shore Arts Center. It will include two public bathrooms that will be accessible form Mariner's Park.

Voters also approved $25,000 under the CPA for a feasibility study of a bike and pedestrian trail along the town's stretch of the Greenbush rail.

Schools to get new bus

Voters approved an article to purchase a $60,000 new school bus. The bus will join the school department's fleet of five buses, allowing an older bus to be sold, used and reserved for parking use. A citizen's motion to pay for the bus by using revenue from the school run daycare program and money meant to subsidize the school lunch program was defeated.

Smoking is history

Voters approved a new version of the town's smoking bylaw, making tobacco an illegal in all public places and workplaces. The ban also applies to restaurant patio areas and within 20 feet of any entrance of a workplace. Three Cohasset restaurants — Koko Island, Atlantica and the Red Lion Inn — will be allowed to keep their smoking variances until they expire in 2005. The town will no longer issue variances.

A citizen's motion to include in the smoking bylaw a clause that made buying or smoking cigarettes illegal for children under 18 was defeated. Currently under state law, it is illegal to provide or sell cigarettes to a minor, but it is not illegal for a minor to buy or smoke them.

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Responsible Leadership will **protect our schools**
Our schools are our most precious resource and we must not subject them to the misfortunes of the budget and override process. Long-term planning can avoid the ups and downs of year-to-year reactionary policy.

Responsible Leadership will **plan for the future and avoid overrides**
Proper fiscal planning is needed to avoid the chaos that surrounds the balancing of the budget every year. We must control the controllable and prevent the preventable.

Responsible Leadership will **take responsibility for elderly housing**
Instead of manipulating the Historical Society, we should be planning a long-term solution for those in our Town that are enjoying their waning years.

Responsible Leadership will **attract business to Cohasset**
Our 93/7 residential/commercial tax base puts undue burden on homeowners to support the services of Cohasset. We must proactively approach Cohasset-friendly businesses and encourage them to move.

Responsible Leadership will **advocate to state leaders for Cohasset**
On issues such as the runway, 40B, local aid cuts and un-funded state-mandated programs, we must let Cohasset's voice be heard to state leaders. With a strong position from the Board and the will to negotiate, state leaders can be influenced to enact more Cohasset-friendly policies.

Responsible Leadership will **support the volunteer services**
Volunteerism is one answer to our community safety and services. Volunteer services like the firefighters have been allowed to languish for lack of attention.

Responsible Leadership will **make our sewer system fair**
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Apts. amnesty, Pilgrim storage, ledge and more don't make the grade

Six articles postponed in all

By John Camera
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Annual Town Meeting did not accomplish all that some town officials had hoped for.

On Saturday, a proposed bylaw that would have given amnesty to illegal apartments became the sixth and final article to be withdrawn from the warrant since it went to print on March 7.

The so-called "amnesty bylaw" faced opposition from the Planning Board, which said its language was in some cases too restrictive and in other cases not restrictive enough. The bylaw would have granted comprehensive permits to existing apartments provided they were brought up to code and made affordable by state standards.

The Planning Board had wavered on the amnesty bylaw since first reviewing it in a public hearing in early March. The board voted 2 to 1 to recommend the article, then reversed its vote after Selectman Ronnie McMorris suggested the bylaw did not fully protect the single family character of Cohasset.

Selectman Tom Callahan, who drafted the article with the Growth and Development Committee, added segments from the town's accessory dwelling bylaw to address the issues brought up by McMorris. Selectmen and the Advisory Committee then unanimously recommended the article last week.

But in the moments before Town Meeting began, the Planning Board decided it would not recommend the article in its current form. The Growth and Development Committee then voted to postpone the article indefinitely. Callahan said the committee hopes to bring the bylaw forward again at fall Town Meeting.

The amnesty bylaw was one of a series of proposed bylaws that were removed from the warrant this year. The so-called "ledge bylaw," which would require a special permit for removal of ledge eight feet or more in height, was removed two weeks ago by the Planning Board.

Also removed in the days before the warrant went to print were a bylaw that would require a site plan review for new houses more than 3,000 square feet and a bylaw that would require building permit applications circulated to the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission and the Board of Health.

Different town officials have vowed to bring each of these withdrawn articles back to Town Meeting in the fall.

The amnesty bylaw was not the only article that did not survive the home stretch to Town Meeting. Last Thursday, a citizens' petition filed by John McNabb to demand dry cask storage of spent fuel rods at Pilgrim Power Station was also withdrawn.

The withdrawal came two days after Selectmen, who initially supported the article unanimously, wondered whether they had expressed an opinion too quickly after only hearing one side of the issue.

After seeing that the opinions of Selectmen were wavering and that the Advisory Committee was split 4 to 4 on the issue, McNabb, who is also Chairman of the Water Commission, decided to withdraw the article.

"I was so busy dealing with Water Commission articles that were higher priority that I didn't have time to put together more educational materials to debate the issue," said McNabb. "Maybe we'll bring it back in the fall. We'll see."

Two articles from the Sewer Commission were also withdrawn from the warrant in the weeks before Town Meeting. One article was a request to borrow $300,000 for additional membrane cartridges to increase hydraulic capacity at the Sewer Treatment Plant. The second article requested funds to pay for the design and permitting of the Little Harbor and Atlantic Avenue Sewer Districts.

Sewer Commissioner Gary Vanderweil told voters at Town Meeting that the first article was withdrawn in favor of alternate solutions — seeking out "sources of inflow" in the sewer system and rearranging the filtering cycles at the Sewer Treatment Plant. "Hopefully this two-fold approach will enable us never to come back and ask for this money again," he said.

Vanderweil said the Sewer Commission abandoned plans to start designing the sewer expansion "after seeing the extent of the override necessary for the town." He said expansion was not set to begin until 2007, so delaying design and permitting for another year would have no affect on the construction schedule.

Avalon hearing is Monday

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tal concerns of the town," said Zoning Board Chairman Woody Chittick. "If it can, we approve it. If it can't, we won't approve it."

Chittick said he hopes to hear constructive criticism from the audience on Monday. "I hope people will have some good suggestions," he said. "I'd like to see people not only put on the table a concern but also put on the table a solution."

The biggest concern so far has been that Avalon's wastewater plan may threaten the town's supply of drinking water. At the last Zoning Board hearing, the Water Commission and the Planning Board argued that the proposed development would release its wastewater into the Lily Pond watershed. Meanwhile, John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission, has filed a complaint with the Norfolk County District Attorney's office claiming that the Zoning Board has violated the state's open meeting law by convening a negotiating team with representatives from the town and AvalonBay Estates.

The negotiating team met for the first and only time on Monday, March 24, before the Zoning Board's last hearing on Avalon. The team was made up of ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick, Town Manager Mark Haddad, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, Avalon vice president of development Scott Dale, Avalon counsel Steve Schwartz and a few other Avalon representatives.

Chittick said the team was set up in accordance with state guidelines relating to Chapter 40B and he did not think the open meeting law had been broken. "It's not a decision making body," he said. "It doesn't even make recommendations per se."

Chittick said the purpose of the group was to identify issues big and small that were brought up over the course of the public hearing. "It's just a more efficient way to isolate the issues that need careful consideration," he said.

But McNabb said in a statement that it was "crystal clear" the open meeting law had been breached. He said the "secret negotiating process" reinforced many peoples' belief that the ZBA and the Selectmen are in favor of Avalon.

Chittick denied that the ZBA had made any premature decisions about Avalon's proposal. He said that many people expect the board to "damn the project from the start."

"State law doesn't allow us to do that, as much as people would like to believe otherwise," he said.

Chittick said the negotiating team decided it would hold off on discussing smaller issues until some of the bigger issues surrounding Avalon's proposal were resolved. Those issues include Avalon's wastewater system, its water supply and water pressure plan and its access road plan.

Chittick said the ZBA is currently waiting for additional information from Avalon on those topics. After that information is received, he said, the ZBA would hold at least one more meeting. Once the public hearing is closed, the board would have 40 days to issue a decision on the comprehensive permit.

According to Dale, Avalon disputes the Water Commission's claim that wastewater on the proposed site would flow into the Lily Pond watershed. It bases that opinion on an on-site study done more than a year ago.

Still, said Dale, the company is investigating alternative solutions.

"We'd prefer not to have to debate that issue to a conclusion," he said. "We'd like to reach an alternative solution."

Dale declined to say what those alternatives might be. He said Avalon was looking into installing a water pump to increase water pressure and lowering the grade of the access road from 8 to 6 degrees.

Cohasset Plaza to expand

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Cohasset Plaza lies in the watershed protection district, it's ineligible for a special permit.

Stasko's only viable solution has been to go to Town Meeting to ask for rezoning. On his second try, in 2001, his proposal failed to gain two-thirds approval by only four votes.

Last year, Staszko drafted an article that would have allowed him to apply for a special permit despite his location, but he withdrew it after the Planning Board showed strong opposition.

This year, Staszko reverted to his previous strategy to rezone the land entirely. The article was recommended by all five Selectmen and seven of eight members on the Advisory Committee, who said the town would benefit from the estimated $1.3 million in tax revenue that the expansion would bring in over the next 10 years.

As in the past, the article faced stiff opposition from the Planning Board, which voted unanimously to not recommend it.

Speaking before Town Meeting, Planning Board member Peter Pratt called the article "special interest legislation" that attempted to bypass the town's zoning bylaws. He said the new retail development could lead to "massive traffic and parking issues" if the 200-unit AvalonBay development is also approved.

"This is essentially a form of spot zoning," said Pratt.

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy echoed Pratt's statements and indicated that future negotiations with Staszko, who will ultimately need to go before the Planning Board for a site plan review, could be difficult. "The Planning Board will be under tremendous pressure to just lay down and play dead or else face a lawsuit," Sturdy said. "And frankly I don't like to be in that position."

Speaking for the Board of Selectmen, Selectman Merle Brown lauded the plan. "This is a great opportunity for the town to get more extra money to help us on our taxes without affecting our schools, without affecting our fire department or our police department," he said.

Brown dismissed the Planning Board's assertion that the added retail space would hurt downtown businesses. "They didn't worry about the downtown — and I'm glad they didn't — when they welcomed Hingham Lumber Company into town," Brown said. "And that hardware store is five times the size of the hardware store downtown."

Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt, who also supported Staszko's article, said he was upset by Sturdy's statement that he was "not particularly happy" about seeing the article reappear on the warrant.

"I'm particularly disturbed by hearing an elected official make a comment like they're tired of this article coming here time and time again," Pratt said. "I'm here to tell you, that is one of the freedoms of America. It's allowed to be brought back here each year."

The article, which needed two-thirds approval, was ultimately passed in a voice vote. No hand count was necessary. It was the final article heard on the floor of Town Meeting.

After the meeting had adjourned, Staszko said he was "very thankful" to the voters that the article had passed. He said he would approach the Planning Board with preliminary plans for plaza expansion in the beginning of June.

A flyer distributed by Staszko at Town Meeting showed two possible options for expanding the plaza. In one scenario, the future retail space is connected to the new expanded area of Stop & Shop. In another, it is located on its own, between Stop & Shop and Cohasset Plaza. No retailer has been selected for that space.

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Osgood roof repairs pass in a close vote

By John Camera
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Opposition to the article was unexpected, but after two voice votes, Town Moderator George Marlette was forced to call for a hand count.

With a $350,000 operational override, an $800,000 project to improve the town's police and fire station, and more than $350,000 of Community Preservation funding on the warrant, no one could have predicted that the only vote at Saturday's Town Meeting to go to a hand count would involve a $25,000 patch job to the roof of the old Osgood School.

Then again, Town Meetings aren't known for their predictability.

The roof repairs are needed in the 1929 wing of the former Osgood School, soon to be occupied by the Our World Children's Discovery Museum. Opposition to the article was unexpected, but after two voice votes, Town Moderator George Marlette was forced to call for a hand count. The project was approved by a 82 to 32 vote.

The decision came after Leland Jenkins of Jerusalem Road challenged the proposal, saying the town had already spent $1 million to repair and remodel the rest of the building so it could house the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

"The town is leasing the building (to One World) for a total of $1," said Jenkins. "This lease should be renegotiated so the town is not held responsible for any future damage to the exterior of this building."

Many voters seemed to agree with Jenkins but not enough to shoot down the article, which needed two-thirds of the vote for approval.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the town was obligated to fix the leaky roof because it owns the building and is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of its exterior.

One World is allowed to rent from the town for only $1 because the organization will use the space for recreational purposes.

Money for the roof repairs will be appropriated from existing funds and will not affect the tax rate.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Lynn Eisenhauer asks for an explanation on a fine point at Saturday's Town Meeting.

Proposed Pratt apartments cause a stir at Town Meeting

Debate is over their affordability

By John Camera
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Officials at Town Meeting on Saturday butted heads over a proposal to build two senior apartments in the basement of the old Paul Pratt Memorial Library, soon to be the new home of the Historical Society.

The $193,000 project, which was overwhelmingly approved by voters, will be funded by the Community Preservation Act (CPA). An additional $107,000 appropriated through the CPA will pay for other structural improvements to the building, which turned 100 this year.

Rent from the two one-bedroom, senior apartments will fund the Historical Society's estimated $27,000 operating cost and help pay for future maintenance to the building. But while members of the Historical Society may be smiling, some Selectmen are not. A last minute deal between the two groups produced a compromise that only two of the five Selectmen supported.

What the Selectmen wanted was a guarantee that the apartments would be permanently deeded as "affordable" by state standards. That way, the units would count towards the town's affordable housing stock under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law.

Under 40B, developers can apply for a comprehensive permit unless 10 percent of the town's housing is affordable, or unless the town's percentage of affordable housing is increasing by 0.75 percent (or 21 units) per year.

But the Historical Society's original plan, as approved by the Community Preservation Committee, was to make the apartments for moderate income tenants, not low income tenants.

Last week, after assuming that making the units affordable would mean lowering their rent, the Historical Society turned down the Selectmen's suggestion, saying the adjustment would create a budget shortfall. Low income rent would provide only $25,800 per year, the society said, while moderate income rent would bring in an additional $3,000.

But on Saturday at Town Meeting, CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey informed the society that because the apartments are funded by the CPA, a state regulation would allow the units to count as affordable as long as low-income tenants lived there.

"Because they were coming to the town asking for $300,000, we felt that preferably two, but at least one, of those units should have been affordable to help us with 40B."

— Selectman Fred Koed

It seemed, for a moment, like a solution that pleased everyone. The apartments could remain at the moderate-income rent level — about $1,200 a month — and the Historical Society would still be able to fund its operating budget.

But what upset some Selectmen was that the Historical Society refused to agree to rent only to low-income tenants. Instead, the society said it would give preference low-income tenants, but if none could be found, or if none could afford to pay moderate income rent, it would rent to moderate income tenants. In that case, the town would not get credit for the units under Chapter 40B.

Selectmen Fred Koed, Ronnie McMorris and Tom Callahan felt the Historical Society did not go far enough to ensure that the units would be credited to the town's affordable housing stock.

"Because they were coming to the town asking for $300,000, we felt that preferably two, but at least one, of those units should have been affordable to help us with 40B," Koed said in an interview after Town Meeting. "A new component of local aid is going to be based on affordable housing starts. So communities that aren't doing something in affordable housing are going to be at a disadvantage when the new local aid comes out."

Selectman Tom Callahan, who is also a member of the CPC, said the situation presented "an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone." He argued that CPA funds should be used to produce affordable units whenever possible, even though the CPA statute allows for funding of moderate income units as well.

"We need to get 40B bang for our buck," he said.

Callahan's view is in sharp contrast to CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey, who argued before Town Meeting that "the CPA is not a tool by which to fight 40B."

Despite philosophical differences among town officials over how to direct CPA funding, the Historical Society is finalizing designs and preparing to put its project out to bid as soon as possible. Society co-president Paula Kozol said she hoped construction would be completed "within the better part of a year."

Kozol said the tenant selection process would begin when construction was winding down. She said there was no set time on how long the society would look for low-income tenants before turning to moderate income tenants. "I don't see a time on that," she said. "I think we'll make our best effort. That's what it says in the agreement."

Kozol said low-income tenants would be given the highest preference in the selection process. Residents of Cohasset would be given preference only if they qualified as low income tenants or if no low income tenants were available.

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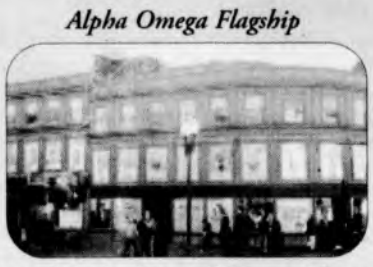

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NEW ARRIVAL

Welome to **Finn Friederich Hublitz** who joined his family on March 11, 2003 and is so adored by all. As background, the parents were both raised (and married) in Cohasset. They are **Ellen (Schramm) and Kyle Hublitz**, now living in Darien, Conn. This is their first child. The delighted grandparents are **Carmen and Tim Schramm** (Atlantic Avenue) and **Ann and Uve Hublitz** (Forest Avenue). Congratulations to this wonderful family on the birth of Finn!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

A little bird has been flying around and made sure to tweet something in my ear. Happy Birthday to **Anne (O'Leary) Burke** from her three adorable kids, **Kyle, Davie** and **Bridget** and her husband **Dave**. Everyone wishes you a fantastic day, Anne!

HONOR ROLL

Alanna Hughes (04) has been named to the honor roll for the winter term at Phillips Academy in Andover. Alanna, who is the daughter of **Lauren Souza** and **Bruce Hughes**, had to maintain a least a 5-point average on a 6-point scale for this honor. Great work, Alanna!

LUNCHTIME SPEAKER

The Lunchtime Speaker Series continues on Friday April 11 at noon at the South Shore Art Center. **Nancy Ivas**, nutritionist and author of "Healthy Homecooking From Nantucket," will present a discussion of health and wellness in relation to the changing seasons and changes in diet. Learn the importance of seasonal health and take home some simple, healthy recipies. Challenge your ideas about body image and diets. Eat well and Be Well! Free, all are welcome. For more info call the Cohasset Social Service League 781-383-0771.

CAR WASH

The Cohasset Boys and Girls Varsity Track teams will hold a car wash on Saturday morning April 5 from 9-12 at George's Citgo in the village. Please come and support these teams and at the same time get the winter salt and grime off your car. If you can not make the car wash and would like to support the Cohasset Track Boosters with a tax-deductible gift, please send to Cohasset Track Boosters, C/O Debbie Krupczak, 71 Aaron River Road, Cohasset, MA 02025.

DUCK DERBY CONTEST

Calling all artists... In celebration of the first Driftway Duck Derby, the Scituate Committee of the soon-to-open Our World Children's Museum in Cohasset is sponsoring an art contest for South Shore elementary schoolchildren. The contest's theme is ducks. Artwork can be in any medium, up to three colors (black is a color), and on 8-1/2 x 11 in. white paper.

The winning artwork will be appear on Duck Derby T-shirts that will be available for sale at the derby on Sunday, May 4 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Driftway Park in Scituate. The derby, which will benefit the Our World Children's Museum, is open to young and old alike!

To enter the derby, simply purchase $5 tickets at Buttonwood Books at the Shaw's Plaza in Cohasset, or Young At Heart Toy Store, Front Street, Scituate beginning April 4. Tickets may also be purchased at the Driftway Park on the day of the event beginning at 2 p.m. Each ticket represents a special toy duck that will be entered in the Derby. The toy ducks will be released near James Landing in Scituate at 3 p.m. The finish line will be at the Driftway Park. The owners of winning ducks will receive a variety of fun prizes including toys and gift certificates. In addition to the duck derby, there will be games, activities, and food for families to enjoy.

Artwork for the T-shirt design contest should be submitted to **Pam Golden**, Montessori Community School, 46 Watch Hill Drive, Scituate, MA 02066. The deadline for entries is 3 p.m., April 14. Please include the name of the child entering the contest, his or her age, the name of a parent, and a telephone number on the back of the entry. The winner will be notified on April 15. The Museum, which is scheduled to open in late 2003/early 2004, will be housed in the 1929 wing of the old Osgood School, 100 Sohier St.

MR. SKIPPER

The first ever Mr. Skipper Beauty Pageant was held last week in the cafeteria at CMHS. Great fun was had by all who attended and the guys were such good sports! There was only one Mr. Skipper (**Tom Anderson**), but all the boys were winners! **Joey Durkin, Teddy Straughn, Ryan Tufts, Dan Roth,** and seniors **Mike Snowdale**, finalist **Ross Lieb-Lappen, Braun Goodson, Adrian Batson, Tom Anderson, Ben Lynner, Terry Baroudi, Cosimo Cambi** and finalist **Chris McKenna** provided an evening of great entertainment! **Tony Rolfe** was a tal-

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Jazzing it up for Consignment Shop

The Social Service League of Cohasset will jazz it up for the 50th anniversary of its treasured Consignment Shop with a dinner, auction and live entertainment at the Cohasset Golf Club on Saturday, April 5 from 6:30-11p.m.

Noted jazz vocalist Ann Czerkowski and her father, saxophonist John Linscott, will tribute the League's Consignment Shop and volunteers by performing original jazz pieces from their acclaimed CD, "Manhattan Lady."

Television news anchor Anthony Everett will keep up the beat with a live auction featuring a wide-array of newsworthy items including: a week-long stay at a Four Seasons Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz., nights at the Ritz Carlton, a week's retreat at a New Hampshire hideaway, tickets to sporting events, autographed sports memorabilia, commissioned portraits and other works of art, sailing adventures and more.

More than 45 silent auction items also will be on display, including gift certificates to restaurants, theater tickets, an assortment of items from local merchants, hand-made jewelry and clothing, and other exciting items. Clubhouse executive chef Tina Ricci is planning a gourmet dinner menu.

Tickets are $125. Proceeds from both the event and the League's Consignment Shop benefit the charity's counseling services, oncology support groups, Meals on Wheels, a scholarship fund, confidential mental health services and other programs. The League was founded in 1912. For more information about the League or for tickets to the event contact Dana Kamoski at 383-0771.

Free health clinic

Healthy Options will host a spring Health Clinic on Saturday, April 5 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Hypertone Personal Fitness Training on Rt. 3A in Cohasset. The clinic will offer free blood pressure screenings and individual mini-nutrition assessments. Call 781-740-4552 to register.

Join a team for the Relay For Life

Every lap counts at the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset, May 16-17 at the high school.

The Relay For Life in Cohasset planning committee is currently seeking local residents to serve as team captains and/or team members. Relay For Life teams raise money by gathering sponsors to support their participation in the Relay. Teams of walkers keep a continuous presence on a local school track throughout the overnight event, walking in shifts to raise funds for American Cancer Society programs of research, education, advocacy and local patient services. The first Team Captain's meeting is set for Tuesday, April 8 from 7-8pm at the Second Congressional Church, 43 Highland Ave. Anyone interested in finding out more about Relay For Life and how to join is welcome to attend.

For more information about Relay For Life in Cohasset or to find out how to volunteer, please contact the event chair Laurie Livingstone Greenip at 781-383-6193.

Doll drawing at Buttonwood

Monday, April 7 is the date for Buttonwood' s doll drawing featuring the Pleasant Company's new line of dolls, "Girls of Many Lands". Each doll represents a 12-year-old heroine, whose story is told in the book that accompanies the doll. The stories are about strong girls who face difficult challenges and have been written by award-winning authors. Isabel (England) and Spring Pearl (China) are featured in Cohasset while Neela (India) and Spring Pearl (China) are in Hingham. "Girls of Many Lands"™ is a new line of dolls from the makers of the popular American Girl Dolls.

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Golf outing benefit for nursery school

The South Shore Community Center will host a golf outing at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham on Monday, June 23. Proceeds of the outing will go to the nursery school. Parents, members and friends of the Community Center are invited to play golf or join the fun after for a barbecue at Black Rock. The nursery school is seeking corporate sponsorships. For information and more details please call or email Deborah Donahue 781-383-2093 or Deirdre Prescott at 781-383-6578.

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HEARTWARMING TALE

Third-grade Girl Scouts from Troop 4781 will perform a play, "You Look Ridiculous Said the Rhinoceros to the Hippopotamus", in the Children's Room of the Paul Pratt Library on Thursday, April 10 at 4 p.m. This heartwarming tale tells the story of a hippo who thinks she should change, but discovers she's perfect just the way she is. Admission is free. What a super way to spend an afternoon for you and your family!

RETREAT WORKSHOP

Don't miss award-winning author **Jan Phillips'** return to Cohasset. Jan will lead a retreat workshop: From Compassion to Action on April 5 and 6 at Glastonbury Abbey. "We are the help we have been waiting for. We are the light of the world we inhabit. It is our time to speak, act and be tender and powerful.. come bring your light to the dark, warmth to the chill," Jan says. Call for details and to register at 781-383-9184. Registration is $195. and includes three meals. This workshop is being sponsored by the Spirituality and Healing Form of the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset.

CHEER FOR RUNNERS

Make sure to come out this Sunday and root on the walkers and runners who are taking part in this year's Cohasset Road Race By The Sea that will benefit the fight against polio. Good luck to all who are participating.

That is all the news for this week. Please make sure to send me all your information no later than Mondays at noon. Also, all photos that you may like to be used should be put in an envelope marked, "Cohasset Mariner, Around Town" and dropped at the Cohasset News store no later than Mondays at 9 am or scanned and emailed to aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com or mford@cnc.com. Please make sure to send the information to me and let me know where the photo was sent or left.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Support the override

Time and time again over the years, Cohasset taxpayers have gone to the polls to support Prop. 2-1/2 overrides to maintain services.

So while Prop. 2-1/2 overrides get a bad rap in many towns because they equate to an increase in property taxes, Cohasset voters seem to understand overrides can be a necessary thing.

The two-step process of two-thirds approval at Town Meeting and then by a simple majority at the polls insures that all of us get a chance to participate in this democratic process.

Your town officials, including the Town Manager and Finance Director, Selectmen, Advisory and School Committee have worked hard to whittle the override amount down to $350,000, a figure they hope will be palatable to the voters on Saturday.

It's no secret the state is facing the worst financial crisis in recent memory. Faced with cuts in local aid from the state, towns are being asked to be more self-sufficient than ever. The state surplus has disappeared and has been replaced with a $3 billion deficit in what seems to be a blink of an eye.

Cohasset is on solid footing, however, as reflected in its high bond rating – a sign that outside financial analysts think the town is well run. It is also less dependant on local aid than many other communities, so it is in a better position to weather the fiscal storm.

But with a tax base that is 93 percent residential – the town has few options but to ask its homeowners to ante up when needed. This is one of those times.

We can assure you that no one at Town Hall or the School Department is "tax happy." All have worked together in a remarkable show of cooperation this budget season to present a conservative budget with as low an override as possible.

While $350,000 may not seem like a ton of money [it is far less than the average single-family home in town which is valued at $585,000] – it can add up to many jobs and programs.

The override will add 21 cents to the tax rate, which will cost the owner of the average valued home about $121 more in fiscal year 2004, which starts July 1.

In these recessionary times, we don't make light of the fact that many in Cohasset are struggling to make ends meet and can't afford a tax hike. We think our town officials – most of whom live in town and pay taxes themselves — are also sensitive to that fact and haven't put the override before you without a great deal of forethought.

So Saturday, we ask you to again dig deeper into your pockets to support your town services and schools. Cohasset is a beautiful, and yes, an expensive place to live. We hope you continue to believe it is worth the investment.

Covering the base

Townhouses and apartment buildings. Industrial space and offices. Retail stores. A skating rink. Recreational facilities. Civic buildings for public use.

These are just some of the options being explored for the dormant naval air station in South Weymouth. In the next year plans for reusing the air base will take shape and form what will be the blueprint for the largest undeveloped parcel of land on the South Shore.

The new company contracted to develop the site along with the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation — the agency charged with overseeing the reuse — has years of experience revitalizing vacant military facilities. In fact, Lennar Associates has been involved with redeveloping four naval air stations and two Air Force bases, mostly in California with two near the San Francisco Bay area. That experience should prove vital to the evolution and success of the South Weymouth site.

But the company cannot do it alone. It's clear the potential success or, frankly, failure rests also in the hands of those who live on the South Shore. Too many people think this is a Weymouth issue, or a concern for Abington and Rockland — the three towns that border the base. Yet that seems to be a rather parochial view. This project is an enormous undertaking that will impact the entire South Shore in one way or another — whether it's providing housing, jobs or needed recreational facilities.

A skating rink, for example, would be a huge benefit for the entire South Shore given the lack of ice time available to local figure skaters and high school and youth hockey teams.

And, of course, there is the potential for added traffic on our roadways as well as other detrimental impacts if the project is not planned well or fails to take into consideration important needs of the South Shore.

Lennar, a publicly traded company with $3 billion in assets with offices in California, London, Dallas and now South Weymouth, is actively seeking input from area communities. Officials are quick to point out that they know this project extends beyond the town borders of Weymouth, Abington and Rockland. They want a project that is financially viable, but also a success for the area. That's one reason they have significantly scaled back original plans for a large amount of office space.

"In this economy, that's just not a good fit anymore. There is so much office space vacant now," explained David S. Hall, a vice president with Lennar and a commercial developer on the South Shore. Hall, who grew up in Marshfield and now lives in Milton, heads the project and is making it his "sole focus."

Hall and others are trying to reach out to as many people as possible to gain insight and input on the best use of the land. Officials have been on the road meeting and getting feedback on the potential project, with the next session set for next Wednesday, April 9, at the base conference center (the former bowling alley). It will include architects presenting their visions, as well as officials soliciting input from the public.

We can relate to the frustration many have felt about the slow progress to develop the land. Since 1997, when the Navy vacated the premises, there have been many ups and downs at the site. Promises have been made and promises have been broken. The Mills Corporation of Virginia came in several years ago full of ideas and hope to develop the land only to see the company walk away.

But things appear different now. There seems to be a new energy and vision for the approximate 1,500 acres of land. Lennar not only has experience developing these bases, it has worked with military leaders to turn empty bases into viable and vibrant communities. Lennar knows how to work the system and get things moving.

That's why it is critical residents from Braintree down to Kingston get on board with what's happening and voice their views. It's an opportunity we can't afford to squander and it's one we need to take advantage of now while the project is still in the planning stages.

In the next year or so, we at Community Newspaper Company will be devoting resources and time to explore the many facets of this project. We envision an ongoing series of stories investigating the proposed uses of the site as well as community reaction and concerns and getting behind the scenes of other Lennar projects.

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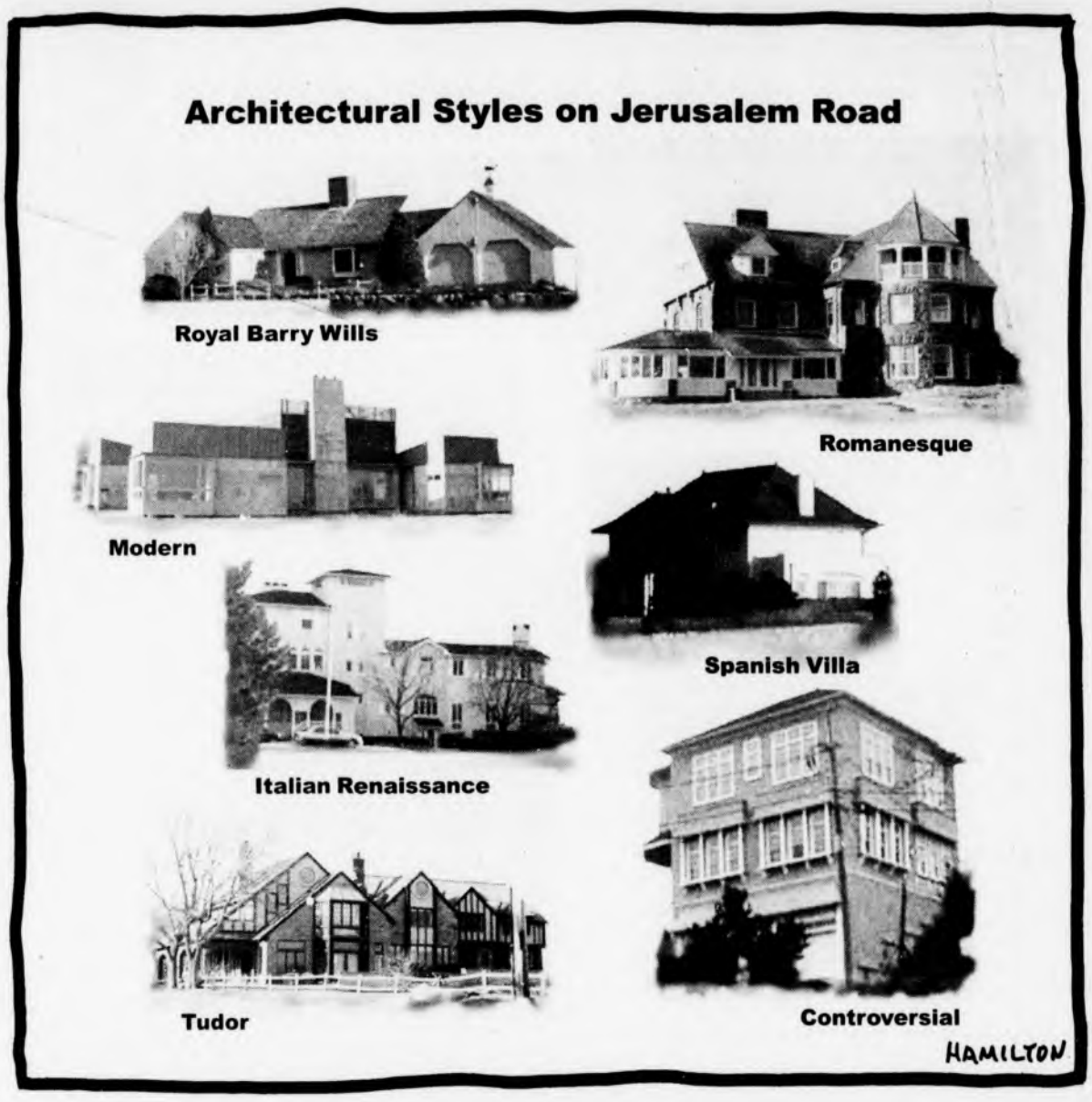

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support the override

TO THE EDITOR:

As you know, last Saturday, the Town Meeting voted "I" to support the proposed Fiscal 2004 town budget. This was the first step in a two part process. The second, most important, step is to get out and vote this Saturday, April 5, at the Town Hall. Our vote is needed to balance the budget which was passed at Town Meeting.

The $350,000 override figure doesn't provide for any "extras." It comes with cuts sustained in every department, including the schools. But, by passing it, we will be able to maintain our current level of DPW services and maintain our current level of academic programs. We will also be able to provide the essential Health and Human Services, cut by the State, which includes funding for the outreach worker and the van driver; these are important services for our Senior residents.

As I know all to well, everyone's vote matters! I urge all to support this override — so get out and vote!

Adrienne MacCarthy
85 Doane St.

History book is a best seller

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you Cohasset! So far, over 2200 volumes of Narrative History of Cohasset, 1950-2000 by Jacqueline Dormitzer have been sold. The response has been way beyond our most optimistic expectations.

Separately, because Volumes I and II of the town history were no longer available, our committee reissued those editions with new colorful period dust jackets. Although most of the three-volume boxed sets were sold during the holiday season, the individual books are now available at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and in the town clerk's office at town hall.

All of us associated with the six-year long project are most grateful to our fellow citizens for their ongoing support. We believe we are probably the only community on the planet with an up-to-date history from the ice age to the present.

And there is more really good stuff coming from this committee. Stay tuned!

Wigmore A. Pierson
Chairman, History Book Committee

Deer Hill principal

TO THE EDITOR:

For some time now, Paul Callahan, the principal at Deer Hill, has known that he will not be coming back to Cohasset next fall. Superintendent Malvey has decided not to renew his contract. For those of us who know Paul Callahan and who have witnessed first hand his devotion to the children of Cohasset, this news comes as a great shock.

Paul understands that a good leader must lead by his example. For the past seven years, he has given many hours over and above what was expected of him. So when the Deer Hill teachers volunteered their summer days or Christmas vacation days to move tables and chairs and books from one wing to another, Paul was always right beside them. Every day, he is usually the first to arrive and the last to leave. He attended every school event, not because he had to but because he wanted to. Under his direction, MCAS was successfully ushered into the curriculum and Deer Hill students continue to achieve admirably on this test. In addition, he reinstituted the experience of Camp Bournedale where children learn things not tested on MCAS. These include self-worth, team spirit and creativity, to name a few. During the past year, Mr. Callahan has worked diligently to maintain a safe and stable learning environment for his teachers and students during the construction of the new wing. He supports his teachers even when it may not be popular to do so. He does this because he was an elementary public school teacher himself for 25 years and respects the work that teachers do.

Superintendent Malvey is completely within his rights to hire or dismiss any administrator without the consent or approval of the local School Committee and without explanation. So be it. This decision may adhere to the letter of the law but it does not reflect its intent which is meant to reform schools. Do you really think that we need to reform Deer Hill School?

As a parent of a child who attended Cohasset schools grades K-12 and an educator for 30 years, I am aware of the problems that plague American schools in general and Cohasset schools, in particular. Paul Callahan is not a problem. In my opinion, he is cut from the same cloth as Clark Chatterton, Ken Ekberg, Jack DeLorenzo — educators respected in our town for their dedication and commitment to the school children of Cohasset. It will be a shame to lose him, but our loss will definitely be some other town's gain. How lucky for them. How sad for us.

Mrs. Maureen Flaherty and Family
217 Fairoaks Lane

Historical Society appreciates support

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Board and the members of the Cohasset Historical Society, we wish to thank the citizens of Cohasset for voting in favor of the Community Preservation Committee's funding for the adaptive reuse of the old Paul Pratt Memorial Library building and the construction of two rental apartments on the lower level. We are now the proud owners of the Paul Pratt Memorial building and are grateful for the support and encouragement you have given us during the last five months.

We also want to acknowledge the generosity of John Barry of Marshfield; Louis Harvey and the guarantors; the CPC and their chairman, Stuart Ivimey; Richard Henderson, our counsel; Frank Campbell and Kevin Burns of the Pilgrim Co-Operative Bank; the Cohasset Mariner; and the Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Saving the "old library" for the Historical Society reflects the overwhelming desire of the people of Cohasset to continue to enjoy this wonderful building.

One regret is that we must reschedule the April 5 Open House and Sign Exhibit. We will keep you posted via our newsletter and the Cohasset Mariner.

Paula Kozol and Kathy O'Malley
Co-Presidents
Cohasset Historical Society

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

The following are profiles of the three candidates who are competing for one seat on the Board of Selectmen:

Michael Sullivan

NAME: Michael Sullivan
AGE: 47
ADDRESS: 84 Elm St.
FAMILY: Wife, Mary; children: Corey, 19, Emilie, 17, Daniel, 15, Olivia, 11.
YEARS IN TOWN: 17
EDUCATION: B.S. in business administration, Bryant College
OCCUPATION: owner of Sullivan Associates, an executive search firm
CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: Board of Selectmen (1992-1998; 2000-present); chairman 1997 and 2003. Chairman of the Police Chief Selection Committee (2002). Board of Health (1988-1992). Youth soccer and Little League coach.
WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN: The balance between increasing taxes and maintaining the level of services people desire; affordable housing and senior housing; character of the community.
REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: I am motivated to seek the selectman's seat to participate in maintaining the quality of life in Cohasset. Over the years I have proven to be an effective leader with the ability to work well with others to move issues forward in the interest of the Community. I am committed to strong fiscal management, an excellent educational system and the protection of the beauty of Cohasset.

Over the last seven years we have rebuilt a large percentage of the infrastructure of Cohasset. Along with many others I have been very involved in developing these different projects and bringing them to the community to gather support. I have also participated in the process to insure these projects were completed on time, within budget and with as little negative impact to the Town. This leadership experience will be valuable to the Town dealing with this fiscal challenges that are facing us.

During the next several years the major issues in the Town will be finances, the train, downtown revitalization, affordable housing, and senior housing. I have been very involved in each of these issues over the last few years and am interested in utilizing my knowledge to help insure that we enhance the Community while protecting its character.I look forward to continuing to work with the Community and would appreciate your support on Saturday.

Gabriel E. Gomez

NAME: Gabriel E. Gomez
AGE: 37
ADDRESS: 53 Highland Avenue
FAMILY: Wife: Sarah; Children: Olivia (4), Zander (2), Antonia (5 months)
YEARS IN TOWN: 2
EDUCATION: MBA, Harvard Business School; BS, Systems Engineering, United States Naval Academy, *with merit*
OCCUPATION: Venture capitalist at Summit Partners; Chairman of the Board of Directors, Implementation Specialists for Healthcare, Inc.; Director, Newmarket International, Inc.
CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: U.S. Navy Pilot, 1987-1991; U.S. Navy SEAL commander, 1991-1996; Director, Greater Boston YMCA, current; Member, American Legion, current
WHAT VOTERS HAVE TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN: Transparency of budgeting *process*
REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: I am running to offer the voters a fresh voice of responsible leadership. I am running because I have solutions to offer.

Cohasset's voters have told me that in these difficult times continuity is insufficient to provide confidence in a candidate's ability to overcome the new hurdles — and that they are concerned with more than just how long a candidate has lived in town. I can offer strategic leadership, proactive policy and prudent management to ensure the long-term health of Cohasset. I will seek creative budget solutions to avoid tax hikes and focus on protecting our schools. I have the experience to walk into any CEO's office and propose that they move their business to Cohasset. I will be a formidable advocate for Cohasset's needs to state leaders.

I have not only the passion to serve Cohasset but also the background to be effective, with a foundation in leadership and consensus building as a Navy SEAL commander and a Navy pilot as well as problem solving at Harvard Business School. Further, I come to this election with day-to-day experience counseling growing companies and the Greater Boston YMCA as they face many of the same challenges as the town of Cohasset.

Roger Q. Hill

NAME: Roger Q. Hill
Age: 43
ADDRESS: 19A Highland Ave. Cohasset
FAMILY: Wife: Joanne C. Hill; son: Quentin
YEARS IN TOWN: 43 year resident
EDUCATION: Grades 1 to 8 Cohasset schools Grades 9 to 12 Chapel Hill, Waltham College Wentworth Institute of Technology Boston
OCCUPATION: Hill Realty Trust, property management (president)
Woodworks Construction (owner)
King Street Boat storage (owner)
CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: South Shore Art Center (volunteer of the year 2000)
Friends of Cohasset Harbor
Cohasset Action
All selectman meetings in the last 1.5 years
Avalon Z.B.A. meetings
Cohasset Yacht Club House committee
Senior shuttle driver four years
WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN? That Cohasset is not heading in the direction that they had hoped. Most of the older folks in the town can afford to stay here, and the children don't want the house because it's too expensive to live here. Some of these families have owned the home for many generations. The taxes are just too much to bear for most residents. Having someone in the selectman's office that will keep the residents and the character of the town in check is important.
REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: For many years, 43 to be exact, I sat back and watched the town develop and grow. The past two years have really scared me, that's why I'm running for Selectman. Some of the changes I see being proposed in my opinion, are not good ones. The over building, proposed harbor changes, AvalonBay, and big houses being built where small ones use to be. The character of the town is getting lost by development. The interest's, natural beauty and charm of Cohasset need to be protected, and I feel I'm up to the job. We need leadership that can be trusted and counted on.

I have known most of you for a very long time and you know how I feel about Cohasset, very proud. Proud to be a resident and business owner here. I will be proud to serve as your selectman. I will do my best to keep Cohasset affordable and try to keep down the spending. With your input and help this can be accomplished

See you April 5, Roger

Get ready for the war books

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

The war in Iraq will be over soon, although maybe not seem soon enough for a generation that has been brought up on microwaved TV dinners and 30-second news bites that pass for in-depth reports.

In a way, I hate to see it — the end of the war, I mean, because that means we will be deluged with war books — good books, bad books, little books, big books, books that are soon to be major motion pictures, most of them starring Tom Cruise.

Already "Bush at War," by Bob Woodward (Simon & Schuster, $28) is 119th on the USA Today list of best-seller; and "Dreaming War," by Gore Vidal (Thunder's Mouth Press, $11.95), subtitled "Blood for Oil and the Cheney-Bush Junta," is 146th.

"The Threatening Storm," by Kenneth M. Pollock (Random House, $25.95), the story of confronting Saddam, is 173rd, and "The War Over Iraq: Saddam's Tyranny and America's Mission," by Lawrence F. Kaplan & William Kristol (Encounter, $25.95), is 178th.

Do you suppose "What Went Wrong?" by Bernard Lewis, is jumping the gun?

Pity poor Sherron Watkins, the former Enron executive who blew the whistle on her boss and told all about it in "Power Failure: The Inside Story of the Collapse of Enron," which was the hot story of the year in . . . geez, was it only a couple of years ago?

...books that are soon to be major motion pictures, most of them starring Tom Cruise.

She was all lined up for promotional appearances on the major television networks, including Larry King Live on CNN, only to be preempted by a retired general who explained why Baghdad would fall in three days, four at the most.

And to top it off, Doubleday cancelled Sharron's advertising budget, probably anticipating the high cost of flogging the sale of war books in the near future. And not necessarily books about the war in Iraq either.

Since August, 2001, literary agent Amy Williams had been trying to hustle Anthony Swofford's memoir of the Gulf War — "One of the most powerful pieces of writing I'd ever seen," she said — but publishers would have none of it.

Then came 9/11 and the war in Afghanistan and the threat of war in Iraq and . . . last week Swofford's "Jarhead" (Scribner, $24), released early in March, was 45th and climbing on USA Today's best seller list and already in its seventh printing.

Wait until the books on the Iraq war hit the stands, especially since there are more then 500 reporters, many of whom were shut out of the Gulf War, "imbedded" among the fighting men themselves. I'll bet at least 499 of them already have taken notes for the book they are going to write.

Think of how many trees must die so that Ted Koppel can explain what it was like to sit in a tent in the desert and wonder if the Iraqi bringing him breakfast and a copy of the New York Times is really a suicide bomber.

HEALTH NOTES

Setting the stage for new initiatives, challenges

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

For the Board of Health, this Town Meeting was a success. We began the Rails With Trails adventure which, at minimum will give us a an insight into the possibilities of pedestrian or bicycle communication between parts of town which now are known to only a few hearty souls who can cope with the brambles. I see the rail trail helping us whether we have a train or not. In talking to Dick Avery, he envisions that at some future time, it can provide access between the library, Strawberry Parfait, the swim center, the Little League fields, and eventually, if we get it, the T Station, the cemetery, golf club, and who knows what on the way to North Scituate. It can connect to the sidewalk planned for Forest Avenue, and the sidewalk along North Main Street. Also, as "walking" Mark Fenton told us at the meeting it will improve the interface between the neighborhood and any eventual train corridor. I refer you to the report on other trails which have improved towns all over the United States. It's available at the Board of Health.

We have updated our smoking regulations and have some new ideas about how to strengthen the initiative for our younger citizens. We promise, at the Board of Health, we will not forget the need to continue pressure to reduce the dependence on tobacco.

I see the rail trail helping us whether we have a train or not.

The Water Department has taken a bold step which we were reluctant to do since it was only peripherally related to the Town's health concerns, and that is to attack in a very visible manner the problems which modern turf management has brought to our neighborhoods. The use of quick release nutrient rich lawn care products is a hidden specter which threatens our ground water as well as our water supply. The Board spends considerable time in trying to make people understand the relationship between too much fertilizer for our lawns and gardens and the condition of our ponds, streams and water bodies. In a way, it's the same problem we have with obesity and overweight. Many of us consume too much — as do our lawns and gardens. Both would be healthier if we cut back.

Finally, we are broadening the discussions about growth and its pressures. After years of trying, we will have a fully appropriate expansion of the Stop and Shop. This has been needed to foster better competition between the two stores, and will be good for both, as well as the town.

But the bigger issue is planning. I talked to Rick Swanborg Chairman of the Growth and Development Committee at the meeting, who told me that he had four bylaw changes planned, but was thwarted on all but one: the apartment amnesty. The town has to find a better way to provide a needed update to our planning process. The pressure of 40B is giving us the impetus to do something. It's necessary that our leaders in the Selectmen's office find a way to make our various boards work more effectively together. One thing which is helping is a better communication between boards. This dialog, fostered in part, by Woody Chittick of the ZBA, is paying off and should be formalized for all the Boards and Commissions. Similarly, the Growth and Development Committee has appeared before all Town boards, soliciting ideas, and offering valuable solutions from other towns which may work for Cohasset. Change is a difficult process, but unless we think we've got the perfect system, we're going to have to do it. Thank God we have so many intelligent interested citizens who can help us with the task.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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Boutique is a mess

TO THE EDITOR:

Mrs. Jensen provided the Mariner with a copy of her letter for publication.

Dear Mr. Brown and other Selectmen:

I was at the dump last Wednesday and was disgusted with the state of the "Boutique":

1.) There were broken (I mean really smashed) items; torn, soiled paperbacks, broken lampshades, furniture with legs missing, etc.

2.) There were items left there which were clearly very unclean: child's car seat with spilled food all over it.

3.) Someone was loading up his van with things which he said he was going to sell in his own yard sale in the spring. (I was told by one of the workmen that not only was this a common occurrence, but that antique dealers regularly raid the "Boutique" to take away things to be sold in their shops).

I used to find treasures there, but no more. It is disorganized, there are no rules, and people leave large items in order to avoid the dumping fee. Furthermore, commercial enterprises leave the rest of us with worthless junk.

I used to be secure in the fact that if I brought unwanted items to the boutique that they would find a good home with someone else. I am afraid to do that anymore for fear they will simply be bulldozed away in the "clear-out" procedure which occurs once a week.

Can't something be done to bring our old "Boutique" back?

Joan Jensen
63 Howe Road

POLITICAL NOTES

Mike Jones to run against Delahunt

At the March meeting of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, new member Christopher Allen was welcomed. After discussing upcoming issues and events special guest Mike Jones was introduced and led a lively discussion followed by a period of questions and answers.

Jones is throwing his hat in the ring for the seat in the 10th Congressional district running against Bill Delahunt. He grew up in Orleans and now resides in Plymouth with his wife, Brett After graduating from American University, Jones became the coordinator for Americans Abroad in charge of the absentee ballot program. He is the head of Capitol Capital Group, a public relations and lobbying firm. His main focus for the upcoming election is national security and the war on terror. He is committed to working tirelessly and to be everywhere all the time. Cohasset was the 31st town committee in the district that he has visited. For questions about and contributions to his campaign Jones can be reached at: capitolcapitalgroup@earthlink.net.

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The war in Iraq can't bury Big Dig news

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

State government is conveniently generating less news than usual, at the exact time there's less time and space for it in the media. The focus of the week on Beacon Hill was the big things about to happen.

The most important of them is the opening of the Big Dig. This problematic tartan of tunnels, connections, vents, footings and utility lines is finally about to add up to something other than $14.6 billion.

That's how much the depression of I-93 and the rest of the mega-project cost, but the people in charge seemed anything but depressed. They announced the closure of lanes and important off-ramps – Exit 26 to Storrow Drive being the most important – and a series of detours as workers close down the elevated northbound Artery and the tunnel system takes over. Details: www.bigdig.com.

So, at the top of the news in Massachusetts were two huge enterprises in which the government had the opportunity to prove it can do things right – even as people continued to debate whether the enterprises should have been done at all.

In Iraq, the Bush administration can achieve an anti-Vietnam with a swift victory without extensive collateral damage and without the formation of a foreign policy morass. People could wind up with a higher opinion of their government. And back in Boston, if the promises of the Big Dig are kept – shorter rush hours, a faster commute, a more beautiful city – the trust level will rise. People may even say it was worth it.

But in both cases, the short term is unpleasant and the assurances of the government just rhetoric. The test of the huge investments and gambles lies ahead. Just to tie this all together, the Romney administration announced it wanted to name the new roadway beneath the city the Liberty Tunnel. Legislation to do so was filed. The name is intended to honor all Massachusetts veterans, and in Gov. Romney's phrase, serve as a "fitting reminder of the sacrifices made in the name of liberty."

The proposed naming occurred as the House worked out its differences over the language of a resolution supporting and honoring the men and women currently serving. Republicans proposed a version that praised President Bush too much for the liking of some; eventually a compromise was worked out.

And back in Boston, if the promises of the Big Dig are kept – shorter rush hours, a faster commute, a more beautiful city – the trust level will rise.

Some kvetching over this debate definitely could be heard. The complaining ran along the lines of, "I know – why don't you do something about the $3 billion budget deficit you haven't solved, and then squabble over the feel-good resolutions?"

But the politicians pointed out expressions of support play an important part in public life, especially in wartime. They know a major part of their job is to set the right tone. They went hyper-patriotic, pledging and praying and hymning. That's part of their job, but the public has been waiting a long time for things to go well on the substantive side. And here's really big news: there's a chance they will.

• *Board adopts "persistently dangerous" approach.* The Board of Education approved a motion that allows students to transfer out of schools with consistently high rates of student violence. It's part of the federal education reform effort – No Child Left Behind.

• *UMass treasurer warns of damage if plan stopped.* Stephen Lenhardt said canceling a $75 million biology and chemistry complex for UMass Amherst, and a badly-needed dorm at Dorchester, will hurt the school's prestige and the education of thousands of young Bay Staters. The administration is holding up a $371 million bond package out of concern it's politically influenced and inadequately documented.

• *Prim board rejects Romney surplus property plan.* The state board that manages the state's $25.3 billion pension fund on unanimously voted its "strong opposition" to Gov. Romney's proposal on surplus state property. The governor had included a $180 million plan in his transfer surplus state land to the pension fund, in lieu of cash, so the state could use the cash to balance next year's budget. A Romney administration official said the state, even though it owns thousands of acres of surplus land, does a poor job selling it or utilizing it. Pension fund managers said they are equally incapable of selling the properties without incurring significant new costs.

• *Open letter questions Romney's UMass reorg.* A consortium of businesses, the Mass High Tech Council and the education-policy group Mass Insight sent a letter to the governor and UMass President William Bulger, criticizing the governor's proposal to reorganize the UMass system and eliminate Bulger's central office. The business leaders said the state benefits from a statewide system comprising different campuses. Community college leaders, after a separate meeting with Romney, publicly ripped his plans to consolidate operations.

• *Stalled Medicaid bill begins moving.* A measure the administration says is critical to changing Medicaid rules and saving nearly half a billion dollars had languished in the House clerk's office for a month, but moved forward. Representatives sent the matter to the Health Care Committee a day after a top administration official warned the savings are in jeopardy without swift action.

•*Death penalty brings out zero proponents.* In a development unthinkable several years ago, no one testified in favor of capital punishment during a hearing of the Criminal Justice Committee. Legislative supporters of the death penalty suggested the dearth of supporters was accounted for by the presumption that capital punishment — for years a high-profile policy proposal — is a non-starter in the Legislature this session.

• *Permit application blitz signals wind power fight.* Winergy, a Long Island-based firm, has filed applications for seven wind farms involving 800 turbines with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Environmentalist critics of the firm and its plans say the applications are poorly drawn, and Winergy just wants to win permits so it can sell them to other companies. Officials of the firm maintained there's nothing wrong with filing lots of applications to find out which ones get approval.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen
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March 24-28

Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) (617) 722-2120 Room 472

Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) (617) 722-1646 Room 413F

QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for over 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on four roll calls from the week of March 24-28. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

IRAQ RESOLUTIONS

House 148-0, approved resolutions supporting the efforts of the president, as commander in chief, in the conflict against Iraq, offering support, encouragement and prayers for the safety of all the troops serving overseas and expressing gratitude to all members of the United States Armed Forces who are participating in the military operations in the Persian Gulf region. The resolutions also express hope for a speedy, successful and safe conclusion to the hostilities and for the reconstruction of Iraq as a free and democratic nation. There was no debate on these resolutions that were drafted as a compromise when a group of Democrats indicated they would offer alternative resolutions. The group objected to earlier versions that they said went beyond just support for the troops and included praise for the leadership of President Bush and references to Saddam Hussein's defiance of United Nations resolutions. (A "Yea" vote is for the resolutions).

RULES FOR BUDGET DEBATE (H 3730)

House 106-38, approved a set of rules to be followed when the House considers the fiscal 2004 state budget beginning April 30. A key provision requires that any member who proposes an increase in spending in excess of $100,000 also offer a proposal decreasing spending by an equal or greater amount. Other provisions include requiring any tax hikes or tax cuts to be considered first followed by consideration of all other amendments and prohibiting earmarking of revenues from tax hikes for specific programs. Supporters said these new rules would impose fiscal responsibility in light of the state's huge deficit, prevent members from offering new spending without making corresponding cuts and establish how much revenue the state will receive prior to debate on where to spend the money. Opponents said the new rules give more power to Speaker Finneran and his Ways and Means Committee including allowing them to propose a budget without the "increase/decrease" restriction placed on members who offer amendments to it. They said the new rules are anti-democratic and will further decrease the input and power of individual members. (A "Yea" vote is for the new rules. A "Nay" vote is against the new rules).

OPEN MEETING ON BUDGET (H 3730)

House 37-109, rejected an amendment requiring the House Ways and Means Committee to hold an open meeting at the Statehouse to answer questions from the public and House members about the fiscal 2004 state budget. The meeting would be held shortly following the release of the budget and would have to be open to the public for at least three hours. Amendment supporters said this would open up the democratic process and allow anyone to ask questions about the budget after it is released. Amendment opponents said the Ways and Means Committee has held hearings and public discussions on the budget and noted explicit details and explanations will be included when the budget is released. (A "Yea" vote is for requiring the public hearing. A "Nay" vote is against requiring the hearing).

INCREASE AND DECREASE (H 3730)

House 19-125, rejected an amendment eliminating the section of the new budget rules requiring that any member who proposes an increase in spending in excess of $100,000 also offer a proposal cutting spending by an equal or greater amount. Amendment supporters said this mandate is simplistic and unfair and will pit one program against another. They argued that the House has produced many balanced budgets for years without this type of restriction. Amendment opponents said the state's fiscal crisis demands that members be fiscally responsible and argued that this restriction will ensure that the budget remains balanced. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment eliminating the "increase/decrease" requirement. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment and favors the "increase/decrease" requirement).

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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Candidates score style points at debate for selectman's race

By Mary Ford
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It couldn't compete with reality TV's Survivor series featured on Thursday nights.

But their styles were different enough that if anyone of them had had the chance – they'd have voted the other two off the island.

— political analysis —

The Selectmen's office, which itself is not immune to controversial meetings, provided the sound stage last Thursday for a debate featuring the three candidates seeking a three-year term on the Board of Selectmen.

While the nearly 90-minute event, hosted and moderated by Noel Collins, provided few sparks – cable-TV viewers and those in the live audience had the chance to see the incumbent, Michael Sullivan, and challengers Gabriel Gomez and Roger Q. Hill sitting side by side for the first time.

Voters at the polls, which are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Town Hall, will have the final say as to who will fill the selectman's seat until 2006. [For candidate profiles see page 11.]

In the end, it did come down to style. The candidates agree the controversial, proposed Avalon Bay apartment community is not right for Cohasset and won't solve the town's affordable housing needs. All agree Saturday's Prop. 2-1/2 vote is needed to balance the books, although they differ on the public process and how selectmen should deal with budgetary issues. All understand the town's tax base is primarily residential, but they disagree if anything can be done to change that. The three men love the town and want to preserve its character.

While none of the candidates think Avalon is the way to solve the town's affordable housing problem, there was some finger pointing on how to deal with Virginia-based developer.

Hill, a lifelong resident, was the most passionate about the fact that many elderly and town employees can't afford to stay in Cohasset and therefore solving the town's lack of affordable housing is critical. A strong Avalon critic, he also accused selectmen of "taking a back seat" on the Avalon issue.

Gomez, who is a relative newcomer to town, didn't mince words and gave mostly short direct answers. He accused Avalon of being "exploiters and corrupters" and didn't think the people were being informed about what was going on.

Sullivan, a seasoned incumbent with 13 years in elected office, was more laid back. He said he "certainly didn't want the project to go forward as it is today." He also fended off criticism about his attendance at a meeting earlier in the week between some town and Avalon officials that wasn't posted. He apologized and said he "was asked to attend and didn't put the meeting together." Sullivan said it was best to keep the lines of communication open with Avalon and it did not occur to him the meeting might be in violation of the Open Meeting Law.

Gomez said the town has become too reliant on Prop. 2-1/2 overrides to make ends meet and said his business acumen and education would be a plus in helping the town with its fiscal planning. He criticized selectmen for changing the override number several times and said the voters had not been educated about how the numbers were obtained.

Sullivan defended the selectmen's handling of the budget year after year, and enumerated the town services that residents expect. He took great umbrage at Gomez's remarks and said selectmen worked hard to arrive at a number that was reasonable.

Hill pointed out the cutbacks in state aid and defended Town Manager Mark Haddad's efforts to keep the override as low as possible. But he said the town's debt service needed to be reduced.

Gomez said he would work with businesses to attract them to Cohasset to help increase the town's commercial tax base.

Sullivan said increasing the commercial tax base is difficult because there is little commercially zoned land in town, which is 93 percent residential.

Hill, who owns the strip mall where Atlantic Bagel is located, noted his property was part of the 7 percent zoned for business. He also said the former Norfolk Webb site where Avalon is proposed has been vacant for 10 years and hadn't attracted any commercial tenants. He said Cohasset is too far for most businesses to relocate.

Gomez disagreed saying there was a vast number of small businesses that could be enticed to come to town.

When it comes to the character of Cohasset, the three candidates agreed the town's unique qualities and beauty make it a wonderful place to live.

But Hill, who noted the love for Cohasset runs deep in his heart, said on issues such as revitalizing the harbor, too much took place behind the scenes and the public needs to have more input in the village design improvements.

Sullivan, who said his commitment to Cohasset remains strong and he enjoys being a selectman, described the town as an "incredible place to bring up children." He said maintaining Cohasset's character while rehabilitating its infrastructure is critical.

Gomez said it was time for the town to focus on the future and not the past. He said the town needed a fresh voice of responsible leadership. He said the beauty and friendliness of Cohasset drew him to town.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

Gabriel Gomez, Michael Sullivan and Roger Hill get ready to square off in last Thursday's debate at Town Hall. Voters on Saturday will decide which candidate will serve as a selectman for the next three years.

$350K on the ballot

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who in the past several months have struggled to balance budgets amidst rising costs and projected cuts in state aid.

Under Gov. Mitt Romney's budget, the town would lose about $307,000, or 10.87 percent, of its local aid. That figure could increase depending on what the House of Representatives and the Senate propose in their budgets.

Town officials hope that in reducing the override amount from $485,000 to $350,000 they have shown residents that expenses were cut as much as possible without jeopardizing the level of services provided by the town.

Town Manager Mark Haddad and finance director Michael Buckley have cut the municipal side of the budget by $53,000, a reduction of 0.73 percent from this fiscal year. *(See sidebar)*

Haddad told voters at Town Meeting on Saturday this was the hardest budget to balance since 1991, the last time the state significantly cut local aid. He said the cost of health insurance and other benefits had risen $330,000 on the municipal side of the budget, an increase attributed younger employees signing up for benefits that older employees had declined in the past.

School Committee chairman Rick Flynn told Town Meeting that new costs in the school system totaled more than $800,000, forcing the committee to make cuts of more than $400,000 just to balance its budget. *(See sidebar)*

The school budget, set at $11,265,000, will see an increase in fiscal year 2004 of only $333,000, or 3 percent. That's low compared to the last five years, when the average increase of the school budget has been almost 7 percent.

Selectmen unanimously recommended the operating budget, including the override, at Town Meeting. The budget was also recommended by the majority of the Advisory Committee.

Advisory Committee Chairman Maureen Jerz suggested that the town look into cutting legal costs further and trimming union pay raises when they are renegotiated next year. Haddad said the town was also exploring the possibility of lowering the percentage of health care benefits it covers for municipal and school employees.

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In the event of a failed override, town officials have agreed that schools would need to cut another $210,000 from their budget while the municipal side would need to reduce costs by $140,000. The School Committee has outlined potential cuts for that scenario *(see sidebar)*, but Haddad said he had not identified any possible cuts on the municipal side.

The town originally anticipated a general override in fiscal year 2005 but, according to Haddad, the cut in state aid necessitated moving it up a year. Haddad said if the override passed, the town would not need another override next year.

Override history:

If approved, this would be the eighth general override the town has approved since Proposition 2 -1/2 became law in 1981.

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5/22/99 — $ 380,000
4/7/01 — $300,000
4/5/03 — $350,000 if approved Saturday

What cuts have already been made

On the municipal side of the budget, Town Manager Mark Haddad and finance director Mike Buckley have:

- cut the amount appropriated for legal expenses by $60,000;
- reduced the Town Planner position to part-time, saving $20,400;
- eliminated a position at the Police Department by attrition, saving $48,000;
- reduced the Emergency Services Fee with the help of the Water Commission, saving $97,000;
- cut the Fire Department's request for capital outlay, saving $36,500;
- reduced Transfer Station expenses through the Pay-As-You-Throw program, saving $48,000;
- reduced the salary of the Health Agent due to retirement, saving $10,000; and,
- arranged to increase revenue from the Recreation Department by $47,000.

On the school side of the budget, the School Committee has:

- eliminated a position through attrition at the Osgood School and replaced three retiring teachers at the CMHS with teachers at starting salary, saving about $170,000;
- eliminated an adjustment counselor at the CMHS, with the position's duties absorbed by guidance councilors, saving $60,000;
- reduced a special education teacher to a special education aide, saving $32,000;
- reduced supplies by $50,000;
- cut 7 activity aides at Osgood-Deer Hill, saving $62,928;
- cut 1 nurse aide, saving $17,846;
- cut 1 library aide at CHS, saving $17,846;
- cut a reading teacher at CMHS, saving $40,000;
- made miscellaneous cuts from various salary accounts, saving $11,380*

**Dr. Malvey explained sometimes "salary steps" are rounded up in the budget and he will "fine tune" all the numbers.*

Additional potential cuts in school budget if override fails:

- Reduce Middle school athletic program, $35,000
- Reductions in elementary PE, music & art, $60,000
- Technology aide at Osgood, $27,319
- Deer Hill teacher, $40,000
- Proposed CHS math teacher, $40,000
- Clerical aide at Osgood, $12,708

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Chamber survey says the South Shore wants train

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several labor, business and government officials. Conspicuously absent were Greenbush critics, state Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, who were not invited, a chamber spokesman said when asked.

Leading the pro-train charge for the Chamber is its president and Chief Executive Officer, Ron Zooleck, a Hingham resident, who didn't mince words about those on the other side of the tracks, so to speak.

"The opposition has never said the train is not needed," Zooleck said. He accused train opponents who have stalled the project with lawsuits of continually driving up the cost of Greenbush, which is now estimated at some $464 million. Despite the price tag, the Chamber says the train should be built and is key to the economic health and quality of life in the region.

Zooleck said the time has never been better to borrow money than now.

"We urge the administration to move forward immediately," he said.

Propelling the survey, which was conducted by Atlantic Research and Consulting of Boston for the chamber, was the MBTA's decision to halt construction on Greenbush for six months until permitting and remaining right-of-way issues can be resolved. During the hiatus, the Romney administration promised to take a new look at the project.

The scientific survey, which polled 454 residents and has margin of error of plus or minus 5 percent, shows a significant majority of South Shore residents in Cohasset, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth favor restoration of the Greenbush line. The only town that was a statistical "dead heat" was Hingham, which showed 43 percent opposed or strongly opposed and 41 percent in favor or strongly in favor. The poll was conducted from March 18-20.

Peter Hooper of Atlantic Research, the polling firm, said the survey was conducted randomly. He explained the number of residents polled in each town varied according to the population; more residents were polled in Weymouth than Cohasset, for example.

Averaging the results across the towns, 64 percent of the respondents said they were in favor of Greenbush line restoration (a 4 or 5 on a five-point scale); 18 percent were neutral (a rating of 3) and 19 percent were opposed to the project (a rating of 1 or 2), he said.

More than 70 percent of the respondents in Hull, Marshfield and Norwell favored the train; the train in Cohasset had a 60 percent favorability rating, with 62 percent in Weymouth, and 64 percent in Scituate.

In the interviews respondents were asked for their age, gender, education and income; how many in the household commute to work or school outside the community; to which towns they commute and how they commute. They were asked how they rate the current commute to Boston; and if they believe there is a problem getting in and out of Boston.

In addition to whether they favor restoration of the Greenbush line, respondents were also asked their opinions on the economic benefits of the train; safety of grade crossings; pollution; and if the train would bring unwanted crowds to the South Shore; and about its cost, among other questions.

Hooper said support for the train remains largely unchanged since the first survey was conducted in 1995. He said residents overall feel there is a problem getting in and out of Boston; the train was the most popular option to improve the commute; and most see it as the option most favorable to the environment.

State Rep. Ronald Mariano, D-Weymouth, said the train — with is $28 million worth of design improvements to Weymouth Landing — would be a tremendous benefit to Weymouth. Mariano said state Rep. James Murphy who also represents Weymouth, and state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, also strongly support the train. He said the three of them along with state Sen. Michael Morrissey, D-Quincy, met with Commonwealth Development Sec. Douglas Foy, who coordinates the departments of housing, transportation and environmental affairs, recently to express their concerns over the halt in Greenbush construction.

"We are extremely worried the halt will provide fuel for the anti-train folks," he said.

Mariano said $100 million has already been spent on Greenbush and if the project didn't go forward, the MBTA would use the room in its capital budget for other projects.

"This (Greenbush) is the most far along in the MBTA's capital program," he said.

"I'm hoping the administration with our advocacy will evaluate the project in the context to which we have described it," he said. Mariano also read a statement from Hynes, who could not attend, but who is vice chairman of the House Committee on Transportation. Hynes stated Greenbush would put the South Shore on equal footing with the other areas around Boston, which all have train service.

Greenbush is expected to attract 4,200 daily riders, which are the MBTA's own figures, according to Terry Fancher of the Chamber, who sat on the Citizens Advisory Committee that commented on the Greenbush environmental feasibility study.

Although the permits for Greenbush are being challenged by opponents, the chamber says the project will ultimately prevail.

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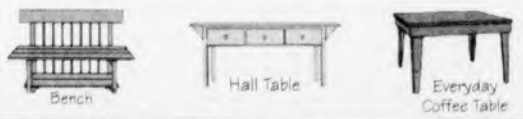

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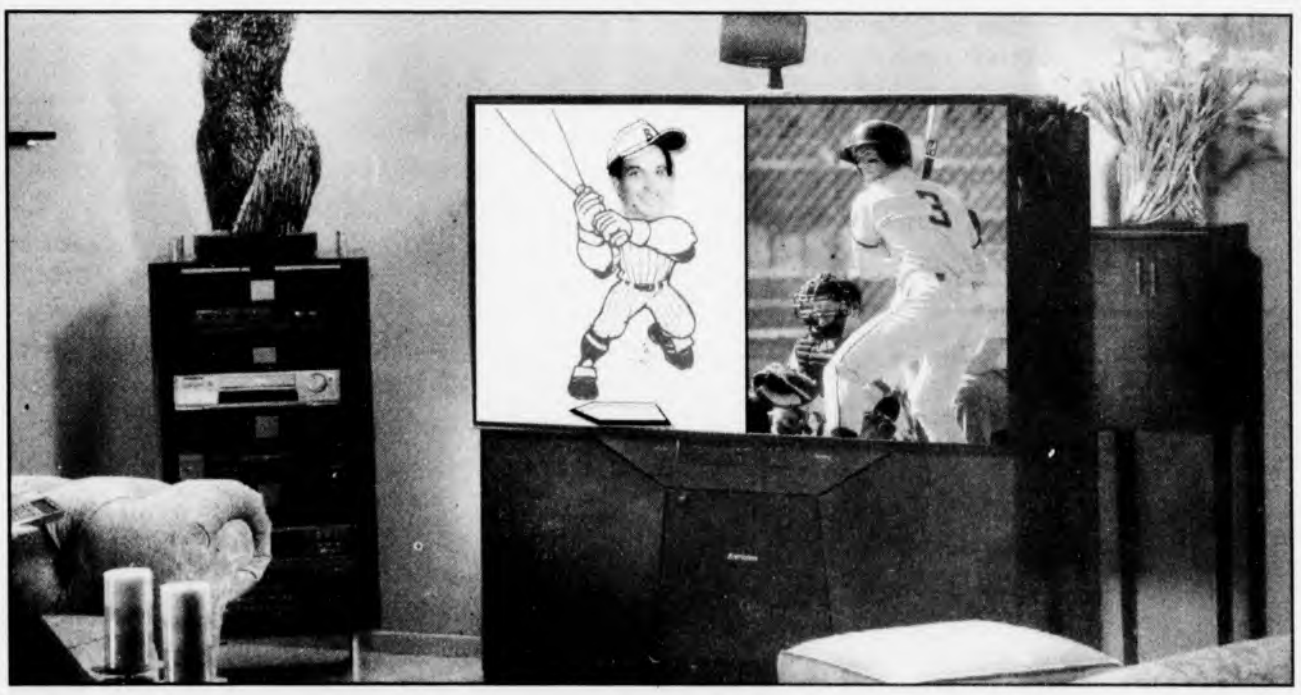

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Race day registration ($18 for the race and $15 for the fun walk) is from 9 a.m.-noon at the South Shore Community Center, 3 N. Main St. Race T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 800 runners.

Volunteers from the Appalachia Service Project, a volunteer home building ministry, will man the water stops.

Cohasset Rotary Club president Damian Grozier explained Rotary International had wanted the world to be polio free by the year 2000. That date proved to be too ambitious so the organization refocused its efforts last year to raise some $80 million to eradicate the disease from the planet by 2006.

With Sunday's road race, the Cohasset Rotary launches a three-year effort to raise $10,000 for the cause and therefore, hopes for a good turnout.

"We'd love to have as many people come out as possibly can," Grozier said.

Nee said the Cohasset Rotary will continue to support local programs, such as high school scholarships, Wellspring in Hull and Father Bill's in Quincy. The club has two main fundraisers a year, the race and selling advertisements for the Cohasset Rotary phonebooks. Early efforts on the phone book show an increase in sales over last year.

Nee said seeing what some children who are afflicted with the disease have to go through needlessly was a wakeup call. He said the polio fight is an opportunity for the club, which with 25 members is relatively small, to be part of something really big.

"As a Rotary club we felt obligated to support Rotary's worldwide mission," Nee says. "We viewed this as how often do we get to pitch in globally to help eradicate a disease that continues to be a problem."

Rotary International's efforts to rid polio in affected areas include: public education to promote immunization; getting the vaccine to children in remote regions; forming public-private partnerships that fortify government health programs; and strengthening a global laboratory network to support disease surveillance efforts after polio has been eradicated.

Facts about polio

- Typically affects children under three
- Can result in paralysis and even death
- Still exists in 10 countries in the Eastern Hemisphere
- Global polio eradication is the premier goal of Rotary International

Kick aerobics

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces ongoing registration for adult fitness classes based upon six-week sessions. This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kickboxing, and muscle conditioning.

The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the auditorium at Town Hall from 9-10:15 a.m. The cost of the 12-class session is $100 per participant. Step equipment will be provided for up to 20 participants; however, two-to-five-pound hand-weights should be brought to class for the muscle conditioning segment of the training.

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Arms struggle

Emergence of pitchers seen as key to Skippers baseball season

By Mike Spellman
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If baseball really is, as the popular old expression says, two-thirds pitching, then it appears as if the Cohasset High baseball team will enter the 2003 campaign with a whole lot of question marks.

Sophomore Ted Straughn has, as expected, quickly solidified himself as the team's staff ace, but projected number two hurler Mike Snowdale has come down with some arm problems, and there is virtually zero mound experience behind this duo.

"If we can get two or three of the pitchers we're looking at now to step up, I feel we can be a pretty good baseball team this year," said first year Cohasset coach Al Gallotta. "If not, we're probably no better than an average team. Right now, pitching is the big question."

And if Al Gallotta , the former Archbishop Williams Athletic Director who brings to CHS nearly 30 years of baseball coaching experience, can't figure it out, it seems unlikely that anyone can.

Senior Terry Baroudi and juniors John Andrade, Mike Dooley, and Jon Downing all saw time on the mound in scrimmages last week against Duxbury and Thayer Academy, with results being mixed.

Senior Chris McKenna, the only lefthanded pitching candidate, could also see some time down the road on the mound, according to the coach.

The Skippers took a 1-1 tie into the fourth inning against Duxbury on Thursday, with Straughn shutting down the bigger and higher division playing Dragons past the game's midpoint, but things unraveled once the hard-throwing sophomore was relieved on the mound.

Overall, Gallotta said he was encouraged by his team's performance against the strong Div. 2 team, and also had a few good things to report following Saturday's meeting with Thayer.

The host Braintree school won on the strength of a few big innings in which Coach G. paraded out a series of pitchers.

"But that's what these games are for," the long time coach reminded. "We were auditioning players, and some made out better than others."

Still, the coach gave the impression that nothing is cast in stone.

"It looks like we'll have to finalize spots two through five in the rotation as we go," he said.

One factor which could complicate matters significantly for Gallotta and his pitching plans is the Monday-Tuesday-Thursday playing schedule employed by the South Shore League. The majority of leagues in Eastern Mass. stick to a Monday-Wednesday-Friday slate in deference to pitching management, with a day off between games and three days rest between the first and last games of the week providing undeniable advantages to coaches. However, with a few SSL schools (including Cohasset) unable to assure

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Scituate senior Matt Davis (#4) has been utilized at attacker in early practices, but may be bumped back to his more natural middie position to start the season. For boys lacrosse report, see page 20.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Sophomore Elizabeth Stone is back looking to build on last year's unbeaten season in singles play and lead the Cohasset girls to a Sectional title.

Eye on the prize

Girls tennis team sets sites on first ever Sectional crown

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

After 11 straight tournament years, seven consecutive seasons with at least a share of the South Shore League title, several years in which the entire starting line-up made the league All-Star team, and multiple runs deep into the playoffs, the one thing that has eluded the Cohasset girls tennis team has been a Sectional Championship. This could all change with the line-up they have in place this year.

At the top of the line-up is sophomore sensation Elizabeth Stone, who went unbeaten as a freshman, dropping only a handful of games in the entire season of match play. She held her own against Mass's top ranked high school female at the State Individuals Tourney, eventually losing 3-6, 4-6. Other than that, Stone won nearly every other match at second singles by a doughnut score, 6-0, 6-0. She will make the transition to the number one spot, and could very well achieve similar results, especially with the aces from Norwell and Harwich having graduated.

The number one of the previous two seasons, senior captain Lindsay Grossman, has shifted to first doubles. Grossman capped a remarkable singles career, in which she compiled a record of 44-7, including an undefeated freshman year at second singles.

Quality over quantity

Roster challenged boys tennis team edges Hanover in opener

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The boys tennis team began their quest to prove the adage "quality over quantity" this past Tuesday, beating non-league foe Hanover. With a roster that features the bare minimum required to fill out a line-up card, the Skippers took their first steps toward a third straight playoff berth.

The team finished second in the league last year with an 8-4 SSL record, 8-6 overall. The team lost no one to graduation, but several to the newly formed Cohasset Ping-Pong Club and several more to those who opted not to play a sport this spring. But with the help of two talented freshman, this team could very well be better than the previous two tourney qualifiers.

A core of three seniors, all returning lettermen, will anchor the line-up. The Mariners go-to guy for all things concerned with men's tennis will again take up the number one singles spot, his second year there. The returning captain hopes to improve upon last years 8-5 record, as three of the number ones from last year's SSL graduated.

Ingber started off his year well, beating Hanover's Ben Barr in the season opener on Tuesday.

In the 3-2 win, Cohasset swept the three singles matches, featuring wins by junior Tim Anton at second singles and senior Ross Lieb-Lappen at third.

Lieb-Lappen and senior Scott Faber, last year's number one doubles team, have split up to cement the roster more completely. Lieb-Lappen will make a permanent shift to his more natural position at third singles, while Scott Faber will likely team up with freshman Nils Sceery for an impressive front-

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Mariner All-Scholastic hockey team

Cohasset's Anderson, Davis and Durkin named among area's elite

The size of this All-Scholastic hockey team—24, the biggest team we've ever had outside of football— is testament to how difficult this selection process was.

What can we say? It was a banner season on the ice in *Marinerland*, highlighted by Hingham for the second year in a row finishing third in the state's "Super 8 Tourney" and winding up as the state's last public school team left standing.

Of the 12 public schools we cover, nine qualified for the state tourney. Scituate, after a 15-3-1 regular season, made it all the way to the Sectional semifinals, where it fell in a 4-3 heartbreaker to Blue Hills, while Norwell, Cohasset, Marshfield and Braintree advanced to the quarterfinals.

Honestly, several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement. We would have loved to have added many of them, with Cohasset's South Shore League All-Star defenseman Mike Devine being a particularly difficult omission, but we had to cut things off somewhere.

In the end, we limited ourselves to a team of just 24, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the most deserving hockey players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

John Durkin - Senior
(Capt.)
Center - Cohasset

John Durkin

Led the South Shore League in scoring with 42 points (22 goals, 20 assists) to pace the Skippers to a 10-6-4 record and a second straight SSL championship...two time SSL all-star...team MVP...had 36 points last year, and went over 100 points for his career...explosive offensive talent who combines great skating, hands and vision with a deadly accurate shot...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...scored two hat tricks this season...most memorable goal was a tie-breaker with 14.8 seconds left in OT to lift Cohasset over eventual Sectional champ Bourne, 2-1...played the majority of the time on the penalty kill as well as power plays...also a standout football and lacrosse player for CHS...has a few colleges interested, but will attend Prep School next year in the hopes of increasing options...looking at Deerfield, Berkshire, Pomfret Academy and Kimball Union...Cohasset hockey coach John Blake: "John is an explosive offensive talent. He just has a knack for scoring. He was definitely our go to guy. When John had success, the team had success. There was definitely a lot of pressure on him this year, but he still came up with some big goals."

Tom Anderson - Senior
(Capt.)
Defense - Cohasset

After totaling 34 points (21 goals, 13 assists) to finish among the league leaders as a junior, Tom volunteered this season to move back to defense, where graduation hit the Skippers hard...finished with 17 points (seven goals, 10 assists) and played a huge role in Cohasset's second straight South Shore League championship...one of the SSL's most

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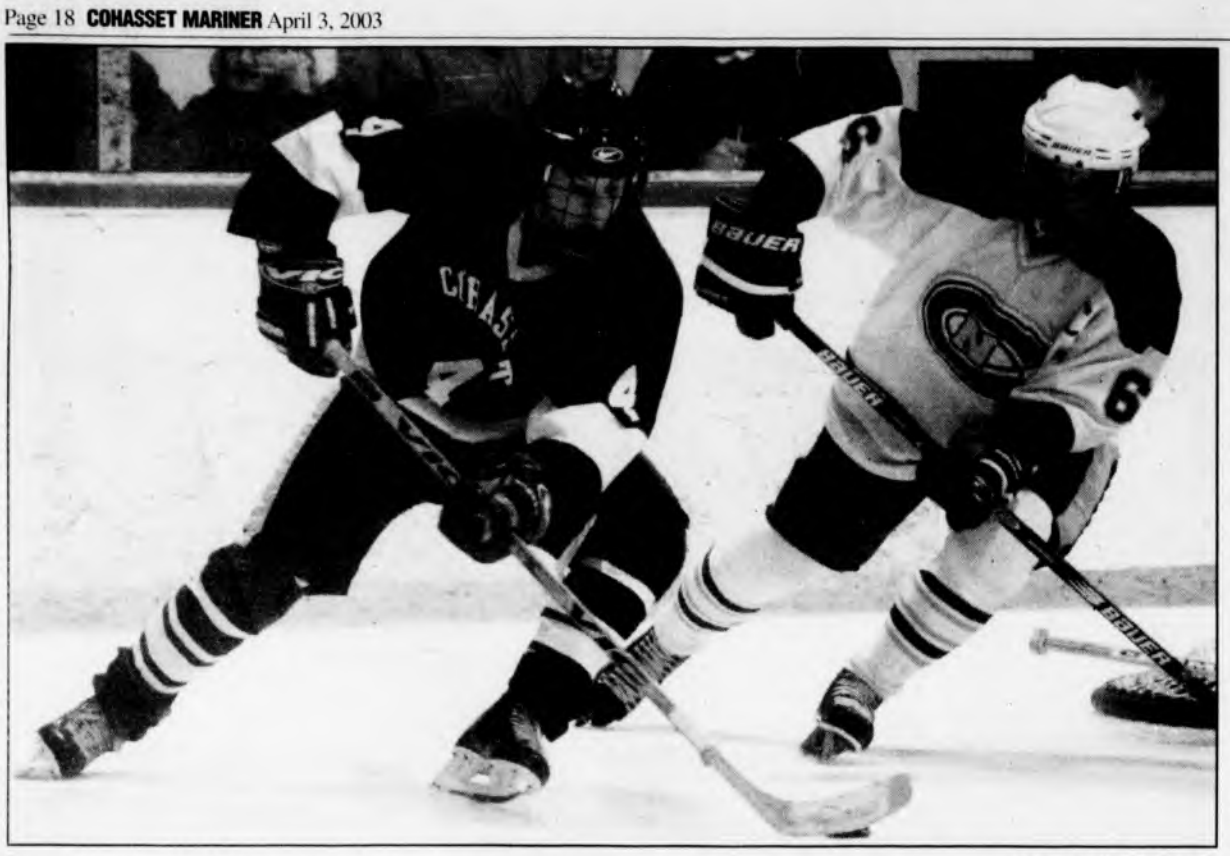
FILE PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Already a top notch hockey talent, it was the physical play of Cohasset's Tom Anderson (#2) which really set him apart and made him a no-brainer selection for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

Cohasset's Anderson, Davis and Durkin named among area's elite



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Matt Davis (#4) was one of the most electrifying players in the open ice the South Shore League has seen in recent years.

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feared checkers...6-foot-1, 200 pound bruiser is a force in front of the net...played on both special teams and easily led the team in ice time...very strong skater and puck-handler...finished with over 100 career points...two-time SSL all-star...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...one of just seven hockey players in Eastern Mass. named to the "Massachusetts Alliance for the Promotion of Sportsmanship Hockey All-Star Team"...also a Mariner All-Scholastic selection for football this past fall...also a team captain and standout in football and lacrosse for CHS...Honor Roll student...is leaning toward playing college lacrosse, but may also try hockey...also active in drama and singing...looking at Delaware, St. Michaels, Bryant College, Gettysburg and Connecticut College...Cohasset hockey coach John Blake: "John gave up some glory by volunteering to play defense and you can't believe how much that meant to this team. There's no doubt he was one of the best defensemen on the South Shore, and he was a great team leader too. He led by setting a great example, and when something needed to be said in the locker room he said it."

Tom Anderson

Matt Davis - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Cohasset

Might have made a run at South Shore League scoring title if he hadn't volunteered to play defense the first five games of the year due to injuries on the blueline...finished with 34 points (15 goals, 19 assists) to help lead the Skippers to their second straight SSL crown...a scintillating skater and puck handler who seems almost unstoppable in one-on-one situations in the open ice...two time South Shore League all-star...biggest goal of the year came after an electrifying end-to-end rush in the final seconds of the first period that put the Skippers up for good at 2-1 in the showdown for first place in the SSL with Harwich...won Norm Delaney Student Athlete Award for having the team's top GPA...also a standout for CHS in football and lacrosse, which he also captains... has been recruited to play lacrosse at Ursinis University (Penn.), where he will major in Biologicical Science... Cohasset hockey coach John Blake: "I felt bad for any defenseman who was matched up against Matt one-on-one, because Matt won just about all of those battles and generally made them look pretty bad while doing it. He's just an incredible skater and puck handler in the open ice. He helped us out immensely on defense at the beginning of the year, and then he really gave us a huge lift up front when he moved back up there."

Matt Davis

Greg Genovese - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Hingham

Carrying on the strong hockey tradition in his family, Genovese was the team's second-leading scorer this season, racking up 41 points on 20 goals, 21 assists... He, fellow All-Scholastic Garret Daigler, and younger brother Mike teamed for one of the most productive lines around, combining for 110 points this season...He helped lead the Harbormen (18-5-1) to their second-straight semifinal appearance in the Super Eight tourney...There, he had one of his best games, scoring the game-tying goal with less than a minute left in their opening round game against Austin Prep, which Hingham went on to win 5-4 in double-overtime...Genovese was also a defensive contributor...He plans to attend Pomfret. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "He's been a tremendous player for us. He has very good hockey sense and passes well."

Greg Genovese

Jed McDonald - Senior (Capt.)
Defense - Hingham

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, McDonald was again the Harbormen's leader on the defensive ice...Able to anticipate and read an opponent's offense so well, McDonald's defensive play was instrumental in several big games, and helped Hingham (18-5-1) land itself back in the semi-finals of the elite Super Eight tourney...Also a contributor on the offensive end, McDonald racked up 28 points on eight goals, 20 assists...He moved from forward to defense his sophomore season, in which he scored the game-winning goal in a 5-4 victory over St. John's Shrewsbury in the Div. 1 State Championships...He had four assists in a regular-season win over St. J's this season...McDonald plans to attend prep school. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "He's been a great leader and terrific captain. He's one of the top defensemen in the state. He's a good skater with good size and he plays smart. That's a great combination."

Jed McDonald

Garret Daigler - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Hingham

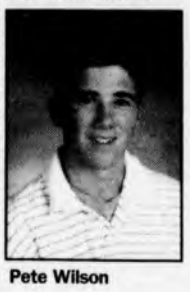
The Harbormen's leading scorer this season, Daigler racked up 48 points on 21 goals, 27 assists...He teamed with fellow All-Scholastic Greg Genovese and Mike Genovese for a frontline that produced 110 goals this season...Daigler always stepped up in the big games, usually putting in multiple goals and/or assists...Games of note were his 3 goals, 3 assists games against St. John's Prep and Billerica, as well as a 2 goal, 1 assist effort against St. John's Shrewsbury...His work on the frontline was key to the Harbormen's (18-5-1) second-straight run in the Super Eight tourney, where the team again reached the semifinals...Daigler plans to attend Pomfret. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "He got a lot of big goals for us and had multiple goal efforts. He put in a goal in almost all the games this year. He handles the puck very well and passes well."

Mike McNulty - Senior
Defense - Hingham

Mike McNulty

Another leader on the defensive ice, McNulty had a solid season for the Harbormen...A two-year defensive player, McNulty also contributed on the offensive end, pitching in 16 points on 3 goals, 13 assists...Came up big defensively in several key games and also helped fuel wins, particularly in his 2 goal, 2 assist effort in a regular-season win over Billerica...His work on both ends of the ice helped get Hingham (18-5-1) back to the Super Eight tournament, where they again reached the semifinals for the second-straight year...McNulty plans to attend prep school. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "Since his move to defense he's improved tremendously. He's a much more experienced player and has a great work ethic. He's been a steady player for us."

Pete Wilson - Junior (Capt.)
Forward - Marshfield



Pete Wilson

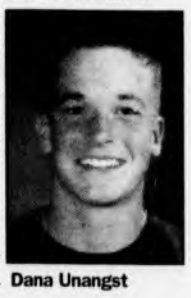
A two-time Old Colony League All-star, Wilson is making his second appearance on the Mariner All-Scholastic team...Wilson again led the Rams in scoring with 49 points on 21 goals, 28 assists, which was second overall in the OCL...Just a junior, Wilson already surpassed the 100-point career plateau and finished the year at 114...A strong and undeniable force on the offensive end, Wilson also contributes defensively, leading Marshfield (12-6-5) to the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney, and third-place finish in the OCL...Wilson also plays baseball at MHS and will be among the top returning players to next year's hockey squad. Marshfield coach Dan Connolly: "Pete is the offensive leader on the team and is just as strong in the defensive zone. He is one of the main reasons we did as well as we did this year."

Tim Bonham - Junior
Goalie - Marshfield

Tim Bonham

A three-year starter in the net, Bonham impressed several area coaches with his play this season... Marshfield lost several key defensemen last season and Bonham stepped up, posting two shutouts this season, en route to a 2.45 goals against average...An OCL All-star, Bonham posted a shutout in the league All-star game...His ability to read opposing teams' offenses, quick hands, and sheer strength is what made him most successful between the pipes...Kept the Rams (12-6-5) in several games this season, as evidenced by the five ties and made several key saves in their victories, which helped the Rams take third in the OCL...Bonham will once again claim his post in the net next year. Marshfield Dan Connolly: "Tim really helped ease the transition after losing all of our defensemen last season. We could always count on him to make the big save. He literally won a few games for us because of he made so many outstanding saves."

Dana Unangst - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Marshfield



Dana Unangst

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Unangst was Marshfield's second-leading scorer this season, racking up 44 points on 16 goals, 28 assists...Was third overall in the Old Colony League...A two-time OCL All-star, Unangst was one of the fastest and most versatile players in the league...His consistently solid play on the Rams' frontline helped lead the team to a 12-6-5 season, which was capped in the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney...The Rams also finished third in the competitive OCL...The senior was also a forward on the MHS boys soccer team, which reached the Div. 1 South Sectional title game last fall...Unangst plans to attend college and continue his hockey career. Marshfield coach Dan Connolly: "Dana played well both offensively and defensively. He was a true leader by example. He was always the hardest working player in practice and in the games."

Mike Celestino - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Rockland

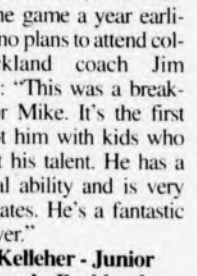
Mike Celestino

It was a Cinderella season for the Bulldogs this year and Celestino was a major reason why...A four-year varsity player, Celestino notched his 100th career point this year, finishing with close to 120 overall...Celestino led the team in scoring this season racking up 41 points...The senior was a two-time Patriot League All-star before it disbanded this season...His play on the frontline helped get the Bulldogs back to the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney for the first time in a decade...There, they dropped a heart-breaking 4-3 decision to eventual semifinalist, Somerset...Rockland finished with a 11-9-1 record, after winning just one game a year earlier...Celestino plans to attend college. Rockland coach Jim Casagrande: "This was a breakout year for Mike. It's the first time we got him with kids who compliment his talent. He has a great natural ability and is very good on skates. He's a fantastic hockey player."

Sean Kelleher - Junior
Forward - Rockland

Known as the workhorse on the Rockland hockey squad, Kelleher added new life to the Bulldogs' frontline this season...He teamed with fellow All-Scholastic Mike Celestino in creating one of the more productive lines around, with his 36 individual points...His blistering skating speed put a lot of pressure on opposing teams' defenses, making him a hard player to contain...His work on offense was instrumental in the Bulldogs' return to South Sectional tourney action, after a 10-year absence, and in their 11-9-1 record...Kelleher will return to the Bulldog roster to lead the offensive attack next season. Rockland coach Jim Casagrande: "He was the heart and soul of this team. He just never stops skating hard. He has a tremendous work ethic and is a very unselfish player. He doesn't care who gets the goal."

Jesse Ferraro - Junior (Capt.)
Forward - Hanover



Jesse Ferraro

Just a junior, Ferraro was named a captain this season because of his solid leadership skills and dedication to the Hanover program...The leading scorer on the rebuilding Indians squad, Ferraro scored 32 points on 16 goals, 16 assists...After getting off to a rough start, Hanover closed the season on a tear and Ferraro was a major factor, going 5-2-1 to close the year at 8-11-1...A very strong and aggressive skater, Ferraro got Hanover off to a hot start, scoring a hat trick in the team's second game of the season...He was on the ice on all power plays...Ferraro will be back to lead the Indians offense next season...He also plays baseball at HHS. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "Being a captain as a junior was a big responsibility for him but he handled it very well. He's a good physical skater and has a good head on his shoulders. In any key situation, we wanted Jesse on the ice."

Ryan Tivnan - Senior (Capt.)
Defense - Hanover

Faced with the difficult task of running a very young defensive

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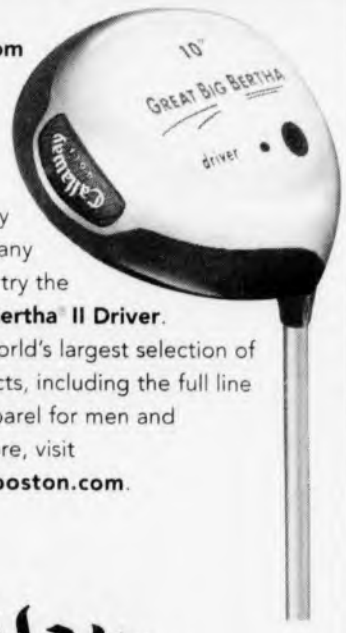

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team. Tivnan was one of the team's greatest leaders on the ice...A very versatile player, Tivnan keyed the Indians defense,

Ryan Tivnan

but also saw time at forward...On the offensive end, Tivnan contributed eight goals...In one of the best games of his career, Tivnan scored the game-winning goal in Hanover's win over Coyle-Cassidy in the Martha's Vineyard tourney, which helped fuel the team's 5-2-1 end-of-the-season stretch that fell just short of tourney qualification (8-11-1)...Tivnan plans to attend either the University of New Hampshire or Bates College, where he would continue his hockey career. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "He's a kid that just loves the game of hockey. He has a very hard shot and is a smart player. He's played a lot of roles for us, particularly on defense where we had a young group and he really brought them along."

Ken O'Sullivan - Senior (Capt.)
Goalie - Abington/EB

Ken O'Sullivan

A four-year starter in the net for Abington/EB, O'Sullivan recorded a stellar senior season finishing with a 1.60 goals against average in the South Shore League, good for first. Overall this season, O'Sullivan had a 2.21 gaa. His performance in the net helped lead the Green Wave to a tie with Norwell for second place in the SSL (a 7-5-1 (10-9-2 overall) and appearance in the Div. 3 South Sectional. There he held eventual Sectional finalists Bliss Hills to just two goals, less than any other team in the tourney...A physical and strong goaltender, O'Sullivan consistently forced opposing offenses to work around him. He SSL All-star plans to attend the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and continue his hockey career. Abington coach Tony Sullmonte: "He's great at challenging the shooter. He plays big and forces the opponent to make a good play. We've been incredibly lucky to have him."

Joe Duggan - Senior (Capt.)
Goalie - Scituate

Joe Duggan

This two-time Mariner All-Scholastic backstopped the Sailors to a 17-4-1 season and to the South Sectional semifinals...posted a 14-4-1 record, 2.21 goals against and 91.2 save percentage (42 GA/476 SOG)...posted three shutouts this season, including a 5-0 win over Hull in the first round of the state tourney...top performance of the year was a 29-save gem in a 5-3 win over perennial power Hanover...a three year starter in goal, the Sailors team MVP last season...the fifth of five Duggan brothers to star for and captain the Scituate High hockey team...also a co-captain for this season's SHS baseball team...would like to play collegiate baseball, and possibly Club hockey next year...is leaning toward majoring in law enforcement, and is eyeing a career as an environmental police officer...Mass. Maritime and Plymouth State are his top two collegiate choices. Scituate coach Mike Breen: "Joe kept us in so many games over the last few years. He was a rock. A lot of our success came because our guys had so much confidence in Joe they weren't afraid to take chances now and then."

Matt Hall - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Scituate

Matt Hall

Three-time Mariner All-Scholastic is the complete package. He's big, strong, fast and possesses top-flight hands, vision and passing ability...his 34 points (15 goals, 19 assists) placed him among the Sailors team scoring leaders for the third year in a row...led the Sailors to a 15-3-1 regular season and into the semifinals of the state tourney...was named co-team MVP with defenseman Andrew Elsmore...scored a hat trick in 7-2 win over Bellingham in Boston..."Matt's one of the premier two-way forwards in Scituate history," said head coach Mike Breen, who coached Hall in Scituate Youth Hockey and Scituate Little League all-star teams. "Because the Patriot Ledger folded and the Scituate Mariner went independent this winter, Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic (also a standout baseball player for SHS) plays hockey year round at Thayer Academy in Braintree (Class of 2003 prep school next year in the hopes of improving his chances for college hockey). Matt would like to major in criminal justice. Scituate coach Mike Breen: "Matt's a very complete hockey player. With a good year in prep school play, I definitely think he will get a look at college hockey. I think he could be a very good player in Division 2 or Club. He might even have the skills to play Division 1 good [expletive] hockey, it just what he wants."

Kyle Simpson - Senior
Forward - Scituate

Kyle Simpson

[illegible] Sailors' Energizer bunny...was a dependable [illegible] three at both ends of the ice, and also managed to [illegible] on [illegible] team scoring [illegible] with 29 points (14 goals, 15 assists), respectable for [illegible] 6-foot-1, 165 pounds with sensational skating ability and a tenacious attitude...played all four years on a varsity scoring line...led the Sailors in goals scored as a junior with 12...also a standout soccer and basketball player for Scituate...Eight-year, hockey-year guard for South Shore Dynamo select hockey team (Class of 01) was a top defenseman for SHS...UMass-Boston and UMass-Dartmouth have both expressed interest, but he's considering trying to improve his college prospects by playing a year of prep school hockey or Junior Hockey...Scituate coach Mike Breen: "Kyle has made some of the most incredible plays I've ever seen in high school. I've seen him [illegible] check like crazy, beat the defense back down ice, steal the puck and [illegible] go end-to-end, shoot, and then charge around the net, come back out and grab his own rebound. He just never lets up."

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

John Durkin was, no doubt about it, The Go To Guy on offense for the Skippers this season.

Andrew Elsmore - Junior
Defense - Scituate

Andrew Elsmore

A gifted forward in [illegible] season play who agreed to become a [illegible] for the Sailors after [illegible] sophomore [illegible] and [illegible] emerged as one of the top blueliners on the South Shore...solidly built player who is extremely strong on his skates and almost impossible to knock off the puck...does an exceptional job at leading the break and getting the puck quickly out of his end...a big shooter and very strong in front of the net...scored two goals and six assists for the 17-4-1 Sailors...named team co-MVP with senior Matt Hall...plays hockey year round...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...also a standout football player for SHS...playing high school lacrosse for the first time this spring...Scituate coach Mike Breen: "A great goal gets everyone excited, but defense wins games, and Andrew was our main man on defense this year. He's just so strong in all areas. It's scary to think where we would have been without him this year."

Mike McAteer – Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Norwell

Mike McAteer

Two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection had to change his game from goal scorer to playmaker this year...he moved from wing to center...after scoring a combined 38 goals in previous two seasons, he finished this winter with his three-year low of 14 goals, but had a team-best (by far) 19 assists to finish tied for the team scoring lead with 33 points...the Clippers were the big winners, as McAteer led them to a 13-5-2 season and a second place finish in the South Shore League...played on a scoring line all four years at NHS...two biggest high school goals were dramatic gamewinners in the state tourney, the first with three seconds left in first round win over Bishop Stang as a sophomore, the second in overtime of this year's first round win over Harwich...finished his NHS career with over 104 total points...plays hockey year round...plans to play college hockey and major in Construction Management...looking at UMass-Boston, Fitchburg State and Wentworth, but has also not ruled out first doing a year of Prep School or Junior Hockey...Norwell coach Paul Hurley: "Mike sacrificed goals for the good of the team. Some kids care more about personal stats, especially in their senior years when they're trying to get attract colleges. So I really appreciate what he did for the good of the team."

Tom Sullivan- Junior
Goalie - Norwell

Tom Sullivan

Truly an amazing story after playing goalie his entire youth hockey career, Tom moved to forward for NHS as a sophomore after he was unable to beat out incumbent Ryan O'Shaughnessy. This season, he quickly established himself as the top goaltender and went on to lead the Clippers to a record of 13-5-2, while posting a South Shore League best goals against average of 1.85 (including 1.68 in league play)...South Shore League all-star...plays hockey year round...Honor Roll student...would like to play college hockey...Norwell coach Paul Hurley: "All things considered, it was a pretty phenomenal season for Sully. Just saying it was a pleasant surprise isn't enough. He was our most consistent player this year, no doubt about that. It's scary to think where we might have been without him."

Bill Coveney - Senior (Capt.)
Defense - Braintree

Bill Coveney

Now a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, having also earned the honor for football this fall...a prototype defensive defensemen the last two years. Coveney increased his offensive mindset this year and wound up third on the Lakers in scoring with 13 points (four goals, nine assists)...Pembroke native is a strong skater who is virtually impossible to knock off his skates with the puck... Used all of his 6-foot-1, 220-pound frame to serve as a force both in front of the net and in the corners... team MVP...lone SL player named to the Old Colony League all-star team...a strong leader who took over in close games...also an OCL all-star and team MVP at Silver Lake in football...led Lakers in receptions (48) from his tight end spot and in tackles from his linebacker spot... Honor Roll student...plans to play college football, but could play club hockey...looking at Springfield College and Suffolk University...will major in Criminal Justice with an eye toward a career in law enforcement...Silver Lake hockey coach Bill Donovan: "Bill was the kind of player who did everything to keep us in the game. He had the drive and the ability to do that. He was just a good solid defenseman in all ways, and he could step up and make the big play when we needed someone to do that."

Ryan Grant - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Braintree

Ryan Grant

A 4-year varsity player who finished his fabulous career with over 150 points...Bay State Conference Most Valuable Player...three-time Bay State Conference All-Star...2-time Patriot Ledger All-Star...finished this season with a team best 18 goals and 20 assists to lead Wamps to 9-7-4 season...scored 30 goals as a junior...possesses quick moves and a blistering shot... much stronger and tougher than 5-foot-9, 140-pound frame suggests...biggest goal this year was a game-tying tally with 14.6 seconds remaining against perennial power Matignon...lauded as an even better lacrosse player...led Braintree laxers in scoring last two years (69 goals, 14 assists last year) and was a Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic twice in that sport as well...is leaning more toward playing lacrosse in college...will attend a year of prep school next year in order to improve his college options...is looking at Bridgeton Academy and Salisbury...Braintree coach Dave Fasano: "Ryan means a lot to me. He's been with me all three years as head coach, and he's just a great kid as well as a great hockey player. He's the type of player who never backs down from anything. It might no be the best analogy to use at this time, but Ryan is the type of person I'd go to war with."

Sean Meany - Junior
Center – Avon/Holbrook

With his 26 goals and 12 assists, Meany became the first player in A-H's six-year history to lead the Mayflower League in scoring...a well-rounded player who's strong on his skates and good around the net...has played for A-H varsity team since seventh grade...five-foot-eleven, 175 pound forward plans to hit weights in order to attract more collegiate interest next year... used to play football and baseball, but now concentrates year round on hockey...would like to play college hockey...is leaning toward playing a year of Junior Hockey after his senior year in order to attract more college interest...National Honor Society member...Avon-Holbrook coach Brian McCauley: "You see the points he gets and think offense, but he's also a good defensive player. He quarterbacks the power play. He's an all around good player, the total package. As a team, we wouldn't be the same without him."

HONORABLE MENTION:

Brian Marsden - Sr. - Defense - Hingham
Mike Genovese - Soph. - Forward - Hingham
Tommy Curtis - Jr. - Goalie - Hingham
Chris Dunn - Sr. - Defense - Rockland
Matt Sulmonte - Jr. - Forward - Abington/EB
Dave Kendrick - Sr. - Defense - Abington/EB
Greg Leary - Jr. - Forward - Hanover
Brendan Mulligan - Jr. - Forward - Hanover
Dan Toomey - Sr. - Forward - Marshfield
Colby Vining - Sr. - Defense - Marshfield
Chris Huxley - Soph. (Capt.) - Defense - Weymouth
Matt Murray - Jr. (Capt.) - Forward - Weymouth
Steve Sullivan- Jr.- Forward- Scituate
Jamie Phinney- Jr.- Forward- Scituate
Derek Whitney- Soph.- Defense- Scituate
Chris Travis- Soph.- Forward- Scituate
Nick McDonough- Jr.- Defense- Norwell
Rob Weber- Jr.- Defense- Norwell
Terry Smallcomb- Jr.- Forward- Norwell
Mike Rasmussen- Jr.- Center- Cohasset
Stephan Parnell-Fr.- Goalie- Cohasset
Mike Devine- Jr.- Defense- Cohasset
John Molignano- Sr. (Capt.)- Forward- Braintree
Bob Cusack- Soph.- Forward- Braintree
Todd Costa- Sr. (Capt.)- Forward- Silver Lake
Anthony Donnelly- Sr. (Capt.)- Forward- Silver Lake
Dave Barnard- Jr.- Forward- Silver Lake
Joe Proctor-Sr.-Defense-Silver Lake
Eddie Kamel- Jr.- Defense- Holbrook
Bob Stevens- Soph- Defense- HolbrookBrian Lutz- Sr. (Capt.)- Forward- Holbrook

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Lacrosse Boosters coupon packet fundraiser kicks off

The Cohasset High Lacrosse Boosters are selling a packet of 32 coupons for discounted services or goods at area restaurants and shops. The retail value of the packet is $175, but the coast is just $20.

Each of the approximate 100 athletes in the Cohasset Junior and Senior High lacrosse program will be expected to sell 12 coupon packets.

The primary purpose of this ambitious fundraising effort is to assure there is sufficient money in the boosters coffers to subsidize and/or completely pay for the JV team next year. Because of huge fiscal restraints on our current and future school budgets, we recently wrote a check to the school to pay for the JV team this year—which included referee fees, bus transportation, etc.

There are numerous indications that the schools will have an even more difficult time funding this team next year. Lacrosse interest and rosters are on a steady rise in the Cohasset schools, and we feel that the JV program is a vital link to the flow of our team's success.

If a seventh grader knows that he/she will get time to play his own schedule, in their own games as opposed to standing on the side lines, freezing, and just hoping the coach will find a way to play them, this seventh grader will be more enthused to play. Obviously, there aren't many seventh-grade boys or girls who would not be daunted over the prospect of playing this game against 11th or 12th graders.

So, it is certainly our position that the JV team is very important to the safety and psyche of the athletes involved.

The varsity teams will be receiving the tickets to begin to sell on Monday, April 7, and the Middle school teams will get theirs on the 10th. As I'm sure you know, Middle school rules require that they start later, and the 10th is the first day of their practice.

We plan on selling 1,200 tickets by the end of the day on Monday the 14th between all the athletes, so it's going to be "fast, furious and fun."

Motivation prizes will be given to the athletes.

On Tuesday, April 14, at 5 p.m., we have a town-wide "blitz", with adults driving their group of athletes in uniforms to different areas of town to sell tickets that were not sold earlier in the campaign.

The following business/restaurants have been gracious to contribute: Atlantica, The Village Butcher and Deli, Papa Gino's, Chili's, Fridays, DiNero's, Red Parrot, Jiffy Lube. Without the generosity of these businesses, this undertaking would have never even started ,

We are asking our community, at these economically stressful times, to think positively about supporting these athletes. You are getting a "deal" with this ticket - spend $20 to support and you get $175 in coupons.

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Senior midfielder Robert Hickey (left) is a faceoff specialist for this year's lacrosse team who's being recruited by Div. 1 Providence and Div. 3 Widener.

SPORTS NOTES

Krupczak named W&L Athlete Of The Week

Brian Krupczak, a 2001 graduate of Cohasset High, was named the runner of the meet at the Roanoke Invitational on March 22. Krupczak, now a sophomore at Washington and Lee, won the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.72 and placed second in the 100-meter dash (11.37) and long jump (21') events. His 100- and 200-meter dash times were the best for a W&L sprinter this season. Krupczak also holds W&L's second-best time in the 400-meter dash (54.17) and the second-best long jump (21' 4-3/4") this season.

American Legion Baseball signup

The Post 118 American Legion Baseball team will hold a sign-up on Saturday, April 19 at 9 a.m. at Scituate High School baseball field. Any teenage player from Scituate or Cohasset is eligible to play for the team.

Post 118 Team Manager Scott Arnold is still looking for an assistant coach for the team. Anyone interested in the position should call Scott at 781-545-1896.

Youth Football and Cheerleading signup

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2003 fall season on Sunday, April 6, from 9am to 12pm at the equipment facility located at the back of Scituate High School.

Rosters must be submitted to the league by may 1st. any players not signed up on April 6th will not be guaranteed a position on a team. If unable to attend this signup, please call.

Football questions, call Bob McQuaid at (781) 545-0963

Cheerleading questions, call Lorie Neil at (781) 545-4526

Registration Fees: football $145.00, cheerleading $95.00*

*Maximum charge per family is $290.00

Minimum age: must be 8 by 12/31/03

Maximum age: cannot turn 15 in 2003

First year players and players that did not play last year must bring a copy of their birth certificate that the league will keep on file.

Soccer Club spring signup

The Cohasset Soccer Club is currently accepting registrations for the spring outdoor soccer program which will begin April 5th. Registration is open for players aged 5 (by August 1, 2003) through 10, up through the 4th Grade. Registration for the Club's travel teams with players in Grade 5 or older is closed.

Registration forms are available at the Town Hall or will be available at the soccer field shed this Saturday during the Club's work day. Registrations must be completed and submitted prior to the start of the season on April 5th.

Soccer Club season opens Saturday

The Cohasset Soccer Club will be beginning its spring season this Saturday, April 5th. All players should be contacted by their coaches prior to the start of play to provide information on game times and practice schedules. All returning players will be on the same team as in the fall.

The schedule of play for the spring season will be Girls Under 10 playing from 8:30-10:00, Boys Under 10 from 9:30-11:00, Boys Under 6 from 10:30-12:00, Boys Under 7 from 11:15-12:45, Boys Under 8 from 12:00-1:30, Girls Under 6 from 12:45-2:15, Girls Under 7 from 1:30-3:00, and Girls Under 8 from 2:15-3:45. All sessions will begin with skills training then a game.

The Club's travel teams — Boys and Girls Under 12 and older — will also begin play on April 5th with the time and location of these games to be provided by team coaches.

Baseball clinic

Cohasset Recreation Department's South Shore Baseball Camp will provide an April vacation baseball clinic beginning Tuesday, April 22, through Friday, April 25, at Milliken Field.

The clinic runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. and this week-long program will cost $100 per participant.

For more information, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Registration forms can be found at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall.

Swim Center Notes

It's not too soon to be thinking about a summer time job.

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor. Spring courses are being offered starting in March and April. Water Safety Instructor applicants must be 17 years old.

Programs to become a certified Lifeguard are also be offered throughout the region during the Spring. Lifeguard course applicants must be 15 years old. Sign-up Now!

For more information call Sue Mavilia at 781-383-1988 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@attbi.com please include your phone number with your contact information.

Boys Lax wraps up pre-season

Attack picture remains unclear

After five preseason contests, Cohasset head coach Kevin Orcutt still isn't sure how his offense will run.

"Although we outscored our opponents in four of our five scrimmages," said Orcutt, "I'm still not comfortable with our set-up. We're missing opportunities, and need to fix a few things."

Seniors Tom Anderson and Matt Davis, both of whom spent time on attack in the first two weeks, may be back at midfield by the season opener on Friday night at Scituate High School. Orcutt said the two co-captains would give Cohasset a defensive presence the team seemed to lack in the early going.

Orcutt said the new attack could include some combination of junior Mike Rasmussen and sophs Sam Steele and Jon Grimm, teamed with senior Curt Kahn, until soph Jake Previte returns from a tendonitis injury.

"We hear from Jake that he could be out for four weeks, which is surprising," said Orcutt, "but I guess he'll be back when he's ready. We'll also take a close look at the other underclass attackmen, because there's some talent there."

Orcutt said that senior Evan Pestone may be working himself into the close defense rotation, while soph Chris Simms and freshman Ben Libby continue to push junior Nick Murphy for playing time.

The Skippers will host Pilgrim rival Falmouth on Tuesday, April 8 in their second game of the season. The faceoff at Alumni Field will be at 6 p.m..

Arms struggle

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Saturday field availability for makeup games, Friday has been reserved as the "makeup day."

"Our schedule will probably force us to go five deep with pitchers rather than three or four, and that could be a disadvantage for us, as well as other teams," concedes Gallotta, who grew accustomed to the Monday-Wednesday-Friday slate at Archbishop Williams. "You could have some sloppy baseball when you're forced to go that deep at the high school level.

"I guess the best we can do is hope for a lot of rainy Thursdays," he added.

On the positive side, Coach G did report he was "encouraged by the way the team swung the bat" in scrimmages, and also that he was "reasonably satisfied with the overall defense."

"I'm really not that worried about those two areas of the game," Gallotta noted. "I think we should be able to score enough to do well in our league, and our defense shouldn't hurt us."

The Skippers appear ready to open the season with senior Trey Curry at first base, Andrade at second, Snowdale at third, Dooley at short, Straughn or Downing in left (depending on pitching), McKenna in center and Baroudi in right.

Snowdale was the starting shortstop last season, but Gallotta plans to play him at third to open the season in the hopes of better preserving his highly valued right arm.

"Hopefully, this move (to third base) will put less stress on Mike's arm and help him get back on the mound sooner," noted the coach.

In the Thayer scrimmage, Coach G. employed a batting order of Andrade, McKenna, Dooley, Straughn, Snowdale, Blanco, Baroudi, Curry and Downing, and indicated that this would probably be pretty close to his opening day lineup.

Senior Matt O'Brien (catcher/first base/outfield) and sophomore Tim Pilczak (catcher/second base) started in the Duxbury game, and also could see playing time, or even possibly start, in Monday's season opener at home (Milliken Field) against SSL rival Norwell (3:30 p.m. start).

Date two on the 18-game slate has Mashpee coming to town on Tuesday (4 p.m. start). The Skippers will hit the road for the first time on Thursday, making the short trip to Hull (3:30 p.m.) to close out the first week of play.

Tracksters hit bump in road

The Rockland High boys track team got its revenge on their graduation-depleted Cohasset High rivals in Tuesday's season opener, ending the Skippers two-year unbeaten streak with a resounding 96-40 pasting.

Cohasset senior captain Ian Kidder certainly could not have done any more, as he took first place in three events, qualifying for the state meet in two of them (javelin and triple jump).

The senior also ran a leg for the winning 4x100 relay team, along with fellow senior captain Jared Krupczak, Eric Belz and Braun Goodson. This quartet also qualified for states.

The CHS girls were also overwhelmed by the deeper and more experienced Rockland team, 108-28.

Cohasset junior captain Jen Buckley, though, took first in the 2-mile run and javelin.

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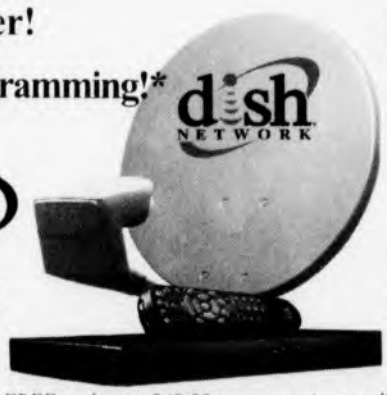

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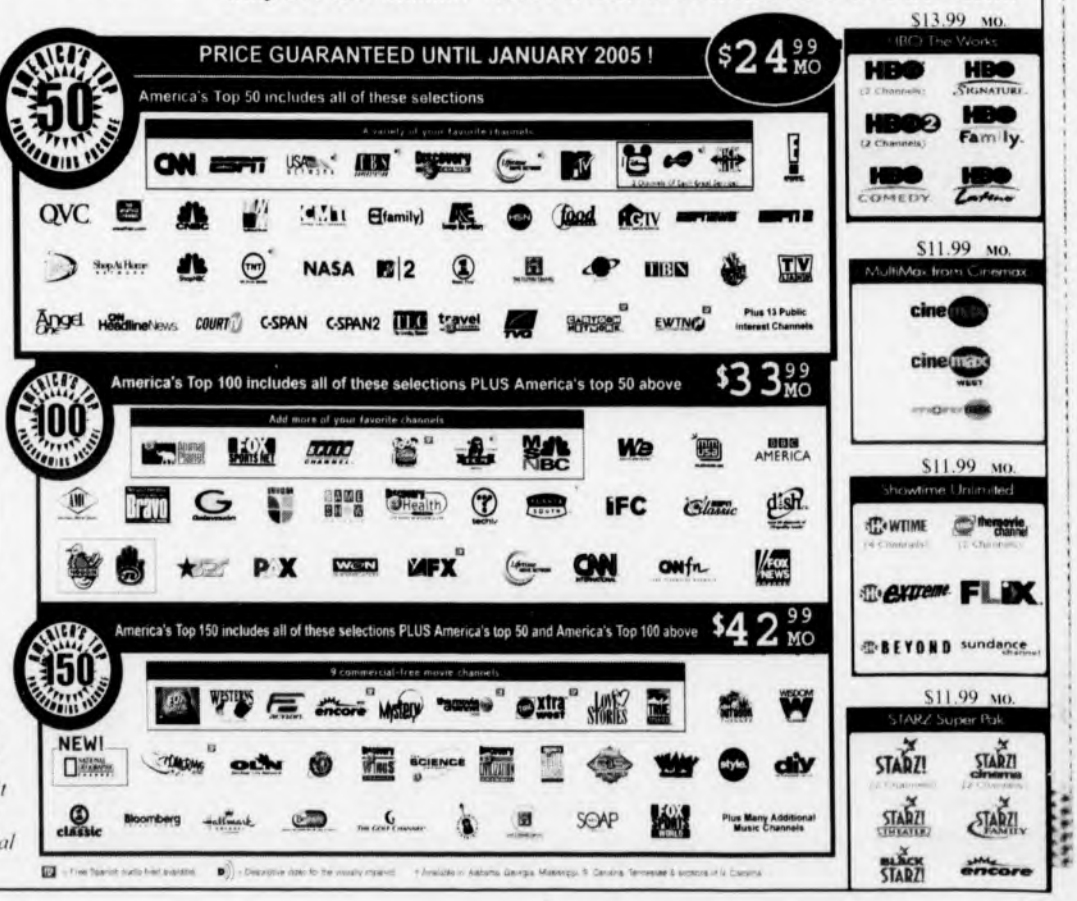


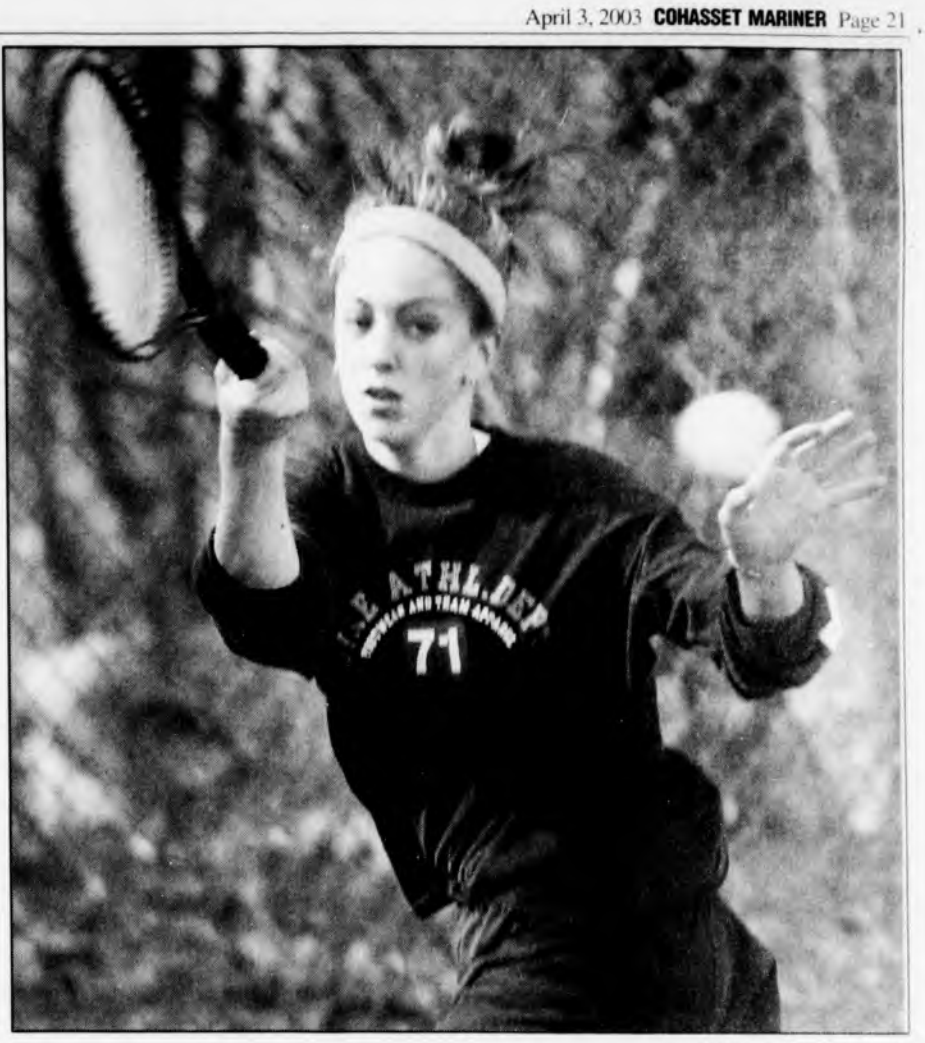
Men's tennis team clips first place Weymouth Club

Sparkling tennis was displayed in men's South of Boston league play last Saturday at the Cohasset Tennis & Squash club as new owner Bud Schultz edged the number 1 ranked New England Mens Open champion, Alex Howard. Schultz, formerly ranked in the top fifty in the world on the ATP circuit, broke the younger Howard's serve in second game of the third set and went on to hold serve at the buzzer. "My strategy is to serve and volley him off the court", Schultz advised team captain, Brian Hill, Sr. The very popular and congenial Alex Howard and Schultz drew a crowd of 50 to watch tennis at its highest level and opposite styles with Howard's speed and quickness versus Schultz power and net game. Both men were true gentlemen, each calling the lines with great accuracy and fairness.

At First Doubles, perennial champions John Englander and Paul Shaw came back from match point to break, hold, and break and notch a half a point for the Cohasset team in a closely contested match with Weymouth pro Tim Riley and veteran Tony Alessi.

At Second Doubles, Brian Marsden, Jr, nationally ranked junior from Hingham and Cohasset Pro Jader Moreira had no difficulty dispatching Vince Heiderbach and Dave Hamburger in straight sets.

The Cohasset win keeps them on a course to meet the same Weymouth team in the first round of the playoffs in the coming weeks. Also competing for the Cohasset team are Chum Steele, Peter Duffy, and Fred Buffum. Stay tuned for playoff updates.



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Senior Lindsay Grossman has moved from singles to doubles play this season for the Lady Skippers.

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

April

7 Norwell 3:30 p.m.
8 Mashpee 4 p.m.
10 at Hull 3:30 p.m.

BOYS JV BASEBALL

7 Norwell 3:30 p.m.
8 Mashpee 4 p.m.
10 at Hull 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

3 Holbrook 3:30 p.m.
7 at Norwell 3:30 p.m.
8 at Mashpee 4 p.m.
10 Hull 3:30 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

4 at Scituate 7 p.m.
8 Falmouth 6 p.m.

BOYS JV LACROSSE

4 at Scituate 5 p.m.
8 Falmouth 4 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

3 at Cape Cod Ac. 4 p.m.
8 N. Bedford 4 p.m.
9 at Barnstable 4 p.m.

GIRLS JV LACROSSE

8 N. Bedford 5:30 p.m.
9 at Barnstable 5:30 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

1 beat Hanover, 3-2
3 at Cape Cod Ac. 4 p.m.
7 Norwell 3:30 p.m.
8 Mashpee 4 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

3 Scituate 3:30 p.m.
7 at Norwell 3:30 p.m.
8 at Mashpee 4 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

1 Rockland
Girls lost, 108-28
Boys lost, 96-40
3 at Norwell 3:30 p.m.
7 Carver 3:30 p.m.
10 Hull 3:30 p.m.

Quality over quantity

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line doubles team.

Sceery paired with freshman Prescott Busk at second doubles against Hanover in an exciting but very competitive loss, which ended in a third set tiebreaker. Busk, who was filling in for another team member, did so admirably and would make a terrific rookie addition to the squad.

After seeing Sceery in match play, he appears ready to move up to first doubles, and possibly assume some singles roles when it is necessary for the team.

Anton completed an outstanding rookie campaign as a sophomore, being thrust immediately into the second singles position. However, a great athlete and an even better gamer, Anton was tops on the team in 2002, with 12 dual meet wins. The second singles spot remains questionable this year, as Anton may prove to be more valuable to the team by pairing up with Faber at first doubles, and shifting Sceery to second singles.

At second doubles, junior Andrew Wise will likely be playing with newcomer freshman Chris Pescatore, a late addition to the pre-season roster. Wise gained some valuable match-time experience last year, including key doubles wins over Harwich, Abington and Mashpee late in the season to solidify Cohasset's place in the tourney. Pescatore has been swinging very well in recent practices, and the duo should be more than capable of holding off all challengers.

Wise teamed with Faber at first doubles in Hanover, and were overwhelmed 6-0, 6-2. But things always seem to improve when the normal pre-season roster juggling stops and the line-up becomes more sure.

Eye on the prize

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This year, she will team up with co-captain Julie Shea, also a senior. Shea was an easy choice for the All-Star team last year with her partner Kate Englander at first doubles (it goes without saying that Grossman and Stone were just as easy of choices for the All-Star selection committee to make.)

Englander, now a sophomore, will be sorely missed by the team after transferring schools at the start of this school year. However, the underclassman talent that has come up this year should be very capable of filling in any holes in the line-up.

The junior trio of Courtney Caron, Emilie Sullivan, and Holly Graham all possess the skills to win at second singles, third singles or as one half of a doubles team. Caron teamed with last year's senior captain for an outstanding doubles season, while Graham and Sullivan were key players in the late season playoff run.

Freshmen Chelsea Grossman, Lindsay's younger sister, and Amelia Shea, Julie's younger, have both looked excellent in pre-season practices. Depending upon how the line-up falls, these two might very well end up paired together for second doubles. However, with a program as loaded with talent as this one is, including so many versatile and talented players, the line-up can always shift.

The Lady Skippers open their season this Thursday at home against non-league opponent Scituate, hoping to better the top contenders in the SSL for a repeat of their league crown. The SSL opener on Monday pits the Cohasset girls against their co-champion Norwell squad on the road.

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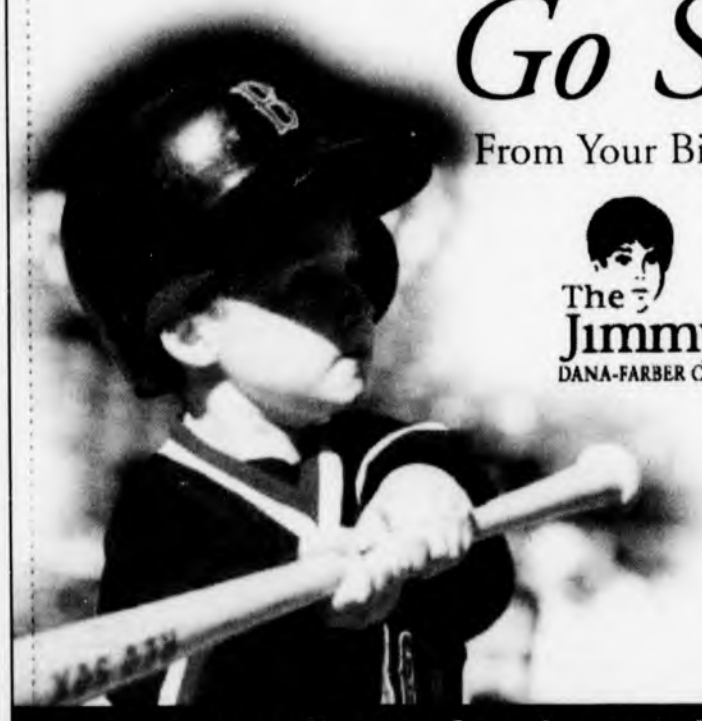

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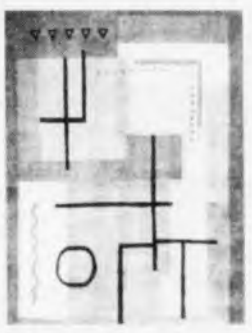

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Design at T-shirt for the Duck Derby

In celebration of the first Driftway Duck Derby, the Scituate Committee of the soon-to-open Our World Children's Museum in Cohasset is sponsoring an art contest for South Shore elementary schoolchildren. The contest's theme is ducks. Artwork can be in any medium, up to three colors (black is a color), and on 8-1/2 x 11 in. white paper.

The winning artwork will be appear on Duck Derby T-shirts that will be available for sale at the derby on Sunday, May 4 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Driftway Park in Scituate. The derby, which will benefit the Our World Children's Museum, is open to young and old alike!

To enter the derby, simply purchase $5 tickets at Buttonwood Books at the Shaw's Plaza in Cohasset, or Young At Heart Toy Store, Front Street, Scituate beginning April 4. Tickets may also be purchased at the Driftway Park on the day of the event beginning at 2 p.m. Each ticket represents a special toy duck that will be entered in the Derby. The toy ducks will be released near James Landing in Scituate at 3 p.m. The finish line will be at the Driftway Park. The owners of winning ducks will receive a variety of fun prizes including toys and gift certificates. In addition to the duck derby, there will be games, activities, and food for families to enjoy.

Artwork for the T-shirt design contest should be submitted to Pam Golden, Montessori Community School, 46 Watch Hill Drive, Scituate, MA 02066. The deadline for entries is 3 p.m., April 14. Please include the name of the child entering the contest, his or her age, the name of a parent, and a telephone number on the back of the entry. The winner will be notified on April 15.

The Our World Children's Museum is devoted to creating opportunities for children throughout the South Shore to gain global awareness through play spaces, rotating exhibits, and programming. It will be a place where children can journey across land and sea, transcend time and place, and celebrate the rich and vibrant traditions that shape our world.

The Museum, which is scheduled to open in late 2003/early 2004, will be housed in the 1929 wing of the old Osgood School, 100 Sohier St., Cohasset.

Cohasset Elementary Schools Lunches

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni, or seafood salad sub, veggie sticks, Hoodsie Cup, choice of milk.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Chicken nuggets, or turkey and cheese sandwich, rice, corn, fruit, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Bagel with soup of the day, or tuna pocket, green beans, pudding.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Macaroni & cheese, dinner roll, or bologna sub, mixed veggies, sliced apple.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Cheeseburger on a bun, or chicken salad sandwich, oven fries, pears.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni, or fish fillet on a bun, garden salad, Jello.

Sandcastles enrollment

Sandcastles ChildCare, Preschool & Private Kindergarten, serving children 8 weeks to 6 years announces open enrollment for our Infant, Pre-toddler, Toddler, Preschool, Pre-K and Private Kindergarten programs for ages 8 weeks to 6 years. Sandcastles offers excellent teacher pupil ratios with constructive activities to help children acquire new skills, broaden their interests and improve their abilities. Programs involve fun and learning through a combination of educational programs and activities such as swimming lessons, field trips, beach trips, museum trips, Music Circus trips and weekly visits from the Music Lady.

For additional information or to arrange a visit call Owner/Director Anne Sexton at 781-383-6789 or 781-383-9987.

Seaside Adventures

Seaside Adventures, a new program, will be offered at the Center for Student Coastal Research, starting July 1, and runs for three 2-week sessions through August 7. The program's motto, "inspire excitement" reflects the program's purpose of educating current fourth-through-sixth graders on the topics of oceanography, geology, beach composition, and local habitat preservation and appreciation. All sessions, available in the morning or afternoon, incorporate hands-on learning and may involve excursions to such places as Cohasset Harbor, Sandy Beach and Lily Pond. Each session will meet Tuesday through Thursday, 2-1/2 hours daily, for 2 weeks.

The three sessions each focus on a different theme. In the first session, "Beachcombers," young geologists will explore local beach compositions and tides, and will participate in interesting activities along the shoreline. Session II, "Under the Sea," includes building and examining aquariums, and exploring ocean dwellers ranging from creepy crawlers to fascinating fish. The third session of the summer, titled "Explorers," involves exciting activities caring for the special critters that dwell in our ocean and fresh water ponds.

For more information on the Center for Student Coastal Research's Seaside Adventures please visit its web site, www.cescr.org, or call our office at (781)-383-8909. Applications are available online, at the Paul Pratt Library, or at the Recreation Department, and can be mailed to 40 Parker Avenue any time before May 1. If you'd like more information on Seaside Adventures, the Center for Student Coastal Research is hosting an Open House at the newly remodeled Hagerty Building, 40 Parker Ave., Saturday April 12, 9am-2pm.

School program sheds light on bullying issue

On Wednesday April 9, three new students will spend the morning at the Deer Hill School with sixth graders, and their parents, to explore the cruel effects and consequences of bullying and other harassment issues. Malcolm, P.J., and Natalie are not typical sixth graders, however, they are members of an educational theatre troupe presenting "Doin' the Right Thing!" "Doin' the Right Thing" will be presented on Wednesday, April 9 at 9 a.m. in the Deer Hill School gymnasium. For more information on the program, contact Deer Hill Adjustment Counselor Betsy McGrath at 781-383-6115.

The program was developed and produced by Deana's Fund, an organization dedicated to preventing violence. It is being brought to Cohasset by the Project Safeguard committee, an independent community organization which receives funding and support from the PSO and town churches.

"Doin' the Right Thing" emphasizes the important role students have in identifying, understanding and ending the cruel effects of bullying. The program will include enactment of bullying stories, harmful behaviors, its consequences, as well as how to defend yourself and others. P.J., the victim, Malcolm, the school bully and Natalie, who is trying to become part of the popular crowd, explore the actions and feelings of harassment. Students will witness verbal, non-verbal and physical behavior that may reflect real-life bullying in their school and community. They will also see positive role modeling as one of the actors decides to take a stand.

Following the play students, and parents, will break into separate groups to discuss what they witnessed, assess their own behavior and how to seek help in preventing action that can harm others. "Parents' interest and involvement in this serious and prevalent topic will help their child understand that we all play a role in making our school a safe and respectful place. This unique program is a valuable opportunity for us to reinforce our school policy against harassment and bullying," says McGrath.

Both the Project Safeguard committee and the PSO are volunteer groups that meet on a regular monthly basis and are continually open to participation from interested individuals.

Bullying and Harassment Fact Sheet

- As many as 15 percent of students in United States schools report being severely traumatized by peer abuse (The Bully Prevention Handbook, 1996)
- A child who is identified as a bully by age eight is six times more likely to be convicted of a crime by age 24 and five times more likely to end up with a criminal record by age 30 (Olweus, 1987; Eron 1987)
- About 22 percent of students in grades 4-8 reported academic difficulties as a result of peer abuse. (The Bully Prevention Handbook, 1996)
- Bullying directly affects about five million elementary and junior high students in the United States. (National Association of School Psychologists, 1992)
- A recent report on fatal school shootings found that more than two-thirds of the attackers said they were "bullied, persecuted, threatened, attacked or injured" by other prior to the incident. Bullying appeared to be a major reason for attacks by those who reported that they were victims of longstanding, severe bullying and harassment. (US Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center, 2000)
- Among boys and girls verbal abuse is the most common form of bullying. Social ostracism and exclusion were the second most common among girls; while boys resort more to direct bullying like physical abuse, threats or taking money or property. (Mullin-Rindler, Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, 1998)
- One study found that targets of bullies centered on three groups: 1) Girls who were not seen as physically attractive; 2) Boys who were viewed as artsy, not into athletics, or not meeting macho standards; and 3) Girls who developed early and who were seen as physically attractive. (Shakeshaft, 1995)

Swim-dive team offers scholarship

The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team is offering a scholarship. An applicant must be a high school senior and have been a member of the Cohasset Swim-Dive Team for five years. All portions of the application must be completed and postmarked no later than April 28.

Questions about the scholarship application process should be directed to Irene Volpe Barry, Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship Committee at 383-1605.

Applications may be picked up in the Cohasset High School Guidance Department.

SSL scholarship

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be high school seniors, residents and intend to begin or further their studies in nursing, social work, or allied health fields. Two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded for the 2003-2004 academic year. Applications are available at the League office, 16 Highland Ave. weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or in the town's high school guidance office. Applications must be received at the League office by April 18.

Summer Playground

The Cohasset Recreation Commission announces Martha Equi will again be the director of the Summer Playground Program for children ages 3 1/2 to 12 years. Registration will be held the week of June 9, as follows:

Monday, June 9, - Wednesday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Recreation Commission has also established fee charges for the 2003 Playground Program as follows:

Full Day 5 to 12 year olds: $350 for first child

1/2 Day 3 to 5 year olds: $280 for first child

$500 non-resident for either half or full day program

Activity Fee

A $50 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover special in house events and professional entertainment, arts and crafts supplies, swim walkers T-shirts. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited Enrollment has been set for each program. Non-residents are taken on a space available basis. All children must be toilet trained.

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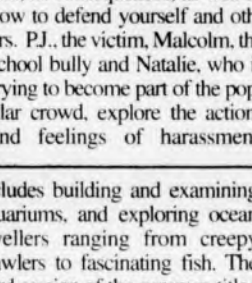
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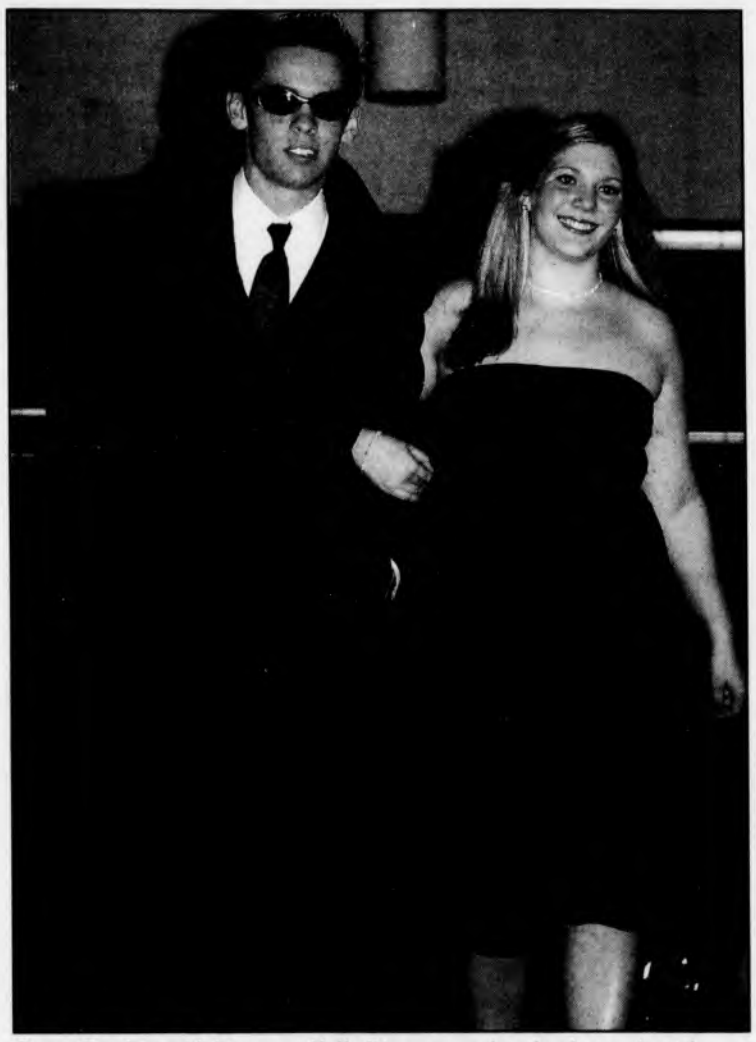
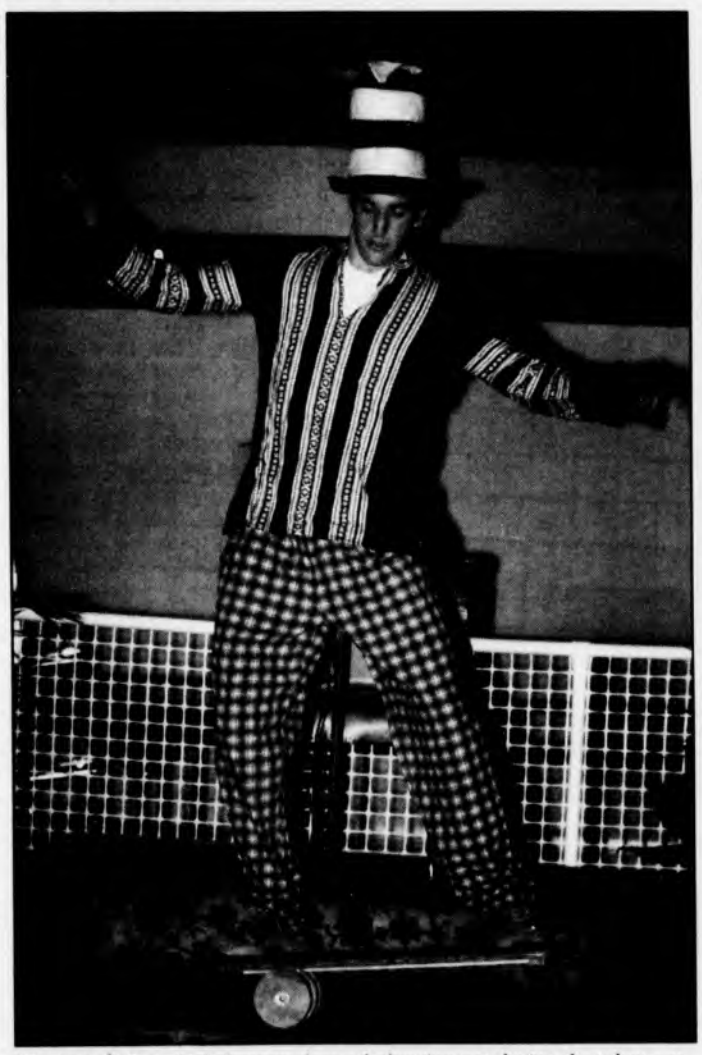


Braun Goodson with his escort Holly Dinsmore make a lovely couple at the first-ever Mr. Skipper Night last Friday.

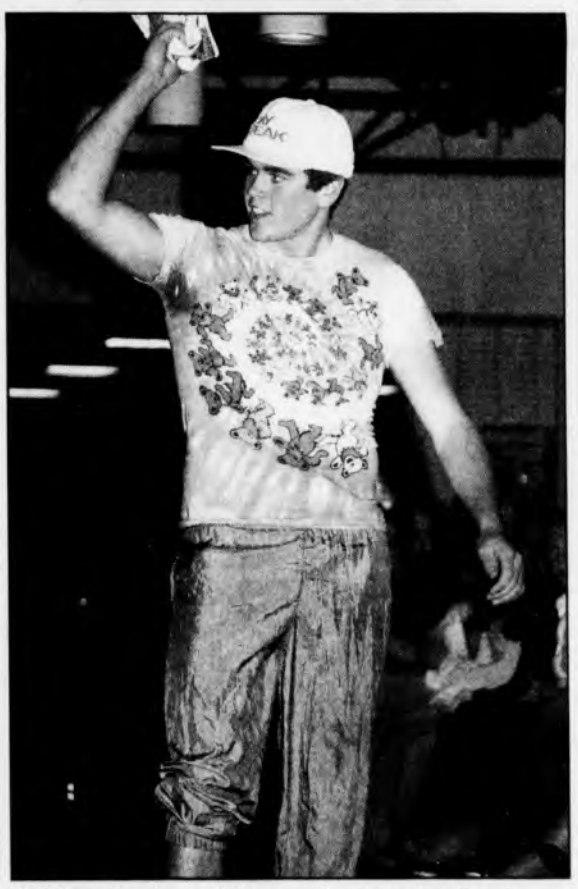
Above: Tommy Anderson accepts the very first Mr. Skipper title. In addition to $50, his is presented with the Mr. Skipper sash and a cheese pizza!

At left: Tommy Anderson juggles while catching grapes in his mouth (tossed by a volunteer) during the talent portion of the contest.

At right: Tommy Anderson is crowned Cohasset High's first "Mr. Skipper" and won a check for $50.



Contestant Ross Lieb-Lappen does a balancing act during the talent segment.



Ted Straughn shows off his casual attire in the all-male beauty pageant that raised money for the prom.

Ross Lieb-Lappen is escorted by Cristina Sadler during the tuxedo segment.

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LIBRARY CLOSING

Last Friday the Town of Cohasset closed on the sale of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library building to the Cohasset Historical Society. Handing over the former library keys to Kathy O'Malley, far left, and Paula Kozol, co-presidents of the historical society, are library trustees Patience Towle and Barbara Power (second from right and far right). The society paid $739,000 for the 100-year-old building.

LIBRARY CORNER

New displays

Look for the new display case as you enter the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library. It is located to the left of the entry into the Children's Room.

This month it features miniature Early American wooden furniture created by Cohasset resident, Mr. Carlo Conte. Mr. Conte arrived in America via Ellis Island in 1920. He repaired and refinished furniture for many years then began making miniature furniture.

If you have a special collection that you are interested in displaying, please contact Barbara Power through the library at 781-383-1348.

Also on display this month is a love orchid graciously loaned to the library by another Cohasset resident, Dr. Edward Woods. It is situated by the windows in the reference area and is a true harbinger of spring.

Video Donations

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is looking for video donations from the community to enhance their growing collection. Tasteful adult and children's videos are now being accepted by the staff at the front desk.

If your are spring cleaning or just getting prepared for a summer garage sale, think of the library as a place to drop off any videos that you may no longer want.

Bracale is Artist of the Month

Joan Bracale, a Hingham resident and gallery artist at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset has created an incredible display of oil paintings titled, "Winter Break." The artist notes that, "Many of the paintings for 'Winter 'Break were developed in my studio this past January and February, working from painted studies, thumbnail sketches and my own photographs taken on location," she said.

Educated at Mount Holyoke and NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, Bracale now studies oil painting with John Kilroy, Chris Sovek and Lois Griffel. Over the past 10 years, she has had numerous shows throughout the South Shore and has received many awards for her work.

In her Artist's Statement, Bracale continues: "Paintings took on a life of their own as I explored color harmonies and manipulated composition. A transient moment caught outdoors in a sketch or a photograph became extended and altered in the process of painting."

If you have not had the opportunity to see Joan Bracale's show, take the time to visit the new Community Room area and browse through the artwork that is familiar with locales such as, Worlds End and Hingham. It's definitely worth the trip.

The show continues until April 30. Call the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 781-383-1348.

'The Sound of Music'

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library will host the Cohasset Dramatic Club on Tuesday, April 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. It is a great opportunity to see and hear children from the area perform selections from their upcoming performance, "The Sound of Music." This event will last about one hour. At the conclusion of the performance, light refreshments will be served courtesy of the Friends of the Library in the Community Room.

Storytime

A spring drop-in storytime will take place in the Story Room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Tuesdays from 1-1:30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10:30-11 a.m., beginning April 15 and ending May 22.

All ages are invited and no registration is required.

Pinewood results

Cohasset's Pack 38 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby winners are:

Tiger: First Place: Dakota Actin; Second Place: Jack O'Brien; Third Place: Jack Sangonelli.

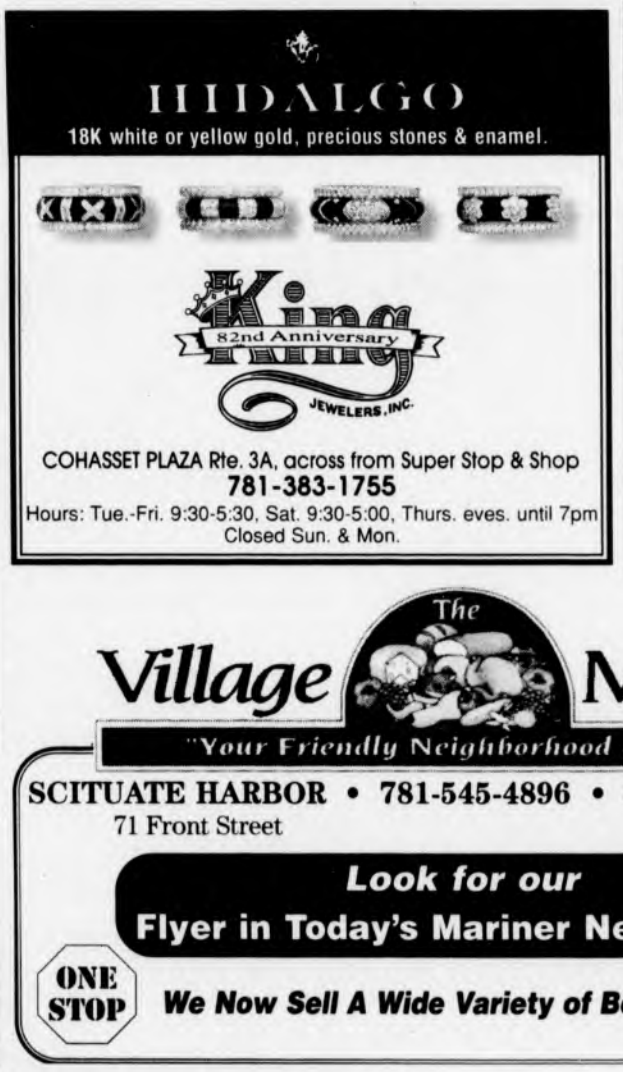
Wolf: First Place: Alex Kent; Second Place: Mike Freqreus; Third Place: Brendon Queenan.

Bear: First Place: Alex Hurd; Second Place: Jake Moskow; Third Place: Jay Salerno.

Webelo I: First Place: Ian McQuade; Second Place: Max Reel. Third Place: Garret Carney.

Webelo II: First Place: Christian Brady; Second Place: Peter Callahan; Third Place: Tyler Durant.

The overall winner was Christian Brady. The Cub Scouts will be competing in the Cranberry Harbor District Pinewood Derby Race held on April 5, at St. Mary's Church Hall in Hanover.



Cohasset library director closes local chapter

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"Cohasset was the most fun of all because of the support of the wonderful community and wonderful trustees."
— Janet Husband

Retirement is the wrong word when describing the new chapter in Janet Husband's life. Although she has officially "retired" from her duties as library director at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library – she won't want for things to keep her busy.

For one thing, she serves as a library trustee, which is an elected post, in her hometown of Braintree. She and her husband are also working on the fourth edition of Sequels, a guide to novels and series published by the American Library Association. Sequels is useful for those who enjoy mysteries, for example, so they can find out what to what to read next in a particular series.

But even with a lot to look forward to, Husband was a little sad last Friday when Paul Pratt Library trustees and librarians gathered around to share some refreshments and wish her well on her last day.

Husband was hired five years ago to replace long-time library director Richard Hayes who stepped down after 29 years in the post. Janet Rafferty, who is coming to Cohasset from the Hanson library, assumed the director's post this week.

Husband, who was at the helm for the transition to the new library and got to see it open, was able to spend some time working with Rafferty, so the transition would be a smooth one.

"This is perfect timing," Husband said Friday. "I got to do the fun part.

"I think this is a fitting way to finish a 30-year career," said Husband who has served in five libraries over the years.

"Cohasset was the most fun of all because of the support of the wonderful community and wonderful trustees," she said.

Husband said she was happy Rafferty, the new director, has related experience and lots of energy.

"I feel as though I'm turning the job over to my younger sister and I'm happy about that," she said.

Trustee Sheila Evans, who was chairman of the search committee when Husband was in the running for the Cohasset post, said the trustees are proud of her. She said Husband has also helped shepherd a library building project through in Rockland.

"We couldn't have done it without her," Evans said, about the new Cohasset library.

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Retiring library director Janet Husband, center, is surrounded by Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees on her last day Friday. From left are: Sarah Pease, June Hubbard, Roger Whitley, Patience Towle, Barbara Power and Sheila Evans. Not shown are trustees Roger Lowe, Agnes McCann, and Carol Riley.

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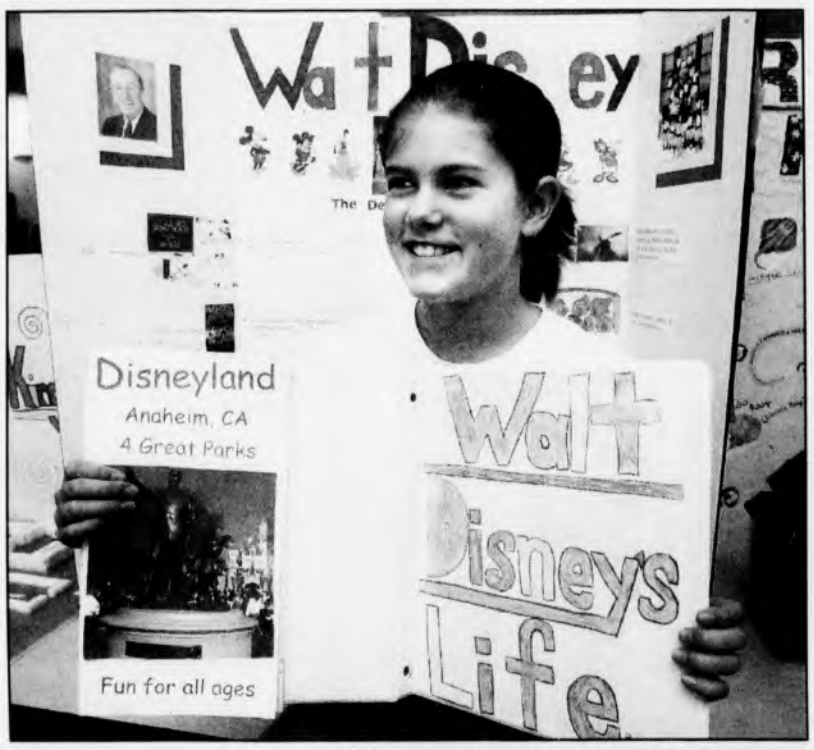
Above: Kristie Jones made a model of King Tutankhamun's tomb for her project.

Megan Powell greets visitors to the exhibit of sixth-graders' study projects with her model of the Statue of Liberty last week at Deer Hill School.



At right: Kristin Monaco's project was all about Walt Disney.

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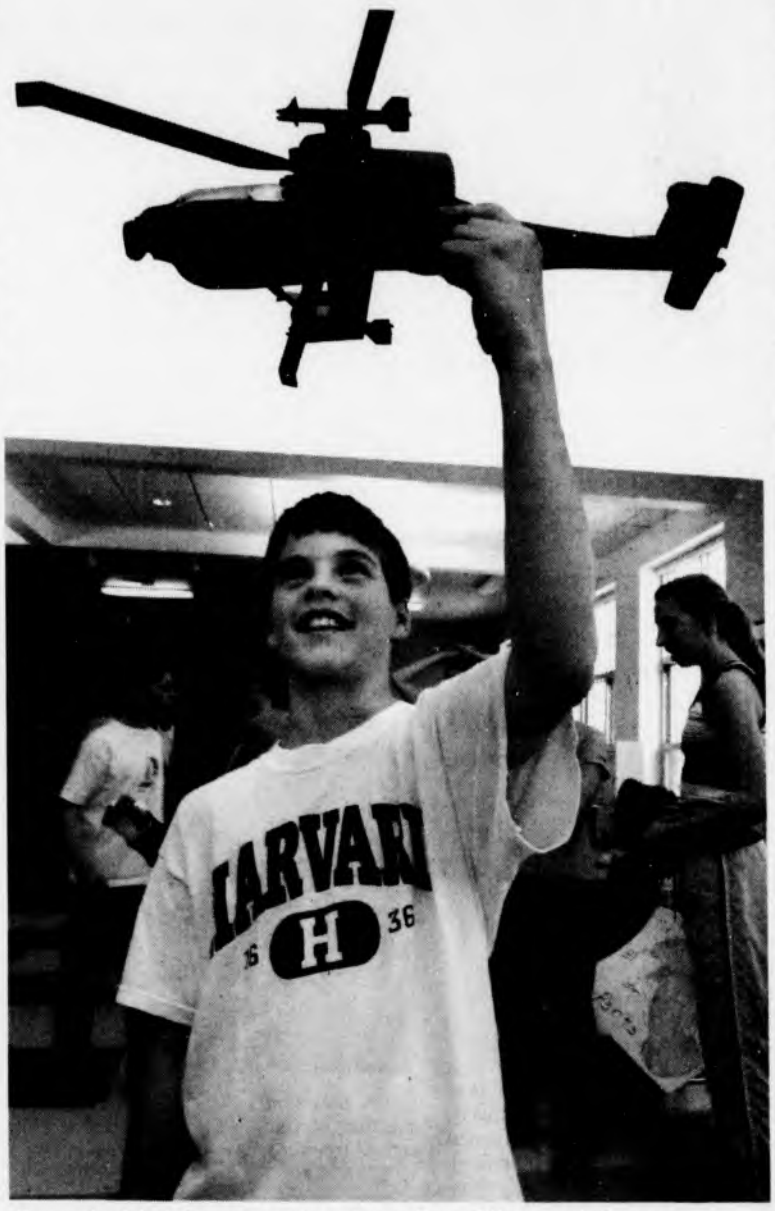

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Preschooler Max Slane digs in the sand during the groundbreaking for the new addition to the South Shore Conservatory last Friday.

Conservatory strikes the right chord

Groundbreaking heralds addition

By Mary Ford
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It's not often the sound of construction work is music to the ears.

But those at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham are looking forward to the cacophony of bulldozers, drills, and hammers – as the school's expansion that will about double the size of the existing building off Conservatory Drive.

Last Friday, tiny hands armed with small shovels and pails dug in the sand for the celebratory groundbreaking for the $3.5 million project. The children, who were wearing plastic hardhats, attend the arts-oriented preschool at the conservatory that integrates music and visual arts into its curriculum.

Frank Wisneski, president of the board of trustees, told the gathering of Conservatory officials and supporters enrollments have soared to more than 3,000 students per year from 47 communities.

Wisneski said in just a year, the Conservatory had raised $2 million toward its goal. With financing from Hingham Institution for Savings, the project can go forward.

The expansion will add nine teaching studios, three large multi-purpose classrooms, specialized space for dance music therapy and an expanded preschool; gallery space and improved public space.

"People are ready to invest in the community. Not just for themselves but for their neighbor, children and grandchildren."

— Jim Simpson,
South Shore Conservatory

The preschool, under the direction of Carol Sheig, will expand to offer kindergarten in the fall of 2004.

Conservatory director Jim Simpson said it was heartening to see the enthusiastic response to the Conservatory's capital campaign. He said area residents view the Conservatory as an important component of life on the South Shore.

"People are ready to invest in the community," he said. "Not just for themselves but for their neighbor, children and grandchildren.

"They are ready to be part of an investment in the future."

With about 30 preschoolers ready to break ground by digging into a pile of sand with their shovels, Simpson explained youngsters who are introduced to the Conservatory may remain lifelong friends of the organization.

"If they have a fantastic first experience at the Conservatory," he said. "Our hope is as time goes on they will continue to participate."

Sheig, the preschool director, who led her students in a song before they started digging, said the campaign mission of "Building the Future" is especially apropos for the youngsters.

"By exposing preschoolers to the arts and giving them the opportunity to participate in the arts everyday," she said. "We are insuring their future will be enriched by the arts."

Construction is slated to begin in about three weeks, with a grand opening in 2004.

For information on how to participate either as a donor or a volunteer, call Lanci Valentine at 781-749-7565 ext. 23.

The Conservatory, which was established in 1974, offers more than 50 programs and is the largest community music school in the state. In 1996, the Conservatory raised $3.8 million to build a new Duxbury campus, Ellison Center for the Arts, at the former Holy Family Church.

Sailing talk for coastal research center

The Cohasset Yacht Club will continue its annual support for maritime activities by sponsoring a public lecture on Saturday April 12 at 7 p.m. The speakers for this event will be CYC members Martha and Dana Robes who will present a program on their recently concluded five-year around the world cruise on their cruising yacht Sarah Jane, a Little Harbor 48.

During their voyage, the Robes logged more than 40,000 miles sailing west to east. This lecture will focus on a portion of the trip covering roughly the first two years. During this time, the Robes traveled from Florida to Australia, spanning the South Pacific with stops in such exotic locales as the Friendly Islands (Tonga, Vava'u and Ha'apai), French Polynesia, and New Zealand. (All this provides a sharp contrast to last year's speaker Cam Lewis who spent much of his three month circumnavigation avoiding "growlers" in the Southern Ocean!)

The Robes are currently in the process of building a 65-foot glass Hood design in their yard with launching expected in May.

Proceeds from the talk will go to the Cohasset High School Summer Institute's Center for Student Coastal Research. These funds are being specifically earmarked for construction of two Gloucester Gulls. The Gloucester Gull or Light Dory is a 15.5-foot rowing dory that students will construct in order to carry out water quality studies in Cohasset Harbor, the Gulf River, and Little Harbor.

Additionally, in November this group received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to "enable Cohasset Middle High School students to work as Summer Institute interns re-establishing water quality monitoring in the Gulf River and to assist the Gulf Association in its goal of conducting a Natural Resources Inventory of the Gulf River Watershed."

The location for the lecture will again be St. Anthony's Parish Center and the cost will be $12 per person (students free) if reservations are made by telephone (781) 383-9280, $15 at the door. The lecture is open to the public Details can be obtained by calling Steve Bobo at (781) 383-9280.

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CeCe Sampson works on a word game with David Williams, an Osgood third-grader, during a recent intergenerational program at the Senior Center.

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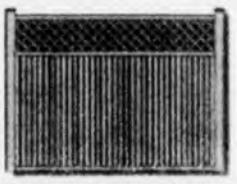

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Weymouth base developer seeks the community voice

New plan unfolds for former NAS

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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A new day is dawning on a dark fiscal horizon.

A new plan is unfolding at the old South Weymouth Naval Air Station.

And redevelopment officials are asking the community to tell them how to shape this plan.

Marshfield native David S. Hall, vice president for base master developer Lennar Partners, stressed the potential for new revenue for Weymouth and the South Shore area and the importance of input from residents at last Thursday's CNC editorial board meeting at Mariner Newspapers.

"This is a bright opportunity to let revenue flow. These are bad fiscal times for state and local government," Hall said.

Hall is hoping for an ever-increasing turnout at a series of public meeting on base redevelopment hosted by Lennar and the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation, the local authority overseeing the former air station. The meeting set for 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, at the base conference center (the former bowling alley), will include architects presenting their visions.

Redevelopment of the base must be guided by existing economic realities, Hall said. The existing reuse plan for the base, approved in 1998 by town meetings in Weymouth, Rockland, and Abington, does not work in 2003. With the economy cooling and the bottom falling out of the business office market, the 200 million square feet zoned for retail — designed to accommodate a mega shopping mall — must be rezoned for today's economy. The revised plan will eventually create employment and a new tax revenue stream for the three towns.

"Our challenge is to analyze that plan, trying to find a plan and program to satisfy Lennar and the communities. We want people to tell us what they want. If they want a community swimming pool or a soccer complex, they need to tell us. They get to decide what they want. This is a highly interactive process," Hall said.

A mix of housing will be a major component of the new plan. The current plan calls for 700 units of senior housing. The added housing, priced from affordable to high end, would be geared more to young couples just starting out or to "empty nesters," rather than growing families. Because towns can't afford more schools, there is a resistance to housing that would draw young families.

"This is a reality we face," Hall said.

Another reality is that a "mega-mall," such as once planned by Virginia-based Mills Corporation, is also not an option.

"The community does not want retail. That is loud and clear," Hall said. "There is a delicate balance and we have to strike that balance."

Part of the balance is keeping traffic drawn to the site at a minimum. The village community envisioned at the base will be self-contained, with people living, working, and shopping in close proximity. Yet this would not be a "gated community." People would be driving in to shop, have lunch, or use the recreational facilities.

"This will be a community within itself, keeping people out of their cars, servicing all their needs on the base," Hall said.

Redevelopment would be guided by "smart growth," meaning that the life quality of neighboring towns will be protected. Road improvements such as the widening of Route 18 and the redesigning of key intersections are crucial to the revised reuse plan. Yet the revised plan could work without a connector road from Route 3 to the base. The connector road, necessary for the now defunct Mills mall plan, was much opposed in the community.

Residents in the three towns sharing the former air base do have core concerns.

"The towns are all concerned about the environmental cleanup, they are all concerned about when they are going to see some revenue," Hall said

Buildout will take about 15 years, but the major part of the phased-in redevelopment should be done in five years. The three host towns will share income in proportion to the land area in their respective towns. Weymouth will receive 46 percent, Rockland will receive 44 percent, and Abington will receive 12 percent, according to John W. Rogers, chairman of the Tri-Town Corporation board of directors and interim executive director.

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The new reuse plan will have to be approved by a two-thirds vote by the Weymouth Town Council and town meetings in Rockland and Abington. The entire comprehensive plan will be presented.

One of the roles Lennar Partners plays is financier. In order to build soccer domes, swimming pools, ice rinks, or nature trails — or construct roads and a water and sewer system — the economic engine of the reuse plan needs to be up and running and generating money. The Tri-Town Corporation has no funding other than state and federal grants and money now received from leasing facilities on site.

"We have to kill our own food," Robert Lundquist, one of Weymouth's two representatives on the five-member board of directors, had said early on.

Rogers described the corporation's efforts to secure the funding needed for infrastructure improvements that are necessary for redevelopment to occur.

"When the agreement with Mills fell apart two years ago, we questioned if we could develop the base ourselves, but we did not have the funding. We considered an agreement with Mass. Development, but the community would lose control, and the state, not the communities, would get the tax revenue. The corporation has no money. We can't ask the towns for any money. That is why we could not go it alone," Rogers said.

Last summer, the Tri-Town board chose to be part of a public-private partnership.

Lennar Partners is the commercial property group of LNR Property Corporation, a worldwide opportunity investor with $3 billion in assets and $1.4 billion to invest, according to Hall.

"LNR is a large company, a very successful company, with plenty of capital. We do not need any outside funding. We have the money, we have experience with base properties," Hall said.

The South Weymouth base will be LNR's sixth conversion. The other five are in California.

"This project is the latest. We couldn't have a better relationship with the Navy. We have a level of trust and confidence. We will continue to do base closures. The Department of Defense is shifting operations overseas. In 2005, there will be a new line of closures. Weymouth was part of the first 100 bases closed. It is a major piece of real estate. Its closure meant a major loss of jobs, a loss of an economic engine," Hall said.

The Navy's Atlantic Division Public Affairs Officer John Peters expressed the Navy's confidence in Lennar.

"We have a good working relationship. Sometimes this process can be a bit cumbersome, but we are getting things done. The package Lennar has put together seems to be solid. Based on their prior experience and the dealings we have had, we have a high level of confidence in Lennar," Peters said.

The Navy is expected to turn over ownership of the entire base to the Tri-Town corporation by the end of the year.

Lennar will also oversee the remaining environmental cleanup of the base, being reimbursed for the cost by the Navy. All of the base conversions have involved environmental cleanups.

"They are all contaminated. Compared to the other bases, South Weymouth is by far the cleanest. It is not to be considered a dangerously contaminated site. There are health concerns, it is a Superfund site, but the cleanup is manageable," Hall said.

"Lennar has good track record with the Navy and a good track record with environmental cleanups," Rogers said.

Fire depts. cash in on grants

By Matthew Gill
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During the 1970s, the Plymouth Fire Department more than doubled in manpower. Due to the swift increase in firefighters, training for new recruits was at times "come in the door and grab a hose," said Plymouth Fire Chief Don Brown.

But thanks to grant money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency last year, Plymouth is developing new firefighter training. Brown said the goal is "to catch up on 20 years of training that should have taken place."

In addition the Plymouth Fire Department hired 12 new firefighters last August and five more are to join the department at the end of this month. They're also expecting a turnover of 60 percent over the next five years, making this training for new recruits essential.

Ideally, new recruits would be sent to The Massachusetts Fire Academy for a 13-week firefighter training program, but sometimes it can take a year to get in, said Brown. With new recruits, that's problematic. The FEMA award money is alleviating the situation.

"The grant is enabling us to have all our firefighters trained to F1 and F2 level," said Brown. Instructors from the Massachusetts Fire Fighting Academy have been visiting the seven Plymouth stations to assist the officers, and instruct them on how to train others.

"Now we can do a 6-week in house training program," Brown said.

FEMA representative Bob Waters said programs like Plymouth's are exactly what grant money should be used for. The goal of the federal agency is to reduce deaths by fire by 15 percent over the next five years, said Waters. This year FEMA has $750 million in grant money to help reach that goal.

Waters hosted a workshop at Plymouth Town Hall last week to aid local fire departments in the process of applying for federal aid. Representatives from about 25 local fire departments, including Weymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury, were on hand for the workshop.

Waters described the meeting's agenda as showing the fire chief's "how to fill out grants and navigate the process," and he focused on three points: How applicants can maximize their opportunity; To collaborate and coordinate with the fire service community; To reach fire departments that have not previously applied or possibly not heard of the project.

Applying for a FEMA award "is a competitive process," said Mark Forest, the district director for U.S. Rep William Delahunt D-Quincy. "Today's meeting is to demystify the process."

Applicants can apply for funding in one of four award categories:

- Fire operations and firefighter safety programs.
- Fire prevention programs.
- EMS programs.
- Vehicle Acquisition.

Some of the application requirements set 5 percent as the minimum award for Fire Prevention, and levy a 25 percent cap on award money for fire-related vehicles. Waters urged the group of fire chiefs to "strategically address their critical needs." Many fire departments need vehicles, he said, but of the nearly 20,000 total applications received last year, only 316 vehicles were awarded.

In 2002, FEMA received 19,500 applications nationally, with 5,319 being awarded funding. The total award money was about $334 million.

Massachusetts Fire Departments last year filed 310 applications, with 99 receiving award money. The Bay State's FEMA grants totaled more than $8 million.

Waters said applications which were not awarded money last year are not to be considered failures. "We can only fund so many great programs," he said. "We had $360 million available last year, but more than $2.2 billion in requests."

Communities that win FEMA grants are expected to provide 10 percent of the cost. New this year will be rural, urban, and suburban guidelines that will differentiate the applications. Factors including population density, water supply, and zoning will determine in which of these three categories an application will fall.

FEMA does take 3 percent of the grant money for administrative purposes, but Waters assured that the remaining 97 percent will go directly to the local fire departments, both career and volunteer.

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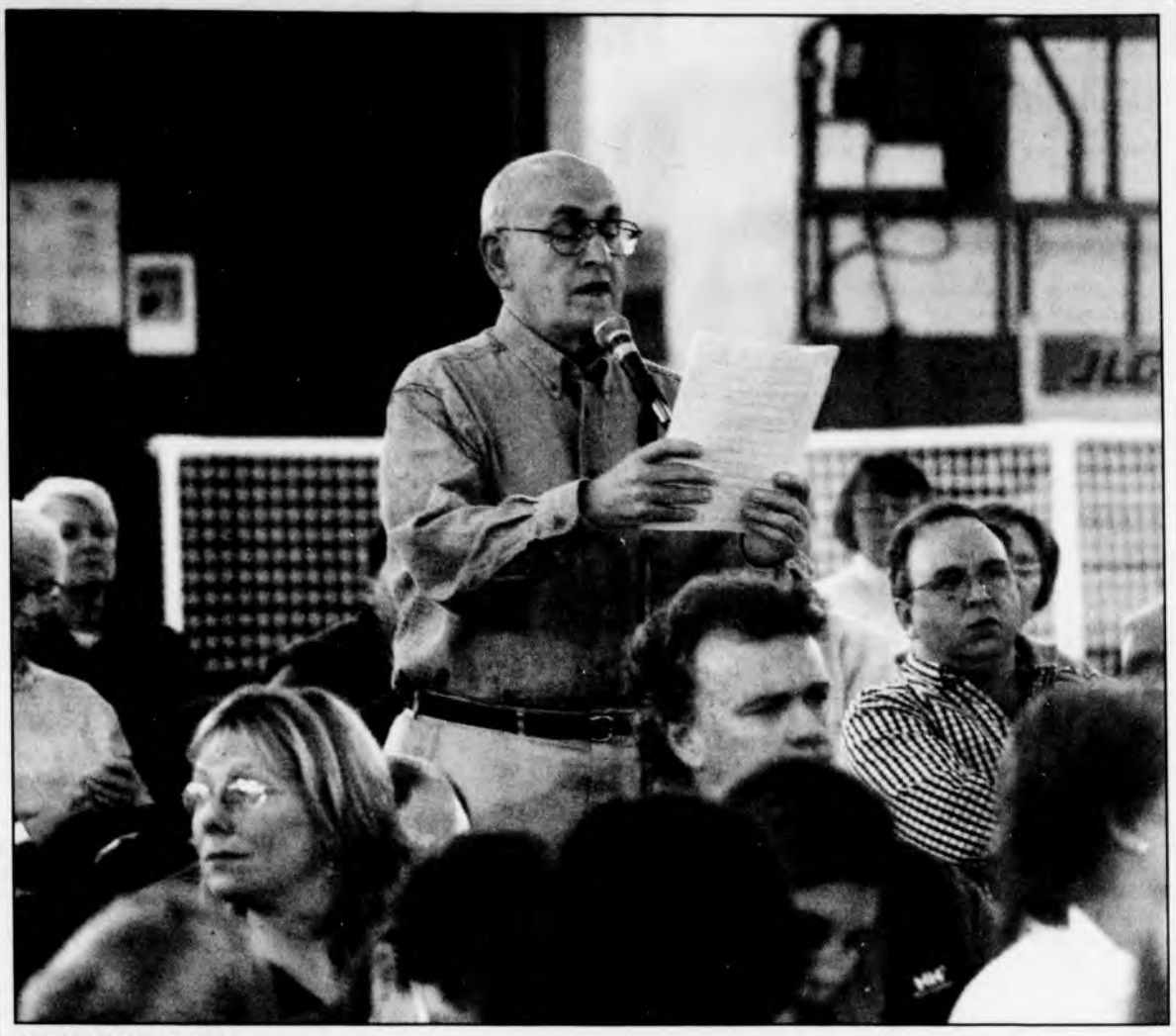
Muffin and Tessie are 7-year-old siblings who have never been separated and would like to be adopted together. They are very sweet and playful.

If you can provide them or another cat a loving home, please call Hull Seaside Animal Rescue toll free at 1-877-378-1195. All cats have been sterilized and are up to date on their shots. Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers. Visit its Web site: www.hsar.org.

At right: Muffin

Far right: Tessie



SPEAKING OUT

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Diarmuid O'Connell speaks out during the discussion on Article 4 (Community Preservation Article) at Town Meeting on Saturday.

POLICE LOG

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

6:24 a.m. Stevens Lane, animal call or complaint.

7:18 a.m. Nichols Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:41 a.m. North Main St., assist other agency.

10:16 a.m. Cushing Road, parking complaint.

11:28 a.m. Atlantic Ave., vandalism.

12:12 p.m. Doane St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

3:38 p.m. Little Harbor, request for police officer/s.

5:08 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:44 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

7:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

9:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:54 p.m. Castle Road, suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

10:50 p.m. Cushing Road, family disturbance. Arrest of Gregg D. Nosiglia, 47, 89 Cushing Road, Apt. 2, Cohasset. Charge: Assault and battery.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

1:19 p.m. Hull St., Hull. Florida, annoying/harassing phone calls.

2:54 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:50 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:02 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

6:04 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:13 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:02 p.m. Norfolk St., fire, investigation.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

2 p.m. South Main St., medical aid.

5:35 p.m. King St., medical aid.

6:47 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:45 p.m. Pond St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

11:14 p.m. North Main St., fire, investigation.

11:38 p.m. Elm St., general services.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

12:58 a.m. HQ, suspicious person(s)/activity.

3:24 a.m. Crocker Lane, open door/window.

3:37 a.m. Atlantic Ave., vandalism.

8:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., trespassing.

8:23 a.m. Pond St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

9:01 a.m. Pond St., parking complaint, canceled before arrival.

10:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., request for police officer/s.

12:18 p.m. Hull St., fire investigation, extinguished.

12:58 p.m. Elm St., fire.

1:49 p.m. Beach St., fire, investigation.

1:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist municipal agency(ies)/other PD, area search negative.

2 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:56 p.m. Howes Lane, general services, well-being check.

10:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

12:33 a.m. Hull St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

12:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

12:56 a.m. Highland Ave., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

1:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

1:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

3:33 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.

7:54 a.m. South Main St., fire, investigation.

9:30 a.m. Forest Ave., assist citizen.

9:36 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:39 a.m. King St., medical aid.

9:45 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:03 a.m. Elm St., credit card fraud.

11:54 a.m. Beechwood St. and King St., assist citizen.

12:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:11 p.m. Smith Place, parking complaint.

1:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny by check.

2 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:04 p.m. South Main St. and Spring St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:14 p.m. Cedar St., fire investigation, extinguished.

4:56 p.m. Cedar St., fire investigation.

6:57 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:01 p.m. Diab Lane, request for police officer/s.

11:47 p.m. North Main St. and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Judson S. Horner, 50, of 69 Fearing Road, Hingham. Charges: OUI, liquor; speeding in violation of special regulation.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

5:47 a.m. Sohier Road, fire, call transferred to fire department.

8:58 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle accident, investigated.

1:07 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

1:56 p.m. King St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

2:31 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

3:38 p.m. Mohawk Way, escort.

4:34 p.m. Jerusalem Road, well-being check.

4:42 p.m. Jerusalem Road Drive, suspicious person(s)/activity.

7:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:53 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

9:24 a.m. Cedar St., traffic complaint.

1:39 p.m. Crocker Lane, suspicious person(s)/activity.

2:45 p.m. Sohier St., parking complaint.

3:12 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

3:15 p.m. Summer St., traffic complaint.

4:58 p.m. South Main St., request for police officer/s.

5:10 p.m. Police HQ, general services.

7:04 p.m. Spring St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:21 p.m. Linden Drive, suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

7:39 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Karen Frances Gravina, 47, 111 Samoset Ave., Hull. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with revoked license as HTO; motor vehicle operator refused to identify self; speeding in violation of special regulations.

8:22 p.m. Atlantic Ave, fire, police log entry.

10:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

10:20 p.m. Beechwood St., general services.

10:32 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity, unfounded.

11:08 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and White Head Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

1:24 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Derek M. Hennebury, 19, of 20 Captain North Way, Pembroke. Charge: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

5:22 a.m. Lower King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:10 a.m. King St., medical aid, patient sign off.

12:58 p.m. Wheelwright Park, general disturbance, gathering, area search negative.

2:57 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, animal call or complaint.

3:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

5:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:21 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop.

6:22 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:50 p.m. King St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

7:02 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle accident.

11:01 p.m. Elm Court, family disturbance.

11:51 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

1:50 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Michael Zappolo, 43, of 42 Elm Court, Cohasset. Charges: Assault and Battery; intimidating witness; wanton destruction of property; operating motor vehicle with suspended license.

8:59 a.m. Spindrift Lane, general services.

9:33 a.m. Elm St., service of a 209A restraining order.

10:05 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave., general services.

11:12 a.m. Elm St., property found.

11:49 a.m. Jerusalem Road, outside fire, extinguished.

3:05 p.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

3:51 p.m. South Main St., open door/window.

4:14 p.m. Elm Court, fire investigation.

10:44 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

Police-fire station

Voters at Town Meeting on Saturday approved an $800,000 project to improve the town's police and fire station.

The project will expand women's facilities and office space in the station and extend the garage by eight feet in the rear so that when the fire department's 25-year-old ladder truck is retired, its new replacement will fit.

Also, the roof of the garage will be raised two and a half feet so maintenance can be done on fire trucks while inside. Currently, the fire department must take vehicles outside three times a week to perform routine maintenance.

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WORSHIP NOTES

Prayers for peace

Saint Stephen's since 1990 has prayed continuously for world peace every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in their chapel. The fighting that has begun in Iraq calls directly upon this ministry of prayer for servicemen and women and for the innocent especially the children in Iraq. Prayers are for our troubled world and for all God's people everywhere — for peace, forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus asks prayers for one another and for enemies as well. Prayer can unite people globally in a way nothing else can. In a 20-minute Wednesday service of Evening Prayer, all innocent victims of war, those who serve sacrificially in the armed forces, all relief and disaster agencies, hospital and care providers, chaplains, the media personnel who influence so much in the world, the President and all in authority, the United Nations and all who work for peace with compassion and justice all over the world are prayed for.

"Lord, make us instruments of your peace." *A prayer attributed to St. Francis (BCP, p. 833).*

Citizens for life

The South Shore Chapter of Mass. Citizens for Life will meet Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish House (beside the school hall) on Fearing Road. It's grand annual yard-sale fund-raiser will be from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 10, at St. Jerome Parish Hall, Route 3A, Weymouth. Yard-sale donations will be accepted from 3 to 7 p.m., Friday, May 9, at the hall. Good useable household items (no clothing or large items) are welcome.

The South Shore Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Donations may be sent to MCFL South Shore, P.O. Box 40, Hingham, 02043. For information, call 781-925-5323.

Author to lead weekend retreat

From Compassion to Action, a weekend retreat workshop with award winning author Jan Phillips will be held on April 5 and 6, at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. Phillips is a writer, multi-media artist and inspirational workshop leader. She is the award-winning author of "Marry Your Muse, God is at Eye Level" and "Making Peace: One Woman's Journey Around the World." Phillips states: "We are the help we have been waiting for. We are the light of the world we inhabit. It is our time to speak, act and be tender and powerful....come bring your light to the dark, warmth to the chill." Call for details and to register 781-383-9184. Registration is $195 and includes three meals. This workshop is being sponsored by the Spirituality and Healing forum of the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset.

Abbey series on 'Other Voices'

The Glastonbury Abbey series will host Dr. Harvey Cox whose topic is "Hope and Expectation" on Thursday, April 3 at 7:15 p.m. at the Abbey. This is the next installment of the Abbey's for 2002-03 series, Listening to Other Voices: Hope in a Time of Uncertainty.

A teacher at Harvard Divinity School since the early 1960s, Dr. Cox is currently the Victor S. Thomas Professor of Divinity at Harvard. An American Baptist Minister, his research and teaching interests are in the areas of urbanization, world Christianity, and the ministry of the church in the global setting. Cox has been visiting professor at Brandeis University, Seminario Bautista de Mexico and the Narope Institute.

Cox is a prolific and acclaimed author of many titles including "The Secular City," "The Feast of Fools," "Many Mansions: A Christian's Encounters with Other Faiths." He also writes a column for beliefnet.com.

Please call to reserve a place at 781-749-2155. A free-will offering is always appreciated.

Insights on spiritual healing

Have you ever wondered:

How Christian Science healing works? If it is specific prayer that heals or just a general state of faith; or how you can bring spiritual healing into your own life?

Evan Mehlenbacher of Easton will discuss answers to these questions and offer insights on the practice of Christian healing at a free lecture-workshop to be given Thursday evening, April 10 at 7:30 in the Minot Room of the Nantasket Clarion Hotel's Conference Center at 45 Hull Shore Drive in Hull.

After earning a B.A. degree in economics from Stanford University, Mehlenbacher worked for several years in his family's farming business in Washington state. Here he saw the effect of prayer at work in his daily life. Before long, people began asking him to pray for them and his public practice of healing through the power of prayer was born.

Mehlenbacher has lectured throughout North America at conventions, conferences, bookstores, colleges, hospitals, Internet events, interdenominational gatherings and churches. He has addressed topics such as, "Spiritual Help You Can Trust" and "A Spiritual Approach to Terrorism," among many others.

Today, he is manager of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship in Boston, a practitioner of spiritual healing and an authorized teacher of Christian Science.

There is no charge for this event which is open to the public. All are welcome.

'Reasons for Hope'

St. Anthony Church, at 10 Summer Street in Cohasset, invites the public to its Mission "Reasons for Hope" to be given by Rev. Harry Cain, S.J. and Virginia Blass, M.A., M.Ed. on Sunday, April 6 through Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m.. Find out how God accepts you just the way you are!

Free 10-week Alpha course

Alpha is a free, 10-week course that has been significant for people all over the world. It is a practical introduction to the Christian faith and Alpha tries to answer the questions:

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Alpha is for everyone: Catholics, Protestants, atheists and agnostics; those who want to investigate Christianity; those who want to brush up on the basics; and those who feel they've never really "got going" as a Christian.

For more information on Alpha, please call 781-383-6792.

OBITUARY

Brian L. Riddell

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Brian L. Riddell, age 64, of Scituate and formerly of Ridgefield, Conn. and London, England, U.K., died suddenly on March 26, 2003 at Massachusetts General Hospital of metastatic melanoma.

Born in London, England, he was the son of the late Leslie and Ann (McManoman) Riddell. He was educated in England at St. Mary's College of the University of London.

He was the retired executive vice president of the Boston Stock Exchange and prior to being at the Boston Stock Exchange, he was at the New York Stock Exchange for many years. After his retirement in 1992, he was a consultant to new and merging stock markets throughout Europe, including Prague, Sofia, Bulgaria and Cairo, Egypt. Mr. Riddell was also on the board of directors for the Boston Stock Exchange and several other financial memberships.

He leaves his wife, Mary E. (O'Keeffe) Riddell; his son, Christian L. Riddell of Scituate; his two daughters, Tracy Phelan of Quincy and Karen Riddell of Scituate; a brother, Patrick J. Riddell of Davenport, Fla. and Manchester, England.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 31 at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Scituate.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Mr. Riddell's memory to the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center, Attention: Shana Novak, Charles River Plaza, Suite #600, Boston 02114.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P0187EP

In the Estate of SUSAN S. DEMICHELE

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death October 11, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that DONALD L. DEMICHELE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **April 16, 2003.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, January 24, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#194489
Cohasset Mariner 4/3/03

ZBA/1 RED GATE LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **April 22, 2003, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, David R. & Kathleen Marks, seek to construct addition at **1 Red Gate Lane** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-03-19.

AD#188795
Cohasset Mariner 4/3, 4/10/03

ZBA/226 CJCH
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Tuesday, April 22, 2003, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a Special Permit pursuant to 8.8 & 9.7.8b of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Joseph A. Rosano,** seeks to construct a residential/office building at **226 CJCH,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-04-01B.

AD#194586
Cohasset Mariner 4/3, 4/10/03

ZBA/322 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **April 22, 2003, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 12 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Three Jerusalem Lane Trust,** appeal of Building Inspector's failure to respond to letter re **322 Jerusalem Road,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-02-28.

AD#188791
Cohasset Mariner 4/3, 4/10/03

ZBA/38 SUMMER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **April 22, 2003, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Joseph & Marilyn Previte,** seek to expand an existing barn at **38 Summer St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-02-28.

AD#191269
Cohasset Mariner 4/3, 4/10/03

ZBA/44 BORDER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **April 22, 2003, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to 7 & 12.5 of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Cohasset Cove, LLC seeks a variance in regard to parking requirements at **44 Border St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-03-10.

AD#188793
Cohasset Mariner 4/3, 4/10/03

ZBA/790 CJCH
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Tuesday, April 22, 2003, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a Special Permit pursuant to 4.2 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Starbucks Coffee,** seeks to open a fastfood restaurant at **790 CJCH,** according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office. #03-04-01.

AD#194583
Cohasset Mariner 4/3, 4/10/03

ZBA/811 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Tuesday, April 22, 2003, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a Special Permit pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Panagia Greek Orthodox Church,** seeks to extend a nonconforming building at **811 Jerusalem Road,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-04-01.

AD#194588
Cohasset Mariner 4/3, 4/10/03

To place your legal notice call Mary Joyce Waite at 781-433-7902 or fax · 781-453-6650

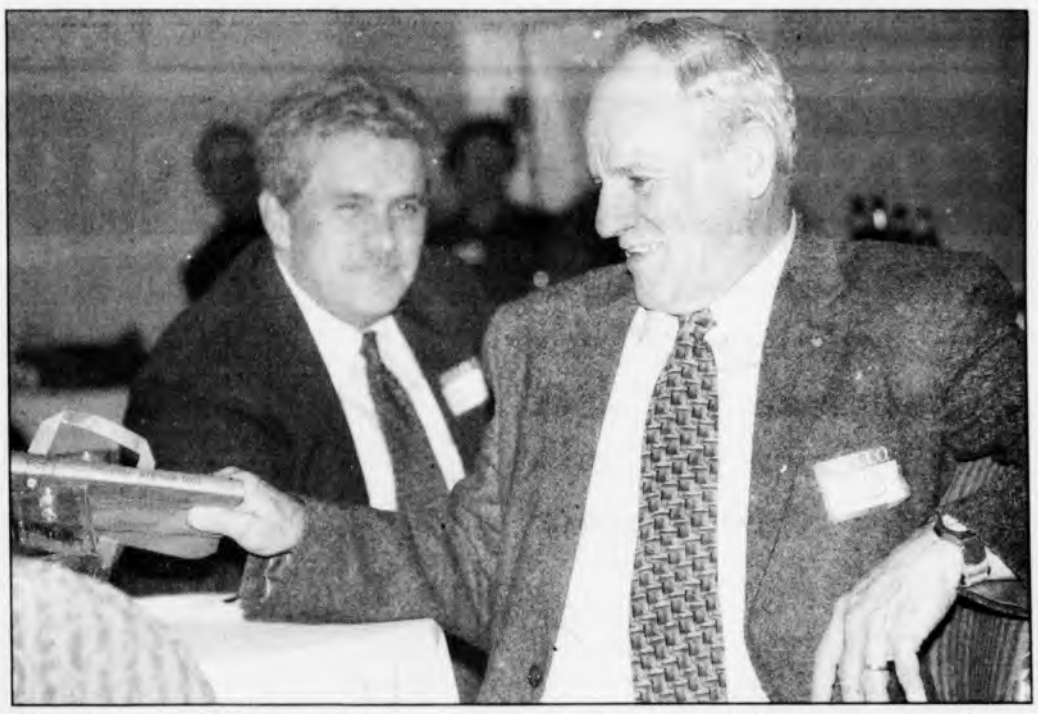
Town honors its top citizen

Arthur Lehr is flanked by members of his proud family, from left, son Phil and his wife Jo Anne; granddaughters Becca and Samantha, Arthur, granddaughter Tori, grandson Rob, son Allen Lehr and his wife Sandra, and son David Lehr.

Arthur Lehr addresses the crowd at the reception in his honor on Sunday at the Cohasset Harbor Inn.

Samantha Lehr gives her grandfather a big grin during the reception on Sunday at the Cohasset Harbor Inn.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund presents Arthur Lehr with a citation from the Senate in his honor at the Cohasset Harbor Inn (formerly Kimball's) on Sunday.



Above: Selectman Merle Brown goes back to the table laughing with his recycled gift bag as Selectman Fred Koed looks on. Arthur Lehr, who is on the recycling committee, is literally the founder of recycling in town.

At left: Phil Lehr shares some anecdotes about what is like to have Arthur Lehr as his dad.

Above: Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford, who served as emcee, presents Arthur Lehr with a Citizen of the Year plaque.

At left: Arthur Lehr, an Eagle Scout, has been active in scouting his entire life. His fellow Eagle Scouts, for whom he provided the role model, join him for a photo. From left, Fred Blossom, Rob Lehr, Arthur Lehr, Phil Lehr, Jay Nothnagle, David Farrag, and Glenn Pratt.

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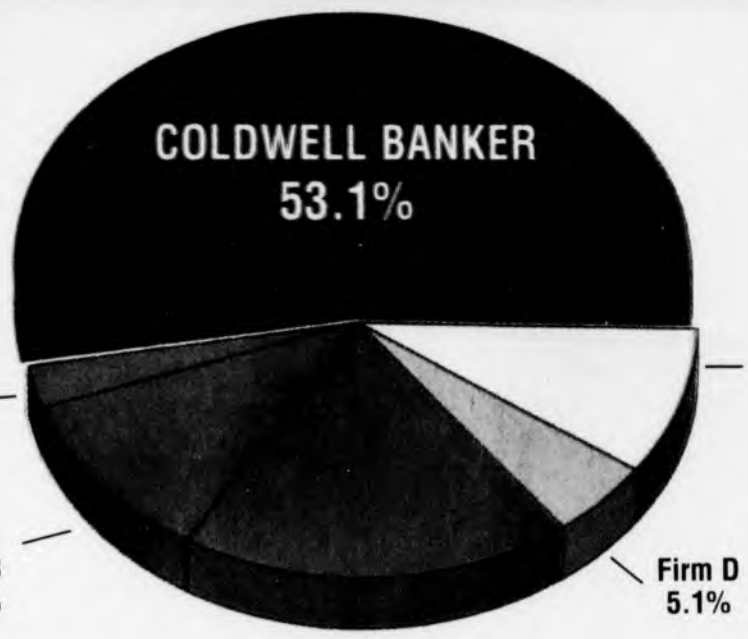

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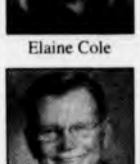
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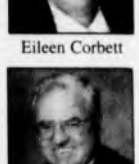
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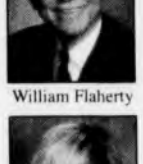
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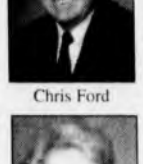
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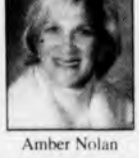
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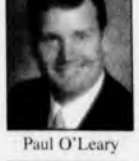
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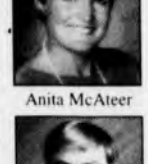
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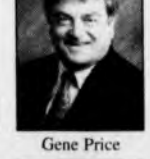
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The beat goes on

R & B legend Bo Diddley plays Plymouth

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

"Not Fade Away" by Buddy Holly (later to be covered by the Rolling Stones), "Willie and the Hand Jive" by the Johnny Otis Show, "Magic Bus" by the Who, "She's the One" by Bruce Springsteen and "I Want Candy" by the Strangeloves (later to be covered by Bow Wow Wow). All of these classic rock hits have one more thing in common — they all became classic by serving up in their own style what is known in rock and roll annals as the Bo Diddley Beat.

These songs are just a sampling of the scope of influence rendered by the man who is the originator of one of rock's most timeless rhythmic styles. The Diddley Beat ("Bomp, Ba-Bomp-Bomp, Bomp-Bomp," as some journalists have attempted to capture in print) is such a trademark, distinctive rock sound, yet so indescribable, that it's generally become known simply by the name of its creator. Bo Diddley himself has simply termed it the shave-and-a-haircut-six-bits beat, while scores of rock analysts and historians over time have pointed out the style's early guitar innovations of using distortion and tremolo effects as well as double simultaneous rhythms and even tracing its origins back to the ancient African Yoruba and Kongo cultures of Nigeria.

"I always like to play a mix of old and new songs in my live sets, including the hits people know plus other stuff they might not have heard yet. I do what I do best and try to keep it from being repetitive. I like to give the people a show as always, so tell the fans I'll be there and ready to go."
Bo Diddley

But such scholarly knowledge is not necessary to simply rock out and enjoy the music. Diddley's Boston area fans will get a chance to do just that when the rock 'n' roll/blues/R&B legend appears in concert at Plymouth

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Bo Diddley performs in Plymouth Saturday.

Under the big top

South Shore students to take in 'Circus of the Senses'

On Thursday, April 10 more than 1,000 Massachusetts children with sensory impairments will gather beneath the Big Apple Circus' Big Top at Fan Pier (28-70 Old Northern Avenue, near the Federal Courthouse, Boston) to experience the magic and joy of the Circus of the Senses®. Children from all over the Commonwealth will be on hand, including students from the Monatiquot School in Braintree, Duxbury Middle School, Randolph High School, the Sparrell and Grace F. Cole Schools in Norwell, and the Holy Ghost Parch Center in Whitman.

A $250,000 grant from the Hasbro Children's Foundation has made it possible for the Big Apple Circus to present Circus of the Senses® (a special performance for blind and deaf children) free of charge in cities along its national tour route, including Boston, for three years.

"To see a child smile or to hear them laugh is a wonderful gift; to be part of a program that brings the wonder of the Circus to children who are blind and deaf is an unbelievable joy. We are proud to be able to bring the Big Apple Circus' Circus of the Senses® to four cities across the United States. We encourage other arts organizations to create similar programs, and hope other foundations will join us to help bring this joy to millions more children," said Ellen Block, Chairman, Hasbro Children's Foundation. Additional funding for this year's Boston performance is provided by the Marino Foundation of Holliston.

Big Apple Circus performers wow the crowd.

"The Circus has produced this uniquely designed performance annually in New York for more than a decade, and we are very grateful to the Hasbro Children's Foundation for making it possible for us to expand this program, and to the Marino Foundation for their funding in Boston," said Paul Binder, Big Apple Circus founder and artistic director.

This performance is accomplished by providing headsets to children who are visually impaired to hear a lively, running description of the action in the ring narrated by Paul Binder and Michael Christensen, co-founder and creative director of the Big Apple Circus. Spotlighted American Sign Language inter-

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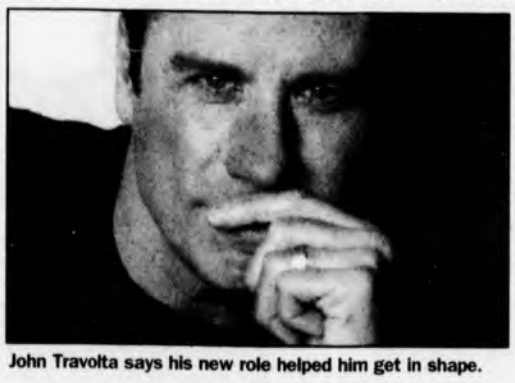
John Travolta soldiers on

Movie star returns to the military with new film

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

John Travolta is ripped. He's not mad; he's fit. Trim and muscular — he's as firm as his handshake — he's possibly fitter than he's ever been.

Part of the reason for being so buff is professional: In his new film, "Basic," he plays a former army Ranger and problem-solver who's called back into the fold when some recruits start turning up dead or missing. But the other reason for his newfound fitness is personal: Travolta just thought it was time to get rid of the flab.


John Travolta says his new role helped him get in shape.

"It started a few years ago when I just wanted to get healthy again," he says. "I had kind of let it go for all these parts. I thought, 'Well, no one cares how I look onscreen, so if I'm the president" — as he was in "Primary Colors" — "or if I'm a fat angel — the character he played in "Michael" — "it doesn't matter. But then I realized that I was still finding it hard to breathe after a while. So I started to get in shape, and then this role came along where I was going to be an ex-Ranger, that he was buff, that he wore a tattoo on his bicep. So I decided that I had to step up to the plate and *really* get in good shape."

This new role marks a return to the military for the actor, who's also appeared in "The General's Daughter," "The Thin Red Line" and "Broken Arrow."

"I find the military people fascinating because there are all these different types," he says. "There's the warmonger and the patriot and someone in between. I find the mix of all that very interesting. I find the discipline interesting, too. I like discipline in a certain way, and I like organizational skills. So I can identify with it on that level. I think it's the military persona and precision that I get attracted to."

In order to research his role of the soldier with a "colorful background" who is, of course, the only guy the army can turn to when they have a problem, Travolta actually signed up for a training course with the Rangers.

John Travolta plays a hands-on investigator in "Basic." He's pictured with Connie Nielsen.

"That was very difficult to take part in," he says. "There's very high security on that, and we got a waiver to go through Washington to allow me to do it. It was tough training, but at the end of the day, it was sad. The next day the battalion was off to the Middle East and I was thinking, 'God, I'm just pretending here. And these guys are actually going'."

Travolta has never been in the military, but he has been seen in uniform, in a series of TV ads for Australia-based airline Qantas. Last summer, the avid pilot became the company's "ambassador-at-large" and flew his own plane — an ex-Qantas Boeing 707 — around the world in what was billed as a "Spirit of Friendship" tour.

Travolta's bright blue eyes light up when asked about the experience.

"That tour was outstanding," he says, of the 35,000-mile flight that took him from Los Angeles, west to New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo, London, Rome, Paris, Frankfurt and New York, then back to Los Angeles. "One of my childhood dreams was to be associated with an airline. And to fly around the world was

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Food & dining

Bean dip worth eating

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

There are two basic types of bean dip: one made with chick-peas and the other made with white beans such as cannellini or navy beans. If one adds tahini (puréed sesame seeds) and lemon juice to the former, the result is hummus. The problem with all of these recipes is that they are absurdly simple and therefore often lackluster. Each ingredient has to be handled properly.

The first question I had to answer is whether canned beans, which save at least an hour of cooking time, are worth eating. The answer is an emphatic no! Since the taste of the beans is everything here, you really have to begin with dried beans and cook them yourself. (Home-cooked beans are nutty, earthy, and richly flavored.) Otherwise you are serving "bean dip" which really lives up to its horrid reputation.

The beans are cooked in plenty of water with a 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Chick-peas took 90 minutes and white beans just short of an hour, depending on the size of the beans. Next, I found that 2 tablespoons of the cooking liquid for the chick-peas (1 tablespoon for the white beans) and high quality olive oil were necessary to moisten, flavor, and thin the puree. (A food processor worked better than a blender for this task.) Garlic was an optional ingredient but I found that one small pressed clove added a bit of punch and flavor. A modest 1/8-teaspoon of salt was also necessary, the small quantity reflective of the use of salted cooking water with the beans.

For the hummus, I added one tablespoon of tahini and a tablespoon and a half of lemon juice. Some cooks also add cayenne pepper to hummus or hot paprika, which I find to be an optional ingredient.

For the white bean puree, a common Tuscan dish, one medium sage leaf added to the purée was very good, better in fact, than other herbs such as rosemary, thyme, or parsley. This variation is best served with grilled or toasted bread, which has first been brushed with a bit of olive oil and then rubbed with a clove of garlic. (See QUICK CROSTINI recipe below.)

CHICK-PEA DIP

This recipe is enough for a small group but can easily be doubled for a crowd. You can prepare the beans up to two days ahead. The finished purée may also be held covered in the refrigerator for a day or two without compromising the fresh flavor. This purée is delicious served with crostini or European-style bread.

1/4 pound dried chick-peas, rinsed and picked over

1/2 plus 1/8 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons high quality extra virgin olive oil

1 small garlic clove, chopped or pressed (optional)

Pinch of cayenne or hot paprika (optional)

1. Place the beans and enough water to cover by three inches in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer and add 1/2-teaspoon salt. Simmer, covered for about 1 1/2 hours or until the beans are soft and tender. Let cool to room temperature.

2. Drain the beans reserving liquid. Place the beans in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the metal blade. Add two tablespoons of the cooking liquid, the olive oil, the remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt, and the optional garlic and purée until very smooth, about 2 minutes, scraping down the sides of the bowl if necessary. Taste for seasoning adding more salt and optional cayenne or paprika if desired. Serve immediately.

Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

WHITE BEAN DIP

Try a light sprinkle of coarse salt over this dip when served on crostini or any sort of toasted bread. The best olive oil is crucial. A recent taste-test found that Columela-Hojiblanca, a Spanish oil, is a terrific bargain and has great flavor. (This is a mail order or specialty food store item and costs $24 per liter, which is a bargain compared to similar oils costing up to $80 per liter.)

4 ounces cannellini or navy beans

1/2 plus 1/8 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons best quality olive oil

1 medium size fresh sage leaf torn into small pieces

1 small clove garlic, chopped or pressed (optional)

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

1. Place the beans and enough water to cover by two inches in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer and add 1/2-teaspoon salt. Simmer, covered for about 55 minutes or until the beans are soft and tender. Let cool to room temperature.

2. Drain the beans reserving liquid. Place the beans in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the metal blade. Add one tablespoon of the cooking liquid, the olive oil, the remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt, the sage, optional garlic, freshly ground black pepper to taste and puree until very smooth, about 1 minute, scraping down the sides of the bowl if necessary. Taste for seasoning adding more salt if needed. Serve immediately.

Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

QUICK CROSTINI

Cut a crusty European-style loaf of bread into 1/2-inch slices. Brush each side with olive oil and place on grill (preferred) or under broiler until well browned on first side. Turn and brown on remaining side. Remove from heat and gently rub one side of bread with a peeled garlic clove. Repeat with additional slices and garlic until all of the bread has been rubbed. Be careful to rub gently or the garlic flavor will be overwhelming. Serve with garlic-rubbed side facing up.

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Prepare your landscapes for springtime

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
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Springtime in New England is truly a magical time of year as our dormant landscapes gradually awaken from their long winter naps. Lawns and gardens seem to yawn and stretch as subtle hints of color appear here and there. Each day, Mother Nature applies another brush stroke of color to the broadening palette of the emerging spring landscape. Early bulbs poke through the soil dotting our gardens with patches of crocuses and daffodils creating a welcome, multicolored tapestry. Although many of these blossoms are fleeting, their combined splendor quickly extinguishes lingering memories of a miserable winter season.

A week of nearly perfect springtime weather provided an ideal opportunity to begin the lengthy process of spring cleaning my extensive perennial borders. Several hours of clipping and raking yielded numerous tarps overflowing with garden refuse which I hauled to the top of my mountainous compost pile.

Once a garden was trimmed and raked, it was closely inspected for the presence of weeds. It is never too early to begin the never-ending chore of pulling these misplaced wildflowers. Experienced gardeners may be able to identify numerous varieties but even a novice should be able to recognize dandelions and grass which are easier to extricate at this time of year while surrounding plants are just beginning to appear and the soil is loose and workable. As the season progresses, weed removal becomes more challenging as perennials grow and expand often hiding dandelions and their allies which soon flower and start spreading seeds and offspring all over the garden. The secret to a reasonably weed-free garden is to weed early and often before seeds are produced and then to spread a layer of mulch to reduce further germination. When in doubt, it may be worth leaving unidentified seedlings in place and closely monitoring their development as these may be forgotten perennials or chance seedlings from desirable annuals and perennials that can be transplanted later in the season.

Spring is the ideal time to transplant many trees and shrubs as long as the soil around these woody plants is not soggy. It is best to transplant deciduous trees and shrubs before their leaves appear. Soft-barked trees, such as magnolias, cherries, birches and dogwoods should only be moved in spring. Broad-leafed evergreens, including rhododendrons, mountain laurels and andromedas, are also best transplanted at this time of year. Forsythia can be uprooted while flowering but should be relocated before the leaves appear.

Prepare a new hole 2 to 3 times the width of the rootball of the plant being moved but dig it only deep enough to enable you to reset the tree or shrub at the same level as it was previously growing. Setting the plant's rootball too deeply is one of the primary causes for woody plant failures. Add superphosphate and moistened peat moss or compost to the soil taken from the hole. Avoid planting in heavy, wet, clay soils.

Once you have prepared your new hole, you are ready to begin the process of transplanting. For trees, it is important to create a root ball large enough to support its upper growth. A general rule is to allow one foot of root ball for each inch of diameter of the tree's trunk. For example, a tree having a trunk one inch in diameter would require a root ball one foot across, or 6 inches from the base of the trunk all the way around.

Use a spade initially to slice the roots by cutting straight down. Then use a shovel to remove the soil beyond the perimeter of these roots and finally, dig beneath to gradually produce a well-rounded ball. Before lifting the plant out of the hole, it is wise to wrap the root ball with burlap to keep the soil intact around the roots and then tie it in place. Determine its best side once the plant has been lifted and position it accordingly before lowering it into the new hole.

After placing the tree or shrub in the hole, backfill with your amended soil halfway and water thoroughly. Allow the water to settle and then finish filling the hole. Firm the soil around the plant. Create a moat of mounded soil to keep water contained and leave a hose trickling at its base until the ground is thoroughly wet. Trees and shrubs need a slow, deep watering to reach all roots. Add a layer of mulch over the area to reduce evaporation and prevent weeds but avoid allowing the mulch to touch the bark as this may lead to diseases or insect infestations.

Routine deep watering is critical for the survival of newly set trees and shrubs during the weeks following their transfer to new locations. Superficial watering by sprinklers is rarely sufficient to reach the deeper roots of woody plants. When Mother Nature does not provide, be sure to supplement rainfall with a slowly trickling hose or a soaker hose to ensure the success of your transplants.

A week of glorious spring weather culminated in a soggy weekend of monsoon-like moisture and flooded landscapes, as straw-colored lawns seemed to turn green overnight. A day later, our greening landscapes were overlaid with a dusting of snow, a reminder of just how fickle New England weather can be. Patience must prevail during these early days of spring until warmth and dry weather offer more suitable conditions to proceed with our springtime projects.

The beat goes on

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Memorial Hall this Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. The opening act is Boston-bred blues-masters the James Montgomery Band, replacing cancelled original opener Buddy Miles.

"I've always liked the idea of having a beat and a rhythm performed by so many others in my name. I'm not sure I like the idea that I don't get paid," said Diddley.

Bo's Beat, of course, continues to haunt the rock art form ("Desire" by U2 and "Noone to Run With" by the Allman Brothers Band are two of the more recent examples). It's also the signature of some of the master's own original hits, such as "Bo Diddley," "I'm a Man" and "Who Do You Love?" But in a career spanning five decades, the Beat is just a proverbial bucket-drop in the sum total of the singer/guitarist's musical output, which has encompassed every imaginable style of roots rock 'n' roll and R&B, plus blues, modern rock, jazz and even pop.

Born Elias McDaniel in McComb, Mississippi and moving to Chicago at age eight, Diddley, now 74, actually began his musical life studying classical violin, but took up blues and R&B after hearing one of his early idols, blues legend John Lee Hooker. As a youngster in Chicago, McDaniel spent time as an amatuer boxer (where he acquired what later became his stage name) before moving into music full-time. In 1955, he recorded his first single for Chess Records, which became the double-sided hit "Bo Diddley/I'm a Man," the A-side adapted from an old song that McDaniel/Diddley knew in the Black street-slang Dirty Dozens tradition of jokes, jive-talking and putdowns.

Diddley mentioned that he's recently got back into his regular performing schedule, playing mainly on weekends, adding that he cut back on travelling somewhat after 9/11/01.

"I always like to play a mix of old and new songs in my live sets, including the hits people know plus other stuff they might not have heard yet," he said. "I do what I do best and try to keep it from being repetitive. I like to give the people a show as always, so tell the fans I'll be there and ready to go."

Bo Diddley will perform Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Plymouth. For tickets and information call 866/468-7619 or visit www.ticketweb.com

John Travolta soldiers on

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a personal dream. At times it was a navigational challenge because you're over the ocean for such a long period of time. But that's the fun part. The low point was that I underestimated how exhausting it would be. By the time I got to Japan, we had a mechanical [checkup] that I was so thankful for, because it gave me five days off. Then I rekindled and I was all happy and refreshed again."

Travolta's acting career has had more take-offs and landings than that long series of flights. A huge success in "Welcome Back Kotter," he popped up in a couple of films — "Carrie" was the most notable — before striking gold with "Saturday Night Fever."

He remembers not having a clue as to how big that film was going to be.

"I thought I was doing a little art film," he says, laughing. "I thought I was doing a slice-of-life art film. I had just given up "Days of Heaven" because the network wouldn't let me out of 'Kotter.' I wasn't happy about that. But then I got offered this *other* art film called 'Saturday Night Fever'."

An interesting point is that Richard Gere eventually got the part in "Days of Heaven," and Gere is currently in "Chicago," another role that Travolta had turned down.

"I was asked to do 'Chicago' a few times," he says. "My mistake was that I never met with the director. He had this vision that was kept a secret. Usually you meet with the director and they let you in on what they're going to do. This was just an offer that ended at the offer."

Even more interesting is the fact that over the years, Travolta also turned down roles in "Breathless," "An Officer and Gentleman" and "American Gigolo," all of which went to Gere. Travolta says the two have never discussed it.

"And I have other fun careers that I helped to make by not taking a part," he says with a smile. "The Tom Hanks role in 'Splash' — that was written for me. And believe it or not, the Dudley Moore part in 'Arthur.' But I think I took 'Urban Cowboy' instead of that one."

And he took Quentin Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction," a movie that would change everything for him when good parts had stopped coming his way. Asked once and for all to tell what was in the film's infamous glowing briefcase, Travolta shakes his head and says, "We will never know, because Quentin will never reveal it. So it's all subjective, all personal. Some people think it's greed, some people think it's God."

He stops talking for a moment, then flashes the smile again and says, "It's actually a light bulb, a green light bulb."

"Basic" opened nationally March 28.

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Under the big top

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preters narrate the show to the hearing-impaired. Following the performance, a group of visually impaired children will be invited into the Circus ring for a "touch session." They will be able to feel the sawdust, touch the fabric of the elegant costumes and meet some of the performers — both two-legged and four-legged!

"Dreams of a City," the all–new 25th Anniversary Production of the Big Apple Circus is set in New York City at the turn of the 20th Century — a period of great changes and massive immigration, influencing everything, including the Circus. Irish, Russians, Italians, Jews, Chinese and many others brought (and still bring) to the City their dreams, their energy, their unsinkable spirit and their cultural diversity — all elements found in a good circus performance A company of international circus stars journeys back to the Victorian era to recreate in the sawdust ring the excitement, the unflappable optimism, and the wonderful energy of people from around the world, who bring to New York its unique spirit and vitality with their own Dreams of a City.

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JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR - opens at the Wang Theatre on April 15 for a one-week engagement, playing through April 20. Tickets are $70 to $28 for all performances; all prices include $3 restoration and education fee. There will be an Audio Described performance on April 20, at 7 p.m. Tickets available at the Wang Box Office, 270 Tremont St., Boston, or by calling 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.wangcenter.org

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS AT EDAVILLE USA June 20-22, June 27-29 and July 3-6 - Day Out With Thomas offers fans of all ages the opportunity to take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine. There is a variety of Thomas & Friends entertainment for the whole family. Interactive children's activities include storytelling; live music; indoor and outdoor play areas; toy train sets; temporary tattoos of Island of Sodor friends and face painting; an Imagination Station; live music and more. Other event highlights are Thomas & Friends video viewing and an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Thomas the Tank Engine's firm, but kindly boss, Sir Topham Hatt. 35 minute train rides depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission $14 for ages one and up and may be purchased by calling 1-866-468-7630 and at the Edaville box office. for more information visit www.thomasthetankengine.com Edaville USA is located off of Route 58 in Carver.

tick, tick...BOOM! a musical by Jonathan Larson, comes to the Wilbur Theatre May 27 to June 8, starring Boston's own Joey McIntyre. Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster or directly at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston St. Boston.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER announces a show of artwork utilizing digital technology to be held at the art center April 18 to May 25. The "TechArt" show is open to all artists and will be juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. Artists are invited to submit slides of their work that utilizes digital technology as a major creative component in the production of the work. Examples of eligible works may include original digital; photographs, prints, sculpture, assemblages, collages and other work created using components manipulated by or generated from the computer, video animation sound and computer and internet-based works. Each may submit up to three works. All entries must be received by March 10. For information call 781-383-2787.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Thurs. 3

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month, **Allan Chambers** will exhibit his paintings for the month of April at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. for information call 781-337-4513.

The North River Arts Society presents **"Home and Away"** - an exhibit of original watercolor paintings by **Mary Callahan** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the **Hingham Public Library**, Route 228, Hingham. This show runs through April 25. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

The Glastonbury Series presents listening to other voices: **Hope in a Time of Uncertainty** **Harvey Cox Hope and Expectation** on April 3, at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham. Call 781-749-2155 Free will offering.

Fri. 4

The Company Theatre in Norwell will be presenting their stage production of the cult classic **"Rocky Horror Show,"** live on stage until April 6. Tickets on sale at the box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144

Stomp at The Stuart Street Playhouse. "Stomp," the international percussion sensation, has been held over, and is currently on sale through April 20. Tickets available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400 by logging on to www.stomponline.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston, 02116.

Sean O'Tooles Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth - **Lonesome Jukebox** (rockabilly) 9 p.m. start, wheelchair access.

Star Creations Theater from the South Shore Arts &Recreation Center presents **"Practical Magic"** on April 4, 5, at 7 p.m. and March 30, and April 6, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $10 adults/$5 child. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

South Shore ARC to hold 52nd Annual Dinner Dance at South Shore Country Club in Hingham. Call 781-335-3023 x120 for tickets are $25. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and dancing to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The James Library and Center for the Arts will host a show of recent oil paintings by **Judith St. Peter** during the month of April. For more information, call 781-659-7100.

Art of Music Chamber Players will perform at the **Ellison Center for the Arts,** 64 St. George St., Duxbury Friday, April 4, at 8 p.m. Pianist Lorena Tecu returns to perform with Piotr Buczek and Artistic director Timothy Roberts the Piano Trios of Debussy and Tchaikovsky. Tickets are $20 general/$15 seniors/$5 students. For more information call (781) 837-2705.

The Milton Players will perform the **Last Night of Ballyhoo** directed by Paul Conroy April 4-5 and April 11-12. Friday performances are at 8 p.m. with reserved table setting and complimentary wine and cheese. Saturday performances are general admission. Two performances April 5, at 2 and 8 p.m. April 12 performance at 8 p.m. For tickets ($12-$17) call 617-698-SHOW. Visit www.miltonplayers.org for more information.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents **Maria Sangiolo** and **Anni Clark** on April 4, at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. Show starts at 8 p.m. door open at 7:30 p.m.

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The South Shore Folk Music Club presents Maria Sangiolo and Anni Clark in concert, Friday, April 4, at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. Show starts at 8 p.m, doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 members/$10 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Quincy Symphony Orchestra under the direction of **Yoichi Udgawa** will present the fourth concert of its 49th season featuring 17-year-old **David Requiro**, cello soloist, on April 4, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of North Quincy High School, 316 Hancock St. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for seniors and students and $5 for children. For more information call 781-691-3790.

BikeXpo, featuring **"100 Years of Motorcycling"** an exclusive exhibit of vintage and antique motorcycles from the past 100 years will be held at the World Trade Center, Boston, April 4 to 6. Hours are Friday 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are $15 per adult, children 6 to 12 years old $6, and under age 6 free. For more information call 1-877-245-3976.

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, presents **The Altos**, Eat Italian food, dodge bullets and laugh at this Mystery Café. Dinner and show $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call 508-746-7100.

The James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents the oil paintings of Judith St. Peter April 4 to 30. A reception will be held April 4, 7 to 9 p.m.

The American Cancer Society, the Massachusetts Dermatology Nurses Association in collaboration with the **Massachusetts Melanoma Foundation** and **Ortho Neutrogena**

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Tod Thayer, Public Library, Old Westminster Road, Richmond, presents "Library Cats, Dormouse and Pure: An Afternoon of Film and Comedy" Sunday, April 6, at 3 p.m. in the library's Logan Auditorium. Join Boston film maker Gary Roma for a viewing of his new documentary, "Puss in Books" Adventures of the Library Cat," and his humorous commentary on library cats. Free and open to the public.

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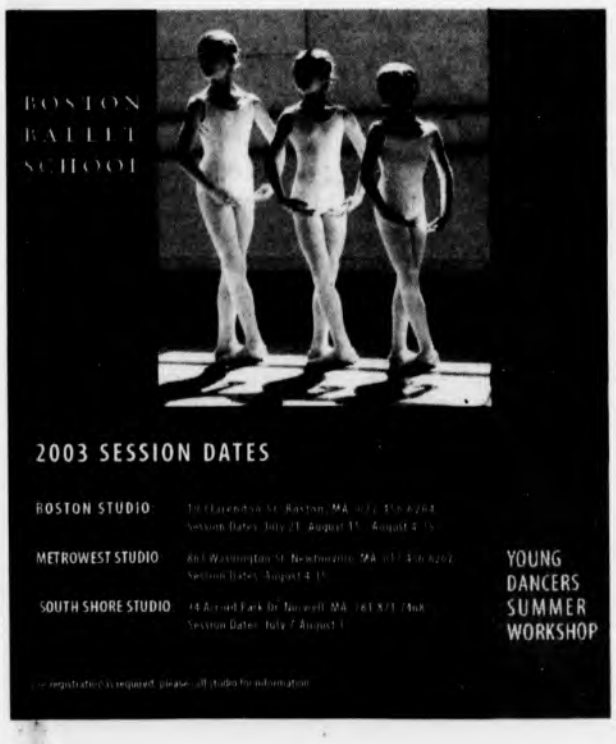

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Corporation present a sun safety workshop on Friday, April 4, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. The event will provide participants with an understanding of the skin cancer epidemic and the rationale for implementing a sun safety curriculum.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, begins its 10th season on April 4, with **The Fat City Band**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-925-4300 or 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Sat. 5

Helen's Café 16 Commercial St., Braintree, (Weymouth Landing) on Saturday, April 5, at 8 p.m., 781-356-4311 Reservations recommended. Admission $8. Headliner - **Julie Barr**. Host: **E.J. Murphy**. Also featuring: **Annette Pollack, Brian Melvin, Chris Tabb and Phil Doyle**.

Hawaiian Luau Dinner, with DJ at the Sons of Italy Hall, Route 3A, Hingham, Saturday April 5, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Happy hour- 7:30 p.m. Dinner Ginny Dedian 781-749-1994 for tickets - $15 donation.

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Plymouth Memorial Hall 83 Court St., Plymouth. **Bo Diddley** with special guest star **Buddy Miles** on April 5, Tickets may be purchased by logging on to www.ticketweb.com or calling 866-468-7619 or at the box-office, located at 50 Court St. in Plymouth. For more information you can log on to www.plymouthmemorialhall.com 866-468-7619.

Poetry Month Celebration at Brockton High School April 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A celebration of poetry will feature readings by Tony Brown and Delisile Godeffroy-Taylor; readings by members of the Bridgewater Poetry Slam; Teen Team Poetry Slam; poetry workshops by Valerie Lawson and Michael McDonough. For more information visit www.angelfire.com/poetry/ bridgewaterslam

Braintree Art Association Annual Spring Art Show – Original paintings, at affordable prices, by Braintree Art Association members will take place on April 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden Street, Duxbury, will present the work of South African artist **Kim Berman**, After the Fires 2000-2002, now through April 6. A reception will be held April 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. Her monotypes of various landscapes reflect the current South African social scene. Also on exhibition are the Duxbury Art Association Annual Winter Juried Show and Rotations: Recent acquisitions including an oil painting by **Joel Janowitz** and photographs by **Jerry Uelsman** and **Lance Keimig.** These two exhibitions run through April 27. Open to the public and free of charge. Visit www.artcomplex.org for more information.

Retreat Workshop with **Jan Phillips** sponsored by the **Second Congregational Church of Cohasset,** will be held on April 5 and 6, at **Glastonbury Abbey** in Hingham. Registration is $195 and includes three meals. Call for details and to register at 781-383-9184.

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, presents **Misgivings** A "divine" evening of stories and one-liners about growing up Catholic. Dinner and show $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call 508-746-7100.

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Sun. 6

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents a combination of traditional classical techniques with varied influences such as electronic music, folk and jazz by composer/guitarist **Michael Nix** April 6, at 4 p.m. For more information call the museum at (781) 934-6634 Ext.12.

Old Colony Hospice of Stoughton will host the Fifth Annual Memorial Walk, "Stepping out for Hospice", on Sunday, April 6, at D.W. Field Park in Brockton. Registration will start at 11 a.m. at the Raymond School, 125 Oak Street in Brockton. The walk will start at noon. Walkers can choose either a three or five mile loop within D.W. Field Park. Free t-shirts, raffle prizes, music, refreshments and kid's corner for all to enjoy. Team and individual awards will follow the walk. For more information, call El Mulligan at Old Colony Hospice: 781-341-4145 or at emulligan@oldcolonyhospice.com

The North River Arts Society presents **Bob Correia** photography March 29 to May 24, at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. Gallery hours Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree presents **"Library Cats, Doorstops and Puns: An Afternoon of Film and Comedy"** on April 6, at 3 p.m. in the library's Logan Auditorium. Join Boston film maker Gary Roma for a viewing of his new documentary, **"Puss in Books" Adventures of the Library Cat,"** and his humorous commentary on library cats. Free and open to the public.

Happy-Dog House, A Cageless Dog Boarding & Day Care Center, located on 398 Ashland St., Abington, will host an Open House/Fun Day on April 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Dogs can participate in a "dog play group" while owners tour the facility. Call 781-857-1239 for more information.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472

Mon. 7

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham are hosting a poetry contest and all middle school students (Grades 6, 7 and 8) are invited to participate. This will be a month long event to celebrate poetry month. Students may submit their entries directly to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Rt. 3A, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset or Buttonwood For Kids, 28 South Street, Hingham Square, Hingham. Students can enter one of four categories. 1. Free Verse 2. Rhyming 3. Form: any type, such as haiku, limerick, pantoum, tanka, sonnet. 4. Theme: Friendship. All Entries will be displayed through April 19 in Cohasset and Hingham. The contest dates are March - April 19, and the judges are local middle school teachers (Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate and Norwell). For rules and more information call Buttonwood Books & Toys at 781-383-2665

St. Mary of the Nativity and St. Frances Cabrini in Scituate present their annual Lenten Mission of Spiritual Renewal on April 7, 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m. The first and third evenings will take place at St. Mary's the second

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Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 8

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Route 139 in Marshfield. This month's meeting will focus on Crocheting for Knitters. New members and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Heidi 781-740-4961.

A Children's Art Show will be held at the Jack n Jill Child Care Center of Pembroke, in recognition of the "Week of the Young Child" on April 8, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Norma Chang, "The Travelling Gourmet", weaves time saving tips and helpful kitchen hints into her presentation "Low Fat, High Flavor Chinese Cooking" on Tuesday, April 8 at 7p.m. in **Thayer Public Library's** Logan Auditorium. Participants will sample foods prepared during the session. Free and open to the public. 798 Washington Street, Braintree. For more information call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

La Leche League will hold a meeting on April 8, a 7:30 p.m. Jacob's Trail, Norwell. The discussion subject is "Next Steps: Your Baby's Nutrition and the Weaning Process." Meetings are free. Pregnant and nursing mothers are encouraged to attend, and babies are always welcome. For more information call 781-544-6226 or 781-544-9320.

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Silent Auction - Original works by **Scituate Art Gallery Artists** will be on display and for auction throughout the month of April. Visit the Gallery any time April 1 through 27, and post a bid for your favorite piece of art. Final open bidding will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, during a reception at the Art Gallery on Front Street. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with an opening reception on Sunday, April 6th from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

Braintree Art Association member **J. Marshall Dyke** will display his paintings for the month of April at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

The Quincy Art Association announces its **Annual Spring Silver Tea Art Exhibit** in the Atrium at the Thomas Crane Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy. The exhibit begins April 1, and runs through April 30. the opening reception will be April 13, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

Wed. 9

Raffael's Restaurant, Quincy, presents its third dinner theatre production **"Burt & Carole & Mary & Brian"** April 2, 3, 9, and 10. Tickets per person are $35 for the matinee series and $45 for the evening show. Includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Lunch starts at noon and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call 617-328-1600. For more information contact JM productions atwww.allaboutjmproductions.com

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

Thurs. 10

Plymouth Memorial Hall 83 Court St., Plymouth. **The Temptations Revue with Dennis Edwards**, April 11. Tickets may be purchased by logging on to www.ticketweb.com or calling 866-468-7619 or at the box-office, located at 50 Court St. in Plymouth. For more information you can log on to www.plymouthmemorialhall.com 866-468-7619.

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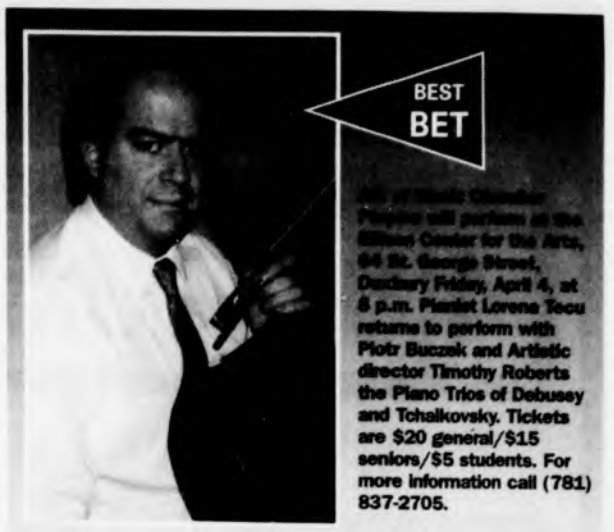
The Ladies Group of the South Shore Viking Club is having their Spring Fashion Show, Thursday, April 10, at 8 p.m. It will be held at the Club, 410 Quincy Ave., Route 53, Braintree. Fashions by Dress Barn of Quincy. Coffee and refreshments will be served after the show. Tickets $5. For information or reservations call 617-773-5870.



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[illegible] will perform at the Zeiterion Center for the Arts, 684 St. George Street, Dartmouth Friday, April 4, at 8 p.m. Pianist Lorene Tecu returns to perform with Piotr Buczek and Artistic director Timothy Roberts the Piano Trios of Debussey and Tchaikovsky. Tickets are $20 general/$15 seniors/$5 students. For more information call (781) 837-2705.

Fri. 11

Massasoit's student Theater Club Dramatikos, will present the production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," on April 11, at 7:30 p.m. and April 12, at 3 p.m. at Massasoit Community College, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Tickets are $10/$5 children under 12; $5 for groups of 10 or more. Call 508-588-9100 x1544 for more information.

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South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance April 11, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Loaded Dice.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-925-4300 or 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

BEST BET

The Art Complex Museum Duxbury presents a performance combining traditional classical techniques with varied influences such as electronic music, folk and jazz by composer/guitarist Michael Nix Sunday, April 6, at 4 p.m. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street. For more information call (781) 934-6634 Ext.12

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

A harmonious alignment of the sun and Neptune helps to take the edge off a fiery Aries moon. It serves as a reminder to slow down and enjoy the moment. On the other hand, this is a great day to get things done and to initiate new activities. Go for the gold. It is best to launch ventures before 2:16 p.m., when the moon interacts with Saturn. However, the green light remains on until 5:05 p.m. At this time the moon aligns with Mercury and becomes inactive.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

The giant planet Jupiter takes the spotlight today. At 10:03 p.m. Jupiter, standing at 8-degrees Leo, begins to travel in direct motion. It generates feelings of optimism, confidence and can bring luck and opportunities to some. The moon enters Taurus at 3:20 a.m. This day is ideal for beginning new activities, selling or purchasing land, property. Lunar contacts to Jupiter and Venus may spark romantic passions this evening.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

The Taurus moon aligns with Neptune at 5:13 a.m., making for a slow start to this day. Allow extra time to get where you are going. Planetary influences turn around as the day goes on. If you have a clear plan of action, you can be most productive. Initiate new activities before 7:15 p.m., when the moon aligns with Mars and becomes inactive. Lighten up, relax and unwind this evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

An inactive Taurus moon prompts you to take a break from daily routines and responsibilities; kick back and enjoy the good things in life. If you are working, finish projects rather than starting anything new. Mercury moves into Taurus at 9:38 a.m., remaining there until June 12. A lively Gemini moon takes over at 4:24 p.m., setting the stage for an exciting evening. The moon and Mercury align with Uranus; go with your adventurous side.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

A Gemini moon sets the stage for a 'fun' day. All communications are highlighted; chat, surf, network. Get in touch with old friends or develop new alliances. Be more spontaneous and open-minded. The moon interacts with Jupiter in the morning, Venus and Neptune this evening.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Storm clouds move in this morning. Resolve to maintain a sense of humor. Take it slow and easy; give greater attention to accuracy, details. Finish old business, make repairs, tackle odd jobs and errands. The moon opposes Pluto at 9:32 a.m. and conjoins with Saturn at 5:34 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Kick back and mellow out completely this evening.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

The moon enters the sign Cancer at 5:36 a.m., and the green light goes on for new beginnings across the board. This moon forms harmonious contacts to Uranus in the morning and Mercury this afternoon. Keep an open mind. Be willing to experiment with new ideas; be open to new experiences. Influences are particularly favorable for making major purchases for your home, buying or selling property. Be more nurturing and sensitive to the needs of others. You can work out differences and improve the quality of key relationships.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Yesterday's planetary patterns affect today as well. The Cancer moon forms a harmonious contact to Venus at 11:40 a.m. The first quarter phase occurs at 7:40 p.m., beginning the windup to a full moon that will culminate April 16. However, an alignment of the sun and Pluto takes center stage. This is an excellent day to launch a self-improvement program; start a diet, recognize and break a bad habit, begin an exercise or a meditation schedule.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

It can be difficult to stay on track with practical matters this morning. The Cancer moon opposes Mars at 1:34 a.m. and becomes inactive. Mercury forms a 90-degree alignment to Jupiter at 7:08 a.m., warning you to choose your words carefully. Don't make impulsive decisions, purchases or promises. Avoid arrogant, self-righteous behavior. The moon enters Leo at 2:54 p.m., beginning a period that rates high for launching important enterprises. This favorable period is in effect between 2:54 p.m.-5:46 a.m. tomorrow, when the moon and Jupiter conjoin.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

A Leo moon all day generates an upbeat mood. However, lunar alignments to Mercury at 8:31 a.m. and Neptune at 2:14 p.m. place important signings or decisions off limits. Don't take on anything too stressful or tedious in this period. However, the green light goes on at 2:30 p.m. for new starts in your business or personal life. The evening tops the charts for fun and games. Gather with friends and go for the good times.

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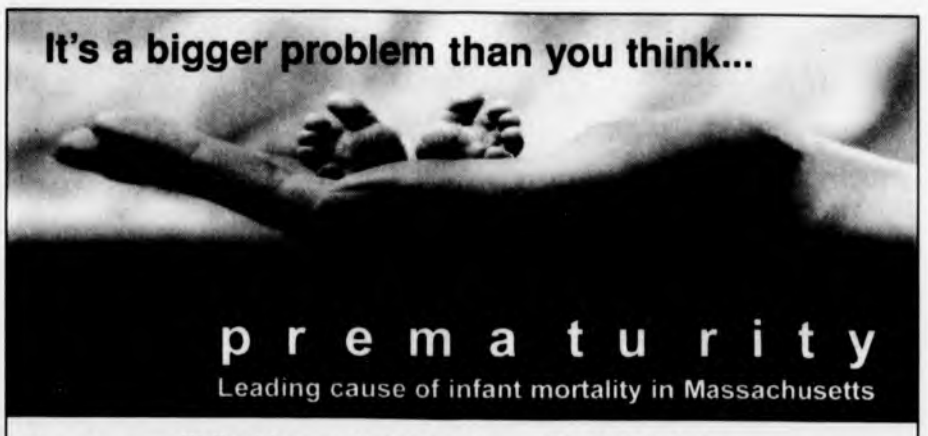

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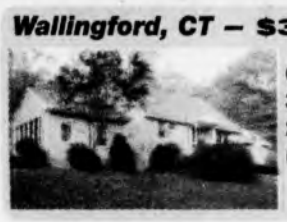
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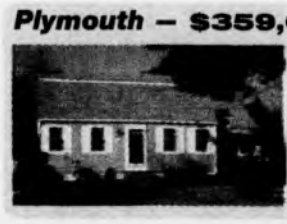
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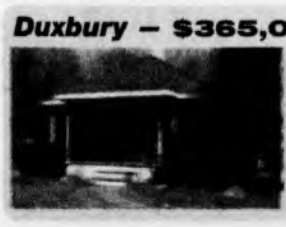
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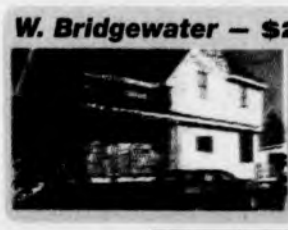
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THEY'RE OFF

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Runners head down South Main Street into the village at the beginning of the Cohasset Road-Race-by-the-Sea on Sunday. The 10K event, which is sponsored by the Cohasset Rotary Club, attracted about 650 runners. For more, see sports.

Final say on village looks

By John Camera
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Selectmen are moving forward rapidly in an attempt to finalize plans for the village streetscape revitalization project, while some Planning Board members are saying they have been left behind.

Selectmen will hold a final public hearing on the design next Tuesday, inviting residents and merchants to comment for the last time.

Several issues remain to be decided. Merchants need to decide if they will fund designs for burying conduits so utility wires can be put underground in the future. And selectmen need to decide, among other issues, on the width and final layout of parking spaces, as well as the placement of crosswalks.

The latter two issues were topics of concern at previous meetings between merchants

FINAL SAY, PAGE 9

Override, Sullivan win

Turnout was 47 percent

"This was probably the most competitive race I've been in."
— Selectman Michael Sullivan

By John Camera
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Bad weather didn't stop voters from heading to the polls on Saturday, where they approved a $350,000 general override and reelected Michael Sullivan to the Board of Selectmen.

Almost half of the town's registered voters — 47 percent — cast ballots, despite dreary skies, high winds and scattered showers throughout the day. Candidates for selectman spent time with their strongest supporters, waving from underneath umbrellas as voters turned the corner onto Highland Avenue towards Town Hall.

Even John McNabb, who ran unopposed for the Water Commission, toughed it out in the wind and rain with his campaign sign. "You gotta do it," he said. "I love campaigning."

When it was all said and done, the general override, which town officials said was needed to avoid further cuts and layoffs of municipal and school employees, passed by a margin of less than 250 votes.

OVERRIDE, PAGE 4

Avalon is on the hot seat

Wastewater plan, financial impact top list of concerns

By John Camera
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Residents told members of the Zoning Board Monday why they should deny AvalonBay Estates a comprehensive permit for a 200-unit apartment complex on Route 3A.

The greatest concern was about the Water Commission's belief that Avalon's wastewater system would pollute the town's water supply. But some also said the rapid growth caused by the development would flood the schools and create a demand for town services without proportional tax revenue to pay for them.

AvalonBay representatives did attend the meeting, which is part of the Zoning Board's ongoing public hearing on the project.

Nathaniel Palmer of Little Harbor Road spoke on behalf of Cohasset Action, a group that is pushing for reform of Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law that allows developers like AvalonBay to apply for comprehensive permits.

Palmer said AvalonBay's study that showed the development would attract between 35 and 60 school-aged children was flawed. He said the towns used in the study were not comparable to Cohasset because they were surrounded by towns with better schools, while Cohasset was surrounded by towns with "lesser schools," so it would attract more families with schoolchildren.

Palmer said if Avalon brought 100 new children into Cohasset public schools, it would cost the school department $650,000 a year, but anticipated new tax revenues would only cover

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Neighbors are NIMBYs when it comes to seagulls

By Mary Ford
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A Forest Avenue couple may be taking the word "friends" in the phrase "feathered friends" to a new level.

To that end the Board of Health will invite Mr. and Mrs. James Tillotson, 240 Forest Ave., to an upcoming meeting to ask them to stop feeding the seagulls in their yard.

But Cynthia Tillotson says she stopped feeding the seagulls months ago, but the pesky creatures are still circling around when she goes outside to fill the six or seven bird feeders in her yard – a practice that she's continued for her 32 years in town and has no intention of stopping.

"They're hoping," she says about the seagulls that return to her yard looking for food.

In the meantime, the Tillotsons' neighbors aren't happy – and they haven't been for some time.

"The scene is reminiscent of Alfred Hitchcock's 'The Birds' except with seagulls instead of crows."
— Neighborhood petition

The issue took root back in the summer, when about seven neighbors on Forest Avenue and Surry Drive sent a petition to the Board of Health and animal control officer, asking the town to insist the Tillotsons stop feeding seagulls.

The neighbors allege the Tillotsons were feeding seagulls on the flat roof over their family room. But the seagulls would not only roost on the Tillotsons' roof but on the roofs of surrounding homes, causing damage.

"The scene is reminiscent of Alfred Hitchcock's 'The Birds' except with seagulls instead of crows," the petition stated.

"The seagulls defecate on the roofs, garage sidings, cars, driveways, and lawns of neighborhood properties, and people have been hit too," the neighbors said. "At times when the seagulls are circling, children and adults are reluctant to go out into their yard, for fear of being a target."

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WINTER REVISITED

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Snow made a comeback in Cohasset earlier this week. Here is a wintry scene looking east from Ripley Road. The First Parish steeple is in the background.

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McMorris named Selectmen Chairman

Selectman Ronnie McMorris was named chairman of the Board of Selectmen Tuesday after Selectman Michael Sullivan's term as chairman expired. This is the second time McMorris has served as chairman. The selectmen choose their chairmen based on a yearly rotation.

Two vacancies on town committees

Selectmen are looking to fill a vacancy on the Common Historic District Commission created when former member Alex Adkins resigned due to personal commitments. The position is reserved for an architect.

Selectmen are also looking for applicants for a position on the Housing Authority. The vacancy was created when former member Jane Nawn Harris resigned because she moved out of town. Selectmen have said this Friday is the last day to submit applications for this position at Town Hall.

Town employee healthcare costs

Town Manager Mark Haddad is in the process of forming an advisory committee of representatives from all unions involved with the Town. Haddad seeks to negotiate a change to the co-payment amount in employees' health plans, from $5 to $10 or $15.

Under Chapter 32B of state law, the committee must be formed so each union's position on the change is represented. Haddad said he will keep the committee intact until this fall, when he may seek to lessen the overall percentage of employee health care that is covered by the Town.

Cemetery upkeep

Winter wreaths and baskets must be removed from all town cemeteries by April 15, DPW Supt. Carl Sestito said.

Keep well clinic

The Board of Health will sponsor the following Keep Well Clinic:

- Thursday April 24 from 1-3 p.m. at the Harborview Senior Housing on Elm Street.

Parking crackdown

Town Manager Mark Haddad said Cohasset Police are planning to step up enforcement of one hour parking in Cohasset Village. Selectmen have agreed to add new one hour parking signs in front of Citgo and the Red Lion Inn. Overtime parking is a $25 fine in Cohasset.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Wednesday, April 9:

Board of Health, April 15 at 7:30 p.m., April 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, April 14 at 9:30 a.m. at 3 No. Main St

Conservation Commission, April 10 at 7:30 p.m., April 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Committee on Town History, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Growth and Development Committee, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library

Planning Board, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the High School Library

Recreation Commission, April 16 at 6 p.m.

Selectmen, April 10 at 4 p.m., April 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Senior Housing, April 9 at 9 a.m.

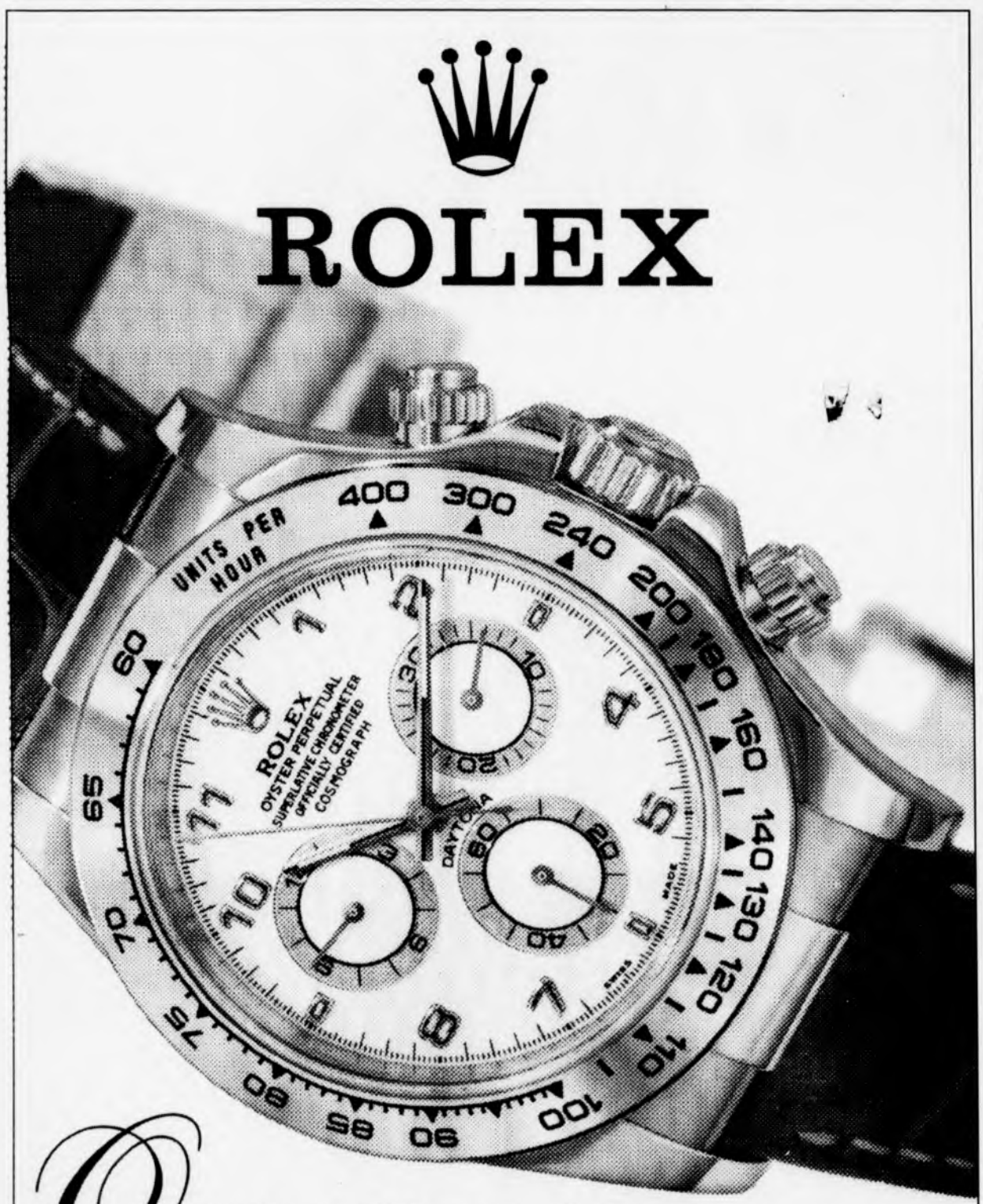
Sewer Commission, April 17 at 6 p.m.

Water Commission, April 17 at 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

Zoning Board of Appeals, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. (40A)

Flag depository at American Legion

The American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 in Cohasset has a way for the public to be able to bring them their tattered and worn flags so they may be properly and ceremoniously destroyed. The Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag. This solid metal Flag Depository protects the flags until they are removed for storage and kept until the time of the desecration ceremony. The Herb Chambers Automobile Dealerships made this new service possible through a donation to the post. Everyone is invited to bring his or her retired flags to the depository.



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Starbucks Coffee slated for 3A plaza

By Mary Ford
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Move over Dunkin' Donuts — Starbucks may be coming to town.

Starbucks would like to move into the former Fleet Bank building at the far end of Tedeschi Plaza, just a few doors down from the Dunkin' Donuts at Leo's Exxon.

Fleet vacated the freestanding, clapboard building last year and moved across the street into the former Newport Creamery site.

According to Building Inspector Bob Egan, Starbucks falls loosely into the "fast food category." Fast Food establishments need a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals before they can operate in Cohasset. Starbucks sells coffee and espresso beverages, along with pastries and confections, coffee-related accessories and equipment.

The ZBA hearing is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at Town Hall.

According to plans on file at Town Hall, Starbucks plans some outdoor seating and a drive-thru.

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Affleck and Lopez rumored to have bought Scituate house

The rumor that Hollywood heavyweights Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez have purchased a multi-million-dollar home in Scituate near the Cohasset line is just that — a rumor.

It was the talk of the town yesterday that Ben and Jenny from the Block scooped up an oceanfront manse on Wood Island [in Scituate's Indian Trail neighborhood] being marketed by Grand Gables Real Estate for a cool $2.9 million. The property is listed as having 11 rooms on 6.1 acres of secluded land. A spokesman for the real estate office said the news is purely rumor.

When reached by phone, someone who declined to be identified at the Wood Island Road home, said there's no truth to the story. Asked if the home had been sold, the person said, "I'm not going to say anything, but I will tell you that she (Lopez) did not buy the house. It's all a rumor."

Causing more speculation among some in town was the fact that the listed property was yanked off the Grand Gables Web site late yesterday morning. The Web site listing detailed that the property has four bedrooms, three bathrooms and is just over 5,000 square feet. It comes with a deck and balcony with water views, a three-car garage, and swimming pool.

Local merchants were taking a subdued, wait-and-see approach in greeting to the news that the famous couple may make a home in Scituate.

A Matter of Taste owner Nancy Murray Young seemed pleased to hear the news, but wasn't working on a welcome basket just yet.

"I just heard about it this morning," said Young from her Front Street gourmet shop yesterday afternoon.

A lifelong resident of Scituate, Young said it's not unusual with Affleck's Boston roots that he'd choose to have a home in the scenic, seaside town. And she's hopeful if they move in to town, residents will find a way to welcome the high profile couple graciously while trying not to invade their space.

"It will be up to them to set the tone," Young said. "It would be nice for them to let us know how they want to be treated. And of course it would be lovely if they would shop locally," she quipped.

And what would she whip up in a welcome basket for the glam couple? "Well of course we'd include some of our private label products," with Scituate inspired names. "I've heard the house is off Gannett Road, so we'd include some of our Gannett Pasture Grape Jelly, and a pound of our new gourmet coffee line — the Irish Riviera Cream, I think."

To give them a hearty New England welcome, Young said the basket would also include clam chowder, some sort of cranberry product and the shop's famous "Scituate in the Sand" coffee mug which features a black and white photo of Scituate written in the sands of Minot Beach. To help Jen and Ben get around town, Young said she'd include a new Scituate Map, a street listing, a "Shop Scituate and Services Guide" and a Rotary phonebook."

"I hope if they do come, we can give them a wonderful welcome," she said.

Restaurant wants to remove ledge off site

DiNero's sues ZBA over bylaw

By John Camera
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The owner of DiNero's restaurant, Franklin Plotner, is suing the Zoning Board of Appeals, saying the town's bylaws allow him to remove ledge from his property in order to expand his establishment's parking lot.

Plotner's lawyer, Gregory Sullivan, says his client is exempt from the town's "earth removal" bylaw because of a clause that allows for all removal necessary to construct the new parking lot.

According to the bylaw, that exemption is granted only if "the quantity of the material removed does not exceed that actually displaced by the portion of the…road, [or] driveway…below finished grade."

Sullivan said the bylaw is intended to prevent people from digging mines or quarries on their property, not from building houses or, in his client's case, a parking lot.

However, the Zoning Board of Appeals has said Plotner does not qualify for the exemption.

Sullivan said Plotner will continue to hammer out ledge with the hope that he will eventually be able to remove it from the property. If he is not granted the exemption he seeks in court, Plotner would keep any displaced ledge on-site, which would be legal under the bylaw.

"There are a couple of different ways that can be effectuated," Sullivan said. "The problem is it's not as economical….But there are a number of different options that my client is considering for keeping the ledge on-site." Initial plans last fall showed that about 2,600 square feet of ledge would need to be displaced for the planned expansion of the DiNero's parking lot.

Plotner could not immediately say if those figures were still accurate. "All I know is that people have been removing ledge like this for years and I don't know why they're not letting me do it," he said.

Two weeks ago, after neighbors complained when construction workers started hammering out ledge on the DiNero's site, Town Manager Mark Haddad issued a cease and desist order relating to all earth removal on the property.

"All I know is that people have been removing ledge like this for years and I don't know why they're not letting me do it."
— Franklin Plotner, owner

Haddad consulted Town Counsel and was acting in place of Building Inspector Bob Egan, who was at a court proceeding. He said he felt that more earth material had been removed from the property than the 10 cubic yards allowed under the bylaws.

Later that same day, however, the cease and desist order was rescinded after Egan determined that the 10 cubic yard threshold was not reached.

The Zoning Board first informed Plotner that he was not exempt from the "earth removal" bylaw at a public hearing in September.

Plotner originally applied to the board for a special permit to expand the restaurant itself but was denied. The board said the addition would cause an increase in traffic congestion along busy Hull Street. It also stated the 26-foot-long extension of a wall that is only about 4-1/2 feet from the street would present a "significant danger to cars and pedestrians."

DiNero's currently doesn't meet the 15-foot minimum setback requirements and was seeking a special permit to "expand a preexisting non-conforming structure." The restaurant asked to add 1,242 square feet to the south of the existing building.

The Zoning Board did grant Plotner a variance to lay out a parking lot using parking spaces that are a foot shorter than required, but only on the condition that the ledge on the premises not be disturbed in any way.

The current parking lot at DiNero's has 36 spaces — more than the 31 needed [one for every three seats, under the bylaw], but the existing lot is congested because the spaces are undersized.

Plotner originally sought to expand the parking lot to accommodate 39 roomier spaces, or 48 spaces counting stacked valet parking on-site.

James Island homes opposed

By Mary Ford
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There's a move afoot to save James Island, a peninsula off Atlantic Avenue in upper Little Harbor, from being developed.

A group of concerned citizens, dubbed the James Island Preservation Alliance, from the Little Harbor area are working with Cohasset Conservation Trust to preserve the peninsula as open space.

But current plans for the five-acre parcel include two new homes on two lots; and one of the lots is under agreement. The other lot is being offered at $1.25 million, according to local Realtor, Dean & Hamilton that is listing the property.

What might be good news for the preservationists is the fact the Board of Health denied the subdivision plan this week because it didn't include management of storm-water runoff. The denial could trigger a public hearing on the subdivision plan, which must also wend its way through the Planning Board and Conservation Commission process.

The citizens group asked the Board of Health to pay careful attention to the potential damage to the environment further development on the peninsula could cause to Little Harbor through lawn pesticides and fertilizers. The homes would also need septic systems because the roads around Little Harbor are not connected to the sewer.

John Hartshorne of the Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private group, said the organization was in discussions with the property owners about preserving the area as open space. He noted the site was a wildlife habitat — something the entire town has a stake in.

Tom Hamilton of Dean & Hamilton said offers on the remaining lot would be entertained from any citizen, organization or group.

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Override passes and Sullivan wins

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1271 to 1034.

Incumbent Michael Sullivan was elected to serve what will be his fourth term on the Board of Selectmen. Sullivan received 959 votes, while challenger Roger Hill, in his second bid for selectman, had 719 votes. Gabriel Gomez, in his first try for any elected office in town, got 693 votes.

Sullivan said the override vote reflected how important it would be for town officials to be extremely careful about how they spent town money. "There's obviously a message there," he said. "We've got to be tight with expenses and stay within (Proposition) 2-1/2 the next few years and not go back to overrides."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said it would probably not be known until the summer whether more cuts might be necessary in the fiscal year 2004 budget. "As long as the Legislature doesn't go deeper than the Governor's budget, then we're okay," he said.

Haddad also maintained that no override would be necessary next fiscal year.

Sullivan was happy to have secured victory in what was the only competitive race of the election.

"It was a good campaign," he said. "A lot of people worked really hard to make it happen."

Sullivan's last bid for Selectman was also a three -way race for a single seat. It was not as close as this year's race.

"This was probably the most competitive race I've been in," he said.

Hill said he thinks some of his votes from his run for selectman last year may have been lost to Gomez, since both campaigned on the idea that a fresh perspective was needed in Town Hall. Perhaps the most influential supporter Hill lost to Gomez was Polly Logan, vice-chairwoman of the state's Republican Party.

Hill said that Saturday's results were by no means an overwhelming show of support for the status quo in Town Hall. "1,400 people voted against Michael Sullivan," he said.

Hill thanked his dedicated supporters. "A number of people went to bat for me," he said. "A lot of people put in a huge amount of effort."

Gomez said having one campaign under his belt has only made him hungry and better prepared for the next. "It was a great experience," he said. "I thought we did very well. I thought we had a chance to win the whole time. I'll be there next year for sure."

Gomez said the advice and support of Logan and other longtime residents and Republicans like Julie Guild helped his campaign. "It definitely helped, but I think my support is a lot broader than that," he said.

Gomez was excited to volunteer for a town committee while he awaits next year's election.

Sullivan disputed Hill's assessment of how votes may or may not have been split in the three-way race. "I think Gabriel took votes from me," he said. "I don't know if he took votes from Roger."

Gomez agreed with Sullivan. "I think I got a lot of votes from Sullivan," he said. "He had 1,400 votes the last time he was elected — the most that any selectman has ever gotten. This year, he only had 900 votes. Where do you think those votes went?"

Hill declined to say if he would run for elected office next year, when selectmen Merle Brown and Tom Callahan are up for reelection.

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The Mary-Martha Learning Center is a residential education program in Hingham that serves homeless families, primarily women with young children.

Attendees at the Antiques Appraisal Day will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a Skinner appraiser. Skinner is one of the nation's leading full service auctioneers and appraisers of antiques and fine art. The participating appraisers on April 12 will be Stuart Whitehurst, director of rare books/manuscripts and senior appraiser, and James Callahan, director of Asian works of art and general appraiser. Both have made numerous appearances on "Antiques Roadshow."

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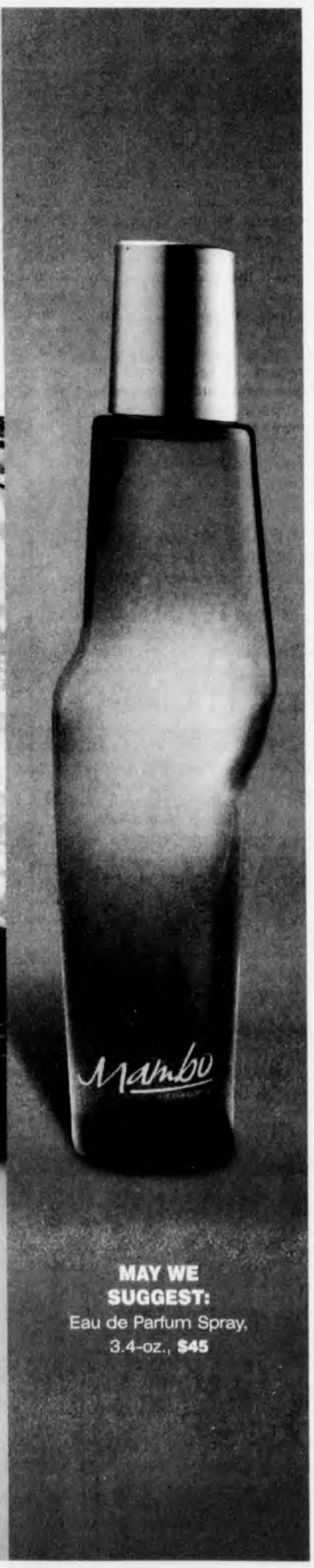

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Avalon wastewater, financial impact top list

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$270,000 of that. He said Avalon could end up costing the town $380,000 a year, resulting in a budget shortfall of almost $4 million over the next 10 years.

Michael Wescott, also speaking for Cohasset Action, said Avalon would make developing true affordable housing in Cohasset harder. Because it is a rental project, he said, the state would recognize all 200 units as affordable, even though only 20 to 25 percent of the units would actually be below market value. Consequently, the town would reach the 10 percent affordable housing mark, making it ineligible for future 40B projects. That, Wescott said, might cause the town lose sight of its larger need for affordable housing.

"We're afraid this project might take affordable housing off the plate if it were approved," he said.

Wescott said Avalon would create the biggest population increase the town has seen in 30 years, though he did not cite his source.

He said Cohasset Action's position was that the project should be denied outright, primarily because of its wastewater flaws. But if the project was approved for some reason, he said, it should be limited to 100 units, age-restricted to people over 55, stripped of 3-bedroom apartments and limited in size to leave room for commercial retail space.

Other residents repeated Wescott's suggestion that the development should be limited to senior housing if it is approved. Some said it should be restricted to people over age 65. Others said senior housing would be less of a financial burden on the town and would still help fill a void for much needed affordable units.

Chris Rodstram, a representative of the Trustees of Reservations, which owns land that abuts the proposed development site, said AvalonBay had approached the Trustees about putting a pipe across their land to solve any dispute over where wastewater flowed. The Trustees staff, Rodstram said, has recommended to its Board of Directors that permission be denied.

"It's fundamentally contrary to our mission to protect Whitney and Thayer Woods," he said.

Roger Hill of Highland Avenue, who owns the property where Atlantic Bagel is located, across from the proposed site, said he thought the development would cause too much traffic congestion on Route 3A. He also said he hoped any sidewalks planned did not go in front of his property because it would prevent him from being able to expand his parking lot under the bylaws.

Wayne Sawchuk of Beechwood Street said Avalon's driveway should be forced to adhere to the 6 percent grade that the bylaws require. He mentioned how this winter's snowfall has proven that is impossible to keep all the town's roads fully plowed at all times. "We don't want cars sliding into (Route) 3A because the grade is too steep," he said.

Some residents seemed surprised to learn that Avalon's plan reserves space for an additional 50 units, but Zoning Board Chairman Woody Chittick stressed that the construction of those units was not before the board at this time. Sawchuk later suggested that, if the development is approved, the extra land should be reserved for an office park.

Perhaps the most tense moment of the meeting came when one resident pressured Chittick to divulge what was discussed in a meeting two weeks ago of what has been called a "negotiating team," made up of town officials and Avalon representatives.

Water Commissioner John McNabb has filed a complaint with the Disrtict Attorney claiming the meeting, which was not posted, was in violation of the state's Open Meeting Law. Chittick denied that any deliberations had begun as to whether to accept or deny Avalon's application. He said the purpose of the meeting was only to highlight the biggest areas of concern in Avalon's plan.

In a moment of comic relief, Robert Goldman of Wheelwright Farm said the town's water already tasted bad enough and nothing more should be done to jeopardize it.

"In all my 81 years of drinking town and city water, Cohasset has the worst water I've ever had," he said. "And I do not want to see anything go into it that could make it any worse."

Dick Avery of 22 Surrey Drive was the only resident to bring up possible benefits of Avalon. He said it would give both seniors and young professionals an opportunity to live in town and it could make the town more diverse — religiously, racially, economically and age-wise.

But Avery said the biggest underlying problem was that Cohasset might not be able to afford Avalon because the town's commercial tax base, at 7 percent, is not big enough. Not to mention, he said, Avalon would be taking up commercially-zoned land.

Avery also suggested it was not impossible for Avalon to have a completely in-house water system where wastewater was converted back to drinking water standards and re-circulated. "How do you think John Glynn got his water?," he said, referring to astronauts that might have used similar systems.

AvalonBay representatives, however, did not seem receptive to the idea. "Should we put that one in our advertising brochure?" one of them joked.

Chittick said the meeting was helpful and he was impressed with some of the suggestions residents had brought to the table. He said the Zoning Board would reconvene on May 20, but it is unclear if that will be the last meeting in the public hearing.

AvalonBay's vice president of development Scott Dale said at the next meeting he and his colleagues will present a "comprehensive response" to the Zoning Board's most serious health, safety and environmental concerns surrounding the project—namely, its wastewater system, its lack of water pressure and its access road plan.

After AvalonBay presents its rebuttal, the Board of Selectmen will then go before the Zoning Board, though it is not yet known if that presentation would take place in an additional meeting. The Selectmen met Monday with the Zoning Board's counsel, Mark Brobowski, to discuss how they should go about taking a position on Avalon.

Some selectmen feel pressured by residents who say the board is welcoming the development, although it has not voiced any formal opinion. *(See related story).*

Selectmen forming opinion on Avalon

By John Camera
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Selectmen met Monday to decide what role they should play in the ongoing public hearing on AvalonBay's proposal for a 200-unit apartment complex. The board sought the advice of the Zoning Board's counsel, Mark Bobrowski.

"Our problem is...everybody says we're behind Avalon because we haven't said anything yet," said Selectman Merle Brown.

Bobrowski, who has had experience with other towns facing applications from developers under Chapter 40B, said the selectmen could chime in at any time during the public hearing, either individually or as a group.

He suggested they avoid getting involved in technical issues that they would not be qualified to handle. But issues of town finances, roadways, piping and overall policymaking were all within the Selectmen's jurisdiction, he said.

Selectman Tom Callahan said he did not necessarily agree with giving AvalonBay time to respond to problems in their initial plan. "You could take the position that they don't get a second bite of the apple," he said. "I'm concerned that we're letting Avalon fix these problems."

But Bobrowski said the application must examined to the fullest, especially so that, in the case of a denial, the decision would hold up when appealed to the state. "That's part in parcel of the 40B process," he said.

Bobrowski said in the history of Chapter 40B only 12 denials based on a project's merits were upheld by the state's Housing Appeals Committee. A project that was prematurely denied by a local Zoning Board could end up simply being remanded or, even worse, approved by the state in its original form, he said.

Callahan worried that the general public thought some town officials had secretly agreed to approve Avalon. "There's a notion out there that the is a preconceived plan to negotiate with Avalon," he said.

But Zoning Board Chairman Woody Chittick, also in attendance, stressed that no deliberations had begun. Also, he said, when they did begin, they would be open meetings, meaning the public could attend, but they would not be a public hearing, so residents would not necessarily be allowed to speak.

Callahan said the Selectmen deserve to have the last slot in the current hearing, something Bobrowski and Chittick did not see any problems with.

"I think this is the most important development facing the town, right now and for a long time to come, and I think we ought to have the final say in the hearing, even after Avalon gives their rebuttal," Callahan said.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said the major reason the board has not taken a position yet was because it wanted to hear what other boards had to say first.

At the Selectmen's meeting Tuesday night, Selectmen discussed the issue further. Selectman Michael Sullivan, who was the only board member not in attendance at Monday's meeting, suggested that Town financial director Mike Buckley do a financial analysis of Avalon's impact on the town's operating budget.

Selectmen agreed to draft a preliminary position on Avalon by the end of April. The board might revisit that position after hearing AvalonBay's response to wastewater, water pressure and access road issues at the next meeting of the public hearing on May 20.

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'SOUND OF MUSIC'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club is hard at practice for the terrific performances of the show, "The Sound Of Music". The talented actors are from all over the South Shore from Quincy to Duxbury and the play is directed by Jessica McDonald from Hull. Performances are May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 7:30 p.m. and May 4, 11 & 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and are available at Bottonwood Books and Springbrook Kids in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door and by phone at 781-544-0304.

Girl Scout troops receive a $2 discount on advanced purchase tickets. Contact **Barbara Baumgarten** at 781-383-1834 for reservations.

CLEANUP CREW

Cohasset should be very proud of the Cub Scouts Den 5 led by leaders **Jimmy Curley** and **Keith Moskow**. This very ambitious bunch of boys recently went to Sandy Beach and collected several bags of trash to perform a community service in town. The boys who participated were: **Ben Curley, Jake Moskow, Jeffrey Swain, Ben Pratt, Devon Dickson** and **David Williams**. You all did a beautiful job in helping to keep one of Cohasset's treasures neat and clean!

OPEN HOUSE!

This Saturday, April 12, the Center for Student Coastal Research, will hold an open house and sign-up, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 40 Parker Ave. for this summer's brand-new "Seaside Adventures" program! The center will be accepting applications on site and the summer program staff will be available to meet you and answer any questions. Check out some hands-on activities as well!! Come and find out more, as spaces are limited. Visit the center's website at www.ccscr.org or phone **Karen Oronte** (781-383-6737) or **Susan Galligan** (781-383-0765) with any questions. Hope to "SEA" you there!

LUNCHTIME SPEAKER

The Lunchtime Speaker Series continues on Friday, April 11 at noon at the South Shore Art Center. **Nancy Ivas**, nutritionist and author of "Healthy Homecooking From Nantucket," will present a discussion of health and wellness in relation to the changing seasons and changes in diet. Learn the importance of seasonal health and take home some simple, healthy recipes. Challenge your ideas about body image and diets. Eat well and Be Well! Free, all are welcome. For more info call the Cohasset Social Service League 781-383-0771.

SHADY CHARACTERS SOUGHT

The Cohasset Swim Center is getting ready to start building a shade structure to provide pool users with much needed protection from the sun and is looking for some "shady characters". The center needs your help. If you have some time to lend this spring, please consider joining in on this project. Building and/or engineering experience would be especially helpful, but all hands are welcome! Call 383-9463. The Swim Center is a non-profit organization that provides instruction and recreational opportunities to all members of the community.

ART IN BLOOM

Tina Watson, left, and Chris Sida of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset attend an orientation meeting at the Museum of Fine Arts to plan for Art in Bloom, in which garden clubs from across New England come together at the museum to showcase flower arranging as an art form. Art in Bloom runs from April 27-29.

BENEFIT WALK

In spite of the bad weather, Cohasset once again hosted one of last Saturday's Walks to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. According to Barbara Green, Captain of the 25 member "Green Team", a large percentage of the more than $20,000 raised by the team was from local private and corporate donors.

Local Green Team members who braved the elements to walk for the cause included; **Dan Rattner, Diana Kinch, Paul and Hunter Forrer, Trish and Nate Morse, Dave and Ronnie McMorris, Diane Shipp, Woody and Joanne Chittick**, and **Rustam Devitre**. What a great achievement for this wonderful team and group of people.

THAYER HONORS

Thayer Academy recently released a listing of students who achieved academic honors and several Cohasset students were recognized for these honors. Ninth grader **Joseph M. Rosano**, 10th grader **Catherine M. Ernst** and 11th grader **Suzanne Marie Lewis** all received honors, and **Malcolm J. Stansell** received high honors recognition. Congratulations to all of you on your hard work. Keep it up.

That is all for this week. I just wanted to remind everyone that somewhere in the future (I sincerely hope) is the promise of nicer weather and springtime fun. With that comes more and more outdoor activities and children riding bikes, walking and just plain being kids who are having fun. As we all drive around town, we need to make sure to be a little more cautious and slow down enough to be able to stop quick should the situation warrant it.

The other day as I was coming home from Hanover, a group of geese were crossing the road. Myself and several others came to a stop to let them pass. On the side of the road was a woman with three young children watching the geese. One of the cars that was behind me decided that he just didn't want to wait any longer and gunned past us all only to have one of the young children run from the woman into the street. Thank goodness this person was able to slam on the brakes in time as it was way to close for comfort. Sometimes, we have to stop and wait even if it is an inconvenience when it comes to children or animals or just plain life for that matter. Let's face it, a few extra minutes in time is not that much to give....

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Going the distance for children at-risk

With the hint of spring in the air, one might think about getting out the running shoes. For the 10 volunteers who will run in the 107th Boston Marathon on April 21 to raise funds and awareness of the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps, the training started months ago in the cold of winter.

Stephen Pozatek of Cohasset and currently at Harvard Business School in Cambridge, is one of the volunteer runners.

The mission of the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps is to help at risk children, youth and their families realize their right to grow up in a happy, healthy and safe environment through direct services and advocacy. For more information, visit www.rfkchildren.org or call (617) 227-4183.

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IT'S HAPPENING

'Sound of Music' on stage in May

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Lecture on sailing adventure benefits local research center

The Cohasset Yacht Club will continue its tradition of support for maritime activities by sponsoring a lecture on Saturday April 12 at 7 p.m. The speakers for this event will be CYC members Martha and Dana Robes who will present a program on their recently concluded five-year, around-the-world cruise on their Little Harbor 48, Sarah Jane.

During their voyage, the Robes logged more than 40,000 miles sailing west to east. This lecture will focus on a portion of the trip covering roughly the first two years. During this time, the Robeses traveled from Florida to Australia, spanning the South Pacific with stops in such exotic locales as the Friendly Islands (Tonga, Vava'u and Ha'apai), French Polynesia, and New Zealand.

Proceeds from the talk will go to the Cohasset High School Summer Institute's Center for Student Coastal Research.

The lecture will be held at St. Anthony's Parish Center and reservations are encouraged. The cost is $12 per person for prepaid reservations, and $15 at the door (students free). Please make checks payable to the Cohasset Yacht Club. The lecture is open to the public. Details can be obtained and reservations made by calling Steve Bobo at (781) 383-9280.

Open house at student center

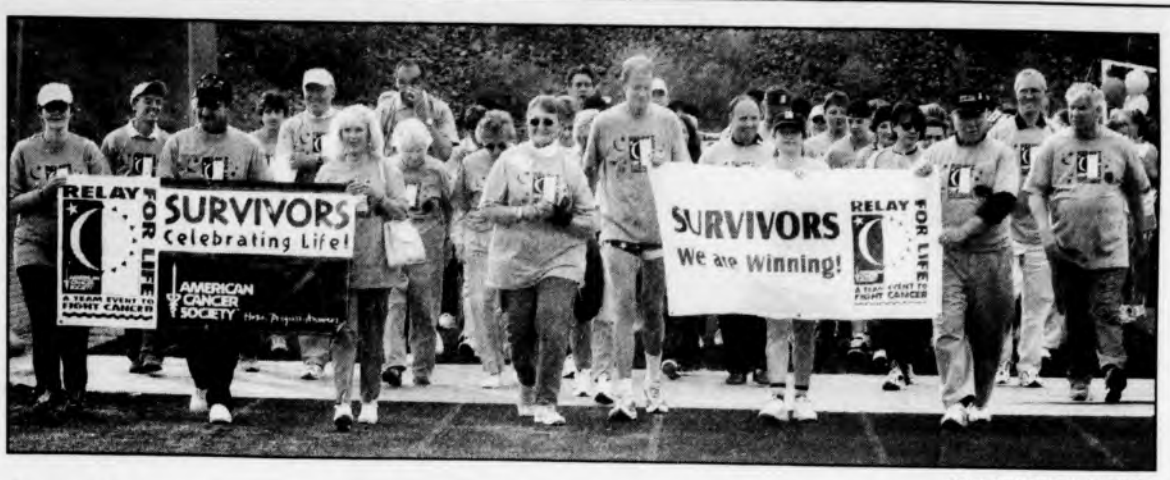
This Saturday, April 12, the Center for Student Coastal Research, will hold an open house and sign-up, for the summer's brand-new "Seaside Adventures" program at 40 Parker Ave., from 9a.m.-2p.m. Applications will be available and the summer program staff will answer any questions. Be sure to heck out the hands-on activities as well Visit the website at www.ccscr.org or phone Karen Oronte (781-383-6737) or Susan Galligan (781-383-0765) with any questions

Choral music for Holy Week

The 22 women of the Broad Cove Chorale, directed by Margo Euler, are preparing two diverse settings of the powerful Passion text in April: a short a cappella showpiece by the 20th-century Dutch composer Henk Badings, and the beautiful Baroque masterpiece by Giovanni Pergolesi. Two lush motets by the Romantic German composer Josef Rheinberger will round out the concert.

The "Stabat Mater" of Pergolesi was written in1736, in the last year of the famous composer's short life, specifically for the Good Friday service at a Naples church. Comprised of many short stanzas, the music is shared between the full chorus, a chamber choir, and several solo voices, allowing the audience to hear the Chorale musicians in many groupings.

The formal concert takes place Palm Sunday, April 13 at 4 p.m., at House of Prayer, 916 Main St. in Hingham (tickets $10 at the door). A Good Friday performance will be sung at Hingham Congregational Church (378 Main St.) on April 18 at 8 p.m. (free will offering). In between, there will be a free concert for Seniors on Wed. April 16 at Hingham Congregational Church at 10 am.



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Dozens of cancer survivors walk around the track for the Survivors' lap during last year's Cohasset Relay For Life. This year, the Cohasset Relay hopes to raise $146,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Relay seeks to boost participation

Cancer fundraiser set for May 17-18

By John Camera
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The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is returning to Cohasset and organizers hope this year's event will be bigger and better than the last.

Last year, relays in approximately 3,300 communities nationwide raised more than $245 million to help fund the society's fight against cancer.

In Cohasset alone, about $140,000 was raised by some 600 walkers. Fifty-five local cancer survivors were honored and 30 teams participated.

The relay takes the form of an all-night, tag-team trek around the Cohasset High School track. Teams and individuals arrange for sponsorship, and prizes are awarded to the highest fundraising individual, the top fundraising team, the most spirited team and the best decorated campsite.

Event chair Laurie Greenip said organizers this year are shooting for at least 40, eight-member teams to participate. They're hoping to recognize some 70 cancer survivors and raise $146,000 for the American Cancer Society.

"It is like one big family getting together and pulling for each other."
— Victor Van der Lugt of "Hub Healers"

High School senior Ross Lieb-Lappen has participated in the Relay for Life each year since the event first came to Cohasset in 1997. In 1998, he formed his own team, the "Cancer Killers," and last year he volunteered on the event planning committee.

Lieb-Lappen said his friends from Scituate were almost driven to tears when they realized they could not participate last year because the event was the same night as their high school prom.

He encouraged first-time participants to come between 6 and 9 p.m. on the Friday night of the relay. That way, if they were intimidated by the length of the event, they would at least catch the cancer survivor's lap and the luminaria ceremony, where candles are light to honor those who have suffered from the disease.

"Last year we spelled 'HOPE' with luminarias in the bleachers," Lieb-Lappen said. "That word comes the closest to describing the relay…There is nothing I have experienced that moves you so much."

Victor Van der Lugt has participated in the relay for five years as a member of his team, the "Hub Healers." He said he got involved because he wanted to give back to the community.

"Once you get involved, it no longer feels like an effort," he said. "People thank you for helping but it's just as gratifying to me as it is to those that are benefiting from it."

Van der Lugt described the event as a spiritual experience. "There's a certain calming feeling when you are on the track," he said. "It is like one big family getting together and pulling for each other."

Last year's event was cut short due to torrential downpours but, as Van der Lugt recalled, one couple was not impeded by the elements.

"I drove by at about 1 p.m. and the place was empty except for a lady and a gentleman still walking around the track holding an umbrella that was not protecting them at all from the driving wind and rain," he said.

"I later found out that both of them had been touched recently by someone that had cancer, and they were determined to continue walking until the event was officially over."

This year's Relay for Life is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 16 and end at 12 p.m. on Saturday, May 17. For more information or to find out how to participate, please contact event chair Laurie Greenip at 781-383-6193.

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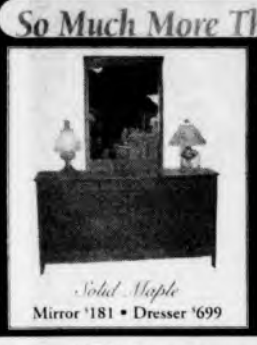
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The neighbors want seagulls to go

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After neighbors complained, the board sent the Tillotsons a letter asking them not to feed seagulls stating that attracting the birds to a neighborhood can cause a public nuisance. It's also makes the birds dependant on human handouts, the letter stated.

"If you are feeding these birds, please stop immediately, not only for the birds' sake but for you and your neighbors as well," Health Agent Joseph Godzik wrote back in October. After another complaint, on Feb. 6 at about 4 p.m., Godzik made a site visit and didn't see any evidence of the gulls, except for some flying quite high overhead.

While Mrs. Tillotson says she has stopped the practice, the neighbors who wrote two more letters and have now presented the health board with a video — say she hasn't.

The video that was filmed on March 25 and 26, shows a woman, who is reportedly Cynthia Tillotson, carrying a bucket as dozens of seagulls fly through her yard. The video, which was shot through the woods from a neighboring home, also shows the seagulls gathering atop the Tillotsons' house before they swoop down into the yard for the food.

According to Dan Volungis, 234 Forest Ave., and Meredith Hayes, 13 Surry Drive, the feedings are taking place three times a day at 7:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Health board chairman Steve Bobo said having Tillotsons in for a hearing on the matter would provide the board the opportunity to explain the potential harm that feeding the seagulls can cause. Board member Margaret Chapman said the board could decide to levy fines if the practice continues.

But Mrs. Tillotson says that won't be necessary because she is not feeding the seagulls.

"They see me refilling my bird feeders and go crazy," she said.

Tillotson said it all started when she and her husband fed just one seagull they nicknamed "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" who kept coming back. "Then he brought his aunts, uncles and cousins and everybody else," she said.

Tillotson said she is optimistic that when warmer weather comes, the seagulls will find plenty of fish and other food and will leave her yard alone.

She also denies feeding squirrels but says they like the sunflower seeds in her bird feeders. The neighbors also allege squirrels have taken peanuts from the Tillotsons' yard and buried them under bushes in their yards to later retrieve them, hurting the shrubs. Large beef bones left for animals have also made their way into neighboring yards, the neighbors said.

Buttonwood hosts coffee with authors

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset will present "Coffee With The Authors" on Tuesday, April 29 at the Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a continental breakfast and a stimulating morning with three authors as they discuss the art of writing and their latest works.

Featured authors will be Rosemary Mahoney for "The Singular Pilgrim: Travels on Sacred Ground", Jacquelyn Mitchard for "Twelve Times Blessed" and Jessica Shattuck for "The Hazards of Good Breeding". Mahoney's book is a collection of travel essays that chronicle her journey along ancient paths traveled by ancient pilgrims. Her previous works include "Whoredom in Kimmage" and "A Likely Story: One Summer with Lillian Hellman".

Mitchard, author of "The Deep End of the Ocean", the book selected by Oprah Winfrey to launch her book club, sets her latest novel on Cape Cod and traces the dynamics of family change within a single year.

"The Hazards of Good Breeding" by Shattuck is the debut novel from a new and innovative novelist. Shattuck weaves with great skill the tale of a family on the brink of change with thoughtful insight and humor. Advance reservations and ticketing are required and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665. Tickets are $13 per person, non-refundable.

Kitchen Tour

Though ticket sales for the South Shore Community Center's "Kitchen Tour" have been brisk, a limited number remain for this designer tour of some of the most unique kitchens in Cohasset. The tour will be held on Friday, May 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is the seventh year the center has sponsored the Kitchen Tour—this year's homes and samplings from local caterers promise to be some of the most spectacular to date.

Tickets are $25 (while available) and may be purchased at the center or by calling them at 781-383-0088. Funds from the 2003 Kitchen Tour will be used to support the programs of the South Shore Community Center.

For more information about this event, or for a schedule of the community center's courses, call 781-383-0088.

Village streetscape hearing is Tuesday

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and the Waterfield Design Group, the engineering firm contracted by the town to design the streetscape project.

The issues also came up at a Planning Board meeting last week, where Chairman Al Moore and member Peter Pratt said they had essentially been left out of the loop in regards to the project.

Lisa Bailey, Waterfield's senior landscape architect, met with the Planning Board last Wednesday to review designs for the streetscape project that are 75 percent completed. Moore seemed surprised when Bailey asked for the board's suggestions so the designs could be completed in two weeks.

"This board has been left out of this completely," he said after reviewing the drawings. "We've had no input on this up until now."

"(The Slectmen have) completely usurped our legal rights," said Pratt.

Of particular concern to the Planning Board were the parking spaces in the design, which Waterfield has made 8 feet 6 inches wide, one foot narrower than what the town's bylaws require.

Also, some Planning Board members were bothered by plans for "bumpouts"— areas where sidewalks have been enlarged to accommodate for crosswalks, but often at the expense of parking spaces. The bumpouts have also been opposed by many village merchants, who say parking is more important than improved pedestrian access.

The most controversial bumpout in current designs extends from the sidewalk in front of Tedeschi's to a crosswalk that aligns with a footpath to the town parking lot. Moore said the bumpout was unnecessary. "I see it that parking trumps," he said. "Two parking spots are worth more than the crossing."

But Planning Board members Chris Ford and Bill Good disagreed. Ford said the connection to the town parking lot made sense, and Good said the bumpout was "a safety issue and...a visibility issue."

It may have been the first time the Planning Board debated the issue, but it was the same debate that has played out at almost every meeting on the streetscape improvement project since the first public hearing in January. In the battle of parking vs. pedestrian access, who wins?

Even Selectmen, who are the overall authority on the streetscape improvement project, have disagreed on the issue. At their meeting Tuesday night, some said the project was intended all along to improve pedestrian access. Others held out, however, saying that the need for parking could be met at the same time.

Timetable

The streetscape improvement project has seen its timetable change several times over the past two months.

Selectmen had initially agreed to put the project out to bid by mid-March, but they postponed the bid date to April 30 after deciding to appoint two merchants to the existing Downtown Revitalization Task Force to help resolve any outstanding issues.

But the 6-month delay of construction on the Greenbush commuter line threw a temporary kink in the streetscape project. At first, Town Manager Mark Haddad told Waterfield officials to put the entire project on hold. He worried that Selectmen could decide to spend the state grant that will fund the project differently, particularly if Greenbush was abandoned and the town's mitigation agreement with the MBTA — which would pay for improvements to the town parking lot and the James Brook culvert — was nullified.

Then, two weeks ago, Haddad started the streetscape project up again with the goal of going to bid by mid-May. The decision came after Selectman Merle Brown suggested that waiting any longer would necessitate an extension on the state grant, which has already been extended once for a year until June 30, 2004. It was a risk Selectmen did not want to take.

Selectmen have now abandoned plans to add any merchants to the task force. Instead, they hope to hammer out any issues at their meeting next week.

At that meeting, Selectmen will need to decide if they should spend an additional $5,200 to investigate overhead wiring alternatives such as rerouting telephone wire behind Elm Street or behind South Main Street through the town parking lot.

Selectmen will also need to figure out if enough funding exists to extend a sidewalk to the old Paul Pratt Memorial Library, perhaps by shifting funds that might already be allocated for the sidewalk in front of the Red Lion Inn, whose owner, Gerd Ordelheide, agreed to pay for his own sidewalk improvements as part of a site plan review two years ago.

Finally, Selectmen will need to decide on the final angle on parking spaces along South Main Street, which Planning Board member Good pointed out as potentially dangerous at this Tuesday's Selectmen's meeting. He said cars backing out of spaces that are designed at a wider angle, as current designs show, could need to back into the oncoming lane to get out of a spot.

At the beginning of the meeting, Good jokingly introduced himself to Karen Fitzgerald of Waterfield as "one of the friendly ones on the Planning Board."

He admitted to Selectmen that "the board was steaming mad" at some points during its meeting last week. On whether the Planning Board being left out of the streetscape project, he said: "I didn't feel that personally. I felt that, hey, we've known Waterfield has been around for a while."

Haddad said he had given the 75 percent completed plans to the Planning Board a month and a half ago.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Operation Support Troops

Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq)
Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan).
Operation Joint Guardian (Kosovo)
Operation Joint Forge (Bosnia-Herzegovina)
Operation Noble Eagle (Homeland security)

In wartime, the sacrifices that our young men and women in uniform make become so much more evident. Every day that they are in harm's way our hearts and prayers go out to them and their families.

But as you can see from the partial list above, there are tens of thousands of Americans voluntarily serving around the world, and they likely will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. American troops that now number some 35,700 have been protecting the Republic of Korea for 50 years.

And here at home, in Operation Noble Eagle – the Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard — have flown nearly 30,000 warning sorties during the past 16 months. And the Coast Guard has increased armed boardings, escorts and patrols. Army National Guard units have provided stepped up security at airports.

Since the war in Iraq began, many of us want to engage in the worthy exercise of showing our support for the troops in any way we can, from rallies and yellow ribbons to letters, postcards and care packages. We can't even imagine what it must feel like to be curled up in a foxhole in a desert halfway around the world, wishing for any word from home. Regardless of our individual views on the armed conflict – we see a face like that of 19-year-old Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch (who looks younger than many high school students) and we want to protect our troops, tell them to please be safe and that we love them no matter what.

While the military offers some perks to its troops such as subsidized housing and money for college, it is also no secret that military pay is low and families can face financial hardship during long separations.

So how can we show our support?

Due to the constant threat of terrorism, it is unsafe for the military to accept unsolicited letters of support and care packages to "any service member." According to the Department of Defense, while legitimate mail from family members and loved ones is always encouraged, unsolicited mail raises security issues.

But here's how we can help:

• Operation USO Care Package — Care packages that contain an assortment of items the military has specifically requested, such as prepaid international calling cards; disposable cameras; toiletries and sunscreen. Individuals may donate $25 toward the sponsorship of a USO care package. Call 866-USO-GIVE for more information or visit: www.uso.org

• Operation Uplink — a program that keeps military and hospitalized veterans in touch with their families by providing free phone cards. Call 800-479-5228 or visit: www.operationuplink.org

• Give blood through the American Red Cross to make sure the safest possible blood is readily available whenever and where ever needed — for the military, for other blood centers in America and for all 5,000 American hospitals. To find out where you can donate call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

• Commissary gift certificates — give the gift of groceries for military families. Call 1-877-770-4438 to order by phone or visit: www.certifichecks.com

• The National Military Family Association, Inc., an organization dedicated to identifying and resolving the issues of greatest concern to military families' well being. To donate call 703-931-6632 or visit: www.nmfa.org

• TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Inc.), provides services to whose who have lost a loved one while serving in the Armed Forces, including a military survivor peer network, grief counseling, case worker assistance and crisis information. To donate call 1-800-959-TAPS or visit www.taps.org

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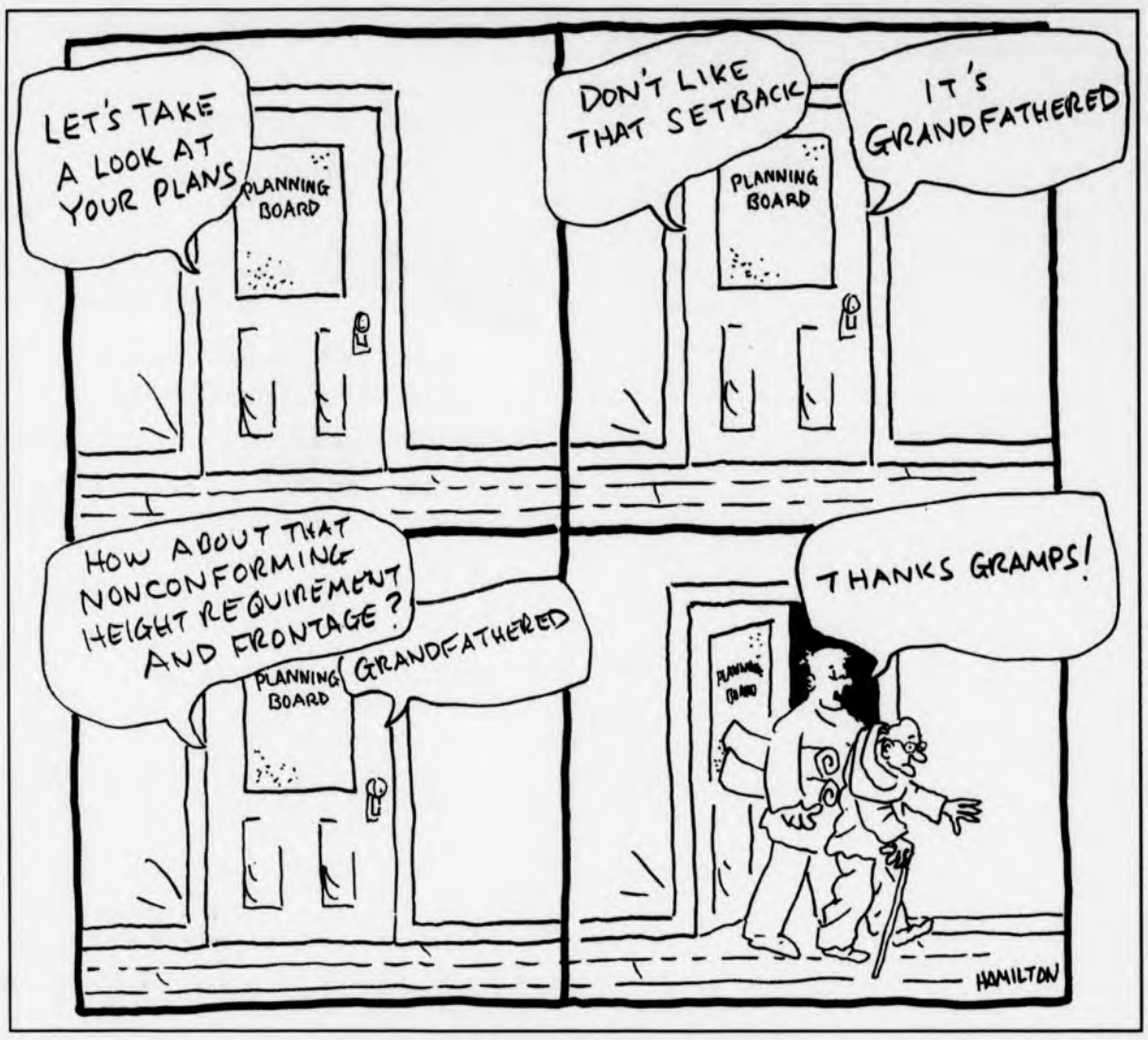

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MCAS and pupil pressure

TO THE EDITOR:

It's MCAS time again, and frankly I am confused. The MCAS is supposedly making our schools better, but this doesn't seem to be what I see. The amount of stress connected with educating children seems to have increased greatly since the inception of the MCAS.

The MCAS, which some educators believe is not developmentally appropriate for a large percentage of children in the elementary grades, is now dictating the curriculum. Teachers are required to maintain a breakneck pace of instruction so their students will be ready to take these difficult tests. The pace of teaching has become so frantic that many young children are complaining about stress. The number of children who presently must take various medications just to get through their school day is outrageous.

Does this increase in the level of stress, drive to prepare children to achieve in ways that may not be developmentally appropriate, and the designing of curriculum around a test make our schools better?

It seems to me that quality education is characterized by small class sizes with differentiated instruction for different learning styles and skilled teacher intervention to help individual struggling students. The MCAS does not provide this. On the contrary, every school in the Commonwealth must devote hundreds of hours of work preparing for the MCAS administratively: holding meetings, attending trainings, doing paperwork, administering the tests, and carefully packing up and shipping the tests away to be scored.

These hours of labor, and the expense that accompanies them, contribute nothing to the differentiation of instruction for individual learners - in fact, it takes dollars away from providing appropriate and meaningful interventions that help children. This expenditure exists in spite of proposed budget cuts - which will inevitably result in increased class sizes and reductions in adult staff, who might have helped struggling students.

I feel sad that my son is growing up in a the time when educational practice requires teachers to force many children to perform above their level of cognitive maturation, and supports the belief that it's more important to be frantically driven to achieve than to be emotionally balanced and to be smart than to be wise.

Mary Ann Cushing
271 Beechwood Street

Hill thanks supporters

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this to all the people that helped me on my bid for the seat in the selectmen's office, I couldn't have done it without you. I'm sorry that I was not successful, but it was a great race. Congratulations to Mike, you ran a good campaign.

I also need to thank the great group of people that spent countless hours working very hard trying to get me elected. I have met some people that I will consider my close friends for a long tine to come. It amazed me how hard they worked, and some of these people I had never met before. Last but not least to my wife and family that let me turn our house into campaign central for the month of March. This goes out to all 719 people who cast their ballot in my direction. Thank you all very much.

Roger Q. Hill
19 A Highland Ave.

Sullivan says thanks to all

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank everyone who worked so diligently to help in my reelection campaign. The campaign was very competitive requiring a major commitment on the part of many people to bring out the votes necessary to win.

Each candidate put together a hard working dedicated team motivated to protect the great qualities of Cohasset. I will work hard over the next three years to control finances, provide a quality education, and protect the finer qualities of the community.

To all the voters who voted for me I appreciate your support.

To all the voters of Cohasset I am always willing to assist when I can, so feel free to call me if the need arises.

Thank you,

Michael Sullivan
Elm Street

Chamber poll on Greenbush disputed

TO THE EDITOR:

In the article in last week's paper, "Survey: Keep train on track," it was stated that the South Shore Chamber of Commerce poll indicated that "two-thirds of the residents along the corridor want the train." It is noteworthy that this corridor included Hull, Marshfield and Norwell, towns that would benefit greatly from Greenbush without suffering any of the negative impacts. If only the poll had been conducted in the "real" Greenbush corridor it might have been more relevant.

The residents along this corridor are far from a small minority. More than 2,800 homes are directly affected, an extraordinarily high number for only 17 miles of track. It is this group that should have more to say about the project than a random selection of 450 residents, most of whom live well away from the corridor and would suffer little or no impact if Greenbush were built. It is not their kids who would be walking the tracks and challenging the crossings. They wouldn't have to breathe the diesel fumes and experience the noise and vibration that accompany rail lines through densely populated areas.

In the article, the Chamber's president implies that the opposition is more concerned about spotted turtles than it is about people. The people he is no doubt referring to are those who would sit in air-conditioned comfort, reading their newspapers on their way to work through neighborhoods in which other people live. The question is, which people are more important? One has to wonder if the Chamber's leadership actually speaks for the majority of Chamber members in its attempts to downplay the legitimate concerns of the over 8,000 opponents who have signed petitions against Greenbush over the years. Indeed many Chamber members in the Greenbush corridor have left the organization because of its Greenbush position.

Although the Chamber poll claims that those polled considered Greenbush to be the best "alternative," it made no attempt to explain what the alternatives to Greenbush are. In addition to Greenbush-related questions, the poll could have easily asked residents if they would like to see, among other things: increased parking capacity at the Red Line facilities in Braintree and Quincy Adams and the Hingham commuter boat; a connector road from Route 3 through the Weymouth Naval Air Station development to the Old Colony commuter rail line in South Weymouth, or a feeder bus system from their communities to the Hingham commuter boat with bus service throughout Boston on the other end. Had this been done, the vast majority of those polled would in many cases have said "yes" to each point and in numbers that would have exceeded the 64 percent for Greenbush. It's common sense to build on systems that already exist. But this was not done, no doubt because the aforementioned are seen by the Chamber's leadership as "competition" to Greenbush. In this respect, the Chamber poll was a little like conducting a political poll with only one candidate running for office.

Chamber leadership claims that Greenbush would bring economic prosperity to the coastal communities of the South Shore are equally disingenuous. By economic prosperity do they mean that commuter rail access will encourage more people to live here, thus causing among other things: increased real estate taxes that will result from increased real estate values; the loss of more and more green space as landowners succumb to the temptation of higher real estate prices; the need for more services such as gas stations, restaurants and strip malls? If this is their idea of economic development, then let them run a poll and ask residents if this is a price they are willing to pay for Greenbush.

One suspects the leadership's real goal is to increase the Chamber's membership as well as bring more prosperity to its present members through the growth of commercial enterprises that would follow in the wake of Greenbush. This may be an admirable goal for businessmen, but not when it comes at the expense of the quality of life of so many South Shore residents.

On the subject of economics, how does the Chamber justify Greenbush's astronomical $270,000 cost per new rush hour rider, a figure that is three times higher than any other MBTA commuter rail project, at a time when state transportation authorities are wrestling with a deteriorating fiscal situation at the MBTA? The Chamber might also consider questioning the wisdom of design/build for a project such as Greenbush. Its contention that the cost has gone up due to delays caused by the opposition is unfounded. These delays have resulted in a tiny fraction of the increased cost. The cost has gone up mainly because the MBTA is only now finding out the real Greenbush price tag "as it designs the project." And given that Greenbush is the first project of this complexity to be built with the design/build concept, the final price tag is anyone's guess. If the members of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce ran their businesses with this kind of fiscal disconnect, they would be out of business in the blink of an eye and they wouldn't need a poll to figure out why.

Michael Weymouth
29 Water Street
Hingham

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Cohasset Annual Town Election Results

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Total
Selectmen (1)			
Michael H. Sullivan	537	422	959
Gabriel E. Gomez	339	354	693
Roger Q. Hill	314	405	719
Write-Ins/Scattering			
Blanks	6	13	19
Total	1,196	1,194	2,390
School Committee (2)			
Richard F. Flynn	824	780	1,604
Chartis L. Tebbets	818	767	1,585
Write-Ins/Scattering	13	13	26
Blanks	737	828	1,565
Total	2,392	2,388	4,780
Trustees PPML(3)			
Agnes McCann	797	788	1,585
Carol A. Riley	821	782	1,603
Patience G. Towle	831	803	1,634
Write-Ins/Scattering	5	8	13
Blanks	1,134	1,201	2,335
Total	3,588	3,582	7,170
Assessor (1)			
Michael C. Patrolia	841	879	1,720
Write-Ins/Scattering	2	2	4
Blanks	353	313	666
Total	1,196	1,194	2,390
Board of Health (1)			
Margaret S. Chapman	828	818	1,646
Write-Ins/Scattering	1	2	3
Blanks	367	374	741
Total	1,196	1,194	2,390
Planning Board (1)			
Robert H. Sturdy	757	715	1,472
Write-Ins/Scattering	5	22	27
Blanks	434	457	891
Total	1,196	1,194	2,390
Recreation Commission (1)			
Richard P. Barrow	835	831	1,666
Write-Ins/Scattering	1	4	5
Blanks	360	359	719
Total	1,196	1,194	2,390
Sewer Commission (1)			
John W. Beck	815	775	1,590
Write-Ins/Scattering	1	4	5
Blanks	380	415	795
Total	1,196	1,194	2,390
Water Commission (1)			
John McNabb	866	825	1,691
Write-Ins/Scattering	0	13	13
Blanks	330	356	686
Total	1,196	1,194	2,390
Question 1			
Yes	665	606	1,271
No	494	540	1,034
Blanks	37	48	85
Total	1,196	1,194	2,390

Question 1:
Shall the town of Cohasset be allowed to assess an additional $350,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of meeting the operational expenses of the Town Government and School System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003?

HEALTH NOTES

Public Health Week — How's Cohasset doing?

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

This week has been declared "National Public Health Week" which, the letter says, will focus on five areas in which communities can work together to tackle the weight problem.

These include: 1)increasing physical fitness opportunities for kids. 2) promoting healthier living through better community design; 3) offering better opportunities for fitness and healthy eating in the workplace; 4) serving up more nutritious options in schools: and 5) providing healthy dining options in local restaurants and markets.

It's probably appropriate to keep score on Cohasset's performance against these goals. The Board has spent considerable time on items 2 through 5 with initiatives related to pedestrian access, sidewalks, etc., and monitoring and commenting on school diet, various restaurant inspections, and many others, but we've failed to include one of the Town's most important resources for health and physical fitness: John "Jack" Worley.

Jack is doing way more than most of us realize to make Cohasset a healthy town.

For 27 years, Jack has been the town's Recreation Department director, and one of the town's hardest working employees. If one talks to him, he emphasizes the recreation aspects of his work on such programs as arts and crafts and cooking and he looks on the fitness aspects as only a part of the job. That may be true, but from the health standpoint, and particularly in these days of fighting overweight and developing healthy life styles, Jack is doing way more than most of us realize to make Cohasset a healthy town. His programs for the young, 3-1/2 and older, and for adults (step aerobics), and his sports programs covering lacrosse, basketball, baseball, soccer, and for the real jocks, summer speed and endurance training, all promote healthy activity with the primary emphasis on fun. Hats off to Jack Worley!

Walking

Oh, and speaking of healthy pursuits, the Elder Affairs/Board of Health sponsored walking club is off to a good start. The walkers are now using the high school because of the terrible weather we've been having, but as soon as we get even a small break in the weather, they will transfer their walking outside. Since we would like to encourage both leisurely walkers and those with more vigorous aspirations, the high school will be available for inclement weather walking, and for those whose time or abilities are limited, special arrangements can be made.. There is always room for more with this congenial group. If you want additional information, call Joe McElroy at 781-383-0505.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

LETTER

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Deer Hill principal praised, thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

It is with great regret that many of us have recently learned that Paul Callahan's contract will not be renewed as principal of the Deer Hill School. Cohasset's loss will be someone else's gain.

While on the Cohasset School Committee, Paul consistently demonstrated his commitment, incredible work ethic and skills as an educator and administrator. In my view, Paul led the drive to bring Cohasset schools into the age of computer technology. He was always a strong advocate for the Deer Hill School, but a team player when it came to making painful budget decisions.

On numerous occasions, he personally inconvenienced himself to make the Deer Hill school facilities available to community service groups.

When the State of Massachusetts legislated school reform in 1993, it shifted the hiring decisions of principals and a few other key positions from school committees to superintendents. This small group of educators has no job security while others remain overly protected by entrenched unions.

I hope Paul and others like him get good severance packages because that should "go with the turf" of serving at the pleasure of a single supervisor.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

SENIOR SCENE

The following events and programs are sponsored by Cohasset Elder affairs. Call CEA office to reserve a space at 781-383-9112 or for more information.

Special events

Kitchen Tour, Friday, May 2

The South Shore Community Center is sponsoring the sixth annual kitchen tour. This year includes five homes with spectacular kitchens, all wonderfully decorated. Delicious treats at each home prepared by the finest local caterers and chefs. Ticket orders can be placed by telephone at 781-383-0088.

Mother's Day Tea, Monday, May 5, at 1 p.m.

Judy McCoglan, owner of the Windsor Tea Shop in Scituate and noted local tea historian, will introduce us to the history to tea drinking and how we started to use the tea bag. Join us in the CEA Senior Center dining Room for this annual favorite. Reservations before April 30, 781-383-9112.

Lunch at Newbury College Dining Room, Tuesday, May 20

A great escape to a wonderful experience of dining, prepared by Newbury College students. Bus leaves from St. Anthony's parking lot at 10 a.m.

Octogenarians and Nonagenarians, Thursday, May 15, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

A special birthday celebration for those who are in their 80s and 90s. You and family members are invited to a luncheon, held at St. Anthony's Parish Hall on Summer St. Hosts: Cohasset Clergy Associates. Chef: Anna and her Gourmet Club Plus entertainment. RSVP on or before May 12, 781-383-9112.

Memorial Day Brunch, Wednesday, May 28, from 10 a.m.

The Board and Staff of Cohasset Elder Affairs invite Cohasset residents to attend this special brunch. We hope all Veterans and family members will join us in celebrating this wonderful holiday. Anna's Gourmet Club will prepare the delicious brunch. Donation: $4 RSVP before May 26. 781-383-9112.

Walking Club - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: The club had it's first and very successful "walk." We meet at the north entrance of the high school (near the old gym) to walking tour of the parts of the school which are now open. Steve Bobo and Joe McElroy will lead us. To sign up for to this weekly program, call the CEA office at 781-383-9112.

Pancake Breakfast, Wednesday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m. Delicious breakfast and good company at Cohasset Knoll. Transportation provided.

TRIAD Meeting, Wednesday, April 23, and Wednesday, May 28, at 9:30 a.m. Held at the senior center, 3 North Main St., the public is welcome to come and listen to the Norfolk County Sheriff's methods or protecting our community with a simple but helpful plan. a computerized telephone system is under the direction of the Sheriff's office. Calls are made, upon request, seven days a week, same time of day. If something should happen in your home and you do not answer, the Cohasset Police will check to see if you are ok.

Generals don't just fade away

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

It was General Douglas MacArthur, when he left the Army under duress in 1951 after a 52-year career, who popularized the phrase:

"Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

That's not true anymore, Doug.

They never die but neither do they fade away; they show up on CNN and the other TV networks, analyzing critically for us civilians the military acumen of their successors.

Since we have been at war almost constantly since 1941, there's no shortage of them either.

At any moment I expect Gen. Wesley Clark (U.S. Army, ret.), the former supreme commander of NATO, to break out the chalk and draw Xs and Os like John Madden does for football.

Landing Clark as an analyst was a coup for CNN, although it was MSNBC that signed the true star, the A Rod of retired generals, Norman Schwarzkopf (U.S. Army, ret.) of Desert Storm fame. Clark is frequently critical of the Pentagon, a move which leads many to believe that he, like another former Supreme Allied Commander named Eisenhower, is running for president but as a Democrat. NBC has Gen. Barry McCaffrey (U.S. Army, ret.), chief of the Armed Forces Southern Command in Desert Storm, who is also critical of the conduct of the war.

But he also served a term as President Clinton's drug czar, so no one is really listening to him.

The comparison of the retired general as analyst to the retired (or fired) football coach is apt.

Let a pro football coach be relieved of his job and the TV networks are lined up outside his door, waving six-figure contracts at him for an occasional weekend of work behind the mike.

The college education of a star athlete now includes a major in football and a minor in broadcasting, just in case.

Let President Bush exchange angry words with the ayatollah or the mullah of some far off land and the TV producers start thumbing through their Rolodexes for unemployed generals.

Even as we speak, I'll bet that one of the TV networks has its eye on Gen. Tommy Franks to provide the analysis for the next war.

The analysts don't have to be generals, either.

CBS used Col. Mitch Mitchell (U.S. Army, ret.) as a headline analyst until Gen. Joseph Ralston, another Supreme Allied Commander for NATO, retired in March and brought up-to-speed expertise to the air.

Fox has Gen. Thomas McInerney (U.S. Air Force, ret.), a strong advocate of bombing 'em back to the Stone Age and letting the grunts on the ground mop up.

Fox also has Col. Oliver North (U.S. Marine Corps., ret) of Iran contra fame, but he is a full time Fox staffer and doesn't really count as an analyst.

Even local TV channels and radio stations, too, have analysts of their own, although they tend to be majors and captains as the budget will allow.

I wouldn't be surprised if there wasn't a small five-watt radio station somewhere in this land of ours that has a private first class on call to explain the Coalition's latest move on Baghdad

Why we should support our troops, support America

COMMENTARY

CHUCK MORSE

The following remarks were made by Chuck Morse at Saturday's rally at the VFW post in Hull to support the 1058th Transportation Company out of Hingham and other troops on active duty.

I'm honored to be standing here today alongside true American patriots. We are here today because we understand the nature of freedom and we understand what's at stake both here and around the world. On July 4th, 1776, our forefathers declared independence from the British tyrant George III. It should be noted that the majority of Americans at the time did not support those patriots. Most Americans back then were either loyal to the tyrant or were sitting on the fence waiting to see which way the wind would blow. Once the tide turned, and General George Washington's Continental Army began to stack up victories, Americans found themselves suddenly gripped with a patriotic fervor as they rallied around the flag.

The same psychology applies today both here and around the world. When American forces, along with those of the coalition of the willing, begin to turn the corner and win this war against the tyrant Saddam Hussein and the radical Islamists he represents, the freedom loving peoples of the Middle East and the rest of the world will also rally around the flag of freedom. Freedom can be a contagious thing when vigorously defended.

Freedom, however, does not grow on trees, it must be asserted in order prosper and sometimes, tragically, that form of assertion may, as a last resort, mean going to war against those who threaten it. Today, our brave and heroic men and women in uniform are doing just that, they are securing a future of freedom for a people who live in a far off land, a people who are being crushed under the oppressive weight of Saddam Hussein's Islamo-fascist tyranny. Our heroic men and women in uniform are removing a threat to freedom everywhere, a threat that made itself known on our own shores on Sept. 11, 2001.

Since World War II, heroic American men in uniform have suffered and died defending small nations such as South Korea and South Vietnam from the imperialistic and brutal advances of international communism. Our nation has supported freedom fighters and insurgents trying to throw off the brutal yoke of communism in their homelands. We can take great satisfaction in knowing that our selfless efforts finally bore fruit with the collapse of the communist behemoth in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Millions of people were finally freed from the physical poverty and hunger as well as the spiritual and physical slavery and immorality of left-wing communism. Communism finally imploded on its own rot and was at long last relegated, along with its Nazi socialist counterpart, to the dust-bin of history.

Today the free world confronts a radical Islamic aggression, an aggression that represents a continuation of the oldest and most long-standing political and religious conspiracy, a conspiracy to subdue the world by force. Radical Islam, by nature, refuses to tolerate the existence of a non-Muslim world and the Radical Muslim feels commanded to engage in a perpetual bloody war or Jihad against the rest of the world until the rest of the world submits to its will. Thank God the vast majority of Muslims today do not follow these strictures of their faith. America and the free world rolls out the welcome mat to Muslim nations and peoples who want to live in peace. The free world welcomes Muslims who respect the independence and sovereignty of nations, the diversity of nations, and the natural laws of man.

But those who engage in Jihad must be utterly crushed if there is to be a future of freedom. The dastardly attack of Sept. 11, 2001, was a wholesale annihilation of over 3,000 of our fellow citizens, our friends and neighbors, mothers, fathers, grandparents, children, crueily murdered, cut down in the prime of their lives, simply because they, like all of us standing here, had the effrontery to live and be free in the non-Muslim world. That was the view of the 9/11 hijackers and that is the view of the radical Islamists today. For the first time, the ancient and evil force of Jihad struck us right in the solar plexus of the western hemisphere.

For over a millennia, much of the rest of the world has known the cruel sword of Jihad. The difference between the old days, when Jihadists could slaughter millions of indigenous Christians in the Middle East and North Africa, slaughtered over hundreds of years in what can only be described as a slow motion low tech Holocaust against Christians, and today, [illegible] Jihadists are playing with weapons of mass destruction, weapons that can and will use against us if they get the chance, weapons that can do the job in the blink of an eye.

The cause of freedom is a cause worth supporting. Only through freedom are individuals free to live according to a moral code. The best example of a free society is that our own God blessed Republic. We are once again embroiled in a World War against an authoritarian conspiracy, a conspiracy to deprive us and others of freedom. Lets hope and pray, that like past generations, we have the moral underpinnings, the courage, and the clarity regarding what's at stake to rise to the challenge. This enemy must once again be met on the field of battle if freedom is to endure; if we fall short our future will indeed be perilous.

Chuck Morse is a talk show host on AM 950 WROL-Boston.

Romney softens on gambling; as many come off Medicaid rolls

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Beacon Hill's been through weeks of theoretical debate, tut-tutting and pooh-poohing about Gov. Romney's government restructuring plan. That's all been rhetorical, but there was nothing abstract about what happened to 36,000 low-income people in Massachusetts: they lost their government health insurance and nearly all will no have no way to pay for care.

This development rested uncomfortably alongside a sudden shift in strategy by the administration on casinos. Looking urgently for cash from any available source to help balance next year's budget, the Romney team surprised the state by announcing it would be open to locating new venues for legal gambling in Massachusetts. The two items seem disparate at first, but they're not. Nationwide, state governments rake in hundreds of millions by collecting a piece of the action from betting parlors. Connecticut state government's expecting to collect $400 million this year from its two casinos. Applied to Massachusetts, that money would solve more than 10 percent of this year's budget deficit.

So Robert Pozen, the governor's chief economic aide, said the administration would support legislation allowing 7,200 slot machines here. They'd be video slots, spread amongst three parlors. The administration says the parlors would get five-year licenses, providing a mechanism for ending legalized gambling. But there's a wild card, so to speak, in this issue. Some Indian tribes argue that authorizing any kind legalized gambling entitles them to build a casino here under the federal law allowing tribes to improve their economic standing by building casinos on their ancestral lands.

Much as anyone may object to the ills of wagering, weighed against the end of health care for nearly helpless people, it's a fairly easy choice. House Speaker Thomas Finneran has persistently been against the idea of legal gambling. But just as persistently, there have been suggestions — from people close to him, not from him — that he's not absolutely inflexible. It's all about revenue — and that's why, more and more, people are starting to talk tax hike in the halls of the Statehouse. Well, murmur tax hike.

The administration is showing no room for compromise on the question. As April arrived and the pace of returns stepped up at Department of Revenue headquarters, Romney pointed out taxpayers' refunds this year are smaller than they would be, or non-existent, because of last year's $1 billion plus tax increase.

Meanwhile, though, the tax rates he says are too high generated a rare flash of good budget news for the governor, and other Beacon Hill budget writers. Mostly driven by strong corporate and business receipts, tax collections for March exceeded projections by $74 million, and were up from March 2002. It was the first time tax collections have been up for back-to-back months since before the recession began.

The gratitude some tax-abhorring Republicans may have secretly felt at the lush take reflects the old, old quandary on the Hill, reflected in the old, old aphorism: "Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die."

Besides the momentous budget and tax questions coming home to roost, lawmakers had their own internal fiscal matters on their minds.

• *Finneran against proposes e-z pay hike provision for leaders* — Speaker Finneran filed legislation that would allow the House and Senate to raise the pay of committee chairs and other leaderships without changing state law, as is now the case. The change would mean the two branches could set their own bonus pay without gubernatorial involvement. The Senate declined to admit the measure for consideration, and a session to debate the proposal in the House was scrapped. But later, the measure was admitted by the Senate and sent to the Public Service Committee. The Speaker's aides again cited the rationale that if the governor is able to raise the pay of his or her top aides without the Legislature's say-so, the Legislature shouldn't need the governor to approve its leadership pay hikes.

• *Tauro's ruling exacerbates Medicaid difficulty* — Federal Judge Joseph Tauro blocked a Medicaid rate cut to nursing home pharmacies. The rate cut was supposed to take effect April 1; the Romney administration was counting on the move saving the state about $26 million per year. "By issuing the rate change as an emergency rule, (the state) violated (pharmacy operators') rights to a public rate-setting process," wrote Judge Tauro. Senate Ways and Means Chairwoman Therese Murray, D-Plymouth, said of the decision: "We need to figure out what this means and what it means to the governor's budget. This could be really bad. This could have far-reaching implications."

• *Amorello: expect millions, not hundreds of millions, in dig reach back* — Matthew Amorello, chairman of the Turnpike Authority, said the state probably will not achieve hundreds of millions or a $1 billion in recouped mismanagement paybacks from the project's general contractor, Bechtel/Parsons Brinkerhoff. Senate Long-Term Debt Committee Chairman Mark Montigny, D-New Bedford, pressing Amorello on how much can be garnered from Bechtel, called the $200,000 recouped so far during the $14.6 billion project "embarrassing."

• *South Shore Chamber poll: 64 percent want Greenbush line* — A lineup of business leaders from the South Shore released a poll found 64 percent of respondents favor construction of the controversial Greenbush Line commuter rail expansion. The poll queried 454 people from the seven towns along or near the line's proposed route.

• *Romney forswears swearing Patrick in* — The strange case of Rep. (?) Matthew Patrick continued, as the governor decided not to swear him in. Patrick was the winner of the Nov. 5 election and a subsequent recount in the 3rd Barnstable District, but a Superior Court judge has ordered a special election be held for the Patrick seat because of voting irregularities on Election Day. The House has chosen to ignore that directive, convening a panel that ruled Patrick should be seated. The Democrat-controlled House adopted the panel's ruling. The governor said that out of respect for the judicial branch, he would hold off on administering the oath until after the next court hearing in the matter, set for next week.

• *Romney: we'll put sex offenders info online; suit promised* — Announcing Jennifer Franco as the new chairwoman of the Sex Offender Registry Board, Gov. Romney said his administration will post data on the highest-level sex offenders on the Internet. That prompted the litigation director of the Committee for Public Counsel Services to say her office and other advocates for offenders will sue to stop the dissemination of the information.

• *AG's office: corporate identity theft can't be prosecuted* — In testimony before the Criminal Justice Committee, officials from Attorney General Thomas Reilly's office told lawmakers they need a specific law criminalizing the theft of the identity of companies and non-profit entities. Identity theft is the number one consumer complaint nationwide, and the state passed a law in 1998 outlawing the theft of individual's identities, but the AG's aides said that needs to be expanded to protect charitable and corporate entities, like fraudulent telemarketers saying they're from the Salvation Army.

• *Healey is millionth "don't call" customer* — To attract public attention for the state's new anti-telemarketing "don't call" list, Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey's staff called in reporters to watch her sign up as the millionth person to add a name to the "do not call" list begun by last year's consumer legislation. People who signed up before March 1 will no longer be eligible as telemarketing targets; calls for charity, public opinion surveys and a few other purposes are still allowed. "I know that I speak for a lot of people in the Commonwealth when I say life is busy enough without being forced to respond to unwanted phone solicitations at home," the lieutenant governor said.

• *Former Sullivan aide wins right to face Sisk May 13* — A former aide to Rep. Joseph Sullivan, who is now running the state Lottery, won a four-man race for the Democratic nomination to replace Sullivan in the House. Joseph Driscoll pulled in 2,256 votes during the primary for the Braintree-based seat. His closest competitor, Joseph Powers, received 1,885 votes. Driscoll will face off against Republican Matthew Sisk, who was unopposed Tuesday, on May 13.

• *Story of the Week* — The removal of thousands from the Medicaid rolls had been talked about for months; now it's past the talking stage, and the protests are coming.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for over 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on two roll calls from recent sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Both House roll calls are on proposed amendments to a set of recently-approved rules to be followed when the House considers the fiscal 2004 state budget at the end of April. A key provision requires that any member who proposes an increase in spending in excess of $100,000 also offer a proposal decreasing spending by an equal or greater amount. Other provisions include requiring any tax hikes or tax cuts to be considered first followed by consideration of all other amendments and prohibiting earmarking of revenues from tax hikes for specific programs.

PROHIBIT EARMARKING OF TAX HIKES (H 3730)

House 45-101, rejected an amendment striking a new rule requiring that any tax hikes or tax cuts be considered first followed by consideration of all other amendments and prohibiting earmarking of revenues from tax hikes for specific programs. Amendment supporters said the new rule is anti-democratic and further reduces the power of rank and file members. They argued that a member who proposes a tax hike should be allowed to propose earmarking that revenue to education, local aid, health care or some other worthwhile program instead of having no control over the use of the revenue. Amendment opponents said the new rule is fiscally responsible and logical in light of the state's growing deficit. They argued that it is important to take a broad approach and establish how much revenue the state will receive prior to debate on where to spend the money. (A "Yea" vote is for striking the new rule requiring that taxes be considered first and prohibiting earmarking of revenues from tax hikes for specific programs. A "Nay" vote is against striking it and therefore favors the new rule).

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MODIFY "INCREASE/DECREASE RULE" (H 3730)

House 42-103, rejected an amendment to the new rule requiring that any member who proposes an increase in spending in excess of $100,000 also offer a proposal decreasing spending by an equal or greater amount. The amendment would not require a corresponding decrease if the increased spending is funded by tax hikes approved by the House. Amendment supporters said this compromise is fair and fiscally responsible because it requires a member who proposes increased spending to also propose either a corresponding spending reduction or to specify that the increased spending will come from a previously-approved tax hike. Amendment opponents said the amendment basically would kill the fiscally responsible "increase/decrease rule" and lead to the filing of billions of dollars worth of amendments that members would claim are funded from tax hikes. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment that allows for increased spending without a corresponding decrease if the increased spending is funded by tax hikes approved by the House. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

SEX OFFENDERS ON WEBSITE - Gov. Romney announced that the state would begin to post photos of high-level sex offenders on the Internet beginning on May 15. The governor said the public has a right to know where these offenders live and work so they can protect their children. Critics vow to fight the action in court and argue the postings are illegal and go beyond the limits of state sex offender laws.

NAMING THE NEW TUNNEL - Gov. Romney, Senate President Bob Travaglini and House Speaker Tom Finneran recently announced their support of legislation naming the new Interstate 93 tunnel the "Liberty Tunnel" as a fitting reminder of the sacrifices made in the name of liberty. They also agreed to support naming the shorter I-90 connector tunnel for the late U.S. House Speaker Tip O'Neil who was instrumental in securing funding for the Big Dig. Last week, a group of legislators said the names should be flipped and promised they will file legislation to name the larger tunnel after Tip. In response to the controversy, Senator Bob Hedlund (R-Weymouth) announced plans to file a measure to name the tunnel the "Taxpayers Tunnel."

SEAT BELTS (S 1337) - The Public Safety Committee held a hearing on legislation providing for primary enforcement of the seat belt law by allowing police officers to issue tickets to drivers not wearing seat belts even if the driver has not been stopped for another violation. Current law permits only secondary enforcement and prohibits the fine from being imposed unless the driver is stopped for another violation or some other offense. The House defeated the bill on a tie vote in 2001.

MOBILE PHONE RESTRICTIONS (S 1390) - The Public Safety Committee held a hearing on a proposal to restrict the use of mobile phones while driving. Current law allows drivers to use mobile phones and citizens band radios as long as one hand remains on the steering wheel at all times. The legislation would not affect citizens band radios but would prohibit the use of mobile phones, except for emergencies, unless they are equipped with hands-free technology. The measure also prohibits drivers under 18 years old from using any type of mobile phone except for emergencies.

AUTO TRUNK SAFETY LATCHES (H 1178) - The Public Safety Committee held a hearing on a proposal requiring every car to be equipped with a safety latch on the inside of the trunk in order to allow easy escape by anyone trapped.

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Train hearing is Tuesday

Two sessions are scheduled

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Communities which would be affected by Greenbush restoration are gearing up for the upcoming Army Corps of Engineers public hearing.

The meeting is being held at the request of public officials from Greenbush towns and is open to all interested parties on either side of the issue. The overall project involves installing 18 miles of rail line and building seven new commuter rail stations and a layover facility at the end of the line.

The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, in Sanborn Auditorium at town hall, 210 Central St., Hingham. There will be two sessions, one from 1 to 4 p.m. and the other beginning at 7 p.m. Registration for those who wish to comment on the project will begin at noon and 6 p.m. respectively. A stenographer will be on hand to record the comments of those who prefer not to speak publicly.

At the hearing, the Army Corps of Engineers will listen to project opponents and proponents alike, who will provide information pertinent to the Corps review of the project. The Corps, which is the lead federal agency overseeing plans to restore the Greenbush rail line, will ultimately decide whether or not to issue a permit to the MBTA which would allow them to move forward. The MBTA announced recently that the project would be delayed by six months pending awarding of the necessary permits.

The public hearing is in response to an application from the MBTA for a permit to place fill material within a total of 7.81 acres of wetlands and waterways for the construction of the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad.

Key issues revolve around potential adverse impacts on waterways and wetlands, but the scope is broad enough so that the Corps will also consider land use, the benefits of installing four-quadrant gates, and conservation and environmental concerns. Hingham's Memorandum of Understanding with the MBTA will also be addressed because Selectmen are concerned that the transit authority appears to be scaling back on previously agreed upon mitigation measures.

"The hearing is a good opportunity to mention significant existing impacts and the need to mitigate those before the project can move forward," said Hingham Town Administrator Charles Cristello. Area towns continue their push for four-quadrant gates, which are considered safer than two-quadrant gates because they have arms that stop traffic on both sides of the street, preventing cars from skirting around the gate to beat the train. Two-quad gates stop traffic only on the righthand side of the road, requiring a median strip to prevent cars from trying to beat the train.

"Median barriers are not a wise decision," Cristello said. "They're not what the town's Memorandum of Understanding with the MBTA calls for. There will also be visual impacts on the Historic District." It was further noted that the Corps is requiring the MBTA to provide a site-specific analysis of each grade crossing, taking into account the safety of vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, and use of the intersection by emergency vehicles. The Corps is also requiring that the analysis be coordinated with and reviewed by the Federal Railroad Administration.

Those who are unable to attend the hearing to offer comments publicly or through the stenographer have until April 25 to do so. Comments may be sent to: Ted Lento, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, Mass. 01742-2751.

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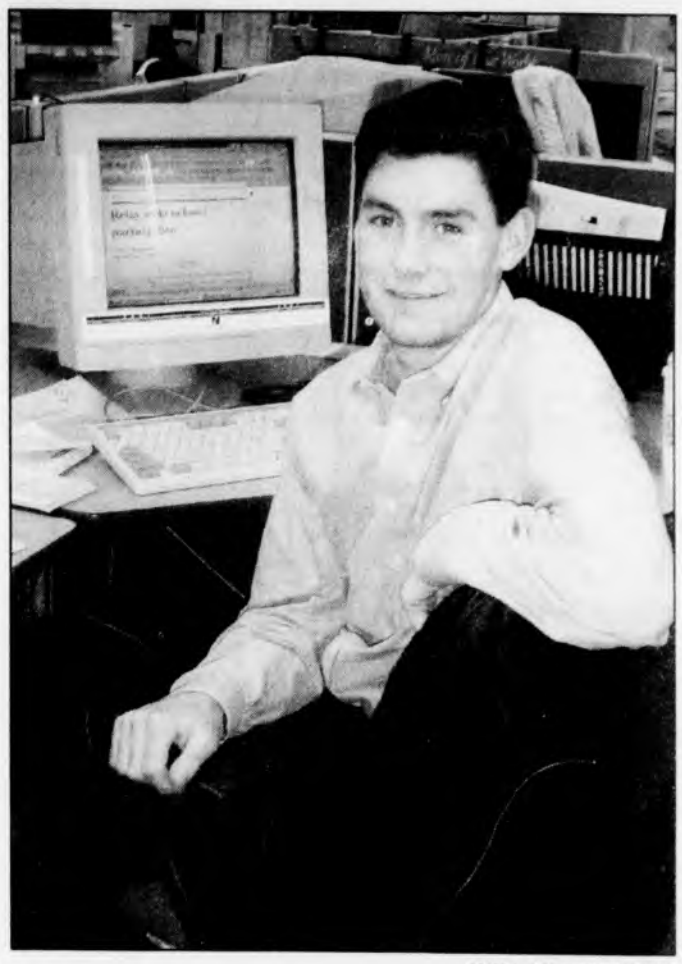

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The Cohasset Mariner welcomes its new reporter, John Camera.

John joined the Mariner in January after a short stint as an intern at the Patriot Ledger.

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Little girls had yellow ribbons around their pigtails, grownups displayed the stars and stripes in neckties, scarves or sweaters, and many veterans wore their garrison caps.

But the common bond among the 250 or so — who hailed from towns across the South Shore and packed the VFW post in Hull on Saturday — stretched way beyond what adorned their heads or clothing.

In a boisterous display of cheers, foot stomping and applause, the crowd needed little encouragement from any of the array of speakers and patriotic songs to let the soldiers of Hingham's 1058th Transportation Company know they have their unconditional support.

The National Guard unit, which draws from many area towns, was deployed in February as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Gulf War veteran Larry McInnis urged members of the audience to chant "USA, USA" loud enough for the 1058th could hear them. The National Guard unit was sent to Ft. Drum, N.Y. to train before going overseas.

"The media is finally figuring out the real hero is not the overpaid ballplayer or movie star," he said to loud applause, as he held up the front page of the Boston Herald featuring a photograph of 19-year-old former POW, Jessica Lynch of Palestine, W. Va. "She could be in the foxhole to my left or right any day."

McInnis also praised the military families and spouses who, with as little as 72 hours notice, have to cope bravely and often alone while their loved one is in harm's way. He asked everyone to pray for the troops, put a candle in their windows to light their way home, and tie a yellow ribbon around a tree or mailbox.

Cathy Wasik, mother of Specialist Greg Wasik of the 1058th, said her son fractured his skull in a work-related accident in January and got the OK to return to work a month later. "The next day he got clearance to go (with the 1058th)," she said. "There was no doubt in his mind he was going to go."

"Most of us who supported the troops in Vietnam didn't say anything. I've made up my mind not to be quiet anymore. As a Marine and citizen of the United States that is my freedom."
— Mary Jeanette Murray, Cohasset

Wasik, who said her son was sent from Ft. Drum on a special assignment to get trucks to the Gulf and is now on a ship overseas, talked to him on the telephone the night before the rally. She said he "sounds up but he misses home and his unit. He can't wait to see others from the 1058th."

Danny Napolitano of Marshfield, who served in Afghanistan with his U.S. Army National Guard unit out of Taunton, said he was filled with mixed emotions.

"Of course it's great to be home with my family," the father of three said. "But at the same time, there's a sense of guilt with the mission in Iraq and our loss of servicemen and women."

Naplitano, who is a sergeant with the Suffolk County Sheriff's department, said his unit wouldn't hesitate to serve in Iraq if called upon.

"If we were called to serve again, we'd be proud to do so," he said.

Former state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray of Cohasset, a Marine who served in World War II, said she wasn't going to be silent while the troops were overseas. She said it wasn't possible to support the troops and be against the war "while our boys and girls are over there."

"Most of us who supported the troops in Vietnam didn't say anything," she said. "I've made up my mind not to be quiet anymore. As a Marine and citizen of the United States that is my freedom."

The event was sponsored by the James W. Richardson VFW Post 1787; the Hingham and Hull Republican town committees, with the support of the VFW and legion posts in Hingham, and the Scituate Republican Town Committee.

Featured speakers included Napolitano and McInnis; local attorney David Grossack of the Hull Republican Town Committee; state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham; state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth; Kingston Selectman Olavo "Ollie" DeMacedo; and Chuck Morse, radio talk show host with WROL-Boston. Soloist Joyce Kimball led the crowd in singing a range of patriotic songs, including Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA."

Morse said while freedom can be "a contagious thing when vigorously defended…it doesn't, however, grow on trees" and must be asserted, even if that means going to war as a last resort.

"Our heroic men and women in uniform are removing a threat to freedom everywhere, a threat that made itself known on our own shores on Sept. 11, 2001," he said.

DeMacedo, the Kingston selectman, said it takes men and women of character to make tough decisions in tough times, regardless of public opinion.

"History will prove this war is right and just," he said. DeMacedo, who immigrated to the United States, said he was grateful to be an American.

"There's no place I'd rather be," he said. "What a land, what a country. Would people sacrifice everything to come here in an inner tube if it were so bad?"

Quoting the French author of the 19th century, Alexis de Tocqueville, DeMacedo said "America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

"Think about this," DeMacedo said. "What if democracy was never born; if America never was. Think about the condition of our world and all the people that would be living under tyranny."

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Larry McInnis, a Gulf War veteran, shows a picture of Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, whom he describes as at true American hero. McInnis was one of several speakers at a rally supporting the troops in Hingham's 1058th Transportation Company.

On active duty

The following troops from Cohasset are on active duty:

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Mary Sease, center, has Emma Paven run through the Shoe Market for Kids to try out her new pair of shoes as Susan Cameron looks on.

Sister shoe store is family affair

New shop opens in Tedeschi Plaza

By John Camera
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For the Lagrotteria family of Cohasset, there's no business like shoe business.

Of Jim and Dorothy Lagrotteria's 11 children, eight have worked in shoe sales at one time or another. Six are still involved in the business, and one of them, Mary (Lagrotteria) Sease, has just started a store of her own — Shoe Market for Kids, at Tedeschi Plaza on Route 3A.

The store opened its doors last Tuesday and held its grand opening over the weekend. Sease credits her brother, Gary Lagrotteria, who owns Shoe Market in Cohasset Plaza, for providing her with the resources to open the store. According to Sease, Gary has been the driving force behind his siblings' obsession with footwear.

"He just sucks everybody in," she said. "He can talk anybody into anything."

In 1995, Greg talked Mary into running a shoe store he was starting up in Portland, Maine. She fell in love with the business and became one of several siblings working for Greg, who also operated a shoe store in West Palm Beach, Fla. at the time. Then, five years ago, Sease moved her brother's Maine-based operation to Cohasset. What was previously Shoe Cottage became Shoe Market.

Now, Sease has taken on a new challenge — Shoe Market for Kids, you might say, is a genuine "sister store." The clientele are younger and the sizes are smaller than what you might find at the regular Shoe Market, but Sease says the rewarding feeling of fitting someone with quality footwear hasn't changed a bit.

"We've had people come in and hug us because their feet have never felt so comfortable," she said.

Sease decided to open a children's shoe store after learning that Combs Shoe Co. of Scituate was going out of business later this year. She said owner Bob Combs, who has had the store for nearly 40 years, was the "guru of shoes."

"I can only hope to be as patient and as big of a professional as Mr. Combs," she said. "Everyone that's grown up on the South Shore has brought their children to him, me included."

Sease said she would have never opened a new store if Combs wasn't closing shop. "He's the Mister Rogers of the neighborhood…We didn't want to infringe on his business," she said.

Sease said children's footwear has come a long way in the last 20 years. For one thing, shoe companies like Stride Rite are now far more conscious of the effect their shoes have on babies' and toddlers' feet. Because of that, Sease puts an added emphasis on making sure the size is right.

"We pride ourselves on fitting," she said, noting that her employees had recently been trained by a Stride Rite representative. "We're not pushing the shoe out the door. We're getting the right size and the right width so the shoe fits right."

Shoe Market for Kids offers 15 to 20 different brands of kids' shoes — everything from Sperry and New Balance to to Polo and Primigi, an imported Italian "comfort shoe."

Sease says she has her family and friends to thank for helping get her store off the ground. Her father, Jim, helped with carpentry work inside the store. Brother Gary helped her establish a line of credit with the major shoe companies. Friends helped paint the store, and sister Jennifer is helping her work the register and tend to customers two days a week. Sisters Annmarie, Christine and Barbara, who now manages Shoe Market, helped out with this weekend's grand opening. And Sease's 15-year-old-son and 10-year-old daughter will join the Shoe Market for Kids staff this summer.

"This has just been a blessing," she said.. "Everybody contributed in some way."

Then again, as Sease recalled, teamwork is nothing new for the Lagrotteria family. Growing up in Cohasset, she said, her siblings were always helping each other out.

"They'd be involved in anything you do," she said. "We're a very close family."

Historic Hingham homes on tour

The 79th Annual Tour of Historic Hingham Homes, sponsored by the Hingham Historical Society is slated for Sunday, May 18 from noon to 6 p.m.

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These homes are not handicap-accessible.

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Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 on the day of the tour. They are available by mail and also at Bowl and Board in Hingham Square, the Hingham Public Library at 66 Leavitt St. and Noble's Camera Shops in Hingham Square and Lincoln Plaza. Tickets on tour day will be sold only at the Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln St. after 9 a.m. At that time, tickets may also be exchanged for tour books.

To order tickets by mail, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and your check to: The Hingham Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham 02043 and mark the envelope: "House Tour".

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SPORTS

American Legion Baseball signup

The Post 118 American Legion Baseball team will hold a sign-up on Saturday, April 19 at 9 a.m. at Scituate High School baseball field. Any teenage player from Scituate or Cohasset is eligible to play for the team.

Post 118 Team Manager Scott Arnold is still looking for an assistant coach for the team. Anyone interested in the position should call Scott at 781-545-1896.

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On the South Shore
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The few, the proud

Low roster turnout doesn't get lady tracksters down

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The sport of track and field is a unique one, in that it requires individual talent, and very little teamwork for the team to succeed. And so, when the *team* has very little shot of winning, individuals still have the opportunity of achieving their personal goals. That is exactly what coach Al LaFountain is hoping for the girls on his track team.

After being on the business end of two early season whoopings (losing to Norwell 110-28 and to Rockland by a similar margin), the main objectives of the season will be focused around qualifying individuals for the elite, postseason meets like States.

"We could have held our own against either one of those teams," noted LaFountain, who expected 20 girls on the team this year. "It's just that eight or nine girls decided not to come out. But the kids that came out are fantastic."

There are some very talented tracksters on the current squad, even though the squad, at 10 girls, is a far cry from the 60-name roster Rockland brings to its meets. Junior captain Jenn Buckley will lead the way for postseason qualification after two great seasons as a freshman and sophomore.

Buckley has already qualified for States in the 1-mile, running 5:34, which is almost as fast as the main miler on the Cohasset boys team. Buckley has also seen success in the field events, coming within a foot of qualification in the javelin with a throw of 90 feet, 10 inches.

Sophomore Mary Silvia, who emerged as a freshman force in 2002, is within two hundredths of a second in the half mile, or 800-meters. Fellow sophomore Nicole Whitney is similarly bearing down on qualifying in her running event, the 400-meter, or quarter-mile.

Senior LaRaine Langford won the South Shore League title in the 100-meter hurdles last year, showing her quickness, agility, and, above all,

GIRLS TRACK, PAGE 19

Swinging off course

Errors do in softball team in varsity debut

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

If only the numbers on last Thursday's softball game between Cohasset High and Holbrook High could be reversed.

If the scores were reversed, it would have made for an easy story to write, with a lot of one liners here and there.

Unfortunately, the scores were not reversed and this story has to be written with great delicacy, feelings and understanding. Actually, I'm just trying to stall time to keep from writing down the score.

Let's just say Holbrook won the game, and I will write down the score at the end of the story just to make sure I don't say something smart alecky.

First of all, coach Deb Bostwick and her Skippers had some legitimate excuses concerning the lopsided score of the game.

For one thing, the opening day of the season was very cold and wet. For another thing, it was Cohasset's first varsity game since dropping varsity softball seven years ago. For another thing, the Skippers are a very young team with just one senior, captain Heather Perino, a leftfielder, six juniors, six sophomores and five freshmen.

Obviously, the team has a lot of building ahead of it.

"It was an extremely cold day," said coach Bostwick. "Would you believe it took the kids at least four innings to warm up, it was so cold?"

This will give you a bit of a hint of how the final score came out. At the end of four innings, Holbrook was leading, 9-3. Cohasset had committed eight errors over the four innings, with more coming. The Skippers fin-

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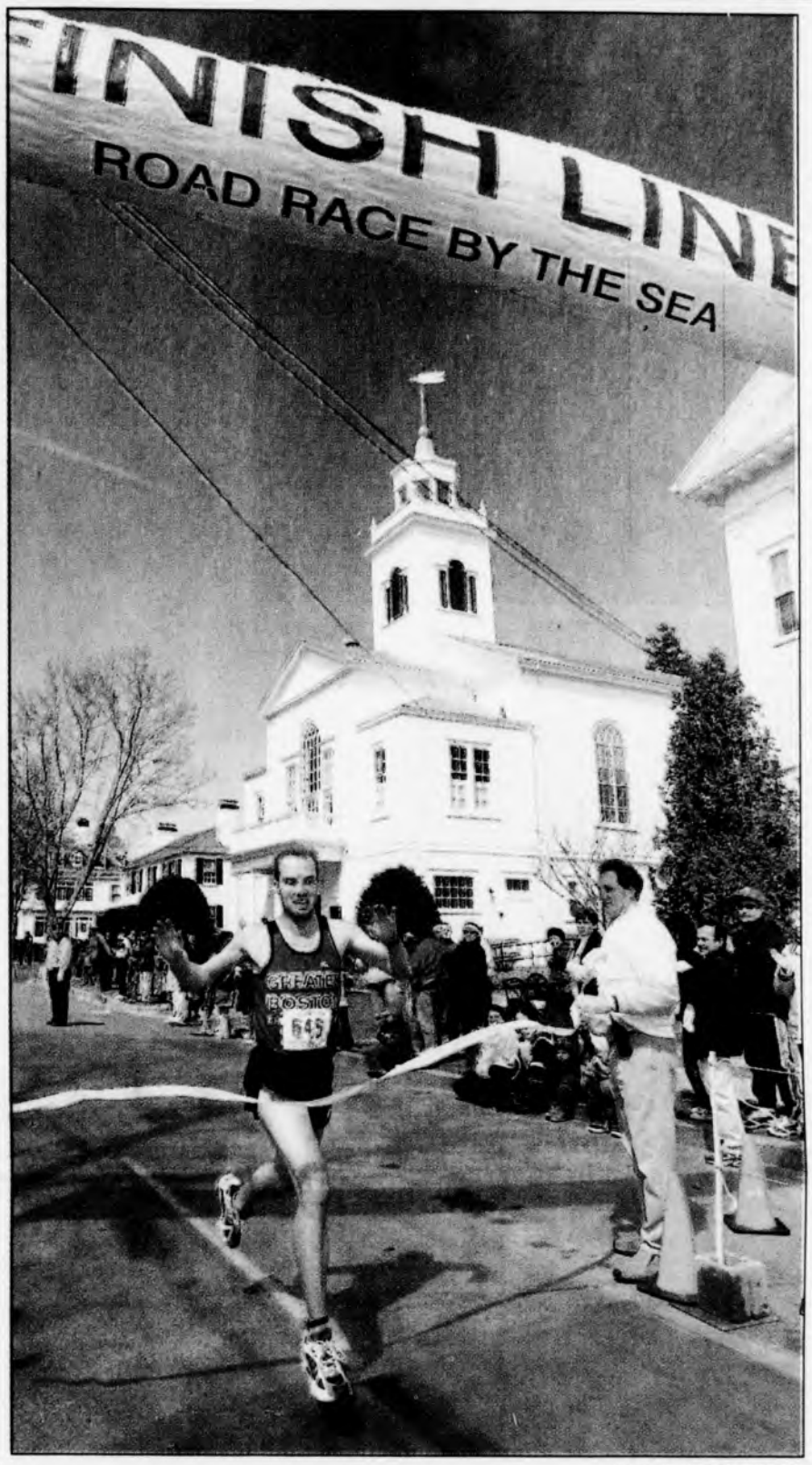

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Kit Wells crosses the finish line first at the 27th annual Cohasset Road Race-by-the-Sea this past Sunday. For more race photos and details, see page 18.

Cool Running

Fight against polio the big winner of Race-by-the-Sea

By Mike Spellman
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The streak is over.

For the first time since 2000, a Cohasset runner failed to protect the home turf.

Kit Wells, of Brookline, ran to a first place finish in the 27th annual Cohasset Road Race-by-the-Sea, this past Sunday, covering the scenic 10-kilometer course in a brisk 34:24—an outstanding mile pace of 5:33—to finish comfortably ahead of fellow Brookliner Bryan Doldt (34:48) and Brighton's Robert LaPlante (35:03).

Falmouth's Margaret Bradley was the first female finisher, her 39:49 finish placing her more than one minute ahead of Needham's Meg Hughes (40:52). Westwood's Caitlin Mezzano took third (41:54), followed by Charlestown's Heather Turgeon (42:03) and Hingham's Katherine Forbes (42:31).

The top Cohasset finisher was Jim Cavanaro, 40, who took 10th overall with his run of 36:45, good for third in the 40-49 age group. Chris Pariseault was the next townie to cross the line, taking 20th overall with his 38:27 finish, as he just barely held off fellow Cohasset resident David Dugan (22nd, 38:41).

Barbara Buckley (43:55) was Cohasset's top female finisher, taking 81st overall and second in her 40-49 age division. Linda Nistico-Klier (84th, 44:11) was not far off that pace, as she took eighth overall in the 18-39 group.

Last April, Cohasset's Paul Stanislawzyk was the overall winner. The year before that, native Dyan Young won the women's race.

This year's race drew

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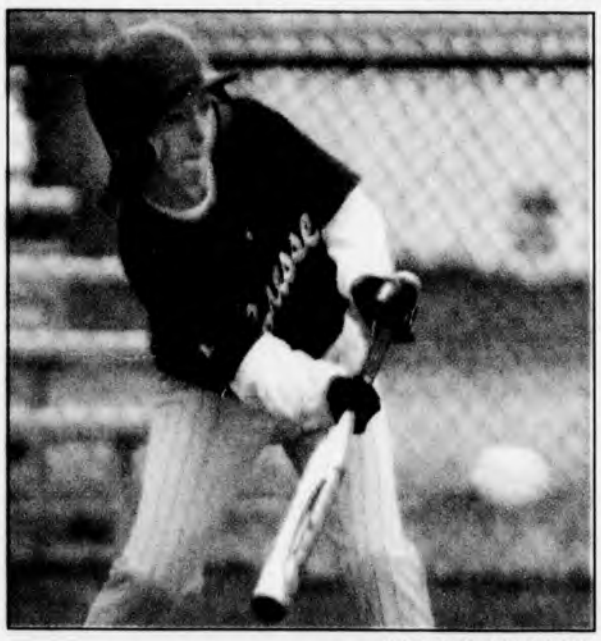

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Cohasset's Cecilia Chapman attempts to lay down a bunt in first varsity softball game played in Cohasset in eight years last

Boys tennis shines through bad weather

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

While unseasonably snowy weather has kept the girls team from competing in a dual match in the 2003 season, the boys team has taken advantage of their early non-league schedule to jump out to a 2-0 record.

Second year boys coach Kent Parrot came into the season unsure of whether or not he would even have a full team, but solid play from a now experienced lineup indicates things could be looking up for the squad.

After beating Hanover, the former SSL rival, in the snow last Tuesday, 3-2, Cohasset buried Cape Cod Academy on the road by a sweeping score of 5-0. It marked only the third time in the last three years that a Cohasset boys tennis team has recorded a shutout.

At first singles, Dave Ingber fought off a nagging case of bronchitis to take down Cape Cod's ace in straight sets. Although he fell 3-0 in the opening to the free-swinging sophomore, Ingber rallied to

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All-Scholastic boys basketball team

Cohasset's Bildodeau named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 19, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top male basketball players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

Chris Bilodeau- Junior Guard - Cohasset

Chris Bilodeau

This South Shore League all-star follows in the footsteps of older brothers TJ (Class of '01) and Matt ('02) as a Mariner All-Scholastic basketball selection...averaged 17 points per game to go along with four assists and 4.5 rebounds per game this season for the Skippers...also led the team in steals and minutes played...an extremely well-rounded player who can light it up from long range or take it strong...worked hard to improve his defense this season...top offensive output of the season was a 29-point explosion versus SSL rival Harwich...plays basketball year roudn for the prestigious Coastal Pops AAU team...also a sensational receiver for the Cohasset High football team, twice earning league all-star honors here as well...would like to play college basketball like older brother TJ (Harvard)...Cohasset coach Ron Ford: "Chris was a tough guy to take off the floor this season. He did so many things well for us. He was already a good player, but he worked hard to improve his all around game. That really showed at the defensive end, and from the free throw line. His scoring average went up a lot this year, and a lot of those points came as a result of his improvement at the line."

Joe Coppens - Junior Guard - Rockland

Joe Coppens

No question here...A two-time Patriot League All-star and Mariner All-Scholastic, Coppens is one of the most feared players in Eastern Mass...Just a junior, Coppens led the Bulldogs in

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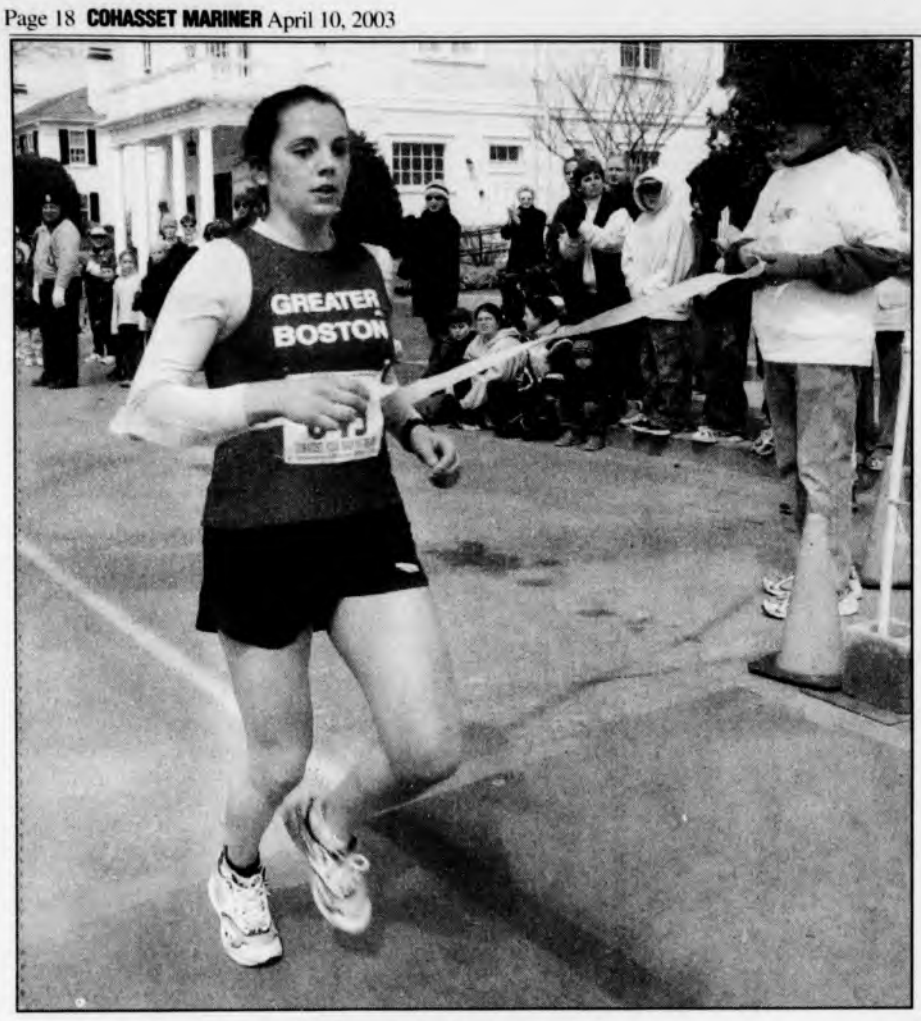
FILE PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

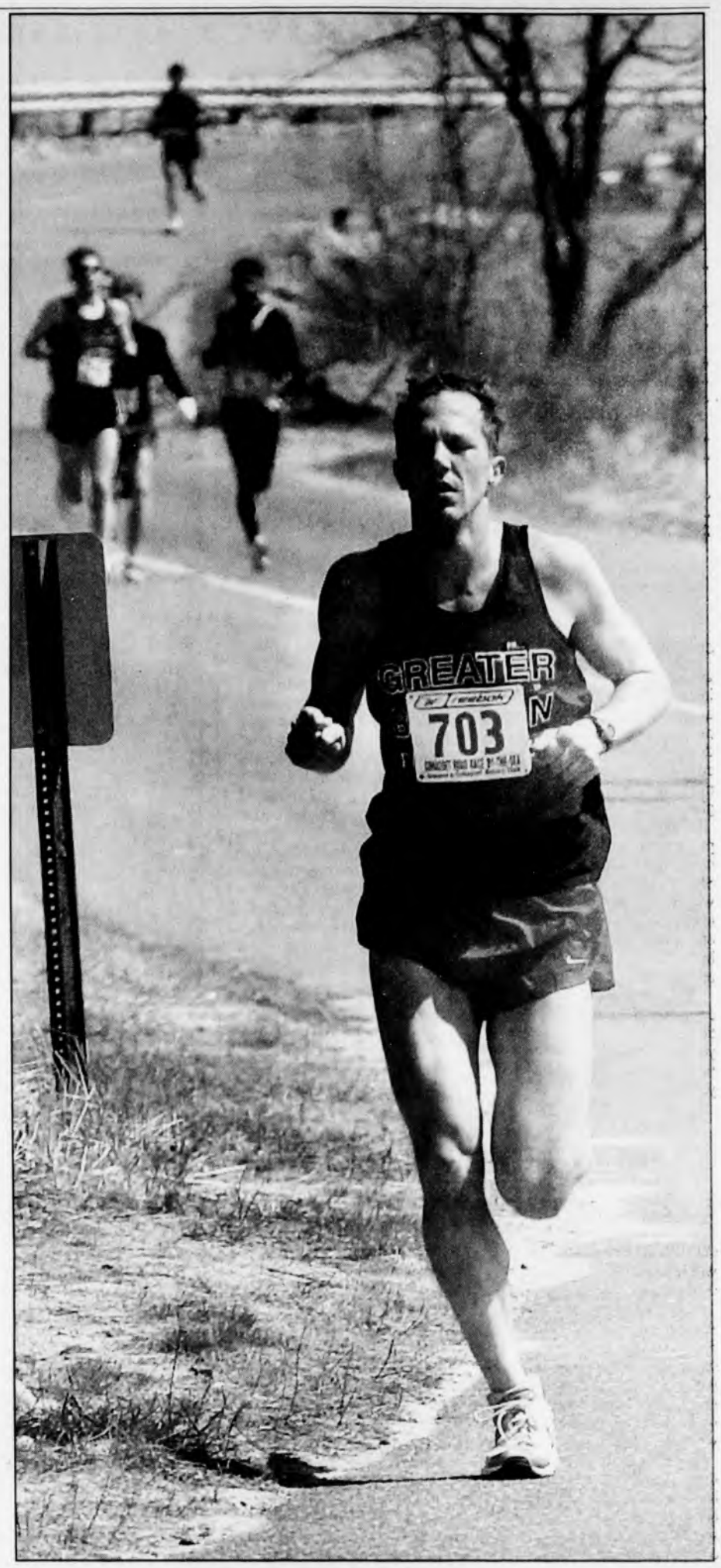
Cohasset's Chris Bilodeau (#32) improved in virtually every area in his junior year for the Skippers and tossed down 17 points per game, making him an easy selection for Mariner All-Scholastic honors.



Above: *Margaret Bradley, of Falmouth, breaks the tape to win the female race with a time of 39:49.*

At right: *Bryan Doldt leads the pack along Atlantic Ave. Doldt wound up finishing second overall to fellow Brookline resident Kit Wells.*

At left: *Hingham's Frank O'Brien (#546) does his best to fend off this challenge.*



Cohasset Road Race By The Sea

Top Category Placers

Male

Under 14

1 Drew Morrissey, Hingham- 39:38
2 Jason Cerilli, Hingham- 43:09
3 Nicholas Poles, Quincy- 43:46

14-17

1 Brendan Farragher, Scituate- 48:10
2 Zack Kennedy, Ocean Bluff- 48:46

18 - 39

1 Kit Wells, Brookline- 34:24
2 Bryan Doldt, Brookline- 34:48
3 Robert Laplante, Brighton- 35:03
4 Matt Nolan, Somerville- 35:14
5 Brian Noyes, Marshfield- 35:53

40-49

1 Robert Chasen, Weymouth- 35:40
2 Mike Kelleher, Scituate 35:48
3 Jim Cavanaro, Cohasset- 36:45

50-59

1 Rob Ruel, Whitman- 35:19
2 Kevin McCarthy, Portsmouth RI- 39:10
3 Michael Amster, Concord 43:14

60 & Over

1 Al Nagel, Lincoln- 43:04
2 Shu Minami, Nashua NH- 48:16
3 Paul Barry, Jr., Cohasset- 51:46

Female

18-39

1 Margaret Bradley, Falmouth- 39:49
2 Meg Hughes, Needham 40:52
3 Caitlin Mezzano, Westwood- 41:54
4 Heather Turgeon, Charlestown- 42:03
5 Katherine Forbes, Hingham- 42:31

40 - 49

1 Frannny Haney, Duxbury- 43:41
2 Barbara Buckley, Cohasset- 43:55
3 Jennifer Cerilli , Hingham- 44:38

50-59

1 Janet Bober, Burlington- 42:40
2 Dee Dee Mariano, Braintree- 51:47
3 Susan McMackin, Hingham- 53:23

60 & Over

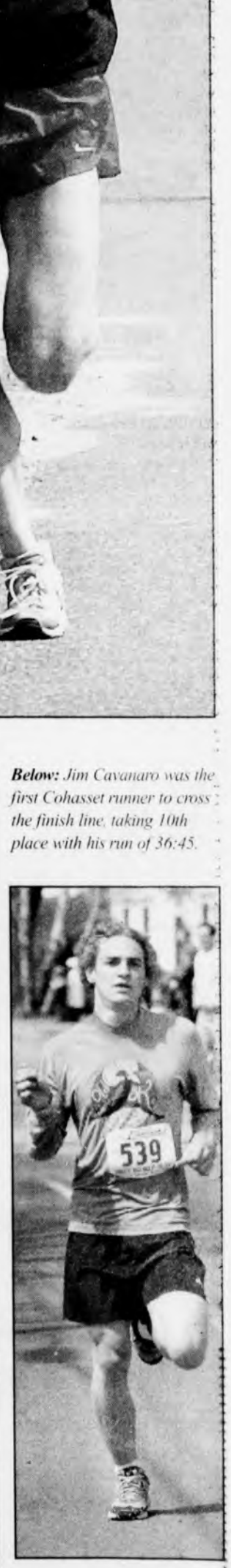
1 Anne Marie McDonald, Weymouth- 1:23:56

Cohasset runners placing in top 100

10	Jim Cavanaro	36:45
20	Chris Pariseault	38:27
22	David Dugan	38:41
46	E.J. Coveney	41:23
50	Jef Dimonida	41:43
54	John Cavanaro	42:20
57	Josh Walker	42:31
70	Adam Donovan	43:27
71	Ross Lieb-Lappen	43:33
72	Steve Carrier	43:37
81	Barbara Buckley	43:55
84	Linda Nistico Klier	44:11
89	William Cavanaro	44:29

And it's neck and neck at the finish between Cohasset's Chris Pariseault (#658) and Cambridge's Justin Drechler.

Below: *Jim Cavanaro was the first Cohasset runner to cross the finish line, taking 10th place with his run of 36:45.*



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Quality over quantity

Cohasset tracksters concentrate on individual feats

By Mike Spellman
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With only 22 athletes in his entire program, it's not surprising to hear Cohasset High track coach Al LaFontain talking almost exclusively about individual goals where this season is concerned.

"I told the kids to concentrate on their best events this year, and not worry as much about team wins," said the fifth year CHS coach. "We just don't have the numbers to cover all of the events against the bigger teams in our league."

This harsh reality was on full display last Thursday when both the Cohasset boys and girls teams fell to 0-2 on the season, each suffering lopsided losses to perennial South Shore League power Norwell.

Cohasset boys took first place in 10 of 14 events, but, with just 13 athletes on the squad, they watched in frustration as the much deeper Norwell team cleaned up on the second and third place points to win going away, 96-48.

Senior captain Ian Kidder took three firsts on his own—winning the javelin, triple jump and 200-meter race—and also had a hand in a fourth win, running a leg for the victorious 4x100 relay team.

Captain Jared Krupczak was also a part of the 4x100 win, and pulled off solo victories in the 100-meter dash and long jump.

A third senior, Braun Goodson, took a couple of firsts in the shot put and discus.

A ninth win was turned in by junior Nick Parker, who took first place points in his debut in the high hurdles, and the locals also swept the high jump competition.

Unfortunately, the Skippers could not even enter any athletes in the 4x400 meter relay or 2-mile race, so they relinquished 20 points without a battle there.

The Cohasset boys squad, which was hit hard by graduation, has now lost as many meets this season as it had in LaFountain's first two seasons at the helm. The Skippers lost once in both 1999 and 2000, and then went unbeaten in league competition each of the past two seasons.

"We lost a lot of talent to graduation," said LaFountain, referring to athletes such as Tim Baird, Peter Maitland, Liam Martin and Dan Kinchla, "and our numbers are down this year. Still, we have some talented athletes this year who I think can do well in the big meets and the states."

Ditto for the girls squad, notes coach LaFountain.

The Lady Skippers got impressive first place finishes from junior Mary Silvia in the 800 and freshman Lisa Musto in the 2-mile, but, with just eight team members, simply could not keep pace with Norwell. The host Lady Clippers won going away,110-28.

Cohasset was without returning Mariner All-Scholastic trackster Jen Buckley, a standout in the mile, 2-mile and javelin, as well as a fast-improving discus thrower. With her, Tuesday's score would have no doubt been much more palatable.

Fortunately, the injury to Buckley was not a serious one, and she should be ready to perform should today's scheduled hosting of Hull (3:30 start) go off as planned.

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good form. She is up for defending her title this year, and could qualify for states. She has also picked up with the shot put and discus events in the field, with the emaciated squad rarely putting more than one competitor in a given event.

LaFountain would have liked to put together a girls squad that could have made a run at a South Shore League title, especially with the success of the boys teams, winning the SSL in each of the past two years. However, he maintains a roll with the punches attitude.

"I'm not begging people to come out for my team," he mentioned. "You come out because you have a passion for track and field. It is just a major re-building year."

In fact, there are positive aspects of the smaller team (which probably do not outweigh the benefits of a big team, but they are positives nonetheless.) For example, the younger team members especially have received extra one-on-one coaching with LaFountain and Sue Giuglia, something that will definitely help them this year and beyond.

Lafountain has tried to create a feeder system that would encourage athletes to get involved with track at a younger age, like the popular soccer and lacrosse camps over the summer do for those sports. His efforts, such as attempting to create a winter running club, have been stifled, according to LaFountain, because it would steal too many quality athletes from their varsity winter sports.

The lack of numbers is undoubtedly frustrating for coaches and members of the team alike. In truth, being so strapped for athletes makes very little sense after the boys success in the league and some of the girls successes at States.

"I've always said that if we win, the numbers will come," offered LaFountain. "Well, we've won, and the numbers are disappearing."

Boys tennis shines through bad weather

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win 12 straight games for a 6-3, 6-0 victory.

At second singles, junior Tim Anton improved to 2-0 with his 6-3, 6-3 win. Playing a much taller opponent, Anton utilized his tough serve with accurate lobbing to grab the victory. The win leaves his career record at 14-4, the best winning percentage on the team.

Senior Ross Lieb-Lappen also moved to 2-0 on the year, taking his match 6-3, 6-2. Lieb-Lappen has always seen success at third singles over the past few seasons, combining his athleticism and speed at the net with a great finishing ability.

In both the wins over Hanover and over Cape Cod Academy, Cohasset took all three singles matches. However, the doubles players, after losing both first and second doubles to Hanover, bounced back for very solid wins.

Senior Scott Faber and junior Andrew Wise paired for a dominating win, that featured Wise's tremendous returning and lobbing skills with Faber's putaways right up at the net. If they play the way they did last Thursday, first doubles could become a very strong point on the team, even though it was a rough point on the 2002 squad.

"What can I say, when I'm on, I'm *on*," noted Wise of his three-set victory, which he clearly felt should have been over in two. "We just fell asleep in the first set."

The freshman tandem of Nils Sceery and Chris Pescatore showed promise for a terrific year at second double, with a decisive straight sets win. Pescatore, suiting up for his first match of the year after being named as a late addition to the roster, will be a great asset to the team as a doubles player. While Sceery may end up in the singles rotation as the season moves along, his skills in doubles are very important to controlling the tempo of the game off the serve and at the net.

The girls team, while primed for yet another monster year and run at the South Shore League title, have been on the unfortunate end of the bad weather. They have had matches against local rivals Norwell, who shared the SSL crown with Cohasset last year, and Scituate, a non-league foe that has matched up with Cohasset for some very exciting matches in the last few years, postponed for a later date in the season.

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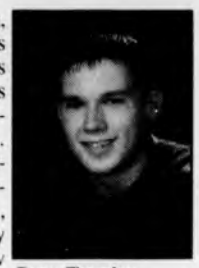
scoring this season, averaging 21 ppg despite missing seven games with mono…Coppens was also second in assists (65)…His all-around play on the court helped land Rockland (22-2) in the finals of the Div. 3 South Sectional and win the Patriot League title (11-1)…Defensively, Coppens shut down some of the area's best players and led the Rockland team in steals (65)…At the line, Coppens went 79 percent, hitting 96-of-122…Also a receiver on the RHS football squad, Coppens will return to lead the Bulldog offense next season. Rockland coach Bob Fisher: "He's a special player. He's an offensive threat whenever he has the ball. He can hit threes and drive just as well. He sees the floor exceptionally well. He's going to be one of the best."

Joe Esposito - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Rockland

Joe Esposito

With many opposing defenses fixed on fellow All-Scholastic Joe Coppens, Esposito made team's pay…
Despite being outsized, the 5-foot, 11-inch center still remained successful averaging a double-double on the season with 12 ppg and 10 rebounds per game, which led the team…His consistent performance under the hoop helped Rockland (22-2) reach the Div. 3 South Sectional finals and win a Patriot League title (11-1)…A PL All-star, Esposito took a team-high 15 offensive fouls, which demonstrates his ability to guard the game's big men…Also a football player at RHS, Esposito plans to attend St. Joseph's in Maine and continue his basketball career. Rockland coach Bob Fisher: "Mr. Consistent. He played so much bigger than his size. Underneath the hoop, he's aggressive and physical, but he's also a very gentle, classy man. He's a coach's delight."

Ryan Thornley - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Rockland


Ryan Thornley

Voted a captain as the season went on, Thornley's growth this year was unmatched…A 6-foot, 2-inch forward, Thornley and fellow All-Scholastic Joe Esposito, teamed for one of the more productive inside games around…Thornley was the Bulldogs' (22-2) second-leading rebounder (170 this season) and also shot 75 percent at the free throw line…A workhorse under the basket, Thornley is a great inside passer and solid defender, both of which helped Rockland reach the Div. 3 South Sectional finals and win a Patriot League title (11-1)…A PL All-star, Thornley was the leading scorer at the All-star game. Rockland coach Bob Fisher: "Without Ryan, we don't go to UMass Boston (site of the D3 final). He was without question the most improved player. His work ethic is impeccable, he's a tremendous presence inside, and was the spiritual leader in the locker room."

Eric Mahoney - Senior (Capt.)
Point-Guard - Rockland

Eric Mahoney

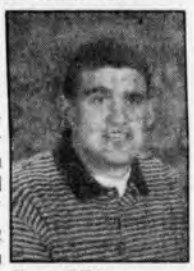
Cited by his coach as being a tremendous leader on and off the court, Mahoney was a great inspiration for the Patriot League champion Bulldogs (11-1)…His leadership, performance, and great attitude helped Rockland (22-2) reach the finals of the Div. 3 South Sectional…The second leading scorer with 13.1 ppg, Mahoney was deadly from three-point land…The team's best defender, Mahoney was always assigned to guard the opposing team's best player and he relished it…Was the team's second-leading assist man (61) and third in steals (45)…A two-time PL All-star and straight-A student at RHS, Mahoney plans to attend UMass Lowell to study Engineering and possibly play basketball. Rockland coach Bob Fisher: "If you put all the captains in the area together, Eric would captain the captains. He's a natural born leader and inspired this team to rise above. He was the heart and pulse of this team. He will be deeply, deeply missed."

Rob Schuler - Senior (Capt.)
Point-Guard - Hanover

Rob Schuler

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Schuler had another standout season for the Indians (13-10, 7-5 PL)…After getting off to a slow start, Schuler fueled Hanover's winning of six of their last eight games down the stretch, thus qualifying them for the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney…The three-year starter was among the team's leading scorers, averaging 15 points per game, while lead the squad in assists with eight per game…Defensively, Schuler was among the best in the Patriot League, averaging four steals a game…Scored a game high 25 points in Hanover's thrilling 84-63 win in the finals of the Abington tourney…Schuler also plays baseball and soccer at HHS…A PL All-star, Schuler plans to attend Bates College where he may continue both his baseball and basketball careers. Hanover coach Mark Malloy: "Rob was a great leader. He had a lot to do with bringing the team together in the second half of the season. He's seen a lot of pressure and always responded very well. He's a great kid."

Brent DiGiovanna - Junior
Center - Hanover


Brent DiGiovanna

One of the Patriot League's best "big men", DiGiovanna (6'3") led the Indians' in scoring this season with an average 16 points per game…A workhorse under the basket, the three-year starter was difficult to stop, pulling down an average 11 boards per game…In a victory over Hingham this season, DiGiovanna put up 29 points and 20 rebounds…His performance under the hoop was key down the stretch, as the Indians (13-10, 7-5 PL) won six of their last eight games to qualify for post-season play…A PL All-star, DiGiovanna will captain the hoop squad next year. Hanover coach Mark Malloy: "He's come a long way since his freshman season, when we went 3-17. He's really matured. He's a force down low and really understands the concept of team play."

Bill Junkins - Senior
Center - Abington

Bill Junkins

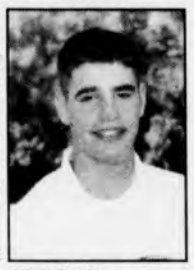
After coming off the bench last season, Junkins was the Green Wave's breakout player inside, averaging a double-double with 10.2 points and 11.8 rebounds per game…Not a flashy player, Junkins' workhorse mentality under the basket is what made him successful for the South Shore League runners-up (10-2)…His efforts helped lead Abington (15-7) to the Div. 3 South tourney…Also a member of the AHS football squad, Junkins made a key interception in the team's Div. 5 Super Bowl victory last fall…Junkins plans to attend UMass Dartmouth and continue his football career. Abington coach Don Byron: "The way he stepped up this year without having much playing time in the past was just impressive. Bill was a significant player because he just did so much on the inside. He was probably the best rebounder in the league and to average a double-double is just incredible."

Brian McSharry - Junior (Capt.)
Point -Guard - Abington

Brian McSharry

Playing on the rebuilding Green Wave squad, McSharry more than fit the bill…The junior finished as Abington's leading scorer with 16.9 points per game, while also contributing 5.4 rebounds a game…A great ball-handler who can score from anywhere, McSharry led Abington (15-7) to a 10-2 finish in the South Shore League, good for second, and to the Div. 3 South tourney…He was an SSL All-star this season…As quarterback of the AHS football squad, McSharry helped lead Abington to a Div. 5 Super Bowl title last fall…He will return to captain both teams next season. Abington coach Don Byron: "With all we lost last year, we needed someone to step up. Brian was that player for us. He had the most effect on whether we won or lost a game. Brian has a tremendous scoring ability and a good nose for the ball. He is one of the most respected players in the area right now."

Nick DeVito - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Hingham


Nick Devito

Perhaps better known for his skills on the baseball field, DeVito's performance on the basketball court drew praise from area coaches…As captain of a rebuilding Hingham squad, DeVito averaged a double-double, racking up 16 points and 12 rebounds per game…Standing at 6'5", the Patriot League All-star was one of the best big men…Ranked second on the Harbormen (8-12) team in assists and steals…Was most proud of his performances against Hanover and fellow All-Scholastic Brent DiGiovanna…DeVito is a standout shortstop and pitcher on the HHS squad and has garnered the attention of several colleges and pro-scouts. Hingham coach Jon Rice: "He's a tough player with strong hands. Once the ball's in his hands, no one's going to take it away. He developed some great post moves and matched up well with other big guys. He took it as a personal challenge and it was exciting to watch."

Mike Sullivan - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Marshfield

Mike Sullivan

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Sullivan had the difficult task of leading a young Rams squad this season…
The team's only Old Colony League All-star, Sullivan averaged a double-double this season for Marshfield (7-13, 5-9 OCL) with 15.5 points and 10 rebounds per game… The 6-foot, 4-inch center was among the OCL's best players, finishing as the fourth-leading scorer in the league…Strong, aggressive, and smart, Sullivan was a tough player to stop inside the paint…Sullivan had two big games in the OCL this season, scoring 26 points against B-R and 35 points (25 in the second half) in a loss to Plymouth South…Sullivan is looking at Bridgewater State, Colby-Sawyer, and Endicott and hopes to continue his basketball career. Marshfield coach Ron Jamieson: "Mike was solid last year but his year he really elevated his performance through dedication and hard work in the off-season. He not only came to compete at every game, he came to compete in practice too. He was our go-to player on offense, but was also our anchor on defense. He is a great leader."

Tom Cuddihy - Junior (Capt.)
Guard - Scituate

Tom Cuddihy

Not only did the junior lead Eastern Mass. in scoring (29.2 points per game) and break Scituate High's all-time single season scoring mark this winter, he also became the school's all-time career scorer with 1,190 points…the sturdily put together 5-11, 170-pound swingman scored in every conceivable way this year, from long range, short range, going strong and posting up…also an outstanding ballhandler and very good passer, skills which are helping to attract the Div. 1 collegiate scouts…does not have blazing speed, but has a great first step and uses his body extremely well to protect the ball…also an extremely powerful leaper…two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection…a gifted athlete who gave up football in order to concentrate year round on basketball…plays for the AAU Coastal Pops, the team which finished 12th in this summer's national tourney…also led the Patriot League in scoring last year (18.6 ppg)…Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic…scored over 40 points three times this season…also a track standout in the spring for SHS…Scituate coach Matt Poirier: "Tom really had a great year. There was a lot of pressure on him game in and game out with teams doing everything they could to stop him, but he still scored his points consistently. He also worked to improve on his defense. He took some big charges in big games, and those are the kinds of things that really made me sit up and take notice."

Gerry Corcoran - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Norwell

Gerry Corcoran

Clearly one of the most physically talented players in all of Massachusetts the last several years…the athletic 6-foot-5 swingman finished fifth in Eastern Mass in scoring this season (25.1 points

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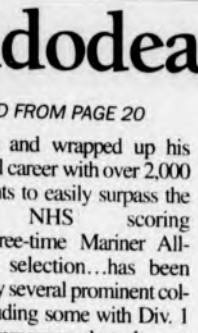
per game) and wrapped up his high school career with over 2,000 career points to easily surpass the all-time NHS scoring record…three-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection…has been recruited by several prominent colleges, including some with Div. 1 basketball programs, but plans to attend a year of prep school in order to improve his collegiate prospects…helped the Clippers to a 21-1 regular season and to the sectional semifinals of the state tourney for the second year in a row…became a much more complete player this season, as he worked hard to not only vary his offensive game, but to become a better assist-man…an absolutely scintillating passer in transition…exploded for 26 of his game high 43 points over a 5:57 stretch in Clippers second round tourney win over Bourne…an excellent long-range sniper, but he is at his best offensively working off the dribble and taking it strong to the hoop… four-time South Shore League All-Star…also a Boston Globe, Boston Herald and Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic selection…plays AAU basketball year round in the BABC program…son of former Celtics draft pick and current Dean College coach Gerry Corcoran, Sr.…grandson of late Boston Globe columnist Will McDonough…Norwell coach John Willis: "Gerry is just a tremendously gifted offensive player. When he's got it going at the offensive end, he's as good as anyone I've seen at this level."

John Mohan - Junior
Guard - Norwell


John Mohan

This junior emerged as one of the most well-rounded players on the South Shore this season…moved from shooting guard to the point this season to direct the South Shore League's most explosive offense…averaged 19.6 points and over seven assists per game for the 23-2 Clippers…an exceptional ballhandler, shooter, scorer and passer…he is also a far more effective rebounder and inside player than his 5-foot-10, 160 pound frame might suggest…two time South Shore League all-star and Mariner All-Scholastic selection…plays AAU basketball year round for the prestigious Coastal Pops, the 12th ranked U-16 team in the nation this past summer…also an excellent football player who started at quarterback and cornerback for the Clippers this past fall, earning All-League defensive honors…little brother of Steve and Mike Mohan, also football and basketball standouts for Norwell… Norwell coach John Willis: "I call him 'Little Mac' because he reminds me of (former NHS hoop standout) Dan McNamara, and that's the ultimate compliment in my mind. Johnny is the guy who helps keep it all together for us out there at times. He's the player I worry least about. He just goes out and gets the job done at both ends, and does whatever it takes to win. He's just dynamite."

Craig Sutherland - Senior
Forward - Norwell

Craig Sutherland

Quite possibly the most pleasant surprise among all South Shore hoopsters this season…the athletic 6-foot-3 power forward moved into the Clippers starting lineup this winter and averaged a double-double for the season with 12 points and 12 rebounds per game…coupled great natural leaping ability with a workmanlike approach down low to absolutely dominate in rebounding battles this season…also has a very nice touch around the basket and improving range…parlayed his breakout season into an opportunity to play college basketball next year for Dean College…was actively recruited by a few college coaches…plans to major in Business at Dean…Norwell coach John Willis: "He is truly a success story. He came along late, but put it all together, athletically and academically. He has a very bright future in basketball. He's an exceptional athlete. He rebounds like a bull and gives you everything he's got."

Derek Wigman - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Silver Lake

Derek Wigman

This two time Mariner All-Scholastic selection led the Old Colony League in scoring (18.9 ppg, 20.6 in league play) this season, and also led the Lakers in rebounding for the second straight season (nine per game)…team MVP… the 6-foot-2, 190 pound power forward possesses great hands, a soft shooting touch, superior leaping ability and one of the quickest first steps on the South Shore, all of which help him regularly school considerably larger players on the interior…led team in drawn charges…very good at drawing contact and converting on his chances from the line (77 percent as a junior)…two time OCL all-star…led the Lakers to a 14-6 record and a second place finish in the OCL…won Silver Lake's Top Male Athlete Award for the winter season…also selected for Patriot Ledger and Brockton Enterprise All-Scholastic teams… plays AAU basketball in the off-season for the South Shore Patriots…Silver Lake coach Dick Arieta: "Derek is probably the most prolific scorer on the inside 6-2 or under I've ever worked with. The most important thing he gave us this season was his consistency. Derek is extremely strong and knows how to use that. He's got a lot of tools, but I'd say his best asset is that first step. There weren't too many people who could handle that straight up."

Garcell Beauduy - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Holbrook

Garcell Beauduy

This 6-foot-1 glass cleaner grabbed an astounding 604 rebounds over the past two plus seasons for the Bulldogs (played five games with varsity as a sophomore)…athleticism and a tireless approach made him a force on the boards the last two seasons, but he took a much more active role at the offensive end and as a leader in his senior season… averaged team bests in both rebounds (over 13 per game) and scoring (17 ppg)…also a Brockton Enterprise All-Scholastic selection…Mayflower League all-star…consistently dominated against much taller pivotmen this season in the ML…also played football for HHS…has attended several prominent basketball camps…hit the weights hard between his junior and senior seasons…hopes to play college basketball…Clark University is just one of many possible destinations…Holbrook coach Ed Callahan: "Garcell was our unquestioned leader this season. He knew just when to speak up, and the kids really looked up to him…He's extremely passionate about basketball. Hard work and commitment have taken him to the next level."

Bryan Gaine - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Braintree

Bryan Gaine

Bryan jumped into the starting lineup this winter and wound up leading a very balanced Wamp attack (nine players averaging over six points per game) in both scoring (13.6 ppg) and rebounding (nine per game) to lead the Wamps to a 16-6 season and to the second round of the state tourney…the 6-foot-2 interior player regularly lit up opposing pivotmen who were several inches taller…compensated for relative lack of height with athleticism and deceptive strength…top scoring output was a 33-point explosion versus Weymouth…first team Bay State Conference all-star…named to Braintree Tourney all-star team and was MVP of the annual Sharon Tourney…also a standout in football for BHS…has been recruited to play basketball at Wentworth…is leaning toward majoring in architecture…Braintree coach Bob Crook: "Bryan was definitely our most improved player over the last two years. He could have scored a lot more, but he sacrificed stats for the good of the team and our balanced attack. He did it all for us this year, though, from scoring the tough points inside, to rebounding, to even bringing the ball up when we saw heavy pressure."

Tim Lynch - Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Braintree

This second year starter directed the attack for the 16-6 Wamps this season, averaging 10.5 points and 4.5 assists per game…this natural athlete is a good ballhandler and passer who could also knock down the open shot…at his best when the pressure was on…Bay State Conference second team all-star…also a very good golfer and an outstanding lacrosse player for B.H.S…was a league all-star for lacrosse last season after tallying 97 points in 18 games…will major in Business next year at the Isenberg School of Management at UMass-Amherst, where he also hopes to play Div. 1 collegiate lacrosse… Braintree coach Bob Crook: "Tim was one of those players who relished the opportunity to step up big when the pressure was on. He's a very good all-around player, but what stood out is how when the going got tough, Tim got going. He was also one of the smartest players I've ever coached."

Tim Lynch

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SPORTS NOTES

Soccer Club Spring sign-ups extended

Due to the inclement weather last weekend the Cohasset Soccer Club has extended its registration for the spring outdoor soccer program which will begin Saturday, April 12th. Registration is open for players aged 5 (by August 1, 2003) through 10, up through the 4th Grade. Registration for the Club's travel teams with players in Grade 5 or older is closed.

Registration forms are available at the Town Hall. Registrations must be completed and submitted by Friday, April 11th in order to have the new players participate in the spring season beginning on April 12th.

Baseball clinic

Cohasset Recreation Department's South Shore Baseball Camp will provide an April vacation baseball clinic beginning Tuesday, April 22, through Friday, April 25, at Milliken Field.

The clinic runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. and this week-long program will cost $100 per participant.

For more information, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Registration forms can be found at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall.

School Notes

Scheduling updates

With all of the postponements of CHS sporting events forced by inclement weather the last two weeks, Athletic Director Ron Ford is urging parents and fans to check his daily voicemail postings (@781-383-6103) for schedule changes before heading out to an event.

Fundraising

This winter's ticket raffle by the CHS Athletic Boosters raised over $1,800, according to Ron Ford, with all proceeds going to the CHS Athletic budget. The AD wished to express his thanks to Bob and Allison Silvia for all of the work they did on the drive, as well as to Phil Mahoney and Robert Donahue for donating tickets.

This spring, the boosters are kicking off a sale of official CHS blankets ($50 apiece), flags ($45) and beach towels ($20), all with the official Cohasset High banner.

Anyone interested in making a purchase should contact Ron Ford at 781-383-6103 or send a check made out to "Cohasset High School" to Cohasset High School, C/O Ron Ford, AD; 143 Pond St; Cohasset' MA, 02025.

Swinging off course

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ished up the seven inning game with 14 errors.

All seven innings of the game were pitched by Cohasset freshman Katey James, who gave up 13 hits and walked eight, with six of the walks coming in the first four innings of the chilly game.

Leading 3-0 in the top of the fourth, Holbrook unloaded for six runs to more-or-less put the game away. Cohasset fought back with three runs of its own in the bottom of the fourth, with freshman Melissa Crowley-Buck sparking the team with a double. She had two runs batted in during the game.

Another top hitter for Cohasset was sophomore Casey Anderson, who went two-for-four. The catcher also batted in two runs. James was two-for-four with two RBI and junior Caitlin Condon was two-for-two with three RBI.

"There's no question inexperience hurt us," said coach Bostwick. "While we may have made 14 errors, they were correctable errors— little things, like not communicating with one another."

Following the season opener, Cohasset softball was basically spent indoors for the last several days, the team playing with a whiffle ball, as the coach sought to correct errors.

The cold weather caused the Cohasset-Norwell game scheduled for Monday to be postponed until a later date.

Tuesday's scheduled game at Mashpee was also postponed. The Lady Skippers are hoping to get in today's game at home against Hull (3:30 p.m. start, Barnes Field).

Last year's Cohasset junior varsity softball team finished the season with an 11-4 record.

As for last Thursday's score, it was Holbrook 24, Cohasset 8.

Boston Men's BaseballLeague seeks players

The Boston Men's Baseball League is accepting registrations for the 2003 season across three age divisions: 18+, 30+ and 40+. To register or with questions, visit www.bostonbaseball.com. If you do not have internet access, you may call 508-358-4550.

The Boston Men's Baseball League is New England's largest amateur baseball league, with 63 teams last year. Players of all ages and skill sets can compete, as there are 3 age divisions (18+, 30+ and 40+) as well as conferences based on ability.

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Teams are located in Boston and in the surrounding suburbs.

Cool Running

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approximately 650 runners, down from last year's 765— with unseasonably cold weather no doubt factoring in the decision of several area runners to give it a pass.

"This time of year, road races are hit and miss, and, unfortunately, it was a bit of a miss for us this year," offered Coleman Nee, Cohasset's Rotary Club Secretary. "It had been rainy on Saturday, and it was cold on Sunday, with a forecast for snow on Monday. I'm sure that played a part.

"Still, 650 wasn't bad at all, considering. I think the causes we're supporting should get a pretty nice lift when it's all said and done."

The biggest winner on the day was the Polio Foundation, as most of the proceeds from the race went toward the eradication of that crippling disease that still affects children in the poorest of countries. The Cohasset Rotary Club, the longtime sponsors of the Cohasset Rod Race By the Sea, will donate a significant amount of this year's proceeds to the fight against polio, according to Nee.

Eradicating the disease is a cause that Rotary International has supported since 1979 when it launched a five-year immunization program in the Philippines. Today Rotary International continues its commitment to rid the world of polio.

Nee explained there is real hope with continued efforts by the World Health Organization and through groups like Rotary that polio can be completely eliminated by 2006. e said other Rotary clubs in the area are also joining the effort through their own fundraisers.

The race got underway on Sunday at 1 p.m., starting at the Town Common, with the course taking runners down Highland Ave, to Elm Street, to Atlantic Ave., to the coastal end of Jerusalem Road, to Forest Ave., to North Main Street and, finally, back to the Common for the finish. This is considered one of the prettiest running courses on the East Coast, Race Coordinator Peter Guild says.

Guild reported that the registration went "extremely smoothly."

"I think the runners were pretty happy about the way everything ran," said Guild, who went on to laud the efforts of the 60-70 volunteers who helped with registration, traffic control and water handouts.

Cohasset Rotary Club president Damian Grozier explained Rotary International had wanted the world to be polio free by the year 2000. That date proved to be too ambitious so the organization refocused its efforts last year to raise some $80 million to eradicate the disease from the planet by 2006. With Sunday's road race, the Cohasset Rotary launched a three-year effort to raise $10,000 for the cause.

Nee said the Cohasset Rotary will continue to support local programs, such as high school scholarships, Wellspring in Hull and Father Bill's in Quincy. The club has two main fundraisers a year, the race and selling advertisements for the Cohasset Rotary phonebooks. Early efforts on the phone book show an increase in sales over last year.

Nee said seeing what some children who are afflicted with the disease have to go through needlessly was a wakeup call. He said the polio fight is an opportunity for the club, which with 25 members is relatively small, to be part of something really big.

"As a Rotary club we felt obligated to support Rotary's worldwide mission," Nee says. "We viewed this as how often do we get to pitch in globally to help eradicate a disease that continues to be a problem."

Rotary International's efforts to rid polio in affected areas include: public education to promote immunization; getting the vaccine to children in remote regions; forming public-private partnerships that fortify government health programs; and strengthening a global laboratory network to support disease surveillance efforts after polio has been eradicated.

The all-time male Cohasset Road Race by the Sea record is held by Boston's John Kessinger, his 1980 time of 29:30 still standing as the mark to beat 22 years later.

Cohasset's own Sarah Linsley, who won the female race in its first seven years, owns the women's record with her 1983 time of 33:25.

Cohasset Editor Mary Ford contributed to this report.

All scholastic Honorable Mentions:

Pat Uhlar - Sr. - Forward - Hanover
Mark Noonan - Jr. - Forward - Hanover
Josh Quinn - Forward - Weymouth
Joe Donahue - Guard - Weymouth
Ben Melville - Sr. (Capt.) - Forward - Abington
Steve Perry - Sr. - Guard - Abington
Matt Schneider - Jr. - Guard Rockland
Fred Tavares - Jr. - Forward - Rockland
Matt Bramwell - Sr. - Forward - Marshfield
Brad Hubbard - Sr. - Forward - Marshfield
Jeff McLean - Jr. - Forward - Hingham
Ben Lynner - Sr. (Capt.) - Forward- Cohasset
Marc Bowman- Jr.- Center- Norwell
Joe Doyle - Sr. - Forward - Norwell
Thomas Taldon- Jr. - Guard - Scituate
Jason Burridge- Sr.- Center- Scituate
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OBITUARIES

Anne D. Muir

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Anne D. (Davidson) Muir of Weymouth and formerly of Cohasset, died peacefully following a brief illness on April 3, 2003. She was 91.

Mrs. Muir was an avid sports enthusiast and especially enjoyed playing golf. She played golf from her teens until her mid-80s. She was a member of the Cohasset Golf Club for more than 40 years. During her last weekend, she watched the Players' Championship from start to finish.

She also enjoyed her daily walks. For more than 70 years she walked up to three miles daily. Over those years, she had met hundreds of people who became accustomed to seeing her on her various walking routes.

Mrs. Muir was the devoted wife of the late George Muir II and leaves her three children, Heather Muir of Weymouth, George Muir III of Weymouth and Craig Muir of Cohasset; and her seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren of whom she was immensely proud.

A memorial service was held at the Second Congregation Church in Cohasset on April 9. Interment was private.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara - Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be sent in Mrs. Muir's memory to the Second Congregation Church, Highland Street, Cohasset 02025.

Patty Beth Desmond

Patty Beth Desmond

Patti Beth (Patrolia) Desmond, a homemaker, of Quincy and formerly of Cohasset, died April 4, 2003 at her sister's home in Marshfield following a three-month battle with cancer. She was 44.

Born in Weymouth, she is the daughter of Ted and Mary (McDermott) Patrolia of Cohasset. She attended Cohasset schools and was a graduate of Cohasset High School, Class of 1976 and a graduate of Quincy College.

She lived in Cohasset 22 years and in New Bedford for several years. She was a volunteer at the Sun Light House in Scituate working with the blind and with cerebral palsy patients for many years.

With her parents, Patti leaves her son, Dennis P. Desmond of Quincy; her three sisters, MariClare Cheney of Marshfield, Nora Kohler of Hull and Rebecca Tabaczynski of Lexington; her five brothers, Mark of Hingham, Martin of Dedham, Kevin of Norwell, Timothy of Cohasset and Daniel Patrolia of Stoughton; and several nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles.

A funeral service was held April 9 at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Teresa N. Maurer

Teresa N. (Browne) Maurer of Cohasset, a homemaker, died April 3, 2003 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Born in Boston, Mrs. Maurer lived in Milton before moving to Cohasset 30 years ago.

She and her husband were members of the K-Bar Square Dance Club in Weymouth. Mrs. Maurer also had a love for animals.

She leaves her husband of 53 years, Louis H. Maurer, Sr.; her three daughters, Barbara A. O'Driscoll of Quincy, Gail F. Oliveira of Westchester, Pa., and Maryellen Carney of Bellingham; her two sons, Louis H. Maurer, Jr. of Whitman and Paul A. Maurer; and her eight grandchildren. She was the mother of the late John T. Maurer.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at the Church of the Resurrection in Hingham. Interment will be at a later date. Funeral arrangements were made by the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home of Hingham.

Dorothy L. McDonald

Dorothy L. (Kinlin) McDonald, formerly of Scituate, a retired Cohasset schoolteacher, died March 28, 2003, at home in Hingham after a long illness.

Mrs. McDonald taught for 28 years at the Deer Hill Elementary School in Cohasset.

She graduated from Bridgewater State College, where she also earned a master's degree in education. She grew up in Hyde Park and moved to Scituate to raise her family.

She leaves four children, Kathie McDonald of North Andover, Caryl (McDonald) Luciani of Scituate, Dr. James McDonald of East Falmouth and Francis McDonald of Centerville; and eight grandchildren.

A remembrance service and brunch was held at the Satuit Boat Club, Scituate.Donations may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree 02185.

Leaving his humanitarian mark

South Shore ARC honors Dick Frye

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Richard Frye, center, receives the South Shore ARC's "Appreciation Award to the Frye Agency" from Dave Calhoun, executive director of SSARC, left, and from Leo Sarkissian, executive director of the Massachusetts ARC, right.

South Shore Country Club was hopping Friday night, April 4 as Braintree businessman and philanthropist Richard Frye received an award from South Shore ARC (SSARC, formerly known as the Association for Retarded Citizens) for his years of volunteerism and wide-ranging contributions.

Executive Director of South Shore ARC, Dave Calhoun referred to Frye as "Our number one advocate." Frye was awarded the distinction to a local business active in SSARC, its "Appreciation Award" dedicated to the Frye Agency for 2003.

As president and owner of the Frye Real Estate & Insurance Agency in Braintree, Frye has been involved with SSARC for 30 years in various capacities.

"A friend of mine had a daughter who had developmental disabilities," Frye said in a conversation at his real estate and insurance headquarters at 1579 Washington St., Braintree. "My friend invited me to a charity function and it just took off from there — I was hooked. When I came on board with SSARC, we had one room at Immaculate Conception Church in Weymouth. This was 30 years ago and back then, it was a grassroots effort."

Frye continued, "Then in the early 1980s, the state came out with mandatory licensing which was the best thing that could happen for the clients and the agency. And now we're in much better shape because we've paid attention to the bottom line. And that has benefited everyone, especially our ARC clients."

"Now we have living facilities for our clients in Braintree, Weymouth, Scituate, Hingham and Milton, life skills are taught, making them productive and highly employable — in fact, we hire our own clients to do administrative work at our headquarters at Webb Memorial Park in Weymouth."

The recipient of countless humanitarian awards, Frye has left his benevolent mark all over the South Shore. Aside from his community service, which is a hallmark of his life's work, he is one of the most successful businessman on the South Shore, now celebrating 50 years in the real estate and insurance industry.

"I've been in this business a long time," said Frye. "Insurance is going very well but I really enjoy the real estate and development side of my business."

He purchased 75 acres of prime real estate land in Sandwich on Cape Cod and developed more than 60 lots into a gracious estate of quietly-elegant homes. The houses sit on one to two-and-a-quarter verdant acres of prime, conservation land — a rarity on the Cape these days.

"Yes, Pimlico Pond Estates is committed to enhancing and maintaining the natural beauty and conservation of this community. It's been a worthwhile effort and I've enjoyed it and at last count, I believe we have four lots left." Frye said.

"There's nothing like community," Frye said. "Community business and operation. Over the years, people have been pushed onto the fast track with disconnected solutions for customer service and other impersonal methods of conducting themselves and their businesses. There's a lot of people in the community who do a good job and who really care about their community."

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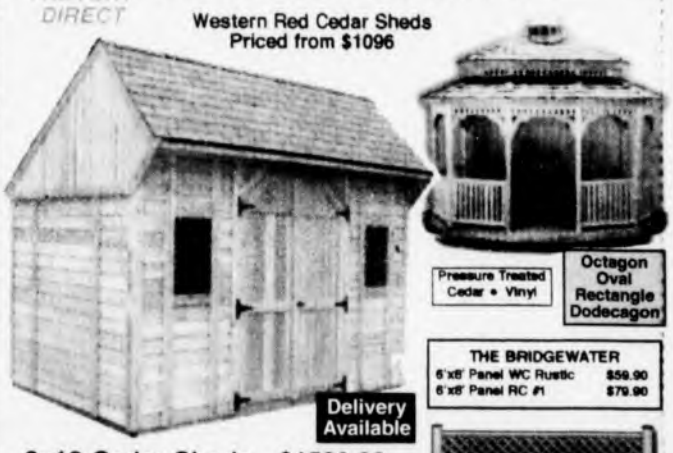

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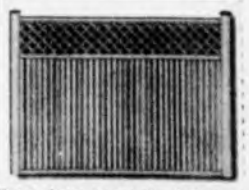

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FUTURE HOOPSTERS

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Gym Explorers line up for free throws at the South Shore Community Center. From left, are Bryce Church,. Jack Zablachi, John Clay and Taggart Eymer.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

African stories for grades 1-3

This Friday, April 11 at 10 a.m. The Enchanted Circle Theater will perform a storytelling production entitled "African Griot: Keeper of the Oral Tradition" to Osgood's first-, second- and third-grade students. This program consists of two stories told in Griot (historical African storyteller style).

The first story, "Dream", is an original play written by Guinea artist Muhammad Khassaly Diallo. It is the story of Fatou, a young African girl struggling with the fear of failure. Fatou learns to believe in herself after an exquisite dream where she frees a wild bird to fly, escapes hungry hyenas and becomes as brave as a N'gayu (lion). Live percussion, song, dance, a baobob tree, beautiful masks and interpreted Pular (one of the languages of Guinea) highlight this production.

The second story, "The Evening Gift", is an Ashanti tale from Ghana (based on the book Anansi the Spider retold by Gerald McDermott) and tells of how the moon came to be in the sky. In this tale, Anansi gets into trouble and it takes all six of his sons to save him when he is swallowed by a giant fish and stolen by a flying falcon. Once free, Anansi finds a globe of light in the forest and brings it home as a gift for one of his sons. In the end, Nyame places the moon in the sky as a gift for all to see.

There will be a brief intermission between the two stories in which students will have the opportunity to learn some African words, rhythms and songs.

Betsy Ogden and Ann McCarthy, Osgood's art teacher and librarian, have worked closely together to help incorporate African art and literature in their classes these last few weeks. Osgood's second- and third-grade students have made beautiful murals inspired by African folktales and proverbs that will decorate the gym for this performance.

Sandcastles enrollment

Sandcastles ChildCare, Preschool & Private Kindergarten, serving children 8 weeks to 6 years announces open enrollment for our Infant, Pre-toddler, Toddler, Preschool, Pre-K and Private Kindergarten programs for ages 8 weeks to 6 years. Sandcastles offers excellent teacher pupil ratios with constructive activities to help children acquire new skills, broaden their interests and improve their abilities. Programs involve fun and learning through a combination of educational programs and activities such as swimming lessons, field trips, beach trips, museum trips, Music Circus trips and weekly visits from the Music Lady.

For additional information or to arrange a visit call Owner/Director Anne Sexton at 781-383-6789 or 781-383-9987.

SSL scholarship

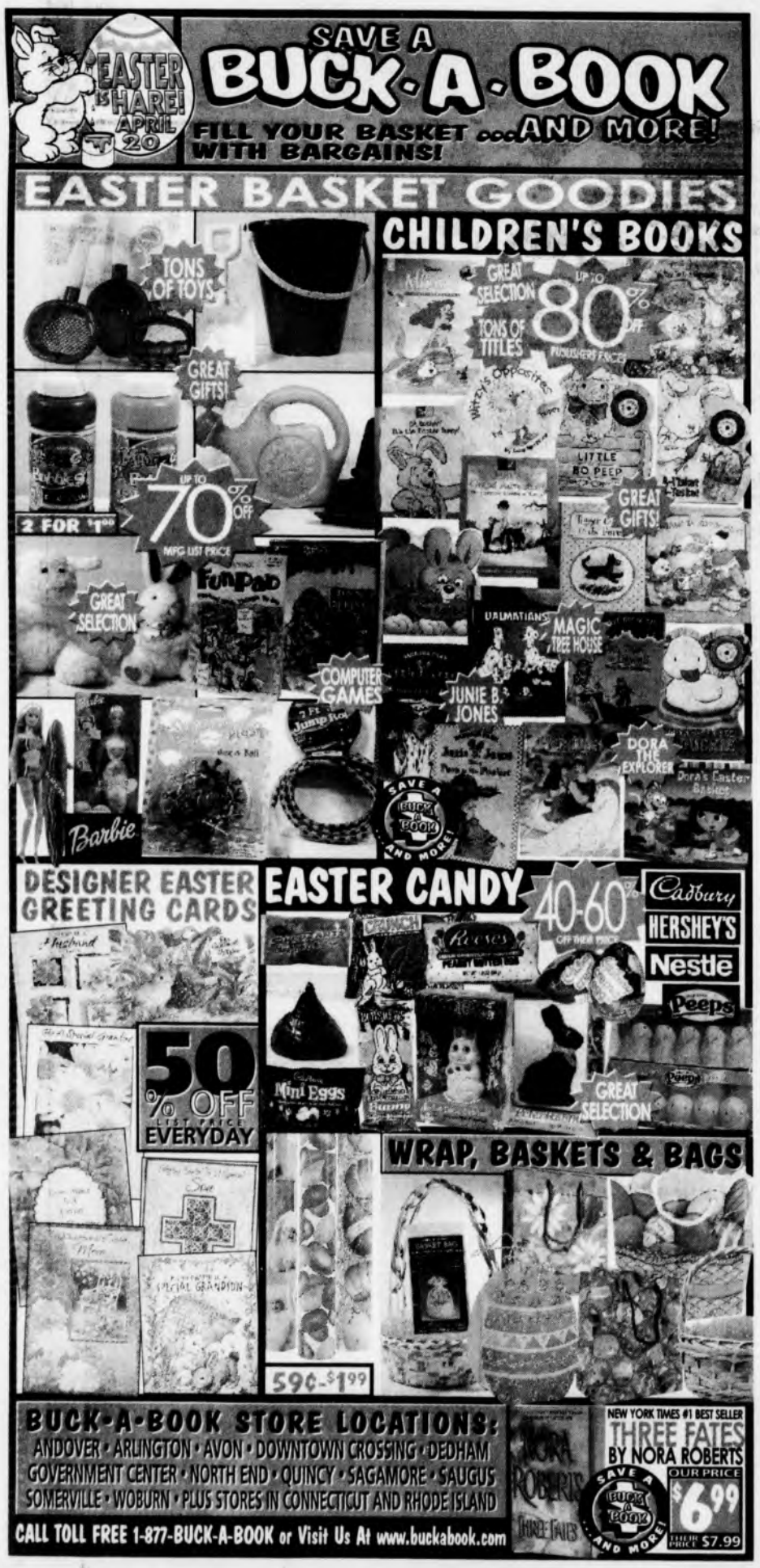
The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be high school seniors, residents and intend to begin or further their studies in nursing, social work, or allied health fields. Two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded for the 2003-2004 academic year. Applications are available at the League office, 16 Highland Ave. weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or in the town's high school guidance office. Applications must be received at the League office by April 18.

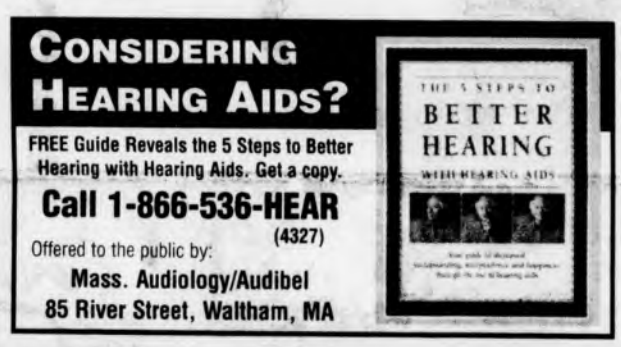
Swim-dive team offers scholarship

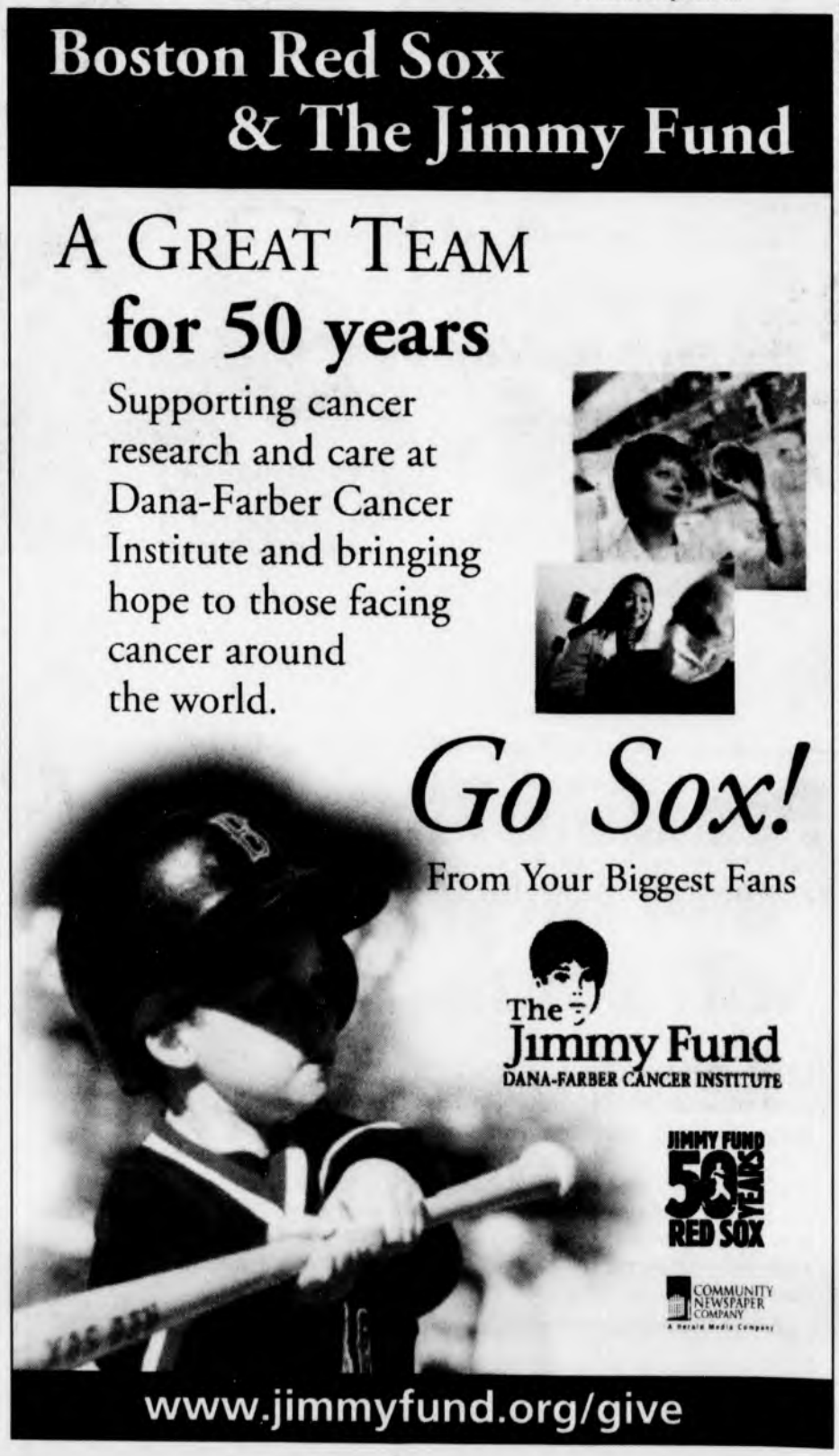
The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team is offering a scholarship. An applicant must be a high school senior and have been a member of the Cohasset Swim-Dive Team for five years. All portions of the application must be completed and postmarked no later than April 28.

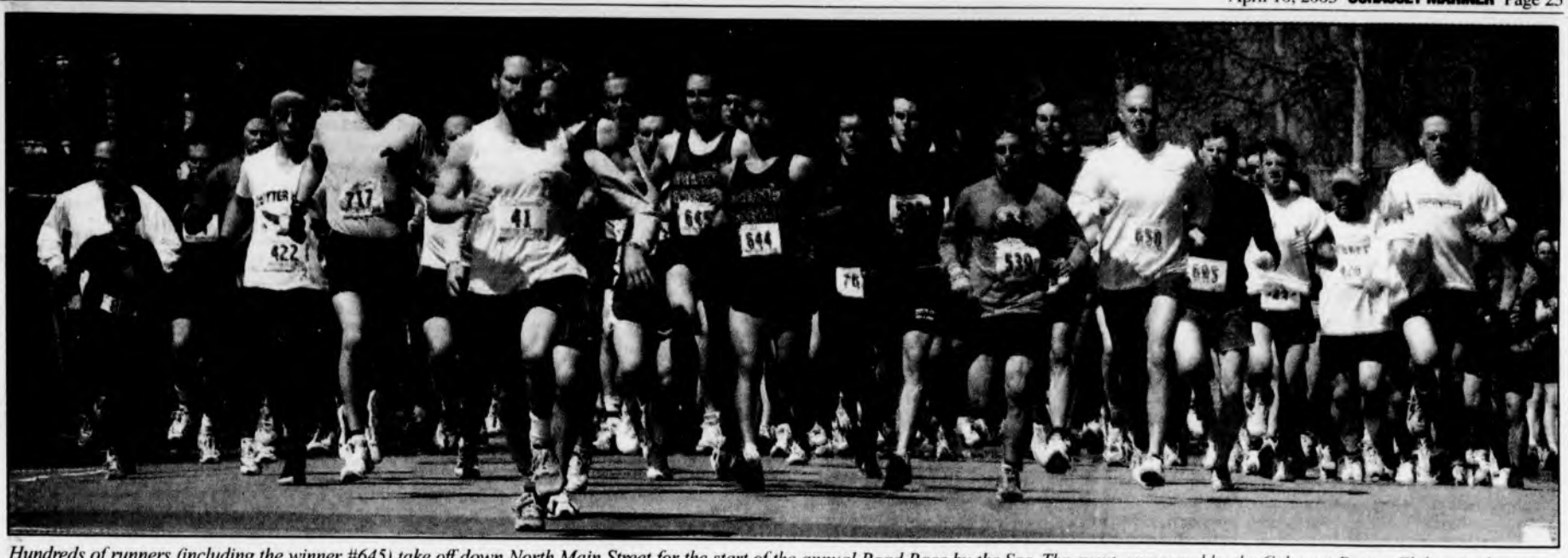
Questions about the scholarship application process should be directed to Irene Volpe Barry, Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship Committee at 383-1605.

Applications may be picked up in the Cohasset High School Guidance Department.









Hundreds of runners (including the winner #645) take off down North Main Street for the start of the annual Road Race by the Sea. The event, sponsored by the Cohasset Rotary Club, raised money to help eradicate polio.

Race Day in Cohasset

PHOTOS BY ALAN CHAPMAN

*Clockwise from **top left:** Scituate's John Peterson grabs water near the three-mile marker on Jerusalem Road with Cohasset's John Cavanaro right behind him.*

***Top right:** Joanne Hayes of Cohasset holds her granddaughter Caroline Concannon while they wait for Caroline's mom to finish.*

***At right:** Kara Nelson of Cohasset yells encouragement as her mother Bronwyn nears the finish line.*

***Above:** Larry Ryan of Scituate gets a high-five from his daughter Zoe as her sisters and mother cheer. For more race photos, see sports.*

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, MARCH 31

7:03 a.m. King St., general services.

7:45 a.m. Stagecoach Way, assist citizen.

9:32 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:24 a.m. Surry Drive, fire investigation.

11:32 a.m. Ash St., general disturbance.

12:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire investigation.

2:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., lost property, no police service necessary.

2:20 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

3:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:07 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, assist citizen.

7:03 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:43 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

12:40 a.m. Stagecoach Way, suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

5:47 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:19 a.m. Beechwood St. and Kendall Village, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:49 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

6:46 p.m. Stevens Lane, animal call or complaint.

8:53 p.m. Spring St., fire, investigation.

9:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation/s, area search negative.

9:26 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:37 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:40 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

8:20 a.m. Kendall Village, medical aid.

9:07 a.m. Elm St., fire, information.

11:54 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:22 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny, investigated.

3:08 a.m. South Main St., lost property.

4:20 p.m. Cherry Lane, identity fraud, investigated.

4:40 p.m. Lower King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

1:28 a.m. King St., medical aid.

7:12 a.m. Pond St., general services.

7:28 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:41 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:05 a.m. Elm St., parking complaint.

10:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint.

11:05 a.m. Stagecoach Way, fire, investigated.

11:24 a.m. Grace Drive, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:42 p.m. Rust Way, parking complaint.

12:57 p.m. Deep Run, traffic safety inspection.

1:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:38 p.m. Elm St., identity fraud, investigated.

1:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

3:07 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, traffic citation issued.

6:17 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:51 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8 p.m. Elm St., annoying/harassing phone calls.

8:03 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

89:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., general information, area search negative.

10:30 p.m. Cushing Plaza, suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

3:36 a.m. Ripley Road, open door/window.

5:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:17 p.m. Stevens Lane, animal call or complaint.

4:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

4:54 p.m. Crocker Lane, fire, investigation.

5:02 p.m. Police HQ, animal call or complaint.

5:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation/s, traffic citation issued.

6:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:26 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle. Arrest of Adam P. Loomis, 20, of 56 Mansfield St., Weymouth. Charge: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Arrest of Derek Kenneth Luciani, 18, of 222 West St., Weymouth. Charge: Person under 21 with liquor.

Arrest of Erik Thomas Anderson, 18, of 584 Middle St., Weymouth. Charge: Person under 21 with liquor.

Arrest of Brian W. Peters, 19, of 836 Commercial St., Weymouth. Charge: Person under 21 with liquor.

Arrest of Michael P. Marella, 19, of 307 Essex St., Weymouth. Charge: Person under 21 with liquor.

Arrest of Elizabeth A. MacIntyre, 18, of 68 Union St., Weymouth. Charge: Person under 21 with liquor.

Arrest of Brian Andrew Lynch, 19, of 37 Karlyn Road, Weymouth. Charge: Person under 21 with liquor.

Arrest of Erica L. Murphy, 18, of 12 Remondini Road, Weymouth. Charge: Person under 21 with liquor.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

8:05 a.m. Highland Ave., general services.

9:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:16 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

10:03 a.m. North Main St., parking complaint, area search negative.

1:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, transferred/transported to hospital.

2:08 p.m. Lighthouse, fire, investigated.

4:16 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

4:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood, traffic/motor vehicle complaint.

5:04 p.m. Adams Road, annoying/harassing phone calls.

8:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:10 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general disturbance.

10:33 p.m. Spring St., annoying/harassing phone calls.

11:54 p.m. South Main St., public drinking.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

12:41 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.

1:37 a.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Drive, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:03 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, investigated, report taken.

1:39 p.m. Rocky Lane, traffic/motor vehicle complaint, departmental action.

1:47 p.m. Brook St., parking complaint.

1:53 p.m. North Main St. and Green St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

2:45 p.m. James Lane, general services.

9:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

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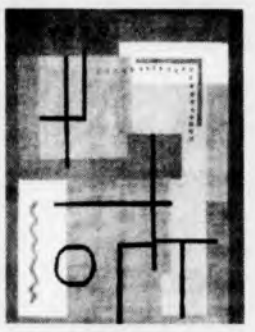

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SPRING STYLE

Spring Fling:

How to spend one million dollars in four hours

By Lisa Roach
THE BACK BAY COURANT

I've just been given a woman's dream assignment: spend $1 million in four hours. It's a lot harder than you think. Really.

My mission had boundaries. I could only buy things that I could wear or carry such as clothing, handbags, luggage, jewelry and shoes.

A sense of overwhelming responsibility came over me; when you have this much money to spend, you have to choose wisely. A budget like this only comes around once for someone like me, so I had to choose timeless things that will still look great when I pull them out 20 years from now.

I plotted my course carefully: Newbury Street, then Copley Place.

Time Check: 00:00

Knowing that I only had a short amount of time, my first purchase was expensive jewelry. I wanted only the best, so off I went to Dorfman for the major purchase.

I found the most exquisite pink sapphire ring with diamond baguettes. Very J Lo. It is a stunning 13.5 carat sapphire with diamond baguettes. I wanted it. Oh yeah, that's right — I can buy it.

Next, the lovely Mrs. Dorfman helped me pick out a set including diamond earrings, a diamond necklace and bracelet. Grand total: about half a million.

Okay, I thought, half the challenge out of the way — in about 20 minutes.

Time Check: 00:20

Next I walked towards the park, took a right on Arlington and headed for Hermes. The reason I am going to Hermes is very simple, and any woman would do the same to get the Birkin, the bag of all bags (not the shoes). I put my name on a list to order the bag. I also picked up the lovely Hermes Kelly bag, a few other baubles, a scarf and a tie for Stewie (my other half).

Time Check: 00:40

Next door at Anne Fontaine, I picked out a must-have white blouse for spring — the "Cecile" which will really go with everything.

On to Shreve, Crump & Low for his-and-hers watches — a Cartier Tank franaise in 18k white gold with diamond sides for those dressy watch occasions, and a Roger Dubois bi-retrograde moon-face with an alligator band. I choose number 24 in the series.

Next was the wedding ring upgrade. Don't get me wrong. I love my rings, but they could be a little larger. Since I have a million bucks to spend, and I'm still not close to the grand total, why not? I picked out a 5.38-carat Boston ring which is a three-stone ring set in platinum. Perfect and timeless.

After I left Shreve's, I decided to walk up Newbury Street and check out what Burberry had to offer. They too had just what I was looking for: the most perfect "chalk" white trench coat for those early spring days, a white cotton shirt dress that is *the* perfect dress and plaid rubber flip flops.

Time Check: 02:00

I cross Newbury Street and enter Chanel. I've never owned anything Chanel in my life, so here was my opportunity for the Chanel experience, the Chanel look. I found a beautiful Mousseline jacket with a tweed lining, in pink, a longer version in tweed and a pair of slingbacks in black and tan that literally you could wear with jeans (which I'm about to buy) or anything else. I can wear these jackets forever, and they will never go out of style.

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First stop: Dorfman's

Final stop: Neiman Marcus

The Shopping List

Dorfman
13.5 ct. pink sapphire ring with diamond baguettes set in platinum — $150,000
4.75 ct. emerald cut diamond earrings set in platinum -$32,000
22 ct. diamond bracelet in white gold — $90,000
36.5 ct. diamonds set in platinum — $145,000

Hermes
Kelly bag — $4,100
Birkin bag — $5,100
Jewelry — Chain d'ancre bracelet — $2,500
Scarf — $270
Croc. bracelet — $1,100

Anne Fontaine
Cecile Blouse — $225

Shreve's
Tank franaise watch by Cartier — $15,300
Rolex ladies' oyster perpetual datejust — $4,325
Roger Dubuis watch — $36,000
Astral cut diamond "Boston" ring — $135,500
Sapphire and diamond ring — $32,000

Chanel
Mousseline with tweed lining in pick jacket — $3,500
Tweed long jacket — $2,500
Slingbacks in beige and black — $430

Burberry
White shirt dress — $445
Trench coat in "chalk" — $890
Plaid flip-flops — $85

Intermix
Stella McCartney jacket — $680
Seven jeans — $132
T-shirts — $53

Calypso
5 cashmere sweaters — $800
2 cashmere cardigans — $450
Rayon sarong — $125

Firestone and Parsons
South Sea pearls — $38,500
Art deco brooch — $16,500

Neiman Marcus
2.04 ct. solitaire in platinum — $20,000
3.41 diamonds set in platinum — $32,000
13.33 ct. graduated diamond necklace — $31,500
18k Chopard heart bracelet — $7,100
Sable full length coat — $150,000
Sable short coat — $6,500
Prada silk print flat purse — $545
Prada black alligator clutch — $3,610
Prada Hobo — zip top in natural nylon with blue leather trim — $650
4 pairs Manolos — $1,800
2 pairs Prada shoes — $900
2 pairs Joe satin cropped cargo pants — $396

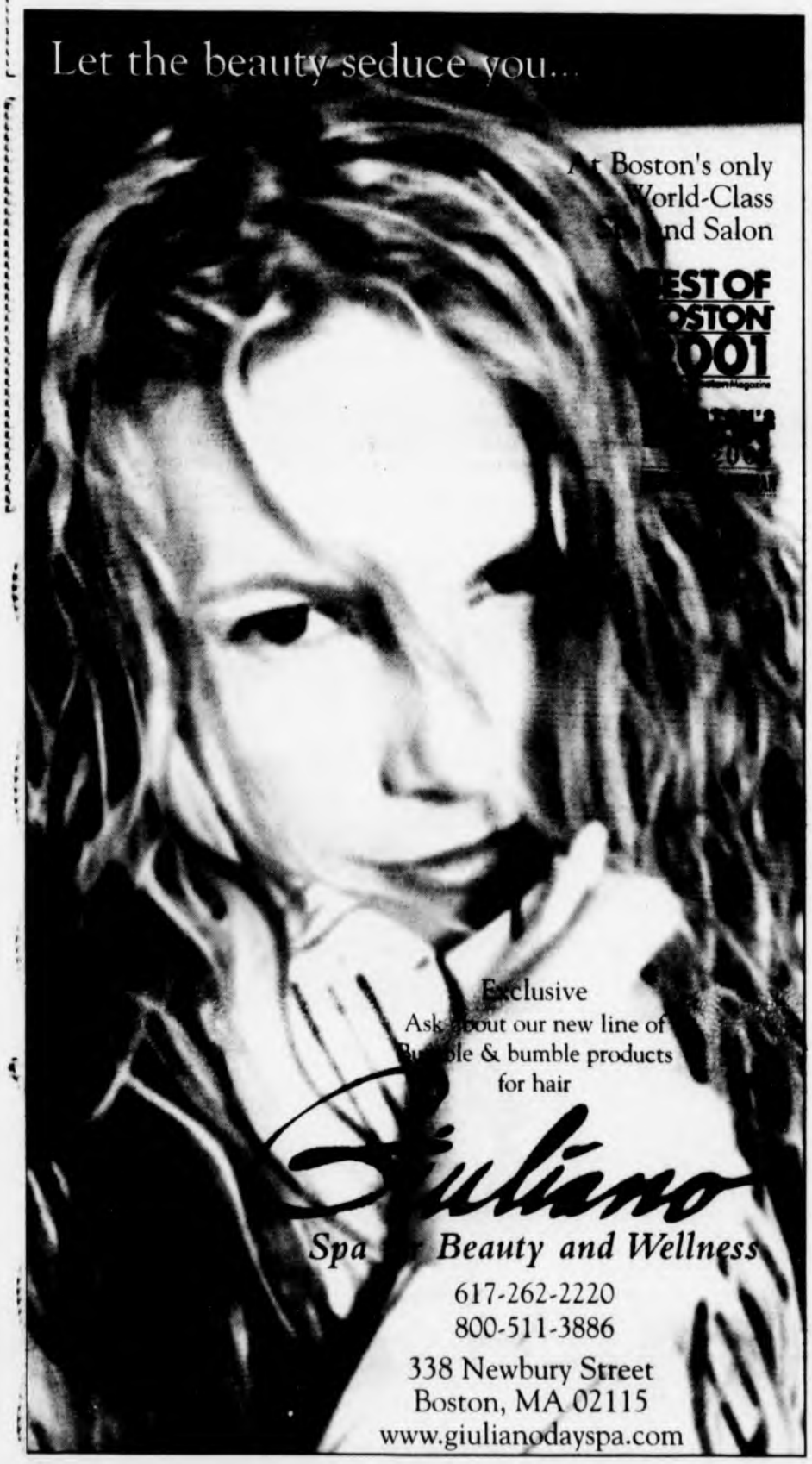
Louis Vuitton
Patent leather "Bedford" in beige — $840
Monogrammed pochette — $205
Malle cabine bag — monogrammed — $10,150
Large monogrammed suitcase — $1,070
Large duffel — monogrammed — $840

Gucci
Finished croc. with horn handle — $6,490
Yellow "Colbert" with bamboo handle — $750
Green satin knee length skirt — $625
Green silk t-shirt with ruffle edge trim — $215
Black leather pants — $2,635
Black silk strapless cocktail dress — $1,425
Criss Cross black shoes — $325

Kim's
Green shawl, dragon print — $175
Long jacket — $600
Short jacket — $250

Grand Total : $1,000,000

Lisa Roach is a traffic reporter and producer for KISS 108's "Matty in the Morning."



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In the pink

Fresh new hues in makeup add face value

By Lauren Beckham Falcone
BOSTON HERALD

The first blush of spring will be on everyone's cheeks this season, thanks to the makeup industry's fascination with pink and peach.

From bold fuchsia to subtle rose, lips and cheeks are sporting a flushed look.

"This season is all about self-expression through color," said Keri Blair, senior artist with the M.A.C. pro team in New York City. "The shades run the gamut, so there's something for everyone, no matter what your age or skin tone."

For the lips and cheeks, pink is paramount, Blair said, but not to the point where it's distracting.

"It's not like your cheeks will walk into the room before you do," she said. "Most of our blushes are cream color-based and translucent, to make you look like you just finished playing tennis."

Lips also will kiss up to a bolder look this spring. M.A.C.'s pink Pop Mode gloss gives a rosy shine; Calvin Klein's opaque gloss will give your pout a more natural glow.

Laura Mercier, who recently showed her spring makeup line French Riviera at Neiman M Boston, was in the stucco h and sunsets southern Franc "I'm seek lots of war tones — peach- es, corals, hints of turquoise — that are reminiscent of Mediterranean glamour," Mercier said. "The colors are very sheer, so the look is very natural and sun-kissed. To achieve a sun-kissed look, it's important to remember you don't have to sit in the sun."

As for eyes, think subtle color.

"Calvin Klein's line is ocean-inspired, with lots of whites and blues, liquids and powders," said cosmetics spokeswoman Lisa Aurichio. "It's a new glistening sheen."

But don't go out and buy a whole new makeup set, experts warned.

"A woman doesn't have to use the entire collection," Mercier said. "Just a few products can update her look."

Just imagine...

Let spring's fantasy fashions take you away

By Jill Radsken
BOSTON HERALD

It's been a tough winter, the economy is dragging and we're fighting a war ... anybody out there need an escape? Luckily, this year's crop of spring fashions offers women a magic-carpet ride to happier places and times: tiny tops for the beach; tennis skirts for the country club; mandarin shirts for a trip to the Far East; or vintage looks for the time traveler.

If retro's your thing, just choose your time period. From '50s-flavored dresses to Victorian-style blouses and skirts, designers are offering vintage looks with modern appeal. The season's lovely flowing chiffon dresses and skirts are timeless.

Cinched dresses and miniskirts will draw all eyes to your waist and legs this spring. Cargo pants, cropped and tied just above the ankle, step out as the fashion-forward trouser.

The spring color palette ranges from brights to pastels, and floral prints and polka dots abound.

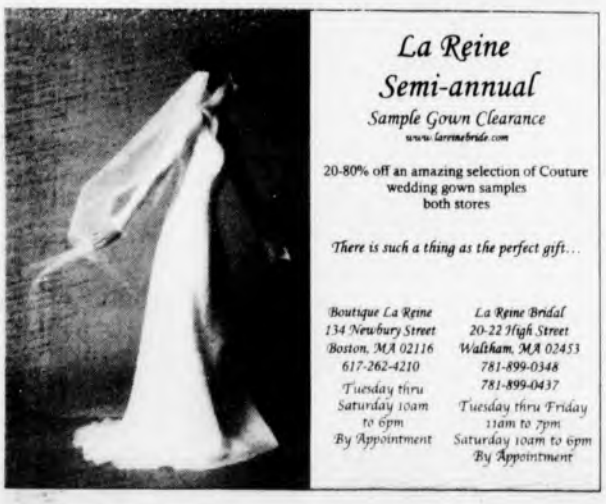
Need help planning your fashion getaway for spring? Let's go...

▲ Urban exotic

She puts fashion's trickiest looks together with ease, in this case pairing Asian-styled pieces with cargo pants. Silk wrap top by Laundry, $168; cropped black cargos by Va Va, $165; red heels by Gucci, $360; all at Neiman Marcus, Boston. Rose quartz choker with vintage-style Lucite flower by M Flynn, $105, at The Beauty Mark in Boston and www.mflynnjewelry.com.

◀ Dynasty re-luxe

She's strong and sophisticated without being '80s overdone. She's confident with color — and ready to show some skin. Ivory silk halter top with cowl neck and metal clasp, $228; fuchsia silk miniskirt, $298; black stiletto with payettes, $288; all at Emporio Armani, Boston. Sunglasses by Chanel, $185, at Neiman Marcus, Boston.



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◀ Island girl

Relax and pretend you're beach-bound in pieces that are easy to wear — and easy to adapt to what's already in your closet. White shirred top, $188; low-waist, asymmetrical pink/seafoam skirt, $168; white rope stiletto, $198; all at Emporio Armani, Boston. Double-strand green amazonite choker, $160; triple-strand amazonite bracelet, $90, both by M Flynn, at Cuoio in Boston and www.mflynnjewelry.com.

◀ Country club chic(k)

All the ladies at the club are jealous because she can pull off an animal-print dress — even one with birds and roosters! Silk dress by Nanette Lepore, $268; black sandals with payettes by Bettina, $200; both at Isla, Beverly Farms. Aventurine/crystal twist choker by M Flynn, $285, at Taste in Boston and www.mflynnjewelry.com.

MODEL: VALERI

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Accessories

Designed for any budget

By Lauren Beckham Falcone

Maybe the outfit is out of reach — too small, too big, too expensive. Or perhaps you want just a little something to add to your ever-expanding wardrobe. Whatever the case, the must-have accessories this spring are shoes, bags and jewelry. And we've found something to fit everyone's price range.

SHOES: Bright colors are a must; mules and strappy stilettos rule; jewels and embellishments will tickle your fancy.

High-end: Devora by Manolo Blahnik. This anything-but-basic-black stiletto sandal with a tulip-inspired heel will put a little spring in your step, $515; Neiman Marcus, Copley Place, Boston.

Moderate: Butterflies are free to fly this spring, and Stuart Weitzman is right on top of the trend. Try the red Papillon, $198; Stuart Weitzman, Copley Place, Boston.

A real deal: Be jeweled and bedazzled by Nine West's Struggle mule, $60; Nine West stores nationwide.

BAGS: Bags for spring are overstuffed, with hobo bags leading the pack. The color of choice: White is hot.

High-end: Hey, we'll be waiting a long time for spring, so don't let Louis Vuitton's waiting list get you down. Try the Takeshi Murakami bag that's sure to courage your. Sure, it'll take at least three months until delivery, but patience pays off.

Retro Cherry Blossom, $965; Louis Vuitton, Copley Place, Boston.

Moderate: Leave the straw baskets on your bike and pick up a straw bag with white-leather trim by Coach instead, $228; Coach stores nationwide.

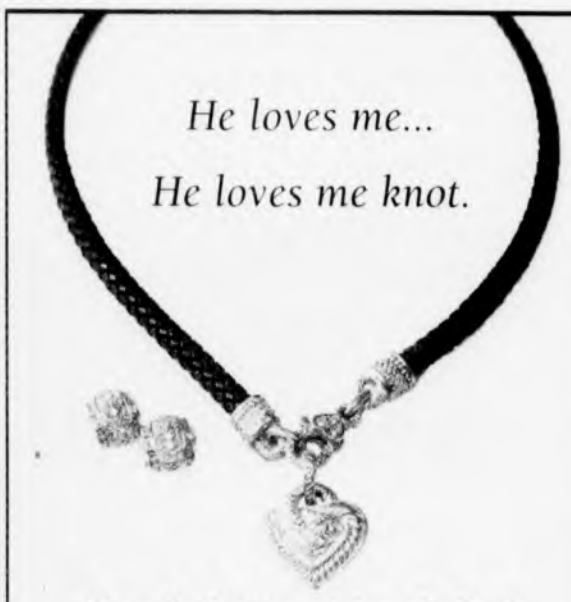
A real deal: When you want a bag that doesn't cost more than you have in your wallet, head on over to T.J. Maxx for a distressed-denim hobo bag, $6.99.

JEWELRY: Go for big, chunky pieces with a Caribbean feel. Think freshwater pearls and semiprecious stones.

High-end: The gold standard of luxury is Tiffany, but don't limit yourself to the precious metals. Try Paloma Picasso's 16-inch freshwater pearl torsade, $1,125; www.tiffany.com.

Moderate: Norwell native Jill Pixner's hand-pounded sterling silver Lily necklace, $495, and Long Leaves earrings, $145, bring a little Brazil to Boston; Matsu, 259 Newbury St.

A real deal: Robert Rose bracelet, $14.99, and coral-colored pendant, $23.99; Filene's, Downtown Crossing, Boston.



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Stylin' for guys

Expert advice on building a fresh look for spring

By Jill Radsken
BOSTON HERALD

Most guys don't give a lot of thought to what they wear — hey make the same, safe choices. After all, boring is better than bizarre, right?

Wrong. Among the new collections for spring, there are stylish, wearable clothes that won't make you do a double take — or let you wimp out. For men who don't feel comfortable going from "whatever" to "wow" in a single bound, here are three steps toward a better wardrobe:

STEP 1: Get into the dressing room. Clothes "look so much better on the person" than on a mannequin, said Stuart Segel, vice president of merchandising for Mr. Sid's in Newton. If you're willing to part with a little more money, shop where you can get some guidance.

STEP 2: Start small. Try jazzing up an ordinary dress shirt with a cool pair of cuff links. Alan Gibeley, of Giblees in Danvers, recommends a dress shirt with a two-button collar — and no tie — for a stylish but subtle statement.

STEP 3: Seek inspiration. It's what women do all the time: When you notice someone who looks good, note what he's wearing. Find out where he shops or what designers he favors, and try the look out for yourself. To get you started, we talked to two well-dressed Boston men who have more shopping sense than many of Newbury Street's female veterans. Both Ambassador Charles Stith and KISS 108's Billy Costa say they shop only when they need something ... of course, they usually "need" something every other week.

STEP 4: Go for it. Sometimes the only way to break out of a fashion rut is to try a new look. Said Segel: "It's a mentality. Occasionally, I have to force myself to get into something new and fresh."

Guys, it's not too late to pull yourself together. Here's your chance to find out more about the trends in menswear this spring, and learn what gets our two cover guys — Stith and Costa — to pull out the plastic.

BU's stylish Stith in class all his own

Many believe Ambassador Charles Stith is the best-dressed man in Boston. Stith, an ordained minister who served as ambassador to Tanzania during the Clinton administration, says his mother deserves much of the credit for his sense of style.

"My mom always paid attention to the things we wore," he said.

On most days, Stith wears a suit to his office at Boston University, where he is director of BU's African Presidential Archives and Research Center. He favors blue or gray, but sometimes opts for brown. His tastes lean toward Alexander Julian shirts, Oxxford suits and shoes made in England.

In fashion circles, Stith might be known best for his hand-tied bow ties. He got his first one from a friend 30 years ago, and now enjoys hunting for them in the many cities to which his job takes him. It's one style trait he might not succeed in passing on to the next generation of Stiths: He jokingly complains that his son, Percy, has rebelled and favors traditional ties.

A bargain-lover, Stith said he has so many clothes that he puts some garments away for years at a time. When he reactivates them, his wife, Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, accuses him of buying something new.

"It's justification for her to buy something new," he said.

His look: Distinctive without being dramatic.

Fashion retail experience: In his youth, he sold women's shoes at Stix Baer & Fuller, a department store, in St. Louis, where he grew up. He also worked at JC Penney there.

Fashion connection: Stith and his wife are close friends with menswear designer Alexander Julian. They are godparents to Julian's daughter, Lucy.

Favorite places to shop: London for shoes, linen pocket squares, bow ties and cuff links. "It's a man's town," he said. In Boston, he haunts Filene's Basement.

Latest fashion move: Stith is going old-school, sporting a button-down shirt, tie and cap, on the golf course.

Radio reporter Costa broadcasts casual flair

Shopping is a favorite ritual for Bill Costa, entertainment reporter for WXKS-FM. He does it almost every other week, but when he buys, he sticks to the familiar.

"I probably have 25 pairs of black pants and 30 pairs of khakis. They all look identical," he said.

Most of Costa's wardrobe, worn for public appearances and at work, is dressy-casual. He prefers his clothes slightly baggy, and dons a jacket only for TV appearances. Most days you'll find him in a silk shirt or jersey top. Color? Well, almost everything he wears is an earth tone.

His sense of style began to emerge in high school, when Costa would show up for class at Cambridge High and Latin in worsted-wool suits and topcoats, bought with the money he made working at J Press in Harvard Square.

"I was a dirt-poor kid. I had holes in my shoes, but I wore worsted-wool suits," he said. The approach worked: He was voted Best Dressed every year of high school.

For years, Costa bought all of the top designer lines, but now says he's a smarter shopper.

"I started feeling stupid. I was never a bargain hunter, but now I will go when there are sales," he said. "I can't believe I was getting ripped off for all those years."

His look: Casual. For TV, he favors jackets and knit tops or silk shirts.

Fashion retail experience: J Press in Harvard Square. He worked his way up from mail clerk to salesman during his freshman year of high school.

Favorite places to shop: Giblees in Danvers for Tommy Bahama and Hugo Boss; the Joseph Abboud department at Bloomingdale's.

Latest fashion move: Sticking with his old favorites. "I still have a thick corduroy jacket. I still have that because I'm convinced that it's going to look good again."

Why he doesn't take many fashion risks: "When you're really, really in, nobody else knows. So the danger you run is that you're wearing something that may or may not come into style the next year."

If I had a million dollars

Continued from page 1 of this Fashion Special

Next I shop for more jewelry, as my total expenditure is only around $700,000 so far.

A beautiful trend for spring is the brooch. At Firestone and Parsons which is known for antique jewelry, I find a magnificent art deco brooch set in platinum with diamonds and a South Sea Pearl necklace with a pav≥ diamond clasp I've craved since I was in my early 20s.

Time Check: 02:45

Jogging up Newbury Street, I jump into Intermix to say hello to Vanessa and Mora and pick out a Stella McCartney jacket that will go with anything, a pair of Seven jeans and a few T-shirts.

Crossing Dartmouth Street, I land at Copley Place with approximately $300,000 to spend and only an hour left in which to do it.

Time Check: 03:00

I'm exhausted and don't know how much more I can do, but as any woman with more shopping to do does, I muster the strength, order a latte and keep moving.

I stop at Gucci, my favorite place to shop. Their spring line is amazing, and their handbags are the best. Among the items I choose are a yellow "Colbert" handbag with a horn handle and a finished crocodile bag, also with horn handle, in a beautiful cranberry color. I also find the perfect pair of leather pants, an olive green satin knee length skirt and matching T-shirt with ruffle trim and a black strapless silk cocktail dress.

Purchasing a full set of luggage, the monogram series at Louis Vuitton plus a few smaller bags, is next on my list. I then head to Kim's where you can have a jacket, dress or pants made in beautiful Chinese silk. I selected a green dragon pattern and had a jacket and a shawl made.

Time Check: 03:30

With only 30 minutes and plenty of money to spare, I walk to Neiman Marcus to spend the rest. Upstairs at the fur salon, I choose a full-length sable fur in Barguzin (a natural brown color) and a short mink jacket in a beautiful creamy tan color that will work with just about everything in my new million-dollar closet.

With almost $150,000 left, I opt for more jewelry and shoes, choosing a Chopard 18k gold love bracelet, 3-carat diamond stud earrings, a 3-carat diamond pendant and a few pairs of Manolos and Prada shoes.

Time Check: 04:00

I'm finished. Now all I need to do is find someone who will loan me 20 bucks so I can pay the parking attendant at the Ritz.

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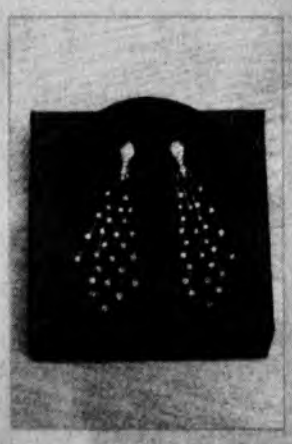

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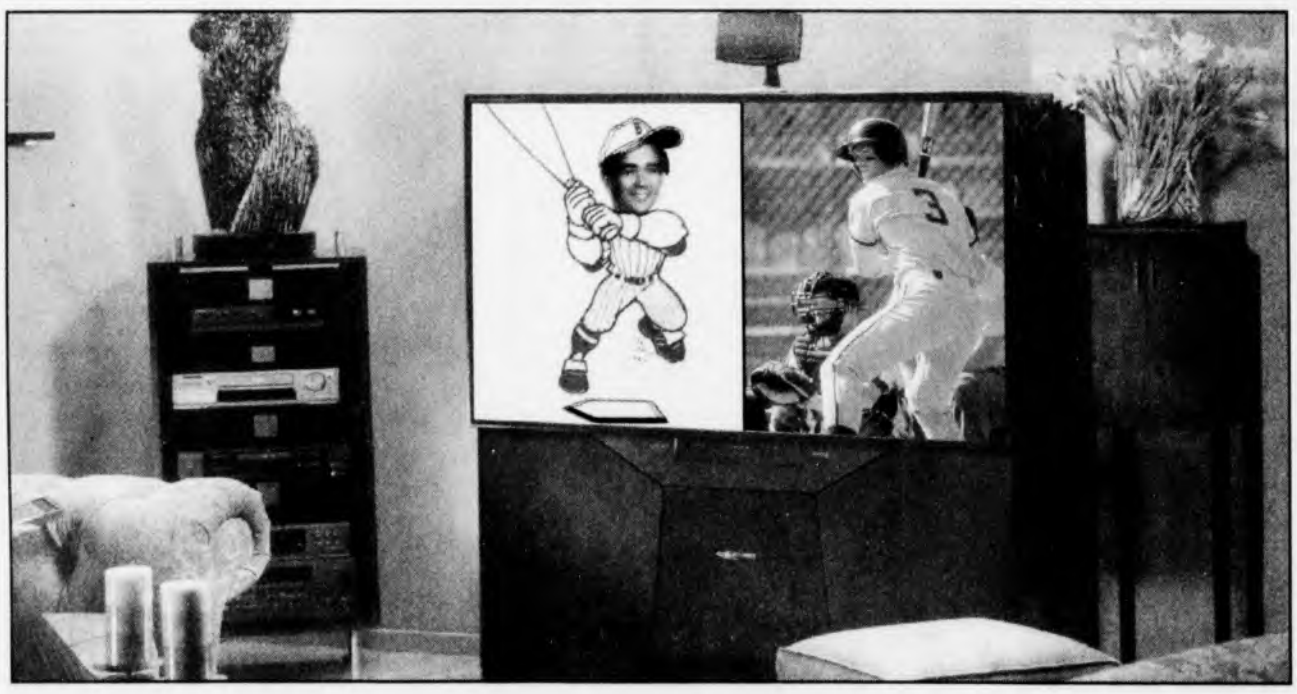

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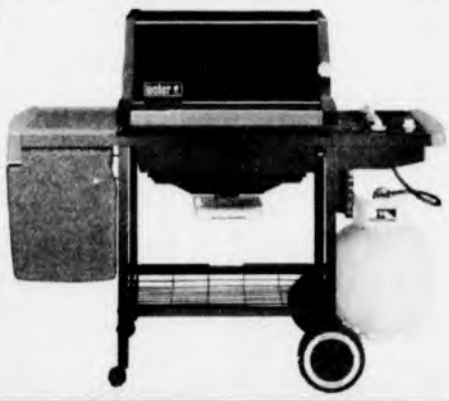

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The Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards.

Forever a 'Temptation'

Dennis Edwards rocks Memorial Hall April 11

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Dennis Edwards sang lead on more hits by "The Temptations" than both David Ruffin and Eddie Kendricks combined during an on-and-off tenure with the group that began 35 years ago when he replaced Ruffin. Edwards was still surprised, however, when in 1989 the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame chose to induct him alongside the legendary Motown vocal group's original members — Otis Williams, Melvin Franklin, Paul Williams, Ruffin and Kendricks.

"I still remember reading in the newspaper that 'The Temptations' were voted in on the first ballot for induction in the Hall of Fame. I was so pleased for them that I called both Eddie and David to congratulate them. A little while later, I received a telegram informing me that I would also be inducted with them. It was the first time that a non-original member of any group was inducted. I was thrilled to be included, because it showed me that my peers were still thinking of me. Being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was definitely the highlight of my career," Edwards recalled earlier this week by telephone from St. Louis.

When he takes the stage at Plymouth Memorial Hall this Friday night, Edwards, 60, will be singing all "The Temptations" hits from the songs he helped make famous like "Ball of Confusion," "Cloud Nine," "Just My Imagination," "Can't Get Next to You" and "Papa Was A Rolling Stone" to early "Temps" hits like "My Girl" and "Ain't Too Proud to Beg."

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Temptations singer
Dennis Edwards

Backed by a band and four back-up singers and dancers, the singer's current group is called "The Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards." The title may be lengthy, but it is not unimportant.

For years, Edwards fought in and out court for the right to use varying forms of the name "Temptations." In early 1999, he lost his court battle. Despite his many contributions to the success of "The Temptations," a federal judge permanently barred Edwards from performing under the group's name. Edwards also was ordered to pay $50,000 to Temptations leader Otis Williams and the estate of the late Temptations member Melvin Franklin. The court also prohibited Edwards from using such names as "The New Temptations", "The Knew Temptations", and "Dennis Edwards, Lead Singer for the Legendary Temptations". The court order allowed Edwards to describe his group as "Dennis Edwards and The Temptations Review", or "The Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards." The suit was filed by Williams, an original member of The Temptations. The name, "The Temptations" is a registered trademark owned by Williams and the estate of Melvin Franklin.

"There are two sides to show business — the show and the business. I've got a bunch of young guys with me now who are willing to listen, learn and just do a great job. We love to get up on stage, perform and make people happy. Off-stage is another story, that's where the business comes in," explains Edwards. "I love Otis Williams. It is our management teams that don't get along. The whole situation was just very unfortunate. If Otis and I had talked things out, without our legal teams, we'd probably still be together. Some day, I hope to perform with Otis again."

Local, and not-so-local color

Mary Callahan shows watercolor works at Dolphin Gallery

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Marshfield painter Mary Callahan finds artistic inspiration both at home and away. Some of the more impressive results of the artist's ventures are on view in her one-person show, "Home and Away," in the Dolphin Gallery at Hingham Public Library through April 25.

The show continues the ongoing series of local area exhibits, at Hingham Library and elsewhere, spotlighting featured members of the Marshfield-based North River Arts Society.

Watercolors are the sole focus of Callahan's Dolphin Gallery show, while the artist also specializes in oils and acrylics. She is also a watercolor instructor at Cohasset's South Shore Art Center as well as NRAS, and has exhibited in numerous solo and group throughout the South Shore and Boston and even at the 1997 Allied Artists of America National Exhibition in New York, where her work was awarded a silver medal.

"Home and Away" is a pleasant, unassuming collection of watercolors painted from Callahan's own South Shore home and surroundings to picturesque neighborhoods in South Boston to the classic Italian scenery of Tuscany and Rome. Stylistically, the artist describes herself as a modern day Impressionist who names Paul Cezanne and John Singer Sergeant among her favorite painters.

Marshfield painter Mary Callahan's work "L Street Tavern - Waiting for Will" is one of several water colors on display in her "Home and Away" show now on display through April 25 at the Dolphin Gallery of the Hingham Public Library.

"Whether the subject of my painting is a landscape I have visited in my travels, a view of my garden, or a still life I have arranged, my objective is to point out to the viewer something of beauty which might have been overlooked at a casual glance. My aim is to do this in a free, expressive and unique way," says Callahan in an artist statement.

From the "Home" portion of the show, there's a number of floral and botanical still lifes that appear as though they could have been produced in the artist's own Marshfield home studio or backyard, with fine impressionistic tones of light and shade. There are also such odd items as the tranquil, red-sunset beach landscape of "Sailor's Delight," presumably drawn from a local area scene.

A possible favorite among viewers in the entire show, however, is the quaint urban neighborhood scenery of "L Street Tavern — Waiting for Will." Callahan again applies her light and shade touches to give the street corner Southie bar an inviting flavor in this piece, so subtitled in tribute to the bar's on-location use for several scenes shot in the movie "Good Will Hunting." The neighborhood pub was also reportedly a pre-stardom hangout for "Good

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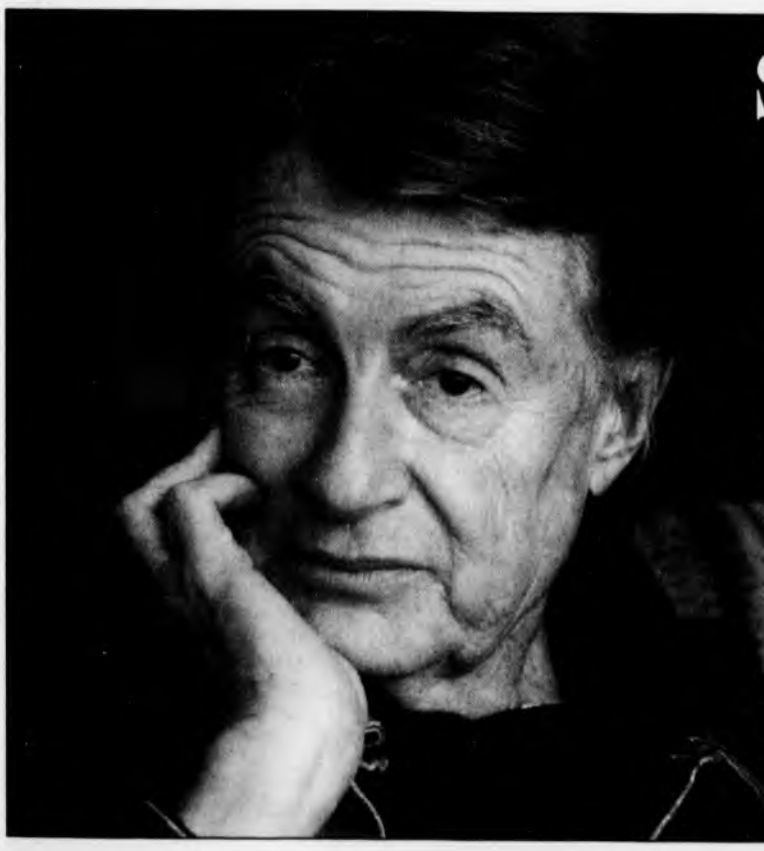
"Hanging out in Siena" is a watercolor featured in the "away" portion of Mary Callahan's "Home and Away" exhibit.



Schumacher gets the call

Versatile director teams with Colin Farrell on 'Phone Booth'

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The new thriller "Phone Booth" endured a casting carousel and two national tragedies, but it finally opened Friday.

Director Joel Schumacher still remembers the reaction he got when he said he wanted to use Colin Farrell in the lead role. The studio's response: *Who's that?*

That was before Farrell turned into one of the hot young actors, after "Minority Report" and "Tigerland."

The casting of the lead role is crucial to "Phone Booth." It's about a slick publicist who picks up a ringing phone near Times Square, then finds that the call is from a lunatic with a high-powered rifle who tells him not to hang up, or else.

After the studio nixed Farrell, "Jim Carrey's managers called me because he had flirted with [playing the lead in the film] before," remembers Schumacher. "They said if you do it, Jim will do it, because we had done 'Batman Forever' together. But when we talked I said, 'Jim, you can't play shtick here. You've gotta be this very ordinary guy, and tear every layer off you to get to rock bottom.' I could tell he was nervous, but we got up to where he was fitting his suit for the role. Then he called me the next day and said he had cold feet. So I said, 'Don't do this to yourself. Release yourself.' "

Director Joel Schumacher says if he's not scared on the set, he's probably making the wrong movie.

Not only was everything back to Square One, there was much more trouble ahead. The casting question was quickly nipped in the bud when Fox executives saw Farrell's amazing performance in Schumacher's "Tigerland" at the Toronto Film Festival.

"They said, 'OK, we get it. Here's a dollar. Go make it with Colin,' " says Schumacher with a laugh.

"So we made it in December of 2000, and it was supposed to come out in the fall of 2001. But then Sept. 11 happened. And we certainly weren't going to put out a movie about Manhattan at that time, it would've been totally inappropriate. Because nobody knew Colin yet, Fox decided to wait till after 'Minority Report' because he'd be with Tom Cruise and Steven Spielberg and he'd have a profile. So it was going to come out last fall, but then the Beltway sniper happened. And we couldn't come out [then]."

"Phone Booth" is another addition to the diverse Joel Schumacher filmography, which includes "Batman Forever," "8MM," and "A Time to Kill." When the director

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Food & dining

Turkey burgers

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Turkey burgers can be about as appealing as low-fat cheesecake – after the first bite, one wonders why anyone would want to transform the national bird into something eaten between halves of a hamburger bun. My initial thoughts were confirmed when I researched recipes that included the oddest ingredients including mango chutney, grated zucchini, poultry seasoning and plenty of filler such as bread crumbs. These burgers don't only strike out in the taste department, but they have a spongy texture somewhere between a chicken nugget and a bad meatball. So how was I going to make a burger that was juicy and tender with a meaty texture and lots of turkey flavor?

The first step was to test dark versus white meat. Ground turkey in preformed patties sits alongside bulk ground turkey with fat percentages of 1 to 2 percent for white meat, 15 percent for dark meat and a ground mixture that is usually about 7 percent. I made patties out of all products including freshly ground thigh, breast, and equal parts of each. Immediately I noticed that the bulk ground turkey is very mushy when raw. It actually has no texture at all and feels like very soft cookie dough—smooth and lightweight. On the other hand, the meat that I had ground coarsely in my processor (after freezing it briefly) felt like real meat. Next, I slapped a few of these home-ground burgers into the skillet and noticed that these burgers didn't shrink or contract — once formed, all of the burgers held their shape. When I compared my homemade turkey burgers to those made with pre-ground meat, the former were clearly rougher in appearance but they also had a real meaty bite and had none of the rubbery,

spongy texture that is the bane of this beef substitute. (Ground turkey often lists "natural flavorings" on the label which may contribute to the lack of honest, fresh flavor.) So the winner was the home-ground turkey thigh. At 15 percent fat, it may not be healthfood, but at least it tastes good.

In terms of other ingredients, I tested mushrooms, thyme, parsley, garlic, shallots,onion, soy sauce, Tabasco, lemon juice, and binders such as bread crumbs. The only other ingredients that passed the test were mustard, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper.

As far as cooking goes, turkey burgers do very well cooked in a skillet or the grill. They have to be done over medium to medium-low heat in order to get a nice brown crust on the exterior and fully cooked inside. Unless using a non-stick pan, you do need a bit of oil to prevent sticking. The burgers are well browned on the first side, which takes about 5 to 6 minutes. Once they are flipped they again cook over medium heat for about five minutes or until medium brown. Then the heat is lowered and they finish cooking over low heat for another five minutes. Using an instant-read thermometer is a little tricky but can be done through the side, although it's just as easy to prick the burgers with a paring knife to be sure there isn't a trace of pink and the juices run clear. They can be grilled over medium heat in a similar manner. The good news is with either cooking method the ground turkey thighs have enough fat to keep the burgers juicy as they cook all the way through.

REALLY GOOD TURKEY BURGERS

If grinding your meat is not an option, you may substitute bulk ground turkey thighs in the recipe below. Even better, if you happen to have a nice butcher you may be able to have him coarsely grind fresh thigh meat for you. In either case, the resulting burgers won't have the meaty texture of the food processor ground meat but they will be flavorful and juicy. The recipe is easily doubled to accommodate a larger crowd. These burgers are exceptionally good when topped with bacon.

1 1/2 pounds turkey thigh meat from 2 medium thighs, skinned and boned
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1. Cut the thigh meat into 1-inch chunks and arrange in a single layer on a baking sheet. Freeze until semi-firm, about 30 minutes. Working in two or three batches (depending on the size of your machine) place the turkey chunks in the bowl of your processor fitted with a steel blade and pulse until the largest pieces are no bigger than 1/8 inch. Transfer to a medium bowl and add the salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce and mustard. Mix well, using your hands. Form mixture into four six-ounce patties that are about 1 inch thick.

2. Meanwhile, heat a large heavy-duty skillet over medium heat until hot, about 5 minutes. Add the oil and swirl to evenly coat the bottom. Add the burgers and cook until very well browned, about 5 to 6 minutes. Turn burgers and cook for five minutes or until medium brown. Lower the heat to medium-low and cook until the burgers are well browned and when pricked in the center with the tip of a knife the meat has no trace of pink and the juices run clear, about 5 minutes longer. Serve immediately.

Serves 4

GRILLED VARIATION

Instead of following Step 2 in the above recipe, ignite grill. When fire is medium- low (you can hold your hand about 5 inches over the grill surface for 5 seconds), rub cooking area with oil-soaked paper towel using tongs. Place burgers on grill and cook until very well browned, about 7 minutes. Turn and cook until second side is browned as well, about 7 minutes longer, checking for doneness as stated above.

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Schumacher gets the call

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is told that none of his films have any particular Schumacher *stamp* on them, he's thrilled.

"Good. *Good,*" he says. "One of my favorite directors is Billy Wilder. One of the things I love about him is that 'Sunset Boulevard' has nothing to do with 'The Apartment,' which has nothing to do with 'Some Like It Hot,' which has nothing to do with 'Double Indemnity.' You could go on and on because they're all totally different. There are some directors like Alfred Hitchcock and Woody Allen who kind of do variations on the same themes. They're great. I love that. But I feel that if you don't repeat yourself and you try to do a different movie each time, you challenge yourself more. I have a rule — if I'm not scared, I'm doing the wrong movie. Besides if it feels too easy and you say, this is a piece of cake, God goes, 'Heh, heh, heh.'"

Schumacher plans to continue his trend with upcoming projects that could include "On the Road," with Farrell taking on the Dean Moriarty part, and the fourth remake of "A Star Is Born," with Will Smith and Jennifer Lopez. But the only film with a definite green light so far is his production of the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Phantom of the Opera," which goes before the cameras in October.

Having mentioned Woody Allen, the question must be put to Schumacher of how he came up with the famous inflatable suit when he served as costume designer on "Sleeper."

"Oh, the hydrovac suit!," he says with glee. "In those days, Woody could make any movie he wanted, but it had to be a comedy, he had to be in it, and it had to be made for $2 million or under. So here we're doing this big sci-fi action comedy, for $2 million, and the costume allowance was $40,000. So the costumes are out of the surplus store, athletic stores; the robots are hockey masks. There's a colander on the head and a piece of a microphone for the mouth. And they're just wearing a rented tux.

"A couple of years ago, there was this thing in the theaters about the greatest moments in film history," he adds. "And I was so proud — one of them is Woody flying in the hydrovac suit across the screen. It was right in there with Ingrid Bergman and Humphrey Bogart saying, 'We'll always have Paris.'"

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Local, and not-so-local color

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Will" stars Matt Damon and Ben Affleck.

Moving to the show's "Away" portion, certainly the most elaborate of the entries is "Tuscan Memories," a nine-panel work which displays its variety of splendid rural scenes of Tuscany in eloquent form. The piece offers a feast of sunlit green in subjects of the sorts that have been perennial artists' favorites.

Other single landscape scenes also highlight Callahan's Tuscany and Rome travels. Rural and urban village pieces such as "Chianti Hillside," "Looking East, Prumiano" and "Flower Market, Rome" again showcase the artist's emphasis on luminous sunlight-color effect in the Impressionist tradition.

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Mary Callahan's work can be viewed Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery through April 25. For more information call the North River Arts Society at (781) 837-8091.

Sow and grow your own garden

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

High above the emerging gardens in the stark, bare branches of a grand old cherry tree, the familiar call of a brilliant, scarlet red cardinal resonates on the crisp morning air. From a distance, a faint reply drifts across the sun-drenched landscape. The cheerful melodies of these handsome, crested dignitaries offer the promise that all the welcome signs of springtime may soon appear despite the discouraging forecast for more wintry weather.

I pause frequently to enjoy the sights and sounds of spring. Drifts of cheerful crocuses create a colorful tapestry in shades of yellow, white, purple and lavender. In a sunny nook alongside my back stairway, clusters of dwarf bulbous irises (Iris reticulata) fill the air with their sweet perfume. The rich, violet-blue blossoms of these miniature irises paint a stunning picture set against a backdrop of sunny yellow daffodils and saffron-colored crocuses.

Nearby, many dormant perennials are beginning to show signs of life as the brilliant spring sunshine beckons them forth. The fleshy stems of old-fashioned bleeding hearts have emerged from beneath a layer of dark bark mulch, their reddish-pink foliage glowing in the slanted rays of the afternoon sun. Welcome touches of vibrant green foliage have appeared throughout the perennial borders as iris, daylilies and primroses become visible despite this past week's chilly temperatures. A new growing season is underway.

With spring in the air, gardeners yearn to work the soil and nurture their plants. Should dreary weather and soggy soils hamper your spring cleaning efforts outside, sowing seeds indoors may offer a pleasant and rewarding substitute for yard work and may temporarily satisfy your irrepressible urge to cultivate the soil.

Once the essential supplies for starting seeds have been acquired, including containers, with drainage holes, sterile growing medium, seed packets, and liquid-soluble fertilizer, time should be taken to carefully read the instructions on the seed packets. Reference books offer valuable information on how to treat seeds gathered from your own garden or provide supplemental information to that listed on the packet. Many seeds have special requirements that should be followed to ensure reliable germination.

Nature devises many clever ways to optimize the success and survival of plants. Methods and timing of seed dispersal and internal mechanisms which delay sprouting of those seeds until growing conditions are optimal, are magically orchestrated to ensure maximal rates of germination in the wild. Many plants that are native to cold and sometimes harsh environments like New England produce seeds with protective seed coats that require a period of external influences to ensure spring germination. Were these seeds to require only moisture, they might sprout prematurely and the tender seedlings might succumb to winter chills. To grow these seeds, special steps must be taken to hasten nature's winter-long process. Two commonly practiced methods of seed treatment are known as scarification and stratification.

Scarification is the act of penetrating a seed coat. In nature, a tough outer seed coat might be broken down by the digestive tract of birds or animals. In the soil, microorganisms or the elements of the soil would gradually wear away or soften this outer layer enabling seeds to sprout at an appropriate time. To artificially produce these environmental factors, it is necessary to nick and/or soak these seeds.

Larger seeds with hard outer coats can be nicked with a fingernail file, razor blade, or pocketknife, taking care not to slice into the embryo underneath the covering. Gently rub smaller seeds between two pieces of sandpaper. Penetrating the seed coats will enable moisture to reach the embryo and initiate the germination process. Some types of seeds are best soaked in warm water for a minimum of 24 hours to soften the seed coat, including peas, beans, carrots, corn, beets and spinach. Scarify parsley, false indigo (Baptisia), primroses, and mallows (Hibiscus). Lupines, morning glories, and sweet peas (Lathyrus) are best treated by both means of scarification.

In our northern gardens and the wild, seeds are dispersed throughout the growing season. During the fall and winter months, these tiny miracles are covered by leaf litter, debris or soil and subjected to periods of cold and dampness. Many of these seeds require chilling moisture in order to germinate, a process known as stratification. While all seeds should be stored in a cool, dark location, an additional period of moist chilling just prior to sowing may be necessary. Large seeds, like the shiny black beauties produced by daylilies, can be collected, dried and stored in plastic zipper bags in the refrigerator. Moist seed-growing medium or vermiculite can then be added to the bags for a period of 5 to 6 weeks prior to sowing them in flats. For smaller seeds, sow directly in flats, cover with plastic or glass, and place in a refrigerator, unheated garage, cold frame or directly in the ground in a protected area. Other seeds which require stratification include bleeding heart, aster, bachelor buttons, bee balm, hellebore, columbine, lavender, ornamental cabbage, tall phlox, some primroses, violets, pansies, purple coneflowers, delphinium, snapdragons, black-eyed Susan, and cleome. Many of these only require 2 or 3 weeks of cold, so your entire refrigerator does not need to be transformed into a garden plot and successive sowings could be done. Woody plants tend to require longer chilling time intervals than annuals or perennials. Transfer the flats to a warm, sunny location following this period of stratification and watch the miracle unfold!

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tick, tick...BOOM! a musical by Jonathan Larson, comes to the Wilbur Theatre May 27 to June 8, starring Boston's own Joey McIntyre. Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster or directly at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston St. Boston.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER announces a show of artwork utilizing digital technology to be held at the art center April 18 to May 25. The "TechArt" show is open to all artists and will be juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. Artists are invited to submit slides of their work that utilizes digital technology as a major creative component in the production of the work. Examples of eligible works may include original digital; photographs, prints, sculpture, assemblages, collages and other work created using components manipulated by or generated from the computer, video animation sound and computer and internet-based works. Each may submit up to three works. All entries must be received by March 10. For information call 781-383-2787.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

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Music by Holocaust composers — Music by composers incarcerated in the Terezin Concentration Camp during World War II will be performed by the Hawthorne String Quartet Sunday, April 13, at 3 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church, 24 West Street, Norwell Center. A reception will follow. Advance tickets are $25/Adults; $10/students; $15 groups of 10 or more. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Thurs. 10

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month, **Allan Chambers** will exhibit his paintings for the month of April at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. for information call 781-337-4513.

The North River Arts Society presents **Focus on Figures 2003** through April 12, at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills Village. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit northriverarts.com

The North River Arts Society presents **"Home and Away"** - an exhibit of original watercolor paintings by **Mary Callahan** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the **Hingham Public Library**, Route 228, Hingham. This show runs through April 25. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

The Ladies Group of the South Shore Viking Club is having their Spring Fashion Show, Thursday, April 10, at 8 p.m. It will be held at the Club, 410 Quincy Ave., Route 53, Braintree. Fashions by Dress Barn of Quincy. Coffee and refreshments will be served after the show. Tickets $5. For information or reservations call 617-773-5870.

Fri. 11

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144

Stomp at The Stuart Street Playhouse. "Stomp," the international percussion sensation, has been held over, and is currently on sale through April 20. Tickets available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400 by logging on to www.stomponline.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston, 02116.

Sean O'Tooles Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth - **Lonesome Jukebox** (rockabilly) 9 p.m. start, wheelchair access.

The James Library and Center for the Arts will host a show of recent oil paintings by **Judith St. Peter** during the month of April. For more information, call 781-659-7100.

The Milton Players will perform the **Last Night of Ballyhoo** directed by Paul Conroy April 4-5 and April 11-12. Friday performances are at 8 p.m. with reserved table setting and complimentary wine and cheese. Saturday performances are general admission. Two performances April 5, at 2 and 8 p.m. April 12 performance at 8 p.m. For tickets ($12-$17) call 617-698-SHOW. Visit www.miltonplayers.org for more information.

Massasoit's student Theater Club Dramatikos, will present the production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," on April 11, at 7:30 p.m. and April 12, at 3 p.m. at Massasoit Community College, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Tickets are $10/$5 children under 12; $5 for groups of 10 or more. Call 508-588-9100 x1544 for more information.

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South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance April 11, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Plymouth Memorial Hall 83 Court St., Plymouth. **The Temptations Revue with Dennis Edwards**, April 11. Tickets may be purchased by logging on to www.ticketweb.com or calling 866-468-7619 or at the box-office, located at 50 Court St. in Plymouth. For more information you can log on to www.plymouthmemorialhall.com 866-468-7619.

The James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents the oil paintings of Judith St. Peter April 4 to 30. A reception will be held April 4, 7 to 9 p.m.

8minuteDating April 11, at **Pat Flanagan's**, Quincy, (ages 24-33). Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Enter and receive your matches after the event. Set-up another date soon after. For more information and to sign up, visit www.8minutedating.com

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held April 11, from 8:30 to midnight at the Radisson Plymouth Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth. Exit 6 East, Route 44 off Route 3. Dance music by award winning D.J. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m. free door prizes. For singles and couples ages 35 to 55 years old. Proper business casual dress acceptable. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com for more information. A non-smoking event. Co-Sponsored by "Cape Cod's Most Eligible Singles."

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Love Dogs.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 12

Holistic Health Fair/Psychic Fair/Project KidsCare will be held at Trinity Parish, Canton, Route 138 N and 1 Blue Hill River Road, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. For more information call 617-469-2568.

The Choral Art Society of Scituate will hold its **4th Annual Antiques Appraisal** on April 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, on Rte. 3A in Scituate. Three appraisers (Edward Collins, Bob Conlin and Chris Engel) will be at the event to assess the value of local resident's antiques and collectibles. The cost is $5. for one appraisal and $10. for 3. In addition, "attic treasures" will be on sale and refreshments available.

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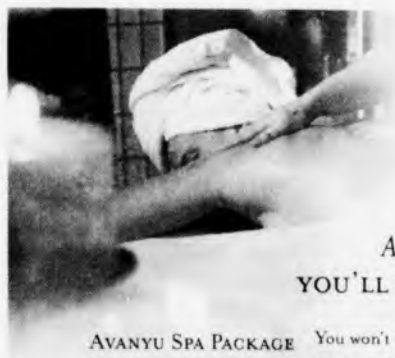

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Proceeds will benefit the Choral Art Society's music programs. For more information please call 781-545-8295 or visit www.choralartsociety.org.

Congressman Barney Frank will be the guest of **Co-Op 8** April 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Scituate High School Auditorium. The Auditorium is located on Route 3A, behind and to the left of the Scituate High School. The event is free and is open to all members of the public. Barney Frank has served Massachusetts in Congress since 1981 and is widely respected for his insight, intelligence, and wit. He will be speaking at a regular meeting of Co-Op 8, an association of eight Democratic Town Committees on the South Shore. Co-Op 8 is being joined by members of the Plymouth County Democratic League in hosting this event. Congressman Frank is to speak on a number of current affairs — the War in, and future governing of, Iraq and future of that region, of course – but also a number of important issues that have fallen off the front page that warrant public discussion.

A Benefit Swing Concert performed by the **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra** will be held at The Atrium at PartyLite Worldwide Headquarters, 59 Armstrong Road, Plymouth, on Saturday, April 12, at 8 p.m. The Atrium is fully accessible. Tickets: Cabaret-style table seats: $35. Tables of eight: $280. Optional French-style box suppers will be served at 7 p.m. $25. Reservations required. Bandleader George Scharr and the Symphony Swing Band of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra play Big Band favorites for listening and dancing. **The SnugTones Jazz Sextet** joins the band for a musical show recreating a 40s-style radio broadcast - straight from Paris. Call 508-746-8008 for more information.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell will present a photography exhibit, Nature's Eye, through May 31, in the Vine Hall Gallery. The work of photographer Patience Taylor of Plymouth, Nature's Eye features many different South Shore landscapes, along with the animals, birds and plants found living in those areas The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, April 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, April 1 to May 31. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off Route 3. For directions or more information, call the Center at 781-659-2559, or visit us on the web at www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org>.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will present the **Duxbury Art Association Annual Winter Juried Show and Rotations**: Recent acquisitions including an oil painting by **Joel Janowitz** and photographs by **Jerry Uelsman** and **Lance Keimig.** These two exhibitions run through April 27. Open to the public and free of charge. Visit www.artcomplex.org for more information.

A Peace Corps. Informational Meeting will be held at the **Kingston-Plymouth Borders Bookstore**, 101 Independence Mall Way from 2 to 3 p.m. Recruiter Nancy Gilbert will provide information about serving as a volunteer and answer any questions about the Peace Corps. Application process. For information call 800-424-8580 or visit www.peacecorps.gov

The Dessert Club presents from California, **Claudia Russell** and **Bruce Kaplan** with opener **Grace Morrison** at the First Parish Church in Taunton, Church Green, Taunton. Tickets $12 doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 8 p.m. Coffee, tea, cold soda, water and great desserts at show. Reservations accepted: 508-824-4143. For more information visit thedessertclub.com

Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Beginner dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ John Lindsay. Snacks, raffles, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. For more info. 508-995-9496 or 781-925-9066.

South Shore Conservatory presents **"Performathon,"** A marathon of student performances at Borders Books, Music and Cafe in Braintree on April 12, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. More than 200 students participate in the all-day event. Admission free. Pick up a coupon at the "Performathon" table and Borders will donate 15 percent of your purchase price to South Shore Conservatory. Proceeds benefit South Shore Conservatory's Scholarship Fund. For information, call 781-934-2731, ext. 14.

Hingham Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players present Stravinsky's A Soldier's Tale, for seven instruments and narrator. Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m. at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 916 Main Street, Hingham. Pre-concert talk by annotator Steve Ledbetter at 7:30 p.m.; reception after, to meet and thank musicians. $18 adult, $15 senior, $10 through age 18. At the door, or call 781-740-5694. Tickets are available at Noble's, Hingham, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, and Hingham Public Library

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Loaded Dice.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-925-4300 or 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 13

The Hingham Public Library and the **Boston Classical Guitar Society** present the **Back Bay Guitar Trio** on Sunday, April 13, at 3:30 p.m. in the Library's Whiton Room. The "Back Bay Guitar Trio" is a classical guitar ensemble comprised of **Steve Marchena**, **John Mason** and **David Newsam**. Free and open to the public.

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The Pilgrim Area Collaborative Professional Staff Association will be having its **17th Annual Road Race** at the Martinson Elementary School, Forest St., Marshfield at 10 a.m. on April 13. There is a five mile run and a two mile fun run/walk. Entry fee $12 before April 11, $15 on race day. All proceeds benefit special needs students. For more information call 781-585-9704.

STABAT MATER DOLOROSA...Passionate Choral Music for Holy Week The 22 women of the **Broad Cove Chorale,** directed by Margo Euler, are preparing two diverse settings of the powerful Passion text on April 13 and 16, a short a cappella showpiece by the 20th-century Dutch composer Henk Badings, and the Baroque masterpiece by Giovanni Pergolesi. The formal concert takes place Palm Sunday, April 13 at 4 p.m., at House of Prayer, 916 Main St. in Hingham (tickets $10 at the door). A Good Friday performance will be sung at Hingham Congregational Church, 378 Main St. on April 18 at 8 p.m. (free will offering). In between, there will be a free concert for Seniors on Wed. April 16 at Hingham Congregational Church at 10 am.

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset will present "An Afternoon of Poetry" on April 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. **Elizabeth Carter Torrey,** published poet, and **Joanne Cavatorta**, Certified Music Practitioner, playing the Celtic Harp, will be the cornerstones of Buttonwood's poetry from 2 to 2:20 p.m. and also at the conclusion of the afternoon. The time in-between has been left open for an open mike and we invite all poets (published or not) to come and share one brief poem with the audience. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 with any questions.

The North River Arts Society presents **Bob Correia** photography through May 24, at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. Gallery hours Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

The Nathan Gallery, located on the second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanover, presents "Full Circle" featuring artwork by the faculty and students from the **Hanover Public School Art Department** (K-12) now through April 14. Gallery hours Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-826-6500.

South Shore Conservatory's Hingham preschool presents its second annual Kids' Concert featuring the music of **Ben Rudnick and Friends** on April 13, with shows at 1 and 3 p.m. at Hingham Town Hall's Sanborn Auditorium. The band's bluegrass-flavored musical style creates a toe-tapping atmosphere where family members of all ages can relax, enjoy, and sing along. Proceeds from the concert benefit South Shore Conservatory's Hingham preschool program. Tickets are $5 per person (children under one year are free), and can be purchased ahead of time at South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Dr. in Hingham, or at Nobles and Buttonwood's for Kids in Hingham Square. Sanborn Auditorium is located at 210 Central St., Hingham and is handicapped accessible. For information, call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

NSRWA Sponsors Walk at Jacobs Pond - Geocaching - Hunting for Treasure in the Watershed Woods - April 13, at 12:30 p.m. Join Judy and Joe Grecco on another geocaching walk at Jacob's Pond in Norwell.. Known as geocaching this treasure finding sport is taking over the nation! Geocaching is an entertaining adventure game of "Hide and Seek" for Global Positioning Systems (GPS) users and their friends of all ages. The basic idea is to have individuals set up and hide caches all over the world and share the locations on the Internet. Please join us, meet in the parking lot off Jacobs Lane at 12:30 p.m. and wear your hiking boots. You may also bring a walking stick if you have one. This is a great adventure for the adults and kids. Suggested donation is $5. per person. Please pre-register my contacting the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org Visit our web site at www.nsrwa.org for more information.

Mon. 14

South Shore Chamber of Commerce Breakfast will host the **Rev. Al Sharpton**, candidate for President on April 14, at the Boston Marriott Quincy. $20 member/$30 nonmembers. For more information call 617-479-1111 ot www.southshorechamber.org

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Archbishop Williams Second Annual Golf Tournament will be held at Pembroke Country Club, April 14, 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Individuals $100; foursomes $375. Call Frank DiCristofaro at 781-837-8636 or 781-837-2522 for registration form.

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham are hosting a poetry contest and all middle school students (Grades 6, 7 and 8) are invited to participate. This will be a month long event to celebrate poetry month. Students may submit their entries directly to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Rt. 3A, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset or Buttonwood For Kids, 28 South Street, Hingham Square, Hingham. Students can enter one of four categories. 1. Free Verse 2. Rhyming 3. Form; any type, such as haiku, limerick, pantoum, tanka, sonnet. 4. Theme: Friendship. All Entries will be displayed through April 19 in Cohasset and Hingham. The contest dates are through April 19, and the judges are local middle school teachers (Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate and Norwell). For rules and more information call Buttonwood Books & Toys at 781-383-2665.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum: The March on Washington – U.S. Representative John Lewis will lead a discussion on the 1963 March on Washington, its planning, implementation, and the effect it had on the nation on April 14, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the JKF Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. Free and open to the public. For reservations and information call 617-514-1643.

The Gallery Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Rt. 18), East Bridgewater, presents **Monday Night Hand Drumming Circle** on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. The

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Yesterday's planetary patterns affect today as well. The Cancer moon forms a harmonious contact to Venus at 11:40 a.m. The first quarter phase occurs at 7:40 p.m., beginning the windup to a full moon that will culminate April 16. However, an alignment of the sun and Pluto takes center stage. This is an excellent day to launch a self-improvement program; start a diet, recognize and break a bad habit, begin an exercise or a meditation schedule.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

It can be difficult to stay on track with practical matters this morning. The Cancer moon opposes Mars at 1:34 a.m. and becomes inactive. Mercury forms a 90-degree alignment to Jupiter at 7:08 a.m., warning you to choose your words carefully. Don't make impulsive decisions, purchases or promises. Avoid arrogant, self-righteous behavior. The moon enters Leo at 2:54 p.m., beginning a period that rates high for launching important enterprises. This favorable period is in effect between 2:54 p.m.-5:46 a.m. tomorrow, when the moon and Jupiter conjoin.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

A Leo moon all day generates an upbeat mood. However, lunar alignments to Mercury at 8:31 a.m. and Neptune at 2:14 p.m. place important signings or decisions off limits. Don't take on anything too stressful or tedious in this period. However, the green light goes on at 2:30 p.m. for new starts in your business or personal life. The evening tops the charts for fun and games. Gather with friends and go for the good times.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Get an early start to this day. You can launch new ventures before 10:18 a.m., when the Leo moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive. The remainder of the morning and afternoon is prime for catching up on unfinished projects, enjoying leisure activities. Stormy astrological weather moves in this evening. The moon enters Virgo at 8:07 p.m. and opposes Uranus at 10:53 p.m. In addition, Venus forms a challenging 90-degree alignment to Pluto. Sidestep disagreements, confrontations with others.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

The combination of a Virgo moon and Mercury-Neptune alignment makes this a day to unplug from your daily routine; rest and recharge your batteries. Pursue activities that help you to relax and maintain a positive outlook. Others may be cranky, critical, stressed. Don't rock the boat. Avoid making important decisions, purchases or starting new enterprises.

MONDAY, APRIL 14

Gear up for a hectic morning. The Virgo moon forms stressful contacts to Pluto, Venus and Saturn, warning you to stay upbeat and go with the flow of things. The good news is that planetary influences turn around completely in the afternoon. An excellent period for initiating important enterprises occurs between 1:00-2:38 p.m., when the moon aligns with Mars and becomes inactive. In addition, the sun forms a harmonious contact to Saturn aiding discipline, focus, organization. The final windup to a full moon begins at 9:42 p.m., when the moon enters Libra.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

A Libra full moon is building up and will culminate tomorrow. Energy and emotions run high. Stay alert and use common sense. This full moon is amplified by alignments of Venus, Saturn and Mars. Stay busy with projects that need to be finished or redone. Use extra caution when driving or operating machinery. Take extra quiet time for meditation, relaxation.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Yesterday's planetary influences are in effect today as well. Take on a full work agenda and stick with it. You can be most productive. The full moon culminates at 3:36 p.m., when the moon and sun oppose at 26 1/2-degrees Libra-Aries. The moon aligns with Mars at 4:22 p.m. and becomes inactive. A Scorpio moon takes over at 9:16 p.m. Venus forms a 90-degree alignment to Saturn, urging you to do some serious soul-searching. Instead of trying to change others or control situations, look within, change your thinking and find a new course of action for yourself.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

This day has its challenges. Stop, look and listen. A serious Scorpio moon forms 90-degree contacts to Jupiter at 10:25 a.m. and Neptune at 5:44 p.m. Others may be hypersensitive, difficult to get along with. Don't make waves. In addition, the sun forms a 90-degree contact to combative Mars. This combination of planetary influences is favorable for developing projects that require study, research, investigation. Spend time alone. Strive for greater spiritual vision.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

A Scorpio moon continues to evoke intense emotions. Pursue activities that help you to vent and maintain perspective. Your mental attitude will make all the difference. Keep your mind and hands busy with practical projects. The Scorpio moon interacts with Mars at 5:52 p.m. and becomes inactive. Influences turn around completely at 8:51 p.m., when the moon enters outgoing Sagittarius. A lunar alignment to Uranus prompts you to go with your wild side this evening.

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Paintings at Bare Cove Gourmet – The paintings of Serena Brundige depicting scenes including Turkey Hill and World's End are on exhibit at Bare Cove Gourmet Caterers at 69 Water Street in Hingham until the end of May.

Parenting Seminar with guest speaker **Nancy Starns**, Director of the Woodside School in Plymouth.

Tues. 15

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, will present a photography exhibit, **Nature's Eye**, through May 31, in the Vine Hall Gallery. The work of photographer **Patience Taylor** of Plymouth, Nature's Eye features many different south shore landscapes, along with the animals, birds and plants found living in those areas. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, April 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 1 - May 31. For more information, call the Center at 781-659-2559, or visit us on the web at www.ssnsc.org.

Silent Auction - Original works by **Scituate Art Gallery Artists** will be on display and for auction throughout the month of April. Visit the Gallery through April 27, and post a bid for your favorite piece of art. Final open bidding will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, during a reception at the Art Gallery on Front Street. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with an opening reception on Sunday, April 6th from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

Braintree Art Association member **J. Marshall Dyke** will display his paintings for the month of April at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

The Quincy Art Association announces its **Annual Spring Silver Tea Art Exhibit** in the Atrium at the Thomas Crane Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy. The exhibit will run through April 30. the opening reception will be April 13, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

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Handlebar Harry's, Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

Thurs. 17

Comedy night Jimbo's Restaurant Braintree Five Corners April 17, at 8:30 p.m. Featuring: **Bob Seibel** along with **Annette Pollack Bob Niles Jeff Clough**. Your host: **Stacy Yannetty** Admission: $10 - special priced appetizers From 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300.www.annettepollack.com or www.jimbossouth.com

April is "Buy a Brick" Month for Gaffield Park The Friends of Gaffield Park, a non-profit group raising funds to renovate Norwell's Gaffield Park, will launch its "Buy a Brick" campaign the month of April. The organization is offering the bricks as a way for individuals to donate funds to the future playground renovations while personalizing a gift for a friend or loved one. Each brick will be added to the pathway into the park with its message permanently embedded. The group's goal is to sell at least 200 bricks in the month of April alone. Bricks will be 4" X 8" and available for donation of $100. Each additional brick is $75. Messages may be up to three lines of text with up to 20 characters per line. For more information or to order a brick, contact Stefania Healy at 781-659-6567 or visit our website at www.gaffieldpark.com. Friends of Gaffield Park is a committee of the Norwell Men's Club, a non-profit organization.

Fri. 18

Tunes for Tots - A benefit for the children of The Carolina Hill Shelter will be held at the **Ranch House** in Marshfield, on April 18, featuring **Basic Black, Lonesome Jukebox** and **The Matt Chase Band**, hosted by **Liz Raven**. Donation $10.

STABAT MATER DOLOROSA... Passionate Choral Music for Holy Week The 22 women of the **Broad Cove Chorale,** directed by Margo Euler, are preparing two diverse settings of the powerful Passion text on April 13 and 16, a short a cappella showpiece by the 20th-century Dutch composer Henk Badings, and the Baroque masterpiece by Giovanni Pergolesi. Two lush motets by the Romantic German composer Josef Rheinberger will round out the concert. A Good Friday performance will be sung at Hingham Congregational Church, 378 Main St. on April 18, at 8 p.m. (free will offering). In between, there will be a free concert for

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South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. Performing will be **Sarah Burrill** and **April Hall**. The open mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. Light refreshments are available, no alcohol, and the hall is handicapped accessible. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Swinging Steaks.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing Events

The Braintree Art Association Annual Member Exhibit will take place through April 17, at the Thayer Academy Gallery, 745 Washington St., Braintree. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mothers & More: South Shore Chapter: If you are a women who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about Mothers & More. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Route 228, Hingham. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Rd., Cohasset. Art Exhibition - **Winter Break - Joan Brancale,** an inaugural exhibit, now through April 30. Gallery hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 9 to 5 p.m. Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

Duxbury Art Association presents the **Sixth Annual Monotype Guild of New England Juried Exhibition** in the Bengtz & Cutler Galleries at **The Ellison Center for the Arts**. This exhibition is open through April 18. Open and free to the public. Gallery hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 or visit www.duxburyart.org

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays. For more information call 781-659-2559.

After The Bell Recreation Program Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive, So. Weymouth. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, 3 to 6 p.m. for youngsters 6-12 years of age. Energetic and exciting non-competitive sports and games designed to motivate, challenge, and build confidence. Time and quiet space also available for study and homework. Three, one-hour sessions each day. Members $8 per session, non-members, $10. Registration and information 781-337.4600 x111.

The Olde Kids On The Block, a 20-piece orchestra will be at the Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday beginning Sept. 17 through Aug. 19, 2003, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person, all are welcome, no smoking, wheelchair-accessible.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth - Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

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Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

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Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at 781-829-4278.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at 781-294-1880.

Alateen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hanover (in the back lower level) First Baptist Church at 580 Webster St. (Rte. 123) For more information call Kris at 781-834-5973. For information on similar fellowships at other times in Massachusetts towns, call 781-843-5300.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call 781-659-1857.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum program listing: Museum hours Tuesday through Sunday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum Fees $3 adults (age 16 - 64), $2 seniors (ages 65 plus) $1.50 children (ages 3 - 15). Free for Massachusetts Audubon Society members with a valid membership card. Weekends programs: 11 a.m. - "Story time", (geared to ages 3 - 6) 1 p.m. "Live Mystery Animal", (geared to all ages) 3 p.m. "Theme of the month", (geared towards ages 6 and up). Located at 1904 Canton Avenue, Milton. For more information call 617-333-0690.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation & Nursing Center located at 308 Kingstown Way in Duxbury meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. All family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims are welcome to attend. For further information all Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser at 781-585-2397.

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Library chief can write the book on grants

Takes over at Paul Pratt

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A new face is running Cohasset's new library.

With the retirement of library director Janet Husband, Jackie Rafferty, who served as director of the Hanson Public Library for eight years, has taken over.

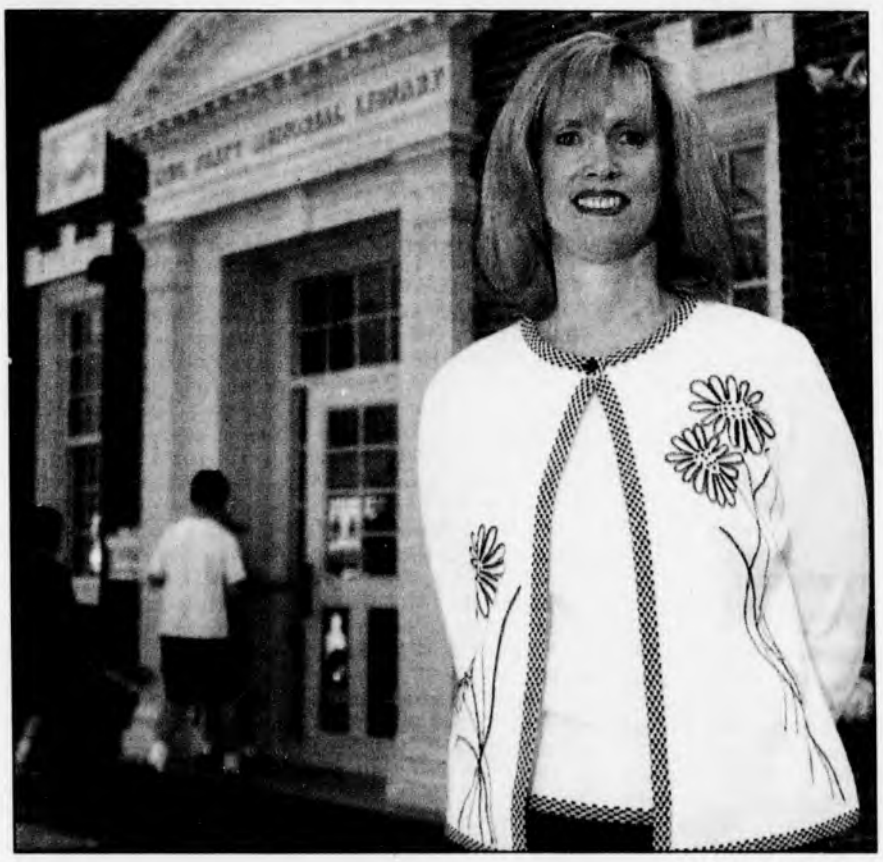
Rafferty brings 18 years of experience as a librarian to Cohasset. She said she was attracted to the town because "it seemed like a very supportive library community."

Rafferty's first job at a library was a part-time position in her hometown of Plympton, where she still lives today. After deciding to pursue a career as a librarian, she attended graduate school at the University of Rhode Island, graduating with a master's degree in library and information science.

Since then, Rafferty has worked in libraries at Stonehill College and Quincy College before moving on to her last job as library director in Hanson.

"I've always, since I was four years old, had a passion for libraries," she said. "My parents brought me to the library weekly."

Rafferty is overjoyed to have the opportunity to be working in a "state-of-the-art facility" at the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library. She said she could tell that Cohasset residents appreciated it as well. "People don't just come in and take books out," she said. "They actually come in and spend time here."



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Jackie Rafferty of Plympton is the new director of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

As library director in Hanson, Rafferty implemented six grant programs and helped secure about $85,000 in funding for the library. The number of circulated items almost doubled during her tenure, from about 46,000 to nearly 82,000.

"I hope to be able to do the same type of work here in Cohasset," she said.

Rafferty is working with library trustees in Cohasset to develop a "long range plan" so the library can apply for grants in the future. She's also working to make the library Web site "more dynamic" and is

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Burying wires still an option

Nothing is set in stone for the village project

By John Camera
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Just as it appeared designs for streetscape revitalization in Cohasset Village were coming into focus, Selectmen have decided to consider reprioritizing the entire project.

A $1.5 million state grant that had been slated to pay for improving sidewalks and streets may now be used for burying or repositioning utility wires first.

Selectmen said they will add two merchants to the task force and review all possible options for moving utility wires.

The decision came Tuesday night at the conclusion of a two-hour plus meeting between Selectmen, representatives from the Waterfield Design Group and village merchants. The meeting was originally intended to finalize the placement of bumpouts, parking spaces and crosswalks so that the project could be put to bid by April 30. *(See sidebar)*

It seemed as though minor design issues were being resolved slowly but surely until Tom Hamilton of Dean and Hamilton Realtors stood up and called for selectmen to reprioritize. "I think this is terrific," Hamilton said of the 75 percent completed village design. "But start with the utilities. Do the basics first...To have good looking Victorian lights between telephone poles is ridiculous."

Other merchants agreed with Hamilton and added that Selectmen had not lived up to a decision they made two months ago to appoint two merchants to the Downtown Revitalization Task Force.

At that point, Selectmen agreed request an extension from Mass Highway on the state grant to try to accommodate Hamilton's and others' concerns. As of now, the grant must be spent by June 30, 2004, meaning construction would need to begin this summer.

If an extension is granted, Selectmen said they will add two merchants to the task force and review all possible options for moving utility wires. They would then determine whether moving forward with one of those options was economically feasible. If the extension is denied, it is unclear

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Grade shift is a done deal

Realignment set for Sept. 2004

By Mary Ford
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Grade three will move up to Deer Hill and grade six to the middle school — no matter what, the School Committee says.

Board members want to put to rest any discussion on revisiting grade realignment, which set the stage for the state's agreeing to reimburse the town for about 62 percent of the $41 million school renovation and expansion projects at the two schools. The state considers school projects for reimbursement under the School Building Assistance Bureau on the basis of enrollment and program needs.

But what was on the table and negotiated at the School Committee meeting last week with a handful of concerned parents was when the move would occur. After some discussion, the School Committee agreed to wait until September 2004 even though the transition could occur as early as next January when middle-high school construction is expected to be finished. Work at Deer Hill is just about complete.

"The grade reconfiguration has to go forward," Chairman Rick Flynn said. "Timing is on the table but grade reconfiguration is not on the table. If it doesn't go forward, it could affect our reimbursement."

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo provided a historical snapshot of the decision process that took place about four years ago. He explained when discussion began members of the School Committee were "seriously split" on the issue but through work and research, ultimately voted unanimously for the grade realignment.

"The grade reconfiguration has to go forward."
— School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn

DeGiacomo urged his fellow board members to decide on the date for the realignment, so the discussion could focus on the "specifics of the report" compiled by Supt. Edward Malvey with input from the task force that consisted of parents, faculty, support staff and administrators.

Although Malvey said the move could occur mid-year with little disruption to students and staff, several parents in attendance said a mid-year

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Neighbors don't want the spotlight

Insist CHS lights are a glaring issue

By Mary Ford
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While the step by step construction continues to reveal impressive improvements at the new middle-high school, some neighbors aren't happy with the proliferation of outdoor lights which are part of the project.

To that end, they implored the School Committee to take their concerns under consideration because the "light pollution" will have an adverse effect on their quality of life.

In a petition to the board, the neighbors described the planned exterior lighting as "excessive."

"As abutters to the middle-high school we consider this a radical, unnecessary and unfriendly change to the neighborhood," stated the petition that was signed by members of about 28 households.

They said the school could meet all safety standards with considerably less lighting.

Patricia Connors, 148 Pond St., said Town Hall and the new library have far less lighting.

"In the end this will rival that over Stop & Shop and that concerns us greatly," she said.

Karen Quigley, 27 Clay Spring Road, said the light from the loading docks shines into her bedroom all night long.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, who attends the School Building Committee meetings, said lighting plans were drawn up three years ago when the architectural plans for the school were put together. He said he wasn't sure how much could be changed, but promised to work with the abutters "to try to be good neighbors." He pointed out that a school had been on the site for 50 years.

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SPRING IN THEIR STEP

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Bill and Karin Campbell walk along Border Street at the harbor with daughter Emma and family dog Jack.

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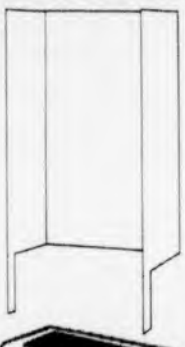
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School board reorganizes

In the interest of continuity, the School Committee has voted unanimously to have Rick Flynn continue as chairman and Chartis Tebbetts as vice chairman. However, member Jane Pescatore will take over as the board's secretary from Pat Martin, who joked "in the interest of sharing – she didn't want to hog that position."

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, April 15:

Board of Assessors, May 6 at 4 p.m.

Board of Health, April 22 at 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, April 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Selectmen, April 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, April 17 at 6 p.m.

Water Commission, April 23 at 8 p.m. and May 1 at 8 p.m. at 339 King St., April 28 at 8 p.m. at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals, April 22 at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless posted otherwise. .

More potential woes for Avalon

The Water Commission is asking the Conservation Commission to determine whether the proposed 200-unit AvalonBay development would negatively impact the wetlands resources of the town. Water Commissioners believe that modified stormwater and groundwater patterns as well as wastewater discharge on the proposed site would directly alter wetlands, requiring AvalonBay to file a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission.

The Water Commission will meet with the Conservation Commission at Town Hall on April 28 at 8 p.m.

One vacancy filled, one still remains

Rich Sylvia has been appointed to the Housing Authority to fill a vacancy created when former member Jane Nawn Harris resigned because she moved out of town. Sylvia previously served on the Housing Authority as the Governor's appointee.

Selectmen are still looking to fill a vacancy on the Common Historic District Commission created when former member Alex Adkins resigned due to personal commitments. The position is reserved for an architect.

All-facilities sticker

Selectmen voted 3 to 1 to offer a single "all facilities" sticker, eliminating the option of purchasing a "beach parking" sticker. The "all facilities" sticker will gain access to both the beach parking lot and the transfer station. It will cost $30 for both the first and second sticker, and $15 for seniors.

Previously, a "beach parking" sticker could be purchased at prices of $7 for the first and $3 for the second. "All facilities" stickers, meanwhile, used to cost $35 for the first and $20 for the second.

Selectmen said the new sticker and fee structure would not increase revenues but would create far less paperwork for the Town Clerk.

Selectman Fred Koed was opposed the measures, saying that people who bought "beach parking" stickers only would see an unfair hike in fees.

Selectman Merle Brown, however, said other towns charged fees much higher than Cohasset, pointing to Duxbury, where he said beach stickers cost up to $40 and transfer station stickers cost as much as $200.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said last year, residents purchased about 1200 "beach parking stickers" and about 1900 "all facilities" stickers, 500 of which were second stickers.

Selectmen seek Web volunteers

Selectman Tom Callahan is asking for volunteers to help develop a town Web site. Callahan said the Town needs to use the Internet and its local cable access to promote meetings of boards and committees. He said agendas and minutes of meetings should be posted online.

Callahan said he is willing to maintain the Web site if a citizen could teach him how.

When Selectmen looked into developing a Web site before, they decided against it after determining it would cost $25,000. Selectman Michael Sullivan indicated that if no volunteers could be found, the board should consider spending the money to establish a site. "I think every town has one now," he said.

Sullivan said posting agendas and minutes online could be too much to ask because it may require a full-time webmaster, but Callahan disagreed, saying town employees could be taught how to do it themselves.

Water system's 25th anniversary

All Cohasset residents are invited to the 25th Anniversary Ceremony at 1 p.m. on May 11 to commemorate the 25th year of operation of the Aaron River Reservoir and the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant.

"On May 11, 1978, Cohasset residents ended years of summer watering bans and water shortages," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission. "During the past 25 years we have had the benefit a vast water resource, the 323 million gallon capacity Aaron River Reservoir, that is the envy of other cities and towns."

Special recognition will be made at the event to former town officials and others who helped with the long process to build the teservoir and treatment plant, and to former Water Commissioners, said McNabb.

The anniversary ceremony will be held on the Aaron River Dam, which residents can get to by parking at the end of Beechwood Street or on Aaron River Road.

Keep well clinic

The Board of Health will sponsor the following Keep Well Clinic:

• Thursday April 24 from 1-3 p.m. at the Harborview Senior Housing on Elm Street.

Open burning season

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Open burning permits are issued for the disposal of brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris. Burning shall be conducted on land proximate to the place of generation. Burning shall be conducted at a distance greater than 75 feet from any dwelling. Select a safe area with no ground cover. While burning the fire must be attended until completely extinguished. Have a water hose rake and shovel nearby for fire control.

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Most speakers find fault with rail line

300 turn out at train hearings

By Carol Britton Meyer
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One person after another got up to speak at this week's Army Corps of Engineers public hearing about Greenbush restoration. Of the dozens of speakers coming from Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, and Weymouth, only a few came out to support the project.

One of the strongest comments against Greenbush was a gentleman who called the train a "weapon of mass destruction."

A Scituate lobsterman also spoke with feeling.

"Greenbush would have severe negative impacts on the environment," he said. "Trees would suffer from a daily deadly dose of diesel fuel. Perhaps the MBTA should study express bus lines combined with (additional) commuter boat service."

Hingham Advisory Committee Chairman Carolyn Nielsen, citing property value deterioration, flooding problems, and other issues, urged the Corps to "correct a 150-year-old mistake (referring to prior rail service). Rail restoration is neither reasonable, defensible, nor desirable."

Not everyone thinks Greenbush is a bad idea, though.

Terry Fancher, General Manager of South Shore Chamber of Commerce, said he's "seen and heard every tactic known to mankind" used by opponents to fight Greenbush.

"All it has done is drive up the cost. This project is not a popularity contest. It is about moving people and doing so in a cost-effective and yet environmentally sensitive manner," he said. "This project has the capability of moving people in conjunction with boats, buses, and other forms of mass transit. It can be done in three years. It could have been done a lot cheaper and a lot quicker."

The Corps, the lead federal agency overseeing plans to restore the Greenbush rail line, will ultimately make the crucial decision of whether to issue a permit allowing the MBTA to move full-steam ahead with its plans. The transit authority recently announced a six-month delay pending awarding of the necessary permits.

The need for four-quadrant gates dominated the remarks from the outset as well as concerns about safety issues and visual impacts related to the MBTA's plan to install two-quad gates instead.

Hingham's Memorandum of Understanding with the MBTA to limit adverse impacts of the project on the town was addressed in particular because the Selectmen believe the transit authority is attempting to scale back on previously agreed upon mitigation measures. Those include elimination of four-quadrant gates at grade crossings, which are considered safer than two-quad gates because they have arms that stop traffic on both sides of the street, preventing cars from skirting around the gate to beat the train.

"This could very well be an issue of life and death," said Attorney Stephen Follansbee, speaking on behalf of the Town of Hingham.

Hingham Selectman Melissa Tully said the MBTA is fully aware of the dangers of using two-quad gates at grade crossings.

"The MBTA knows this design poses a significant risk in particular to pedestrians and cyclists," she said, referring to the June 1998 tragedy in Abington when Kelly Ann Boyd, 15, was fatally struck by an MBTA train while Riding her bike. According to a witness, Kelly looked both ways but apparently did not notice the approaching train as she dodged the flashing gates.

Tully noted that according to a published report, state officials had ordered the MBTA to install four-quadrant gates, which block access to the tracks from all directions, at each crossing but the transit authority had not complied.

She further noted that there were five incidents involving bicyclists and a pedestrian passing around lowered gates when warning systems were activated in a two-week period at the Wales Street crossing in Abington. That information was gained from surveillance tapes.

"You factor that over 52 weeks and you have 130 incidents a year at one grade crossing," Tully said. "The MBTA is dismissing their own video evidence and the death of a young girl in order to justify their cost-conscious decision to use two-quadrant gates for the Greenbush project. . . . It is unconscionable that the MBTA continues to knowingly put forward grade crossing designs that are unsafe."

Dangers involved with two-quad gates in the area of South Shore Country Club, where hundreds of children and adults go to play golf, T-ball, and tennis, swim, and bowl, were also noted.

The use of two-quad gates would also require street widenings and limit access to personal driveways and businesses along those roads in those areas.

Project changes

Andrew Brennan, MBTA Director of Environmental Affairs, discussed project changes which have occurred during the past several years, including the location of the Scituate layover facility and a change of location for the Nantasket Junction station in Hingham.

"The alternatives have been looked at to determine which one would have the least environmentally damaging impact," he said. In the MBTA's opinion, Greenbush fits the bill.

That's not how Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, views the project. The senator spoke out about the "many unresolved issues," including safety and environmental impacts.

"Much of this project is driven by politics, not transportation policy," he said. "We need transportation alternatives, but safety and cost issues remain. The alternatives have been given short-shrift by the MBTA."

Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, thinks the Greenbush price tag, which now exceeds $400 million, is much too high.

"The cost is $275,000 per new rider. That's an astonishing figure, which will continue to rise. That means the MBTA will continue to cut corners as it has done with mitigation measures," he said.

Residents and town officials from Hingham and other communities which would be affected by Greenbush restoration were able to sign up an hour before each of two sessions, one held in the afternoon and the other in the evening, thereby reserving a three-minute slot during which they could summarize their concerns about Greenbush restoration, or in a few cases, sing its praises. Some 300 individuals attended the two hearings held April 15.

The public hearing was held at the request of Hingham Selectmen and public officials from other towns to address a number of issues related to Greenbush restoration, which would involve installing 18 miles of rail line and building seven new commuter rail stations and a layover facility at the end of the line.

The public hearing was in response to an application from the MBTA for a permit to place fill material within a total of 7.81 acres of wetlands and waterways for the construction of the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad.

Key issues revolve around potential adverse impacts on waterways and wetlands, but the Corps is also looking at a number of other issues, including land use, the benefits of installing four-quadrant gates, and conservation and environmental concerns.

Vernal pool

Jeffery Moy of Cohasset, whose Ledgewood Drive house abuts the tracks, is concerned that runoff from the train will damage the habitat of a vernal pool located on his property and that the already existing one to two feet of standing water will creep into the rail beds. He is also concerned about the safety of the more than 80 children under age 12 in the subdivision and is asking that a chain link fence be installed around a large parcel of undeveloped land adjacent to Ledgewood Drive for safety reasons.

A number of environmentalists aired their concerns about protecting the North River and the Scituate watershed. Concerns were also raised about impacts to the South Shore Art Center building in Cohasset, which is situated nine feet from the tracks, with respect to vibration.

Those who were unable to attend the hearing to offer comments have until April 25 to do so. They may be sent to: Ted Lento, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, Mass. 01742-2751.

Larry Rosenberg, Chief of Public Affairs for the Corps, said all comments, both written and oral — including those made at a hearing attended by 500 people in 1997 — will be considered before the Corps makes its decision, which will be based in part on the environmental and socioeconomic impact of rail restoration to the South Shore.

GOT to have Greenbush, new advocacy group says

Pro-train effort to make tracks

By Mary Ford
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Too many hours stuck in traffic gridlock along Rte. 3 have compelled a former South Shore Chamber of Commerce president to take the helm of a new pro-train group, dubbed GOT (Greenbush On Track).

Ralph Rivkind, an attorney with an office in Boston, is also unapologetic about living in Norwell, which along with Marshfield and north Duxbury, are considered part of the Greenbush corridor in terms of drawing riders. Those towns won't have any direct environmental impact if restoration of the railroad line becomes a reality.

"Don't get me wrong, if I had bought a house with rusty tracks in the backyard and was told the train would never come, I'd be upset," says Rivkind, who adds one-third of the population of Norwell commutes to the city.

Although the South Shore Chamber has continuously backed the train, the Quincy-based organization decided it won't let the "silent majority" remain mum any longer.

Armed with a new poll it commissioned that shows an average of 64 percent of residents in Greenbush towns want the train – the Chamber insists GOT is not a Chamber organization but an advocacy group that already has the backing of the South Shore Building and Trades Council (a labor organization), commuters and area citizens. To make their point, GOT members manned stand-outs on overpasses during rush hour along Rte. 3 Tuesday morning and evening with signs urging commuters to join the effort to restore rail service to the South Shore.

"Our goal is to make sure both sides are heard," Rivkind says. "The new administration has a difficult decision to make under the current financial crisis and has to look at everything. But we hope they make the decision that Greenbush is the easiest, quickest and least expense per rider solution."

> **"Now is the time for the silent majority to raise its voice."**
> — Ralph Rivkind, GOT chairman

By coincidence the announcement of the new pro-Greenbush group followed on the heels of a Boston Globe story on Monday pronouncing the beleaguered $470 million rail project all but dead. The Globe reported in a front-page article the Romney administration would abandon all suburban commuter rail projects in favor of urban "T" expansion and improvements.

However, both the governor's office and the state Transportation Office, dismissed reports of Greenbush's demise.

"We have not ruled out Greenbush," says Jon Carlisle, spokesman for Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas. "The project is still very much on the table." He explained the administration is trying to develop objective criteria with which to judge the various MBTA projects that include Greenbush and extending commuter rail to Fall River and New Bedford, among improvements to T service on the Silver and Blue lines.

"We said in the first two or three months we'd look at Greenbush and other projects, while construction is halted for six months for permitting and right-of-way issues," Carlisle said. [The MBTA put a six-month halt on Greenbush construction in February].

The review includes environmental issues, cost and transportation benefits, he said. "We want to make sure everything is in place before we make a final call on the project," Carlisle said.

But he gave assurances if Greenbush is abandoned, the South Shore would not be left without any transportation alternatives.

"It is a big hypothetical 'if', but if Greenbush is not built" the state would look to alternatives that would provide transportation for numbers comparable to the train, he said.

Rivkind says no one argues there isn't a need to solve transportation woes on the South Shore. He noted the Plymouth and Middleboro lines, which resumed service in 1997, have been "wildly successful."

He says not building Greenbush would eventually have an adverse affect on the economy and growth in the area.

"Now is the time for the silent majority to raise its voice," Rivkind said. "Anyone who wants to see traffic eased, who wants to take a train to Boston, or wants the state to keep its promise, can join us by sending an email to greenbushontrack@aol.com."

Jim Russell also contributed to this report.

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Affordable housing plan to be reviewed

By John Camera
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In an effort to develop affordable housing that is consistent with the town's character, the Growth and Development Committee has released a plan that recommends several bylaw changes and also calls for a new volunteer group called the Cohasset Housing Partnership.

The affordable housing plan is part of the committee's larger project to create a master plan for the town. According to the plan, the Cohasset Housing Partnership would "take the lead in planning for affordable housing," drawing on expertise from within the community, such as public officials, business and community leaders, lawyers, realtors and others. The current Senior Housing Committee may be folded into the partnership.

Tasks of the partnership would include establishing criteria to evaluate affordable housing proposals from developers, making recommendations on those proposals and locating land suitable for affordable housing development.

The plan also recommends several changes in bylaws to encourage the creation of more affordable units. One suggested zoning amendment would allow apartments by right on the upper floors of buildings in the Downtown Business District. For that purpose, it would also allow for the addition of two to three stories on existing one story buildings, provided the first story maintained its retail use.

A second suggested change would revise the current accessory dwelling bylaw, which, enacted last year, has so far generated no requests for permits. The change would streamline the process in return for affordability contracts.

A third regulatory change, which was withdrawn from the warrant on the floor of Annual Town Meeting, would give amnesty to illegal apartments provided they were made affordable.

A fourth suggestion would be to explore inclusionary zoning, which could, for example, require that new developments of 10 or more units be at least 10 percent affordable, or in lieu of that, require the developer make a payment to an affordable housing trust established by the town.

The affordable housing plan is the third section in the housing chapter of the town's master plan. The first section provides an overview of all residential development in town to date. The second outlines the needs for senior housing and affordable housing with respect to Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law.

Chapter 40B allows developers to apply for a comprehensive permit if less than 10 percent of a town's housing is affordable by state standards, provided that 20 to 25 percent of the proposed development would be affordable.

But under new 40B regulations, towns that have a state-approved affordable housing plan can deny a permit application without a chance for appeal. For a plan to be recognized by the state, a town must prove that it would create three-quarters of one percent of affordable housing per year. That would mean 21 new affordable units per year in Cohasset.

No town has had an affordable housing plan approved by the state, although many have submitted them for review and are awaiting a decision.

At Town Meeting last fall, residents voted to accelerate the affordable housing plan to have it completed by Jan. 1, 2003. It's a few months behind schedule, but the plan is now ready to be reviewed. Town officials plan to have a public hearing on the document at the Selectmen's meeting on May 6.

Wanted: Creative thinking to preserve town character

Focus on land use, open space

By John Camera
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The meeting was a forum for residents to discuss strategies of how to enhance and preserve Cohasset's environmental sustainability, natural landscapes, open space and scenic and historic character.

Dick Avery of Surry Drive sees two sides to building sidewalks. They may improve safety, but they can also potentially destroy a road's character.

"For us to build a sidewalk on Forest Avenue, we're going to have to push trees back and blast ledge," he said. "I'm afraid we're going to lose Forest Avenue just to improve safety."

What most residents actually want, according to Avery, is not sidewalks but "safe passage." In many cases, he said, that could be accomplished by a simple path paved with stone dust, which would require far less alteration of the existing road.

Avery's comments came at a public hearing Monday night held by the Growth and Development Committee. Like Avery, other residents said more creative thinking was needed to accomplish the town's goals and still preserve its unique character.

The meeting was a forum for residents to discuss strategies of how to enhance and preserve Cohasset's environmental sustainability, natural landscapes, open space and scenic and historic character. It was intended to get feedback on how these issues should be addressed in the town's master plan, which the Growth and Development Committee hopes to complete by June.

The discussion was preceded by a presentation from John Seward of the Community Design Partnership, the consulting group that is helping the committee draft the master plan. Residents then chimed in with their own suggestions.

Roger Lowe of Beach Street, whose property is on a potentially dangerous curve in that road, agreed that more innovation was needed. "If we ask an engineer (to build a sidewalk), we get a straight line, four feet wide, the length of the street," he said, suggesting that in many cases it was unnecessary to go to such lengths.

"Maybe what we need is just for some people to give up part of their property. Would I give up three or four feet so people would feel safer in front of my house? Sure I would."

Lowe agreed that more design review was needed. "I think some of the biggest offenders of preserving the character of the town have been the Town," he said, citing the addition to Town Hall and the new flood lights at the Middle High School.

Mark DeGiacomo, also of Beach Street, encouraged the Community Design Partnership to come up with possible ways of protecting ledge. "I would say that, next to our water, ledge is probably number two in our natural resources," he said.

Lowe said one of the reasons a bylaw to protect ledge had not been passed at Town Meeting in the past was because the issue of property rights, which opponents of the bylaw often point to, had not been fully addressed by ledge preservationists.

"We never really answered (the property rights) question," he said. "We didn't talk about people who have moved into a community and it is in their economic interest to have a community preserved."

Tom Callahan, a selectman and also a member of the Growth and Development Committee, said several proposed bylaws that would regulate land use and protect open space were likely to be introduced at Town Meeting this fall.

One of those bylaws is the ledge bylaw. Another would require a site plan review for new homes over 3,000 square feet so that neighbors and town officials could to provide input on designs that might not be in the character of the town.

Callahan said supporters of these measures would need to be vocal and encourage others to attend Town Meeting. "Our committee needs to get a sense from the people in the town that when it comes to Town Meeting, they're ready to stand up and really vote for (the bylaws) and not say, 'oh, property rights,'" he said.

Several residents said that a better public relations effort from town officials who support such measures would be helpful. Avery said the Town should try to make better use of public access television. A public hearing like this one, he said, should be aired on TV.

"If that's encapsulated and played 10 times over the course of a month, that's an asset," he said.

Property tax bills are due May 1

The Town of Cohasset has issued the Fiscal Year 2003 fourth quarter tax bills due May 1. Anyone who has not received their tax bill should contact the Board of Assessors at 781-383-4114 to confirm their correct mailing address or the Treasurer/Collector at 781-383-4102 for a copy of the tax bill.

Online with eBill

On April 14, the Town of Cohasset began offering residents the option of paying their Real Estate tax bills via the Internet.

The eBill system takes the Town's billing data and posts it on the Metropolitan Communications (MCC) web site, which allows residents to view and pay their real estate tax bills. At 25 cents per transaction, the new payment option costs residents less than a stamp.

Residents can arrange for bill payments to be automatically withdrawn from their checking or savings account, and eBill will be accepting credit card payments shortly.

Currently, residents are able to pay real estate tax bills with eBill. This summer, residents will also be able to pay motor vehicle excise and water/sewer bills using eBill.

To find out more information, or to make a payment, residents should visit the eBill website at www.mcc.net

Voluntary contributions

Over the past two years, thousands of dollars have been raised through the voluntary contribution program. However, there is still a way to go before the fund balances will be sufficient to grant awards. Your continued support is greatly appreciated! To make a voluntary contribution simply complete line two of your tax bill and add that contribution to the amount due. The following is a description of the three available funds:

Scholarship Fund will provide secondary school tuition assistance to deserving Town residents. These funds will be in addition to scholarships currently available to Town residents.

Educational Fund will provide supplemental educational funding for the Cohasset Public Schools. Additionally, funds may be used for existing adult literacy programs.

Elderly/Disabled Fund will provide property tax relief for elderly and disabled Cohasset taxpayers who meet specific criteria established by the Elderly/Disabled Fund committee.

Alzheimer's benefit brunch at Saporito's

"A Taste of Spring: A Wine Tasting Brunch," is the 11th annual fund-raising event for the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. The festivities will take place at Saporito's Florence Club Café in Hull on Sunday, May 18 at 1 p.m.

The event includes a five-course gourmet menu. Each course is accompanied by a wine selected by Mark Lewis of M.S. Walker Company who will explain the fine art of blending foods and wines. The Joe Micarelli Trio will provide a jazz accompaniment to the food and wine. Again, Andy and Mary Ann Saporito Boothroyd have selected from their culinary favorites to present an exciting menu. Lucky winners will be chosen for baskets of gourmet foods and wines gathered for the occasion.

All proceeds from this event underwrite ADSGSS activities: it's monthly newsletter, outreach brochures, postage, family information packets and the help-line phone. ADSGSS, Inc. is a non-profit educational corporation that depends solely on public donations.

Reservations for this event, that benefits this meaningful cause must be made in advance. Tables may be arranged to accommodate four, five or eight people together at $65 per person. Please call JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417, evenings, for reservations.

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SPECIAL DAY

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TOP SAILOR

Thanks in part to Cohasset's **Wiley Wakeman**, the Hobart and William Smith sailors beat out nine other teams, including the second-ranked squad from St. Mary's College, to win the Navy J-24 Regatta. Hobart and William Smith finished with 27 points, five better than the second place Seahawks. Wiley, along with his teammates, won four races and finished second in two others to secure first place. Great Sailing Wiley and to all the other members of your team.

MAINE STUDIES PROGRAM

Sarah Kidder, a Union College Class of 2005 biology major, will participate this spring in the college's Marine Studies program. Sarah is a 2001 graduate of the Cohasset Middle-High School. During this 10-week program, Sarah will study on a ship in St. George's in Bermuda; Woods Hole on Cape Cod; and Newfoundland in Canada. She will study the diversity and adaptations of marine organisms in their environment, as well as the social life of maritime communities and the shaping of national and international marine policies. This sounds like a fantastic opportunity for you Sarah, make sure to update us with your travel experience.

CRTC SCHOLARSHIPS

After receiving successful first semester transcripts the Cohasset Republican Town Committee has distributed its first two scholarships to: **Daniel Littauer,** who is the son of **Thomas and Teresa Littauer,** is currently attending Boston College, and **Nancy Winters**, the daughter of **John and Joanne Winters,** who is a student at St. Michael's in Vermont. Congratulations to these fine students who are the initial recipients of this annual award.

ST. SEBASTIAN'S HONORS

Paul F. Digan, a senior, and **Paul B. Cotter**, a sophomore, have been named to the third-quarter honor roll at St. Sebastian's School in Needham. The boys had to maintain a B- or better in all subjects to make the honor roll. Their proud parents are **Thomas and Mary Ann Digan** and **Dr. Paul and Margaret Cotter**.

PSO CALENDAR

The PSO Calendar that so many of us rely on and use on a regular basis, is in the works! Any school event or important date, town organization, nursery school or other pertinent information should be emailed to psocalendar@yahoo.com at any time from now until July 15! Make sure to include a contact person and all key information.

NIFTY AT FIFTY

On Saturday, April 12 at 5 p.m., a surprise 50th birthday party was given for **Al Riccio** by his wife **Linda** and the **Conte Family** at the home of her brother **John Conte** and his wife **Joni**. There were 70 of his relatives and friends that attended this very happy celebration! A great time was had by all. Happy Birthday, Al!

ON STAGE

Look for Cohasset's Austin Breslow (standing center, in the leather jacket) in "Rebel Without A Cause" produced by the Company Theatre's Teen Conservatory Program. The play, featuring youths 13-18, is on stage April 25 & 26. Call 781-871-2787 for more information.

TUTORING OFFERED

Hey parents and students. Miss **Nichole Santoro** is going to be tutoring students in grades 3-6! Maybe you want to keep the momentum going over the summer, give some extra help in a certain subject or just have some extra support for your child. For more information please e-mail her at Torosun@aol.com

LIFEGUARDS SOUGHT

The Cohasset Swim Center would like to extend a final invitation for applicants! Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for lifeguards for the 2003 summer season. All applicants must be 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Letters of interest should be sent to Attn: **Darleen Koetsch**, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@attbi.com

Anyone interested in employment, and is enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor. Spring courses are being offered throughout the region. Water Safety. Instructor applicants must be 17 years old.

Programs to become a certified Lifeguard are also be offered. Lifeguard course applicants must be 15 years old. Sign-up Now! For more information call **Sue Mavilia** at 781-383-1988 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@attbi.com please include your phone number with your contact information.

VO-TECH HONOR ROLL

Named to the honor roll at South Shore Vo-Tech in Hanover are **Kristen James** (high honors); and **Elyse Portanova** (honors). Both of you should be very proud of the job you have done. Keep up all of your hard work.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

Brother Richard Lumnny, C.F.X., Principal of St. Paul School in Hingham is pleased to announce the following Cohasset residents have excelled in all subject areas during this trimester and are being recognized for their achievement. **Thomas Chase** (grade 7) son of **Mark and Laura Chase** was named to the Principal's List. **Eric Vanderpool** (grade 6) son of **John and Gerry Vanderpool** was names to First Honors. Both of you should be extremely proud of a job well done, we know that your families are proud!

PRESIDENT'S TEA

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its yearly President's Tea at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, April 22. The guests are the Garden Club presidents from the South Shore District. The tea will begin at noon, followed by a presentation given by landscape designer **Judith Reeve**. Judith will demonstrate techniques to help us garden comfortably and safely, no matter what our age or ability.

ARBOR DAY

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will host an Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m.. President **Sally Avery** and Conservation Chairman **Meg Moore** will lead a walk through the new Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary identifying trees and plant communities. All those interested in joining Sally and Meg should meet at the Wheelwright Park, North Main Street entrance parking lot at 10 a.m.

SEEKING 'SHADY' CHARACTERS

The Cohasset Swim Center is getting ready to start building a shade structure to provide pool users with much needed protection from the sun and need syour help. If you have some time to lend this spring, please consider joining in on this project. Building and/or engineering experience would be especially helpful, but all hands are welcome! Call 383-9463. The Swim Center is a non-profit organization that provides instruction and recreational opportunities to all members of the community.

DEAN'S LIST

Naomi Ansbergs was in the honors program at UMass this past fall and was named to the dean's list. Naomi has transferred to Smith College Northhampton and is doing well there also. Great job Naomi!

That is all for this week. Please make sure to send in all information no later than Mondays at noon.

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Benefit night raises $25K

Supporters of the Social Service League of Cohasset gathered amidst a sea of gold balloons at the Cohasset Golf Club on April 5 to toast the Cohasset Consignment Shop's Golden Jubilee Anniversary. There was something for everyone during the fun filled evening.

Before dinner, guests were able to bid on dozens of donated silent auction items, buy chances on creative raffle baskets, and meet Channel 5 news anchor and Cohasset resident Anthony Everett.

Singer Anne Czerkawski, who paid tribute to the Consignment Shop with her own arrangement of "Second Hand Rose," provided the evening's entertainment. A live auction, featuring the easy-going and humorous Everett as the auctioneer, was the highlight of the evening.

This event, the second fundraiser that the League has organized, was an outstanding success. Approximately $25,000 was raised to support the League's work with families, counseling, referrals, and domestic violence assistance.

Anthony Everett, who served as auctioneer, holds a watch donated for the live auction.

PHOTOS/LYNNE LAYMAN

Above: Social Service League Director Don Ivas and his wife Nancy at the league's fundraiser.

At right: Mitoko Dean helps out at the well-attended gala.

Memorial fund sets tone for CMHS Jazz Ensemble

Performs with top trio May 5

Harvey and school officials hope the fund will provide the basis for a solid jazz curriculum at the school for years to come.

By John Camera
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The late Cyril Percival Harvey only lived in Cohasset for three years, but his legacy may live on here forever.

Cyril's son, Lou Harvey, has set up a fund in his father's memory to sponsor a jazz program at Cohasset Middle High School. Harvey and school officials hope the fund will provide the basis for a solid jazz curriculum at the school for years to come.

Now in its first year, the CMHS Jazz Ensemble, the first product of that fund, is preparing for its biggest performance to date. On May 5, the group, made up of 20 students from grades 7 through 12, will play a concert in Middle High School cafeteria. Joining them will be the Aaron Thurston Trio, a renowned professional jazz group from New York City.

Harvey said his father, who had always been a jazz lover, moved to Cohasset to live with his son in his old age following a period of illness. After regaining his health, he started up playing the piano and the saxophone again.

"It showed that he had been revitalized," said Harvey. "He was invigorated again."

Harvey said Cyril fell in love with Cohasset and the sense of security and community that surrounded it. After he died last summer, Harvey created the C.P. Harvey Memorial fund as a way to give "something of lasting value in town" and "to stimulate the interest of music in the community."

Stephanie Hoskin, the first-year music director at the Middle High School, said the Jazz Ensemble has been a great addition to the school's music program. The group practices after school one day a week under Hoskin's direction. Their first performance came at this winter's holiday concert.

"They felt very good," said Hoskin. "I thought they performed very well."

At the upcoming concert, the ensemble will play two standard blues pieces and then join the Aaron Thurston Trio for a song. After that, the Trio will take over.

"It's always great when you can relate a classroom experience to people who have made a career of playing music," said Hoskin.

Ruth Fennessey, the CMHS curriculum coordinator, said the creation of the Jazz Ensemble jived perfectly with Principal Michael Jones' desire to start a jazz program. "We wanted the program to have a two-fold purpose, one being education and one being entertainment," she said.

Lou Harvey asks residents who attend the concert to understand that the Jazz Ensemble is a first-year program. "We ask the town to be forgiving if they miss a note here and there," he said.

Still, Harvey was enthusiastic that the program would catch on quickly in the community. "I'd like to see this thing grow financially as well as have more of an impact on the school," he said.

Hoskin, too, hopes the curriculum will expand and allow for two jazz groups, one at the Middle School and one at the High School.

Harvey said his father would be overjoyed to see the amount of interest in jazz that a fund in his memory had created. "He used to have a phrase: 'You did good,'" Harvey said. "I think he'd use that now."

Tickets to the May 5 concert, which begins at 7 p.m., can be purchased by calling the Middle High School at 781-383-6100. Prices are $8 for students and $15 for adults. Proceeds will go to the C.P. Harvey Memorial Jazz Fund.

Geologist talks at annual society dinner

Speaker will be geologist, Peter Dillon, addressing "The Geologic History of Cohasset: The Really Early Years."

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold its spring dinner on Sunday, April 27 at the Cohasset Harbor Inn, 124 Elm St. from 5::30 to 9:30 p.m. The featured speaker will be geologist, Peter Dillon, addressing "The Geologic History of Cohasset: The Really Early Years."

Dillon received his Master's degree from Boston College and worked for a number of years for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as a hydrogeologist before becoming a consultant on water supply and wastewater issues. Cost of the dinner and presentation is $30 for historical dociety members and $35 for non-members. A cash bar will be available. Anyone interested in attending may send their check to Cohasset Historical Society, 14 Summer St., Cohasset, MA 02025. (781-383-1434). Please include your name and address as well as your choice of entrée. (Baked cod with buttery topping or chicken francais in white wine and lemon sauce with herbs and capers.) All are welcome to attend this fun and informative evening.

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Vince Gill — Sat • July 19 • 8pm

ABBA "The Music" — Sun • July 20 • 7:30pm

Mary Chapin Carpenter — Sat • July 26 • 8pm

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Joe Cocker — Fri • August 1 • 8pm

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Kenny Rogers — Sat • August 9 • 8pm

Engelbert Humperdinck — Fri • August 15 • 8pm

Julio Iglesias — Sat • August 16 • 8pm

Alison Krauss + Union Station (featuring Jerry Douglas) — Sun • August 17 • 7:30pm

Ani DiFranco — August 19 • 8pm

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Grade realignment set for Sept. 2004

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move would not allow time for a comprehensive transition plan.

Malvey explained it makes sense to move the classes mid-year if the facilities, which represent a significant investment by the taxpayers, are ready. He said children are resilient and described the transition as a "cake walk" when compared to the construction zone the students have been living in for sometime.

He said the timing of the move wasn't a budgetary issue because the operating costs are the same either way.

However, the task force report — which will be the subject of upcoming parent forums — does recommend additional staffing at the grade 6-8 middle school, and, although they share the same building, will be a completely separate entity from the high school. Recommendations include an administrator-in-charge, a counselor or dean of students, a nurse and a secretary — at an estimated annual cost of $165,000. No additional staff was recommended at Deer Hill.

The School Committee reasoned that, although next year's budget looks bleak, there might be an opportunity to resolve some of the issues in the fiscal year '05 budget that takes effect, July 1, 2004. The board also said holding off on the realignment until September '04 would also give the new principal at Deer Hill some time in the position before the grades shift. [Pointing to issues surrounding curriculum, instructional leadership and the restructuring of elementary school grades as reasons for the decision, Malvey did not renew Principal Paul Callahan's contract]. The September move would also mean two classes [old and new sixth graders] would make the move to the middle school at the same time, which might provide some continuity for those students.

Copies of the Task Force Report are available at Malvey's office at the middle-high school, all the school libraries, the selectmen's office and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. No dates for parent forums had been set by presstime.

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Neighbors say lights are a glaring issue

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"I'm not sure we can have a dark building," he said.

But the abutters said while they were thrilled to have a renovated middle-high school, they feel it is a detriment to have the maximum amount of lighting. They also questioned the cost of having so many lights.

In what the neighbors described as a "radical change," 32 post and lanterns will be installed on the school grounds and about 25 flood lights on the building itself, according to the electrical site plans. While there were some flood lights on the "old" building there were no posts and lanterns at the school, said abutters, adding they thought the school department was forgetting the high school is in a residential neighborhood.

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo said now was the time to get controls in place, such as the number of circuits. dimmers and timers, so certain lights could be off while others are on

"As abutters to the middle-high school we consider this a radical, unnecessary and unfriendly change to the neighborhood."
— Neighborhood petition

"When the building is turned over to us, we're in charge so it's important that we have the tools and a variety of options available," he said.

Rich Silvia, 445 Beechwood St., who grew up in the high school neighborhood, said the bad news is light pollution can affect quality of life, but the good news is it is easily fixed.

He explained shades can be installed so light stays out of homes, so the only areas that need lighting are illuminated. Silvia suggested the School Committee take the shades off lamps in their living rooms to get an idea of what the neighbors will be living with.

Flynn, the School Committee chairman, agreed there was a lot of light.

"We'll work with you and work with them (School Building Committee) to get it right," he said. "I don't want to spend a lot of extra money on utilities we don't need."

Supt. Edward Malvey suggested the neighbors get any suggestions to Flynn before the next School Building Committee meeting on May 5. He noted the meeting is open to the public and the building committee could deal with specific suggestions more effectively rather than "simply saying the light is too much."

In a telephone interview Tuesday, Flynn said he talked to the Building Committee which planned to contact the lighting engineer to see what could be done. He was optimistic the school department and neighbors could reach a mutually amicable solution.

"It was a 50-year-old school at which some lighting had changed over the years," Flynn said. "But lights lit to 21st century specs can be quite a change.

"However, we're going to try to be good neighbors while providing security for the building and safety for those going in and out of the school," he said.

Synopsis of annual water quality report

The Cohasset Water Department provided the Mariner with this press release.

The Cohasset Water Commission recently mailed its 2003 Water Quality Report to all Cohasset residents. EPA requires all water suppliers to prepare and distribute this report by July 1 each year.

"We are pleased to report, again, that Cohasset drinking water is in compliance with all applicable water quality standards," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission.

In 2002, the water department continued to take many significant steps to preserve and protect the quality of Cohasset's public drinking water, including the annual flushing of the distribution system, the rehabilitation of about nine-tenths of a mile of water mains by replacing undersized mains and by cleaning & lining others, and by starting to implement the department's comprehensive "Surface Water Supply Protection Plan," McNabb explained.

EPA regulations require all water suppliers to report all regulated contaminants which are detected in the drinking water. During calendar year 2002, the following contaminants were detected, all within compliance of applicable water quality regulations:

Fluoride – Added to the water to promote strong teeth; detected at a maximum of 1.25 parts per million (ppm), less than the Maximum contaminant Level (MCL) of 4 ppm.

Chlorine – Added to disinfect water to prevent disease from microorganisms. While chlorine is required to be added to the water for public health reasons, it is important to keep chlorine levels as low as possible. "We detected a maximum of 1.45 ppm of chlorine, which is lower than the 4.0 ppm Maximum Residual Disinfection Level recommended by EPA," said McNabb.

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) – Byproduct from chlorination and reaction of chlorine with sediment in water mains. TTHM's were detected in the distribution system for an average of 68.7 ppb; which is below the MCL of 100 ppb. "Note that the MCL for TTHM's does not apply for small systems, said McNabb. "We are voluntarily testing for HAC's and TTHM's," said McNabb. "Because we are concerned about these levels and are taking steps to reduce them to provide the maximum possible protection to the people of Cohasset.

"Since HAC's and TTHM's are caused by the reaction of chlorine and sediment in water, we expect that the flushing of the water pipes, our continued distribution system improvements, and planned improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment plant will continue to reduce the levels of HAC's and TTHM's," McNabb said.

Total Haloacetic Acids (HAC) – A byproduct from chlorination of water. "While HAC's were detected at 61.9 ppb, and the MCL is 60 ppb, this is not a violation because the MCL does not apply to small systems, under 10,000 populations, like Cohasset. The Water Commission is taking action to reduce HAC levels, by regular flushing of the water distribution system and by changes to the operation of the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant," McNabb said.

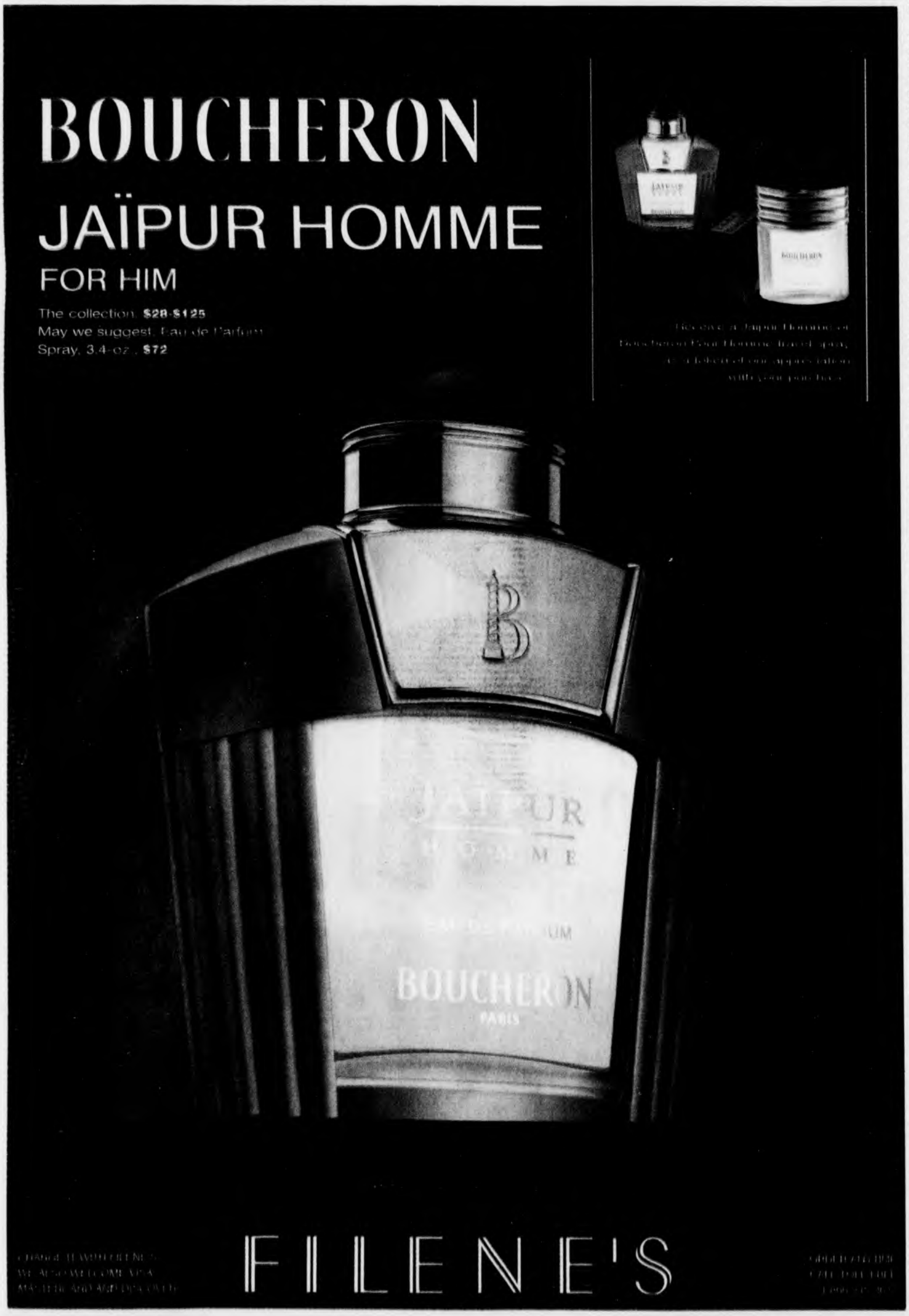
Turbidity – a measure of the amount of sediment in the water. From daily testing, which is an overall measure of water quality, the highest turbidity detected was 0.07 NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units), lower than the regulatory limit of 5 NTU.

Sodium. Detected 21.2 ppm. There is no MCL for sodium, but it is recommended that people on salt restricted diets consult with their physicians when the level is over 20 ppm.

Sulfate. Detected 29.9 ppm. There is no MCL for sulfate, which is unregulated but which the water dept. is required to include in our regular annual tests.

Hexachlorobutadiene. Detected at 0.6 ppb. There is no MCL for Hexachlorobutadiene, which is a chemical used to make rubber compounds, used as a solvent, to make lubricants, used as a heat transfer liquid and hydraulic fluid.

Copies of the 2003 Water Quality Report are available at Town Hall, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, and at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant.



Outsourcing school cleaning could be cost-saving measure

Town Hall, police station, also included

By Mary Ford
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While Cohasset schools will retain some of their custodians – the bulk of school cleaning could be handled by an outside contracted service come July.

The service provider would also be responsible for cleaning the Town Hall, the police station and the public restrooms slated for the former Hagerty building at Mariners Park off Parker Avenue.

The town, with School Committee's unanimous approval, is soliciting bids for the service that can be submitted to the Town Manager's office until 10 a.m., May 8.

It's all part of an effort to look at different ways of doing business in order to save money, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Haddad said the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library has been cleaned by an outside service since it opened nearly two months ago. "It's worked well so far," he said.

Haddad said the town spends about $200,000 on routine maintenance including two employees assigned to the schools. That does not include the cost of nine school custodians.

He said there may be some layoffs if the town opts for the contracted services. "But it's too early to tell what the impact is going to be," Haddad said.

While Supt. Edward Malvey doesn't see outsourcing the cleaning service as saving money, he agrees it is necessary to keep Deer Hill and middle-high schools — which are being renovated and expanded to the tune of $41 million — and the five-year-old Osgood School clean.

"We are under-manned and we've known that for a good number of years."
— Supt. Edward Malvey

"If there are savings attached to it, we'd welcome that," Malvey said. "But I don't honestly think there will be tremendous savings given the use of the buildings."

He explained the buildings need to be cleaned to a "higher quality" to protect the town's investment. Malvey said the schools currently have five custodians at the middle-high school, two at Deer Hill and two at Osgood, which is two less than a study conducted several years ago recommended.

"We are under-manned and we've known that for a good number of years," Malvey said, explaining that years ago when the old Osgood was open there were a total 14-16 school custodians. He said layoffs are possible, but a minimum of five to six custodians "to tend to many tasks" would still be needed if the town does go with outsourcing.

Malvey said the custodial union is opposed to the outsourcing plan.

"If they had their choice, they would prefer more custodians were hired to assist them," he said.

Currently the town handles general maintenance of the school buildings that includes changing filters in the HVAC, replacing light bulbs, painting when needed, general repairs and the like but does not do the cleaning, which has been handled by the custodial staff.

Haddad said because of cutbacks at the state level and the need for a Prop. 2-1/2 override, town officials explained at Town Meeting the town would try to find more cost-effective ways of doing business. He said if the bids demonstrate that hiring an outside contractor for cleaning is more expensive, the town would revisit the issue.

The cleaning service would be responsible for cleaning school restrooms and locker rooms on a nightly basis among myriad other duties including major cleaning during school vacations and over the summer.

School maintenance issues are nothing new. Back in 1999, Haddad looked into having a private company clean and maintain the schools. But the bids received showed outsourcing would not save any money. However, two of the schools' custodians were subsequently transferred to the DPW to become maintenance workers. Haddad said he is more optimistic this time around because the bid package is much more detailed so the town would know the exact cost of cleaning each building. He also explained the economy is different than in 1999 – a fact that might attract more bidders.

Restrooms are being constructed at the Center for Student Coastal Research in the former Hagerty building at Mariners Park. Haddad said cleaning the new restrooms was part in the bid package to see if it would be cost effective to include them. The center has agreed to clean the restrooms, but could pay the town for the service.

He said the fire department and DPW are not included in the bid package because those departments handle their own cleaning.

New Paul Pratt library director can write the book on grants

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exploring home delivery of books and other items for people who can't make it to the library.

Rafferty started in her new position shortly after the new library opened. She said in her first two weeks on the job, the trustees and 17 full and part-time staff were very welcoming, especially Husband, who, as the former director, helped her with the transition. "It's a wonderful staff," she said. "Very professional, very friendly."

As far as her own reading taste goes, Rafferty likes a little bit of everything: nonfiction, classic novels, mysteries, biographies and books about politics, too. That's no surprise, however, when you consider that diversity and variety are what attracted Rafferty to libraries to begin with.

"I like libraries because they're cultural centers, intellectual centers — they bring the world to everyone," she said. "Especially a community library — it *is* the community center."

Along that note, Rafferty encouraged residents visiting the new library to stop in and introduce themselves.

Library Trustee Patience Towle said Rafferty was an obvious choice out of the 12 qualified applicants that the search committee considered in January.

"She immediately stood out from all the other candidates, both in terms of her enthusiasm and her experience," Towle said. "Our new building struck her as an positive opportunity rather than an overwhelming challenge."

"She's extraordinarily well respected by her colleagues," said Sheila Evans, also a Library Trustee and the chairman of the search committee. "We feel extremely lucky to have been able to hire her."

On active duty

The following troops from Cohasset are on active duty:

John B. Atkinson (USMC)
Jarrod V. Batts (USMC)
Daniel J. Brennock (USN)
Jeffrey L. Brown (USN)
Joseph W. Carbone (US Army)
Kevin Duffy (USCG)
Grant Emde (USMC)
Andrew J. Hamilton (USMC)
Steven Harrington (USMC)
Laurence E. Hoogeveen (USAF)
Keith A. Jackson (USN)
Michael Kennedy (USMC)
Matthew Lewis (USN)
David MacDonald (USN)
Christopher J. Mahoney (USMC)
John N. Maynard (US Army)
Angela R. Parisi (US Army)
James Smith (US Army)
Eric Snow (USMC)

If you know of someone from Cohasset who is not listed here and is on active duty, call the American Legion post at 781-383-9657 or email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com

Buttonwood hosts coffee with authors

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset will present "Coffee With The Authors" on Tuesday, April 29 at the Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a continental breakfast and a stimulating morning with three authors as they discuss the art of writing and their latest works.

Featured authors will be Rosemary Mahoney for "The Singular Pilgrim: Travels on Sacred Ground", Jacquelyn Mitchard for "Twelve Times Blessed" and Jessica Shattuck for "The Hazards of Good Breeding". Mahoney's book is a collection of travel essays that chronicle her journey along ancient paths traveled by ancient pilgrims. Her previous works include "Whoredom in Kimmage" and "A Likely Story: One Summer with Lillian Hellman".

Mitchard, author of "The Deep End of the Ocean", the book selected by Oprah Winfrey to launch her book club, sets her latest novel on Cape Cod and traces the dynamics of family change within a single year.

"The Hazards of Good Breeding" by Shattuck is the debut novel from a new and innovative novelist. Shattuck weaves with great skill the tale of a family on the brink of change with thoughtful insight and humor. Advance reservations and ticketing are required and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665. Tickets are $13 per person, non-refundable.

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EDITORIAL

Images for the ages

It's been an historic week — one that has given us images that will last for ages. How can anybody forget the scenes of the Iraqi people as they joyfully smashed a toppled Saddam statue?

"I'm 49, but I never lived a single day," exclaimed Yusef Abed Kazim as he pounded the base of Saddam's idol with a sledge hammer. "Only now will I start living."

Other Iraqis draped a previously outlawed flag across the despot's statue shortly before it was toppled. When the bust fell, throngs of people descended upon it to vent their fury. Some enthusiasts chopped the statue's head off and dragged it through the streets of Baghdad to exhibit their freedom of speech.

"Bye Bye Saddam," read a sign held aloft by a young man. "Thank you, Mr. Bush," howled another Iraqi man with delight to TV viewers across the globe. One Iraqi youth ran a victory lap around Baghdad's Paradise Square while holding an American flag aloft. A group of Iraqi Kurds displayed Old Glory with an image of Rocky Balboa emblazoned on it. Some Iraqis burned photographs of Saddam while others smashed portraits of the dictator on highway murals.

Other Iraqis ransacked Saddam's presidential palaces , the Ministry of Information, (has anybody seen Baghdad Bob lately?) and the Palace of "Justice". The pillaging of these buildings is similar to what happened in Egypt when the Jewish people were set free from slavery 4,000 years ago by another tyrant. The Old Testament states:, "they plundered the Egyptians."

Saddam, like the ancient Egyptian Pharoah, amassed his wealth by forcing the Iraqis to bear unimaginable burdens. Freedom of worship, the right to peacefully assemble, having open government meetings were non existent under his tyranny. Saddam's cruelty to those who questioned or opposed him is now being revealed daily. Some of his thugs engaged in:

- gouging the eyes of prisoners;
- electric shock to extract confessions from political opponents;
- rape, beatings, starvation and other indescribable means of torture

The "Butcher of Baghdad" also used chemical weapons against Iraqi Kurds and Iranian soldiers during the Iraq-Iran war of 1980-1988.

It's fitting that Iraq's liberation from Saddam is taking place as the Passover celebration and Lent season are underway. Both observances symbolize freedom and hope. Passover recalls the Jewish people's liberation by Yahweh from Egypt and their journey to Israel. Lent is a season that recalls the suffering of Jesus Christ as he died upon the cross to liberate humankind from the penalty of sin. Christians believe his death and resurrection from the grave offer new life and hope to those who trust in him.

The freedom now being sampled by Baghdad's citizens is laying the foundation for a new nation, conceived in liberty and without weapons of mass destruction to be developed by a despot. This reality should be encouraging to people around the globe that yearn for freedom from tyrants. Saddam's downfall is also a reminder that the basic desire for freedom can only be repressed to a point. The American Revolution, the overthrow of the French monarchy by its citizens, and the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe are proof that history does repeat itself. The Axis of Evil had better take note of this reality. History is not on their side. The German scholar Fredrick Hegel once stated, "History repeats itself, because man learns nothing from history."

The struggle for freedom will always include the ultimate sacrifice. From the shores of Normandy, France, on D-Day to the deserts of Iraq, the price for freedom has been high. To date there are nearly 134 soldiers from the coalition troops who have died in Operation Iraqi Freedom. These casualties are also a somber reminder of how awful war is and that it must always be waged as a last resort when all diplomatic avenues have been exhausted.

It now appears the struggle against Saddam's henchmen is entering its final days. When victory is declared it will truly begin a season of hope and peace for all Iraqis.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parking ticket upsets visitor

TO THE EDITOR:

On April 9, a very rainy and windy day, I took two out-of-town friends to Cohasset Village for an afternoon of shopping and lunch — three mature women off for a pleasant few hours together to celebrate the arrival of a new grandchild. I parked between Pilgrim Bank and French Memories. I conducted a bank transaction and then took my friends to a nearby restaurant for lunch. There was no parking ticket on my car when I returned. I was assisting one of my guests, who has a knee injury and is not sure-footed, into the car. Suddenly a policeman shouted to me from his cruiser parked across the street in front of the gas station. I couldn't hear him so I crossed the street in the wind and the rain and the traffic to the driver's window of the police car where the officer was beginning to write out a ticket. He explained that there was a new regulation limiting parking to one hour. I asked him where was the sign was. He said that the regulation was just going into effect and pointed out a sign down the street. He told me that he knew it was ridiculous but he had to do it and that I could protest to the Town Manager, Mark Haddad. I stood in the rain and waited for him to finish writing out the ticket – a very inhospitable ending to our outing in Cohasset.

Although we intended to linger in Cohasset to shop, we left immediately. The incident was upsetting. I find a $25 ticket for parking in Cohasset Village to be excessive. This policy will only serve to drive shoppers away from Cohasset. I might add that there were empty parking spaces on both sides of my car.

Today I went to the town manager's office to see the Town Manager and to request a review of the situation. I was told by a very pleasant office assistant that the Town Manager wasn't there but I could fill out a form requesting a review of the situation. Later I received a phone call informing me that the Town Manager had rejected my request but I could request a hearing. When I asked who would be conducting the hearing I was told it would be the same individual, Mark Haddad. I think the outcome is predictable.

I am very disappointed in the way I was treated in Cohasset. In the future, I will not take my guests to Cohasset Village. I will take them to Scituate or Duxbury which are much more hospitable to visitors.

Patricia B. Baker
19 Lawson Road

Gomez appreciates wide range of support

TO THE EDITOR:

A heartfelt thanks to the town of Cohasset for your support of my campaign for Selectman. I appreciate the support and counsel that I received from across the political spectrum and from newcomers and long-time residents alike. Our town's will to come together to support a fresh voice on the Board is nothing short of impressive. I look forward to working with all of you over the next year as I contribute to town life and prepare for next year's election.

Further, a great thanks to my team for their hard work and dedication — to my wife, Sarah, and my children for their patience and encouragement; to my committee and their families for their faith and hundreds of hours of work; and to all of our volunteers for their assistance.

Finally, congratulations to Michael Sullivan and his team for a very well run campaign and best wishes for a strong three years of service on the Board.

Gabriel Gomez
53 Highland Ave.

Cohasset is target of Logan overflights

TO THE EDITOR:

As most of us have become aware, Cohasset is subject to an inordinate amount of low altitude airplane traffic from Logan airport. Today, approximately 65 percent of all Logan traffic either departing or landing overflies the town.

Until recent years the percentage of flights over Cohasset was a negligible percentage of total operations at Logan. The town was a particularly desirable place to live partly because of the peace and quiet we enjoyed. That has changed. Today it is rare to have a day without the continuous, intrusive sound of airplanes overhead. It is making Cohasset a significantly less desirable place to live. The following history explains how and why we have become the target of all these overflights.

In 1979 a citizens group from Quincy, elected representatives from Boston and major political figures in Massachusetts petitioned the FAA to alleviate aircraft noise from flights departing runway 22R at Logan. Runway 22R points southwest, and the residents of South Boston, Quincy, and Squantum were severely affected by jet noise from departing flights. Senators Kennedy and Tsongas, Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill, Representatives Moakley and Markey, Mayor Tobin of Quincy, senior officials from the Department of Transportation, the FAA and Massport cooperated in crafting a solution. The outcome was codified in the FAA Record of Decision of 1980. It was to reroute 22R departures away from South Boston and Quincy by requiring planes to turn sharply to the east on leaving the runway, proceed out Boston Harbor and then south and west with shore crossings in Hull, Hingham and Cohasset. In other words they moved the noise from them and onto us. In this process Cohasset was not represented.

In 1983 the FAA working with this same group plus 12 affected communities immediately surrounding Boston — the Community Advisory Committee to Massport (CAC) — instituted a computer based tool known as the Preferential Advisory System (PRAS) to automate the selection of runways based on a set of rules of usage. The PRAS was a political tool to further decrease the effect of overflights on the close-in communities. It recommended among other things a doubling of the arrival traffic over Cohasset on runway 33L from approximately 23 percent of all arrivals to 42 percent. In this process Cohasset was not represented.

In 1986 the FAA again working with the CAC revised the PRAS and issued tower orders which read as follows: *"Between midnight and 6:30 A.M., the supervisor shall ensure the use of the following runway priorities – Land 33L, Depart 15R In an attempt to further reduce aircraft noise, particularly during the hours of 0000 and 0600 local time, it becomes even more important for us (whenever wind conditions permit) to use runway 15R for takeoffs and 33L for landings."* In other words, route all nighttime traffic over Cohasset. The combination of the 22R departures and 33L landings means, in fact, that practically all four-engine cargo planes either departing or landing Logan in the midnight to dawn hours are preferentially routed over the town.

In 1996 President Clinton signed Executive Order 12898 which read in part *"To the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law, and consistent with the principles set forth in the report on the National Performance Review, each Federal agency shall make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations in the United States"* Airplane noise has been defined by the FAA as having adverse health and environmental effects. The FAA and Massport solutions have been, therefore, to preferentially favor air traffic routes which move noise from minority populations to non-minority populations i.e., Cohasset and South Shore towns.

In 1995 the Logan Airside Improvement Planning Project EIS/EIR was initiated. Among other aspects of the Project was the building of runway 14/32. Runway 14/32 is in direct line with Cohasset and planes using this runway will also overfly the town. Further, during the Airside Improvements Planning Project, new runway combinations were recommended with the goal of reducing noise impacts by overflying fewer communities. The inverse, of course, means increasing noise over the remaining communities. This perverse goal is the current FAA position. The effect of 14/32 and this goal will mean still more flights over Cohasset.

If all of these directives and orders were implemented, Cohasset would suffer 80 percent of all traffic into or out of Logan. It is hard to imagine such a devastating outcome, yet that is the goal so that others will be spared. Already it is rare to have a moment of silence in the town. Cohasset would rival Winthrop in the degree of impact from aircraft operations at Logan. It is also worth noting that the northern and western suburbs have not been targeted.

All these decisions have created an environmental disaster for Cohasset. We have asked Ellen Roy Herzfelder, Secretary of Environmental Affairs for Massachusetts, to reexamine the assumptions of the FEIR for the Airside Improvement Project so that a fair and impartial examination of the facts can be undertaken. The reasons seem more than adequate. In January of 2002, in response to a request by the Federal Aviation Administration for a review of the aircraft delay data which Massport intended to use in its Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), the MITRE Corporation issued an analysis based on FAA guidelines which concluded that there was "little benefit attributable to the new runway" and, in fact, the delays were exaggerated by a factor of 10. The results of this analysis were not included in the FEIR. We believe that this constitutes concealment of a material fact and is sufficient to justify a Notice of Project Change. Since the environmental and economic analyses contained in the FEIR rest on the assumptions regarding delay, they must be reexamined in light of the MITRE report findings.

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We can't afford Greenbush

LOCAL VIEW

OVE PYGH WILCHE

SEQ CHAPTER \h \r 1I can only welcome the news that the MBTA has decided to put the construction of the Greenbush Line on a six-month hold. In addition, I find it positive and encouraging that Secretary of Transportation Daniel Grabauskas plans to take an objective look at the project. All we need now is that Governor Romney, who seems to have a good sense of business matters, evaluates the economic feasibility of this venture. This would undoubtedly mean the end of what has turned into a financial nightmare.

The MBTA has, of course, claimed that economic problems have not caused the decision. This is understandable. They have announced several price tags over the years. These were all exact, carved in stone, and indisputable. The perfect example was when former Governor Cellucci set a conditional $400 million limit and the MBTA immediately announced a "bulls-eye" at $434 million. Today the estimated cost is $470 million and, following precedent, tomorrow's cost will be higher, but still within budgetary limits.

What causes the economic calamity without making it a budget overrun is the fact that there was never a budget. The construction of the Greenbush line has followed a build/design model, i.e., there was never a finalized plan before the work began. This is the same as me building a home on a plot of land I do not own, without any permits, without any architectural plan, and the final price of the new home not being known until I have paid the last bill and settled all law suits.

Nevertheless, the MBTA chose this model and that is why they have put the project on hold. All the permits have not been obtained, all the land has not yet been acquired, and several issues are still to be settled with towns along the line. Still, officials express that economy is not the problem, but claim that the construction of the Greenbush line is a commitment, that it falls within the capital budget, and that canceling the project would be a catastrophe.

As so often before, the argument is flawed. Had the $100 million already spent on the Greenbush project been used to implement cost efficient transportation alternatives, we would, as of today, have had public transportation throughout the Greenbush corridor. So, canceling the project is not a catastrophe if the train is replaced with relevant economically feasible alternatives.

The MBTA may believe that the project is an indisputable commitment due to its status as part of the Central Artery Agreement. Contrary to common belief, the agreement allows for a substitution of a project if it is economically or environmentally problematic. The Greenbush project is troubled in both ways and thus could and should be substituted, i.e., canceled in preference of a better solution.

Finally, stating that the project falls within the capital budget is a questionable argument. Already today the MBTA budget is stretched to its limits and adding the cost of the Greenbush project could be the drop in the bucket that blows the budget. Nevertheless, the argument has been used in an attempt to convince us that the state would not gain anything if the project were canceled. Here we have to remember that the MBTA's largest funding source is one-fifth of the state's sales tax revenue which currently amounts to $684 million a year. An adjustment (cutback) of this amount would definitely help the state budget.

So, the question Governor Romney has to ask is, "Can we afford to build the Greenbush Line?" The answer is a unanimous "NO!" In times when a budget shortfall causes cutbacks on far more important aid, we cannot allow any state agency to accept budget overruns. It is, of course, important that the South Shore communities get public transportation. But it should be set up in a financially feasible manner, not as an uncontrolled skyrocketing spin of extreme expenditure.

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Civil War won't die

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Gosh, if this keeps up the Civil War may well be over — in another hundred years or so.

Those degenerate damn Yankees have gone and put up a statue of their hero Abraham Lincoln in the holiest of holy places in the South, Richmond, Va., the capital of the old Confederacy.

At the same time, those reconstructed rebels in the Georgia House have voted to remove the Confederate battle design from the state flag of Georgia and replace it with a circle of stars and three red and white bars vaguely reminiscent of the Confederacy.

Next thing you know, they'll make grandpa take down his autographed picture of Jefferson Davis, burn his KKK regalia and pour his stash of Jack Daniel down the sink.

Needless to say, neither the statue nor the new flag was greeted with cheers south of the Mason-Dixon line where a good portion of the population apparently still hasn't heard what General Grant did to General Lee at Appomatox.

"Lincoln is regarded in the South , and justly so, as a bad guy," said Bragdon Bowling, commander of the Virginia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. "There hasn't been any clamoring for a Lincoln statue here."

Next thing you know, they'll make grandpa take down his autographed picture of Jefferson Davis...

Bowling's great-grandfather fought in General Lee's army 138 years ago and the Sons are still fighting the war as is the letter writer to the Richmond Times Dispatch who called Lincoln "this country's most notorious war criminal."

I can only hope the Sons and their friends haven't developed any weapons of mass destruction in the years that have passed since April 9, 1865, which is still "a day of infamy" in the South.

The flag dispute in Georgia has been going on for at least two years with such vehemence that it cost Gov. Roy Barnes his job and elected Sonny Perdue, the state's first Republican governor in 130 years.

The Confederate battle design, which was added to the state flag in 1956 when desegregation was a hot topic, had taken up about two-thirds of the banner when Barnes succumbed to the pressure of black legislators and shrunk it to postcard-size.

The move was so popular with the great-grandsons and daughters of the old Confederacy that they turned Barnes out to pasture in the election of 2002 and brought in Perdue, who soon found out that he couldn't handle the crisis either.

Perdue proposed a new flag made up of two thick red stripes and one white one with a blue field emblazoned with 13 stars and the state seal in the upper left corner. Only a historian would recognize it as the old Confederate Stars and Bars.

The flag design passed the Georgia House by a vote of 111 to 67 (with black legislators walking out after the vote) and is expected to sail through the Senate but it still faces a referendum of the same voters who turned Barnes out in March.

And, by the by, along the way someone added the words "In God we trust" to the white stripe on the new flag.

For God's sake, don't let the Ninth District Court of Appeals in California hear about that one!

HEALTH NOTES

Why we should pay attention to storm drains and catch basins

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

We're beginning a new program designed to make our storm drains and catch basins better at managing the runoff which comes from our roads and parking lots.

Tuesday April 22 is Earth Day. Cohasset is celebrating Earth Day this year with a very special project: storm-drain assessment. Half of the bad things which enter our precious water resources go in from the surface of the earth. Most often, rainwater or snow melt drains into our retainment systems (catch basins and storm drains) and then, carries untreated pollution into our ponds and streams. This year, the EPA is bringing the historic Clean Water Act its most important challenge: It's going after the smaller, but infinitely more numerous almost casual depositors of trash, debris, and other undesirable material into our storm-water and drainage systems. Cohasset has in excess of 1300 storm-water drainage and catchment systems. You see them at every corner of our streets and roads. Every year more and more pollution goes into our waters from these sources. Carl Sestito, our DPW manager, spends more than $50,000 yearly cleaning out these collectors of debris, sand, oil, gasoline, food wrappers, etc.; and sediment which kills much of the biological matter which provides treatment to the water entering our lakes, estuaries and streams.

This year, we're beginning a new program designed to make our storm drains and catch basins better at managing the runoff which comes from our roads and parking lots. Jack Buckley and the Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) has begun a Health Board sponsored program to identify and keep track of our storm drains. Using a grant from the Executive office of Environmental Affairs, Cohasset has begun a program of mapping and describing our storm drains. Most of the work is highly automated using aerial mapping, but someone needs to go out and verify what is there. So, on Tuesday, April 22, Earth Day, high school student volunteers from the CSCR will be going out with Cohasset DPW workers, who are doing routine maintenance on some of our storm drains. Using instructions and forms provided by the Board of Health the students will describe and classify the catch basins they see. The data will then be used to augment the ongoing aerial survey which maps these structures. This important work will eventually result in a program of upgrading our storm-water management structures to do a better job of processing the water which passes through them to our water resources. This very specialized form of assessment will provide important information about where and how our water bodies receive much of their harmful pollution.

Infant immunization

This is National Infant Immunization Week. Immunizations are one of the most important ways parents can protect their children against serious diseases. Immunization protects families and communities. Children who are not immunized increase the chance that others will get the disease.

Each day 11,000 babies are born who will need to be immunized against 11 vaccine preventable diseases before age two. We can prevent more diseases than ever before, yet despite recent gains in childhood immunization coverage, more than 20 percent of our nation's two-year-olds are still missing one or more of the recommended immunizations. Infants and young children are particularly vulnerable to infectious diseases, which is why it is critical that they be protected through immunization. Parents need to take responsibility for their child's vaccinations. As a parent, you should become an informed consumer and keep a record of each immunization visit.

Low immunization coverage is an issue that impacts the entire community. Therefore, community resources, and more importantly, community participation is essential to increasing immunization coverage. A decision to vaccinate a child is a decision to not only protect that individual child, but to protect the community as well by reducing the spread of disease to those who have not been vaccinated either by choice or because of medical reasons, such as children with leukemia.

Immunizations are extremely safe thanks to advancements in medical research and ongoing review by doctors, researchers, and public health officials. Children are far more likely to be harmed by serious infectious diseases than by immunization.

No 'I do' to wedding bells in jail cells

COMMENTARY

ALICE COYLE

I thought it might be tough to top this month's bridal supplement theme — honeymoon havens in the Poconos. I was wrong.

For the June edition, I'm suggesting a fresh new nuptial notion — Jailhouse weddings.

Yes, I'm referring to saying your "I do's" in prison, the slammer, the hoosegow.

And why not?

After all, a state appeals judge recently ruled a Plymouth County inmate can wed behind bars despite strong objections from Sheriff Joseph McDonough, who in his opposition to this conjugal concession happens to be 100 percent right.

After all aren't people serving time for doing crimes supposed to lose the rights and privileges law-abiding folk enjoy? For better or worse, marriage is still a sacred institution, one that certainly should not be celebrated or officiated in a penal institution.

And that doesn't even take into consideration that the incarcerated individual looking to tie the knot in the cell block is doing time for beating up at least a couple of former girlfriends. Who could be convinced a third time would be a charm?

With the inmate's violent record in mind and concern about setting a bad prenuptial precedent, McDonough denied his request to marry months ago. The inmate in turn, sued McDonough, and the judge unbelievably sided with the prisoner.

Only in America.

Next thing you know, Fox will be doing a reality TV show popularizing the practice "Wedding Bells in Jail Cells."

Once we allow marriages behind bars, aren't we opening a proverbial can of worms in the can, and inviting requests to host other significant ceremonies in the clink?

How about graduations complete with caps and gowns and pomp and circumstance played on the prison PA system?

Then again, wedlock in the lockup has interesting possibilities. Imagine the size of the file you could fit inside a five-tiered, butter cream frosted wedding cake?

Following tradition the bride could wear something old, something new, something stolen and something blue. Although I'm not sure satin and tulle go well with prison stripes.

As for the wedding party, the warden would no doubt make an outstanding best man, and it would give a whole new meaning to the title "Matron" of Honor.

There are plenty of Bibles in the big house for a reading or two at the ceremony and the reception could be held under a nice white tent in the prison yard. A real outlaw band would be hired to entertain the guests —family, friends and fellow inmates. Forget the Macarena and the Electric Slide, my friends, you've never done the Hokey Pokey until you've done it in the pokey.

Of course the honeymoon will have to wait until his parole comes up, but until then the newlyweds will have their matrimonial memories to cherish and cling to.

Sounds ridiculous, and it is especially in these tough fiscal times when our state's prison system can't find the funding for really important programs for the more than 20,000 serving sentences. Who can blame Sheriff McDonough for wanting to focus on rehabilitating inmates rather than marrying them off?

Prison isn't supposed to be fun. We don't allow inmates to vote, or dine out or catch the latest movie at the multiplex and we shouldn't permit them to get married while incarcerated.

Isn't the divorce rate high enough in this country?

Reserve the *real* ball and chain for the prisoners, and leave matrimony to those who can flourish in the union on the outside.

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POLITICAL NOTES

Early retirement legislation update

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D- Hingham, member of the Committee on Public Service announced House Bill 3404 providing for municipal early retirement was voted favorably out of committee and sent to the House for debate. The bill provides local leaders the option of adopting an early retirement incentive program for municipal employees. The legislation would make available an additional five years of age or credible service to eligible employees.

"In order to best deal with this fiscal challenge we must explore all viable options that could alleviate some of the financial burdens on our communities. This bill would give cities and towns another alternative in dealing with local aid cuts that could save jobs," Bradley said.

Flag depository at American Legion

The American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 in Cohasset has a way for the public to be able to bring them their tattered and worn flags so they may be properly and ceremoniously destroyed. The Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag. This solid metal Flag Depository protects the flags until they are removed for storage and kept until the time of the desecration ceremony. The Herb Chambers Automobile Dealerships made this new service possible through a donation to the post. Everyone is invited to bring his or her retired flags to the deposito-

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'Beacon of Hope'

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of The Social Service League of Cohasset, I would like to extend thanks to those who helped to make our recent celebration of the 50th anniversary of our Consignment Shop a tremendous success. More than 75 local businesses and individuals rallied together by donating various goods and services for the auction to support the work of the League and applaud the staff and volunteers who run our Consignment Shop. Many thanks to Anthony Everett, who ran the live auction without missing a beat, to Anne Czerkawski and her ensemble for a spectacular evening of jazz and to the Cohasset Golf Club and their staff for their part in the evening's success.

From scholarship funds and professional counseling services, to "Meals on Wheels" for seniors and a highly-acclaimed domestic violence intervention program with Wellspring in Hull, the League continues to be a beacon of hope for people of all ages.

We are grateful to all of our supporters, who allow us to help those in need navigate their way to a safer harbor. Many thanks.

Amy Cutler
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Social Service League of Cohasset

War coverage overshadows budget crisis on Beacon Hill

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

For 10,000 years, war has been humankind's favorite story. Not happiest, but most engrossing. And with modern videocast and embedded photographers, it's a better story than ever. No one (almost) is pro war, but no one (almost) exposed to CNN this month could tear themselves away. At the Statehouse that's understandably led to a vacuum of interest – or perhaps the reverse of a vacuum. Problems persist; debate about solutions keeps the schedule packed. But the discussions, held inside the building, seemed incapable of radiating beyond Beacon Hill so long as "Breaking News: Explosions Rock Baghdad" was cycling like a mantra, entrancing the audience and absorbing virtually all its attention. Legalizing marijuana; letting illegal immigrants have driver's licenses so they'll be safer drivers; letting public schools cancel school bus service and adopt a four-day school week: all these and more were discussed, but almost as moot points.

Even if the war weren't occupying 90 percent of the airtime and newsprint, there's really not a lot of energy for change on Beacon Hill. An overwhelming status-quo majority party (the Democrats) controls the Legislature that will pass judgment on the proposals of a change agent (Gov. Mitt Romney) in the governor's office. The majority has a huge political stake in proving the change agent wrong.

This dynamic could be seen in the work product of task forces assigned by House Speaker Thomas Finneran to study how the budget should be balanced this year in the face of a $3 billion projected deficit and no appetite (yet) for tax hikes. The emphasis was on cutting, not restructuring; representatives went to some lengths to demonstrate, legitimately, that the numbers underlying the Romney budget aren't reliable enough to guarantee balanced books in the coming fiscal year.

Yet the representatives preserved such budget items as the Boston Municipal Court, often viewed as nice to have but somewhat duplicative and not essential. Eliminating that court would be seen the way a lot of reform would be right now: a Romney victory.

Make no mistake, most Democrats are interested in handing him a defeat, and here's how many predict it will be done: propose gigantic cuts in programs and services, and say those cuts are the realistic alternative to Romney's "phony" numbers. Require the governor to take accountability for the cuts that his no-new-taxes mantra requires. Let the public decide: "Republican gimmicks" and "inflexibility," or Democratic "responsible leadership?" That's how the Democrats are hoping people will see it.

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• *House members ponder ways to balance books* — Members of budget task forces appointed by Speaker Finneran to explore Education Financing, Health and Human Services, and Local Government released their work products Wednesday. The ideas are being forwarded to the House Ways and Means Committee for its consideration. The findings in brief:

Four-day school week — Cut local aid 15 to 18 percent — End local mandate for school transportation — Examine the opening of new charter schools — Eliminate the office of Educational Quality and Accountability — Delay jobless benefit eligibility for laid off teachers — Eliminate some corruption safeguards to lower costs in municipal construction process — Exempt small towns from wage-floor protection law — Eliminate many local mandates — New early retirement program at local level — Increase parking fines, towing fees, gun permit fees — Cut higher education funding by 20 percent — Create a special commission to study Romney's higher education reform — Reject UMass campus realignment — Maintain foundation level K-12 aid — Delay changes to formula for education aid — Create special commission to invent new education aid formula — Do not cut early education — Allow continuance of bilingual education despite voter mandate — Consolidate elder personal care, nursing home care and home health care administration — Reject Romney consolidation of Executive Office of Elder Affairs and Health and Human Services — Do not increase state employee's share of health insurance — Adopt incentives to change state employees' use of health care to avoid expense — Close Fernald Developmental Center — Close some DMR facilities and move clients to community settings — Limit participation in Prescription Advantage; increase participant payments — Form bulk purchasing for Prescription Advantage, state employees and willing municipalities

• *Hearings delve into issues from pot to parenting* — It's in the rules: every bill should have a hearing before a committee votes yes or no on whether it's worthy of passage. Hearing season is heating up now, and last week: — The Public Safety Committee took testimony from Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey and district prosecutors on the state's drunk driving laws. There was broad support for measures requiring anyone who tests at a .08 blood-alcohol level to be presumed intoxicated, with challenges no longer allowed. Other measures would allow refusal to take a Breathalyzer to be held against a defendant in court. The committee also heard from a large turnout of immigrants, who argued in favor of a proposal to issue Massachusetts driver's licenses to illegal aliens. It was estimated that one third of the state's illegal immigrants would get licenses. Supporters said that would mean they'd develop the driving skills necessary to pass the license exam, and presumably be less inclined to flee the scene of an accident. Supporters said the state could take in $11 million a year issuing the immigrant licenses.

— The Public Service Committee scrapped Gov. Romney's veteran's-bonus proposal as too stingy. The governor proposed up to $1,000 a month replacement money for state-employee military personnel now serving in the Middle East; the committee amended that to cover the full difference between military pay and the worker's regular state salaries.

— Members of the Taxation Committee are again considering the idea of raising new revenue by increasing the excise tax on alcohol. Lobbyists for the industry said raising the tax could cost the state 2,300 jobs.

— The Criminal Justice Committee heard from advocates for marijuana decriminalization, who argued the state would save $23 million by dropping prosecution of pot possession. Voters in 19 districts approved non-binding referenda last fall in favor of decriminalization. On Beacon Hill, there are few lawmakers pushing the proposal.

• *Romney plan to shake up pike authority draws mixed reaction* — The governor argued he should have the power to name more members to the turnpike board and take control of it because he takes the heat for problems with the Big Dig. He's proposing expanding the board to nine from five members, to be hired and fired by the governor. The governor's right to remove board members was at the center of the controversy that cost Jane Swift her political viability. Romney says the turnpike spends much more than the state highway department to perform similar functions.

• *Story of the week* — Besides the war, the deepening impact of budget cuts and the new level of detail about possible responses were the most important matters making news.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, BHRC reports local representatives' roll call attendance records for the 2003 session through April 11.

The House has held 52 roll call votes. BHRC tabulates the number of roll calls on which each representative was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number commonly referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Several quorum roll calls, used to gather a majority of members onto the House floor to conduct business, are also included in the 52 roll calls. On the quorum roll calls, members simply vote "present" in order to indicate their presence in the chamber. When a representative does not indicate his presence on a quorum roll call, we count that as a roll call absence just like any other roll call absence.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the representative's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the representative was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls the representative missed.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

RECORD PUBLIC OFFICIALS (H 176) - The Judiciary held a hearing on a bill allowing private citizens to record, with or without permission, communications with a public official in the course of his official duty.

FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR LEGISLATORS (S 352) - A hearing was held before the Elections Laws Committee on a proposed constitutional amendment increasing the terms of state legislators from two years to four years.

ANTI-WAR PROTESTS AND TRAFFIC - A bill filed last week would criminalize the intentional blocking of traffic by a pedestrian and require anyone convicted of the crime to pay for all law enforcement and court costs associated with the illegal act. The measure was filed in response to recent actions by anti-war protesters across the nation.

MARIJUANA (S 207) - The Criminal Justice Committee heard extensive testimony from both sides on a proposal to decriminalize possession of less than an ounce of marijuana by persons over 17 years of age. The bill would impose a civil penalty similar to a speeding ticket.

MILITARY PAY - The Public Service Committee approved a new version of a bill providing additional pay for state workers who are called to active military duty. The measure would make up the difference between a worker's state pay and their military salary.

CELL PHONES AND CABS DRIVERS (H 3758) - The Public Safety Committee held a hearing on legislation prohibiting the use of cellular phones by taxi drivers when a passenger is in the cab.

INITIATIVE PETITIONS (S 362) - A lengthy and heated hearing was held before the Election Laws Committee on a bill increasing the number of signatures required in order to place a proposed law or constitutional amendment on the ballot. Under current law, either proposal goes on the ballot if the number of signatures gathered equals at least three percent of the votes cast in the last gubernatorial election. The bill raises the requirement to 2.5 percent of all registered voters for a proposed law and three percent for a constitutional change. Secretary of State William Galvin said that under current law, 65,825 signatures would be required for either proposal and under the new law 110,000 would be necessary for a proposed law and 119,000 for a constitutional change.

SCHOOL BUS MONITORS (H 1340) - The Education Committee held a hearing on a bill requiring a monitor on all school buses.

TEACHERS AND LEGISLATORS (S 337) - Teachers and legislators would switch jobs for a day under the terms of a proposal heard by the Education Committee. The measure provides for a social studies teacher from each senator's and representative's district to participate in a conference on state government while the legislator serves as a substitute teacher in that teacher's class.

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Nothing is set in stone for the village project

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what will happen. Either way, selectmen will take up the project again at their next meeting, April 29.

So far, merchants have raised $200,000 to help pay for burying or repositioning utility wires. Waterfield, however, has said that burying the wires would cost as much as $900,000 and burying conduits for wires to be put underground in the future would cost $550,000.

It is unclear how the sidewalk and street improvements would be effected if utility wires were made a priority. Some merchants and residents suggested that additional savings could come from changing the sidewalks from concrete to asphalt. Representatives from Waterfield said that change could save anywhere between $60,000 and $200,000.

After the meeting, Selectman Tom Callahan, who had previously expressed concerns that the village project was being "hijacked" by merchants, said the selectmen had allowed the project to be taken over by "naysayers." "We're letting a handful of people kill what the rest of the town wants to do," he said.

Callahan said residents already had two chances to pay for burying the wires, once a few years ago by way of a hike in their utilities bill, and once earlier this year by way of an override, both of which were turned down. But Selectman Michael Sullivan said that residents would probably want the wires removed if they did not have to pay for it, although he was unsure if residents would want to limit other sidewalk improvements just to accommodate for the wires.

Selectman Merle Brown said improving pedestrian access and safety was what was driving the project, not burying utilities. "The main thrust of what I've heard is that (the people) would rather have safety first than put the wires underground," he said.

Sullivan said feedback from residents would be needed to help decide whether selectmen should pursue burying the wires at the cost of perhaps losing other parts of the project.

"I don't think we need a referendum. I just think we need to get a sense from people in the town," he said.

Village design was almost finalized

Some issues remain undecided

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Before deciding to reconsider the entire scope of the village revitalization project, selectmen and merchants spent the better part of two hours negotiating smaller issues like bumpouts, parking spaces and sidewalks.

Some issues were resolved, others were not.

• The decision to move the POW/MIA memorial from an island in the middle of Depot Street was not resolved. Designers suggest moving it to the southern corner of Depot and South Main Street. Selectman Callahan liked the idea because it would allow people to read the memorial. Selectman Sullivan opposed it because he thought the median strip prevented people from cutting corners when they turned.

• Decisions on "bumpouts," or sidewalk extensions that are considered pedestrian friendly because they provide improved views at crosswalks, were mixed. A bumpout from in front of Tedeschi's was approved, as was a bumpout at the corner of Depot and South Main. A bumpout at the corner of South Main and Brook Street was not decided upon, although Police Chief Robert Jackson opposed it because it would prevent u-turns. Others supported it for that same reason. A bumpout at the corner of South Main and Elm Street near the hardware store was approved, but it was agreed that the planters, cobblestones, and water pump that currently inhabit that corner would be kept in tact. A bumpout on the opposite corner was reduced in size and approved.

• Plans for a sidewalk on the south side of Elm Street were taken out. Selectmen agreed to pave that side of the road and allow for a loading zone for a tractor trailer.

• Selectmen voted to increase all angled parked spaces to 9 feet in width, up from 8.5 feet. The decision will result in a loss of two parking spots.

• Ralph Dormitzer called for asphalt sidewalks, saying that cement was not in the character of the town. "It's ruined Scituate. It's ruined Maynard. It's ruined a bunch of towns. Don't do something that's not consistent with the town," he said. Some merchants agreed asphalt was better, but no decision was made by selectmen.

• Since Gerd Ordelheide is obligated to pay the $22,000 cost of the sidewalk in front of the Red Lion Inn, it was agreed with that money will go towards extending the sidewalk on the east side of South Main Street up to the old Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Also contributing to the cost of that extension will be the savings from the omitted sidewalk on Elm Street and the omitted new planters and cementing at the corner of South Main and Elm near the hardware store.

CIVIC DUTY

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Marge and Zoe Doherty head out into the rain after Marge cast her vote at Town Hall in the April 5 Town Election. Nearly 50 percent of the town's registered voters cast ballots despite the inclement weather.

John and Dorothy Coleman cast their votes at Town Hall. That's Officer Rick Grassie in the background.

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COMMON GROUND

Amy Whorf McGuiggan

Like 85 percent of adults, I'm allergic to poison ivy, but though I traipse through it every summer on the beach in Provincetown, I've managed, for the last 10 years or so, to avoid "catching" it. It may be that I'm outgrowing it, as oftens happens with age (though one can also lose immunity), but I'm still not taking any chances. After my walks, I head down to the water's edge and exfoliate my skin with handfuls of wet sand and rinse with salt water.

I can even find a few good things to say about poison ivy. Its autumn display of color is one of the most stunning sights in the fall woods. Its tangle of vines and roots helps with erosion control, particularly on the Cape where there is little vegetation to bind the wandering sands. Animals, which do not suffer the same ill effects as we humans do, seek shelter in the poison ivy jungle, a natural fortress that deters human interlopers. Still, I'm not about to get cavalier with this widespread and insidious plant. I've seen, first hand, how toxic it can be.

Last fall, my son, who had been sitting in the path of smoke from a small campfire in the woods behind his school, came down with a case of poison ivy that sent him to the hospital. Poison ivy vines or twigs had, unwittingly, been included in the kindling pile. Swollen and unrecognizable, he spent five hours in the emergency room hooked up to an IV and a week on a corticosteroid. The rash lingered for another two weeks.

Poison ivy (Toxicodendron radicans or Rhus radicans), native to North America, is a hardy member of the sumac family which numbers some 600 different species that thrive in warm and temperate conditions worldwide. Among the more common species that are rash-producing are poison sumac and poison oak.

Poison sumac grows as a tree or shrub in swampy areas and is often confused with Staghorn sumac, a common, non-toxic plant that grows in old fields, along roadsides and woodland edges and is characterized by its clusters of hairy red berries. Poison oak, which closely resembles poison ivy, is a west coast plant and not one that we on the east coast have to concern ourselves with. We have our hands full with the ubiquitous cousin that chokes our woodlands, scrambles along our beaches and makes many a backyard garden a hazard area.

Highly variable in form, poison ivy grows as a climbing vine, an erect shrub or a ground cover. Sprouting from existing roots, underground roots called rhizomes, from vines and from seed, poison ivy sends out its familiar compound leaves consisting of three leaflets - two lateral and one central - in the spring. Like the plant itself, the leaves are variable, shiny or dull, smooth or toothed, measuring anywhere from one-half inch to four inches in length. On beaches, poison ivy leaves have adapted to the salty, harsh environment by curling slightly and taking on a waxy appearance.

Emerging red-tinged in the spring, the leaves stay green throughout the summer. By June, small yellowish-white flowers are borne in slender clusters near the main stem, followed by clusters of small greenish-white berries, called drupes, an important food source for wildlife. In the fall, after its brilliant color display, the leaves drop. Old stems and vines, covered with fibrous roots that make them look hairy, continue to cling tenaciously to the ground and to trees.

Unlike Jimson Weed, yew, Water Hemlock or any number of mushrooms, poison ivy is not classified as a poisonous plant but, rather, a plant (like celandine, tansy or stinging nettle) that can produce an allergic reaction (rhus dermatitis) in humans, the most common allergy in the country. The culprit is a potent, pale yellow toxic "sap" called urushiol (pronounced you-ROO-shee-ol) that sticks to most everything and stays active for years. Deriving from the Japanese word, urushi, meaning lacquer, urushiol turns black and dries hard when exposed to air. Urushiol is present inside all parts of the poison ivy plant - buds, leaves (including dead leaves), vines, stems and hairy roots (including dead vines, stems and roots) - but is only released when the plant suffers bruising or breakage. Given the plant's fragility, merely brushing up against it will release the oil. Flecks of dried urushoil can usually be seen on plants.

Whether by direct exposure, indirect exposure such as from petting an animal, or through airborne exposure, urushoil is quickly absorbed by the skin and begins to metabolize and form new structures that the body responds to as invaders. To combat the invaders, the body mounts an immune response that causes the characteristic itching, inflammation and blistering.

Contrary to popular belief, the poison ivy rash occurs only where the skin has come into contact with urushoil and is "spread" only if the urushoil is spread. Once the oil is absorbed by the skin, the rash itself, no matter how much one itches it, will not be spread to other parts of the body or to other people.

These days, the pharmacy shelves and Internet chat rooms are filled with poison ivy "remedies" which include everything from barrier and topical creams to hot water, white vinegar, paint thinner, saltwater and bleach treatments. Native Americans are said to have eaten the plant's young leaves in an increasing dose to acquire immunity, and because goats seem to enjoy eating poison ivy, drinking their milk has long been believed another way to acquire immunity. Needless to say, consuming any part of the poison ivy plant is not, these days, recommended and could prove fatal.

One folk remedy that has proved to be effective - and apparently safe - is the application of juice from the Spotted jewelweed (Impatiens capensis), a delicate and succulent member of the Touch-me-not family. Also known as Spotted touch-me-not, Horn-of-plenty or snapweed, jewelweed is a tall annual wildflower that grows in dense stands in shady marshes

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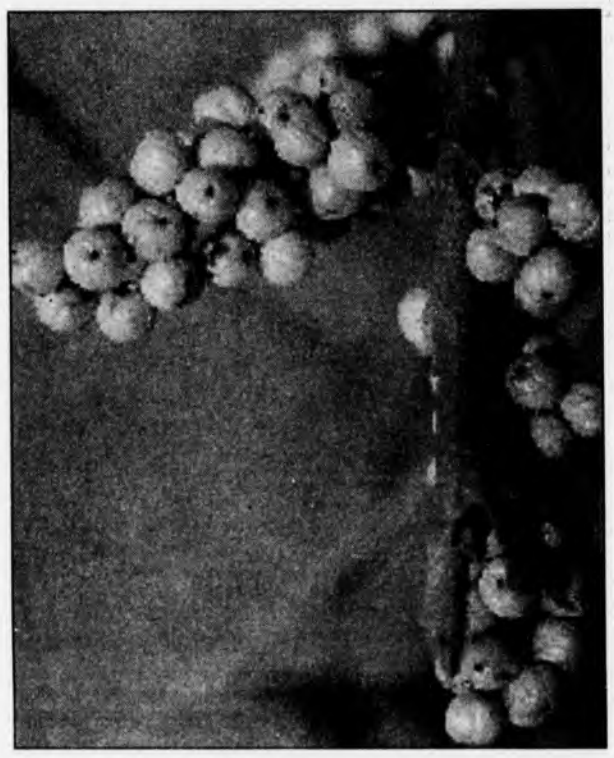
The waxy and curled leaves of poison ivy near seashores. Note the flecks of dried, black urushoil on the surface.



The greenish-gray berries – called drupes – of poison ivy, an important food source for wildlife.

The newly emerging red-tinted poison ivy leaves. The leaves will turn green and remain green throughout the summer.

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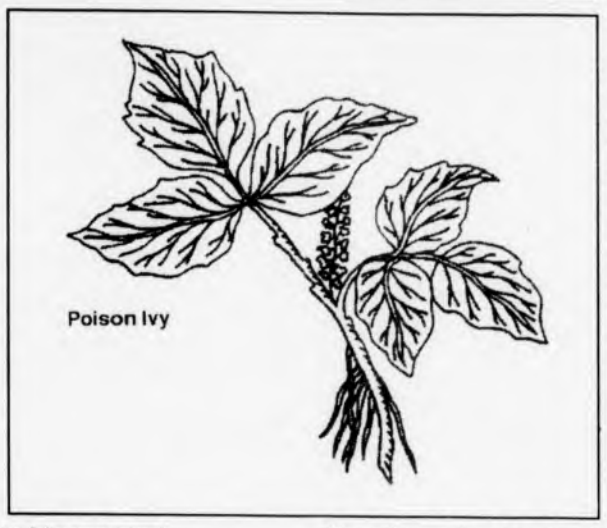

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and moist woods. The profuse golden orange, speckled cornucopia-like flowers dangle from translucent stems. The flower's nectar, with a more than 40 percent sugar content, is a favorite of hummingbirds, bees and butterflies. An interesting part of the plant is As slipper-like seed pod that bursts, when ripe, upon being touched, dispersing seeds far and wide. Equally fascinating are its waterproof leaves that appear silver when covered with dew or rain or immersed in water.

Often found growing alongside poison ivy, jewelweed is used as a treatment for both poison ivy and insect bites. A handful of the juice from crushed stems or leaves seems to minimize rash and inflammation. There is also anecdotal evidence of jewelweed's effectiveness in treating fungal conditions such as athlete's foot. Be aware, however, that everyone reach differently to remedies and that caution should always be exercised when using any plant from the wild.

In the end, the best treatment for poison ivy is prevention and by taking a few precautions, we can all enjoy the great outdoors without the agony of the itch two or three days later.

What you can do:

Learn to identify poison ivy in all its forms and in all seasons.

If possible, avoid uncleared paths or stay in the middle of paths.

Cover arms and legs, use a barrier cream and carry a cleanser and a field guide if you plan to walk where poison ivy may be growing.

Wash all clothing, garden tools and gloves, and pets after contact.

If in contact with poison ivy, look for jewelweed and wash skin with its juice or wash skin with liberal amounts of soap and water.

Avoid dead poison ivy plants, even brittle leaves. All parts retain toxicity year-round.

Avoid cutting and collecting any woodland vines for holiday wreaths. Once poison ivy drops its leaves it can be difficult to distinguish it from other non-toxic vines.

If you must pull poison ivy from a garden environment, cover yourself, wear gloves and soak the roots of the plant thoroughly. Pull the plant out slowly and dispose of it in plastic bags. Do not compost. Spray the area with an herbicide and mulch over to block sunlight from any remaining roots.

Never burn poison ivy. Avoid all woodland fires. Never, never eat poison ivy, leaves with the aim of acquiring immunity.

To learn more about poison ivy, visit www.poisonivy.aesir.com or www.poison ivy.org. A new and informative booklet, "Poison Ivy, Pets & People," by Scituate writers Randy Connolly and Heidi Ratner-Connolly is available through their website www.10thingstoknow.biz. The Trustees of Reservations will host a free Poison Ivy Family Hike on Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. Tara Nieves, the Trustees' Education and Interpretive Programs Coordinator, will lead the walk with Heidi Ratner-Connolly. Call 781-821-2977 to pre-register. Participants should meet at the Turkey Hill parking lot.

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SENIOR SCENE

The following events and programs are sponsored by Cohasset Elder affairs. Call CEA office to reserve a space at 781-383-9112 or for more information.

Special events

TRIAD Meeting, Wednesday, April 23, and Wednesday, May 28, at 9:30 a.m. Held at the senior center, 3 North Main St., the public is welcome to come and listen to the Norfolk County Sheriff's methods or protecting our community with a simple but helpful plan. a computerized telephone system is under the direction of the Sheriff's office. Calls are made, upon request, seven days a week, same time of day. If something should happen in your home and you do not answer, the Cohasset Police will check to see if you are ok.

Kitchen Tour, Friday, May 2

The South Shore Community Center is sponsoring the sixth annual kitchen tour. This year includes five homes with spectacular kitchens, all wonderfully decorated. Delicious treats at each home prepared by the finest local caterers and chefs. Ticket orders can be placed by telephone at 781-383-0088.

Mother's Day Tea, Monday, May 5, at 1 p.m.

Judy McCoglan, owner of the Windsor Tea Shop in Scituate and noted local tea historian, will introduce us to the history to tea drinking and how we started to use the tea bag. Join us in the CEA Senior Center dining Room for this annual favorite. Reservations before April 30, 781-383-9112.

Lunch at Newbury College Dining Room, Tuesday, May 20

A great escape to a wonderful experience of dining, prepared by Newbury College students. Bus leaves from St. Anthony's parking lot at 10 a.m.

Octogenarians and Nonagenarians, Thursday, May 15, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

A special birthday celebration for those who are in their 80s and 90s. You and family members are invited to a luncheon, held at St. Anthony's Parish Hall on Summer St. Hosts: Cohasset Clergy Associates. Chef: Anna and her Gourmet Club Plus entertainment. RSVP on or before May 12, 781-383-9112.

Memorial Day Brunch, Wednesday, May 28, from 10 a.m.

The Board and Staff of Cohasset Elder Affairs invite Cohasset residents to attend this special brunch. We hope all Veterans and family members will join us in celebrating this wonderful holiday. Anna's Gourmet Club will prepare the delicious brunch. Donation: $4 RSVP before May 26. 781-383-9112.

Walking Club - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: The club had it's first and very successful "walk." We meet at the north entrance of the high school (near the old gym) to walking tour of the parts of the school which are now open. Steve Bobo and Joe McElroy will lead us. To sign up for to this weekly program, call the CEA office at 781-383-9112.

Pancake Breakfast, Wednesday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m. Delicious breakfast and good company at Cohasset Knoll. Transportation provided.

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Vizsla owners celebrate spring on Sandy Beach

Sunday, April 13 Cohasset vizsla owners gathered on Sandy Beach to celebrate Tucker Nichols' first birthday. Tucker belongs to Malcolm and Heather Nichols and was joined by fellow vizsla party-goers Ruby, Eva, Catcher and Greta owned by Sarah Barringer, Jim and Laurie Hamilton, Mike and Lisa Elkins and Dave and Katie Dugan. The vizsla breed (pronounced vee-shla) was first recognized by the AKC in the 1950s after being imported from Hungary, and has rapidly gained in popularity in America since a vizsla won best of show at the Westminster Dog Show several years ago.

Vizslas are pointer-hunters, intelligent, active dogs, very affectionate and bring out an almost manic devotion from their owners who are known to boast endlessly about their various personality quirks. Vizslas have a keen sense of smell, able to find their masters' shoes in dark closets, well-developed jaws to chew the aforementioned shoes while possessing endearing qualities such as climbing up into pure strangers' laps and cuddling under the covers of their masters' beds. Their short, russet-colored coats are well suited for keeping clean and easily washed, particularly after a vigorous role in dead fish.

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The party broke up after much romping and digging, sea weed-nibbling and an occasional spectacular retrieve when Ruby beat a party-crashing Labrador to his own tennis ball. Party favors were exchanged including a chew stick for Tucker from Harrod's of London and chew ropes for all the invited guests.

Vizsla owners gather on Sandy Beach to celebrate Tucker Nichols' first birthday.

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Busting out

10 fourth quarter goals propel laxmen past Barnstable, 19-7

It took the first seven quarters of the 2003 season to happen, but the Cohasset boys varsity lacrosse team finally began living up to its pre-season hype with an eight-minute, 10-goal explosion against Pilgrim Conference rival Barnstable on Tuesday, climaxing a 19-7 victory.

The Skippers, cited by two daily newspapers as a top contender for the state Div. 3 title, were crushed 19-7 by defending Div. 1 state champ Duxbury in the season opener on Thursday, and held a shaky 9-6 lead against their Cape Cod opponents going into the fourth quarter on Tuesday.

"We had a lot of trouble against an excellent Duxbury team," said head coach Kevin Orcutt, "and it seemed to carry over to the next game. We were tentative on faceoffs and ground balls, and had nine penalties by the start of the fourth period. We just seemed to lack commitment to the kind of blue-collar effort necessary."

The turnaround began with, surprisingly, a penalty called before the final quarter started on soph attackman Jake Previte for an illegal stick, resulting in a three-minute unreleasable infraction.

"We could have folded then," noted Orcutt, "but we used it in our favor."

Instead, senior midfielder John Durkin, a force all afternoon, powered through the defense for a short-handed goal and the Skippers killed off the rest of the time without retaliation.

"From that point on," said Orcutt, "our offense came alive."

Using an all-senior attack of Curt Kahn, Matt Davis and Tom Anderson, and getting ten consecutive face-off wins from senior Robert Hickey, the Skippers dominated, scoring

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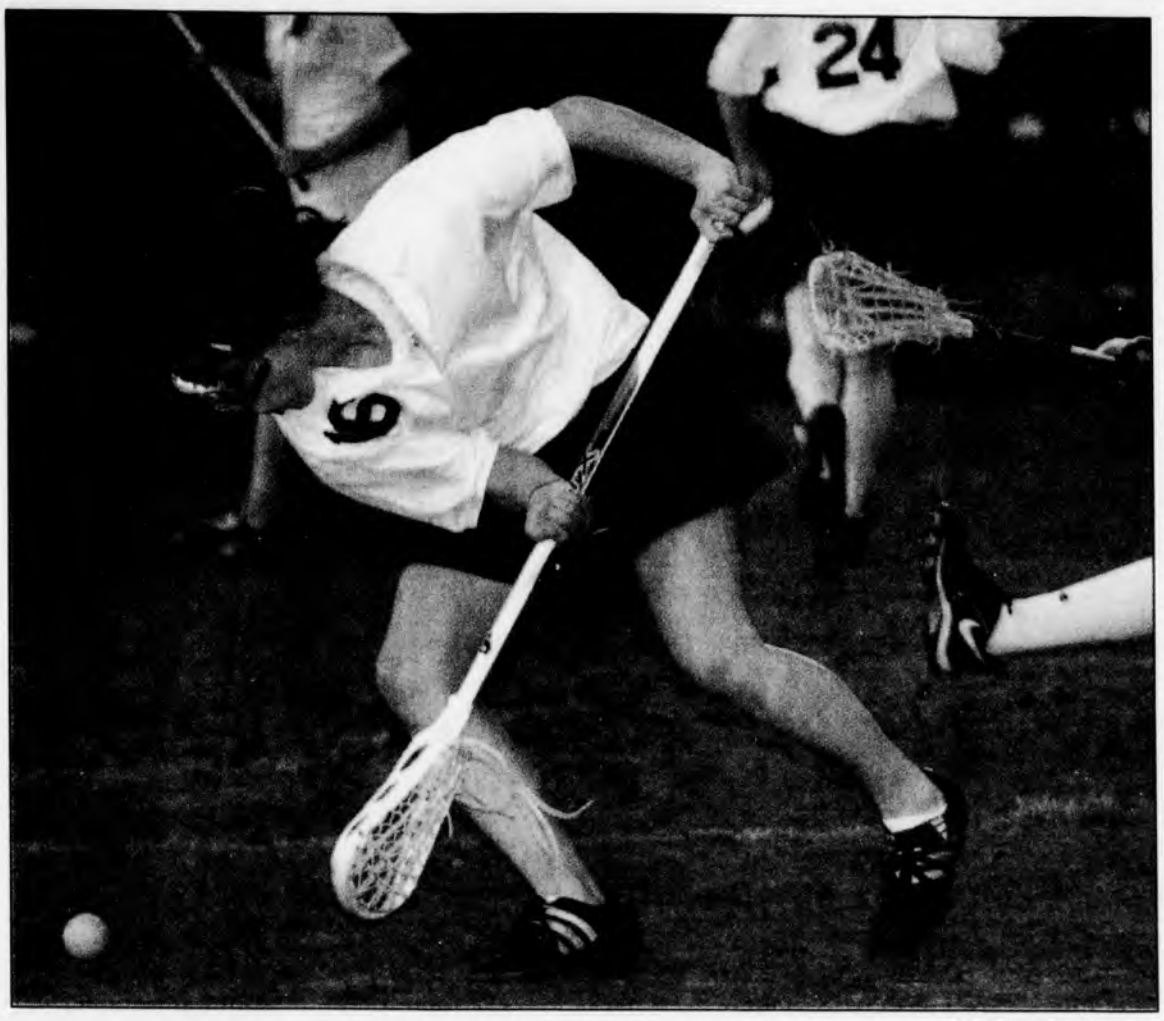

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Cohasset's Lauren Rizzotti tries to pick up a ground ball in Tuesday's showdown with Norwell.

Perfect start for lady laxers

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Varsity players know that there are two different ways to please a coach with a win. The first way is taking care of business against weaker teams, dominating with solid play for a commendable win. The second way is meeting head on with a team more impressive on paper, and coming out with a hard-fought victory.

It's fair to say that coach Torin Sweeney was doubly pleased of his lady laxers this week.

"I'm very happy with the team right now," noted the long-time CHS coach, in his second year at the helm of the girls lacrosse team. "It gets us off on the right foot."

The girls opened the season at Cape Cod Academy, a team in just its first year of MIAA tournament eligibility. The Lady Skippers took down their Osterville adversaries, 8-2. The team got multiple goal games from senior Maura McKenney, junior Nicole Turgiss and sophomore Lauren Rizzotti, each of whom scored twice.

"[Cape Cod] played really well for a young team," assessed Sweeney, "but this was just our first game. We were kind of working the kinks out."

At home last Thursday evening, against a team Cohasset had seen much success against in past years, the Lady Skippers dominated another Cape foe, Barnstable, this time 13-5. Turgiss and Rizzotti again threw in two goals to pace the offense, while underclassmen McKenzie Holway and Lisa Spirito pitched in a pair apiece.

Senior captains Julie Lordan and Catherine Coyne with

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset softball shortstop Danielle Pinkus fires to firs base.

One step at a time

Cohasset softball team earns first win, continues to make strides

By Mike Spellman
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On Monday, the Cohasset High softball team won its first game in nine years. On Tuesday, the program took an even bigger step with a 14-0 loss to Abington…huh?

The 24-4 win over South Shore Christian on Monday was satisfying, but SSC is a team quite similar to Cohasset, new to varsity competition and not expected to really even compete with the big girls for at least a few more years.

Cohasset, which had no softball for seven years until play started last spring at the JV level, is not expected to come even close to competing with perennial softball powerhouses such as Abington— but that is precisely what happened 24 hours after the SSC game.

The Lady Skippers did not score and did not even have a hit against star Abington hurler Michelle Leines, but they held the unbeaten two-time defending South Shore League champs to just 14 runs, with most of these coming toward the end of the seven inning game.

"I was just so proud of these girls after this game," said CHS coach Deb Bostwick. "We played like a team today. The girls were positive, cheering each other on and battling to the end. This was an extremely positive day.

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One down, more to go

CHS baseball team notches first win

By Mike Spellman
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One down, and many more wins to go in the Al Galotta era, hopefully.

Signs pointing toward a resurgence of Cohasset High baseball continued to show on Monday, as the Skippers downed Holbrook in a non-league tilt, 13-3.

A grand slam by senior centerfielder Chris McKenna broke the game open in the fifth inning, and provided senior pitcher Terry Baroudi (five innings, five hits, two strikeouts, one earned run) a lot more cushion than he would need to pick up the win.

Baroudi helped his own cause with two hits and 3 RBI.

Also coming up with big hits were Trey Curry (single, 2 RBI), Mike Snowdale (two hits, 2 RBI) and Matt O'Brien (two hits, two RBI).

"It felt good to get that first one under out belt," said Galotta, who coached baseball for 27 years and was Athletic Director at Archbishop Williams for 25 years before retiring last spring and joining the CHS staff first as a math teacher and then as a baseball coach. "If we keep improving, and the pitching stays solid, there should be more of those coming."

The winning streak ended at one when the Skippers fell to South Shore League rival Abington on Tuesday, 14-4, but the veteran coach felt the overall performance against the perennially strong Green Wave team was another step in the right direction for his program.

The visiting Skippers trailed by just two, 5-3 after four and a half innings. Unfortunately, junior starter John Downing seemed to tire in the fifth, and Abington hung a five-spot in that frame to knock him from the game.

Sophomore Ted Straughn belted a two-run home run in the top of the fifth to make it a 5-3

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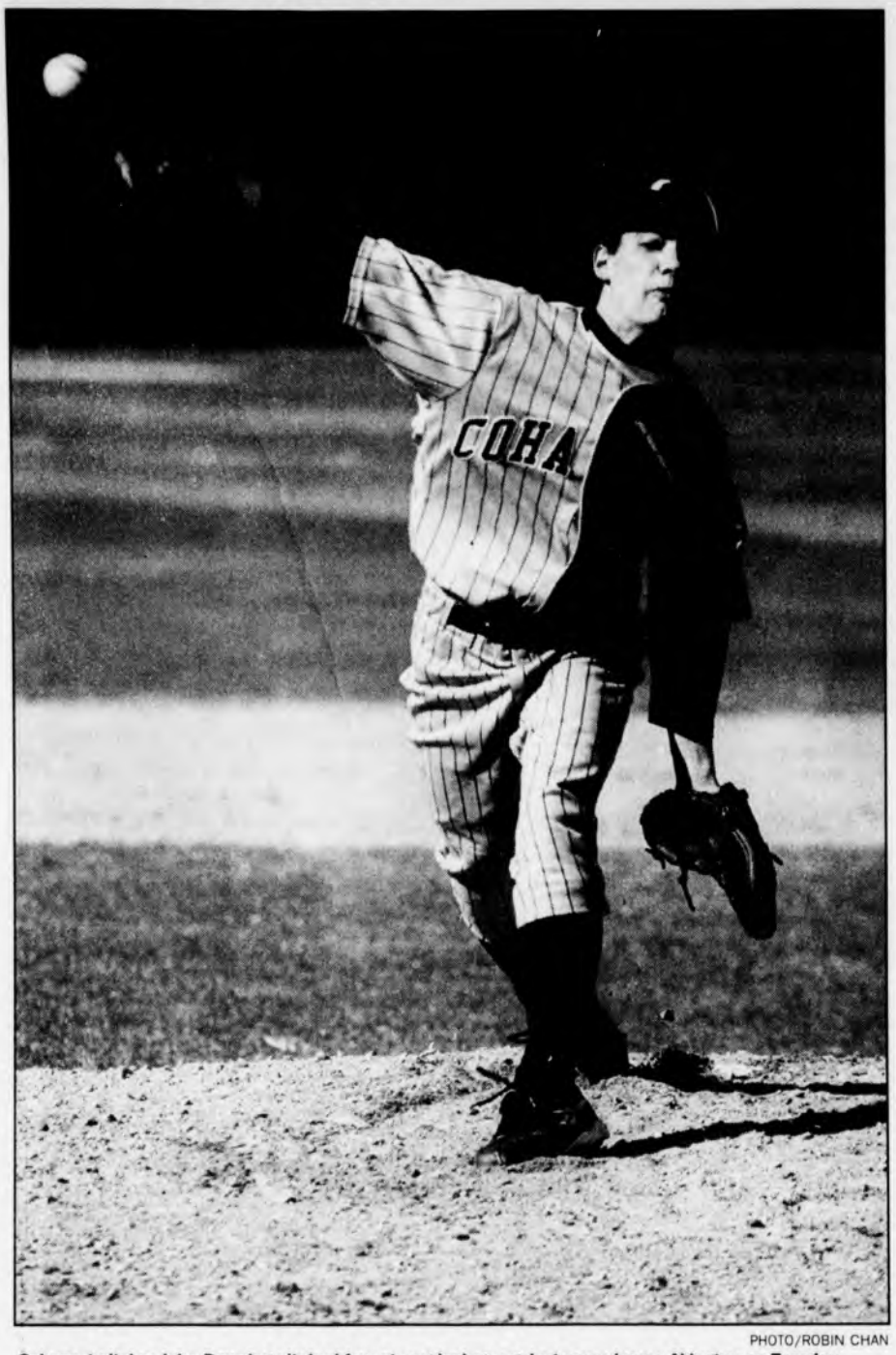
Cohasset shortstop Mike Dooley slaps down a tag on time to nail attempting Abington basestealer Matt Franey on Tuesday.



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Cohasset pitcher John Downing pitched four strong innings against powerhouse Abington on Tuesday before tiring.

Shortage of refs further muddles makeup games slate

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

Just looking to fill some space here until the Sun God deigns us worthy to be smiled upon.

Uncooperative weather patterns have certainly wreaked havoc on the first three weeks of the spring sports seasons in these parts, creating Excedrin-sized headaches for Athletic Directors and Sports Editors in all of our coverage towns.

A cheery forecast for this week certainly helps matters, but it will take several days of sunshine to adequately dry several of our baseball and lacrosse fields. Still, at this point, coaches and ADs will do everything they can to squeeze a makeup game or two in while the sun is shining, with field conditions now rendered a distant secondary concern...that is, if they can get refs.

Indeed, the shortage of referees and game officials has suddenly swung to the forefront on the gripe list of our ADs. Several baseball, softball and lacrosse games in our area that were tentatively slated to be made up this week were postponed yet again because no one was avalable to oversee them.

The shortage is felt more in lacrosse than baseball or softball, as the ranks of qualified officials for that sport has not kept pace with the exponentially increasing number of schools that have added it to their athletic offerings.

No wonder they play lacrosse, much like football, under just about any conditions.

It's really too bad. Lacrosse is an extremely entertaining take when played under the proper conditions.

In case you hadn't heard it yet, there will be no reformation of the Patriot League next year for hockey, as has been previously speculated in this space.

The reformation is being eyed instead for the 2004-'05 season. So Scituate, Rockland, Hanover, Middleboro, Duxbury and Hingham will all play a second season as independents next winter.

The former five teams are reportedly interested in getting back into league play in 2004, and there have even been hints that Hingham, the school that pushed hard for independence two years ago, may be considering rejoining the PL fold.

If Hingham does not rejoin, there is talk of a possible partnership with the South Shore League, which is currently home to seven teams. The idea of creating "Large School" and "Small School" divisions has been bandied about, with Abington/East Bridgewater (which draws from a far larger talent pool than any of the other six schools in the SSL) seeming a likely candidate to move up into a league with the Patriot League teams.

The long moribund Cohasset High baseball program appears to have gotten a noteworthy shot in the arm from former longtime Archbishop Williams Athletic Director Al Galotta.

Cohasset High, by far the smallest school in the South Shore League in terms of student population, is home to approximately 150 male students in grades 9-12. Given the out-of-this-world popularity of lacrosse in the town and the success the boys track teams has enjoyed in recent years (consecutive unbeaten seasons and only two losses in the last four years combined), the baseball talent pool has been thinned considerably in recent years. Things hit rock bottom last year when the JV team carried the bare minimum number of players down the stretch.

Galotta spent 25 years as Archbishop Williams' Athletic Director and 27 years as a baseball coach at the school, helping to turn the Bishops into perennial contenders. Not long after he retired from both posts last spring, he took a job as a math teacher at Cohasset High, and it didn't take Athletic Director Ron Ford long to talk him into taking on another job.

The Skippers opened this season with 32 players in the program, up dramatically from last spring. Obviously, coach Galotta's reputation preceded him. And, if anything, it's only grown in stature since.

"Coach Galotta's practices are so well organized and well run," noted sophomore ballplayer Brendan Barrett. "It doesn't take long at all to see that he and coach (assistant Damien) D'Angelo really know what they're doing.

"I think people are excited about baseball again in Cohasset."

The remarkable run of the

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game. Sophomore Louis Blanco (2-for-4, RBI) and Snowdale (2-for-4) were the only Cohasset players with multiple hits.

The Skippers (now 1-3) were slated to host SSL rival Carver yesterday with staff ace Ted Straughn on the mound.

Unlike most of the teams at CHS, the Cohasset nine are also scheduled to play a few games during the school vacation week. They'll travel to South Shore VoTech on Tuesday and host Millis next Thursday. Both games are set to start at 10 a.m..

Baseball Notes

It was a rough opener for the Cohasset nine, last Thursday, as they fell to neighboring town rival Hull on the road, 4-3.

A strong complete game, 13-strikeout performance from sophomore Ted Straughn was rendered moot by one rough inning. The host Pirates reached Straughn for all four of their runs in the bottom of the fourth, as the hard throwing Cohasset righthander allowed six baserunners to reach in that frame (two hits, four walks). An error also proved costly, allowing two unearned runs to cross.

"You throw out that one bad inning, and Ted pitched a real gem," noted first year CHS coach Al Galotta.

Ted allowed only four more Hull batters to reach (surrendering two more hits and two more walks) in his other five innings of work combined.

The Cohasset bats actually did all of their damage in the top of the fourth inning to take a brief 3-0 lead.

A couple of walks and an error set the stage for a big two-run double by Cohasset senior Matt O'Brien. This would be the first and last hit on the afternoon for the Skippers, though. Hull senior Mike Foley was brought on in relief to strike out the next two batters, and he shut the Skippers down from there.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Cecilia Chapman (dark shirt) tries to get around tag of Holbrook's Jessie McNeil.

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nine more goals, and disrupting Barnstable's clears on the few occasions that Cohasset lost the ball.

Davis led all scorers with a double hat trick (six goals) plus an assist, and now has 99 career points. Durkin had five goals, a career high. Kahn, last year's leading scorer, had two goals and five assists and, after two games, has 153 career points. Previte picked up his first varsity hat trick and had an assist, while Anderson scored two and helped on two for his first career four-point game. Hickey completed the scoring with a goal and an assist.

"Defensively, we're still a work in progress," said Orcutt. "Although Nick Murphy had 14 saves, I'm still looking for him to pick up his level of play. Evan Pestone and Nick Spirito were strong on ground balls, and Ben Lynner, Conor Buick and Mike Devine played well at times, but we need to assert ourselves better as a unit."

In their opening game last Thursday, the Skippers did little of anything well against Duxbury, a nationally-ranked team that made Cohasset its 27th-consecutive victim.

While Cohasset goalie Murphy kept his team in the game early with five point-blank saves, the Skippers trailed 5-0 at the end of one period and 9-2 at the half en route to â‡" coincidentally a 19-7 loss.

Curt Kahn led Cohasset with two goals and an assist, while Jake Previte also had a pair of scores. John Durkin, Matt Davis and Mike Rasmussen each had single tallies and assists, while defenseman Nick Spirito picked up an assist.

Cohasset was scheduled to play Scituate on Wednesday, April 15 in a make-up of what was originally set to be the season opener, and will not take the field again until Friday, April 25 when they face St. John's of Shrewsbury in the home opener at Alumni Field.

"We'll take a short vacation break after Scituate," said Orcutt, "and have three days of tough practices to get ready for St. John's, who we've never played before. We don't know too much about them other than that they're predicted to be competing for the Central Massachusetts championship and a berth in the Division 2 state playoffs. They asked to schedule us, so we know they'll be well-prepared and up for our game. We'll have to be ready and at our best."

One step at a time

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"I've been saying all along that we'd be OK taking things one step at a time, and a lot of those will be baby steps, but today we took a big step."

Cohasset freshman pitcher Katie James kept the vaunted Green Wave batting order off balance with her off speed delivery, and surrendered just six runs through four innings of work on five hits and two walks.

Unfortunately, Katie jammed the thumb on her pitching hand in the bottom of the fourth, and had to be replaced on the mound by captain Heather Peraino, the lone senior on the team.

Heather, who like Katie is not a power pitcher, paid the price on the mound, as Abington hitters began timing the off-speed delivery and teeing off. Heather surrendered eight runs on 12 hits in the final three innings, but this barely put a dent in Bostwick's cheery postgame demeanor.

"We did so many little things well today," the coach continued. "Our defense was very good. We almost turned a double play, and we did a very good job on some basic things like hitting cutoffs. It was very positive."

In particular, the coach lauded the defensive work of catcher Casey Anderson, who nearly threw out one of two Abington base-stealers, freshman shortstop Melissa Crowley-Buck and centerfielder Cecila Chapman.

The other starters in the game were Andrea Keaton at first, Caitlin Gontarz at second, Danielle Pinkus (who normally starts at short) at third, Peraino in left, Molly Ogradnik in right and Caitlin Condon at DH.

In Monday's 24-4 win, the slaughter rule was invoked after five innings. Katie James struck out five, while surrendering no walks and just one hit in three innings, and Peraino struck out two while allowing just one hit in two innings of cleanup duty on the mound.

Peraino also paced the offense, going 5-for-6 at the plate with 5 RBI. Junior Rachel Doyle went 5-for-5 with 6 RBI.

"I think our girls felt a little sorry for South Shore Christian because we've been in the same situation a few times, but it was nice to get a win," said Bostwick. "Getting that first win under our belts is a big one no matter who it comes against."

The Lady Skippers were slated to travel to Carver yesterday to play their final game before school vacation week. Their next scheduled game is for Tuesday, April 29, with Harwich coming to town.

And so it begins

Season of high hopes for girls tennis team begins as expected

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The steamroller known as the Cohasset girls tennis team began their quest for an unprecedented eighth straight league title with two decisive wins over South Shore opponents. Toppling Duxbury and Abington with twin sweeps of 5-0, the girls now stand at 2-0, and are clearly one of the favorites not only for the league, but for the South Sectional post-season tournament.

The general consensus among players is that this is "the year." The team lost only one player to graduation, albeit multiple year all-star Kelly Stone, and the team now contains legitimate starters in all four high school grades. Senior captains Lindsay Grossman and Julie Shea lead the squad that took wins on Monday and Tuesday.

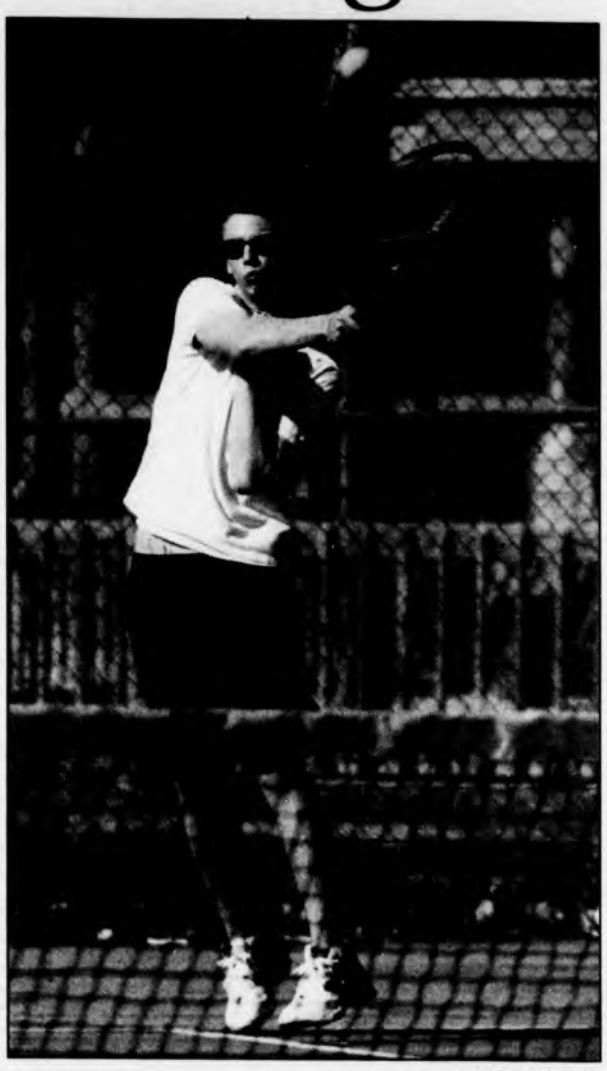
Sophomore Elizabeth Stone, now one of the top players in the state, took her two matches with ease, matching the shut-out theme of the team with 6-0, 6-0 scores. Stone dominated her role as a second singles player as a freshman, and the transition to first singles has been quite fluid for the underclassman.

On Monday, junior Holly Graham assumed second singles in place of Grossman, who was visiting a college. Graham beat Duxbury's number two 6-1, 6-1. That Graham will usually be playing third singles speaks to the incredible talent and depth on the squad. Graham has, over the past three years, proved herself able to play and win at first doubles, third single and second singles.

Freshman Emilie Shea stepped in at third singles, and won in the first varsity match of her career. The doubles teams also went undefeated, with senior Shea and junior Courtney Caron winning at first and juniors Emily Sullivan and Corey Evans taking second.

In the Tuesday match-up with Abington, the line-up switched greatly, but produced the same result. After Stone this time was Grossman, showing no signs of rust in her 6-0, 6-2, despite not playing for over a week due to the weather. Graham moved back to her spot at third singles seamlessly, tallying another 6-1, 6-1 decision.

Senior Molly Flanagan teamed with sophomore Rachel Garber at first doubles, digging out a close match to finish the sweep, while freshmen Chelsea Grossman and Kate Bolger dispatched their second doubles opponents by a score of 6-0, 6-1.



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Cohasset second singles player Tim Anton returns it on the forehand in Tuesday's showdown for the boys team against South Shore League rival Abington.

Boys

The boys team began league play this week, but regrettably did not fare as well. The swinging Skippers could muster only one win against a newly charged Abington team on Tuesday, falling 4-1, as their season record dropped to 2-1.

Senior Ross Lieb-Lappen, who has apparently found his niche at third singles, was the only singles player to maintain his undefeated record. Lieb-Lappen won decisively over Green Wave junior Matt Rosse, 6-4, 6-2, dominating the match after falling behind 3-0 at the start.

Dave Ingber and junior Tim Anton fell at the one and two positions to senior Eric Goldman and Steven Perry, respectively. Showing vast improvements in their games from last season, Goldman and Perry, should they keep up their level of play, could be a 1-2 kick for Abington that is second only to that of seven-time defending league champs Norwell.

The doubles pair of Scott Faber and Andrew Wise could not build on the momentum started in their impressive win at Cape Cod Academy, losing in straight sets. However, the freshmen duo of Nils Sceery and Chris Pescatore split sets with their opponents, but the match had already been decided, and their contest was scored a tie.

A team in every sense

Cohasset tracksters do whatever it takes

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This Cohasset High track team is probably not as talented as the ones Al LaFountain has been able to put out there over the last three or four years, and it is certainly no where near as deep. However, it is, notes their veteran coach, as "true" a team as he's ever been associated with.

"These kids I have are doing everything I've asked of them and more," said the fifth year CHS boys and girls track coach. "They all buy in totally to what being on a team is all about. It's not always the case to get a collection of kids like this.

"Every one out there, from the seniors to the freshmen, is stepping to the plate, and doing all they can to earn as many points for the team as possible."

LaFountain — whose boys teams lost just two meets in his first four years at the helm, and none the previous two seasons – entered this season with a mere 22 athletes for both of his teams, 13 boys and nine girls.

Faced with this manpower shortage, every absence and injury has thrown a huge crimp in his planning, and forced him to often ask athletes to perform in events they've never even competed in, and, in some cases, never even practiced. He has yet to receive a negative response.

He's had freshmen such as Lisa Musto double up to run the "grueling gamut," both the mile and 2-mile races. She also threw a shot put for the first time ever on Monday in a meet with Harwich. Unfortunately, the girls lost that meet to the visiting Rough Ryders, 75-61.

Lisa's big brother Drew, a junior and first year trackster, has been used in close to half of a meet's 16 events. He's not a natural in any event, but works extremely hard and LaFontain raves about his "leadership potential."

The recent loss of senior captain and three event standout Ian Kidder has left the Skippers reeling in several areas, not the least of which is the javelin throw, which Kidder won in each of the first three meets this season. On Monday, junior Eric Belz threw the jav for just the second time in competition ever and, astoundingly, took first place.

Others new heroes these days include sophomore Alex Schwanter and freshmen Mark Bouchard and Pete Bunstein.

"We've got a lot of young guys who are seeing their hard work begin to pay off," said LaFountain. "That's very gratifying for me, and I'm assuming for them too."

Musto and these three underclassmen all earned points for the team in Monday's 76-60 win over South Shore League rival Harwich, which improved the boys to 2-1 in league competition (2-2 overall).

The biggest point-getters, though, were old reliables senior captain Jared Krupczak— who won both the 100 and 200-meter races, qualifying for States in the latter event — and senior Braun Goodson, who won the shot put and discus throw.

For the girls, who fell to 1-2 with the loss (1-3 overall), junior captain Jenn Buckley continued her outstanding season, winning the javelin, mile and 2-mile, narrowly missing out on qualifying for the states in the latter race.

Mary Silvia won the 800, finishing just 3-100ths of a second off he qualifying time. LaFountain figures she'll reach the magic mark in the next race where she's pushed.

Track Notes

Both of the teams captured their first wins on the season last Thursday, sweeping South Shore League rival Hull in decisive fashion.

The girls team took down the Lady Pirates, 78-37, behind three first place finishes apiece from Buckley and Nicole Whitney.

Buckley, a junior captain, won the javelin as well as both the mile and 2-mile races.

Whitney, a sophomore, took firsts in the 400-meter race and both the long jump and triple jump.

The boys 75-56 win was paced by three double winners.

Senior captains Jared Krupczak (100, long jump) and Ian Kidder (triple jump, javelin) each came up big, as did junior Nick Parker (110 and 300 hurdles).

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CHS hockey team feted

The Cohasset High varsity hockey team recently held its annual Break-up Banquet at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset. In addition to the successful 11-7-4 season record to capture the South Shore League Championship title for the second season in a row, the team had many other accomplishments to recognize and many reasons to celebrate.

Athletic Director Ron Ford proudly announced that for the second season in a row, the team received the South Shore League Conference Sportsmanship Award. This award is voted on by the coaches of the South Shore League to recognize outstanding sportsmanship by an entire team. First year varsity Coach John Blake accepted the award on behalf of the team, acknowledging that attaining this award was a goal that the team had set at the beginning of the season and that each and every member of the team conducted themselves in a manner deserving of this award. Mr. Ford also indicated that the "2002/2003 South Shore League Champions" banner will be displayed in the new Middle-High School gymnasium.

In further acknowledgment of the team's commitment to good sportsmanship, senior tri-captain Tom Anderson was awarded the "MIIAA Sportsmanship Award." Tom was one of just seven players in Eastern Massachusetts to receive this honor.

Seniors Tom Anderson, Matt Davis and John Durkin ,and juniors Mike Devine and Mike Rasmussen were also named to the South Shore League All-Stars Team. All-star certificates and shirts were presented to each of these deserving players.

In keeping with long standing tradition, the team's four graduating seniors— Mike Calorio, John Durkin, Matt Davis and Tom Anderson— each received the traditional engraved memento watches presented to graduating seniors by the Hockey Boosters.

Two awards had been presented to members of the hockey team for many years and this year was no exception, although Coach Blake indicated that the selection process was difficult.

The "Norman Delaney Student Athlete Award" was presented by Mr. Delaney's son and former CHS hockey player, Matt (CHS '75). Norman Delaney was the original founder of the Cohasset Hockey Boosters in the 1970's. While he was a staunch supporter of Cohasset Hockey as well as all youth and high school sports in Cohasset, Mr. Delaney also placed a strong emphasis on academics. This memorial award therefore recognizes the "student athlete" and is awarded to the senior hockey player with the highest GPA and class rank. Senior forward Matt Davis was recipient of this year's "Student Athlete Award." Mr. Delaney's wife Helen and granddaughter Katrina were also in attendance at the banquet for the presentation of this award.

This year's "Barney Robinson Unsung Hero" Award was presented to Sophomore forward Ted Straughn. Mr. Robinson played hockey for Cohasset in the late 60s. He was not the star player on the team but was always known for his commitment to the team and for his hard work on the ice. After his untimely death in a construction accident, his former teammates wanted to recognize Mr. Robinson and his deep commitment to Cohasset Hockey and thus established this memorial award to honor him. This award is generally awarded to a current varsity player who has not received star recognition for the season but whose contributions — in terms of team spirit, commitment to the team and hard work on the ice— have been nonetheless significant. Among other contributions, such as Ted's emergence as a leader in the locker room this season, Coach Blake highlighted Ted's enthusiastic desire to keep playing despite several injuries that kept him off the ice for a few games this season.

A new award established this year was the Team MVP award. This silver cup mounted on a wood base was awarded to Senior John Durkin for his consistent, dependable and skilled level of play this season and for his contributions to the team's accomplishments. A plaque with John's name and the names of all future recipients will be on display at the High School.

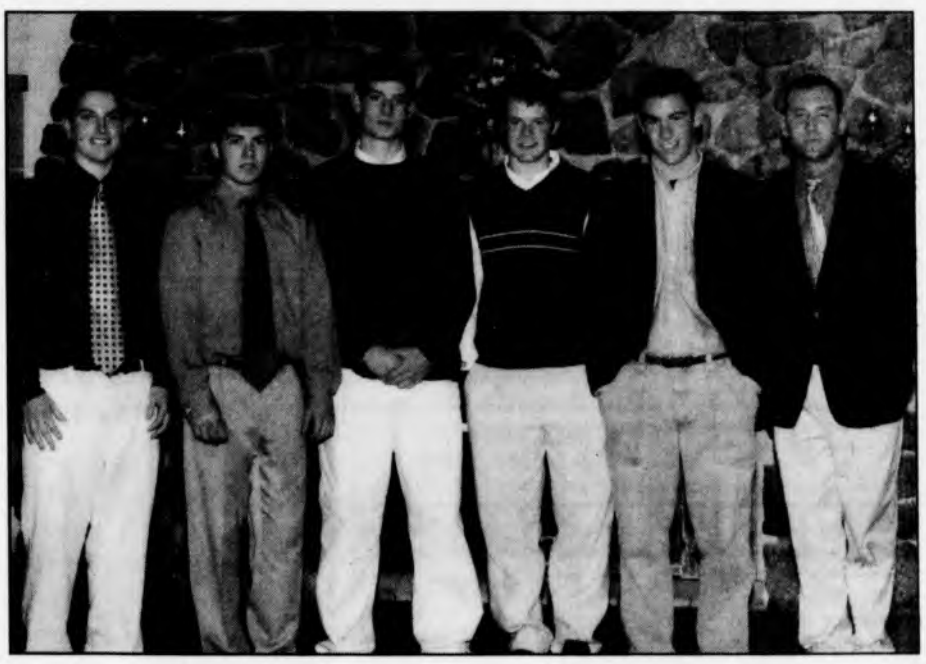
Tri-captains Anderson, Davis and Durkin presented Coach John Blake and Assistant Coach Brendan Sweeney with tokens of appreciation from the team. The captains emphatically agreed that rookie Coach Blake's coaching skills and leadership skills brought them to a level of play that was unexpected by most hockey fans. Coach Blake's high level expectations and ambitious schedule challenged the team, and his coaching helped them rise to meet the challenge. In addition, on behalf of the team, John Durkin presented his mother, Shelanne, with an engraved crystal bowl in appreciation of her three years of outstanding Hockey Booster service to the CHS Hockey Program.

Each of the 22 members of the Varsity team as well as the coaching staff and the CHS Athletic Department received plaques boasting a team picture and the team's record for the season.

Under the leadership of Coaches Blake and Sweeney and next year's tri-captains, Mike Devine, Mike Rasmussen and Ted Straughn, the team can hardly wait for next season.

Above: : (L to R) Matt Delaney, Mrs. Helen Delaney and Senior Matt Davis proudly holding his "Norman Delaney Student Athlete Award"

Below: : (L to R) Asst. Coach Brendan Sweeney, Seniors John Durkin, Mike Calorio, Matt Davis, Tom Anderson and Coach John Blake at the recent Hockey Break-Up Banquet held at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset.



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Perfect start for lady laxers

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juniors Ashley Faber and Christen Reardon anchored the defense that led to a 12-1 lead in the second half. Sweeney attributes the let down at the game's end, a 4-1 surge by Barnstable, merely to not having practiced for over a week beforehand.

The team jumped to 3-0 by topping what was clearly their biggest test of the season, New Bedford, by a 9-6 score. New Bedford, an enormous school that remains in the small school conference because the realignments have not been completed, beat Cohasset handily last year, 12-5, on the strength of All-Conference scorer Jen Roderiguez.

Roderiguez, possibly the most fearsome scorer in the state, has averaged an incredible seven goals per game over the past two years. Sweeney decided to put Rizzotti in blanket coverage on Roderiguez, who limited the all-star to four goals, her lowest output since 2001.

With Rizzotti focusing mainly on her defensive duties, McKenney picked up the offensive slack with five goals, while Turgiss threw in three. Coyne, who had another great game on defense, tossed in a goal late in the game to help seal the victory.

Holding a fast and dangerous attack team like New Bedford to six goals is an incredible accomplishment. Senior goalie Gia Petrakis recorded 12 saves in the win, in what Sweeney dubbed "the best game she has played in the two years I have been coach."

Unfortunately, the luck ran out for the local girls on Tuesday, as Norwell prevailed in a battle of the unbeatens with an 11-5 victory. Erica Turgiss scored three times for the host Lady Skippers in defeat.

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Cohasset goalie Gia Petrakis is greeted by lacrosse's version of the high five as she takes the field in Tuesday's showdown with Norwell.

Coaches go batty in wood vs. aluminum debate

BIGGER PICTURE

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Massachusetts became the first state in the country to ban aluminum baseball bats at the high school level, implementing the ban for the 2003 state tournament, where teams will use wooden bats only.

The vote passed to use wood in the tournament last October because of player safety. That is old news. Actually playing high school games with the new rules is today's news.

Prior to the season, each respective league voted whether or not it would use wood for the regular season. The Patriot League decided to use metal, the Atlantic Coast League and the South Shore League both opted for wood.

When teams from different leagues, with different bat rules, play each other, wood bats will be used because certain schools ultimately chose that safety is a factor to them. Thus, there would be a liability using a metal bat.

According to a recent study by a group of Brown University bioengineers, metal baseball bats can significantly outperform wooden bats. The fastest bat was not surprisingly a metal one with the average speed of a hit being 93.3 miles per hour, and off the slowest bat, a wooden one, the speed was 86.1 mph.

Another notable statistic showed that only 2 percent of hits made with wooden bats exceeded 100 mph. Conversely, off of the fastest metal bat, 37 percent of the hits exceeded 100 mph.

These statistics were the first of their kind gathered, and were published in November2002 by the Brown University News Service. The numbers from this unique experiment may have been helpful, but the findings may be more controversial than expected, because new Ball Exit Speed Ratio standards were put out for metal bats in 2003.

The new BESR bats were made to perform like Northern White Ash wood bats, and the weight length differential on the bats can be no greater than three. It has yet to be proven that these BESR bats will be safer.

All this means is that science has yet to give a definitive answer to safety.

The MIAA's decision to use wood prompts more than just the major questions, such as: are the players safer using wood, and is their even a legitimate safety concern in the first place?

Other questions sprout up like: is it fair for teams that use metal bats during the regular season to have to face teams in the tournament that used wood all year? With ever tightening budget constraints for athletic departments, is the use, and high cost of wooden bats necessary? Will college recruiters shy away from Massachusetts players because of stat inconsistencies?

In an attempt to answer these questions, we went to a few top baseball minds, who all happen to be head coaches from three different leagues on the South Shore.

"Wooden bats are going to change the game," noted Hanover High athletic director and head baseball coach Fran Coyle. "All the little things in the game are going to be brought back. There will be a greater influence on pitching and bunting."

"We played with wood years ago and there is no problem with going back," acknowledged Cohasset head coach Al Galotta. "There is more strategy. It's a National League philosophy."

The game was meant to be played with wooden bats, the professionals use them, a generation of baseball heroes past and present used them and "crack" has always sounded better than "ping." But is Massachusetts justified in taking safety initiatives over the rest of the high schools and colleges in the country that are not even proven to be effective?

"The MIAA should be applauded for making the tourney wooden," acknowledged Silver Lake head coach Steve Giambanco. "Players and coaches will like it better once everyone starts to use wood.

"The MIAA should have taken the initiative over college because colleges are on bat contracts, and I'm sure if you polled all the college coaches in the USA they would prefer to play with wood," added Giambanco. "Number one, it is safer. I have pitched hours of batting practice and there is no comparison: the safety is a huge benefit.

"Number two, it's a better game; less scoring and more of a premium on running and pitching."

High Schools and colleges started using metal bats in the 1970's because of the high costs of replacing broken wooden bats. The money factor still hasn't changed.

"Economically, it's crazy," said Coyle. "We have already broken 6-7 bats and they are $50 a pop. With budgets as tight as they are, it forces towns to get bats over hiring assistant coaches in some cases."

Turning on an inside fastball with a wooden bat is difficult. More and more pitchers will start throwing inside, and once again proponents of the wooden bat can look at the "better game" theory. Opponents of wood will see more broken bats with jamming the hitter, and possibly more injuries.

"Safety is a concern with the metal bats but more kids are going to get hit by pitches this year," said Coyle.

"I'm not a big believer that it is a safety problem," said Galotta. "It was very unfortunate that the two kids from B.C. High and Wellesley got seriously injured off batted balls last year, and those incidents really brought a lot of attention to the issue."

For college recruiters, Massachusetts will be the land of low ERAs and low batting averages, and many question how recruiters will view the skewed numbers. That answer in my mind is a simple not all that differently, unless you have a simple recruiter. Five-tool high school players will not be hidden behind the shadow of a Louisville Slugger.

Although I have confidence in the recruiting process, I did talk to a few coaches off record who thought that using wooden bats would have an affect on a players chances of being scouted and touted.

Wood versus metal might not even be the gripe for many, but rather wood or metal.

"A bigger issue rather than wood versus metal is the state being inconsistent," said Galotta. "Everybody in the state must do the same thing; wood or aluminum doesn't matter, but it should be the same."

"The wood bat mandate should have been all year if they were going to do it, not just the tournament," added Coyle.

The questions are tough, the answers are unclear, but the games go on, wood or without.

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Norwell boys tennis team continues. The Clippers and coach Jay Swartz carry an unbeaten streak of seven years into South Shore League competition this spring. It truly is amazing that this school, the third smallest in the SSL in terms of student population, finds players to reload with year after year. Of course, coach Swartz no doubt has more than a little to do with this run of unprecedented success.

Following the team as a whole will be compelling enough this season, but watching the final hurrah of fourth year top singles player Sam Bitetti could be something truly special.

Coach Swartz has lined up matches with the only two players Sam has lost to in the last three seasons: Hingham's Brian Marsden and Wellesley's Tom Dohlnan. These three senior standouts, who have dominated virtually all other comers the last four years, have waged some memorable head-to-head battles the last few springs.

Sam fell to both of them in his sophomore year, but avenged those losses as a junior. He split with the pair last year, with Marsden regaining the edge in the mano-a-mano duel.

The showdowns with Marsden and Dohlnan were originally scheduled for the first week of the season, but both were postponed.

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6:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:57 p.m. Doan St., medical aid.

2:06 p.m. Elm St. assist other agency.

2:26 p.m. South Main St., larceny by check.

3:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:18 p.m. Bow St. motor vehicle violations.

7:22 p.m. Lothrop Lane, medical aid.

7:28 p.m. Hingham/Cohasset line, general services.

10:21 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

12:57 a.m. Headquarters

2:07 a.m. North Main St., medical aid.

9:32 a.m. Cedar Lane, medical aid.

9:42 a.m. Ripley Rd., fire investigation.

10:15 a.m. South Main St., public service.

11:40 a.m. Elm St. and Brook St., public service.

11:55 a.m. South Main St. public service.

11:56 a.m. North Main St., public service.

Noon North Main St., medical aid.

4:08 p.m. Highland Ave., disturbance.

5 p.m. Beechwood St., threats investigated.

5:38 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

6 p.m. North Main St. and Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:09 p.m. North Main St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:35 p.m. North Main St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

1:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:28 a.m. Pond St,. medical aid.

7:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:20 a.m. Ripley Rd., fire, log entry.

7:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8 a.m. Sohier St,. general services.

8:10 a.m. Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd., fire, log entry.

11:03 a.m. Wood Island Rd., disturbance, gathering.

1 p.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

1:03 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

2:34 p.m. Elm St., fire.

3:27 p.m. Ripley Rd., fire.

4:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations.

4:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:19 p.m. Sohier St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:28 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:45 p.m. Sohier St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:49 p.m. Hull St. and Cedar St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:59 p.m. Hull St. and Cedar St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:16 p.m. Hull St. motor vehicle stop, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:56 p.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

2:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

9:30 a.m. James Lane, property damage.

10:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic complaint.

1:13 p.m. Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:18 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:25 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:33 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old coach Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

Police arrested 16 last month

March was a fairly busy month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were 16 arrests, two for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, two for Operating Under the Influence second Offense, one for Possession of a Class B Substance, one for Possession of a Class D Substance, two for Assault & Battery, two for Minor in Possession of Alcohol, one for Operating Motor Vehicle with Revoked License, two for Outstanding Warrant, and finally two for Protective Custody, Police Chief Robert Jackson said.

During the month of March the police department investigated seven motor vehicle accidents, four of which resulted in personal injury. There were 94 Motor Vehicle Citations issued totaling $2,470 in fines. Additionally, there were 74 Parking Tickets issued for $2,550 in fines. There were two Criminal Complaints issued, one for Motor Vehicle Violations, and finally one for Shoplifting.

Also in March our Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,030 calls for police services, of those 122 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of March there was one Breaking & Entering of a Business.

1:41 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:56 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd., traffic citation/warning.

2:19 p.m. Ripley Rd., parking complaint.

2:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:55 p.m. Ripley Rd., fire.

3:25 p.m. Elm St. larceny.

3:34 p.m. Sohier St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:40 p.m. Elm St., fire.

5:38 p.m. Depot Ct., vandalism.

6:01 p.m. Adams Rd., fire.

6:45 p.m. Brook St,. assist citizen.

7:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other police dept.

7:53 p.m. Highland Ave., fire.

9:05 p.m. King St. well being check.

9:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations. Arrest: Stephen J. James, 84 Spring St., Wakefield. Chrg. operating motor vehicle with suspended license, negligent operation of motor vehicle, trespass.

11:09 p.m. Atlantic Ave,. motor vehicle crash. Arrest: Juvenile arrest. Chrgs. larceny of motor vehicle, unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, leaving accident scene after property damage, marked lanes, violation.

11:45 p.m. Elm St, motor vehicle crash investigated.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Midnight Stagecoach Way, suspicious auto.

12:23 a.m. North Main St. and South Main St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:12 a.m. Atlantic Ave. and Dean Road, found property.

9:07 a.m. King St. medical aid.

11:09 a.m. South Main St,. parking complaint.

12:05 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, vandalism.

12:10 p.m. Ripley Rd., parking complaint.

1:21 p.m. Elm St., threats.

1:34 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

3:33 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

3:56 p.m. South Main St, fire.

6:17 p.m. Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash investigated.

8:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

9:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Jamie St., motor vehicle crash.

11:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other police department.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

12:47 a.m. Elm St. general services.

12:57 a.m. Elm St,. general services.

6:23 a.m. Spindrift Lane, assist citizen.

8:58 a.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:50 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., wires down.

11:01 a.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

1:33 p.m. Summer St., fire.

3:34 p.m. Bates Lane, fire.

4:17 p.m. CCH suspicious auto.

4:54 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:08 p.m. N. Main St., vandalism.

5:43 p.m. Jerusalem Road, road rage.

5:58 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop.

7:07 p.m. Beach St. and Highland Ave, fire investigation.

8:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:37 p.m. Forest Ave,. motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Anthony R. Melchione, 20, 164 Pond St. Braintree. Chrgs. operation of unlicensed motor vehicle, speeding.

8:37 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, Arrest: Christopher R. Jordan, 22, 3 Sagamore Ave., Quincy.

10:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious verbal warning.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

4:10 a.m. King St., medical aid.

6:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop,

8:17 a.m. King St., vandalism.

9:39 a.m. Forest Ave,. traffic safety inspection.

10:35 a.m. South Main St., vandalism.

10:39 a.m. Pleasant St., medical aid.

11:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance.

3 p.m. North Main St., vandalism.

4:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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OBITUARIES

John F. Creamer

John F. Creamer,

longtime principal, teacher in Cohasset

John E. Creamer, 74, of Scituate, a retired principal of the Osgood School in Cohasset, died April 13, 2003, at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Mr. Creamer taught in Cohasset for 36 years and spent 18 years at the Osgood School. He retired as principal in 1989.

He served in the Army during World War II as a Tech 5.

He was raised in Dorchester and graduated from Boston State Teachers College. He had lived in Scituate for the past 45 years.

Husband of the late Janet (Helvitz) Creamer, he leaves a son, John F. Creamer Jr. of Midlothian, Va.; four daughters, Susan M. McCarthy of Scituate, Tracey Dickerson of Plymouth, Lisa Finnigan of Norwell and Paula McLoud of Scituate; two brothers, Robert Creamer of Quincy and Denny McCarthy of Braintree; two sisters, Betty Creamer of Quincy and Jean Lynch of New York; friends Mark Gemelli and Susan Baush; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary of the Nativity Church, Scituate. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Scituate.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the John F. Creamer Scholarship Fund, No Pilgrim Co-op Bank, 48 S. Main St., Cohasset 02025.

Etta Lillian Lincoln

Etta Lillian (Stoddard) Lincoln, of Cohasset, died peacefully Feb. 8, 2003 at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home following a brief illness. Mrs. Lincoln was 87 years old.

She was born in Cohasset and attended area schools.

Mrs. Lincoln, committed to her faith, was a deaconess and lifelong member of the Beechwood Congregational Church in Cohasset where she worshipped for 65 years, and singing in the church choir.

She was an active and respected member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary in Cohasset; past president of the 60 Plus Club; the Harborview Tenants Association for the Housing of the Elderly; and the Cohasset Strutters Walking Group.

In addition, Mrs. Lincoln was a volunteer of various charitable organizations in Cohasset and enjoyed quilting, reading and walking.

She was the wife of the late Lawrence F. Lincoln, Sr., and leaves her son, Lawrence F. Lincoln, Jr. of Cohasset; her three daughters, Priscilla Trush of Seattle, Wash., Martha Lincoln of Franklinville, N.J. and Elizabeth Lincoln of Vineland, N.J.; two brothers, Sheldon and David Stoddard; three sisters, Nellie Lincoln, Olive Morris and Hannah Sawyers; and her three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Charles and Elmer Stoddard and Mildred Salyards.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m. in the Beechwood Congregational Church, Church St., Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Etta's memory to the Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., Cohasset 02025.

Anne Keating

Anne Keating

Anne (Burns) Keating, 94, a resident of Cohasset for 40 years, died April 13, 2003, at her residence after a brief illness.

Born in Waterbury, Conn., she was the daughter of the late Michael F. and Georgianna (Kelly) Burns.

Mrs. Keating attended the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y.

She was employed as a dietician at the Windsor School in Boston, for 20 years retiring in 1975.

Wife of the late Captain John S. Keating U.S.N., she leaves two sons, John S. Keating, Jr. of Barrington, Ill., and Michael B. Keating of Boston; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law Anne C. (Johnston) Elwell of Hingham. She was the mother of the late Timothy E. Keating and the late Karen R. Graves.

A funeral mass was held April 16, at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment was private.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the South Shore Hospice, 100 Bay State Dr., Braintree, 02184.

Ashley F. Jones

Ashley F. Jones, 81, a Cohasset resident for the past 60 years, died on April 11, 2003, at Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton.

Mr. Jones was born and raised in Hingham, graduating from Hingham High School. He was a crane operator for many years at Bethlehem Steel in Quincy which later became General Dynamics, retiring in the mid 1980's. He then worked for 10 years at the Wompatuck State Park in Hingham.

Mr. Jones enjoyed camping, airplanes, model railroading, gardening and he particularly loved animals of all kinds.

Husband of the late Constance (Stoughton) Jones, he leaves four daughters; Judith W. O'Donovan and her husband, Frederick, of Carver, Janice C. Sargent and her husband, Kenneth, Geraldine E. Ainslie and her husband, Richard and Marion L. Douglas all of Cohasset, and a son, Thomas W. Jones and his wife, Rita, also of Cohasset; a brother-in-law of Welthea Maxwell of Arizona; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Service was held at the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham. The interment was in the Beechwood Cemetery, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Beechwood Congregational Living Memorial Trust, 51 Church St., Cohasset, MA 02025 or to the American Diabetes Association, 1 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.

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From left, Doris Flint, Jean Tierney and Phyllis Peck prepare to portray Revolutionary-era women in the Memorial Day Parade.

Revolutionary soldiers to be honored

The Col. Thomas-Old Colony Chapter DAR members held a program on Revolutionary War Period Clothing at the home of Barbara Dillon, Regent. The members are preparing to participate in the 2003 Memorial Day Parade to commemorate the memory of 56 brave men from Cohasset who fought in the Revolutionary War and are listed on the muster roll of August 1, 1775.

According to Bigelow's Narrative History of the Town of Cohasset, "This first company of Cohasset soldiers were quartered probably in Roxbury at the fort upon the hill, making the extreme right of the American lines. They were part of that motley crew of 16,000 patriots bent on pushing the British army of 10,000 drilled troops out of Boston."

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Rabbi finds local temple is the perfect fit

By Mary Jane Hanron
CORRESPONDENT

Spending a year contemplating how and where to begin the second half of a rewarding and worthwhile career led Shira Joseph to Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham. Rabbi Joseph, who has served the past nine years at Congregation Shir Ami, a family synagogue located in Newtown, Penn., a suburb of Philadelphia "was smitten immediately" with the groups, families and individuals with whom she communicated here on the South Shore.

"I was drawn by the application from them which was so very different," she explains. "It included quotes from congregants and what they yearned for. Their hopes, their prayers, their longing for spirituality and education were all expressed. This helped me to know a bit about them right away. Individuals are everything. That's how you form a community; one by one.

"I found this group to be the warmest, most compassionate, most soul seeking. That is why I decided this is where I want to continue journeying," she says.

Born in the Bronx, Joseph describes herself as having a definite "metropolitan orientation". She looks forward to residing in this historic and seaside town, but emphasizes that it was the bond she formed with the people of the synagogue that persuaded her to continue her career in Hingham.

The Rabbi Shira H. Joseph

Although her service will not begin officially until July,2003, Joseph is already tending to the needs of the new congregation. She is in touch by phone with members experiencing illness or difficulties and is aware of issues within the community. According to Fred Seigel, president of the congregation, she sent a message of comfort at the time of the recent Columbia space shuttle disaster, which he then forwarded to the members of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom.

"Her role has been amazing already," Siegel says. "We had a brunch for her over the holiday weekend of school vacation week and over 200 people attended! We were ecstatic! She is upbeat, energetic and spiritual and we know she will reinvigorate people and excite them about Judaism so that they will want to become more involved in their religious community."

Her interest in community being a passionate one, Joseph has begun to become acquainted with her colleagues in the clergy in Hingham and surrounding towns. Unity and cooperation among the religious leaders of the area is important in her view of community.

"We all came together at the time of 9/11," she noted. "I hope to participate in the broader community by teaching, sharing strength and making a connectedness. As clergy, we must elevate the goodness of people in our world. One by one…people must take a stand and choose blessings over curses and life over death. Problems begin when people stop seeing others as valued. If we all remember that every opinion is worthy, we would be much safer."

Special needs and services for disabled people is an area of great interest and expertise that Joseph hopes to share with the congregation and the community. She speaks about such topics as "Not leaving anyone behind" and the importance of accessibility to all buildings and religious structures in particular, so "that all may worship".

"We are all different, and yet we are all the same," she says. "The image of God has many faces, and yet there is a divine spark in each of us. Being much more tolerant of those who may be different is vital."

A fascinating yet surprisingly simple belief Joseph maintains is centered around food and dining. The room in which she welcomes guests is supplied with an inviting bowl of fresh fruit, a coffee pot and refreshing cool beverages. With humor she states," A favorite saying of mine is, 'If there is no *flour*, there is no study of the Torah!" She then explains, "You can not hate someone around your table. Food changes relationships."

Joseph and her husband, Saul have begun the task of relocating in the Hingham area. The move will not be completed until late spring or early summer. They have three daughters, the youngest of whom will be completing her senior year of high school in Pennsylvania prior to their move. Numerous pictures of the rabbi's family warmly graced the entrance hall of the synagogue. This inviting display included photo albums, wedding portraits and memories of family times all of which depicted the sense of family, spirituality and love of which the rabbi so warmly spoke.

"I found this group to be the warmest, most compassionate, most soul seeking. That is why I decided this is where I want to continue journeying."
— Rabbi Shira Joseph

The message she plans to bring to the community is one of faith and the importance of "places of worship being accessible to all in order that they may open their hearts to a spiritual life." She is also willing to participate in and present secular programs, and play an active role in public schools and education. This area is another in which she is comfortable as she was a teacher, reading specialist and holds a masters in education from Lehigh University, only one of her numerous credentials. She has lectured extensively and contributed to many publications, panels and organizations.

To the Jewish community of the South Shore, she brings an additional message.

"It is most important to make yourself known and be counted as a member of the Jewish community." She elaborates, "If I don't know your name, I can not be there. It is easier to have faith, to find strength and to heal when you know somebody. When people are not affiliated, the synagogue is diminished because all are not a part of our community of faith. Life cycles, like prayers, are meant to be shared. This synagogue is a family, and that is why I came."

WORSHIP NOTES

Holy Week at St. Stephen's

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter, a candlelight service on Saturday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. The worship is dramatic, beginning with the church in darkness. Candles are lit and at the moment when resurrection is proclaimed the lights are turned on signifying that the resurrected Jesus is the light that no amount of darkness can overcome.

Worship Easter morning, Sunday, April 20, will be at 8 a.m. with quartet and brass and 10 a.m. with full choir and brass. The worship finds women, followers of Jesus, at the empty tomb enjoined to "Go and tell" Christ is risen. Both services, Eucharist with sermon, will be in the church.

Prior to Easter, there will be worship in the church on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. This Eucharist commemorates the last supper and the importance of community for the church's life together in Christ. Following the Eucharist will be a simple meal of foods typical of Jesus' place and time - breads, cheese, olives, nuts, fruits and milk and honey.

A 24 Prayer Watch will begin on Maundy Thursday at 3 p.m. Parishioners sign up for an hour throughout the day to be in church to read, pray, just to be quiet, or meditate. It recalls Jesus' words at Gethsemane, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?" and the words of Psalm 130: "my soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning." It is a powerful experience of prayer each minute throughout the day bringing the church into Good Friday.

Good Friday worship begins at noon on April 18, with an hour of quiet. The Prayer Book liturgy begins at 1 p.m. A service for children takes place at 2:30 p.m. and ends the traditional three hours of worship while Jesus was on the cross, A number of parishioners will participate in the 20 mile Good Friday walk raising money to assist economically poor areas of the south, particularly in rural Mississippi.

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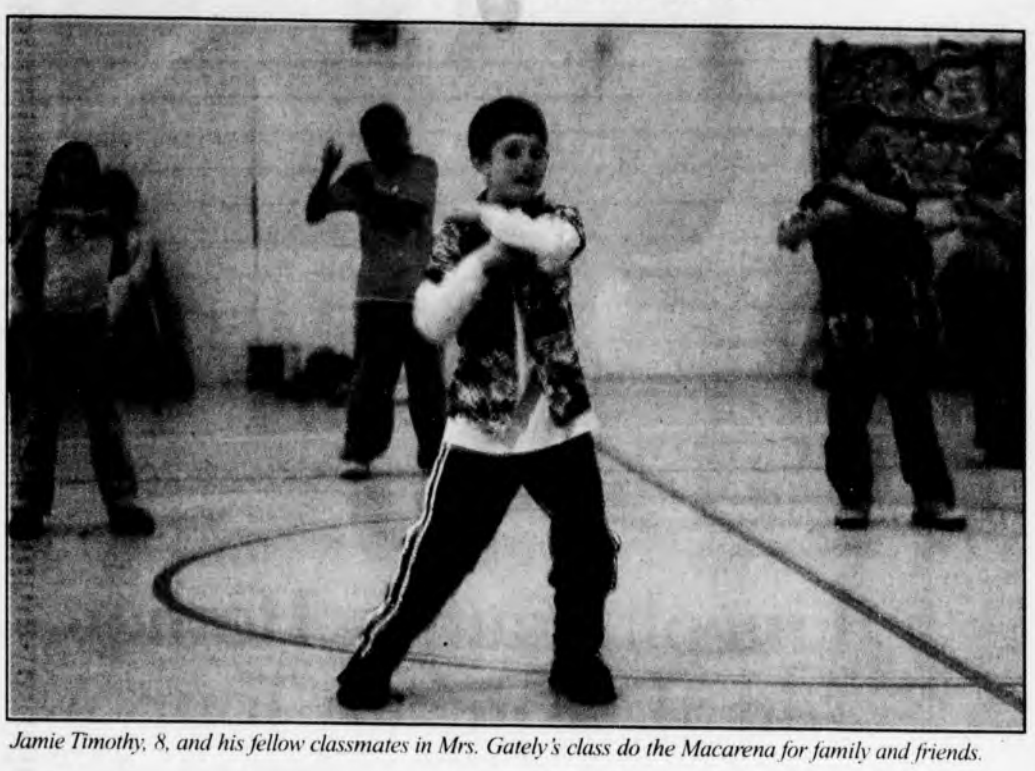

Jamie Timothy, 8, and his fellow classmates in Mrs. Gately's class do the Macarena for family and friends.

Third-grader Robbie Mahoney, 9, does an awesome John Travolta impression during a party dance demonstration in gym classes at the Osgood School.

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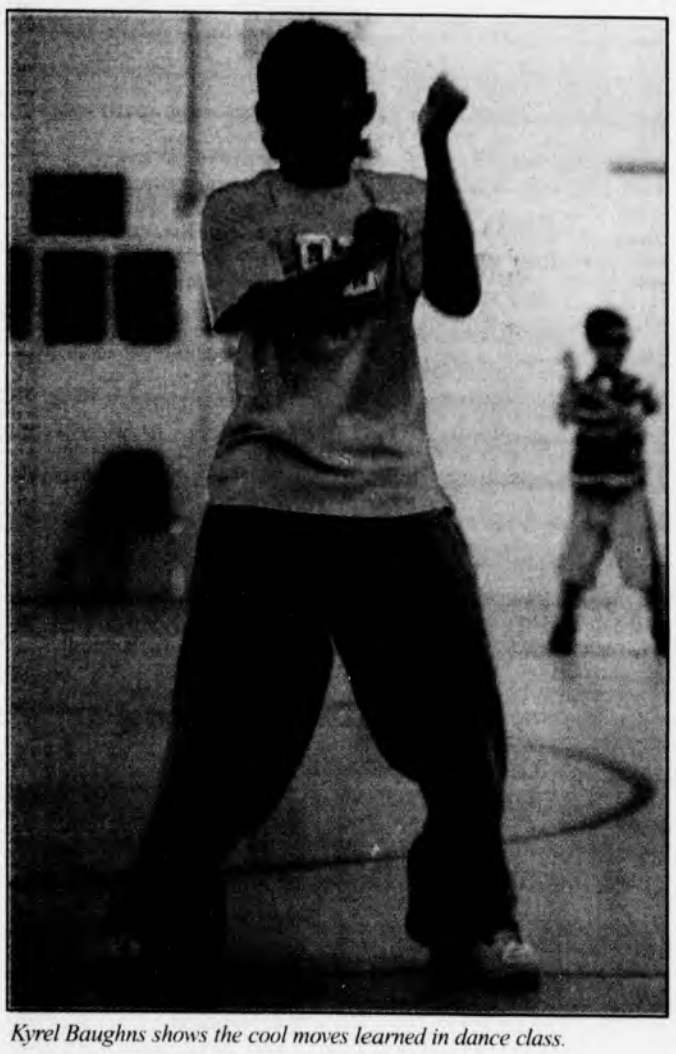
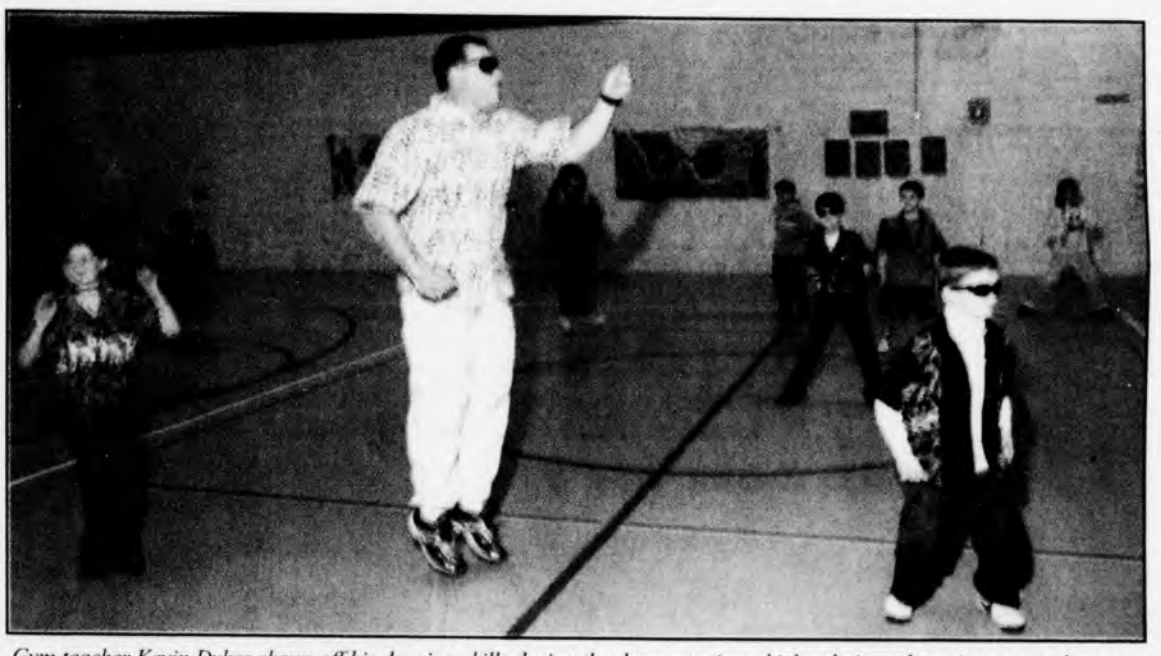
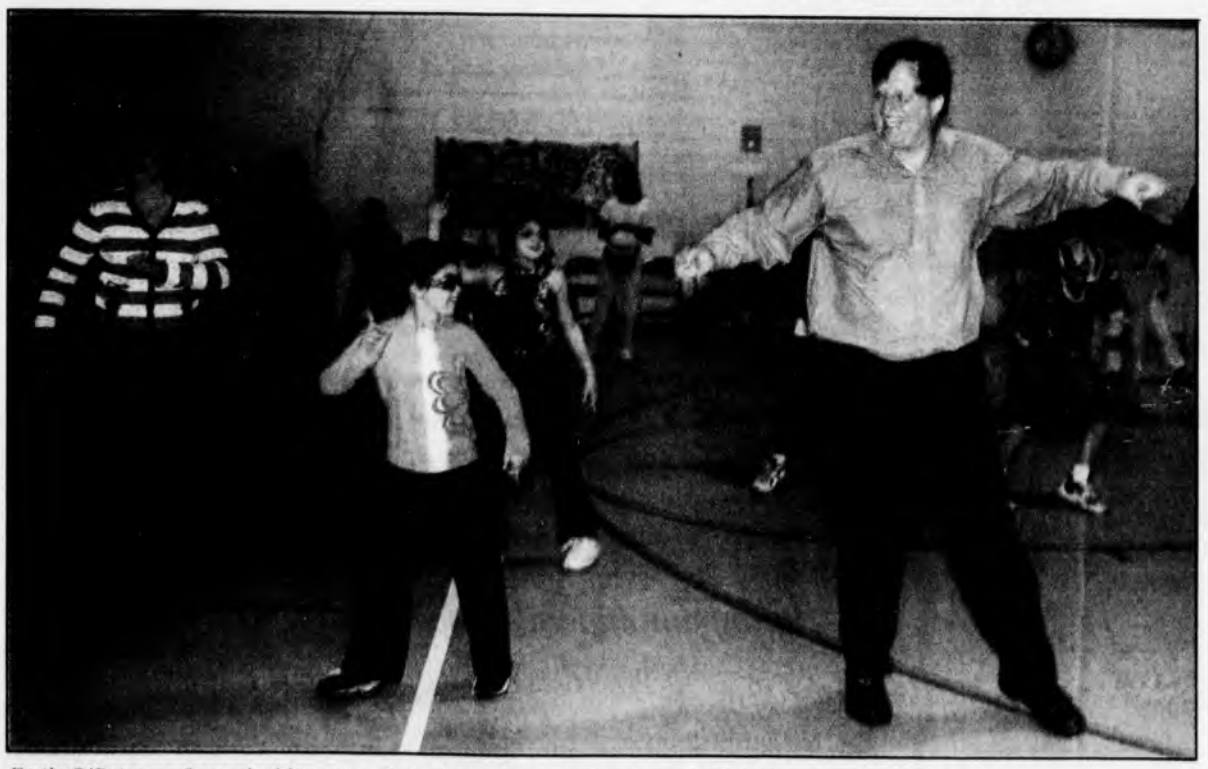


Kyrel Baughns shows the cool moves learned in dance class.



Gym teacher Kevin Dykas shows off his dancing skills during the demonstration which culminated a unit on party dances. The third-graders practiced for weeks.



Emily O'Brien performs the Macarena. Party dance demonstrations were held during gym classes last week.

Jonah Adkins, 8, sports some shades and an Hawaiian shirt while doing the Macrena.

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'Sound of Music' on stage in May

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "The Sound Of Music" at the Cohasset Town Hall. Show dates are: May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 7:30 p.m. and May 4, 11, & 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and are available at Buttonwood Books and Spring Brook Kids in Cohasset, Front Street Book Store in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304. Girl Scout Troops receive a $2 discount on advanced purchase tickets. Contact Barbara Baumgarten for details at 781-383-1834. Sunday May 4 is "Seniors Day". All seniors receive a $2 discount. Call 781-544-0304 to reserve tickets.

President's Tea

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its yearly President's Tea at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, April 22. The guests are the garden club presidents from the South Shore District. The tea will begin at noon, followed by a presentation given by landscape designer Judith Reeve, who will demonstrate techniques to help us garden comfortably and safely, no matter what our age or ability.

Arbor Day walk

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will host an Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m.. President Sally Avery and Conservation Chairman Meg Moore will lead a walk through the new Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary identifying trees and plant communities. All those interested in joining Avery and Moore should meet at the Wheelwright Park, North Main Street entrance parking lot at 10 a.m..

Kick aerobics

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces ongoing registration for adult fitness classes based upon six-week sessions. This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kickboxing, and muscle conditioning.

The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the auditorium at Town Hall from 9-10:15 a.m. The cost of the 12-class session is $100 per participant. Step equipment will be provided for up to 20 participants; however, two-to-five-pound hand-weights should be brought to class for the muscle conditioning segment of the training.

Call the recreation department at 781-383-4109 to register.

Cardio-kick boxing

Never-tried kick boxing? Don't even know what it is? The Cohasset Recreation Department announces a free introduction to cardio kick boxing. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer Charles Palmer will conduct the class. This introductory class will meet Monday, April 29, in the Town Hall Auditorium at 10 a.m. No pre-registration is necessary.

Dog Obedience

The Cohasset Recreation Department will continuously, throughout the summer, offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy Dog Training School.

Second session classes will be held on Monday evenings on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Monday, April 28, for Obedience with Distractions at 7 p.m. and at 6 p.m. for beginners. For all classes the fee is $100 for the five-week, one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register for the next available session, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. A new session will begin approximately every five weeks. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Brancale art is on exhibit

Joan Brancale, a gallery artist with South Shore Art Center, has an exhibit of her most recent oil paintings at Cohasset's new Paul Pratt Memorial Library now located in the former Osgood Elementary School at 35 Ripley Road. The show, "Winterbreak," features local South Shore landscapes. This is the inaugural exhibit at the new library and the show will remain until April 26.

Many of the paintings for "Winterbreak" are local Hingham and Cohasset scenes, developed in the artist's studio this past January and February, working from plein-air studies, thumbnail sketches and her own photographs. For a landscape painter, this "winter break" of working inside provided an opportunity to focus more on memory and emotional intent. A moment outside caught in a sketch or photograph is extended and altered in the process of painting.

Brancale's art career began as a professional set designer and muralist. Having received her MFA in Design from Tisch School of the Arts at New York University she designed and painted scenery in New York City before moving to the Boston area. Over the years she has continued to work in theatre as well as creating murals for residential and commercial interiors. Her profession developed skills that have proved useful as a fine artist.

Painting on location throughout the South Shore and Cape Cod offers Brancale the opportunity to savor nature's gifts. Stories are often waiting to unfold in her work, the mood of the moment highlighted by sensitive use of color and detail.

Golf outing benefit for nursery school

The South Shore Community Center will host a golf outing at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham on Monday, June 23. Proceeds of the outing will go to the nursery school. Parents, members and friends of the Community Center are invited to play golf or join the fun after for a barbecue at Black Rock. The nursery school is seeking corporate sponsorships. For information and more details please call or email Deborah Donahue 781-383-2093 or Deirdre Prescott at 781-383-6578.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Elizabeth Kissick stands in the kitchen of her historic North Main Street home.

Lincoln Family Home on '03 Kitchen Tour

On May 2, the South Shore Community Center will once again sponsor a tour of five unique Cohasset kitchens from 10:30 a.m.– 3 p.m.. Now in its seventh year, the Center's popular springtime tradition will again offer tourgoers both an inside view of some of the town's most innovative kitchens as well as a little something extra with the addition of samplings from local caterers at each home. This year's homes range from a recently renovated home that was once part of the estate of Royal Barry Wills to an antique colonial built in 1711 by Abraham Lincoln's ancestor's, the Bates family.

Purchased two years ago by Mark and Elizabeth Kissick, the historic North Main Street home was once two adjoining farmhouses. The property across the street, where the baseball field and swim center are now located, was an egg farm. Over the years the adjoining farmhouses became a connected two-family home, and in the early 1900's the two structures were converted to a single-family home. Amazingly, the Kissicks are the first family in nearly 300 years to occupy the home that have not been related to the Bates family.

Tickets for the tour are $25 and may be purchased at the Center or by calling 781-383-0088.

Aside from converting an existing horse barn to become a home for Elizabeth's burgeoning jewelry business, the new owners have taken great pains to maintain the historic integrity of the house. When updating the kitchen last year they considered increasing its size by incorporating some of the dining room, but decided against it, not wanting to deviate too far from the original design of the home. Instead, new appliances, cabinetry and countertops were added, but all in what Elizabeth calls a traditional Old World style. The kitchen is still its original size, complete with its original low ceilings, common in homes built during the period. As you tour rest of the home you can appreciate the period detail and the centuries that the home has seen.

Tickets for the tour are $25 and may be purchased at the Center or by calling 781-383-0088. Tickets are limited and early purchase is recommended. Funds from the 2003 Kitchen Tour will be used to support the programs of the South Shore Community Center. The Center, located at 3 North Main Street, is a non-profit organization dedicated to a wide range of educational and enrichment programs for infants to seniors.

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Landscapes through the lens

Braintree photographer captures local color in basic black and white and digital format

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

In its on-going series of one-person gallery shows, The North River Arts Society has put the spotlight on a variety of local artists including painters and sculptors. It has not left out photography. Braintree photographer Bob Correia is now showing his works at the Ventress Library Gallery in Marshfield through May 24.

Correia, 41, has been shooting photos since his early teens, but has only done so professionally in the last five years or so. His previous public exhibitions consist of various group shows with the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset and the Quincy and Duxbury Arts Societies along with last year's Festival of the Arts and Members Show with NRAS.

In his first one-man show, Correia explores a diverse array of mainly his favorite photo subjects, dominated by scenic rural New England landscapes but also including the occasional off-beat angle shot of recreational life. Most of the former conveys the photographer's more conventional approach of straightforward color and black-and-white shooting, while much of the latter experiments with digital photography along with various techniques of toning, hand-coloring and frame design.

Braintree photographer Bob Correia at the opening of his one-man show on exhibit through May 24 at the Ventress Library Gallery.

Correia's landscape shots are taken at various locations around the South Shore, Western Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Many of them highlight lakes, rivers, marshes and other wetlands, such as the glacial ice-covering of "Bash Bish in Winter" or the tranquil scenes of "Brook Bounded by Rocks" and "Cranberry Pond," the latter undoubtedly shot in the cranberry-rich Plymouth region. An occasional landscape piece is enhanced by the presence of walking wildlife, such as "Great Blue Heron, Teal Marsh," while the experimental "North Scituate Shore Abstract" applies toning and hand-coloring to almost lunar landscape effect.

"Seal Rocks Sunset"

Other intriguing shots include the twilight riverbank angle of Bourne Bridge in "Darkness Falls Along the Canal," the memory provoking old Abington drive-in theatre site in "Fading Remains," the sepia-toned black-and-white New Hampshire farmhouses in "Barns in Winter" and the straight black-and-white shot of the long, wooden bridge in "Powder Point, Duxbury."

Sports is a theme to which Correia is drawn, as the photographer, a longtime Boston Bruins fan, displays in the bittersweet interior shot of "Boston Garden Demolition," and the on-field, minor-league baseball action of "Arriving Home Safely" and "Pitch Progression," the latter produced from four different angles of a mound ace's windup with help from Adobe Photoshop. The piece is composed of four separate photo shots, Correia said, not from holding down the camera shutter.

Elsewhere, the photographer offers a subtle sense of humor with the extra-terrestrial balloon figures in "Little-

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Photographer Bob Correia's "Darkness Falls Along the Canal," gives the twilight riverbank angle of Bourne Bridge, while "Cranberry Pond" captures the wetlands that lie near the region's bountiful bogs.

Something for everyone at the Music Circus

Tickets on sale for 2003 season

The box office at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset opened to the public Saturday, and this season's entertainment lineup promises to be one of the best ever offering a wide variety of concert and family events and performances. Tickets for all shows are also available through Ticketmaster at (617) 931-2787 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Children's events

Caillou's Big Party (as seen on PBS), Thursday, July 10, 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m., $13.50

Kaleidoscope Theatre Presents "Sleeping Beauty," Thursday, July 17, 10:30 a.m., $6.50

Daryl Hall & John Oates

Mary Chapin Carpenter

Kaleidoscope Theatre Presents "Cinderella," Thursday, July 24, 10:30am, $6.50

Franklin The Turtle's "Class Concert" (as seen on Nickelodeon), Thursday, July 31, 10:30 a.m./1 p.m.

Kaleidoscope Theatre Presents "Alice In Wonderland," Thursday, Aug. 7, 10:30 a.m., $6.50

Kaleidoscope Theatre Presents "Snow White," Thursday, Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m., $6.50

Landis & Company's "World Of Magic", Thursday, Aug. 21, 10:30 a.m., $13.50

Kaleidoscope Theatre Presents "Rumpelstiltskin," Thursday, Aug. 28, 10:30 a.m., $6.50

Concerts

An Evening with Tony Bennett (season opener-only area appearance), Friday, June 6, 8 p.m., $72.50/$62.50

Willie Nelson & Family, Sunday, June 22, 7:30 p.m., $52.50/$42.50

The Righteous Brothers, Friday, July 11, 8 p.m., $47.50/$37.50

Daryl Hall & John Oates, Sunday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., $46.50/$36.50

Vince Gill, Saturday, July 19, 8 p.m., $51.50 (premium seats SOLD OUT)

ABBA "The Music", Sunday, July 20, 7:30 p.m., $41/$31

Mary Chapin Carpenter, Saturday, July 26, 8 p.m., $46.50/$36.50

Loretta LaRoche (as seen on PBS), Sunday, July 27, 7:30 p.m., $38.50/$28.50

Joe Cocker, Friday, Aug. 1,

Alison Krauss and Union Station

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The Beach Boys (two shows), Saturday, Aug. 2, 5 p.m. & 9 p.m., $49.50/$39.50

The Robert Cray Band/John Hiatt & the Goners, Sunday, Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m., $45/$35

Huey Lewis & the News (two shows), Thursday & Friday, Aug. 7 & 8, 8 p.m., $54/$44

Kenny Rogers, Saturday, Aug. 9, 8 p.m., $55/$45

Jimmy Cliff, Thursday, Aug. 14, 8 p.m., $40/$30

Engelbert Humperdinck, Friday, Aug. 15, 8 p.m., $47.50/$37.50

Julio Iglesias, Saturday, Aug. 16, 8pm, $57.50/$47.50

Alison Krauss and Union Station (w/ Jerry Douglas),

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The Righteous Brothers

Dream teams

By Josh B. Wardrop
STAFF WRITER

Gary Gilbert, the owner of Gilbert's Sports Nostalgia in Needham, clicks away at his computer, contemplating the eternal dilemma: Randy Johnson or Pedro Martinez?

"It's important to get a top pitcher in the early rounds," he muses, "but actually, I'll usually end up going with a shortstop first."

Gilbert isn't the new general manager of the Red Sox, he just pretends he is. He's one of millions of fantasy baseball fans, building fantasy teams for fantasy glory.

If your knowledge of baseball begins and ends with Abbott and Costello's "Who's On First?" routine, you're probably lost right now. But if you're clueless about fantasy baseball — a gaming trend that's rising faster than a Pedro heater — then you're definitely out of the loop, according to Erik Barmack.

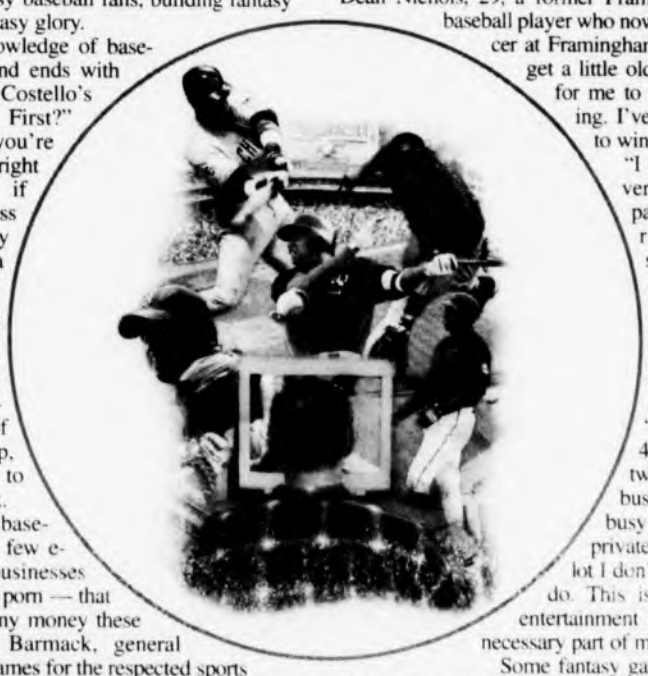
"Fantasy baseball is of the few e-commerce businesses — other than porn — that are making any money these days," says Barmack, general manager of games for the respected sports publication The Sporting News. "People are always surprised to learn that fantasy gaming is a multimillion-dollar industry."

According to research cited by Barmack, an estimated 10 percent of American men are paying for some sort of fantasy sports game, via Internet sites like CBS Sportsline or Yahoo!, or games advertised in sporting publications by companies like Millennium Fantasy Sports and Triple Play Fantasy Sports. That translates into 20 million to 30 million Americans spending hard-earned cash speculating whether Barry Bonds will outperform Sammy Sosa over the course of the season.

"And those numbers," Barmack adds, "don't even account for all the people playing games for free. We, for example, offer a stripped-down version of our fantasy game that doesn't cost anything to play — and it has 500,000 teams registered."

The basic fantasy baseball concept is this: Average joes choose a team of major league players, and then track the players' real-life statistics in categories such as home runs, strikeouts and batting average over the course of a season. The better their players perform, the more they win.

"I love baseball and I love competition," says Dean Nichols, 29, a former Framingham High baseball player who now coaches soccer at Framingham State. "As I get a little older, it's a way for me to keep competing. I've always liked to win."



"I consider it a very important part of my relaxation," says Dale Tamburro of Weston, an attorney who operates his own practice in Belmont. "I mean, I'm 43, with a wife, two kids and a business. With a busy personal and private life, there's a lot I don't have time to do. This is a source of entertainment that's a really necessary part of my existence."

Some fantasy gamers play just for bragging rights among their friends. Others, like Tamburro, like to make things a bit interesting by putting a cash wager on their teams. (In Tamburro's current league of 12 players, the entrance fee is $300 a head.) And then, there are the hard-core players like Gilbert.

"Each league I'm in on CBS Sportsline has an entrance fee of $30, and I have 32 teams," Gilbert says. "With the prize money they offer, I've figured out that I need to win about 20 percent of my leagues to break even. I usually win between 40

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PHOTO: Gary Gilbert says that sometimes he's up at 4 a.m. in order to pick up a baseball player off the waiver wire.

Living

Food & dining

The green goddess returns

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

The Palace Hotel in San Francisco invented Green Goddess Dressing in honor of the actor George Arliss who stayed at the hotel while starring in William Archer's play, "The Green Goddess." This is a creamy (mayonnaise and sour cream) herb-packed dressing that can be used on a tossed salad or as a dip for crudités. Ideally it should be bursting with herb flavor with a well-balanced creamy base to carry the flavors. When badly made, Green Goddess dressing is green in color but totally lacking in flavor (dulled by a heavy hand with the dairy products) or completely unbalanced by the overwhelming taste of anchovy or garlic.

Many recipes call for an equal pairing of mayonnaise and sour cream, but I also tested various ratios as well as other dairy products such as yogurt, cream, cream cheese, and buttermilk. The 50/50 marriage came out on top, offering just the right amount of richness from the mayo and a pleasant cool tang from the sour cream. I also tested low- and no-fat dairy alternatives and found the low-fat to be an option while the no-fat was indescribable.

As for the "green" part of Green Goddess Dressing, parsley was one of the few ingredients that appeared in every recipe. I tested anywhere from 2 tablespoons to 1/3 cup and thought 1/4 cup gave big flavor without tasting too "green." I also found the parsley was easy to combine with other herbs to boost flavor. One quarter cup chives was also a winner. I also tested green onion but preferred the chives since they are milder. However, I didn't want the chives pureed into the dressing as I did the parsley. I added them at the end and pulsed them a couple of times to blend. Other herbs tested included tarragon, chervil, dill, basil, and cilantro. I really liked one tablespoon each of tarragon and chervil.

Garlic was problematic since it often overwhelmed the other flavors. I found it unsettling even if I used only a miniscule half-clove. Instead, a small shallot was milder and worked well with the chives. Most recipes also include some anchovy. To be honest, I had a slight preference for the dressing without anchovy, so I have listed it (one good size fillet) as an optional ingredient. Without it, I feel that the dressing has a cleaner, fresher taste.

As for other ingredients, lemon juice won out over white wine vinegar, white balsamic vinegar, and rice wine vinegar. Salt and pepper were also welcome. As for method, the food processor made this recipe a snap although the chives are best left intact.

GREEN GODDESS DRESSING

The dressing may be used immediately, but a rest of an hour or so in the refrigerator allows the flavors to improve. This dressing is best used within a day of preparation. This makes enough dressing for a large salad or can be used as a dip. Either way it should be served cold or cool.

1/2 cup mayonnaise (regular or low fat)
1/2 cup sour cream (regular or low fat)
1/4 cup flat parsley leaves
1 tablespoon tarragon or chervil leaves
1 small shallot, chopped (about 2 teaspoons)
1 large or two small anchovy fillets, chopped (optional)
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 cup finely chopped chives
1/8 teaspoon salt (reduced to a generous pinch if using the optional anchovy)
Freshly ground pepper to taste

Place first seven ingredients (the mayonnaise through the lemon juice) in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the metal blade. Process until the parsley is very finely chopped and the mixture is pale green. Add the chives, salt and pepper and pulse once or twice to evenly incorporate the chives. Taste for seasoning and adjust with salt if necessary. Refrigerate, covered, for an hour to allow flavors to meld. May be refrigerated overnight. Serve cold as a salad dressing or a dip for crudités.

Makes about 1 1/4 cups

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective @cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball◊s public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Something for everyone at the Music Circus

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Sunday, Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m., $43.50/$33.50

Ani DiFranco, Tuesday, Aug. 19, 8 p.m., $43/$40

Wayne Brady, Thursday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m., $52/$42

Aimee Mann, Friday, Aug. 22, 8 p.m., $30 (all seats)

Ronan Tynan (of the Irish Tenors), Saturday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m., $40.50/$30.50

The Platters/Elsbeary Hobbs' The Drifters/Cornell Gunter's The Coasters, Saturday, Aug. 30, 8 p.m., $47.50/$37.50

For more information on the South Shore Music Circus' 2003 concert calendar contact the box office at (781)383-9850.

Julio Iglesias

Joe Cocker

Dream teams

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and 60 percent of my leagues, so I've made a few thousand bucks profit the last couple of years."

The rise of fantasy baseball corresponds directly with the rise of the Internet. All aspects of the game — research, league-building and tracking statistics — are ideally suited the Web.

Players come from all backgrounds, from lawyers like Tamburro to college students and even younger. Gilbert, in fact, runs a special fantasy baseball league out of his store for some of the children who are his steady customers.

Their demographics may vary wildly, but all successful players agree on one thing: In order to rise to the top of your fantasy heap, you have to do your research.

"When it comes to preparing, I think I'm pretty good about it," says Gilbert, gesturing toward a pile of reference materials that includes publications such as USA Today's Sports Weekly and The Sporting News' Fantasy Baseball Owners Manual. "Luckily, my line of work helps with preparation time — I can do it at work if there aren't a lot of customers. But, I read every box score, follow the spring training statistics ... it never stops, really."

"I only take about three months off — October, November and December is the dead time. By January, we start talking trades again," Tamburro admits.

It's that fanatical level of devotion that fantasy baseball inspires in its brethren that tends to bemuse, amuse and occasionally enrage the loved ones who share a fantasy player's universe.

"Oh, my family thinks I'm a little crazy," Tamburro chuckles. "My wife has, at times, had very little patience for it — I get phone calls in the car, at night when I'm watching TV with my kids, from players wanting to talk trades and things. So, I generally try to talk most of my fantasy talk in my car when I'm on my way to or from work, so it doesn't cut into family time."

"My wife is into baseball herself, so she's pretty good about understanding," says Gilbert. "She doesn't even mind that I'll be on the computer at 4 a.m., so that I can pick up a player as he comes off the waiver wire and becomes a free agent."

Nichols isn't as lucky.

"Most of my family and friends don't get it," he says. "They wonder how I can spend all the time that I do on it. My wife thinks I'm a nutjob — and I guess sometimes I am."

Sow and grow your own garden

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Signs of spring are beginning to appear everywhere you go on the South Shore as several mild sunny days help to soothe our memories of April snow and the recent deluges that flooded homes and waterlogged our landscapes. Gardens are dotted with clusters of crocuses, snowdrops, daffodils, iris, pale-colored Chionodoxa, and deep blue Siberian squill. Throughout the garden, bulbs and perennials are quickly coming to life now that milder springtime weather has finally arrived.

Several hours of clipping and raking on a bright Sunday afternoon produced several tidy perennial borders and mountains of refuse for the compost heap. The shady borders tend to be my first priority as many of the perennials in these gardens bloom early in the season before the trees leaf out. Innumerable animal trails were evident beneath the leaf litter but only time will tell how much damage they may have inflicted on the underlying bulbs and perennials.

As dusk approached and temperatures became chilly, I reluctantly hauled one last tarp to the compost pile. Invigorated by the fresh air and exercise, I spent the evening rooting cuttings and sowing seeds for perennials, annuals and vegetables to fill my gardens with flowers and produce this summer.

Each season, I prepare a timetable for starting seeds once I have acquired the essential supplies and seed packets. If you plan to start seeds, consult the seed packets, catalogs and books for instructions. Do not start seeds earlier than recommended. Perennials tend to grow more slowly and can be started up to 12 week before the last frost. Most annuals and vegetables should wait until six to eight weeks prior to Memorial Day to be sown. Seedlings are best transplanted to their final location before they are budded or flowering. Very little is gained and much can be lost by sowing seeds too early or rushing to transfer seedlings into the ground.

The lightweight, soilless growing mediums are best moistened thoroughly before sowing the seeds, preferably by placing the filled containers in a sink or dishpan of warm water and allowing the water to be drawn up from below. Containers should be filled to approximately 1/2 inch from the top once the medium is moist and gently tamped which may require that additional medium be added. Allow the medium to drain for an hour or two before sowing as it should be moist but not waterlogged.

Once the seeds have been sown, place the container into a clear plastic bag and tightly secure. This will prevent the medium from drying out. The bag should not rest on the medium.

Seedlings are easiest to transplant when sown in rows. Use a pencil or label to press a row into the growing medium. Sow about twice the number of seeds as the number of seedlings desired. Tap seeds from the packet as evenly as possible, leaving ample space between them or transfer the seeds to a creased piece of paper and gently tap them into rows. Use the tip of a pencil to separate seeds that are too close together. Very fine seeds may have to be broadcast over the medium and gently pressed into the surface or lightly misted. Use the same process for seeds, which require light for germination. Cover larger seeds with dry medium 1 to 2 times the thickness of the seed. Moisten with a gentle mist. Be sure to label each container with the date and type of seed planted.

Once the seeds have been sown, place the container into a clear plastic bag and tightly secure. This will prevent the medium from drying out. The bag should not rest on the medium. Use extra labels or Popsicle sticks around the perimeter of the container to raise the plastic off the growing surface. Many seed starting kits come with a clear plastic dome, which fits securely over the growing cells. Place the container in good light or under a fluorescent fixture but avoid placing it in direct sunlight unless high temperatures are required for germination. Check regularly and remove the plastic bag as soon as a number of the seeds sprout. Gradually move to stronger light, preferably a south-facing window. Turn your container regularly if you are growing your seedlings in a sunny window for symmetrical, stronger plants. Low light will produce tall, spindly, weak seedlings.

Keep the growing medium evenly moist. Bottom watering is preferred. Start fertilizing with 1/4-strength liquid fertilizer once the first set of true leaves appears (not the original two seed leaves) and gradually increase to 1/2-strength as the plants mature. Thin overcrowded seedlings by snipping or pinching weaker seedlings off at the base once the seedlings have four true leaves. It is usually best to transplant seedlings once before transferring the plants to the garden. Be sure to "harden off" tender seedlings for several days by gradually introducing them to the outdoors after all danger of frost has passed. Place seedlings initially into a partly shaded location and then expose them for short periods of sunlight early and late in the day before transplanting them into a sunny location.

There is a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment when you successfully grow plants from seed. Discover the magic of watching a tiny seed germinate and grow to produce a clump of exquisite flowers or a vine covered with delicious, plump tomatoes at a fraction of the cost of buying flats or individual plants.

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Green Men" and the giant, papermache lobster in "Catch of the Day." Another abstract piece, "Outdoor Frozen Shower," is a simple shower faucet coated with an extra tone of blue filter for a behind-the-glass look.

"I do my own printing with black-and-white shots, and all my color work in labs," said Correia at the recent opening reception for the show. "I like to experiment with the latest in digital equipment a lot, but all my black-and-white work is done the old-fashioned way, in the dark room, with all my own matboard cutting."

Correia's work will be on display at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street in Marshfield Center through May 24. Gallery hours are Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. For more information call the North River Arts Society at 781-837-8091

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THE THIRD ANNUAL EVAN'S RUN road races and walk will be held Sunday morning, May 4, at the Norwell High School. This community event includes 10k and 5k certified road races on the back streets of Norwell as well as the popular 5 kilometer (3.1 mile) walk and children's races. Complete information at www.evanhenry.org

THE MUSIC MAN MARCHES INTO BOSTON'S COLONIAL THEATRE April 30 to May 11. Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com or directly at The Colonial Theatre Box Office. Tickets on sale now. Prices are $72 to $25

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS AT EDAVILLE USA June 20-22, June 27-29 and July 3-6 - Day Out With Thomas offers fans of all ages the opportunity to take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine. There is a variety of Thomas & Friends entertainment for the whole family. Interactive children's activities include storytelling; live music; indoor and outdoor play areas; toy train sets; temporary tattoos of Island of Sodor friends and face painting; an Imagination Station; live music and more. Other event highlights are Thomas & Friends video viewing and an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Thomas the Tank Engine's firm, but kindly boss, Sir Topham Hatt. 35 minute train rides depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission $14 for ages one and up and may be purchased by calling 1-866-468-7630 and at the Edaville box office. for more information visit www.thomasthetankengine.com Edaville USA is located off of Route 58 in Carver.

tick, tick...BOOM! a musical by Jonathan Larson, comes to the Wilbur Theatre May 27 to June 8, starring Boston's own Joey McIntyre. Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster or directly at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston St. Boston.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER announces a show of artwork utilizing digital technology to be held at the art center April 18 to May 25. The "TechArt" show is open to all artists and will be juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. Artists are invited to submit slides of their work that utilizes digital technology as a major creative component in the production of the work. Examples of eligible works may include original digital; photographs, prints, sculpture, assemblages, collages and other work created using components manipulated by or generated from the computer, video animation sound and computer and internet-based works. Each may submit up to three works. All entries must be received by March 10. For information call 781-383-2787.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

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Plymouth Memorial Hall Legendary Chapin Concerts Vacation week appearances at Plymouth Memorial Hall Wednesday, April 23 at 11 a.m. Tickets are $15 and $10. Chapin's adult concerts are marked by intelligent songwriting and engaging vocals, many of the attributes that carry over to his shows geared towards the younger set. Tickets for this special show are now on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 50 Court Street in Plymouth,. They can also be ordered on line at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 866-468-7619. For more information visit the PMH Web site at www.plymouthmemorialhall.com

Thurs. 17

Comedy night Jimbo's Restaurant Braintree Five Corners April 17, at 8:30 p.m. Featuring: **Bob Seibel** along with **Annette Pollack Bob Niles Jeff Clough**. Your host: **Stacy Yannetty** Admission: $10 - special priced appetizers From 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300,www.annettepollack.com or www.jimbossouth.com

The Braintree Art Association meeting will be April 17, at 7 p.m. at the Thayer Gallery. A demonstration of oil painting by **Stapleton Kearns** will be presented. The Edith Bishop award will be given. Open to the public. Call 781-335-4675 for information.

April is "Buy a Brick" Month for Gaffield Park The Friends of Gaffield Park, a non-profit group raising funds to renovate Norwell's Gaffield Park, will launch its "Buy a Brick" campaign the month of April. The organization is offering the bricks as a way for individuals to donate funds to the future playground renovations while personalizing a gift for a friend or loved one. Each brick will be added to the pathway into the park with its message permanently embedded. The group's goal is to sell at least 200 bricks in the month of April alone. Bricks will be 4" X 8" and available for donation of $100. Each additional brick is $75. Messages may be up to three lines of text with up to 20 characters per line. For more information or to order a brick, contact Stefania Healy at 781-659-6567 or visit our website at www.gaffieldpark.com. Friends of Gaffield Park is a committee of the Norwell Men's Club, a non-profit organization.

The Weymouth Art Association Members Spring Exhibit and the artist of the month, **Allan Chambers** will exhibit his paintings for the month of April at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513.

The North River Arts Society presents **"Home and Away"** - an exhibit of original watercolor paintings by **Mary Callahan** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the **Hingham Public Library**, Route 228, Hingham. This show runs through April 25. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

Fri. 18

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Bancroft Gallery: **TechArt: Juried Exhibition of Computer Art.** A national exhibition of artwork utilizing digital technology juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. The exhibition is being held in conjunction with the Boston Cyberarts Festival.

Tunes for Tots - A benefit for the children of The Carolina Hill Shelter will be held at the **Ranch House** in Marshfield, on April 18, featuring **Basic Black, Lonesome Jukebox** and **The Matt Chase Band**, hosted by **Liz Raven**. Donation $10.

STABAT MATER DOLOROSA... Passionate Choral Music for Holy Week The 22 women of the **Broad Cove Chorale,** directed by Margo Euler, will perform the powerful Passion text on Good Friday at Hingham Congregational Church, 378 Main St. on April 18, at 8 p.m. (free will offering). A short a cappella showpiece by the 20th-century Dutch composer Henk Badings, and the Baroque masterpiece by Giovanni Pergolesi. Two lush motets by the Romantic German composer Josef Rheinberger will round out the concert.

Big Apple Circus' Dreams of a City will be held in Boston at 623 Summer St., (corner of Fargo Street, across from Marine Industrial Park). Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or ticketmaster.com and at all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information call 800-922-3772.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. Performing will be **Sarah Burrill** and **April Hall**. The open mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Swinging Steaks.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144

Stomp at The Stuart Street Playhouse. "Stomp," the international percussion sensation, has been held over, and is currently on sale through April 20. Tickets available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400 by logging on to www.stomponline.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston, 02116.

Sean O'Tooles Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth - **Lonesome Jukebox** (rockabilly) 9 p.m. start, wheelchair access.

The James Library and Center for the Arts will host a show of recent oil paintings by **Judith St. Peter** during the month of April. For more information, call 781-659-7100.

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Sat. 19

Greg Greenway is the featured performer at the **Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the Square**, Saturday, April 19, at 8 p.m. Also appearing is the duo of **Arnold and Gretz**. The coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Church's fully accessible Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham Square, on the T's 220 bus from Quincy Center, and a few doors up from the Loring Hall Theatre. Events begin with an open mic, allowing singers, dancers, poets, mimes, jugglers, storytellers to be seen and heard by our attentive audience. Tickets are $10 at the door.

Easter Egg Hunt aboard the **USS Salem,** April 19, from noon to 3 p.m. Pictures taken with the Easter Bunny $2. Admission - half price: Adults $3, children $2.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell will present a photography exhibit, Nature's Eye, through May 31, in the Vine Hall Gallery. The work of photographer Patience Taylor of Plymouth, Nature's Eye features many different South Shore landscapes, along with the animals, birds and plants found living in those areas The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, April 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 am to 4:30 p.m., April 1 to May 31. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off Route 3. For directions or more information, call the Center at 781-659-2559, or visit us on the web at www.ssnsc.org <http:// www.ssnsc.org>.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will present the **Duxbury Art Association Annual Winter Juried Show and Rotations**: Recent acquisitions including an oil painting by **Joel Janowitz** and photographs by **Jerry Uelsman** and **Lance Keimig.** These two exhibitions run through April 27. Open to the public and free of charge. Visit www.artcomplex.org for more information.

Sun. 20

The North River Arts Society presents **Bob Correia** photography through May 24, at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. Gallery hours Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Mon. 21

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 22

The Poetry Porch is holding a poetry reading on April 22, to celebrate Poetry Month, at the Whiton Room, Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St. Hingham, on Tuesday, April 22, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. An open mike session with a signup sheet will follow the featured readers. The featured readers include **Aidan Rooney-Cespedes. Winston Bolton, Ted Richer, Thomas O'Grady. Joyce Wilson** will introduce the program and also read. All interested in poets and poetry are invited. The poetry readings at Hingham Public Library are free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 781-741-1405 and/or 781-545-0731.

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Silent Auction - Original works by **Scituate Art Gallery Artists** will be on display and for auction throughout the month of April. Visit the Gallery through April 27, and post a bid for your favorite piece of art. Final open bidding will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, during a reception at the Art Gallery on Front Street. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with an opening reception on Sunday, April 6th from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

Braintree Art Association member **J. Marshall Dyke** will display his paintings for the month of April at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

The Quincy Art Association announces its **Annual Spring**

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Traditional hearing tests do not effectively evaluate how well children can tune in some sounds and tune out others. Recently, however, a new hearing test that simulates real-world noise may increase knowledge of children's hearing and potential development and learning disabilities. The new test exposes children to a variety of competing noises. In the test, children sit at a computer surrounded by a semi-circle of loudspeakers and listen for words that match the pictures on the screen. At times, only one voice asks them to point out an object. At others, only one voice, amid many, may ask to identify an object. Each child's ability to separate the different speakers varies, owing to individual rates of auditory and cognitive development.
According to some statistics, nearly 20 percent of the hearing impaired are school age children. Undetected or neglected hearing problems in youngsters and infants can prevent a child's early intellectual and social development. Maximize your child's potential by protecting his or her hearing. For complete hearing services for the hearing impaired, young or old, we welcome your call at FAMILY HEARING CARE CENTER, 781-337-1144. We're located at 534 Main Street (Rte. 18), across from the Stetson Bldg. in Weymouth, and we also have an office in Abington.
P.S. Adults are more adept at the hearing task described above because many aspects of hearing continue to develop into the teen years.

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Silver Tea Art Exhibit in the Atrium at the Thomas Crane Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy. The exhibit will run through April 30. the opening reception will be April 13, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Jesus Christ Superstar, staring **Carl Anderson and Sebastian Bach** - opens at the Wang Theatre, on April 15, for a one-week engagement, playing through April 20. Tickets are $70 to $28 for all performances; all prices include $3 restoration and education fee. There will be an Audio Described performance on April 20, at 7 p.m. Tickets available at the Wang Box Office, 270 Tremont St., Boston, or by calling 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.wangcenter.org

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 23

The Alzheimer's Disease Support of the South Shore Inc. will present **The Stages of Alzheimer's** on April 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham. Free and open to the public. For information call 781-749-1823. Respite care for the patient is available at no cost during the meeting at Harbor House in Hingham so that the family may attend this lecture. To reserve, call 781-749-4774 x 843 by 3 p.m. on April 23.

Ventress Memorial Library Author Series: Program of Authors, April 16, **Jim Hamilton "From Microsoft Word to Print"** the author is back describing self-publishing techniques used for his new book and previous book about World War II journalists, "The Writing 69th."

Plymouth Memorial Hall: Legendary folk singer **Tom Chapin** will be making a special appearance at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Wednesday, April 23 at 11 a.m. Parents looking for activities for their children during School Vacation Week will want to take advantage of this very special show, with tickets priced at only $15 and $10. Chapin's adult concerts are marked by intelligent songwriting and engaging vocals, many of the attributes that carry over to his shows geared towards the younger set. Tickets for this special show are now on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 50 Court Street in Plymouth,. They can also be ordered on line at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 866-468-7619. For more information visit the PMH website at www.plymouthmemorialhall.com

Sports celebrities to tee-off in ECNC Classic April 23, at Hingham's South Shore Country Club Former Boston Red Sox pitchers Bill "Spaceman" Lee and Luis Tiant return April 23, to Hingham's South Shore Country Club, heading-up the list of sports celebrities playing in the 8th annual Eamonn Coghlan-Neil Cusack Marathon Golf Classic. The tournament will commence with a noontime shotgun start, followed by a gala awards dinner at the club. The ECNC Classic is directed by Boston Herald sports columnist George Kimball, of Hull, while co-chairmen are Jim O'Brien, of Lowell, and Weymouth's Peter Kerr. Phone 781-773-1097 for further information

The South Shore Art Center announces the 2003 Art Scholarship Competition for South Shore seniors attending public, private, or parochial schools who will graduate in 2003. Students who have been accepted by a school of fine arts or an accredited institution of higher learning which includes a fine arts curriculum are eligible to apply. Three scholarships will be presented, ranging in value from $1,000 to $500. Portfolios and applications must be submitted on April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; April 27, noon to 4 p.m. April 28, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and April 29, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.. Under no circumstances will portfolios be accepted after 9 p.m. on April 29. Awards will be presented during the awards ceremony at the South Shore Art Center Festival on the Common, June 13. For more information call the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or e-mail Heather Collins hcollins@ssac.org. with any questions.

Paintings at Bare Cove Gourmet – The paintings of **Serena Brundige** depicting scenes including Turkey Hill and World's End are on exhibit at Bare Cove Gourmet Caterers at 69 Water St. in Hingham until the end of May.

Mass Audubon, South Shore Regional Office, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. On display, **The Painted Landscape**. The work of eight North River Society Artists, local landscapes by local artists. **Susan Charles, Corine Campobasso, Susan Davis, Don Darcier, Jeanne MacFarland, Susan Raffa, Jody Regan and Ellen Whelan**. This exhibit is an off-shoot of the Daniel Webster Farm Day last October.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

Thurs. 24

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts is asking people with unwanted vehicles to consider donating to them. It will help their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. some restrictions apply. all a donor needs to do is call 1-800-720-6233.

Walk 'n Mass: Walk Quincy -"The City of Presidents." Walk Quincy, and explore the "City of Presidents" The 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) walk route passes historic landmarks including the Adams National Historical Park and the Dorothy Quincy home. Walkers will also be able to view Quincy's coastline and natural beauty. The walk is seasonal and runs April 19 to Nov. 10. The start point the Visitor Center (Galleria at Presidents Place) 1250 Hancock St, Quincy. Start times are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The walk is easy suitable for strollers but not for wheel chairs. Quincy may be reached by public transportation (MBTA) and parking is available at the Presidents Place parking Garage. For more information, call 781-834-8952.

Ice Hockey - Spring/Summer Adult Leagues - starts in May/June 2003, players and teams needed for all levels of play and ages, in Hingham, Randolph, Milton, Canton, Quincy, and at other metro Boston locations. If interested, call for a brochure at 1-88-45NESHL (888-456-3745) or email: adulthockeyneshl @aol.com

Fri. 25

Bridgewater State College Theatre Arts presents **Educated Women!**, an adaptation of Moliere's **The Learned Ladies** and **The Doctor in Spite of Himself** on April 25, 26, and May 1, 2, 3, at 8 p.m. and April 27, at 2 p.m. **Educated Women!** will be performed at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium, 19 Park Ave., on B.S.C. campus in Bridgewater. Ticket prices are $12 general public and $10 for students and senior citizens. For more information or reservations, call 508-531-1321.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Friday, April 25, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info: 781-331-0021Web site: http://www.southshoresingles.org

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Just for kids

MASS AUDUBON SOUTH SHORE SANCTUARIES, MARSHFIELD, A Wetland in Bloom April 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. on the trails at the North River Wildlife Sanctuary with botanist Garret Van Wart. Call 781-837-9400 ext. 7903 for details.

THE NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY Vacation Fun Week with Marion Carlson, during April vacation, offers such projects as three-dimensional paper sculpture, drawing, and collage. This week-long class is limited to 12 students so sign up early. April 21 to 25, 10 a.m. to noon. Ages 6 and up. Fee: $20 per day/$75 week. Call the NRAS office at 781-837-8091 for more information.

SOUTH SHORE SCIENCE CENTER IN NORWELL offers programs for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5. Call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org for more information.

USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM: "Hats Off" Program for April vacation week. Visitors can learn about the headwear worn by members of USS Constitution's crew I the past and present. Children will be able to make a hat and wear it home during the craft workshops. Monday and Tuesday the hat du'jour will be an 1812 Naval Officer's hat. On Wednesday, children will make a 1812 Navy Sailor's hat. An 1812 Marine's Shako will be the hat of coice on Thursday. The craft activity runs daily from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 617-426-1812 for more information or visit www.ussconstitution,museum.org

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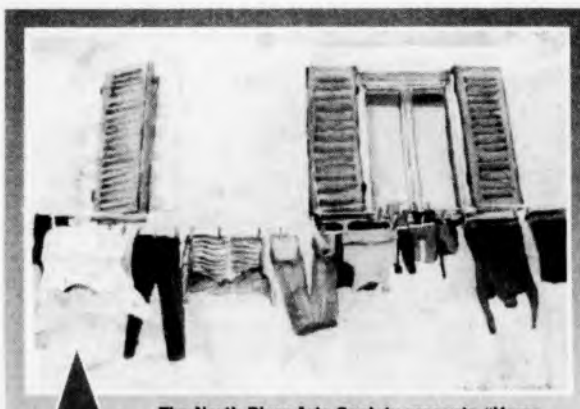

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The North River Arts Society presents "Home and Away" — an exhibit of original watercolor paintings by Mary Callahan at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. This show runs through April 25. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

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Greg Greenway is the featured performer at the Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the Square, Saturday, April 19, at 8 p.m. Also appearing is the duo of Arnold and Gretz. The coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Church's fully accessible Parish Hall, 107 Main Street., Hingham Square. Events begin with an open mic, allowing singers, dancers, poets, mimes, jugglers, storytellers to

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Abington United Church of Christ, Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale on April 25, from 4 to 8 p.m. and April 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday is Bag Day. Buy one bag - get one free. The church is located on Bedford Street.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus will perform "Sidewalks of New York" for two nights April 25 and 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. Refreshments including wine, reflecting the theme **"East Side, West Side, All Around the Town,"** will be available during both shows. Tickets are $13 and $11 for children and seniors. For information call 781-834-7041 or visit www.snugharborcc.org

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, presents King Arthur's Feast A lavish medieval feast with jesters, wandering minstrels and **Merlin the Magician.** Dinner and show $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call 508-746-7100.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1a.m. Free parking. For more informaotin call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Sean O'Tooles Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth - **Lonesome Jukebox** (rockabilly) 9 p.m. start, wheelchair access.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Young Neal & The Vipers.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-925-4300 or 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing Events

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

Mothers & More: South Shore Chapter: If you are a women who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about Mothers & More. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Route 228, Hingham. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Rd., Cohasset. Art Exhibition - **Winter Break - Joan Brancale,** an inaugural exhibit, now through April 30. Gallery hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 9 to 5 p.m. Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays. For more information call 781-659-2559.

The Gallery Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Rt. 18), East Bridgewater, presents **Monday Night Hand Drumming Circle** on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. The event is free and no experience is necessary. For more information and directions call 508-378-1584.

'Superstar' — an Easter tradition

Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Jesus Christ Superstar" opened on Broadway in 1971, becoming the first Rice and Lloyd Webber to be produced professionally. From his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through his death at the hands of Pontius Pilate, "Jesus Christ Superstar" is an epic retelling of the last seven days of the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Fueled by the fierce rock rhythms and searing ballads like "I Don't Know How To Love Him," "Could We Start Again Please," and the memorable title song, the original cast recording of the show spent several weeks atop the American album charts.

The first national touring company opened on the West Coast in the summer of 1972, with pop vocalist Carl Anderson in the role of Judas. Anderson also played Judas in Director Norman Jewison's 1973 feature film version, shot entirely on location in Israel. In the three decades since it first opened, "Jesus Christ Superstar" has regularly toured the world and also been revived in both London and New York. The current national tour — with direction by Kevin Moriarty and choreography David Wilder — again features Carl Anderson as Judas. He may not be a big-haired rocker, but Anderson has also enjoyed his own pop music fame. The performer and recording artist is perhaps best-known for his 1988 mega-hit duet with Gloria Loring, "Friends and Lovers."

Carl Anderson stars in "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, through Easter Sunday. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.wangcenter.org.

R. Scott Reedy

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Yesterday's planetary influences are in effect today as well. Take on a full work agenda and stick with it. You can be most productive. The full moon culminates at 3:36 p.m., when the moon and sun oppose at 26 1/2-degrees Libra-Aries. The moon aligns with Mars at 4:22 p.m. and becomes inactive. A Scorpio moon takes over at 9:16 p.m. Venus forms a 90-degree alignment to Saturn, urging you to do some serious soul-searching. Instead of trying to change others or control situations, look within, change your thinking and find a new course of action for yourself.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

This day has its challenges. Stop, look and listen. A serious Scorpio moon forms 90-degree contacts to Jupiter at 10:25 a.m. and Neptune at 5:44 p.m. Others may be hypersensitive, difficult to get along with. Don't make waves. In addition, the sun forms a 90-degree contact to combative Mars. This combination of planetary influences is favorable for developing projects that require study, research, investigation. Spend time alone. Strive for greater spiritual vision.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

A Scorpio moon continues to evoke intense emotions. Pursue activities that help you to vent and maintain perspective. Your mental attitude will make all the difference. Keep your mind and hands busy with practical projects. The Scorpio moon interacts with Mars at 5:52 p.m. and becomes inactive. Influences turn around completely at 8:51 p.m., when the moon enters outgoing Sagittarius. A lunar alignment to Uranus prompts you to go with your wild side this evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Get an early start to this day. A lunar alignment to Jupiter at 10:31 a.m. offers a 'last chance' opportunity for getting major projects off the ground. After that the red light goes on. Signing contracts or launching major enterprises are off limits until May 21. On the other hand, this day rates high across the board. People will be feeling upbeat, energetic, optimistic. Influences are also prime for traveling, socializing, enjoying favorite pastimes.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Although the moon travels in optimistic Sagittarius, there are a couple of rough spots in the day. A lunar alignment to Pluto at 5:06 a.m. warns you to avoid morning hassles. A lunar opposition to Saturn between 11:55 a.m.-2:55 p.m. may bring a lull period. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are prime for spending quality time with friends and family, enjoying life's blessings. The sun moves into Taurus at 8:03 a.m., remaining there until May 21. The Sagittarius moon becomes inactive at 9:02 p.m. until 10:20 p.m., when it enters Capricorn.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

The planets Venus and Mars take center stage today. At 4:50 a.m. Venus forms a harmonious 60-degree alignment to Mars. At 12:18 p.m. Venus enters Aries, traveling there until May 16. Mars enters Aquarius at 7:48 p.m., remaining there until June 16. This combination places the focus on relationship matters, bringing a time that is ideal for improving the quality of key partnerships. Plan a weekend getaway or a special event with loved ones.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

Although the moon travels in practical Capricorn, it may be difficult to get a lot accomplished today. You must carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan. The Capricorn moon aligns with Mercury at 8:40 a.m. and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. A flowing 60-degree alignment of the sun and Uranus generates a restless mood. Take extra time out for yourself. Step out of your usual routine; do something different today.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

An Aquarius moon takes over at 2:58 a.m., remaining there for the next two and one-half days. Networking and innovative thinking become principal themes. The moon aligns with Mars at 4:27 a.m., Venus at 6:51 a.m. The last quarter phase of the moon begins at 8:18 a.m. This moon decreases in light until May 1, when a new moon occurs. There is one potential stumbling block, however, in effect between 4:50-7:50 p.m., when the moon opposes Jupiter. Be careful not to go to extremes; balance optimism with discretion.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

An Aquarius moon makes this day great for developing projects that need help or support from others. Keep an open mind. Try new ideas or techniques to solve old problems. You can achieve breakthroughs, sudden insights. The moon interacts with Neptune in the morning and Pluto, Mercury in the afternoon. All social activities are highlighted this evening. Gather with friends and enjoy good food, music, conversation.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

This can be a 'fun' day, if you don't have a lot to do. If you are working, it is best to handle routine chores and finish old business. Don't take on more than you can handle. Allow extra time for unanticipated delays or distractions. The Aquarius moon becomes inactive at 2:18 a.m. until 11:02 a.m., when a Pisces moon takes over. At 3:04 p.m. the moon aligns with Uranus, prompting you to get an early start to the weekend. Enjoy favorite hobbies, sports; spend extra time with friends and family. Follow your bliss.

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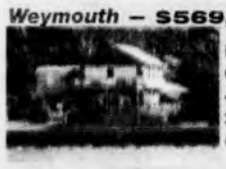
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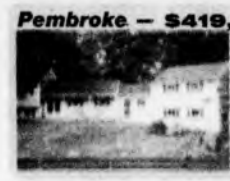
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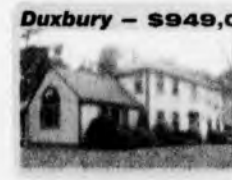
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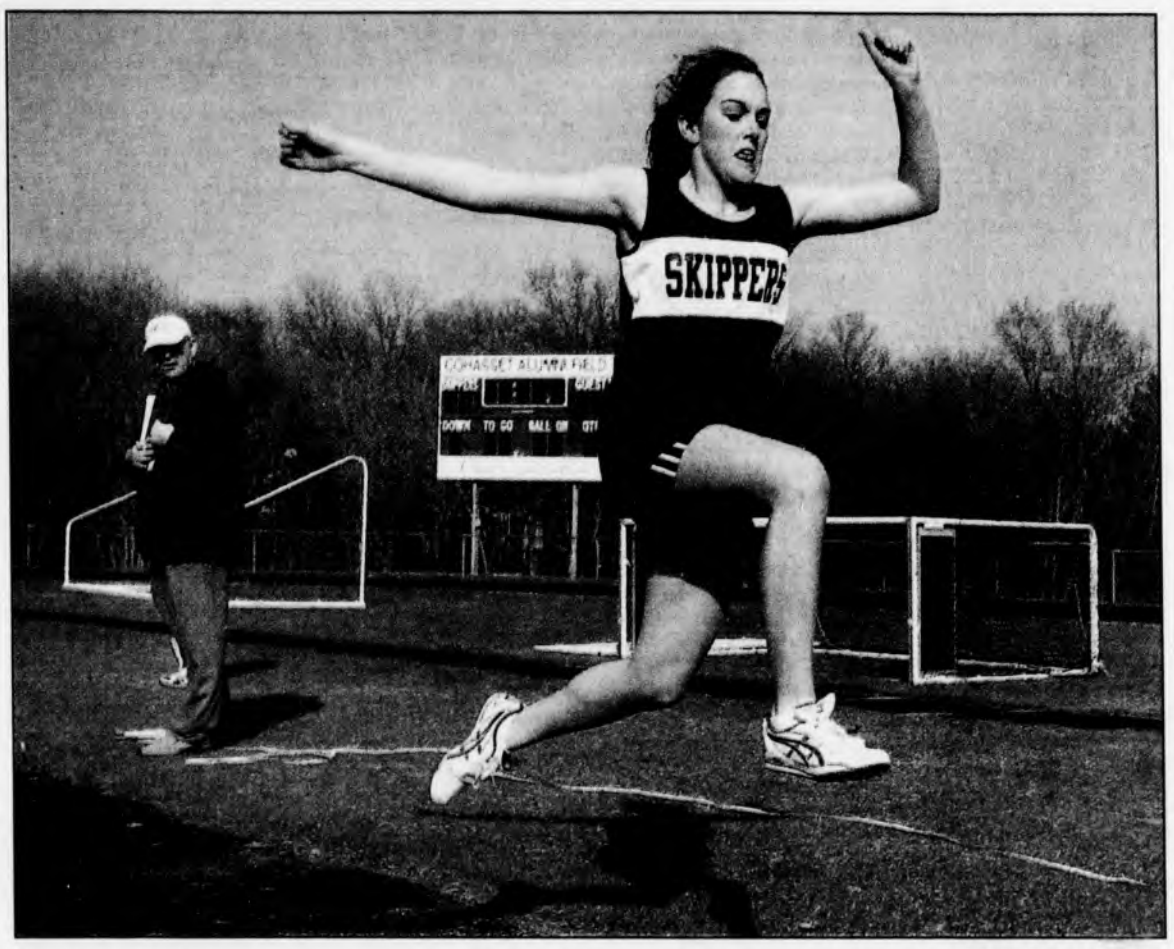

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SPRING IN HER STEP

Cohasset's Nicole Whitney wins the triple jump during a track meet against Abington. Whitney also won three other events. The Lady Skippers went on to win the meet. For more, see sports.

Grant extension could be crucial

Direction of village work on the table

By John Camera
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A request for an extension on a $1.5 million state grant originally slated to pay for streetscape improvements to Cohasset Village is still under review, according to the state's Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC).

The grant extension was requested by Town Manager Mark Haddad at the direction of selectmen after their meeting last week.

"We just received it two days ago," said E.J. Weldon, press secretary for the EOTC. "Because the review process is ongoing, we're not going to comment on this particular case, except to say that were going to work as quickly as we can to expedite the process."

Weldon said the process did not have a set timeline. "We'll look at the feasibility for finishing it, what progress has been made," he said of the review process.

"We've been doing this thing for almost four years now and nobody starts screaming and yelling until we're about to put the shovel in the ground."
— Selectman Merle Brown

Whether the extension is decided upon by the selectmen's meeting next Tuesday could be a crucial factor in deciding the future of the village.

Last Tuesday, selectmen and downtown merchants seemed to be less than an hour away from completing a final review of designs for improvements to streets and sidewalks in the village. The hope was to put the long-awaited streetscape revitalization project to bid by April 30.

But a group of merchants led by Tom Hamilton of Dean and Hamilton Realtors convinced

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Back on the market

Independence Bldg. offered for $385K

By John Camera
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The historic Independence Building is on the market again.

Owners Thomas and Lauren Koncius paid the Town $100,100 for the property in 1999. After investing in a series of renovations, they are now asking for $385,000, down from $399,000 when the building first went on the market a month ago.

"There's only a limited amount of village space, and the uniqueness of the building itself supports the value."
— Thomas Koncius, owner

PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Independence Building, which has a storied history, is for sale again.

Located in Cohasset Village at 24 South Main St., the Independence Building is built into the ledge just below St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. It has a storied history, reflected in part by the two jail cells that are still housed on its first floor.

Erected sometime around 1890, the building has served as a fire station, a police station, a gown museum, a law office and a teen center. It was owned by the Town until the Konciuses purchased it.

The building was most recently home to Cohasset Greenery, a flower shop. When owner Alida Dean announced she was moving her business to the space above Cohasset Hardware (formerly home to the Pottery Loft), the Konciuses decided to put the property on the market.

This is the sixth property that the Konciuses, who own and run Atlantic Brokerage Group at 9 Depot Court, have purchased and renovated on the South Shore. They recently sold a house that they renovated in Scituate and are now living in and renovating another house on South Main Street in Cohasset.

Renovations that the Konciuses have made to the Independence Building over the last three years include the addition of a cupola, a new

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No taste for Salt House plan

Expansion means more congestion

By John Camera
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"A valet parking plan does not solve all the problems."
— Sam Knox, 23 Border St.

Residents from around Cohasset Harbor flooded the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting Tuesday night to voice their opposition to a new parking plan for the Olde Salt House restaurant on Border Street.

The plan calls for a valet parking system and essentially creates large parking grids at Cohasset Harbor Inn (Kimball's) and its off-street parking lot on Elm Street.

The additional parking — 42 spaces — would allow the Olde Salt House to expand its occupancy from 52 to 99 patrons. Technically, it provides 20 spaces more than required for the expansion.

The Inn, the Olde Salt House and Atlantica are all owned by Peter Roy, a Cohasset resident.

The parking plan is before the Zoning Board because it would require a variance. Two of the plan's components — the use of valet parking and the use of off-street parking that is more than

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Paul Hutchinson, left, and his cousins, Aisling, Thomas, Christine and Paul Guinee run a remote-controlled boat around the duck pond on the common.

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This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, April 22:

Board of Assessors, May 6 at 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, April 24 at 7:30 p.m., May 8 at 7:30 p.m., May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Commission on Town History, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library

Deer Hill School Council, April 29 at 3:30 p.m. at the Deer Hill School

Planning Board, May 7 at 7:30 p.m., May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Selectmen, April 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, April 24 at 12 p.m. at One Financial Center, Boston, 41st Floor, April 28 at 8 p.m. at Town Hall, May 1 at 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless posted otherwise.

Water plant's 25th anniversary

All Cohasset residents are invited to the 25th Anniversary Ceremony at 1 p.m. on May 11 to commemorate the 25th year of operation of the Aaron River Reservoir and the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant.

"On May 11, 1978, Cohasset residents ended years of summer watering bans and water shortages," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission. "During the past 25 years we have had the benefit a vast water resource, the 323 million gallon capacity Aaron River Reservoir, that is the envy of other cities and towns."

Special recognition will be made at the event to former town officials and others who helped with the long process to build the teservoir and treatment plant, and to former Water Commissioners, said McNabb.

The anniversary ceremony will be held on the Aaron River Dam, which residents can get to by parking at the end of Beechwood Street or on Aaron River Road.

Keep well clinic

The Board of Health will sponsor the following Keep Well Clinic:

- Thursday April 24 from 1-3 p.m. at the Harborview Senior Housing on Elm Street.

40 Parker Ave. being renovated

The Zoning Board of Appeals granted a special permit to the Town to alter a building at 40 Parker Ave at Mariner's Park (formerly the Hagerty Property).

The building will be renovated at a cost of about $100,000 and will be partially funded by the Community Preservation Act. It will be used primarily by the Cohasset Student Center for Coastal Research, with the second floor being leased as studio space to the South Shore Art Center. It will also house two public restrooms.

As a condition of the special permit, the Zoning Board ruled that the bathrooms may only remain open from sunrise to sunset and daily cleaning must be provided.

Open Space seeks some new members

The Open Space Advisory Committee is seeking several new members. The committee is responsible for implementing recommendations in the Open Space Plan, including identifying properties to conserve that will protect Cohasset's water supply, wetlands, wildlife habitats and scenic resources. The committee will also be working on other recommendations in the plan including greater opportunities for walking and bicycling, improved access to the waterfront, and access to recreational resources for the disabled. Recently, many members worked on the Barnes property acquisition.

The committee welcomes new members who are prepared to "roll up their sleeves" and make a difference. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Debbie Cook at 781-383-6313 or cookmc@attbi.com

Flag depository at American Legion

The American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 in Cohasset has a way for the public to be able to bring them their tattered and worn flags so they may be properly and ceremoniously destroyed. The Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag. This solid metal Flag Depository protects the flags until they are removed for storage and kept until the time of the desecration ceremony. The Herb Chambers Automobile Dealerships made this service possible through a donation to the post. Everyone is invited to bring his or her retired flags to the depository.

Volunteer drivers needed for van

Summer time volunteer drivers needed to provide transportation for Cohasset Elders. Typical trip is three to four hours once each month For errands, shopping, and to the Senior Center for lunch.

Interested drivers please call Cohasset Elders Affairs 781-383-9112

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Sun. 27	9:28	9.5	3:11	9:57	9.4	3:40
Mon. 28	10:17	9.5	4:02	10:38	9.7	4:23
Tues. 29	11:01	9.5	4:46	11:15	9.9	5:02
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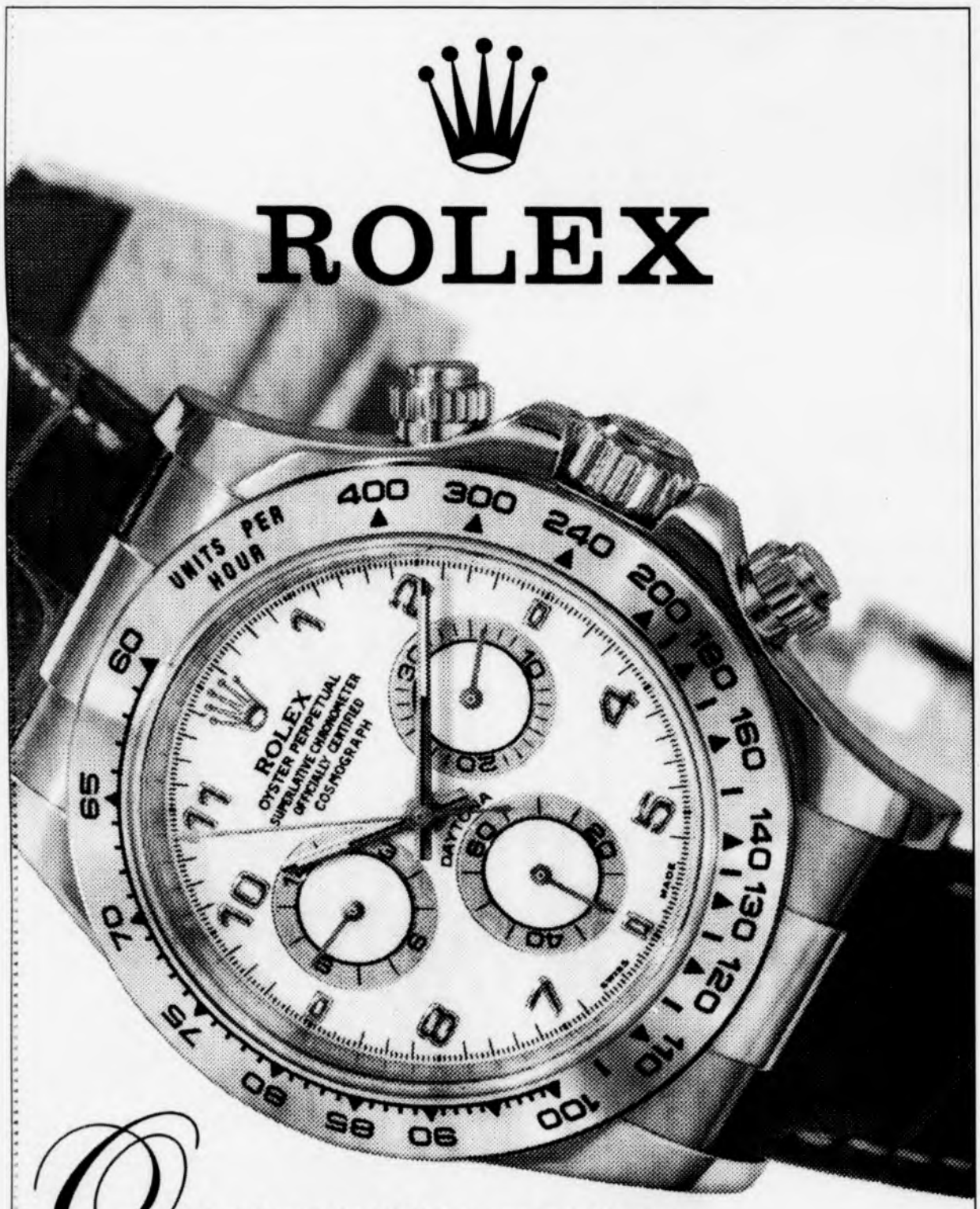

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School business manager's trial to start April 29

By John Camera
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The trial of school business manager Ivan Klimko will begin April 29 at 9 a.m. in Hingham District Court.

Klimko is charged with assault and battery after an alleged domestic dispute with his wife in November. He was originally charged with attempted murder as well, but the District Attorney's office dropped that charge in December due to lack of evidence.

His trial was initially set to begin March 21 but was rescheduled.

Police arrested Klimko in the early morning of Nov. 3 after his wife was spotted attempting to flag down cars near the couple's home on George Washington Boulevard in Hull.

Police said the alleged victim told them her husband had tried to strangle her and threatened to kill her. A police report by the arresting officer said there were "fresh scratches and red marks on her throat."

Klimko was released on $1,000 bail with the condition that he surrender his passport, stay alcohol free, and stay away from his wife. His trial was initially set to begin March 21 but was rescheduled.

Reached at his office at Cohasset Middle High School, Klimko declined to comment.

Klimko was hired as the business manager for Cohasset Public Schools almost two years ago after working in the Vista United school district in California.

After being suspended from his job following his arrest, Klimko was reinstated by Superintendent Edward Malvey in early January when the attempted murder charge was dropped.

Malvey said the school was legally obligated to reinstate Klimko and also give him his full back pay. He declined to comment on what would happen if Klimko was convicted of assault and battery.

Property tax bills due

The Town of Cohasset has issued the Fiscal Year 2003 fourth quarter tax bills due May 1. Anyone who has not received their tax bill should contact the Board of Assessors at 781-383-4114 to confirm their correct mailing address or the Treasurer/Collector at 781-383-4102 for a copy of the tax bill.

Online with eBill

On April 14, the Town of Cohasset began offering residents the option of paying their Real Estate tax bills via the Internet.

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The eBill system takes the Town's billing data and posts it on the Metropolitan Communications (MCC) web site, which allows residents to view and pay their real estate tax bills. At 25 cents per transaction, the new payment option costs residents less than a stamp.

Residents can arrange for bill payments to be automatically withdrawn from their checking or savings account, and eBill will be accepting credit card payments shortly.

Currently, residents are able to pay real estate tax bills with eBill. This summer, residents will also be able to pay motor vehicle excise and water/sewer bills using eBill.

To find out more information, or to make a payment, residents should visit the eBill website at www.mcc.net

Voluntary contributions

Over the past two years, thousands of dollars have been raised through the voluntary contribution program. However, there is still a way to go before the fund balances will be sufficient to grant awards. Your continued support is greatly appreciated! To make a voluntary contribution simply complete line two of your tax bill and add that contribution to the amount due. The following is a description of the three available funds:

Scholarship Fund will provide secondary school tuition assistance to deserving Town residents. These funds will be in addition to scholarships currently available to Town residents.

Educational Fund will provide supplemental educational funding for the Cohasset Public Schools. Additionally, funds may be used for existing adult literacy programs.

Elderly/Disabled Fund will provide property tax relief for elderly and disabled Cohasset taxpayers who meet specific criteria established by the Elderly/Disabled Fund committee.

Scituate gun workshop gives local police more firepower

By Mary Ford
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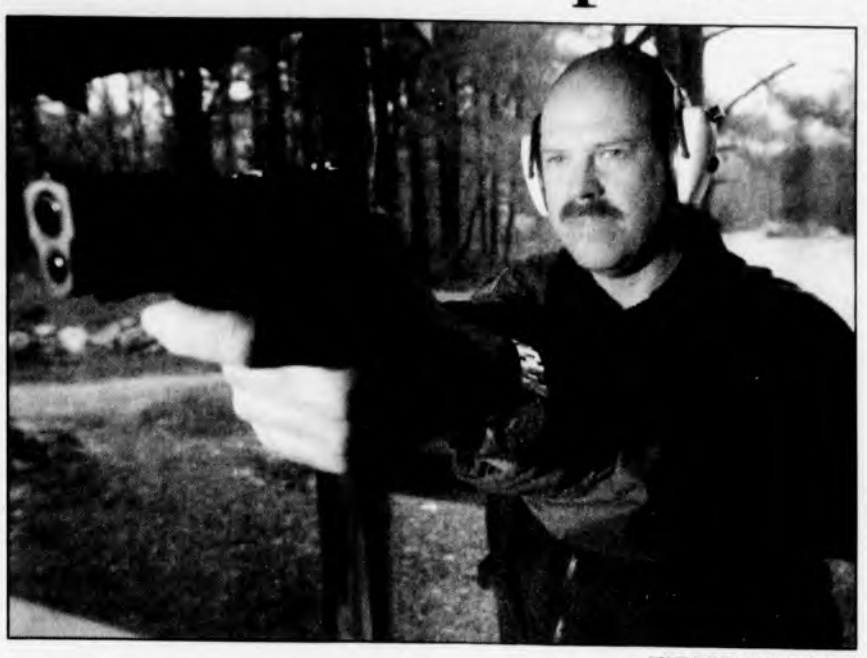

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Cohasset Det. Rick Grassie, who is the senior weapons instructor for the CPD, qualifies on his handgun at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club.

The job of a police officer in Cohasset or Scituate is very different from that of one in the inner city, where drive-by shootings, murder and violent crime are the norm. In small towns along the South Shore, officers are far more likely to write a speeding or parking ticket than fire their weapon.

But nevertheless, quiet suburban communities are not immune to serious crime and the need for police officers to be trained to use a gun if needed.

To that end, the Scituate Rod and Gun Club off Route 3A provided the setting Tuesday for weapons' instruction for firearms training officers from Cohasset, Scituate, Hull, Weymouth, Rockland, Eastham, Swansea and Plympton. Those who took part will help qualify the officers in their respective departments on their firearms.

Jim Ring, who is statewide coordinator for firearms training with the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, led the workshop that included classroom instruction and target shooting.

Ring, who served 32 years as a police officer before "retiring" and racking up 10 years as an instructor, gets even more serious when asked why small-town police need to be proficient with firearms.

"There are no guarantees," he says about never confronting an incident that may require an officer to use his weapon. "The only guarantees in life are death and taxes."

Case in point is Cohasset, which is from all accounts a peaceful, affluent community of about 7,000 people.

Yet in the past 10 years, there have been three armed bank robberies in town; and in the past 25 years, two murders and a murder suicide. Last summer there was an armed home invasion and just last month, police used their ballistic shields to approach a home in which a man was reportedly holed up with a gun threatening to kill himself. (The incident ended without a weapon being fired).

"Stuff goes on," says Officer Christy Tarantino. "It's better we have equipment at our disposal than not have it and need it."

Det. Rick Grassie and Tarantino are the certified weapons instructors for the Cohasset Police Department. And although neither officer has ever had to fire a weapon at anyone in the line of duty — they're very serious about their training and the necessity to help qualify their fellow officers. Both men have completed a 40-hour course to become state-certified instructors and "re-up" their qualifications every two years with a course like the one Ring conducted in Scituate this week. All officers need to qualify on their weapons at a minimum of twice a year; four times is better. This past fall, Cohasset officers also qualified at night. Considering two-thirds of any police department works either the 4 p.m.-12 a.m. shift or the 12 -8 a.m. shift, night training cannot be understated, Grassie explained.

All Cohasset officers carry 40-caliber, semi-automatic handguns; and there is a 12-gauge shotgun in each cruiser. Grassie and Tarantino are the only two trained to use the military-style patrol rifle that is kept at the station under lock and key until needed. The rifle might be needed in a barricade or hostage situation, Tarantino explained. The rifle has a range of 150-200 yards , about double that of a shotgun.

The workshop wasn't all about guns, however. The officers also discussed other tools they have such as pepper spray and their ASP (Armament System Procedure) or nightstick. Verbal commands and empty hand controls (using the hand to direct a suspect) are also part of an officer's repertoire. When, where and under what circumstances to use a weapon or other control device is up to the officer's discretion.

Ring said being careful, cautious and keeping their wits about them are critical.

"I didn't get to be this age by being stupid," he said.

The officers at the training session expressed concerns about budget cutbacks in these tight fiscal times and the effect that may have on training. There is also a shortage of ranges where officers can obtain the necessary training.

"It's like prisons, no one wants a shooting range in their town," Ring explained. As a citizen he also said he is concerned with potential cutbacks in training for all public safety personnel.

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Grant extension could be crucial

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selectmen to give more thought to making the burying or repositioning of utility wires in the village a priority.

Instead of completing the design review, selectmen agreed to apply for a one-year extension on the $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development grant that will pay for the project. They invited the merchants to their meeting on April 29.

At that meeting, it appears that Selectmen will make some decisions on how to move forward with the village project.

Selectman Fred Koed said in an interview this week that a one-year grant extension would give selectmen "breathing room" to decide whether to reprioritize the project. "That takes the pressure off," he said.

Extension or not, selectmen will ultimately have to decide whether to go ahead with the project as planned or to make burying or moving the wires their first goal. As of now, the state grant must be spent — meaning construction must be practically completed — by June 30, 2003. According to the Waterfield Design Group, hired to design the streetscape revitalization, the project would take nine months to complete.

Hamilton said many merchants and residents want to see the wires buried, at least on South Main Street if nowhere else. "I think for some of us, it's always been a number one priority," he said. "If you don't get rid of the utilities now, you're probably not going to think about it for another hundred years."

Given a grant extension, selectmen would have more time to look into burying wires or possibly moving them behind the downtown shops, as one resident has suggested. If one of those options proved to be financially viable, then selectmen could choose to explore it, using a combination of merchants' funds and grant money.

Hamilton said merchants have raised $200,000 for the project and are working on raising another $100,000. But the added cost of putting the wires underground has been estimated at $800,000. Meanwhile, burying the conduits — so that wires could be buried in the future — has been estimated at $550,000.

Given those figures, it appears that burying or moving the wires in one portion of the downtown area could mean taking out a sidewalk and street improvements in another area — another tough decision that would be left to the selectmen.

Selectman Merle Brown said in an interview this week that he was ready to push forward with the project this summer, regardless of a potential grant extension.

"I think it's time to get going on this project," he said. "We're just spending more money on the Waterfield Group doing studies and changes. We've been doing this thing for almost four years now and nobody starts screaming and yelling until we're about to put the shovel in the ground."

Koed expressed concern that money from the merchants would need to be up-front, and not come in over time, or else the Town would need to take out a loan to finance the project, which would require a vote at Town Meeting.

Brown said more feedback was needed from residents on how to proceed next week. "We still haven't heard anything (since last week)," he said. "We'd like to hear from the people from the town."

License your dogs, or else!

ACO to impose fines after May 1

By John Camera
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Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy is planning to do his part to help the town through this year's budget crunch.

In the past, Murphy has shied away from charging fines when residents fail to license their dogs by May 1. This year, he'll be enforcing that fine, an effort that he says could produce as much as $3,000 in additional revenue for the town's general fund.

"A lot of people think that because their dog doesn't leave the house, it doesn't have to be licensed. That's wrong."
— Paul Murphy, Animal Control Officer

"It's always been there. We just haven't really enforced it," Murphy said of the $25 fine that becomes enforceable next Thursday. "But with the financial climate these days, it's a good source of revenue."

Murphy said he thought of the idea after Town Manager Mark Haddad asked all town departments to come up with ways to potentially generate more revenue for the town.

"You hate to penalize the poor taxpayers. They're suffering heavy tax burdens, but it's a resource to the town," he said.

For a dog to be licensed, it must first be vaccinated against rabies, Murphy said. Then, a fee must be paid to the Town Clerk's office. For spayed or neutered dogs, the fee is $8. For other dogs, it's $15.

"That's across the nation — you always get a reduction if your dog is spayed or neutered," Murphy said. "It's an incentive."

After paying for a license, owners must put collars on their dogs with license and rabies tags. Owners of dogs without those tags can also be fined $25.

Murphy said there are some common misconceptions about dog licenses. "A lot of people think that because their dog doesn't leave the house, it doesn't have to be licensed. That's wrong," he said.

Licenses must be renewed every year and rabies vaccinations must be administered every three years after a dog reaches the age of six months. Murphy said rabies is very common in New England wildlife, especially among raccoons, skunks, bats, foxes and coyotes. During his five-year tenure in Cohasset, no dog has contracted the disease, but that doesn't mean all is safe.

"You'd be surprised how many times we get a call because a dog is fighting with a raccoon or a skunk," he said.

Rabies vaccinations are available through veterinarians but can also be obtained far more cheaply at local clinics. Cohasset's annual clinic has come and gone, but there is no residency requirement to be able to attend clinics in other towns.

Murphy said Cohasset dog owners would receive a mailing if they had not licensed their dogs by April 1, telling them to get it done by May 1 at the latest. After next week, Murphy will receive a list of potential offenders from the Town Clerk and begin making phone calls.

Since his position is only part-time, it may take him all summer, but after factoring out people who have moved or whose dogs have died, Murphy expects to find about 250 residents who have not licensed their dogs. And those who don't pay the fine will only end up in court.

"The law is the law and it must be enforced," Murphy said.

License Fees

- Male/Female: $15
- Spayed/ Neutered: $8

Licenses are good from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

Fines

Every dog owned or kept in the state must be licensed, collared and tagged, and vaccinated against rabies, by the time it reaches the age of six months. Failure to comply can result in the following penalties:

- Failure to license: $25
- Failure to vaccinate against rabies: $50
- Failure to collar and have license or rabies tags: $25
- Failure to answer dog ownership questions on annual town census: $10

Note: A dog license is relatively cheap compared to the applicable fines. Legal costs of owning an unlicensed dog that creates a problem or is a nuisance can be extremely high Also, having your phone number somewhere on your dog's collar is recommended. Stickers for this purpose are available at the Town Clerk's office.

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Neighbors have no taste for the Salt House plan

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500 feet from the establishment — are not allowed within the bylaws.

Charles Humphreys, a lawyer for the restaurant, told the Zoning Board the additional parking was needed to allow Atlantica and the Olde Salt House to sustain their business during peak summer hours.

"The problem is not the Salt House," Humphreys said. "The problem is a weekend night in the summer with a wedding — a wedding at Atlantica and a wedding at the Salt House. This is a peak time problem we're trying to solve."

According to the bylaws, to be granted a variance, the Olde Salt House must prove it suffers a hardship. Humphreys said the hardship was that the restaurant needed to be able to do the majority of its business in the summer, something that was prevented by the lack of parking in the harbor area.

"The fact is, it needs to have that capacity in order to maintain this thing," he said.

Humphreys dismissed the suggestion that the hardship was the fault of the restaurant itself. "That we allow a space to function properly is not a self-created hardship," he said.

But residents of the harbor area didn't see things quite like Humphreys. Sam Knox of 23 Border St. said the new parking plan would only exacerbate what was already a huge problem for neighbors.

"It is not this occasional event," Knox said. "It is basically every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday night from May to September, when there's nowhere to park because every parking spot is taken up by an Atlantica customer, a Salt House customer or a hotel customer. To suggest that this is occasional is folly."

Knox added that valet parking would only encourage customers to seek out public parking spaces first so they wouldn't have to tip whoever parked their car.

"A valet parking plan does not solve all the problems — that is: lots of traffic, lots of noise, nowhere to park," he said.

Some residents worried that the delay caused by valet parking would constrict the flow of traffic and perhaps block emergency vehicles. Others said the restaurant was not showing a "good faith effort" to alleviate harbor noise and congestion.

Richard Karoff of 19 Border St. said the restaurant had no justification for its expansion. "It's not a hardship when you don't make as much money as you'd like to," he said.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt said the parking plan went against state and federal mandates to provide public access to the water. "At the end of the day, this is simply bad public policy and isn't good for the town going forward," he said.

Pratt was the minority on the Planning Board, which voted 3 to 1 to recommend approval of the plan, but only for one year, after which time it would be subject to review. Zoning Board Chairman Woody Chittick questioned whether that course of action was even legal.

The Zoning Board agreed to continue the hearing on the Salt House parking plan at its next meeting on May 19. In response to concerns of neighbors and the board, Chittick requested that the Salt House provide a study of traffic flow to show just how the valet system would work.

Back on the market

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cedar roof, new siding, windows and shutters, and new heating and plumbing systems.

"Basically, we renovated the whole property," said Tom Koncius. "It was in real rough shape."

The Konciuses have secured a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals so that the building can be used a single-family home as well as a business. They also have an informal agreement for one parking spot in the St. Stephen's parking lot because a very small portion of that lot encroaches on the Independence Building property.

Tom Koncius said he was primarily looking to sell the property but would consider a lease "for the right tenant."

Already, he has received two offers to buy, one that planned to convert the building into an attorney's office and another that sought to make it into a nail salon. Both of the deals fell through.

Koncius said others had approached him informally about converting the building into a restaurant, a pub or a bistro. One of the proposals even included plans for a bar located inside one of the jails cells, he said.

Koncius said the building was ideal for a small business, live-in type situation. He said the rise in value of the property since he and his wife purchased it was well justified.

"There's only a limited amount of village space, and the uniqueness of the building itself supports the value," he said. "There's been a couple of other sales in the village that would support what we're asking."

According to the Assessors' Office, the property was assessed at $141,000 in January of 2002.

Koncius said that there were no historical preservation laws that would prevent future owners from ripping out the jail cells in the building, but it wasn't something he would recommend.

"To my knowledge, there's nothing preventing them from doing that," he said. "But I think they contribute to the property. I would never take them out. I think they're cool."

PHOTO/JOHN CAMERA

The old jail cells still remain inside the Independence Building which once housed the Cohasset Police Department.

The Independence Building got its name from its first use as home to Independence Fire Company No. 1, which housed the town's first, hand-pumped fire engine. It was converted into the town's first police station in 1913, when the fire department moved to another part of town. The town's police headquarters remained there until 1962, when a joint police and fire station was opened.

After police moved out, the Independence Building served as a gown museum for the Historical Society, which eventually left because the dampness was harmful to the dresses. Later, the building was home to a local lawyer, who attempted to buy the property but was turned off after a resident who wanted it reserved for affordable housing brought the matter to court. The building then served as the teen center for a few years until the current center was built at the former town DPW garage.

Alida Dean, owner of Cohasset Greenery, purchased her business from its previous owner after it had been located in the Independence Building for a year. Dean said she decided to move from the building because she wanted a studio space where she could "fine tune the floral work" of her business.

"I miss it already" she said of her old retail space. "I loved it. It's got a lot of charm. People used to come in just to gawk at the jail cells. It's got a great view of the church. It has a lot of personality."

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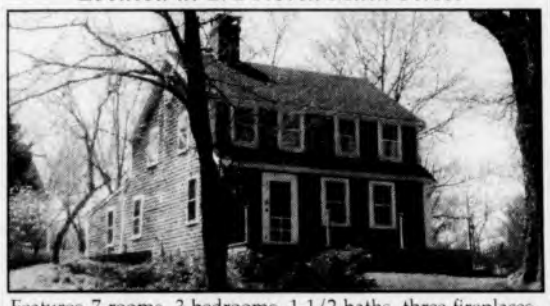

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King St. triangle back before ZBA

By John Camera
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The owner of the construction storage yard at the intersection of King Street and Route 3A is requesting a change of use for his property, but members of the Zoning Board say they lack the legal authority to grant the change.

Owner Joseph Rosano wants to build a mixed-use, two-story building on his land at 229 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The building would be home to office space on the first floor and two, one-bedroom apartments on the second floor.

The problem is that Rosano's land is zoned residential. Its current use — for storage of sand, mulch, stone, bricks and other earth and construction materials — is allowed only because that use predates the institution of zoning in Cohasset in the 1950s.

Rosano's lawyer, Maureen Hurley, told the Zoning Board Tuesday night that her client needs only a special permit to change the current use. The Zoning Board, however, disagreed, saying that such a change would require a use variance, which the Zoning Board was prohibited from issuing by Town Meeting in 2001.

The difference in interpretation revolves around how a crucial sentence in the town bylaws in read. "I think it boils down to the definition of the word 'or'," Rosano said after the brief appearance before the Zoning Board Tuesday.

Hurley said in her next meeting before the board on May 19, she would provide case law to back up her interpretation, which is essentially that Rosano needs only to show that the new use of the property would be substantially less detrimental to the surrounding community than the existing use.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

Joseph Rosano is seeking a special permit to develop the King Street triangle.

Rosano said his plan for development is different than that which he presented to the Zoning Board in 2000, when he asked for a series of variances for the property. That plan included reserving several parking spaces so that Rosano could display luxury used cars that he planned to recondition for sale. Rosano said his current plan omitted that request. He also said the two-story building would be a replica of a Cohasset home on the National Register of Historic Places.

"We're still trying to figure out why people aren't going for this."

— Joseph Rosano, owner

Rosano, who referred to the current use of his property as "a junkyard for earth materials," grew up across Route 3A on a plot of land currently occupied by a medical building.

Town records show that owners of the property have tried more than once to change its use. A variance for a business use was sought and denied in 1956, shortly after zoning lines were drawn. Rezoning to the Highway Business District was also sought and denied at Annual Town Meeting in 1978. And in 1992, variances were sought and denied to develop a doctor's office on the land.

In Rosano's last attempt in 2000, the Zoning Board said that the property did not suffer a hardship, which needs to be shown for a variance to be granted.

Rosano said the property wasn't suitable for a single family home because it was unsafe for children. He said the one-bedroom apartments were aimed at single people who could not afford a home. He said the property was surrounded by businesses already, so it would not be out of character with the neighborhood.

"We're still trying to figure out why people aren't going for this," he said. "We've tried to clean it up because we're tired of looking at it. All I want to do is to be able to clean it up and say, 'Yeah, I'm a good neighbor.'"

House budget cuts deeper

Cohasset's local aid slashed 12 percent

By John Camera
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The House Ways and Means Committee released its version of the state's fiscal year 2004 budget Wednesday. Town Finance Director Michael Buckley says the budget calls for a 12 percent cut in Cohasset's local aid.

Buckley said the reduction is about $60,000 more than the $307,000 cut outlined in Governor Mitt Romney's budget. The news means that town officials could need to revisit the operating budget later this year when the final version of the state budget is approved.

The town used the figures in Romney's budget, which called for a 10.9 percent cut in local aid, when it prepared the municipal budget that was approved at Town Meeting at the end of March. That budget was contingent upon a $350,000 general override that passed in a town-wide vote on April 5.

Buckley said the town may not have to revisit the operating budget if it generates additional revenue through new growth, local receipts or free cash. "It may turn out we're O.K.," he said.

Buckley also said he was still trying to determine whether the House budget funded school transportation reimbursement, a revenue source of $49,000 that Romney's budget cut completely.

Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said most House members thought the cuts in Romney's budget simply wouldn't generate savings as predicted. "We believe some of his savings would be on the low end of his estimates," he said. "In some cases, the savings won't materialize as quickly as he thinks."

Bradley said the House budget includes more cautious estimates on what to expect in terms of savings. That, he said, has necessitated in deeper cuts in local aid.

But the news should not be a surprise, said Bradley, who has been telling town officials since January to expect a 15 to 20 percent cut in local aid.

In both the Governor's and the House budget, Cohasset was among the towns with the biggest cuts, percentage-wise, in local aid. Bradley said he was opposed to seeing wealthier towns like Cohasset hit harder by local aid reductions, but his view was in the minority. "I would much rather see those cuts across the board," he said.

About $2.5 billion has been cut from the state budget over the last two years, Bradley said. He said he expected between $2 and $2.5 billion would be cut this year, adding that it was "too early to tell" if more budget cuts would be needed in fiscal year 2005.

Bradley said it could be five to six years before the state sees another "progressive budget," his name for a budget that brings funding back above the level it achieved two years ago before any cuts were made.

House representatives have until Friday to file potential amendments to the House budget, which will then be passed on to the Senate where it will be debated through the end of May, Bradley said. He said the Legislature will then present its combined version of the budget to the Governor by late June. The Governor then has 10 days to sign or veto sections of that budget.

Bradley admitted that the budget-drafting process may be hard on municipalities looking to finalize their own operating budgets with only estimates of what reductions to expect in local aid.

"That's the way the process is set up," he said. "The only way to get around that is to go to your communities and tell them what to expect, and Sen. Hedlund and I have done that."

Starbucks sees summer move-in

By John Camera
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Starbucks Coffee could open at the former home of Fleet Bank in Tedeschi Plaza by midsummer.

Dan Brennan, a consultant for the gourmet coffee chain, told the Zoning Board Tuesday that an eight-week renovation to the building was set to begin in June. Brennan was before the Zoning Board because Starbucks falls into the fast-food restaurant category and requires a special permit.

The Zoning Board spent most of the hearing negotiating the size of signs for the coffee store. The biggest sign will be a 5-foot-diameter disc on a pylon, perpendicular to Route 3A. Two signs will be on the building itself, each between 12 and 16 square feet. All of the signs will be back-lit and will be turned on in sync with operating hours.

Brennan originally proposed a 9-foot diameter disc for the pylon but happily cooperated when board members informed him that would violate the 40-square-foot maximum for signs in the bylaw.

The new Starbucks will make use of the former bank's drive-thru window and will have 22 interior seats and 6 exterior seats for seasonal use.

The Zoning Board will issue a decision on the special permit at its meeting on May 19.

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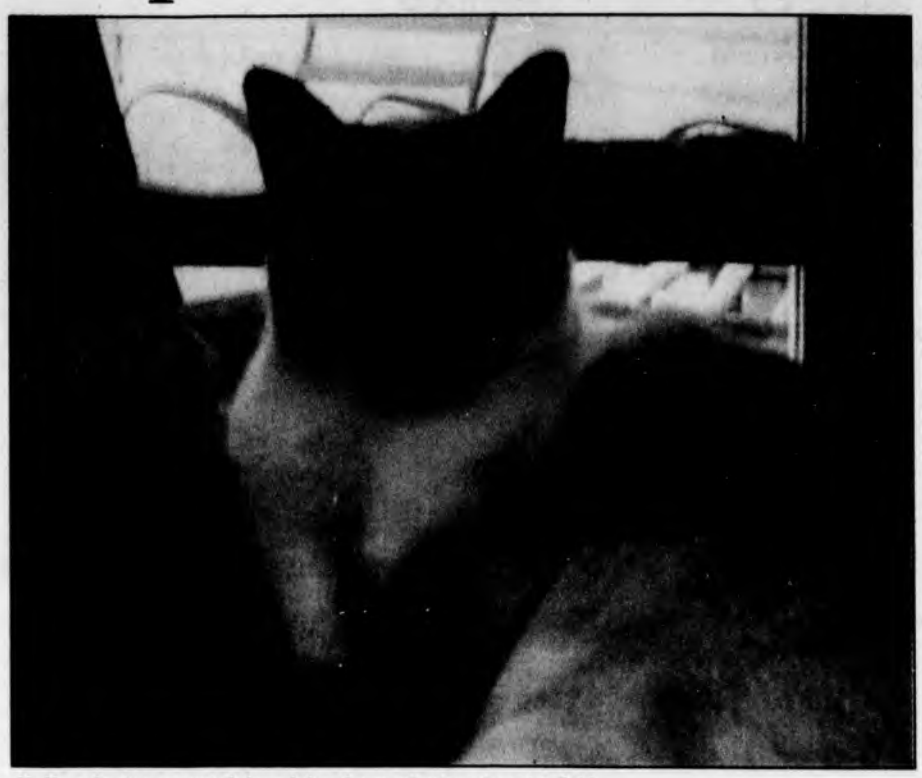

KoKo, who is very much loved, has been missing since April 13.

ARCHIES' HONORS

There's some good news from Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree this week. Cohasset's **Katie Portanova**, a senior, has earned second honors for the third term. Keep up the good work, Katie!

NEAT MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

Looking for something to do or give to your mom on her special day? How about tickets to this year's Kitchen Tour, sponsored by the South Shore Community Center? This year the Tour will be held on May 2 from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and will feature five fabulous kitchens right here in Cohasset. Tickets for the tour are $25 and may be purchased at the Center or by calling 781-383-0088. What a great way to celebrate a special day!

SCRAPBOOK WORKSHOP

Jeanne Astino, independent consultant for Creative Memories, wants to remind all of you that National Scrapbook Day is the first weekend in May! Spend your precious time doing something important — preserving your photos and stories — at a fun and productive workshop. Be a Memory Saver and "have a ball remembering it all." For more information call Jeanne at 781 383-2206.

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ABBEY PLANT SALE

Speaking of plants – the annual Abbey Plant Sale is right around the corner and it's for a good cause! The sale is Saturday, May 10 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St. (Route 228) in Hingham. Perennials, herbs, ground cover, ornamental grasses and bushes will be on sale. Plants are all being donated from local, private gardens in the Hingham-Cohasset area.

Many plants will be divisions of specimens grown in the Abbey gardens. Seedlings-to-mature plants will be available to tempt local gardeners who join us at our 10th plant sale.

Proceeds are donated to the Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey and are used to continue the beautification of the Abbey grounds. Please join us for some great plant bargains.

For information about this event, call the Plant Sale Committee through the Abbey at 781-749-2155.

'SOUND OF MUSIC'

"The hills are alive with the sound of music!" Now, if you're like me, you'll be humming that tune all day. "The Sound of Music" is truly family entertainment and is going to be staged at Town Hall by our very own Cohasset Dramatic Club! Show dates are: May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 7:30 p.m. and May 4, 11, & 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and are available at Buttonwood Books and Spring Brook Kids in Cohasset, Front Street Book Store in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304. Girl Scout Troops receive a $2 discount on advanced purchase tickets. Contact **Barbara Baumgarten** for details at 781-383-1834. Sunday May 4 is "Seniors Day". All seniors receive a $2 discount. Call 781-544-0304 to reserve tickets.

HELP FIND KOKO

Those of you who have cats know what wonderful members of the family they are! So please help the **Woods** of Cedar Acres Lane find their lost Siamese cat **KoKo**. He was last seen on Sunday, April 13 near Heather Drive off of Forest Avenue in Cohasset. He is dark and fat, and he has no front claws. If found, please pick him up and contact the Woods at 781-383-1331 or 781-254-7188. He is extremely well-loved and missed.

CONSIGNMENT SHOP IS A TREASURE

As hard as it is to believe – there may be a few Cohasseters who have not discovered the Cohasset Consigment Shop at Tedeschi Plaza! Suffice it to say, it is not your ordinary consignment shop. Manager **Andi Merrill** and her small army of volunteers make sure it is never the same place twice; and the shop always holds treasures to be uncovered by myriad "treasure hunters" that come from towns all over the place.

Currently are 60 pieces of the rare, English, Minton China in the "Strawberry" pattern available, as well as 65 pieces of Royal Doulton China, including platters and soup tureen. A simple black dress by Ann Taylor, men's blue blazers, First Communion dresses, spring suits and women's pants suits are all good choices. Prom dresses as well as mother-of-the-bride attire are also part of the selection.

Andi also noted there was an unusual and large dress pin in the design of a spider's web with an assortment of four spiders on it. This unique brooch is a vintage piece. There is also a large assortment of gold and silver jewelry.

Through, the shop will be open Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. for consigning. Regular consigning hours are Monday through Friday from 10-11:30 a.m. Regular shop hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

Proceeds from the shop benefit the charity's counseling services, oncology support groups, the Meals on Wheels program, a scholarship fund, confidential mental health services and other programs. If anyone would like to volunteer a few hours to this organization, we'd like to hear from you; please call 781-383-0687.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Alzheimer's benefit brunch at Saporito's

"A Taste of Spring: A Wine Tasting Brunch," is the 11th annual fund-raising event for the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. The festivities will take place at Saporito's Florence Club Café in Hull on Sunday, May 18 at 1 p.m.

The event includes a five-course gourmet menu. Each course is accompanied by a wine selected by Mark Lewis of M.S. Walker Company who will explain the fine art of blending foods and wines. The Joe Micarelli Trio will provide a jazz accompaniment to the food and wine. Again, Andy and Mary Ann Saporito Boothroyd have selected from their culinary favorites to present an exciting menu. Lucky winners will be chosen for baskets of gourmet foods and wines gathered for the occasion.

All proceeds from this event underwrite ADSGSS activities: it's monthly newsletter, outreach brochures, postage, family information packets and the help-line phone. ADSGSS, Inc. is a non-profit educational corporation that depends solely on public donations.

Reservations for this event, that benefits this meaningful cause must be made in advance. Tables may be arranged to accommodate four, five or eight people together at $65 per person. Please call JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417, evenings, for reservations.

Author to sign book on fishing

Buttonwood Books and Toys will host Cohasset author, Susan R. Playfair, on Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. for her book, "Vanishing Species: Saving the Fish, Sacrificing the Fisherman " at Buttonwood in Cohasset. "Vanishing Species" is a narrative about ground fishing in New England waters over a five-year period when both the fish and the fisherman are threaten with extinction. It is also the story of the people who are laboring to save the fisherman. It is story to be read by anyone who likes to eat fresh fish and anyone who loves coastal communities.

Playfair grew up digging clams and sailing in Duxbury and has cruised the New England waters since she was a young girl. She wrote "Vanishing Species" in an effort protect the coastal communities she loves. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Rowing registration

Save the date! On Sunday, May 4, the Cohasset Maritime Institute is holding its 2003 summer season rowing program registration at the boat house at the rear of 40 Parker Ave. Registration will take place from noon to 2p.m.. Materials and sign-up forms for students and adults of all skill levels will be available. Please park at the Cohasset Lightkeepers' Residence.

CMI is are also pleased to present a special clinic to introduce its members to Alden double and single rowing. Attend the instructional clinic; come learn technique and club protocols from an Alden "pro". The clinic will be held at 10 a.m.. Participation will be limited to members. Please e-mail Lisa Hewitt Dick at lmhewitt@attbi.com if you would like to take part in the program .

Arbor Day walk

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will host an Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m.. President Sally Avery and Conservation Chairman Meg Moore will lead a walk through the new Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary identifying trees and plant communities. All those interested in joining Avery and Moore should meet at the Wheelwright Park, North Main Street entrance parking lot at 10 a.m..

Golf outing benefit for nursery school

The South Shore Community Center will host a golf outing at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham on Monday, June 23. Proceeds of the outing will go to the nursery school. Parents, members and friends of the Community Center are invited to play golf or join the fun after for a barbecue at Black Rock. The nursery school is seeking corporate sponsorships. For information and more details please call or email Deborah Donahue 781-383-2093 or Deirdre Prescott at 781-383-6578.

Dog Obedience

The Cohasset Recreation Department will continuously, throughout the summer, offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy Dog Training School.

Second session classes will be held on Monday evenings on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Monday, April 28, for Obedience with Distractions at 7 p.m. and at 6 p.m. for beginners. For all classes the fee is $100 for the five-week, one hour per week program, Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register for the next available session, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. A new session will begin approximately every five weeks. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Luminarias available for the Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset is a time to celebrate the lives of people touched by cancer. By purchasing luminarias to honor cancer survivors or to remember loved ones, area residents can pay tribute to them while creating a lighted path of hope to lead Relay walkers through the night.

A Luminaria Ceremony will take place at 9p.m. on Friday, May 16 at Cohasset High School. Luminarias for the ceremony can be purchased for a minimum contribution of $5. Local residents need not be on a relay team to purchase a luminaria or to attend the ceremony. To purchase a luminaria, please call Jacqui Vitello at 781-383-2668. Luminarias may also be purchased during regular business hours at Pilgrim Co-operative Bank of Cohasset, 48 South Main Street; at Sovereign Bank, 380 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A), Cohasset, or at the Relay For Life on May 16.

Proud corporate partners of this year's event include Pilgrim Co-operative Bank. The Cohasset Mariner is proud to be the 2003 media partner. For more information about Relay For Life or to find out how to volunteer, please contact the event chair Laurie Livingstone Greenip at 781-383-6193 or the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

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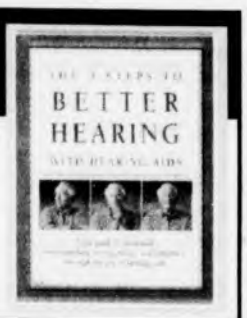

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Citizen power

Freedom and democracy are wonderful things and in a country like ours, because they are abundant even in small towns like Cohasset that has become a prime example of "citizen power."

Just for starters, two weeks ago at a School Committee meeting, a group of parents put to rest any talk of grade realignment before September '04 — even though the superintendent said renovations at the Deer Hill and the middle-high school would completed as early as January. The School Committee, which held firm on its decision to go forward with the grade 3 move to Deer Hill and grade 6 to the middle school, was no match for the parents on the subject of when. And that's as it should be, when arguments, as those the parents presented, are well reasoned and reasonable.

Cohasset Action, a group of citizens opposed to the AvalonBay project, may not succeed in stopping the 200-unit complex, but it won't be for lack of trying. We think, at times, the group has resorted to "scare tactics" to make its point, but if the members truly believe AvalonBay will destroy the town's character and severely stretch its resources, then who can blame them?

A group of middle-high school neighbors have organized to have the School Building Committee rethink the lighting plan at the school. Although the plans were drawn up some time ago, the neighbors have come forward in enough time so some changes can be made to keep the school safely lit, while not having "light pollution" hurt the quality of life in the residential area.

In another neighborhood, after two petitions and a handful of letters — residents resorted to filming a video to give the Health Board a clearer picture of an invasion of seagulls, which they say, a neighbor has welcomed by feeding them.

On the regional stage, Greenbush is another great example. Over the years the project has seen several pro- and anti-groups organize. Now GOT (Greenbush On Track) has emerged to provide counterpoints to AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives).

Over the years citizens groups have come and gone; some have succeeded in their mission, while others have failed. It's all part of having a stake in the place you call home and caring about what happens in your backyard. Here in Cohasset where citizens care immensely about their town , citizen power is not going to go away.

And that leaves officials with the often-unpopular and unenviable task of basing their decisions on what is the best, fair or within the bylaws rather than on who can yell the loudest.

— Mary Ford
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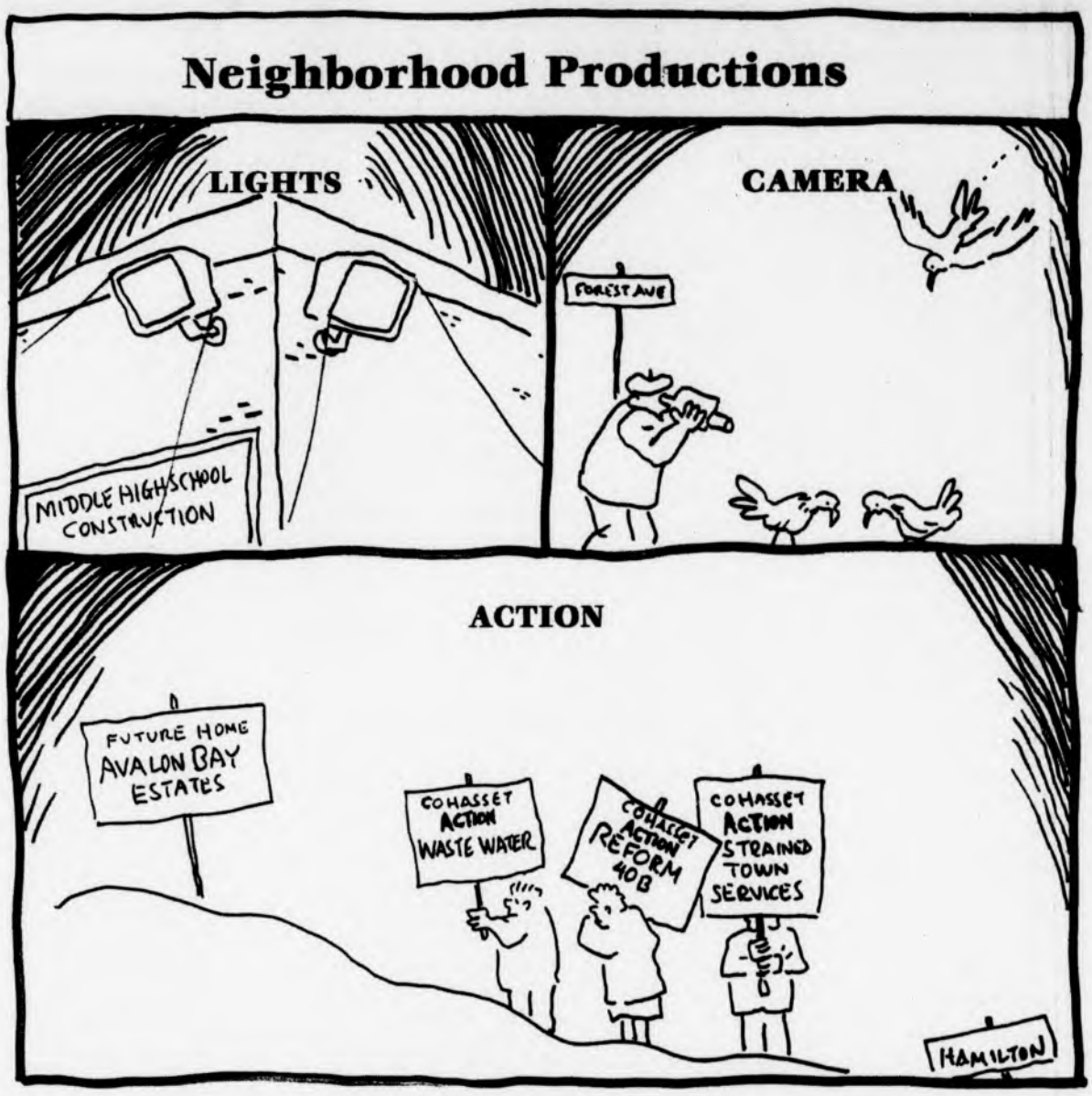

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POLITICAL NOTES

Local Republicans to meet

It's time to shake off the last vestiges of winter. Come and relax with some fellow Republicans on Tuesday April 29 at 7:30 at Atlantica. All town committee members, associates and newcomers to the Town or to the GOP are invited to come by for complimentary refreshments. Cash bar. A brief business meeting with committee members will start at 7 p.m..

Keep the date open — May 14 for the Annual Republican Town Committee Spring Dinner. Enjoy good food and scintillating conversation with some of your favorite Republicans. For reservations and further information call Heather Palmer at 781-383-3339.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open burning harms environment

TO THE EDITOR:

I am disturbed to see in the Cohasset Mariner every week the notice announcing Open Burning Season. It distresses me that the Mariner is essentially promoting burning in this way. Burning brush is harmful to the atmosphere no matter when or how it is done. It adds carbon to the atmosphere, exacerbating global climate change. It adds particulate matter, increasing smog and aggravating the symptoms of those with respiratory disease. It adds to the air the precursors of acid rain. Oftentimes "brush" consists of the next generation of trees, and "clearing the brush" means destroying a generation of trees.

Burning "brush" does *nothing* good for the environment. (Oh, I suppose you could argue that it adds fertilizer to the soil in the form of ash, but so does arson.) Why does the Mariner wish to promote this?

Creating brush piles, on the other hand, does *nothing harmful* to the environment. Trees absorb and trap carbon dioxide in their life process. Brush piles keep the carbon trapped, preventing additional atmospheric carbon, thus counteracting global climate change. Brush piles provide habitat for wildlife. The National Wildlife Federation, which certifies backyards as wildlife habitats, strongly encourages brush piles. (www.nwf.org)

Won't you please stop running the "Open Burning Season" notice, and instead encourage your readers to stop this harmful practice? Tell them they will be helping Earth survive, rather than adding to the damage. Please. Maybe they'll enjoy the wrens and juncos that will love their brush pile.

Jim Shipsky
58 Doane St.

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HEALTH NOTES

How to prevent exposure to rabies

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Every spring we have to begin remembering some of the possible hazards towns like Cohasset face from those who share our considerable open space. This year, many Massachusetts residents, including many school-age children, are potentially exposed to rabies. Hundreds receive the series of post-exposure vaccinations following a bite, scratch, or other risky encounter with a wild animal or unvaccinated domestic animal. Many of these exposures, and the associated expensive treatment, could have been prevented by avoiding contact with potentially rabid animals. Some of these exposures occurred in schools, when bats and other mammals, dead and alive, were brought into classrooms by students and teachers!

Rabies is fatal in humans. It is transmitted by wild animals and unvaccinated pets, including stray cats and dogs. In 2002 more than 300 animals, including bats, skunks, raccoons, cats, dogs, and other animals, tested positive for rabies at the State Laboratory Institute.

• How can I protect my pet from rabies?

First, keep rabies vaccinations up-to-date for your cats, ferrets, and dogs. Second, control your pets by keeping cats and ferrets indoors and keeping dogs under direct supervision. Although the majority of rabies cases occur in wildlife, most humans are given rabies vaccine as a result of exposure to domestic animals. Your pets and other domestic animals can be infected when they are bitten by rabid wild animals. Pets are therefore vaccinated by your veterinarian to prevent them from acquiring the disease from wildlife, and transmitting it to humans

• What happens if a neighborhood cat bites me?

You should seek medical evaluation for any animal bite. However, rabies is uncommon in dogs, cats, and ferrets in the United States. Generally no anti-rabies prophylaxis is needed.

• How do people get rabies?

People usually get rabies from the bite of a rabid animal. It is also possible, but quite rare, that people may get rabies if infectious material from a rabid animal, such as saliva, gets directly into their eyes, nose, mouth, or a wound.

• How soon after an exposure should I seek medical attention?

Medical assistance should be obtained as soon as possible after an exposure.

• What medical attention do I need if I am exposed to rabies?

One of the most effective methods to decrease the chances for infection involves thorough washing of the wound with soap and water. Specific medical attention for someone exposed to rabies consists of a regimen doses of immune globulin and vaccine over a 28-day period. by your health care provider as soon as possible after exposure. Current vaccines are relatively painless and are given in your arm, like a flu or tetanus vaccine.

• What animals get rabies?

Any mammal can get rabies. The most common wild reservoirs of rabies are raccoons, skunks, bats, foxes, and coyotes. Domestic mammals can also get rabies. Cats, cattle, and dogs are the most frequently reported rabid domestic animals in the United States.

• What is the risk of rabies from squirrels, mice, rats, and other rodents?

Small rodents (such as squirrels, rats, mice, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, and chipmunks,) and lagomorphs (such as rabbits and hares) are almost never found to be infected with rabies and have not been known to cause rabies among humans in the United States. Bites by these animals are usually not considered a risk of rabies unless the animal was sick or behaving in any unusual manner and rabies is widespread in your area.

• Do bats get rabies?

Yes. Bats are mammals and are susceptible to rabies, but most do not have the disease. You cannot tell if a bat has rabies just by looking at it; rabies can be confirmed only by having the animal tested in a laboratory. To minimize the risk for rabies, it is best never to handle any bat.

• What should I do if I come in contact with a bat?

If you are bitten by a bat — or if infectious material (such as saliva) from a bat gets into your eyes, nose, mouth, or a wound —wash the affected area thoroughly and get medical attention immediately. Whenever possible, the bat should be captured and sent to a laboratory for.rabies testing.

• Should I be concerned about rabies when I travel outside the United States?

Yes. Rabies and the rabies-like viruses can occur in animals anywhere in the world. In most countries, the risk of rabies in an encounter with an animal and the precautions necessary to prevent rabies are the same as they are in the United States. When traveling, it is always prudent to avoid approaching any wild or domestic animal.

The developing countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America have additional problems in that dog rabies is common there and preventive treatment for human rabies may be difficult to obtain. The importance of rabid dogs in these countries, where tens of thousands of people die of the disease each year, cannot be overstated. Unlike programs in developed countries, dog rabies vaccination programs in developing countries have not always been successful. Rates of post-exposure prophylaxis in some developing countries are about 10 times higher than in the United States, and rates of human rabies are sometimes 100 times higher. Before traveling abroad, consult a health care provider, travel clinic, or health department about your risk of exposure to rabies and how to handle an exposure should it arise.

Most of this information comes from the Center for Disease Control. If you have questions about rabies, call the Board of Health, 781-383-4116.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Earth friendly living is possible

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY

Add sustainability to your vocabulary

If a population can keep on living its current lifestyle for thousands upon thousands of generations, because it follows nature's laws of growth and re-growth, that population is sustainable.

There is an interesting story in Tom Wessel's "Reading the Forested Landscape." In the early 1800s the finest wool cloth was woven from the fleece of Merino sheep. At that time Merino sheep resided nowhere but Portugal. The sheep were not stay-at-home isolationists by choice. The Portuguese cornered the upscale wool market by imposing a strict embargo on the export of Merino sheep. The punishment for attempting to smuggle breedable sheep out of Portugal was death. But when Napoleon conquered Portugal in 1809, the embargo was lifted and Merino sheep were imported to Massachusetts. So high were the profits available that nearly all of Cohasset's forests were cut down to make sheep pastures. The numerous stone "walls" meandering through many Cohasset woodlands are actually sheep fences dating from this period.

Cohasset soil generally consists of a thin layer of organic topsoil on top of bedrock or glacial sand, gravel, or clay. Without ongoing replenishment, the soil soon becomes depleted. By 1840 the sheep pastures were abandoned and were quickly colonized by a succession of plant communities. Eventually second-growth woodlands developed where sheep once grazed. Wildlife found suitable habitat and flourished. Wompatuck State Park, Whitney & Thayer Woods, Wheelwright Park, and similar wooded areas are examples. The land in Cohasset recovered from vast over-development, because the nature of the development allowed nature to heal herself.

While the forests quietly recreated themselves, Cohasset's population grew steadily and another wave of development took place, far less benign than sheep farming. The second-growth forests began to be cut down and replaced with buildings, streets, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, lawns, non-native plants, and so forth. At first there was plenty of open space left over. There didn't seem to be any need to wonder if someday a threshold would be reached, when no more land should be developed in this new way. When further development would threaten the continuation of human life by damaging Earth so as to render it hostile to human life.

What would such a threshold look like? How would you know when you were approaching it or had crossed it? The answer lies in the word sustainability. The way I look at it, if a population can keep on living its current lifestyle for thousands upon thousands of generations, because it follows nature's laws of growth and re-growth, that population is sustainable.

When Cohasset transportation switched from horse-drawn carriages to internal-combustion engines, the threshold was crossed. Horses are fueled by hay, a renewable resource. Their waste product is fertilizer, useful in growing more hay. A sustainable system. Cars, on the other hand, burn petroleum, a non-renewable fuel, and as a waste product give off atmospheric pollution. Not sustainable. Besides limited fuel, there aren't enough raw materials on Earth to make a car for everybody. A lifestyle requiring the use of cars is not sustainable.

Cohasset consists almost exclusively of suburban sprawl. The average Cohasset household includes three cars. Not sustainable. Most Cohasset homes are heated with some form of fossil fuel. Not sustainable. The electricity Cohasset consumes is generated from fossil and nuclear fuels. Not sustainable. Suburban sprawl development is not sustainable. In case you're curious, I live in a suburban sprawl home, heated with fossil fuels, wood, and sunshine, and own two cars. I look forward to making my lifestyle sustainable.

Could some sort of miracle make Cohasset sustainable? Sure. If one of the entrepreneurs trying to duplicate how UFOs generate power succeeds in inventing perpetual zero-emission power, we're all set. If someone invents vehicles built of perpetually sustainable materials and run on renewable energy, maybe we can all keep driving all over Cohasset.

But Cohasset doesn't need a miracle, just sustainable planning. When homes are located where residents can walk to everything they need each day, that's sustainable. When public transit running on renewable energy is within walking distance, that's sustainable. When the electric power companies switch to renewable sources like wind, sun, and tides, that's sustainable. When homes are heated with passive and active solar methods, that's sustainable.

I can envision myself living in a sustainable Cohasset neighborhood. I'd have a penthouse studio filled with sunlight, heated with passive solar. I'd have photovoltaic panels on the roof generating electricity. Plants inside would connect with plants outside on a sunny natural terrace where I could relax. The plants would be part of an in-town natural ecosystem providing habitat for wildlife. I'd walk or bike to French Memories, to friends' homes, to the harbor. I'd walk to quiet, non-polluting rapid transit to get to Boston. (See www.carfree.com for gorgeous photos of car free life.)

These are reachable goals. But they are not reachable if Cohasset continues building suburban sprawl. The biggest obstacle to creative change is denial. Many people I speak with in Cohasset are in denial about what is happening to Earth, both globally and right here where we live. I don't blame them. If there are no known alternatives or options to frightening information, a sane mind tends to repress the knowledge, or go into denial about it. If you're convinced you're helpless to do anything about the situation, why even think about it? There are lots of reasons for wanting to deny the pain associated with frightening information about the environment.

What we can do

One of my readers (thank you, Sarah) suggested I should always include information about what Cohasset residents can *do*.

Change your self. Abandon denial, allow yourself to feel the pain, and open yourself to the joy of a sustainable future. The book "Coming Back To Life" by Joanna Macy and Molly Young Brown is a good place to start. Chapter 2 describes repression of knowledge and feelings associated with environmental damage; Chapter 3 teaches personal empowerment. Of course, just reading the book is not enough. Taking a workshop with Joanna goes beyond the intellectual to emotional and spiritual levels. For information on workshops see www.joannamacy.net, or 2812 Cherry St., Berkeley, CA 94705

Change your lifestyle. There are stopgap measures you can take to greatly increase the energy efficiency, thereby decreasing the environmental damage, caused by heating and cooling your home, consuming electricity, and driving your cars. Take these steps. But they are only holding actions. Since the suburban lifestyle depends on cheap oil, it simply is not sustainable. Explore and discover what a long-range sustainable lifestyle might look like. Have some fun with it.

Discover how to connect with nature. Nature has the answers to your questions about how to live sustainably. Discover the wonderful feeling of "coming home" to the nature your ancestors once knew.

Speak out against building new suburban sprawl of any type. Attend a meeting of the Growth & Development Committee, which is preparing a Master Plan for Cohasset's future. Ask the committee if they are planning for sustainability, or for more suburban sprawl. (Thanks to the Open Meeting Law, all town committee meetings are open to the public.)

Attend a meeting of the Open Space Committee, which is supposed to be protecting open space in Cohasset. Ask the committee how their Open Space Plan will guide Cohasset toward a sustainable future.

Speak out against destroying any more natural ecosystems in Cohasset. Oppose the destruction of the Town-owned woodland where a senior housing project is proposed. Attend a meeting of the Senior Housing Committee and ask them to build a sustainable community on already-disturbed land.

Explore possibilities for sustainable lifestyles. Some town officials persist in voicing the idea that the only alternative to suburban sprawl is a stereotype image of an ugly part of an ugly high-rise city, with "people living on top of each other." Become acquainted with some of the sustainable Scandinavian and European towns. Lund, Sweden has already exceeded the requirements of the Kyoto Accords. Five towns along the Ligurian Sea in Italy, known as the Cinque Terra, are so beautiful they have become tourist destinations. Travel and experience for yourself how wonderful sustainability can be.

WANTED: Creative persons to discover a sustainable Cohasset.

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Burk no match for the Masters

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

When Edward Whymper, the first man to climb the Matterhorn in the Swiss Alps, was asked why he climbed mountains, he is said to have replied simply, "Because they're there!"

Personally, I think that's why Martha Burk, the head of the National Council of Women's Organizations, is in such an uproar over the Augusta National Golf Club's refusal to admit women as members.

I can't for the life of me figure out why else a woman would want to pay a fee estimated between $30,000 and $50,000 to tee off, drink sherry and play dominoes with men whose average age is 71 and climbing.

If you've been able to read beyond the war pages in your local newspaper in recent weeks, you'll recall that Martha was at the Masters' Golf Tournament in Augusta the other day, directing a protest against the club's all-male policy.

One newspaper headlined the club recruitment policy: "You don't apply, you get called."

Unfortunately, she was up against a sly old fossil named "Hootie" Johnson, the chairman of Augusta National, who had enough pull with local law to have Martha and her protesters restricted to a place where they couldn't be seen without binoculars.

When Martha and her gang threatened to take the fight to the corporate suits who sponsor the telecast of the Masters' Tournament, Hootie countered by sending the sponsors home for their own good and financing the telecast out of club coffers.

Not inconsiderable coffers, I may add, since $35,000 to $50,000 each from 300 members adds up to . . . I've never been called on to count that high. One newspaper headlined the club recruitment policy: "You don't apply, you get called."

As you may have guessed, Augusta National is not your average, run-of-the-mill country club.

The membership is limited to 300, all male. Members hail from all over the country, including two from Massachusetts. There are also members from Canada, Europe and South Africa, although they may not make all the meetings.

The membership rolls were a closely guarded secret — until somebody ratted out the list to USA Today.

As near as I can make out, the oldest member is 97-year-old Ben Gilmer, a retired AT & T executive. The youngest is Jefferson Knox, who is probably young enough at 39 to be sent out on coffee runs for his senior companions.

The only members from Massachusetts are Frederick Moseley III of Seaward Management and Robert O'Black of McKinsey & Company. I was disappointed in not finding Simon Fireman, Tom Flatley and Whitey Bulger on the list.

Stephen D. Bechtel and his son, Riley, are members if you are wondering where the Big Dig overruns went. So is George Schultz, the old secretary of state, and Arnie Palmer, the retired golf professional, and Tom Murphy, who used to own the Mariner Newspapers as the head of Capital Cities/ABC.

Me? I've never been called. And if I were, I think I'd decline. As Groucho Marx once said, "I don't want to belong to any club that would have me as a member." Then there's that $30,000 to $50,000, too!

Birds and war - heroes, victims, and symbols of peace

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

War brings death and injury to humans, both military and civilian. War causes bird casualties, too. We see pictures on television of destroyed buildings and infrastructure. Less often do we see reports about the wildlife habitat being destroyed. Billowing smoke from bombing and fire spews toxins that not only pollute the air humans breathe, but also harms birds. Smoke and sandstorms interfere with visibility for soldiers, but also disorient migrating birds. Oil spills contaminate ground water for people, but also suffocate birds and turn wetlands into "lakes" of oil.

Good communication systems are essential in war. In this age of ubiquitous cell phones, satellites, two-way radios etc., it is easy to forget that instant communication was not always available. Even before World War I began, German spies set up pigeon lofts in England to be used for sending secret messages once the war started. Other countries used military pigeons as well, with an estimated 20,000 birds dying in that war. During World War II, more than 200,000 pigeons joined the National Pigeon Service in Britain. They carried messages, parachuted out of planes with the Royal Air Force, and took photographs with cameras strapped to their bodies. The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, a British veterinary charity, awarded the Dickin Medal for outstanding service to at least 30 of these pigeons. Many soldiers credit these birds with saving their lives.

The use of pigeons as messengers is not a new idea. Even before 3000 BC, the Egyptians used pigeons as messengers. In ancient Greece, homing pigeons were used to spread the word to towns around the country about who had won the Olympic Games. The Roman Emperor Nero also used homing pigeons to report results of sport events to his friends and family.

Today in Iraq, help from birds is not needed for communication, but birds are still part of tne military scene. As we know, coal miners used to take canaries down into the mines to alert them to unsafe air. Because of concern that chemical or biological weapons might be used in Iraq, 43 chickens were given to the Marines of the 7th Regiment to be their early warning system. If the chickens began to look sick, the reasoning went, the Marines would immediately don their gas masks. Instead desert heat killed all the chickens within a week. 175 pigeons, more tolerant of desert conditions, then replaced the chickens as supplements to modern mechanical sensors that cost $12,000 apiece. Birds cost $60 apiece.

COURTESY OF UNEP (UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME)

A UNEP study revealed that by spring 2000, a 1,000 square kilometer vestige straddling the Iran-Iraq border was all that was left of the Mesopotamian marshlands that are an integral part of the Tigris-Euphrates river basin. The extensive wetlands complex originally covered an area of 15,000-20,000 square kilometers.

How does the timing of military operations in Iraq affect bird migrations? Mid-March to late April is prime time for some birds to migrate across Iraq from their wintering grounds in Africa to breeding grounds in Europe and western Russia. The route is too long for birds to fly nonstop, but a battleground is not an appealing place to stop to rest.

Bird biodiversity

According to Phil Hockey, a migration specialist from Cape Town, "Southern Iraq has been identified as a globally important hot spot for bird biodiversity, one of only three in the Middle East. The marshes there are among the most important wintering grounds for water birds in western Eurasia." The Mesopotamian Marshes, sometimes referred to as the Garden of Eden, once were an area twice the size of the Florida Everglades. After the Gulf War, Saddam Hussein began draining the marshes by constructing diversion canals, ostensibly to create agricultural land.

Evidence shows that his true aim was to drive out the Ma'dan, or Marsh Arabs, an ancient Babylonian people who lived among the marsh reeds. Adding to the problem of water diversion, Iran, Iraq, Turkey and Syria have built over 30 dams upstream, thus decreasing the water flowing through the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers by 20 percent. Annual spring flooding of these rivers that is needed to keep the marshes alive and healthy has been eliminated. The marshes are now only about a tenth of their former size. Working with the UNEP (United Nations Environmental Program) and with exiled Ma'dan leaders, an Iraqi engineer named Azzam Alwash is helping to set up a marsh rehabilitation project called Eden Again sponsored by the Iraq Foundation. This won't be easy, but with enough international and political pressure, plus support from a new Iraqi government, perhaps his dream will come true.

In 1953, North Korea and South Korea were separated by a demilitarized zone (DMZ). This narrow strip of land crosses155 miles of peninsula between the Sea of Japan and the Yellow Sea. The DMZ has essentially been closed to humans ever since the end of the war. Left alone, there has been a remarkable recovery of rare and endangered plant and animal species. The DMZ acts as a safe haven for migratory birds. Ironically the easing of tensions between North and South Korea means that roads and railroads may soon be built in the area, causing much environmental destruction. Ke Chung Kim and Edward O. Wilson write, "It may seem a forlorn hope that an insular nation with a habit of threatening its neighbors with nuclear weapons would cooperate with the international community (and its enemy of 50 years) to preserve nature. But the benefits are great, the costs small and the contribution to our planet invaluable." ("New York Times", December 10, 2002)

A traditional symbol of peace has been a white dove. The ornithological name for pigeon is Rock Dove. Perhaps our Marines, when they no longer need the pigeons, will release these different but closely related doves as a symbol of peace.

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Geologist talks at annual society dinner

Speaker will be geologist, Peter Dillon, addressing "The Geologic History of Cohasset: The Really Early Years."

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold its spring dinner on Sunday, April 27 at the Cohasset Harbor Inn, 124 Elm St. from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The featured speaker will be geologist Peter Dillon addressing "The Geologic History of Cohasset: The Really Early Years."

Dillon received his Master's degree from Boston College and worked for a number of years for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as a hydrogeologist before becoming a consultant on water supply and wastewater issues. Cost of the dinner and presentation is $30 for historical society members and $35 for non-members. A cash bar will be available. Anyone interested in attending may send their check to Cohasset Historical Society, 14 Summer St., Cohasset, MA 02025. (781-383-1434). Please include your name and address as well as your choice of entrée. (Baked cod with buttery topping or chicken francais in white wine and lemon sauce with herbs and capers.) All are welcome to attend this fun and informative evening.

Romney battles Legislature in war to win public opinion

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

As the House responds to the governor's budget, there's a lot more at stake than numbers. Or is that a lot less?

There's certainly no question the numbers are important. But it was also very much about who wins the battle of public opinion – who is seen as credible, compassionate, competent.

A scathing letter from Rep. John Rogers, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee told his colleagues the governor's budget, and its accompanying proposals for extensive restructuring of the government, is a sham to an alarming degree. "The Administration's unrealistic or questionable revenue estimates and overstated savings amounts to almost $1 billion," Rogers wrote — and he warned the members that's how much the House budget proposal is going to cut, over and above Romney's plan. Local aid is going to be a prime target.

Responding, Romney got as surly as he's been since taking office. "What I'm fearful of is that House leadership wants to keep things the way they are, doesn't want to see change, wants the status quo," the governor said.

The honeymoon, though that's a political word, appears to be over. And as usual the interpretation of the word is different inside and outside the building. Inside, the honeymoon ended as soon as Romney indicated his unwillingness to bend on taxes, meaning if the Democratic Legislature wanted to approve new tax revenues, he wasn't going to share the heat.

Outside, though, the governor is still a fresh face, and most people want his ideas given a try. That's why he was able to say: "the voters have made it clear they want change, they want reform, and nothing else is going to be satisfactory."

It's also why, though Rogers announced the House is going to adopt some of Romney's changes – at least, the generally praised restructuring of the human services bureaucracy and the elimination of the Metropolitan District Commission.

In the end, Romney can win the argument about reform – outside, not inside, the building – by saying the Legislature might be right that the savings estimates are too high, but that reform is worth doing anyway and the governor is willing to make additional cuts in spending if the savings from reform don't amount to what he projects. It makes a good bumper sticker: "Try Reform First."

The cuts in local aid set up a difficult dynamic within the House and Senate. State-local relations are always wary. This is only partly about policy. Some of the local leaders — mayors and selectmen — don't like their reps and senators personally, and some of them want their legislator's job. In other cases, the rep or senator wants to be mayor. Combine that with the power the legislators have over the locals' budgets, and the political power the locals have over the legislators' reputation back in the district, and the conversations about local aid get – tense. It's only going to get tenser.

As the budget debate got fiercer, the crosshairs swung toward the sacred cows.

• *Abolition in the air: O'Leary calls for end to Quinn bill . . .* Sen. Robert O'Leary, D-Falmouth, said the law paying police extra to earn college degrees should be ended. Instead, he said, local departments should require anyone applying to be an officer should have a degree already. Officers now on the force would still enjoy the benefits of the so-called "Quinn Bill," which O'Leary said costs $100 million a year.

• *. . . While Joyce and Finegold say time has come for council to go,* Sen. Brian Joyce, D-Milton, Sen. Robert Hedlund, D-Weymouth, and Rep. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, said the Senate should select judges, not the Governor's Council. The Council is often criticized as too politically wired and duplicative. But periodic proposals to abolish always run into the same question: would the alternative really be better? The proposal announced require a constitutional amendment necessitating the votes of two successive Legislatures and a vote of the people.

• *Pro mutual announces 20 percent hike in malpractice insurance* — The growing sense of crisis about malpractice costs, which have caused serious disruptions in other states, got much greater here. Pro Mutual Group, the largest malpractice insurer in Massachusetts, announced a 20 percent increase in rates. That caused the doctors' lobby to repeat its warning many doctors will soon start dropping specialties or stop practicing altogether.

• *Nine-month delay possible on dig if contractor goes under* — The Inspector General of the U.S. Transportation Dept. issued a report stating it will require Massachusetts to fully disclose to bond buyers the possibility of the insolvency of one of the Big Dig's largest contractor. The state warned investors in February a "major contractor" might go out of business; Modern Continental Construction was quickly identified as the business in question. Company officials have expressed confidence in their fiscal situation. The federal officials said a bankruptcy by the reportedly troubled firm could delay the opening of the southbound lanes of I-93 by nine months, possibly affecting plans for the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

• *House makes it easier to raise pay of its leaders* — The House voted overwhelmingly to approve Speaker Thomas Finneran's bill that would let the Legislature set salaries of committee chairs and other leadership internally, without legislation requiring the governor's signature. The Senate is said to be ready to follow suit. The Romney administration at first appeared okay with the legislation, but Romney sounded carefully neutral after the House vote.

• *Slot machines rejected by house* — No one was shocked that the vote against slots at racetracks, and two off-track locations, went Finneran's way. Several House members predicted the Senate will embrace slot machine legislation and add as much as $500 million in related revenues to its budget. If that occurs, it would set up a major budgetary disagreement between the branches.

• *Romney drops plan to tax used cars on book value* — The governor's press office at first denied a proposal was being considered to base sales taxes on used cars on the vehicles' retail value, instead of the current practice of using the lower trade-in value. But when the Boston Herald showed Romney spokeswoman Shawn Fedderman a Registry of Motor Vehicles memo detailing the plan, she told the paper: "We have abandoned the plan. Frankly, it looks like a tax increase."

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

Local legislators want door closed on 40B housing law

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D- Hingham, state Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R- Weymouth, and state Rep. Frank M. Hynes, D-Marshfield, testified at the Governors 40B Task Force meeting on Monday April 14 where they expressed their concerns relative to the adverse impact of Chapter 40B on South Shore communities.

"It was a great opportunity to testify in front of the task force to express my concerns as well as the concerns of the people and the communities in my district" said Bradley. "I indicated that significant change is needed and it must be done through legislation rather than regulation. I also indicated that some level of local control must be returned to communities."

"I was pleased to be able to be joined with my colleagues in order to provide a strong voice calling for change to Chapter 40B," said Hedlund. "I will be eagerly awaiting the recommendations of the task force in order to see what action is taken to remedy the concerns we raised."

Hynes stated, "Chapter 40B doesn't work. It's broken. Communities want to encourage affordable housing for families but 40B ties their hands and disallows any balance for the traditional interests and character of the community. Give communities the tools, such as inclusionary and mixed use zoning, to encourage affordable housing with local control."

The Governor established a task force to review changes to Chapter 40B. The Task Force is due to report back by June 1, 2003.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on four roll calls from the week of April 14-18. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

HOUSE LEADERSHIP JOBS AND SALARIES (H 3743) House 100-50, gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a bill allowing the House and Senate, through their operating rules, to unilaterally set the bonus pay, above the $53,381 base salary, of their committee chairs and other majority and minority members in leadership positions. Under current law, any bonus pay must be proposed in a piece of legislation that requires legislative approval and then goes to the governor who can sign it or veto it. Supporters said this is a simple piece of housekeeping legislation that would allow the House and Senate to manage their own in-house affairs without interference from the executive branch. They noted the governor's office has always been able to set the salaries of its staff without legislative interference. Some argued that this would allow the House to fairly give bonus pay for chairs of new committees proposed by Speaker Finneran, including a Medicaid Committee and Homeland Security Committee. Opponents said the bill would destroy the system of checks and balances by giving the speaker and the Legislature the power to quickly increase the pay of favored legislators under the radar screen of the public. They argued the bill is poorly timed in light of the unemployment problem, the state's deficit and the billions of dollars in pending budget cuts in many important programs. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill allowing the Legislature to unilaterally set bonus pay. A "Nay" vote is against the bill). — **N**

POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF SLOT MACHINE LEGISLATION (H 2792) House 28-122, rejected a motion to postpone consideration of a bill allowing 9000 slot machines in the state. The motion would delay action until April 23-- the day the House Ways and Means version of the fiscal 2004 state budget is scheduled for release. Postponement supporters said the delay would simply allow members to properly consider the potential in state revenue from slot machines in the context of the state budget and all the drastic cuts it is likely to include. Postponement opponents said slot machines are not a new issue and argued the House is ready to debate the merits of the proposal now. They argued it is clear there will be budget cuts and members can vote now on whether they believe that any revenue raised from slot machines outweighs the other problems the machines will create. (A "Yea" vote is for postponing consideration of the bill until April 23. A "Nay" vote is against postponement). — **N**

SLOT MACHINES AT SIX LOCATIONS (number not yet available) House 59-95, rejected a bill allowing 1500 slot machines at each of the state's four racetracks and at two other venues in central and western Massachusetts. Fifty percent of revenues from the profits from each machine would go to the state with 25 percent of that earmarked for local aid while 46.4 percent would go to the owners of the facilities. The remaining 3.6 percent would go to the host community, contiguous communities, law enforcement and an effort to help compulsive gamblers. Another key provision creates a formula that requires each facility to compensate the state for any shortfall in State Lottery growth. Supporters said the state's annual share of the slot machine revenue is estimated at $300 million to $500 million in much needed dollars that would prevent some deep budget cuts in local aid, education and human services. They noted that allowing the machines will create many new jobs and argued it is time to allow these facilities so that adult citizens can have the opportunity to play the slots in Massachusetts instead of supporting slot machines and casinos in Connecticut. Opponents said legalizing slots would open a legal route that would eventually lead to recognized Indian tribes being allowed to open casinos in Massachusetts. They argued that the projected revenue estimates are excessive and do not take into account increased financial and social costs from public safety problems, increased traffic, compulsive gambling and loss in State Lottery revenues. Some asked why the racetracks rather than other businesses should get the slot machines. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill allowing the 9000 slot machines. A "Nay" vote is against it). — **Y**

SLOT MACHINES AT FOUR LOCATIONS (H 3153) House 65-87 rejected a bill allowing 1500 slot machines at each of the state's four racetracks. Fifty-one percent of revenues from the profits from each machine would go to the state with 25 percent of that earmarked for local aid while 41.65 percent would go to the owners of the facilities. The remaining 7.35 percent would go to the host community, contiguous communities, an effort to help compulsive gamblers and to the racetracks' "purses"-- money which goes to jockeys, horse breeders and horse farms. Many of the arguments for and against this bill mirrored the ones used in debate on the prior roll call on allowing slots at six locations. Supporters added that without the slot machines, the racetracks will likely close resulting in the loss of thousands of jobs and millions in racing tax revenue for the state. Opponents added that the state has passed numerous laws to help the racetracks remain viable and said that handing them licenses for slot machines just goes too far. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill allowing the 6000 slot machines. A "Nay" vote is against it). — **Y**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Army Corps should not permit Greenbush

To the Editor:

Carol Britton Meyer's April 17 article, "300 turn out at rail hearings" was a balanced and thoughtfully written account of the Army Corps of Engineers hearing held in Hingham on April 15.

One can only hope the Corps representatives will factor the very real concerns of the many residents who are impacted by the project into its deliberations over whether to issue permits to the MBTA.

If the Corps has any doubts about the extent of this opposition, it need look no further than town meeting votes in which the majority of citizens in Scituate and Hingham have overwhelmingly rejected Greenbush, with Cohasset at about 50 percent.

It is also noteworthy that agencies of the federal government (hopefully the Army Corps is among them) seem to do a far better job of looking out for the health and well being of the ordinary citizen than our own state agencies.

For example:

• The federal EPA issued a report in 1998 pointing to the harmful effects of diesel locomotive emissions, which are even more carcinogenic than regular diesel emissions because of their extremely small particle size. In addition, the Bush administration just released similar data in an attempt to clean up the air we breathe. In the face of all this evidence, the MBTA claims diesel emissions are harmless.

• The federal government is literally paying the railroad industry to remove at-grade crossings nationwide because they are unsafe. The pre-mitigation MBTA plan for Greenbush had the highest concentration of at-grade crossings of any rail project in the nation.

• Years ago the Federal Transit Administration expressed concern that Greenbush would not survive the so-called 4F review process in which an agency must prove there are no alternatives that are less environmentally invasive. The MBTA's response was to embark on the Greenbush restoration without federal funding and thus avoid much tougher federal oversight in exploring alternatives.

• While the federal EPA continues to strengthen our environmental laws, state transportation authorities treat environmental laws as obstacles to be overcome rather than as laws that were intended to protect the environment and our health and well being. In this context, the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) has been severely politicized and compromised, when in fact it was designed to address the very issues Greenbush opponents are concerned about.

• The State Historic Preservation Officer, whose mandate is to protect the state's historic districts, has refused to challenge a heavy diesel locomotive bisecting The Lincoln National Register Historic District, one of the nation's historic treasures, as well as 21 other negatively impacted historic districts in the Greenbush corridor.

• And the conservation commissions of the towns affected by Greenbush are unable to do their jobs because of the state-imposed design/build concept on a project that design/build was never intended for.

In its hearing invitation the Corps stated that its oversight includes considerations for ordinary citizens: "all things having to do with the health and welfare of the people." One hopes the Corps will act on this commitment and insist on a full environmental review of the project before permits are granted. Once back under the federal umbrella there is every reason to believe that Greenbush will fail even the simplest of environmental reviews and that the alternatives will at long last be seriously considered.

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Getting train facts straight

To the Editor:

For too long, opponents of restoring the Greenbush commuter rail line have shouted down those who hope to see the train run again someday along the South Shore. But now their rhetoric has become so ridiculous they are having a hard time keeping their facts and their faces straight when they make their arguments.

One opponent, speaking at the Army Corps of Engineers hearing in Hingham last week, referred to a Greenbush train as a "weapon of mass destruction." These inflammatory words are not only inaccurate; they also make light of the severity of real weapons of mass destruction.

Another opponent, Rep. Garrett Bradley, speaking at the hearing said it should not be built in part because it would cost $275,000 per new rider. To call this a half-truth is too kind. He assumes each new rider will only take the train once in their lives. In reality, the Federal Transit Administration's cost-effectiveness criteria considers the economic life of the project, operating costs and a credit for travel time savings. Using this objective criteria, Greenbush costs about $15 per new transit trip. Rep. Bradley's math would make each road repaving job enormously expensive since it would presume that only cars using the road on the first day should be counted to determine the per car cost of the project. Or a new school, where he would count only the children entering on opening day. That seems silly, doesn't it?

Certainly capable minds are able to disagree on policy points. But instead of offering factual counter-arguments and viable alternatives, Greenbush opponents have resorted to manipulating numbers and launching outrageous invectives. That is both unfair and unfortunate.

Ralph Rivkind
Norwell

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Support Greenbush

To the Editor:

Mr. Ted Lento,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

I attended a part of the hearing in Hingham, held to receive comments on the project and want to register my enthusiastic support for restoration of the Greenbush line of the former Old Colony Railroad.

I own a considerable stretch of property along the railroad in Cohasset, between Beechwood Street and the Scituate line, and though some might think this would be unfavorably affected, I believe the value of the rail service outweighs any such adverse effect, which I think has been greatly exaggerated by opponents.

I believe the Corps of Engineers and others have done a very thorough job of researching the environmental effects—as documented in the voluminous charts handed out—and seem to have taken extensive measures to mitigate these. Furthermore, it is hard for me to believe that the restored line will have more than a fraction of the effect of the old double-track line which operated more than 100 years with an apparent minimum of damage. At least the adjoining lands seems to have survived the passage of massive and frequent steam locomotives remarkably well.

I can sympathize with some of the recommendations for quad gates at certain crossings and have confidence that the MTA will compromise in some measure. But safety was adequately dealt with in past operations and I believe it will become a way of life in the future.

Commuter rail service will be a great plus for this area, as it has been everywhere else. Can you imagine that areas now safely and efficiently-served would consider for a moment abolishing it?

Osborne F. Ingram
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Editor's Note: This letter was sent to the Army Corps with a copy to the Mariner for publication.

Over-building is a concern

To the Editor:

My wife and I moved to Cohasset about six years ago. She had grown up in Cohasset while I was a newcomer. Together we represented the old and new views of the town. I am also a retired architect by profession, which colors my views.

Cohasset is a very beautiful and unique town. In my opinion, the most significant reason for that is it maintains a very delicate balance between a natural environment and a man-made environment. That kind of balance can be easily destroyed by over-building which we are now seeing some examples of. This could be controlled by a FAR (Floor-Area-Ratio) where the allowable, buildable area on a site would be given multiple of the area of the site.

Another example of the uniqueness is that it is the outgrowth of a colonial town and has a magnificent commercial and intimate village center and commons. The town was founded on the principle of people walking, and not the automobile. While some are concerned with providing more commercial parking, I am not. When I drive to the village center, I always find a parking space. When it is crowded, I may have to circle the center one or more times, but that is a small price to pay for the proximity. I can conduct my business there in minimal time and not have the problem I would have going to a mall. I would like to see the pedestrian character remain and contiguous multiple parking spaces are the biggest threat to that.

Another feature is the ledge and I would like to see most of that remain for the sake of aesthetics and its uniqueness.

Another asset in this town is that it fronts the ocean. That asset it shares with many other places but the ocean, in conjunction with the already-mentioned features above, make it more unique.

As you drive about Cohasset enjoying the ocean, Little Harbor, inland waters, topography, ledge, wooded lands and village center, please ask yourself if you too want to see its character remain, and if so, how to achieve that. It is fragile and can by easily destroyed. Please do not take it for granted.

Thomas F. Van Aarle
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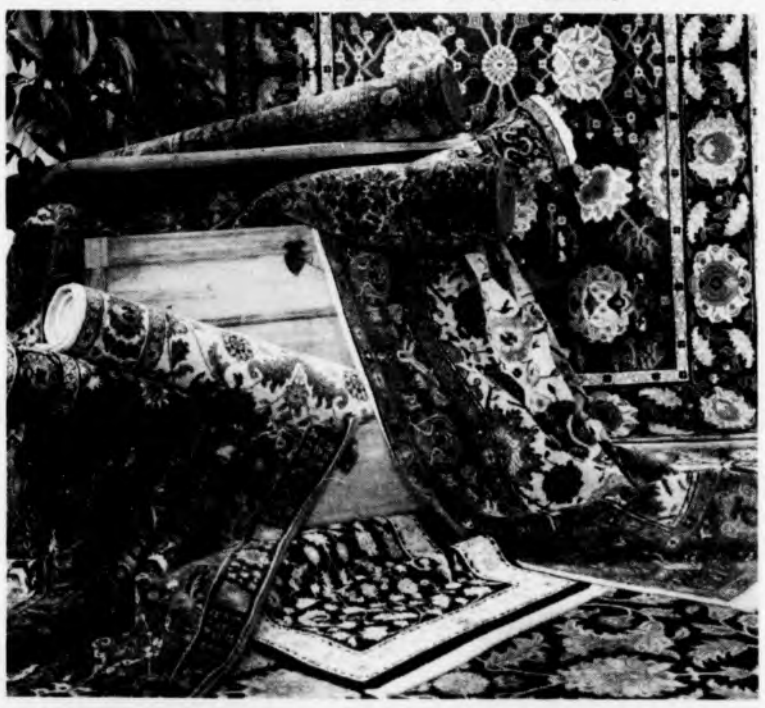

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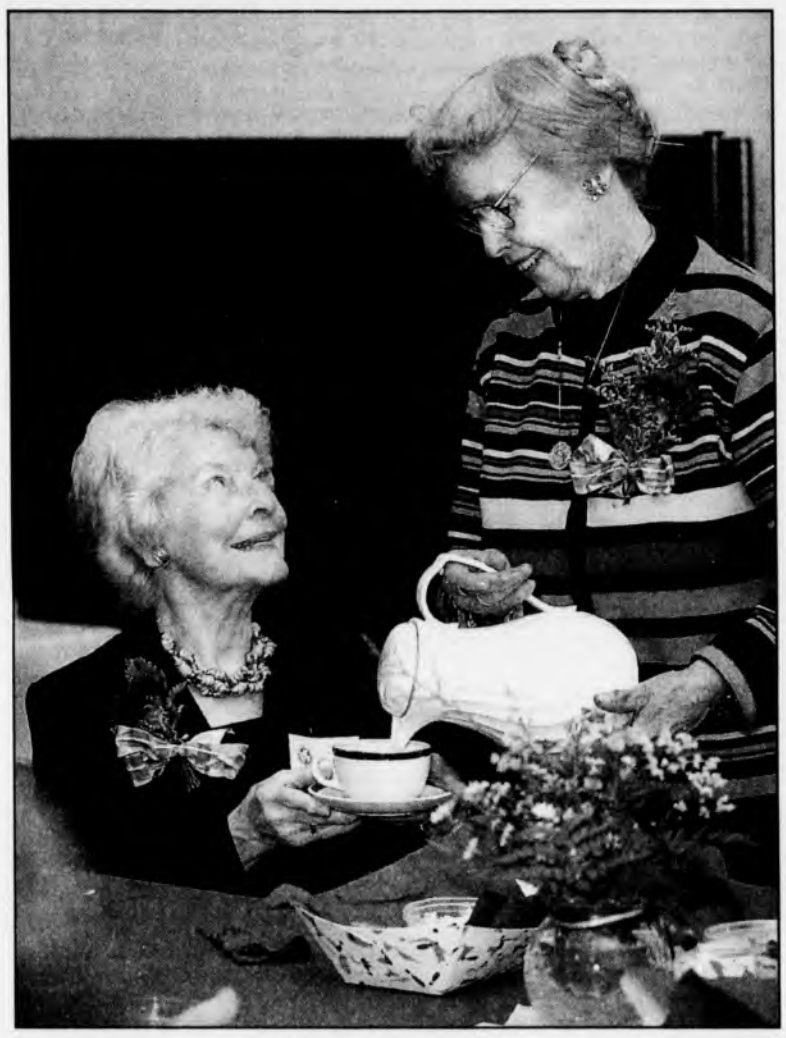

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Lyde Angstrom and Laura Burns take part in ongoing, weekly peace vigils sponsored by the South Shore Peace Forum in front of the North Street Post Office in Hingham Square.

Peace activists, say 'Who's next?'

Weekly vigils will continue

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Even though the war in Iraq has ended, peace activists continue to hold their weekly vigils in front of the North Street Post Office.

But now signs bearing messages such as "Winning Doesn't Make It Right" and "Who's Next?" are held beside ones reading "War = failure to wage peace" and "Peace = UN + US pulling together."

Reactions to the presence of South Shore Peace Forum members and other activists are mixed, ranging from jeers called from passing cars ("You don't give up, do you?") to a gentleman who walked up to a sign holder, held out his hand and said, "I know it's not easy. Keep up the good work."

One passerby quietly questioned the group's presence last Saturday. "We've already won!" he said.

Hingham resident Jack Hajj holds a different view.

"This situation should not be allowed to stand," he said. "The war continues to be wrong even after the fact."

On the other hand, several motorists beeped their horns in support of the effort.

Maia Daly of Weymouth, who joined the group in January, is against the war but supportive of the troops. Daly's former husband was Missing in Action during the Vietnam War, so she is more than familiar with the challenges families with members serving in the military often face.

"I was a hawk back then because my husband was serving in Vietnam, but after losing many good friends who died during the conflict, I realized nothing is gained by war except a lot of heartache," Daly said. "A lot of innocent people on both sides lose their lives."

"There's an agenda here we don't know about and we need to continue reminding people that war is not the answer."
— Maia Daly, peace activist

Even though the war is over, Hingham peace activists plan to continue delivering their message.

"Who's next?" Daly asks. "There's an agenda here we don't know about and we need to continue reminding people that war is not the answer."

Longtime Forum member Mary Thomas sees "domestic and international agendas that are inextricably linked, which is eroding our way of life."

The average citizen is now "less secure on all fronts – employment security, retirement, education, and health and child care. Billions of dollars are being spent on the war instead," Thomas said. "Waging peace is a way to have our dollars used for our quality of life and our citizens."

One passerby called out that he didn't see a sign supporting the troops. A sign holder then told him there had been such a sign but the person holding it had left, to which the passerby responded good-naturedly, "Bring it back – it's better than all of those (other ones)."

Stan Doherty and other peace activists remain undaunted by the negative comments thrown out by some and encouraged by the show of support from others.

"Peace is vigilance," he said. "It's not an event but an attitude."

Thomas noted that a number of peace activists displayed yellow ribbons.

"We want our young people who are serving in the military to come home safe, and soon," she said.

The South Shore Peace Forum holds peace vigils Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to noon and from 11 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

The Forum was formed in the early 1990s when talk about a possible Gulf War broke out. The group was active throughout that conflict, hosting forums and vigils, including one at Hingham Rotary. The Forum was reactivated briefly in the late 1990s when the United States threatened to bomb Iraq and again a year ago as a means of praying for United States soldiers and Afghan citizens killed in Afghanistan.

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The Fab Five

Cohasset lady tracksters pull out truly amazing win over Abington

By Mike Spellman
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How many tracksters does it take to win an outdoor meet?

Well, considering each athlete can compete in no more than four events and there are 16 events — with five points going to first place finishers, three for seconds and one for thirds—the bare minimum possible, mathematically, would be five. Of course, there's no way that could happen, right?

Prior to this past Wednesday, Cohasset track coach Al LaFontain probably would have lent his assent to that notion. But no longer. His girls team has made him both a believer a beneficiary of what he once considered a virtual impossibility.

When Lisa Musto went down with a back injury after taking a third in her first event last Wednesday, and Alyse Jerome and Allison Krupczak already out of action, LaFountain saw his girls roster drop to the aforementioned bare minimum of five.

But a funny thing happened on the way to improbability. Cohasset's 'Fab Five' took first place in 11 of the 14 events in which they competed, and at least a second or third in every one of the other nine available slots they could fill, and, in the end, walked away 73-61 winners.

"What we accomplished is just about unheard of," acknowledged coach LaFountain. "We needed all five of our athletes to do the absolute best they could, and that's just want they did. I'm just as amazed as anyone."

Leading the way for the Lady Skippers in their simply amazing victory were sophomore Nicole Whitney, who took first in all four of her events, and junior Jen Buckley, with three firsts and a second.

Whitney won the 200- and 400-meter runs, the long jump

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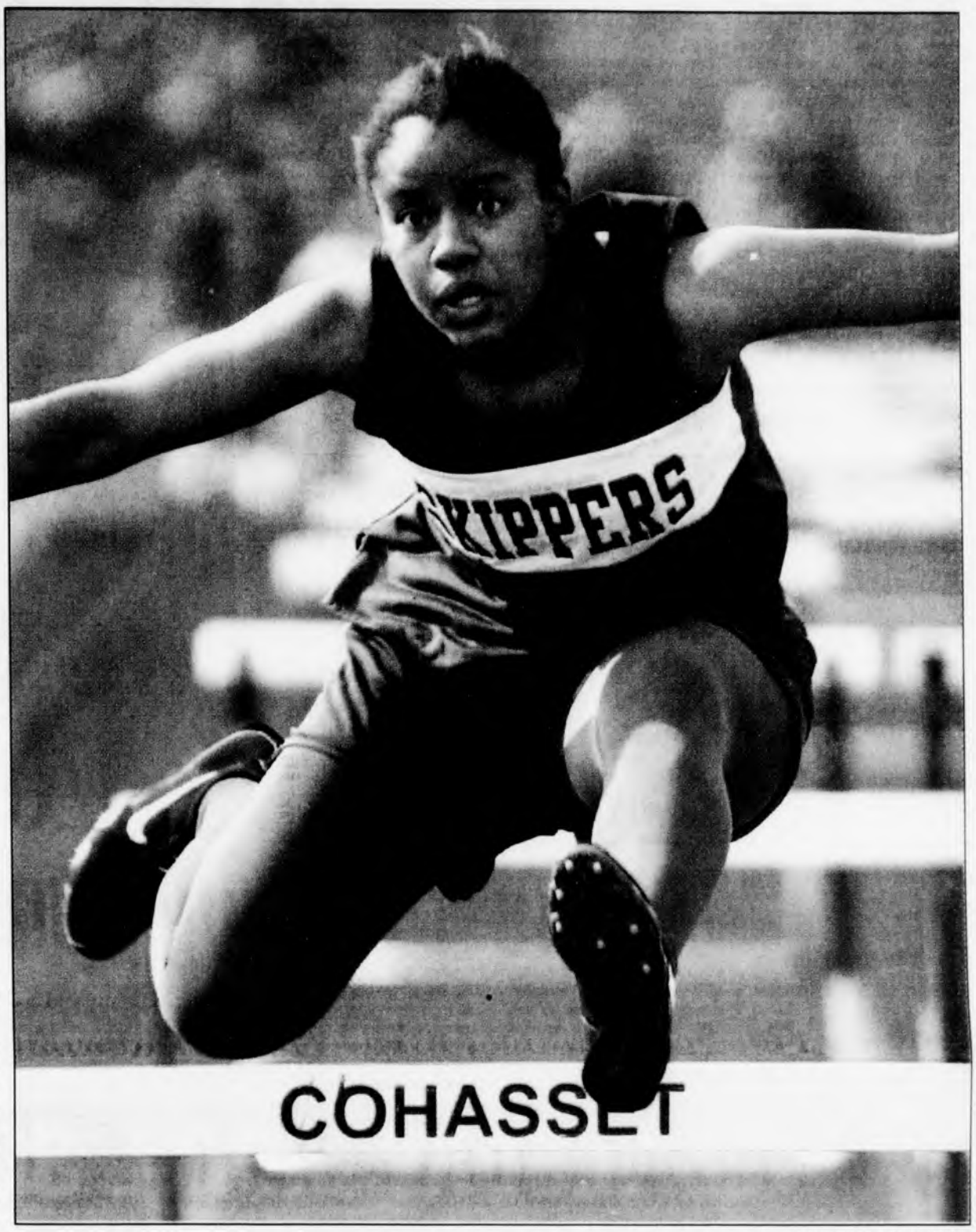

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Cohasset 'Fab fiver' La'Raine Langford, a senior, won the discus and shot put, and also finished second in the 100-meter sprint in last week's remarkable win over SSL rival Abington.

Getting even

Straughn, Curry lift CHS baseball team to.500 mark

By Mike Spellman
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A heads up baserunning play by Trey Curry was the difference in the CHS baseball team's second win of the season last Wednesday, a 7-6 decision at home over Carver.

With one out in the bottom of the fifth inning and the senior Curry on third, he cheated down the line on a comebacker to the mound and then released quickly on the throw to first, getting just under the catcher's tag on the return throw.

Skippers ace Ted Straughn then did the rest. Carver's first batter of the seventh got to second with no outs, but the soph fireballer beared down to get a groundout and two strikeouts to secure the 7-6 win.

The Skippers led 5-0 through three, but Carver reached Straughn for three runs in the fourth, and then three more unearned runs in the fifth to tie the game at 6-6.

Straughn, a sophomore, surrendered just four hits while striking out six for the complete game win.

Chris McKenna and Mike Snowdale (2 RBI) had three hits apiece, while Matt O'Brien (double, 2 RBI) and Trey Curry added two hits apiece.

"This was a very nice win for us over a league opponent," said first year CHS coach Al Galotta, whose team improved to 2-2 (1-1 in South Shore League play). "Ted pitched well, and we came up with the big play at the end. It was a satisfying day."

The Skippers were scheduled to play yesterday against South Shore VoTech in Hanover and

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset second baseman John Andrade (#9) goes high to snare a throw from catcher, which arrived too late to stop this Abington basestealer in action early last week.

Boys tennis team bounces back

Sweep over Carver keeps girls perfect, improves boys to 3-1

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Playing short-handed against a league rival is usually not the best way to build up team momentum before spring break. But the Cohasset boys tennis team, in such a situation, battled for a 3-2 win over Carver last Wednesday, bumping up their record to 3-1 on the year.

The team, with only seven names on the roster to begin with, contains just enough members to fill out a line-up at full strength. If anyone on the team goes down with injury or misses a meet, Cohasset must forfeit one of the five matches, forcing the Skippers to win three of four instead of three out of five.

In this match-up, senior Scott Faber and junior Andrew Wise, who have teamed up as the first doubles pair on the squad, were away on the biannual Belize science trip. This forced second year coach Kent Parrot to shake up the line-up, moving freshmen Nils Sceery and Chris Pescatore to first doubles, and sacrificing the point at second doubles.

Sceery and Pescatore fought valiantly against Carver's former all-star senior pair, splitting 6-3, 3-6 before finally going down 6-4 in the third set. Their effort, in almost winning first singles, shows just how dangerous the tandem can be once they move back to their normal position at second singles.

With Cohasset losing both doubles matches, the Skippers' top three needed to sweep the singles for the team win. Senior captain Dave Ingber, junior Tim Anton and senior Ross Lieb-Lappen all recorded victories at 1, 2 and 3 singles, respectively.

Anton shook off his previous day loss to Abington for a decisive win against senior Jim Paradise of Carver, 6-2, 6-4. His serve and consistent play at the net make him one of the top second singles players in the area. Only Steven Perry of Abington has taken so much as a set off Anton so far this year.

Lieb-Lappen ran his record to 4-0 on the year with another win at third singles. His height and ability at the net seem to be they keys for his success, along with rapidly improving accuracy on his first serve.

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Kahn fuels finishing kick

Senior lax attacker's three late goals thwarts Scituate upset bid

The early game struggles of the Cohasset boys' lacrosse team continued on Wednesday, April 16, as the Skippers dug themselves a 2-0 first quarter hole, and spent the next 30 minutes trying to climb out.

It wasn't until there were just under five minutes left in the game, in fact, that Cohasset finally asserted itself. Scituate senior defenseman Jay Dulka, to that point, had contained Skipper scoring leader Curt Kahn to a goal and an assist, and the Sailors found themselves tied 7-7 and daring to believe in a possible first victory ever over Cohasset.

But Kahn broke free from coverage to score an unassisted goal, flicking the ball past Scituate goalie Matt Miner and giving his team only its second lead of the contest. Fifty-six seconds later, Kahn picked up an insurance score on a quick stick of a pass from soph attackman Jake Previte. And, finally, with 30 seconds left, Kahn struck again, breaking up a Scituate clear, and throwing in his fourth goal of the game into an empty net.

"I liked the last five minutes," said head coach Kevin Orcutt, "but our senior leadership has to be there for the entire 48. Scituate played very well, and gave us everything they had. But I felt as if we allowed that. We've got to be more forceful,

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Rachel Doyle and the rest of the Cohasset High softball team will be back in action on Tuesday at home against Harwich looking for win number two on the season.

Lady Clippers win battle of unbeatens

Norwell prevails in lax showdown with Cohasset

By Mike Spellman
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For the first half, the battle of unbeatens last Tuesday night between the Norwell and Cohasset girls lacrosse teams was everything a fan of the sport could hope for, the game going to the break with visiting Norwell clinging to a 5-4 lead.

The difference in the second half of the game, played before a large crowd under the lights at Cohasset High, came down to legs. Norwell, two days removed from game action, had them. Cohasset, having notched an emotional victory just 24 hours earlier at New Bedford (a team the Lady Skippers had never before beaten), did not. Followingly, Norwell won going away, 11-5, to improve to 4-0 on the season.

"We just ran out of gas and emotion," asserted second year Cohasset High coach Torin Sweeney, whose team fell to 3-1 with the loss. "We got down early, and our girls battled back to get it to within one at half. Unfortunately, there wasn't much left in the tank after that."

Sweeney concentrated on shutting down Norwell top scorers Colby Tallman and Minnie Doherty to start the game by marking Nicole Turgiss and Maura McKenney on them, and the plan worked well…sort of. The Clippers, of course, feature a triple-prong attack and the Skippers had no answer for sophomore Lauren Strazzulla, who scored the games' first three goals.

Turgiss scored three times and Ashley Faber tallied once to help the Lady Skippers pull within one at the break at 5-4, but the Norwell girls hit the ground running coming back out of the locker room and the hosts simply could not keep up.

Doherty and Tallman shook off their shackles to finish with three goals and two goals, respectively. Strazzulla finished with a game best four goals.

The only goal for Cohasset in the second half was scored by McKenney.

Coach Sweeney also lauded the job done at the defensive end by Libby Meikleham and Nell Brewer throughout the game.

The Norwell girls themselves fell from the ranks of the unbeaten 48 hours later, dropping a 10-7 decision to Bourne at home on Thursday. Of course, several key members of the home squad were away on their class trip to Italy, so coach Jen Kent had to call up several players from the JV squad to fill in. Tallman and Doherty each finished this game with three goals and one assist apiece.

Both teams are off for the vacation week, and get back into action this coming Tuesday, Norwell at home with New Bedford and Cohasset on the road in Duxbury. Both games start at 4 p.m..

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE
17 beat Scituate, 10-7
25 St. John's 1 p.m.
29 Norwell 7 p.m.
2 Marshfield 5 p.m.

BOYS JV LACROSSE
29 Norwell 5 p.m.
2 Marshfield 5 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE
15 lost to Norwell, 11-5
29 at Duxbury 4 p.m.
1 Sandwich 5:30 p.m.
2 Bourne 7 p.m.

GIRLS JV LACROSSE
29 at Duxbury 5:30 p.m.
1 Sandwich 4 p.m.

VARSITY BASEBALL
16 beat Carver, 7-6
23 at S.S.V.T.
24 Millis 10 a.m.
29 at Harwich 4 p.m.
1 at Norwell 3:30 p.m.

JV BASEBALL
24 Millis 10 a.m.
29 at Harwich 4 p.m.
1 at Norwell 3:30 p.m.

VARSITY SOFTBALL
16 lost to Carver
29 Harwich 4 p.m.
1 Norwell 3:30 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS
16 beat Carver, 3-2
29 at Harwich 4 p.m.
1 at Norwell 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS
16 beat Carver, 5-0
29 Harwich 4 p.m.
1 Norwell 3:30 p.m.
2 Ursuline 4 p.m.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD
16 lost to Abington, 98-38
30 at Mashpee 4 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
16 beat Abington, 73-61
30 at Mashpee 4 p.m.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN
Cohasset's Eric Belz lets fly with the javelin in last Thursday's meet against SSL rival Abington.

SPORTS NOTES

American Legion Baseball signup

The Post 118 American Legion Baseball team will hold tryouts on Sunday, May 11 at 9 a.m. at Scituate High School baseball field. Any player from Scituate or Cohasset interested in playing must attend these tryouts.

Post 118 Team Manager Scott Arnold is still **looking for an assistant coach** for the team. Anyone interested in the position or with questions regarding tryouts should call Scott at 781-545-1896.

CHS Athletic Fundraising

This winter's ticket raffle by the CHS Athletic Boosters raised over $1,800, according to Ron Ford, with all proceeds going to the CHS Athletic budget. The AD wished to express his thanks to Bob and Allison Silvia for all of the work they did on the drive, as well as to Phil Mahoney and Robert Donahue for donating tickets.

This spring, the boosters are kicking off a sale of official CHS blankets ($50 apiece), flags ($45) and beach towels ($20), all with the official Cohasset High banner.

Anyone interested in making a purchase should contact Ron Ford at 781-383-6103 or send a check made out to "Cohasset High School" to Cohasset High School, C/O Ron Ford, AD; 143 Pond St; Cohasset' MA, 02025.

Youth tennis registration

Youth tennis will begin Monday, June 23, continue for seven weeks through Aug. 8. Youth tennis registrations will be held starting Monday, June 9, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon and again 1 to 3 p.m., and Tuesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

The program is offered for children age 7 through 18. The program is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week session of instruction, two days per week, is $80 per participant. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered.

Rainy day policy: If it rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Please call the Recreation Office at 781-383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are rain make-up days.

CHS sports scheduling updates

With all of the postponements of CHS sporting events forced by inclement weather the last two weeks, Athletic Director Ron Ford is urging parents and fans to check his daily voicemail postings (@781-383-6103) for schedule changes before heading out to an event.

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The Fab Five

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and the triple jump.

Buckley won the mile, 2-mile and javelin, and took second in the discus throw to senior teammate La'Raine Langford.

Langford also won the shot put and finished second to teammate Lindsay Kennedy in the 100 meter run.

Mary Silvia won the 800 and placed in three other events.

With four athletes needed to compete in the two relay races, the 4x100 and 4x400, LaFountain had not choice but to forfeit those, giving Abington 16 unchallenged points.

The only events won outright by Abington, which featured a roster of more than 20 girls, were the high jump, 110-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles.

The win improved the girls to 2-2 on the season.

The Lady Skippers will get back into action next Wednesday at Mashpee, hopefully with their full 8-girl roster in tow.

Boys fall, 98-38

Unfortunately, the undermanned boys team was no match for their deeper Abington counterparts, and fell to 2-2 on the season.

The Green Wave had several athletes back from the teams the Skippers dominated over the last three seasons, and they extracted their pound of flesh from the graduation and injury depleted Cohasset squad.

Cohasset senior captain Jared Krupczak grabbed his maximum of 20 points, winning the 100, 200, long jump and triple jump.

Krupczak has already qualified for the Class D state meet in a few events, as has his fellow captain Ian Kidder, who missed the last two meets with a hamstring injury. Coach LaFountain is hoping he'll be back for next Wednesday's meet, but noted he may look to handle him "with kid gloves" until the postseason.

Senior Braun Goodson also took second in the 200 against Abington.

Junior Nick Parker, an up and coming first year CHS trackster, took second in the high jump and 300-meter hurdles, as well as a third in the 100-meter hurdles.

Parker is only two seconds shy of qualifying for the state meet in the 300 hurdles. LaFountain is confident he'll notch the necessary mark in the next meet or two and also feels he has an excellent shot at qualifying in the high jump.

"Nick has an awful a lot of promise," said the coach. "I don't think he understands yet how good he could be."

Kahn fuels finishing kick

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value our possessions better, and demonstrate maturity. I think we'll do that once we get through the vacation week and into the heart of the season."

Cohasset, now 2-1 on the year with all three games counting in the Pilgrim League, scored five goals – the first three by senior attackman Tom Anderson — in the second quarter to pull to 6-5, and then outscored the Sailors 5-1 over the final two periods.

Junior goalie Nick Murphy started his third straight game, and was replaced in the second quarter by soph Chris Simms, after making six saves and allowing four goals. Simms had three saves and gave up a pair of goals, before Murphy returned in the third quarter, and finished up with 10 more saves and only one goal allowed.

"Nick Murphy really responded well when we replaced him with Simms," said Orcutt. "I wanted him to see what was going on, and to collect himself, and he did. He made some great saves in the second half and was a real factor."

Besides Kahn (four goals, one assist) and Anderson (three goals, one assist), Cohasset scorers included senior John Durkin (two goals, one assist), junior Mike Rasmussen (one goal), senior Robert Hickey (two assists) and soph Jake Previte (one assist).

"Defensively, I liked what junior Conor Buick did," said Orcutt. "He made a couple of mistakes early, but he got himself fired up to correct them, and he did. I think he's going to be an important player for us. That said, we have to take fewer penalties. We were in the box eleven times for nine-and-a-half minutes. When you're playing man-down for nearly a full quarter, you're not giving yourself a good chance to win."

Cohasset faces its first non-league foe of the season on Friday, hosting St. John's of Shrewsbury in a first-time meeting of the two schools. The face-off at Alumni Field is scheduled for 1 p.m.. Then the Skippers take on Pilgrim rival Norwell on Tuesday at Alumni in the season's first night game. That start is set for 7 p.m..

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Boys tennis bounces back

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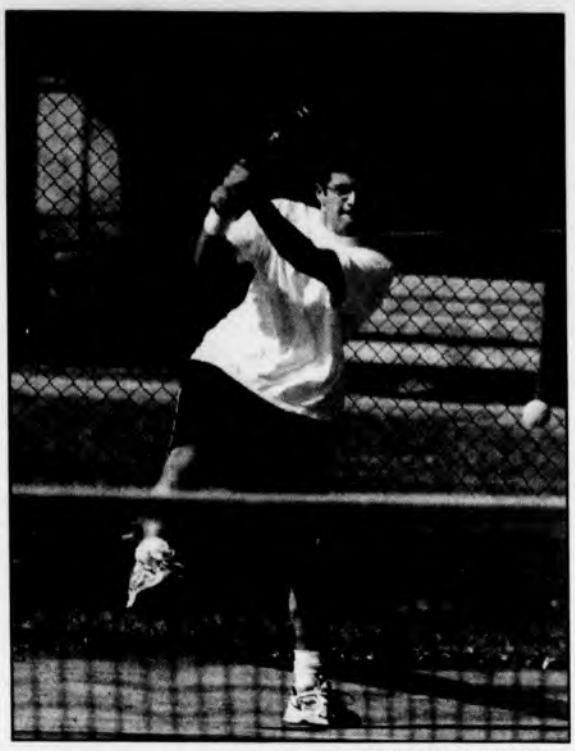
Ingber, playing for the fourth time in his career against senior DJ Lenahan, won for the third time in relatively easy fashion, 6-0, 6-2.

GIRLS

The march towards another SSL crown continued for the girls last Wednesday, also taking on their Carver counterpoints on the road. As has been their usual practice, the Lady Skippers dominated for a 5-0 win.

With regular ace Elizabeth Stone on vacation, senior captain Lindsay Grossman stepped into the number one spot for a dominating 6-0, 6-2 win.



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Cohasset number one singles player Dave Ingber topped Carver's DJ Lenahan, 6-0, 6-2, on Thursday, to help send the boys tennis team into the vacation week with a 3-2 record.

Boys youth laxers open season to mixed results

After having virtually all of its games and most of its early-season practices rained out, the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program finally fielded all of its boys teams on April 13. While the girls youth squads were out of action due to soggy fields, the boys were trying to shake off the rust with mixed results.

In Sandwich, the Under-15 Boys White team (grades 7 and 8) made the best of its opportunity with a convincing 9-4 win over Sandwich. After a sluggish start, the boys put on an impressive showing as they controlled almost every part of the game from the opening whistle to the final buzzer. Dan Trendowicz was the leading scorer with 3 goals and 2 assists including a nice double fake in front of the cage for the final tally. Chris Mills and Mark Flibotte both got the "poor man's hat trick" with one goal and two assists, while Mike Bunstein also contributed with a goal and an assist.

TJ Kennedy, Mike Grimm, and Chris Davis finished out the scoring with one a piece with assists going to PJ McCaw and Charlie Czerkawski. With all but one goal being assisted, it was clear that this team had not forgotten how to work as an offensive unit. A daunting defense led by Jeff Brown, Mike Bilodeau, Chris Kuppens, and Sam Degiacomo stood tall in front of first-time goaltender Nathan Porter, who put in an impressive rookie performance with 8 saves to keep the game out of reach for Sandwich.

The Cohasset Under-15 Blue team opened its season with an equally dominating performance with a 12-3 road win over Marshfield. After a slow start, the team started rolling in the second quarter and rolled to a commanding 7-1 halftime lead. Austen Lanzillotti led the day's scoring with three goals, Corey Chase, Jared Kinch and Peter Oswald added two each, and Nick Zappolo, Justin Connors and Alex Shipp had single markers.

Cohasset dominated the ground balls with Ryan Kucinski and Sean Silvia leading the charge. Nine of the 12 goals were assisted with Peter Ernst and all of the goal scorers picking up at least one helper. Teddy Galligan also had some nice feeds and played hard at attack. The defensive effort was top notch as well, with Wes Ulmer making 10 saves in net and the close defense of Bobby Meikleham, Robert Sylvia, Jake Cuneo, Kyle Pinkus and Matt Harriman thwarting a hard-charging Marshfield offense.

The Cohasset Under-13 White squad (grades 5 and 6) opened up its 2003 season with a convincing 10-4 win over a physical Marshfield team. Under beautiful sunny skies, the Cohasset boys got after it from the opening face-off and never looked back. First period scores from Eamon Davis, Brendan Doonan, Owen Landon and two from Ian Porter with an assist to Landon had Cohasset up 5-0 at the end of the quarter.

In the second quarter, Cohasset had some fine team offense, particularly from the attack. Philip Schlawinsky got his first goal of the season with an assist to Geoff Evans. Ian Quinlan finished Andrew Bell's second assist of the day and Doonan added his second to give Cohasset an 8-2 lead at the half. Chris Brown was solid in the goal throughout the half.

In the second half, Davis and Chris Brown notched unassisted tallies while Ian Quinlan was rock solid in the cage. Cohasset's defense led by Andersen Lynner, Jonny Wade, Taylor McQuade, Will Lynner, Keegan Flynn kept the Marshfield offense at bay most of the day.

Also in Marshfield, the Cohasset White Under-11 team (grades 3 and 4) dropped a 12-3 decision to a strong Marshfield squad. The first game for the White team saw a very inexperienced squad struggle to get the ball out of its defensive zone. After falling behind 4-0 in the first quarter, Sam Richardson and Thomas Flibotte matched Marshfield's second-quarter output to close the half at 6-2.

Willy Brown was outstanding in his first game in goal during the half, before being relieved by Jake Durkin, who put up several nice stops in the second half.

Terrance Durkin picked up a second-half goal and Patrick Kearney, Christian Allard and Jamie Faber moved the ball well on offense.

Cohasset's Under-11 Blue team narrowly missed a victory with a closely fought game in Pembroke last Sunday.

Pembroke jumped out to a quick 2 - 0 lead in the first quarter but Cohasset's defense solidified in the second and consistently denied the home team. Pembroke picked up its third goal on a penalty fast-break midway through the second quarter, but that was the last of their scoring on the day. Cohasset's defense and first-time goalie Chris Wilson were never dented thereafter.

Chase Murphy stepped up and scored unassisted in the third quarter and Pat McCormack scored on a Chase Murphy assist in the fourth quarter. Alex Evans and Morgan Grasz are new middies who were instrumental in moving the ball up to the attack zone and playing hustling defense when the ball came back the other way. Returning veteran Sam Leahy shone on defense all afternoon while Brendan Horigan, Eric Wasel, and Mark Dick worked tirelessly at both ends of the field.

The score stood at Pembroke 3, Cohasset 2 in the final seconds of the contest when Johnny McGoldrick dodged a field full of defenders to put in the tying shot as the clock reached zero. Unfortunately for Cohasset, the timekeeper ruled that the shot occurred just after time expired, denying the team a hard-fought comeback.

Also in Pembroke, the Cohasset Gray Under-11 team dropped an 8-2 decision. Brennan Bukowski and Kyle Healy put in stellar work in the net keeping the game close, while Drew Cobin scored both goals for the team, with Dean McNary and Chase Murphy contributing great work at midfield.

Lacrosse is here to stay

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

I'll be honest: I really didn't know what to think of lacrosse when I was basically forced a few years back by the mandates of this job to attend my first game or match or whatever they call it when two teams meet in competition (I still haven't figured that out).

Like a lot of people of my generation, along with a pretty fair portion of the remaining population, this is a sport for which I hadn't quite gained an appreciation.

I'd watched it on TV a few times, primarily for curiosity's sake, but the closest I'd come to observing it first hand before the spring of 2001 was the occasional fleeting glance from a couple of hundred yards away while sitting at a baseball or softball game.

I'll be honest again: I was more than a little surprised, as well as aghast, when I heard reports that spring of more local student athletes going out for lacrosse than baseball and softball. I mean, we were talking about America's pastime here...weren't we?

Sure, I'd seen all the kids walking the street with their lacrosse sticks — particularly in Cohasset where there seemed to be an alarmingly (at least in my mind) high ratio of sticks to bats and mitts — but to hear that there were more laxers than batters in a towns like Norwell and Scituate was, I confess, somewhat distressing.

OK, so this news served as something of a wakeup call for yours truly.

A little research revealed that the popularity of lacrosse was indeed growing at an alarming...er rapid rate. Clearly, this is more than a trendy sport of the moment.

Several high schools in our area have added lacrosse to their spring sports offerings in the last few years, and it seems every spring brings another two or three to the local lax ranks. Six year ago, there was only one state title for high school boys lacrosse. Now, there are three separate divisions.

Lacrosse just became a varsity sport for the first time three years ago in Braintree and Scituate, and for the Norwell girls, and interest at all three of those schools appears to already be catching, if not surpassing, that of the grand old game. In Scituate and Norwell, the programs remain privately funded by boosters programs, but in both cases there is a strong push from within town and school government to add funding to the athletic budgets for these programs.

So, daunted with this knowledge, I figured it was time to swallow my old ideals and check out lacrosse for myself.

You can probably imagine my surprise when I actually found myself following the action, and, what is more, enjoying it. And this is despite the fact that I was lost on most of the strategy, nuances and rules. For example, can anyone explain to me why it is legal to repeatedly whale away on an opponent's shoulder pads but illegal to nudge him slightly from the backside? But I digress.

Lacrosse, I soon discovered, possesses many of the qualities I find so appealing in hockey and football. Speed, athleticism and strength are all essential to success, as are guile and hand-eye coordination. There's also more of a team concept at work than I suspected. In addition, it's a lot more physical than I thought it was. I guess it says a lot about me that I consider this a drawing card....but again, I digress.

An additional parallel I can now draw to hockey is that lacrosse is a game that becomes infinitely more enjoyable when witnessed in person. My favorite comeback to anyone who declares to me that they're not a hockey fan is "Oh, then I guess you've never been to a hockey game."

Whereas the excitement of football, baseball and even basketball (though to a lesser extent) translate pretty well to the tube, hockey is, in my opinion, diminished greatly by broadcasting. The main culprits: the puck is too small to continuously follow and much of the best action takes place off camera/away from the puck. I can now offer the same opinion about lacrosse.

Another big factor in favor of lacrosse: clearly, spring is The Season. Not only is this the preferred time in these parts for outdoor activity, but there was an opening for another sport. Unlike the fall, which features football and soccer (another sport I was originally slow to accept) splitting the interest and athletes pretty much down the middle, and winter, with hockey and basketball, the spring has had only baseball for lo these many years.

Baseball, as much as it still pains me on some level to admit, is not for everyone. High school athletes who prefer team sports to essentially solo endeavors such as track and tennis, should have another option. And, as I can now attest, lacrosse is a pretty cool option.

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Cohasset senior Terry Baroudi, seen here laying down a bunt in recent action, was the winning pitcher in the Skippers first victory of the year, and was slated to get the start in one of the games this week, weather permittting.

Getting even

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then host Millis this morning (10 a.m. start) at Milliken Field. Given the forecast at the time of this writing, the likelihood of playing both of those games seemed a long shot.

"And the spring from hell continues," noted Galotta after learning of the postponement of the South Shore VoTech from Tuesday to Wednesday.

"I don't think I've ever seen anything as bad as this in all my years of coaching," continued Galotta, who coached baseball for 27 years at Archbishop Williams before moving to Cohasset High. "Four games through April 22nd has definitely got to be the lowest I've ever seen."

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Boating safety course

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a two-session Safe Boating Course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any horsepower craft. This course is an initial requirement for the process of obtaining a Launch Operators License. U.S.C.G.A. instructors will teach the two-session course, which will be held two consecutive Saturdays, May 31, and June 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road, Cohasset.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department Office at 781-383-4109 as soon as possible as class will be limited in size and participants will be enrolled on first-call basis. There will be a $35 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of text book and class materials.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

State certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

Kick-aerobics registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces an ongoing registration for adult fitness classes, based upon six-week sessions. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer Charles Palmer will conduct the class. This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kick-boxing, and muscle conditioning. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Town Hall auditorium from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The cost for the 12-class session is $100 per participant. Step equipment will be provided for up to 20 participants; however, 2 to 5 lb. hand weights should be brought to class for the muscle conditioning segment of the training. Call the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 to register.

Over-55 softball league opens play April 27

It's "Batter Up" for the opening of the fourth season of the South Shore Senior Softball League on Sunday, April 27 at 10 a.m. at Central Park Field in Scituate.

Jim Hyde, founder and manager of the Senior Softball League is optimistic that the sun will shine, the field will be dry and many regular participants will show up ready to play. This very popular league, sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging, is open to all those 55 and over.

Jim plans to field four teams and use two Scituate field each Sunday (including Central and the baseball diamond at the rear of the Gates Intermediate School) and one field on Wednesday to ensure all players take the field. Jim asks that all interested players meet at the Central Park playing field (on Branch Street, in front of Central Park Housing) on the 27th. There will be an obligatory registration including rules review, release signing and payment of a $30 fee. Teams will then be divided and play will start at the Gates as well as at the new Central Park Field. Come prepared and ready to play!

For further information, please call the Scituate Council on Aging at 781-545-8722 or Jim Hyde at 781-545-4681.

Swim Center Notes

It's not too soon to be thinking about a summer time job.

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor. Spring courses are being offered starting in March and April. Water Safety Instructor applicants must be 17 years old.

Programs to become a certified Lifeguard are also be offered throughout the region during the Spring. Lifeguard course applicants must be 15 years old. Sign-up Now!

For more information call Sue Mavilia at 781-383-1988 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@attbi.com please include your phone number with your contact information.

Splash into the Summer of 2003

Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors for the 2003 summer season. All applicants must be 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Letters of interest should be sent to Attn: Darleen Koetsch, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@attbi.com Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

Youth tennis instructors needed

The Recreation Department is accepting applications for youth tennis instructors for the summer of 2003. Youth tennis lessons are held for a seven-week period beginning Monday, June 30, through Friday, Aug. 15. Classes are scheduled hourly from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily.

Interested candidates should call the Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 for further information or an application form.

12th annual Run for the Ribbon

Sacred Heart race continues to honor memory of student Melissa Benoit

A SCHOLARSHIP RUN in memory of former Sacred Heart student Melissa Benoit on May 10, 2003, 10 a.m..

Challenging 10K . . . through the Kingston countryside. Racecourse begins and ends at the schoolÕs athletic fields and travels east on Route 80 looping back to the Sacred Heart campus and the FINISH LINE.

2 Mile Walk . . . starts and finishes at the school. Participants will cross Route 80 to scenic Camp Mishannock where they will be led through the lakeside grounds of the former Gurnet family estate. A wonderful event for the entire family.

1 Mile Fun Run . . . terrific opportunity for kids ages 6 to 10 years to compete. Supervised race course on Sacred HeartÕs Cloran Field.

There will be are ample water stations on the well marked course.

*Barbecue to follow.

Awards will be given to the top 3 winners, male & female, in each division. There will be additional awards, plus a raffle.

Those wishing to pre-register, should make checks payable to:

Sacred Heart High School-Race Committee
399 Bishops Highway
Kingston, MA 02364-2098
781-585-7511, EXT 345,
sgiovanetti@sacredheart-hs.org

Free intro to cardio kick boxing

Never tried kick boxing? Don't even know what it is? The Cohasset Recreation Department announces a free introduction to cardio kick boxing. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer Charles Palmer will conduct the class. This introductory class will meet Monday, April 28, in the Town Hall auditorium at 10 a.m. No pre-registration is necessary. Learn what kick boxing is all about.

Scituate Fire Fighters 10th Annual Benefit Road Race & Walk

To benefit: Samantha Swan Medical Fund
5K Road Race
1K + Road Race for Kids
2.5 Mile Walk
Minot Beach , North Scituate, MA
Sunday, May 11, 2003-Mother's Day

Awards: The first three 5K male and female finishers in each of the following categories will receive an award: 17 & under, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+, First 3 Scituate Finishers -Open, Mother & Child (combined times), Firefighter

All children participating in the 1K+ Race will receive a ribbon

Fees are payable by check or money order to:
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Benefit Road Race
Due: 5/5/03
Mail to:
Scituate Fire Fighters
Benefit Road Race
c/o Rick Judge
27 Hazel Ave
Scituate, MA 03066

The Route: Start: Parking lots at the corner of Glades Road and Bailey's Causeway. Through Minot and the picturesque Glades Estate, along the coast. (A portion of this race is dirt road).

Registration: Pre-registration by 5/5/03, 5K post entry fee $18 day of race. Race results: http://www.coolrunning.com/sponsor/spitler/spittime.html.

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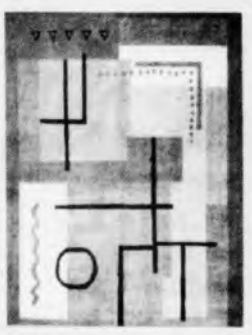
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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Summer Arts at Derby

Summer Arts at Derby is beginning its 14th year at Derby Academy in Hingham. The five-week program offers more than 100 courses in visual arts, drama, dance, music writing, photography, martial arts, video, gymnastics and sports. There are also special offerings, such as cooking, Spanish language and culture, yoga, chess, Web page design and Tai Chi.

In addition to regular classes, there is a noon-time show and a free-choice period with new offerings each day. The "Weathervane" newspaper is produced daily. This summer's musical production is the popular "The Music Man." On Friday, Aug. 1, Summer Arts culminates in an Arts Festival featuring performances of theatre, dance, music, gymnastics, and exhibits of clay, painting, furniture, mosaics, puppets, jewelry and photography. Animated films and videos are also shown.

The goal of Summer Arts is to offer a very high quality arts experience to children, ages eight to 15 with an atmosphere that is exciting and bursting with creativity. The children are from diverse racial, cultural and economic backgrounds — 20 Massachusetts communities are represented. One of the main goals is to create a spirit of cooperation and respect, where the students feel supported and free to express themselves.

The program is staffed by professional artist-teachers and together with the students, they create a special summer of artistic achievement, acceptance and exuberant energy.

For more information, please call Thalia McMillon at 781-740-4766.

Seaside Adventures

Seaside Adventures, a new program, will be offered at the Center for Student Coastal Research, starting July 1, and runs for three 2-week sessions through August 7. The program's motto, "inspire excitement" reflects the program's purpose of educating current fourth-through-sixth graders on the topics of oceanography, geology, beach composition, and local habitat preservation and appreciation. All sessions, available in the morning or afternoon, incorporate hands-on learning and may involve excursions to such places as Cohasset Harbor, Sandy Beach and Lily Pond. Each session will meet Tuesday through Thursday, 2-1/2 hours daily, for 2 weeks.

The three sessions each focus on a different theme. In the first session, "Beachcombers," young geologists will explore local beach compositions and tides, and will participate in interesting activities along the shoreline. Session II, "Under the Sea," includes building and examining aquariums, and exploring ocean dwellers ranging from creepy crawlers to fascinating fish. The third session of the summer, titled "Explorers," involves exciting activities caring for the special critters that dwell in our ocean and fresh water ponds.

For more information on the Center for Student Coastal Research's Seaside Adventures please visit its web site, www.ccscr.org, or call our office at (781)-383-8909. Applications are available online, at the Paul Pratt Library, or at the Recreation Department, and can be mailed to 40 Parker Avenue any time before May 1.

Sandcastles enrollment

Sandcastles ChildCare, Preschool & Private Kindergarten, serving children 8 weeks to 6 years announces open enrollment for our Infant, Pre-toddler, Toddler, Preschool, Pre-K and Private Kindergarten programs for ages 8 weeks to 6 years. Sandcastles offers excellent teacher pupil ratios with constructive activities to help children acquire new skills, broaden their interests and improve their abilities. Programs involve fun and learning through a combination of educational programs and activities such as swimming lessons, field trips, beach trips, museum trips, Music Circus trips and weekly visits from the Music Lady.

For additional information or to arrange a visit call Owner/Director Anne Sexton at 781-383-6789 or 781-383-9987.

SSL scholarship

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be high school seniors, residents and intend to begin or further their studies in nursing, social work, or allied health fields. Two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded for the 2003-2004 academic year. Applications are available at the League office, 16 Highland Ave. weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or in the town's high school guidance office. Applications must be received at the League office by April 18.

SAFEGUARD on the Web

The Project SAFEGUARD Web site is designed as a resource to support the youth and parents in the community. Log on to www.cohassetpso.org/safeguard.htm to see what it's all about.

Along with a Parent Booklist of titles dealing with child development and adolescence, the Web site contains links to news articles, features, and resources for both parents and kids. Topics include Stress (social & academic), Bullying, Body Image, and Drinking & Drugs. The Web site is a work in progress; over time it may expand to cover issues for a wider age range. Your ideas are welcome; visit the site and send in your comments or suggestions!

Project SAFEGUARD is a community initiative designed to supplement the health education program in our schools. It depends on parent and community volunteers, as well as community funding, to keep running.

Swim-dive team offers scholarship

The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team is offering a scholarship. An applicant must be a high school senior and have been a member of the Cohasset Swim-Dive Team for five years. All portions of the application must be completed and postmarked no later than April 28.

Questions about the scholarship application process should be directed to Irene Volpe Barry, Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship Committee at 383-1605.

Applications may be picked up in the Cohasset High School Guidance Department.

Summer Playground

The Cohasset Recreation Commission announces Martha Equi will again be the director of the Summer Playground Program for children ages 3 1/2 to 12 years. Registration will be held the week of June 9, as follows:

Monday, June 9, - Wednesday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Recreation Commission has also established fee charges for the 2003 Playground Program as follows:

Full Day 5 to 12 year olds: $350 for first child

1/2 Day 3 to 5 year olds: $280 for first child

$500 non-resident for either half or full day program

Activity Fee

A $50 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover special in house events and professional entertainment, arts and crafts supplies, swim walkers T-shirts. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited Enrollment has been set for each program. Non-residents are taken on a space available basis. All children must be toilet trained.

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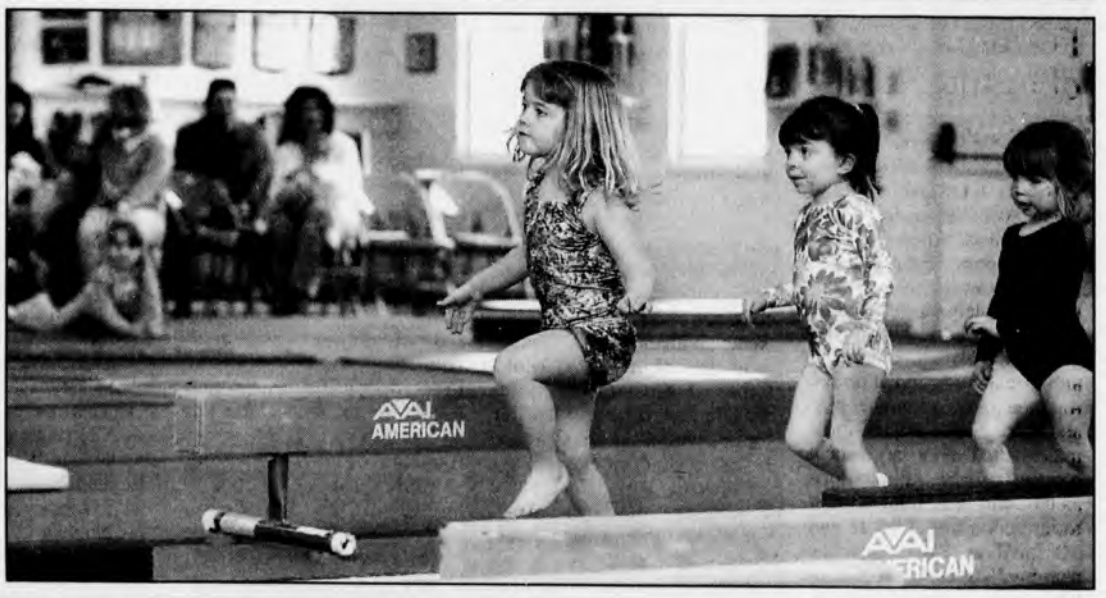
Balancing act

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

At left: Erin McElhinney jumps off an apparatus at Gymnastics Explorers for four- and five-year-olds at the South Shore Community Center.

At right: Karlee Koswick stretches before routines during Gymnastics Explorers.

Below: Elizabeth Canfield, Jamie Albert and Sarah Creedon get ready to perform on the balance beam for family and friends during the recent Observation Week at the South Shore Community Center.



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ANNUAL MEETING
LEGAL NOTICE
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE PILGRIM CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Will be held at the offices of the Bank, 48 South Main Street, Cohasset, Massachusetts, on Tuesday evening, May 20, 2003, at 6:00 PM, for the purpose of electing directors for a term of three years, and a clerk of the corporation for a term of one year and to transact such other business that may legally come before the meeting according to the bylaws and including the changing of the bylaws.

Francis E. Campbell
Clerk

AD#208111
Cohasset Mariner 4/24/03

SEL/TIDEGATE BIDS
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
SELF-REGULATING TIDEGATE INSTALLATION AND SETUP

Sealed bids for the **"SELFREGULATING TIDEGATE INSTALLATION AND SETUP"** will be received at the Office of the Town Manager at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025, until 10:00 AM, prevailing time, on **May 8, 2003.** The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the office of the Town Manager at 10:00 AM, prevailing time, on **May 8, 2003.**

The work includes replacing an existing tidegate and installation and setup of a selfregulating tidegate.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

1) Office of the Engineer, Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc., 12 Bay Street, Wilmington, MA 01887.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, weekdays at the Office of the Engineer, Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc., 12 Bay Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, upon payment of a refundable $50.00 company check (payable to the "Town of Cohasset") for each set.

Contract documents and plans will be mailed upon request and receipt of a **separate** non-refundable check made out to Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc. for $50.00 to cover handling and mailing costs.

Any BIDDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS promptly and in good condition will be refunded his payment. Any non-Bidder shall forfeit his deposit if he does not return the documents prior to the bid opening.

A certified check or satisfactory bid bond issued by a company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, payable to the Town of Cohasset in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the Total Bid Price must be furnished by each Bidder together with a letter of intent on the form provided. This proposal guarantee will be returned after the Contract has been executed.

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No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening thereof without permission of the Town of Cohasset Town Manager.

The Town of Cohasset Town Manager reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any informalities in the bidding, or accept the bid deemed to be in the best interests of the Town of Cohasset.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 AM** on **May 1, 2003** at the Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue in Cohasset, MA.

The successful BIDDER shall be required to comply with the applicable State and Federal prevailing wage laws.

Town of Cohasset
Mark W. Haddad
Town Manager

AD#208113, 208114
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SEL/VICTORIA'S
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF COHASSET

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m., May 6, 2003, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Cohasset Town Hall, on the application for transfer of a wine and malt beverages license from PCKP, Inc., d/b/a Victoria's, 790 Chief Justice Cushing Highway to Cohasset Pizza Company, Inc., Ramin Doorandish, Manager.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AD#208112
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SEL/WATER SYSTEM BIDS
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT 11

Sealed bids for the **"WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, CONTRACT 11"** will be received at the Office of the Town Manager at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025, until 10:00 AM, prevailing time, on **Thursday, May 1, 2003.** The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the office of the Town Manager at 10:00 AM, prevailing time, on **Thursday, May 1, 2003.**

The work includes replacing the existing water main, including associated valves, hydrants, and service connections (to the property line), along South Main Street. All ductile iron pipe, valves (except tapping sleeves and valves) and hydrants shall be furnished by the Town. All tapping sleeves and valves, gate boxes, all ductile iron fittings, ductile iron bends, bypass piping, tapping saddles, corporations, curb stops and boxes, and copper tubing shall be furnished by the Contractor.

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2) Dodge Reports.

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A pre-bid conference will be held at **9:00 AM** on **Thursday, April 24, 2003,** at the Water Department, 339 King Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The successful BIDDER shall be required to comply with the applicable State and Federal prevailing wage laws.

Town of Cohasset
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Ron and Delores Gatnik point out the large scenic painting in their home which is one of several historic houses featured on the annual Hingham Historical Society House Tour.

A colonial with international flare

Featured on tour of historic homes

By Constance Gorfinkle
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

You're far from Hingham when you step into the living room of a grand Federal house on Main Street. Surrounded by frescoed walls of lavender pink, ornately-carved antique furniture, upholstered in vivid reds and golds and arranged on an intricately-designed oriental rug, one thinks of another place and time. That impression is underscored by a large scenic painting on one wall that looks as though it was rendered centuries ago.

"That's a Roman School painting," explains Ron Gatnik, who with his wife, Dolores, have been living in the 1786 Jonathan Cushing house eight years.

That historic dwelling, along with four other period homes, are included in the annual Hingham Historical Society House Tour, which takes place on May 18, from noon to 6 p.m.

Though one thinks of Federal architecture as distinctly American, this house has easily embraced the Italian, French and English furniture and artwork that the Gatniks have brought to it.

It is not surprising that the couple has chosen to give the house a European flavor. While both are of Italian descent, Ron actually is a native of Trieste, Italy, who emigrated to this country alone aboard the storied Andrea Doria when he was only 13.

Throughout, the house reflects their tastes in the many articles they have brought back from their frequent travels, among them a simple Chinese tea set and an exquisite Venetian chandelier that hangs over the dining-room table. Other European purchases include fine wines, which line the shelves of a room in the basement that one day, says Dolores, "will be an attractive wine cellar."

And while they have made many changes to the house, Jonathan Cushing — a member of one of Hingham's earliest families who made his living as a farmer and served as town selectman and representative to the General Court — probably wouldn't have difficulty recognizing it. That's because the main changes - a large addition at the back of the house that includes a family room and kitchen extension, built in the '70s by an earlier owner - don't in any way compromise the architectural integrity of the rest of the house.

In fact, they have enhanced it, by using painting techniques on the walls, upholstery fabrics and floor coverings true to the period of the house. In excellent condition when the Gatniks bought it in 1995, the 10-room house sitting on about three acres of land, primarily has undergone decorative changes, says Dolores. "We took off all the wallpaper, changed all the lighting in the kitchen and updated the bathrooms.

"There's not a surface we haven't done over," adds Ron.

Besides its traditional beauty being maintained over the centuries, the Cushing house today has all the amenities, including a lovely glassed-in garden room that maintains its warmth so well even during winter that the Gatniks can comfortably eat breakfast there.

The couple, who formerly lived on Crow Point, gave up their ocean views for the Cushing house, "because we were so taken with the charm of an old house," says Dolores.

Ron also was attracted to the house because its style resonated with him. "Did you know," he asks, "that Federal design was inspired by early Roman architecture?"

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Other houses on the Hingham Historical Society house tour include the 1846 Issacher Fuller cottage, an 1895 Shingle Style home with an impressive staircase and double parlor; a remodeled 1855 summer cottage with spectacular water views, and a 1922 Dutch Colonial. Also on the tour will be a house built in 1929 that served as the first Girl Scout House in New England, which is still used today for troop meetings and other activities.

Among the historic sites on the tour are the 1688 Old Ordinary, the 1818 Old Derby Academy (both of which are owned and maintained by the Society), the 1689 Old Ship Church and Hingham Cemetery, where many of the town's early settlers are buried.

Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 on tour day. They are available at Bowl and Board in Hingham Square, the Hingham Public Library at 66 Leavitt St. and Noble's Camera Shops in Hingham Square and Lincoln Plaza. Tickets on tour day will be sold only at the Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln St., after 9 a.m. At that time also tickets my be exchanged for tour books.

To order tickets by mail, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a check to the Hingham Historical society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham, MA 02043. Mark the envelope "house tour."

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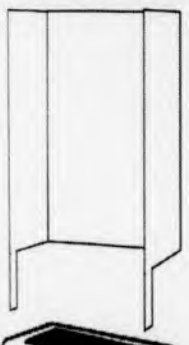

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Beechwood Congregational Church:

51 Church St.. 383-0808.Pastor: Dr. Branson Roberts; director of children's ministry, Linda Snowdale is director of children's ministry. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Youth Group meeting every other Sunday from 6:30-8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Parish:

The First Parish Church, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church is located at 16 Highland Ave. The phone number is 383-1083; clergy, the Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, rector; Mr. Andrew J. Stoessel, assistant for children, youth, and families. Sunday worship Holy Communion is at 8 and 10 a.m.

Church School from age three through sixth grade at 10 a.m. Nursery provided with adult supervision. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship with luncheon with the Bishop. Vespers are held at 5 p.m. Learning Group on "Letting Go and Trusting God" at 5:30 p.m. Midweek worship are Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study of the Epistle to the Hebrews at 10:30 a.m. Evening Prayer for Peace in the world is offered Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. The ALPHA Course examining life's tough questions from a spiritual point of view is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Visit us on the web for daily prayer and scripture verse at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service; Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

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Rabbi Kadar lived in Jerusalem for 10 years and was the first female to serve as a rabbi in Jerusalem. She is currently the director of the Great Lakes Region of American Hebrew Congregations, serving 62 congregations in five midwest states.

Among her topics of interest is Jewish spirituality. She is a contributor to "The Jewish Lights Spirituality Handbook" and "The Women's Torah Commentary." She is also the author of "Gifts from Our Grandmothers."

Please call the Abbey to reserve a place for this inspiring discussion at 781-749-2155. A free-will offering, the evening of the event is much appreciated.

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POLICE LOG

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

5:17 p.m. Beach St., vandalism.

7:45 p.m. Forest Ave,. general services.

8:19 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

MONDAY, APRIL 14

12:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

1:02 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

6:37 a.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious auto.

7:14 a.m. Ripley Road, fire, log entry.

8:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic safety inspection.

10:04 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:32 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

9:41 p.m. Jerusalem and Howe Roads, MV stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

7:28 a.m. Ripley Road, fire, log entry.

10:16 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, MV stop, traffic citation.

10:34 a.m. Sohier St., assist motorist.

10:37 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

11:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint.

1:08 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:37 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

1:42 p.m. Pond St., fire inspections.

1:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

2:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other agency.

2:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

2:32 p.m. Pond St., fire investigation.

2:44 p.m. Norman Todd Road, annoying phone calls.

2:51 p.m. Ripley Road, fire, log entry.

2:53 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:12 p.m. South Main and Beechwood sts., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

4:14 p.m. Pond St., fire investigation.

4:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

4:51 p.m. Norfolk Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., lost property.

5:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:09 p.m. Hull St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:24 p.m. Hull St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:34 p.m. Ripley Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:36 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:44 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:52 p.m. Hull St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:10 p.m. Beach St., animal control.

7:30 p.m. Jerusalem Road, family disturbance, peace restored.

8:58 p.m. Hull St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:22 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., verbal warning.

9:31 p.m. King St., MV stop.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

6:01 a.m. Nichols Road, well-being check.

8:04 a.m. Elm St., animal control.

8:30 a.m. Pond St., fire, log entry.

8:32 a.m. Lily Pond lane, traffic complaint.

8:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic safety inspection.

9:47 a.m. Beach St., fire investigation.

10:25 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:18 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:29 p.m. Short and Ash sts., traffic safety inspection.

2:33 p.m. Jerusalem Road, traffic complaint.

2:55 p.m. Ripley Road, fire, log entry.

4:30 p.m. Stop & Shop parking lot, animal control.

5:56 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

6:21 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:40 p.m. King St., medical aid.

6:47 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

7:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:50 p.m. Forest Ave. and Fox Run, MV stop, verbal warning.

7:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:48 p.m. Whitney Woods, general services.

9:33 p.m. Forest Ave. and Cedar Acres Lane, MV stop, arrest: Michael J. Malouf, 36, 45 Hull Shore Drive, #101, Hull. Chgs.: operating MV with suspended license, subsequent offense; speeding in violation special regulation.

10:30 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop.

10:38 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop.

11:48 p.m. Norman Todd Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

6:27 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:39 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:04 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:12 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:19 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

2:57 p.m. Ripley Road, fire, log entry.

3:30 p.m. Riverview Drive, house checks.

4 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violations.

5:10 p.m. South Main St. and West Gate Lane, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

5:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:04 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:30 p.m. Hull St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:44 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, arrest: Julia Rose Holly, 20, 34 Old Forge Road, Scituate. Chgs.: operating under influence liquor, marked lanes violation, drinking alcohol from open container in MV, person under 21 possession alcohol.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

1:27 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:01 a.m. Jerusalem Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

6:55 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:05 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:18 a.m. Summer St., MV crash.

8:23 a.m. Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

8:55 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV crash, removed to hospital.

10:39 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

2:20 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

3:28 p.m. Ripley Road, fire, log entry.

6:39 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

7:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., shoplifting.

9:46 a.m. Elm St., suspicious person.

11:02 a.m. South Main and Summer sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

11:09 a.m. South Main St. and Murray Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

11:17 a.m. South Main and Beechwood sts., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

11:26 a.m. South Main and Beechwood sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

12:25 p.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:52 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:23 p.m. Linden Drive, vandalism.

3:24 p.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

4:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.

6:14 p.m. Bancroft Road, general services.

10:14 p.m. South Main and Beechwood sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:55 p.m. Woodland Drive, officer wanted.

10:56 p.m. Pond St., MV stop.

11:15 p.m. Lothrop Lane, animal control.

11:22 p.m. Pond St., MV stop.

11:27 p.m. South Main St., investigation.

11:43 p.m. Woodland Drive, officer wanted.

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1:13 a.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

3:48 a.m. King St., fire.

5:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.

11:25 a.m. Smith Place, medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:21 p.m. Jerusalem Lane, structure fire, extinguished.

1:59 p.m. Border St., assist citizen.

4:44 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:23 p.m. Jerusalem and Nichols roads, MV stop, verbal warning.

5:49 p.m. Elm St., fight, arrest: Christopher W. Flynn, 17, 41 Atlantic Ave. Chgs.: possession Class D drug. Also juvenile arrest for disorderly conduct and assault and battery.

6:40 p.m. Stevens Lane, vandalism.

7:44 p.m. Beechwood St., abandoned 911 call, arrest: William Soto, 36, 561 Sea St., #2, Quincy. Chgs.: assault and battery, threat to commit crime, warrant.

8:33 p.m. Nichols Road, MV crash, removed to hospital.

10:10 p.m. Jerusalem Road Drive, medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:30 p.m. Elm St., serve restraining order.

11:59 p.m. Whitney Woods Lane, suspicious auto.

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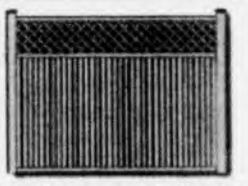

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Afternoon of poetry and music pulls on the heartstrings

By Carol Britton Meyer
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There's no better time than National Poetry month for local poets to share their work with the community.

To celebrate the occasion, published poet Elizabeth Carter Torrey and Celtic Harpist Joanne Cavatorta combined their talents to present an afternoon of poetry and music at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset, joined by local poets with stories of their own to share. Last week, the duo hailed the arrival of Spring on a sunny day at Buttonwood.

"Welcome to the Northeast branch of the Poetry Renaissance in North America," Torrey quipped to the audience. "We thought everyone could use an infusion of spring poems of hope and promise."

Torrey shared a wide variety, ranging from those of Persian Sufi mystic Rumi, who advises the world to "let the beauty we love be what we do," to one written by a Yugoslav poet.

"As we work through our days with our lives on fast-forward and our exhaustive 'to do' lists, we need time out for contemplative moments," Torrey said. "Poetry is a steady witness to what feels real to our hearts."

Torrey started by reading several works of others, including a poem by David Whyte of Wales, who teaches poetry courses to CEO's to help them to speak about matters of the heart; the moving "Nothing Gold Can Stay" by Robert Frost, who Torrey said "speaks of things sadly beautiful"; and Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver's poem about Spring trilliums. The last, representing the "patient parable of the Springtime, year after difficult year," was also an audience pleaser.

Then came what everyone had been waiting for – one of Torrey's own poems, "Saying Yes to the Muse of Winter," written during the Feb. 17 blizzard. The poem, about the Carolina wren, so captivated the audience that they asked her to repeat it. The poem reads in part, "You sing what is true, You sing what I cannot, What hunger lies at the heart of your searching and of mine?"

Torrey started doing poetry readings in 1980. Nearly 20 years later, she and longtime friend Cavatorta, a certified music practitioner who took up the harp on her 50th birthday, decided to collaborate professionally. They offer "Touchstones and Turning Seasons" events, which combine poetry reading and harp music. At first Cavatorta played tunes that matched the mood of the poetry, whether sad or playful, but only between the poems. Later the two decided to blend their talents, with Cavatorta playing while Torrey reads. They've been captivating audiences with their resulting moving presentation of poetry and lyrical music ever since.

"There's a dual impact," Torrey said. "More than one sense is being touched." Cavatorta summed up the experience perfectly: "Harp music and poetry are both the language of the soul."

The performances are tailored to suit the audience, setting, and season. Torrey reads familiar classical and contemporary poems, mixing in some of her own full-bodied, mellow verses and weaving in interesting details about the poets and their times.

Other local poets followed during an open microphone segment.

Carole Borges of Hull shared a poem she wrote for her granddaughter about swans who return year after year to Broad Cove near the Hingham Lobster Pound.

PHOTO/MARIEL REED

Elizabeth Torrey reads poetry while Joanne Cavatorta plays the harp at Buttonwood Books.

Pearls

I never liked pearls.
Their refusal to sparkle, their
maddening uniformity, their
mute march up up and around
the slender neck of
somebody's remembered
mother.

All harmony, no melody, like
a bell choir pealed in perfect
accord by
immaculate gloved hands.
Reaching for nothing.
Transcending nothing.

Bastards, they traded us resolute dullness for fire,
murmured pleasantries for the
aria
penned alone one night in a
cold, damp room

Do you suppose they plotted it,
whispering from one chill
briny womb to another?
Hush, hush, they said at the
diver's approach.
Hush.

Judy Dickstein of Cohasset writes both fiction and poetry. "I have a nursing background and feel that the profession is as much an art as a science," she said. "I have been writing for just a few years, mostly prose, but the occasional poem seems to take hold of my mind and demand to be shaken loose."

Dickstein also co-facilitates a writer's group at Buttonwood Books on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from September to May. "The group acts as a catalyst to keep me writing," she said. "The more I practice, the better my mind functions."

That's evidenced by the poem she shared.

The Hingham Swans

for Melissa Peralta

Every spring the Hingham
swans
build their nest
on the same mud pedestal,
smack in the center of the
Hingham pond.

A public boudoir, splendiferous with bent necks
and open-beaked kisses.

Every time we drive by,
my granddaughter Melissa's
melodious voice sings the
same song:

They come here every year.
The babies fly away.
They're brown until they're grown.

I tell her swans mate for life.
If one bird dies, the other
grieves forever.

All summer, we watch and
count . . .
one swan . . . two swans . . .

If we can't find them both,
we stop the car and hold our
breath
and search the reedy shore

because we know
if one should die, the other's
grief would be our own.

"My granddaughter was enthralled each time as if it were the first. It's such an important ritual," said Borges, who says she's revised the poem "thousands of times."

Hingham resident and freelance writer Jane Ward Curtin, who studied literature in Ireland, writes short stories and poetry.

"Since I've had kids, I write poems in my free time," she said. "They inspired me." Many of her poems center around motherhood.

Playgroup

My friends and I
inspect each other's hands,
each
more cracked and dry than the
last.

We've been washing bottles
and
small, slippery bodies.
Scrubbing ourselves like
pre-op doctors on TV.

"Bag Balm," says a friend.
"They use it on cow udders."
"Poor cows," says another.
My friends and I nod silently
in sympathy

On another note, Curtin also shared her poem about pearls.

Fading

I sit by the window
The back yard's aglow
There's a rosy sunset
And the water below

This is a good day
I know what I see
Some days I'm not
Even sure that I'm me.

Some days I lose me
I just go away.
And then I can't find me
At the end of the day.

Life ebbs and flows
Like the tides in the bay
I ride those tides out
Ever longer each day.

One day I'll keep going
On my own special sea
And my mind will forever
Leave the body called me.

Joyce Wilson of Scituate hosts poetry readings at local libraries, including Hingham Public Library. The next one, centering around the arrival of Spring, will held at Scituate Public Library on Wednesday, May 7, from 7 to 8:45 p.m.

One of her poems, "Crows," has been accepted by "Salamander," a journal published in Brookline, Mass., by poet Jennifer Barber.

"Crows interested me because I always saw three at a time in my garden and other places," Wilson said.

Crows

1.
The first one looks awry
with a single, crooked eye.

The next prefers to stand apart
preoccupied with self and art.

The third is just a slender form,
a fear within

that grows and gnaws and caws,
a withering.

2.
When I sat down to write,
I was free like a child,

but in truth I had a daughter who
talked back and cried.

The local grocery housed our meals
and memories

of the hurried step of my mother,
her worrying.

3.
I am beset by visitations:
three crows arrive at dawn,

alight on leafless boughs,
and guard their young.

They cannot sing but voice
a clamoring,

an unmelodious length of song
for daily bread.

Torrey left the enthusiastic audience with words of encouragement: "It's my hope that the beauty and honesty of today's poems will strengthen and expand the green (living) places in your heart."

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Captured on canvas

Audubon show highlights scenic landscapes

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Staff members at the Massachusetts Audubon Society's South Shore Regional Office, on Route 3A in Marshfield, they're hoping that one annual calendar event might help to generate another.

In October, the local Audubon Society office sponsors its yearly Daniel Webster Farm Day, a day-long fundraiser festival of arts and crafts, hayrides, games, food and other nature-related activities open to the public and held in Marshfield's Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary. In more recent years, the Society has extended the event's festivities to include invitations to artists from Marshfield's North River Arts Society paint or offer painting demonstrations at various points on the Sanctuary's woodlands trail.

As a compliment to the NRAS artists who have participated in Farm Day fests, the Audubon Society and North River Arts has introduced its possibly annual spring exhibition in its Marshfield office. The inaugural exhibit, with the appropriately nature-based theme and title of "The Painted Landscape," opened last weekend (April 12) at the Audubon's facility in Marshfield and will run there through April 30.

"Like the Farm Day events in the fall, we're hoping that this new event in the spring will be a way to encourage people to get out on our sanctuaries, and to further promote environmental issues," said the Audubon's South Shore director Ellen Einhorn. "The show is also here to thank the North River Society artists who helped us out in the Farm Day festivals, who in keeping with our focus on nature and the environment, are artists who like to paint en plein air (in the open air)."

In addition to the Audubon's sanctuary lands in Marshfield, at the local regional office on 3A and the Daniel Webster and North River Wildlife Sanctuaries, the non-profit organization oversees the North Hill Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary in Duxbury.

Farm Day II by Don Dacier

The annual Farm Day and its site at the Webster Wildlife Sanctuary are in fact the subjects of several paintings included in "The Painted Landscape," which showcases works by eight NRAS artists from the South Shore area focused on oil landscapes. Two views of Farm Day, fittingly titled "Farm Day I" and "II," are by Don Dacier, and depict sunny-day scenes amidst the Sanctuary grounds peopled by attendee figures of family groups and others strolling among American

Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary by Susan B. Charles

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The cast of "The Music Man" is set to bring the production to Boston April 30 to May 11 and includes former Weymouth resident Jean Liuzzi.

The Music Woman

Weymouth's Jean Liuzzi in national tour of Tony award-winning musical

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

One of the best-known songs in Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" tells of trouble in River City. The legendary musical has meant nothing but happiness, however, for Jean Liuzzi — a former Weymouth resident who is in the cast of the show's current touring company which opens at Boston's Colonial Theatre next week.

"I have very fond memories of this show, because it was the first really big musical I ever did," explained Liuzzi during a telephone interview from New Mexico. "I was in chorus during my sophomore year at Weymouth North in the 1970s, when I was cast in my high school production of 'The Music Man.' Four years ago, I got to do the show again with the New Bedford Festival Theatre."

In addition to her role in the chorus as Mrs. Paine, one of the gossipy Iowa townsfolk, Liuzzi is also understudy for the role of Mrs. Paroo, mother to the female lead, Marian the Librarian. With three different stints in the show, in three different roles and in three different decades, Liuzzi knows a thing or two about what has made "The Music Man" such a lasting success.

"This show works so well, especially now, because it emphasizes family connections and small-town American values," said Liuzzi. "In the story, everybody finds something that makes their life better. Also, as a performer, this tour is just an incredibly joyous experience for me."

Jean Liuzzi recalls being in the chorus her sophomore year at Weymouth High School which sparked her interest in acting and singing.

If sometimes a daunting one. "With just two weeks of rehearsals, I had to learn to play 'Seventy-Six Trombones' on the trombone while marching at the same time for the big finale. That was definitely the most challenging part of preparing for this production. It was lots of fun though, too, and the audiences really love that number which makes it all worthwhile."

Audiences have long enjoyed following the antics of con-artist turned conductor, Harold Hill, as he convinces the citizens of River City, Iowa, that he can teach their children to play in a marching band. Only after Marian, the town librarian, discovers his secret does the plot thicken. Featuring memorable songs such as "Till There Was You," and "Gary, Indiana," Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" has been a staple on the professional and community theater circuits for decades.

The current national tour features choreography by five-time Tony Award winner Susan Stroman and direction by Ray Roderick, who is adapting Stroman's direction of the 2000 Broadway revival for this production. Meredith Willson's production first opened in New York on Dec. 19, 1957 and starred Robert Preston and Barbara Cook. With book, music and lyrics by Meredith Willson and story by Meredith Willson and Franklin Lacey, it won eight Tony Awards, even beating "West Side Story" for the Best Musical Award.

For Liuzzi, 46, her current assignment affirms her decision to return full-time to performing after a period away from show business.

"I taught drama and music at a private high school in Michigan for several years, before returning to the Boston area several years ago. Once I came back to Massachusetts, I resumed my acting career," she explains. "I've never been an ingenue. So when I reached a certain age, I knew it was time to start playing mothers — especially since I looked like one when I was in high school and college. I was playing character roles. In my 20s, however, I couldn't get much character work. In

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1975 Series knocked his Sox off

New book details the greatest World Series ever played

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

As a California kid, Tom Adelman was one lousy baseball player. He remembers one time, during a brief stint as a pitcher, that the bases were loaded and he kept walking in one man after another. The umpire finally came out and gave him a pep talk, promising that if he got anything anywhere *near* the strike zone, he would call it a strike.

Moving to Quincy as an adult, he's no fan of Fenway Park, grousing that he's paid an awful lot of money for obstructed views of the field and uncomfortable seats.

Although he's a longtime Dodgers fan, he also cheers for the Red Sox. And he celebrates his love of the game by deconstructing the tense, surprise-filled 1975 World Series showdown between the Red Sox and the Cincinnati Reds in his new book "The Long Ball: The Summer of '75 — Spaceman, Catfish, Charlie Hustle, and the Greatest World Series Ever Played" (Little, Brown).

In the book, he argues that 1975 was a landmark year for baseball — from the introduction of the designated hitter to the growing popularity of Astroturf to the impending rise of free agency. The book captures a colorful collection of veterans and rookies during a dynamic time in baseball history. And finally, it focuses on the excruciating seven-game series that gave us baseball's most indelible image: Sox catcher Carlton Fisk dancing down the first-base line, trying to wave and will his home run ball into fair territory.

"I was 11 when the series happened," recalls Adelman. "But I didn't see the Fisk home run because it was a school night and it happened really late."

But he's seen it many times since. And he's heard it on radio broadcast recordings. And he's read about it in book after book. He got to work on his own book around the time of the "subway series" between the Yankees and the Mets in 2000. Research and writing was completed about a year and a half later.

Adelman says he wanted his book to focus more on the stories than the statistics. "I wanted to have as few numbers as possible," he say. "I wanted to create the characters more as flesh-and-blood mortals rather than personifications of various digits and numerals."

But before doing any writing, Adelman had to plan his method of research.

"First, you write letters to everyone on the rosters of the Reds and the Red Sox, and everyone of interest in the game at that point," he says. "And then you sit back and wait while none of them respond."

He exaggerates. Some people got back to him. Adelman ended up having a long visit with Red Sox outfielder Fred Lynn, and lengthy talks with Sox pitcher Bill Lee and Reds pitcher Rawlie Eastwick.

"After I spoke with them, I drove over to Cooperstown," says Adelman, referring to the home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame. "I spent about a month going through the archives in their library. I did nothing but read books, newspapers, magazines and whatnot for about a year."

And through this research, through his discovery of contemporaneous press accounts of what the players were thinking

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Food & dining

Quesadillas

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

A quesadilla is really nothing more than a grilled cheese sandwich – just substitute tortillas for white sandwich bread. Something this simple might appear, on the surface, to require no testing but I quickly discovered that the tortillas can be soggy or odd-flavored, the cheese can be oily or just plain bizarre-tasting, and the whole thing can end up being more like nursery food than an appetizer or lunch offering for folks who are old enough to vote.

For starters, I just focused on the tortillas, the cheese, and the basic cooking method leaving aside the notion of other fillings. The authentic Mexican version is actually made using an uncooked corn tortilla that is filled, folded over and cooked on a comal (a round, flat griddle placed over a fire for cooking tortillas). I tried using a store-bought corn tortilla that was folded over, filled and cooked in a skillet and the results were disappointing. The corn tortilla tasted very dry and the texture was soft and wobbly. Also its cardboard flavor completely overpowered the mild cheese typically used in a quesadilla. I then, against my better judgment, tried to make my own fresh corn tortillas but the dough was very difficult to work (and I think of myself as a fairly experienced dough-worker) and the masa I was able to purchase in the grocery store was lackluster in taste, therefore rendering my attempt at authenticity unsuccessful. So it was back to store-bought tortillas, this time the flour, rather than the corn, varieties.

Flour tortillas come in a few sizes and flavors. I was sure I wanted to use plain tortillas — sun-dried tomato and spinach varieties are best left for the gourmet crowd. As for the sizes, I thought the eight-inch worked best — the six-inch tortillas are small and the 12-inch ones don't sit flat in anything but a huge pan. The freshest-tasting tortillas are sold in the refrigerator case. Try to find those that feel the softest and are lightest in color. Avoid brands that appear dark and wet.

As for the cheese, I tried using Jack, cheddar, mozzarella, American, fontina, Swiss and Gruyere. The Jack was the favorite for a couple of reasons. It is smooth when melted and has the most authentic flavor. It is mild but not bland and is easy to pair with other fillings or toppings. The cheddar was oily and uneven when melted. The American tasted too much like a kids' cheese sandwich and was not nearly as good with any of the fillings or toppings. The fontina was my second favorite, but it is a bit sharper and didn't taste quite right in this dish. The Swiss and Gruyere were rubbery, especially when the tortillas had cooled a bit. Rick Bayless, as well-known authority on Mexican cooking, calls for Chihuahua, quesillo or asadero, but I didn't find any of those at my local market. For 8 tortillas I used 10 ounces of cheese. I found the easiest way to evenly distribute the cheese was to grate it using the large holes of a box grater. You end up with about 2 1/2cups of grated cheese, which is roughly1/3 cup of cheese per tortilla.

The easiest way to cook tortillas is in a heavy-duty non-stick or cast iron skillet. A 12-inch skillet is the best size. The skillet should be placed over medium heat. Once a tortilla is lightly brushed with vegetable oil it goes in the skillet oil-side down. Then the cheese is sprinkled over the surface, being careful not to go over the edge of the tortilla and onto the pan. If you're using one of the additional fillings (see below) 1/4 cup should be evenly distributed to one half of the tortilla. When the cheese starts to melt the tortilla is folded in half. Flip the tortilla a couple of times to allow the cheese to melt and the tortilla to become spotted golden brown and slightly crisp on both sides, about two to three minutes. By heating a baking sheet in a low-heat oven you can keep the finished tortillas warm.

SIMPLE AMERICAN QUESADILLAS

Monterey Jack is my favorite cheese for this recipe but fontina was also quite good.

8 flour tortillas about 8 inches in diameter

10 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, coarsely grated, about

2 1/2 cups vegetable oil for brushing

Place a baking sheet in the oven and heat to 200 degrees. Heat a 10- or 12-inch non-stick or cast iron skillet over medium heat. Brush one tortilla lightly with the vegetable oil. Place the tortilla in the skillet, oiled-side down. Top with 1/3-cup cheese being careful not to go over the edge of the tortilla and onto the pan. If using an additional filling (see below) it should be added now. Once the cheese has started to melt fold the tortilla in half using a large spatula. Flip the tortilla every minute or so until the cheese is well melted and the tortilla is spotted golden brown and slightly crispy, about 2-3 minutes. Transfer to warm baking sheet and repeat with remaining tortillas and cheese. Cut each tortilla into 4 wedges and serve immediately with fresh salsa and guacamole.

Serves 6 to 8

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

The warm tortillas are great appetizers, snacks or a light lunch or supper when served with a salad. They are delicious with additional fillings such as but not limited to: sautéed onion, pepper, mushrooms, potatoes or cooked chicken or pork (a great use for leftovers). The fillings must be seasoned well with salt and pepper or else the tortillas will taste bland. You should count on 1/4-cup filling for each tortilla. Once the cheese is applied the additional filling should be evenly distributed on half of the tortilla before it is folded.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook◊s Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/>. For recipes from Mr. Kimball◊s public television cooking show, go to http://www.americastestkitchen.com/.

The glorious blooms of April

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the colorful chalices of early crocuses begin to wane and the fringed yellow blossoms of the witch hazel fade after more than a month-long display, a parade of fresh springtime blossoms prepares to march across our slowly emerging landscapes.

For several weeks, many of these springtime treasures have appeared on the verge of bursting forth but gray skies and chilly temperatures have hampered their arrival in all but the most protected locations. A pleasant, sunny Easter weekend seemed the perfect time for the procession to get underway.

During these early weeks of spring, gardeners seem to welcome every color in the landscape, regardless of their usual color preferences. Having endured nearly six months of stark silhouettes, prolonged snowcover and the drab tints of winter, even the most outrageous color combinations seem acceptable. These vibrant hues are particularly noticeable due to the minimal quantity of foliage present. In the weeks to come, green leaves will dominate our landscapes, helping to blend and neutralize intensely colored blooms as the growing season progresses. For the present, we yearn for color and gardeners will be rewarded with each passing day as flowering trees, shrubs, bulbs and perennials paint the landscape with cheerful abandon.

Drifts of deep blue Siberian squill (Scilla) and lavender-blue Chionodoxa create a magnificent backdrop for stunning clumps of early daffodils that raise their trumpets to the warm morning sunshine heralding the arrival of springtime. A few dozen tiny Scilla bulbs were planted many years ago and have naturalized beneath a Heritage birch to produce a stunning carpet reminiscent of a deep blue sea. Throughout my shady borders, Chionodoxa have magically appeared over the years as perennials were moved about transporting the dormant little bulbs along with them. Small star-shaped light blue blossoms are highlighted by white centers. As the foliage of these lovely little bulbs declines, the broad leaves of hosta help to conceal their yellowing leaves.

The handsome hellebores are spectacular this season, most likely appreciative of the prolonged snow cover. The elegant white blossoms of the Christmas rose (H. niger) are beginning to unfold atop rigid, fleshy stems. As their silky, white petals age, they gradually acquire tints of dusty rose. Nearby, several clumps of its cousin, the Lenten rose (H. orientalis) are covered with dozens of saucer-shaped blooms that will persist for weeks. This winter's weather seems to have taken its toll on their glossy semi-evergreen foliage, but new leaves will soon emerge. I have acquired several new L. Helleborus 'Heritage' hybrids in recent years. In addition to the traditional mauve-colored blossoms, these updated cultivars may produce clusters of two- to three-inch blossoms in shades of pink, purple, yellow, green, or white. A stunning new clump featuring dusty, deep purple blooms with pale lemon yellow stamens is particularly appealing.

Perhaps my favorite new addition boasts creamy white flowers generously spotted with rose pink freckles. These unique early bloomers prefer moisture-retentive, organic soils in dappled shade and offer multi-season interest with their long-lasting blooms and leathery, evergreen foliage.

Lemon chiffon clouds of sunny yellow forsythia bushes sparkle in the afternoon sunlight. Effective as a hedge or a specimen plant, flower color ranges from icy lemon to electrifying golden yellow. These rapidly growing shrubs are extremely adaptable to a wide variety of conditions but thrive in moisture-retentive soils in full sun, sending up suckering shoots to quickly produce multi-stemmed bushes up to 10 feet high and wide. Forsythia can be moved while flowering, but is best relocated before leaves appear. As flowers fade, a severe pruning of this vigorous shrub will promote compact growth. Old, thick, woody canes should be cut to the ground and removed entirely. Buds will be formed later in the season and an early pruning will maximize flower production on new growth.

The delicate, rosy-purple flowers of the Korean Rhododendron (R. mucronulatum) and the soft pink blossoms of a selected variety of this deciduous rhododendron, 'Cornell Pink', though fleeting and susceptible to frosty evenings, are a welcome sign of spring. Fuzzy, gray buds on the tips of star magnolias (Magnolia stellata) have swelled and split open to reveal glistening, snow-white blossoms. The Cornelian cherry (Cornus mas) has started to bloom with sunny yellow puffs of tiny flowers against a backdrop of handsome, cinnamon-colored, exfoliating bark.

As I stroll through the landscape, the sweet scents of springtime permeate the fresh spring air. The heavenly perfume of hyacinths drifts across the garden carried by a warm gentle breeze; dense clusters of satiny, tubular bells on stocky, fleshy stems brighten the landscape in shades of royal purple, glistening white, and luscious shades of pink. Andromedas (Pieris japonica) provide the shrub border with a unique combination of sweetly scented, dense clusters of milky-white cascading bells in early spring and attractive whorls of dark green leaves year-round. The distinctive scents of bronze fennel, lavender and catnip joined these aromatic delights as the herb garden had been clipped and raked earlier in the day.

As evening approached, the slanted rays of the setting sun electrified the fluffy rusty-red and yellow blooms of our native swamp maples. Nearby, the silvery silken catkins of pussy willows have erupted to become fluffy, pale yellow flowers that sparkled in the sunlight. A perfect spring day came to a close as the resonating tones of spring peepers drifted through the meadow from the nearby wetlands while robins serenaded the glory of spring.

The Music Woman

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the professional theater, age appropriateness is always a casting consideration. When I was a bit older, I got back into acting because I thought it would be my time to finally go after the full range of character parts."

After finding steady work with companies like Fiddlehead Players, Turtle Lane and Boston Theaterworks, the Temple University theater arts graduate decided it was time to stretch even a bit more.

"I was doing 'Nunsense' at Fiddlehead just about two years ago when a friend gave me a copy of the audition notice for this show. I'd been doing well with my acting career again, and also singing with the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, but I'd never done a tour so I thought I would audition and see what developed. It was thrilling to actually be cast."

Out with the show since last October, Liuzzi has no problem with a steady diet of different cities and new hotel rooms almost every week.

"I've always loved to travel, and I love the theater so I'm loving being on the road."

(Jean Liuzzi will appear in Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston, from April 30-May 11. For tickets and information visit the box office or call 617-931-2787. Tickets are also available at The Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont St., Boston. Student and Senior 65+ Rush tickets for $25 will be sold the day of performance, one hour prior to curtain at The Colonial Theatre only - one ticket per valid ID; not offered Saturday evenings; subject to availability.)

Captured on canvas

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flags, vendor carts and other festival decor items. The Wildlife Sanctuary in its natural state - the green-covered, unaltered surroundings without the crowds drawn to Farm Day - is captured in Susan B. Charles's representational piece "Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary."

Interestingly, both Dacier and Charles offer distinct perspectives of Marshfield's scenic Damon's Point, one an aerial view of the densely tree-lined riverbank, the other a detailed zoom-in on one of the area's many marsh-filled coves. Most of the show's total works feature landscapes from in and around the South Shore, while some head north to Maine and New Hampshire, all painted in the full varieties of weather to notably contrasting effects of light and shade.

Among the other show members, Jeanne McFarland's "Back to Egypt" is perhaps misleadingly titled except for Scituate residents, offering a quaint view of the cottages overlooking the artist's former dwellings on Egypt Beach. Jody Regan's "Harvest Waltz" presents elegant, dusky shades of color and light in its portrait of two figures screening for shellfish by the riverbank against a towering evergreens backdrop. Ellen Whelan's "Nemasket Reflections" spotlights a somber, evocative coastal scene.

Other participants in the exhibit include Corinne Campobasso, Susan Davis and Susan Lynch Raffa. Collectively, the artists show a deep appreciation for the natural beauty of classic New England landscapes as well as a strong eye for capturing them on canvas.

1975 Series knocked his Sox off

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at any given at-bat, he developed a refreshing writing style that separates this from other baseball books.

"Invariably, after every important game, the players were asked by reporters what they were looking at and thinking about at that time," he says. "Most sports books do this by recounting it in a past tense, a sort of retrospective manner. I just wanted to capture something of the spontaneity and immediacy of the game, so I put it all in the present tense."

The book is easy reading for anyone from a hardcore fan to a non-fan.

"I don't think I was consciously trying to do that," says Adelman. "The simple fact is that I'm married to a woman that could care less about baseball, and I don't really have any friends that care about baseball. But at the end of the day, I had to tell these people what I had been doing, and from explaining it to them it sort of crossed over, and I started putting those things into the work."

While Adelman, 39, remains a fan of the sport, he also misses something from the days of his youth.

"I grew up listening to Vin Scully announce the Dodgers games," he says. "He was really into building each player into a character in a drama that you were listening to. But I don't get that listening to a game anymore. You watch or listen to a game now, and it's a very loud thing. Even in the park there has to be music pounding between plays. I miss the moments of reverie that baseball can provide."

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THE THIRD ANNUAL EVAN'S RUN road races and walk will be held Sunday morning, May 4, at the Norwell High School. This community event includes 10k and 5k certified road races on the back streets of Norwell as well as the popular 5 kilometer (3.1 mile) walk and children's races. Complete information at www.evanhenry.org

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS AT EDAVILLE USA June 20-22, June 27-29 and July 3-6 - Day Out With Thomas offers fans of all ages the opportunity to take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine. There is a variety of Thomas & Friends entertainment for the whole family. Interactive children's activities include storytelling; live music; indoor and outdoor play areas; toy train sets; temporary tattoos of Island of Sodor friends and face painting; an Imagination Station; live music and more. Other event highlights are Thomas & Friends video viewing and an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Thomas the Tank Engine's firm, but kindly boss, Sir Topham Hatt. 35 minute train rides depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission $14 for ages one and up and may be purchased by calling 1-866-468-7630 and at the Edaville box office. for more information visit www.thomasthetankengine.com Edaville USA is located off of Route 58 in Carver.

tick, tick...BOOM! a musical by Jonathan Larson, comes to the Wilbur Theatre May 27 to June 8, starring Boston's own Joey McIntyre. Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster or directly at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston St. Boston.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Thurs. 24

Annual Convention of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann April 24-27, Irish musicians and dancers from throughout North America and other parts of the world are coming to Boston this month to attend the annual convention of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, an association dedicated to Irish culture with chapters in over 20 countries and dozens of American cities. The convention is being held at the Hilton Boston Hotel at Logan Airport in East Boston, beginning Thursday, April 24 through Sunday, April 27. For more details visit http://www.comhaltasboston.org/CCE2003.html. For information on year round Irish activities, visit www.IrishMassachusetts.com.

BEST BET

Paul Orsola portrays Neil Diamond and Russ Peterson plays Buddy Holly in the upcoming "Bandstand Revisited" at the Quincy Dinner Theatre. Enjoy hits by Holly, Diamond and Connie Francis and Twist and Holly Gully with he Bandstand Dancers April 26, May 3, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 23, and 24. Tickets for dinner and the show are $35 -$37.50, $17.50-$20 for the show only. Friday and Saturday the dinner 7 p.m. the show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. The Quincy Dinner Theatre is located at 1170 Hancock Street. For reservations and information call (781) 843-5862.

Walk 'n Mass: Walk Quincy - "The City of Presidents." Walk Quincy, and explore the "City of Presidents" The 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) walk route passes historic landmarks including the Adams National Historical Park and the Dorothy Quincy home. Walkers will also be able to view Quincy's coastline and natural beauty. The walk is seasonal and runs April 19 to Nov. 10. The start point the Visitor Center (Galleria at Presidents Place) 1250 Hancock St, Quincy. Start times are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The walk is easy suitable for strollers but not for wheel chairs. Quincy may be reached by public transportation (MBTA) and parking is available at the Presidents Place parking Garage. For more information, call 781-834-8952.

April is **"Buy a Brick"** Month for Gaffield Park The Friends of Gaffield Park, a non-profit group raising funds to renovate Norwell's Gaffield Park, will launch its "Buy a Brick" campaign the month of April. The organization is offering the bricks as a way for individuals to donate funds to the future playground renovations while personalizing a gift for a friend or loved one. Each brick will be added to the pathway into the park with its message permanently embedded. For more information or to order a brick, contact Stefania Healy at 781-659-6567 or visit our website at www.gaffieldpark.com.

The Friends of the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association (NVNA) are sponsoring an ongoing Bereavement Support Group, at no charge, for individuals experiencing the loss of a loved one. The eight-week series continues on Thursday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held in the second-floor conference room of the NVNA office, located at 320 Washington St. in Norwell. Weekly sessions take place every Thursday at the same time and in the same location. Subsequent meetings will take place on the following dates: May 1, 8, 15 and 22. Open to everyone throughout the South Shore. Participants can attend as many sessions as they choose or need. For more information about the Bereavement Support Program or the NVNA, please visit the web site at www.nvna.org or call 781-659-2342, ext. 550 to register.

The North River Arts Society presents **"Home and Away"** - an exhibit of original watercolor paintings by **Mary Callahan** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the **Hingham Public Library**, Route 228, Hingham. This show runs through April 25. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

Plaster Play, Norwell, will host a **Handprint Playshop** for ages 4 and over. Call 781-659-0011 to register.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents Streamline 8 to 11 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Fri. 25

The Company Theatre's Teen Conservatory Program is proud to present its production of "**Rebel Without A Cause**" featuring South Shore youths ages 13-18. Performances are April 25 and 26, both at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12, and available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. or visit www.companytheatre.com

Plaster Play, Norwell, will hold Storyhour "The Rainbow Fish" for ages 4 and over. Call 781-659-0011 to register.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Bancroft Gallery: **TechArt: Juried Exhibition of Computer Art.** A national exhibition of artwork utilizing digital technology juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. The exhibition is being held in conjunction with the Boston Cyberarts Festival.

Big Apple Circus' Dreams of a City will be held April 5 to May 11, in Boston at 623 Summer St., (corner of Fargo Street, across from Marine Industrial Park). Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or ticketmaster.com and at all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information call 800-922-3772.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144

The James Library and Center for the Arts will host a show of recent oil paintings by **Judith St. Peter** during the month of April. For more information, call 781-659-7100.

Bridgewater State College Theatre Arts presents **Educated Women!**, an adaptation of Moliere's **The Learned Ladies** and **The Doctor in Spite of Himself** on April 25, 26, and May 1, 2, 3, at 8 p.m. and April 27, at 2 p.m. **Educated Women!** will be performed at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium, 19 Park Ave., on B.S.C. campus in Bridgewater. Ticket prices are $12 general public and $10 for students and senior citizens. For more information or reservations, call 508-531-1321.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Friday, April 25, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info: 781-331-0021Web site: http://www.southshoresingles.org

Single Executives Club Social & Singles Dance Friday, April 25, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35-55 years old. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business dress is required, ties & jackets suggested. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and www.se-4you.com http://www.se-4you.com

Snug Harbor Community Chorus will perform "Sidewalks of New York" for two nights April 25 and 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. Refreshments including wine, reflecting the theme "**East Side, West Side, All Around the Town**," will be available during both shows. Tickets are $13 and $11 for children and seniors. For information call 781-834-7041 or visit www.snugharborcc.org

John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, presents King Arthur's Feast A lavish medieval feast with jesters, wandering minstrels and **Merlin the Magician.** Dinner and show $39 per person plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call 508-746-7100.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night." Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Sean O'Tooles Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth - **Lonesome Jukebox** (rockabilly) 9 p.m. start, wheelchair access.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents the Good Friends - Pop starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Young Neal & The Vipers.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-925-4300 or 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Abington United Church of Christ. Women's Fellowship

BEST BET

Children's performer Sarah Pirtle will provide the musical entertainment at the South Shore Natural Science Center's Earth Day Festival set for Saturday, April 26 from noon to 4 p.m. The days events will feature displays on recycling and composting and environmental groups will be on hand to make presentations including representatives from the Hull Wind Project to educate the public about renewable energy. The event is rain or shine. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for children. For information call the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559.

Rummage Sale on April 25, from 4 to 8 p.m. and April 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday is Bag Day. Buy one bag - get one free. The church is located on Bedford Street.

Sat. 26

The Imperial Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 26, (rain date April 27) starting at 8 a.m. The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore, is holding a yard sale to raise money for their musical instrument fund. The yard sale will be held all day, at Eddie Bailey's Garage, Rt. 123, in Abington Center.. Bring the whole family. Refreshments served.

Bandstand Revisited at Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center. Relive the glory days of American Bandstand. Guest stars "Buddy Holly", "Neil Diamond" and "Connie Francis" sing their greatest hits. Enjoy a four-course dinner, listen to the legends. April 26, May 3, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 23, 24. Tickets are $35 to $37.50 for dinner and show; $17.50 to $20 show only. Friday and Saturday dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. For reservations and information call 781-843-5862.

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The Bridgwaye Inn, Ferry St., Marshfield, will be the site of a murder on April 26. "Murder on the South River" is an original interactive comedy murder mystery presented by the Hat Trick Mystery Theatre. The play is written by Sally Wright of Hanover. The evening begins at 7 p.m. when guests and cast interact over a cash bar and complimentary cheese tray. Dinner and show begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost for both show and dinner is $35. Reservations may be made by calling 781-834-6505.

Hingham Public Library presents a photography exhibit of Hingham resident **Jack Shea** in the library's Dolphin Gallery from April 26 to May 22. A reception will be held on May 7, between 6 and 8:30 p.m. the public is invited to the reception.

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset will host **The Mitchell Family** and a representative from **The Hull Lifesaving Museum** on April 26 from 10 a.m. to noon. John and Jana Mitchell together with their twin sons, Harry and Hugo, traveled to many destinations across Massachusetts. Their book, "4 Go Mad in Massachusetts: Adventures with the Mitchell Family from Boston to the Berkshires" chronicles their trips and is filled with many anecdotes as well as useful information for those eager to follow in their footsteps. The Hull Lifesaving Museum, is included in these travel essays. The Mitchell family will talk about their exploits, answer questions and sign their book. The museum will conduct a workshop on origami boats as well as offer a 10 percent discount off all levels of membership for sign ups on April 26. A member of the museum staff will be present to answer all questions. This a free event and the public is most welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Earth Day Festival at the South Shore Natural Science Center - held rain or shine on Saturday, April 26, noon to 4 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. A day for the entire family is planned. There will be displays on recycling and composting, and environmental groups will be here to tell about their mission and goals. Representatives from the Hull Wind Project will be on hand to educate the public about renewable energy. Enjoy games, face painting, farm animals, nature walks, eco-crafts, food and music. Raffles for a four person Coleman tent donated by Hilton's Tent City, a weekend kayak rental from Eastern Mountain Sports or a family 12-pack of passes to the Southwick Zoo. Raffle tickets are available now for just $1 each, or 6 for $5. Live musical entertainment provided by **Sarah Pirtle**. Open to the public. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for children. (Scout groups should contact Scout Coordinator Melissa Kurkoski for group admission opportunities.) For directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559, or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org>

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell will present the work of photographer Patience Taylor of Plymouth, through May 31, in the Vine Hall Gallery. Nature's Eye features many different South Shore landscapes, along with the animals, birds and plants found living in those areas The exhibit can be viewed free of charge Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 am to 4:30 p.m., April 1 to May 31. For directions or more information, call the Center at 781-659-2559, or visit us on the web at www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org>.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will present the **Duxbury Art Association Annual Winter Juried Show and Rotations**: Recent acquisitions including an oil painting by **Joel Janowitz** and photographs by **Jerry Uelsman** and **Lance Keimig.** These two exhibitions run through April 27. Open to the public and free of charge. Visit www.artcomplex.org for more information.

The South Shore Art Center announces the 2003 Art Scholarship Competition for South Shore seniors attending public, private, or parochial schools who will graduate in 2003. Students who have been accepted by a school of fine arts or an accredited institution of higher learning which includes a fine arts curriculum are eligible to apply. Three scholarships will be presented, ranging in value from $1,000 to $500. Portfolios and applications must be submitted on April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; April 27, noon to 4 p.m. April 28, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and April 29, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.. Under no circumstances will portfolios be accepted after 9 p.m. on April 29. Awards will be presented during the awards ceremony at the South Shore Art Center Festival on the Common, June 13. For more information call the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or e-mail Heather Collins hcollins@ssac.org. with any questions.

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The Company Theatre's Teen Conservatory Program is proud to present its production of "Rebel Without A Cause" This play, featuring South Shore youths ages 13-18, brings to life the famous drama of the 1955 movie and how it captures the misunderstood feelings of misguided middle-class teenagers in conservative 1950s. The 1955 film starred James Dean, Natalie Wood and Sal Mineo. Performances are Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26, both at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12, and available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr. in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit their Web site at www.companytheatre.com

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! Will bring back the sound of The Fab Four to **Plymouth Memorial Hall**, 83 Court St. in Plymouth, on Saturday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! are now on sale at $29 and $24 at the box-office located at 50 Court St. in Plymouth. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 866-468-7619. For more information visit www.plymouth-memorialhall.com

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Tex, Mad Dog**, and **Sherry** - Acoustic Pop and Rock. Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Steve Smith and The Nakeds.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-925-4300 or 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 27

The North River Arts Society presents **Bob Correia** photography through May 24, at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. Gallery hours Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Memorial Benefit for Gene** featuring **Chris Fitz Band, Fat City, and Nantasket All Stars** Proceeds to benefit **Naumenko Children's Fund**. 3 p.m. Donation. Casual dress, Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-925-4300 or 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Miracle East, Route 18, Abington - **Benefit in memory of Dale LaTullippe.** 4 p.m.

Mon. 28

South Shore ARC and other regional/statewide ARCs will hold its 50th Annual Meeting on April 28, at 5 p.m. at the Four Points Barcelo Hotel in Waltham. Local South Shore businessman, **Richard Frye** of the Frye Insurance Agency of Braintree is acting as the meeting's lead sponsor for the event in association with other co-sponsors. The event includes professional and volunteer leadership from 22 ARCs across the state, as well as a gourmet meal, a prominent speaker, awards ceremony and a lively meeting. For more information on South Shore ARC, call 781-335-3023.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum - Race and Presidential Politics: April 28, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Former Democratic presidential nominee **Michael Dukakis,** Harvard sociologist **Michael Dawson** and **Jeremy Meyer**, author of running on Race, Racial Politics in Presidential Campaigns, 1960-2000, will discuss the role of race in past and future presidential campaigns.

Mothers & More: South Shore Chapter: If you are a women who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about Mothers & More. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at **The Glastonbury Abbey**, Route 228, Hingham. April 26. **Yoga night with Kezia Bacon**-wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information.

The Radisson Plymouth, Jordan Hospital and Plimoth Plantation will host a **Volunteer Fair** on Tuesday, April 29, from noon to 6 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Radisson Plymouth, located at 180 Water St., across from Plymouth Harbor. So far, at least 19 area organizations are participating, including the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce, American Cancer Society and Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless to name just a few. Exhibits will be on display and representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions about local vol-

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unteer opportunities. This event is open to the public and free of charge.

The Home for Little Wanderers and Cradle of Hope will be offering a free informational meeting for families and singles considering international adoption. The meeting will be held on: April 28, at 7 p.m. 271 Huntington Ave. Boston, MA (next to Symphony Hall)*Accessible by MBTA's Green and Orange Line. Topics to be covered include: Launching an international adoption, selecting a country, fees, travel considerations, the medical and emotional issues of the children, how and why children come into care, the homestudy, the matching process and legal services. Also addressed will be the federal tax credit and citizenship. A question and answer period will be offered to address other questions or concerns. Refreshments will be served. To reserve a space for the meeting, contact Alicia Campbell at 617- 927-0664. RSVP by Friday, April 25.

The Home for Little Wanderers, Therapeutic Foster Care Program will be hosting an informational opportunity Monday, April 28, between 6 and 8 p.m. at the Ventress Memorial Library, Library Plaza, Marshfield. Light refreshments. Call 508-747-4736 for more information.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 29

Congregation Shirat Hayam of Duxbury and Marshfield will sponsor its annual Interfaith Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Service) on April 29, at 7:30 p.m. The service will be held at the United Methodist Church, 185 Plain St. in Marshfield. Local Clergy of various faiths will also participate. To arrange for large groups or more information please call 781-582-2700

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, will present a photography exhibit, **Nature's Eye**, through May 31, in the Vine Hall Gallery. This is the work of photographer **Patience Taylor** of Plymouth. Nature's Eye features many different South Shore landscapes, along with the animals, birds and plants found living in those areas. The exhibit is free of charge Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 1 - May 31, For more information, call the Center at 781-659-2559, or visit us on the web at www.ssnsc.org.

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset will present "Coffee With The Authors" on Tuesday, April 29, at the Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a continental breakfast and a stimulating morning with three authors as they discuss the art of writing and their latest works. Featured authors will be **Rosemary Mahoney** for "The Singular Pilgrim: Travels on Sacred Ground", **Jacquelyn Mitchard** for "Twelve Times Blessed" and **Jessica Shattuck** for "The Hazards of Good Breeding". Advance reservations and ticketing are required and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665. Tickets are $13 per person, nonrefundable.

Silent Auction - Original works by **Scituate Art Gallery Artists** will be on display and for auction throughout the month of April. Visit the Gallery through April 27, and post a bid for your favorite piece of art. Final open bidding will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, during a reception at the Art Gallery on Front Street. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.,. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

Susanne Cheeney enacts "Elizabeth Cady Stanton: A Life" in the Thayer Public Library on April 29, at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call781-848-0405.

8minuteDating April 29, at **Jimbo's South in Braintree** (men 42-54/women 44-55) Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Enter and receive your matches after the event. Set-up another date soon after. For more information and to sign up, visit www.8minutedating.com From April 28 to May 2, New daters can save $10 by entering code "8mdFling2183" when registering during Spring Fling week.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 30

Make Noise at the Library! Pre-school age children are invited to the monthly story time on April 30 at 10 a.m. at the James Library & Center for the Arts located in Norwell Center at 24 West St. (off Rt. 123.) *"Let's Make Noise!"* is the theme for the April family storytime which will feature stories, songs and rhymes about having fun making noise. Rollin Bailey of Norwell will demonstrate his amazing and realistic bird and animal noises! Designed especially for 3 and 4 year-old children with an accompanying adult. Space is limited. Call the library at 781-659-7100 to register your child.). The Center includes an art gallery, concert hall and a small library

The Music Man marches into **Boston's Colonial Theatre** April 30 to May 11. Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com or directly at The Colonial Theatre Box Office. Tickets on sale now. Prices are $72 to $25

Mass Audubon, South Shore Regional Office, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. On display, **The Painted Landscape**. The work of eight North River Society Artists, local landscapes by local artists. **Susan Charles, Corine Campobasso, Susan Davis, Don Darcier, Jeanne MacFarland, Susan Raffa, Jody Regan and Ellen Whelan**. This exhibit is an off-shoot of the Daniel Webster Farm Day last October.

8minuteDating April 30, at **Raffael's in North Quincy** for single parents (ages 36-50) Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Enter and receive your matches after the event. Set-up another date soon after. For more information and to sign up, visit www.8minutedating.com From April 28 to May 2, New daters can save $10 by entering code "8mdFling2183" when registering during Spring Fling week.

The Norwell Visiting Nurse Association (NVNA) will host its 83rd Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Cushing Center, located off Route 123 in Norwell, Mass. All South Shore residents are invited and encouraged to attend this event, at no charge. Light refreshments will be served at the meeting. For more information or to RSVP for the event, please call the NVNA at 781-659-2342 ext. 214.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

Thurs. 1

The Scituate Country Club is hosting a wine tasting to benefit the **Talking Information Center (TIC)** on Thursday evening, May 1. Enjoy a magnificent sunset over the tidal water and a five-course meal to benefit TIC. Tickets are $70 and only 40 seats are still available, therefore, contact TIC right away to make your reservation. A silent auction is available during dinner. The Talking Information Center is a non-profit radio reading service that has been broadcasting the printed word for 25 years to those who cannot see. Based in Marshfield, 500 volunteer readers reach over 20,000 listeners throughout the state 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For more information about TIC or to make a dinner reservation call 781-834-4400.

The Glastonbury Series Listening to other voices: **Hope in a Time of Uncertainty** Rabbi Karyn Kadar finding meaning and purpose for ourselves and those we serve on May 1, at 7:15 p.m. Free will offering.

The fifth season for South Shore Quests opens May 1. Quests are a fun way to get the kids out in nature and a great way to learn of new hiking trails in the area. Clues lead the hiker along a trail in search of the treasure (a stamp and stamp pad). Quest books, which contain directions, maps and the clues for 19 Quests on the South Shore, are available at the Bookport in Hingham, Hingham public library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for $4. If you have any questions contact Kim Juric at 781 749-6121 or kjuric@attbi.com <mailto:kjuric@attbi.com>

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents Streamline and 8 to 11 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Fri. 2

South Shore Folk Music Club presents **Vance Gilbert** at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $13 members and performers, $15 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

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The Beatles music set the pop rock standard for most of the 1960s. Forty years later, they continue to define a generation as evidenced by the huge success of the recently released "Beatles Anthology" on DVD. These days, however, if a Paul McCartney concert doesn't do the trick and Ringo Starr and His All Star Band seem less than stellar, "BeatleMania Live!" may be as close as you can get to seeing the Beatles in concert. The cast of "BeatleMania Live!" performs more than 30 Fab Four favorites — live and note for note — and even makes three clever costume changes to evoke each era from the group's early Ed Sullivan appearance to Sgt. Pepper and Abbey Road.
"BeatleMania Live!" also performs with full orchestration to capture the original sound of the Beatles greatest hits "Yesterday," "Penny Lane" and "Let It Be." "BeatleMania Live!" comes to life on Saturday, April 26, at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Plymouth. For tickets and information call 866/468-7619 or visit www.ticketweb.com.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

An Aquarius moon takes over at 2:58 a.m., remaining there for the next two and one-half days. Networking and innovative thinking become principal themes. The moon aligns with Mars at 4:27 a.m., Venus at 6:51 a.m. The last quarter phase of the moon begins at 8:18 a.m. This moon decreases in light until May 1, when a new moon occurs. There is one potential stumbling block, however, in effect between 4:50-7:50 p.m., when the moon opposes Jupiter. Be careful not to go to extremes; balance optimism with discretion.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

An Aquarius moon makes this day great for developing projects that need help or support from others. Keep an open mind. Try new ideas or techniques to solve old problems. You can achieve breakthroughs, sudden insights. The moon interacts with Neptune in the morning and Pluto, Mercury in the afternoon. All social activities are highlighted this evening. Gather with friends and enjoy good food, music, conversation.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

This can be a 'fun' day, if you don't have a lot to do. If you are working, it is best to handle routine chores and finish old business. Don't take on more than you can handle. Allow extra time for unanticipated delays or distractions. The Aquarius moon becomes inactive at 2:18 a.m. until 11:07 a.m., when a Pisces moon takes over. At 3:04 p.m. the moon aligns with Uranus, prompting you to get an early start to the weekend. Enjoy favorite hobbies, sports; spend extra time with friends and family. Follow your bliss.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

The planet Mercury actually begins retrograde travel at 7:59 a.m., 20 1/2 degrees Taurus. It is best to sleep on new ideas and hold off taking action until May 20, when Mercury turns direct. This brings a time to take a sabbatical; look within and strive for inner, spiritual growth. Today the moon continues its travel in Pisces, setting a laid-back pace. Create or appreciate art, music, poetry.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Storm clouds move in this morning. Keep it light; don't get caught up in negative, limited thinking. The Pisces moon forms challenging 90-degree contacts to Pluto and Saturn until 1:18 p.m., when it becomes inactive. At this time the moon travels at the tail end of the zodiac, making it a great period to kick back, veg out, get extra rest. An Aries moon at 9:54 p.m. brings an energy boost.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

This is a great day to get things done. An energetic Aries moon forms harmonious contacts to Mars, Venus and Jupiter. Make up a list of things to do, so that you are well-organized. Influences also rate high for working with people and socializing. Venus forms a flowing 120-degree contact to Jupiter, generating good feelings, and making this evening prime for partying.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

An Aries moon continues to set a fast pace today. You can be most productive, if you stick to your game plan; don't get sidetracked. A 90-degree alignment of the sun and Jupiter continues to promote high spirits. On the other hand, you may be tempted to act on impulse. Avoid making decisions, purchases or promises today.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

The dark side of a new moon is a time for letting go, cleaning out and finishing old business. Spend time alone. Nurture your spirit; meditate, listen to music, rest and unwind. At 2:12 a.m. the Aries moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive. The final windup to the new moon begins at 10:26 a.m., when the moon enters Taurus. Slow down and avoid conflicts with others between 7:25-10:25 p.m., when the moon and Mars align.

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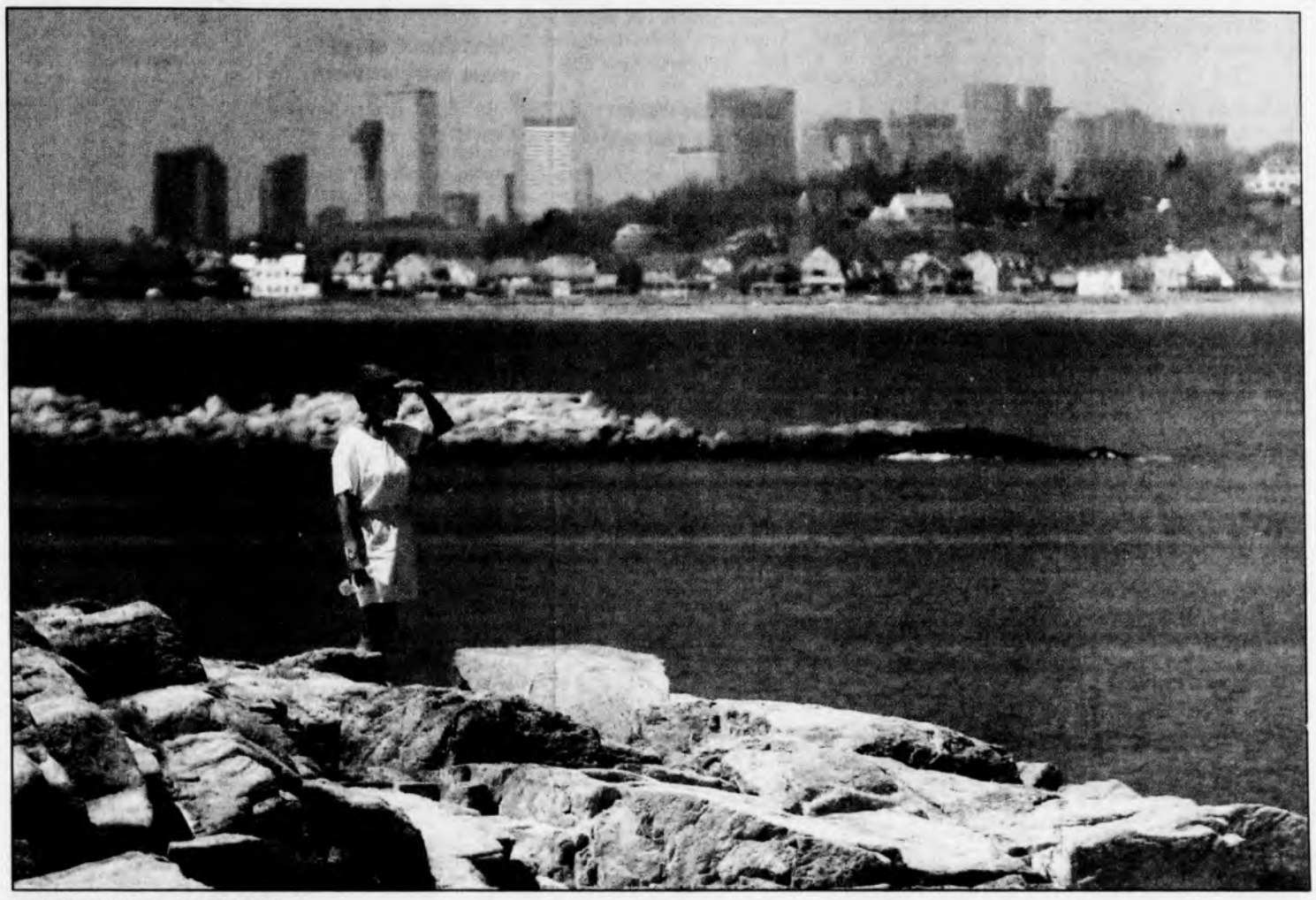

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Edith Anderson takes advantage of a spectacular spring day to enjoy the view from Moors Rocks off Jerusalem Road just east of Deep Run.

Wired!

Burying wires to be included in village design

By John Camera
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Selectmen have taken their biggest step yet towards removing utility wires and poles from the streets of Cohasset Village.

The board decided Tuesday night to spend $12,800 for the Waterfield Design Group to design a village with buried wires. The money will also pay to explore feeding wires from behind homes and businesses on Elm Street below St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and from behind some South Main Street shops via the Town Parking Lot.

The decision came despite the fact that the state has not yet responded to the Town's request for a one-year extension of a $1.5 million grant that would pay for the majority of the project. Selectmen also remain unsure whether that grant can be used to pay for utility-related work.

A consensus on the need for additional design work from Waterfield was reached after a lengthy debate about the goals of the village revitalization project.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie

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She doesn't miss a stitch

Local quilt-maker enjoying success

By John Camera
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Amy Robertson took her first quilting class in 1997 and she never looked back.

The former franchise lawyer of 20 years said there was no doubt the class had renewed her passion for art, but it also made focusing on her job more difficult.

"I started to have colored pencils next to my phone instead of a legal pad," she said. "It didn't take me long to realize (quilting) was something I wanted to do."

"We have this art form that people don't really recognize yet."
— Amy Robertson, Aaron River Road

Six years later, Roberston, who moved to Cohasset a year ago, has retired from practicing law, picked up a sewing machine and is carving a niche for herself in the quilting world. She has started to display and sell some of her work in quilt shows and was recently invited to headline at a show in Fort Collins, Colo. Add to that, Robertson is the chairwoman of the Quilters' Connection 26th Annual Quilt Show and Sale, to be held May 9 and 10 in Arlington.

In an interview last week from her home and studio on Aaron River Road, Roberston said quilting is an exciting art form that is often under-appreciated. "We have this art form that people don't really recognize yet," she said. "I just think it's a great medium and I want people to realize that."

Robertson said quilts are a great home decoration and can often provide variety to a homeowner looking for more than just a painting to hang on the wall. As one would imagine, Robertson's own home is a testament to that idea. The first floor walls are home to the original quilts that she made with the help of her former teacher and mentor, Louisa Smith of Walpole.

Roberston said it was Smith who took her under her wing and helped her develop her talent. "She liked my use of colors," she said.

One quilt that greets visitors just inside the front door of Robertson's home uses 250 different fabrics and incorporates a technique called "strip piecing." The piece is one example of what Robertson describes as her "collage-like" style. Unlike other quilters who might die or color their own material, Robertson uses the content of commercial prints to achieve her purpose.

"Every fabric is like another crayon and you want to have all the crayons," she said.

Robertson also likes to incorporate themes into her quilts. One quilt displayed in her home, she said, was supposed to capture the feeling of Africa,

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Amy Robertson of Aaron River Road displays one of her colorful quilts.

Homework to study full-day kindergarten

Report due in 12 months

By Mary Ford
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Is full-day kindergarten in Cohasset's future?

It's too soon to tell, but a task force will soon be established to research the feasibility of starting such a program in Cohasset.

The School Committee recently gave the go-ahead for the study but have not committed to establishing the program. Plans are for the task force to report back to the School Committee in about a year's time.

Once the third grade moves up to the Deer Hill School as part of grade realignment in September '04, there would be room at Osgood for full-day kindergarten.

The concept is supported by the state Department of Education, which is encouraging full-day programs. But due to the state fiscal crisis, grant money to help school districts with transition planning for full-day programs is on hold.

With the bleak budget picture from the state expected to continue for the foreseeable future, the School Committee was understandably concerned about the cost of expanding the kindergarten program in town.

"The sense is the cost could be at such a level that it would not be feasible next year or the following year," School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo said. "Will the study be old when the economy

"The short day is not a lot of time to do all we want to do."
— Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan

improves?"

Curriculum coordinator Ruth Fennessey explained the program could be tuition-based, although that is an area the task force would also explore. It's also not clear if the full-day program would be district wide or offered on a voluntary basis using a lottery system to select participants.

Osgood School Principal Janet Sheehan said the addition of full-day kindergarten is a trend throughout the state and country. And the statistics say she's correct.

According to Early Education For All, a campaign to meet the early childhood education needs of Massachusetts children, nearly 70,000 children are enrolled in public school kindergarten programs in the state and of that, 48 percent are in full-day kindergarten classes.

In a telephone interview this week, Sheehan said one of the long-term goals of the Osgood School Improvement Plan is to look into a full-day program for kindergarten. Annual School Improvement Plans created by School Councils, made up of administrators, teachers, and parents, are required under the

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Wednesday, April 30:

Board of Assessors, May 1 at 4 p.m., May 6 at 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, May 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, May 7 at 7:30 p.m., May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee, May 3 at 10 a.m.

School Committee, May 1 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library

Selectmen, May 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, May 1 at 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

Zoning Board of Appeals, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. (40A), May 20 at 7: 30 p.m. (Avalon)

All meetings are at Town Hall unless posted otherwise.

Dept. of corrections

A story in last week's Cohasset Mariner about police firearms training should have said Officer Rick Grassie and not Det. Grassie. Officer Grassie, a former detective, is the police prosecutor. The Mariner regrets the error.

A story in last week's Mariner incorrectly reported that a state grant to pay for the downtown revitalization project must be spent by June 30, 2003. The grant must be spent by June 30, 2004.

Affordable housing plan takes center stage

Rick Swanborg, chairman of the Growth & Development Committee, will present an overview of the Affordable Housing Plan at 8 p.m.. at Tuesday's Selectmen's meeting. The Affordable Housing Plan is part of the overall Housing Plan in the Master Plan. Draft copies are available at Town Hall at the Selectmen's Office and Town Clerk's Office.

Water plant's 25th anniversary

All Cohasset residents are invited to the 25th Anniversary Ceremony at 1 p.m. on May 11 to commemorate the 25th year of operation of the Aaron River Reservoir and the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant.

"On May 11, 1978, Cohasset residents ended years of summer watering bans and water shortages," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission. "During the past 25 years we have had the benefit a vast water resource, the 323 million gallon capacity Aaron River Reservoir, that is the envy of other cities and towns."

Special recognition will be made at the event to former town officials and others who helped with the long process to build the teservoir and treatment plant, and to former Water Commissioners, said McNabb.

The anniversary ceremony will be held on the Aaron River Dam, which residents can get to by parking at the end of Beechwood Street or on Aaron River Road.

Hazardous waste collection planned

On Saturday, May 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hull and Cohasset will conduct a combined Household Hazardous Products Collection, at the MDC Parking Lot, Rockland House Road, Hull. Proof of residency required. Thermometer swap! Turn in your toxic mercury thermometer for a free digital one while supply lasts. Bring in chemicals in original or labeled containers. Call 781-925-1207 for information.

Burning season ends

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Flag depository at American Legion

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All consultations are strictly confidential. The evening legal clinics will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Quincy District Court on the following dates: June 3, July 1.

For further information, contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County at 617-471-9693.

Open Space seeks some new members

The Open Space Advisory Committee is seeking several new members. The committee is responsible for implementing recommendations in the Open Space Plan, including identifying properties to conserve that will protect Cohasset's water supply, wetlands, wildlife habitats and scenic resources. The committee will also be working on other recommendations in the plan including greater opportunities for walking and bicycling, improved access to the waterfront, and access to recreational resources for the disabled. Recently, many members worked on the Barnes property acquisition.

The committee welcomes new members who are prepared to "roll up their sleeves" and make a difference. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Debbie Cook at 781-383-6313 or cookmc@attbi.com

Arbor Day walk

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will host an Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m.. President Sally Avery and Conservation Chairman Meg Moore will lead a walk through the new Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary identifying trees and plant communities. All those interested in joining Avery and Moore should meet at the Wheelwright Park, North Main Street entrance parking lot at 10 a.m..

Water Dept. is one of best in state

On National Drinking Water Day, May 8, the Cohasset Water Department will be honored in a ceremony to be held at the Massasoit Community College Conference Center for its efforts to provide a safe, clean drinking water supply to its customers.

The Cohasset Water Department will receive a Massachusetts Public Water System Award, which annually recognizes community water suppliers for their outstanding performance in several key areas of operation.

"We are very pleased that we have been recognized as one of the top 10 percent water systems in the state, as we prepare to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Aaron River Reservoir on May 11," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "This award was made possible because of the daily commitment of our Water Superintendent, George Hawksley, and the other employees of our contract operator, American Water, to provide quality water service to the people of Cohasset, and because of the support of the Selectmen, Town Manager, and other town officials and residents."

This award is co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Drinking Water Committee which is comprised of the Department of Environmental Protection, Environmental Protection Agency Region 1, Massachusetts Water Works Association, Northeast Rural Water Association, New England Water Works Association, Plymouth County Water Works Association, Barnstable County Water Utilities Association, and RHI The Northeast Rural Community Assistance Program.

The award program acknowledges the challenges faced by suppliers in complying with the Safe Drinking Water Act, and recognized outstanding performance in providing customers with clean, dependable drinking water. The 768 community and nontransient-noncommunity water systems in the state are annually rated for their compliance with drinking water regulations, their source protection and distribution programs, and their administrative quality, including timely submission of plans and reports, certification of operators and community outreach activities.T he Awards program used all currently available electronic reporting compliance data to determine the overall compliance ranking of each system. All community (COM) public water systems (PWS) and non-transient non-community public water systems (NTNC) were rated on an electronic point system based on compliance with regulations and the system's historical compliance profile. In addition, independent efforts undertaken by the system in their response time to regulatory issues were also considered.

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Hingham passenger injured in crash

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The front of the 2001 Chevrolet pickup after it struck the stone wall at Black Rock Beach on Monday night.

Cohasset Police say the combination of speed and alcohol caused a single-car accident Monday night that resulted in a 25-year-old Hingham man being airlifted to Boston Medical Center where he underwent surgery for serious injuries sustained in the crash.

Jeffrey Paul, 24, of 25 Butler Road in Hingham, who was a passenger in the 2001 Chevrolet pickup truck has multiple broken bones, facial injuries and internal injuries, Sgt. William Quigley said. He is expected to survive, police said.

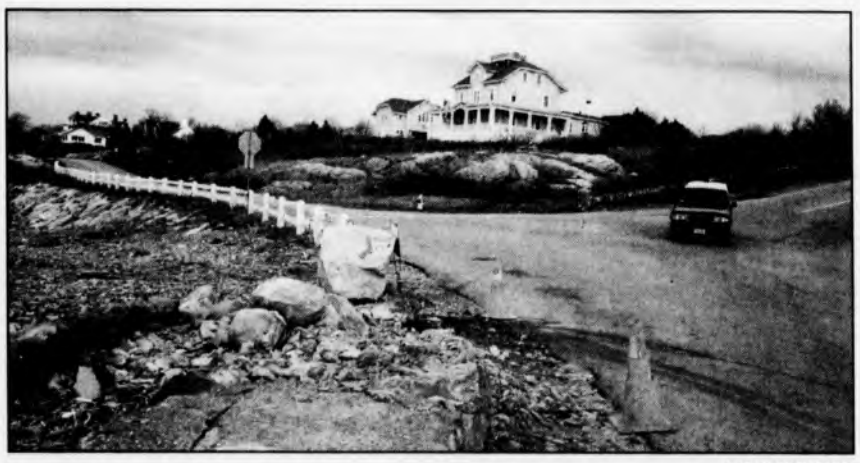
Officer William English arrested the driver, Andrew Collins, 25, of 62 Mountford Road in Hull, who sustained minor injuries, at the scene. Collins was transported to South Shore Hospital in Weymouth where there was no information available on his condition.

Collins was arraigned Monday in Quincy District Court on the charges of operating under the influence (alcohol), operating under the influence causing serious bodily injury, operating to endanger, and speeding.

Police received multiple 911 calls for a report of a serious motor vehicle accident at about 10:20 p.m. Monday at the foot of Forest Avenue near the intersection of Jerusalem Road.

Police and fire units were dispatched to the scene. On arrival officers found the driver of the truck had apparently lost control of the vehicle and ran head-on into the sea wall at Black Rock Beach, Quigley said.

The accident is under investigation. Alcohol and speeding



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If you look closely you can see the skid marks extending from Forest Avenue toward the stonewall at left. Police say the pickup involved in Monday night's crash left 70 feet of skid marks.

Four larcenies take place around noontime Monday

By Mary Ford
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Thanks to an eyewitness and quick police work, a suspect in two of four larcenies that all occurred around noontime Monday has been apprehended.

Police think Scott Driscoll, 37, of Brockton may also be responsible for a larceny at Sandcastles Daycare but there was no physical evidence at the time he was arrested to tie him to that incident.

A witness at Esposito's nursery, 585 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, where Driscoll allegedly stole several hundred dollars in cash, was able to give police the license plate number and a description of the car, which were provided to surrounding towns and the state police.

Two of the other larcenies — one from Sandcastles and one from Buttonwood Books — were also reported at about the same time when the alleged victims, who were employees at the businesses, discovered a pocketbook and two wallets were missing.

At just before 2 p.m., state police out of Norwell called Cohasset to report troopers stopped the car near Queen Ann's Corner. The witness was able to make a positive identification, Det. Garrett Hunt said. Driscoll had $400 in cash on his person, and in searching the vehicle, police found contents of the pocketbook belonging to an employee at Buttonwood.

Driscoll was arraigned on charges of larceny from a building, larceny over $250 and receiving stolen property Tuesday in Quincy District Court. According a court spokesman, Driscoll is being held on $1,500 cash bail at the Dedham House of Correction and is due back in court on May 22.

Police say the suspect in a fourth larceny does not fit Driscoll's description. At about noon Monday, a caller reported she discovered her debit card and cash missing after she returned from a walk in Whitney Thayer Woods.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

This notice warns visitors at Whitney Thayer Woods not to leave valuables in their vehicles. Police say Driscoll is not the suspect in a larceny from a vehicle parked there on Monday.

The alleged victim told police she put her pocketbook under the front passenger seat and returned to her car at about 11:30 a.m. She didn't discover her debit card and cash were missing until she went to buy lunch in North Scituate. She called her bank and was told a card had been used for upwards of $225 at Stop & Shop in Cohasset within just the last 15 minutes.

Officer Lawrence Ainslie interviewed the Stop & Shop clerk, who took the debit card, and described the suspect as being about 45 years old, average height, having short hair and being clean shaven, but having a dirty appearance. The suspect also had a missing front tooth and was wearing a waist-length red nylon baseball-type jacket.

Due to a number of larcenies from vehicles at that location, Cohasset police have posted signs at the Whitney Thayer Woods parking lot warning walkers not to leave valuables in their cars.

Trial is postponed again

Cohasset judge recuses himself from the case

By John Camera
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The trial of school business manager Ivan Klimko was postponed Tuesday at Hingham District Court after a Cohasset judge recused himself from the case. The trial has been rescheduled for June 5.

According to the District Attorney's office, Judge Thomas Barrett, who lives at 42 Sohier St., recused himself but did not make written findings as to why. A phone call to Barrett from the Mariner was not returned.

Klimko is charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon stemming from an alleged dispute with his wife at their Hull home on Dec. 3.

Klimko's lawyer, Andrew LaPointe, would not comment on his client's case.

Assistant District Attorney Bridget Middleton declined to comment on whether any plea bargains had been offered by the defense. "The Commonwealth is looking for a guilty verdict and we're looking for jail time," she said.

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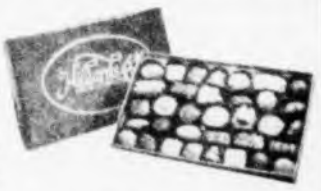

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House cuts deeper than first thought

Slashes local aid

By John Camera
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Reading budget proposals often means reading between the lines.

Last week, as the Mariner went to press on Wednesday, Town Finance Director Michael Buckley estimated the House version of the state budget cut some $60,000 deeper into Cohasset's local aid than Gov. Mitt Romney's budget.

Buckley was still in the process of trying to figure out if a $50,000 reimbursement for school bus transportation was included in the House budget. The reimbursement was cut by Romney, but Buckley said at first glance, it appeared the House budget had preserved it.

As it turns out, it did not. That means the House budget actually slashed about $110,000 more from the town's local aid than Romney's budget, for a total cut of about 15 percent or $417,000. Romney's budget cut only 10.9 percent or $307,000.

"We don't know what they're going to do. It still has to go through the Senate."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

Town officials used local aid figures from Romney's budget when they put together the operating budget in March. If the House budget were adopted as is, the Town would have to make up a $110,000 deficit.

Town Manager Mark Haddad told Selectmen on Tuesday night that trying to balance the budget now would be premature. "It's way too early to address (the state budget) now," Haddad said. "We don't know what they're going to do. It still has to go through the Senate."

Haddad reiterated that he was constantly exploring new ways to generate additional savings, particularly by lessening the amount the amount that the Town spends on health insurance for its employees. He is also asking individual departments to examine their own budgets for potential savings.

Haddad warned Selectmen that the House budget, unlike Romney's budget, failed to add $20 million of new funding to the state's school building assistance program. The move would indefinitely postpone reimbursement for Cohasset's two new schools, which together cost about $46 million.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris suggested Selectmen send a letter to the Governor expressing the need for addition funding for school building assistance. McMorris urged residents to write the Governor on that topic, too.

Buckley said last week he was still optimistic that in the final state budget, Cohasset would see a cut in local aid lower than what the House budget proposed. "The budget still has to go through the Senate, and they're generally nicer to the cities and towns, so no need to jump yet," he said.

Haddad said the Town has until October, when the tax rate needs to be set, to balance its operating budget. "There's been times we haven't gotten a cherry sheet from the state until September, so that's why I'm not in panic mode," he said.

Local aid makes up about eight percent of Cohasset's operating budget.

Water Commission challenges Avalon on another front

Thinks project needs to file NOI

By John Camera
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"If you're adding 26,000 gallons a day to a wetland that's never had that, particularly in the summertime, that's got to have an impact."
— Mark Bartlett, Norfolk Ram Group

Could the Conservation Commission have jurisdiction over Avalon? At least one town board thinks so.

The Water Commission is arguing that, because wastewater and storm water from the planned 200-unit apartment complex would allegedly alter nearby wetlands, the developer, Avalon Bay Estates, must file a Notice of Intent under the Wetlands Protection Act.

The notice, if deemed necessary, would require Avalon Bay to provide detailed plans to the Conservation Commission on the proposed development's storm-water and wastewater management plan. The Conservation Commission could then place "orders of condition" on the plan or potentially require Avalon Bay to arrange for a hydrology study of how wetlands might potentially be impacted.

The Water Commission appeared before the Conservation Commission last Thursday night to argue its case, as representatives from Avalon Bay looked on. The dispute centered around Avalon's main storm-water and wastewater discharge point, where treated effluent would flow downhill into nearby wetlands.

Avalon Bay estimates the discharge system would release an average of 26,000 gallons of treated wastewater each day. The detention pond that holds the effluent prior to its release would be just outside the 100-foot wetlands "buffer zone" established by the Wetlands Protection Act.

The specific wetlands the effluent would eventually flow into is the subject of another dispute between Avalon Bay and the Water Commission. The developer says it would enter the Weir River watershed, but the Water Commission says it would end up in the Lily Pond Watershed and thereby threaten the town's water supply.

That debate aside, John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission, told the Conservation Commission there is no doubt the effluent would alter wetlands, which, he said, requires the filing of a Notice of Intent. McNabb said he was acting on the advice of Town Counsel.

Mark Bartlett, an engineer from the Norfolk Ram Group, a firm contracted by the Water Commission, reaffirmed McNabb's position. "If you're adding 26,000 gallons a day to a wetland that's never had that, particularly in the summertime, that's got to have an impact," he said.

Avalon Bay representatives disputed the Water Commission's interpretation of the law that would require the filing of the Notice of Intent.

David Kelly, an engineer contracted by Avalon Bay, cited state law that said because the discharge system was outside the "buffer zone," it did not require filing of a Notice of Intent "unless and until" it was proved the effluent would alter the protected wetlands.

Scott Dale, vice president of development, said the Avalon Bay was well aware of its obligation to comply with the Wetlands Protection Act. He referred to a meeting in January when Avalon Bay received a Resource Area Delineation from the Conservation Commission so that it could plan the location of the wastewater and storm water discharge system that is now under question.

The Conservation Commission ultimately decided it would wait to determine whether a Notice of Intent was required because Avalon Bay is still considering alternative wastewater plans.

Chairman Debbie Cook said there was "a very good likelihood" that "if the plan stands as is," Avalon Bay would have to file a Notice of Intent. But at least one commission member, Jim Dedes, thought more information on the current plan would be needed.

After the meeting, Dale declined to comment on whether Avalon Bay had yet developed any alternative wastewater systems. Dale said such plans, if feasible, would be discussed at Avalon Bay's next meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals on May 20.

Already, Avalon Bay has attempted to run a wastewater pipe through Whitney Woods, a plan that was rejected by the Trustees of Reservations, the group that owns that land.

Dale said the Whitney Woods plan was intended to move the wastewater discharge point "further down into the (Weir River) drainage basin, where there was no question of flow."

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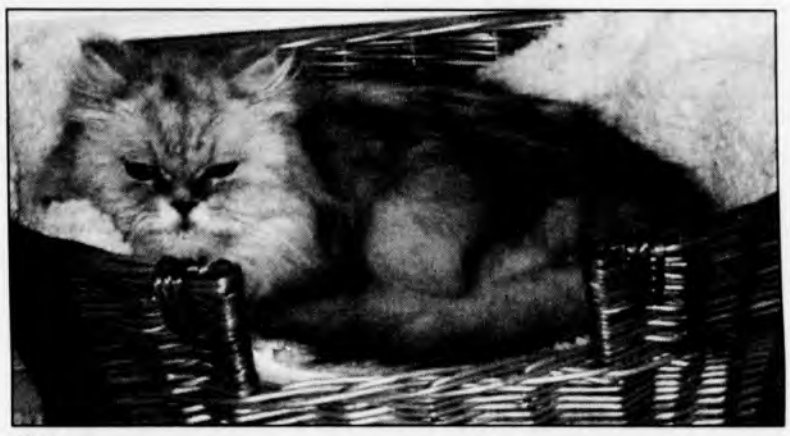

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Jim, Julie and Liz Mitterando welcome baby David!

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Congratulations are in order for the **Mitterando family** on the birth of **David Mitterando** on April 16, 2003. David weighed in at 9 lb. 6 oz. His sister **Liz** (almost 2 years old) along with her parents, **Jim and Julie Mitterando,** are all thrilled. Enjoy your family and this bouncing new addition!

BEST GRANDPARENTS

A great big Happy Birthday wish is being sent out to the best grandparents in the world, according to **Andrew**, **Devon** and **Mackenzie. Cliff and Peg Dickson** are going to be celebrating their 80th and 75th birthdays on May 8th and 9th! Happy Birthday in advance to both of you and keep up the great job of grandparenting.

LAST CALL FOR KITCHEN TOUR

It look like Spring has finally arrived! Celebrate by attending this year's Kitchen Tour, sponsored by the South Shore Community Center. The tour features five beautiful and unique homes in Cohasset, as well as delicious treats from local caterers. A limited number of tickets remain so don't miss out! Tickets can be purchased at the South Shore Community Center or by calling 781-383-0088.

RELAY FOR LIFE UPDATE

In news about the Relay For Life: The Adrian Morris Salon will be at the Relay on Friday evening May 16 from 5-9pm. handing out Paul Mitchell samples and information regarding the cut-a-thon the salon will be hosting on Sunday, May 18. All the proceeds from the cut-a-thon will be donated to the American Cancer Society in conjunction with the Cohasset Relay. The shampoo/cuts will cost $20 and will be available on a walk-in basis. Stay tuned for more details.

Elizabeth Kissick will be joining the team Hopeful Steps, captained by **Kellie Gaumer** and **Oriana Sadler**. She will be setting up a Farmer's Market style table at the Relay from 4-9p.m. on Friday, May 16 and donating the proceeds from all of her jewelry sales that evening to the American Cancer Society! The EK Design Breast Cancer bracelet will be one of the many original pieces offered for sale. Come support the cause and enjoy a little shopping at the same time!

TOP SWIMMERS

Another bit of news coming our way from the **Kissick family** is about **Jake Kisseck**. He is 10-years-old and got asked to represent New England in a swim meet for the East Coast. The top two swimmers of each age group in each event were picked to represent New England in New Jersey against all the other top East Coast teams and swimmers. He finished second, third and fourth in all of the freestyle events, which is incredible! Jake swims year round for the South Shore Strypers and also joins the Cohasset Swim Team in the summer. Jake is ranked 19th nationally. Jake's sister **Hope** also swims and is ranked fourth in the 8-and-under category of this region for overall swimming. **Coleman**, the youngest brother, is only 6 but swims faster than either of the other two did at the same age! What a talented family of "fish!" Keep up the great swimming.

Liz Mitterando, almost 2, holds her new baby brother, David.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Seth Cutler, son of the **Rev. and Mrs. E. Clifford Cutler,** earned academic honors for the winter term at The Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn. where he is a senior. Seth, this is a great accomplishment, keep up the hard work.

BC HIGH HONORS

David F. Crowley-Buck '03 and **Andrew J. Flynn** '05 of Cohasset achieved high honors for the third quarter at Boston College High School and **Edward M. Chase** '03 and **Christopher P. Barber** '05 achieved honors. A great job for all!

LOCAL STARS

The hills are alive.... The Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "The Sound of Music" will feature talent from all over the South Shore. Here is a list of Cohasset residents in the show. Please note that the children's roles are double-cast; see specific performance dates for info. Cast A includes: **Sinclair Dean** (Louisa) and **Savannah Young-Norris**(Brigitta) Cast A will perform in the following shows: Fri p.m. May 2, Sun matinee. May 4; Sat p.m. May 10; Sat p.m. May 17.

Cast B includes: **Wiz Murray** (Friedrich); **Sam Game** (Kurt); **Rebecca Dickinson** (Brigitta); **Emily Baumgarten** (Marta); and **Clara Baumgarten** (Gretl) Cast B will perform in the following shows: Sat p.m. May 3; Fri p.m. May 9, Sun mat. May 11; Fri p.m. May 16, Sun matinee May 18.

The following Cohasset residents will star in all the performances: **Reed Dickinson** (Captain Von Trapp); **Barbara Baumgarten** (Elsa Schraeder); and **David Game** (Franz). The Singing Nuns include: **Aisling Guinee**, **Eva Haber, Trish Morse, Betts Murray** and **Lisa Pratt**.

DUCK DERBY

The Our World Global Children's Discovery Museum will host the first annual Driftway Duck Derby on Sunday May 4 from 3 to 5 at Driftway Park in Scituate. Toy ducks (that have been purchased for $5 per duck from various locations such as Buttonwoods Books and Springbrook Toys) will be launched from James Landing and float to the park where the winning numbers will be awarded fabulous prizes including $100 gift certificate to Ocean Song spa in Scituate, kids' remote control boats, razor scooters, restaurant certificates from Rivas and Eat Well Corp. and more! So for a $5 investment there are some great prizes. It should be a fun day for families as well to come watch and pray for sun.

Ten-year-old Zoe Ovans, a Scituate fourth-grader, won the Driftway Duck Derby T-shirt design contest. Her design will appear of T-shirts sold on Derby Day, May 4 from 3-5 p.m. in Scituate. Proceeds will benefit the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum in Cohasset. With Zoe are the event's co-chairs Patty Smith of Cohasset, center, and Jenn Chamberlain of Scituate. Derby entry forms are available at Buttonwood Books.

SUPPORT CHS BASEBALL

The Cohasset High School Baseball team will be involved with fundraisers for the next two weekends. They will sell bumper stickers at the Little League Opening Day Ceremonies on Saturday, May 3, for $3 each or two for $5. The following day, Sunday, the team will be available to help unload cars at the Recycling Transfer Facility and accepting donations at the gate. On Saturday, May 10, (weather permitting), the baseball players will be at **George Roukounakis'** Olympic Citco ready to wash cars! The Diamond Club is hoping to raise enough money to buy equipment needed to rebuild the baseball program at Cohasset High School. Please call 383-9857 or 383-9131 with any questions.

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

The Cohasset PSO Diversity Committee will hold an informational meeting open to all Cohasset residents on Monday, May 12 from 7-8 p.m. at The Paul Pratt Library in the meeting room. Please call **Allison Moskow** at 383-9242 or **Katherine Earle** at 383-9937 for more information.

As many families in town know, this Saturday is the Little League parade and start of the season for many players. Play ball.!

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Signups to start June 9 for Children's Drama Workshop

This year, the program has been extended to seven weeks and performances are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m..

In celebration of its 15th anniversary, the Children's Drama Workshop (CDW) presents an original musical comedy called "Jack Beanstalk." Jack, a handsome, well-rounded young boy has spent his family's savings and is forced to sell the family cow to the Man of the Woods in exchange for magic beans. A beanstalk grows and Jack ascends to a new world where he befriends a slew of quirky characters determined to help him slay their Giant and win the great treasure in the sky. But they bid him warning to beware of The Mad Cow! ("He's crazy! He's just crazy!")

Come and meet Fairybell, The Stalker Sisters, The Mexican Jumping Beans, Lenny Henny, Henry J. Harp and all of Jack's friends as they sing and dance their way down the trail to the Giant.

Rehearsals for "Jack Beanstalk" will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning Tuesday, June 24 at the brand new, (air-conditioned!) Deer Hill School Auditorium. This year, the program has been extended to seven weeks and performances are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m..

Registration for "Jack Beanstalk" begins Monday, June 9 at 9 a.m. All children between the ages of 5 and 14 are welcome. Early registration is advisable as enrollment is strictly limited. The cost is $440 per child. Children enrolled in the Cohasset Playground Program receive a $30 discount. Checks can be made payable to "CDW." For further information, please contact the Cohasset Recreation Department at (781) 383-4109.

"Jack Beanstalk" is the 15th production directed by CDW founders, Elizabeth, Grace and Sara Deveney of Cohasset. CDW past hits include Monsters, Inc. (2002), The Little Mermaid (2001), Cinderella Smith (2000), and The Lion King (1999).

Rowing registration May 4

Save the date! On Sunday, May 4, the Cohasset Maritime Institute is holding its 2003 summer season rowing program registration at the boat house at the rear of 40 Parker Ave. Registration will take place from noon to 2p.m.. Materials and sign-up forms for students and adults of all skill levels will be available. Please park at the Cohasset Lightkeepers' Residence.

CMI is are also pleased to present a special clinic to introduce its members to Alden double and single rowing. Attend the instructional clinic; come learn technique and club protocols from an Alden "pro". The clinic will be held at 10 a.m.. Participation will be limited to members. Please e-mail Lisa Hewitt Dick at lmhewitt@attbi.com if you would like to take part in the program .

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Lighting the way for a cure to cancer

Luminaria ceremony is main event at Relay

By John Camera
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Lining a road or a walkway with lit candles in paper bags is almost always a beautiful sight.

But when each of those bags is graced with the name of someone who is suffering from, has died from, or has survived cancer, it becomes an emotional and symbolic act that has unparalleled power.

That's the idea behind the luminaria ceremony at the upcoming Relay for Life, May 16 at the Cohasset High School. The overnight walkathon, held in towns across the country, generates millions of dollars for the American Cancer Society.

Event organizers say the luminaria ceremony is by far the most powerful and emotional part of the relay. Candles and bags are purchased in exchange for a $5 contribution. Participants can write the names of loved ones who have fought cancer on the bags, which are then arranged alphabetically around the high school track.

As the sun sets on the night of the relay, participants light the candles while they circle the track. At 9 p.m., a moment of silence is held, and then a bagpiper leads everyone in a procession.

For Jacqui Vitello, who has participated in the Relay for Life for five years, the luminaria ceremony has a special meaning. Six years ago, her father, Robert Goyette, who was suffering from cancer at the time, went to the ceremony and returned singing its praises. But Vitello never got the change to experience the Relay for Life with her father. He passed away later that year.

Vitello now uses the Relay for Life, and particularly the luminaria ceremony, to remember her father. "It gives me the chills almost," she said. "To me, it's the most touching part of the event. It's also important for my daughter, too."

Vitello's four-year-old daughter never knew her grandfather, but now each year she dedicates a candle to him. Vitello also lights a candle for her mother-in-law, a cancer survivor.

Anna Mary Stewart has been involved with the Relay for Life in different towns on the South Shore for about 10 years. She has helped organize the Cohasset relay since it began six years ago.

"It's said that if you go to the luminaria ceremony, you want to go back the next year because it gives you this feeling of hope," Stewart said. She noted that last year's luminaria ceremony was a literal display of hope. Participants used luminaria bags to spell the word "hope" on the bleachers alongside the high school track.

Stewart estimated that more than 3,000 luminarias were sold last year. "Nowadays, there isn't one single person out there who isn't affected by cancer, either through a relative or someone they know," she said.

Stewart said the importance of the luminaria ceremony really hit home with her a few years ago with when thunderstorms threatened the event. "People just carried all the bags into the gym and set them up in a great huge circle," she said. "I was astounded...That was when I realized this thing was really the main part of the whole event."

The luminaria ceremony is followed by the survivor's lap, which celebrates those who have beaten cancer.

"Every ceremony touches people in a different way, even though we're all here for the same reason—to beat this thing and to find a cure," said Vitello.

Stewart was confident that a cure for cancer would be found. "There has to be something out there they could do. They just haven't found it yet," she said.

The Relay for Life begins at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 16 and runs until noon the next day. For more information or to purchase a luminaria, please call Jacqui Vitello at 781-383-2668.

Luminarias may also be purchased during regular business hours at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank of Cohasset, 48 South Main St.; at Sovereign Bank, 380 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A); or at the Relay for Life on May 16.

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Coyle Shropshire fills luminaria bags with sand during last year's Relay For Life.

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She doesn't miss a stitch

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and another, the Middle East. "It gives them a bit of a story line to grab onto," she said.

Robertson finds new prints everywhere from fabric and quilt stores to an Internet auction site, www.ebay.com. She has collected hundreds and hundreds of different patterns, most of them arranged by color and stored in a room in her basement. "This is my stash," she said during a tour of the home.

Robertson estimates she has made about 130 quilts since she took up the art form six years ago. She has sold between 10 and 15 of them. "A lot of them are beginning efforts that I'd be embarrassed to even show and then some of them are a little too precious to get rid of," she said.

The upcoming Quilters' Connection Quilt Show and Sale, which Robertson is chairing, will feature more than 150 quilts, including two of her own. Guided tours of the show will be available, and some quilting techniques will be demonstrated. Robertson said that 25 percent of the quilts displayed will be for sale.

"Even if a quilt isn't for sale, very often a quilt-maker will take a commission to make something similar to it," she said.

Robertson said working on commission demands cooperation and flexibility from both the customer and the quilter. Robertson personally sticks to a motto that she repeated several times during the tour of her home: "Good art doesn't have to match the sofa."

As an undergraduate, Robertson majored in Art History. Her newfound career has given the former lawyer the sense that her life has come full-circle. "I feel like I got back on my path. I took this big, 20-year detour," she said.

Robertson said her "ultimate goal" was to someday open a quilt gallery that doubled as a quilting school. She said Cohasset seemed like a good fit for the project. "It seems like it would be a wonderful place to do something like that," she said. "It's a very artsy community."

For now, Robertson will hold onto her second story studio space in her home, overlooking the Aaron River Reservoir, a view that she says gives her inspiration for her work.

The Quilters' Connection Quilt Show will be held May 9 and 10 at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 630 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington Center. Hours are Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Golf outing benefit at Black Rock club

The South Shore Community Center is hosting a golf outing at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham on Monday, June 23 at 12:30 p.m. Parents, members and friends of the Community Center, a non-profit organization, are invited to play golf or join in the fun after for a barbecue at Black Rock. Proceeds from the outing will go to go to the South Shore Community Center Nursery School. The cost to participate is $200 per person or $750 for a four-some (if registered by June 1.) The cost includes greens fees, cart, driving range, boxed lunch, dinner buffet and T-shirt. The nursery school is seeking corporate, family or individual sponsorships. For more information and details please contact Deborah Donahue at (781)383-2093 or email: drdona@attbi.com or Deirdre Prescott at (781)383-6578. Registration for the tournament made be made telephone or in person at the Community Center at 3 North Main St. (781)383-0088 (MC/Visa or Discover accepted.) The registration deadline is June 6.

Classes offered

The following classes are offered at the Community Center.

CPR - $45M/$50NM
June 11, 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Pediatric CPR - $50M/$55NM
May 7 and 8, 7 to 10 p.m.

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Pilates - $120M/$125NM
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Crafts made easy

New store offers simple solution

By John Camera
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Price of a project for your kids if you get materials at a crafts store: $20.

Price of doing the same project at The Craft Factory: $10.

Spending quality time with your children: priceless.

That's the thought process that Maria Dinwoodie imagined when she decided to start her business, The Craft Factory, which opened in Jonathan Livingston Plaza on Route 3A in December. At this store, crafts are made simple, and you can leave your mess behind.

The Craft Factory offers a place where kids can indulge in a selection of 60 crafts projects, with materials and instruction provided, all for between $2 and $13 each. Projects cater to children from ages four to 11.

Specific projects at The Craft Factory range from pencils boxes to hand-painted tote bags to decorated cork boards. Aprons, bracelets, banners, flower pots, foam gliders, race cars and yo-yos can also be made, and that's just a small share of all that's offered.

"I try to do a lot of projects that are functional — something that the kids can actually do something with," said Dinwoodie, who lives in Scituate. "The nice thing is you can come in and do the projects and leave the mess here."

Dinwoodie said before opening The Craft Factory she spent two years brainstorming about different businesses that involved children. She thought about opening a children's museum but abandoned the idea after learning that the One World Children's Discovery Museum would soon be opening alongside the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Dinwoodie settled on the idea for The Craft Factory after realizing how much money she was spending on crafts for her own children. "I think we overspend in the crafts store for projects our kids do," she said.

Dinwoodie explained that between paints, brushes, paper and other materials, one simple craft project could end up costing more than $20, but would result in a surplus of materials that would never be used. The Craft Factory, she said, offers an less expensive solution by pricing crafts according to the exact materials needed for each project.

More importantly, Dinwoodie said, the store offers a place where parents can spend quality time with their children. "It forces you to engage with your children and be creative," she said.

Birthday parties and other children's celebrations make up a large portion of The Craft Factory's business. Dinwoodie said the store had hosted 65 parties since opening, including 21 in the month of March alone. She hopes walk-in business will pick up in the summer months.

"Our walk-in business has been slow but it's been picking up in the past month," she said. "I think it's because people are starting to realize we're here."

The store's "Drop-in Studio" is open Tuesday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Aside from doing crafts, children can paint using a wide selection of colors and stamps with different designs. Frequent visitors can join the Craft Club, where they receive a free craft for every eight crafts purchased.

From time to time, Dinwoodie also offers craft workshops, where a specific craft that might require more instruction is completed over a longer period. This summer, Dinwoodie plans to develop five, week-long workshops, where children of similar age groups will visit The Craft Factory for one or two hours a day. One of the workshops, she said, will teach kids how to build models volcanoes that actually erupt.

Dinwoodie left her previous career in e-commerce to start her new business. She said she is enjoying life as an entrepreneur and is organizing a group of local women business owners so they can meet and exchange ideas about marketing and business practices. So far, Dinwoodie is happy with the career change.

"For me, it's a very rewarding thing," she said.

For more information, an updated list of summer workshops and a complete listing of crafts offered at The Craft Factory, visit www.thecraftfactory.com.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Maria Dinwoodie and Kyle at the Craft Factory in Jonathan Livingston Seagull Plaza.

Lightkeepers to host Memorial Day cookout

The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation is pleased to invite everyone for hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks or coffee immediately following the Memorial Day Parade on May 26, at Bancroft Hall on Government Island.

The non-profit Lightkeepers Corporation was established in 1991 to renovate a former two-family lightkeepers' residence, no longer used as such because of automation of Minot's Light, and convert it into a function room for community use. The building is leased from the town but maintained and operated by the Lightkeepers Corporation. The generosity of Cohasset residents and others provided the funds for renovation. Operating and maintenance expenses, and reserves for capital replacements or improvements, are recovered from rental of two apartments on the second floor, and from fees charged to non-residents for use of the function room facilities. Cohasset residents may use the facilities for a nominal fee, and non-profit organizations at no charge.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Affordable Housing

Public transportation and affordable housing have something in common: no one questions the need, but where and how are subjects for debate.

Like the train, many don't want affordable housing (which can mean higher density housing) in their backyard.

Still others confuse "affordable" housing with "government" housing, which conjures up images of federally subsidized, high rises in the inner city.

The Growth & Development Committee has been burning the midnight oil coming up with a new Master Plan for the town, an important component of which is the Affordable Housing Plan.

Committee Chairman Rick Swanborg will present an overview of the Affordable Housing Plan at 8 p.m. during Tuesday's selectmen's meeting.

This is an important meeting to either attend or to watch on Cable-TV.

It is common knowledge that Cohasset has too little affordable housing by state standards and therefore is vulnerable to the comprehensive permit process under the now infamous "Chapter 40B," which is the state's affordable housing law. Having too little affordable housing opened the door, which Avalon Bay then walked through. The company is seeking a comprehensive permit to build a 200-unit apartment complex at which about 25 percent would be affordable off Route 3A. The proposed development has alarmed some in town who fear it will stress town services while doing little to solve the affordable housing problem.

Our neighbors, Scituate and Hingham, are flooded with 40-B proposals from developers.

Clearly the best way to develop affordable housing that won't overwhelm services is to take control of the process. The first step on the road to accomplish that is through adoption of an Affordable Housing Plan.

Under new 40B rules, towns with a state-approved plan can deny a comprehensive permit application without fear that the developer would appeal the denial. In order for the plan to be accepted by the state, a town must prove it would create three-quarters of 1 percent of affordable housing per year. That would mean 21 new units annually in Cohasset.

It's a tall order, but the alternative is unacceptable. The town does not want to continue to be vulnerable to 40B developments.

One of the suggestions would be a zoning change allowing apartments by right on the upper floors of the downtown business district. Amnesty for illegal apartments provided they were made affordable is also on the table; along with streamlining the accessory dwelling process in return for affordability contracts. Exploring inclusionary zoning and establishing a Cohasset Housing Partnership will also be explained.

Copies of the draft Affordable Housing Plan are available at the Selectmen's office and the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rebuts Rivkind on the train facts

TO THE EDITOR:

This is in repsonse to Ralph Rivkind's letter in last week's paper. Mr. Rivkind is head of Greenbush On Track.

Attorney Rivkind is simply misleading about relative Greenbush rail costs. State transportation capital projects have historically been measured by the Central Transportation Planning Staff as the ratio of the incremental capital costs of a project to the added capacity they bring – the number of new weekday transit trips. At a capital cost of $464 million for 1708 new transit riders on Greenbush, the Greenbush cost is $271,000 per new rider; alternatively, this is 3416 new weekday transit trips, for a cost of $135,831 per new transit trip. This compares, for instance, with the Blue Line extension to Lynn that was projected to cost $275 million and attract 4860 new weekday trips for a cost of $56,600 per new transit trip. You do the math and draw your own conclusions on who is manipulating numbers.

School systems and highways are similarly measured by the addition to their capacities in terms of number of new users. It is often impossible to determine accurately the total number of users over the many year life of a project, for example how many years a school will last or how many students will populate the schools each and every year. That is why incremental capacity is used. Other cost-effectiveness measures can be used as well - for impacts on travel time saved or total annual trips; but they measure basic increments to capacity.

The results for Greenbush will be similar when it is compared with other alternatives. Rep. Garrett Bradley was right on the money at the Corps hearing. The fact remains that Greenbush is simply much more expensive than the alternatives or other transit improvement projects that will serve far more people at far less cost.

John Bewick
President
Advocates for Transportation Alternatives

Why we should support Greenbush

The Greenbush train appears to have been put on hold, if not on the shelf. This concerns the South Shore commuting public and, of course, the transportation-handicapped.

The necessary negotiations of vital hurdles even so have almost reached a satisfactory status with the five immediate towns involved with the MBTA contributing much in funds and community assistance to the substantial demands of these five.

One must realize, too, that the restoration of this line will benefit not only Braintree, Weymouth; Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate, but also the four contiguous areas of Hull, Marshfield, Norwell and a portion of Duxbury. Imagine, nine coastal communities the beneficiaries of just 18 miles of rail!

And note also, the National Audubon and the Sierra organizations along with the Massachusetts Conservational Law Foundation endorse the project, even as it traverses federally protected wetlands - as the right-of-way did previously for some 100 years.

The MBTA currently subsidizes 12 other connecting commuter lines serving the North of Boston, the West of Boston, the popular boats from Hingham and Quincy, and six other boats with passengers within Boston Harbor, itself.

Options for the South Shore have not only been long disregarded, but our exasperated hoards have been relegated to the diesel-fumed, accident-prone, mentally-stressed maelstrom of stop-an-go trailers, trucks, buses and one-passenger vehicles the latter forced into shocking parking rates in town, when even available.

It is a delight to note that:

1. Funds for Greenbush have been voted and programmed. Awaiting only is the resolution of soma residual mitigation, and a green light from Governor Romney, and
2. The Plymouth and Middleborough branches are eminently successful, (20 percent above original predictions) and constantly in need of additional parking spaces.
4. Further prospective bonuses for the South Shore neglected commuters would be:

1. Proposed fares less than the bus and water routes,
2. The driving done by skilled engineers,
3. On-schedule trains with comfortable seating, and
4. Departure from home and arrival back at rational hours.

Greenbush hopefuls should keep their courage up, and their entreaties vocal.

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TV programs are a big turnoff

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

JEANE DALY

What is going on with women today? Are they really that desperate to get a man that they will go on national television and behave like imbeciles?

One evening as I was channel surfing I noticed my usually lightening-quick thumb movements had slowed down to a click, a 10-second pause, then and an even longer pause before following my next commands. I have been overworking the poor baby in an attempt to escape from one terrible TV show, to the next, and on to the next. But I must say by far, the most pitiful show I happened upon was, The Bachelor.

What is going on with women today? Are they really that desperate to get a man that they will go on national television and behave like imbeciles? The Bachelor, a now type of guy, whose favorite sport was bed hopping, had many eager and willing partners to frolic with.

He had a vocabulary of a twit: "You are incredible. The sky is incredible. Your eyes are incredible. The horse is incredible," and so on.

You get the picture, I'm sure.

The first bachelor's mom, a marriage counselor, gave her son a good piece of advice: "junior, get to at least know the girl first before saying I do."

He did just that by asking the finalist, Miss Moonstruck, to give up her job, move from her state to his and live together, sooo they could really get acquainted. Lucky girl! She thought she was — so what do I know?

Next, we have the entertainment industry awards: The Academy Awards, The Tony's, The Golden Globe, The MTV Awards, The People's Choice Awards, The Country Music Awards, and the list goes on and on.

Now I have a great idea. Wouldn't it be nice if people have an Ordinary Schmoe affair? It could be called the Average Human Being's Awards Dinner.

The menu would read; beans and franks, raisin brown bread with real butter, and all the coffee and tea you can drink. Dessert, a rich chocolate sheet cake that reads, "To The Very Best — You Know Who you are." I'm sure it would be a huge success and could be an annual affair in every home, office, or church basement throughout the world. And best of all, no one would have to deal with pesty news media or boisterous fans. Nothing beats being just *average*.

After a night of watching The Bachelor and other mindless things my thumb and I decided not to watch the boob tube for 12 days. The absence of Award Dinners, tiresome commercials, drug busts, murders and mayhem, etc. gave my weary mind a rest.

Like an idiot, curiosity got the best of me, and day 13 I clicked on the power and found nothing had changed. What graced my screen was The 56th Annual Tony Awards, click! Next, Looking for Love: Bachelorettes in Alaska, the rejects from the Bachelor show. They must have hopped a plane to Alaska to see what the pickins' were up there. You guessed it — the thumb took over and clicked the *off* button.

Jeane Daly of Hingham is a dedicated student of humorous behavior and finds it everywhere she looks.

HEALTH NOTES

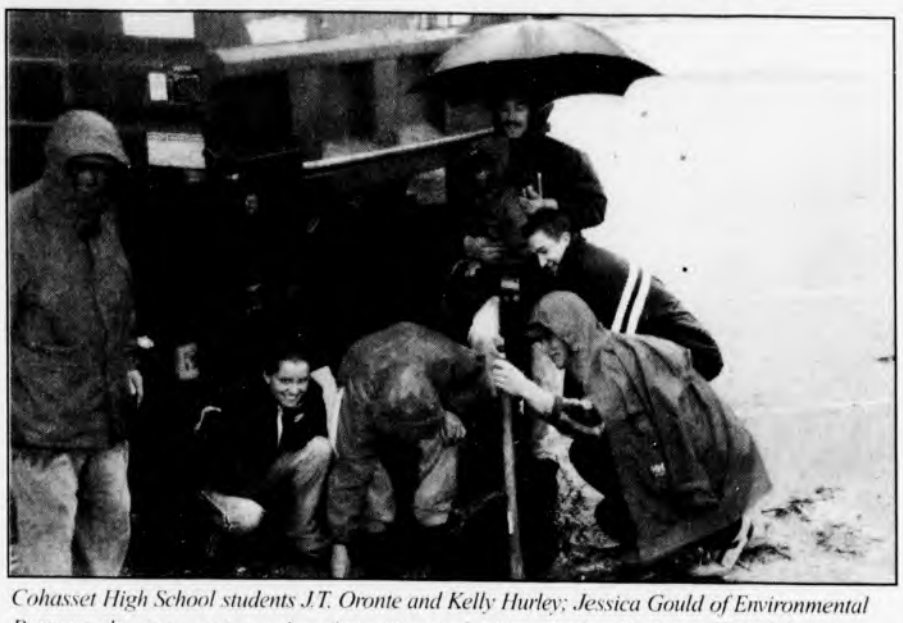
Getting to the bottom of town's catch basins and storm drains

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

April 22 was Earth Day. Generally, it's a time to send the troops out to help clean up our paths, roadways, etc., of debris left over from the winter. This year, we decided, as a part of our initiative to begin to manage the storm-water entering our estuaries, ponds and streams, to begin paying attention to storm-water structures like catch basins and street drains, since they do much of the collection of debris.

Each spring, the DPW sends a truck to selected catch basins and storm drains and with a device called a clamshell, empties them of accumulated silt and debris. A part of our storm-water program is to identify, list, and organize this cleanup to make it more efficient, and assign labor to locations where there is the greatest problem and need. The grant from the state to help us do this work requires us to provide public outreach and assistance to make people more aware of the importance of storm-water management.

Earth Day activity this year was an attempt to begin our program by creating better awareness of the role of storm structures in dealing with pollution. Dedicated High School volunteers gathered at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Aubrey Crocker House, 40 Parker Ave. (The Aubrey Crocker House is the former Hagerty Building now occupied by the Center for Student Coastal Research.) The group pictured, left to right, includes the following: Cohasset High School students J.T. Oronte and Kelly Hurley; Jessica Gould of Environmental Partners, the storm-water engineering contractor's representative; Cohasset High School students Mark Davis and Andrew O'Keefe; budding environmentalist Mitchell Buckley, and high school teacher Jack Buckley.



Cohasset High School students J.T. Oronte and Kelly Hurley; Jessica Gould of Environmental Partners, the storm-water engineering contractor's representative; Cohasset High School students Mark Davis and Andrew O'Keefe; budding environmentalist Mitchell Buckley, and high school teacher Jack Buckley check out a storm drain on Earth Day.

In the pouring rain, this stalwart group, together with Barry Butman of the DPW and Joe Godzik, Health Officer, using documents for collecting catch-basin information, went to selected catchbasins at Mariner's Park, and Sandy Beach to gather data for the town's storm-water management program. For their trouble, each student received a bagel and a beautiful Board of Health Earth Day T- shirt. These students, and others to follow, will form the core group of volunteers needed to assist the town in gathering needed catch-basin data.

When the collected data has been reviewed, and adjustments to the collection methods made, we will begin a regular town-wide program of storm structure management, in large part directed by inputs from citizen volunteers all over town. Look for more information about this important program from the Board of Health in the future.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Some progress on the jet pollution issue

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

We want a smart transportation policy, with public health, air quality and the South Shore's value to the state economy given realistic weight.

What is happening on the jet pollution issue? What are South Shore residents working on now, and what do we want?

What we want:

- That the South Shore towns remain a healthful and valuable residential treasure.
- That the remarkable coastal environment – including our towns – be understood and treated as an asset crucial to the state's economy and image.
- That reliable facts emerge from environmental review of runway expansion and low altitude traffic on the South Shore, so the public can make an in formed choice.

From state government we want broad-based transportation planning to point the economy forward – away from an aviation-centered policy in economic decline. We want a smart transportation policy, with public health, air quality and the South Shore's value to the state economy given realistic weight. One example: supporting the Acela instead of high pollution jets for northeast corridor short hops.

Thanks to hard work by citizens, a noise study is scheduled to start in June, in which FAA, Massport and representatives from airport-impacted communities, including the South Shore towns, will work together.

There are three law suits in progress.

1) Judge Botsford is expected to rule on the Boston injunction case in Suffolk Superior Court in June.

2) The Hull nuisance and fraud suit is on appeal from a summary dismissal by Judge Hely in Plymouth Superior Court. Resolution could take two years.

3) An appeal of the FAA's record of decision for Runway 14/32, supported by individual donations, is proceeding in Federal Court.

Using Freedom of Information Act requests, citizen groups brought to light information that Massport withheld. The state's final environmental impact report grossly exaggerated delays at Logan and left out conclusions that undercut economic justification for a new runway. Through the efforts of Garrett Bradley and Bob Hedlund, we are asking state officials to revisit the environmental impact report.

We are fundraising. Real progress is coming from South Shore leadership, civic volunteers and your generous donations.

Mary Ann Frye is a member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council that can be reached at: southshorejetpollution.org

House budget doesn't back Romney reforms

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The organizing thought of the House budget emerged instantly: honesty is the best politics.

There may be a flaw in that logic, though: it presumes Mitt Romney is dishonest.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman John Rogers said the House was trying to do the right thing, and the right thing was painful. "This budget talks about how bad things are, and if we start to sugarcoat the fiscal reality, then we do no service to ourselves, and more importantly, to the people we serve," Rogers told the state.

Budgets are political documents, not spending plans. Many, many adjustments are made to spending levels during the course of the year. The real numbers for available revenue and allowable spending aren't known until months after the fiscal year ends. If Rogers and Romney came out tomorrow and said they'd decided revenues were going to grow .8 percent instead of .2 percent next year, in that moment the projected deficit would go down $100 million. That's how ephemeral the math is.

What's real is the actual revenue collections, and the spending reported by agencies as the year goes along. Oh, and the politics. In this case, rather than building consensus, House leaders have built a crescendo of criticism against the administration. "We'll see if the numbers are real" – the initial reaction to Romney's budget in February – has changed to "the numbers aren't real." Actually, it's nastier than that. House Speaker Thomas Finneran summed up his chamber's current opinion of the governor's quest to balance the budget through reorganization: "What complete drivel." The governor has begun recruiting legislative candidates for the 2004 election.

Once Romney dug in his heels about taxes, as in "no new," and "discovered" an extra $1 billion in waste heretofore undetected, earlier suggestions of cooperation on behalf of the public were abandoned. Now the argument has really taken shape: the House is saying a lot of Romney's reorganizations of government don't make sense and shouldn't be adopted, and that he didn't really make the spending cuts necessary to get to a balanced budget. The governor has taken to saying he'll adjust the numbers if reform isn't going to save the amounts he claims, but that the Democrats don't want to go along with that because "House leadership wants to keep things the way they are, doesn't want to see change, wants the status quo."

One thing both teams have in common: they'd both raise the living daylights out of fees. From officially registering as a blind person to filing a complaint with the commission against discrimination, people doing business with the state are going to pay more no matter what happens. The final details will soon be worked out, such as: If I want to appeal a speeding ticket, will I have to pay $10 for the privilege, as the House proposes? Neither the governor's press office nor the House seemed in a rush to provide a specific list of fee increases; honesty has its limits.

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- *Senate president praises house effort* — Robert Travaglini went straight to the h-word, echoing Rogers himself. The president said in a release: "The House budget represents two months of diligent work and is an honest reflection of the severity of our fiscal reality. I commend the Speaker and his House leadership for putting together realistic numbers in order to meet this budget shortfall." The Senate will have a different approach than the House, but early signs indicate the branches, perhaps out of necessity, won't be as far apart as they have in the past.
- *MTA: this breaks the promise* — Catherine Boudreau, president of the Mass. Teachers Association, said the $150 million in reduction in public education assistance – the first such reduction in 10 years – will violate the spirit of the 1993 Education Reform Law. At the same time, the Council for Fair School Finance, watchdog for the court order underpinning the law, warned the House cut appears to abrogate not just its spirit, but its letter.
- *MMA: basic services will be cut* — The Mass. Municipal Association reacted with dismay to the House budget, warning that hundreds or even thousands of teachers, firefighters, police officers and other local workers will stop providing services this spring. "You can't push communities off a cliff like this budget is doing," said MMA executive director Geoff Beckwith. Many are predicting a new surge of Proposition 2-1/2 overrides.
- *CLF warns of lawsuit on energy fund* — A coalition of environmentalists led by the Conservation Law Foundation warned of a lawsuit if the Legislature doesn't act quickly on a bill linked to the governor's diversion of a renewable energy fund. Romney and the Legislature emptied $17 million from the Renewable Energy Trust Fund to help cover this year's budget deficit; at the same time, the governor filed a bill increasing state government's use of renewable energy sources. Testifying for that bill, environmentalists said if it doesn't move soon, they'll go to court to force the state to live up to its commitment to cleaner energy alternatives.
- *Lawmakers hit reorg* — At a hearing on the governor's reorganization proposals, several senators said they could not vote for the package as a single proposal, and predicted it will be rejected by the Legislature as a whole if it comes in a single bill. The governor is due to file the plan May 1, and is trying to decide whether to break it into sections or submit one piece for an up-or-down vote. The House budget embraces some, but hardly all of Romney's government shakeup plans.
- *On energy question, company says answer's blowing in the wind* — One of the most visible players on Beacon Hill in recent days has been Cape Wind. The company, which wants to win permits for a wind farm off Nantucket, has posted ads and its proposal in the windows of the building on Park and Beacon streets, where everyone who works in the building is likely to see them at one point or another. Cape Wind held a press conference touting wind power as the hope of the future and support from electricians and some Cape fishermen. Another group of Cape fishermen put out a press release saying the project would harm the environmental quality of Nantucket Sound.

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Politically correct words

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I see there is a new word to be expunged from the PC dictionary and this may be the most difficult challenge since we were instructed to call women "wimyn" and the fatties among us "horizontally challenged persons."

The new word is "snow."

The culprit was the essay question on the fourth grade Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (that's MCAS if you're a headline writer) exam, which is supposed to measure how much you've learned in school.

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Right away the PC flags went up. Many of the students hadn't had a snow day off in years and some had never even seen snow, although after this past winter only a resident of Timbuktu didn't have a snow shovel in the back hallway.

Clearly, the test was biased against people of color who live in snowless lands, although Jesse Jackson has not yet lectured on it at Harvard Law School and Johnnie Cochrane has yet to file the first class action suit demanding millions in reparations.

It's getting so that the next book on the New York Times weekly roundup of best sellers will be a list of banned words — like the list the textbook division of McGraw Hill has of banned words and phrases, which sinks "man the boats" as sexist.

Or maybe it will be "The Language Police," by Diane Ravitch, who maintains, "We claim to promote diversity but everything that suggests people are different is being ironed out," like replacing "huts" with "small houses" to iron out ethnocentricity.

Me? I'll stick with "the Official Politically Correct Dictionary and Handbook," by Henry Beard and Christopher Cerf, that I bought several years ago when I won the coveted Male Chauvinist Pig Award for using "dumb" and "broad" in the same sentence.

I go back to the book every now and then, especially after I have had a glass too much of the house merlot and I summon the waitress to tell her there's a fly in my bisque when I know darn well I should have said, "Waitperson, there's a non-human animal in my soup."

The last time I was forcibly unemployed (sometime in the mid- '70s, if I recall right) the boss said to me, "You're fired. Turn in your key to the Coke machine." Today he would have told me I was entering the firm's "career alternative enhancement program."

Prostitutes are "sex care providers" or "persons presenting themselves as commodity allotments within a business doctrine," and pimps are "individuals holding management positions in the sexual work force."

Those of us who are only now coming to terms with "collateral damage" for civilian casualties in wartime, will be happy to learn that they did not die from the bombing but from the "accidental delivery of ordnance equipment."

And, says Beard and Cerf, "the term 'politically correct,' co-opted by the white power elite as a tool for attacking multiculturalism, is no longer 'politically correct.'"

Gee, and just when I was getting around to it, too.

Volunteer at the senior center

The Community Volunteer Program focuses on helping elders remain independent and remain in their homes. The volunteers of all ages help the Cohasset Elder Affairs with a variety of tasks from friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, van escort service and luncheon hostess. The program is designed to match the volunteer to the task and bring pleasure and companionship to both parties. Volunteer help is always, gratefully needed.

The volunteers have the ability to meet with, report to, and talk with the Outreach Coordinator, both on a regularly-scheduled basis and at times of the volunteer's choosing. Also the volunteer is accorded equal status and involvement in agency operations.

Call the Council on Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112 for more information.

Homework to study full-day kindergarten

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1993 Education Reform Act. She said the kindergarten task force would examine the copious research on the subject of full-day kindergarten. Plans are to also include people who work in preschool programs in town on the task force as well as parents and faculty.

"The task force would review the research and visit full-day programs in the area and do a cost analysis," she said.

Sheehan explained a benefit of full-day kindergarten is having more time to meet the needs of the students and provide a more comprehensive program. She noted that most kindergartners have had some preschool experience, and therefore kindergarten is evolving into a place where children are ready for more.

"The short day is not a lot of time to do all we want to do," she said.

Fennessey said in an interview this week that kindergarten has evolved to provide children with more of an academic curriculum as opposed to the play-school environment of the past, and full-day kindergarten would be an extension of that.

Supt. Edward Malvey said he supports the concept, but says full-day kindergarten may not be needed in every community.

"Conceptually it is a good idea," he said. Malvey said the task force report would help the district decide if it's doing well enough with a half-day program and therefore did not need a full-day program. He noted that what works for one community does not necessarily work for another. "Until we see what the report says, I don't think we'll go full scale into it," he said.

Shedding light on the issue

Spofford to explain school illumination

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Rob Spofford of the School Building Committee will make a presentation at tonight's School Committee meeting explaining the outdoor lighting system at the renovated and expanded middle-high school.

Spofford will clarify issues raised at the last School Committee meeting at which neighbors presented a petition signed by 28 households stating the lighting plan was "excessive" and light pollution from the school had the potential to affect their quality of life.

In a telephone interview this week, Spofford explained the issues concerning the neighbors were raised at the School Building Committee meeting about 2-1/2 years ago. The SBC then incorporated changes in the design of the lighting plan to mitigate effects. For example, an elaborate circuit system was created to provide the ability to turn on only those lights that are needed at any give time.

"We went above and beyond," Spofford said. "We've provided maximum flexibility to the school."

Also incorporated in the plan are "shoebox-style" type lights that illuminate downward and prevent the light from traveling beyond the target area.

It appears that some members who signed the petition presented to the School Committee may have not been aware of the measures taken by the SBC, Spofford said.

He said the school has to meet state and federal codes regarding lighting needs including requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Lights installed on the building are also set up so they have minimal impact on abutters. The SBC is also working with certain neighbors who need more mitigation.

Spofford said, however, lighting at the renovated school would be more than what was there before. The 50-year-old school was not up to modern lighting standards.

"Right now the neighbors look out the window at night at darkness," he said. "With the new school, they will be looking at a place illuminated within its own space.

"We have to light it, it's a public space," he said. "But we've built in screening and maximum flexibility."

He said it would be highly unlikely to have the entire site lit at once.

The School Committee meeting gets underway at 7:30 p.m. at the middle-high school library.

LIBRARY CORNER

Book discussion for young adults

Attention all students between the ages of 13 and 16. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is forming a book discussion, recommendation and advisory group for young adults. Mrs. Moody will facilitate and coordinate the meetings. The first planning session will be a pizza get-together Tuesday, May 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Young Adult Room of the library. To register, call Moody at 781-383-1348. Space is limited.

Monoprints exhibit

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library will host an exhibit of monoprints by Don Larkin, "For the Young at Heart," May 2 through June 30. The opening reception will be held Sunday, May 4, from 2 to 5 p.m.

"For the Young at Heart" is meant to reach both children and adults. Since college at Massachusetts College of Art and graduate work at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Larkin has created playful images of birds and fish. Now after retiring from 32 years of teaching at Weymouth North High, he has returned to this playful subject matter.

Larkin was inspired to create this show by Cohasset's new library and his granddaughter. The library has a beautiful children's room across from the gallery. This wonderful space reaches out to greet children. Also, he was inspired by a print that he created for his granddaughter, Vie. These two things came together to create an opportunity to show art work that both children and adults would enjoy.

Larkin creates most of his prints at the monoprint studio at South Shore Arts Center, with Esther Maschio. He also works on smaller prints in his home studio.

Alzheimer's benefit brunch at Saporito's

"A Taste of Spring: A Wine Tasting Brunch," is the 11th annual fund-raising event for the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. The festivities will take place at Saporito's Florence Club Café in Hull on Sunday, May 18 at 1 p.m.

The event includes a five-course gourmet menu. Each course is accompanied by a wine selected by Mark Lewis of M.S. Walker Company who will explain the fine art of blending foods and wines. The Joe Micarelli Trio will provide a jazz accompaniment to the food and wine. Again, Andy and Mary Ann Saporito Boothroyd have selected from their culinary favorites to present an exciting menu. Lucky winners will be chosen for baskets of gourmet foods and wines gathered for the occasion.

All proceeds from this event underwrite ADSGSS activities: it's monthly newsletter, outreach brochures, postage, family information packets and the help-line phone. ADSGSS, Inc. is a non-profit educational corporation that depends solely on public donations.

Reservations for this event, that benefits this meaningful cause must be made in advance. Tables may be arranged to accommodate four, five or eight people together at $65 per person. Please call JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417, evenings, for reservations.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, BHRC reports local senators roll call attendance records for the 2003 session through April 25.

The Senate has held 14 roll call votes. BHRC tabulates the number of roll calls on which each senator was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number commonly referred to as the roll call attendance record. Thirty-two of the state's 40 senators have a 100 percent attendance record.

LOCAL SENATORS' ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the senator's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the senator was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls the senator missed.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

$22.497 BILLION BUDGET (H 4000) - The big news on Beacon Hill last week was the release of the House Ways and Means Committee version of a proposed $22.497 billion fiscal 2004 state budget. The package hikes many state fees but does not raise taxes. It also makes deep cuts in many areas including local aid, education and health care. Debate on the package is scheduled to begin April 30 and proposed amendments raising taxes will be considered first.

ENERGY EFFICIENT PRODUCTS (H 1270) - The Energy Committee has recommended that a bill prohibiting many products from being sold in Massachusetts after January 1, 2005 unless they meet certain minimum energy efficiency standards be shipped off to a study committee. The products include commercial refrigerators, freezers and clothes washers, ceiling fans, torchiere lamps, portable air conditioners, traffic signal devices and illuminated exit signs.

ELECT THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER (S 839) - The Insurance Committee held a hearing on legislation providing that the state's Insurance Commissioner be elected rather than appointed. One of the commissioner's duties is to set auto insurance rates following a series of public hearings. Massachusetts is the only state in the nation that gives the commissioner this power while other states set their rates by law or by a competitive free market.

CHILD RAPE (H 321) - A bill heard by the Criminal Justice Committee would prohibit anyone convicted of child rape from having his sentence reduced or from being eligible for probation, parole, furlough or work release.

CHILDREN AND THE INTERNET (S 1914) - The Science and Technology Committee held a hearing on a proposal requiring all public schools and libraries to adopt a plan to ensure that minors using the facilities' computers be protected from dangerous, illegal or obscene material on the Internet.

OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS (H 651) - A bill heard by the Taxation Committee would exempt over-the-counter medicines and nutritional supplements prescribed by a doctor from the state's five percent sales tax.

HEALTH INSURANCE DEDUCTION (S 1721) - The Taxation Committee held a public hearing on a measure allowing self-employed taxpayers to deduct their health insurance premiums on their state taxes.

VANITY PLATES (S 1367) - The Public Safety Committee held a hearing on a measure increasing from six to eight the number of letters and numbers allowed on vanity license plates.

POLICE AUTO ACCIDENTS (H 415) - The Public Safety Committee held a hearing on legislation providing that an impartial person conduct the investigation of any motor vehicle accident involving a police officer.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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Burying wires to be included in village design

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McMorris and Selectman Michael Sullivan were in favor of burying the wires, saying that most residents wanted it done but did not want to pay for it. But Selectmen Tom Callahan and Merle Brown were more skeptical. (Fred Koed did not attend Tuesday's meeting).

Callahan said burying the wires in the center of the village (South Main Street, Brook Street and Elm Street) would only draw funding away from planned improvements to Depot Court and Ripley Road. He said the Town would eventually end up asking taxpayers to pay to complete those portions of the project.

Brown said his main concern was that he thought safety was the primary goal of the project, not burying the wires.

According to Town Manager Mark Haddad, the Town has already spent, on the Waterfield Design Group alone, $100,000 of the $1.5 million state grant. Meanwhile, downtown merchants say they have raised $200,000 to contribute to the project if removing utility wires is incorporated into the plans. The merchants are also trying to raise an additional $100,000 to $200,000.

As of now, Waterfield has estimated the downtown revitalization project would cost $1,126,000, not including the $800,000 cost of burying the wires. Waterfield has determined that the town could save about $143,000 by having asphalt sidewalks instead of concrete with bluestone pavers, as are currently proposed.

"If we can bury the wires and revitalize the downtown village, I think that's what people want to do."

— Selectman Michael Sullivan

Sullivan said asphalt was worth the savings if it was the difference between burying or moving utility wires. "If we can bury the wires and revitalize the downtown village, I think that's what people want to do," he said. "Frankly, to me, whatever sidewalk treatment we use is not going to be noticed."

But the idea of asphalt sidewalks did not sit well with all selectmen. Brown said asphalt would "ruin the town" and would deteriorate in extreme hot and cold temperatures. Callahan said he thought people misunderstood what the concrete and bluestone pavers would look like.

Sullivan said if the Town did not have enough money to include burying the wires in the revitalization project, it could ask for additional funding through the Community Preservation Act. Callahan strongly disagreed, saying the project was not eligible for CPA funds.

Tom Hamilton of Dean and Hamilton Realtors, who sparked renewed interest in burying the wires with his comments at a Selectmen's meeting two weeks ago, said getting rid of the wires would be in the best interest of the town because it would increase the town's commercial tax base by raising the value of village property.

Selectmen agreed to appoint someone with local knowledge to help the Waterfield Design Group as it meets with the electric company and investigates the idea of feeding utility wires from behind Elm Street and South Main Street. The board is hoping that this alternative method of removing wires would create additional savings.

Wayne Sawchuk, who originally thought of the backdoor wire idea, requested Selectmen appropriate the $2887 necessary to design a sidewalk that extends on South Main Street to the old Paul Pratt Memorial Library. But the idea was turned down in the interest of saving money until Selectmen determine whether wiring alternatives can be incorporated in the project.

Waterfield president Craig Miller estimated it would take at least two weeks for the newly contracted work to be completed. Selectmen have scheduled to meet with Waterfield again at their May 19 meeting.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

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Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., 383-9131. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

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The First Parish Church, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

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Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m.

This Sunday families will visit the Heifer Project Farm during lambing season in Rutland, Mass. Children are raising funds to send a pair of farm animals to a third world country through the Heifer Project. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org

In the Scripture lessons for the Third Sunday of Easter, Peter and John, having cured a crippled man, are called to account before the High Council where Peter proclaims that the source of their healing power is Jesus. The Letter of 1st John tells that all can find forgiveness through Jesus. In the Gospel the risen Jesus shows himself again to the disciples interpreting the scriptures that show that the cross and resurrection were part of God's plan. Preacher: The Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler.

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

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Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service: Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

Temple Beth Sholom

600 Nantasket Ave. 925-0091, 925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

OBITUARY

Leo P. Sullivan

Leo P. Sullivan, 91, of Cohasset, a former real estate broker, died April 23, 2003, at Life Care Center of the South Shore in Scituate.

Mr. Sullivan was employed as a real estate broker for the Sullivan Company in Dorchester for 50 years, retiring in 1990.

Formerly of Hingham, he lived in Cohasset for 14 years.

Mr. Sullivan was born in Boston.

Husband of the late Helen (Pukt) Sullivan, he leaves a son, Albert L. Sullivan of Cohasset; a daughter, Nancy C. Sullivan of Scituate; four grandchildren, Grant Emde, Denise Brown, Peter Sullivan and Ian Sullivan; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was grandfather of the late Christopher Sullivan and was predeceased by eight brothers and sisters.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Paul Church in Hingham. Interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham.

Arrangements were by the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home in Hingham.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Baystate Drive, P.O. Box 9060, Braintree, 02184.

WORSHIP NOTES

Abbey series on 'finding meaning'

The Glastonbury Series for 2002-03, :Listening to Other Voices: Hope in a Time of Uncertainty" continues with Rabbi Karyn Kadar who will talk about "Finding Meaning and Purpose for Ourselves and Those We Serve." This event is Thursday, May 1 at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey.

Rabbi Kadar lived in Jerusalem for 10 years and was the first female to serve as a rabbi in Jerusalem. She is currently the director of the Great Lakes Region of American Hebrew Congregations, serving 62 congregations in five midwest states.

Among her topics of interest is Jewish spirituality. She is a contributor to "The Jewish Lights Spirituality Handbook" and "The Women's Torah Commentary." She is also the author of "Gifts from Our Grandmothers."

Please call the Abbey to reserve a place for this inspiring discussion at 781-749-2155. A free-will offering, the evening of the event is much appreciated.

Marriage enrichment

North River Community Church in Hingham is sponsoring a marriage enrichment program on Friday, May 16 from 6:30– 10 p.m. The evening begins with a delicious hot dinner served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., followed by The Five Love Languages video workshop. In a fun-filled presentation before a live audience, Gary Chapman, Ph.D., helps you identify your personal love language and helps you understand the love language of your spouse. Then he provides practical suggestions for enriching your marriage by practicing the other love language.

This program is open to the community. Couples in thriving or struggling marriages, couples whose spouse does not want to attend but you do, dating couples, and singles! Everyone can walk away with great communication tools to use in everyday life.

Registration ends May 11 so register today. Cost is $25 per couple/$12.50 singles and includes dinner and a workbook. To register, get directions to the church, or other information, please visit www.northriverchurch.org or call Debi Johnson at 781-294-8420.

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Swinging away

Bats continue to lead the way for CHS baseball team

By Mike Spellman
MSPELLMAN@CNC.COM

The surprising Cohasset High baseball team stretched its winning streak to three games on Friday with an impressive 8-1 win over South Shore Voc Tech to improve to 4-2 on the season.

The visiting Skippers jumped immediately on Vikings starter Dave Salucci, pushing five runs across in the top of the first inning on four hits.

Shortstop Mike Dooley and third baseman Mike Snowdale sandwiched doubles around a long fly out to center by Chris McKenna to open the game to start the scoring. Cleanup hitter Ted Straughn then singled home Snowdale to make it 2-0.

After Matt O'Brien reached on an error, first baseman Trey Curry singled home Straughn. Pitcher Jon Downing then hit a hard grounder that got through the Vikings second baseman, and both O'Brien and Curry scored on the play.

The Skippers added one run apiece in the third, fourth and fifth innings to continue their torrid offensive start to the season.

"I'm really extremely happy with the way we've been hitting the ball so far," said Cohasset coach Al Galotta, following the game, "especially in the early going with the weather being far from ideal. We've been averaging eight or nine hits per game. Hopefully, we'll keep heating up as the weather does."

The Skippers pounded out

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Small steps

Softball coach eyes slow, steady approach

By Mike Spellman
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Deb Bostwick isn't asking for much.

The first thing the veteran coach who agreed to re-introduce Cohasset High to varsity softball this spring is requesting is patience. That's certainly understandable, and should be granted by those closest to the scene

One of the other big things she has asked for is the trust of her players. That, unfortunately, has not come quite so easily. Not that the longtime coach is all that surprised or even all that critical of this.

"I'm asking the girls to do some things differently than they've done in the past and that's not easy for some of them," said Bostwick. "But I would like it if they'd trust that I know what I'm talking about."

Bostwick, who has coached field hockey at Cohasset High and basketball at Carver High (where she also teaches) for several years, played softball in college and still plays in a serious league to this day. She certainly has the credentials to earn a little trust, but it has come slowly.

Subsequently, there have been frustrating days on the small diamond in recent weeks for the coach and her charges alike.

The Lady Skippers lost in games called early due to the slaughter rule to Carver in their last game before vacation on April 16 and their first game

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset second baseman John Andrade attempts to avoid South Shore VoTech baserunner and turn a double play in non-league clash last Friday at Hanover's Sylvester Field.

A life cut too short

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

There are never more than a handful of athletes you honestly get to know in the performance of this job over the course of a school year. With all of the towns and all of the sports we cover here, that is simply a fact of life.

I knew Brendan MacDonald, who died this past weekend in a tragic accident, but not real well. I wish I could have known him better, though, as I truly enjoyed watching the way he played both hockey and lacrosse at Norwell High up until his graduation last spring. But he was one of those quiet kids, happy, it seemed, to let teammates grab the spotlight and do the talking.

I did know him well enough, though, to exchange greetings whenever I bumped into him, as was the case when I saw him at a Norwell High state tourney basketball game back in March. He told me he was really enjoying his freshman year at Norwich University and was doing well.

It wasn't much, but I remember thinking at that time with a smile that this was probably the most he'd ever said to me at any one time. Trying to get quotes from him several months earlier after his final high school lacrosse game had been akin to the proverbial pulling of teeth.

I also remember talking to him — along with his fellow seniors, Ben Spitz and Rob Himberg, last March— following their final high school hockey game. He used an impressive 10 cent word to describe what his high school hockey career

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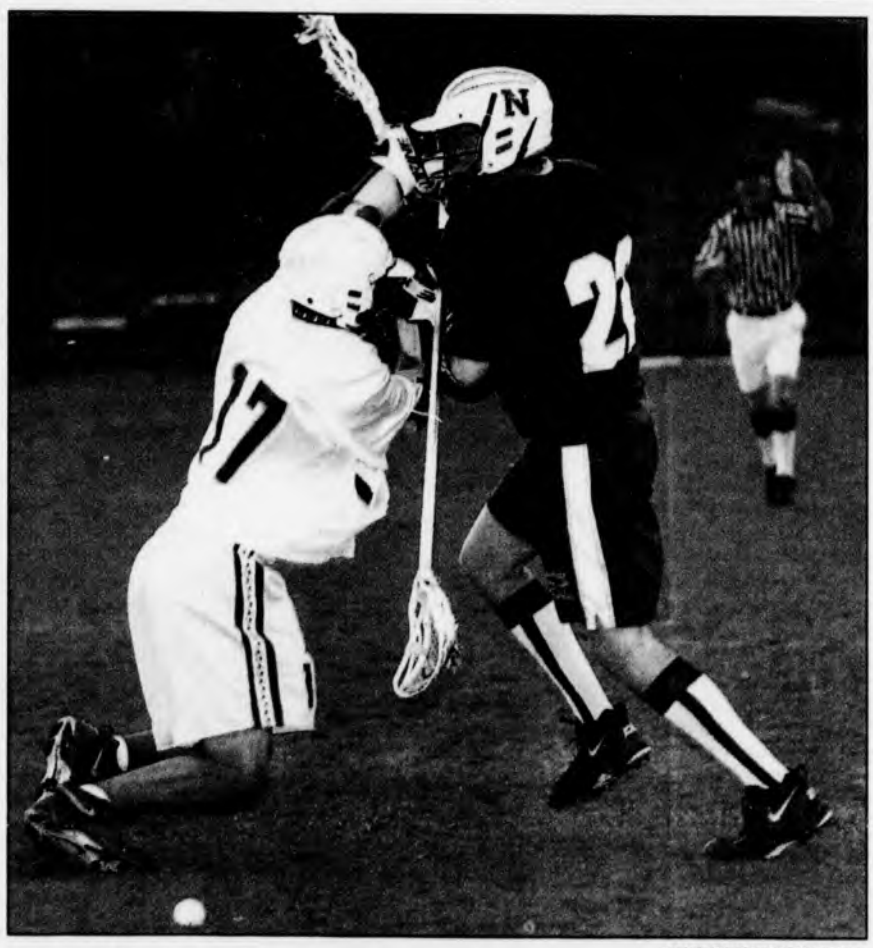

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Cohasset's Mike Devine (left) does his best to keep Norwell attacker Kris Tedeschi away from the ball in Tuesday night's Pilgrim Conference showdown won by the Skippers, 15-9.

Laxmen gaining steam

'Miracle' comeback win, humbling of Norwell add up to satisfying week

The Cohasset boys' varsity lacrosse team rolled into the heart of its schedule with a heart-stopping victory over Central Massachusetts power St. John's of Shrewsbury and a dominating performance against arch-rival Norwell.

The two wins left the Skippers at 4-1 on the season, the only loss coming to nationally-ranked Duxbury in the opening game.

Against Norwell on Tuesday night, before a vocal crowd at Alumni Field, Cohasset put on its most sustained offensive performance yet, winning 15-9. The visiting Clippers stayed with the home team for a half,

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No stopping girls tennis team

Lady Skippers whitewash Harwich to remain perfect

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Just business as usual.

The Cohasset girls tennis team, holding only one practice since their last win on April 16, showed no signs of rust in slaughtering their Harwich counterparts, 5-0, on Tuesday. Not one member of the undefeated Lady Skippers has given up so much as a set to any opponent in their quest towards the playoffs.

Sophomore Liz Stone, so poised yet so deadly, continued to dominate the field with the double doughnut score 6-0, 6-0. Senior Lindsay Grossman followed at second singles with an identical score.

Meanwhile, third singles junior Holly Graham won what turned out to be the closest match of the day in Cohasset. It's a scary thing when the closest match ends in a 6-0, 6-2 score.

Both doubles squads shut out their opponents with overpowering play at the net, off the serve, from the baseline; every facet of the game was commanded by Cohasset. Senior captain Julie Shea teamed with junior Courtney Caron at first doubles, and junior Corey Evans won with newcomer freshman Susan Curry.

In five matches, the team gave up merely two games, while winning 60. Despite their extraordinary success in this and many previous seasons, the team maintains a solid work ethic without becoming complacent. In fact, even in matches such as this, where any number of line-ups would easily result in a W for CHS, the players are constantly working at honing their skills.

"It's still good practice for us," says Shea, in her final varsity season. "And it gives the freshman a chance to play, too."

Boys Tennis report

For the boys squad, times were tough for the second straight SSL match, as they fell to Harwich, 4-1. The Rough Ryders found redemption, after their two 3-2 losses to the Skippers in 2002 kept them out of the playoffs as the regular season came to a close.

The big winners of the day were the freshman duo, Chris Pescatore and Nils Sceery. Although the long bus ride and shortage of tennis courts kept them idle for a long time, the

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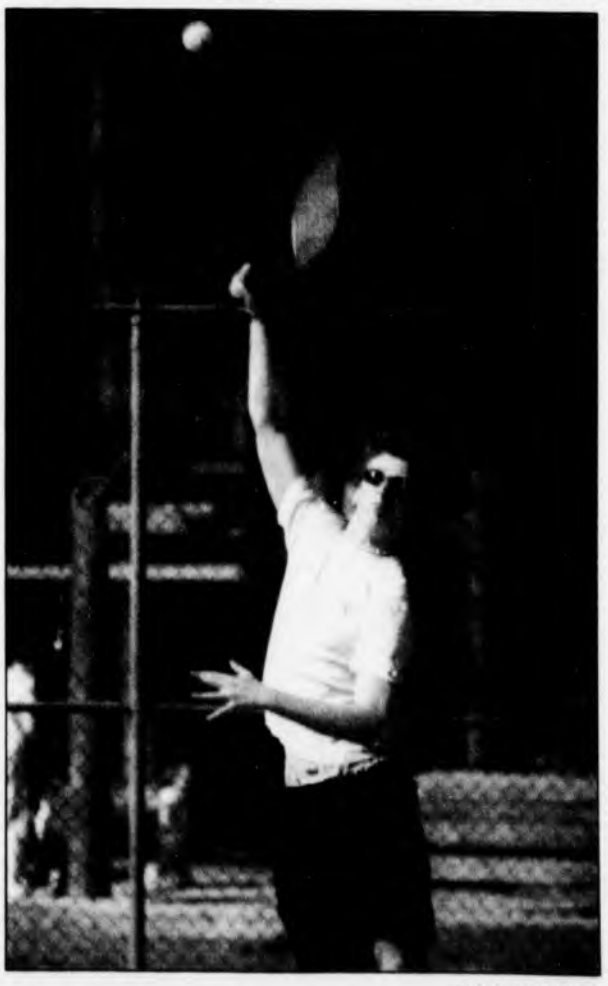

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Cohasset number two singles player Tim Anton has to go high to get to this volley in recent South Shore League action.

CHS tracksters swept by Crusaders

Both of he Cohasset High track teams were topped by far bigger Carver teams on the road Tuesday. The boys fell, 88-47, the girls 80-49.

Junior captain Jenn Buckley provided three of the highlights for the LAdy Skippers squad, winning the javelin, as well as the mile and 2-mile races.

The losses dropped both teams to 2-3 on the season.

Both teams were scheduled to get back into action on the road against South Shore League rival Mashpee..

Cohasset underclassmen will take part in the annual Whitman-Hanson Freshman-Sophomore meet this Saturday (10 a.m. start), and other team members will compete later in the day at the Weston Twilight Invitational.

Both teams will take part in the South Shore League meet at Norwell High next Tuesday (3:30 p.m.), and the Coaches Invitational next Saturday at Plymouth South.

SPORTS NOTES

Soccer Club spring season begins Saturday

As a result of the bad weather the last few Saturdays the Cohasset Soccer Club will be beginning its spring season this Saturday, May 3rd. All players should be contacted by their coaches prior to the start of play to provide information on game times and practice schedules. All returning players will be on the same team as in the fall.

The schedule of play for the spring season will be Girls Under 10 playing from 8:30-10:00, Boys Under 10 from 9:30-11:00, Boys Under 6 from 10:30-12:00, Boys Under 7 from 11:15-12:45, Boys Under 8 from 12:00-1:30, Girls Under 6 from 12:45-2:15, Girls Under 7 from 1:30-3:00, and Girls Under 8 from 2:15-3:45. All sessions will begin with skills training then a game.

Additional information can be found on the Soccer Club's web site www.cohassetsoccer.com.

Coaching positions available

Applications are now being accepted for the following coaching positions for the 2003 winter season at Cohasset Middle/Senior High School: Head Girls Basketball Coach and Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach.

If you are interested in either of these coaching positions, send a cover letter, resume and three references to Athletic Director, Ron Ford, Cohasset Middle/Senior High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset, 02025. For any questions or more information contact Ron Ford at 781-383-6103; or e-mail: rford@chs.ssec.org.

American Legion Baseball signup

The Post 118 American Legion Baseball team will hold tryouts on Sunday, May 11 at 9 a.m. at Scituate High School baseball field. Any player from Scituate or Cohasset interested in playing must attend these tryouts.

Post 118 Team Manager Scott Arnold is still **looking for an assistant coach** for the team. Anyone interested in the position or with questions regarding tryouts should call Scott at 781-545-1896

CHS Athletic Fundraising

This winter's ticket raffle by the CHS Athletic Boosters raised over $1,800, according to Ron Ford, with all proceeds going to the CHS Athletic budget. The AD wished to express his thanks to Bob and Allison Silvia for all of the work they did on the drive, as well as to Phil Mahoney and Robert Donahue for donating tickets.

This spring, the boosters are kicking off a sale of official CHS blankets ($50 apiece), flags ($45) and beach towels ($20), all with the official Cohasset High banner.

Anyone interested in making a purchase should contact Ron Ford at 781-383-6103 or send a check made out to "Cohasset High School" to Cohasset High School, C/O Ron Ford, AD; 143 Pond St; Cohasset' MA, 02025.

Youth tennis registration

Youth tennis will begin Monday, June 23, continue for seven weeks through Aug. 8. Youth tennis registrations will be held starting Monday, June 9, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon and again 1 to 3 p.m., and Tuesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

The program is offered for children age 7 through 18. The program is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week session of instruction, two days per week, is $80 per participant. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered.

Rainy day policy: If it rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Please call the Recreation Office at 781-383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are rain make-up days.

Boating safety course

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a two-session Safe Boating Course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any horsepower craft. This course is an initial requirement for the process of obtaining a Launch Operators License. U.S.C.G.A. instructors will teach the two-session course, which will be held two consecutive Saturdays, May 31, and June 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road, Cohasset.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department Office at 781-383-4109 as soon as possible as class will be limited in size and participants will be enrolled on first-call basis. There will be a $35 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of text book and class materials.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

State certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

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WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

U12 Girls Indoor Soccer Champions

Front Row: Coach George McGoldrick, MacKenzie Hart, Maggie McGoldrick, Tori Hart. Second Row: Kristin Monaco, Caitlin Mahoney, Allison Costa, Rachel McMorris, Coach Seth Hart. Third Row: Coach Joe Coggins, Sarah Coggins, Johanna Brophy, Mellissa Castro, Sammi Lehr

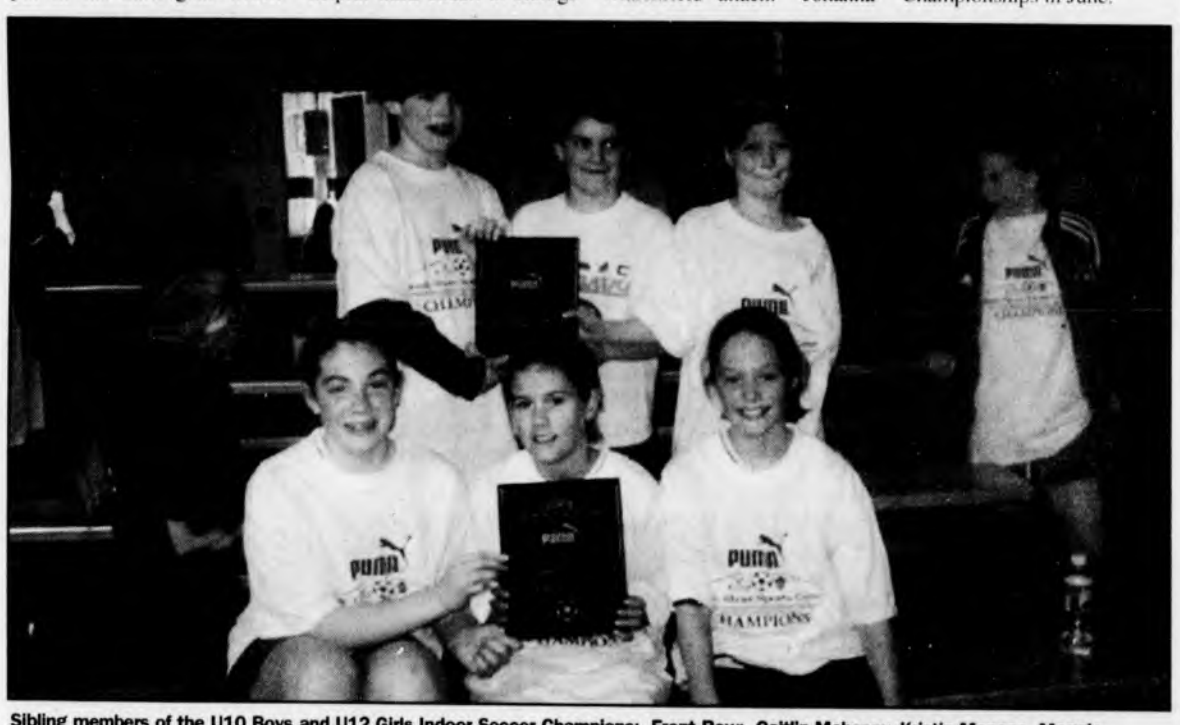
Two Cohasset indoor soccer teams celebrate championships

Two Cohasset indoor soccer teams won their respective championships last week at the Hingham South Shore Sports Center.

The U10 boys beat Hanover Friday and Select-Griffin on Saturday to advance to the finals on Monday against Braintree. Led by Derek Youngman in goal, the boys played their finest game and led 2-0 at the half. After the half, Braintree scored twice to even up the game at 2-2. With 1 minute to play Drew Cobin put in his third goal which gave Cohasset a 3-2 victory and the championship.

John McGoldrick added two assists and forwards Christian Quebec, Alex Perez, Kyle Algera and John Ryan confused Braintree with their terrific passing and hustle. Mike Monaco and Robbie Mahoney kept the Braintree forwards from mounting an effective offense with their skilled defensive moves. Jack Carrier, who was instrumental during the season on defense, was hobbled by an injury but was a helpful third coach to George McGoldrick and Jay Monaco on the bench.

On Tuesday the U12 Girls team beat Marshfield 5-3 to win their championship in the U12 Premiere Division. After beating Weymouth Sunday to advance to the finals, the girls put on an amazing display of teamwork by building a 3-0 advantage at half with goals by Maggie McGoldrick (2) and Tori Hart. In the second half Marshfield came out shooting but goals by Tori Hart and Rachel McMorris held off the Marshfield attack. Johanna Brophy was again outstanding in goal and the defense, led by Sammi Lehr, Caitlin Mahoney and Melissa Castro, played wonderfully. MacKenzie Hart, Kristin Monaco, Sarah Coggins and Allison Costa showed remarkable teamwork and passing skills that kept the pressure on Marshfield. Coaches Joe Coggins, Seth Hart and George McGoldrick are looking forward to taking this team outdoors for the spring season and hopefully back to the State Championships in June.



Sibling members of the U10 Boys and U12 Girls Indoor Soccer Champions: Front Row: Caitlin Mahoney, Kristin Monaco, Maggie McGoldrick. Back Row: Robbie Mahoney, Michael Monaco, John McGoldrick

Lacrosse spirit night this Friday

The lacrosse boosters annual Spirit Night is scheduled for Friday night, May 2.

4 p.m.: The boys JV team will play at Milliken Field under the direction of their new Coach Matt Rossi. Rossi is an All-American defenseman from BC High who went on to play lacrosse for Fairfield and UNH. Those of us, who have had the pleasure of watching him coach, have quickly realized how fortunate we are to have a coach of his caliber and are immensely pleased with his coaching style and the relationship he has formed with his players.

5 p.m.: The boy's varsity team will start off their second home game of the season under the direction of their third year coach, Kevin Orcutt. Coach Orcutt, who also coaches soccer at Quincy High, was chosen by his Eastern Mass Division I coaching peers, as the 2003 Soccer Coach of the Year. He has also brought boys Cohasset High lacrosse team to State level of tournament play for the last two years running: the D2 title game in '01 and the quarter finals in '02. This year the boy's team is 3 in 1 with their only loss so far being to the Division I state champion, Duxbury.

The boys 11+U team (grades 3 and 4) will show us their expertise with a half time exhibition during the boy's varsity game. This is being coordinated by one of our new youth coaches, Brian Murphy and will involve players from three of the teams that we have this year at this level.

7 p.m.: the girl's varsity team will play against Marshfield under the direction of their second year coach Torin Sweeny and assistant coach Laurel Hickey.

The girls 12+U team will show us their expertise with a half time scrimmage during the girl's varsity game. These girls have improved greatly - with their biggest show to date with a huge win over Duxbury, already this year. Under the coaching of our veteran youth coach Chuck Jaffe and Jen Palmer, these girls have much to look forward to this season!

Pizza, soda and other items to appease the sweet tooth of those who attend will be available. Anyone wishing to volunteer at the food tables please give a call to Lyn Previte at 781-383-9723. Our lacrosse fundraiser coupon books will also be for sale. All lacrosse parking needs to be confined to the new lower parking lot as there is a school dance the same evening.

Curt Mills from Max Lax Lacrosse has graciously offered us the opportunity to raffle off a finalist for one week of his lacrosse camp offered this summer at Bridgewater State College! Raffle tickets will be made available at the food tables.

Unless you are a player or ball boy, please leave your lacrosse sticks at home. They will not be allowed to be used due to safety issues.

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A life cut too short

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had meant to him. Both Spitz and Himberg (captains and regular spokesmen for the team that entire season) broke into immediate laughter.

"Wow," said one. "Big word," noted the other smiling captain, producing a blush and a shy smile from their chum.

Himberg, who attended Winchendon Prep School this year in order to improve his college hockey prospects, recently agreed to accept an offer from Norwich, a decision which had much to do with promise of reuniting with MacDonald.

The final reunion between these longtime pals, however, came on Monday, with Himberg serving as a pallbearer after the funeral.

Himberg was asked to speak at the funeral, and prepared a moving and heartfelt tribute to his friend, but was simply too overcome to read it when the time came.

"Rob really wanted to say what he'd written down, but he just couldn't get up there," reported Rob's dad, Bob Himberg. The Norwell Mariner has received a copy of Rob's tribute, and was honored to run it in full this week.

Apparently, Brendan was not nearly as shy with his peers as he was with reporters.

"You could be in the worst of moods, but Brendan wouldn't care," Himberg wrote and intended to say, "He would make it his task to get a smile out of you somehow or someway. For Brendan, though, it didn't take much, because his smile and laugh were infectious. If he was smiling and laughing, and you took one look at him, you couldn't help but walk away with a smile on your face."

In hockey, Brendan was a hard working, physical player who got the absolute most out of what skills he had. Moving from defense to forward in his senior year, he surprised many to finish fifth in the team scoring race with 10 goals and 15 assists, helping to lead the Clippers to an 11-7-2 season.

"Brendan was a good kid, fun to coach, and did whatever you asked," said Norwell High head hockey coach Paul Hurley. "It's just such a tragedy."

Lacrosse was his number one sport, though, and the one he was playing this spring at Norwich University. He was a very proficient and technically adept goalie. He was a the team's starter in net the previous three years, and played a key role in the program's first ever state tourney qualification in 2001 as well as its best ever 14-4 record last spring as a senior.

"As a coach, Brendan made life entertaining," recalled coach Frank Granara following Monday's funeral, taking a moment to celebrate the life of MacDonald. "He loved to carry the ball out of the net to get it into the offensive end. The coaches and his teammates would yell at him to get back in net, but he was a free spirit. And I don't think those charges out of net wound up costing us too many times either, and they wound helping us quite a bit."

Brendan was part of an extremely close knit group of Norwell High athletes who came up through the youth lacrosse ranks together and carried the NHS program to new heights. 11 members of this group were at Monday's funeral, many taking time away from studying for college finals to attend.

"His teammates loved him," said Granara following Monday's Funeral. "You could see in their eyes how much they were hurting. They all lost a great friend."

Both the NHS lacrosse and hockey programs have agreed to retire Brendan's uniform numbers, number one in lacrosse and number 11 in hockey. Plans are in the works for a formal retirement ceremony at the school in a few weeks.

A few hockey parents delivered both the home and away jerseys to the MacDonald house over the weekend, and the captains of last year's lacrosse team presented grieving parents Bob and Lou Ellen MacDonald with a number one game jersey following Monday's services.

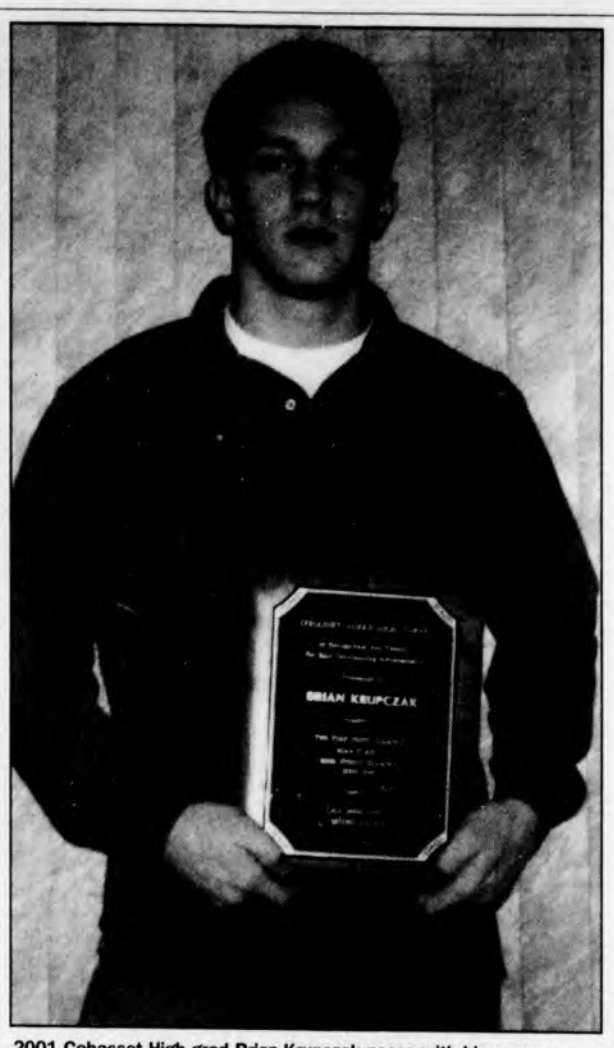
According to reports, Bob MacDonald stepped to the alter to deliver a beautiful tribute to the youngest of his three sons.

"I don't know how he did it," said Himberg. "It was amazing that he found the strength."

An understatement if ever there was one. Speaking as a father of four, I'm amazed he even manufactured the resolve to get up off the floor.

As for Rob Himberg, he wrapped up his unspoken remarks by quoting G. Randolph. "Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave and impossible to forget,' the 19-year old borrowed.

The final words, though, were his own: "Brendan will never be forgotten and a piece of him will live on in all of us forever."



2001 Cohasset High grad Brian Krupczak poses with his career achievement plaque, awarded for his two individual state championships won in track and field.

New additions to CHS trophy case

The Athletic Department announces the recent additions to the new athletic trophy case in the lower lobby located in the back enhance to the school. The ice hockey team received a plaque for winning their second consecutive South Shore League title. The wrestling team also won their second consecutive league title plaque, by finishing as co-champions of the South Shore League.

On Dec. 28, 2002, Brian Krupczak was presented with a career achievement plaque, awarded for his two individual state championships won in track and field. Brian won the State Class D State Title in the 200 meter run in 2000 and 2001. Brian and his parents were presented the award by his brother Jared prior to a boys basketball game. Jared is a senior captain of the basketball and track and field teams here at CHS. Brian is currently a sophomore at Washington and Lee and a member of the football and track and field teams.

Small steps

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back this past Tuesday to Harwich.

The Lady Skippers record now stands at 1-5 on the year (0-4 in SSL play), but will see their best chance at league wins over the next week with Norwell coming to town today (3:30 p.m. start) and Mashpee on Monday (4 p.m.).

"We're still hoping for an upswing, and eyeing small steps," concluded Bostwick. "Things are a little frustrating right now, but we're young, we're learning. I can definitely say I see a light at the end of the tunnel."

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Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt (middle) tries to rally his troops during a timeout Tuesday night.

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Laxmen gaining steam

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trailing only 7-4, but a seven-goal third quarter by the Skippers turned the fourth into bench-clearing time. The third period outburst was marked by yet another intensive flurry of goals that's becoming a hallmark of the 2003 season. Cohasset, in the last four minutes of the quarter, scored five unanswered goals – two each by senior John Durkin and soph Jake Previte, and the fifth by senior co-captain Robert Hickey – to end whatever suspense was left in the game. Cohasset stretched its lead to 15-7 early in the fourth, and then cleared its bench.

"That was impressive and gratifying," said head coach Kevin Orcutt, "because we twice gave up goals right at the end of the first and second quarters, and killed our momentum both times. We got really good play from both our midfield and our attack. Norwell's game plan was to shut off Curt (Kahn), but he still got two goals and four assists. And everybody else stepped up, especially Matt Davis, Jake, JD (Durkin) and Raz (Mike Rasmussen)."

Junior Nick Murphy had 14 saves to anchor the defense, while senior co-captain Nick Spirito – excelling at longstick midfield – teamed with Hickey and Durkin to dominate the faceoffs.

Durkin and Previte each had hat tricks and one assist, while Matt Davis had a pair of goals and three assists. Hickey had two goals, as did Rasmussen, while senior co-captain Tom Anderson had the other score.

Cohasset 9, St. John's 8

On Friday, in a game reminiscent of the play-off "miracle" win versus Ipswich two years ago, Cohasset rallied from four goals down with eight minutes to play, and defeated non-league opponent St. John's of Shrewsbury 9-8 in the 2003 home opener at Alumni Field.

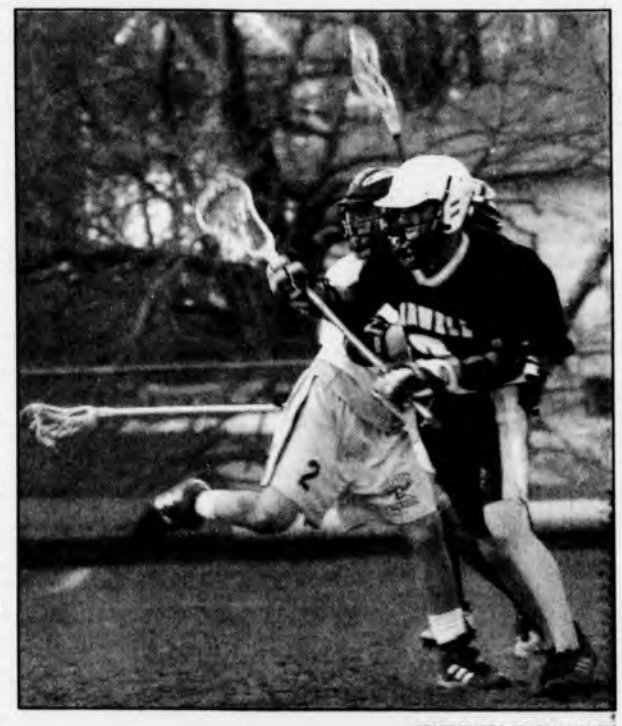
The Skippers, outplayed and outhustled by the Central Massachusetts powerhouse for most of the game, scored five goals in five minutes, then won the final faceoff of the game and killed the clock without ever losing possession.

Soph attackman Jake Previte scored the game-winner off a feed from senior Matt Davis—who had three goals and an assist to lead Cohasset scorers, despite missing a week's worth of practices due to a school trip. Davis broke the 100-point mark for his career with his first goal, and now has 103 points. Senior attackman Curt Kahn also had three tallies, all coming in a two-and-a-half minute burst with just over six minutes left in the game.

Junior goalie Nick Murphy had his best performance of the season, making 13 saves and clearing effectively to an all-junior close defense of Steve Davis, Conor Buick and Mike Devine. Senior co-captain Nick Spirito, moving to longstick midfield, led the team in ground balls.

"St. John's was one of the most athletic teams we've ever played," said coach Orcutt, "but we've shown that we're explosive and now we know we have heart. This could have been a defining game for us."

The Skippers were scheduled to host Pilgrim rival Falmouth at Alumni Field last night, and will face another Pilgrim opponent – Marshfield – on Friday night at Alumni as part of the Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters "Spirit Night". On Monday, Cohasset hosts Nantucket in a non-league showdown scheduled for Alumni at 4. Then, on Tuesday, the Skippers face off against two-time defending Div. 2 state champ Hingham at Alumni.



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Cohasset longstick middie Nick Spirito (white shirt) is all over high scoring Norwell forward Jason Grier.

No stopping girls tennis team

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pair showed no signs of rust in jumping out and staying on top for a 6-0, 6-1 win.

At first doubles, senior Scott Faber and Andrew Wise played a wild and competitive match, but eventually fell in three sets. After falling behind 5-1 to start the match, the Skippers climbed back to even the set before losing a tiebreaker. In the second set, Faber and Wise took over the frontcourt, authoritatively taking the middle set 6-2. With momentum in Cohasset's favor, Harwich turned the tables to win the final set, 6-1.

Ross Lieb-Lappen lost for the first time this year at third singles, with senior Ash Alcorn winning 7-5, 6-0. Junior Tim Anton lost to senior Justin Turco at second singles, 7-5, 6-4, and Ingber fell to junior Craig Druschella 6-3, 6-1.

Understandably disappointed at traveling 90 minutes both ways only to lose, the team is considering some line-up changes. The team has basically maintained a steady roster for the opening five matches of the year. However, with two straight losses in league, freshman Nils Sceery may be looked to as even more of a key to the team, possibly jumping right into second singles. The shift would allow Tim Anton to utilize his net strength better at first doubles.

The guinea pig line-up will likely be attempted for the first time against Norwell this Thursday, when both the boys and girls teams take two of the top teams in the league. For the boys, Norwell is the clear-cut favorite, while the girls hope to unseat the Lady Clippers as the indisputable cream of the South Shore crop.

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Swinging away

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eight hits in all, with Straughn (3-for-4, double, 2 RBI) leading the way.

The eight runs was more than enough for starter John Downing. The junior held the Vikings scoreless through the first six innings, but lost his shutout bid when Corey Nicotra singled to open the final inning and eventually came around to score with the help of a passed ball and an infield error.

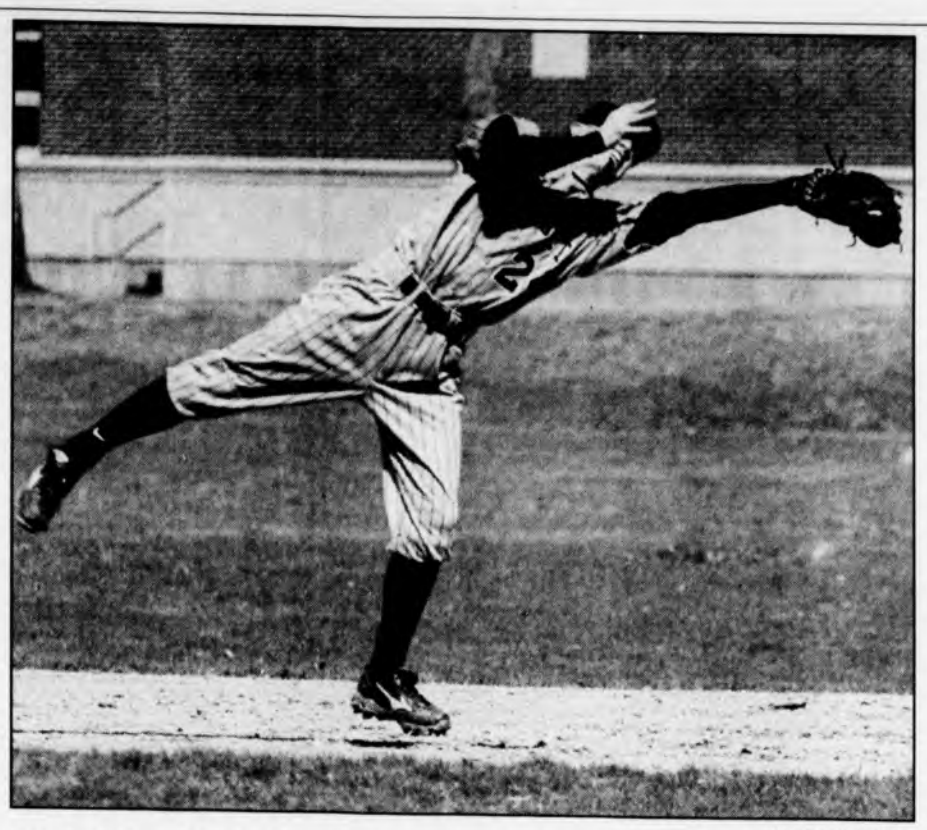
The righthander mixed in his curve effectively with pinpoint location to keep the Vikings hitters off balance all morning. He hit a couple of batters early, but then settled down to surrender just three hits and two walks in his strong seven innings of work.

"John was throwing strikes and that was the big thing," said Galotta. "Especially when you've got a lead, that's the way you want to do it."

Strong pitching was the theme for the week, as Ted Straughn carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning on Wednesday in a 10-2 Skippers win at home.

The sophomore fireballer, who struck out seven in his six innings of work, lost his bid for baseball immortality when a Millis players legged out an infield single in the sixth, but he closed out that frame to keep the visitors off the board.

Senior Mike Snowdale, a regular in the rotation last year who is trying bounce back from some early arm troubles, pitched the final inning.



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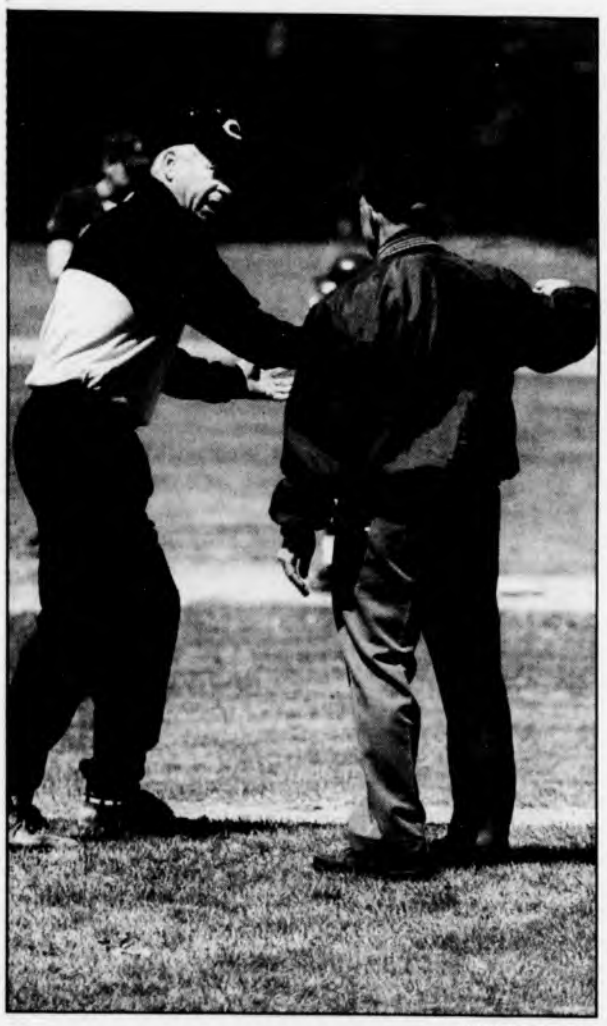
Cohasset shortstop Mike Dooley lunges to snare this infield pop at the last instant.

Seniors Matt O'Brien and Trey Curry each had a pair of hits and an RBI apiece. Straughn also added a couple of hits to help his own cause.

Baseball Notes

Unfortunately, the win streak ended on Tuesday. After the 90-minute bus ride to the far end of the Cape, the Skippers proved no match on this day for host Harwich.

The Cohasset bats produced only four hits on the afternoon, with Matt O'Brien singling home his team's only run in the sixth inning.



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Cohasset coach Al Galotta has a point of contention with base umpire in last Friday game against South Shore VoTech.

Dragons swamp Lady Skippers

The CHS girls lacrosse team was simply no match for the perennially powerful Lady Dragons of Duxbury in their first game back from vacation, Tuesday, as they fell 15-3 to drop their record on the season to 3-2.

Nicole Turgiss and Lisa Spirito scored first half goals for the Lady Skippers, but all that did was send the Cohasset girls into the visiting locker room at half down 10-2.

Team captain Maura McKenney scored a pretty goal in the slot in the waning moments to close out the scorign for the game.

The Cohasset girls begin a four game homestand tonight (5:30 p.m. start) against Sandwich. The girls will play under the lights at Alumni Field on Friday night (7 p.m.) as part of the Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters "Spirit Night" against Bourne. Holliston comes to town next Tuesday afternoon (4 p.m.) and Scituate rolls in for another night game (7 p.m.) next Friday.

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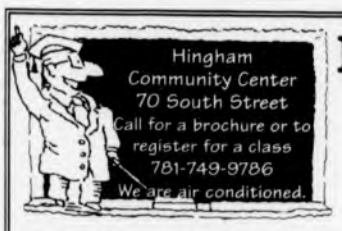

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Wiggles & Giggles-Mom & Me
age 16 mos.-24 mos. Mon. &/or Wed. 11:15-12 noon
June 23 through August 13

Toddlers & Tumblers-Mom & Me
age 2-3
Mon. &/or Wed., 10:30-11:15 am
June 23 through August 13

Climbers & Jumpers - age 3 & 4
Mon. &/or Wed., 9:45-10:30 am
June 23 through August 13

Super Sports Class - age 4-K
Mon. &/or Wed. 12:00-12:45 pm
June 23 through August 13

Lollipop Making - age 4-6
Mon. 10:00-11:30 am
August 11

Sally Stegosaurus
age 4-6, Tues., 10:00-11:00 am
July 22

Teddy Bear Picnic
age 3-6
Mon., 1:00-3:00 pm

Pre-School Puppet Shows
age 2-6
Tues., May 27, 9:30-10:00 am
"Little Red Riding Hood"
Tues., June 24, 9:30-10:00 am
"The Three Billy Goats Gruff"
Tues., July 29, 9:30-10:00 am
"The Three Little Pigs"
Tues., Aug. 26, 9:30-10:00 am
"The Little Red Hen"

Baby-sitting Course
age 10 and over
Tues. & Wed., 3:30-5:30 pm
June 17 & 18

Get Into Science
age 7-12
Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:00-12:00 noon
June 24-26 Rockets & Race Cars
July 1-3 Dinosaurs
July 8-10 Animal Adventures
July 15-17 Kitchen Chemistry
July 22-24 Weather Explorations
July 29-31 Science thru Literature
August 5-7 Science Sampler

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Museum of Science Traveling Program
age 7-15
Fri. 11:00-11:30 am
July 18

Children's Performing Arts
Mon.-Fri. 1:00-3:00 pm
June 23-27–"Annie" (age 5-12)
July 7-11–"Grease" (age 7-15)
July 28-August 1–"The Wizard of Oz" (age 5-12)
August 11-15–"The Little Mermaid" (age 5-12)
August 25-29–"Grease II" (age 7-15)

Creative Movement
age 3 & 4
Mon., 9:15-10:00 am
June 2 - August 25

Baby Ballerinas
age 2-3
Fri., 11:00-11:45 am
June 6 - August 29

Ballet
age 5-8
Fri., 9:15-10:00 am
June 6 - August 29

Ballet & Tap
age 5-8
Mon., 10:00-11:00 am
June 2 - August 25

Ballet & Tap
age 5-8
Fri., 10:00-11:00 am
June 6 - August 29

Street Dance, Jazz & Funk - Intro
grade 2-5, Mon., 11:00-12:00 pm
June 20 - August 29

Competition Workshop
grade 2-6
Mon.-Fri., 3:30-5:30 pm
June 2-6

Competition Camp
grade 5-12
Mon.-Fri., 3:30-5:30 pm
June 9-13

Ballet, Tap & Jazz Camp
grade K-4
Mon.-Fri., 3:30-5:30 pm
June 16-20

Ballerina Dance Camp
grade K-3
Mon.-Thurs., 1:00-3:00 pm
June 30-July 3

Hip Hop Dance Camp
grade 2-5
Tues.-Fri., 1:00-3:00 pm
July 22-July 25

Cabaret Dance Camp
grade 3-18
Mon.-Fri., 1:00-3:00 pm
August 4-8

Street Dance/Modern Dance Camp
grade 3-8
Mon.-Fri., 1:00-3:00 pm
August 18-22

Karate age 6-12
Tues., 5:30-6:30 pm. Fri. 5:30-6:30 pm
Saturday 10:00-11:00 am
starts May 13-July 1
starts July 8-August 30

Intermediate Karate age 6-12
Tues., 6:30-7:30 pm. Fri. 6:30-7:30 pm
Saturday 11:00-12:00 noon
starts May 13-July 1
starts July 8-August 30

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Adult & Teen Classes:

Senior Aerobics
Mon. & Wed., 8:45-9:30 am
starts June 16 and continues all summer

Pilates
Mon. 6:30-7:30 pm
Tues., 9:00-10:00 am
Thurs., 9:00-10:00 am
Fri., 9:00-10:00 am - intermediate/advanced
starts April 28, May 20, 22, 23
starts July 7, 15, 17, 25

Ballroom Dancing
Fri., 7:30-8:30 pm
starts May 2
starts July 11

Ballroom Dancing II
Fri., 8:30-9:30 pm
starts May 2
starts July 11

Computer for the Novice: Windows
Mon. & Tues., 9:00-10:30 am
July 28-August 21

Word Processing: Microsoft Word
Wed. & Thurs., 9:00-10:30 am
July 30-August 21

CPR
Mon., 7:00-10:00 pm
June 2, August 4

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Wed., 7:00-10:00 pm
May 5, June 9, July 7, September 8

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Creative Scrap Booking
Wed., 7:00-9:00 pm
June 18, July 23, August 20

Dog Obedience
Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm
starts May 5, June 23, August 4, Sept. 29
Thurs., 6:30-7:30 pm
starts May 22, July 10, August 21

Dog Obedience II
Mon., 7:30-8:30 pm
starts May 5, June 23, August 4, Sept. 29

Duplicate Bridge
Tues., 7:00-10:00 pm

Adult Karate
Tues., 6:30-7:30 pm
Fri., 6:30-7:30 pm
Sat., 11:00-12:00 noon
starts May 13-July 1
starts July 18-August 30

Tai Chi
Wed., 9:00-10:00 am
starts May 21, July 16

Beginner Tai Chi
Thurs., 6:30-7:30 pm
starts May 1, June 26, August 14

Intermediate Tai Chi
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starts May 1, June 26, August 14

Beginning Tap Dancing for Teens & Adults
Wed., 5:30-6:30 pm
starts May 14-July 2
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Intermediate Tap Dancing for Teens & Adults
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Street Dance, Jazz & Funk – Teens & Adult
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starts July 9-August 27

Yoga
Mon., 8:00-9:30 pm
drop-in $10 per class
June 2
July 28

SPORTS NOTES

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CHS sports scheduling updates

With all of the postponements of CHS sporting events forced by inclement weather the last two weeks, Athletic Director Ron Ford is urging parents and fans to check his daily voicemail postings (@781-383-6103) for schedule changes before heading out to an event.

Kick-aerobics registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces an ongoing registration for adult fitness classes, based upon six-week sessions. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer Charles Palmer will conduct the class. This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kick-boxing, and muscle conditioning. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Town Hall auditorium from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The cost for the 12-class session is $100 per participant. Step equipment will be provided for up to 20 participants; however, 2 to 5 lb. hand weights should be brought to class for the muscle conditioning segment of the training. Call the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 to register.

Over-55 softball league opens play

It's "Batter Up" for the opening of the fourth season of the South Shore Senior Softball League on Sunday, April 27 at 10 a.m. at Central Park Field in Scituate.

Jim Hyde, founder and manager of the Senior Softball League is optimistic that the sun will shine, the field will be dry and many regular participants will show up ready to play. This very popular league, sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging, is open to all those 55 and over.

Jim plans to field four teams and use two Scituate field each Sunday (including Central and the baseball diamond at the rear of the Gates Intermediate School) and one field on Wednesday to ensure all players take the field. Jim asks that all interested players meet at the Central Park playing field (on Branch Street, in front of Central Park Housing) on the 27th. There will be an obligatory registration including rules review, release signing and payment of a $30 fee. Teams will then be divided and play will start at the Gates as well as at the new Central Park Field. Come prepared and ready to play!

For further information, please call the Scituate Council on Aging at 781-545-8722 or Jim Hyde at 781-545-4681.

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Free intro to cardio kick boxing

Never tried kick boxing? Don't even know what it is? The Cohasset Recreation Department announces a free introduction to cardio kick boxing. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer Charles Palmer will conduct the class. This introductory class will meet Monday, April 28, in the Town Hall auditorium at 10 a.m. No pre-registration is necessary. Learn what kick boxing is all about.

Swim Center Notes

It's not too soon to be thinking about a summer time job.

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor. Spring courses are being offered starting in March and April. Water Safety Instructor applicants must be 17 years old.

Programs to become a certified Lifeguard are also be offered throughout the region during the Spring. Lifeguard course applicants must be 15 years old. Sign-up Now!

For more information call Sue Mavilia at 781-383-1988 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@attbi.com please include your phone number with your contact information.

Splash into the Summer of 2003

Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors for the 2003 summer season. All applicants must be 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Letters of interest should be sent to Attn: Darleen Koetsch, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@attbi.com Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

Youth tennis instructors needed

The Recreation Department is accepting applications for youth tennis instructors for the summer of 2003. Youth tennis lessons are held for a seven-week period beginning Monday, June 30, through Friday, Aug. 15. Classes are scheduled hourly from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily.

Interested candidates should call the Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 for further information or an application form.

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Boston Men's Baseball League seeks players

The Boston Men's Baseball League is accepting registrations for the 2003 season across three age divisions: 18+, 30+ and 40+. To register or with questions, visit www.bostonbaseball.com. If you do not have internet access, you may call 508-358-4550.

The Boston Men's Baseball League is New England's largest amateur baseball league, with 63 teams last year. Players of all ages and skill sets can compete, as there are 3 age divisions (18+, 30+ and 40+) as well as conferences based on ability.

A 26-game schedule is played, beginning the weekend of April 26-27 and ending in September. We play every weekend, plus one weeknight game per week. There will be a tryout end-March/early-April (date TBD), but registrations are being accepted now.

Teams are located in Boston and in the surrounding suburbs. Take a look at the attachment to see how players come from more than 200 difference cities in Massachusetts!

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Cohasset Little League will hold its Opening Day ceremonies this Saturday. The Parade from the Town Common to Barnes Field will begin at 8 a.m.. The highlight of this year's ceremonies will be the ribbon cutting and dedication of two new fields at the Barnes Field Complex.

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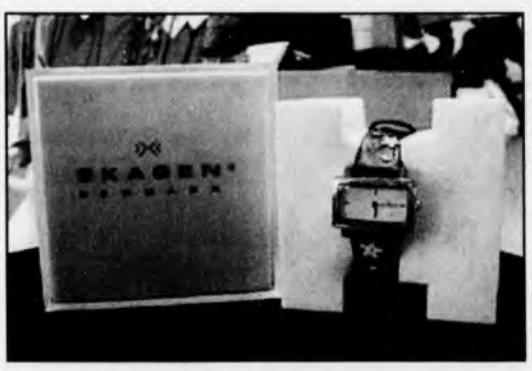

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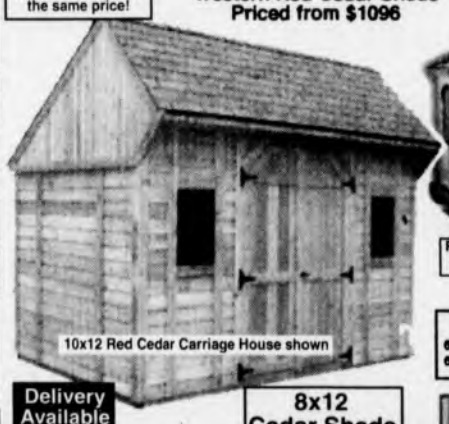

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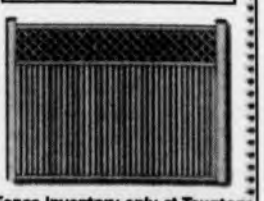

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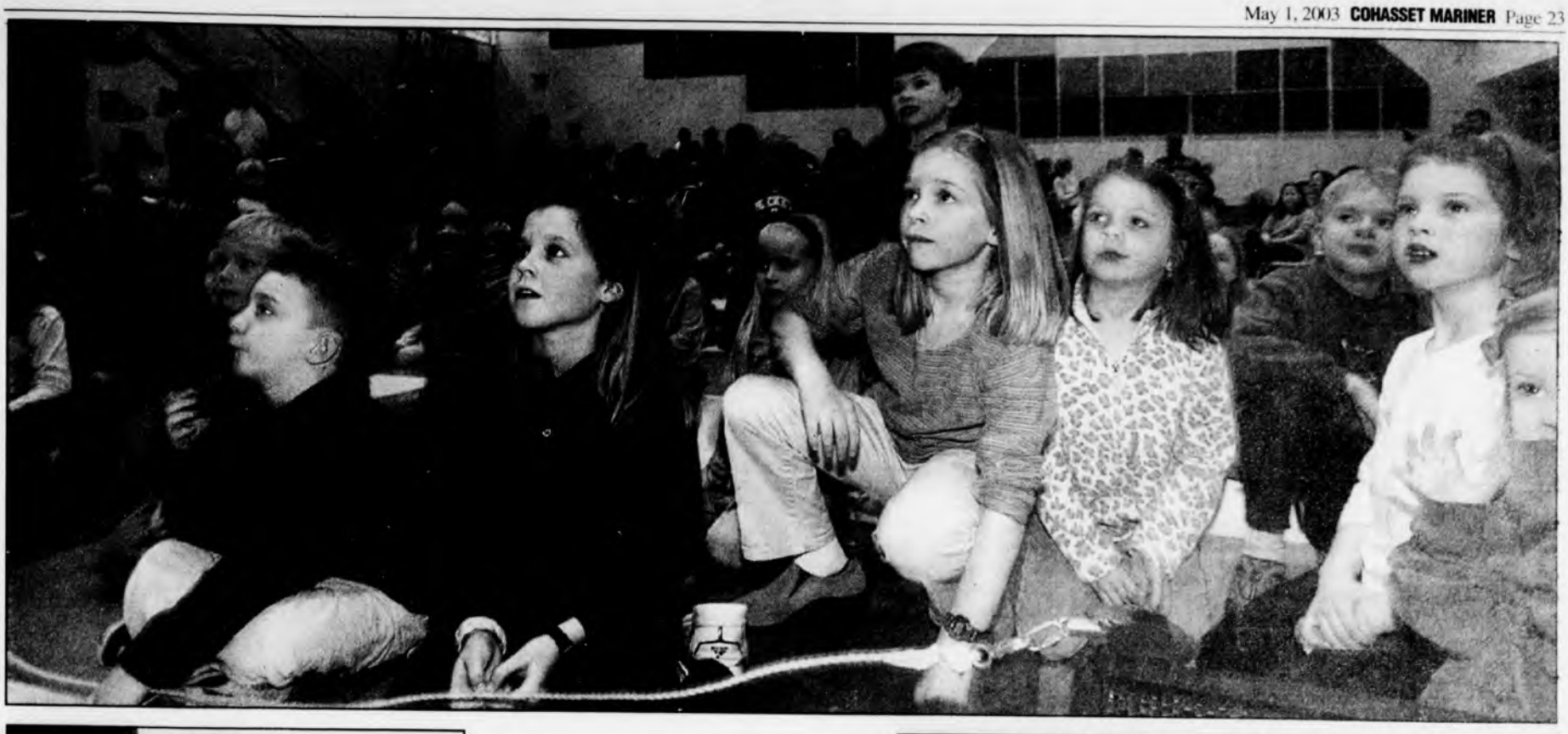
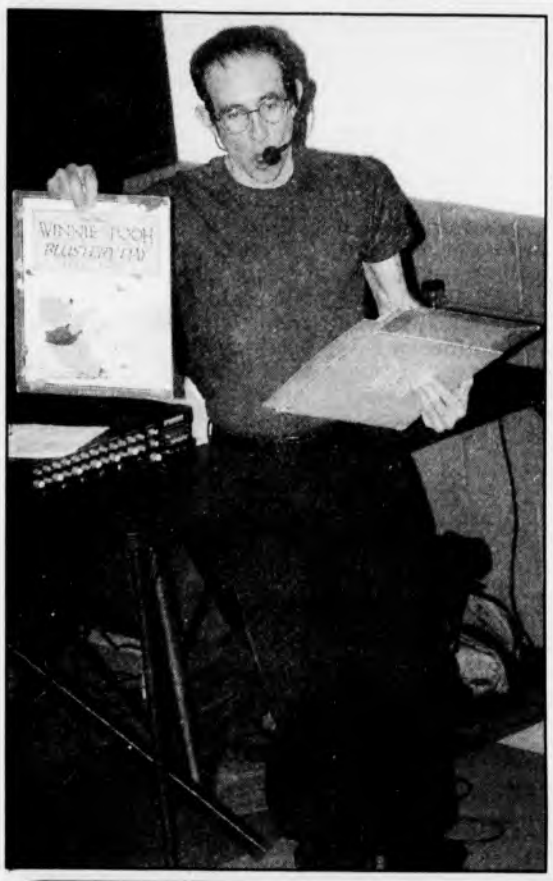




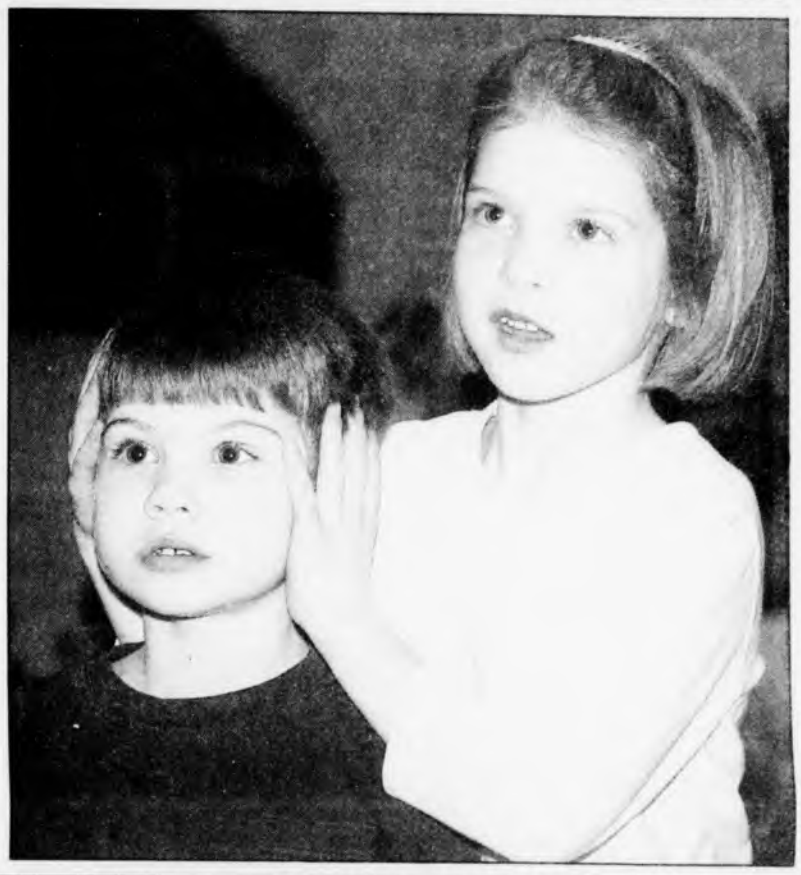
Family Night at Osgood spells fun

Top: Rick Goldin, an acclaimed children's entertainer, has the attention of the crowd at Osgood's recent Family Night.

At left: Rick Goldin entertains students and their families at Osgood's recent Family Night.

At right: Mark and Alison Bodner sing along with Rick Goldin at Osgood's Family Night.

Photos by Susan Haney



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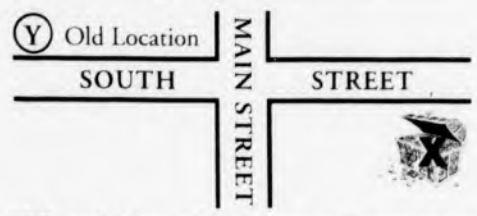

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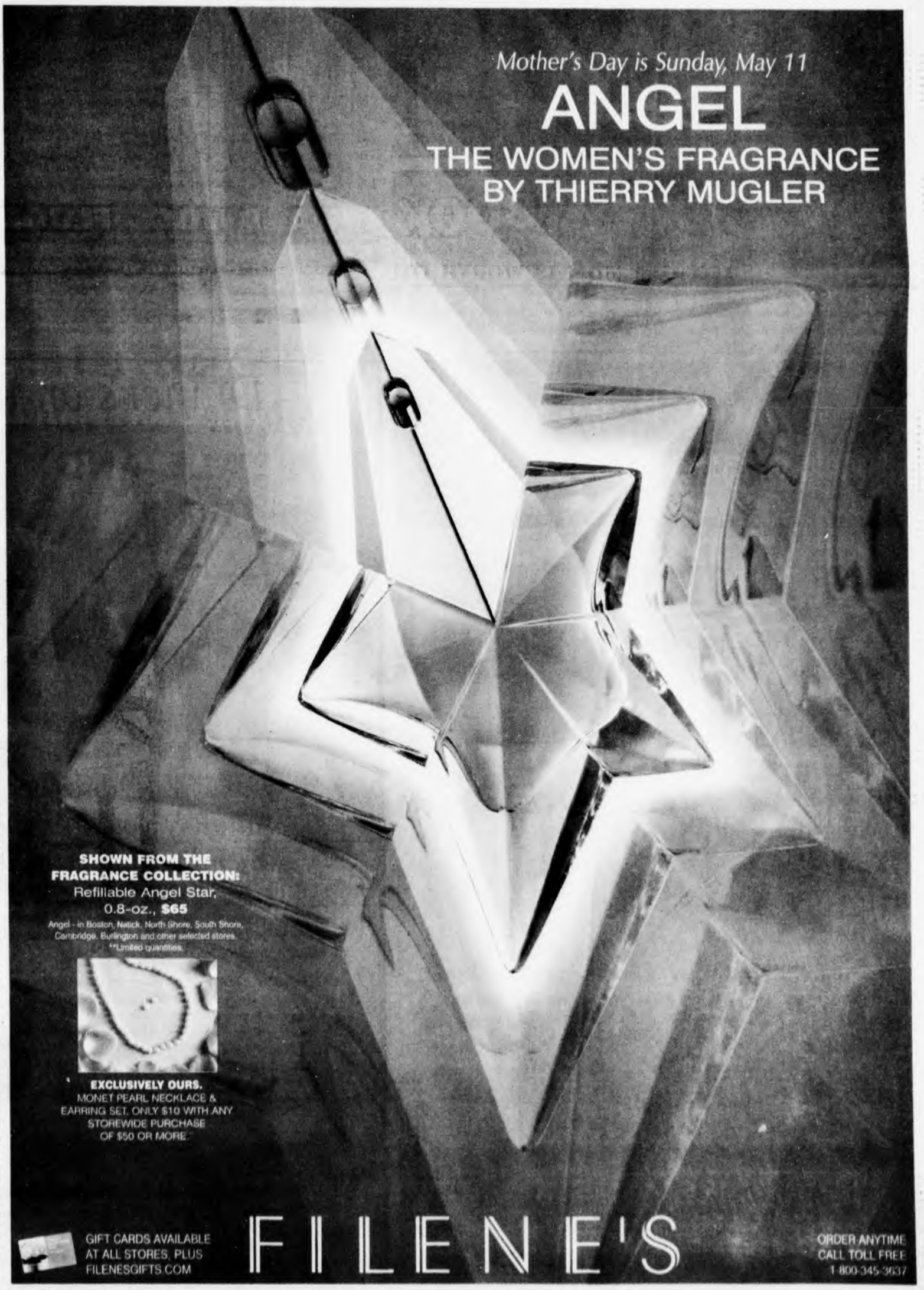

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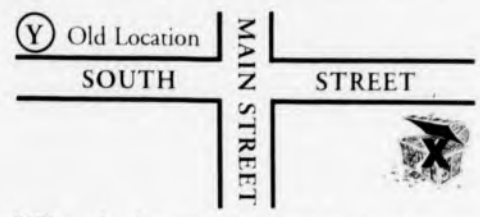

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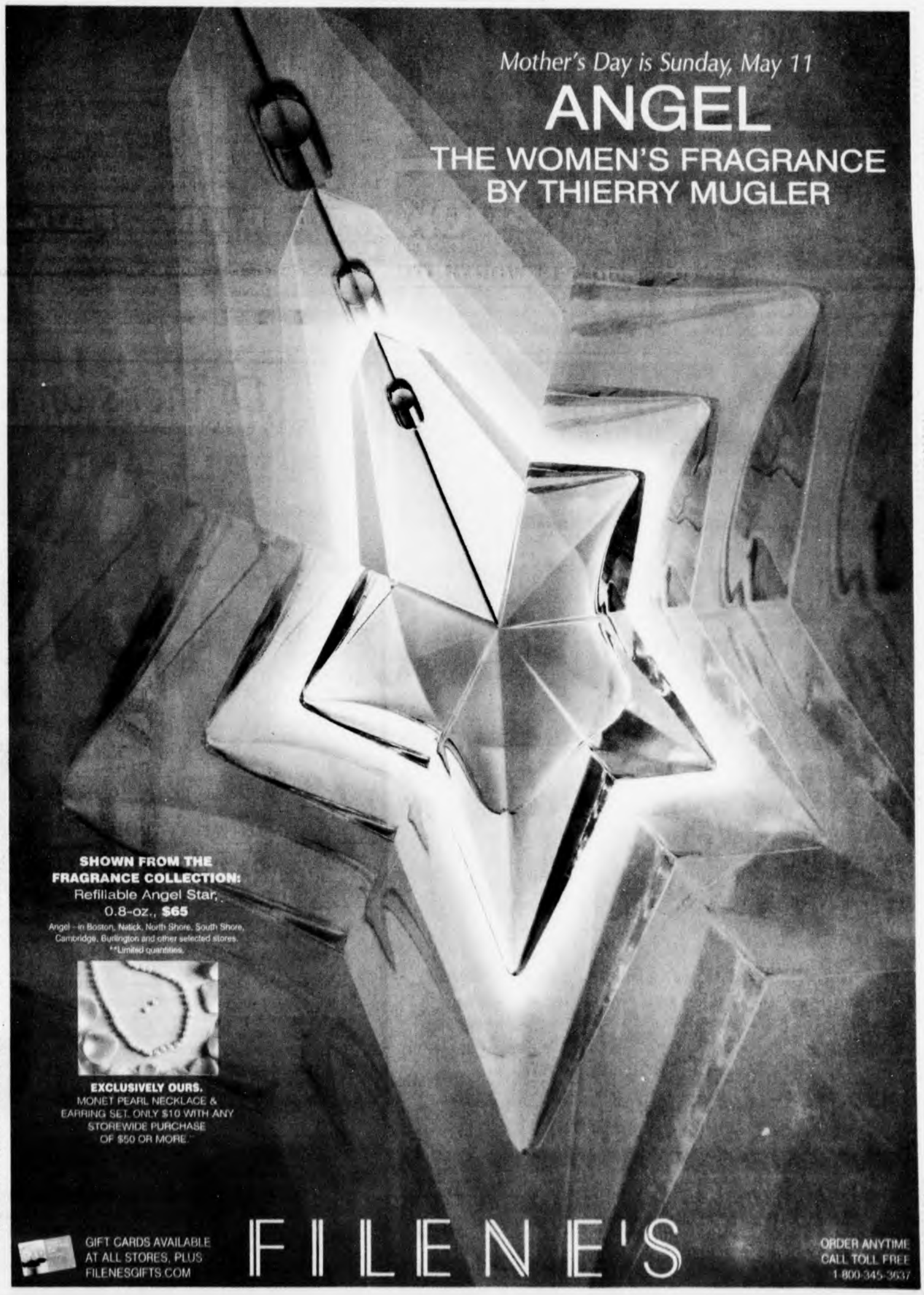

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By Greg Turner
CNC STAFF WRITER

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The Harvard Post and The Bolton Common become part of Herald Media's Community Newspaper Co. (CNC), owner of the Cohasset Mariner and more than 100 other publications.

``This is an important opportunity for growth,'' said Patrick J. Purcell, publisher of Herald Media, the privately held parent company of Needham-based CNC and the daily Boston Herald.

``We look forward to building on the strength of these firmly established newspapers and expanding our coverage of local news in the suburbs of eastern Massachusetts,'' he said.

Herald Media bought the papers Tuesday from independent owner Kathleen Cushman. The sale price was not disclosed.

Cushman co-founded the Post in 1973 and the Common 15 years later with Edward Miller, her husband at the time. Cushman's Harvard Post Newspapers Inc. had been the sole owner of both papers since 2000.

The weeklies are published Fridays and have a combined circulation of 5,200.

Until the acquisition, Bolton and Harvard were just outside CNC's northwest territory along the Rte. 495 corridor. The company publishes papers in nearby Littleton, Boxborough, Stow and Hudson.

``We realize the newspapers have a long history of commitment to Harvard and Bolton,'' said Greg Rush, CNC's associate publisher and chief operating officer. ``In an effort to continue that commitment and to enhance the bond between the communities and the newspapers, we'll seek input from readers and advertisers within these communities.''

The papers' small staff and editorial offices in Harvard will be maintained for now, according to Kevin R. Convey, editor-in-chief of CNC.

``Our desire would be to place qualified people wherever possible, whether they be open positions in CNC or on those papers,'' he said. ``But we can't make any guarantees right now because we just don't know enough (about how the papers operate).''

The Post and Common Web sites will be incorporated into TownOnline.com, CNC's Internet site.

Purcell bought CNC from Fidelity Capital in February 2001 taking over a group of newspapers covering nearly every community from Boston to Worcester, north to New Hampshire and south to Cape Cod.

He called the Harvard-Bolton deal a strategic acquisition aimed at maintaining CNC's competitive advantage and protecting its position in the market.

CNC publishes four daily newspapers, 89 weeklies, 14 shoppers and several specialty publications. Herald Media's print publications reach more than 1.7 million readers in eastern Massachusetts.

Yard sale to benefit scholarship fund

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee will hold its annual yard sale to benefit the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship Fund on Saturday, May 3 from 8 a.m. to noon at 85 Linden Drive (off of Jerusalem Road). The theme this year is "Something for Everyone" and shoppers will find a treasure trove of household items, china, glassware, collectables, linens, books, toys, sports equipment and much more.

Committee Chair, Agnes McCann, predicts a large turnout, "This is our only annual fundraising event and we are so fortunate to have such a large amount of community support. With the diversity of items we have for sale, we hope to exceed last year's great success. We have lots of fun and, because every dollar goes to such a worthy cause, it's guilt free shopping! We invite everyone to join us."

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A Weymouth High School environmental science class on a field trip at Sandy Beach. From left are Bill McEachern (teacher) and seniors Carissa Marlow, Lisa Thomas, Brian Lynch, Colleen Walsh, Derek Welch and Brian Peters.

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10:36 a.m. Parking Way, motor vehicle stop.

2 p.m. Lamberts Lane, larceny.

4 p.m. Beechwood St., wires down.

4:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general disturbance.

5:10 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Nichols Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop.

5:16 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:52 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Brandy H. Coble, 22, of 30 Chubbuck St., #30, Scituate. Charge: Warrant.

7:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:53 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:29 p.m. Hull St., public service/other.

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12:12 a.m. South Main St., property found.

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5:22 p.m. Aaron River Road, suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

5:44 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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9:12 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:54 a.m. Beach St., animal call or complaint.

5:07 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

7:23 p.m. Elm St., assist motorist.

8:49 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:52 p.m. Parker Ave., request for police officer/s.

9:09 p.m. Riverview Drive, suspicious person(s)/activity.

9:56 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Patricia M. Whalen, 31, of 59 Blackstone Road, Weymouth.

Charges: OUI; marked lanes violation; speeding in violation of special regulation; assault with a dangerous weapon.

11:37 p.m. King St., request for police officer/s.

11:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

9:37 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop.

10:15 a.m. Elm St., wires down.

10:38 a.m. Riverview Drive, building checks.

11:18 a.m. Joy Place, fire, investigation.

11:24 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

12:20 p.m. Hull St., well-being check.

1:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic safety inspection.

3:39 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation, extinguished.

5:12 p.m. Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., missing person, area search negative.

5:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, good intent call.

5:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

6:03 p.m. Doane St. and North Mai St., verbal warning.

6:46 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:34 p.m. Rocky Lane, fire, investigation.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

10:55 a.m. Beach St., animal call or complaint.

1:17 p.m. Smith Place and Ripley Rod, animal call or complaint.

6:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, transported to hospital.

6:37 p.m. Cushing Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:17 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

1:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.

8:53 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

9:29 a.m. Ash St., investigation.

10:36 a.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:15 p.m. Atlantic Ave., request for police officer/s.

1:34 p.m. Atlantic Ave., vandalism.

2:41 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:54 p.m. Station St., medical aid.

3:08 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

5:50 p.m. Rocky Lane, medical aid, transported to hospital.

7:32 p.m. Beechwood St., general services.

9:56 p.m. Bow St., request for police officer/s.

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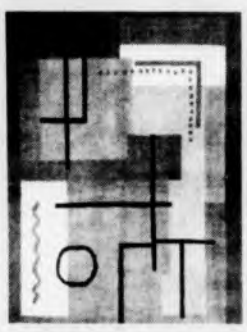

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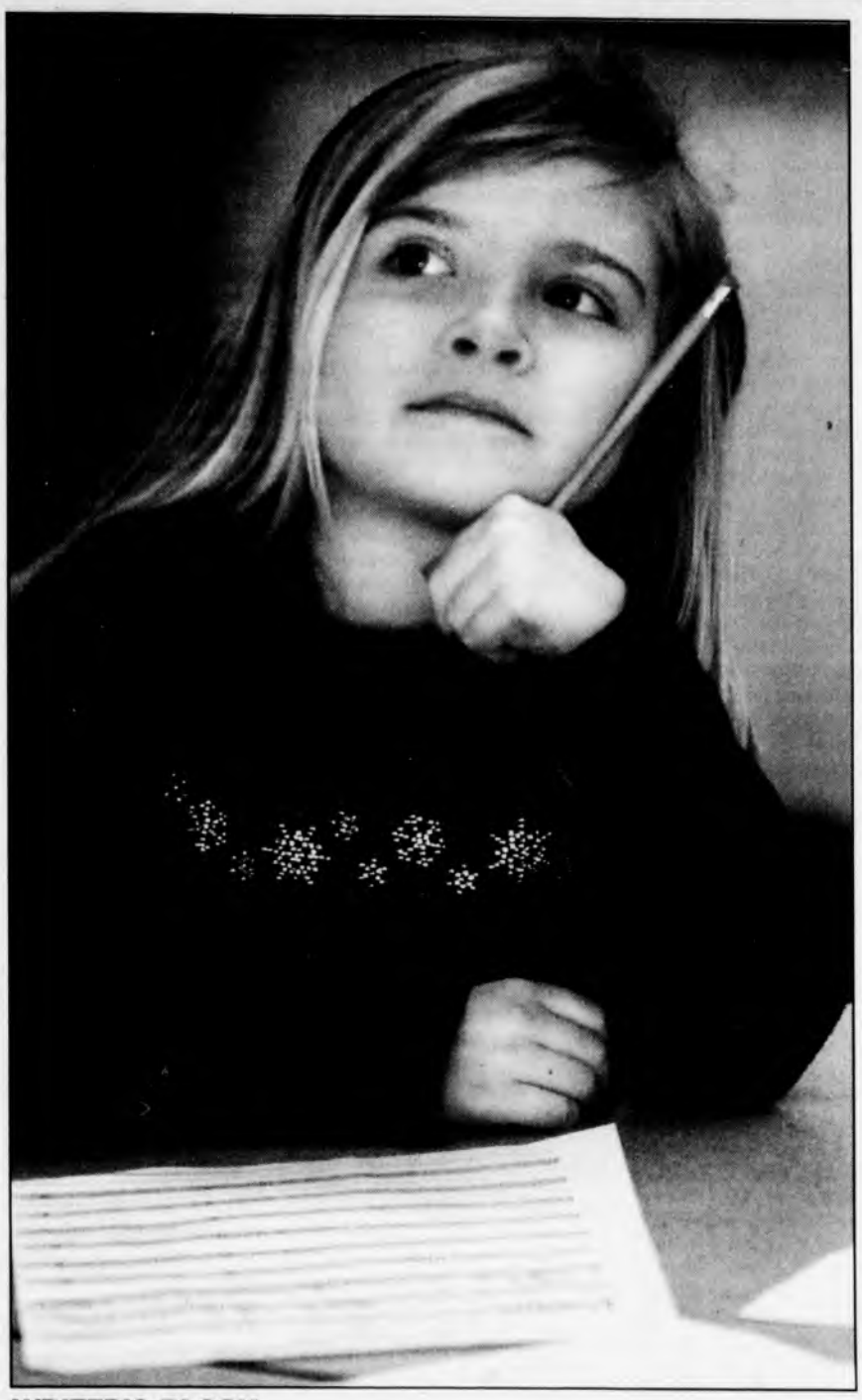

WRITER'S BLOCK

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Carly Kinscherf contemplates what to write about in her first-grade class at the Osgood School.

School Menu

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Cheese or pepperoni pizza; or turkey and cheese sub; veggie sticks, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

MONDAY, MAY 5

Chicken patty on a bun; or bologna and cheese sandwich; veggie rice, fruit, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Meatball sub with parmesan cheese; or chicken salad pocket; mashed potato and pudding, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Pasta with meat sauce and dinner roll; or turkey sub; mixed veggies, sliced apples, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

Taco meat served over chips with lettuce/tomato, rice and cheese; or ham and cheese sandwich; pears, milk.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Cheese or pepperoni pizza; or fish fillet on a bun; garden salad, fruit, choice of milk.

MONDAY, MAY 12

Breakfast for lunch: French toast with maple syrup, ham slice, potato puffs, raisins, choice of milk.

PAC meeting to feature speaker

Cohasset PAC (Parents Advisory Council) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 , in the Osgood School music room. This speaker was scheduled in April and cancelled because of a conflict with another speaker.

Elizabeth A. Buckley, program director Health, Education & Careers Network, will talk about "Student Centered Planning Transition Services" and graduation requirements for children on IEPs. The meeting is open to parents and interested citizens. For information call, Wendy Kennedy 383-6008 or Bev Koswick 383-2751

Sturino to attend Student Leadership Conference in DC

Carling Sturino, Class of 2004, has been selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) on "Mastering Leadership," a leadership development program for outstanding high school students. While attending the NSLC, Sturino will have the opportunity to study, experience, and develop the skills and traits that define and identify a leader. This summer, approximately 3,500 gifted high school students from across the U.S. and from 45 countries around the world will find themselves immersed in a learning environment unlike any they have experienced. These young leaders return to their schools with increased potential and newly-developed abilities that enable them to make a positive difference in their communities.

During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinction of leadership." Special guest speakers add a sense of reality and bring current, national and international issues to life. In previous years these have included U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige; former U.S. Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright; former Attorney General, Janet Reno; President of World Bank, James Wolfensohn; and Supreme Court Justices, Anthony Kennedy, Sandra Day O'Connor and David Souter; as well as world-renowned surgeons, international medical researchers, ambassadors, Pentagon and White House officials.

Through participation in this extraordinary six-day program, students develop their abilities to think on their feet, to engage in critical analysis, and to communicate effectively — skills that will serve them well as leaders in high school, college and throughout their lives. The NSLC mission is to identify and recognize outstanding young leaders from around the world and to provide them with a unique learning environment that encourages not only academic achievement but also diversity, cooperation and social responsibility.

"Students develop a sense of independence and responsibility," said Dr. Paul M. Lisnek, the NSLC director of academics and former assistant dean of Loyola University Chicago School of Law. "They leave with a true feeling of accomplishment and confidence in their ability to handle the challenges that lie ahead."

The NSLC offers leadership conferences on Mastering Leadership, Law and Advocacy; The Trial, Law and Advocacy; The Appeal; Medicine & Health Care; Business and Commerce; International Diplomacy; and Congressional Process, Policy and Politics.

Sandcastles enrollment

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For additional information or to arrange a visit call Owner/Director Anne Sexton at 781-383-6789 or 781-383-9987.

Support CHS baseball

The Cohasset High School Baseball team will be involved with fundraisers for the next two weekends. They will sell bumper stickers at the Little League Opening Day Ceremonies on Saturday, May 3, for $3 each or two for $5. The following day, Sunday, the team will be available to help unload cars at the Recycling Transfer Facility and accepting donations at the gate. On Saturday, May 10, (weather permitting), the baseball players will be at George Roukounakis' Olympic Citco ready to wash cars! The Diamond Club is hoping to raise enough money to buy equipment needed to rebuild the baseball program at Cohasset High School. Please call 383-9857 or 383-9131 with any questions.

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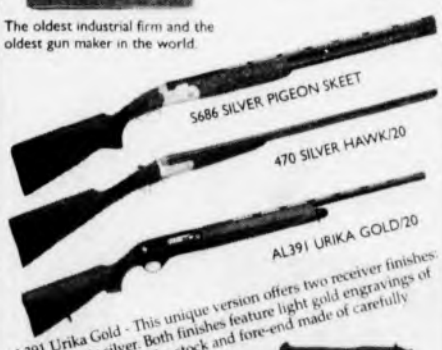

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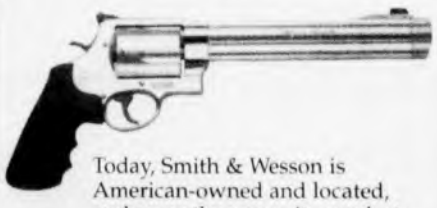

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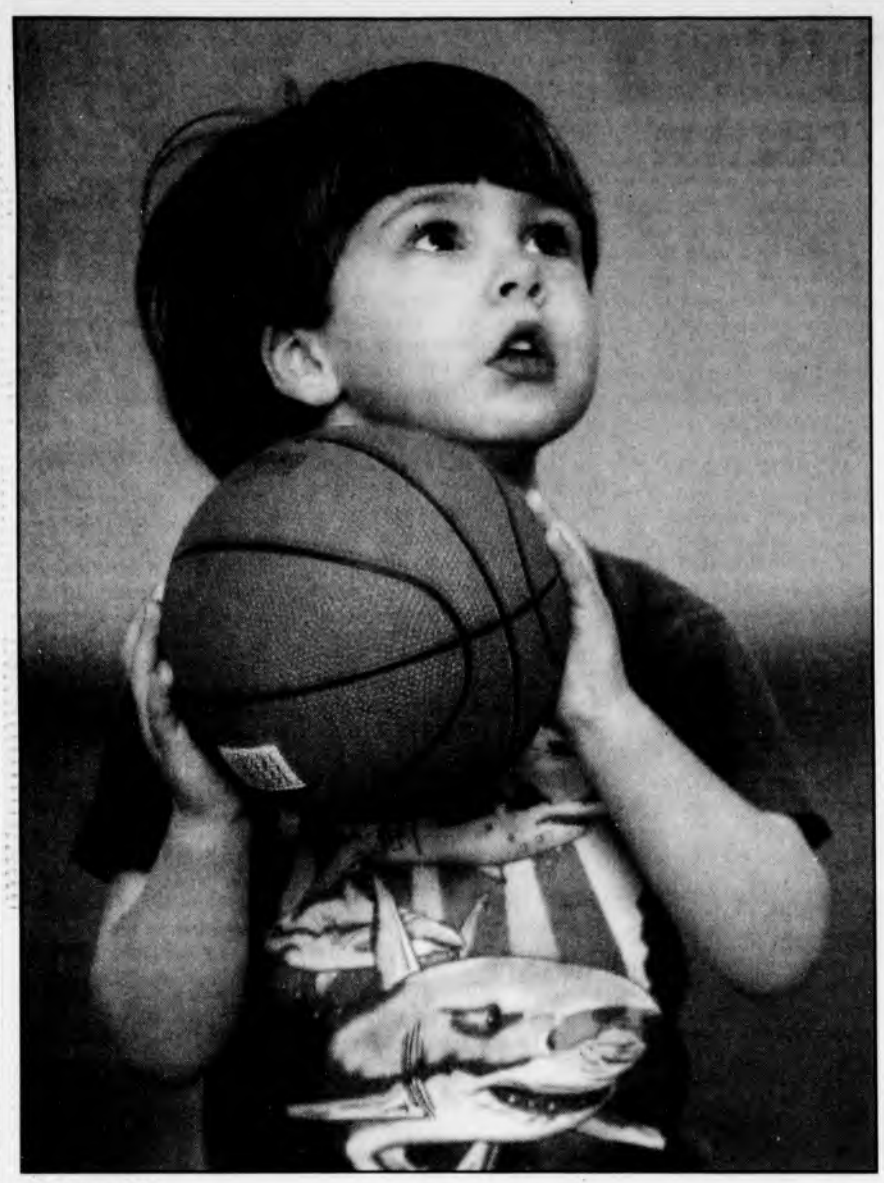

IN FOCUS

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Alexander Shubert lines up his shot in Sports for Kids at the South Shore Community Center.

Unicorn singers present English choral music

On Saturday evening, May 3, the sanctuary of Hingham's Lutheran House of Prayer will resound with some of the most glorious choral music to come out of Britain in the 20th century, performed by the South Shore's own venerable chamber chorus, the Unicorn Singers. The program will be repeated at Weymouth's Old South Union Church on Sunday afternoon.

Director Margo Euler has programmed music of two of Britain's greatest composers of choral music, Benjamin Britten and Edward Elgar. Britten's well-known and beloved a cappella work "Hymn to St. Cecilia" and his cantata "Rejoice in the Lamb" are on the program, as well as the rarely-heard "The Music Makers" by the Edwardian master, Edward Elgar. Listeners will have the opportunity to contrast the musical style of Elgar, whose roots are in the Victorian era, with the more contemporary voice of Britten, who died in 1976.

Euler became familiar with the rarely-heard Elgar piece at a choral festival she attended, led by the great English conductor Sir David Willcocks. The piece, written for chorus and large orchestra, was sung there with Sir David at the piano; performing it was so exciting that Euler decided to program it with her group of 24, even though the Unicorn Singers rarely visit the major works that require full orchestra. Sir David "worked with me on a 4-hand piano conception of the work," said Euler, "and he convinced me our audience probably wouldn't miss the orchestra, most likely never having heard the piece before! It is truly a choral tour de force, set to a poem of Arthur O'Shaughnessy, full of heroic optimism blended with nostalgia and melancholy—and such seductive melodies!"

Saturday night's concert at Hingham's Lutheran House of Prayer (916 Main St.) is at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon's at Old South Union Church in Weymouth (25 Columbian St.) is at 4 p.m. Tickets are $10 adult/$8 senior, available at the door. Call 781-749-6561 for information.

IT'S HAPPENING

Local Authors Night

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books are hosting a Local Authors Night at the Hingham Public Library on Wed. May 7 from 7-9 p.m. Stuart Van Tine and Dan Harris are from Hingham and Bob Maki, formerly of Cohasset, are the featured writers. The format for the evening will be a brief presentation and reading by each author followed by question/answer period and a book signing.

Van Tine is the author of "A Fine and Private War"; His book is a high-seas action thriller with an international flair. The ongoing action will appeal to fans of Tom Clancy. Harris has published his second novel, "Capital Crimes". Set in the fictional town of Centerreach on Cape Cod, Harris's mystery draws on his knowledge of local setting and his background in business. Maki, a former resident of Cohasset, features his former hometown as the setting in his latest book, "The Sea's Lament". Landmarks in Hingham and Cohasset are featured in this novel about faith and courage.

This is a free event, and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Novelist at Buttonwood

Laura Shaine Cunningham, author of "Beautiful Bodies", "A Place in the Country" and "Sleeping Arrangements" will be at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset on Thursday, May 8 from 7 - 9 p.m. Cunningham will discuss her latest book, "Dreams of Rescue" (Atria Books, $24.00), a literary chiller set in contemporary time. A question/answer period as well as a book signing will follow the discussion. Cunningham, award winning novelist, playwright and journalist, has written for many publications, including "The New Yorker" and "The Atlantic Monthly". This is a free event, and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

'Sound of Music' on stage in May

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "The Sound Of Music" at the Cohasset Town Hall. Show dates are: May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 7:30 p.m. and May 4, 11, & 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and are available at Buttonwood Books and Spring Brook Kids in Cohasset, Front Street Book Store in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304. Girl Scout Troops receive a $2 discount on advanced purchase tickets. Contact Barbara Baumgarten for details at 781-383-1834. Sunday May 4 is "Seniors Day". All seniors receive a $2 discount. Call 781-544-0304 to reserve tickets.

Historic Hingham homes are on tour

The 79th Annual Tour of Historic Hingham Homes, sponsored by the Hingham Historical Society is slated for Sunday, May 18 from noon to 6 p.m.

Five private homes will be open for viewing. The 1788 Jonathon Cushing home has an elegant interior combining both federal and Italian themes. The 1846 cottage of Issacher Fuller has grown into a charming home with spacious living areas on two levels. An 1895 shingle-style home boasts an impressive staircase, a greenhouse, and a lovely double parlor. A remodeled summer house features spectacular views of the Boston skyline and Hingham Bay, while a gambrel cottage has been much expanded to house a fascinating collection of family paintings, Chines artifacts and decorative accents.

These homes are not handicap-accessible.

"Ornate, Ordinary and Oh-So-Necessary Ceramics in Daily Life," exhibits from the society's collection, will be shown throughout the Old Ordinary on tour day, May 18; and again from June 17 through Sept. 6, Tuesdays to Saturdays, 1:30-4 p.m.

Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 on the day of the tour. They are available by mail and also at Bowl and Board in Hingham Square, the Hingham Public Library at 66 Leavitt St. and Noble's Camera Shops in Hingham Square and Lincoln Plaza. Tickets on tour day will be sold only at the Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln St. after 9 a.m. At that time, tickets may also be exchanged for tour books.

To order tickets by mail, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and your check to: The Hingham Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham 02043 and mark the envelope: "House Tour".

For more information, please call 781-749-1851 or 781-749-1574; or visit the society's Web site at http://www.hinghamhistorical.org.

La Leche league meets on May 13

The La Leche League will hold a meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial library, Cohasset. The discussion subject is "The Advantages of Breastfeeding and Getting Off to a Good Start."

LLL is a non-profit worldwide organization offering information, education and support for breast feeding and parenting. Meetings are free. Pregnant and nursing mothers are encouraged to attend, and babies are always welcome. For more information and directions call 781-924-1919, or 781-829-9075.

Dog Obedience

The Cohasset Recreation Department will continuously, throughout the summer, offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy Dog Training School.

Second session classes will be held on Monday evenings on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Monday, April 28, for Obedience with Distractions at 7 p.m. and at 6 p.m. for beginners. For all classes the fee is $100 for the five-week, one hour per week program, Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register for the next available session, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. A new session will begin approximately every five weeks. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

SSL annual meeting

The Social Service League of Cohasset announces its annual meeting and coffee Tuesday, May 20, at 9:30 a.m. at Walton Rogers' Hall, St. Stephen Church, Highland Avenue.

Cabaret music

"Crossroads," a South Shore cabaret music ensemble, presents "A Measured Passage: Arrangements and Original Music" by Weymouth musician, Rich Jensen. The Crossroads ensemble performance will be held at the South Shore Art Center at 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset on Friday, May 16 at 8 p.m. The concert features a variety of vocal arrangements for six voices ranging from old standards to new music set to the poetry of Robert Frost and Shakespeare.

Tickets at the door are $5. For more information, call 781-331-9545.

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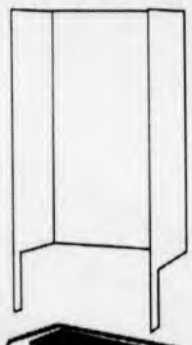

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One of the many buildings holding the antique treasures of the Bayfield Shop.

Are you in need of an antique tea set?

Does an original whale-oil lamp strike your fancy?

How about an original oaken icebox or a flax wheel?

If so, you might consider reserving time on your calendar to "purchase a little bit of Scituate history."

On May 9 and 10, Caddigan Auctioneers of Hanover will auction off thousands of antique items from the collection of Dorothy Meurch and her famous Bayfield Shop in North Scituate. The shop is literally a museum, and sprawls over several rooms and buildings on the Country Way estate. Caddigan, who has been appraising the antiques for nearly a year, says the two-day auction will showcase "the largest array of antiques ever offered on the South Shore."

But before the auction, the mother/son auctioneer team of Joan and Jeremy Caddigan will have their work cut out for them, preparing and pricing the goods. Joan Caddigan explained why this auction will be anything but typical.

"She's got ten of everything," she said.

For more than 40 years, Meurch bought, sold, and collected and her shop is known for both its extensive variety, and also for its famous clientele. After performing at the South Shore Music Circus, performers like Liberace, Johnny Cash, Joan Rivers, and Andy Williams came in to choose from Meurch's unique collection — and often paid return trips to visit the proprietor, Meurch.

"She was kind of a character," said Caddigan. "*More* than kind of a character."

Meurch's daughter Priscilla Schultz described her mother as "stubborn, active, and independent" recalling how it was that her mother's collection of antiques had grown so large.

"She used to buy out houses, with all their antiques in them," she said. As her collection grew and grew, local antique hunters would commonly repeat a favorite saying, "let's go to Dottie's shop. If *she* doesn't have it, you don't need it."

Meurch's father Jesse Parmelee Litchfield opened the "Bayfield" woodworking shop with his partner Henry Turner Bailey in 1904. The shop's name originated from a combination of the men's surnames.

The two craftsmen built furniture, did restoration work, and carved street signs that once appeared all over Scituate.

In one of the shop's upper rooms, there is a hand-carved fireplace mantle that Litchfield fashioned for the Hotel Somerset in Boston nearly a century ago. Somehow, it has found its way back to his daughter's shop.

Meurch got into the business of collecting when her father passed away in 1961.

In order to make a living and pay off the property taxes for the estate's many buildings, she began her antique trade. Shultz said her mother was "a witty lady with a terrific sense of humor" and two signs on the shop's wall reveal a bit about the woman and how she ran her business.

"Dishes don't bounce," is posted with authority on the curved glass of one china cabinet, and above the door: "All of our guests bring happiness; some by coming, others by going –which one are you?"

In more recent years, Meurch would often hand her customers the keys to the shop and told them if they wanted to purchase something to come back.

After running the store for more than 40 years, Meurch died in February at the age of 94.

Caddigan said the auction will feature a "mind boggling" amount of antiques. Among the items are hundreds of lamps, dolls, and dishes of all description. There are paintings and model ships, and even a sundial.

In Meurch's showcase room, the list goes on. Not only are the eight china chests and French-styled cabinets for sale, but so are their contents — and they are well-stocked with porcelain and silverware. "Every drawer is full," said Caddigan.

Downstairs in the workroom, there are hundreds of specialty tools that Litchfield and Bailey used to fashion their many creations. Their wrenches, vices, and planes, as well as horseshoes, glass bottles, and a vintage champagne bottle will be up for auction next weekend.

"We're going to try to sell everything, but as you can see, there is about 100,000 items here," said Caddigan.

The auction will also feature a variety of antique wood parts and pieces that could prove valuable to a wood worker, said Caddigan.

"These pieces would be very dear to a restorer because you just cant find these pieces anywhere," she said. The entire wood collection will be auctioned as a lot, and features pieces in mahogany, maple, walnut and oak. "You name it, he's got it," said Caddigan.

Caddigan said the auction will be held on site because it would be too much work to move the pieces anywhere else. She described the buildings outside as shaping an environment similar to "what Cape Cod used to look like." Shingled, small, and weather beaten, the little buildings which Meurch's father used to rent out as apartments, currently house scores of antiques. Once their contents have been sold, the buildings will be up for sale as well.

The event will provide an opportunity for locals to peruse some of Meurch's collection which have never before been seen by the public. Caddigan said some of the rooms have been locked up for 40 years, and with all of the goods and notoriety, she's expecting a huge turnout.

The proceeds of the auction will go to the family estate.

The auction will be held under a tent outside the 675 Country Way shop beginning at 11 a.m. both days and running until "we're exhausted," Caddigan said. Visitors are encouraged to bring a chair for seating will be limited. For more information call the Caddigan Auctioneers at (781)826-8648.

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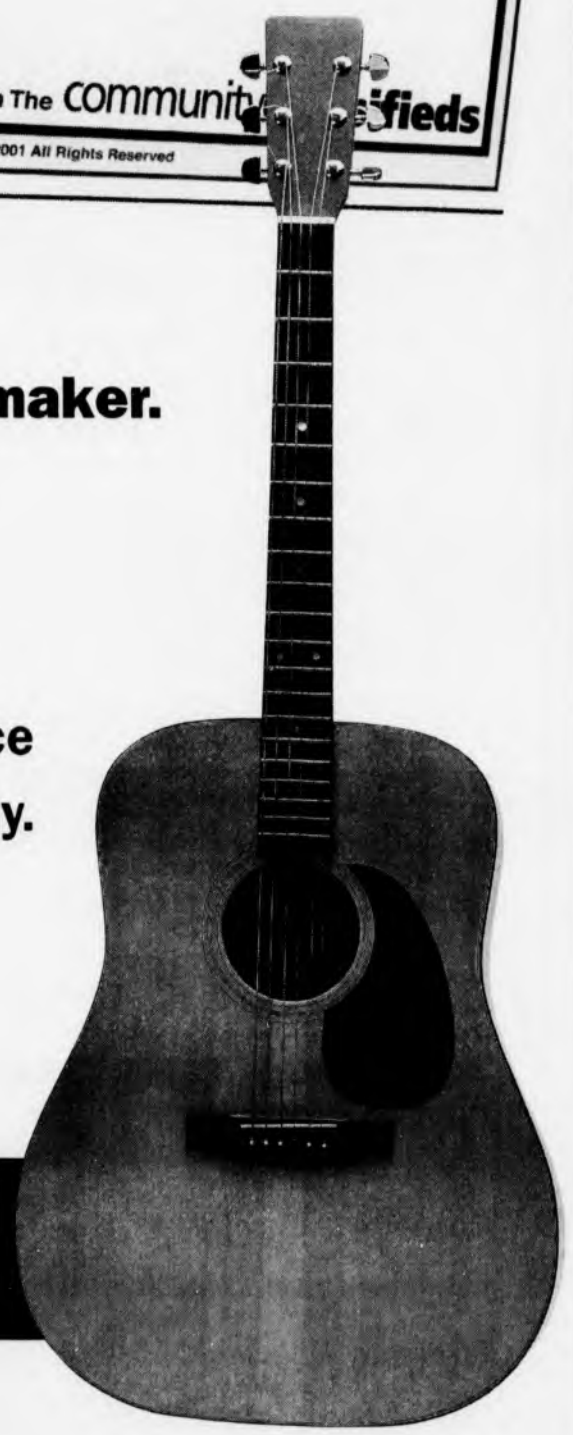

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Sharing novel thoughts on the writing business

Hingham's Harris talks about books

By Jerry Elsden
CORRESPONDENT

Hingham author Dan Harris aptly describes himself as unconventional when it comes to book writing and publishing. He doesn't follow many of the hard and fast rules, yet two of his novels have been published and he's working on his fifth, plus a Hollywood screenplay. Not bad for a first-time author who never had a literary agent.

Harris recently gave his views on writing and getting published to members of the South Shore Writers Club at the Rockland Public Library in the first annual Richard "G" Lee Memorial Lecture. Lee, who died last year, was a founding member of the club and volunteered in many Hingham organizations.

"Goodbye Dearie," a fictional memoir about growing up in the 1950s and 1960s, is Harris's first book. He was inspired to write it after discovering old family letters his mother had saved in the attic of their West Hyannisport, Cape Cod summer home. She died in 1997. An English major in college, Harris already had written the first chapter of "Goodbye Dearie" before he retired in 1998 from Procter and Gamble as a marketing executive. Retirement allowed him to finish the book.

"Goodbye Dearie' started out as a love story and a series of vignettes, but how could I weave those together? A minor character, to my great surprise, burst out and became that major character that turned this book into a full-length novel, " recalled Harris.

"So I thought 'what if the Planning Board member who casts the critical vote ends up murdered on the construction site?' I started taking lots of notes at the meetings, so eventually a board member asked me if I was going to run for office."
— Dan Harris

Getting the book published was daunting, but Harris learned to deal with rejection. "Publishers want you to send your manuscript with a self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed, so they can return it to you. I sent manuscripts to about 30 publishers and got them all back in those envelopes with my handwriting on it!" He showed the book to two agents. "Both of them retired right after reading it," he laughed, "I hope it wasn't because of me."

Harris eventually learned about America House Book Publishers of Baltimore, a small press which prints copies based on demand, rather than provide advance money. It's also known as "just in time" publishing. Researching the financial side of publishing, Harris discovered that 80 percent of all books published today are controlled by 5 percent of the publishing houses.

"Capital Crimes," his second book, is a murder mystery set on the Cape, where Harris worked summers for many years. But the idea for it really came from the Hingham Planning Board.

"My daughter Becky was interning in the Planning office that summer when the board was dealing with the proposed Baker Hill subdivision," recalled Harris. "I attended the hearings, which were better than most sitcoms. There were all these conflicts going on, all this emotional controversy. So I thought 'what if the planning board member who casts the critical vote ends up murdered on the construction site?' I started taking lots of notes at the meetings. Eventually a board member asked me if I was going to run for office."

Writing and publishing "Capital Crimes" was easier because of the lessons Harris learned with "Goodbye Dearie."

"I had no trouble marketing 'Capital Crimes' once it was published," by America House, said the former sales pro for Crest, Bounty and Jif. "I went to several bookstores on the Cape with my bag of books and display cards, and the owners were quite receptive." He talked about the book on several Cape and South Shore drive-time radio and local access cable shows.

He joined Hingham Rotary after giving the club a speech, then ended up selling ads for the Rotary phonebook. "Through Rotary I met a local 'one man show' public relations guy, Norm Crawley, in the business since 1955 and knew everybody," said Harris. "He really helped."

But Harris and his muse still had more ideas, more stories to write. He wrote "Blood Feud" ("it's still in the drawer") after reading newspaper accounts of a North Shore supermarket chain family's court battle over money. He's currently working on "Reunion," about a fellow who attends his high school reunion, and "Diary of a Madhouse Husband," about a man who retires and hasn't really planned for it.

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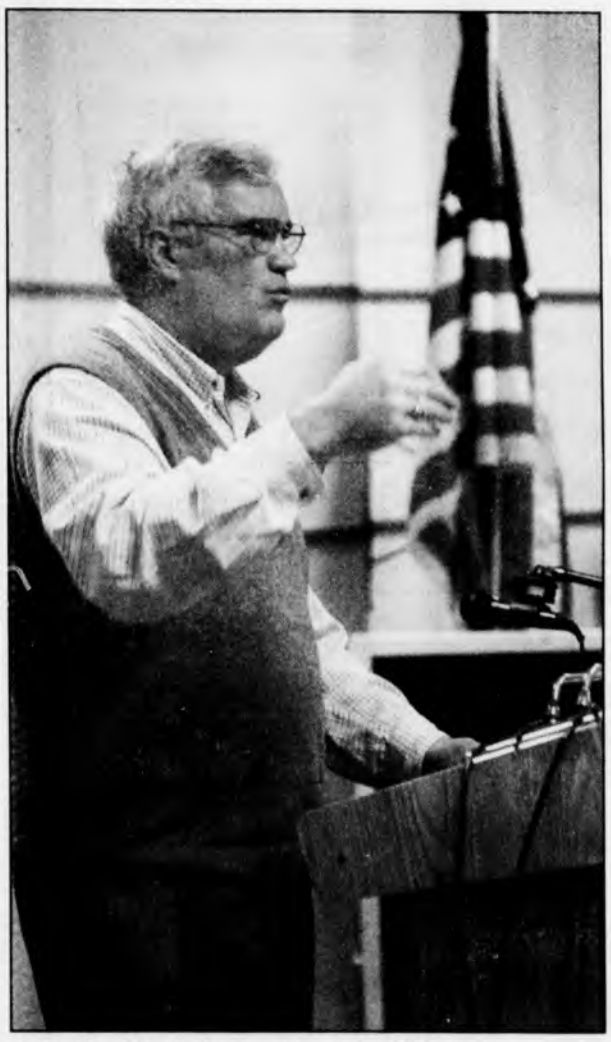
Hingham author Dan Harris speaks to the South Shore Writers Club at the Rockland Public Library.



Author Dan Harris shares writing and publishing tips.

And that screenplay? "I have a six-month option to a Hollywood producer to write a screenplay for 'Goodbye Dearie'," he explained. "I have to condense a 400-page book into about 120 pages and I'm already over. The Final Draft software helps enormously. We'll see what happens."

Harris tries to write in his office every day between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. when his wife Joy comes home from her teaching job in Cohasset. "Even if it's for a couple of hours a day, I do it," he said.

"I take breaks to fold the laundry or go rollerblading, and treat myself to Dunkin' Donuts coffee late in the morning." He writes longhand because he "types four words a minute with 100 percent error. I mail the copies to a college student and family friend who's been transcribing for me since high school, and she e-mails the finished work back."

Harris outlines chapters after writing instead of beforehand, and writes four chapters at a time. "I don't get too tied up in the rules."

His wife Joy, who also majored in English, proofreads the chapters line by line. "She's one of my biggest fans and a grammarian, too."

Harris told the writers group that he avoids the four conventional wisdoms for writers.

1. "Don't just start with a filler article, then stair step up to a novel. Instead, have a story idea that could be a novel."

2. "Don't publish without an agent. I published my books twice solo by researching publishing houses though The Writers Market and The Writers Digest."

3. "Even with an agent it's hard to get published but not impossible. Claire Cook, a first-time writer from Scituate has had two successful books published."

4. "You must know the craft of writing (and all the rules). You don't need to be Strunk and White to write a novel! If you have a good proofreader and editor, just let it rip!"

He also advised club members to sharpen their listening skills in places like coffee shops and jot down lines to use in future dialogue.

"Above all, stick with what you know, complete the first draft before re-writing, and have tenacity and a good attitude," he said.

Harris has become friends with and encouraged by local independent bookstore owners such as Bookport and Buttonwood Books. "Most of these bookstores are run by women, who displayed my books in the window and really helped with distribution."

Harris arrived with copies of his novels and the writer's digest to help aspiring writers.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, May 19, 2003, at 7:00 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 4.2 & 6 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, the **Cohasset Historical Society,** seeks to relocate their headquarters to **106 South Main St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-04-28.

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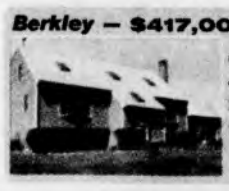
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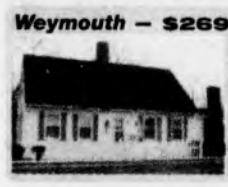
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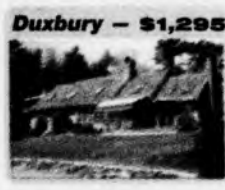
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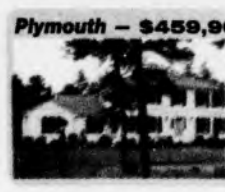
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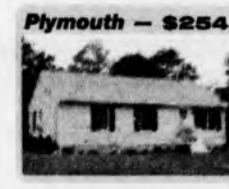
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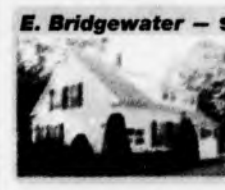
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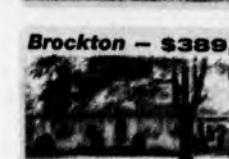
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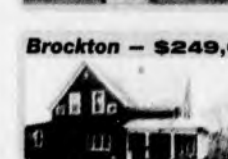
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MAY 1, 2003

STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Maria, played by Anne Thornton sings "Doe, a deer" with the Von Trapp children —Kelly Magnuson, Ben and Josie Hersh, Sean Donovan, Savanha Young Norris, Genavive Chason, Sinclair Dean — in the Cohasset Dramatic Club production of "The Sound of Music."

One of audiences' favorite things

Excellent singers, the nuns in the cast of the show played by Brend Hanson (center) as Mother Abess, Jean DiGiacomandrea, Lisa Pratt, Betts, Betts Murray, Virginia Moore, Dianne Bunker, Nancy Sean Donovan, Ilana Meletz, Caroline Klein. Liwsa Altobello, Pam Curran and Jean Prior, are members of a local chorus.

Cohasset Dramatic Club stages 'Sound of Music'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

The hills of the South Shore will be alive with "The Sound of Music" during May, when the Cohasset Dramatic Club presents its own production of the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical.

"People just really enjoy 'The Sound of Music.' They fall in love in with the story, the romantic fantasy, the very real drama, and, of course, the beautiful songs," according to Anne Thornton who stars as the postulant Maria Rainer in the Cohasset staging.

Set in Salzburg, Austria, in the late 1930s, "The Sound of Music" is the story of Maria, who proves to high-spirited for religious life and is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of the widowed naval Captain Georg von Trapp. Maria soon captures the Captain's heart and the pair are married. Not long after returning from their honeymoon, they learn that the Nazis have invaded

See next page

'Been There, Done That' and lived to sing about it

Sarah deLima, Cheryl McMahon and Paula Markowicz ham it up in the musical comedy revue "Been There, Done That, (Can I Get Directions?): Tales From the Trenchess of Motherhood" presented by JM Productions Dinner Theatre at Raffael's in Quincy.

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Sarah deLima has appeared at the Huntington, American Repertory and North Shore Music Theatres, but the actress and singer knows that the only sure way to get a job is to hire herself.

With that in mind, deLima joined forces with friends and fellow actresses Leigh Barrett and Cheryl McMahon to create the musical comedy revue "Been There, Done That, (Can I Get Directions?): Tales From The Trenches of Motherhood" being presented by JM Productions Dinner Theatre at Raffael's in North Quincy, May 7-9, and at the Company Theatre in Norwell from May 10-11.

The whole show works really well, because it offers something that just about everyone can identify with. It's not just the story of women and mothers, it's also about the bond between parents and children."

"Been There, Done That" cast member, Paula Markowicz

"Leigh, Cheryl and I had always wanted to do something together," deLima explained by telephone last week from her Cohasset home. "We finally just accepted that the only way we could all work together was if we formed our own company and wrote our own show. We created this particular show, because motherhood is what we all have in common. We've been doing this as a tribute to mothers for a few years now under our company banner, WOHO, which stands for We Only Hire Ourselves."

Under the direction of Peter Carey of Randolph, the revue looks at motherhood from a variety of angles using original monologues and also music from "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum," "Cabaret," "Gypsy," "Baby!," and "Big".

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Living

Asian noodle soup

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

I have made almost every kind of home-style soup imaginable and often serve soup as a main course with a good loaf of store-bought bread and fruit for dessert. Once in a while, even I get a taste for something out of the ordinary which means that I turn to Asian soups for inspiration. The basic drill is to start with a broth, add noodles and vegetables, and then top with thinly sliced meat. It's a full meal in a bowl. The problem? Well, canned beef broth is virtually inedible, the vegetables are often insipid, and odd flavorings creep into the mix in the name of creativity. Most of all, I wanted this to be an American recipe, one without ingredients that only exist in Asian specialty stores.

After consulting a variety of Asian cookbooks (including the incomparable Hot Sour Salty Sweet by Jeffrey Alford and Naomi Duguid), I set out to produce a decent quick broth. Since canned beef stock is a culinary black hole, I began with canned chicken stock and water, ending up with four cups broth to two cups water. Garlic seemed obvious and I added a few smashed cloves along with about four nickel-sized pieces of sliced ginger and let the broth simmer for about 10 minutes. This was good, but not great, so I upped the garlic to four cloves and the ginger to a 1 1/2-inch piece. Next I experimented with soy and fish sauce, finally settling on one tablespoon of each. (If you think fish sauce is too exotic, use four teaspoons of soy.) A half-teaspoon of sugar was next. Star anise and cinnamon were fine, but optional ingredients. A long list of other ingredients including peppercorns, jalapeno, and scallions were tested and rejected in favor of this simple broth which tasted best when simmered for only 10 minutes.

As for the noodles, rice noodles are common in this type of dish and they worked just fine, especially the flat noodles which are easier to pick up with chopsticks. (Other noodles include wheat, egg, soba, and udon noodles. Of these, I am partial to soba [buckwheat] noodles for this soup.) For the beef, there are two approaches: slice it raw and let the soup do the cooking or cook it ahead of time to develop the flavor. My solution was to do both. I seasoned a piece of sirloin and seared until very brown on both sides. Then I thinly sliced the beef, which was still raw-looking in the center, and fanned slices over the noodles. Once the broth was ladled the beef finished cooking in the bowl. Now I had the tender texture of raw beef with the flavor of sautéed fried beef.

As for the vegetables, I started with sliced shitake mushrooms which are intensely flavored and cook in very short order in the hot broth. In terms of green vegetables, I liked bok choy, Napa cabbage, and spinach. In all cases I thought it best to let the greens or pods cook slightly in the broth instead of piling them raw into the soup bowls. I found unless you have just the right-shaped bowl it's difficult to get the beef and greens to submerge into the hot broth.

This type of soup is usually garnished with fresh herbs and scallions. (You may also try chopped nuts, sesame seeds, oils or lime juice.) Ingredients I liked included scallions and cilantro as well as basil and/or mint leaves. I was also happy to add a drizzle of sesame oil and chili oil. And a little squeeze of lime added to the freshness of the herbs.

ASIAN BEEF AND NOODLE SOUP

For a more exotic and Vietnamese-style soup, include the optional star anise and cinnamon to the broth.

For the broth:

4 cups low-sodium chicken broth

4 cloves garlic, smashed and peeled

1 1/2" piece fresh ginger cut into 6-8 rounds

1 pod star anise (optional)

1 cinnamon stick, about 3 inches (optional)

1 tablespoon soy sauce

1 tablespoon fish sauce

1/2 teaspoon sugar

To finish the soup:

8 ounces rice noodles, flat fettuccini-size preferred

1 sirloin strip steak, about 12 ounces

3 ounces shitake mushrooms, thinly sliced

5 ounces snap peas or pea pods or 4 cups thinly sliced Napa cabbage or bok choi or steamed spinach

2 scallions, white and green parts, thinly sliced on an angle

1/3 cup loosely packed cilantro leaves

1/3 cup loosely packed basil leaves and/or 1/4 cup loosely packed mint leaves (optional)

Toasted sesame oil for drizzling (optional)

Hot chili oil for drizzling (optional)

Lime wedges (optional)

1. For the broth: Bring all of the ingredients, along with 2 cups of water, to a boil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to maintain a lively simmer and cook, partially covered, for 10 minutes. Remove and discard solids and cover and keep warm.

2. To finish the soup: Bring four quarts of water to a boil. Off heat add the noodles and let sit for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Drain and divide evenly between four large soup bowls. Meanwhile, heat a heavy-duty skillet over medium-high heat. Liberally season the steak on both sides with salt and pepper and place in the hot skillet. Cook without moving until very well browned on first side, about 3 minutes. Turn and brown remaining side, about 5 minutes. Remove to a cutting board and let sit for 5 minutes. Thinly slice against the grain at an angle. Add the mushrooms to the broth and return to a simmer. Add the snap peas or pods or greens and cook for two minutes. If using spinach, cook for one minute. Fan beef slices over the noodles and ladle the broth into the bowls, trying to distribute the vegetables as evenly as possible. Garnish with the scallions and cilantro and serve immediately passing the optional garnishes.

Serves 4

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to http://www.americastestkitchen.com

Caring for the landscape in early May

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

The welcome greening of our lawns, gardens and landscapes, highlighted by the appearance of colorful spring-flowering trees and shrubs, has set another planting and growing season in motion. Garden centers are bustling with activity as homeowners eagerly search for new plants to beautify their properties and new products to simplify their yardwork.

Pretty pansies in every color of the rainbow have arrived, their smiling faces irresistible to young and old alike. Truckloads of healthy, robust nursery stock can barely be unloaded quickly enough to satisfy enthusiastic customers desperate to work the soil and perform their annual spring planting ritual.

Now that Mother Nature has granted us drenching April showers, our May flowers should be bountiful, assuming our plants did not drown during the chilly downpours of the past few weeks. Extended periods of dampness in early spring enable the gardener to identify low spots or areas of poor drainage that should be corrected, if at all possible, during the warmer months. Few plants enjoy sitting in soggy soils, particularly during the winter. Once plants have leafed-out and are actively growing, copious quantities of moisture can sometimes be tolerated, but while plants are dormant, standing water often leads to rot as saturated soils deprive the roots of air and the plant suffocates. Alternate freezing and thawing of wet soils may cause autumn transplants to heave out of the soil, exposing the roots to wintry blasts. Poor winter drainage is perhaps the most common cause of perennial plant failures during the winter months.

A well-prepared soil is the key factor in creating a successful garden. The addition of organic materials, including peat moss, leaf mold, well-decomposed cow manure, or compost, will greatly improve the condition of any soil. In heavy, clay soils, organic matter will help to improve drainage. In dry, sandy soils, these additives help to retain moisture and nutrients. In particularly low areas, the construction of mounded or raised beds may be the only option to prevent flooding, especially during the winter months.

Established perennial borders will benefit from an application of compost or fertilizer early in the season. Broadcast an organic fertilizer such as MNLA Plant-O-Ganic (8-8-8) or Espoma Plant-tone (5-3-3) over perennial borders once your cleanup is complete. An occasional application of lime in spring or fall will sweeten acidic amendments. Trees and shrubs will also benefit from a spring application of fertilizer. Spread MNLA Plant-O-Ganic around the base of established trees and shrubs or use Hollytone for acid-loving rhododendrons, azaleas and hollies.

No garden seems complete without spring-flowering bulbs.

No garden seems complete without spring-flowering bulbs. These springtime treasures store nutrients in the outer layers of their underground bulbous structures to produce flowers from season to season. For reliable bloom in subsequent years, snip spent flowers so energy is not wasted producing seedpods. Most importantly, do not remove bulb foliage until it is brown, for this is how the plant manufactures food to carry the bulb through dormancy and produce next year's flowers. An application of fertilizer while these bulbs are actively growing will further assist in their annual return. Water throughout the growing season.

Lawns will benefit from a firm raking in areas where grass is heavily matted or fall leaves linger on the surface, but wait until the ground is reasonably dry to prevent tearing grass plants out of the earth. For sparse lawns, overseed after raking to promote a thicker, denser turf. A thick, healthy lawn is the best way to minimize weeds. Apply a starter fertilizer in areas where seed has been spread as a high nitrogen lawn food may damage tender germinating grass plants. Dethatching and aeration of established lawns is usually best performed in late summer or early autumn except in extreme situations as its removal in spring enables opportunistic weed seeds to populate exposed soil. Spread lime in spring or autumn to maximize the lawn's ability to absorb nutrients from the soil. If you feel that you have become a slave to your mowing your lawn, consider using an organic lawn fertilizer this season. These fertilizers do not burn and provide a long-lasting, slow release feeding that promotes root and side-shoot development for a thick lawn without the rapid top growth that requires frequent mowing during the spring.

Last season's dry conditions took a toll on our lawns and crabgrass flourished in many landscapes spreading thousands of seeds before succumbing to frost. If crabgrass was a problem last season, a crabgrass control may be advantageous this spring and should be applied early in the season before warm temperatures allow crabgrass seeds to germinate. A general rule of thumb is to spread crabgrass controls while forsythia bushes are in bloom as the flowering of this popular shrub and germination of crab grass seed are both triggered by soil temperatures. It should be noted that most of these preemergent controls inhibit germination of desirable grass seeds as well and should not be used in newly seeded areas. Raking and thatch removal should be undertaken prior to applications of crabgrass controls and fertilizers.

The warmth of the springtime sun in conjunction with our abundant moisture should begin to accelerate the sluggish growth of our plants. As tender young leaves emerge on trees and shrubs, our landscapes are gradually draped with a muted veil of soft yellow-green tones. Against this delicate background, bold splashes of vividly tinted flowers will paint a colorful portrait of breathtaking grandeur in the weeks to come.

One of audiences' favorite things

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Austria and are demanding the Captain's immediate service in their navy. The family decides then decides to escape over the mountains to Switzerland and freedom.

With music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, and a book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, "The Sound of Music" first opened on Broadway in 1959. With Mary Martin as Maria and Theodore Bikel as the Captain, the show went on to win seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The 1965 film, starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer, earned five Academy Awards — including Best Picture and Best Actress for Andrews — and went on to become one of the most successful movie musicals of all time.

"It seems like almost everyone has seen the movie," Thornton acknowledged by telephone from her Hanover home last week. "I'm definitely no Julie Andrews, but I think everybody will enjoy our production just the same."

Like the 1998 Broadway revival, the Cohasset Dramatic Club production will include the original Rodgers and Hammerstein music, plus two songs written by Richard Rodgers for the film version, "I Have Confidence" and "Something Good." Two songs from the original score which were not in the film, "How Can Love Survive?" and "There's No Way to Stop It" are also included.

"It is wonderful to be able to do the songs from the movie on stage," explains Thornton. "We're very lucky, too, because we have so many terrific singers in our cast. Our nuns are even played by members of a local chorus and they are just great."

The title song may be the show's best-known number, but Thornton likes another even more.

"My favorite song is "Something Good" from the movie. Maria sings it to the Captain when they're falling in love and it is just beautiful."

Thornton is aware that aware that audiences often arrive for productions of "The Sound of Music" with a pretty clear idea of what they want.

"People expect to hear music they're very familiar with like "My Favorite Things," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," and "Edelweiss." This isn't experimental theater by any means. The story gives it almost universal appeal," says Thornton. "My husband's a real man's man and this is still his favorite show."

(The Cohasset Dramatic Club will present "The Sound Of Music" — complete with a 45-member cast under the direction of Hull's Jessica McDonald and with a 10-piece band led by Scituate's Rosemarie Gentile - at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, May 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 at 7:30 PM and May 4, 11 and 18 at 2 PM. Tickets may be purchased at Buttonwood Books and Springbrook Kids in Cohasset, at the Front Street Bookstore in Scituate or by telephone at 781/544-0304. A senior citizen discount is available for the May 4 matinee only. Girl Scout leaders interested in purchasing tickets for their troops should contact 781/383-1834.)

'Been There, Done That' and lived to sing about it

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"We do skits, songs and spoofs that we hope are very funny, and we also have more serious moments when we share personal experiences," says deLima, a mother of four grown children and a fixture on the greater Boston theater and cabaret scenes.

When Barrett was cast in the current New Rep production of "Sweeney Todd," her co-stars and co-creators tapped Holbrook native and current East Bridgewater resident Paula (Morrissey) Markowicz to replace her for the Raffael's and Company Theatre dates.

"I had seen the show a few years ago at the Barker Tavern in Scituate, and I thought it was adorable, funny and also quite touching," explained Markowicz by telephone earlier this week.

The mother of one daughter, Markowicz has appeared locally with the Company Theatre and the Family Performing Arts Center. Her current assignment, however, marks the first time she has had to use her own life experiences on stage.

"It's been really interesting to work on this show," says Markowicz. "This piece really allows audience to get to know the performers. Sarah and Cheryl have encouraged me to share my own stories, which is great. There are also vignettes in which I am playing different characters opposite the other woman as they tell their stories. The whole show works really well, because it offers something that just about everyone can identify with. It's not just the story of women and mothers, it's also about the bond between parents and children."

And the many emotions that go along with those relationships, too.

"When I first started learning the show, my biggest concern was that I would get choked up onstage like I did when I was in the audience," recalls Markowicz. "It's funny, but also very moving at the same time. When Cheryl sings "I Won't Mind," which is about an aunt who doesn't have children of her own, it always gets to me. It is a very sweet song and Cheryl performs it just beautifully."

("Been There, Done That (Can I Get Directions?): Tales From The Trenches of Motherhood" will be presented May 7-9 by JM Productions Dinner Theatre at Raffael's, One Enterprise Drive, North Quincy. For tickets and information, call 617/328-1600 or visit www.raffaels.com. The show will be presented May 10-11 at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. For tickets to these performances, call 781/871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.)

May is Mother and Daughter's Month for Cohasset pair

Sarah deLima will be busy during the next few weeks with her "Been There, Done That" appearances, but not too busy to pass up the chance to appear with her daughter, Kate deLima, in the Fiddlehead Theatre Company's production of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest."

"I'm thrilled to have this chance to work with my daughter, especially since years ago I played, Gwendolyn, the role Kate now has at Fiddlehead, It will be great fun for us to play opposite each other as the plotting mother and the daughter being plotted against." says deLima.

This time around, the elder deLima will tackle the role of Lady Bracknell in the fast-paced romantic comedy about a plotting mother, a governess with a romantic streak and the requisite star crossed lovers.

(The Fiddlehead Theatre Company will present "The Importance of Being Earnest," May 2-11, at The Norwood Theater, 109 Central Street, Norwood. For tickets and information, call 781/762-4060.)

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tick, tick...BOOM! a musical by Jonathan Larson, comes to the Wilbur Theatre May 27 to June 8, starring Boston's own Joey McIntyre. Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster or directly at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston St. Boston.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Thurs. 1

The Scituate Country Club is hosting a wine tasting to benefit the **Talking Information Center (TIC)** on Thursday evening, May 1. Enjoy a magnificent sunset over the tidal water and a five-course meal to benefit TIC. Tickets are $70 and only 40 seats are still available, therefore, contact TIC right away to make your reservation. A silent auction is available during dinner. The Talking Information Center is a non-profit radio reading service that has been broadcasting the printed word for 25 years to those who cannot see. Based in Marshfield, 500 volunteer readers reach over 20,000 listeners throughout the state 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For more information about TIC or to make a dinner reservation call 781-834-4400.

The Glastonbury Series Listening to other voices: **Hope in a Time of Uncertainty** Rabbi Karyn Kadar finding meaning and purpose for ourselves and those we serve on May 1, at 7:15 p.m. Free will offering.

The fifth season for South Shore Quests opens May 1. Quests are a fun way to get the kids out in nature and a great way to learn of new hiking trails in the area. Clues lead the hiker along a trail in search of the treasure (a stamp and stamp pad). Quest books, which contain directions, maps and the clues for 19 Quests on the South Shore, are available at the Bookport in Hingham, Hingham public library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for $4. If you have any questions contact Kim Juric at 781 749-6121 or kjuric@attbi.com <mailto:kjuric@attbi.com>

The Girls Latin School/Boston Latin Academy celebrates its 125th Anniversary of educating Boston youth on Friday May 2 and Saturday, May 3, 2003 in Boston. The free May 2 activities take place at the Boston Latin Academy, 205 Townsend Street, Boston from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. On May 3, alums, dignitaries and other guests will convene at the Prudential Center Skywalk for a cocktail reception. Tickets for May 3, are $50 per person and will be held at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 617=265-7508.

Walk 'n Mass: Walk Quincy -"The City of Presidents." Walk Quincy, and explore the "City of Presidents" The 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) walk route passes historic landmarks including the Adams National Historical Park and the Dorothy Quincy home. Walkers will also be able to view Quincy's coastline and natural beauty. The walk is seasonal and runs April 19 to Nov. 10. The start point the Visitor Center (Galleria at Presidents Place) 1250 Hancock St, Quincy. Start times are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The walk is easy suitable for strollers but not for wheel chairs. Quincy may be reached by public transportation (MBTA) and parking is available at the Presidents Place parking Garage. For more information, call 781-834-8952.

The Friends of the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association (NVNA) are sponsoring an ongoing Bereavement Support Group, at no charge, for individuals experiencing the loss of a loved one. The eight-week series continues on May 1, 8, 15 and 22, at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held in the second-floor conference room of the NVNA office, located at 320 Washington St. in Norwell. Weekly sessions take place every Thursday at the same time and in the same location. Subsequent meetings will take place on the following dates:. Open to everyone throughout the South Shore. Participants can attend as many sessions as they choose or need. For more information about the Bereavement Support Program or the NVNA, please visit the web site at www.nvna.org or call 781-659-2342, ext. 550 to register.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline** and 8 to 11 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Fri. 2

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset will host **Brooke Dyer**, illustrator, for Lullaby Moons and A Silver Spoon: A Book of Bedtime Songs and Rhymes" and **Jane Dyer**, author/illustrator for Little Brown Bear Won't Take A Nap on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. This is the first book for Brooke Dyer however Jane is a well know illustrator for such classics as "Animal Crackers," "Talking Like The Rain: A Read-To-Me Book of Poems," and "I Love You Like Crazy Cakes." The morning will include an art demonstration, a reading and a book signing. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

South Shore Conservatory's ***Opera by the Bay*** presents **"Spring Fling Two,"** a lighthearted evening featuring selections from "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss and "The Stoned Guest" by musical satirist PDQ Bach. There are two performances: Friday, May 2, 7:30 p.m. at South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive in Hingham; and another on Saturday, May 3, 7:30 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets, $25 for adults and $20 for students and seniors, can be purchased by calling 781-749-7565, ext. 10 in Hingham, or 781-934-2731, ext. 10 in Duxbury.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Bancroft Gallery: **TechArt: Juried Exhibition of Computer Art.** A national exhibition of artwork utilizing digital technology juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause. The exhibition is being held in conjunction with the Boston Cyberarts Festival.

Big Apple Circus' Dreams of a City will be held April 5 to May 11, in Boston at 623 Summer St., (corner of Fargo Street, across from Marine Industrial Park). Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or ticketmaster.com and at all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information call 800-922-3772.

BEST BET

The Turntables will perform songs from the 50s, 60's and beyond at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham, Saturday, May 3. Tickets are $45 and include dinner. For reservations call (508) 746-2939.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144

Bridgewater State College Theatre Arts presents **Educated Women!**, an adaptation of Moliere's **The Learned Ladies** and **The Doctor in Spite of Himself** on May 1, 2, 3, at 8 p.m. **Educated Women!** will be performed at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium, 19 Park Ave., on B.S.C. campus in Bridgewater. Ticket prices are $12 general public and $10 for students and senior citizens. For more information or reservations, call 508-531-1321.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

North & South Rivers Benefit Auction on Friday, May 2, at the Cushing Center in Norwell. The Silent Auction and Preview begins at 5 p.m. and the Live Auction begins at 7 p.m. Artwork donated by local artists including Cary Wolinsky, Michael Keane, David Brega, Liz-Hayward Sullivan, Chris Bernstein, Donna Rossetti-Bailey and many more pieces, beautifully framed by C&C Galleries of Norwell. Other items include services from local merchants, antiques, collectibles, boats, sailing excursions, and vacation getaways. Tickets are $20 each and include a box dinner, complimentary wine and beer and your program. Reserved tables for eight are available for $160. To reserve a space, send check payable to the NSRWA, P.O. Box 43, Norwell, MA 02061. For more information call 781-659-8168 or visit www.nsrwa.org.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents **Vance Gilbert** at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $13 members and performers, $15 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "The Sound Of Music" at the Cohasset Town Hall. Show dates are: May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and May 4, 11, and 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and are available at Buttonwood Books and Spring Brook Kids in Cohasset, Front Street Book Store in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304. Girl Scout Troops receive a $2 discount on advanced purchase tickets. Contact Barbara Baumgarten

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for details at 781-383-1834. Sunday May 4, is "Seniors Day". All seniors receive a $2 discount. Call 781-544-0304 to reserve tickets.

The James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents **Mary Eliot and Friends Watercolors** May 2 to June 4. Reception May 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100.

8minuteDating May 2, at **The Red Parrot** in Hull (ages 28 to 39) Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Enter and receive your matches after the event. Set-up another date soon after. For more information and to sign up, visit www.8minutedating.com From April 28 to May 2, New daters can save $10 by entering code "8mdFling2183" when registering during Spring Fling week.

The Miracle East 497 Bedford St. (Rt. 18) Abington, May 2, opening up for **Fat Angus** the AC/DC tribute band, will be **Condition Blue** celebrating the release of their new compact disc at 9 p.m. Local band members from Weymouth, Abington and Rockland.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Chris Fitz Blues.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-925-4300 or 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Situation** (unplugged) Pop 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Sat. 3

The North River Theatre presents **"Office Hours"** a comedy by Norm Foster, at the North River Community Club, 513 River St., Norwell, on May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17. All performances start at 8 p.m. with cabaret seating and cash bar. Tickets are $14. For information, call 781-826-4878.

14th Annual Radio Classics Live, May 2 and 3, at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Brockton, performing live recreations of classic radio/TV programs of the 40s and 50s. **Don Hastings**, "Dr. Bob Hughes" on the CBS daytime drama "As The World Turns," headlines a coast of veteran radio/TV performers and Boston media people including **Gil Santos, Barry Nolan, Robin Young, Jordan Rich, Ben Parker, Rod Fritz, Anne Williams, Ken Meyer**. The event is a fundraiser for the Radio/TV Scholarship Funds at Massasoit Community College. Tickets are $18 ($16 for senior citizens). Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Call 508-427-1234 for tickets and information.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, celebrates **Sol y Canto** (sun and song) performs a Latin concert that entertains and involves families in a multicultural and bilingual extravaganza as part of the library's **Celebrate!** series for family audiences with children ages 5 and older at 10:30 a.m. Free and open to the public. For information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Fifth Annual Grillman Open House, May 3 and 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., **Grillman Propane** in Easton. Jeff and Amber Tufts will host this event under the tent, and this event. Representatives from the leading patio grill and accessories companies will be on hand to show off the latest in grilling technology, and the demonstrations will inspire cooking like you've never seen. The event is free, experts on hand for outdoor grilling demonstrations For more information call 508-238-3139 or visit the website at www.Grillman .com. Grillman is located on Route 138 between the intersection of Route 106 and the Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Park. Easy highway access off Route 24, Exit 16B, or Route 495, Exit 8.

Bandstand Revisited at Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center. Relive the glory days of American Bandstand. Guest stars "Buddy Holly", "Neil Diamond" and "Connie Francis" sing their greatest hits. Enjoy a four-course dinner, listen to the legends on May 3, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 23, 24. Tickets are $35 to $37.50 for dinner and show; $17.50 to $20 show only. Friday and Saturday dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. For reservations and information call 781-843-5862.

The First Baptist Church, South Main St., Sharon, on May 3, at 3:30 p.m. will present Haydn "Piano Concerto in D" with pianists Ari Kriegel, Helen Gong and Brandon Bloch Saint-Saens "Carnival of the Animals" with poems by Ogden Nash with duo pianists Luke Zhou & Grace Han Joaquin Turina "Rapsodia Sinfonica" with Shi Shi Chen Adults: $13 ($15 at the door) Students: $8 Seniors: $11 ($12 at the door) Call for tickets information: 508-238-6015 email: shilarts@attbi.com www.bristolchamberorchestra.org

The Choral Art Society of Scituate will perform Dvorak's "Stabat Mater", an oratorio for chorus and soloists, on May 3, at 8 p.m. in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Church St., Hanover. Dr. Richard Bunbury will conduct the mixed chorus and professional soloists. Peter Krasinski, winner of the 2002 National Organ Improvisation Competition, will accompany the singers as guest organist. A reception is planned after the concert with free refreshments. Tickets are priced at $12/$10 (students and seniors) and are available in advance or at the door on performance day. The church is handicapped accessible. For more information call 781-545-8295, visit www.choralartsociety.org or e-mail choralartsociety@yahoo.com.

Hingham Public Library presents a photography exhibit of Hingham resident **Jack Shea** in the library's Dolphin Gallery until May 22. A reception will be held on May 7, between 6 and 8:30 p.m. the public is invited to the reception.

The Harbour Choral Arts Society presents **Nature's Awakening** featuring music by Beethoven, Haydn, Tchaikovsky, Cole Porter, Hoagy Carmichael and more on May 3, at 8 p.m. Old South Union congregational Church, 25 Columbian St., S. Weymouth. Tickets are $10. for more information call 781-337-3851.

The Turntables, a group of singers, dancers and musicians, will be performing songs from the 50's 60's and beyond at the **South Shore Country Club** in Hingham on May 3. Tickets are $45 and include dinner. For reservations, call 508-746-2939.

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The Pembroke Public Library will offer the exhibit "Generations" with the works of father daughter artists John and Janet Comacchio on display from May 1-31. An opening reception will be held Tuesday, May 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the library which is located at 142 Center Street, (Route 14) Pembroke Center. Hours at the library are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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in Hingham and Sun. May 4, at 4 p.m. at Old South Union Church in Columbian Sq., Weymouth. Tickets $10 ($8 seniors) at the door. Info 781-749-7890.

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Sun. 4

The Third Annual Evan's Run road races and walk will be held Sunday morning, May 4, at the Norwell High School. This community event includes 10k and 5k certified road races on the back streets of Norwell as well as the popular 5 kilometer (3.1 mile) walk and children's races. Complete information at www.evanhenry.org

Author **Anika Nailah** leads dialogue between black and white women about issues of race, class, and gender" on May 4, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Massasoit Community College, Upper Student Lounge of Student Center, One Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Moderator of panel is **Carole Copeland Thomas**, WILD radio. Free and open to the public.

The John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum presents **A Conversation with John Edwards**. Sen. John Edwards, presidential candidate in 2004 will discuss his positions on a range of domestic and foreign policy issues facing the nation on May 4, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. Call 617-514-1643 for reservations.

Holistic Expo and Conference on May 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sheraton, Braintree See more than 40 holistic health and metaphysical products/practitioners demonstrating the latest in health and wellness. Experience mind, body, spirit and holistic companies demonstrating their products/services. Massage, Reiki, personal coaches, trainers, animal communicators, healing centers, metaphysical stores, nutritional supplements, mediums/psychics, environmental products, and much more! Expo admission $10. $8 with this list ing. Contact Dianne at 1-978-394-5166 or for details.

Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents "Elements" featuring artists Dorothy Pilla and Anthony Pilla. Dorothy will display digital photography and Anthony will display wood cut prints. Reception May 4, from 2 to 5 p.m. Exhibit and reception are free and will run from May 4 through June 30. For information call 781-934-0640.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will feature flutist **Laura Vincent** and pianist **Deborah DeWolf Emery** for its next Sunday concert series on May 4, at 4 p.m. The concert program includes music by George Hue, Michel Blavet, Bohusalv Martinu, Jose L. Elizondo, Carl Reinecke and Robert Muzynski. The program is free.

The Friends of Thayer Public Library presents the first in a series of three slide/lectures on outstanding American Artists. The first is entitled "Awash in Color: The life and Artistry of Winslow Homer," given by art historian and museum lecturer Gershon Weisenberg. Free and open to the public. Logan Auditorium, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

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The North River Arts Society presents **Bob Correia** photography through May 24, at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. Gallery hours Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Blue Horizon Jazz Band**, Dixieland to Swing, from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. $10 admission. Handicap accessible. Dancing.

Mon. 5

Call for Artists - South Shore Art Center's 48th Arts Festival on Cohasset Common An extraordinary panel of jurors will be evaluating the artwork submitted for the juried exhibition in the South Shore Art Center's 48th Annual Arts Festival. Media categories for the exhibition include: oil and acrylic, drawing and pastel, watercolor, printmaking, mixed media/3D, color photography and black and white photography. All work must be original, completed within the last three years and not previously exhibited at the South Shore Art Center or at the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival. Artists should submit their work to the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, Saturday through Monday, May 10 to 12.. In addition to the juried exhibition, there will be a members' show open to all members of the South Shore Art Center and a young artists' exhibition open to all students under 18. For more information or to request an entry form, call 781-383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

8minuteDating May 5, at **Finbar's Pub**, Norwood (ages 30-40). Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Enter and receive your matches after the event. Set-up another date soon after. For more information and to sign up, visit www.8minutedating.com

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 6

Generations, an exhibit of the works of two generations of artists, **John and Janet Cornacchio** will be held at the Pembroke Library, 142 Center St., (Route 14), May 1 to 31. Opening reception May 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Suffolk University Alumni Association invites you to attend a South Shore Alumni Chapter Networking Event entitled, "Successful Strategies for Today's Job Market." A professional panel of speakers will discuss innovative ways to secure a new job position, interviewing techniques, and the importance of initiating, building and maintaining professional relationships. on May 6, Networking reception: 5:30 p.m. Panel presentation: 7 p.m. Location: Quincy Marriott Hotel 1000 Marriott Dr. Quincy. Tickets are $10 per person. Suffolk University alumni as well as non-alumni guests are invited to attend. For more details or to register, call: 617-994-4231, email pweafer@suffolk.edu

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, will present a photography exhibit, **Nature's Eye**, through May 31, in the Vine Hall Gallery. This is the work of photographer **Patience Taylor** of Plymouth. Nature's Eye features many different South Shore landscapes, along with the animals, birds and plants found living in those areas. The exhibit is free of charge Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 1 - May 31. For more information, call the Center at 781-659-2559, or visit us on the web at www.ssnsc.org.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

Handlebar Harry's, Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

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Wed. 7

Second Parish in Hingham, 685 Main St., Route 228, Hingham, will hold its **47th Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibit and Sale**, May 7, 8, 9, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and May 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For information call 781-749-1671.

Raffael's Restaurant of Quincy and JM Productions, entertainment producer and announce the fourth dinner theatre production of their fourth season. Their Mothers Day celebration begins a little early with **"Been There Done That" (Can I Get Directions?)** tales from the trenches of motherhood. The production rolls into the restaurant on May #7, *8 and *9. Tickets are $35 for the matinee series and $45 for the evening shows per person. Included are dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Lunch starts at noon and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Groups of 20 or more receive a discount $30 for matinees and $40 for evening shows. For reservations call Raffael's restaurant at 617-328-1600 during regular business hours. For additional information visit www. allaboutjmproductions. com * = Matinee and evening performances # = Just Matinee Performance

The MOMologues, an original comedy about motherhood, that captures all the agony and ecstasy that is the daily life of being a mom, will be held at the ICA Theatre in Boston running Wednesday-Saturdays until May 17. For tickets and information, call 617-262-2928.

Joyce Wilson of the Poetry Porch is holding a poetry reading at the **Scituate Public Library** on May 7, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. All poets invited to come and read an original poem, or a favorite poem by a published poet, to celebrate the arrival of spring. Sign up at the door or register ahead by telephone 781-545-0731 or email jpwilson@poetryporch.com. Sponsored by the Poetry Porch, the poetry reading at Scituate Library is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 781-741-1405 and/or 781-545-0731.

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books are hosting a **Local Authors Night** at the Hingham Public Library on May 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. Stuart Van Tine and Dan Harris are from Hingham and Bob Maki, formerly of Cohasset, are the featured writers. The format for the evening will be a brief presentation and reading by each author followed by question/answer period and a book signing. This is a free event, and the public is most welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

The Music Man marches into **Boston's Colonial Theatre** April 30 to May 11. Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com or directly at The Colonial Theatre Box Office. Tickets on sale now. Prices are $72 to $25

Mass Audubon, South Shore Regional Office, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. On display, **The Painted Landscape**. The work of eight North River Society Artists, local landscapes by local artists. **Susan Charles, Corine Campobasso, Susan Davis, Don Darcier, Jeanne MacFarland, Susan Raffa, Jody Regan and Ellen Whelan**. This exhibit is an offshoot of the Daniel Webster Farm Day last October.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

Thurs. 8

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Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree, announces the production of "Much Ado About Nothing" on May 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17. All shows are at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 each, call 781-356-5113, leave message. CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commerical Streets in Braintree.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline** and 8 to 11 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Fri. 9

Second Parish in Hingham, 685 Main St., Route 228, Hingham, will hold its **47th Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibit and Sale**, May 7, 8, 9, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and May 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For information call 781-749-1671.

Redefining Retirement: Work and Life Planning for a New Century Join Jewish Vocational Service Career Moves for this day-long session of workshops and discussion exploring a variety of important issues for those contemplating the next phase of life. It will be held Friday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Striar JCC, 445 Central Street, Stoughton. Cost is $55 per individual, $95 per couple, includes morning coffee and lunch. Preregistration required-deadline May 5. Call 617-451-8147, ext. 3101. Accessible to individuals with disabilities.

South Shore Charter School's 8th Annual Art Show The South Shore Charter School's Art Project will present their 8th Annual Art Show at the Mary Jeannette Murray Bathhouse on Nantasket Beach, Friday, May 9, from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Performances from violinists and bands including DNR, Kudzu, Downtown Crossing, as well as some of this year's best poetry from the South Shore Charter School. Original art pieces on display from students grades K-12. Admission is free. Raffles and handmade furniture

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Hingham Civic Music Theatre announces five May performances of **"Damn Yankees,"** which will be presented in Sanborn Auditorium, located in Hingham Town Hall on Central St. Hingham. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on May 9, 10, 16 and 17, and at 2 p.m. on May 18. Tickets for "Damn Yankees" are $15 for adults, $12 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased at Noble's Camera Shop in Hingham Square, Corson's Glasshouse in Queen Anne's Corner, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, and Hingham Music in Lincoln Plaza on Route 3A. For information call 781-789-4327.

The Quitters' Connection of Arlington, presents its **26th Annual Quilt Show and Sale** May 9 and May 10, at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 630 Massachusetts Ave. (at Pleasant Street-Route 60), Arlington Center. Friday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibition of over 150 quilts, many of which are for sale, will include pieces ranging from classic to cutting edge. The show will feature guided tours and demonstrations of quilting techniques. Guild member, Ruth McDowell, an internationally renowned quilt artist and prolific author, most recently of Pieced Flowers and Pieced Vegetables, will be signing copies of her books on Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A quilt named Zig Zag Raz A Ma Taz, designed and made by guild members, will be on display and raffle tickets will be on sale for $1 each for the Saturday drawing. Another collaborative quilt project will be sold to the highest bidder, with the proceeds going to the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition. For more information about the show: e-mail qcshowchair@yahoo.com or call 781-383-8335.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance, May 9, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Single Executives Club Cocktail Party and Singles Dance Friday, May 9, at Radisson Hotel Plymouth Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth, Exit 6, Route 44 of Route 3. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35-55 years old. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business dress is required, ties and jackets suggested. Co-sponsored by the Cape Cod's Most Eligible Singles. For more information visit www.se-4you.com http://www.se-4you.com

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Ongoing Events

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The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell will present the work of photographer Patience Taylor of Plymouth, through May 31, in the Vine Hall Gallery. Nature's Eye features many different South Shore landscapes, along with the animals, birds and plants found living in those areas The exhibit can be viewed free of charge Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 am to 4:30 p.m., April 1 to May 31. For directions or more information, call the Center at 781-659-2559, or visit us on the web at www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org>.

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Open Mike at the Steel House, Route 106, 232 Main St., Kingston, The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $13 members and performers, $15 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Paintings at Bare Cove Gourmet – The paintings of **Serena Brundige** depicting scenes including Turkey Hill and World's End are on exhibit at Bare Cove Gourmet Caterers at 69 Water St. in Hingham until the end of May.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Rd., Cohasset. Art Exhibition - **Winter Break - Joan Brancale,** an inaugural exhibit, now through April 30. Gallery hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 9 to 5 p.m. Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

The Gallery Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Rt. 18), East Bridgewater, presents **Monday Night Hand Drumming Circle** on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. The event is free and no experience is necessary. For more information and directions call 508-378-1584.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

The dark side of a new moon is a time for letting go, cleaning out and finishing old business. Spend time alone. Nurture your spirit; meditate, listen to music, rest and unwind. At 2:12 a.m. the Aries moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive. The final windup to the new moon begins at 10:26 a.m., when the moon enters Taurus. Slow down and avoid conflicts with others between 7:25-10:25 p.m., when the moon and Mars align.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

The month of May begins and ends with a new moon. The full moon on the fifteenth and the new moon on the thirty-first are accompanied by eclipses, adding force and intensity. Mercury continues retrograde travel until the twentieth, placing all important decisions and purchases off limits until then.

Today the new moon culminates at 8:15 a.m., 11-degrees of the sign Taurus. The moon aligns with Neptune; and Venus, the planetary ruler of Taurus, prepares to interact with Neptune. This combination generates an easygoing, relaxed mood. Creativity and artistic sensitivity are at an all-time high. Romance is the name of the game this evening.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

The Taurus moon aligns with Mercury at 1:27 a.m. and becomes inactive until this evening. Venus forms a harmonious contact to Neptune at 9:02 a.m., setting a laid-back pace. In addition, the sun prepares to form a 90-degree alignment to Neptune. Keep it light. Don't take anything too seriously. This is a wonderful day to relax and unwind. Be more creative; enjoy favorite hobbies, spend quality time with loved ones. If you have work projects to accomplish, finish old business rather than starting anything new. At 11:27 p.m. the moon enters versatile Gemini.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

This weekend can go either way. Avoid rigid plans and time schedules. There are likely to be unexpected delays or distractions. On the other hand, this can be an exciting weekend, if you are more spontaneous and adventurous. The moon travels in Gemini, and Mercury, the planetary ruler of Gemini, travels in retrograde motion. Today the sun forms a 90-degree alignment to Neptune at 8:19 p.m. Put recent worries and pressures on the back burner. Let fun and games top your agenda.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Read yesterday's advice. There is one rough spot in effect between 12:46-3:46 p.m., when the moon opposes Pluto. Steer clear of emotional thunderstorms. Choose your words carefully. Insensitive or indiscreet remarks may come back to haunt you. Keep it light. Go with the flow. Concentrate on relaxing and enjoying life to the fullest.

MONDAY, MAY 5

Gear up for a hectic morning. Take it slow and easy. Allow extra time to get where you are going. The Gemini moon aligns with Saturn at 4:43 a.m. and becomes inactive. A Cancer moon takes over at 11:42 a.m., and forms a harmonious contract to Uranus at 4:26 p.m. This afternoon is prime for making renovations, remodeling, repainting, or just thinking about what you can do to beautify and improve your home.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Today's planetary patterns are great for handling projects around your home. Because Mercury travels in retrograde motion, you should not make major purchases of appliances or furniture. You can, however, make improvements or repairs or tackle major cleanup jobs. This time is also favorable for improving the quality of key relationships. Be more nurturing and sensitive to the needs of others. Open the doors to a higher level of communication .

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

The Cancer moon aligns with Venus at 12:21 a.m. and becomes inactive until this evening. The sun aligns with retrograde Mercury at 3:21 a.m. Take extra time out for yourself this morning; look within for answers. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Pluto adds depth and intensity to today's planetary picture. You can achieve breakthroughs creatively and express yourself in new ways. At 9:46 p.m. the moon enters Leo. Fun and games are back in the picture.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

A polarity of Mars and Jupiter takes the spotlight today, warning you to cool your heels. Don't jump into anything. The Leo moon underscores its influence, when it interacts with Jupiter and Mars this afternoon. This combination generates good feelings, high energy. On the other hand, look before you leap. There may be a tendency to overdo, overextend your resources, act foolishly. A lunar opposition to Neptune affects this evening. Kick back, enjoy; don't take anything or anyone too seriously.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Astrological blue skies and sunshine prevail. Try to get work projects out of the way early in the day, so that you can enjoy the remainder. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 7:53 a.m. A potent full moon is building up and will culminate May 15. The Leo moon forms harmonious contacts to Pluto, Venus and Saturn until 11:13 p.m., when it becomes inactive.

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Not all sold on affordable housing plan

Debate continues at June meeting

By John Camera
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A draft of an affordable housing plan for Cohasset received mixed reviews Tuesday night from Selectmen and the Planning Board.

Rick Swanborg, chairman of the Growth and Development Committee, presented the plan in what was the first of two or three public hearings on the document. Swanborg's committee has drafted the affordable housing plan as part of the housing portion of the town's master plan.

The affordable housing plan seeks to meet the mandate set by Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, which says a town must have 10 percent of its housing stock be affordable. Cohasset now has 2.76 percent affordable housing.

The affordable housing plan states that its goal is to develop "an annual average of 21 units of housing over 10 years, which constitutes 0.75 percent of the 2000 census year-round units (2,752)." Under new 40B regulations, if the town could achieve that average growth rate in affordable units, it could fend off any applications for comprehensive permits from 40B developers.

To reach its goal, the plan recommends the formation of the Cohasset Housing Partnership, a select group of volunteers that would identify plots of land for development, evaluate affordable housing proposals and work with developers to assure that the housing is "consistent with town character."

While most Selectmen and Planning Board members seemed to agree that the Housing Partnership was a good idea, they differed in opinion

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WARM WELCOME

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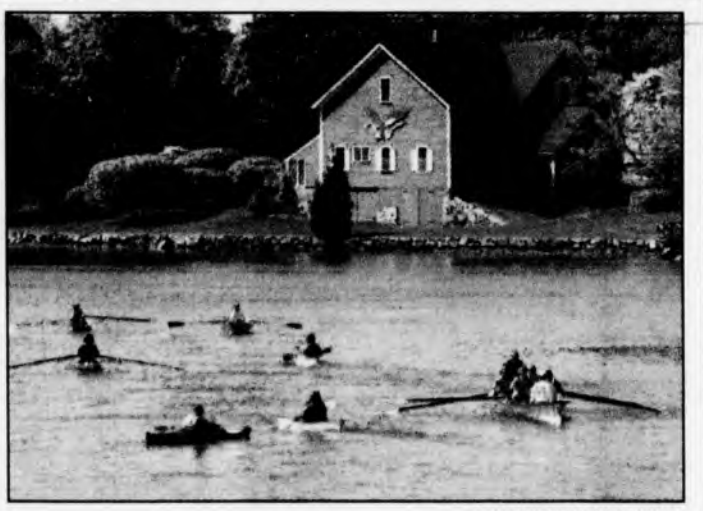
Visitors enter the North Main Street home, which was one of several Cohasset houses featured on the annual Kitchen Tour to benefit the South Shore Community Center. For more photos see page 21.



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Boaters enjoy a day on the Gulf River, which is the subject of a new book..

A river runs through it

Resident creates colorful book on the Gulf River

By John Camera
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John Hartshorne fell in love with the Gulf River 14 years ago when he moved into his home on Border Street. As a member of the Gulf Association, he has worked for years to try to protect what he sees as one of Cohasset's and Scituate's most valuable natural resources.

To that end, last year, Hartshorne gave a slideshow on the history of the Gulf River to fellow members of the Gulf Association. Now, with the help of Noble's Camera Shop, he has turned that presentation into a colorful book.

"A History of the Gulf River" is a 15-page read that follows the river from the days when Native Americans inhabited its banks to when use of the river expanded during colonial times. It incorporates color photographs of the river and its surrounding landmarks, as captured by Jim Spelman of Scituate, the current president of the Gulf Association.

Hartshorne, a past president of the organization and now the vice president, said that so many people enjoyed the slide show a year ago that he decided to transfer it into book form.

The book covers interesting figures like Mordecai Lincoln, who built three dams on the Gulf River's tributaries and was the great-great-great grandfather of President Abraham Lincoln.

Hartshorne explores how salt hay from the marshes was a major commodity in the colonial era He also gives some of the history behind the oldest houses that line the river's banks. Interestingly enough, the river's original name, the "Conyhassit," was also the Indian word for the area's long, rocky shore. Eventually, that word would lend the town of Cohasset its name.

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Original children's musical takes the stage this summer

Deveney sisters start 15th season

By Samantha Brown
CORRESPONDENT

When the curtain goes up on this summer's Children's Drama Workshop production, co-founders and sisters Beth, Grace and Sarah Deveney will have cause to celebrate. Not only will this performance commemorate the 15-year anniversary of the program, it also marks a great accomplishment for Beth, who has written this year's musical comedy, "Jack Beanstalk."

"We stress that every part is really important. Everyone needs to feel like they've accomplished something, and they do."
— Beth Deveney

Beth became involved in theater and the arts at a very young age, and was only 12 years old when she and her sisters began holding the summer program in their garage. She held roles in many performances while attending Cohasset High School, and then went on to earn an arts and sciences degree in music from Catholic University in Washington, DC. It wasn't until after graduation that she began to see writing as her calling. "I've kept a journal since I was five; practically my whole life," she said. "I never thought of myself as a writer until after college."

For Beth, the Children's Drama Workshop has provided a wonderful creative outlet to sharpen her skills as both a writer and producer. Three years ago, she made her first attempt at an original piece with "Cinderella Smith," an updated version of the classic Cinderella story, and discovered what she now knows to be her "number one passion."

"I think dialogue is where my strength is," she said, and as with any craft, she is constantly working on the perfection of the art form. She is currently working part time at Harvard University, to allow as much time as possible for writing, which made "Jack Beanstalk" possible. From conceptual-

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Sisters, Grace, Beth and Sarah Deveney with the cast of their original production "Cinderella Smith" in the summer of 2000.

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Wednesday, May 7:

Conservation Commission, May 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, May 22 at 7 p.m.

Elder Affairs, May 12 at 9:30 a.m. at 3 North Main St.

Harbor Committee, May 13 at 7 p.m.

Osgood School Council, May 27 at 3:45 p.m. at Osgood conference room

Planning Board, May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, May 19 at 6 p.m.

Town Forum, May 13 at 7 p.m. the Lightkeeper's Residence on Government Island

Zoning Board of Appeals, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. (40A), May 20 at 7: 30 p.m. (Avalon)

All meetings are at Town Hall unless posted otherwise.

Dept. of corrections

Due to a misleading document from the Zoning Board of Appeals, an article in the Mariner on April 24 incorrectly reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals denied variances in 1992 in connection with an attempt to build a doctor's office on a property at 226 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, owned by Joseph Rosano.

In fact, Dr. Roger Pompeo, who was considering purchasing the property from Rosano, was granted, with conditions, a special permit to change the lot's use so as to accommodate a doctor's office and a couple of apartments. Pompeo, however, abandoned his plans and never purchased the land.

Rosano is now again seeking a special permit to change the use of the property, from a earth materials storage site to a house with office space and two one-bedroom apartments. Rosano has said he is still entitled to apply for the permit, but members of the Zoning Board have said that a recently approved bylaw now makes a variance necessary for any change of use. A variance would require proof that the property suffers from a hardship, but the Zoning Board has consistently said in the past that no hardship is present. Rosano's case will go before the Zoning Board of Appeals on May 19.

The Mariner also incorrectly reported on April 24 that the new public bathrooms at Mariner's Park on Parker Avenue would be open from sunrise to sunset. In fact, the Town has not yet decided the hours of the bathrooms. The mistake was the result of a ZBA decision that was provided to the Mariner but later amended.

Selectmen drafting position on Avalon

Selectmen are drafting a position on Avalon Bay's proposed 200-unit apartment complex off Route 3A. Town Manager Mark Haddad presented a first draft of the document to selectmen at their meeting on April 30. It included information gathered by Town Financial Director Mike Buckley regarding the impact that Avalon would have on town services.

Selectmen will make additions to the document and present a final version to the Zoning Board of Appeals at its meeting with Avalon Bay on May 20. Selectman Chairman Ronnie McMorris suggested that the Selectmen should request that if Avalon is approved, residents, their children and town employees should get preference for all affordable units.

Public trash cans not for private use

Selectman Merle Brown warned residents at the April 30 selectmen's meeting not to put household trash in public trash receptacles. Brown said public trash cans at the Beechwood baseball field and in Cohasset Village had been found to contain excessive amounts of household trash. He said the act is punishable by a fine of at least $100.

2003 - 2004 school schedule adopted

The School Committee has adopted the schedule for the 2003 - 2004 school year. The first day of classes for Cohasset Public Schools will be Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2003. The final day of classes will be Thursday, June 17, 2004. The School Committee chose this schedule over another which had the same start date, but added two days to the Holiday Break and thus moved the final day of classes back to Monday, June 21. Under that schedule, Holiday Break would have begun after school on Friday, Dec. 19. Under the chosen schedule, it will begin after classes on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

School Committee members said the schedule they chose would allow more room for snow days to be made up without extending school too far into summer.

Summer busing program approved

Cohasset's fleet of school buses will be available for transportation this summer at a competitive cost.

The School Committee voted to approve a program where buses (and licensed drivers) can be rented for transportation to summer activities. The price of rental will be set at $2 less than the "going rate," which figures to be somewhere between $35 and $45.

School Bus Coordinator Peggy Litchfield said the program will attract customers because of its low cost and lack of a minimum rental time. The School Committee approved the program for this summer only, after which point it will be reviewed. The committee is hoping that profit generated by the program will help offset the cost of maintenance on the buses during the school year.

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Town forum will be a first

Brainstorming is meeting's focus

By John Camera
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Members from more than 25 boards, committees and commissions will attend a town-wide forum on Tuesday where they will discuss issues affecting the Town.

The forum will take place May 13 at 7 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Government Island. Selectmen have invited all elected and appointed town officials to attend. The meeting is open to the public.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris, who came up with the idea for the forum along with Selectman Merle Brown, said she hoped it would allow for people to "brainstorm" about possible solutions to problems facing the town.

"Merle and I have been thinking about doing this for years," said McMorris, who has sat on the Board of Selectmen since 1996. "Hopefully, we'll come up with some ideas that will help us run the town better."

McMorris said the forum will offer a nice alternative to Town Meeting, where she said people often want to voice opinions but may find the agenda to be "too precise."

"We just had that general idea: Let's bring all the people together, open the lines of communication and see where it goes…I'm not really sure where it will go, but we'll leave that up to the people who come," she said.

Brown said at the forum each board or committee will have a chance to say "what they do, what their problems are and what they'd like to see in the town in the future."

"One of the problems in anything is communication, and the best way have good communication is to get everybody in the same room," he said.

McMorris said there was no doubt that the town's financial situation would be one of the issues debated at the forum. Other topics could include affordable housing, the downtown revitalization, harbor improvements or the master plan.

If the forum is a success, McMorris and Brown said they would consider organizing two per year.

McMorris said the forum would improve communication between town officials, a trend she said has been happening steadily since she began as a selectman seven years ago. She credited Town Manager Mark Haddad, saying his work to coordinate efforts between different boards and committees had played a critical role.

John 'Moose' Winters was one of a kind

Harbormaster will be missed

By John Camera
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Flags across town are at half mast today as Cohasset mourns the loss of the man known as "Moose." Harbormaster John H. Winters III died Tuesday after a 17-month bout with pancreatic cancer. He was 60.

Friends and family members remembered Winters, a lifelong Cohasset resident, for his sense of humor, his willingness to help out and his ever-present smile.

"He was genuine. He was one of a kind," said his wife, Joanne. "He was a true son of Cohasset."

Winters' two daughters, Rory, 25, and Nancy, 18, said their father was the ultimate role model.

"He is the one person against whom I measure everyone I meet, for his respectful nature, his kindness and his generosity," said Ruth. "Everything I knew, I learned from my father."

"He was the most loyal of friends to everyone," said Nancy. "He covered their backs and they depended on him. He loved Cohasset, and all who knew him considered the harbor Moose's."

Winters became harbormaster in 1995 after many years as a Cohasset lobsterman. Aside from excelling in the day-to-day tasks of the position, he was instrumental in securing permits for the harbor dredging project in 1998. When that project was completed, he helped get state funding to renovate the harbor docks.

"He was a hands on harbormaster — ready to go," said Asst. Harbormaster John Muncey, who knew Winters for more than 30 years. "It was fun," Muncey said of working with Winters. "We got a lot of work done but we had fun doing it."

FILE PHOTO

Cohasset Harbormaster John "Moose" Winters passed away this week.

Lorren Gibbons, who is both an Asst. Harbormaster and a lobsterman, said Winters had sense of patience and an ability to deal with others that was unparalleled. "He was always willing to help other boaters, even if they were just having a problem rigging their sails," she said.

Gibbons met Winters in 1978 when she purchased his 23-foot lobster boat and began her lobstering career. She said lobstermen and fishermen in Cohasset couldn't have been happier when Winters was named harbormaster.

"They loved him. They thought he was great. He had the respect of all of them," she said.

Born in Providence, R.I., Winters was raised and educated in Cohasset. He graduated from the Maine Maritime Academy in 1966 and served three tours of duty with the Merchant Marines during the Vietnam War.

Returning from Vietnam, Winters worked as a First Engineer with Grace Lines of New York. He later left that position to become a full-time lobsterman in Cohasset.

"Moose was a great person," said Police Chief Robert Jackson, a longtime friend of Winters. "He served his country honorably. He'll be sorely missed."

Town Manager Mark Haddad praised Winters for his accomplishments as harbormaster, but said, "I didn't just consider him the harbormaster. I considered him a friend."

Haddad said Winters show exceptional strength and determination in his fight against cancer. "He never, ever was down. He always had a smile on his face," he said.

Selectman Merle Brown called for a moment of silence to remember Winters at the Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday night. "He's been a very good source for the harbor," said Brown. "It's sad to see John go."

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, May 14 at 11 a.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

Open Space seeks some new members

The Open Space Advisory Committee is seeking several new members. The committee is responsible for implementing recommendations in the Open Space Plan, including identifying properties to conserve that will protect Cohasset's water supply, wetlands, wildlife habitats and scenic resources. The committee will also be working on other recommendations in the plan including greater opportunities for walking and bicycling, improved access to the waterfront, and access to recreational resources for the disabled. Recently, many members worked on the Barnes property acquisition.

The committee welcomes new members who are prepared to "roll up their sleeves" and make a difference. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Debbie Cook at 781-383-6313 or cookmc@attbi.com

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Not everyone is sold on affordable housing plan

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about the three bylaw changes recommended in the plan.

One change would be to allow by-right apartments in the Downtown Business District, "including the addition of two to three stories on existing one-story buildings while preserving street level retail uses." Incentives would be offered to make the apartments affordable. The apartments are allowed by special permit now, but the feeling of the Growth and Development Committee is that the permitting process is a deterrent to any new apartments being built.

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy criticized the proposed bylaw, saying three- or four-story buildings in the village would not be in the character of the town. He also said the additions would require that a building be brought up to code, which he said in some cases would force the razing of the entire building. Bringing the building up to code was the deterrent, Sturdy said, not the special permit.

A second bylaw change suggested by the affordable housing plan would give amnesty to illegal apartments in exchange for affordability agreements. The so-called "amnesty" bylaw was removed from the warrant on the floor of Town Meeting in March to allow for further review.

Selectman Michael Sullivan questioned the bylaw change almost immediately after Swanborg introduced it as part of the affordable housing plan. "There you go, throwing out all zoning again," said Sullivan.

But Selectman Tom Callahan said Sullivan did not fully understand the bylaw, adding that it would not change anything that did not already exist in town. Sullivan, however, cautioned against zoning changes, saying that most residents wanted to preserve their neighborhoods.

A final bylaw change suggested by the affordable housing plan would allow for incentive or inclusionary zoning. Under this new regulation, the town could require that a subdivision set aside a percentage of its housing as affordable, or in lieu of that, make a payment to an affordable housing trust.

Between 1990 and 2000, the percentage of residents ages 25 to 34 dropped 31 percent, from 13.5 to 8.7 percent of the population.

Callahan, who is also a member of the Growth and Development Committee, said the latter of the two situations was more likely because subdivisions in Cohasset were usually too small to require that 10 to 20 percent of the units be made affordable.

Sullivan was skeptical about the town meeting its annual goal for new affordable units. "To say we're going to get 21 units of affordable housing into town each year, when we don't even get 20 units of normal housing each year, is unrealistic," he said.

Swanborg admitted the town was in a difficult situation. "We're kind of between a rock and a hard place...And maybe the state anticipated that," he said.

Callahan and Swanborg said encouraging small-scale projects that are 100 percent affordable was far more beneficial than large-scale 40B projects. Indeed, all units in a 40B rental project would count to the town's affordable housing stock. However, in a 40B project where units were for sale, if 20 percent were made affordable, only about half of those would actually increase the town's percentage of affordable housing. The other half would offset the new market-rate homes in the project.

Aside from bylaw changes, other ideas floated by the affordable housing plan included seeking funding, technical assistance and loans from the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, working with developers to develop affordable senior housing in the Senior Overlay District, and exploring the possibility of purchasing existing multi-family units to be made affordable.

Also being considered is the institution of a first-time home buying program in coordination with local banks. Swanborg said such a program would help younger people buy their first home in Cohasset, something that statistics seem to show is happening less and less. According to figures in the affordable housing plan, between 1990 and 2000, the percentage of residents ages 20 to 24 dropped 53 percent, from 5.4 percent of the total population to 2.2 percent. Meanwhile, the percentage of residents ages 25 to 34 dropped 31 percent, from 13.5 to 8.7 percent of the population.

Selectmen agreed to continue the hearing on the affordable housing plan at their first meeting in June. The board hopes to have feedback on the plan from both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board by that time.

After the meeting, Callahan offered an explanation for the opposition to the bylaw changes. "I don't think there's a divide. I just think everybody is cautious about the impact of what we want to do. Everything has a consequence," he said. "Part of it is that people don't like anything that we have to do because they think we're being forced into this."

Selectman Fred Koed said he supported measure like the amnesty bylaw because they would integrate affordable housing throughout the community and make the town more diverse. He said opposition to the affordable housing plan was only natural. "Not everybody's going to like these proposals but the other option is to let these 40B projects steamroll into town, and I think the residents have said they don't want that," he said.

New counselor to be hired at Middle School

HS art teacher will be laid off

By John Camera
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At the recommendation of school administrators, the School Committee has decided to lay off a High School art teacher next year so a Middle School guidance counselor can be hired.

Middle-High School principal Mike Jones suggested the move in response to a task force report that revealed parents were concerned by the fact that a Middle School adjustment counselor would be laid off next year.

School administrators originally anticipated that they would be able to live without the adjustment counselor, but only for one year, after which point a new counselor would be hired. The cut was one of a few layoffs that the School Committee agreed upon in its fiscal year 2004 budget, which was approved at Town Meeting in March.

Jones said the new counselor would be a "generalist" who would provide academic counseling, crisis intervention and assistance with special education.

The School Committee voted four to one to support the move. Committee member Mark DeGiacomo cast the lone dissenting vote, saying he agreed with the initial decision to hire the counselor after next school year.

Jones said the new counselor would be a "generalist" who would provide academic counseling, crisis intervention and assistance with special education.

Committee member Chartis Tebbetts said the move was warranted because the recently released 10-year school accreditation report suggested the need for more counseling positions at CMHS. Research for that report was conducted before the School Committee agreed to lay off an adjustment counselor next year.

Jones said another reason in support of the move was that the school was closing in on the recommended 300-to-one student-counselor ratio. "We may not be able to meet our legal requirement to provide counseling," he said.

Jones added the new counseling position would help students with the transition period that will accompany new grade arrangement at CMHS. Hiring someone next year, he said, would allow the counselor to get to know students for a full school year before grades are rearranged in the fall of 2004.

Because of the elimination of a High School art teacher, some students will likely have to reschedule their course load for next year. He said there are 320 students signed up for 10 different art courses but did not say how many of those courses would be cancelled.

School Committee member Pat Martin suggested looking at more creative ways to hire art teachers. She said the High School should look into "distant learning" programs or perhaps hiring someone from the South Shore Art Center on a stipend. Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said offering more opportunities for independent study could be a another solution.

Postal workers collect for food pantry

Cohasset Post Office workers will again be working for be Cohasset Food Pantry on Saturday, May 10, when residents are being asked to leave food and household supplies by their mailboxes to be picked up by mail carriers for eventual delivery to the pantry.

"This is a wonderful public service by the postal workers," Marjorie Steele, head of the Food Pantry operation, says. "In just this one day it virtually stocks our shelves for the summer, making sure we're able to meet the needs of a number of Cohasset families for non-perishable food and household items. Townspeople have responded generously in the past and we know they will again on Saturday."

In each of past years postal workers have collected more than two tons of food and staples. This year's drive is being organized by Andy Lavoine, with the encouragement and support of Postmaster Stephen Cabezas and Supervisor James Polito.

Steele and her associate Moira Stansell, say the Pantry is especially in need of such food items as juice boxes, salad dressings, pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, coffee and tea, cereals and baked beans. Equally needed are staples such as dishwashing liquids, laundry detergents and paper products. Outdated items, corroded cans, unsealed packages and perishable goods should not be donated.

The carriers pick up the items as they deliver the mail, bring them to the Post Office where they are weighed. Other volunteers sort the items and then bring them to the Pantry, which now is located in the rear of the parsonage of St. Anthony's Church, where they are shelved and stored.

The Pantry is open from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays. Any Cohasset resident with limited income or special needs is eligible to receive food. Cohasset churches, businesses and individuals contribute to the pantry during the year.

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Reps agree on four-quad gates

Want MBTA to install them

By Mary Ford
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If state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, had his way Greenbush would never be built. If state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, had his druthers, train service to Scituate would have been restored years ago.

While the two representatives are on the same side of the political party aisle, they are on opposite sides of the tracks when it comes to restoration of the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad. But they do agree if the train comes, four-quadrant gates should be installed.

Four-quadrant gates use four arms instead of two, and therefore prevent traffic from skirting around a closed gate to beat an oncoming train.

The legislators think it may be necessary to add an amendment to an upcoming Transportation Bond Bill to direct the MBTA to use four-quad gates at Greenbush grade crossings. Although the MBTA has talked about using the gates in the verbiage in the various town mitigation agreements, at this point the transportation agency hasn't agreed to their use and instead is designing crossings with two-quad gates and median strips or channeling devices that would prevent vehicles from being able to pull around to beat a train.

The potential use of the bond bill as a vehicle to enforce the use of four-quad gates follows a week in which both Bradley and Hynes, who joined with fellow state representatives Ronald Mariano, D-Quincy, and James M. Murphy, D-Weymouth, filed anti- and pro-Greenbush amendments to the state budget.

The Hynes-Mariano-Murphy amendment would have streamlined the train's environmental permitting process with the state Department of Environmental Protection; and the Bradley amendment would have stopped the project pending further study of alternatives and cost. Bradley also filed an amendment to study the feasibility of four-quadrant gates.

"Whether the project goes forward or not," Bradley said, "everyone agrees four-quadrant gates are the way to go."

"Whether the project goes forward or not. Everyone agrees four-quadrant gates are the way to go."

— State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham

Amendments to the state budget filed by legislators come in literally by the hundreds and end up before the House Ways & Means Committee, which in this case, decided not to micromanage Greenbush and other transportation projects and the amendments were removed. The local legislators had to option of taking the measures to the floor for debate, but without the backing of Ways & Means, realized the amendments would have scant chance of passing muster.

Before going the route of an amendment to the Transportation Bond bill for four-quad gates, Hynes' office is trying to find out what the status is on a law passed in the early '90s, which was signed by the governor, mandating the gates for the Old Colony Project. Hynes said it appears the issue was subsequently "made less strong."

"We're going to try to find out when and how," he said.

Hynes said four-quadrant gates should be used at Greenbush grade crossings whenever possible because they are safer, unless proven otherwise. Both he and Bradley say the MBTA is balking at using four-quads because of the expense.

"The MBTA has so much as said it is a cost issue," Bradley said.

But Hynes points out, the cost in even one life being saved cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

The federal government is silent on the issue of four-quad gates, which means there is no prohibition on them, and therefore they should be installed, Hynes said.

"The MBTA has in negotiations on the issue since the mid-90s wording that allows the gates unless the federal government says otherwise," he said.

Bradley said the MBTA is apparently saying it will do what the federal government says, and if there is no decision from the federal government, then the agency can take it as a "no" on the four-quad gates.

The Transportation Bond Bill and amendments would be filed in enough time for the gates to be incorporated in the project, on which construction is expected of resume in September after the administration finishes its Greenbush review.

The Plymouth and Middleboro lines (the first two legs of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration Project) started service in September 1997. The 17-mile Greenbush line would return commuter rail service along the coast to Scituate.

Building committee says CMHS lights not too bright

By John Camera
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Neighbors say the new outdoor lighting at the Middle High School is excessive, but School Building Committee Chairman Rob Spofford says it is the minimum amount necessary to protect the town against potential lawsuits.

Spofford, who spoke at last Thursday's School Committee meeting, said the new lighting was designed to provide an average of one foot-candle of lighting across the site. He said the measurement is considered the industry standard and is mandated in ramp areas by the Americans with Disabilities Act. One-foot candle [the amount of light a candle generates one foot away], he added, was comparable to the amount of illumination in the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library parking lot.

Spofford was joined by Gene Raymond of Strekalovsky and Hoit Architects, who displayed plans for the lighting design and helped answer questions from neighbors. "We felt it wouldn't be proper to provide anything less (than one foot-candle) because it could open up potential liability issues to the town," Raymond said.

The lighting design incorporates 12 different circuits so the school can limit lighting to only the areas that need it on a given night. The design is "well above and beyond what other schools have done," Spofford said.

Spofford stressed to neighbors that there was a difference between illuminated ground, which is what was measured in a foot-candle, and illuminated air. He said neighbors, to a certain extent, would have to live with the fact that the school grounds would be much more illuminated than before renovation, when the site was hardly lit at all.

Raymond said that since most of the lighting has not yet been installed, more time would be needed for school officials to "customize a minimum lighting scheme."

Of the lighting that has been installed, however, not all has been done according to plans. Two lampposts near the new entrance to the school were placed closer to each other than originally designed. That prompted neighbors to wonder whether the one foot-candle standard was being exceeded in that area, which is close to homes on Pond Street.

Spofford directed Raymond to conduct more field tests in that area to determine if in fact the standard was exceeded. Possible solutions would include unscrewing some bulbs or using bulbs with less wattage. Raymond added that the new lights were designed to dim about 50 percent over time.

Spofford said the School Building Committee was aware of neighbors' concerns about lighting when they approved the current design. But, he said, using more lamps with bulbs of lesser wattage was prevented by a limited budget.

The School Committee deferred any further debate about the new lighting to the School Building Committee, and Spofford told neighbors he would inform them when the issue was on the agenda for future meetings.

The School Committee will seek a solution, however, to concerns surrounding another lighting issue on the school's athletic fields. The matter was raised by Henry Rattenbury of Briarwood Lane, whose son has measured lighting at three foot-candles outside his father's house. School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said he would contact people who had worked on the field lighting to see if lights could be angled down onto the field so that less light would escape into the adjacent neighborhood.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Hazardous Waste Day

Hazardous Waste Day will be held May 31 in Hull, Selectman Merle Brown announced Tuesday. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the intersection of Washington Street and Rockland Street.

Brown said May 31 is usually Paint Day at Cohasset's RTF station. This year, however, Brown said to bring oil-based paints to the event in Hull. Latex paint, he said, is not hazardous and can be thrown in with normal trash provided it is mixed with a substance like kitty litter to make it solid.

Bosworth graces cover of Teen Vogue

Cohasset native Kate Bosworth will grace the cover of the June/ July issue of Teen Vogue magazine.

Bosworth, 20, has acted in "The Horse Whisperer" with Robert Redford and "Remember the Titans" with Denzel Washington. Most recently, she was the star surfer-girl in the movie "Blue Crush." The new issue of Teen Vogue hits newsstands May 13.

Vacancy on Town History Committee

With the resignation of David Wadsworth, a vacancy has been created on the Town History Committee, effective July 1. Selectmen are accepting applications to fill the position. Wadsworth will keep his position as Town Archivist.

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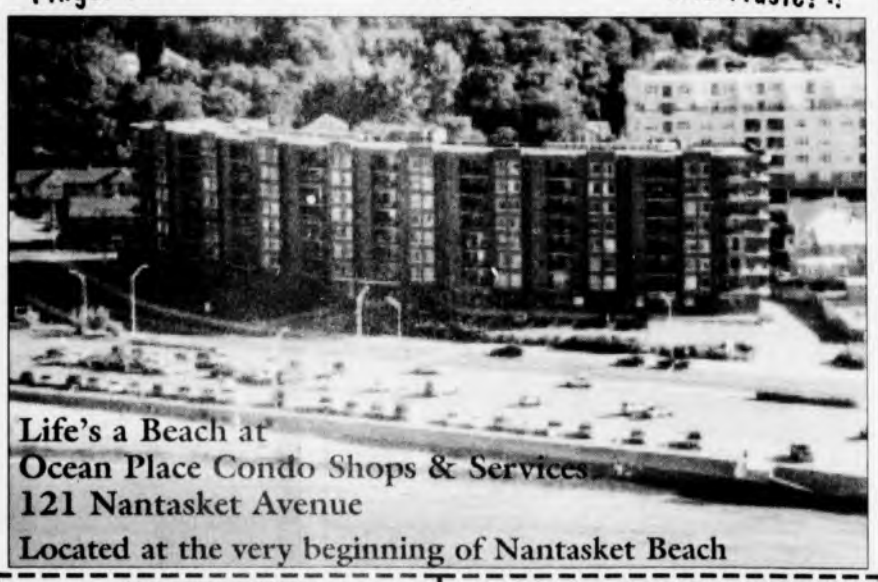

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Christa

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POPS night volunteers sought

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LACROSSE BANNER MISSING

The Cohasset Lacrosse Banner — a very large navy and white banner, both sides printed, lasted for less than a week at Milliken Field before it was stolen from the fence. Perhaps someone has seen it in a bedroom or closet? It is large. It is not a keepsake. The team would like it returned ASAP and ask that whoever has it return it to the field. They just want it back and hope that anyone who sees it would stop and think for a moment; about the time and effort people make to create pride and loyalty; coach and encourage sportsmanship for Cohasset Lacrosse — and then drop it off at Milliken or the school field.

SPLISH-SPLASH!

The Cohasset Swim Center is looking forward to the 2003 Swim Season! A town-wide mailing has been completed. Additional newsletter/registration forms can be found at the Town Hall and at the Paul Pratt Library. Just a friendly reminder that the Red Cross Swimming Lessons registration deadline is May 23. So get out your suits and snorkels, grab a towel and get ready for some splish-splashing fun!

ART FEST VOLUNTEERS

Summer begins Father's Day weekend at the South Shore Art Center's Arts Festival on the Common. This year's 48th Arts Festival kicks-off Friday June 13 and runs through Sunday, June 15. This celebration of the arts joyfully signals summer's arrival in our historic seaside town. With art and music to delight all generations, Festival offers something wonderful for everyone-from cutting-edge contemporary art to traditional handmade crafts. Cohasset hosts this wonderful arts fest, and are looking for volunteers to help out. If you would like to spend a few hours some time during the weekend, please call **Diane Kennedy** at 781-383-2787 or email her at festival@ssac.org.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

D.J. Lanzillotti, a senior at Thayer Academy, made academic honors again during the winter term, and was accepted at Providence College where he'll go this Fall. D.J., your parents are very proud of you, as well they should be. Great job.

PILOT CANDIDATE

Hats off to **Peter Dalton Minnar**, a junior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who has earned categorization as an ROTC pilot candidate and upon graduation will enter United States Air Force pilot training. He is double-majoring in political science and peace, War and Defense and is on the dean's list. Peter is a graduate of Cohasset High School-Class of 2000. Best of luck to you Peter, your friends and family are very proud of you!

POST PROM REMINDER

The 2003 Post Prom Committee would like to thank local businesses, residents and parents for being so generous and responsive to requests for help in order to create a safe, fun-filled evening for our seniors. The committee would like to remind parents to drop off posters and prizes for this special event to **Selma Ingber** at 5 Woodland Dr. Anyone interested in buying Cohasset Skipper note cards and/or graduation invitations may call 383-1763.

WASH THOSE CARS!

The Cohasset High School Diamond Club will be sponsoring a car wash on Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m.. on, at George Roukounakis' Olympic Citco Station, weather permitting. The baseball team is raising money to pay for field improvements, equipment, and snacks for long distance travel games as well as awards and a game program. Anyone interested in purchasing bumper stickers for your athlete may call 383-9131.

CUT-A-THON AT RELAY

The Adrian Morris Salon will be at the Relay for Life on Friday evening from 5-9pm. handing out Paul Mitchell samples and information regarding the Cut-a-thon they will be hosting on Sunday, May 18. All the proceeds from Cut-a-thon will be donated to the American Cancer Society in conjunction with the Cohasset Relay. The shampoo/cuts will cost $20 and will be available on a walk in basis. Keep your eyes out for more details.

SHOP RAFFLE!

The Cohasset Consignment Shop is holding a raffle for the month of May in honor of its birthday! To enter, fill out a coupon which can be found at the consignment shop, Cohasset Nobles Camera Shop, The Village Greenery and in Scituate, at the Bloomin' Place. The drawings are being held on Fridays, May 9,16 and 23 at 1 p.m. The prize for each week is a delightful gardening basket filled with gifts and certificates from local nurseries and hardware stores. No purchase is necessary so make sure to enter this wonderful and fun raffle.

SWIM, DIVE COACHES

The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team is still looking for assistant coaches. Please call **Susan Donahue** at 781-383-0865. Registration for existing Cohasset Swim and Dive team members will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall on May 17 from 9 a.m.-noon This is a one time sign up registration so make sure to mark it on your calendar.

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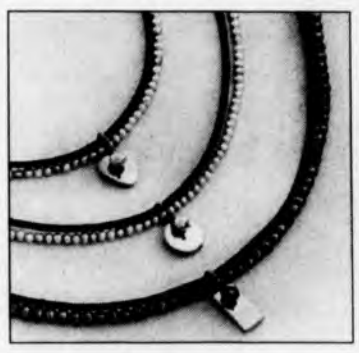

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Pin to help in battle against breast cancer

By Mary Ford
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It's no surprise that Mark Cirone of Cohasset Jewelers — a second-generation family business — has an eye for beautiful jewelry.

So when a friend stopped by the shop in Tedeschi Plaza a couple of months ago, Cirone noticed she was wearing a pretty breast cancer pin. After further investigation, he discovered the 10-year-old piece of costume jewelry is no longer being made and the friend agreed to let him use the pin as a model.

"It was the most beautiful and striking breast cancer ribbon I had ever seen," he said.

Inspired by Cirone's wife's courageous battle with the disease, Cohasset Jewelers has duplicated the breast cancer pin in 14-carat gold and pink cubic zirconia and is selling it for $250 with all the proceeds (about $100 per pin after design and manufacturing costs, which the shop is donating) going directly to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

"In addition to increasing breast cancer awareness," Cirone said, "Cohasset Jewelers hopes to donate a sizable gift to the Komen foundation to help find the cure, hopefully within my wife's lifetime."

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is the nation's largest private funding source for breast cancer research and community outreach programs.

Sharon Cirone, 43, was diagnosed with an early stage of breast cancer eight years ago, at which time she was given a 90 percent chance of long-term survival. After a seizure 18 months ago, it was discovered the disease had metastasized and spread to her brain and lung — a diagnosis that shocked the Cirone family.

Mark Cirone's first intention was to wear the pin and bring awareness to breast cancer. After showing it to a few clients the day it was finished, the response was overwhelming, he said.

"I then thought that I could sell them to raise awareness and donate the proceeds to fight this horrible disease."

At first Cirone hoped to sell 100 pins by October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but the shop has already sold 50.

"I think it's possible to sell 1,000 ribbons and donate $100,000 to the Komen Foundation, raise awareness of this menacing disease and maybe light another fire within someone to fight this cause," he says. "The time has long past that we should accept the loss of 40,000 American women yearly to this disease." In fact this year alone, upwards of 212,000 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Cirone, who has seen his wife undergo whole brain and gamma knife radiation, and recent neurosurgery, all the while taking a plethora of drugs, is grateful to be able to do something that might make a difference.

"My belief is that with the collaboration and work of many, we may find a cure in Sharon's lifetime," he said.

Anyone interested in purchasing a pin, should stop by Cohasset Jewelers. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

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PARENT FORUM

Attention all interested parents and members of the community. **Dr. Malvey** and the School Committee will be holding an open forum to discuss the third grade move to the Deer Hill and the sixth grade move to the Middle School on Thursday May 22 at 7 p.m. in the Deer Hill Cafeteria. Now is the time to come forward with any questions, thoughts, concerns or ideas that you may have on how to make this transition a smooth one.

POPS NIGHT HELP

The Cohasset Arts Boosters are looking for some help with POPS night at the high school being held on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. Cohasset Arts Boosters are looking for help with shopping beforehand, setting up and helping the night of the event. If you can give us any time, please call **Donna O'Donnell** 781-383-6113 or **Stephanie Noble** 781-383-6278.

That is all for this week. Please make sure to get me all your news and information no later than Mondays by noon.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thoughts on Mother's Day

You may have tangible wealth untold
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.
Richer than I, you can never be-
I had a mother who read to me.
- Strickland Gillilan (1869-1954)

Mother's Day, in its current incarnation, is a uniquely American holiday traditionally celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Today we honor our mothers by taking them out to Sunday brunch, buying them flowers and candy or by saying how much they mean to us with a simple phone call or card. Woe to the child who ignores Mother's Day! Husbands dare not forget the day, too.

Poets have offered their thoughts about motherhood and Mother's Day. Gillilan tells of how such an ordinary thing as reading to a child can make a huge difference in that person's life. It is a moment of intimacy that is remembered forever. The memory is treasured like gold.

The poet Joaquin Miller (1839-1913) describes motherhood as a noble, but challenging, role. "The bravest battle that was ever fought! Shall I tell you where and when? On the maps of the world you will find it not; 'Twas fought by the mothers of men." Mothers, according to Miller, "bravely and silently" bear their part. "Lo, there is the battlefield!"

The celebration of Mother's Day in this country goes back to its first observance in Philadelphia on May 10, 1908. The holiday was officially recognized by Congress and the President in 1914.

Years before, the idea of honoring the nation's mothers with a special day was widely talked about. The tradition actually goes back to England, which had a long-standing practice of setting aside a special day for mothers. Originally, it was known as Mothering Sunday, and was celebrated in mid-Lent. Other European countries also have traditions of honoring motherhood.

Julia Ward Howe, (1819-1910), goes down in history as, well, the mother of Mother's Day. Howe, noted writer, lecturer, abolitionist and social reformer, is perhaps best known for writing the lyrics to "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

After the Civil War, Howe took up the cause of the women's movement, campaigning extensively from her Boston home on behalf of women's rights. In 1872, hoping to draw attention to the oft-overlooked contributions of women, Howe first introduced the idea of celebrating Mother's Day in this country. It was her idea to call the holiday a peace day, and to celebrate it in early June. Howe was known to celebrate Mother's Day at an annual women's rights meeting in Boston.

Anna M. Jarvis (1864- 1948) took up the cause first advanced by Howe, advocating an official Mother's Day — this at a time when women were still denied the right to vote. In 1907, Jarvis began a campaign for the nation to observe the holiday with an official day, preferably the second Sunday in May. Jarvis introduced the custom of wearing a carnation on Mother's Day. A colored carnation symbolizes the person's mother is living, a white one that one's mother has died. The first official Mother's Day was celebrated in churches in Grafton, Penn. where Jarvis lived, and in Philadelphia.

POLITICAL NOTES

Hedlund speaks at GOP spring dinner

All are welcome to join the Cohasset Republican Town Committee as the group celebrates the season with its annual Spring Dinner on Wednesday, May 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue. The guest speaker will be state Sen. Robert L. Hedlund For more information or to RSVP, contact Heather Palmer at 781-383-3339.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vigils continue

TO THE EDITOR:

Many have asked us, the members of the South Shore Peace Forum, why we continue to hold our vigil in front of the Post Office every Tuesday and Saturday After all, major hostilities have concluded. What do we hope to accomplish now?

The outcome of this war was certainly never in doubt. We are relieved that the major conflict was as brief as it was, and we mourn for those who were injured and those who lost their lives. We continue to support our troops and wish for them a quick and safe return from the dangers that remain. And it is about those dangers we wish to speak.

Many have observed that though the U.S. has won the war, our government has yet to win the peace. This task is much more difficult and protracted than the overt hostilities, and fraught with danger for our troops and for the people of Iraq. In that sense, this war is far from over, although the American people's attention for it may be.

We find ourselves engaged for the long run in a tense situation where hostility to our military's presence has already begun to flare, although even the outlines of a plan for self-government have not yet emerged.

This outcome too we fully expected. That is why we opposed the war. Our nation's policy of aggressive, violent pursuit of its ends has left our troops holding the bag in a chaotic situation for which they were never trained, and from which there are few peaceful or hopeful exit strategies.

And even if a plausible new government does emerge, against the odds, from the ashes in Iraq, the damage is done in the counties of the region. The citizens of those counties view ours as a rogue nation, pursuing a violent policy of invasion and destruction. And a few, a very few, are sure to conclude from this adventure that the only possible answer to this violence is more violence. It will only be a few, but as we learned to our horror on Sept. 11, it only takes a few.

The winners of this war are the radicals on both sides: those in this country who think that the U.S. can bully other nations with impunity, and those in the Arab world who claim that the American people will listen only to violence. The losers are the voices of moderation, the peacemakers, and the bridge-builders.

So we also consider ourselves to be engaged for the long run. We continue our vigil, as we have for over a year, to witness for peace. We believe the Bush policy is not in our national interest, and we will continue to say so. We oppose preemptive strikes, and the threat of them, as a matter of foreign policy. We call for a new foreign policy based on cooperation with other nations, with the U.N., with the E.U., with the World Court and with individual peacemakers and bridge-builders of all nations.

Dot Anderson, Shirley Brown, Maia Dally, Kay DiNunno, Lyde Engstrom, Everett Leonard, Katharine Sangree, Harold Thomas, Marly Thomas, Peggy Ulrich-Nims, Elizabeth Wilding-Smith

Lacrosse fundraiser support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks to everyone who supported the Lacrosse Boosters fundraiser! We recognize that many groups have needs and all of us are being asked to financially support more each year. We deeply appreciate the wonderful participation and contributions made by so many this past couple of weeks; our local very fine dining spots — Atlantica and Mike's Deli who contributed to the coupon roster; those of you who bought the tickets from the kids; the parent volunteers and the players themselves who recognized the need to support a JV program. Special thanks to Lyn Previte & her team, who coordinated the event. It was a very successful event and did raise the necessary funds to support the two new school teams — Junior Varsity Boys and Girls Lacrosse.

Our efforts will continue to be focused on making sure we provide the opportunity for kids to have fun, get to play and that student athletes in Cohasset will be able to continue to actively participate in school sports. With the growth in the sport we now have nine boys' and girls' teams in the Youth Lacrosse Program, who will go on to play for their Middle School, JV and Varsity teams. Thanks again! Make sure to use your 'tickets/coupons'. Check out our web site for game schedules and pictures and come up and catch a game:

www.cohassetlacrosse.com

Paula Buick
for Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters

Chamber train stance off mark

TO THE EDITOR:

The new Greenbush advocacy group (GOT) as well as the South Shore Chamber of Commerce is, in reality, endorsing potential catastrophic damage to the future economic resources of the South Shore. The nationally unique, multi-faceted Hingham historical, architectural, educational, archaeological, economic and scenic resource has the potential to bring hundreds of millions of tourist dollars to the South Shore yet both of these organizations turn a deaf ear.

Something is very wrong when supposedly pro-business organizations do their best to destroy the outstanding base resources that are base un-renewable resources of the South Shore economy. The South Shore Chamber of Commerce should be investigated to find out what is behind their irrational stand that leads them to twist the arms of government and to mislead the citizens of the South Shore.

John P. Richardson
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LIBRARY CORNER

Book discussion for young adults

Attention all students between the ages of 13 and 16. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is forming a book discussion, recommendation and advisory group for young adults. Mrs. Moody will facilitate and coordinate the meetings. The first planning session will be a pizza get-together Tuesday, May 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Young Adult Room of the library. To register, call Moody at 781-383-1348. Space is limited.

Video Donations

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is looking for video donations from the community to enhance their growing collection. Tasteful adult and children's videos are now being accepted by the staff at the front desk.

If your are spring cleaning or just getting prepared for a summer garage sale, think of the library as a place to drop off any videos that you may no longer want.

Volunteer at the senior center

The Community Volunteer Program focuses on helping elders remain independent and remain in their homes. The volunteers of all ages help the Cohasset Elder Affairs with a variety of tasks from friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, van escort service and luncheon hostess. The program is designed to match the volunteer to the task and bring pleasure and companionship to both parties. Volunteer help is always, gratefully needed.

The volunteers have the ability to meet with, report to, and talk with the Outreach Coordinator, both on a regularly-scheduled basis and at times of the volunteer's choosing. Also the volunteer is accorded equal status and involvement in agency operations.

Call the Council on Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112 for more information.

Van drivers needed

Summer time volunteer drivers needed to provide transportation for Cohasset Elders. Typical trip is three to four hours once each month For errands, shopping, and to the Senior Center for lunch.

Interested drivers please call Cohasset Elders Affairs 781-383-9112

Happy Mother's Day!

Lauren Cook with her second grade class at the Osgood School.

The following essays were written by Lauren Cook's second grade students at the Joseph Osgood School, in honor of their mothers.

My mom is very pretty. She has brownish black hair and brown eyes. My mom has a kind heart. She works at Talbots. She helps me with my math and when I am sad. I like to go out to eat with her. My mom makes me feel loved when she calls me "Ev-Man." I love my mom!

— Evan Ackley

My mom has pretty black hair and eyes. My mom is pretty. My mom works at home and at the doctor's office in Hingham. When I am sick she makes me hot chocolate so that I feel better. My mom makes me feel loved when she plays with me. I love my mom.

— Sam Asnault

My mom has straight black hair and beautiful brown eyes. My mom has a beautiful heart. She is kind and loving and is very nice to everyone. She has smooth skin. My mom works at Gymborie and at home. At home she mostly feeds the family, cleans the house, and cleans our clothes. Mom helps me with my homework and helps me with my problems. She helps me when I am sick and when I hurt myself. She also helps when I am frustrated and when I'm sad. I like it when she takes me to French Memories. I like it when we do projects and take walks. I like to cuddle with her in bed and go to the mall with her. I like to cook with her and go on vacation with her. My mom makes me feel loved when she talks to me, when she cuddles with me, when she helps me with my problems, and when she gardens with me. I love my mom!

— Olivia Barnum

My mom has golden brown hair and blue eyes. She is tall and she looks pretty. She is a stay at home mom. She takes care of our five bunnies. Two bunnies are grown-ups and three are babies. She takes care of me and she bakes apple pies for me to eat when I get off the bus. She helps me with my homework, my reading and my science. She bakes cakes and muffins and we go on vacation. I like to play with her and our bunnies. My mom makes me feel loved when she calls me Angel, kisses me good night, and says she loves me. She is truly my own mom!

— Charlotte Barszewski

My mom has long brown hair and blue eyes. She likes kittens, dogs, and chocolate chip cookies. She works at home and takes care of my sister and me. She fixes play station. I like to play Play Station with her. My mom makes me feel loved when she buys me video games and when she hugs me. I love my mom!

— Jesse Batts

My mom has blond hair. She has blue eyes and she is good at sewing. She is very pretty. She does work at home and takes care of my siblings and me. She cleans our rooms, cleans our clothes, makes dinner, and plays games with us. She helps us with homework and if we are having a bad day or if we are sick she helps us. She helps us with stuff that we never did before. We like to read to her. I like to draw with her. She makes me feel loved by telling me that she loves me and when she says, "I'm proud of you." When I go to bed she kisses me and says prayers with me. I will never let my mommy go. I love my mommy.

— Sarah Brown

My mom has blond hair and she is pretty. My mom is nice and she is funny. My mom works outside. She mows the lawn when it is long and in the summer she plants the flowers. My mom helps me by helping me with my homework and she helps me with math. I like to go to the mall with her and out to breakfast with her. She makes me feel loved by giving me kisses and hugs. I love my mom!

— Christian Davis

My mom has brown hair and brown eyes. My mom's hair goes down to her shoulders. My mom works at our house. She helps us clean our messes up. She takes care of me when I am sick. She helps me do my homework. She goes to the mall with me. She goes on bike rides with me. She cooks with me and makes me feel loved when she hugs me. I like it when she goes somewhere alone with me and when she drives me to school. When I am bored she lets me have someone over. I love my mom!

— Nicole Farren

My mom has long black hair and brown eyes and she is pretty. She is very very smart and helpful to my class and me. My mom stays home to do book work for my dad and to take care of my kittens and me. My mom helps me do my homework, cooks dinner, does Girl Scouts and lets me have friends over. I love to go shopping with her and go for walks. Every school night my mom gets in my bed and reads to me. She says, "I love you" all the time and that makes me feel loved. I love my mom!

— Kendall Fiori

My mom has brown hair and brown eyes. She is kind hearted. My mom stays home to take care of her three children. She makes dinner for us and for my dad. She does all the gardening work. She helps me with my homework. My mom helps me with my reading. I like to shop with my mom. I like to draw with my mom. She makes me feel loved when she hugs me. I love my mom!

— Emily Guglielmo

My mom has blond hair and wears sneakers all the time. My mom works at CVS in Cohasset. Sometimes she picks me up at school and we play games together. My mom is kind and likes to laugh. I love my mom!

— Matt Harte

My mom has blond hair and blue eyes. She is smart and kind. My mom is a lawyer in Boston. My mom helps me with reading and homework. My mom plays baseball with me and watches sports with me on TV. My mom makes me feel loved when calls me her "rainbow" and hugs me a lot. I love my mom!

— Thomas Hislop

My mom has light blue eyes. My mom has a very kind heart. She is funny. My mom works around the house. She has to take care of my sisters, my dad, my dog, herself, and me. She helps me when I'm sick. She helps me with my homework. I like to sew with her. I like to cook with her. She makes me feel loved when we snuggle. She makes me feel loved when she hugs me good night. I love my mom!

— Brittany Leger

My mom has light brown hair and blue eyes. She is pretty and very, very funny. She works at home and works on the computer and takes care of the pets and me. Every Wednesday she comes into my classroom and helps us with our work. I like to cook with my mom. My mom makes me feel loved when she reads to me and kisses me good night. I love my mom!

— Kelsey McCunney

My mom has blue eyes and brownish hair. She is very pretty and very nice. My mom is a room mother, she is a Boy Scout den leader, and is very nice, too. My mom is an at home worker. She takes care of me. My mom helps me with my homework and with my exercises. I like playing games and playing sports with my mom. My mom makes me feel loved by being nice. I love my mom!

— Nate Morse

My mom has straight brown hair and she looks nice and sweet on the outside and nice on the inside. My mom watches me and my sister Maggie and she drives my brother, my sister, and me to school. I like to go on the hammock with her and I like to sleep with her. She makes me feel loved by kissing me good night and in the morning. I love my mom!

— Brendan Queenan

My mom has shoulder black hair and green eyes and she is pretty. My mom works at the Osgood cafeteria. That is my school cafeteria and she is a work at home mother too. She helps me do my homework and helps me get into computer web sites. I like to play the video game "Snowboard Kids 2" with her. I like when we ice skate, go bike riding, cook and hool-a-hoop together. She makes me feel loved when she gives me a hug and kiss. When she tells me about when I was a baby, it makes me laugh. I love you mommy!

— Tommy Ryan

My mom has blond hair and blue eyes. My mom talks a lot to her family. My mom is smart and loving. My mom designed both of my houses. She takes care of her family. She loves animals. When I am sick, she makes hot soup for me. She cooks dinner for her family. I think she is caring. I think she is creative. I think she has good taste. I like to go special places with her. She makes me feel loved when she gives me a hug every night. I love my mom!

— Brittany Tedeschi

Coaches step over the line

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I think if I were the coach of a college team and somebody asked me what I did for a living I'd tell them I robbed banks or at the very least I was a used car salesman.

After what has been happening to college basketball and football coaches for the past few weeks both of those jobs would be a step up, although they might not pay as much.

Only last week, the football coach-designate of Alabama, Mike Price, was fired before he could coach his first game over his conduct at a pro-am golf tournament in Florida, which included a visit to a topless bar.

The 57-year-old Price spent a couple of hundred dollars at the topless bar and then entertained an exotic dancer who charged $1,000 in room service to the soon-to-be-former Coach Price's hotel bill.

Well, what do you expect a college coach to do if he's about to sign a seven-year, $10 million contract at a school where a former coach, Bear Bryant, now deceased, still gets write-in votes for governor?

"I have apologized to my wife, the team and my coaches; I will learn from this," promised Price. I sure hope that topless bar and that exotic dancer were worth it.

Like I say, I sure hope the party and the coed were worth it.

Iowa State hasn't yet gotten around to firing basketball coach Larry Eustachy, who is the highest paid state employee with a million dollar-a-year contract that runs through the 2010-11 season.

The governor of Iowa gets $107,482 a year.

Seems the 38-year-old Eustachy happened to attend a post-game party at the University of Missouri and a bevy of nubile coeds happened to attend the party too and there are hormones and . . . you know . . .

Unluckily for the coach, a man with a camera happened to attend the party, too, and he happened to have a friend at the Des Moines Register which happened to have a open spot on the sports page.

"I'm an alcoholic," said Eustachy quickly as he viewed a picture of himself clutching as glass of booze in one hand and a squirming coed in the other. "I was obviously out of control.

"I'm at my best as you look at me right now. I am a far more effective husband, a far more effective coach . . . I think, long term, everything will be better."

Like I say, I sure hope the party and the coed were worth it.

While this was going on, St. Bonaventure University in upstate New York was seeking a basketball coach to replace Jan van Breda Kolff, whose firing caused the team to boycott the last two games of the season.

The coach was ousted for playing an ineligible player, Jamil Terrell, a graduate of Coastal Georgia Community College, who did not have an associate's degree but a certificate in welding from the school.

"This is a case of severe incompetence in the St. Bonaventure administration," said Van Breda Kolff. "Seven layers of university administrators knew of this issue, but chose not to inform me."

And then there's the coaches . . . oops; former coaches . . . at Georgia and Fresno State . . .

Lightkeepers to host Memorial Day cookout

The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation is pleased to invite everyone for hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks or coffee immediately following the Memorial Day Parade on May 26, at Bancroft Hall on Government Island.

The non-profit Lightkeepers Corporation was established in 1991 to renovate a former two-family lightkeepers' residence, no longer used as such because of automation of Minot's Light, and convert it into a function room for community use. The building is leased from the town but maintained and operated by the Lightkeepers Corporation. The generosity of Cohasset residents and others provided the funds for renovation. Operating and maintenance expenses, and reserves for capital replacements or improvements, are recovered from rental of two apartments on the second floor, and from fees charged to non-residents for use of the function room facilities. Cohasset residents may use the facilities for a nominal fee, and non-profit organizations at no charge.

This will be the seventh year (2003) that CLC has hosted Memorial Day attendees in recognition of the generosity of our supporters and we expect to serve over 1200 people again.

SENIOR SCENE

A Mother's Day gift!

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra is offering a fun, festive finale to the Pops on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 11 at 4 p.m. at the Temple Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St. in Hingham. Come and enjoy the comfortable table seating accompanied by champagne, wine and soft drinks, fine cheese and desserts; and enjoy the music of Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess", Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet Overture", Ravel's, "Smetana" and a rousing rendition of Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever!"

There is a special rate for seniors on Mothers Day, tickets are $15 for the concert and transportation is available by calling Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112

Birthdays

Calling all Octogenarians and Nonagenarians! You and your family (two or three members) are invited to a Birthday Celebration on Thursday, May 15 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. The party is hosted by the Cohasset Clergy and Cohasset Elder Affairs, and is catered by Anna Abbruzzese and the Gourmet Club. Today's birthday menu will have "An Italian Theme." Transportation provided on request; please call 781-383-9112.

Foot care dates

Wednesdays: May 13; June 11; July 9; August 13; Sept. 10; Oct. 8; Nov. 12; and Dec. 10.

Derby entertains

The Derby Academy Choral Group will once again entertain at the Cohasset Elder Affairs on Thursday, May 22 at 12:30 p.m. Please join in the fun of this special recital.

Changes — changes

The Newbury College Luncheon has been changed to the Culinary Arts Department of the Plymouth South High School. The date remains the same: Tuesday, May 20, Anna and Ham can take 20 riders and are leaving St. Anthony's at 10:15 a.m. Reservations—*a must*—are for 11:15 a.m.

Budget bottom line isn't going to get any bigger

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

If you totaled up the budget reversals demanded by the thousands of people who marched on Beacon Hill last week, they'd likely come to about — $3 billion.

Well, $1.5 billion anyway — about the amount you come up with after you factor out new revenues and inflation and entitlement spending in the budgets that were debated, loudly, inside and outside the Statehouse.

Inside, the conversation was about the revenue side of the ledger, and it was clear the bottom line of that side isn't going to get any larger. A large majority of representatives agreed that this is not the time to borrow or tax on the way to a balanced budget. That leaves cuts.

And that's the problem, the protesters said. They correctly pointed out that refusing to hike revenues (beyond the gigantic fee increases in the budgets of the governor and House) causes real people to suffer. It's a scenario in which no one's wrong and no one's happy — taxes were already raised, by $1.2 billion, last year, and the majority of the people doesn't want taxes raised even more. On the other hand, it's all but certain that crime will rise and kids will drop out of school if budgets now in play go through.

An odd sidelight to much of the protesting was the way Romney took a beating though the House budget is less generous than his. College students who came to the Hill chanted anti-Romney invective, for instance — but the House budget cuts higher ed more, and more arbitrarily than the governor. The human services people displayed the same focus, targeting Romney more than the Democrats even though when the governor's budget came out, it impressed advocates with its compassion. The focus on the governor rather than the House is driven by party, naturally, but in this case both parties are anti-tax. A big difference for many is that Romney the candidate promised repeatedly not to cut core services.

That's far from saying they agree. In fact, according to Finneran, Romney proposes to "do serious harm to the residents of the Commonwealth" with parts of his budget. He attacked the governor with a fervor not seen since the Dukakis years, accusing him of running a "permanent political campaign" instead of governing. In the court of public opinion, Finneran has nothing to lose — his seat and his speakership are safe and his negatives are stuck so low he's free to say what he wants.

In the face of criticism from both branches, the governor held off on filing his reorganization plan. He's now free to say he wanted to try reform first, before deep cuts, but the Legislature didn't want to innovate. Democrats will counter they did adopt the reforms that made sense, and rejected foolish ideas. One tack the Speaker and other Democrats might want to drop is criticizing Romney for using PowerPoint presentations, simple or otherwise. Romney could communicate a lot by letting the Democrats know that since about 1991, PowerPoint has been standard equipment for managers who know what they're doing.

The week's budget stories were interrupted by a front-pager the Statehouse community had been awaiting for months: a finding in the judicial-misconduct case of Maria Lopez.

• *Hearing officer determines Lopez lied under oath; suggests apology* — Judge Maria Lopez attempted to defame the victim in the "Ebony" Horton child-molestation case, conducted herself improperly in her contacts with Horton's defense team, and lied under oath during the investigation of her conduct, hearing officer E. George Daher found in a ruling issued Tuesday. But she should not be removed from the bench if she apologizes, Daher said – instead, a six-month suspension and a fine would be just. But Lopez was not contrite in her statements to the press, and the matter still faces several administrative rounds before the Supreme Judicial Court metes out her ultimate sanction.

• *House rejects taxes, borrowing* — A week after rejecting slot machines and casinos, the House overwhelmingly rejected new or higher taxes and borrowing as solutions to the state's budget gap. Rank and filers joined Republicans and members of Finneran's leadership team in turning back efforts to raise the income tax, extend the sales tax to alcohol, borrow $300 million and require broader disclosure of corporate tax levels. The only significant tax policy adopted as budget debate began was a five-year extension of a tax credit that rewards investors.

• *Perspectives on gay marriage vary according to orientation* — The latest round in the battle over gay marriage opened with a repeat of the two sides' points of view at a hearing of the Judiciary Committee. Gay and lesbian activists said the amendment would thwart the formation of loving families, while social conservatives argued the traditional heterosexual family structure is so important to society it deserves constitutional protection. The earliest that the proposal could hit the statewide ballot would be in November 2006, and that appears a remote possibility.

• *New numbers show 86 percent of vocational school students pass MCAS:* Eighty-six percent of vocational school students in the class of 2003 have passed the exam, a requirement for graduation with a diploma. Lt. Gov. Healey announced the numbers in Tyngsboro, calling it an "extraordinary achievement."

• *Driscoll: board should consider raising MCAS pass level* — Buoyed by this year's MCAS successes, Education Commissioner David Driscoll said the time is at hand to consider raising the passing grade. That will keep up the pressure for schools to improve and students to perform, he said at a Board of Education meeting.

• *Thousands get redundant bills for taxes due* — About 4,500 people mistakenly received tax bills from the Department of Revenue over the past few weeks, causing some chaos in the peak after-tax season. The citizens who used H&R Block or Drake Software systems to file their returns and checked "no" when asked if they wanted taxes taken out of their bank accounts were sent notices of delinquency even if they sent DOR a check. Officials there promised a quick correction.

• *Official says SARS unlikely to devastate Bay State* — It's creepy and scary, but Severe Acute Repertory Syndrome is unlikely to become a serious problem in Massachusetts if people keep their heads and take the same precautions they do to avoid the common cold, Alfred DeMaria, assistant commissioner for the state Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, told the Public Health Council. Health officials reported two new suspected cases. Nineteen cases – 17 suspected and two probable – have been reported by the state.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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April 30 - May 2, 2003

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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for over 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. **BHRC** records local representatives' votes on five roll calls and local senators' votes on three roll calls from the week of April 28-May 2. All House roll calls are on amendments to the proposed $22.497 billion fiscal 2004 state budget.

BORROW $300 MILLION (H 4000)

House 31-126, rejected an amendment allowing the state to borrow $300 million in order to restore some of the cuts in the state budget. Amendment supporters said this five-year "bridge loan" is a fiscally and socially responsible way to allow the state to restore some local aid cuts to cities and towns and services to some of the most vulnerable members of society including senior citizens, the poor and the disabled. They noted that low interest rates make this solution an attractive one that will cost the state only between $30 million and $40 million. Amendment opponents said this one-time, short-term fix is a fiscally irresponsible way to attempt to solve the fiscal crisis and is similar to a family using a credit card to pay the balance of the same credit card. They argued this would lead to more borrowing next year and hurt the state's precarious credit rating. (A "Yea" vote is for borrowing $300 million. A "Nay" vote is against the borrowing).

Y

HIKE INCOME TAX RATE FROM 5.3 PERCENT TO 5.95 PERCENT (H 4000)

House 37-119, rejected an amendment raising the state income tax rate from 5.3 percent to 5.95 percent. Amendment supporters said this reasonable increase would generate some $700 million in revenue that can be used to restore services to the sick, elderly and poor who will be severely hurt without this funding. They noted it can also restore some local aid cuts and prevent the layoffs of teachers, firefighters and police. Amendment opponents said the hike is misguided and argued the voters have made it clear that they do not want their taxes raised. They noted the hike will restore the nickname "Taxachusetts" and will hurt an already faltering economy. (A "Yea" vote is for the hike to 5.95 percent. A "Nay" vote is against the hike).

N

IMPOSE SALES TAX ON ALCOHOL SALES (H 4000)

House 24-131, rejected an amendment imposing the state's five percent sales tax on the purchase of alcohol beverages at liquor stores and other outlets. Amendment supporters said the sale of this luxury item should not be exempt from the sales tax and argued the estimated $60 million to $80 million in revenue could be used to restore devastating budget cuts in various health areas including alcohol abuse and other programs that are necessary because of excessive alcohol consumption. Amendment opponents said alcohol is already heavily taxed in the state and noted that over 50 percent of the cost of a six pack of beer currently goes to federal and state taxes. They argued this sales tax would hurt small family-owned businesses including ones on the New Hampshire border because liquor is less expensive in the Granite State. (A "Yea" vote is for the sales tax on alcohol. A "Nay" vote is against the tax).

N

EXTEND THREE PERCENT INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT (H 4000)

House 144-10, approved an amendment extending the three percent investment tax credit, scheduled to return to one percent on December 30, for another five years through 2009. Amendment supporters said this credit is good for the economy and creates jobs by helping to attract new companies to the state and encouraging existing ones to remain here by spurring investment in new buildings, manufacturing and research and development. They noted that this tax revenue loss would be offset by a growth in property, income and corporate excise taxes. Amendment opponents said the extension would cost $19 million that the state cannot afford and argued the savings could be used to restore many devastating budget cuts. They argued studies have shown this tax credit has no positive effect on employment and may in fact cause unemployment by encouraging automation. (A "Yea" vote is for extending the three percent investment tax credit for five years. A "Nay" vote is against the extension).

Y

RACETRACK MONEY TO GENERAL FUND (H 4000)

House 53-101, rejected an amendment providing that one-quarter of one percent of the amount of money wagered at greyhound racetracks go to the General Fund instead of the tracks' Capital Improvement Fund as required under current law. Amendment supporters said the state can no longer afford to offer preferential treatment to privately-owned racetracks by giving them this capital improvement money that should rightfully go to the state. They noted the estimated $2.5 million should be used by the state to reduce some of the devastating budget cuts. Amendment opponents said the $2.5 million will ensure quality and safe tracks and protect hundreds of jobs that would be lost if the tracks do not receive this money and are forced to close. (A "Yea" vote is for giving the money to the state. A "Nay" vote is against giving the money to the state).

Y

FISCAL 2004 TAX REVENUE FORECAST

Senate 36-0, approved resolutions forecasting that $13.9 billion in tax revenue will be available to help fund the fiscal 2004 state budget in the absence of any tax hikes or reductions. Supporters said it is important for the House, Senate and governor to agree on a projected amount of tax revenue which in conjunction with billions of dollars in federal reimbursements, fines, fees and other non-tax revenue sources, will fund this year's state budget. They said the figure was arrived at following extensive analysis and will ensure that any proposals for budget cuts and/or tax hikes are considered in a fair manner based on sound information and accurate forecasts. (A "Yea" vote is for the resolutions).

Y

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN MILITARY SERVICE (S 1985)

Senate 37-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill providing that state employees who are granted a military leave of absence for active military service after September 11, 2001, continue to receive their base salary reduced by their military salary. It also ensures that these employees do not lose any seniority or accrued vacation or leave time. The proposal, effective until October 1, 2003, also gives cities and towns the option to accept the law and apply it to municipal employees. Supporters said the bill would assist these brave citizens who are helping the nation in the war against terror and ensure that they and their families do not suffer financially while defending the freedom of the United States and the world. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y

LEADERSHIP JOBS AND SALARIES (H 3743)

Senate 29-9, gave near final approval to a House-approved bill allowing the House and Senate, through their operating rules, to unilaterally set the bonus pay above the $53,381 base salary, of their committee chairs and other majority and minority members in leadership positions. Under current law, any bonus pay proposal must be filed as a bill and then go through the regular legislative process and be sent to the governor who can sign it or veto it. Supporters said this would fairly allow the House and Senate to manage their own in-house affairs without interference from the governor and noted the governor has always been able to set the salaries of his staff without legislative interference. Opponents said the bill would destroy the system of checks and balances by effectively giving the powerful speaker and senate president the ability to quickly increase the pay of favored legislators without public scrutiny. They argued the measure is poorly timed in light of the state's budget crisis, layoffs of state and local employees and program cuts. Only a final okay by each branch is necessary prior to the bill going to Governor Romney. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill allowing the Legislature to unilaterally set bonus pay. A "Nay" vote is against the bill).

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Matthew Lewis (USN)
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John N. Maynard (US Army)
Patrick J. O'Connor (USN)
Angela R. Parisi (US Army)
Brian Salerno (USCG)
James Smith (US Army)
Eric Snow (USMC)

If you know of someone from Cohasset who is not listed here and is on active duty, call the American Legion post at 781-383-9657 or email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com

Local eateries at Taste of the Relay

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset, set for May 16 through 17 at Cohasset High School will host the fourth annual "Taste of the Relay" Friday, May 16 at 6:45 p.m. in the cafeteria, immediately following the event's Opening Ceremony. Area residents will have the opportunity to sample food from local restaurants including Atlantica, Bare Cove Gourmet, Borrowed Butler, French Memories, MacKenzie's, Red Parrot, Schooner's, and Windsor Tea Shop. Tickets to Taste of the Relay, which is open to the public are $7 and can be purchased at the door. Admission for cancer survivors is free. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset and support American Cancer Society programs of research, education, prevention, detection, and patient services.

For more information about Relay For Life in Cohasset or to find out how to volunteer, please contact the event chair Laurie Livingstone Greenip at 781-383-6193. The Cohasset Mariner is proud to be the media partner for the 2003 Relay For Life in Cohasset.

Luminarias available

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset is a time to celebrate the lives of people touched by cancer. By purchasing luminarias to honor cancer survivors or to remember loved ones, area residents can pay tribute to them while creating a lighted path of hope to lead Relay walkers through the night.

A Luminaria Ceremony will take place at 9p.m. on Friday, May 16 at Cohasset High School. Luminarias for the ceremony can be purchased for a minimum contribution of $5. Local residents need not be on a relay team to purchase a luminaria or to attend the ceremony. To purchase a luminaria, please call Jacqui Vitello at 781-383-2668. Luminarias may also be purchased during regular business hours at Pilgrim Co-operative Bank of Cohasset, 48 South Main Street; at Sovereign Bank, 380 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A), Cohasset, or at the Relay For Life on May 16.

Proud corporate partners of this year's event include Pilgrim Co-operative Bank. The Cohasset Mariner is proud to be the 2003 media partner. For more information about Relay For Life or to find out how to volunteer, please contact the event chair Laurie Livingstone Greenip at 781-383-6193 or the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Silver anniversary!

Reservoir, treatment plant are turning 25

The treatment plant, finished that same year, increased the town's water pumping capacity from 800,000 to 3 million gallons per day.

By John Camera
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Cohasset's Aaron River Reservoir and Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant are turning 25 years old this year. The Water Commission is celebrating the anniversary on Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Aaron River Dam at the end of Beechwood Street.

Completed in July of 1978, the reservoir ensured that the town would have a supplemental source of water supply for years to come. The treatment plant, finished that same year, increased the town's water pumping capacity from 800,000 to 3 million gallons per day.

The reservoir project began in 1965 when the Water Commission hired a company called Sanitary Engineering Associates (SEA) to explore using the Aaron River as a water source. After SEA suggested damming the river, the Water Commission spent years planning the project and securing permits and funding.

To pay for both the reservoir and the sorely needed treatment plant, the commission secured a $994,000 federal grant from the Department of Federal Housing and Urban Development and a $1.5 million loan from the Farmers Home Administration.

When cost turned out to be higher than expected, the commissioners went back to from the Farmers Home Administration for another loan of $1 million. The remaining $206,000 to pay for the project was appropriated from Town funds.

In the end, the two projects totaled some $3.7 million. The reservoir took more than 10 years to plan, but construction took only two years, from 1976 to 1978.

Water Commission Chairman John McNabb, who organized Sunday's anniversary celebration, said even today the reservoir and the treatment plant were invaluable to the town.

"Building the reservoir and the (treatment) plant marked a new era for the town, because it put years of annual water bans behind us," he said. "And it gave us a water supply that, even now, 25 years later, is more than we need on a daily basis."

McNabb said all Water Commissioners who had served the Town since it formed its own Water Department in 1950 would be honored during the celebration at the Aaron River Dam on Sunday. Each former commissioner, or his family, will be presented with a plaque commemorating the 25th anniversary occasion.

Speaking at the ceremony will be Edwin Pratt, who served as Superintendent of the Water Department for 14 years, from 1967 to 1981. Pratt will also be presented a plaque, as he played an instrumental role in overseeing the project to its finish, McNabb said.

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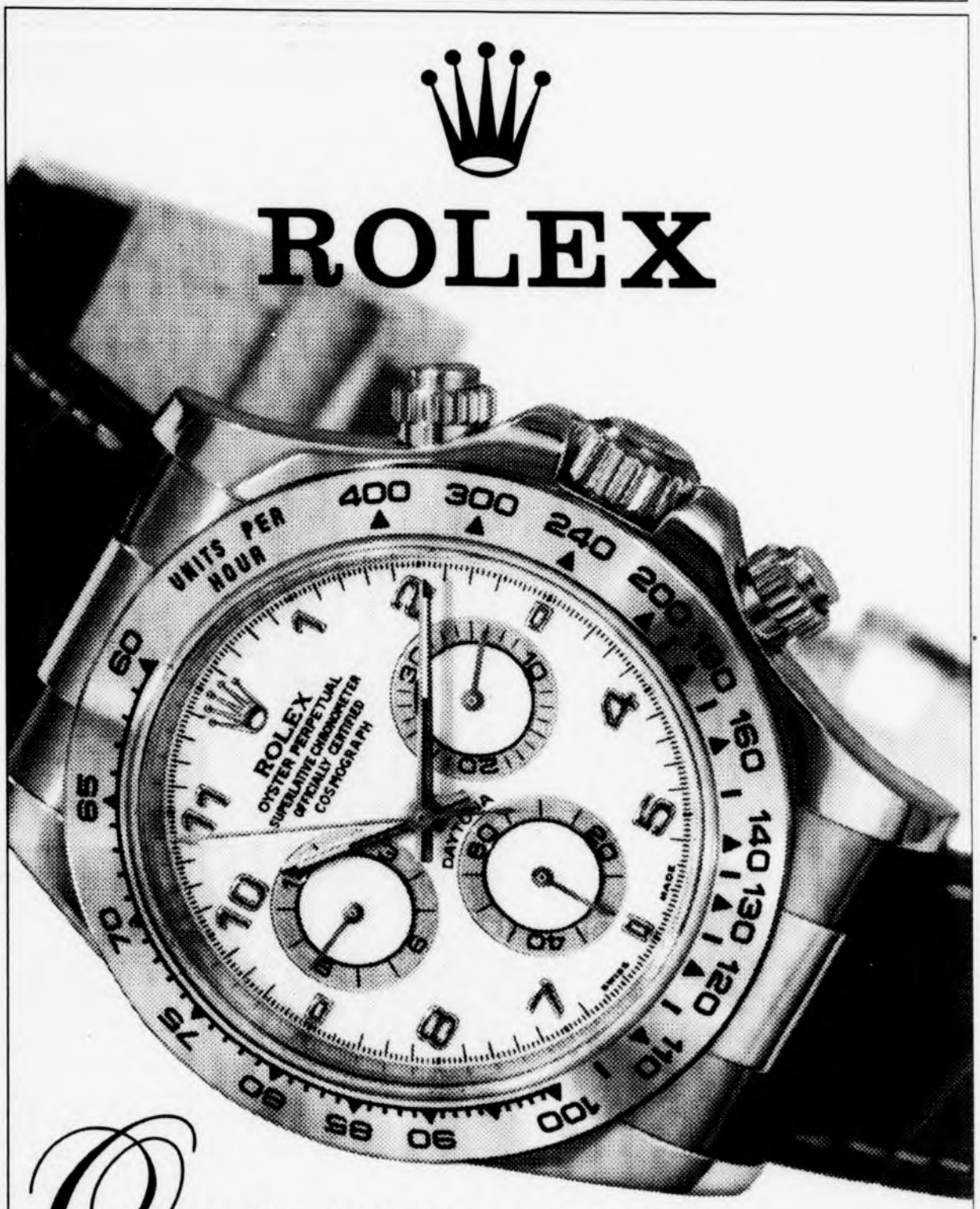

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Colorful book on Gulf River available

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"A lot of people, even living quite nearby, had no idea (the Gulf River) had this type of background," said Hartshorne, who is also a member of the Cohasset Historical Society. "I wanted to make them aware of that."

Hartshorne said he used the book "Narrative History of Cohasset" by E. Victor Bigelow as his major source, but he also gathered information from the Historical Societies of Scituate and Cohasset.

He said he was originally drawn to the river by both his love for nature and his love for rowing. "It just has always struck me as such a picturesque piece of water," he said.

But Hartshorne also said that fertilizer used on nearby lawns, faulty or out-of-date septic systems and storm-water runoff from impervious surfaces all posed a threat to the Gulf River.

"It just has always struck me as such a picturesque piece of water."
— John Hartshorne

This summer, students from Cohasset High School will test the water at different places in Gulf River for fecal coliform bacteria. By comparing their findings to old data, Hartshorne said the Gulf Association hopes to determine how it should move forward protecting the river.

Meanwhile, students from the University of Massachusetts recently completed a natural resource inventory of the Gulf River. Their report outlines the soils, rock types, plant life, animal life and different habitats that the river is home to.

Members of the Gulf Association will take a closer look at the findings of the inventory at the association's next meeting on Tuesday, June 10 at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Government Island.

"(The inventory) is really just to nail down what we have in all aspects," said Hartshorne. "It doesn't tell us what to do. That's the next step."

The Gulf Association has about 60 members, split evenly between residents of Cohasset and Scituate, but Hartshorne said the association welcomes newcomers.

For a copy of Hartshorne's book, send a check for $16 to John F. Hartshorne, 115 Border St., Cohasset, MA 02025. Half of the book's price covers the cost of printing, binding and postage, while the other half will be a tax deductible donation to the Gulf Association.

Signups for Drama Workshop

In celebration of its 15th anniversary, the Children's Drama Workshop (CDW) presents an original musical comedy called "Jack Beanstalk."

Rehearsals for "Jack Beanstalk" will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning Tuesday, June 24 at the brand new, (air-conditioned!) Deer Hill School Auditorium. This year, the program has been extended to seven weeks and performances are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m..

Registration for "Jack Beanstalk" begins Monday, June 9 at 9 a.m. All children between the ages of 5 and 14 are welcome. Early registration is advisable as enrollment is strictly limited. The cost is $440 per child. Children enrolled in the Cohasset Playground Program receive a $30 discount. Checks can be made payable to "CDW." For further information, please contact the Cohasset Recreation Department at (781) 383-4109.

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Original children's musical takes the stage this summer

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izing ideas with her sister Grace, to the almost finished product of today, Beth says it took roughly seven weeks to get things right, but remains flexible should change become necessary. Her writing goes through many stages of editing and re-working before she will even consider producing it. In the time that has passed since the production of "Cinderella Smith", Beth believes her writing has become even better. When comparing the first with the second, she notes, "The dialogue is more honed. I can edit myself better. You have to be your own worst critic."

Even with all the preparation, "You never know until you take it to the stage," she said. Dialogue between characters on paper oftentimes needs to be modified when the actors begin to rehearse. When that happens, Beth turns to the woman who has directed all her shows since the beginning, her sister Grace. "Grace is the best person to go to," Beth said. "She can visualize the whole picture."

With the possibility of last-minute change comes a need for flexible actors, which Beth has found in the children she works with, most of which return year after year to participate. "I can't believe the changes I can give them last minute," she said. "They always live up to [the challenge], more than we expect them to."

Over the years the number of children participating has grown so steadily that the Deveneys estimate they could have as many as 80 children registering for this summer's show. Even with all those children, Beth is not at all surprised that they've never had any discipline problems. "We don't treat them as kids, we treat them as cast members," she said. "We stress that every part is really important.Everyone needs to feel like they've accomplished something, and they do."

Children participating in the show are encouraged to share their ideas, becoming not only actors, but a part of the production process. "They feel like it's their show because we listen to them," Beth said. "Every year it seems like they get more and more into it."

With the trust given to the children comes a responsibility for the show they will put on as well as a deep sense of pride and accomplishment from not only a wonderful play, but a great personal performance. "The kids come back from year to year and they've developed a new confidence and self-assurance from being on the stage," Grace said.

While some children are very shy at first, the sisters always see a boost in confidence by the end and the obvious pride in their team effort. Beth said the best part for her is when they hold their cast party and ask all the children what their favorite part about the program was. Many say it's the new friends they've made and how proud they feel to have been part of something so special. "The kids are just a joy to work with, they're the best part," Beth said. "That's what keeps us coming back."

Most of the writing Beth has done has been geared toward children, but ultimately her inspiration comes from personal experience. "Jack Beanstalk" is loosely based on a trip she and Grace took to Spain. While hiking a 500-mile trail called the El Camino de Santiago, they noticed yellow arrows to help guide tourists in the right direction. Using that life changing experience as a starting point, Beth chose to have Jack follow green arrows throughout his adventure. As much as the trip to Spain was a journey for Beth and Grace, it mirrors the experience Jack has as he travels along his path in the sky.

While Jack Beanstalk is a comedy, Beth points out that there is more to the story that its just being funny, there are lessons to be learned as well. "It's about the journey, not the end result," she said.

As for the future of the Children's Drama Workshop, Beth said it is uncertain as to what will happen. Sarah's role in the production has been much smaller that usual, with her preparation for another upcoming event – her wedding. Post nuptial plans include a move to California, which could make this her last summer of being involved with the show. As for Grace and Beth, they're waiting to see how "Jack Beanstalk" is received this summer and will then decide whether they would like to try to take the show to Boston. The two have also set the goal of starting their own production company in the fall. "I love writing plays and that is what I want my whole career to be," Beth said, and if her success in Cohasset is any indication, she should have no trouble doing just that.

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Laxmen sink Harbormen

CHS boys cap historic week with first defeat of Hingham in six years

Erasing six years of frustration, the Cohasset boys varsity lacrosse team climaxed perhaps its greatest week ever by beating two-time defending Division 2 state champion Hingham, 12-10, at Alumni Field on Tuesday night.

The Skippers trailed only for the first two minutes of the game, and led 9-4 at the half and 12-7 midway through the final period before Hingham's final desperate comeback effort fell short.

Cohasset also beat Falmouth, Marshfield and Nantucket to run its season record to 8-1, and 6-1 in Pilgrim League play. The Skippers only loss was in its opening game to nationally-ranked Duxbury, the defendign Div. 1 state champs.

"Beating Hingham was one of our goals for this season," said Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt, "and I'm so proud for our seniors (Curt Kahn, Matt Davis, Nick Spirito, Tom Anderson, John Durkin, Robert Hickey, Ben Lynner and Evan Pestone) that they achieved it. But we're still taking this year a game at a time, because we've got other goals we're aiming at."

Cohasset, as was the case throughout the week, got balanced scoring from its offense and consistent pressure and stops from its defense. Soph Jake Previte climaxed a breakout week with three goals and an assist against the Harbormen, who focused their defensive efforts on senior attackmen Curt Kahn (one goal, three assists) and Matt Davis (two goals, two assists). Other Skipper scorers were seniors John Durkin (two goals), Robert Hickey and Tom Anderson (a goal apiece), junior Mike Rasmussen (a goal and an assist) and soph Joe Durkin (one goal, the first of his career).

After Hingham got on the board early, scoring less than a minute into the contest, the Skippers ran off five consecutive goals, with Kahn finding Previte open on the crease at the nine-minute mark, then underhanding a shot by Hingham goalie Nate Hammond less than a minute later. Previte picked up his second of the game on a feed from Rasmussen after another minute and a half, and Matt Davis scored his first on an isolation dodge from behind the goal two minutes later. Davis found classmate Tom Anderson alone in front for the fifth goal of the run

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Ted Straughn turns on the jets as third base coach waves him around in recent South Shore League action.

Baseball team 'Clipped'

Late rally lifts Norwell nine over Cohasset

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset and Norwell High baseball teams have a good deal in common.

Both the Clippers and Skippers have new coaches. They're both in the South Shore League. They're both coming off down years that saw them finish well off the pace to qualify for the state tourney, but they both appear ready to make legitimate runs at that golden ring this spring.

Last Thursday, the two SSL rivals met for the first of two meetings on the season in a "meaningful game," and, from the level of play, it was clear all involved knew this.

The host Norwell boys won the game, coming from behind to score five runs in their final at bat to take the 6-4 decision— improving to 4-5 on the season, one win below the magic .500 mark needed for postseason qualification. Cohasset fell to 4-4 with the loss.

"The kids were extremely excited to get that win, but I don't know if they can truly appreciate how big a win for us this really is," said second year Norwell coach Tom Jacobs. "If we had lost this one, I'd say our postseason hopes would've taken a pretty good hit. It would have been the fourth loss in a week

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Cohasset's Julie Lordan (left) ducks around Norwell's Colby Tallman in recent SSL showdown. For girls lacrosse report, see page 18.

Falcons' wings snipped

Cohasset tennis teams dominate Mashpee

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Lady Skippers have set a very high bar for tennis excellence in Cohasset. Both teams, last Monday, playing league opponent Mashpee, were up for the challenge, recording wins of 5-0 each.

For the girls, it was just yet another shutout, this one requiring the aid of only one member of the starting lineup. For the boys, the regular roster of seven teamed for their second shutout of the year, running their record to 4-2.

It was clearly the most dominating effort of the year for the males, even more so than the last time Cohasset went to the Cape to shut out Cape Cod Academy, 5-0. Cohasset did not relinquish so much as a set, and the handful of games that were lost by Skippers players were done in the name of gentlemanly sportsmanship.

Mashpee, after three consecutive trips past the first round of the playoffs, has been hit disastrously by graduation, leaving four of their top five spots to be filled by a first year senior and a key core of three seventh graders. While this trio may be the future of the South Shore League, every one of the five contests was grossly lopsided.

D. Ingber started off with a win over senior hockey standout John Barbery, 6-0, 6-0, while freshman Nils Sceery took the same score at second singles. Sceery, who had been playing second doubles in his first year with the varsity team, may be at the singles position to stay. The line-up shift enables the team to place Tim Anton, formerly second singles, at first doubles, a move which strengthens the team as a whole.

At third singles, the 6'3" senior Ross Lieb-Lappen, towering a good foot and a half above his seventh grade opponent, won 6-1, 6-1, sportingly allowing the unfortunate middle schooler a chance at competition.

At first doubles, Anton teamed up with fellow junior Andrew Wise for a relatively unchallenged decision in two sets, while senior Scott Faber won with the same degree of ease with freshman partner, Chris Pescatore.

At home and as expected, the boys team lost on Tuesday to sports-power school Catholic Memorial— a team with the ability, despite its lack of depth, to defeat the likes of BC High, as they did last week.

On the rainy and slippery afternoon, CM won three matches (second singles, third singles and first doubles) before the remaining matches were called off in the middle to avoid unnecessary injuries.

Now at 4-3, the team needs four more wins for a playoff berth, hoping for second go-around victories over Cape Cod Academy, Mashpee, Abington, and Carver. Anything else would lead to a higher seed, and possibly a home match, something that has not happened for quite some time on the men's side of the court.

Girls Tennis

Meanwhile, the girls simply continue to take care of business against much weaker and less experienced teams. The girls talent level is such that they could throw in a line-up, as they did on Monday, that featured five freshmen and a sophomore.

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Lady Skippers double pleasure

Cohasset softball team takes back-to-back wins over Norwell

By Mike Spellman
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It must have felt to the members of the Norwell and Cohasset High softball teams like discovering a small oasis in the middle of the desert—getting a chance to play against one another in a couple of "competitive" games.

No one expected a whole lot from the building Lady Skippers and rebuilding Lady Clippers this spring, and, for the most part, there hasn't been a whole lot to report, at least in terms of wins. But when the two struggling teams met for back-to-back games last week, there was a chance for the girls on both teams to show a little more, to play with a little confidence.

The Cohasset girls won both games by three runs, but, win or lose, both teams got to take a little self esteem from the meetings.

"I didn't have much of a voice left after those games," said second year NHS coach Jack Browne, whose team fell to 0-8 with the losses on Thursday and

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Last year's District champion 12-year Cohasset All-Star team was honored as part of Saturday's Cohasset Little League Opening Day ceremonies. For more pictures from Opening Day, see page 19.

YOUTH LACROSSE REPORT

Cohasset Blue 11-U boys split games

The Cohasset Blue 11-U team (grades 3 and 4) traveled to Marshfield on May 4 and came out on the short end of a 12-9 score. Derek Youngman scored twice in the first period, once assisted by John McGoldrick, as the first quarter ended in a 2-2 tie. Youngman added a goal and an assist in the second period, with Andrew Whitney and Brendan Horigan notching goals as the half closed at 6-5 in favor of Marshfield.

Marshfield opened its lead in the third period. Alex Evans converted a Horigan pass for Cohasset's only score in the period. Finally, Cohasset's fourth-period comeback fell short. Chris Murphy scored once and Chase Murphy twice — the second assisted by Youngman — to bring the final to 12-9.

Chase Murphy and Sam Leahy split the game in net, each recording a half dozen saves to keep the contest close as Cohasset struggled to overcome repeated penalties.

The Blue team — helped by a few pick-ups from the Gray and White teams — did pick up a mid-week win against Hull — the first time Cohasset has ever squared off against its neighbor because Hull's program is new. Cohasset's offense played well in the first half and dominated in the second half, while the defense played well, broke up most Hull offensive attempts and turned the ball back upfield to our middies.

Derek Youngman led the team with four goals and two assists, while Chris Murphy added two goals. Alex Kinnealey, Dan Czerkawski, Morgan Grasz, Kyle Livingston and Mark Dick added solo scores. Kinnealey, John Collins, Pat Dunn and Johnny McGoldrick notched assists. Robbie Mahoney and Eric Wasel lead the defensive effort in front of goalies Brendan Horigan (4 saves) and Chris Wilson (3 saves).

15-U Boys continue dominating ways

The Cohasset 15-U Blue team continued upped its record to 3-0 with a dominating 9-2 road win over a very big and overly aggressive Marshfield team.

Alex Shipp led the way with three goals showing great toughness and concentration as he was hit hard each time he scored in front of the cage. Shipp benefited from some great passes, two from Peter Oswald and a third from Jared Kinch to make for picture-perfect goals.

Oswald, Kinch, Ryan Kucinski, Peter Ernst, Corey Chase and Austen Lanzillotti all had single goals for Cohasset, which was outstanding on ground balls and face-offs all day long, thanks in large measure to the efforts of Adam Smith, Justin Connors and Sean Silvia.

For the third straight contest, the Cohasset defense was outstanding, allowing very few good scoring chances in front of goalie Wes Ulmer, who recorded 8 saves. Jake Cuneo, Kyle Pinkus, Bobby Meikleham and Jared Dick cleared the ball efficiently and consistently stripped Marshfield's offense.

The 15-U White squad did not play when a visiting Duxbury squad failed to arrive for its game in Cohasset.

Girls stay unbeaten

The Cohasset girls youth lacrosse program remained undefeated on the season, raising its composite record to 10-0-1 by sweeping games at home against Hanover and on the road ni Falmouth. Teams at both levels played shorthanded, yet outhustled their opponents to fairly easy wins.

12-and-Under Girls The Cohasset White 12-U team opened the day with a runaway win against Hanover in a game played at the Deer Hill School.

Gabriella Flibotte scored five goals — her lowest scoring output in the team's three games — and added one assist as Cohasset White controlled the game early, let Hanover back into it briefly, and then took control for good.

Isabelle Franklin scored twice, with Caitlin Mahoney, Lindsey Allard and Katie Gaumer each adding one goal and one assist. Amy Meikleham, Madeline Leahy and Caroline Saltonstall each added solo markers as the final score reached 13-4 for the home team. Amanda Masotta, Mimi Mahoney, Megan Richardson and Liz Tetrault led a tough defense in front of Thomson Jaffe, who stopped seven of the 11 shots Hanover put on net.

The Cohasset Blue team traveled to Falmouth later in the day, with several players doubling up and playing their second game of the day to fill in for missing comrades. Despite what should have been tired legs, Cohasset controlled the game from start to finish. Five different players scored as Cohasset jumped to a 5-2 halftime lead.

Isabelle Franklin and Katelyn Ryan each finished with two goals, while Lindsey Hill added a goal and an assist. Caroline Saltonstall, Maura Barnes, McKenna Teague and Amy Meikleham notched solo scores. Sarah Libby, Lauren Blaze and Paige Smith led the defensive effort in front of Thomson Jaffe, whose four saves were enough to preserve the 9-4 win.

14-and-Under Girls

Cohasset's 14-U girls teams have thin rosters to begin with, and played their May 4 games strapped to find enough players to make a go of it.

You would never have known that from the scoreboard.

The Cohasset White 14-U team opened the day with a 6-1 convincing win over Hanover. Gabriella Flibotte — "playing up" with the older girls — led the scoring on the day, with help from Mary Previte and several assists from Kaleigh Swain. Sara Brown was particularly effective in starting the transition game that stopped Hanover's offense and pushed the ball forward. Aisling Guinee stopped five of the six shots Hanover mustered on the day.

Cohasset Blue, meanwhile was in Falmouth, where the game was delayed so that several players fresh from the Hanover game could arrive. Falmouth had 22 players on its sideline, while Cohasset had just 13, including five players from its 12-and-Under team forced to "play up" to fill out the roster. Many of the younger girls were playing in their second or third game of the day; what's more, "playing up" involves playing with checking, while the 12-and-Under girls aren't normally able to check at all.

It should have made for a Falmouth rout, but that was hardly the result. Lindsey Durkin scored five goals, including several on brilliant individual dashes to the cage, while McKenna Teague added two goals and fed Kara Wilcox for the first of her two goals. Kristen Dooley, Emily Coggins and Katelyn Ryan scored single goals, as the entire Cohasset team played together — most never leaving the field — for a surprisingly easy 12-2 win. Aisling Guinee — whose toughest shot of the day may have been from a car door hitting her fingers — made five saves in the net to seal the win.

All four of the girls teams travel to Hingham for Mother's Day games.

Laxmen sink Harbormen

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with still nearly three minutes left in the quarter.

After a Hingham score, John Durkin , a force all night at both ends of the field, made an 80-yard run and fired a bounce shot by Hammond to give the Skippers a four-goal cushion.

With the lead, Cohasset's defense— seniors Nick Spirito, Ben Lynner and Evan Pestone, and juniors Conor Buick, Steve Davis and goalie Nick Murphy— settled in, and shut down the explosive Hingham offense led by Ben Prime, Drew Sowryda and Greg Paul. Murphy had five saves in the first half, which ended with a 9-4 Cohasset lead.

But Hingham never quit, even after senior Robert Hickey collected a pass from Kahn, and fired a rocket into the upper corner with just over five minutes left, giving Cohasset a 12-7 lead.

Three goals in less than three minutes drew the Harbormen to 12-10, before Cohasset could win a faceoff and take enough time off the clock to secure the victory. Murphy finished with 15 saves, several from point-blank range.

"I'm proud of everyone tonight," said coach Orcutt, "but especially our senior defensemen and our goalie. When you're two-time state champs, you never concede, and Hingham proved why they're one of the most respected programs in Massachusetts lacrosse. We managed to withstand that pressure, and that's going to help us big-time when the state tournament begins."

Cohasset's only other win over Hingham was in 1997, when the Skippers split with the Harbormen, winning 6-5 at Hingham, but losing the return match at Alumni by the same score.

This week, Cohasset faces four more opponents, beginning with a rematch against Norwell today (May 8), then another rematch at Nantucket on Saturday afternoon, and two more games on Monday and Tuesday at non-league opponent Milton and at Pilgrim rival Hanover, respectively.

With the Hingham win, Cohasset officially qualifies for the state tournament, the earliest it has ever done that.

Boys lax notes

Cohasset 14, Nantucket 4

Dominating defense, outstanding goalkeeping and soph Jake Previte's career-high five goals keyed the Cohasset boys' varsity's seventh straight win, a 14-4 thumping of non-league rival Nantucket.

Previte's goals – four of which came in the first half – helped Cohasset to a 9-2 half time lead that the Skippers extended to 13-2 before clearing the bench in the fourth quarter.

"We've asked Jake to do a lot this year," said coach Orcutt, "to play both attack and midfield. He's young, and at times has felt confused by this, which is understandable. But he's getting more comfortable in the role, and had a real impact on the outcome of this game."

Nine different Skippers scored, including the first career goal for soph Sam Steele, and the first goal of the season for junior midfielder Dwayne Morris. Senior defenseman Ben Lynner picked up his first career point, and classmate Nick Spirito also had an assist.

"We haven't forgotten what happened a year ago," said coach Orcutt, "when we lost to them on the island by a goal in what had to be the most frustrating and annoying game that we played in 2002. Today, we took it to them, and had only two penalties. That's the kind of controlled aggression we need for the rest of the season."

Other Cohasset scorers included seniors Matt Davis (two goals, one assist), Tom Anderson (one goal, three assists), Curt Kahn, Robert Hickey and John Durkin (one goal each), and junior middie Mark Davis (a goal).

"Our midfield play has been outstanding all week," said Orcutt. "Tom (Anderson), Robert (Hickey), JD (John Durkin) and Nick (Spirito) at longstick are as strong a group as we've seen, and on faceoffs, clears and transition offense they've controlled most of each game."

Junior goalie Nick Murphy had 11 saves while allowing all four goals in three-and-a-half quarters, and soph Chris Simms picked up three saves in relief.

"One of the big stories this year," said Orcutt, "is our goalie play. Murphy is giving us exactly what we need to be successful – consistent stopping and great outlet passes on the clears. And Simms is becoming everything you want in a backup keeper. He can come in cold, make a big save, and get the ball where it needs to go."

Cohasset 9, Marshfield 5

Despite some second-half offensive inconsistency and the heroics of one of the state's best goalies, the Cohasset boys' varsity beat previously undefeated Pilgrim rival Marshfield convincingly on Friday to highlight the annual Spirit Night sponsored by the Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters.

The Skippers broke out early, scoring three quick goals against Marshfield stopper Todd Faiella, and expanded the lead to 6-2 at the half and 8-2 at the end of three.

"Todd's a great goalie, and you have to get to him early, before he establishes a rhythm," said coach Orcutt. "When Curt (Kahn) and Matt (Davis) scored on their first two shots, they gave our offense a shot in the arm. Marshfield actually defended us well at the attack, but we spread things around and moved the ball until we found open men. Eventually, we'd get a look that even Faiella had a problem with."

A defense led by seniors Ben Lynner, Evan Pestone and Nick Spirito effectively shut down Marshfield's high-powered duo of Shea Coakley and Pete Collins, while Skipper goalies Nick Murphy and Chris Simms were outstanding. Simms' lone save came in the second quarter when Murphy was sent off for holding, and Marshfield was hoping to shift the game's momentum. Instead, the Cohasset back-up stopped the shot, cleared and the Skippers picked up a short-handed goal. Murphy returned, and finished with 12 saves.

"We had a big day in the face-off circle," said Orcutt. "Robert Hickey, John Durkin and Nick Spirito, who's established himself as one of the best longstick midfielders in the state, are giving us a lot more possessions than our opponents are getting."

Cohasset got balanced scoring from Curt Kahn, Matt Davis, Tom Anderson, Mike Rasmussen, John Durkin and Jake Previte.

Cohasset 16, Falmouth 8

The boys' varsity took care of Pilgrim rival Falmouth 16-8 on Wednesday night, April 30, at Alumni.

The Skippers jumped to a 9-1 first half lead behind junior Mike Rasmussen's four goals and Nick Murphy's 11 saves.

"This was Raz's best game to date," said coach Orcutt. "He drove on the cage very well, and with Falmouth worrying about Curt (Kahn) and Matt (Davis), they weren't prepared to defend him. That's the kind of balance we have this season, and it's fun to watch."

An outstanding defensive effort by seniors Nick Spirito, Ben Lynner and Evan Pestone, and juniors Steve Davis and Conor Buick, was a key to victory.

"When we lost Mike Devine for what looks to be the season with a broken wrist," said Orcutt, "we needed our senior defensemen to step up. And they have. Ben Lynner and Evan Pestone are playing at a very high level, and giving us everything we hoped we'd have at the defensive end this year."

Besides Rasmussen, Cohasset scorers included Tom Anderson (four goals, one assist), Matt Davis (two goals, three assists), Curt Kahn (two goals, two assists), Robert Hickey (two goals), and Mark Davis (one goal – his first of the year).

Falcons' wings snipped

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and still dominate the match for a 5-0 win.

Senior captain Julie Shea took the win at first, while freshman Chelsea Grossman, undefeated in her first year, won at second. Sophomore Emma Grinnell took the W at third singles.

The doubles pairs were comprised of all freshmen, Cohasset sweeping both. First doubles was the pair of Corey Evans and Whitney Condon, while the second doubles victorious tandem was freshmen Devin Smith and Remy Lee.

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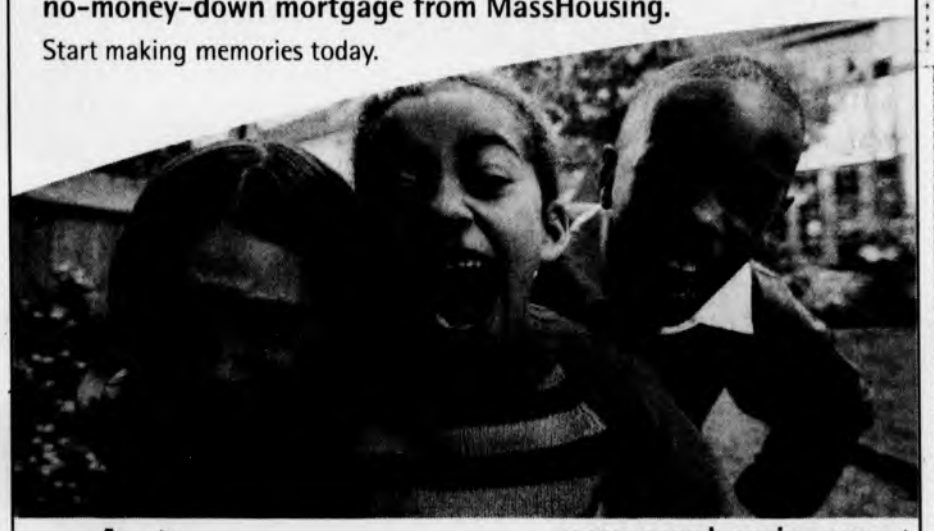
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Baseball team 'Clipped'

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and dropped us a few games under .500 with another tough week coming up.

"Plus, come from behind wins are always good for team morale. This was a character builder."

Feelings on the opposite bench following the game, though far from cheery, were hardly dreary.

"We did some good things today," said first year Cohasset coach Al Gallotta. "We had some good defensive plays, we hit the ball pretty well, and I thought Mike (Snowdale) did an excellent job pitching until he tired a little at the end. Considering that was Mike's first time starting (on the mound) this year, I thought what he gave us was extremely encouraging."

Snowdale, a senior captain who was number two in the Skippers starting rotation last year, was unable to throw much for the first three weeks of practice this spring and was thus set way back. The decision to start him on Thursday came less than 48 hours earlier when number one hurler, sophomore Ted Straughn, injured his pitching wrist while attempting to get back to first base in a game against SSL rival Harwich and was scratched.

Snowdale surrendered just one run on two hits and four walks through his first five innings of work, but the Clippers reached him for five runs on five hits and a walk in the bottom of the sixth to go from a three run deficit to a two run lead.

Senior Matt O'Donnell started the rally for the Clippers with a long double to right center.

"That was probably the biggest hit right there," assesses coach Jacobs. "We hadn't been hitting much up until that point, and that gave us an instant lift. There's a big difference between starting an inning with an out and starting it with a big, well-hit shot like that one."

Sophomore Rob Napolitano (2-for-3) followed with another double to right center, plating O'Donnell to make it a 4-2 game.

Napolitano reached third on a fielder's choice two batter later and then scored on a wild pitch.

Senior Matt Sherman kept it going with an opposite field single to left. After Snowdale recorded his sixth strikeout of the game for out number two, Norwell leadoff hitter Greg Thornton lashed a clutch single to center that brought home senior Sean Gilligan and Sherman for the tying and go ahead runs.

Thornton (2-for-4) then stole his second base of the game and scored on a slow bounder up the middle by Rob Weber that got through for the base hit.

Norwell junior Ian Davis, who'd come on in relief of starter Dave Liffers to get the last out in the sixth, then closed out the Skippers in the top half of the seventh, inducing two infield pop outs and a ground out around a walk to Mike Dooley.

The Skippers reached Liffers for three runs in the top of the sixth, a one out double by leadoff man Dooley being followed by an RBI single by Chris McKenna, and RBI triple to right center and an RBI single by Louis Blanco.

The biggest defensive play of the game came an out later when Trey Curry lined a single to center and Blanco tried to score from second. Thornton put a nice charge on the ball in centerfield, and threw a perfect one bounce throw into a heavy wind to catcher Matt Greenburg to cut down Blanco by a couple of steps.

"I had a momentary thought of holding (Blanco) at third, but then I thought we were getting to the bottom part of the order and it was better to take a shot," explained coach Gallotta, who'd coached baseball for 28 years at Archbishop Williams (and also served there as Athletic Director for 25 years) before coming to CHS this year. "(Thornton) just made a perfect throw. The pressure was on them to make the play, and, unfortunately for us, they did. That throw goes five feet either way, and we'd have had a four run game with just one out.

Instead, the lead was 4-1 with two outs.

Davis was brought on in relief of Liffers (5-2/3 innings, four runs, seven hits, no walks, nine strikeouts), who was pitching on just two days rest.

"I give Dave full credit," lauded coach Jacobs. "He went as long as he could, and gave us a very nice effort."

The second year NHS coach had similar praise for Davis, who delivered his third scoreless relief appearance in four days.

"I've been calling him 'Every Day Eddie,'" laughed Jacobs, referring to Minnesota Twins reliever Eddie Guadardo, who has led the Majors in appearances a few times in recent years. "They key with Ian is he throws strikes. He has a nice slider, a nice cut fastball and he has good command. He keeps his pitches down."

Baseball Notes

Something else the Skippers and Clippers have in common: they both lost to the South Shore League leading Harwich team in the game previous to this one. The Skippers lost 8-1 on Tuesday to the Rough Ryders, and mustered only four hits.

24 hours later, the Clippers proved no match at home to Harwich, going up against the SSL's top pitcher in Cody Crowell. Norwell managed just two hits against the fireballing lefty in the 4-0 loss, and saw 15 batters go down via the K.

Tom Gunning was solid in the mound for Norwell. He held the visitors off the board in four of his five innings, surrendering all four of the games runs in the fourth frame. Davis mopped up, pitching a scoreless sixth and seventh.

Lady Skippers double pleasure

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Friday. "They were exciting games. The kids were in to them, and I got to do a lot more coaching. It was good."

The script was similar in both games. Cohasset jumped out to early leads, and Norwell battled back, but never quite closed the deal.

On Thursday, the host Lady Skippers built a 4-0 lead through four innings behind some solid pitching by senior captain Heather Peraino, but Norwell scored four times in top of the fifth to tie the game. Cohasset responded with three in bottom of that frame, though, to retake the lead for good, the big hit a two-run double by shortstop Danielle Pinkus.

Katie James came on in relief of Peraino to start the sixth, and her faster delivery seemed to put the Lady Clippers back on their heels a bit. The freshman hurler walked three and gave up a run in her first inning of work, but settled down to punch out three of the four batters she saw in the final inning, two by strikeout.

Catcher Casey Anderson came up with a couple of big defensive plays in the late stages. The junior backstop made a nice running catch going hard into the back fence, and scrambled to throw out a runner at first base after a third strike had bounced away from her.

Pinkus (3 RBI), Melissa Crowley-Buck (2 RBI) and Anderson (RBI) all had two hits in the game for Cohasset.

"Our season so far has been like a rollercoaster ride, but it definitely felt like we were on an upswing there in two games against Norwell," said Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick, who started the CHS softball program back up in JV play last spring after an eight year absence of the sport. "Norwell is a similar team to us. They're a young team that's struggling right now, but they've got a coach who's patient and anxious to teach. There were positives, I think, we could both take from this game."

The Lady Clippers lost one of its top players, junior third baseman/pitcher Courtney Berquist, to a sprained ankle midway through the game, and that really hurt their chances at a comeback.

The absence of Berquist was felt again 24 hours later at Norwell High, as pitching and defense proved extremely problematic for the host Lady Clippers, and played a big part in their coming up on the wrong side of a 17-14 decision.

There were 16 runs scored in the first two innings alone, Cohasset scoring 10 of those to take a four run lead.

The Skippers busted things open with seven runs in the top of the fourth, but their offense went into the tank after that, as Norwell sophomore pitcher Kelly-Anne Tobin hit her stride against the Cohasset subs, and her teammates began chipping away with their bats.

The host Clippers scored one run in the fourth and another in the fifth before exploding for six in the sixth inning to pull within three runs at 17-14.

Bostwick went back to Peraino, who'd started the game on the mound but came out after four innings, to close out the sixth inning.

Cohasset third baseman Rachel Doyle made two big defensive plays in the bottom of the seventh to preserve the win for her team. She robbed Norwell's leadoff hitter with a lunging backhand snare of a line drive that appeared ticketed for the left field corner and extra bases. With two runners on, Anderson was responsible for the second out, as she pounced on a Norwell bunt and threw quickly to first base. Doyle then close things out with a nice stop at third base and a perfect throw across the diamond.

"We bent, but we didn't break, and there's something to say for that," noted Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick,, whose team is now 3-7 on the season. "Our team on the whole maintained its composure and didn't get frazzled, and we had key people like Rachel Doyle and Casey Anderson step up big. That's what you need. That's what makes a team."

Andrea Keating (3-for-4, 2 RBI) and frosh Melissa Crowley-Buck (2-for-4, 5 RBI) paced the offensive assault for the winners, while Doyle, Anderson and Pinkus all went 2-for-5 with 2 RBI.

Both teams get back into action today, Norwell hosting Carver and Cohasset travelling to Abington (both games start at 3:30 p.m.).

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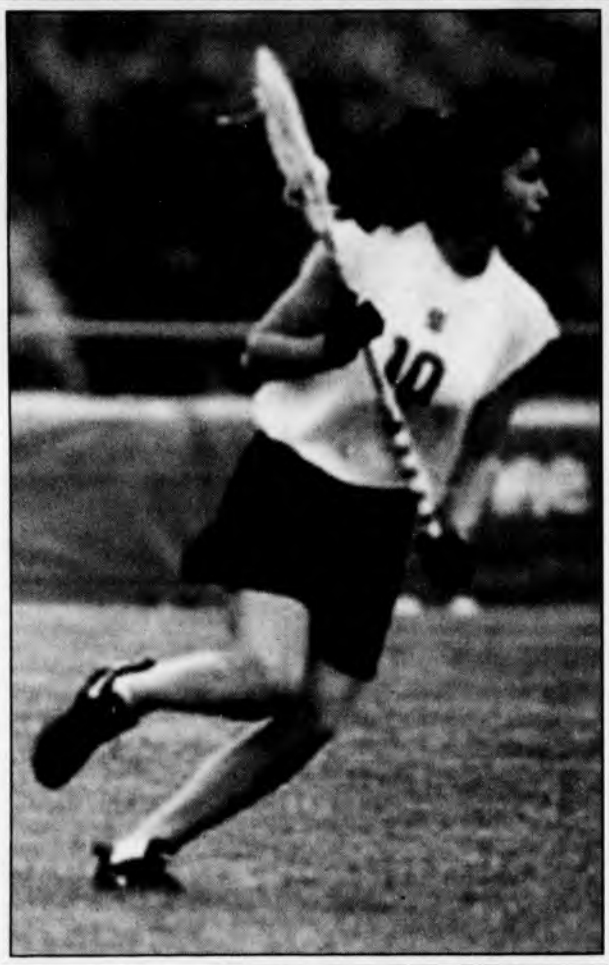
Kahn finishes with 59 Goals to lead Swarthmore scorers

Former Cohasset lacrosse standout Jackie Kahn completed her junior season at Division Three Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, PA with 59 goals and eight assists to lead the Garnet Tide in scoring.

Kahn — whose team plays in the Centennial Conference, considered one of the two toughest leagues in the NCAA's D3 — finished sixth in the conference in both goals per game and points per game.

Kahn had three game-winning goals on the season, and had four games in which she scored five or more goals. She's expected to be named to the All-Conference team when it's announced later this month. Earlier in the season, she was selected for the Seven Sisters All-Tournament team, and was a four-time selection for the weekly Centennial Conference athletic Honor Roll this spring.

Kahn graduated from Cohasset High in 2001, where she co-captained the Lady Skippers.



At right: Jackie Kahn

Lady laxers hit a snag

Three straight losses drops CHS girls under .500

By Lou Molinari
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After a strong 3-1 start, the Cohaset High girls lacrosse team has hit a snag, three snags to be exact.

Consecutive losses to Duxbury, Sandwich and Bourne have left the Skippers with a season record of 3-4.

Cohasset had a chance to end the three-game losing streak on Tuesday when the Skippers were scheduled to take on Holliston.

In fact, the Skippers had three chances to get back on track this week with Scituate next up, followed by Nantucket at Nantucket on Saturday.

"We just have to get back on track," said Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney. "We got off to a nice start with our 3-1 record, and then fell apart. We gave it a good effort last Friday, but we came up short.

"The kids have been working hard to get back in the win column. Our goal is to make it back to the tourney again this season," declared Sweeney.

In Cohasset's last two efforts, the Skippers were defeated by Sandwich, 5-3, on Thursday, and lost to Bourne, 8-7, on Friday.

"It was a great effort by Cohasset against Bourne," said Sweeney. "At one point, Cohasset trailed 8-3, but came up with four straight goals to close the gap to 8-7. The kids put on the scoring burst in nine minutes. Unfortunately it just wasn't enough."

Two of the Cohasset scorers accounted for six of the seven goals with Nicole Turgiss and Maura McKinney each scoring three times.

"The effort against Bourne was good, but we've still got a lot of work to do," continued the second year head coach. "We have 11 games remaining to be played and we have to win half of the 16 games scheduled to qualify for the tourney."

Scituate, one of Cohasset's opponents this week, lost big to Duxbury last week and has still yet to win a game.

Star of the Week

Cohasset High three-sport athlete **Cosimo Cambi** was recently honored for athletic excellence, along with 24 other high school athletes of Italian decent from Eastern Massachusetts, by the Sons of Italy at a banquet in Boston.

Cosimo, who will graduate next month from Cohasset High and then head off to begin a tour with the U.S. Coast Guard, has been a standout wrestler and football player for CHS, and is this spring playing high school baseball for the first time ever in order to enjoy one last hurrah with several of his high school friends.

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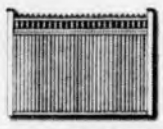

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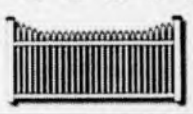

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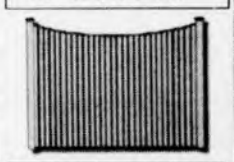

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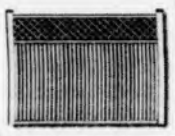

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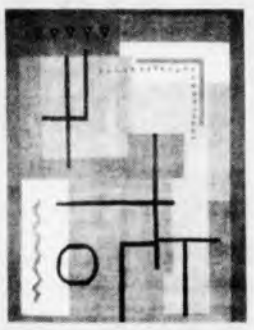

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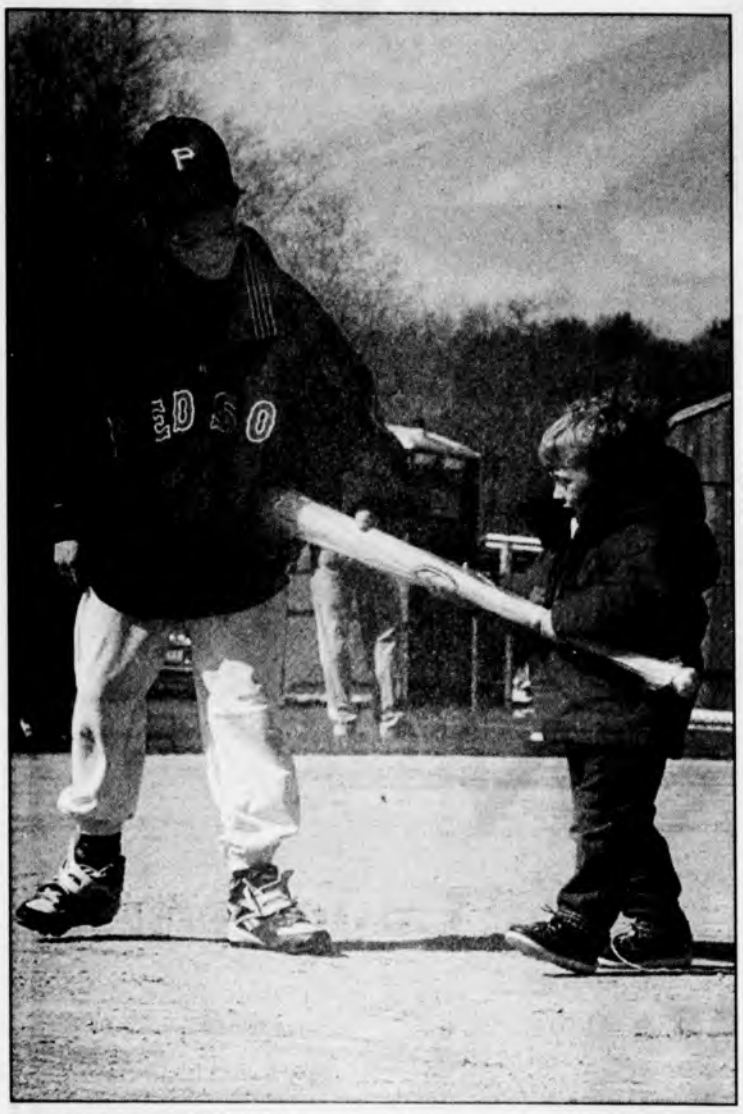
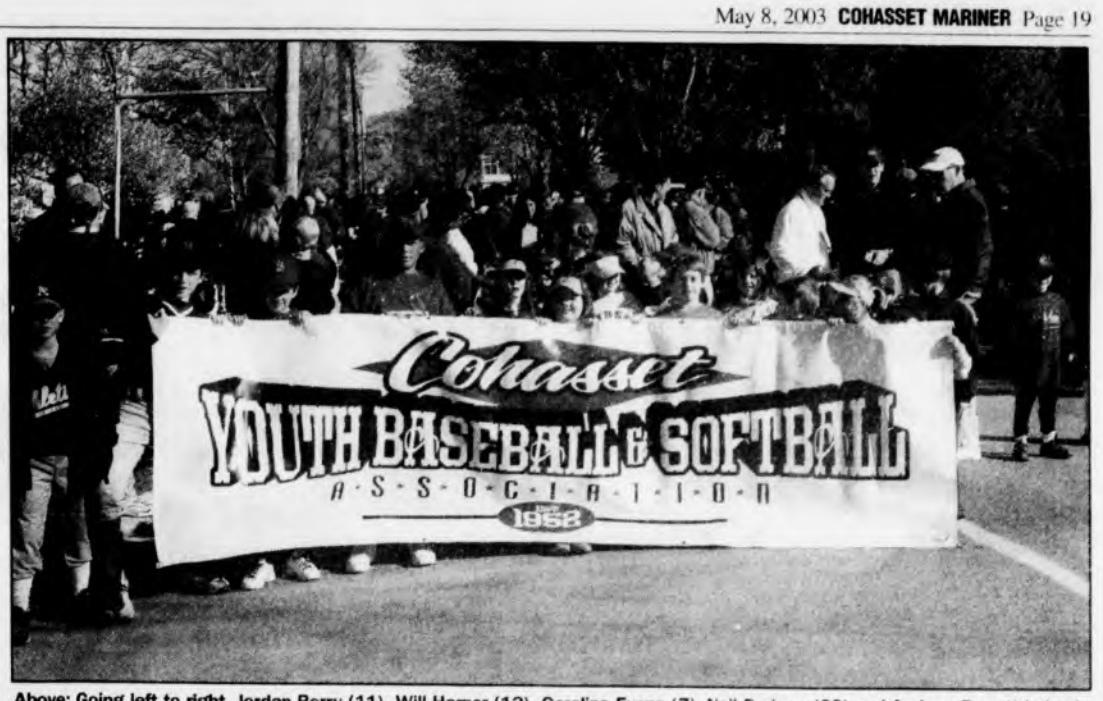




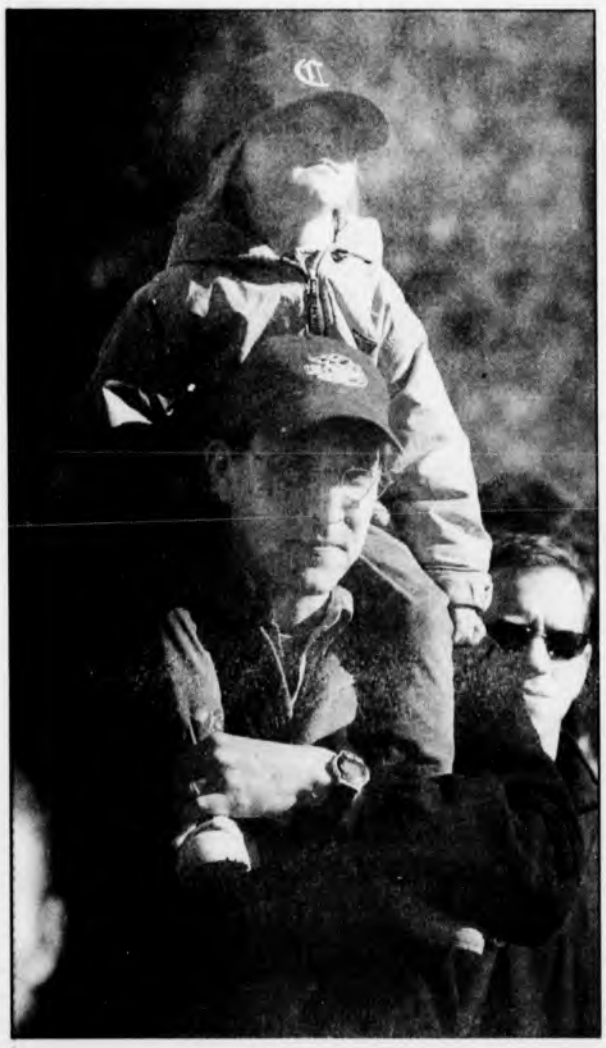
Above: Going left to right, Jordan Berry (11), Will Harper (12), Caroline Evans (7), Neil Durham (80) and Andrew Barrett helped carry the Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball banner at the front of Saturday's Opening Day parade.

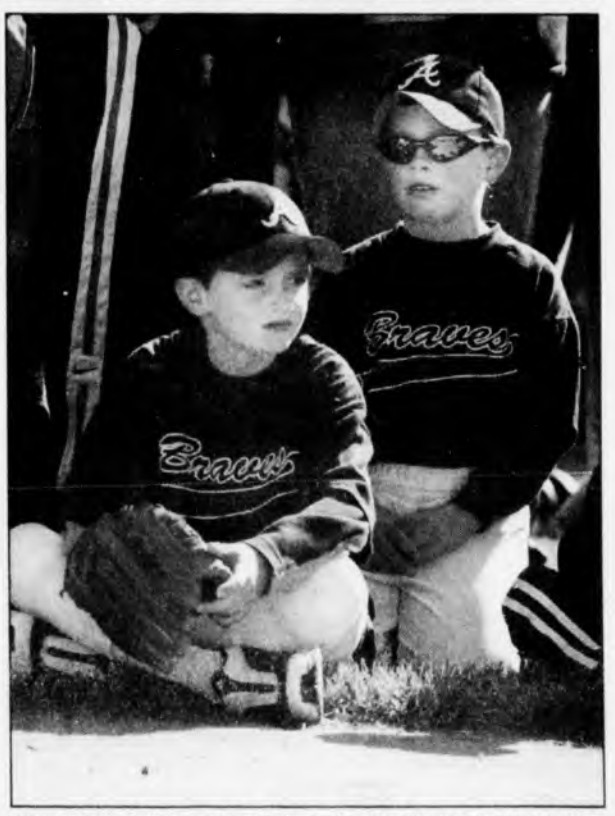
At left: Brian Hill (right) retrieves a bat for his older brother Michael, who was unable to attend Opening Day ceremonies. A bat was given to all of the members of the 12-year old District champion travel team.

Below: The Devil Rays, the Major League softball champs last year, proudly show off their trophies.

Above: Members of the Deer Hill Band limber up their lips prior to performing as part of Saturday's festivities.

At right: Donny Sylvia (right) gets a big hug from Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball President Mike Kearney after winning the Leo J. Fiori Award in honor of all the work and sacrifices he's made over the years for the CYBSL.





Above: Colin Bell, 8, and Eric Troupe, 7, of the Braves, wait patiently for the parade to get underway.

At left: Bob Hedlund showed good form in throwing out the ceremonial first pitch to start the softball season.

Far left: Maggie Astley, 3, had a bird's eye view of Saturday's parade thanks to her dad, Andrew.

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Above: Nancy Whelan greets visitors Sheila Wynne and Carol Hoyle to the Forest Avenue home featured on the tour.

At left: Diane Kennedy plays the piano for visitors at the King Street stop on the annual Kitchen Tour last Friday.

At right: Visitors to Foxmeadows on King Street admire the English gardens during the 2003 Kitchen Tour that benefits programs at the South Shore Community Center.

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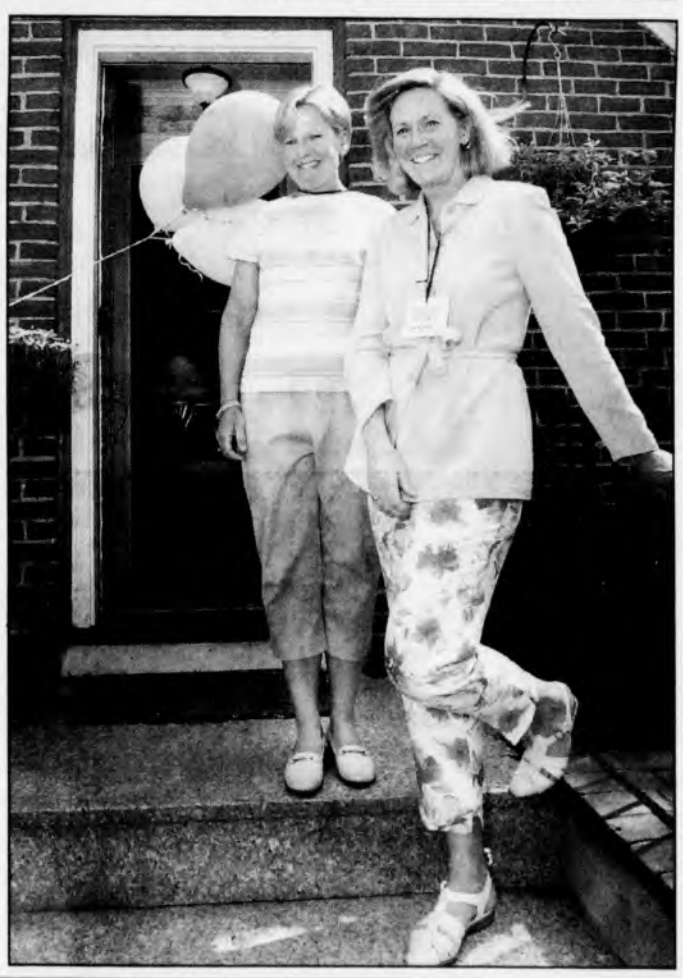
Above: Community center volunteers Susan Galligan and Sandy Crough inside the fabulous kitchen at the home on Summer Street – which was one of several Cohasset houses featured in this year's tour.



At right: Kitchen Tour volunteers Carol Davis and Lorraine Taupey at the home on Summer Street.

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Many plants will be divisions of specimens grown in the Abbey gardens. Seedlings-to-mature plants will be available to tempt local gardeners who join us at our 10th plant sale.

Proceeds are donated to the Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey and are used to continue the beautification of the Abbey grounds. Please join us for some great plant bargains.

For information about this event, call the Plant Sale Committee through the Abbey at 781-749-2155.

Enjoy folk music at coffeehouse

Bill Staines returns to the Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the Square Saturday, May 17, at 8 p.m. Preceding him is Mark Purcell.

Purcell captivates with expressive guitar and harmonica playing, full-bodied songs, and warm, easy interaction with the audience. He has developed a style that is simple, direct, intrinsically American, yet universal. If you do not make his regular Wednesday night gig at the Snug in Hingham Square, this is your chance.

Staines, returns with his slices of Americana delivered with his rich, supple baritone, low-key humor, and gentle charm. The Lexington-born New Hampshire resident is known for cowboy songs and an occasional yodel, but he goes far beyond that. In a given concert his "honey-mellow" voice and effortless guitar playing give traditional ballads, romantic songs like his signature "Roseville Fair," and Gordon Lightfoot's "Early Morning Rain."

The coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Church's fully accessible Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham Square, and a few doors up from the Loring Hall Theatre. Events begin with an open mic, allowing singers, dancers, poets, mimes, jugglers, storytellers . . . to be seen and heard by our attentive audience.

Tickets are $10 at the door and coffee, tea, cider, and homemade desserts are 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit programs of the Unitarian/Universalist Service Committee.

Local saxophonist in concert May 18

South Shore Conservatory presents saxophonist Earl Harmon in concert on Sunday, May 18, 4:30 p.m. in Cox Hall, One Conservatory Drive in Hingham.

Alternating between alto and soprano saxophones, Harmon's program features the music of Paul Creston, Halsey Stevens, Ravel and Faure. Pianist Steven G. Young, Chairperson of the Bridgewater State College Music Department, and pianist James Hays will accompany for the performance.

A Hingham resident, Harmon has performed with the Plymouth Philharmonic, Brockton Symphony, Hingham Symphony Orchestra, Metropolitan Wind Symphony, South Shore Wind Symphony Orchestras, and the Company Theatre Pit Orchestra.

Harmon has taught for South Shore Conservatory for 15 years, and coached for the Conservatory's renowned Summer Wind Ensemble program for 10 years. He holds bachelor of music education and bachelor of music degrees from New England Conservatory. Since graduation, Harmon has taught for 20 years in Newton, Scituate, Hingham, and Weymouth school systems. He has directed concert bands, marching bands and jazz ensembles, and has taught woodwind, brass, and percussion.

Admission to the May 18 concert is free. For more information, please call 781-749-7565, ext. 16. For directions to South Shore Conservatory, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

Informational meeting on Diversity Committee

Cohasset PSO Diversity Committee is hosting an informational meeting, coffee and desserts, at the Paul Pratt Library, Monday, May 12, from 7-8 p.m.. The Cohasset community is welcome! Contacts: K. Earle, 383-9937 or Allison Moskow at Allisonmoskow@hotmail.com.

Poison ivy lady talks at Kennedy's

Heidi Ratner-Connolly, "Poison Ivy Lady of the South Shore," will be at Kennedy's Garden Center on May 17. Author of the best-seller, "Poison Ivy, Pets & People," Ratner-Connolly is one of Kennedy's Weekend Garden Lecture Series. After the lecture, she will be available for book signing, and to answer any and all questions. Register in advance for the 9:30 a.m. lecture ($5), or stop by for a chat after 10:30 a.m. Call 781-545-1266 for more information.

HSO Pops! for Mother's Day

Hingham Symphony Orchestras wraps up a successful season with two fun, festive Pops! concerts on Mother's Day weekend. Award-winning conductor Jin Kim leads the acclaimed, professional HSO in a variety of works inspired by romance and motherhood Gershwin's Catfish Row, the symphonic suite from Porgy & Bess, Ravel's Le jardin feerique from the Mother Goose Suite, Smetana's Overture to The Bartered Bride, and Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Overture.

In addition to lively music, the evening features a selection of wines, champagne, cheeses and desserts, table seating with your own group or with new friends, and several special prizes to be auctioned by silent, sealed bid, as a benefit for the HSO. As has become tradition, one lucky winner of an on-the-spot live auction will receive brief conducting lessons from Jin, before leading the orchestra in the thrilling finale, Stars and Stripes Forever.

The concerts will be held on Saturday, May 10 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 11 at 4 p.m. in the Temple Sha-Aray Shalom auditorium, 1112 Main St., Hingham. Tickets are $25 adults, $20 seniors, $10 through age 18. Call 781-740-5694 for availability for Saturday night. Tickets to Sunday's concert will be available at the door, or call to reserve. This popular concert is a great way to celebrate romance, motherhood, and music!

A night at the Pops

You don't need to travel into Boston to have a night at the "POPS" Cohasset High School music students will be performing cabaret style in the cafeteria on the evening of Tuesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for a night of music, singing and dancing. This is a popular annual fundraising event sponsored by the CHS Arts Boosters. There will be a $5 admission at the door. For further information call 383-6113.

SSL annual meeting

The Social Service League of Cohasset announces its annual meeting and coffee Tuesday, May 20, at 9:30 a.m. at Walton Rogers' Hall, St. Stephen Church, Highland Avenue.

Cabaret music

"Crossroads," a South Shore cabaret music ensemble, presents "A Measured Passage: Arrangements and Original Music" by Weymouth musician, Rich Jensen. The Crossroads ensemble performance will be held at the South Shore Art Center at 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset on Friday, May 16 at 8 p.m. The concert features a variety of vocal arrangements for six voices ranging from old standards to new music set to the poetry of Robert Frost and Shakespeare.

Tickets at the door are $5. For more information, call 781-331-9545.

'Sound of Music' on stage in May

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "The Sound Of Music" at the Cohasset Town Hall. Remaining show dates are: May 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 7:30 p.m. and May 11, & 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and are available at Buttonwood Books and Spring Brook Kids in Cohasset, Front Street Book Store in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304. Girl Scout Troops receive a $2 discount on advanced purchase tickets. Contact Barbara Baumgarten for details at 781-383-1834. Call 781-544-0304 to reserve tickets.

Alzheimer's benefit brunch at Saporito's

"A Taste of Spring: A Wine Tasting Brunch," is the 11th annual fund-raising event for the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. The festivities will take place at Saporito's Florence Club Café in Hull on Sunday, May 18 at 1 p.m.

The event includes a five-course gourmet menu. Each course is accompanied by a wine selected by Mark Lewis of M.S. Walker Company who will explain the fine art of blending foods and wines. The Joe Micarelli Trio will provide a jazz accompaniment to the food and wine. Again, Andy and Mary Ann Saporito Boothroyd have selected from their culinary favorites to present an exciting menu. Lucky winners will be chosen for baskets of gourmet foods and wines gathered for the occasion.

All proceeds from this event underwrite ADSGSS activities: it's monthly newsletter, outreach brochures, postage, family information packets and the help-line phone. ADSGSS, Inc. is a non-profit educational corporation that depends solely on public donations.

Reservations for this event, that benefits this meaningful cause must be made in advance. Tables may be arranged to accommodate four, five or eight people together at $65 per person. Please call JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417, evenings, for reservations.

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GOOD LISTENER

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Elizabeth Haggerty listens to her classmates perform a poem during a recent intergenerational program at the Senior Center. The students wore costumes and brought props along for their performances.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Menu Cohasset Elementary Schools

MONDAY, MAY 12

Breakfast for Lunch: French toast with maple syrup, ham slice, potato puffs, raisins.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

Fried chicken *or* a turkey & cheese sub; mashed potato, carrots, fruit.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Pasta with meat sauce, bread stick *or* a tuna pocket; veggie sticks, applesauce.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

BBQ riblet on a bun *or* a chicken salad sandwich; veggie rice, fruit.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni *or* a Greek salad with pita bread; carrots, Jello.

Gala art opening tonight at Deer Hill

Deer Hill School at 206 Sohier St. will host a Gala Art Opening, tonight, Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m. This art show titled, "Favorites 2003" represents the artwork of all Deer Hill Art Students. Each student has chosen his/her favorite artwork of the year to be included in this exhibit. There will be refreshments and music. Everyone's invited and admission is free.

In addition to this year's annual art show, Deer Hill will be celebrating the grand unveiling of a permanent clay installation created by Deer Hill sixth-grade students. For more information, please call 781-383-6115.

Faber in Wash., D.C.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi briefed high school leaders about federal agency responsibilities at a Presidential Classroom Scholars seminar on March 3.

Scott Faber, a student at Cohasset High School in Cohasset was one of 250 other high school juniors and seniors that took part in the weeklong conference from March 1 to 8. The students, from 35 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Canada, spent the week discussing key political issues and observing the political process at work o Capitol Hill.

The week also featured seminars by the Honorable Charles Louis Kincannon, director of the U.S. Bureau of the Census and General Robert Foglesong, vice chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force. Highlights of the week. included appointments with members of Congress, a mock presidential election and a performance by the political satire troupe, the Capitol Steps.

For more information, contact Presidential Classroom at 119 Oronoco St., Alexandria, Va 22314, 1-800-4416533 or visit presidential Classroom's web site at www.presidentialclassroom.org.

Car wash for baseball team

The Cohasset High School Diamond Club will sponsor a car wash on Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. on, at George Roukounakis' Olympic Citco Station, weather permitting. The baseball team is raising money to pay for field improvements, equipment, and snacks for long distance travel games as well as awards and a game program. Anyone interested in purchasing bumper stickers for your athlete may call 383-9131.

Parent forum on grade realignment

Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey and the School Committee will conduct an open forum to discuss the third grade move to the Deer Hill and the sixth grade move to the Middle School on Thursday May 22 at 7 p.m. in the Deer Hill Cafeteria. Parents and interested citizens are invited to attend.

Post prom reminder

The 2003 Post Prom Committee would like to thank local businesses, residents and parents for being so generous and responsive to requests for help in order to create a safe, fun-filled evening for our seniors. The committee would like to remind parents to drop off posters and prizes for this special event to Selma Ingber at 5 Woodland Dr. Anyone interested in buying Cohasset Skipper note cards and/or graduation invitations may call 383-1763.

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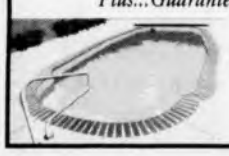

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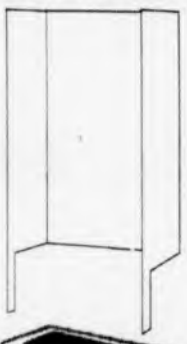

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OBITUARIES

John H. Winters

John H. Winters III, 60, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, died May 6, 2003, at his home following a brief illness.

Born in Providence, R.I., Mr. Winters was raised and educated in the Cohasset school system and was a graduate of the Maine Maritime Academy. He then served for three tours of duty with the Merchant Marine during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Winters was a marine engineer by profession and following his war service was a First Engineer with Grace Lines of New York. For the past nine years he served as Harbormaster for the town of Cohasset, a position he held at the time of his death.

He was a member of the Hancock Masonic Lodge of Castine, Maine.

He leaves his wife, Joanne (Magner) Winter, and two daughters, Ruth Marine Winters and Nancy Elizabeth Winters, all of Cohasset; a sister, Martha W. Powell, and her husband, Allyn H. Powell, of New Canaan, Conn.; a niece, Susan W. Pollio of Darien, Conn.; a nephew, Jay Powell of Fairfield, Conn.; and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Memorial Service will be conducted Wednesday, May 14, at 11 a.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

Visiting hours and flowers are omitted by request. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts General Hospital Development Office, 100 Charles River Plaza, Suite 600, Boston, 02114; or to the John H. Winters III Scholarship Fund, c/o Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, 48 South Main St., Cohasset, 02025.

The interment is to be private.

Arrangements are by the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel in Hingham.

Etta L. Lincoln

Etta Lillian (Stoddard) Lincoln, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, died Feb. 8, 2003, at the Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home following a brief illness. Mrs. Lincoln was 87.

Born in Cohasset, Mrs. Lincoln attended area schools.

She was a deaconess and lifelong member of the Beechwood Congregational Church in Cohasset.

Mrs. Lincoln was a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary in Cohasset, past president of the 60-Plus Club, member of the Harborview Tenants Association for the Housing for the Elderly, the Cohasset Strutters Walking Group and longtime volunteer of various organizations in Cohasset.

She enjoyed quilting, reading, walking and singing in her church choir.

Wife of the late Lawrence F. Lincoln Sr., she leaves a son, Lawrence F. Lincoln Jr. of Cohasset; three daughters, Priscilla Trush of Seattle, Wash., Martha Lincoln of Franklinville, N.J. and Elizabeth Lincoln of Vineland, N.J.; two brothers, Sheldon Stoddard and David Stoddard; three sisters, Nellie Lincoln, Olive Morris and Hannah Sawyers; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was sister of the late Charles Stoddard, Elmer Stoddard and Mildred Salyards.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., Cohasset.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Beechwood Congregational Church.

Laura E. Connor

Laura Elizabeth (Roy) Connor of Annapolis, Md., a former resident of Cohasset for 44 years, died May 3, 2003, at the Ginger Cove Hospital in Annapolis following a brief illness.

Born in Somerville, Mrs. Connor was raised in Nova Scotia and Boston.

While living in Cohasset, she was a member of St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church, where she was active in the choir as well as the Ladies Sodality. She also gave generously of her time to the Girl Scouts and in her later years participated in the Senior Olympics, winning a gold medal in her event.

A graduate of UMass Boston with a major in business administration, Mrs. Connor worked for more than 20 years in the Government Real Estate Properties Division.

Wife of the late Charles F. Connor, she leaves two daughters, Mary Dobbs of Glastonbury, Conn. and Deborah Vitins of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; two sons, Charles Connor of Bradford and Edward Roy Connor of Severn, Md.; two sisters, Beatrice Hosford of Connecticut and Ann Lovell of Maine; and eight grandchildren. She was sister of the late John Roy.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, May 8, at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony Church, Summer St., Cohasset. Interment will be in Milton Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

James E. Hoban

James E. Hoban Jr., 71, of Brockton, a retired plant engineer, U.S. Army Veteran and amateur genealogist died, Friday, May 2, 2003 at the New England Sinai Hospital in Stoughton after a long struggle with leukemia.

Born June 2,1931 in Weymouth, he was the son of the late James F. and Zelma (Beals) Hoban. He attended Weymouth and Braintree public schools, and graduated from Weymouth Vocational Technical High School with a specialty in auto mechanics.

Mr. Hoban was drafted into the Army in 1951, underwent basic training in Fort Dix, New Jersey, and then shipped out to Korea where he was attached to the U.S. Air Force's 802nd Engineer Aviation Battalion as a radio operator. He saw action during several engagements in Korea, and attained the rank of corporal before being honorably discharged from the service in 1953.

Returning to Braintree, he opened Slim's Shop, his own auto-repair garage, and then went to work as a fireman on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad's Old Colony Division. In 1959, he joined Hermetite Corporation, a maker of glass-to-metal seals, as a draftsman. After the company's move from Boston to Avon, he became the firm's plant engineer, a position he retained until his retirement in 1995.

Mr. Hoban threw himself into a succession of hobbies throughout his life. He raced stock cars as a young man at Norwood Arena, built and flew radio-controlled model airplanes for many years, and ultimately trained himself as an amateur genealogist, an interest he pursued vigorously for the last two decades of his life.

He was a former trustee and treasurer of the Dyer Memorial Library in Abington; a past president and member of the Plymouth County Genealogists; a member of the South Shore and Cape Cod genealogists; a member of the New England Genealogists and Historical Society; a member of the Scituate, Norwell, Hanover, Braintree and Bridgewater historical societies; a life member, past president and genealogist of the Stetson Kindred of America; a former member of the Avon Rod and Gun Club; a member of various model airplane clubs; a life member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

He leaves no immediate survivors.

A funeral mass was held on Tuesday at Holy Family Church in Rockland. Internment was at Holy Family Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Dyer Memorial Library, 28 Centre Ave., P.O. Box 2245, Abington, MA 02351.

Robert W. Lewis

Robert W. Lewis, 49, of Cohasset, died suddenly on May 4, 2003.

Mr. Lewis was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. and moved to Hingham. He was a graduate of Hingham High School and Colgate University, he received his MBA from The Sloan School of Management, at M.T.T.

He was part owner and director of Cogentrix Energy Inc. and a trustee of Derby Academy, Hingham. His love of nature and sports was only surpassed by his love for his wife and daughters. He touched the life of so many.

Mr. Lewis leaves his wife, Kearin (Paredes) Lewis; two daughters, Katherine and Suzanne; his parents, George and Betty Lewis of Hingham and Charlotte, N.C., his wife's parents, John and Jill Paredes of Hingham; two brothers David and his wife, Mary, and James and his wife, Michelle, all of Charlotte, N.C.; two brothers-in-law, Kevin Paredes and his wife, Catherine, of Wappinger Falls, N.Y., Glennon Paredes and his wife, Barbara, of South Natick, Ma.; a niece and six nephews.

He was the brother-in-law of the late Gregory Paredes.

Interment was private. Friends and family are respectfully invited to attend a memorial service in St. Anthony's Church, Summer St., Cohasset, Ma. Friday, May 9, at 12:30 p.m. A reception immediately following the Mass in St. Anthony's Parish Center.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, One Summer St., Cohasset, Ma. 02025.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the C.Y.B.S.A.,(Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association, P.O. Box 121, Cohasset, MA 02025.

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The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 26

6:20 a.m. HQ, assist other agency.

6:54 a.m. North Main St., larceny.

1:43 p.m. Sohier St., family disturbance.

4:29 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire investigation.

4:32 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

4:44 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:56 p.m. Elm St., registration inquiry.

10:01 p.m. Nantasket Ave., motor vehicle accident.

10:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

12:23 a.m. Hillside Drive, abandoned 911 call.

12:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.

12:55 a.m. South Main St., general services.

1:31 a.m. Rustic Drive, medical aid, transported to hospital.

10:29 p.m. Mill Lane, medical aid, transported to hospital.

10:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

12:47 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

1:05 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle accident, investigated.

2:25 p.m. Norfolk Road, parking complaint.

4:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

4:37 p.m. Pleasant St., larceny.

5:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:38 p.m. Border St., wires down.

5:55 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:01 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:23 p.m. North Main St. and Red Gate Lane, parking complaint, ticket issued.

9:21 p.m. Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:46 p.m. Sanctuary Pond Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:11 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

9:21 a.m. Hobart Lane, fire inspections.

9:27 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:43 a.m. King St., fire investigation.

10:43 a.m. Elm St., violation restraining order.

10:49 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.

12:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny.

12:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny. Arrest: Scott A. Driscoll, 37, 199 Manley St., Brockton. Chrgs. Larceny from building, larceny over $250, receive stolen property $250, larceny under $250, larceny under $250.

12:19 p.m. King St., larceny.

12:31 p.m. Lamberts Lane, outside fire.

12:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny.

4:25 p.m. Beechwood St., officer wanted.

6:34 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire investigation.

7:17 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious.

8:16 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and White Head Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:41 p.m. Headquarters, investigation.

9:21 p.m. Ripley Road, animal control.

10:22 p.m. Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd. Arrest: Andrew R. Collins, 25, 62 Mountford Rd., Hull. Chrgs. OUI liquor, OUI liquor and serious injury and negligent, negligent operation of motor vehicle, speeding in violation special regulation.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

7:25 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:14 a.m. Elm St, power outage.

10:06 a.m. Smith Pl., and Ripley Road, parking complaint.

2:36 p.m. Forest Ave., traffic complaint.

5:16 p.m. King St., fire investigation.

6:36 p.m. King St., medical aid.

7:07 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:04 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.

8:26 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:33 p.m. Beechwood St. and Bound Brook Lane, fire investigation.

8:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire brush.

8:47 p.m. Main St. and Winter St., fire brush.

8:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, investigation.

9:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Rockwood Rd., assist other police department.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

7:17 a.m. Cushing Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:24 a.m. Surry Dr., animal control.

7:49 a.m. Surry Dr., animal control.

8:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, property found.

8:56 a.m. South Main St., and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:28 a.m. Beechwood St., and Doane, assist other agency.

10:20 a.m. Linden Dr., property damage.

10:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

12:04 p.m. Beechwood St., breaking and entering.

1:01 p.m. South Main St., investigation.

1:25 p.m. Kendall Village, investigation.

3:11 p.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., motor vehicle violations.

4:48 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, investigation.

5:48 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

10:52 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:16 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, medical aid.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

12:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

5:23 a.m. James Lane, medical aid.

11:06 a.m. Summer St., suspicious auto.

3:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

3:54 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

4:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

4:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:29 p.m. Parker Ave., suspicious.

7:01 p.m. Joy Place, wires down.

7:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop,

10:54 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist citizen.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

12:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person.

1:02 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.

2:34 a.m. Sohier St. Arrest: Andrew H. Smith, 20, 176 Hatherly Road, Scituate. Chrgs. possess Class D drug.

6:15 a.m. Hull St., 911 call.

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Twenty-three arrests in April

April was a very busy month for the Cohasset Police Department, Police Chief Robert Jackson said.

There were 23 arrests, eight for minor in possession of liquor, four for operating under the influence of liquor, two for operating with a suspended license, one for larceny of a motor vehicle, two for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, one for possession of a Class D substance, two for assault and battery, one for larceny, one for an outstanding warrant and one for protective custody.

During the month of April, the Police Department investigated nine motor vehicle accidents, five of which resulted in personal injury. There were 150 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $4,380 in fines. Additionally there were 71 parking tickets issued for $2,075 in fines.

Also in April the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,103 calls for police services, of those 116 were Emergency 911 calls, Jackson said.

In the month of April there was one breaking and entering of a residence. Additionally there were six criminal complaints issued for the month.

Finally in April the Cohasset Police Department sponsored the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council Recertification Program for State Firearms Instructors. Twenty officers from 12 surrounding towns attended this program. All of these officers qualified on side arms, shot guns and patrol rifles. James Ring, Massachusetts State Police Head Firearms Instructor, oversaw this course.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, May 19, 2003, at 7:00 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 4.2 & 6 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, the **Cohasset Historical Society,** seeks to relocate their headquarters to **106 South Main St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-04-28.

AD#216361
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ZBA/10 BEACH ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, May 19, 2003, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7a of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Hoyt Harper & Beth Eggenberger** seek to demolish and rebuild a nonconforming garage at **10 Beach St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-04-07.

AD#214356
Cohasset Mariner 5/1, 5/8/03

ZBA/11 RIVER RD.
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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, May 19, 2003, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.8 & 9.11 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Michael Westcott,** seeks to construct an addition in the Flood Plain at **11 River Road,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-04-15.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, May 19, 2003, at 7:00 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Diana & Mark Remlinger** seek to extend a nonconforming dwelling at **13 Norfolk Road** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-04-16.

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ZBA/28 OTIS AVE.
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, May 19, 2003, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 8.9 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Lisa J. Petrillo & Eric S. Kupperstein** seek to appeal the issuance of a building permit for **28 Otis Ave.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-04-28.

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Cohasset Police support 'Click It or Ticket Campaign'

Chief Robert W. Jackson announced the Cohasset Police Department will join more than 280 Massachusetts local police departments and the State Police in support of the May Mobilization of the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's Click It or Ticket Campaign from May 12 to June 1. The department has a $4000 grant to support its involvement in the campaign.

"We strongly urge those using Massachusetts roadways during the May 'Click It or Ticket Mobilization' to drive sober and well-rested, to obey posted speed limits, to allow extra travel time for emergencies, and to make sure everyone is properly buckled up," said Jackson. "People should know we are serious about saving lives by enforcing traffic laws, in particular those involving safety belts and child safety seats."

The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's "Click It or Ticket Campaign," made possible by a federal highway safety grant, combines traffic enforcement, paid and non-paid media messages as well as community education. During three holiday periods in 2002-2003 that the Click It or Ticket Campaign was in effect — Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's motor vehicle-related deaths were cut by more than 60 percent as compared to those same holiday periods in 2001-2002. For more information, go to www.mass.gov/ghsb.

There were seven fatalities from motor vehicle crashes during the three-day Memorial Day Holiday period in Massachusetts in 2002.

Jackson provided the following information on safety belts, booster seats and child safety seats:

· Safety belts reduce the risk of death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash by half. Yet a 2002 statewide survey conducted by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau found only 51 percent of front seat occupants wear safety belts in Massachusetts as compared to 75 percent belt use nationwide. The lowest usage rate was among teens at 50 percent.

"People should know we are serious about saving lives by enforcing traffic laws, in particular those involving safety belts and child safety seats."
— Police Chief Robert Jackson

· Massachusetts law requires all drivers and passengers to be properly restrained in a safety belt, booster seat or child safety seat. A driver may be stopped by police solely for having a child 12 years of age or younger improperly restrained ($25 fine per unbuckled occupant).

· Massachusetts law requires children under five and weighing 40 pounds or less to ride properly secured in a child safety seat. Children five and older and weighing over 40 pounds must wear a safety belt. For maximum safety, children 40 to 80 pounds should ride in a booster seat. Children over 80 pounds and taller than 4ft. 9 ins. are ready for an adult safety belt.

· Children 12 years of age and under, especially those riding in a rear-facing child safety seat, should always ride properly restrained in the back seat away from an air bag.

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6:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:12 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:32 a.m. Summer St., larceny.

7:45 a.m. Forest Ave., fire.

7:49 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.

9:19 a.m. Elm St., disturbance.

10:02 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

12:38 p.m. South Main St., traffic complaint.

2:50 p.m. King St., assist other agency.

3:25 p.m. Rose Hill Lane, suspicious auto.

3:38 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.

4:49 p.m. Bancroft Rd., parking complaint.

6:12 p.m. Elm St., registration inquiry.

6:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:09 p.m. North Main St., animal control.

7:16 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

7:29 p.m. Ripley Rd., family disturbance.

10 p.m. Elm St., property lost.

10:03 p.m. Beechwood St., parking complaint.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

12:40 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:51 p.m. Grace Dr., assist other police department.

8:11 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

8:26 p.m. North Main St., wires down.

8:41 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist citizen.

9:18 p.m. Beechwood St., and Mill Lane, officer wanted.

9:29 p.m. Massasoit Ave., missing person.

10:28 p.m. Border St., wires down.

11:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

11:19 p.m. Headquarters, motor vehicle stop,

11:29 p.m. Ripley Road, general services.

1:38 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

5:21 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:38 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:51 p.m. King St., disturbance, traffic citation issued.

10:50 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

11:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Crocker Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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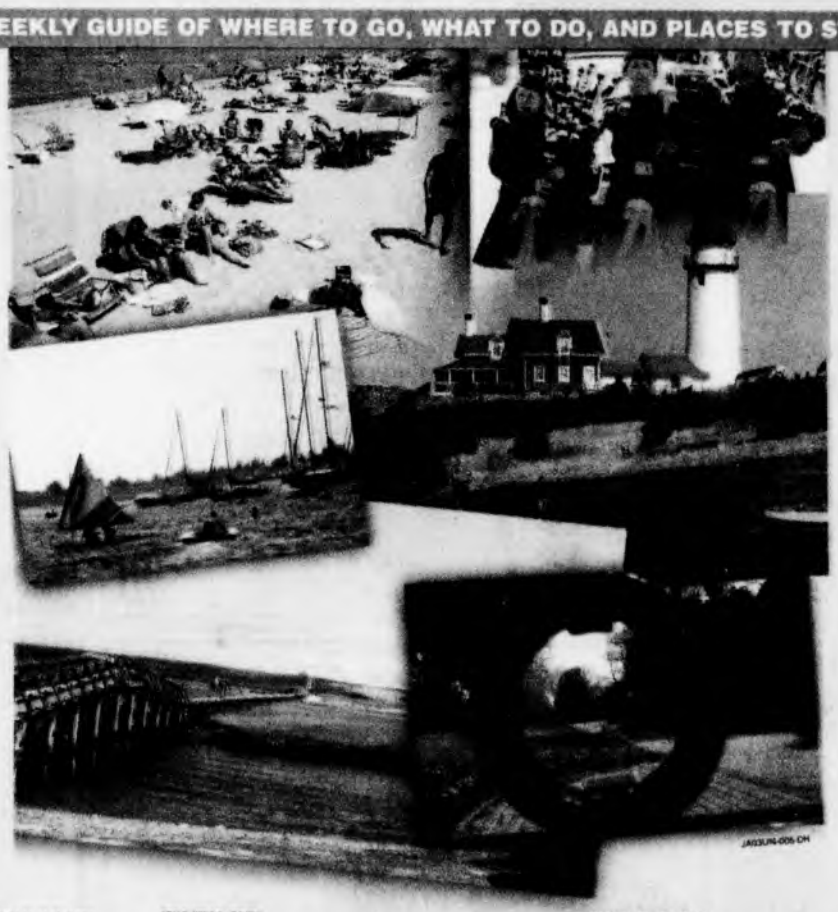

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Funky junk

What's old is new in NRAS exhibit 'Truth and Circumstance'

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

One person's trash is another person's treasure.

Or so goes the slogan that's been adopted as much of the motive behind the three-dimensional, mixed media sculpture genre of modern art.

"Truth and Circumstance" is an exhibition showcasing the genre by artist and North River Arts Society office manager Laura Harvey, on view in the front room gallery at NRAS G.A.R. Hall headquarters in Marshfield through Sunday (May 11). The show attempts to take the slogan a few steps beyond, combining inventive energy and resources to make it seem as cliched and understated as the generic title mixed media.

Overall, "Truth and Circumstance" succeeds and impresses. Harvey's assemblages of such discarded and found items as wooden cigar boxes, old windows and slabs of textured board contain detailed decor comprised of other, smaller trivial articles like S&H Green Stamps, squashed bottle caps and bent nails, forming whole compositions that visually become greater than the sum of their parts, sometimes even turning the ridiculous into the sublime.

"I begin each piece differently, sometimes starting with a title and then working the art around that — or I might go with a particular theme," said Harvey in her artist's statement for the show. "Sometimes I simply gather a bunch of treasured junk together and then tie it together with other treasured junk. In most cases, the work ends up straying from my original idea, but so far, I've been happy with the results!"

"Most of my pieces incorporate a number of found objects with paint and other media. I am constantly experimenting with new adhesives, texturizing mediums, such as paste wax, sand, fabric and even sawdust," Harvey said.

"Truth and Circumstance" is titled after a weekly humor column that Harvey wrote for the Marshfield Mariner for five

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NRAS office manager and artist Laura Harvey stands along side one of her works — a compilation of games including dominoes and a Ouija board called "Untitled (Too Mysterious)."

(Left) The colorful collage "Fiddle Sticks" is the first to greets visitors to Harvey's mixed media exhibit in the front room gallery of the NRAS Gallery in the GAR Hall.

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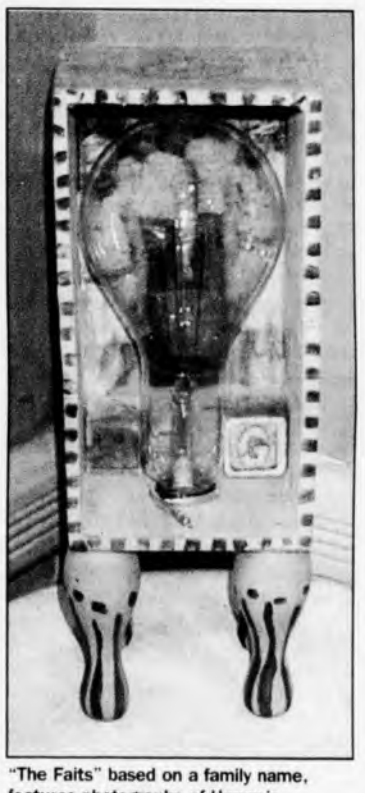
"Little Liv" is an artistic tribute to Harvey's daughter, Olivia.



"The Faits" based on a family name, features photographs of Harvey's grandparents, her father and her uncle behind the light bulb.

A voice from the past

Family helping former musician Tony Scheuren find fame posthumously

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

They're known as recording studio auteurs, a certain breed of usually rock or pop musician who endeavors to become a multi-functional, one-man production team in any given recording project, often playing all instruments and performing all vocals as well as handling all writing, composing, production and mixing work themselves in home-built studios.

Some of the more famous of these characters include Brian Wilson, Todd Rundgren, Stevie Wonder and Lindsay Buckingham along with a growing number of self-styled studio hermits of the current generation such as Moby.

On a more obscure level, another such independent home-studio wizard resided in Hingham until a decade ago. Tony Scheuren, a former music/show-biz professional, spent most of his free hours when not supporting himself at various occupations as a carpenter, lobsterman, freelance videographer — tucked away in his own self-built studio at his house overlooking the waterfront in Hingham's Crow Point, where he created a virtual musical universe. Scheuren produced over some fifteen years boxloads of home-made tapes of original music all self-performed on vocals, guitars, keyboards, bass and drums. Most of it was in a reflective, folk and jazz-influenced singer/songwriter style comparable to James Taylor, Micheal McDonald and younger such artists as David Gray.

Through his family's efforts, Tony Scheuren may find his place as another fabled musical archetype, the creative artist more recognized in death than in life.

Scheuren died of alcoholism at age 45 in 1993. Recently, the late singer/musician's sister, Margot Scheuren, and her husband, Ron Martinez, both of Mansfield, have launched a long-term series of projects dedicated to keeping her brother's music and memory alive through their Web sites at whamrecords.com and beaconagency.com. The first of these, a Tony Scheuren CD titled "Gaining On You," has just gained national distribution and is currently available at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com with shipping for online and storefront retail set for May 6.

Through his family's efforts, Tony Scheuren may find his place as another fabled musical archetype, the creative artist more recognized in death than in life.

"When Tony passed away, he left behind a trunk filled with lyrics to more than 140 songs and boxes with nearly 200 reel-to-reel tapes here in the basement," said Margot Scheuren from her brother's old Hingham house which still contains remnants of his home-studio, tapes, notes and equipment. "These tapes contain more than 50 songs that Tony wrote, arranged and home recorded on multi-track. There's easily enough material here for two or three more CDs, at least 36 more songs that can be mastered,

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Ten years after his death, musician and producer Tony Scheuren of Hingham is finding fame and new fans thanks to the efforts of his family.

Great Dayne

Pop singer makes Plymouth tour stop

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Taylor Dayne burst on to the pop music scene 15 years ago with her debut album, "Tell It To My Heart," which produced four top ten singles including the title song. On the strength of mega-hits like "Prove Your Love" and "Don't Rush Me," as well as the number one smash "Love Will Lead You Back" from her follow-up album, "Can't Fight Fate," the songstress quickly earned icon status with often fickle dance-pop fans.

Taylor Dayne plays Plymouth Memorial Hall May 17.

It was a combination of support from those loyal fans and Dayne's own powerhouse voice that helped propel her from hit record-maker to successful concert performer, a talent she'll demonstrate on May 17 at Plymouth Memorial Hall.

"After my first two albums and all the hit records, I was a big pop star," Dayne, 41, explained by telephone last week. "Now, I'm sticking around as a working artist."

And work Dayne has, with three more albums, sold out world-wide concert tours, acting roles in feature films and television, and nine months on Broadway in the Elton John and Tim Rice musical, "Aida."

"I've toured since the very beginning of my career," Dayne points out. "Being on the road has its downside, but I know I can always trust my instincts as a singer. Acting is a whole other story. It takes a lot of courage and is a lot of work, but I really enjoy it."

Dayne appeared with Warren Beatty and Annette Bening in the 1994 feature, "Love Affair," and in the 1997 releases "Fools Paradise" and "Stag." She will also be seen in the upcoming release, "Joshua Tree." Two years ago, she got to combine her skills as a singer and actress when she made her

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Living

Vanilla ice cream toppings II

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

A few months ago, I offered a few simple homemade toppings for vanilla ice cream including chocolate, caramel and raspberry sauces. The response was so strong that I now offer another group of sauces: butterscotch, a Bananas Foster topping, and a simple combination of sugar and liqueur for strawberries.

Butterscotch Sauce

Butterscotch is a tricky business. The flavor one usually associates with butterscotch is from candies or puddings that are artificially flavored. The basic ingredients are brown sugar, butter, cream, rum or scotch, and perhaps vanilla, an ingredient I have often used to boost the taste of butterscotch. My initial recipe testing proved a few things. One, the rum or scotch is essential for true flavor; two, a pinch of salt helps to boost flavor and three, making a caramelized sugar syrup (the process used to make caramel) is unnecessary. So I began with a cup of light brown sugar, a stick of butter, a half-cup of heavy cream, and a pinch of salt.

My first test revealed that dark brown sugar was a no-go: it has too much molasses and creates a bitter flavor. Light brown sugar was the winner. (Regular white sugar had too little flavor.) A full stick of butter was too much of a good thing so I reduced it to 6 tablespoons and the half-cup of cream was just fine. A tablespoon of scotch was helpful for depth and warmth, although kids may object to it. (This is an adults-only recipe if you leave it in.) Vanilla turned out to be unnecessary. As for process, I liked the sauce best if the butter and sugar were melted until smooth and then the cream was added followed by the scotch (which is added off the heat). If the cream was cooked with the other ingredients the sauce wasn't as smooth, shiny or rich.

BUTTERSCOTCH SAUCE

Leftover sauce may be stored in the refrigerator for several days. To reheat, place over very low heat, stirring often, until warm. Omit the scotch if serving this sauce to children.

1 cup light brown sugar
6 tablespoons unsalted butter
Big pinch of salt
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon scotch, rum or bourbon

Place the sugar and butter in a small saucepan over medium-low heat. Cook, stirring often, until the mixture is thick, shiny, and smooth, about 3 to 4 minutes. The sugar will look grainy at first but it will smooth out. Add the salt and cream and stir until well combined and the sauce is even glossier. Off heat, add the scotch. Cool until warm and serve over vanilla ice cream.

Makes 2 cups

BANANAS FOSTER

Bananas Foster is simple enough, just bananas sautéed in butter, sugar, and rum with perhaps a pinch of cinnamon. Instead of the usual long lengths used in the recipe I went with 1/2-inch slices. For me, the bite-sized banana coins are easier to work with.

I decided on three bananas, which is enough to top at least four bowls of ice cream and cover the bottom of a 10-inch skillet. For the right balance of butter and sugar I ended up using equal amounts of both. I tried white, light brown and dark brown sugar and definitely preferred light brown for its subtle molasses flavor. I tested other sweeteners including maple syrup (good but the dish reminded me of French toast) and honey (a poor marriage with the rum). So for three bananas I used 3 tablespoons each butter and brown sugar. I wanted a nice bit of rum, and found 2 tablespoons gave lots of flavor. (I find dark rum — specifically Myers — works best in desserts.) These three ingredients cook up into a thick syrup in no time. Instead of sautéing the bananas first, as many recipes do, I added them at the end for a minute or so. The slices warm and soften slightly in very short time. I did add a pinch of cinnamon, which perfumes the sauce nicely. Other ingredients such as orange juice, orange liqueur, nutmeg, cloves, allspice, wine, chocolate, coffee and coffee liqueur were all tried and rejected.

BANANAS FOSTER TOPPING

Unripe bananas produce a horrid topping but do make sure that they are firm.

3 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 tablespoons light brown sugar
2 tablespoons dark rum, Myers preferred
Pinch of cinnamon
3 firm but ripe bananas cut into 1/2-inch thick coins

Place the butter and sugar in a 10- or 12-inch heavy-duty skillet over medium heat. Cook until the butter and sugar are melted, stirring to combine, about 2 minutes. Add the rum and cinnamon and cook until the liquid is thick and shiny, 1 to 2 minutes more. Add the banana slices and cook until warm and slightly softened, turning once with a large spatula, about 90 seconds more. Serve immediately over vanilla ice cream.

Makes 4 generous servings.

FRESH STRAWBERRIES IN A QUICK SAUCE

This "sauce" can be made a day ahead of time.

1 quart strawberries wiped clean with a damp paper towel
1/3 cup sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons orange liqueur such as Cointreau or Gran Marnier

Halve or quarter the berries into bite-sized pieces. Place 1 1/4 cups berry pieces in the bowl of a food processor along with the sugar and liqueur. Puree until smooth. Pour over remaining strawberries and refrigerate for 1/2 hour to overnight. Serve spooned over ice cream.

Makes about 2 1/2 cups or enough for 5 to 6 generous servings.

Funky junk

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years during the 1990s. Currently, the artist also paints furniture for children, which is available for sale in local shops as well as on view at galleries in Brookline, Cambridge and Chatham.

Humor, of a distinctly ironic and offbeat sort, certainly figures in Harvey's artwork also. Titles such as "Snap! It Stays," "Pick One for Fun" and "Hammerhead Snarks" give an indication of the artist's mirthful muse, as do such left-field concepts as the juxtaposed faded Butterfinger wrapper and wooden shoe of "Butterfingers and Twinkletoes," the plastic ducks and wooden letter blocks of "Rhymes with Luck" and the driftwood/tree trunk framing a TV screen of "KnotHead (Premier Episode)," which portrays a fantasy soap opera for elves.

The various collages give viewers a feast of images from familiar childhood toys and various tools of adult trades (dominoes are a frequently recurring items among the pieces) to a Ouija board, old comic book clippings and old black-and-white photos of subjects from Harvey's grand-relatives to digitally altered celebrities (such as Marilyn Monroe in one piece). Together, they offer an artistic, even poignant, reminder that any of thousands of odd and trivial items seen and experienced through modern life may be discarded at some point, but their visual images are never really forgotten.

"I create my art inside wooden cigar boxes, on textured board, on old windows, even on sections of old fence. The base of each piece is where it starts," she said. "Background textures are built up, tinted with paint or wax, and then I begin adding other elements — the found objects, the bits of paper and lace, items that work together — with or without any special meaning — to bring the entire piece together."

Harvey's exhibit "Truth and Circumstance" can be viewed at the NRAS gallery inside the GAR Hall on Old Main Street in Marshfield Hills through Sunday, May 11. For more information call the NRAS at 837-8091.

A voice from the past

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which we have planned for release in the future."

"Many people from around the country have already purchased copies of the first CD or expressed interest in it through our Web sites, and it's been very heartening with the responses we've had from many of them. People have e-mailed or called to tell us that they've been really touched by Tony's music. We felt from the beginning when we undertook this project that Tony's music had a certain inviting and sometimes spiritual quality that could connect with people," Scheuren said.

As a former music-biz pro, Tony Scheuren's name and work is familiar to more than a few rock and hip-culture fans of the 1960s and 70s. Particularly in the Boston area, where in the 60s Scheuren was a member of two of the city's hippie-era, psychedelic bands, Chamaeleon (sic) Church and Ultimate Spinach. These bands were both part of what was then known as The Bosstown Sound, which actually became a rather infamous marketing scam by MGM records that is much better detailed in print elsewhere. What the bands also had in common was future national celebrity members; Chamaeleon Church boasted none other than a pre-Saturday Night Live Chevy Chase on drums, while Ultimate Spinach more notably included on guitar Jeff "Skunk" Baxter, who moved on to guitar-hero fame with the Doobie Brothers, Steely Dan and as a session player in the 70s.

Scheuren kept in touch with Chase and in the early 70s rejoined him and the likes of John Belushi, Gilda Radner and Bill Murray in the crew of the then very irreverent and cutting edge National Lampoon off-Broadway stage shows and Radio Hour. Scheuren's specialty with Lampoon was song parodies of the era's rock and pop stars, such as his most noteworthy - hilarious, stinging send-ups of James Taylor ("Methodone Maintenance Man") and Neil Young ("Southern California Brings Me Down"). The infamous Taylor spoof is currently honored by being played daily on the Imus In the Morning show.

Margot Scheuren and her husband are looking into the prospects of reissuing her brother's 60s Boston band and 70s Lampoon recordings on CD for online and retail availability as well.

Said Scheuren, "Tony just had a natural ability as a musician. He began playing guitar and banjo early on and grew up on The Kingston Trio and Everly Brothers harmonies. And he had an amazing ability to just listen to those styles and immediately pick out the melodies and vocals and start playing and singing them. Later when he began listening to the Beatles, he could just walk right over to an instrument and start playing their songs. There was also a genuine warmth to him as a person that I think comes out on these tapes of his original songs, and it's our commitment to get them out into the market and heard by the public."

Flowering trees for the spring landscape

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

The long-anticipated signs of spring greet enthusiastic gardeners around every corner following a week of moderate warmth and brilliant sunshine. In only a matter of days, it seems as if every tree and shrub has suddenly exploded into bloom. Despite the chilly blasts of a seemingly endless winter season, this year's springtime floral display is truly breathtaking. Colorful splashes of sunny yellows, fiery oranges, luscious pinks, glistening white, and rosy purples have magically transformed our dormant landscapes into a momentary fairyland of unparalleled beauty.

There are so many magnificent, spring-blooming trees from which to choose, including cherries and plums, magnolias, pears, dogwoods, and crabapples to name only a few. Before making your selections, particularly of larger, more permanent woody plants, be sure to analyze your site and determine a suitable location for your acquisitions based on their soil and light requirements and their ultimate size. Small scale, ornamental trees are usually preferred for foundation plantings, gardens, or smaller properties. Larger trees tend to be better for open spaces where they can provide shade or screening.

Look for trees and shrubs that offer multiple seasons of interest. While the appearance of flowers seems to be the primary concern of most homeowners, most flowering trees and shrubs bloom for a very brief period, perhaps a week or two at most. Consider other attributes, as well, including attractive forms during the winter months, mottled or exfoliating bark, colorful fruit, handsome foliage throughout the season or fantastic fall color.

There are numerous early bloomers available that provide many of these desirable characteristics. The Magnolia family offers several handsome specimens of multi-stemmed trees with spectacular, lightly fragrant, spring blossoms, although the appearance of their voluptuous flowers often coincides with a hard frost which usually spoils their magnificent blooms. Grow in deep, moist, acid soils to which organic matter has been added. They perform best in sun but will tolerate partial shade. Large, fuzzy, silky-gray flower buds appear in late summer and are attractive throughout the winter months. Mature magnolias may reach a height of 30 feet with elegant forms and lovely pewter-gray, speckled bark.

Magnolia soulangeana, commonly known as the saucer magnolia, may have blossoms up to 10 inches across. These showy, rose-pink and cream-colored flowers are so stunning that you can forgive the unsightly display produced by the petals once they drop. The star magnolia, Magnolia stellata, with glistening white flowers, tends to bloom even earlier, and is more shrub-like in habit.

Numerous cultivars of magnolias have become readily available in recent years that provide even greater diversity in bloom color and extend the bloom season. Several hybrids such as M. loebneri 'Leonard Messel', M. 'Ricki' and M. 'Susan' produce lilac-colored blooms later in the spring season which often avoids the damage of late-season frosts. Additional varieties bear soft yellow blossoms including M. 'Elizabeth' and M. 'Goldfinch'.

Gorgeous displays of bright pink or white blossoms are provided by the diverse family of decorative spring bloomers which includes the cherries, plums, prunes, peaches and almonds, all members of the genus Prunus. Adaptable to most well-drained soils, they require full sun for optimal flowering, which tends to be extremely fleeting. Some may be short-lived but they are truly glorious in their prime. Members of this family are prone to borers, caterpillars and other insects and should be monitored regularly to maintain healthy specimens.

Weeping cherries are particularly popular despite their brief bloom period and are often used in foundation plantings, their pendulous form providing beauty in all seasons. The pale-pink to white flowers appear in profusion prior to the appearance of their leaves in early spring. The cultivar 'Snow Fountain' has become increasingly fashionable due to its compact habit and colorful fall foliage, making it an ideal specimen for smaller properties or foundation plantings. P. 'Hally Jolivette', which produces pale pink blossoms, is more shrub-like in habit but another good choice for smaller spaces. The purple-leafed plum displays white to pink-tinted flowers with contrasting handsome, dark foliage for a long season of colorful foliage.

Few trees rival the beauty of the early-blooming ornamental pears. Rapidly gaining in popularity in recent years for use as street trees in both urban and residential areas, these perfectly-formed trees produce magnificent clouds of pure white blossoms followed by deep green, glossy leaves which persist well into the fall, turning a rich, deep bronze. These handsome specimens are tolerant of drought, poor soils, and pollution and seldom require pruning. Grow in full sun for optimum flowering and leaf color. Mature specimens may reach a height of 30 feet, depending on the cultivar, making them rather large for many foundation plantings but handsome additions to the general landscape as a focal point or to line driveways or roadways. A street lined with flowering pears in full bloom is absolutely breathtaking.

The 'Bradford' pear (Pyrus calleryana) is one of the more popular cultivars but mature specimens are prone to damage during storms. More recent selections, such as P. calleryana 'Red Spire' and P. 'Aristocrat', are less susceptible to breakage and smaller in stature. Few species of trees offer as many positive attributes and low-maintenance as the ornamental pears.

Visit your local nurseries to view a wide array of beautiful specimen trees and consult their experts to determine the best selection for your own landscape.

Pop singer makes Plymouth tour stop

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Broadway debut as Princess Amneris in "Aida."

"It was great to be living and working full-time in New York," recalls the Long Island native. "Theater is tough, because you do eight shows a weeks, but when it's Elton John and Tim Rice you can't exactly say no. Your voice really builds up strength, too, because you're working and using it all the time."

Dayne's voice can not only be heard on her own albums, but also on several movie soundtracks including one new Disney release that may just introduce her to a whole new demographic.

"I did a cover of 'Supermodel' for the soundtrack of 'The Lizzie McGuire Movie,' which was a lot of fun."

Dayne is also working on her own new album.

"I'm just back from five months in Vienna where we recorded nine songs for my next album. It's got a lot of really strong ballads and music that people will recognize as mine," says the singer/songwriter. "We hope to have a single out later this summer, and the album should be released next year."

In the meantime, Dayne will happily keep busy with concerts.

"When I'm on-stage, the connection with the audience is indescribable. There is nothing quite like it."

(Taylor Dayne will perform in concert on May 17 at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Plymouth. For tickets and information, call 866/468-7619 or visit www.ticketweb.com.)

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THE 13TH ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL AT STONEHILL Rubyhorse, is headlining the 13th annual Irish Festival at Stonehill College on June 13-15. This three day outdoor festival features three musical stages plus dozens of activities for children, families and lovers of Irish culture. Irish dancing exhibits and folk art displays are also scheduled. The festival is in North Easton, just 25 minutes south of Boston.

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS AT EDAVILLE USA June 20-22, June 27-29 and July 3-6 - Day Out With Thomas offers fans of all ages the opportunity to take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine. There is a variety of Thomas & Friends entertainment for the whole family. Interactive children's activities include storytelling; live music; indoor and outdoor play areas; toy train sets; temporary tattoos of Island of Sodor friends and face painting; an Imagination Station; live music and more. Other event highlights are Thomas & Friends video viewing and an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Thomas the Tank Engine's firm, but kindly boss, Sir Topham Hatt. 35 minute train rides depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission $14 for ages one and up and may be purchased by calling 1-866-468-7630 and at the Edaville box office. for more information visit www.thomasthetankengine.com Edaville USA is located off of Route 58 in Carver.

tick, tick...BOOM! a musical by Jonathan Larson, comes to the Wilbur Theatre May 27 to June 8, starring Boston's own Joey McIntyre. Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster or directly at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston St. Boston.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Thurs. 8

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, located at 1117 Nantasket Avenue in Hull, welcomes **Robert Weber** of the Orleans Historical Society. Weber will present a slide lecture on the 1952 rescue of the oil tanker the Pendleton by a crew of four from the Chatham Lifeboat Station in the 36-foot motor lifeboat. For more information call 781-925-5433.

Second Parish in Hingham, 685 Main St., Route 228, Hingham, will hold its **47th Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibit and Sale**, May 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and May 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For information call 781-749-1671.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree, announces the production of "Much Ado About Nothing" on May 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17. All shows are at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 each, call 781-356-5113, leave message. CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

The fifth season for South Shore Quests opened May 1. Quests are a fun way to get the kids out in nature and a great way to learn of new hiking trails in the area. Clues lead the hiker along a trail in search of the treasure (a stamp and stamp pad). Quest books, which contain directions, maps and the clues for 19 Quests on the South Shore, are available at the Bookport in Hingham, Hingham public library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for $4. If you have any questions contact Kim Juric at 781 749-6121 or kjuric@attbi.com <mailto:kjuric@attbi.com>

The Friends of the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association (NVNA) are sponsoring an ongoing Bereavement Support Group, at no charge, for individuals experiencing the loss of a loved one. The eight-week series continues on May 8, 15, and 22, at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held in the second-floor conference room of the NVNA office, located at 320 Washington St. in Norwell. Weekly sessions take place every Thursday at the same time and in the same location. Subsequent meetings will take place on the following dates:. Open to everyone throughout the South Shore. Participants can attend as many sessions as they choose or need. For more information about the Bereavement Support Program or the NVNA, please visit the web site at www.nvna.org or call 781-659-2342, ext. 550 to register.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline** and 8 to 11 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262

Fri. 9

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "**The Sound Of Music**" at the Cohasset Town Hall. Show dates are: May 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and May 11, and 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and are available at Buttonwood Books and Spring Brook Kids in Cohasset, Front Street Book Store in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304. Girl Scout Troops receive a $2 discount on advanced purchase tickets. Contact Barbara Baumgarten for details at 781-383-1834. Sunday May 4, is "Seniors Day". All seniors receive a $2 discount. Call 781-544-0304 to reserve tickets.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Redefining Retirement: Work and Life Planning for a New Century Join Jewish Vocational Service Career Moves for this day-long session of workshops and discussion exploring a variety of important issues for those contemplating the next phase of life. It will be held Friday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Striar JCC, 445 Central Street, Stoughton. Cost is $55 per individual, $95 per couple, includes morning coffee and lunch. Preregistration required-deadline May 5. Call 617-451-8147, ext. 3101. Accessible to individuals with disabilities.

South Shore Charter School's 8th Annual Art Show The South Shore Charter School's Art Project will present their 8th Annual Art Show at the Mary Jeannette Murray Bathhouse on Nantasket Beach, Friday, May 9, from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Performances from violinists and bands including DNR, Kudzu, Downtown Crossing, as well as some of this year's best poetry from the South Shore Charter School. Original art pieces on display from students grades K-12. Admission is free. Raffles and handmade furniture for sale. Handicap accessible and anyone is welcome.

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A 'Fever' you'll want to catch

Copley Theatre hosts Peggy Lee tribute

For more than 50 years, singer Peggy Lee mesmerized audiences with an intimate, almost hypnotic style that was all her own. Lee's sultry voice first gained notice in 1941 when she became the featured female singer with The Benny Goodman Orchestra. With Goodman, Lee scored her first big hit 60 years ago with "Why Don't You Do Right?".

In the decades that followed, she recorded other hits like "Manana," "Is That All There Is?" and her signature song, "Fever." She also earned considerable respect as the composer of pop standards and film scores and as a film actress, earning an Academy Award nomination as best supporting actress for the 1955 drama "Pete Kelly's Blues." Lee passed away last year at age 81. Contemporary singers from Diana Krall to Joe Cocker and even Madonna have recorded covers of Peggy Lee standards.

This week at Boston's Copley Theatre, HT Productions is presenting "Fever! A Tribute to Miss Peggy Lee," the only touring show based on the legendary vocalist's music. Written by Lezlie Anders, who also stars as Lee, the revue was co-created by Buddy Greco, who conducts the 16-piece Benny Goodman Tribute Big Band. A famed jazz pianist and arranger, Greco has appeared locally many times at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset and the long-defunct, but still legendary Blinstrub's Nightclub in South Boston. Like Lee, but only a decade later, Greco's career was also launched by Benny Goodman.

"Benny played an important role in both our lives," the 76-year-old Greco recalls. "He brought us both to national attention and he taught us about being perfectionists." These days, Anders, 54, plays the most important role in Greco's life as his wife and collaborator.

Buddy Greco and Lezlie Anders appear in "Fever! A Tribute To Miss Peggy Lee" through May 11 at the Copley Theatre, 225 Clarendon Street, Boston. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com Senior discounts are available for matinee performances.

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Hingham Civic Music Theatre announces five May performances of **"Damn Yankees,"** which will be presented in Sanborn Auditorium, located in Hingham Town Hall on Central St. Hingham. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on May 9, 10, 16 and 17, and at 2 p.m. on May 18. Tickets for "Damn Yankees" are $15 for adults, $12 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased at Noble's Camera Shop in Hingham Square, Corson's Glasshouse in Queen Anne's Corner, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, and Hingham Music in Lincoln Plaza on Route 3A. For information call 781-789-4327.

The Quilters' Connection of Arlington, presents its **26th Annual Quilt Show and Sale** May 9 and May 10, at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 630 Massachusetts Ave. (at Pleasant Street-Route 60), Arlington Center. Friday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibition of over 150 quilts, many of which are for sale, will include pieces ranging from classic to cutting edge. The show will feature guided tours and demonstrations of quilting techniques. Guild member, Ruth McDowell, an internationally renowned quilt artist and prolific author, most recently of Pieced Flowers and Pieced Vegetables, will be signing copies of her books on Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A quilt named Zig Zag Raz A Ma Taz, designed and made by guild members, will be on display and raffle tickets will be on sale for $1 each for the Saturday drawing. Another collaborative quilt project will be sold to the highest bidder, with the proceeds going to the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition. For more information about the show: e-mail qcshowchair@yahoo.com or call 781-383-8335.

The South Shore Music Club presents **Kid Bangham** and **Tall Richard. The Resonators** opening for May 16, at 8 p.m. open to follow, at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. $4 members/$5 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance, May 9, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

Single Executives Club Cocktail Party and Singles Dance Friday, May 9, at Radisson Hotel Plymouth Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth, Exit 6, Route 44 of Route 3. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35-55 years old. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business dress is required, ties and jackets suggested. Co-sponsored by the Cape Cod's Most Eligible Singles. For more information visit www.se-4you.com http://www.se-4you.com

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Matt Chase Group.** For more information call 781-545-9898.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, **TEX, Mad dog & Sherry Dale Malone**, Acoustic Pop &Rock 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Sugarfoot and The Brass Kickin Horns** on May 9. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 10

Art Complex Writers Workshop will be held at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury, on May 10, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free. For information call 781-934-6634.

Glastonbury Abbey Plant Sale, May 10, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. A large selection of plants will be found for sale on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., (route 228), Hingham.

The Perennial Gardeners of the South Shore will be holding their annual plant sale May 10, from 8 a.m. until noon at 78 Main St., Route 123, Norwell.

The North River Gardeners will hold their annual "**Perennial and Herb Plant Sale**" on May 10, at **9 a.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church, 24 River St. Norwell Center**. Perennials and herbs from private gardens will be offered for sale as well as flower arrangements and homemade pies. Proceeds benefit the North River Gardeners scholarship for a local high school graduate, local environmental and conservation organizations, and plantings in front of Cushing Center.

Annual Plant'NPantry Sale, at **Church Hill United Methodist Church**, corner River and Church Sts, Norwell, on May 10, from 9 to 2 p.m. Wide selection perennials and vegetable plants, secondhand treasures from Grandma's Attic, moonwalk and Face Painting for kids, bake shop. Rain or shine, call 781-826-4763.

Annual Spring Lawn Sale, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **First Baptist Church**, 219 Adams St., Abington. Routes. 58 and 139. No admission charge. Profits will be used for mission projects. For information call 781-878-2447.

The Skating Club of Hingham's Annual show "Cyberskate" will be held at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham. May 10, afternoon show 2 p.m. evening show at 6 p.m. Tickets $5 may be purchased in advance by calling 781-741-8194.

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The Braintree Choral Society, under the directorship of Justin Smith and in conjunction with members of the **Brockton Symphony Orchestra**, will perform their spring concert at The First Baptist Church Braintree in Braintree at 7 p.m. on May 10, and at Old South Congregational Church in South Weymouth, on May 17 at 7 p.m. both locations are handicap accessible. Tickets may be purchased from any chorus member and are $12 general admission/$10 for seniors and students. Call 508-583-5662 for tickets and information.

The South Shore Astronomical Society will host a free astronomy day event on May 10, at the Council on Aging facility, 293 Pine St., Norwell, starting at 6 p.m. 781-545-7067

Down East Dancers Country Western Dance, May 10, The monthly Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Beginner dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Jim Powers. Snacks, raffles, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. For more info. 508-995-9496; 781-925-9066.

Silent Auction For New Nursery School Great gifts for Mother's and Father's Day and more. Come bid on manicures, pedicures, haircuts, a hot air balloon ride and kids birthday parties. Also available are Tumble Tykes horseback riding and cooking lessons. Then there are Red Sox, Celtics, BC football and ice hockey tickets along with a signed Bruins jersey, stick, other memorabilia and much more. Stop by the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 10, rain or shine. For more information call 781-659-7320

MOTHERHOOD: BEEN THERE, DONE THAT will be presented Saturday, May 10, at 3 p.m., and Sunday, May 11 at 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at $23 and are available at **The Company Theatre** box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

The North River Theatre presents **"Office Hours"** a comedy by Norm Foster, at the North River Community Club, 513 River St., Norwell, on May 9, 10, 16, and 17. All performances start at 8 p.m. with cabaret seating and cash bar. Tickets are $14. For information, call 781-826-4878.

Bandstand Revisited at Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center. Relive the glory days of American Bandstand. Guest stars "Buddy Holly", "Neil Diamond" and "Connie Francis" sing their greatest hits. Enjoy a four-course dinner, listen to the legends on May 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 23, 24. Tickets are $35 to $37.50 for dinner and show; $17.50 to $20 show only. Friday and Saturday dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. For reservations and information call 781-843-5862.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield – "**The Other Kim**" duo playing classic rock from 9 to midnight. No cover charge.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Tom Glenn Duo** - Acoustic Pop and Rock. Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Barrence Whitfield and His Groove Juice Symphony**, on May 10. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 11

Irish Tenor Anthony Kearns to perform at **Fontbonne Academy** on Mothers Day. Ireland's rising young tenor, Anthony Kearns began his musical career at the tender age of four, when he picked up his mother's button accordion. His singing career also began early, at about age 10, when he quickly became the solo vocalist at St. Mary's FCJ Convent School's masses and concerts. Ticket prices are $35/person for general seating, $75/person for seating in a reserved section and access to a post-concert reception where Anthony Kearns will be available for autographs and photos. The

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The MOMologues, an original comedy about motherhood, that captures all the agony and ecstasy that is the daily life of being a mom, will be held at the ICA Theatre in Boston running Wednesday-Saturdays until May 17. For tickets and information, call 617-262-2928 or go to www.momologues.com.

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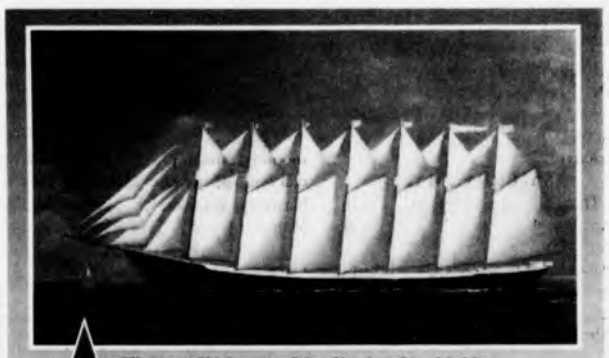
BEST BET

Hingham Civic Music Theatre announces five May performances of "Damn Yankees," which will be presented in Sanborn Auditorium, located in Hingham Town Hall on Central St. Hingham. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on May 9, 10, 16 and 17, and at 2 p.m. on May 18. Tickets for "Damn Yankees" are $15 for adults, $12 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased at Noble's Camera Shop in Hingham Square, Corson's Glasshouse in Queen Anne's Corner, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, and Hingham Music in Lincoln Plaza on Route 3A. For information call 781-789-4327.



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"Thomas W. Lawson" by Charles Stockbridge
Charles Stockbridge's "Sky, Ships and Sea" exhibit of original oil paintings will showcase scenes of the coast and sea at the Scituate Art Gallery through the end of May. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 781-545-6150.

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concert, which will benefit the programs of Fontbonne Academy, will begin at 3 p.m. in Fontbonne's auditorium on Lower Campus, 930 Brook Road, with the post-performance reception immediately following. The buildings are handicapped accessible. For additional information, please call (617) 696-3241, x 1106.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

The Cancer moon aligns with Venus at 12:21 a.m. and becomes inactive until this evening. The sun aligns with retrograde Mercury at 3:2T a.m. Take extra time out for yourself this morning; look within for answers. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Pluto adds depth and intensity to today's planetary picture. You can achieve breakthroughs creatively and express yourself in new ways. At 9:46 p.m. the moon enters Leo. Fun and games are back in the picture.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

A polarity of Mars and Jupiter takes the spotlight today, warning you to cool your heels. Don't jump into anything. The Leo moon underscores its influence, when it interacts with Jupiter and Mars this afternoon. This combination generates good feelings, high energy. On the other hand, look before you leap. There may be a tendency to overdo, overextend your resources, act foolishly. A lunar opposition to Neptune affects this evening. Kick back, enjoy; don't take anything or anyone too seriously.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Astrological blue skies and sunshine prevail. Try to get work projects out of the way early in the day, so that you can enjoy the remainder. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 7:53 a.m. A potent full moon is building up and will culminate May 15. The Leo moon forms harmonious contacts to Pluto, Venus and Saturn until 11:13 p.m., when it becomes inactive.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

The moon enters Virgo at 4:31 a.m., traveling there throughout the weekend. The sign Virgo is ruled by the planet Mercury. Therefore, there may be incidents of mechanical breakdown or electrical failure. Allow extra time for unexpected delays. In addition, Mercury prepares to form stressful 90-degree alignments to Neptune and Mars. Take it slow and easy. Spend time alone; pursue favorite leisure activities.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Yesterday's planetary influences affect today as well. A lunar alignment to Pluto, in effect between 11:53 a.m.-2:53 p.m., warns you to think before you speak. Compliments will work better than criticism. Renew your spirit through time spent listening to music, meditating, enjoying nature, creating art. Open your heart to higher visions.

MONDAY, MAY 12

It can be difficult to get back to work or school today. People may be careless, sleepy, forgetful. Stop, look and listen. The Virgo moon aligns with Saturn at 3:09 a.m. and becomes inactive. A Libra moon takes over at 7:42 a.m. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury to Neptune, however, takes center stage. It is best to avoid any kind of negotiations or business dealings. Put off jobs that are tedious and demand mental precision. On the other hand, you can be successful developing projects that require your creativity and imagination.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

The next few days will be action-packed. Take it slow and easy. This is not a time to make major decisions or sign important contracts. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Mars may spark irritability, debates, fast driving. Don't take risks. A Libra moon is a major plus in today's planetary setup, because Libra promotes harmony and balance. In addition, Venus prepares to form a flowing 60-degree contact to stable Saturn. Let go of situations that are out of your control. Bring more beauty into your life or the life of another.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

At 4:13 a.m. the Libra moon becomes inactive until 8:14 a.m., when it enters Scorpio. All full moon warnings are in effect. Take it slow and easy. Eat light foods; avoid stimulants. Keep your hands and mind busy with practical projects. Mars and Neptune conjoin today; Neptune prepares to begin retrograde travel tomorrow. That means that things may not be as they appear. Separating the facts from the fiction can be difficult. Instead of numbing out through the path of least resistance, do some serious soul-searching. Let go of recent hurts or traumas. Take responsibility for your life and choices. You can achieve breakthroughs and turn your life around.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

People often have difficulty sleeping in full moon periods. As a result, they can be grouchy and difficult to get along with. This is one of those mornings. A powerful full moon culminates at 11:36 p.m. There are three factors that add to the intensity of this full moon: It is accompanied by a lunar eclipse. It is in perigee, meaning it's closest to the earth, and it culminates at 25-degrees Scorpio. In addition, Neptune, standing at 13-degrees Aquarius, begins retrograde travel. Spend time alone; strive for greater spiritual vision.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

After the barrage of planetary activity in the last few days, influences begin to ease. The moon enters cheerful Sagittarius at 7:43 a.m. However, a 90-degree alignment to Uranus occurs at 11:53 a.m. Avoid rigid time schedules; have an alternate plan of action in case things don't work out this morning. The planet Venus moves into Taurus at 6:58 a.m., remaining there until June 9. Take advantage of relatively calm astrological influences this afternoon and evening. Kick back, relax and recharge your batteries.

Mon. 12

Call for Artists - South Shore Art Center's 48th Arts Festival on Cohasset Common An extraordinary panel of jurors will be evaluating the artwork submitted for the juried exhibition in the South Shore Art Center's 48th Annual Arts Festival. Media categories for the exhibition include: oil and acrylic, drawing and pastel, watercolor, printmaking, mixed media/3D, color photography and black and white photography. All work must be original, completed within the last three years and not previously exhibited at the South Shore Art Center or at the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival. Artists should submit their work to the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, Saturday through Monday, May 10 to 12.. In addition to the juried exhibition, there will be a members' show open to all members of the South Shore Art Center and a young artists' exhibition open to all students under 18. For more information or to request an entry form, call 781-383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Braintree Art Association member Rita Walsh will be displaying her paintings for the month of May at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month, Terry Chase, will exhibit her paintings for the month of May at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

8minuteDating May 12, at the **Town Spa**, Stoughton, (ages 35-45). Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Enter and receive your matches after the event. Set-up another date soon after. For more information and to sign up, visit www.8minutedating.com

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"Spring Thaw" by Beck Haletky

The South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery presents "Local Color" an exhibit of watercolor landscapes by Pembroke artist Becky Haletky from May 1 through the end of June. Admission to the Staircase Gallery is free. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. t o 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.

Tues. 13

The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, will feature "**Watercolors**" a show of recent work by local artists, **Shirley Muirhead**, **Mary Eliot**, and **Julia Blackbourn** during the month of May. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Insight Education Center presents a workshop "**Handling Aggression in Young Children**" (ages 1 to 6 at the Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. Pre-registration required. Call 781-294-8004.

The Southeastern Business Journal will sponsor a Networking Luncheon on May 13, at Red Sauce, Hingham. Luncheon is pre-registration: $20 members, $30 nonmembers. At the door: $25 members, $35 nonmembers

Howard Bryant, Plymouth resident, Boston Herald sports writer, and the renowned author of "Shut Out: A Story of Race and Baseball in Boston" will make a special appearance at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water St., Plymouth, on May 13, at 7,p.m. Autographed copies of Bryant's book "Shut Out" will be available for purchase. Free and open to the public.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold their monthly meeting on May 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church, Route 139, Marshfield. The guest speaker will be **Shirley McGann**. She will conduct a workshop on freeform knitting focusing on a log cabin knit. New members and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Call 781-740-4961 for information.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 14

The Scituate Art Gallery, located on Front St., in Scituate, presents Charles Stockbridge's "Sky, Ships and Sea" exhibit of original oil paintings and will showcase scenes of the coast and sea through May 30. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

Road to Responsibility, Inc. (RTR), a Marshfield based human services provider will be hosting a financial planning symposium for special needs families on May 14, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Ocean Village Nor'easter Function Hall 30 Pidgeon Road on the grounds of the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station in Weymouth. Mary Cole, of Merrill Lynch, is sponsoring the seminar. Cole is an expert in financial planning strategies for disabled persons. For further information or directions call

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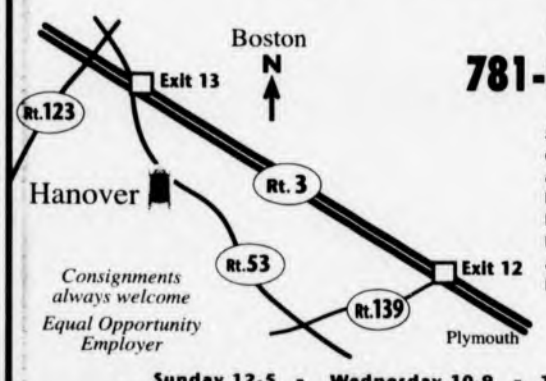

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Mass Audubon, South Shore Regional Office, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. On display, **The Painted Landscape**. The work of eight North River Society Artists, local landscapes by local artists. **Susan Charles, Corine Campobasso, Susan Davis, Don Darcier, Jeanne MacFarland, Susan Raffa, Jody Regan and Ellen Whelan**. This exhibit is an off-shoot of the Daniel Webster Farm Day last October.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

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Thurs. 15

The Art Complex, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents South Shore artist **David Brega.** He will discuss his nationally known work at the Art Complex Museum's lecture/luncheon series on May 15, at 11 a.m. Several of Brega's oil paintings are on exhibition in the museum's **Doubletake.** Cost for the lecture/luncheon is $10. Pre-registration is required by May 12. For information call 781-934-6634.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on May 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Carol Loiacono** will demonstrate a watercolor seascape. Free and open to the public.

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library will open a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy** on May 15. The exhibit will urn through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

"Attract the Mate of Your Dreams!" Workshop for Singles. Heidi Ratner-Connolly, author and coach, presents this unique workshop based on her book of the same topic, *"The 10 Things You Need to Know to Attract the Mate of Your Dreams."* Interactive discussion highlights: "Is there such a thing as a soul mate?;" "How to switch to the Love Channel;" and "If tulips are tulips and broccoli is broccoli, where is your right mate?" Reservations only, $25 per person; space is limited. Stop & Shop Conference Room, Rte. 3A, Cohasset. May 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call Heidi for more information and to register at 781-545-0983.

Comedy Night - Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree 5 corners, May 15, at 8:30 p.m. featuring Teddie Bergeron, along with Annette Pollack, Jessica Casciano, Joe Kringdon, Troy Diamond, Mark Collins and host, Dave Rattigan. Reservations recommended by calling 781-848-0300.

Fri. 16

The Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. will be holding a yard sale at 6 High St., Pembroke from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 16, 17, and 18. Donated items to be sold are being accepted. All proceeds raised will benefit sponsored families of the foundation, whose children battle life-threatening illnesses. For more information call 781-582-2598 or visit www.brittanylambertfoundatioan.org.

North River Community Church is sponsoring a marriage enrichment program on Friday, May 16, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The evening begins with a hot dinner served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by *The Five Love Languages* video workshop. Gary Chapman, Ph.D. helps you identify your personal love language and helps you understand the love language of your spouse. This program is open to the community and is an evening for everyone. Couples in thriving or struggling marriages, couples whose spouse does not want to attend but you do, dating couples, and singles. Everyone can walk away with great communication tools to use in everyday life. Registration ends May 11. Cost is $25 per couple/$12.50 singles and includes dinner and a workbook. To register, other information, please visit www.northriverchurch.org or call Debi Johnson at 781-294-8420.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset, set for May 16 through 17 at Cohasset High School will host the fourth annual "Taste of the Relay" Friday, May 16, at 6:45 p.m. in the cafeteria, immediately following the event's Opening Ceremony. Area residents will have the opportunity to sample food from local restaurants including Atlantica, Bare Cove Gourmet, Borrowed Butler, French Memories, MacKenzie's, Red Parrot, Schooner's, and Windsor Tea Shop. Open to the public. Tickets are $7 and can be purchased at the door. Admission for cancer survivors is free. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset and support American Cancer Society programs of research, education, prevention, detection, and patient services.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset is a time to celebrate the lives of people touched by cancer. By purchasing luminarias to honor cancer survivors or to remember loved ones, area residents can pay tribute to them while creating a lighted path of hope to lead Relay walkers through the night. A Luminaria Ceremony will take place at 9 p.m. on Friday, May 16, at Cohasset High School, 128 Town St. Luminarias for the ceremony can be purchased for a minimum contribution of $5. Local residents need not be on a relay team to purchase a luminaria or to attend the ceremony. To purchase a luminaria, call Jacqui Vitello at 781-383-2668. Luminarias may also be purchased during regular business hours at Pilgrim Co-operative Bank of Cohasset, at Sovereign Bank, or at the Relay For Life on May 16.

Crossroads, a South Shore cabaret music ensemble, presents **A Measured Passage:** arrangements and original music by Weymouth musician, **Rich Jensen,** at the **South The South Shore Art Center,** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, on May 16 at 8 p.m. The concert features a variety of vocal arrangements for six voices ranging from old standards to new music set to the poetry of Robert Frost and Shakespeare. Tickets at the door $5. For more information call 781-331-9545.

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ZBA has packed agenda

3 controversial properties on are the docket

By John Camera
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Three controversial properties will go before the Zoning Board on Monday night seeking zoning relief: 3 Jerusalem Lane, 44 Border Street (the Olde Salt House), and 226 Chief Justice Highway.

The Zoning Board meeting will begin at 7 p.m. to try to accommodate the enormous agenda, which includes decisions on four properties and hearings on another 16 properties.

At the last hearing on 3 Jerusalem Lane on March 17, four hours of testimony from both sides resulted in no new decisions. More than 50 people packed the overflowing Selectmen's meeting room as lawyers for both sides argued why the mansion owned by

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SWAN LAKE

A swan meanders through the golden tidal basin toward Little Harbor off Jerusalem Road near North Main Street.

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Harborview residents Joan Cameron, Mary McNamara and Ellie Koelsch chat outside the main office of the apartment complex at 60 Elm St.

Harborview could use some sprucing up

Is town's only state-subsidized housing project

By Mary Ford
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Everyone agrees Cohasset doesn't have enough affordable housing. However, it does have some — 64 units to be exact — in the Harborview Apartments at 60 Elm St. behind the police-fire station.

Just like other state programs, the 28-year-old state-subsidized apartment complex that is run by the Cohasset Housing Authority has been hit with cutbacks to its budget, thanks to the $3 billion state deficit. The CHA also administers 12 units of special needs housing at 72, 74 and 76 Elm St.

So housing authority director Marilyn Le Blanc is putting the word out that donated services and items would be very much appreciated and could do a lot to enhance the quality of life for the residents in the wood-frame, shingled complex.

To that end, Harborview is conducting a cleanup day from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday. Le Blanc is even enlisting her grandchildren to come and help, as are many of the residents. Some good strong men, however, are needed to yank old vines from the walkway at the entrance to the main building.

Some of what is needed is a direct result of budget reductions, but even in better fiscal times, Harborview could use a little help.

"We are certainly not into extravagance here; we're talking about asking people to help us in many ways," Le Blanc says.

Case in point is the sign at the entrance to the complex off Elm Street that needs refurbishing or replacement. The residents, whose apartments are only 400 square feet, would also enjoy having a

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Finance is talk of town forum

Officials debate ways to cut costs, generate revenue

By John Camera
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More than 50 elected and appointed town officials debated new ways to cut costs and generate revenue for the town at a forum held Tuesday night at the Lightkeeper's Residence.

The meeting was arranged by the Board of Selectmen and was originally intended to cover a wide range of town issues. But the state of the town's operating budget became the topic of choice for the two-hour meeting. In the end, town officials agreed to have the Advisory Committee review the budget for potential savings and examine different ways of enhancing revenue.

The forum began with some town officials calling for reducing the annual raises in the salaries of town employees. "We have to ask everybody to share in the solution to the problem – which is to keep everybody in the payroll," said School Committee member Chartis Tebbetts. "I don't see any other way we can cope with the problem."

Sewer Commissioner Ray Kasperowicz called for a reexamination of all town contracts. "My guess is that the cost of living adjustments might be higher than what they should be," he said. "Over the years, you slip in a half percent there, a quarter percent there. It adds up, and then you can't handle it."

While teacher contracts are still two years away from new negotiations, all municipal contracts are up for negotiation later this year. Town Manager Mark Haddad said the town would survey surrounding towns before the contracts were discussed.

But Planning Board member Bob Sturdy questioned that approach, saying that it in corporate America, it only creates a balloon effect. "All (the companies) are doing is looking at people who look at them, and the pay scale is getting out of hand," Sturdy said.

"Our taxes are going to have to go up. We can't squeeze water out of this brick."
— Al Moore,
Planning Board

Selectman Tom Callahan said the town may need to negotiate shorter contracts with its employees, in place of the three-year contracts it has now. "There's no flexibility, when we're tied into these longer contracts, to deal with a year like this," he said. "Just following what other towns and other unions do isn't going to solve the problem."

When it came to the schools, some officials suggested instituting retirement incentives for teachers and reducing their annual raises so that salaries would not increase 12 to 15 percent over three years, as they do

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Stage set for Relay For Life

All-night walkathon raises funds for ACS

By John Camera
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This weekend, the American Cancer Society's signature fundraising event, the Relay for Life, is coming to Cohasset for the seventh consecutive year.

The all-night walkathon, held at the track at Cohasset Middle High School, will begin Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. and last until noon on Saturday. Organizers expect as many as 600 walkers to participate and raise more than $140,000 to help find a cure for cancer.

Last year, relays in some 3,300 communities nationwide raised more than $245 million for the American Cancer Society. In Cohasset alone, despite a torrential downpour, about $140,000 was raised by some 600 walkers. Fifty-five local cancer survivors were honored, and 30 different teams participated.

Teams and individuals who participate in the relay arrange for sponsorship, and prizes are awarded to the highest fundraising individual, the top fundraising team, the most spirited team and the best decorated campsite.

Event chair Laurie Greenip said the Relay For Life is not only important because of the money it raises, but also because of the hope it gives to those who have cancer, those who have survived it and those who know someone who has suffered or died from the disease.

"It's a very positive message that we're still fighting cancer and hopefully within our lifetime we'll have a cure," she said.

According to those who have attended the event in the past, highlights of the Relay for Life include the Survivors' Lap and the Luminaria Ceremony. The Survivors' Lap begins at 6 p.m. on Friday and coincides with the Opening Ceremony. The Luminaria Ceremony begins at 9 p.m.

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Emma Quigley makes bubbles at the Kids Activities Tent during last year's Relay.

Event organizers say the Luminaria Ceremony is by far the most powerful and emotional part of the relay. Candles and bags are purchased in exchange for a $5 donation. Participants can write the names of loved ones who have fought cancer on the bags, which are then arranged alphabetically around the high school track.

As the sun sets on Friday night, participants will light the candles while they circle the track. At 9 p.m., a moment of silence will be held, and then a bagpiper will lead everyone in a procession.

> **"It's a very positive message that we're still fighting cancer and hopefully within our lifetime we'll have a cure."**
> — Laurie Greenip, chairman

Greenip said organizers have also added a number of fun games to the this year's event to make it more of a family atmosphere and to encourage teams to stick together.

Those games include a Frisbee throwing contest, face painting, a hula hoop contest, kite making, a twister contest and a scavenger hunt. Also, teams will compete in a Halloween fashion show, but are only allowed to use limited materials to make their costumes. Meanwhile, a live performances from guitarist Ray Papile and music from DJ Dave Antune will keep participants walking to the beat.

"We really want the teams to stay as a team instead of one person coming and then leaving," Greenip said. "We're trying to mix it up a bit."

On Saturday, as the relay comes to a close, children will get a chance to demonstrate their newly-made kites. Meanwhile, H.P. Hood Co. will be handing out free ice cream samples.

"This is a very positive, uplifting, family-oriented event, so I would encourage people to come out," Greenip said.

She said individuals looking to participate can still join an existing team if they arrive at about 3 p.m. on Friday. She especially encouraged cancer survivors to come to the event and take part in the Survivors' Lap.

Greenip said the forecast may call for some light showers on Friday, but that won't delay the event. Last year, the event was called off half-way through due to torrential downpour. "Even in that horrible rainstorm last year, we had people out there," Greenip said.

Greenip said Luminaria bags would be available until about 8 p.m. on Friday. Also, she said, "it's never too late to make a donation" to the American Cancer Society, either at the Relay for Life or by sending a check directly to the organization.

Relay For Life 2003 schedule

The annual Relay For Life fund-raising program is well underway and a line-up of the events is as follows:

FRIDAY, MAY 16

3 p.m. Relay For Life Begins!

3 p.m. Frisbee Throw Contest and face painting in the Children's Tent.

3-11 p.m. Registration Tent Open — Team Captains only.

3-11 p.m. DJ, Dave Antune.

5 p.m. Hula Hoop Contest.

5-6 p.m. Survivor Reception.

6 p.m. Opening Ceremony and Survivors' Lap (all activities stop, registration tent closes for this ceremony).

6:45-8 p.m. Taste of the Relay in the cafeteria.

7 p.m. Kite Making in children's tent.

8 p.m. Parade of Teams.

9 p.m. Luminaria Ceremony (all activities stop, registration tent closes for this ceremony).

10 p.m. Twister Contest.

11 p.m. Halloween Fashion Show.

Midnight. Scavenger Hunt.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

8 a.m.-12 noon, DJ, Dave Antune and Guitarist, Ray Papile.

8-11 a.m. Registration Tent Open — Team Captains only.

9 a.m. Kite Flying.

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. H.P. Hood handing out free ice cream samples.

Noon Closing Ceremony — Final lap with all participants.

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Cohasset treatment plant, reservoir celebrate milestone

Water dept. holds ceremony on Aaron River Dam

By John Camera
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More than 50 people gathered on the Aaron River Dam on Sunday as the Cohasset Water Department celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Aaron River Reservoir and the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant.

The event was held around a new "Aaron River Reservoir" stone monument located on the shore of the reservoir near Aaron River Road.

Water Commission Chairman John McNabb said the treatment plant and reservoir, which were completed in 1978 and together cost more than $3.7 million, increased the Cohasset water system's maximum capacity from 600,000 gallons per day to 3.5 million gallons per day.

"This brought Cohasset into a new era. On May 11, 1978, we changed from a water-poor town to a water-rich town," said McNabb. "Before May 11, 1978, Cohasset had endured frequent water shortages and summer water bans because the capacity of the water system was unable to meet the growing demand. Because Lily Pond was our major source of water then, the pond would often almost dry up every summer because of the amount of water drawn out of it."

McNabb said the town now uses an average of 710,000 gallons of water per day. The maximum daily demand, set last August, was 2.2 million gallons. But even then, McNabb said, the reservoir did not get below 78 percent capacity.

"Cohasset now has a water supply that is the envy of other towns in New England," he said.

McNabb noted that the water level in the reservoir was above what is considered 100 percent capacity, meaning that the body now holds more than 323 million gallons of water. That's far more than the 200 million gallons that the town uses on average each year.

"Projections show that we still have excess capacity for decades to come," McNabb said. "It was fortuitous that these projects were designed for a projected Cohasset population of 10,000 in1985 and 12,000 in 2010, because they will now be able to provide valuable service to the town well beyond their design period of fifty years."

McNabb thanked town officials, water department employees, and past and present water commissioners for their support and contributions to the reservoir and treatment plant project, which took almost 15 years to complete, from 1964 to 1978, although only two years to construct.

Edwin Pratt, who was the superintendent of the Water Department from 1967 to 1981, spoke after McNabb about the details of the planning and construction of the dam and treatment plant. "This, at the time, was the largest public works project the town had ever undertaken," he said.

Pratt recalled how he traveled to Washington, D.C. to secure funding for the project with the late Alan Murphy, then Chairman of the Water Commission. "We met with almost every politician down there," he said.

Pratt and Murphy were able to obtain a $994,000 federal grant from the Department of Federal Housing and Urban Development. The remainder of the project was funded by $2.5 million in loans from the Farmers' Home Administration and $206,000 that was appropriated by the Town.

Pratt said 150 acres were cleared to make way for the reservoir. He described how the Aaron River was diverted so the 900-foot-long dam could be constructed, and the impermeable material needed to build the dam was concocted using a mix of soils dredged on the site.

"All the material to build the dam was from right here," Pratt said. "No material was brought in from any other place."

Pratt said three weeks after the dam was completed and its gates were closed, the reservoir was full. "It was absolutely unexpected," he said.

"Cohasset now has a water supply that is the envy of other towns in New England."
— John McNabb, Water Commission

Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, presented a Senate Proclamation to the Water Commissioners to commemorate the anniversary. He recalled how when was a student at Hingham High School in 1978, he visited the reservoir while under construction as part of his field study for an environmental science class.

A representative for Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, who could not attend, gave a proclamation from the House of Representatives, and Selectman Merle Brown presented one on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

Water Commissioner Robert Kasameyer then announced last week the Cohasset Water Department received a 2003 public water system award from the state's Department of Environmental Protection for having one of the best water systems in Massachusetts.

Kasameyer, McNabb, and fellow Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt then presented commemorative plaques to town officials, town employees, and water department employees who had worked on the reservoir and treatment plant project.

But those who didn't receive a plaque did not leave empty-handed. The Water Commissioners made available plenty of souvenir 16.9 ounce bottles of water, taken directly from the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant. Attendees were encourage to take a case home. More of the commemorative bottles are still available at the plant.

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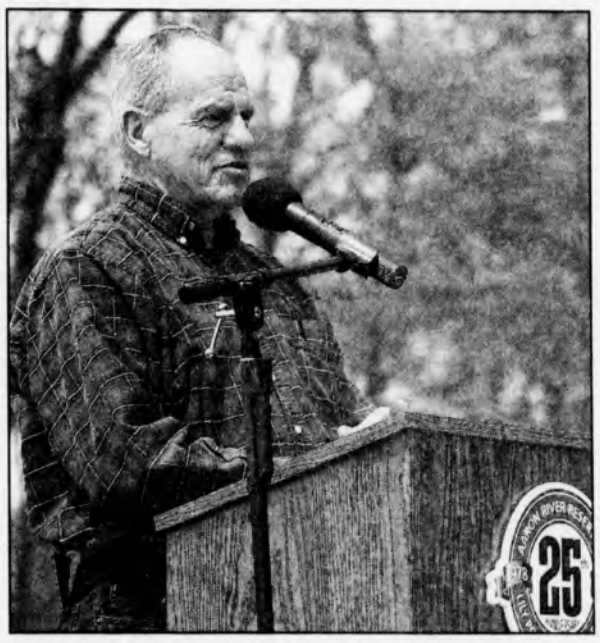
Water Commission Chairman John McNabb makes the opening remarks during the 25th anniversary celebration that was attended by about 50 people Sunday at the Aaron River Dam.



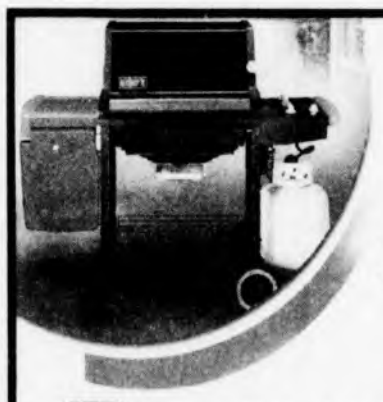
Selectman Merle Brown shares some anecdotes with the crowd about the history of the site, before it was transformed into a reservoir.

Stickers for sale

The expiration date of the Beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. The "all-facility" sticker for the next fiscal year will be on sale starting in June during normal business hours at the Cohasset Town Hall and at the DPW Garage on weekends starting June 1 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

An "all-facilities" sticker will be $30; for a second motor vehicle, it's $30; and for seniors, it's $15. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, to Sandy Beach, as well as parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. Separate beach stickers will no longer be available.

In addition, residents are required to purchase special bags in which to dispose all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at various locations throughout the town. You are encouraged to purchase your sticker through the mail by providing a copy of your current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.



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ZBA has packed agenda

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Phil and Mary Anne Ayer should or shouldn't be granted a special permit. Definitions of terms in the town's bylaw such as "neighborhood" and "detrimental" were called into question. Appraisers and other experts gave professional opinions.

The Ayers were told on Jan. 16 by the Zoning Board to stop work on their home — nearly 80 percent complete at that point — after it was determined building inspector Bob Egan erred in issuing them a building permit. Neighbors had fought to stop construction on the property since August of 2002, but their requests were denied by Egan, who stuck to what he thought was a widely-held, longstanding interpretation of the zoning bylaws.

The neighbors then appealed the matter to the Zoning Board, which found the bylaws had been wrongly interpreted. The Ayers' lot was non-conforming, the board said, so they should have applied for a special permit, unless they had planned to stick within the exterior dimensions of the pre-existing home, a 2,000 square foot ranch.

The Ayers' lawyers, Roberta Sawyer and Martin Healy, still maintain that 3 Jerusalem Lane does not need zoning relief and are prepared to argue that in Superior Court. However, Sawyer and Healy have also said that if the Zoning Board must decide on issuing the property a special permit, it should not use esthetic qualities to determine if the house is "substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood."

The lawyer for the neighbors, Mark DeGiacomo, has argued that the new home has a serious financial impact on the value of the surrounding homes. He has asked that the house be torn down and replaced with a home of dimensions similar to the pre-existing ranch.

Sawyer has asked the Zoning Board to require six other properties in Cohasset to apply for special permits as well, since they apparently have been built in violation of the same bylaw as 3 Jerusalem Lane. The Zoning Board, however, has questioned whether the Ayers have the standing to make such a request. The board will continue this matter at Monday's hearing, too.

Olde Salt House

A plan to expand parking at the Olde Salt House at 44 Border Street is also on the docket for Monday.

The plan calls for a valet parking system and essentially creates large parking grids at Cohasset Harbor Inn (Kimball's) and its off-street parking lot on Elm Street. The Inn, the Olde Salt House and Atlantica are all owned by Peter Roy, a Cohasset resident.

The additional parking — 42 spaces — would allow the Olde Salt House to expand its occupancy from 52 to 99 patrons. Technically, it provides 20 spaces more than required for the expansion.

The parking plan is before the Zoning Board because it would require a variance. Two of the plan's components — the use of valet parking and the use of off-street parking that is more than 500 feet from the establishment — are not allowed within the bylaws.

On April 22, at the initial hearing on the matter, neighbors of the restaurant turned out in force to voice opposition to the plan, saying it would only increase traffic and congestion around the harbor.

Charles Humphreys, a lawyer for the restaurant, told the Zoning Board the additional parking was needed to allow Atlantica and the Olde Salt House to sustain their business during peak summer hours. According to the bylaws, to be granted a variance, the Olde Salt House must prove it suffers a hardship. Humphreys said the hardship was that the restaurant needed to be able to do the majority of its business in the summer, something that was prevented by the lack of parking in the harbor area. Neighbors, however, argued that a business can not claim a hardship simply because it is not making as much money as its owners would like.

226 CJC Highway

Owner Joseph Rosano wants to build a mixed-use, two-story building on his land at 226 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The building would be home to office space on the first floor and two, one-bedroom apartments on the second floor.

The problem is that Rosano's land is zoned residential. Its current use — for storage of sand, mulch, stone, bricks and other earth and construction materials — is allowed only because that use predates the institution of zoning in Cohasset in the 1950s.

Rosano's lawyer, Maureen Hurley, told the Zoning Board on April 22 that her client needs only a special permit to change the current use. The Zoning Board, however, disagreed, saying that such a change would require a use variance, which the Zoning Board was prohibited from issuing by Town Meeting in 2001.

The difference in interpretation revolves around how a crucial sentence in the town bylaws in read. Hurley said that at the upcoming meeting, she will provide case law to back up her interpretation, which is essentially that Rosano needs only to show that the new use of the property would be substantially less detrimental to the surrounding community than the existing use.

Rosano said his plan for development is different than that which he presented to the Zoning Board in 2000, when he asked for a series of variances for the property. That plan included reserving several parking spaces so that Rosano could display luxury used cars that he planned to recondition for sale. Rosano said his current plan omitted that request. He also said the two-story building would be a replica of a Cohasset home on the National Register of Historic Places.

Finance is talk of town forum

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now.

But Superintendent Ed Malvey told officials that retirement incentives had been offered in the past but teachers had not jumped at them. He also said that Cohasset was only just above the state average in teacher pay. He said step raises – which some town officials had questioned – are standard in most, if not all, of the state's public schools.

Malvey cautioned that the collective bargaining process could stand to get ugly if the town requests too much. He said the last time he saw a town try to reduce the percentage of teacher health insurance it covered, as Haddad is trying to do now, the teachers spent two years fighting the issue before the Labor Relations Committee.

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo, who was involved with the negotiations of the current teachers' contract, said all the ideas that he heard at the forum had come up before during past teacher contract negotiations. "We always balance the fiscal responsibility with what we believe is a very serious requirement of the town, which is to have top schools," he said.

When the discussion turned towards generating more revenue, Town Counsel Paul DeRensis noted how in other towns he had seen revenue enhancement committees come up with ideas, including allowing cell phone towers, providing early retirement incentives, selling small parcels of town land and raising municipal fees.

Officials discussed "regionalizing," or sharing services with other towns, but Haddad noted that the town already shares its ambulance service with surrounding towns. Similarly, Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo noted that the health agent position will be shared with another town next year.

Selectman Merle Brown suggested looking into more co-ops — like the recycling co-op — because they are not necessarily as binding as other partnerships.

Selectman Michael Sullivan encouraged everyone to reach out to their friends to find out what other communities were doing to deal with their fiscal situations.

Planning Board member Al Moore was not as optimistic that new revenue or cost savings would solve the town's problems. "Our taxes are going to have to go up. We can't squeeze water out of this brick," he said. "I think if you look around the country at other affluent communities and you look at their tax rates, we're getting a bargain in this community."

Town officials decided that rather than form a new committee, the Advisory Committee should examine the budget for more potential savings and new ways of generating revenue. Chairman Maureen Jerz said the committee would also look at how to "mitigate tax increases for people who can't afford it."

Brown said the Selectmen would schedule another forum sometime within the next four months to discuss other issues facing the town.

Other forum highlights

• Planning Board member Bob Sturdy suggested offering pay raises to teachers based on quality of performance. Former School Committee member Maureen Jerz said that method had been explored in the past. "I think six years ago we put that issue on the table, and you would have thought Rome was burning," said Jerz.

• Growth and Development Committee Chairman Rick Swanborg suggested raising mooring fees since they are relatively low compared to moorings rented by private companies. Town Manager Mark Haddad pointed out that Cohasset charges more for its public moorings than any other town on the South Shore. However, Haddad said, unlike some nearby towns, Cohasset does not generate any revenue from slips.

• Sewer Commissioner Ray Kasperowicz suggested looking at different, cheaper ways to manage the Fire Department, but Town Manager Mark Haddad said that could jeopardize the mutual aid Cohasset receives from surrounding towns. Haddad said mutual aid is even more valuable now because recently hired firefighters do not make enough to live in town, so they take longer to get to the station in the event of an emergency call.

Avalon hearing is postponed

The Zoning Board of Appeals has postponed its next meeting with Avalon Bay Estates after the developer requested an extension on a hearing that was originally scheduled for May 20.

Avalon Bay seeks a comprehensive permit under chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, to build a 200-unit apartment complex on Route 3A.

A lawyer for Avalon Bay did not state a reason for the extension request in a letter to the Zoning Board.

Zoning Board member Barbara Power said Avalon Bay did not provide the board with a reason for the extension either, but the board did not request one. "They don't have their act together," said Power. "We can understand that."

Avalon Bay requested that the hearing be postponed for two to three weeks, but Power said it may have to wait longer than that as several members of the Zoning Board have scheduled vacations in the upcoming months.

The next Avalon meeting will be significant because Avalon Bay may propose an alternative to its current wastewater plan, which the Water Commission says will pollute the town's supply of drinking water.

If Avalon Bay does not come up with an alternative, it will need to stick with the current plan, which Avalon representatives say will release treated wastewater into the Weir River watershed, not the Lily Pond watershed.

The Board of Selectmen and the School Committee are also prepared to make statements about Avalon's proposed development at the next Zoning Board hearing.

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Habitat for Humanity condominium for sale

Organization to begin accepting applications soon

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South Shore Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization that provides affordable housing for local families, is selling a condominium unit in its dwelling at 43 Elm St.

The unit was resold to Habitat by the previous owner, Lynda Kearns, who purchased it after it was renovated by Habitat in 1993. When selling homes or condominiums, Habitat provides100 percent zero-interest mortgages for 20 years to qualified individuals, who must then give Habitat the first right of refusal to buy back the home at cost.

The dwelling at 43 Elm St. consists of two condos. Formerly known as the Bates House, it was previously owned by the Town and served as the headquarters for the Rotary Club.

At Town Meeting in 1992, residents voted to sell the building to Habitat for $1. After renovating the home, Habitat sold the two units—one of them to Kearns—for about $50,000 each.

Now that Kearns has left, Habitat is planning to host meetings for interested potential owners who must then submit applications. Candidates for Habitat must demonstrate a significant need for housing, be willing to do 500 hours of "sweat equity" work for Habitat and be financially qualified but with limited income. A family or individual must have a minimum household income of $23,000 and a maximum of $39,000, which varies depending on the size of the family.

The Elm Street unit will be sold for $69,500. Since the unit is in good condition and does not need work, Habitat will arrange for the next owner to do "sweat equity" work on new Habitat projects in either Marshfield, Easton, or Norwell.

Habitat for Humanity is a worldwide organization that was founded by President Jimmy Carter.

South Shore Habitat gives 10 percent of its revenue to the parent organization to fund the construction of housing in El Salvador. The remainder of the revenue goes towards developing new Habitat properties on the South Shore. South Shore Habitat currently has 25 properties that house more than 30 families.

John Seavey, Chairman of Habitat's Family Selection Committee, said he is still setting up times and places for interviews where Habitat will make applications available to interested buyers. Seavey noted that this was the first time Habitat has turned over a property on the South Shore to a new owner.

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One of the units in the Habitat house on Elm Street is for sale.

Harborview complex could use sprucing up

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piano in the community room where they gather for special events and meetings.

The complex includes 64 apartments (including four units that can accommodate the handicapped) for those who are at least 60 years of age with an annual income not in excess of $40,600. Residents pay 30 percent of their net income including utilities to live there, and the average rent at Harborview is about $300 a month, Le Blanc says. There are also 12 units for the developmentally disabled.

The waiting list for an apartment can be as long as three years. A recent news brief in the Mariner about a few vacancies drew about 45 inquiries in a matter of days. With the loss of several residents, the waiting list had dwindled to just two; it's now up to 31 applicants, according to the CHA annual report.

Le Blanc says maintenance of the complex will be more difficult because of budget reductions.

"Our operating budget has been reduced by 25 percent," she says. "Our budget is lower than it was two years ago.

Residents could also have to pay more rent — numbers that may seem small to those who are not on fixed incomes.

Under the governor's budget proposal, for example, those with incomes of $5,000 a year will pay about $8 more a month, and those with incomes of $30,000 will pay $138 more a month, according to a newsletter from the Mass. Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

"You should see the grimace on a person's face when they see their rent is going up," Le Blanc says.

Each apartment includes a small kitchen, bathroom, living room, and a bedroom. There are movable dividers so residents can change the size of the living and bedroom areas. One resident created a studio apartment, for example. There is only one couple in the 64 units, the rest are single people.

In addition to Le Blanc, the CHA also employs a maintenance supervisor. The CHA, which is a state-subsidized property management agency, has a five-member board of commissioners four of whom are elected. The remaining seat is appointed by the governor.

Although the town DPW pitches in, Harborview could use more help maintaining the grounds, including helping residents rake and maintain their gardens. Many residents love gardening but no longer have the mobility. Help could also be used in washing windows and light carpentry, such as installing shelves; painting help is always needed. After snowstorms, help digging out residents' cars is needed. The oval island could also use a beautification effort.

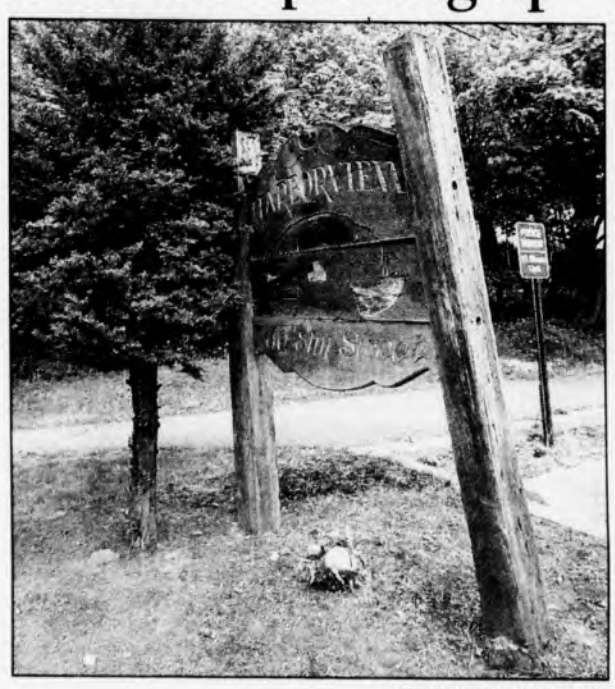
LeBlanc says a truck to move things is also on the wish list, as well as a small van to transport residents. Some, who are in their 90s, need to be transported from their apartments to the community room for events and programs.

Residents with macular degeneration (eye disease) would enjoy being read to, she says

The Cohasset Housing Authority is so small, it doesn't qualify for a full-time service coordinator, who would not only conduct recreational activities but would provide help with health insurance and legal issues. So anyone who could volunteer to provide guidance in those areas would be welcome.

Harborview is grateful to those residents and groups that have helped out including scout troops and CCD classes; the Osgood PTO, the American Legion and Cohasset Rotary – to name a few. The Harborview Tenants Association meets monthly and conducts surveys to ascertain residents' needs. The group also plans social activities and keeps in contact with residents who are ill or need cheering up, Le Blanc says.

For more information, call the housing authority office at 781-383-1948, or stop by the office at 60 Elm St., from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Wednesday.



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I want to start out this week's column with a big wish and hope that all mothers everywhere were pampered, loved and spoiled this past Sunday on Mothers Day. I cannot believe I forgot to send out a special message last week but sometimes, being a mom just gets in the way of all logical thinking! Sorry about that.

DEAN'S LIST

Named to the dean's list for the winter quarter at Northeastern University are Cohasset residents **Elizabeth J. Farnham** and **Andrei Skorupa**. Elizabeth is majoring in criminal justice and Andrei is an engineering major. Fantastic work to both of you and keep up the hard work.

RELAY WEEKEND!

This Friday and Saturday is the Relay For Life to benefit the American Cancer Society and everyone should really try to come to Cohasset High's Alumni Field to be a part of this amazing event. Starting at 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon, people will be walking around the track, taking part in games and activities, several fund-raisers being held in tents and outside of the track, The Relay for Life store will be open and so much more. It truly is a family oriented event that you have to see and be a part of to understand how much it really means.

The Survivor Lap, held at 6 p.m. on Friday is a sight to behold and later in the evening, the Luminaria candles will be lit at 9 p.m. in memory of a loved one, to honor a survivor or to send a prayer or special wish out to someone who is currently battling this dreaded disease. So make sure to come take part in this event, bring your family, cash and hearts, it is so worth it. Also, the "Taste Of Relay" will be happening that evening as well with lots of yummy foods from several area restaurants to taste and enjoy for $7 per person.

AT ANNAPOLIS

Allison Berg, daughter of **Peter and Miki Berg**, is on active duty at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. She is just finishing up her 2nd class year(junior year in college). As of May 23, 2003, she will be a "firstie" (senior)and her battalion honor representative. She is majoring in Honors Oceanography with a minor in French. As part of her training, this summer she will be studying French in Paris for a month, then spend the next month on a cruise with the French Naval Academy. After that, she will be training the "detailers", who train the "plebes" for Plebe Summer at the academy. She's doing extremely well and is obviously a busy young woman!

A BIG THANK YOU

The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball League would like to thank all of its players, parents, friends and families for making the calendar card fundraiser a *big* success!. The daily drawings will begin on May 15 with the winning names being posted at Barnes field every night! Good luck! The CHS Diamond Club would like to thank **George Roukounakis**, owner of the village's Olympic Citco, for his continued generosity to CHS baseball. George supports the J.V. and varsity baseball teams by allowing them to wash cars at his gas station. So, as sparkling cars drive by, thank George, a gem of a guy!

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The Adrian Morris Salon is hosting a 7 hour Cut-a-Thon on Sunday, May 18 from 10a.m.-5p.m. Walk in service only, no appointment is necessary. For only $20 an Adrian Morris stylist will shampoo and cut your hair and all of the proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society in conjunction with the Cohasset Relay for Life. Cash and checks only please. Please make any checks out directly to the American Cancer Society. This will be a great day so please come and support this worthwhile cause!

GEM OF A TENT

Elizabeth Kissick of EK designs will be setting up a Farmers Market-style table, hosted by the Life Stridesteam, co-captained by **Kellie Gaumer** and **Oriana Sadler** from 5-9p.m. on Friday May 16 at the Relay For Life. All of the proceeds from her jewelry sales during this time will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Please make sure to stop by their tent to look and purchase some beautiful pieces of jewelry.

NEW SCOREBOARD

When you see **Dave Curry** and **Kevin Dooley** around town please extend a thank you for their efforts in placing a new baseball scoreboard at Milliken field recently. The big blue scoreboard is another step in the rebirth of Cohasset's Middle and Senior High School baseball programs. Dave, is the owner of Curry Woodworking in Avon , provided all the material and labor to build the scoreboard, while Kevin, President of Bay State Equipment in Quincy, donated the necessary equipment to install the scoreboard.

FELICITACIONES!

The South Shore Charter School announces several Spanish students are receiving national recognition through The United States Achievement Academy. **Alex Gilman** of Cohasset is among the students honored and has been officially nominated as an USAA International Foreign Language Awards winner. His outstanding commitment to academic excellence has resulted in the nomination for this national award. The nominees will have their personal biography published in the appropriate volume of the USAA National Awards yearbook. In addition, they are eligible for one of the 200 scholarships cash grants. The Academy has granted more than $780,000 in scholarship cash grants to USAA National Award winners. Alex, this nomination is a wonderful recognition to you and all of your hard work. Congratulations!

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Deer Hill students Hanna Burgess, Matti Atholtz and Callie Altholz are all smiles as they participate in last year's Relay For Life event on Alumni Field.

POPS VOLUNTEERS

The Cohasset Arts Boosters are looking for some help with POPS night at the High School. This fun and rewarding evening will be on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. The Cohasset Arts Boosters are looking for help with shopping before hand, setting up and helping the night of the event. If you can give us any time, please call **Donna O'Donnell** at 781-383-6113 or **Stephanie Noble** at 781-383-6278.

SWIMMING NEWS

The Cohasset Swim Center is looking forward to the 2003 Swim Season! A town-wide mailing has been completed. Additional newsletter/registration forms can be found at the Town Hall and at the Paul Pratt Library. Just a friendly reminder that the Red Cross Swimming Lessons registration deadline is May 23. So get out your suits and snorkels, grab a towel and get ready for some splish-splashing fun! The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team is still looking for assistant coaches. Please call **Susan Donahue** at 781-383-0865. Registration for existing Cohasset Swim and Dive team members will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall on May 17 from 9 a.m.-noon. This is a one time sign up registration so make sure to mark it on your calendar.

PARENT FORUM

Attention all interested parents and members of the community. School Superintendent **Dr. Malvey** and the School Committee will hold an open forum to discuss the third grade move to the Deer Hill and the sixth grade move to the Middle School on Thursday, May 22 at 7 p.m. in the Deer Hill Cafeteria. Now is the time to come forward with any questions, thoughts, concerns or ideas that you may have on how to make this transition a smooth one.

CONSIGNMENT SHOP RAFFLE

The Cohasset Consignment Shop is holding a raffle for the month of May in honor of its 50th Anniversary, not birthday as I mentioned last week! To enter, fill out a coupon which can be found at the consignment shop, Cohasset Nobles Camera Shop, The Village Greenery and in Scituate, at the Bloomin' Place. The drawings are being held on Fridays, May 16 and 23 at 1 p.m. The prize for each week is a delightful gardening basket filled with gifts and certificates from local nurseries and hardware stores.

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That is all for this week. Send all your news and information to me in one of the following ways by noon on Mondays.

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Lending a helping hand to Honduran elementary school

By John Camera
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Students from Cohasset Middle School have teamed up with first-year teacher Rachael Brewin to provide much-needed supplies to an elementary school in Honduras.

After seventh and eight graders spent more than a month donating items like crayons, tape, glue sticks, rulers and computer games, Brewin hand-delivered the supplies over April vacation to the Cofradia Bilingual School, a small private school located in the rural town of Cofradia, Honduras.

When she returned, Brewin created a slideshow documenting her trip. She selected from among the more than 500 photos that she took during her travels, while students helped her choose music for the soundtrack.

Brewin said she was inspired to carry out the charitable project because her good friend and classmate from Wheelock College, Catie Solan, is one of six volunteer teachers at the Cofradia Bilingual School. The school is host to more than 80 students from kindergarten through sixth grade. It is ran by the non-profit organization B.E.C.A., or Bilingual Education for Central America.

"In Honduras, if you don't know English, you don't have as many chances to get a job," explained Brewin. "But if you know English, your salary basically doubles."

Brewin said Solan informed her of the tough conditions at the Cofradia Bilingual School, where students pay $30 per month for school, although many receive financial aid or have a full scholarship. The school's library includes only five shelves of books, which is more than Cofradia's public library, Brewin said. Also, she said, teachers need to make a trip to the local fire station for clean water.

In February, Brewin approached the Middle School Student Council about her idea to gather supplies for the school. The students took the idea and ran with it, reading letters and showing pictures sent by Cofradia students and making announcements to update students on how much had been collected. Students also posted creative signs to encourage donations.

"The students really did everything about getting the word out," Brewin said. "For a while, I didn't even have to do anything. I just sat back and watched it miraculously come together."

Students show Brewin the plants they are growing in agriculture class.

Ian Cundall, a Student Council class representative for the seventh grade, said the decision to help Brewin was an easy one. "We just all thought it was a good thing to do, and it was a unanimous decision," he said.

Tessa Leahy, an eighth grader at the Middle School who was one of a number of students who posted flyers to encourage donations, said she was inspired by the charitable nature of the project.

"(The students at Cofradia Bilingual School) have such poor living conditions and they don't have as many opportunities as us," she said. "I think after graduation I'd like to go live somewhere and volunteer like that. I think it would be fun."

When Brewin, who is a special education teacher, made the trip to Honduras in April with her father and a family friend, she carried with her what she estimated to be about 300 pounds of school supplies – everything from stickers and glitter to sponges and educational computer games. Brewin said the supplies valued more than $1000.

"When I was leaving school with all the supplies for vacation, my car was full," she said. "I couldn't fit anything else in."

Brewin said the teachers, students and parents at Cofradia Bilingual School were "ecstatic" to finally receive the donations and provided their generous hospitality in return. "They were so kind to us," she said. "One of the mothers made dinner for 30 people."

During her nine-day stay in Honduras, Brewin saw firsthand how the Cofradia School functioned. She participated in classes, one of which was an course in agriculture. Using money that was donated by the families of Cohasset students, she took Cofradia students on a field trip to an art museum in the Honduran capital of San Pedro Sula.

Brewin said the donated supplies would be rationed and would last the school for a few years. She said the slideshow presentation, which took place last Thursday morning, provided a sense of closure for Cohasset students by allowing them to see how their donations made a difference. She invited Solan, who had returned from Honduras on vacation, to field questions about the Cofradia Bilingual School.

Cohasset teacher Rachael Brewin is all smiles as she poses with Mary Nicole, a kindergarten student at Cofradia Bilingual School.

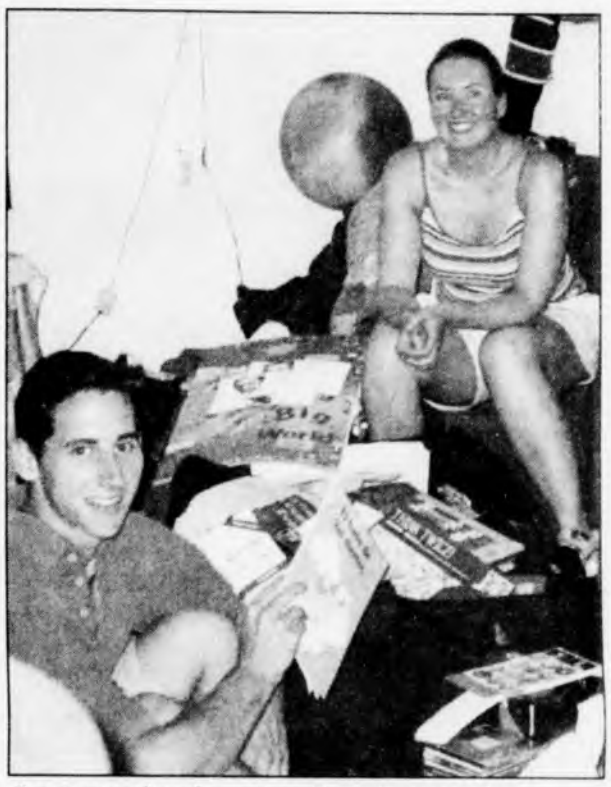
Cundall said the slideshow hit home with students who may not have fully understood what life at a rural school in Honduras was like.

"A lot of students didn't realize how bad the living conditions were until they saw the slideshow," he said. "You saw the little kids and you were like, 'Wow, look at the conditions they have to live with.'"

Brewin said since returning from Honduras she has received thank-you notes in English from the students at Cofradia Bilingual School, and she noticed remarkable improvement from the initial letters sent earlier this year.

Brewin said the project taught Cohasset students a valuable lesson. "It's important for students here to understand that we are very fortunate," she said. "A lot of what we have, we sometimes take for granted."

To make a donation to the Cofradia Bilingual School, send a check to B.E.C.A., 118 West 118th St., #4, New York City, NY 10026.



Brewin sorts through supplies with a volunteer teacher at Cofradia Bilingual School.

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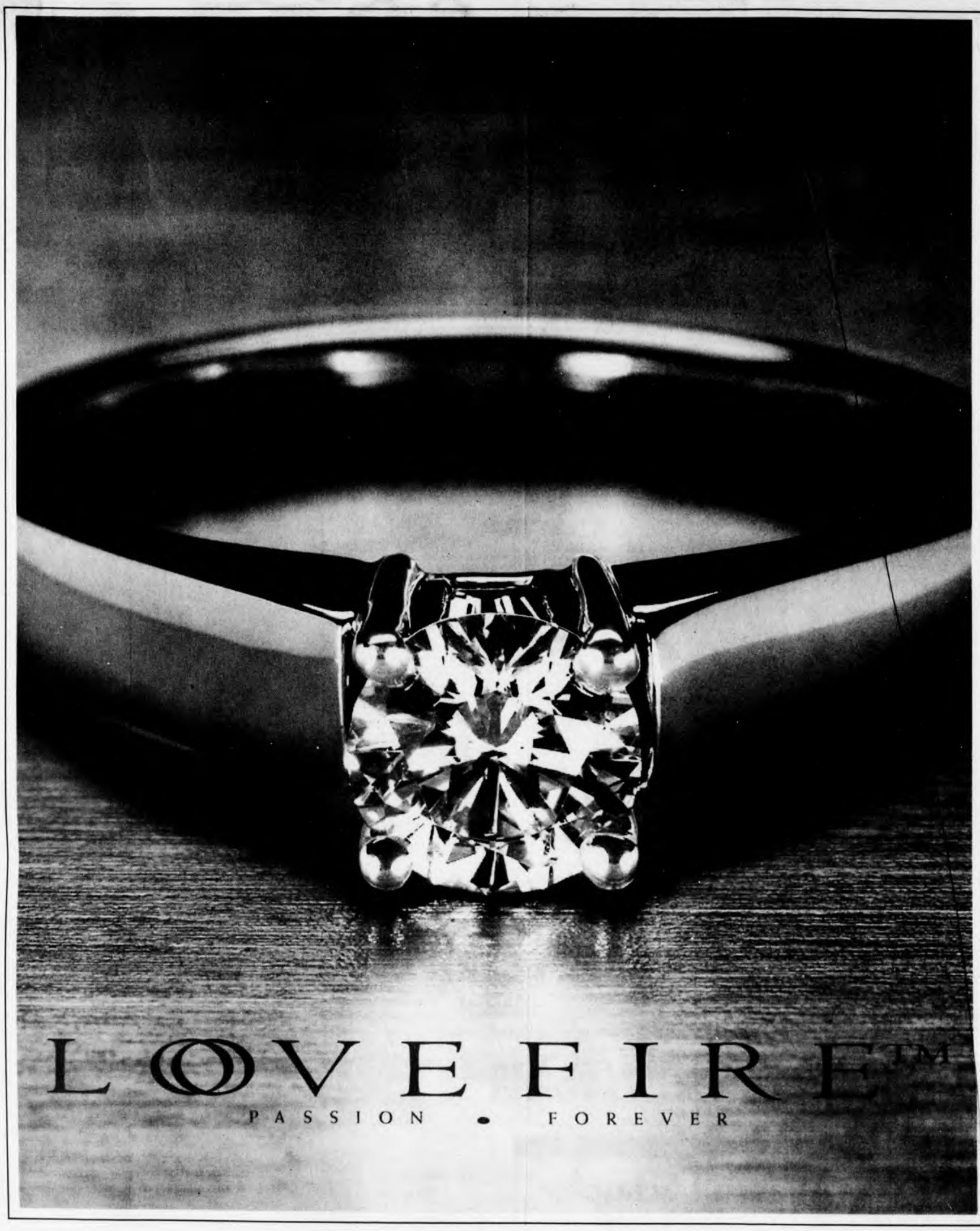

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They and their friends are committed to helping find a cure for this disease.

There was a pre-party held at a private home in Cohasset before the gala and three couples in attendance have young children in Cohasset living with the daily struggles of juvenile diabetes. They and their friends are committed to helping find a cure for this disease.

The benefit in Boston was an enormous success and all donations will contribute to helping to finding a cure.

Featured at a pre-party held at a Cohasset home are from left to right, Ed Maher, Johanna Quinlan, Jen Maher, David Quinlan, Laura Murphy, Brian Murphy, Kari O'Donnell, Dan O'Donnell, Karina Davis, Dee Davis, Chris Whelan, Nancy Whelan, Todd Marshman, Pam Marshman, Sean Doherty, Suzie Doherty, Jeff Dimodica and Christine Dimodica. Missing from the photo are Muffie and Paul Antico.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Elm Street housing

We've heard it called elderly housing and even jokingly described as "wrinkle village." But what it is — is truly *affordable* housing for those 60 and older on limited incomes.

Compare the "average" rent to what the AvalonBay project plans to charge for its affordable units and you quickly realize the 28-year-old Harborview apartment complex is a precious gem in a town that touts it cares about providing affordable housing for its senior citizens. Cohasset residents, who apply to live there, are given preference over other applicants.

But how many of us drive by the Harborview sign, which is in dire need of refurbishing, and don't really zero in on it, or even notice it? How many of us are even aware that Harborview exists? Tucked in on three acres behind the police-fire station, the complex is virtually invisible.

The 64-unit complex that also has an additional 12 units for the developmentally delayed is subsidized by the state — which means our tax dollars at the state level support the housing authority so it can provide housing for those with low incomes.

But with a $3 billion state deficit, the housing authority's budget is being cut which means it will be more stretched to provide maintenance at the complex.

However, even without with the budget issues, Harborview could use some assistance from the residents of Cohasset.

Help can range from donating a piano for the community room, installing shelves, beautifying the grounds — to spending an hour reading to an older person, who is losing his or her eyesight.

Housing authority director Marilyn Le Blanc is compiling a "wish list" that will be available during a cleanup planned for 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday.

In a town like Cohasset, there is no reason why Harborview should want for anything.

In this town, there are people with means and people with energy, and some have both. Let's get involved and spruce up Harborview.

Relay For Life

The annual Relay For Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society has become an annual tradition this time of year. Who among us hasn't been touched by cancer in some way? It's through events like the Relay For Life that money can be raised while those who are raising the funds can also feel the satisfaction — and the emotion — of making a difference.

If you are not on a team, there are still many ways to participate and enjoy the weekend events, all the while supporting a terrific cause.

We hope to see you at Alumni Field.

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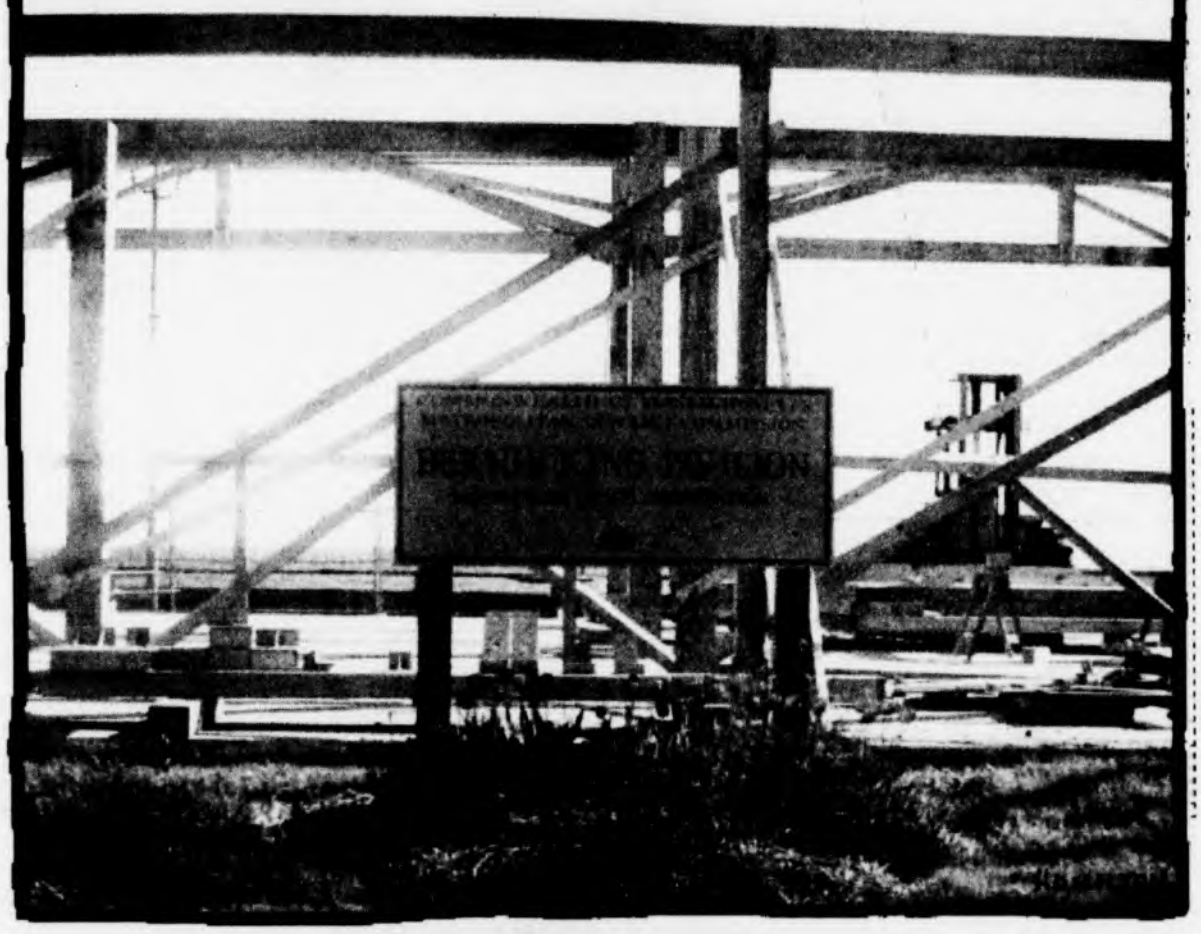

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Response to letter from Peace Forum

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks to the members of the South Shore Peace Forum for their letter to the Mariner. I appreciate their thoughtful addition to the foreign policy debate and respect their right — and even obligation — to publicly express their displeasure with the war in Iraq.

While agreeing with the Peace Forum's goals and objectives, I write in reaction to suggest that a different means is necessary to achieve a lasting and stable peace. I would like to commend President Bush and Prime Minister Blair for their courage and fortitude both in Iraq and vis-à-vis the UN. Unfortunately there are leaders and nations that do not dream of world peace — and who will put the security of the world's peace loving nations at risk in order to achieve their particular goals. Saddam Hussein has provided a long history of proof of his bad intentions; he has ruthlessly attacked and killed his own people, funded terrorists and suicide bombers to strike out at Western interests abroad, and conducted a covert dirty weapons program intended to ensure his position as a threat to his neighbors as to the West.

The means that the Peace Forum suggests to control such menaces — the UN — has seen its resolutions against Iraq disregarded with impunity, its processes dragged out and renegotiated to the point of impotence. The UN is powerless to enforce its resolutions as long as individual member states such as France (which overtly assisted in the process that enabled senior members of the Iraqi regime escape) and Russia (which continued to supply military equipment to Iraq during the recent conflict) callously deny their support for follow-up action. The reality is that the UN's hands are tied so long as any conflicts of interest exist among the veto-holding members of the Security Council.

President Bush and Prime Minister Blair have seen this paralysis, have assessed the threat, and have courageously committed military and economic resources in order to free the world of the threat of Saddam Hussein. Neither leader takes lightly war's threat to the well being of his nation's soldiers. Neither leader fails to appreciate the dedication of his volunteer military forces. And while the primary consideration was Saddam Hussein's threat to American and British security, any significant threat to two such peace and freedom loving nations must also be a threat to greater world peace. By proactively eliminating one of the world's major dangers, President Bush and Prime Minister Blair have broken the patterns of multinational inaction and convenience strikes that both enabled Saddam Hussein to maintain his evil regime and encouraged his imitators to rise up.

The Peace Forum suggests that our policy of proactive peacemaking can only be viewed as senseless and self-serving violence. As with all policies, there will be individuals and nations who disagree with our means. Further, there will always be individuals and nations who hate us for nothing more than being all that we cherish — freedom loving and democratic. To suggest that we can avoid future violence against the United States by continuing the very policy of inaction under which the extent of terrorist and rogue state threats have come to light is both illogical and irresponsible. Simply hoping that no one will hate us and no one will harm us is not likely to be more successful today than it was on September 10, 2001.

So I thank President Bush and Prime Minister Blair for having the courage to be the true peace-makers. They have made the very difficult choice to risk a few human lives to save many and they have seen initial victory. While reconstruction will be neither easy nor completely smooth, I would chose no other leaders to forge ahead in the historic endeavor of creating a lasting peace for Iraq.

Gabriel E. Gomez
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HEALTH NOTES

Town turf and lawn-care practices

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Every spring, the issue of responsible lawn care comes up. Folks in town generally apply common sense as well as limited chemicals to their fiefdoms, but it only takes a few strategically placed applications of excessive chemicals and other practices to wreak considerable harm. But, is lawn care a public health issue?

With SARS, food contamination, allergic reactions to chemicals, and peanuts, latex, etc., should we really be worrying about what people put on their lawns? This has been a point of discussion at the Board for some time. In the last analysis, we go to Joe Godzik, our health officer, who shows great common sense and ask the question whether, in the face of all the other things calling for our oversight, should we really be using up time and resources on lawn care?

His answer, and the answer of so many environmental public servants is yes. As a nation, we have adopted some harmful paradigms which are having a negative effect on our general overall health. We all know about overweight and obesity the root causes for which are related to too much cheap food and too many incentives for inactivity. There may be other less harmful examples, but a consensus of health-care officials is that abuse of our environment is surely harming the health of some fraction of our population. I could mention the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico, or the virus which is killing sea lions in California, or the fungus which is attacking our lobsters in Cohasset. All have loose and unconfirmed links to some aspect of our treatment of our surroundings.

Now, back to lawn care. What, if anything should we do about it? Well, in the first place we don't believe that passing laws is the way to attack most systemic problems. We far prefer education as an approach. Accordingly, Health Notes has an article every spring extolling integrated pest management or some other system of better handling our environment. However, the problem with using education to make changes is that everybody isn't educated.

Thankfully, I hear that a gratifying number of people read this column, but it's not going to reach enough people to be really effective in stamping out overuse of harmful agricultural chemicals in the face of the onslaught of advertising campaigns aimed at increasing their use. For this reason, most government agencies such as the EPA have included in their regulations much material about public outreach, getting peoples ear on matters such as pesticide control, storm-drain maintenance, and yes, turf management.

And so, following this thought, the Board has an idea. We are considering a novel and very public approach to demonstrate the benefits of better turf management. We're considering using the Common as a testing ground for environmentally managed lawn-care practices. We would have the DPW divide the Common into two parts with conventional lawn care used on one half and a program of environmentally sound turf management used on the other. Generally the use of IPM and other beneficial environmental practices results in substantially reduced maintenance costs, but frequently an increase, at least at first, in the number of complaints about the lack of perfect landscaping. I remember one individual, in seeing my back yard, said it was pleasant, these days, to see such a nice meadow.

And so, there we have it. Nothing has been put into place. It's still only a gleam in the Board's collective eye, but such a program might give considerable visibility to a problem which turns our ponds green in the spring, and is known to harm many of our local species including, sometimes, human beings. Please give us your thoughts about this plan. If enough people contact us telling us you like the idea, we'll do some real thinking about just exactly what it would involve and begin to plan for its possible implementation. Contact us if you have any ideas.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health, which can be reached at 781-383-4116.

The many wonders of dune grass

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY

Dune grass not only protects the dune from wind erosion, but also enables the dune to withstand the intense pounding of winter storm waves.

I'm in love with the beach. In "The Outermost House", Henry Beston describes it this way: " . . . these sands might be the end or the beginning of a world. Age by age, the sea here gives battle to the land; age by age, the earth struggles for her own, calling to her defense her energies and her creations, bidding her plants steal down upon the beach, and holding the frontier sands in a net of grass and roots which the storms wash free."

Walking along South Shore beaches and dunes long ago aroused my curiosity about the beach ecosystem. My favorite source of seacoast lore is Ian McHarg's "Design With Nature." McHarg describes the zones that form naturally on a seacoast. The beach, between low and high tide lines, is a place of joy and magic. People can use the beach intensively without harming it. In McHarg's words, "So the beach is tolerant to all the happiest of uses — swimming and picnicking, the making of sandcastles, fishing and sunbathing."

Next inland is the primary dune, stabilized by American dune grass (*Ammophila brevigulata*). This amazing plant is responsible for creating the primary dune. If you think about it, wind-blown sand consists of tiny rocks suspended in air, an unstable condition if ever there was one. At average wind speeds all it takes is a slight disturbance to the airflow, for example the stem and leaves of dune grass, and the sand particle falls to the ground. Burial by sand stimulates the growth of dune grass; it can cope with being buried in up to three feet of sand per year.

Dune grass is adapted to other harsh conditions — strong winds, high salinity, lack of moisture, and lack of nutrients. Its root system may descend to a depth of 10 feet or more, enabling it to reach adequate nutrients and water. Underground runners spread horizontally, growing up to five feet annually. The runner sends up shoots every foot or so. This extensive root system anchors and stabilizes the dune, enabling other plant species, such as beach pea, dusty miller, and beach rose to become established. This super-plant can even absorb silica from the sand and use it in the structure of its leaves. This makes the leaves very strong, able to withstand sand-blasting. All the while absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and generating oxygen! Thank you dune grass, for the air I breathe.

Dune grass not only protects the dune from wind erosion, but also enables the dune to withstand the intense pounding of winter storm waves. McHarg explains how dunes are capable of absorbing the furious energy of storm waves — by giving a bit, moving a little with each impact.

However, one thing dune grass cannot survive is trampling. People walking across dune grass easily kill it. McHarg tells the fascinating story of how the Netherlands is protected from storms and flooding by natural sand dunes that are stabilized by dune grass, and describes how vulnerable dune grass is to trampling. "In the Netherlands this information is the stuff of kindergarten classes. The vulnerability of dune grass is so well understood that dunes are denied to public access; only licensed naturalists are permitted to walk on them."

Cohasset could have beautiful natural sand dunes flourishing at Sandy Beach, along the ocean side of the parking lot, and along both sides of Atlantic Avenue. All it would take is the realization that sand dunes are beautiful and valuable, and respect for dune grass and other dune plants. We will be rewarded by the graceful flow of sand and dune grass, cool green in the summer and golden in the fall. And remember: Please don't walk on the dune grass.

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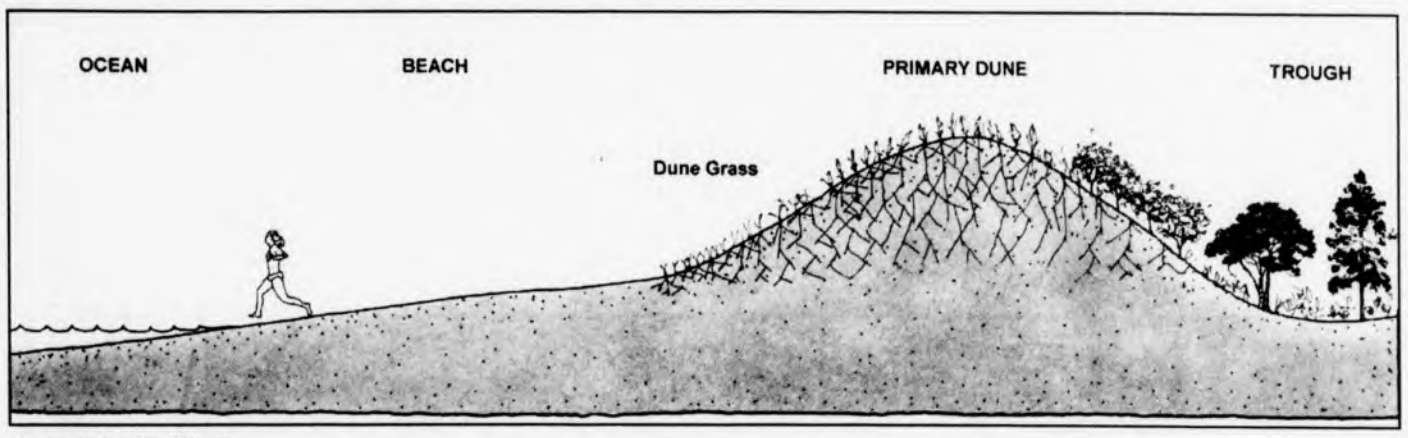

Drawing by Jim Shipsky.

Working for the Globe

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I think if I were starting out in this business, I would avoid working for the Boston Globe.

Oh, the pay is good. Even the lowliest reporter can make $50,000 a year, I am told. The choicest assignments go to Globies who are likely to turn up anywhere in the world. Expense accounts are rarely questioned. Beacon Hill snaps to attention when the Globe comes aboard.

Then why do I have feeling that the newsroom is bugged? Or that the appearances of staff members on TV and radio is monitored? Or that the Globe's compliance squad may show up at my next party to see if the balance of African-Americans, women, and Latinos is correct?

Even the stars are not immune as Bob Ryan, the sports columnist, found out the other day when he was suspended without pay for telling a TV audience that he would like to "smack" Joumana Kidd, a threat that had already been carried out by her basketball player husband, Jason Kidd.

One need not have a long memory to recall the time that David Nyhan, one of the stars of the Globe's op ed page, was fined $1,200 (later rescinded, I believe) for a scatological description of a coworker's relationship to women which was spoken, not written.

"Bob Ryan's comments were a clear and egregious violation of the standards of the Boston Globe," said editor Martin Baron. "Bob has been told in no uncertain terms that his remarks were offensive and unacceptable."

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When I joined the Associated Press bureau in Boston in 1952, it was on the third floor of the Globe building across Washington Street, an area known as "Newspaper Row," and the crews of both papers drank together at Tommy McFarland's tavern downstairs.

Tommy's real name was Bevilacqua, meaning "drink water" in Italian, which I thought was a funny name for the dispenser of adult beverages.

But I digress . . .

Every night that the Bruins played out of town, a man from Western Union used to come into the AP office, receive a message via his clicker, leave one copy on the desk, and take another with him. The office copy lay there for a couple of days, then someone threw it away.

I asked the Western Union man why he was doing this. He didn't know, except that his boss told him to.

I asked the bureau chief. He didn't know, either, except that it had always been done to his knowledge.

Finally it was discovered that at some time in the early '30s, the Globe had ordered an addition to the wire story for itself.

Sometime during the war, the Globe apparently had forgotten about it. For 10 years or more, the paper had been paying for the add and not picking it up.

But I digress again . . .

It's no secret that Bob likes to talk; Basketball wits used to say that Tom Heinsohn liked to shoot so much that he once got off three shots while they were playing the national anthem. You could say the same for Ryan, substituting words for shots.

Only once do I recall seeing Bob speechless.

We knew each other on the level of acquaintance. Right now, he probably wouldn't know me from Marshall Hawkins; but this one night, after a Celtics game, we happened to be sitting at a table in The Horse when Celtic Paul Westphal and his wife, Cindy, joined us.

Cindy is best described as an 11 on a scale of one to 10. In order to sit down at the table, Cindy had to take off her coat.

Like I say, only once do I recall seeing Bob Ryan speechless.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Harbormaster won't be forgotten

TO THE EDITOR:

Our town had one of its luckiest moments the day John "Moose" Winters accepted the harbormaster job. I had the opportunity to work closely with John on a number of projects involving the sailing club. John loved to see the kids at the club develop an attachment for the water. He kept a watchful eye for their safety. If one of the club boats broke down John or his assistant would quietly appear to offer backup to our own safety boats.

Moose possessed great knowledge about boat mechanics and the waterfront. But his greatest skill lay in his ability to lead. Not once did John officiously use his badge to exercise authority. Rather he gently guided people to a conclusion best reflecting the interests of the harbor.

John advocated for the fishermen, for the boat owners and for the local clubs. When the groups came into conflict, he crafted solutions that kept the peace and moved everyone forward. This skill came easily to John because he tremendously valued fairness, enjoyed people, and felt passionate about the harbor.

John's legacy will live long after his death through the talented people he hired and trained. Thank you, John, for your extraordinary contributions and friendship.

Bob Deutsch
Past Commodore Cohasset Sailing Club

Peace Forum is off the mark

TO THE EDITOR:

If you haven't been paying attention lately to foreign affairs, you might agree with last week's marvelously well-written letter from the peace vigil people. However, note that the appeasement and coddling of the bad guys by the UN, by previous administrations, and by various European countries with commercial interests at stake, have failed miserably. The "new" foreign policy recommended by the writers is but a return to the practices that have yielded nothing but grief.

On the other hand, the Bush policy of preemptive engagement has at last resulted in progress toward resolving the Palestinian dilemma, has significantly eroded the capability of the Al Qaeda terrorist organization,, has moved Syria to reign in terrorists, and has alerted Saudi Arabia that its support of terrorism will have consequences. The Bush activism may have stirred up some Muslim activists, but clearly it has also had positive influence on the governments that have sponsored or condoned terrorism. Many years ago, the frigate Constitution ended the tributes to the Barbary pirates and their sponsoring governments, with preemptive action. There are many other instances in world history where supine diplomacy failed but action successfully put the bad guys out of business. (Opponents of a strong military should review the history of Ethelred the Unready in medieval England. See also a fine book "The Savage Wars of Peace" by Max Boot).

Sure, "being opposed to bullying other nations with impunity" has a nice moral ring to it, but in the nasty real world the bad guys are interested in negotiation and diplomacy only as a means to hoodwink the naifs who cringe at the use of force. Like the proverbial mule, first you get its attention and respect with a bang on the head with a two-by-four. Peace vigils in the camp of the good guys may not do much harm to our resolve to face up to evil, but neither do they influence the real disturbers of the peace. The good and well-meaning peace vigil people could better direct their energies to persuading the UN to drop its sanctions that perpetuate the misery of the Iraqis, rather than futile attempts to hobble action to curb governments that are dangerous, savage and undemocratic.

Admittedly, the planning for the peace in Iraq was inadequate, and both our troops and the Iraqis will suffer for it. Nevertheless, the elimination of the Saddam regime is a significant milestone on the painful journey of countering terrorism.. No amount of peace protests will produce such a useful milestone, nor will a return to an ineffective foreign policy.

It's not enough merely to profess support for our troops, we should understand the situation well enough to realize that the miseries of war can be the price of preventing far greater miseries. Finally, the Gulf wars were not about preserving our oil supply, they are about denying to dangerous regimes the vast revenues from oil sales; dangerous regimes who would continue to use the revenues not only to purchase every conceivable weapon but also to subvert the free nations through terrorism. Continued denial will require vigorous and preemptive action. Peace vigils will have no effect on these undemocratic regimes. Let us hope that in time such regimes will be replaced by democratic governments tolerant of peace vigils and other diversity of opinion.

R. Murray Campbell
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Coyote column is badly needed

TO THE EDITOR:

In the past two weeks, our family has sadly lost our two cats; Pumpkin who was 12 and Baby who was only a year and a half. We were very responsible with them and did not let them out at night. We are aware that there are numerous coyotes in town however, both cats accidentally snuck outside at night.

It is unsettling to us that they just "disappeared". We have posted signs, checked with shelters, and the police however, they have not returned. Although we live on Sohier Street, "downtown" Cohasset — I suspect coyotes were responsible. Also, in talking with people in town we discovered that we are not alone and many pets are also recently unaccounted for throughout our town.

I am writing to request a publishing of a few reports by the Animal Control Officer of Cohasset in the Mariner:

- A weekly missing animal report. This report would serve a twofold; it would allow identification and return of lost animals to their owners and it would serve to alert the public where the potential Coyote "feeding spots" are.
- A weekly definitive coyote sighting report that you have done in years past. How many are there and where do they live?
- A pet alert guide to raise awareness to pet owners and clarify your procedures for missing animals. This report would include such useful facts as:

Awareness Issues

〈 Do not leave trash or pet food outside
- Do not let your pets outside at night
〈 Some coyote behavioral facts (i.e. Now is den time which equals more feeding = high alert)

Your procedures

〈 What should residents do if they lose a pet? Who should it be reported to?

〈 If a resident loses a pet and you find it, what does the animal control officer do with it if it has no tags (i.e. Cat)?

We have lived in Cohasset for seven years and our cats went outside at night up until three or four years ago. It appears that the number that the number of coyotes have *increased* over the years and are causing many people losses of their dogs and cats. I realize that coyotes are an endangered species however, more information from you could help save a few more pets and prevent other's family anguish. My children are heart-broken and so are we.

Patricia A. Hart
63 Sohier St.

CEA thanks volunteers

TO THE EDITOR:

The month of May is Older Americans Month, and the Cohasset Elder Affairs staff want to take this opportunity to thank individuals and groups in our community for their help in planning, preparing, serving, entertaining and cleaning up in connection with so many of our events. In particular, we note the February St. Valentine's Day tea, and in March the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. These events were well received and afforded opportunities for friends to be together and visit in an atmosphere of fun and celebration.

There are so many people to thank for contributing their time and energies and to name just a few: the members of the Cohasset Elder Affairs Board, Anna Abbruzzese and the Gourmet Club members, the Rev. Ritts and the Second Congregational Church members, the Rev. Mulvehill and St. Anthony Church members, and the Rev. Cutler and St. Stephen Church members for Meals on Wheels delivery. We thank the many individuals who drive our van, who shop, prepare food, set tables and clean up after our lunches and events.

How fortunate we are in this community to have such a sense of commitment and support from so many of our friends. We could not accomplish all that we do without them.

During the month of May, we held a Tea at The Friends Home in Hingham May 8; and look forward to the Birthday Party for our Octogenarian and Nonagenarian Friends May 15; and the Plymouth North Culinary Department Lunch May 20. A number of our seniors will be taking part in the Read Aloud Day at the Osgood School May 23. This was a successful event last year, and the participants look forward to continuing it this year. On May 28, our veterans are invited to attend a Memorial Day Brunch at the Cohasset Senior Center, 3 North Main St. The brunch is held in conjunction with our TRIAD program, and the chiefs from our Police and Fire Departments are present to share appropriate information with those in attendance. Lastly, May 29, we are offering a Legal Clinic to all who are interested. (Details on the foregoing programs are available at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 781-383-9112).

On May 1 in recognition of May Day, the Osgood School third-grade class made lovely May baskets for the seniors who attended our Thursday luncheon, and the nursery school children entertained the group by singing songs. We thank Sheila O'Neil and her staff for this delightful program.

We are always heartened at CEA for the wonderful spirit of community, for the intergenerational programs, and for our volunteers who so willingly give of their time. We honor our older Americans during May and all through the year for their unique contributions that have made our community and our world a better place.

Martha Horsefield
Volunteer Coordinator

Flower girls needed

The American Legion auxiliary is looking for flower girls to join the Memorial Day Parade at the common at 11:30 a.m.; walk to the harbor and throw flowers during the ceremony. Flowers will be provided and adults will escort the girls. Contact Brenda Douglas at 383-9144 or Jill Cronin at 545-2354.

Bypass pipe installed

The Water Dept. is starting to install bypass May 14 on the Hillside as it prepares to replace undersized water mains starting about May 19 on Bancroft Road, Hill Street, Norfolk Road, and Oak Street.

The Water Dept. will start flushing the entire distribution system during the week of May 19. Residents will get more specific notification before flushing begins in their area so they can take appropriate precautions.

Romney-Finneran feud is a lot more than arithmetic

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The fight's really on now between Romney and the Democrats, and it's a fight about 2004, on several levels.

• The argument about budget numbers for next year.

In the media we like to write about the personality clashes and power struggles. But real people are way more affected by the arithmetic frantically rearranged in a side room off the House chamber all week long, as representatives grappled to pass a state budget and solve a $3 billion budget deficit. The numbers aren't being changed much, to the chagrin of groups like the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the Council of Human Service Providers. Among the torrent of significant — and overlooked decisions taken were amendments limiting state borrowing for long-term projects to $800 million a year, instead of $1.2 billion, and expanding the number of mothers who must work if they want to keep receiving welfare. Before voting 128-29 to adopt a $22.5 billion fiscal 2004 budget bill, the House attempted to salvage the popular Prescription Drug insurance program. Senators indicated they may follow suit. The program serves 80,000 people.

• The struggle between Mitt Romney and Thomas Finneran, both eyeing the next election cycle.

Its escalation is increasing the momentum behind a developing showdown between the men and their parties in 2004. The governor hit the campaign trail for a Republican running in a special election for a Braintree-based House seat. And Romney is talking about running candidates against Finneran's rank and file in the elections next year – candidates that must be recruited early, i.e. now, if the Republicans are going to assemble a genuine threat to the status quo in Finneran's House. The dispute grew for a few months and then burst into ugliness when Romney criticized Finneran's economic proposal three weeks ago. Finneran hates, *hates* that kind of dis, and he doesn't forget it – ask some of the representatives who are still bearing the wounds of diminished stature from their long-ago decisions to question his chosen path. And Finneran loves to protect House Democrats from politically tough votes – last week he blocked votes on budget amendments that would have made it look like his members were against increasing local aid. Finneran thinks of the House as his family. He teared up at the end of the debate, publicly wishing the son he never had would have been like House budget chief John Rogers.

Among the manifestations of the feud were the governor's criticism of the proposed stricter borrowing cap, the continuing Battle of the Bulger and a dispute over the naming of the main section of the Big Dig. After Finneran blocked a vote on the issue, Romney insisted he won't stop trying to eliminating the $14 million UMass President's office headed up by William Bulger. The GOP is trying to portray the office as a misuse of taxpayer resources. No one in the GOP is jumping up and down to name the Dig after the late great "Tip" O'Neill, a Democratic icon, and so Romney and Finneran's allies continued sparring in the newspapers over whether the tunnel should be called the Liberty Tunnel. If the usual pattern holds, and present trends continue, the Big Dig will wind up named the Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Verizon Liberty Tunnel.

On the high road, the Democrats will continue playing the economy card against Romney; on the low road, Finneran recently issued a letter of attack against the governor so insulting the speaker was moved to apologize for it on WRKO. The apology could lower the temperature and volume, but dynamics are now in place resembling the long reciprocal grudge the speaker had with former Senate President Birmingham. Finneran would from time to time say pleasant things about Birmingham, too, but no one in the building doubted his true feelings.

• Romney needs long-term public support, because Finneran and Senate President Travaglini have the votes in the State House, and the governor doesn't.

It's the most important reality of all. As has been the case for so many years, Republican governors can propose whatever they want, and if the Democrats don't like the idea, it's dead. The debates are within the party, and between the House and Senate. Republican governors have been promising for more than a decade to change this ultimate political bottom line, but have found even multi-billion dollar budget problems easier to resolve than the mathematics of power.

It was the kind of week where one could say, what news wasn't about the budget process? The answer: plenty.

• *State could be heading for cape-to-berkshire smoking ban* — The same week Boston adopted a ban on smoking in all bars and restaurants, the Health Care Committee heard broad support for bills that would outlaw smoking in all workplaces in the Commonwealth. Witnesses said a waitress working a full shift can inhale the equivalent of a half pack of cigarettes.

• *Stanley wins better government award* — When Rep. Harriett Stanley was removed as chairwoman of the Health Care Committee, the suggestion was made by the speaker's office that she hadn't shown enough acumen on health care policy. The Pioneer Institute would beg to differ: it gave Stanley $3,000 as an award for her plan to re-engineer the Medicaid program. The plan was one of four winners in this year's Better Government Competition.

• *Domestic violence panel revised, expanded* — Lt. Gov. Healey will chair the expanded version of the state Domestic Violence Commission, renamed the Governor's Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence. At the press conference announcing its reconstitution (membership was not detailed), organizers said the church scandal of the past year and other crimes have lent new urgency to the issue.

• *The week in budget history* — There's no way to deliver a summary of the budget action at a glance, but here's last week's activity at as few glances as possible. All would need Senate approval to go to the governor, and he could veto any of them.

— Funding for programs for the disabled was increased $1.7 million.

— A "cybershame" Internet roster of tax scofflaws was approved.

— Special needs students were exempted from the MCAS graduation requirement, a vote Education Commissioner David Driscoll called insulting to the 70 percent of special needs kids who worked to pass the exam.

— Various state agencies were barred from using Social Security numbers on employee ID cards, in a bid to prevent identity theft.

— Charter school funding would be studied under an amendment, but a moratorium on new charters was rejected.

— A study of the desirable but very expensive North-South Station rail link was approved.

— Another study would identify how state colleges can respond to the training needs of businesses in their region, a plan some criticized as a kind of advanced vocation ed.

—Still another study would determine whether the $30 an hour rate for public defenders should be raised.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for over 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.
THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on one roll call and local representatives' votes on seven roll calls from the week of May 5-9. All House roll calls are on amendments to the proposed $22.5 billion fiscal 2004 state budget.

RULES FOR SENATE BUDGET DEBATE

Senate 38-2, approved a set of rules to be followed when the Senate considers the fiscal 2004 state budget. A key provision requires that any member who proposes an increase in spending in excess of $100,000 also offer a proposal decreasing spending by an equal or greater amount. Another provision prohibits any amendment that increases taxes or other revenues from earmarking the revenue for specific programs. Supporters said these new rules would impose fiscal responsibility in light of the state's huge deficit by preventing members from offering new spending without making corresponding cuts. Opponents said the new rules give more power to the Senate leadership by allowing it to propose a budget without the "increase/decrease" restriction placed on members who offer amendments to it. They said the new rules are anti-democratic and will further decrease the input and power of individual members. (A "Yea" vote is for the new rules. A "Nay" vote is against the new rules).

APPROVE HOUSE VERSION OF FISCAL 2004 STATE BUDGET (H 4000)

House 128-29, gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate an estimated $22.5 billion fiscal 2004 state budget. The package does not raise taxes but makes major cuts in many areas including human service programs, education and local aid. Supporters said the package is a balanced one that makes tough choices in light of the state's fiscal crisis and would close the state's estimated $3 billion budget deficit. Some opponents said the budget makes too many cuts in important programs and will hurt many citizens across the state. Others said they were pleased that the package adopts many of Governor Romney's and the Republicans' proposals but noted they voted against it because of the unfair procedural maneuvers that Speaker Finneran and the Democratic leadership used to block consideration of some of the governor's other initiatives. (A "Yea" vote is for the budget. A "Nay" vote is against it).

SELL NAMING RIGHTS TO STATE PARKS (H 4000)

House 86-71, approved an amendment requiring the Department of Parks and Recreation to develop guidelines and criteria on the possible sale of naming rights for state forests, parks and recreational facilities and to issue a report and recommendation to the legislature by November 15, 2003. Amendment supporters said this would simply look into the feasibility of selling these rights and argued that this may a creative way for the state to generate revenue. Some amendment opponents simply poked fun at the idea while others said the plan is well-intentioned but misguided and unnecessary. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment to establish guidelines and criteria. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR WELFARE MOTHERS (H 4000)

House 106-51, approved an amendment requiring welfare mothers with children between the ages of two and six to work 20 hours per week or work ten hours per week and obtain ten weekly hours of education and training. The amendment also shifts $5 million from the welfare payment program to a child-care program for welfare recipients. Amendment supporters said that the state would fund day care for these children and argued that the work and education/training combination will help these mothers move ahead with their lives and eventually get off the welfare rolls. Amendment opponents said the amendment is a "feel good" but impractical and unrealistic proposal that will not accomplish its intention. They noted that there are rarely jobs available for only ten hours per week and argued that the education and training budget has been cut from $29 million to $9 million and will not accommodate these mothers. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment imposing the new requirement. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS ON INTERNET (H 4000)

House 130-28, approved an amendment requiring the state to post on its website, at least once a year, the names and addresses of delinquent taxpayers who have owed the state more than $25,000 for at least six months. The amendment exempts some delinquents including those who have a payment agreement with the state and those who are appealing their cases. Other provisions include allowing the Revenue Commissioner to also publish the list in any print and electronic media and requiring that a notice be sent to the taxpayer at least 60 days prior to the public disclosure of the information. Amendment supporters said this cyber shame will help the state collect more than $450 million in delinquent taxes and noted that other states that have done this have realized a 15 percent collection on back taxes. Some amendment opponents said this type of humiliation is inappropriate and unfair. Others argued this proposal is risky and could hurt an innocent person with the same common first and last name as a delinquent taxpayer. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment requiring the posting of the names on the state's website. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

EXEMPT SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS FROM MCAS (H 4000)

House 117-37, approved an amendment allowing school committees to vote to award high school diplomas to special education students who have met all graduation requirements except for passing the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test. Amendment supporters said the youngsters who have failed are mostly special needs students and noted that this exemption is reasonable and fair because these kids have worked extremely hard against many odds to fulfill all the other requirements. They argued that the state's policies should respect these special circumstances. Amendment opponents said more than 70 percent of special needs students have passed the MCAS exam and noted it is important to hold everyone to the same standard while providing them with the support they need. They agued that this is the first step toward abolishing the MCAS requirement and expressed concern that some parents would try to enroll their kids in special education in order to avoid the requirement. (A "Yea" vote is for the special education exemption. A "Nay" vote is against it).

CONTINUE UNTIL MIDNIGHT

House 108-56, suspended the House rules to allow last Tuesday's session to continue until midnight instead of ending at 9 p.m. Rule suspension supporters said it is important to continue action on the state budget in order to get it over to the Senate and eventually have a budget signed by the governor prior to the start of the fiscal year on July 1. Rule suspension opponents said it is irresponsible to hold late night sessions when legislators are exhausted and taxpayers are asleep. (A "Yea" vote is for continuing the session until 12 midnight. A "Nay" vote is against continuing it).

HIGHER EDUCATION AND BULGER'S OFFICE (H 4000)

House 109-46, approved a consolidated higher education amendment that restores some higher education funding, includes a section reducing the funding for University of Massachusetts President Billy Bulger's office by $1 million and provides that the money be used for scholarships for low income and disadvantaged UMass students. The section also calls for a study of the structure and governance of UMass and a review of Governor Romney's proposed reorganization of the entire higher education system. The amendment was offered by the chair of the Education Committee and its approval precluded the offering of other amendments including a Republican proposal to eliminate Bulger's office and pay for scholarships with the $14 million the governor estimates is used to operate Bulger's offices. Amendment supporters said this compromise will cut some of Bulger's funding, help UMass students who need financial aid and ensure that possible future cuts and/or reforms in Bulger's office and the entire higher education system are looked at rationally in the future and not in the present politically charged atmosphere. Some amendment opponents said they voted against the amendment because they support eliminating Bulger's duplicative and unnecessary office and noted that chancellors already run the various individual UMass campuses. Others said they opposed the amendment because they disliked the anti-democratic and unfair maneuver that precluded a vote on a separate amendment to eliminate Bulger's office. Some said the amendment simply does not restore enough of the money cut from the higher education system. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment including a $1 million cut in Bulger's office. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

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BOB HEDLUND

Just as debate was beginning in the House of Representatives regarding a budget full of spending cuts that will result in more than 5,000 lost jobs, legislators passed an amendment giving themselves sole power over the bonus salaries given out to their fellow favored members. Up until passage of this legislation, any increase or decrease in the bonus pay of legislators had to be approved by the governor. This system has served the legislature without problem for more than 200 years. Of the 49 states with a bicameral legislature similar to Massachusetts, no other state legislature has ever adopted a law similar to this. Yet, with little study the Massachusetts legislature exempted itself from the system of checks and balances that is the foundation of our democracy.

The swift passage of this bill is just another blow to the already fragile credibility of the Massachusetts legislature. Massachusetts legislators are already paid the sixth highest in the nation, and, as we are the only state with Constitutionally guaranteed pay adjustments, we're ensured that our salaries will just keep on climbing. As belt tightening is occurring in most other areas of state government and within our own homes, the legislature continues to fatten itself, as its largesse knows no bounds.

In addition, I just wanted to relay to you some other important happenings on Beacon Hill:

• *House budget pPassed with token debate*

The House of Representatives recently passed its nearly $23 billion budget proposal, which was released on April 23. The proposal either ignored or watered down most of the reform ideas Governor Romney presented in his budget, and subsequently results in even more cuts to our cities and towns. Even more outrageous is the manner in which the Representatives are debating this year's budget. Instead of holding budget debate on the floor of the House in plain view of the public, House leadership has decided to hold the bulk of the debate behind closed doors. Then, after some backroom dealing an agreement is hammered out, a consolidated amendment emerges and is quickly adopted after only token debate.

This process is wrong, and it just goes to confirm the legislature's lack of respect for the citizens of Massachusetts. While the legislature proposes a budget that would eliminate more than 5,000 jobs across the Commonwealth, they have retained all of the perks and excesses for which they have become notorious. It is clear that through its many actions to date that the legislature is not serious about ridding Massachusetts of waste and patronage that exists in our government. When the budget comes up in the Senate, I will demand a full, honest and above all public debate over how we will spend nearly $23 billion of taxpayer money.

• *Prescription Advantage*

The House of Representatives released its budget without funding for the highly innovate Prescription Advantage program that provides prescription drug coverage for Massachusetts seniors. I strongly believe that is the wrong thing to do, and I have submitted testimony calling for the continuation and support of Prescription Advantage. I am also in full support of Governor Romney's efforts to secure federal funding in order to stabilize the critical program. While we should know the results of those efforts shortly, I am hopeful that in the meantime the Senate's budget will not ignore this program and will provide a viable solution.

• *Local hearings on Chapter 40B*

I have arranged for the legislature's Housing Committee to hold four public hearings in my district later this month on proposed changes to Chapter 40B. This will offer residents an opportunity to voice their opinions on this controversial issue. In addition, I have recently authored a letter in conjunction with Rep. Bradley, D-Hingham, which calls in the governor to order the Housing Appeals Committee to cease rulings overriding the votes of a town board. I have asked that the governor put this "freeze" in place until the legislature has time to act upon current 40B legislation and the pending recommendations of recently created Chapter 40B task force.

• *Hedlund calls for elimination of Governor's Council*

I have co-sponsored a bill that would call for the elimination of the Governor's Council and the transfer of its authority over confirmation of judges and commutations to the state Senate. This bill would save the commonwealth hundreds of thousands of dollars, and would also increase the accountability in judicial appointments. The Governor's Council is a relic of colonial times, which was created to serve as a check to the governor who was then appointed for the King of England. Over the years, it has been stripped of much of its power, and it now is the time for the council to be eliminated completely.

• *Tunnel naming*

In another example of the legislature's misplaced priorities, members of Senate and House leadership are working hard in order to see that the newly opened Central Artery Tunnel is named for former Speaker of the House "Tip" O'Neill. Governor Romney recently filed legislation that would provide the moniker of "Liberty Tunnel" while naming a smaller portion of the project for the former speaker. It's only fitting that the legislature would want to name the tunnel for a man who was renowned for wasteful spending, patronage and huge federal deficits. As an alternative, I have proposed that the tunnel be named for those who truly paid for its completion by naming it "Taxpayer's Tunnel."

• *Veteran's bill*

The House and Senate recently passed legislation with my support that would supplement the salaries of state employees currently serving for the United States in the war on terrorism. This legislation would provide the difference between the current salary one receives as a member of the armed forces and the salary they would have made as an employee of the commonwealth. This legislation is critical to providing for the well being of the families of those men and women who are fighting to provide our protection and freedom across the world.

State Sen. Bob Hedlund represents the Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes Weymouth, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield and Duxbury.

40B meeting Friday in Cohasset

Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, announce the Legislature's Joint Committee on Housing and Urban Development will conduct public meetings to hear South Shore concerns with Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, on Friday May 16 at the Marshfield and Cohasset town halls. In Marshfield the informal discussion will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a visit to the Ocean Street site where Beacon Residential Properties has proposed the construction of a 40B development. Another informal meeting on Chapter 40B is scheduled for noon in Cohasset.

Several local officials and residents familiar with the pitfalls of the 40B process have been invited to join the roundtable conversation in the two towns. Discussion will focus on the strain that the law places on municipal budgets, the environment, and the overall health of an affected neighborhood and the community as a whole. Chapter 40B is the 34-year-old statute allowing developers to override local zoning regulations if at least 25 percent of a project's units are deemed affordable by the state. Sixty plus bills have been filed in the Legislature making significant changes to the law.

Bradley said, "I am excited that the Committee is making a site visit to Cohasset so that they can see first-hand the problems relative to Chapter 40B."

Mitt Romney-Tom Finneran feud is a lot more than arithmetic

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—The most controversial "study solution" was an investigation on local aid distributions. On this and other studies, the leadership's credibility with many members is in question, the suggestion being that no real change is envisioned. But leaders echoed House Ways and Means Chairman John Rogers, who promised the local aid study will be "real," i.e., result in an actual legislation implementing actual reform.

— The state could save between $68 million and $136 million, depending on participation rates, under yet another early retirement program in the works for state employees. Under a budget amendment, eligible state employees would be enticed to leave office early with pensions they would not be eligible for without the program. The state would be allowed to refill 20 percent of the jobs vacated under the program.

— The House voted to exempt two-way bilingual education programs from the voter-passed English immersion law, and to allow parents of children in kindergarten to choose between regular classrooms and sheltered English immersion classrooms.

• *Prosecutors seek broader DNA database* — Investigators could solve hundreds more crimes in Massachusetts, if lawmakers expanded the state's DNA database, prosecutors said. Four years after it became operational, prosecutors said expanding the database of genetically coded samples to include all convicted felons is long overdue.

• *Senate leaders: budget won't include taxes, borrowing or gaming* — As the budget moves to a new arena, Senate leaders announced the proposal they put on the floor for debate after Memorial Day will not call for new taxes, borrowing or expanded gaming and will include spending cuts throughout state government. Travaglini said Senate leaders are cooperating with House leaders and administration officials to deliver a balanced budget by July 1.

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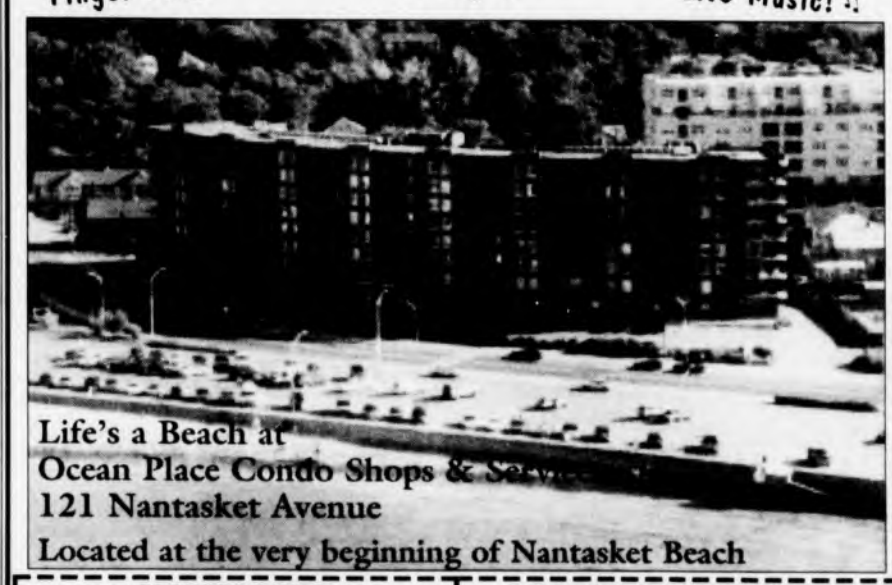

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Cohasset High senior is in new reality movie

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For Cohasset High School senior David Ingber, there's no hiding from his parents what he did on spring break this year. In fact, there's no hiding it from anyone.

That's because Ingber's Cancun vacation was all caught on tape. Not to mention, it was made into a major motion picture. Ingber was one of 16 students nationwide chosen for the cast of the movie, "The Real Cancun," which debuted in theaters on April 25. The movie documents eight days and nights of wild spring break celebration in Cancun, Mexico.

Made by the producers of popular MTV hit shows like The Real World and Road Rules, "The Real Cancun" represents the first time that the rapidly-expanding "reality TV" genre has broken through to the big screen. The movie hasn't exactly been a blockbuster, but Ingber says the experience was well worthwhile.

It all started in January when Ingber's mother told him about an ad she saw in the Boston Globe for a casting call. The ad requested "energetic pairs, age 18 to 23." Ingber called his best friend Heidi Vance from Duxbury, and the rest is history.

"We thought this would be a fun thing to do," Ingber said in a interview from his home on Woodland Drive. "We did it on a whim. We didn't think anything would come of it."

The two got called back the next day, and before long they were among the 40 finalists that New Line Cinema selected from a field of more than 10,000 people who auditioned. Ingber and Vance flew to Los Angeles in late February for final interviews, a photo shoot and even a mock "confessional" — a one-on-one with the camera used in the TV show The Real World.

A week later, Ingber and Vance were notified that they were selected to be in the movie. Less than a month after that, they traveled to Cancun for eight days of fun in the sun, spring break style. Production was wrapped on April 25, and the movie was in theaters a month later. The producers cut more than 500 hours of footage down to 97 minutes of laugh-out-loud debauchery.

Ingber admitted he was a little bit nervous about the movie before production. "I definitely did a lot of soul-searching before I signed the final document, because in an atmosphere like Cancun where there's just so much drinking and so much partying, it's easy to get swept away with that," he said. "But at the same time, you have to remember that this is going to be viewed by millions of people, that this is going to be something I did for the rest of my life."

Ingber said his parents were more concerned with the behavior of their son on-screen than they were with the raciness of the movie, which is rated R for nudity, sexual content and partying.

"My parents expected it to be racy, because if you watch MTV for five minutes during their spring break shows, you can get a sense of what it's like down there," he said. "But I think they were more interested in how I behaved and how I comported myself, and I think I upheld my standards. I didn't give in. I didn't lose sight of who I was down there. I think I acted in a way that I have no regrets."

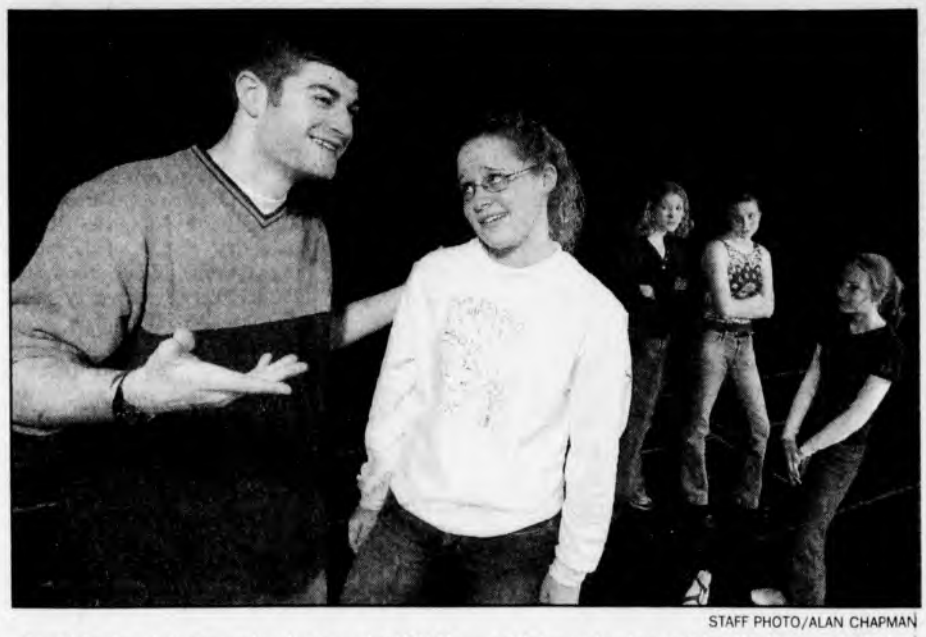
Only 18, Ingber and his companion, Vance, were the youngest members of the cast and the only ones still in high school. Their close friendship is one of the story lines of the movie, but Ingber said he was not surprised.

"(The producers) knew what they were doing. They know how to make the most entertaining project and if they wanted to play up the relationship between Heidi and myself, then that's the best way to go. We trust them," he said.

Once in Cancun, Inbger said producers encouraged cast members to simply be themselves. "Walking in I was a little skeptical, because I've always been one of the people that are dubious about whether reality television is actually real," he said. "I didn't know what to expect. I didn't know if they would be goading us on, if they would be urging us to do certain things that we might not be comfortable with. But, in all honesty, they wanted us to be ourselves. They cast us because they wanted us to be ourselves."

And acting as himself, Ingber is an entertaining character. In one scene, he strums his acoustic guitar and sings a humorous song, entitled "Back in the 80s," which he penned himself. The song was such a hit that, not only did it make the movie, it made the soundtrack as a bonus cut. Also, Ingber was able to copyright the song and one other with the help of New Line Cinema. That means he could see royalties from the song if the CD sells.

"I've always thought that I'd love to go into music but that I didn't have the talent, or I didn't think I'd make it because it's just such a competitive field," Ingber said. "But with an opportunity like this, I don't know where it can lead. It's possible that this could be the push that I need to get me into the music business."



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David Ingber, left, starred in last year's CHS Drama Club production of "Act III, Scene 5." With David are cast members Kelly Stone, Holly Dinsmore, Ali Earon and Nicole Durant.

Ingber has always been interested in acting, too. In fact, he met Vance at a meeting of the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild two years ago. He's also been in numerous school and community plays.

Acting as himself wasn't exactly as challenging as his past roles, but Ingber still hopes the movie could lead to more opportunities. "The only way to get your name out there or your foot in the door is to start doing projects," he said.

Moviegoers may be disappointed to see that Ingber abstains from ripping off his shirt in true spring break fashion. That's because he stood on the sidelines for the movie's "hot-body" competition, held for the guys of the cast.

"Last weekend, I went to go see the movie in Kingston with a few of my friends," Ingber said. "I just thought to myself , 'I thank God that I didn't do this hot-body contest,' because I just wouldn't be able to watch myself get up there and make that much of a fool of myself."

That's not to say that Ingber hasn't taken any flack for his role in the film. Some friends, he said, make it a point to remind him how the movie is doing in the box office.

"I've gotten some ribbing…(from) people who have seen the movie, people who haven't seen the movie and just want to generalize…but I expected that," he said.

Ingber said he was frustrated by the numerous negative reviews the movie has received. "What's been driving me crazy…is these stuffy film critics who want to over-analyze it and say that there's no thematic statement in the movie, but that's kind of the point of the movie. It's 97 minutes, and it's fun, it's entertaining, you'll laugh out loud when you watch it, and that's all it is. It's not supposed to be the next 'Citizen Kane.'"

Despite the movie's poor box office performance, Ingber said he valued the experience and planned to keep in touch with the cast members whom he became friends with. Two of them go to college in Boston, and Ingber will attend Harvard in the fall. He plans to write for a school newspaper and eventually pursue a career in journalism.

In the meantime, Ingber's light-hearted attitude has allowed him to keep his brief but star-studded acting career in perspective. "If nothing else comes of this, I can always say I was in a movie," he said.

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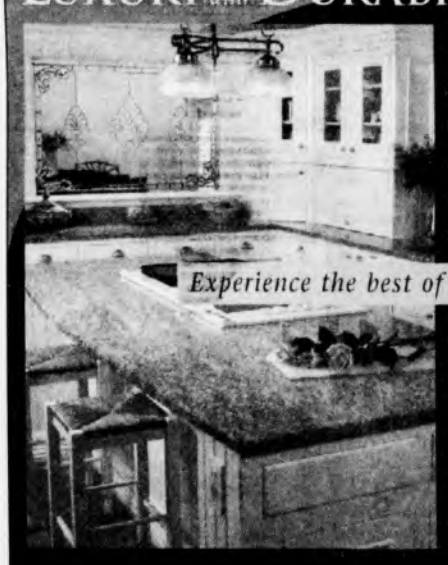

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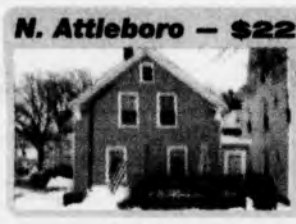
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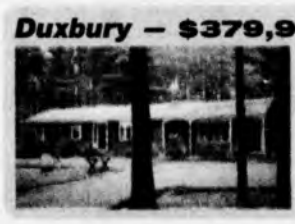
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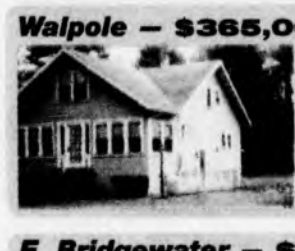
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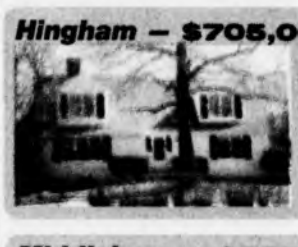
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Racking up the wins

Girls tennis clinches postseason berth, boys two wins away

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The girls tennis team took a major step towards the always-elusive undefeated season, moving to their goal with a resounding 4-1 win over Scituate.

Although the Lady Skippers have gotten the better of their south-border rivals in recent years, the Lady Sailors have been consistently tough with an uncanny ability to re-load their talent pool. This year, the visitors brought a fresh line-up that mixed all-star caliber underclassmen with crafty veteran seniors, a line-up that had the same perfect winning percentage as Cohasset, 9-0, a line-up that led to them to becoming one of the first teams in the area to clinch a playoff berth.

Still, in a tribute to the monster year being had by the Cohasset girls team, the Lady Skippers overpowered their opponents to run their stellar record to 10-0, featuring nine shutouts.

At first singles, sophomore Elizabeth Stone knocked out freshman phenom Lindsey Horne of Scituate. Horne, who had exploded onto the varsity scene with an undefeated run

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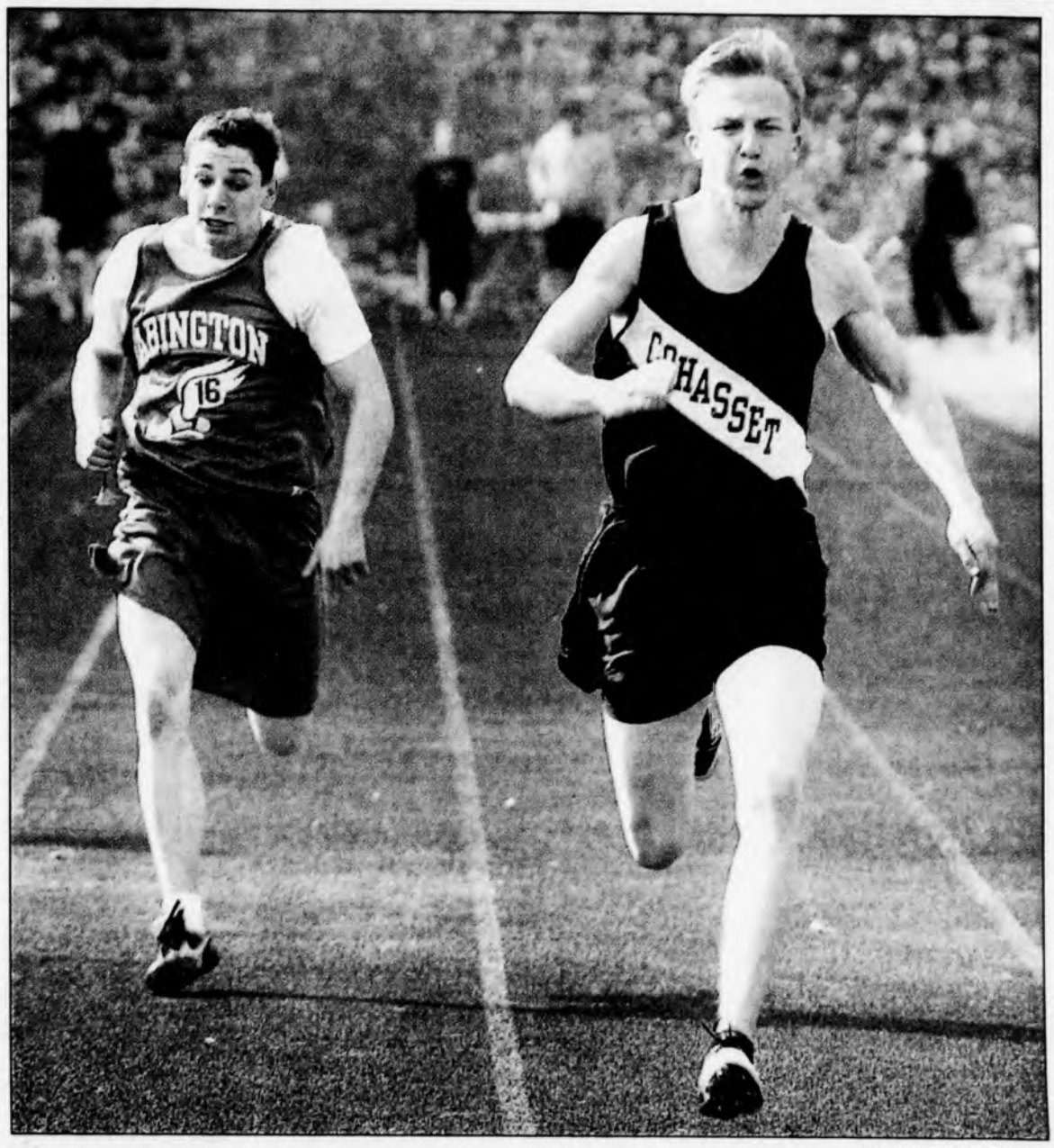

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Cohasset's Jared Krupczak, seen here winning a 100-meter dash earlier this season, reached the semifinals in the 100-m at this weekend's State Coaches Meet.

Full speed ahead

CHS tracksters show well at State Coaches Meet

By Jim Logan
CORRESPONDENT

At this time of the year, after the regular season's ended and right before the States, it becomes a sort of tune-up time for the spring track squads and such was the case for Cohasset, as the Skippers' boys and girls took part in the State Coaches Meet on Saturday.

The boys crew headed north toward the New Hampshire border for the Coaches Meet in Lowell.

"It was a stiff competition [today], more or less like an All State Meet," said Head Coach Al LaFontaine.

Jared Krupczak was Cohasset's premier entrant for the boys on the day, making it all the way to the semifinals in the 100-meter run before bowing out in the second-to-last frame.

The Lady Skippers fared a bit better than their male counterparts at the girls Coaches Meet held in Plymouth.

"The girls had a pretty nice showing at the meet," Coach LaFontaine said after the competition. "There were some nice efforts out there."

Mary Silvia headlined the Cohasset endeavors, taking home a solid time of 2:29 in the 800, good for a seventh place finish.

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Up against it

Cohasset baseball team must win four of final six to grab postseason berth

By Mike Spellman
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It comes down to this: the Cohasset High baseball team must win four of its final six games to qualify for the postseason for the fist time in many springs.

This is where a split of games in action this week has left the Skippers, at 5-7 and with six games left to reach the magic .500 mark.

On Monday, the local nine dropped a 2-1 extra innings heartbreaker to Carver that could have gotten them to the magic .500 mark for the first time in several weeks.

Ted Straughn was a one-man show for the Skippers in this road loss. The sophomore went all eight innings on the mound, striking out nine while surrendering just three hits. He also pounded out half of his team's four hits, going 2-for-3 at the plate.

"It was really Ted's day," said first year CHS head coach Al Gallotta. "Unfortunately, it wasn't anyone else's."

Carver's Jake Trudeau delivered a walkoff RBI single in the bottom of the eighth to make Straughn the tough luck loser.

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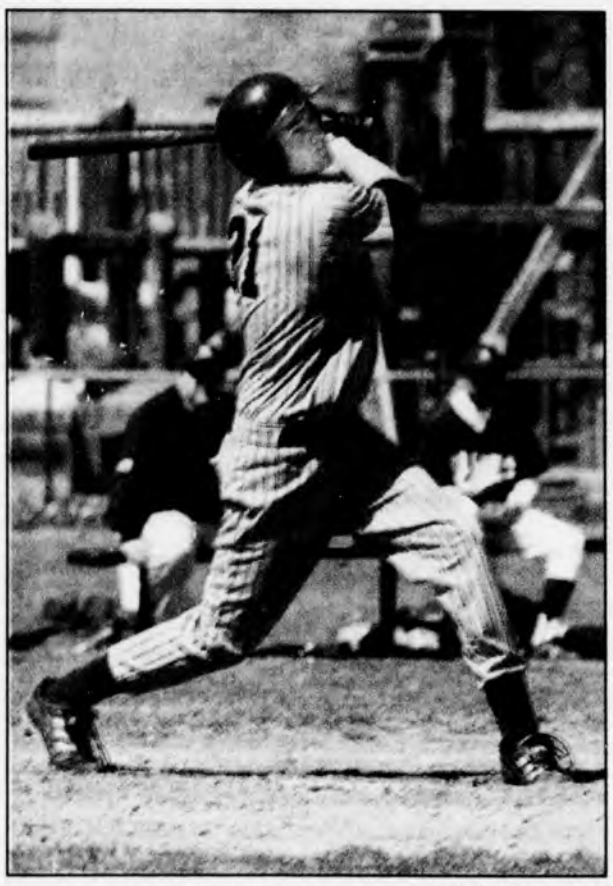

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Cohasset's Dan Tarpey follows the flight of this drive.

Laxmen keep rolling

The CHS boys lacrosse team continued its pursuit of a high seeding for the Div. 3 state tourney this week with two more wins, bringing their season's record to 11-1.

Cohasset 13, Nantucket 7

The Skippers made their Nantucket excursion a success on Saturday, as Mike Rasmussen's five goals and Tom Anderson's two goals and five assists sparked Cohasset to a relatively easy 13-7 win over their non-league opponent.

"Unlike last year, this was a very pleasant day trip to the island," said coach Orcutt. "We showed good intensity throughout, and were up by five before they got their first goal. Nantucket tried to mix us up by playing a zone, but we made an adjustment behind the goal and solved it pretty quickly."

Cohasset jumped to an 8-3 halftime lead, and never looked back. Besides Rasmussen and Anderson, Skipper scorers included Curt Kahn with two goals and two assists, Robert Hickey and soph Jake Previte each with a pair of goals and an assist, and senior John Durkin with an assist.

"Anderson was very effective today as a playmaker," said Orcutt. "We're resting Matt

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Sailors swamp lady laxers

Cohasset girls have no answer for resurgent Scituate squad

By Mike Spellman
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For the first seven minutes or so, Friday night, the Scituate High lady laxers looked every bit like a 1-8 team in allowing Cohasset to jump out to a quick 2-0 lead.

Watching them play from that point on, though, it seemed difficult to envision these Lady Sailors losing one game, never mind the eight straight they had.

Playing under the lights at Cohasset High, the Scituate girls quickly rebounded from early scores by the hosts' Lauren Rizzotti and Nicole Turgiss, ripping off the next six goals to go into the break up, 6-2.

The six unanswered goals only began to tell the story of the Lady Sailors dominance in virtually all areas of the game from that point on.

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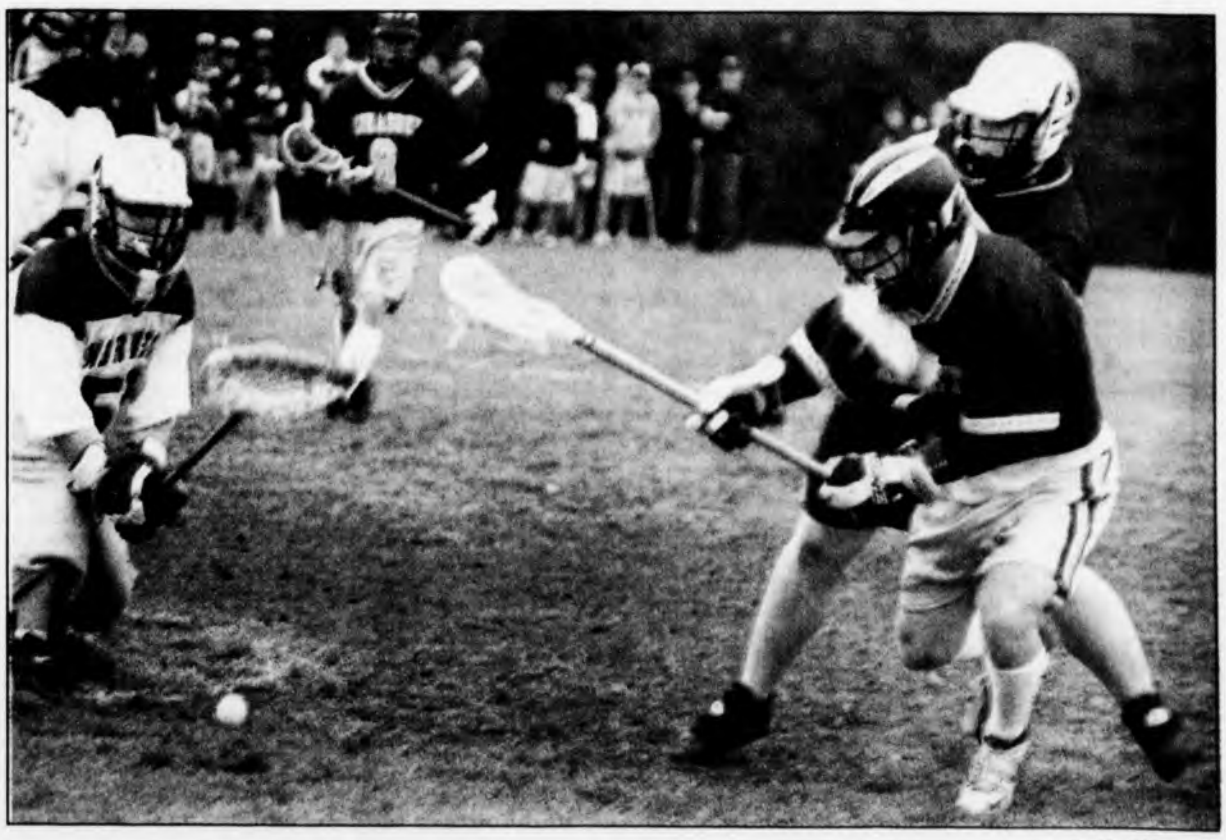

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Cohasset's Tom Anderson (near, right) tries to shake off check of Norwell's John Chappell and beat Norwell goalie Mike Prescott to the ball.

Cohasset baseball team must win four of final six

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The only other Cohasset hits came of the bat of senior first baseman Trey Curry and junior shortstop Mike Dooley.

On Tuesday, the Skippers brought new dimensions to the phrase "winning ugly" with a 13-11 win. They were bad, but, fortunately, not quite as bad at visiting South Shore Christian.

The Skippers had just three hits in the game, two delivered by Curry, who also knocked in a run. SSC pounded out 10 hits in the game.

Most of the Skippers runs scored as a result of walks, hit batsmen and errors.

"The fact that we scored 13 runs and had just three hits tells you pretty much all you need to know about this game," reported Gallotta. "We weren't a whole lot better, but a win is a win is a win, and every one of those is big right now."

The Skippers will host the next four games, beginning with South Shore League leading Harwich today (4 p.m. start), and followed by Mashpee on Saturday, Abington Monday and Norwell Wednesday. The boys will then wrap up the regular season at Holbrook on Thursday and at Millis on Friday, both of whom they beat at home earlier this season.

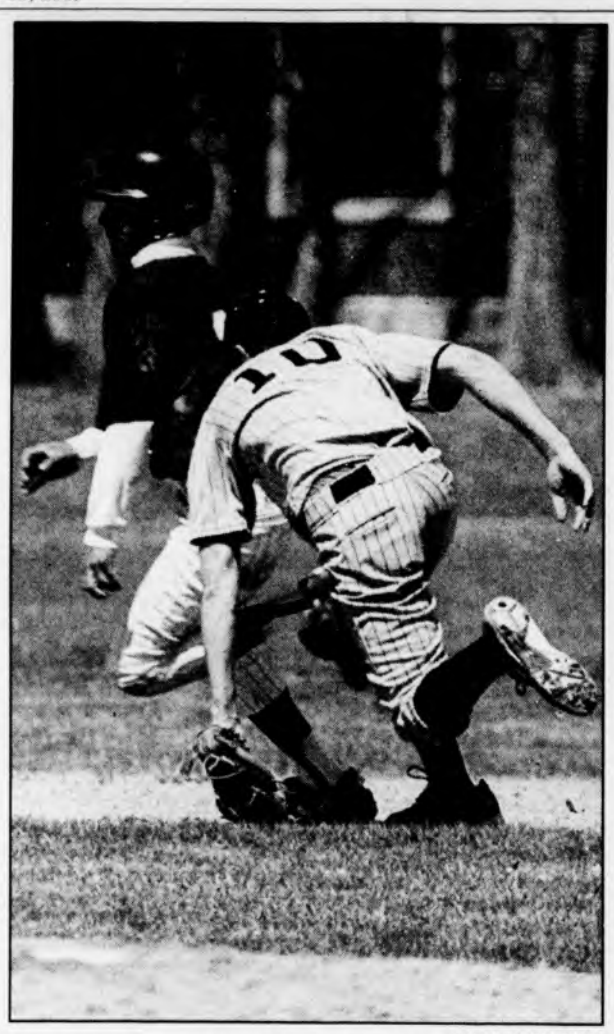
A win over Harwich (13-1) would seem a long shot at best for the Skippers, but coach Gallotta believes his team is quite capable of competing wit the other five teams.

"I think our best chances at a win will probably come in the last two games," appraised the CHS head coach. "Then, realistically, I think we're looking at having to pull out at least two of three against Mahpee, Norwell and Abington. That won't be easy, but we're going to go out and give it all we've got."

Gallotta plans to start staff ace Straughn on the mound on Saturday and Wednesday, saying this is the best way he can think to maximize his team's chances of qualifying for the postseason.

The coach admits candidly, though, that he is concerned about his team's lack of consistency over the last few games.

"We played a pretty good game Monday, but then played one of our worst games of the year the next day, and that's really bothersome at this point in the season," said Gallotta. "You'd like to see your team peaking for the stretch run, but that's just not happening right now. I just don't like this inconsistency I'm seeing."



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Cohasset third baseman Mike Snowdale (#10) tries to chase down a South Shore VoTech baserunner in earlier season non-league play.

Success continues for youth lady laxers

Despite a first loss on the season, Cohasset's girls youth lacrosse teams continued their winning and often-times dominating ways weekend.

Girls 12-and-Under

The Cohasset Blue 12-and-Under team traveled to Bourne on Saturday to play one of the league's new teams. As a new squad and without a 14-and-Under team, Bourne is allowed to play some seventh and eighth graders, and the age and physical advantage showed, as Bourne was able to capture a see-saw battle 9-8.

Lindsey Hill led Cohasset with two goals. Isabelle Franklin, Maura Barnes, Amy Meikleham, Madeline Leahy, Lindsay Allard and Katelyn Ryan contributed single scores and Thomson Jaffe contributed 9 saves in the goal.

Franklin scored what appeared to be the game-tying goal with little time left on the clock, only to have the goal disallowed on a controversial call.

The 12-U Blue girls rebounded strong the next day against Hingham Red, jumping out to a 5-1 halftime lead on the strength of goals by Maura Barnes and Katelyn Ryan sandwiched around a natural hat trick from Lindsey Hill. Maddy Altholtz contributed an assist on Hill's second goal.

Hingham opened the second half strong, and narrowed the gap to 5-4 before Barnes broke the momentum. Hill scored seconds later and Barnes closed the scoring with two more, the last on an assist from Hill.

Abby Faulkner, Courtney Culhane, Lauren Blaze and Megan Richardson kept Hingham at bay for the rest of the day, backstopped by goalie Thomson Jaffe, who finished with 9 saves in the 9- 4 win that raised the Cohasset Blue 12-U team's record to 3-1.

Cohasset White 12-U took an unblemished record into Hingham on Mother's Day and — playing with a depleted roster — struggled all day to stay unbeaten.

Hingham White jumped to an early 4-1 lead, which was cut to 4-3 at the half. Gabriella Flibotte scored all three of Cohasset's first-half goals.

After a quick Hingham goal, Lindsay Allard — moved to attack in the second half — responded with her first of the day. Another Hingham score was answered by Flibotte, before Katie Gaumer tied the game and Allard gave Cohasset its first lead at 7-6. Hingham was able to tie the score on a controversial goal off a direct-free position that appeared to have been stopped by Thomson Jaffe short of crossing the goal line.

With the game tied in the waning seconds, a Cohasset penalty gave Hingham one last rush upfield, and Jaffe made a body save as time ran out to preserve the 7-7 tie. She finished the game with 8 saves, and was aided along the way by Amanda Masotta, Chelsea Silvia and Amy Meikleham, who was moved to defense for the day.

Girls 14-and-Under

In all the time Cohasset has played Hingham in lacrosse, there likely never has been a day for the hometown teams like Mother's Day.

Cohasset's two 14-and-Under teams blew out Hingham's Red and White teams by a combined score of 25-1. It appeared to be a case of "can you top this" between the two Cohasset squads.

Cohasset Blue dominated Hingham Red from the outset, jumping to a 6-0 halftime lead on the strength of two goals each from Lindsay Durkin and Kaleigh Swain and single markers from Haley Haracz and Kara Wilcox. McKenna Teague added an assist.

Caren Garber scored twice in the second half, sandwiching Sarah Bookstein's first goal of the season, as Cohasset coasted through the second half. Bookstein, Paige Strecker, Roxanne Tehranian and Colleen Richardson led the team in hustle, with the defense of Rebecca Evans, Katelyn Ryan and Maura Regan never giving the home team an opportunity to breathe. Aisling Guinee smothered five shots to post the extremely rare shutout win.

Cohasset White entered its late afternoon game expecting more from Hingham White. And while it appeared that the second Hingham team was better coached and more skilled, the shorthanded Cohasset squad — which featured just two substitutes, one of them a fifth grader — was firing on all cylinders and never lightened up.

Megan Sacks led the onslaught with four goals, with Mary Previte and Haley Haracz each registering hat tricks. Kaleigh Swain and Gabriella Flibotte both scored twice, with Sara Brown finishing a long give-and-go from Haracz and Tessa Leahy — moved forward from defense — notching her first goal of the season.

Aisling Guinee made four saves in the win.

Full speed ahead

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The 4 x 800 crew of Silvia, along with Jenn Buckley, Lisa Musto and Nicole Whitney also performed decently, bringing back an 11th place mark in the event.

"Overall, for both the girls and boys I'd say we were right where I thought we'd be," LaFontaine commented, talking about the success of the weekend meets. "At this time of year, it's really more of an individual thing for the kids, these meets. And I thought that overall, the kids did a nice job (in that respect)."

The Skippers now have a bit of a breather before taking part in the South Shore League Meet next Tuesday and Wednesday (boys meet to be held in Carver on Monday afternoon; the girls in Norwell on Tuesday).

From there, it's off to the 2003 State Meet.

At this time, nearly 85 percent of the Skippers roster will be attending the annual statewide event in a couple of weeks. Still on the bubble to make the cut but closing in are Leisa Jerome, Lindsey Kennedy, La'Raine Langford and Nicole Whitney.

Another question that remains for the Skippers and the impending State Meet is the status of Ian Kidder. The senior captain, who has been hampered by a hamstring injury of late, has been slowly making a comeback onto the spring track scene.

But will the time he has before the States be enough for the Cohasset javelin and middle distance star?

"I think so," LaFontaine said. "We've been bringing Ian along slowly, trying to save him up for the State Meet. I think by the time it comes around, he'll hopefully be a little stronger and ready to go."

Laxmen keep rolling

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Davis to make sure he's one hundred percent for the tournament, and Tom did a nice job moving from midfield."

Junior Nick Murphy, along with the senior defensive trio of Nick Spirito, Ben Lynner and Evan Pestone, anchored the defense. Murphy finished with 14 saves.

Cohasset 14, Norwell 11

Cohasset started sluggishly on Thursday– perhaps still in a celebration mode after the Hingham win two days earlier– but put together a seven-goal third quarter that provided the margin of a 14-11 away victory over arch-rival Norwell.

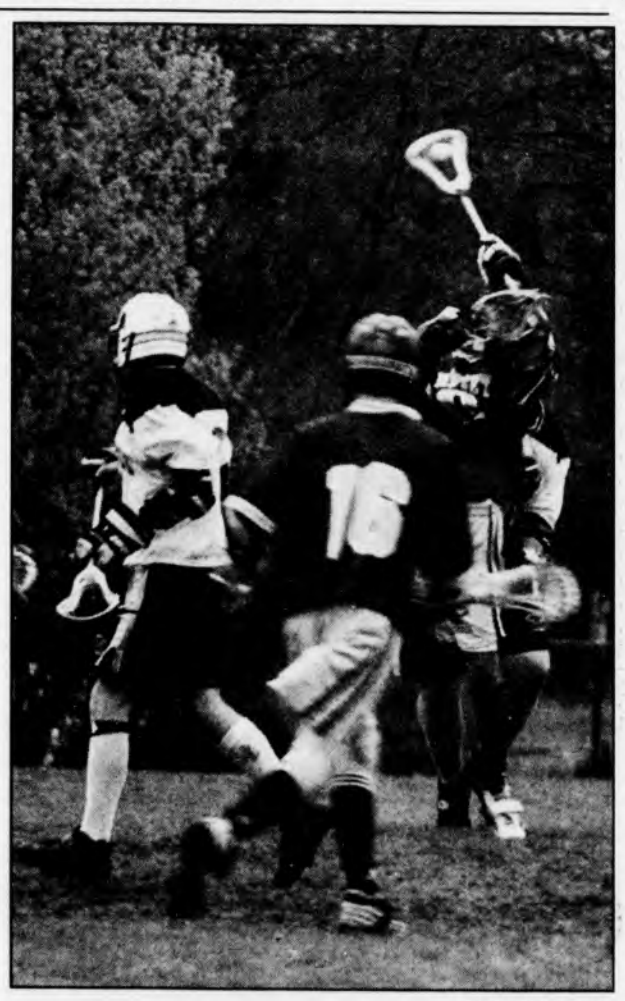
The Clippers, fighting for their playoff lives, led 6-4 after two periods, and still led halfway through the third. But Cohasset, led by underclass attackmen Jake Previte and Mike Rasmussen, scored four unanswered goals in the final three minutes of the third period to take control of the game.

"We knew this would be a difficult game, because Norwell was close to a must-win situation," said coach Orcutt. "The condition of their field was also pretty bad and, other than Scituate, this was probably the worst footing we've played on. We managed to stay with them, until we could collect ourselves and go on a run. When that came, in the third, they really didn't have an answer. But, make no mistake, this was a tough game."

Goalie Nick Murphy had a career-high 24 saves to lead the defense, which was missing senior Ben Lynner because of illness. Also absent was senior attackman Matt Davis, nursing a bruised shoulder.

"Murph had an excellent game as a stopper," said Orcutt, "but he made it tougher on himself than it had to be with several poor clearing passes. That's a part of our game we're still working to improve."

Rasmussen led Skipper scorers with four goals and two assists, while Previte tossed in three goals with one assist. Seniors Curt Kahn and John Durkin each had a pair of goals and two assists, and Robert Hickey, Tom Anderson and Joe Durkin had single tallies. Anderson added a pair of assists, while Durkin had one helper.



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Cohasset junior Mike Rasmussen goes high to snare a pass in last week's come-from-behind 14-11 win for the Skippers over Norwell.

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Mother's Day weekend a treat for all

The Cohasset Boys Lacrosse program celebrated Mother's Day weekend with half the kids heading to Martha's Vineyard for a fantastic lax road trip, while the other players carried on a Cohasset home tradition and presented their mothers with roses during their games against Marshfield. For the most part, victory was in the Spring air as the U15 teams swept both contests home and away, the U13's lost a tough one on the island 9 -3, and the U11's lost one, tied one, and won the other. Here are the highlights:

On the home front, the **U15 boys** team played a close contest with rival Marshfield on Sunday, managing to pull off a 7-4 victory despite some late game surges by their opponent. As usual, Marshfield came with a very physical squad and were looking to avenge previous losses with their defense keeping it close most of the game. However, though listless at times, the Cohasset group responded with some beautiful pro-style offense that made the difference in the outcome. Jared Kinch had 2 goals and 2 assists with the last goal coming off of a weak side lefty "zinger" that found the upper left corner with rocket velocity from about 15 yards out. Mark Flibotte continued his consistent play by being in the right spot at the right time, and also netting 2 goals and assisting on 2 more. Alex Shipp added a solo tally on a great finish from his crease position off of a blistering feed from Kinch and Pete Oswald notched another off of a behind the cage pass from teammate Mike Bunstein - who proved that scoring isn't the only way to contribute as he had 3 critical assists while playing injured. Solid defensive play by Conor Holway, Kyle Pinkus, Mike Kusek, Chris Kuppens, and Sam DeGiacomo (who doubled as middie as well) shored up the strong showing by goaltender Wes Ulmer who had 8 saves. The highlight of the day came in the waning moments with less than a minute to play when Adam Smith gained possession at midfield and started a fast break. He then dished it off to Matt Burgess on the left wing, who then found Flibotte on the high post.

Flibotte faked towards the goal only to find his neighbor, Mike Grimm alone on the crease for an "easy" 4 point-pass goal. Poetry in motion . . .

The **U11** home squad had a terrific game Sunday against Marshfield which saw 7 lead changes or ties in a great back and forth contest that wasn't decided until the end when Cohasset brought home a 10-8 victory on 2 late goals by John Collins. Pat Kearney started the scoring on a nice 2 dodge move to tie the score at 1. Sam Richardson and Terrance Durkin both had goals and Thomas Flibotte ended the first half with a goal to give Cohasset's their first lead 4-3. Marshfield started strong in the 3rd period scoring 3 straight goals before Charlie Coffman made a great shot from a tough angle for the score. Durkin scored again and then assisted on another goal by Richardson to make it 7-6 Cohasset after 3 periods. Mitch McNary made a strong half field run and notched a solo tally to make it 8-6. After 2 more goals by Marshfield, Collins then put it on his shoulders and carried the hometown team to a Mother's Day Victory with his 2 goals in less than 5 minutes to play.

Max MacCleave played very well the first half in goal with 6 saves and Kyle Healy was in the cage in the 2nd half and had 8 saves some very tough shots.

Defensively, Nate Brown and Jake Durkin played well as did Derek Froio and Dan Barnes from the middie position. Patrick Lewis and Patrick Cantillon also both played well throughout the game.

The **U15** road trippers found a gorgeous Spring day accompanying them to the Vineyard as over half of the boys and their parents took the trip to the "island" on Saturday. The U15 group had a tough contest on their hands and battled back and forth with their hosts to finally wrestle away a 9 - 8 victory with superb offensive displays by PJ McCaw and defensive prowess led by Jeff Brown.

The **U13's** had games against Quincy on Thursday and Hingham and Martha's Vineyard on Saturday - here's how the action played out: Cohasset v. Quincy

Cohasset hosted Quincy last Thursday night and had their hands full from the outset. The Quincy squad was quite mature and had a distinct physical advantage over the feisty Cohasset squad. Quincy jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, ending the 1st quarter up 6-1. Cohasset's score coming from midfielder Owen Landon. The second quarter saw Cohasset score on a classic give-and-go attack play as John Kearney fed Andrew Bell for the score. Unfortunately for the home town team Quincy continued to score and led 9-2 at the half. The second half displayed a courageous Cohasset squad as they battled a physically dominant Quincy team. Owen Landon notched his second of the night and the game ended with Quincy on top 10-3.

Cohasset v. Hingham

A joint white/blue squad traveled to Hingham on Saturday to play a perennial rival. The Cohasset squad were ready to go from the outset in this one as they jumped out to a 3-1 lead at the end of the 1st quarter.

Cohasset's scores all came from fine attack play, with John Kearney finding the back of the net and Ian Porter scoring twice. Porter's tallies came on fine feeds from Will Wise. The second quarter was played quite evenly, with Cohasset seeing some fine goaltending from Chris Brown. Cohasset got a second wind at halftime as they came out quite strong with three third quarter scores. Midfielder Andrew McKenna netted one on a feed from John Kearney. McKenna returned the favor on Will Wise's tally, and midfielder Logan Chase scored after a series of classic dodges on his way to the net.

Hingham added three scores of their own and the quarter ended with Cohasset up 6-4. Cohasset put the game out of reach in the fourth quarter with four scores. Eamon Davis scored on a pretty rush. Will Wise added his second of the game on a sweet feed from hustling midfielder David Toomey.

Olly Forrer added one, and attack man Jackson Dean finished the scoring on a feed from John Kearney. The game ended with Cohasset on top 10-5.

Cohasset v. Martha's Vineyard

An all-volunteer team enjoyed a trip to Martha's Vineyard on a beautiful Saturday, marred only by an 9-3 loss to a skilled Vineyard team. Cohasset's defense of Taylor McQuade, Keegan Flynn and Jake Wheelwright saw plenty of action in the first quarter, as the skill and discipline of the somewhat older Vineyard team kept most of the play in Cohasset's end.

Goalie Jack Murphy also got plenty of work, making several nice saves, and by the end of the first quarter Cohasset was down 3-0. The second quarter saw more balanced play, as Cohasset's midfielders began to be able to take advantage of Vineyard mistakes and bring the play down to the Vineyard end. Middies, Phil Galligan, Austin Meyers Enrico Teruzzi, Mark Seraikis, Dean Driscoll, Luke Brewer, Owen Landon, Chris Walsh and Will Evans all were tenacious, but met tough Vineyard defense in the offensive end of the field. With two Vineyard goals and a pretty goal on a behind-the-back shot by Jonny Wade late in the second quarter, it was 5-1 Vineyard at the half. The second half showed Cohasset's mettle, as they continued to battle valiantly against the clearly stronger Vineyarders. With Nick Lieberman, Charles Mushkin, Gordy Smith, Jonny Wade and Chris Brady sharing duty at attack, Cohasset was able to generate some offense, and played Vineyard close to even in the second half. With goals by Wade (assisted by Chris Walsh) and Dean Driscoll, and a near-miss off the post by Nick Lieberman, versus four Vineyard tallies, the game finished at 9-3.

The **U11** group played two games and had a tougher time of it losing the first one 10 - 3 before shaking off the "jet lag" from the ferry to battle back to a 3 - 3 tie in the second. Both games featured strong performances by middies Derek Youngman, Luke Ernst, Chris Murphy, Brendan Horigan, Jeff Durkin, Andrew Whitney, and Patrick Dunn, while the defense was anchored by Eric Wasel, Nick Routhier, Chase Baldwin, and Ben Curley who helped to protect fine performances by goaltenders Murphy, Horigan, and Brennan Burkowski who all took "a few for the team" during the excitement.

Here are some past games that we missed telling you about . . .

Boys U12 White v Duxbury

The 12U White squad rolled into Duxbury for its second game of the season. A beautiful sunny day was a welcome sight after a long week of rain.

Cohasset was ready to play as it dominated the early play with good ball control. First period scores from midfielders, Eamon Davis and Owen Landon, had Cohasset up 2-1 at the end of the first.

Duxbury found its game in the second quarter as both sides trades scores.

Cohasset's attack of John Kearney, Gordon Smith and Andrew Bell shined with some fine playmaking, with Kearney and Smith netting scores on feeds from Bell. Kearney's tally reflected his nose for the goal, similar to what he displayed the previous week in Marshfield. Davis and Landon notched their second goals of the day rounding out Cohasset's second quarter scoring.

Duxbury went into halftime with a 7-6 lead. Duxbury came out for the second half firing on all cylinders. The home team's midfield play began to wear Cohasset down. Cohasset was play a lot of defense and when the quarter had come to an end, Duxbury had opened up a 10-6 lead.

Cohasset fought back in the fourth quarter on Smith's second score of the day on a sweet feed from Bell and midfielder Ian Quinlan's tally on an assist from Landon. Duxbury had too much on this day, answering Cohasset's scoring with three of their own and ended on top 13-8.

Cohasset's **U13 Blue Squad** took on a sharp looking Norwell team Monday night in front of a good crowd of lacrosse fans. Although we got off to a slow start, finishing the first quarter down 1-0, Cohasset went on to prevail by a score of 11-3. Some of our White Squad players came out to help, making our defense nearly impenetrable. The team showed prowess working the field and finding the open man and our poke checks are really starting to

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Cohasset men's tennis team (L-R): Paul Shaw, Brian Hill, John Englander, Bud Shultz, Jader Moreira

Howard shines in rematch with Schultz

Cohasset men's tennis falls in playoff to Weymouth, 2-1

Hundreds of tennis fans were treated to a spectacular display of tennis at its highest level last Saturday at the Weymouth Club as the Weymouth Mens Team nipped Cohasset 2-1 in the opening round of the Men's South of Boston Championships.

Alex Howard, the number three ranked Mens Open player in New England, knew that he would require his best game and strongest lineup to defeat the veteran Cohasset TC team captained by Brian Hill, Sr. Howard brought out top tennis guns Steve Flanigan, (ranked number 1 in Mens Open in 2002) teamed with doubles expert Gary Durante at the first doubles spot, and Tim Riley (ranked 5 in Men's 35 Open Division) and Vince Heidenreich at second doubles to avenge a personal and team loss to the Cohasset squad when they met last month.

Cohasset countered with Bud Schultz at singles, Paul Shaw and John Englander at first doubles, and Brazilian champion Jader Moreira and Brian Hill Sr. at second doubles. Team mates Fred Buffum and Peter Duffy concurred with the strategy.

Hill put his money on Bud Schultz, formerly ranked 39 in the world on the ATP circuit, to win again over the speeding bullet Howard and to sneak out second doubles to win the match.

The first match to finish was Hill and Moreira dispatching Riley and Heidenreich 6-4, 6-2 giving the Cohasset Men a quick 1-0 lead. Hill and Moreira had never played as a team, but quickly fell in synch with Hill volleying strongly and Moreira covering the court like an ocelot. Both players held service for the entire match and broke the Weymouth team once in the first set and twice in the second.

John Englander and Paul Shaw, 9-1 in regular season play at first doubles, had their hands full with Flanigan's power and Durante's finesse. Shaw and Englander played superbly before falling 6-3, 7-5 to even the match at 1-1.

Said Englander: "Paul Shaw and I may be two aged veterans (we used to be "aging," but now we're "aged"), but we still managed to put a scare into the young turks. The second set was close, and we were actually up a service break at 3-1. They were just too tough."

All eyes fell on the feature match of Shultz versus Howard, which would decide the outcome. Shultz broke Howard early in the match but couldn't close out the set as Howard strung a series of laser beam passing shots and fabulous retrieves to eke out the first set 7-6.

Energized by the comeback, Howard broke Schultz again at 2-1 in the second. Schultz fought tenaciously, taking the net at every opportunity, to climb back in the match. The pivotal point in the match came as Shultz attacked the net off Howards serve on break point. Howard fired a rifle shot gound stroke that Shultz volleyed for what looked like a clean winner down the line. Somehow Howard got to the ball and carved an obscene slice angle crosscourt. Schultz used his giant wingspan and snapped a backhand overhead down the opposite line that appeared again to be a winner. Howard raced across the court and flipped a topspin forehand lob over the closing Schulz' head for a winner. All Bud could do was graciously applaud. Howard held serve to win the match and secured the victory for Wemouth 2-1.

Weymouth will now meet Scituate for 2003 bragging rights this Saturday at 12:30 at the Weymouth Club.

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Girls tennis clinches postseason berth, boys two wins away

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before being downed by the also unbeaten Stone, became the first player this year to give Stone a competitive match. Stone, with machine-like precision and power, has been able to dispose of all other opponents with extreme ease, but the 6-2, 6-1 final score in this contest does not tell the gritty fight put up by both players in the two and a half hour match.

In high school tennis, where graduations and line-up shifts move players constantly over the course of a career, rivals between two players rarely last more than three or four matches. However, Stone and Horne may very well spend the next three years going head-to-head for some hard-fought and intriguing matches both in the regular season and beyond.

At second singles, captain Lindsay Grossman continued her dominance at the position over the very tough Jen Sheehan. Meanwhile, the doubles teams from Cohasset excelled past their rivals with a twin wins. Senior captain Julie Shea won with junior Courtney Caron, 6-4, 6-2, and junior Corey Evans won with sophomore Rachel Garber at second doubles.

Having qualified for the tournament for, now, the 12th consecutive year under coach Sarah Meehan, the team is questing for the number one seed in the South Sectional bracket. Cohasset will need to swing two wins against Norwell, the team that has shared the title of League Champion in a few of the seven straight years that Cohasset has held or co-owned the crown.

Boys

On the boys side, Cohasset recorded two more wins to inch closer to what is fast becoming a playoff-built program. With wins over Carver and Cape Cod Academy, the Skippers improved to 6-3 on the year (3-2 SSL), just two wins shy of their third straight postseason qualification.

The team does have seven more matches in which to record the two needed wins, but they will be harder than average to come by, with the team meeting tennis titans Hingham, Norwell (twice) and Harwich in the coming weeks. Still, second year coach Kent Parrot remains confident his squad can win again over the rebuilding Mashpee, then take down Abington in their second meeting of the year.

In the wins, Cohasset followed its increasingly regular pattern of sweeping all three singles matches to take the wins. Cohasset has done this in all six of their victories to date.

Junior Tim Anton won twice at second singles, proving that his recent success at doubles was not an indicator of lack of versatility. Anton stayed undefeated lifetime against Carver all-star Rob Gesvaldo, winning 6-4, 6-3, and beat Cape Cod's number two 6-2, 7-5.

Freshman Nils Sceery seems to have found his niche at third singles, winning handily against both opponents on Monday and Tuesday. Sceery took down a fellow freshman in Carver, 6-3, 6-2, and won against Cape Cod similarly in two sets.

Senior Scott Faber and Ross Lieb-Lappen, playing together at first doubles for the first time since 2002, played what Parrot called "the best doubles match I had seen in two years here" in a losing cause to Carver. Against Carver's top doubles pair, a tandem that had narrowly been eliminated in the round of eight at State Individuals, Faber and Lieb-Lappen held more than their own, finally dropping 4-6, 6-4, 5-7.

Ingber won both his matches 6-1, 6-1 at first singles to improve to 6-2 on the year.

Sailors swamp lady laxers

"We flipped the switch on," said coach Paula Evans with a smile, referring to a remark she made for the previous week's Mariner regarding the inability of her team to "switch it on."

"So much of this game is mental," the veteran coach continued. "We did a much better job on draws and ground balls. The girls also settled the ball better, taking their time and being patient for the open cutter. Julie Heffernan (two assists) had some great feeds from behind. The goals were spread out across the board which shows that the trust issues are depleting."

Kim Berlo got Scituate on the board with 17:26 to play in the first half, just seconds after Cohasset had extended its lead to 2-0, as she scooped up the ensuing draw, quickly split a pair of surprised Cohasset defenders as she wheeled in from the left of the goal and beat Cohasset goalie Gia Petrakis low to her farside.

The game was tied 96 seconds later. Alyse Kennedy again won the draw for the Lady Sailors, and the Scituate attack moved the ball patiently around the perimeter. Lauren Glancy rifled a shot from in close off the crossbar, retrieved her own rebound and re-set the offense, which eventually led to a nice feed from behind the net to Kennedy in the slot for a quick re-direct past Petrakis to make it a 2-2 game with 15:50 to go until halftime.

Berlo threw in her second tally of the game on a nifty crossover move at 15:33, the righty finishing with a high shot from her left-hand side after she cut into the middle and eluded a pair of defenders.

Berlo completed the hat trick 12:03 before the break on a hard charge and a pretty feed from behind net by Glancy.

Glancy made it 5-2 just 90 seconds later off of a re-start 30-feet straight out in front of Petrakis.

Kennedy closed out the first half scoring at 6:59, collecting her own rebound and beating Petrakis with a well placed shot top left corner.

The Lady Sailors picked right up where they left off in terms of winning ground balls and draws to open the second half, and two goals by Suzanne Belmont inside the first four minutes essentially put the game out of reach.

Cohasset finally ended the Scituate run when senior captain Maura McKenney made it 8-3 with 18:51 to play. Turgiss added her second of the game a few minutes later to cut the Lady Skippers deficit to four goals.

However, Morgan Kenny scored a backbreaker for Scituate with just over 10 minutes top play, finishing on a pretty cross field pass from Lila McCormack.

Cohasset's Ashley Faber made the final score look a bit more presentable, putting away a feed from Lisa Spirito with 1:47 to go.

Scituate freshman goalie Darby St. Claire-Barrie stopped nine of 14 shots, including a couple of quality saves in the early going before her teammates began cranking up the offense.

"They outplayed us, but we didn't exactly help ourselves either," noted none too pleased Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney. "We were beaten to ground balls and we couldn't connect on those third and fourth passes like Scituate was."

Lady lax notes

The Lady Skippers rebounded with a 10-0 win over Nantucket on Saturday, following the long bus and ferry trip, to get back to .500 on the season at 5-5.

McKenney notched her 100th career goal on her way to a hat trick, and Turgiss buried four shots. Petrakis made eight saves to record the shutout.

The Cohasset girls were hoping to get back over the magic .500 mark for the first time in a while on Tuesday, as they traveled to Falmouth. They're slated to hit the road again today to take on Marshfield and then host Hingham next Tuesday.

Mother's Day weekend a treat for all

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work.

Nine players contributed to our 11 points - evidence that we play as a team. Logan Chase, Danny Brady and Olly Forrer had two goals each; Andrew Smith had a goal and assist; Ian Lyster, Derek St. Peter, Dean Driscoll and Sean McCarthy each had a goal. Sean McCarthy and Conor Queenan each had an assist as well. Great job everybody.

Cohasset's U13 Blue Squad was uncharacteristically defeated over the weekend. Plymouth showed skill and determination as they stretched their advantage from 4-3 at half time to a final score of 11-4. Two Cohasset players stepped up for the team to fill our goalie position and each registered about five saves. Thanks to Pat Hurley and Logan Chase. Charles Mushin and Will Wise posted one assist each. Dean Driscoll netted two goals, Andrew Smith added another, as did Will Wise.

Cohasset's U13 Blue Squad defeated Quincy 13-7 Thursday night at home. While the Quincy squad was slightly undermanned, Cohasset controlled the ball and the tempo throughout the game. Nine players in all registered goals for Cohasset.

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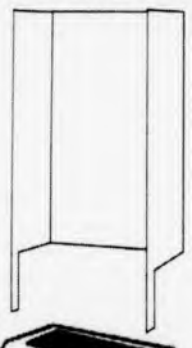

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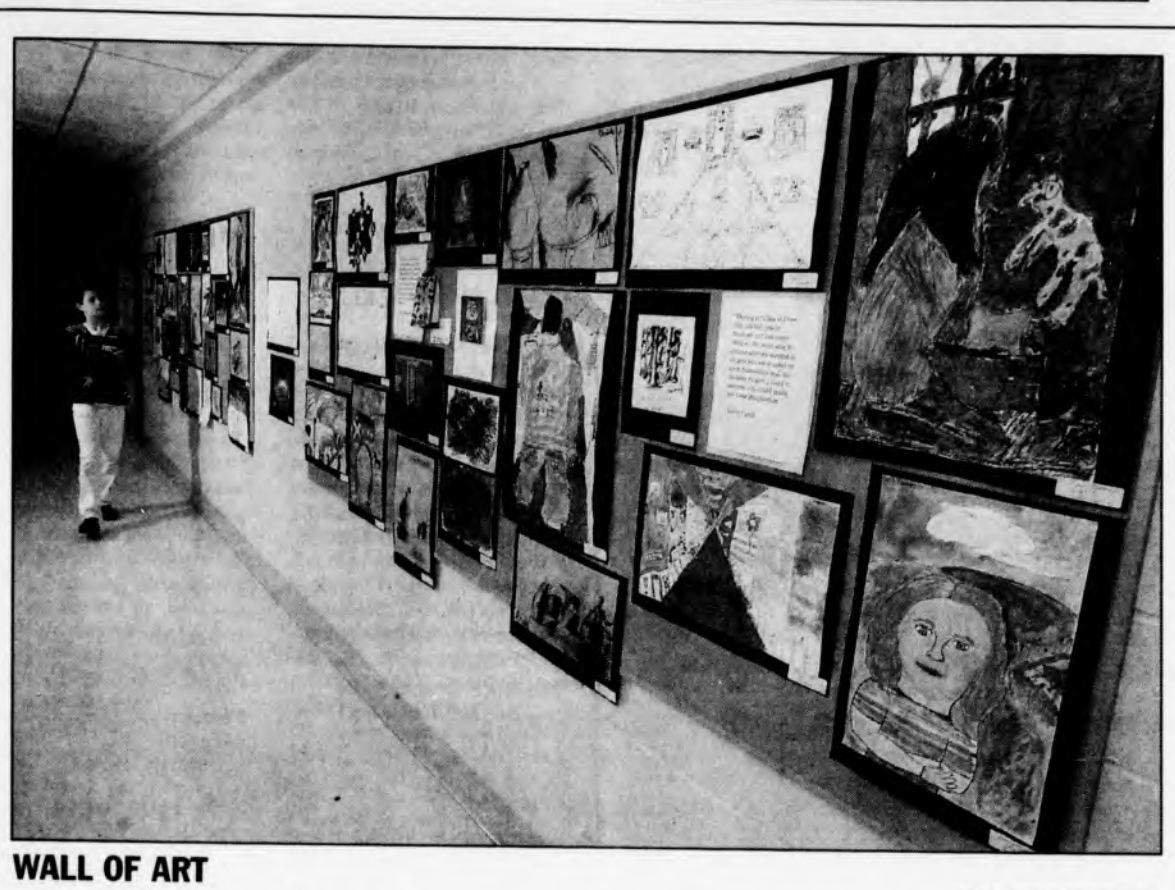

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Deer Hill sixth-grader Anna Buckley checks out some of the student artwork featured in "Favorites 2003."

High school honor roll

The following students have been named to the honor roll at Cohasset High School:

SENIORS

High Honors

Laura Ganello, Rachel Longley, Ross Lieb-Lappan, Shan Shan Nie, Allison Moje and Elizabeth Reynolds.

Honors

Ann Barber, Meridith Bixby, Nell Brewer, Deanna Brown, Katherine Coyne, David Curry III, Sera Genovese, Robert Hickey, Terence Hurley, David Ingber, Benjamin Lynner, Alyssa McCaw, Nicole Needle, Noah Pescatore, Kaitlin Rohrer, Cristina Sadler, Julie Shea, Rachel Smith, Nicholas Spirito and Kimberley Ulmer.

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JUNIORS

High Honors

Ashley Faber, Tess Foley and Jessie Guild.

Honors

Jefferson Barrett, Erik Belz, Jennifer Buckley, Andrew Busk, Shelly Carter, Caitlin Condon, Mark Davis, Jonathan Downing, Rachel Doyle, Nicole Durant, Allison Earon, Corey Evans, Kathleen Hurley, Danielle Johnson, Jenna Lowe, Sarah McMorris, Elizabeth Meikleham, Elisa Ninde-Jerome, Brittany Novak, Andrew O'Keefe, John Oronte, Danielle Pinkus, Christen Reardon, Alicia Sanchez, Phillip Strazzulla, Carling Sturino, Emilie Sullivan, Daniel Tarpey, Anthony Truglia, Nicole Turgiss and Kristen Watts.

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High Honors

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Honors

Richard Allen, Casey Anderson, Dominique Asnault, Cecelia Chapman, Jeannette Daley, Alison Fludder, Rachel Garber, Jonathan Grimm, Lindsey Kennedy, Jake Kovach, Jonathan Littauer, Brendan Michaud, Christopher Simms, Elizabeth Stone and Domenic Strazzulla.

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FRESHMEN

High Honors

Brooke Allen, Kelsey Bell, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Emily Nash, Nils Sceery and Molly Trisler.

Honors

Susan Curry, Zachary Etkind, Marissa Evans, Joanna Hamilton, Katherine Jensen, John Keniley, Jeffrey Kent, Remy Lee, Kate McBride, Lisa Muston, Nathan Needle, Christopher Ofsthun, Vennessa Plante, Christopher Reynolds, Emily Savage, Charlotte Sida, Lisa Spirito, Emma Weston and Katherine Whoriskey.

Honorable Mention

Kate Carpenter, Melissa Crawford, Amanda Daley, Nicole Dugan, Victoria Gavaza, Chelsea Grossman, Kaitlin James, Sam Kusek, Benjamin Libby, Erin Liddell, Carrie Muir, Katherine Murphy, Christopher Pescatore, Willima Pinkus, Jennifer Roche, Emilie Shea, Brandon Smith, Daniel Sullivan and James Watts.

Middle School honor roll listed

The following students have been named to the honor roll at the middle school. According to grade and alphabetical order they are:

GRADE EIGHT — HIGH HONORS

Kevin Barbar, Austin Breslow, Laura Campedelli, Emily Coggins, Kyle-Datolla-Harris, Caren Garber, Ryan Ingram, Laura Novak, Colleen Richardson, Adam Smith, Virginia Spofford, Lauren Struzulla, Alida Tangherlini, Amanda Thompson and Kara Wilcox.

GRADE EIGHT — HONORS

Caroline Barrett, Robert Brady, Nick Cambi, Myles Collins-Wooley, Brent Daly, Reed (Donald) Dickinson, Meredith Evans, Stephanie Fewsmith, Haley Harcz, Alex Hunt, Sarah Malone, Robert Meikleham, Mary Previte, Charlotte Reel, Nick Sida, Emma Simmons, Fletcher Smalzel, Robert St. John, Owen Stevens, Roxanne Teranian, Ellen Wise and Nick Zappolo.

GRADE SEVEN — HIGH HONORS

Alexandra Boehmke, Ian Cundall, Ramsey Davis, Evan Deutsch, Rebecca Evans, Anna Haggerty, Sondra Hart, Alexandra Laas and Jesse Meade.

GRADE SEVEN — HONORS

Meghan Anderson, Michael Bilodeau, Matthew Burgess, Jacqueline Cahill, Ryan Crough, Charles Czerkawski, Colin Dignam, Brennan Dougherty, Amanda Durant, Makenzie Durkin, Elizabeth Fergreus, Mark Flibotte, Samantha Fortin, Juliette Karp, Christine Kent, Olivia Kimla, Christine Leger, Katrina Martone, Claire McCarthy, Paul McCaw, Christopher Mills, Clifford Musto, Maura Regan, Christopher Rose, Takeria Settles, Paige Streker, Robert Troy and Samantha Williams.

SCHOOL MENU

Cohasset Elementary Schools

MONDAY, MAY 19

Chicken nuggets—or—bologna sandwich, rice, mixed veggies, pudding, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

Hot dog on a bun—or—ham and cheese pocket, oven fries, corn, fruit, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Baked ziti with breadstick—or—tuna sub, garden salad, peaches, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

Meatloaf, dinner roll and gravy—or—turkey pocket, carrots, fruit, choice of milk.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni—or—Greek salad with pita, veggie sticks, sliced apples, choice of milk.

MONDAY, MAY 26

**** No School ****

MEMORIAL DAY

Have Fun — Keep Safe

Signups to start June 9 for Children's Drama Workshop

In celebration of its 15th anniversary, the Children's Drama Workshop (CDW) presents an original musical comedy called "Jack Beanstalk." Jack, a handsome, well-rounded young boy has spent his family's savings and is forced to sell the family cow to the Man of the Woods in exchange for magic beans. A beanstalk grows and Jack ascends to a new world where he befriends a slew of quirky characters determined to help him slay their Giant and win the great treasure in the sky. But they bid him warning to beware of The Mad Cow! ("He's crazy! He's just crazy!")

Come and meet Fairybell, The Stalker Sisters, The Mexican Jumping Beans, Lenny Henny, Henry J. Harp and all of Jack's friends as they sing and dance their way down the trail to the Giant.

Rehearsals for "Jack Beanstalk" will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning Tuesday, June 24 at the brand new, (air-conditioned!) Deer Hill School Auditorium. This year, the program has been extended to seven weeks and performances are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m..

Registration for "Jack Beanstalk" begins Monday, June 9 at 9 a.m. All children between the ages of 5 and 14 are welcome. Early registration is advisable as enrollment is strictly limited. The cost is $440 per child. Children enrolled in the Cohasset Playground Program receive a $30 discount. Checks can be made payable to "CDW." For further information, please contact the Cohasset Recreation Department at (781) 383-4109.

"Jack Beanstalk" is the 15th production directed by CDW founders, Elizabeth, Grace and Sara Deveney of Cohasset. CDW past hits include Monsters, Inc. (2002), The Little Mermaid (2001), Cinderella Smith (2000), and The Lion King (1999).

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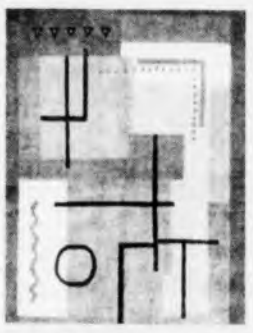

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Congregation Sha'aray Shalom:

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Ron Symons; Cantorial Soloist: Abby Gostein; Friday worship for Jan. 4 and Jan. 11 at 8 p.m.; Saturday worship: 10 a.m. Hebrew and religious school and adult education, call 781-749-8103.

First Parish:

The First Parish Church, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 383-9131. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

CUTE CATS

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Emily Dormitzer and Julia Canney recite their poem "I'm an Alley Cat with One Life Left" at a recent intergenerational program at the Senior Center.

Second Congregational Church:

The Second Congregational Church located at 43 Highland Ave. offers a quieter, more liturgical style of worship with communion at 8 a.m. on Sundays in the chapel. Our traditional service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. For further information please contact us at (781) 383 - 0345 or visit us on line at www.secondcongregationalchurch.com.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m.

In the Scripture lessons for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, the Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles tells of Phillip bringing the Ethiopian to faith in Jesus. The Letter of 1st John gives a summary of Christian life. In the Gospel, Jesus promises his followers that those who love him will be guided by the Holy Spirit and will also see him. Preacher: The Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service; Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

Temple Beth Sholom

600 Nantasket Ave. 925-0091, 925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, MAY 3

11 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

11:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Crocker Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:40 p.m. King St,. motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Michael P. Tucker, 491 Furnace Brook Parkway, Quincy. Chrgs., possess, Class D drug, failed to stop/yield.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

10:08 a.m. Sohier St., suspicious.

10:58 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

11:12 a.m. Church St., medical aid.

12:47 p.m. North Main St., medical aid.

3:22 p.m. Cushing Road, family disturbance.

3:46 p.m. Elm St., and South Main St., animal control.

3:48 p.m. Pratt Ct., animal control.

5:14 p.m. Cushing Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:51 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

8:10 p.m. Chestnut St,. animal control.

10:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Pond St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:07 p.m. Headquarters, suspicious.

11:29 p.m. South Main St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

MONDAY, MAY 5

7:49 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle violation/s.

8:23 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, transported to hospital.

8:59 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

10:05 a.m. Forest Ave., animal call or complaint.

10:47 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

11:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Crocker Lane, motor vehicle accident, transported to hospital.

12:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, log entry.

1:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, log entry.

4:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

4:55 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

5:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

5:59 p.m. Wheelwright Park, parking complaint.

6:41 p.m. Bancroft road, parking complaint.

8:35 p.m. Church St. and Flintlock Ridge Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:07 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:11 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:24 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:05 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

6:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:21 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

11:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

12:08 p.m. Jerusalem Road, traffic complaint.

12:19 p.m. North Main St. and Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:21 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

3:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

10:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

10:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.

11:44 p.m. Cushing Road and Ash St., noise complaint.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

6:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:08 a.m. Border St., power outage.

7:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:28 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., escort.

9:24 a.m. Elm St., request for police officer/s.

11:47 a.m. Border St., fire, investigation.

12:07 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:45 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

1:54 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle a.

2:11 p.m. Bancroft Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

3:16 p.m. Lothrop Lane, traffic safety inspection.

4:08 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

4:16 p.m. Stevens Lane, animal call or complaint.

4:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

5:47 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

7:41 p.m. Atlantic Ave., request for police officer/s.

8:15 p.m. Elm St., assist motorist.

8:58 p.m. Pond St., general services.

9:07 p.m. Cushing Road, general services.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

12:07 a.m. Border St., assist citizen.

6:22 a.m. Crocker Lane, fire.

7:21 a.m. Wood Way, fire, investigation.

7:50 a.m. Elm St., request for police officer/s.

9:26 a.m. South Main St., traffic safety inspection.

10:13 a.m. Linden Drive, medical aid, transported to hospital.

12L04 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

2:40 p.m. Elm St., property lost.

5:13 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:34 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:40 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:52 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

6:47 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:17 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:15 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:32 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Gary F. Garland, 27, of 140 Atlantic Ave., Hull. Charges: Public drinking, town by-law violation; Possession of a Class D substance. Arrest of Brandy H. Cobble, 22, of 140 Atlantic Ave., Scituate. Charge: Possession of a Class D.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

7:14 a.m. Forest Ave. and Black Rock Road, medial aid.

10:36 a.m. Country Way, fire, log entry.

10:43 a.m. Elm St,. fire, log entry.

11:17 a.m. Pond St., officer wanted.

11:26 a.m. Short St., medical aid.

11:37 a.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle crash.

12:30 p.m. King St., motor vehicle crash.

3:01 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

4:37 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:45 p.m. Forest Ave., disturbance. Arrest: Bradley Scot Hauston, 18, 15 Vernon Ave., Hull. chrgs. possession of Class C drug, cut/destroy trees.

5:30 p.m. Elm St,. property (found).

5:44 p.m. Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:27 p.m. North Main St., suspicious.

7 p.m. James Lane, disturbance, gathering.

8:44 p.m. Sohier St., noise complaint.

8:45 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop,

8:45 p.m. Border St., parking complaint.

9 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

9:10 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Michael J. Casey Jr., 17, 41 Lamberts Lane, Cohasset. Chrgs. possess class D drug, person under 21 in possession of liquor. Arrest: Craig Laugelle, 17, 96 Pleasant St., Cohasset. Chrgs. possess class D drug, person under in 21 possession of liquor. Arrest: Karim Terry Baroudi, 18, 62 Spring St., Cohasset. Chrgs. person under 21 in possession of liquor.

9:30 p.m. South Main St., disturbance.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

8:52 a.m. Stockbridge St., civil offenses.

10:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, parking complaint.

10:46 a.m. Norfolk Road, parking complaint.

11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, property (lost).

11:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

11:46 a.m. Spring St., family disturbance.

12:02 p.m. Bancroft Road, animal control.

12:23 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

12:28 p.m. Holly Lane, animal control.

12:29 p.m. Pleasant St., animal control.

3 p.m. Norfolk Road, animal control.

3:03 p.m. Sohier St., animal control.

3:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

4:33 p.m. North Main St,. motor vehicle stop,

4:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway,, suspicious.

6:48 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious.

7:47 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:05 p.m. Wheelwright Park, general services.

9:35 p.m. Locust Road and Beechwood St., animal control.

9:37 p.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

9:41 p.m. Border St. and Parker Ave., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Thomas D. Williams, 47, 295 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Chrgs. OUI liquor, second offense, marked lanes violation.

10:08 p.m. North Main St., general services.

10:14 p.m. South Bound, Route 3A, assist other agency.

10:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and King St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Patricia M. Sullivan, 48, 70 Hatherly Road, Scituate. Chrgs. OUI liquor, marked lanes violation.

10:57 p.m. Hillside Dr., noise complaint.

11:21 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

12:22 a.m. King St., suspicious.

2:21 a.m. Cedar St., brush fire.

2:44 a.m. King St., medical aid.

11:47 a.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

11:59 a.m. South Main St., suspicious person.

2:09 p.m. Cedar St., general services.

5:12 p.m. Stockbridge St., medical aid.

5:56 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway,, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:32 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

7:11 p.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:12 p.m. King St., medical aid.

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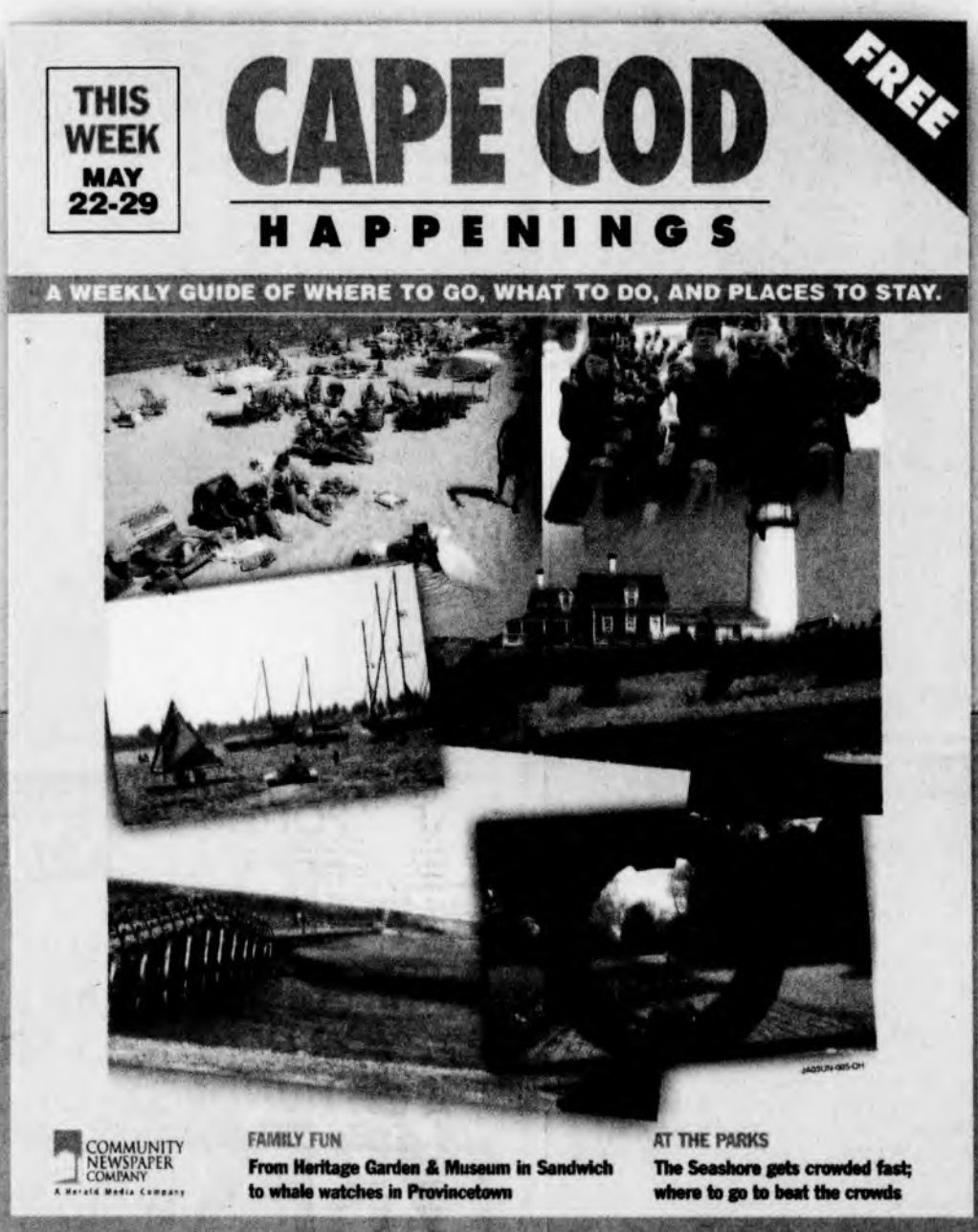

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Olmsted portrayed in one-man play

"Frederick Law Olmsted: Passages in the Life of an Unpractical Man" will be presented at Derby Academy (in Larson Hall) Saturday, May 17 at 4 p.m. The one-man play has been written, produced, and presented by Gerry Wright, who plays the title role.

The piece is based on the life and writings of Frederick Law Olmsted, father of Landscape architecture in the United States and creator of the Emerald Necklace park system (which includes among its treasures Hingham's very own World's End).

The play allows for audience members to gain insight into the life of a man who possessed incredible vision and energy, one who immersed himself in the critical events of American history in the 19th century. They witness the writer who understood the dynamics of slavery, the appointee of the Lincoln Administration during the Civil War, the landscape architect and catalyst for hundreds of parks across America.

The Olmsted play has been presented once a month during 2003, with performances scheduled for the next five months, including a performance in Russia, where the play will be presented for a seminar entitled, "What makes America, America?"

Gerry Wright has worked and studied in the fields of conservation and human services for the past 50 years. His dramatic portrayal is informed by his own passion regarding issues of social justice and conservation, issues for which Olmsted was a most persevering and principled pioneer. Throughout the performance, Wright is poised, energetic, and remarkably comfortable with his character.

JAMAICA PLAIN GAZETTE PHOTO BY JOHN SWAIN

Gerry Wright plays Frederick Law Olmsted at Derby Academy Saturday.

The presentation at Derby Academy will be in honor of the work of Christine Cooper and Charles Hauck at Jamaica Pond during the 20th anniversary of The Jamaica Pond Project. Proceeds from the performance will benefit landscaping projects at Derby Academy and The Jamaica Pond Project's programs for city kids, including environmental education programs.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $8 for students and are available by calling Jean Webb at 781-749-0746, extension 0 or 10.

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Food writers are featured

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset is delighted to host Sheryl Julian and Julie Riven for their book "The Way We Cook: Recipes from the New American Kitchen" (Houghton Mifflin, $27) on Wed. May 21 at 7 p.m. Sheryl Julian and Julie Riven are the writers of a very popular food column in the "Boston Globe" and the authors of "The Way We Cook: Recipes from the New American Kitchen."

This collaboration reflects the taste and style of two friends who love to cook. They will bring a few of their favorite dishes to sample and they will mingle with the audience while answering questions. This is a great opportunity for an informal chat with these two cooking mavens. A book signing will follow the tasting. Julian is the food editor of the Boston Globe. She is a cofounder of the Women's Culinary Guild of New England and a founding member of the Culinary Historians of Boston. Riven is a food writer and food stylist. Reservations are requested for planning purposes. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

'Sound of Music' on stage in May

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "The Sound Of Music" at the Cohasset Town Hall. Remaining show dates are: May 16 & 17 at 7:30 p.m. and May 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and are available at Buttonwood Books and Spring Brook Kids in Cohasset, Front Street Book Store in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304. Girl Scout Troops receive a $2 discount on advanced purchase tickets. Contact Barbara Baumgarten for details at 781-383-1834. Call 781-544-0304 to reserve tickets.

Local saxophonist in concert May 18

South Shore Conservatory presents saxophonist Earl Harmon in concert on Sunday, May 18, 4:30 p.m. in Cox Hall, One Conservatory Drive in Hingham.

Alternating between alto and soprano saxophones, Harmon's program features the music of Paul Creston, Halsey Stevens, Ravel and Faure. Pianist Steven G. Young, Chairperson of the Bridgewater State College Music Department, and pianist James Hays will accompany for the performance.

A Hingham resident, Harmon has performed with the Plymouth Philharmonic, Brockton Symphony, Hingham Symphony Orchestra, Metropolitan Wind Symphony, South Shore Wind Symphony Orchestras, and the Company Theatre Pit Orchestra.

Harmon has taught for South Shore Conservatory for 15 years, and coached for the Conservatory's renowned Summer Wind Ensemble program for 10 years. He holds bachelor of music education and bachelor of music degrees from New England Conservatory. Since graduation, Harmon has taught for 20 years in Newton, Scituate, Hingham, and Weymouth school systems. He has directed concert bands, marching bands and jazz ensembles, and has taught woodwind, brass, and percussion.

Admission to the May 18 concert is free. For more information, please call 781-749-7565, ext. 16. For directions to South Shore Conservatory, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

Cabaret music

"Crossroads," a South Shore cabaret music ensemble, presents "A Measured Passage: Arrangements and Original Music" by Weymouth musician, Rich Jensen. The Crossroads ensemble performance will be held at the South Shore Art Center at 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset on Friday, May 16 at 8 p.m. The concert features a variety of vocal arrangements for six voices ranging from old standards to new music set to the poetry of Robert Frost and Shakespeare.

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Choir at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset is presenting the choir of Boston's Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral in a concert on Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m. The concert is titled "From Pascha to Pentecost," and will contain music of the Easter and Pentecost seasons.

Walter Obleschuk has been director of the cathedral choir for the past 17 years and composes and arranges many compositions for the choir's use, as well as drawing upon the rich heritage of Russian and other Eastern European choral music. The choir at the cathedral sings primarily in English and all of the music is sung a capella. The choir exists only to sing services at the cathedral, which include Sunday liturgies, various vesper and matins services throughout the week, as well as vigils and other special services—a rigorous schedule. As well as providing beautiful music, the concert will be instructional as well, for Obleschuk will prove commentary on the various compositions and styles. He will also be discussing their religious context as well.

The church is at 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset and is handicap-accessible. Ample parking is available at the village car park. There is no charge for the concert, although donations will gladly be accepted.

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A country classic

Collin Raye brings music, passion to Plymouth

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Collin Raye sings — and for the most part writes — songs from the heart, as the singer himself describes in his publicity and bio sheets. And while so many other performers make that claim often to the point of reducing it to an empty cliche, particularly within the Nashville production-line machine of Raye's chosen genre, a close listen to the lyrical substance and committed vocal delivery of the singer's numerous country chart hits counters that effect with a distinct feeling of sincerity.

Collin Raye

Raye brings his songs from the heart to the local area this Friday when he appears in concert at Plymouth Memorial Hall at 7:30 p.m. The show should make a worthy follow-up to last month's ice-breaking country music rave at Plymouth Hall spotlighting singers Mark Wills and Blake Shelton, proving that, contrary to some speculation perhaps, live national-act country can be a strong sell in Plymouth.

Boasting 23 Top Ten country hits — including 15 number one hits — over a decade-long career, with song topics ranging from hot, good-time romance to alcoholism and domestic violence, Raye and band are sure to rock the house with plenty of dramatic flair. One might also expect from the Arkansas native a few well-chosen comments regarding ongoing world events with a decided patriotic stand. On his website at collinraye.com, the singer offers a detailed, well-informed and realistic take on the current international military action under the link Collin Raye's Foreign Policy 101, taking a few well-aimed jabs at such politically opposing show-biz voices as Natalie Maines of the Dixie Chicks, Barbara Streisand, Rosie O'Donnell and Sean Penn.

"WAR BAD...PEACE GOOD! WOW, that was brilliant! I never realized! Thank you Hollywood, Sheryl Crow, Barbra Streisand, Natalie Maines, Rosie O'Donnell, just to name a few," scoffs Raye on the webpage. "It has taken several thousand years of human history to develop insight of that level. COME ON! EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT WAR SUCKS! Especially our President and his staff. Fortunately, Mr. Bush, unlike former President Carter, who said recently that 'war is futile and doesn't ever accomplish anything...', knows better."

Raye's songs never get quite so political, but they do offer just as much passion. This is evident on the singer's own compositions such as the heart-rending ballad of marital separation "Little Rock" (a number 1 country hit), and the rock-country rave-up "My Kind of Girl" (also number 1 country), who buys "Cosmo and Hot Rod Magazines" and quotes "William Faulkner and Martin Luther King." Raye's hits also include well-picked covers like Lee Roy Parnell's R&B/country romp "That's My Story (and I'm Stickin' To It)" and even Journey's 1980s MTV hit "Open Arms," which probably works better as a country ballad anyway.

Along with the Top 10 hits, Raye's credits include five certified platinum albums, more than a dozen number 1 Country Music Television videos and numerous TV appearances from the Today and Tonight shows to Austin City Limits and Nashville Networks specials. He also has the honor of a "Collin Raye Boulevard" named for him on Highway 71 in his birthplace of DeQueen, Arkansas.

Raye's Plymouth show comes in the midst of a busy performing week, in between dates in New York State on Thursday and Pennsylvania on Saturday.

'Nantucket Garden' *John F. Cornacchio*

Art in the family

Father/daughter artists showcase work at library

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

It's not often that two family generations of artists come together in the same gallery hall. But such an occurrence always provides for some interesting contrasts and counterpoints.

A South Shore father-daughter team of artists, with some 85 years combined experience, has joined to present "Generations," an exhibit on display in the gallery hall at Pembroke Public Library through May 31. John Cornacchio, of Duxbury, and his daughter, Janet Cornacchio, of Scituate, offer a colorful collection of oil, pastel and watercolor works that showcase common creative family traits as well as distinct individual styles.

Of the combined artistic experience, clearly the major slice belongs to the family patriarch. John, 79, began painting at age eight and has by his own admission gratifyingly parlayed his early childhood interest into a long and profitable career. Born and raised in Brooklyn, John moved to Duxbury in 1961 and his credits include numerous exhibits and affiliations with galleries in Duxbury, Scituate, Westwood, Wayland and other towns. He's currently director of the Scituate Art Gallery.

"Being an artist was not by choice. It was extraordinarily compelling, and I had no choice."
John Cornacchio

"Being an artist was not by choice. It was extraordinarily compelling, and I had no choice," explains John in his artist's bio, recalling his days of first finding his way to the Art room at the local Boy's Club in

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More Matrix up their sleeve

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Matrix Reloaded (A-)

It's been four years since "The Matrix" was unleashed upon an unsuspecting public; four years since critics were divided — arguing that the film was either brilliant or a ridiculous hodgepodge of borrowed philosophical ideas and groundbreaking visual effects that wore out their welcome; four years since moviegoers latched on to and made a mega-hit out of the story of an alternate reality and the human race's desperate fight for survival against a race of machines.

Sure, not a lot of sense could be made of the intricate plotting, or the worlds between which Neo (Keanu Reeves), Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss) and Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne) regularly traversed, either virtually or physically. But that first installment in what will, before this year's end, be a trilogy, was much more about its stunning look than anything in the plot.

So here we have the same characters, still fighting the good fight of human versus machine. At the beginning of the sequel — and don't even think about trying to follow anything in this one without having seen the first — the evil machines are closing in on the world known as Zion with one intention: elimination of anything that isn't a machine. Neo must vanquish the evil, save the world and carry on a loving relationship with Trinity.

Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss) gets a blast out of the "Matrix" sequel.

Oh yes, this time there's plenty of character development — the sequel doesn't shy away from a little romance. Neo and Trinity are a hot item. They're featured in a heavy-duty erotic sequence. But there's also a look at newest crew member Link (Harold Perrineau) and his girlfriend Zee (Nona Gaye) and how war affects their once happy homestead. There's also romantic friction between Captain Niobe (Jada Pinkett Smith), her superior officer Commander Lock (Harry Lennix) and Morpheus.

But "Matrix Reloaded" is no love story. Special effects still rule. The first flying sequence happens about 10 seconds into the film, followed by the first fight about 10 seconds later. Blazing guns soon follow.

It seems that a "Men in Black"-like agent named Smith (Hugo Weaving, in both sinister and comic mode) is waiting around every corner and that he and his look-alike minions are waiting for a good fight, whether it be with Neo or Trinity or Morpheus. Those fights are plentiful and are ramped up in style and substance from the first film. The initial lengthy one between Neo and an army of Smiths is simply, utterly astounding. The fight sequences becomes a series of graceful ballets, complete with kicks and chops and blades.

But the early fights are nothing compared with what happens when the word "freeway" is mentioned. That's a signal for the film to shift into high-gear, and an extended sequence that's a marvel of stunt driving, visual effects and editing, all accompanied by a terrific, pounding score.

The Wachowski Brothers, who again wrote and directed, slow things down from time to time in order to introduce characters — The Architect, The Oracle and The Keymaker — who try to explain the plot. But the plot is irrelevant; "Matrix Reloaded" is all about the spectacle. The ride is so wild and so much fun, it just doesn't matter if everything makes sense.

Written and directed by Andy and Larry Wachowski. Rated R

Food & dining

Rediscovering Caesar Salad

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Originally created by Caesar Cardini in Tijuana, Mexico in 1924, the Caesar salad was instantly a tableside sensation that has continued to grow in popularity. At its best it is a wonderful blend of lemon, garlic and anchovy emulsified with egg and oil. At its worst, it is a dull, soggy blend of overbearing dressing and wilted lettuce.

First, the egg. Since I didn't want to use a raw egg for safety reasons, I found that a partially cooked egg (place egg in cold water, bring to a boil, remove from heat, and let sit for 3 1/2 minutes) produces a white that is set and a yolk that is thick and runny and about 142 degrees. I found one yolk was sufficient to add richness and flavor to the dressing.

As for the oil, I found the extra virgin oil used in the above recipes to be overwhelming. I preferred half extra virgin olive oil and half canola or corn oil. This combination contributes flavor and body. I went with three tablespoons of each. The resulting dressing is thick but not stiff or rubbery and the olive oil still adds lots of flavor but is not harsh or overpowering. Next, I added three anchovy fillets — four were a bit too fishy. I didn't care for any more than one medium garlic clove. A little bit of raw garlic goes a long way and the single clove packs plenty of flavor. To balance out the dressing, I ended up using 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice, 1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce, 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard, and a bit of salt and pepper. I tried adding a bit of vinegar and it didn't make the cut.

As for method, I chose to make the dressing in a food processor. The recipes I found all used a hand-held whisk, which does give the dressing a bit more texture. The dressing works prepared either way, but the food processor is simple and painless. As for the croutons, I wanted them crisp and garlicky. The secret was a 350-degree oven, a country loaf or baguette cut into 3/4-inch cubes, 3 tablespoons olive oil and 1-tablespoon butter, to which I added 2 smashed garlic cloves and some salt. I tossed the bread cubes in the mixture and toasted them until golden brown, about 18 minutes.

Caesar salad is traditionally made with romaine hearts and I found their sweet flavor and crunchy texture excellent. These days it's easy to purchase hearts, and for our recipe about two medium-sized hearts are plenty. The lettuce should be torn into 1 1/2 or 2-inch pieces to produce 10 to 12 cups.

Grilled or roasted chicken breast can be added to make this dish a light lunch or supper. My concluding recipe is as follows:

REALLY GOOD CAESAR SALAD

Grilled or roasted chicken breast can be added to make this dish a light lunch or supper. (The soft-boiled method used to cook the egg in this recipe is meant to thicken the yolk and not to guarantee pasteurization. If the safety of the yolk is imperative, you should let the egg sit for 5 minutes (instead of 3 1/2) before adding the yolk to the food processor. The yolk will be set and resulting dressing will not be as creamy.) Both the dressing and the croutons can be made up to a day ahead of time. If sitting in the refrigerator makes the dressing too thick, you should sprinkle droplets of water on the salad with your fingertips while tossing until the lettuce is evenly coated with the dressing.

For the croutons

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon unsalted butter

2 large garlic cloves, smashed

1/4 teaspoon salt

4 cups 3/4 inch bread cubes from a country loaf or baguette

For the dressing

1 large egg

1 medium garlic clove, pressed or finely chopped

3 anchovy fillets, coarsely chopped

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

3 tablespoons canola, corn or vegetable oil

Salt

Freshly ground black pepper

To finish the salad

10 to 12 cups romaine lettuce hearts (pale green and yellow leaves) rinsed, dried and torn into 1 1/2-inch pieces

1/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1. For the croutons: Heat the oven to 350 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Place the oil, butter, garlic and salt in a large skillet over medium heat. Once the butter has stopped foaming, swirl to mix the butter and oil and let sit for 15 minutes. Pick out and discard the garlic pieces. Place the bread cubes on a baking sheet and drizzle with the olive oil/butter mixture. Toss with your fingers to evenly coat the bread cubes and spread to an even layer. Place in the oven and bake until dark golden brown, stirring occasionally, about 15 to 20 minutes.

2. For the dressing: Place the egg in a small pan with enough cold water to cover by one inch. Bring the water to a boil over medium-high heat. Remove from heat and cover and let sit for 3 1/2 minutes. Rinse in cold water until the egg is cool enough to handle, crack the shell and break open the egg—the white will be set but the yolk should still be runny. Add the yolk to the bowl of a food processor along with the garlic, anchovy, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, and Dijon mustard. Mix the olive and canola oil together in a measuring cup with a pouring spout. With the processor running, drizzle the oil into the processor bowl in a very thin steady stream. The dressing will be thick and creamy. Taste for seasoning, adding salt and freshly ground pepper as desired.

3. To finish the salad: Place the lettuce, three quarters of the dressing and cheese in a large bowl. Toss well to evenly coat the lettuce with the dressing, adding the remaining dressing as needed. Serve immediately with the croutons.

Serves 4 to 6

Art in the family

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John is also a graduate of the Pratt Institute of Art and has studied in workshops with, among others, the well-noted South Shore-based courtroom sketch artist Constance Pratt. His daughter, Janet, grew up in Duxbury before moving to Scituate. For her, art is more an adopted pursuit, begun seriously after having studied art history while earning a degree in theology at Harvard University. Janet, now in her 50s, moved to watercolor painting after starting with crafts such as fabric painting and tromp l'oeil design.

Nature is not the full scope of John subject-matter range, but it covers some of the most impressive of his work included in "Generations." Two coastal scenes, the gulls and white water of "Breaking Waves," and the flat-calm bay view of "Bar Harbor" offer a dramatic contrast. Other land/seascapes add quaint images, such as the gondola traversing the river passways in "Venice," the doors of a stately facade in "Dublin Doors," and back to Venice where the artist finds a sleeping calico cat on a doorstep in "Homeless in Venice."

John also includes well-rendered portraits in oil and pastel, including one of his wife, "Marie," numerous floral still lifes and several oil and pastel linear images focused on dancing and motion. Janet, meanwhile, focuses on oil and watercolor florals with occasional coastal landscapes. She obviously gives away much in experience to her father, but emerges with her own style and vision.

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John Cornacchio

"My journey from parental influence through college art history study and work with many local artists now resonates in my own work," said the younger Cornacchio in her artist's statement. "I am now able to take advantage of my dad's advice and skill. Good form and design are important, but of paramount interest is color: intense, subtle, flowing and controlled. Color tells the story."

Flowering Trees for the Spring Landscape

Green thumbs up

Second of two parts

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

A brilliant flash of fiery orange and black catches my eye as I weed and cultivate my gardens on a cool damp morning in May. The unmistakable plumage of the male Baltimore Oriole is readily discerned among the slender pale green cascading branches of my weeping willow as he hops about the treetops singing his distinctive tune of whistles and chatters. The oriole's spring arrival in my garden usually coincides with the blooming of the equally vibrant blooms of my Japanese quince, which it frequently visits to sip the nectar of the vivid orange-red blossoms.

Tiny flakes of pale pink confetti float to the earth as a crisp morning breeze scatters the delicate blossoms of my weeping cherry. Beneath the pewter gray branches of the magnolias lies a satin blanket of pink and white petals. As these fleeting flowers depart, the showy double pink blossoms of Kwanzan cherries emerge to take their place accompanied by sensational clouds of pink, white and red crabapple trees and dazzling dogwoods. The month of May is a glorious time of year for our flowering trees and shrubs.

Spectacular, reliable bloom makes the family of crabapple trees one of the loveliest of our spring-blooming woody plants. Innumerable varieties are currently available offering a wide range of flower color including white, pink and red, as well as a diversity of fall fruits in varying size and color. There are weeping cultivars and considerable variation in branching forms and ultimate sizes, with several new dwarf varieties ideal for smaller spaces. A few introductions provide season-long bronze or burgundy foliage. Cultivars that produce small fruits are more appealing to birds that will spend the fall and winter partaking of the attractive, shiny clusters of berries which may be red, purple, yellow or orange. Perhaps the crabapple's greatest fault is its tendency to be an extremely vigorous grower which requires yearly pruning shortly after bloom to thin crossed branches and remove suckers from around the base of the tree. Select new, disease-resistant varieties and plant in a sunny location in well-drained soils for a stunning spring display year after year.

Few ornamental trees rival the grace and year-round beauty of the American flowering dogwood (Cornus florida). Its unique flowers, elegant fall foliage, colorful fruit and attractive winter silhouette make it an invaluable asset to any landscape. Native to the eastern half of the U.S., it is clothed in spectacular flower clusters of white, pink or red just as the foliage begins to break. The showiest parts of these flowers are actually four, brightly colored, notched bracts, not petals, with the true, tiny yellow flowers to be found in the center of the cluster. In autumn, small, shiny, brilliant red fruits are borne but are often quickly devoured by wildlife. When the handsome, deep scarlet to bronze foliage drops, the horizontal branching presents a lovely distinctive form throughout the dormant months.

The American dogwood's natural habitat as an understory plant in forests, shaded by larger, hardwood trees, makes it ideally suited to the partially shaded landscape. Well-drained, organic soils are preferred as heavy, poorly drained soils usually lead to their demise. Dogwoods are shallow-rooted trees and the application of mulch over the root system is recommended, especially if the specimen is to be grown in full sun, to help maintain cooler soil temperatures and assist with water retention. Supplemental water should be provided during periods of drought, preferably by means of a soaker hose as wetting the foliage may lead to leaf diseases.

Proper planting and regular maintenance of dogwoods is critical to produce healthy specimens. Plants which are subjected to stress become weakened and are subsequently more susceptible to a variety of pests and diseases. Dogwood anthracnose, in particular, has become a problem in our area in recent years and is characterized by large, purple-bordered leaf spots and brown patches beginning on the tips of the foliage. Prune and destroy the diseased branches and monitor the tree throughout the season, providing a deep soaking once a week during periods of drought. This disease should not be confused with spot anthracnose which appears as tiny spots the size of a pinhead all over the foliage and is promoted by damp weather, particularly in spring as the flowers open. While unsightly, this latter disease does not cause serious damage to the trees.

Another member of the dogwood family, Cornus kousa or the Japanese dogwood, is gaining in popularity due to its resistance to dogwood anthracnose. It is more densely branched and upright in habit than its American counterpart and its blossoms appear three weeks later than the American dogwoods. White flower bracts are more star-like in form and appear on the upper side of the branches once the trees have fully leafed-out. Attractive red fruits resembling clusters of raspberries appear in autumn. Peeling bark on mature specimens reveals lighter patches providing winter interest.

Hybrids known as the 'Stellar' dogwoods have been developed from crossing the American dogwood with the Japanese dogwood. Reportedly vigorous growers and resistant to both pests and diseases, they bloom in late spring and claim to have all the positive attributes of both parents.

Numerous cultivars of dogwoods are commercially available including a few weeping varieties. Flower color may be pink, red or white and several recent introductions boast variegated foliage as an added attraction.

CHARITABLE FUNDS AVAILABLE

The George E. Curtis Trust is accepting applications from charitable organizations that provide nursing care, day care, respite care or home care for low income adults who are handicapped, disabled or infirm. To be eligible for the grant award, the charitable organization must be able to use the fund in Plymouth County and contiguous towns. Priority will be given to those programs that order direct aid to eligible individuals in their homes by maintaining such individuals in his or her home so as to improve the quality of home life.

Funds are also available to assist in the design, construction and equipment facilities for use by low income adults who are handicapped, disabled or infirm so as to improve the quality of their living arrangements. Individuals are not eligible for funding. The deadline for submitting a completed application is July 11, 2003.

Applications are available by sending a written request to:

The George E. Curtis Charitable Trust
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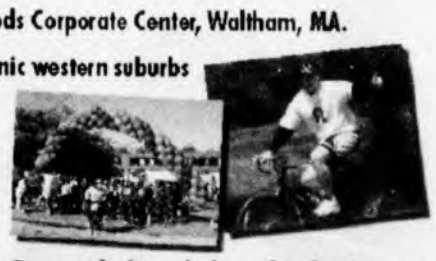

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THE NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY PRESENTS THE 27TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS on May 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the village of Marshfield Hills. The preview party will kick off festivities on May 23, at 7 p.m. Awards announcements at 8 p.m. Admission $10, the public is welcome. The festival is free of charge and will offer a juried craft area featuring 32 artisans-craftspeople, a juried art and sculpture exhibit, juried photography exhibit, art-in-the-tent, a young artists' exhibit, on-going indoor and outdoor entertainment, a children's tent, a food tent and more. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email at northriverarts@rcn.com

THE 13TH ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL AT STONEHILL Rubyhorse, is headlining the 13th annual Irish Festival at Stonehill College on June 13-15. This three day outdoor festival features three musical stages plus dozens of activities for children, families and lovers of Irish culture. Irish dancing exhibits and folk art displays are also scheduled. The festival is in North Easton, just 25 minutes south of Boston.

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS AT EDAVILLE USA June 20-22, June 27-29 and July 3-6 - Day Out With Thomas offers fans of all ages the opportunity to take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine. There is a variety of Thomas & Friends entertainment for the whole family. Interactive children's activities include storytelling; live music; indoor and outdoor play areas; toy train sets; temporary tattoos of Island of Sodor friends and face painting; an Imagination Station; live music and more. Other event highlights are Thomas & Friends video viewing and an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Thomas the Tank Engine's firm, but kindly boss, Sir Topham Hatt. 35 minute train rides depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission $14 for ages one and up and may be purchased by calling 1-866-468-7630 and at the Edaville box office. for more information visit www.thomasthetankengine.com Edaville USA is located off of Route 58 in Carver.

tick, tick...BOOM! a musical by Jonathan Larson, comes to the Wilbur Theatre May 27 to June 8, starring Boston's own Joey McIntyre. Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster or directly at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston St. Boston.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Hingham Civic Music Theatre announces five May performances of **"Damn Yankees,"** which will be presented in Sanborn Auditorium, located in Hingham Town Hall on Central St. Hingham. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on May 16 and 17, and at 2 p.m. on May 18. Tickets for "Damn Yankees" are $15 for adults, $12 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased at Noble's Camera Shop in Hingham Square, Corson's Glasshouse in Queen Anne's Corner, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, and Hingham Music in Lincoln Plaza on Route 3A. For information call 781-789-4327.

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Thurs. 15

The Art Complex, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents South Shore artist **David Brega.** He will discuss his nationally known work at the Art Complex Museum's lecture/luncheon series on May 15, at 11 a.m. Several of Brega's oil paintings are on exhibition in the museum's **Doubletake.** Cost for the lecture/luncheon is $10. Pre-registration is required by May 12. For information call 781-934-6634.

The Pleasant Grill, 1229 Washington St., E. Weymouth, will host a showing of **Dan McCole's Watercolors** through June 15. A reception will be held May 15, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on May 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Carol Loiacono** will demonstrate a watercolor seascape. Free and open to the public.

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library will open a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy** on May 15. The exhibit will urn through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

"Attract the Mate of Your Dreams!" Workshop for Singles. Heidi Ratner-Connolly, author and coach, presents this unique workshop based on her book of the same topic, *"The 10 Things You Need to Know to Attract the Mate of Your Dreams."* Interactive discussion highlights: "Is there such a thing as a soul mate?;" "How to switch to the Love Channel;" and "If tulips are tulips and broccoli is broccoli, where is your right mate?" Reservations only, $25 per person; space is limited. Stop & Shop Conference Room, Rte. 3A, Cohasset. May 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call Heidi for more information and to register at 781-545-0983.

Comedy Night - Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree 5 corners, May 15, at 8:30 p.m. featuring Teddie Bergeron, along with Annette Pollack, Jessica Casciano, Joe Kringdon, Troy Diamond, Mark Collins and host, Dave Rattigan. Reservations recommended by calling 781-848-0300.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree, announces the production of "Much Ado About Nothing" on May 15, 16, 17. All shows are at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 each, call 781-356-5113, leave message. CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

The fifth season for South Shore Quests opened May 1. Quests are a fun way to get the kids out in nature and a great way to learn of new hiking trails in the area. Clues lead the hiker along a trail in search of the treasure (a stamp and stamp pad). Quest books, which contain directions, maps and the clues for 19 Quests on the South Shore, are available at the Bookport in Hingham, Hingham public library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for $4. If you have any questions contact Kim Juric at 781 749-6121 or kjuric@attbi.com <mailto:kjuric@attbi.com>

The Friends of the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association (NVNA) are sponsoring an ongoing Bereavement Support Group, at no charge, for individuals experiencing the loss of a loved one. The eight-week series continues on May 15, and 22, at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held in the second-floor conference room of the NVNA office, located at 320 Washington St. in Norwell. Weekly sessions take place every Thursday at the same time and in the same location. Subsequent meetings will take place on the following dates:. Open to everyone throughout the South Shore. Participants can attend as many sessions as they choose or need. For more information about the Bereavement Support Program or the NVNA, please visit the web site at www.nvna.org or call 781-659-2342, ext. 550 to register.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Fri. 16

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "**The Sound Of Music**" at the Cohasset Town Hall. Show dates are: May 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and May 11, and 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and are available at Buttonwood Books and Spring Brook Kids in Cohasset, Front Street Book Store in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304. Girl Scout Troops receive a $2 discount on advanced purchase tickets. Contact Barbara Baumgarten for details at 781-383-1834. Sunday May 4, is "Seniors Day". All seniors receive a $2 discount. Call 781-544-0304 to reserve tickets.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate. **Pony.** For more information call 781-545-9898.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth. **The Situation**, Acoustic Pop &Rock 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents James Montgomery Band, on May 16. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 17

The Plymouth Cordage Historical Society presents a house tour May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to give the public a chance to view several examples of some of the 350 Plymouth Cordage worker dwellings built in North Plymouth during the century after the founding of the rope-making company in 1824. Also, exhibits relating to Plymouth Cordage and its employees will be on display at Cordage Park where the tour starts and across Court Street at Loring Library's restoration-in-progress, where the tour ends. Tickets $15. Free shuttle service. For more information call 507-746-7707.

First Annual Mind, Body, Spirit Expo, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Church Hill, Fellowship Center, River St., Norwell. Sponsored by Finding Inner Peace, Inc., a non-profit organization for yoga, stress, reduction and subtle energy. Admission is free, some exhibitors may charge a nominal fee for private sessions. For information or to be an exhibitor, call Maryellen Davis at 781-878-0115 or email at Mdavis1067@aol.com

The South Shore Natural Science Center is holding their first annual **Wildflower Plant Sale** on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. Be sure to stop by. The Science Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For directions, or more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

Heidi Ratner-Connolly, "Poison Ivy Lady of the South Shore," will be at Kennedy's Garden Center on May 17. Author of the best-seller, "Poison Ivy, Pets & People," Ms. Ratner-Connolly is one of Kennedy's Weekend Garden Lecture Series. After the lecture, she will be available for book signing, and to answer any and all questions about the ghoulish greenery we know so well. Register in advance for the 9:30 a.m. lecture ($5), or stop by for a chat after 10:30 AM! 781-545-1266.

Coffeehouse Off The Square Presents Bill Staines And **Mark Purcell** The legendary Bill Staines returns to the Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the Square Saturday, May 17, at 8 p.m. The coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Church's fully accessible Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham Square, on the T's 220 bus from Quincy Center, and a few doors up from the Loring Hall Theatre. Events begin with an open mike, allowing singers, dancers, poets, mimes, jugglers, storytellers to be seen and heard by our attentive audience. Tickets are $10 at the door and coffee, tea, cider, and home-made desserts are 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit programs of the Unitarian/Universalist Service Committee.

Thompson Island Jaunt, Saturday, May 17, 11:30 a.m. until 5:45 p.m. Celebrate public access to this island Learn about its history from the time of Native Americans to today's educational programs. Take a tour with an experienced volunteer or explore on your own. There are 157 acres of fields, woods, marsh, shoreline, spring birds and other wildlife. Bring your own lunch, beverage, and snacks, as no food is available on the island. Also your camera, binoculars, and dress for the weather. The Cruise leaves Fan Pier, next to the Moakley Court House, Fort Point Channel, just over the old Northern Ave. Bridge. Prices Adults $10, Seniors and Members of FBHI $8, Children 3 to 12 $7 Children 2 and under free. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 10:30am on the 1st; cash only. For more information contact 781-740-4290 or send a SASE and your check to FBHI, P. O. Box 690187, Quincy, MA 02269-0187

The Duxbury Bay Maritime School presents **"Women Underway"** on Saturday, May 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This one day seminar features women teaching boating skills to women. Topics include docking, trailering, boating safety, basic navigation, local lore and much more. The $30 fee covers workshops, lunch and a nautical fashion show by Team 1 Newport. Call to register: 781-934-7555

The Braintree Choral Society, under the directorship of Justin Smith and in conjunction with members of the **Brockton Symphony Orchestra**, will perform their spring concert at Old South Congregational Church in South Weymouth, on May 17 at 7 p.m. both locations are handicap accessible. Tickets may be purchased from any chorus member and are $12 general admission/$10 for seniors and stu-

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dents. Call 508-583-5662 for tickets and information.

The North River Theatre presents **"Office Hours"** a comedy by Norm Foster, at the North River Community Club, 513 River St., Norwell, on May 16, and 17. All performances start at 8 p.m. with cabaret seating and cash bar. Tickets are $14. For information, call 781-826-4878.

Bandstand Revisited at Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center. Relive the glory days of American Bandstand. Guest stars "Buddy Holly", "Neil Diamond" and "Connie Francis" sing their greatest hits. Enjoy a four-course dinner, listen to the legends on May 17, 18, 23, 24. Tickets are $35 to $37.50 for dinner and show; $17.50 to $20 show only. Friday and Saturday dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. For reservations and information call 781-843-5862.

Taylor Dayne will be performing with her full band at Plymouth Memorial Hall, May 17. Tickets, priced at $34 and $29, are now on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall boxoffice, located at 50 Court St., Plymouth. They can also be purchased online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619. Plymouth Memorial Hall is located at 83 Court St., (Route 3A) in Plymouth. 508-747-0234.

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Sun. 18

Melanoma walk-a-thon in memory of Braintree resident **Paul Huling** on May 18 at Pond Meadow Park, Braintree entrance. Registration 9 a.m., walk starts at 10 a.m. For more information call Mary Lou Hogan, 781-848-3745.

The Ventress Memorial Library Sunday Concerts Series, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. May 18, **May Day Music**. **Salmonsen sisters** sing spring Ladies wear a spring frock. May pole for kids. For more information call Chris Woods at 781-834-5535.

The Friends of Thayer Public Library bring art historian **Gershon Weisenberg** to the library on May 18, at 2:30 p.m. "Silence and the Angles of Light: The Life and Artistry of Edward Hopper," the second in a series of three slide/lectures on outstanding American artists. Free and open to the public. Call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

"A Taste of Spring: A Wine Tasting Brunch," the 11th annual fundraising event for **the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc.,** will take place at Saporito's Florence Club Café in Hull on May 18, at 1 p.m. the event includes a five-course gourmet menu. The Joe Micarelli Trio will provide a jazz accompaniment of the food and wine. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 781-749-5417 (evenings).

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The Persephone's Daughters presents "Tapestry," songs from the Loom of Life. The Plymouth based women's a cappella chorus will perform at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Top of Town Square, Plymouth, on Sunday afternoon, May 18, at 4 p.m. Tickets $10 adults/$5 seniors, students, children and are available at the door. Call 508-747-0212 for tickets.

The Singing Sisters, Sisters Rosalie and Rosemonde Deck will present a concert at the Whitfield House, 26 North St., Plymouth on May 18, at 3 p.m. They will be accompanied by Christopher Brown. Tickets are $10 at the door, doors open at 2:30 p.m. For further information call 508-746-5289.

South Shore Conservatory saxophonist **Earl Harmon** appears in concert on Sunday, May 18, at 4:30 p.m., in Cox Hall, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Alternating between alto and soprano saxophones, Harmon's program features the music of Paul Creston, Halsey Stevens, Ravel and Faure. Pianists Steven G. Young and James Hays of Bridgewater State College accompany. Admission to the concert is free. South Shore Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Dr. in Hingham and is handicapped accessible. For more information, call 781-749-7565, ext. 16. For directions, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

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Buttonwood Books and Toys will host Cohasset author, **Susan R. Playfair**, on Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. for her book, "Vanishing Species: Saving the Fish, Sacrificing the Fisherman

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" at Buttonwood in Cohasset. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum will offer visitors a special Sunday brunch and museum tour package, "Sunday Brunch at the JFK," on four Sundays this May and June. $28 for adults and $8 for children age 12 and under. The brunch will be served in the Smith Crescent Room at the library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also included is admission to the museum and the special exhibit that marks the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy. Reservations are strongly recommended by calling 617-514-1693. For information and menu selections, visit the web site at www.jfklibrary.org

Mon. 19

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Braintree Art Association member Rita Walsh will be displaying her paintings for the month of May at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month, Terry Chase, will exhibit her paintings for the month of May at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 20

The Talking Information Center (TIC) for the Blind celebrates 25 years of service to the blind and print handicapped community this month. On Tuesday, May 20, volunteer readers, TIC listeners, celebrities, politicians and representatives from a variety of blind consumer groups and service organizations will broadcast live from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Hall of Flags at the State House. Channel 5 reporter Gail Huff will be the master of ceremonies at the 1:15 p.m. recognition ceremony.

The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, will feature "**Watercolors**" a show of recent work by local artists, **Shirley Muirhead**, **Mary Eliot**, and **Julia Blackbourn** during the month of May. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

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The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 21

James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents the May story time **"Hats Off to Spring"** May 21, at 10 a.m. Children and their parents are invited to wear a funny or favorite hat. Story time is designed for children ages 3 to 5 accompanied by an adult. Free and open to the public. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Boston's Elegant Transformation a slide presentation by author and historian, William P. Marchione, Ph.D. Follow the transformation of Boston from a post-Revolutionary town of muddy roads and wooden buildings into a city of elegant Federalist architecture. Norwell Public Library, 64 South St, Norwell, Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Norwell Historical Society. For more information, call 781-659-1888.

The Scituate Art Gallery, located on Front St., in Scituate, presents Charles Stockbridge's "Sky, Ships and Sea" exhibit of original oil paintings and will showcase scenes of the coast and sea through May 30. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

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The Plymouth Cordage Historical Society presents a house tour May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to give the public a chance to view several examples of some of the 350 Plymouth Cordage worker dwellings built in North Plymouth during the century after the founding of the rope making company in 1824. Also, exhibits relating to Plymouth Cordage and its employees will be on display at Cordage Park where the tour starts and across Court Street at Loring Library's restoration-in-progress, where the tour ends. Tickets $15. Free shuttle service. For more information call 508-746-7707.

The MOMologues, an original comedy about motherhood, that captures all the agony and ecstasy that is the daily life of being a mom, will be held at the ICA Theatre in Boston running Wednesday-Saturdays until May 17. For tickets and information, call 617-262-2928.

Mass Audubon, South Shore Regional Office, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. On display, **The Painted Landscape**. The work of eight North River Society Artists, local landscapes by local artists. **Susan Charles, Corine Campobasso, Susan Davis, Don Darcier, Jeanne MacFarland, Susan Raffa, Jody Regan and Ellen Whelan**. This exhibit is an offshoot of the Daniel Webster Farm Day last October.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

Thurs. 22

The Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree presents **"Chamber Music"** on May 22, at 7:30 p.m. the program of light classical music will be performed by piano, clarinet and viola will include short informative intros about pieces/composers. For information call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

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Comedy Night - Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree 5 corners, Thursday, May 15, at 8:30 p.m. featuring Teddie Bergeron, along with Annette Pollack, Jessica Casciano, Joe Kringdon, Troy Diamond, Mark Collins and host, Dave Rattigan. Reservations recommended by calling 781-848-0300.

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Fri. 23

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance May 23, featuring live music with **The Emanon Orchestra** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. A buffet chicken dinner will be served. Admission is $12 SSS members/$15 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Single Executives Club Social & Singles Dance Friday, May 23, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35+ years old. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business dress is required, ties & jackets suggested. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and www.se-4you.com http://www.se-4you.com

Bridgewaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Waterfront Theatre** featuring **"Mark Twain", to benefit the Humarock Beach Improvement Association** on May 23. Local actor Bern Budd, brings his Mark Twain recreation to the Bridgwaye beginning at 8:15 p.m. Dinner is optional beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 781-834-6505 or visit www.bridgwayeinn.com

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Justin Beech.** For more information call 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Urban Renewal** May 23. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

At 4:13 a.m. the Libra moon becomes inactive until 8:14 a.m., when it enters Scorpio. All full moon warnings are in effect. Take it slow and easy. Eat light foods; avoid stimulants. Keep your hands and mind busy with practical projects. Mars and Neptune conjoin today; Neptune prepares to begin retrograde travel tomorrow. That means that things may not be as they appear. Separating the facts from the fiction can be difficult. Instead of numbing out through the path of least resistance, do some serious soul-searching. Let go of recent hurts or traumas. Take responsibility for your life and choices. You can achieve breakthroughs and turn your life around.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

People often have difficulty sleeping in full moon periods. As a result, they can be grouchy and difficult to get along with. This is one of those mornings. A powerful full moon culminates at 11:36 p.m. There are three factors that add to the intensity of this full moon: It is accompanied by a lunar eclipse. It is in perigee, meaning it's closest to the earth, and it culminates at 25-degrees Scorpio. In addition, Neptune, standing at 13-degrees Aquarius, begins retrograde travel. Spend time alone; strive for greater spiritual vision.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

After the barrage of planetary activity in the last few days, influences begin to ease. The moon enters cheerful Sagittarius at 7:43 a.m. However, a 90-degree alignment to Uranus occurs at 11:53 a.m. Avoid rigid time schedules; have an alternate plan of action in case things don't work out this morning. The planet Venus moves into Taurus at 6:58 a.m., remaining there until June 9. Take advantage of relatively calm astrological influences this afternoon and evening. Kick back, relax and recharge your batteries.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Yesterday's planetary influences affect today as well. The moon continues to travel in Sagittarius, generating high energy, optimism. Spur of the moment ideas will be the most successful. Visit or entertain friends. Get back in the swing of favorite sports; start a new exercise routine. There is one pitfall in today's planetary picture. A lunar alignment to Pluto is in effect between 12:26-3:26 p.m. Be more discreet and diplomatic; insensitive remarks may come back to haunt you.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

The Sagittarius moon opposes Saturn at 4:41 a.m. and becomes inactive until 8:03 a.m., when it enters Capricorn. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Uranus saves the day, making it prime for all social activities. Group endeavors, team sports, charitable drives get the green light. You can achieve your goals by networking with others.

MONDAY, MAY 19

The planet Mercury is slowing its rate of motion, preparing for direct travel. Today Mercury forms a 90-degree alignment to Jupiter. The effect of this alignment may reinforce Mercury's retrograde action. Machinery may break down. Projects may take unexpected turns. People are likely to be careless, distracted, accident-prone. A Capricorn moon urges you to stay busy with routine chores, unfinished business.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

The big news is that Mercury begins direct travel at 3:33 a.m., 11-degrees Taurus. The next Mercury retrograde period will affect August and September. The Capricorn moon aligns with the sun at 9:29 a.m. and becomes inactive. At 11:01 a.m. the moon enters innovative Aquarius, prompting you to be more experimental. Try new methods and ideas to solve old problems. Take on new studies; expand your horizons. A lunar contact to Venus sets the stage for a social evening.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

The sun enters Gemini at 7:12 a.m., and the green light goes on for new starts across the board. The sun will travel in dualistic Gemini until June 21. The moon travels in Aquarius, conjoining Neptune at 10:33 a.m. Give extra attention to accuracy this morning, so that you don't overlook significant details. The moon and Mars conjoin at 5:53 p.m., making this period ideal for sports and physical activities.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

You can be most productive this morning, particularly if you are working on projects that need help or input from others. New starts in your business or personal life are recommended. Promote new ideas and launch campaigns before 2:49 p.m., when the Aquarius moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive. At 5:41 p.m. the moon enters Pisces, and the last quarter phase of the moon begins at 8:31 p.m. This moon will decrease in light until May 31, when a potent new moon culminates. A lunar alignment to Uranus this evening can go either way. It may bring unexpected disruptions or exciting surprises.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Planetary action can make for a topsy-turvy day. It can be difficult to get anything accomplished. Take it slow and easy. The moon travels in Pisces, highlighting all forms of creativity. However, 90-degree alignments of Mercury-Jupiter and the sun-Uranus are in high focus. Don't start anything new; avoid acting on impulse. Expect the unexpected.

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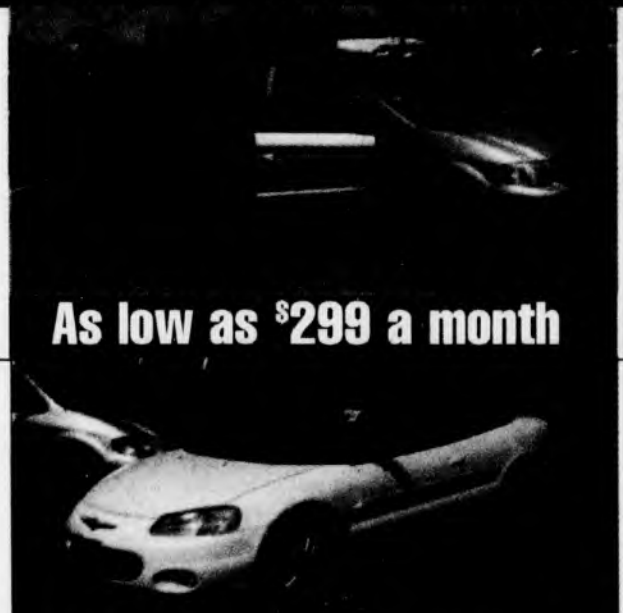

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Deal near on water sale to huge project

20-year contract for up to 300K gallons a day

By John Camera and Carol Meyer
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The Cohasset Water Commission is close to reaching a deal to sell up to 300,000 gallons of water a day to Erickson Retirement Communities for a planned 2,000-unit retirement campus in Hingham.

Erickson Retirement Communities has drafted a proposed letter of intent for the sale of the water. The agreement calls for a 20-year contract, with the need for water ranging from 25,000 to 307,000 gallons a day as construction is completed over the next decade.

The retirement community, which was approved for a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B by the Hingham Zoning Board of Appeals, will be one of the largest in the state and includes a percentage of affordable units. Set on 100 acres of land off Whiting Street, the development will also include a fitness complex, aquatics center, hair salon and barbershop, full-service restaurant and casual café, medical center, bank and other amenities.

Water Commissioner Rob Kasameyer said a deal with Erickson had not been finalized but the Water Department is preparing to announce publicly that it has water to sell, which it is legally inclined to do for any sale to go forward.

"We have a great resource here, and if we do it right, this is

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WHAT A HOOT

STAFF PHOTO: ALAN CHAPMAN

Marcia Wilson shows off a great horned owl during a special presentation to sixth graders at the Deer Hill School.

Officials voice Cohasset 40B concerns to Governor's task force

By John Camera
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Town officials on Friday told two members of Gov. Mitt Romney's Chapter 40B Task Force that the state's affordable housing law puts too much power in the hands of developers and not enough power in the hands of the town.

Sen. Harriet Chandler and Rep. Kevin Honan, the Senate and House Chairs of the Housing and Urban Development Committee, visited Town Hall to hear concerns about the 34-year-old affordable housing law, which many say is in dire need of reform. Two local legislators who support 40B reform, Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and Sen. Bob Hedlund, R-Weymouth, accompanied Chandler and Honan on Friday. Before coming to Cohasset, the group made a stop in Marshfield for a similar discussion.

"I think historically, if we haven't been focused on creating affordable housing, I feel it's because we've had it."
— Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris

Chandler and Honan are two of 24 people on the task force, which Romney has asked to review Chapter 40B before the Legislature debates possible changes to the law. Besides legislators, the task force includes state housing officials, municipal officials and stakeholders representing development and environmental interests. The group is scheduled to present its findings to Romney on May 30.

At Friday's meeting, representatives from the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Growth and Development Committee and the Water Commission told Chandler and Honan why they thought Chapter 40B was not working in Cohasset.

Many town officials' comments were directly related to Avalon, the planned 200-unit apartment complex now before the Zoning Board of Appeals for a comprehensive permit under 40B. That prompted Avalon Bay Estates regional vice president, Bill McLaughlin, who is also a member of Romney's task force, to stand up at the end of the meeting and claim that some of what was said was "complete misinformation."

The meeting began with Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris briefing Chandler and

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Relay For Life touches many hearts

Raises $113K to fight cancer

By John Camera
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When Cohasset resident Lee Anne DeVries participated in her first Relay for Life two years ago, she was in the midst of a battle against breast cancer and was bald as a result of her chemotherapy treatment.

Two years later, the 34-year-old mother of two has beaten the disease and is expecting her third child soon. Last weekend, she participated in her third Relay for Life, an event she says provided her with the positive outlook she needed to conquer cancer.

"The support that you get from the people here when you're battling cancer is huge."
— Lee Anne DeVries

"The support that you get from the people here when you're battling cancer is huge," said DeVries. "This event has been very important in my life."

The Relay for Life is the flagship fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. The all-night walkathon takes place in hundreds of town across the country and raises millions of dollars for cancer research and education.

This year marked the seventh annual relay in Cohasset, and $113,000 was raised to help fight cancer. About 650 walkers on 32 different teams participated in the event, which began Friday afternoon at the Cohasset High School track.

DeVries and 49 other cancer survivors kicked off the event with the ceremonial Survivors' Lap. Onlookers applauded as the group made its way around the track.

Later, DeVries and others took part in the Luminaria Ceremony, where about 3,000 candles were lit around the track in honor of those who had fought cancer. On the bleachers, participants spelled out the word "hope" using some of the

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Lily Smith fills a bag with sand at Alumni Field for the Luminaria Ceremony that was conducted at 9 p.m. on Friday.

PRETTY IN PINK

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Jeannette Somerville chats with friends at the annual birthday party sponsored by the Council on Elder Affairs for those in their 80s and 90s. For more photos, see page 31.

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No trees more than two-inches in diameter and no contractors are allowed.

Straits Pond cleanup

Straits Pond Spring Cleanup is Saturday, June 7 (rain date: Saturday, June 15).

Bird Walk (with Sally Avery) 8-10 a.m. (no rain date). Meeting Place: Foot of Summit Ave and Atlantic Avenue, Hull.

Cleanup is 10 a.m. to noon. Meeting place: Gun Rock Playground, Atlantic Avenue, Hull (Wear gloves, long sleeves and boots)

Cookout noon to 2 p.m. (at Gun Rock Playground). Free.

For more information contact: Lawry Reid Tel: (781) 925-8659, email: viaspeech@attbi.com

Note on boat stickers

Acting Harbormaster John Muncey has asked that people seeking a mooring sticker or a user sticker please bring their registration or documentation papers with them to the Harbormaster's Office.

Selectmen want one more Avalon hearing

The Board of Selectmen will ask the Zoning Board of Appeals to have an additional hearing on Avalon after the meeting now slated for June 30. The board wants time to respond to any alternative wastewater systems that Avalon might propose.

Avalon is seeking a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, to build a 200-unit apartment complex off Route 3A. The Water Commission has said the development's proposed wastewater plan will pollute the town's supply of drinking water.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, May 21:

Advisory Committee, May 29 at 8 p.m.

Board of Health, May 22 at 7 p.m.

Housing Authority, May 27 at 7 p.m. at 60 Elm St.

Osgood School Council, May 27 at 3:45 p.m. at Osgood conference room

Sewer Commission, June 30 at 6 p.m.

Troika, May 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Water Commission, May 29 at 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

Zoning Board of Appeals, June 16 at 7 p.m. (40A), June 19 at 7 p.m. (3 Jerusalem Lane), June 30 at 7 p.m. (Avalon)

All meetings are at Town Hall unless posted otherwise.

Open Meeting Law was not broken

The Norfolk County District Attorney has ruled that no open meeting laws were violated in a late March meeting between Avalon representatives and some town officials.

The group, which at the time was dubbed a "negotiating team," met to point out the aspects of Avalon's Chapter 40B comprehensive permit application that the Zoning Board felt needed to be addressed.

The meeting took place Monday, March 24. ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick, Town Manager Mark Haddad, Selectman Michael Sullivan, Avalon vice president of development Scott Dale, Avalon counsel Steve Schwartz and a few other Avalon representatives were in attendance.

The meeting was challenged by Water Commission Chairman John McNabb, who felt that town officials were making decisions about Avalon behind closed doors.

Town Manager Mark Haddad thanked ZBA counsel Mark Bobrowski for submitting his opinion to the D.A. to prove that the open meeting law had not been violated. Haddad said it was "unfortunate" that the town would have to pay for Bobrowski's services to clear itself from the complaint.

Memorial wreaths

Anyone who would like to present a memorial wreath in memory of a loved one during a special ceremony from 6-7 p.m. Sunday at Veterans Memorial Park, should call Tom Wigmore at the American Legion Post, 781-383-9657.

Free legal clinic

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All consultations are strictly confidential. The evening legal clinics will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Quincy District Court on the following dates: June 3, July 1.

For further information, contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County at 617-471-9693.

Hazardous waste collection planned

On Saturday, May 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hull and Cohasset will conduct a combined Household Hazardous Products Collection, at the MDC Parking Lot, Rockland House Road, Hull. Proof of residency required. Thermometer swap! Turn in your toxic mercury thermometer for a free digital one while supply lasts. Bring in chemicals in original or labeled containers. Call 781-925-1207 for information.

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An "all-facilities" sticker will be $30; for a second motor vehicle, it's $30; and for seniors, it's $15. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, to Sandy Beach, as well as parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. Separate beach stickers will no longer be available.

In addition, residents are required to purchase special bags in which to dispose all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at various locations throughout the town. You are encouraged to purchase your sticker through the mail by providing a copy of your current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

Power outage at 50 Elm St.

On Thursday, May 29 Mass. Electric will repair a transformer at Harborview apartments, 60 Elm St. Electricity will be shut off in the complex from 8 a.m. until the repair is completed. The complex is all electric. Citizens who have relatives living in Harborview are encouraged to invite them away for the day. Please call Marilyn LeBlanc at 781-383-1948 for more information.

Van drivers needed

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Volunteer at the senior center

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The volunteers have the ability to meet with, report to, and talk with the Outreach Coordinator, both on a regularly-scheduled basis and at times of the volunteer's choosing. Also the volunteer is accorded equal status and involvement in agency operations.

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Commute is a bear, pro-train group says

Told to write Gov. Romney

By Mary Ford
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If there is one word to describe Greenbush backers, it's frustrated.

Time after time that word was used to characterize how local commuters, who spend hours a day sitting in traffic, feel when faced with ongoing delays to the train project that would restore rail service for 17 miles along the coast from Weymouth to Scituate.

About 40 train supporters flocked to the first meeting of GOT (Greenbush on Track) Monday evening at the Scituate Country Club. GOT, which is headed by Ralph Rivkind a lawyer who commutes to Boston every day from his home in Norwell, is backed by the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, an organization that has provided unflagging support for Greenbush over two decades.

"I leave at 4:45 a.m. and it's amazing how many cars are on the road at that hour," said Trenna Baker who commutes from Hull to Boston.

Chris Fontes, who moved to Scituate from Wellesley, said his commute has become a nightmare.

"I'm tired of hearing WBZ say Route 3 hangs up at Derby Street every morning," Fontes said.

Sick of the daily commute, John Yonce, also of Scituate, said he loves where he works and he loves where he lives.

"I shouldn't have to choose one over the other," said Yonce, adding he wanted to see GOT counteract some of the information being spread by rail opponents.

Rebecca Sacks from Norwell said the commute is a health issue.

"It takes so much out of you," she said.

Kathy Treese of Cohasset said it makes no sense not having the train.

"I can't see what the negative side is," she said.

To the surprise of many at the meeting, there were a handful of Hingham residents in attendance who support the train, including Barry Doland of Main Street who takes the bus to the Red Line in Quincy every day to get to his job in Government Center. Hingham has had the most vocal opposition against Greenbush because of fears the train will hurt the Lincoln National Register Historic District that includes Hingham Square.

"Getting the train at Nantasket Junction would be a dream," Doland said, adding commuting by boat is not for him.

"I lack enthusiasm for high waves and high winds," Doland said. "You're seldom seasick on a train."

Marshfield resident Maureen Thompson, who works near the Prudential Center, described Route 3 as "the road to the rest of the world."

Depending on the traffic, Thompson spends 20-40 minutes each way driving to South Weymouth to take the train to Boston. "The boat doesn't work for me," she said.

Terry Fancher of the South Shore Chamber who sat on the Citizens Advisory Committee on Greenbush for many years, said the project wasn't on Gov. Romney's radar screen back in January and February. The MBTA halted construction in February until permitting issues on the $464 million project could be resolved. During the hiatus, Romney said he would review the project.

Fancher stressed the importance of the governor knowing the facts about Greenbush and how badly the train is needed on the South Shore.

"Greenbush On Track is all about a grassroots effort," he said. "We do want to move you to action — send emails, write letters, send faxes. The governor needs to hear there is support for the project."

Rivkind said the time has come not to let Greenbush opponents make all the noise.

"Enough is enough," he said, adding when he agreed to accept the post of GOT president, he hoped to make a difference.

"My hope is to be the voice of the silent majority," Rivkind said, pointing to a recent survey commissioned by the Chamber that showed more than 60 percent of residents in Greenbush corridor towns want the train.

GOT says it now has 200 supporters in its database including a strong contingent of officials representing labor unions who say the train will provide jobs. Several were on hand Monday, including Michael Cheney of Quincy, who hopes to persuade the Quincy City Council to endorse the project.

"From a labor, business and environmental perspective the project makes an awful lot of sense," Cheney said, adding the jobs the project would provide are critical at time when an economic resurgence is needed on the South Shore.

Tom Nash of Scituate noted the other Old Colony Lines to Plymouth and Middleboro have been successful as have the trains in other areas of greater Boston. He says Greenbush would also be a hit.

"No one is saying shut the system down because it's ineffective," he said about regions that have commuter rail. He also said the train would make the South Shore more competitive and increase property values.

There was also discussion on the access the train would provide for college and high school students commuting to Boston.

Cohasset's Martha Gjesteby, who sat on the Citizens Advisory Committee with Fancher, sported a commemorative Old Colony train pin from Sept. 26, 1997 — the day Greenbush's sister projects, the Plymouth and Middleboro lines — resumed service.

She described that day as "magnificent."

"Greenbush makes sense," Gjesteby said. "It would serve a region that desperately needs it with little disturbance."

Fire Department moves to old skating rink site

Renovations begin at Elm Street station

By John Camera
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The Cohasset Fire Department has temporarily moved to the site of the former Winter Garden Skating Rink off Route 3A. The move will allow for renovations to the garage of the Police-Fire Station.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said it would be two months before the Fire Department is back in its newly renovated home. The renovations will increase the height of the garage so firefighters can perform routine maintenance on their fire trucks while indoors. The length of the garage will also being extended so that a new ladder truck, expected to be purchased in the next few years, will fit inside the station.

Haddad said emergency phone numbers for the Fire Department will not change, as dispatchers will continue to operate out of the Police-Fire Station during renovations.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

The fire Department has relocated temporarily to the former Graham Waste site off Rte. 3A. Years ago the structure housed the Winter Garden skating rink.

Zoning Advisory Committee sets agenda

The committee will also look into a proposed demolition delay for historic structures.

By John Camera
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The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) met Tuesday night to decide which proposed bylaws or bylaw amendments it will study in anticipation of Town Meeting this fall.

The committee will look at several new bylaws that were originally included on the warrant for Town Meeting this spring, including a bylaw providing amnesty to illegal apartments in exchange for affordability and a bylaw regulating the removal of ledge. Another article that never made it to the floor of Town Meeting this spring, the "large home site plan review bylaw," will also be looked at.

In addition to those proposed bylaw changes, the Zoning Advisory Committee will investigate making changes to the town's height, setback and lot coverage requirements. Also, in the wake of the controversy surrounding 3 Jerusalem Lane, the committee will look into cleaning up the language in Section 8.7 of the bylaw, which concerns reconstruction.

Finally, the committee will look into a proposed demolition delay for historic structures. The bylaw has been suggested by the Historical Commission, and similar legislation has been passed in Duxbury and Norwell.

Suggested bylaw changes concerning cell phone tower construction, adult entertainment regulation, and the granting of apartments by right in the downtown business district will be not be looked at by the ZAC, nor will bylaws about open space residential design, performance zoning, scenic roads or creating a special flood plain.

That does not mean, however, that those bylaws may not still appear before Town Meeting this spring. It only means they will not be studied by the ZAC.

Committee member Mark DeGiacomo said the ZAC could meet as often as twice a week in the coming months in order to fully review each proposed bylaw before Town Meeting.

Officials urged to fight for school building grants

Town Manager Mark Haddad told the Town Forum last week that if the House's version of the state budget was approved, Cohasset would still need to cut some $100,000 from its operating budget.

Moreover, the town could be forced to wait even longer for state reimbursement on its new schools, because unlike Gov. Mitt Romney's version of the budget, the House budget did not contribute additional funding for school building assistance.

Haddad encouraged town officials to pick up a copy of a sample letter to Romney available at the Selectmen's office at Town Hall that encourages him to support and fight for the school building assistance fund. For more on the SBAB fund see an update from state Rep. Garrett Bradley on page 5.

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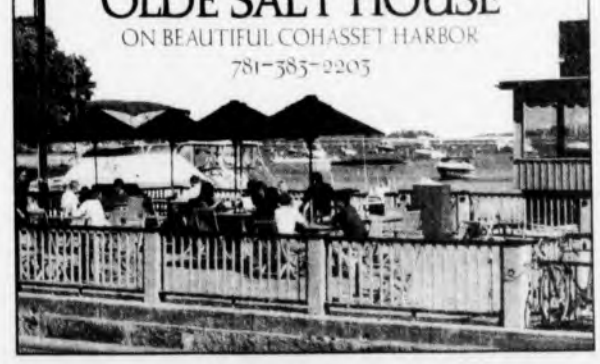

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Deal near on water sale to huge project

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an opportunity to get a lot of cash to stabilize the (water) rates in Cohasset and allow us to do a lot of capital improvements to our water system," said Kasameyer.

Kasameyer added that the Water Commission, which has been working closely with legal counsel, was still "fact-finding" with regards to the specifics of the sale of its water. "We want to make sure that we're taking care of our asset properly," he said.

Thanks to the Aaron River Reservoir, Cohasset has a good amount of water to spare. The Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant currently pumps an average of 710 gallons a day, but its maximum capacity is almost 3 million gallons a day.

Kasameyer said selling water to Erickson could prevent any hikes in Cohasset water rates for as long as the contract lasts. The last rate increase was in 1996.

Originally, the Water Commission considered negotiating for Aquarion Water Company, which services Hingham, to give its North Cohasset water system to the Cohasset Water Department in exchange for providing water to Aquarion, instead of selling directly to the Erickson development. The deal fell through, Kasameyer said, because it would have required more spending than the commission wanted, resulting in an increase in water rates.

According to the proposed letter of intent from Erickson, 12 months prior to the termination date of the 20-year contract, the retirement community and Water Department will attempt negotiate a contract extension. However, neither party is obligated to sign a new agreement without mutually agreeable terms and conditions.

The letter of intent also states that if, during an emergency, the Cohasset Water Department is unable to supply the retirement community's usual amount of water while meeting the needs of all other customers, and Erickson has no other sources, the Water Department will supply some water in proportion to the retirement community's percentage of its total system requirements.

The Hingham Planning Board expressed concerns about the 20-year contract in a May 9 letter to the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA), noting that the Erickson project "is of enormous size and has the potential for significant environmental impact," representing a 25 percent increase in the number of households in Hingham.

"It must be emphasized again that the project at full build-out would provide residential housing to over 2,000 people," Hingham Town Planner Katy Lacy wrote. "While no one can ensure that any watershed will always be able to meet demand, at least a water company is required to provide water to the service area it controls to the extent that water is available. It is an entirely different matter to contractually agree that water (need) only be supplied to a project of over 2,000 people for such a limited period of time as 20 years, with no obligation by the Town of Cohasset to agree to supply water beyond that time period. . . . It could result in a forced conversion to use of the overtaxed Weir River Watershed resources or the loss of homes for over 2,000 senior citizens."

The Hingham Planning Board further noted that the existing comprehensive permit for the Erickson project requires that the long-term water supply be provided by the proposed Taunton River desalinization plant. "While the project Proponent states that providing the water from Cohasset is consistent with the 'intent' of the permit condition, the Proponent must comply with its actual permit conditions," the letter states.

Yet, in a May 15 letter to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, John Felix, Deputy Regional Director of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, wrote that the "purchase of water from the Town of Cohasset is the preferred alternative (for Erickson) to meet long-term needs."

In either case, the intent is for the imported water to be discharged to the ground in a property adjacent to the retirement community after use and treatment, thereby adding to the basin's total resources.

Previously, Erickson worked with Aquarion Water Company to come up with additional local, in-basin water sources or conservation or leak detection measures – or some combination of those three options – to supply the senior campus, but no agreement was reached.

Kasameyer said that in 20 years, aside from the proposed Taunton River plant, Erickson could also purchase water from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority if a new negotiation could not be reached with Cohasset. "One of the key issues you have to remember here is that we're not the only source of water on the South Shore," he said.

Kasameyer stressed that no final agreement with Erickson had been reached. He declined to comment on how much revenue a 20-year deal would provide to the Water Department. He said only that the price would a competitive rate and would fund the completion of upgrades to the water system without generating rate increases. "We view this as potentially advantageous for the town," he said.

The Water Department has the legal authority to sell its water because of a special legislation that was passed after a warrant article on the matter was approved at Town Meeting in 1998.

Kasameyer said a few other proposed developments in neighboring towns had also approached the Water Department about purchasing water. He declined to name those developments or say if deals were likely, but he did say one of the developments was asking for more water than Erickson.

Officials voice Cohasset 40B concerns to Governor's task force

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Honan on the history of affordable housing in Cohasset. McMorris said, in recent years, rising property values coupled with rising taxes had created an "affordability crisis." She said before the crisis, new homes in Cohasset were relatively affordable. "I think historically, if we haven't been focused on creating affordable housing, I feel it's because we've had it," she said.

McMorris reiterated the need for a moratorium on further 40B applications, a move that Cohasset residents voted for at special Town Meeting last fall. She added that the small size of the town, combined with issues like bedrock, wetlands and wastewater, made developing affordable housing particularly difficult in Cohasset. She said 40B projects, because only 25 percent of their units would be affordable, would only bring unnecessary growth to the town. For example, McMorris said, Avalon would cause the largest increase in the town's population in 30 years.

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy argued that 40B projects would only bring added costs to the Town's operating budget. "This is the type of development that where the taxes do not pay the town services," he said. "What you're talking about is the Town subsidizing the people who live in these developments at the expense of other low income residents in town."

Selectman Tom Callahan said Chapter 40B needed to allow a town to better address its local needs. Avalon Bay, he said, would strip the town of a large portion of its remaining commercial land. "(Chapter 40B) has a laudable history of developing affordable housing, but it's basically being used by developers to do things they wouldn't normally be able to do," he said.

Callahan said taking for-profit developers out of the picture would go a long way towards eliminating Chapter 40B's problems. He said the law should encourage the public sector to work with non-profit developers.

"The law is called the anti-snob zoning law because there's this perception that people in the suburbs don't want it," Callahan said. "But I think we've gotten the message, and I think there's a real need for affordable housing among people in our own town."

Planning Board member Peter Pratt said Chapter 40B gave too much power to developers because projects can be appealed to and then approved by the state after being rejected by a local Zoning Board.

"The odds are against us in negotiations, the law is not on our side attempting to do the right thing, and we simply don't have the tools," said Pratt.

Chandler said many of the issues that town officials brought up had been debated by the task force before. Still, she said, Cohasset has a desperate need of affordable housing. "You have no place for your teachers, your police, your firefighters to live, and that's a problem," she said.

McMorris informed Chandler and Honan that, according to a survey of town-owned lands by the Senior Housing Committee (SHC) a few years ago, only one town parcel was developable, a 10-acre lot behind Stop & Shop that the SHC has eyed for a senior housing development. McMorris said the town would appreciate any technical assistance from the state to help develop the land.

Rick Swanborg, Chairman of the Growth and Development Committee, said legislators should look at how other states have dealt with affordable housing. "Massachusetts is the only state with something like 40B," he said. "There's got to be a better way of getting affordable units, and there's got to be some other states that have better models."

Michael Westcott, a member of Cohasset Action, a citizen's group pushing for 40B reform, said the law was inflating the cost of available land. He said the proposed site of Avalon was inflated "by a factor of two" because 40B allows for a potential housing development there. The result, Westcott said, is that people who might want to develop the land commercially are turned off.

Westcott, who is also a member of the Growth and Development Committee, said the process for qualifying existing housing under 40B needed to be simplified. He said a moratorium was necessary until changes could be made and called for the elimination of the 10 percent affordable housing requirement set by Chapter 40B.

John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission, said that 40B needed to provide an exemption for water protection bylaws. He said allowing developers to get around bylaws that protected a town's water resource was extremely dangerous.

After town officials had spoken, McLaughlin, Avalon Bay's regional vice president and also the president of the Rental Housing Association, said town officials were wrong to make it seem like Avalon had refused to meet any of the wishes of the town.

"I have never said I wouldn't negotiate. I don't know where that came from," he said. "My hope is, as in every case, to reach a negotiation."

As for Avalon's wastewater system, which the Water Commission has said would empty into the Lily Pond watershed and thereby pollute the town's supply of drinking water, McLaughlin said: "We will solve that. If we don't, we won't build it."

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ZBA hears appeal on lot that straddles town line

Neighbor says new home requires special permit

By John Camera
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The issuance of a building permit for a proposed home on a lot that straddles the Cohasset-Scituate border has been appealed.

After the Cohasset Zoning Board ruled that owner Brian Murphy of Otis Avenue could combine his two plots of land, which lie in two different counties, Building Inspector Bob Egan granted a conditional building permit to allow a home to be built on the Cohasset side of the lot. Murphy's current house would be torn down to make way for the new home.

But neighbor Eric Kupperstein has appealed the decision to grant the permit, saying that the Cohasset side of the lot is non-conforming according to the zoning bylaws because it does not meet width requirements. If the lot is found to be non-conforming, Murphy would need to apply for a special permit from the ZBA.

On Monday night, Kupperstein told the ZBA that if the frontage is determined to be on Gardner Road, which also borders Murphy's property and where plans indicate a driveway will be located, the lot would not meet the bylaws' 125-foot requirement for width.

The Zoning Board had a few objections to Kupperstein's point. First, the board said, the zoning bylaws make no specifications for determining where frontage is on a lot bordered by two streets. Along those lines, if Otis Avenue is considered the front of the home, the lot does not violate width requirements.

Also, Zoning Board Chairman Woody Chittick noted, the lot does not violate width requirements at all if the Cohasset and Scituate lots are viewed as one.

Kupperstein said driveway location and front door location needed to be taken into account in determining frontage. He also said the permit should not have been issued on conditional terms.

Egan said he granted the permit on the condition that more finalized plans, which would specify dimensions of the house, would be filed and reviewed before any construction began.

"Is this going to be another one of those moving targets where we're never sure what plans are going to be used?" Kupperstein asked members of the ZBA.

Egan told the board that the issuing of a conditional permit was perfectly legal. "It's a sign of the times," he said. "People need to know that a building permit can be issued before the property is sold."

Egan said the final plans could still change dramatically from the computer sketches that have been submitted, but as long as they did not require zoning relief, he would allow construction.

Kupperstein said developer Phil Ayer, the owner of 3 Jerusalem Lane, is interested in buying the property from Murphy.

The Zoning Board closed the hearing on the property and will draft a decision on Kupperstein's appeal for its June 16 meeting.

Three hearings are postponed

Controversial cases will have to wait until June

By John Camera
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Three controversial properties were scheduled to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday, but all three hearings ended up being postponed.

The ZBA was scheduled to hear cases on 3 Jerusalem Lane, 44 Border Street (Olde Salt House) and 226 Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

The board asked lawyers for Phil and Mary Anne Ayer, owners of 3 Jerusalem Lane, to postpone their hearing for a special permit in order to narrow down the large agenda, which originally included 16 hearings in all. (The Ayers were told on Jan. 16 by the Zoning Board to stop work on their home - nearly 80 percent complete at that point - after it was determined building inspector Bob Egan erred in issuing them a building permit.)

After rescheduling the hearing on 3 Jerusalem Lane for June 19 at 7 p.m., it appeared that the ZBA would be able to accommodate the other hearings. But the move backfired when the representatives for the other two controversial properties asked for their own postponements.

Charles Humphreys, the lawyer for the Olde Salt House, said his client needed more time to finalize the design of the restaurant's plan to use valet parking to expand its seating capacity. The Olde Salt House has also been asked to provide a traffic study.

Joseph Rosano, owner of the triangle of land at 226 CJC Highway, said he would seek advice from the Planning Board before proceeding with his hearing before the ZBA. The ZBA has said that it lacks the authority to grant Rosano a use variance, but Rosano believes he needs only a special permit to change the property from its current use as a storage ground for construction materials to a house with office space and two one-bedroom apartments.

The cases for the Olde Salt House and 226 CJC Highway and have been rescheduled to June 16 at 7 p.m.

Update on state school building grants

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, sponsored two school building budget amendments during the House of Representatives debate on the Fiscal Year 2004 state budget. When the budget was released from the House Ways and Means Committee, there was no funding included for first-time payments to school districts that have begun school construction projects. Bradley co-sponsored an amendment to restore $21,979,085 in the House budget, which will fund first annual payments for 19 new school construction projects, and this amendment was adopted by the House.

Across the Commonwealth, school construction projects face an uncertain future because of the current fiscal situation. The number of years a city of town must wait for state reimbursement is likely to exceed seven years. Under current state law, a city or town may only borrow for seven years before they have to begin repayment. Municipalities initially pay for these projects with borrowed money in anticipation of state reimbursement. During that waiting period, the communities pay the interest on the loan. Therefore, if the state does not begin reimbursement within seven years, the community must pay the interest and principal on the loan which could cripple their local budget. Consequently, local taxpayers could have to pay hefty payments on construction projects while the community waits for state money. Until now, school districts have been able to anticipate state money arriving within three to five years from the start of a project.

Bradley co-sponsored an amendment to address this situation which will extend the short-term loan period to 10 years in order to safeguard municipalities if the state cannot begin reimbursement as quickly as previously anticipated. Currently, there are more than 300 projects on the waiting list and their respective city or town is awaiting reimbursement from the state.

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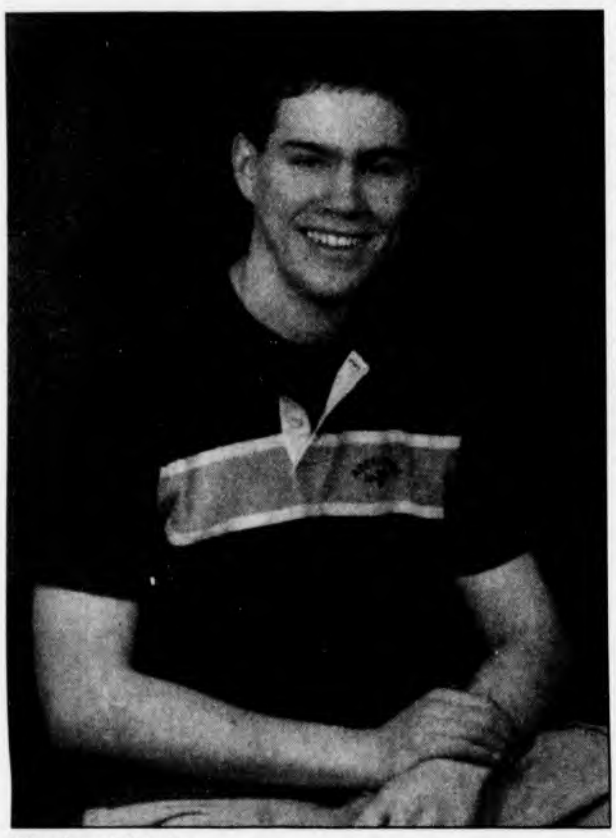
RELAY SUCCESS

The Relay For Life Cancer Walk held this past weekend was truly an amazing event to be a part of. From beginning to end, people came out to walk, share in sadness for the lost lives to this devastating illness, share in the optimism and hope that the future will bring a cure and be together to help in raising money and support. The rain stayed away and although it was cool, more than $110,000 was raised by noon on Saturday and more is to come. To all the many people who helped to make this event a success, you should be so proud of yourselves. Cancer has touched so many of us in so many ways, to see so many people come together is just amazing. We look forward to next year where we will have more survivors and more people coming to show their support to find a cure!



Theodore J. Martin

MATH WHIZ

Theordore J. Martin, who is the grandson of **Nelson and Mary Pratt** of North Main Street, has been accepted to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics in Limestone, Maine. The school challenges students to achieve their aspirations by fostering intellectual growth through a rigorous curriculum in advanced mathematics, science and humanities. The school also focuses on service learning, a program that has students actively assisting the school and the town in the spirit of community service. After graduation, Ted hopes to study applied actuarial mathematics.

PSO SAYS THANKS

The Cohasset PSO (Parent School Organization) would like to thank the many volunteers who have helped out this year. By donating both time and money, hundreds of parents have enabled the PSO to enrich the lives of our children at the Middle/High School, the Deer Hill School and the Osgood Elementary School. Each school has its own school-specific PSO, with the President's Council serving as the umbrella organization uniting us all. There are many positions available for next year at each school. To learn more, please attend one of our informational meetings: Monday, June 2 at 9:30 a.m. at the Osgood School (incoming Kindergarten parents welcome); Tuesday, June 3 at9:30 a.m. at the Deer Hill School; or Wednesday, June 11 at 7:15 p.m. at the Middle-High School. All are welcome.

The PSO would also like to thank everyone who responded to our annual Fundraising Phone-a-Thon this spring. Your contributions help us to fund programs at our schools, including curriculum enrichment programs like the Enchanted Circle Theater, visits from the Museum of Science and trips to the South Shore Art Center, as well as teacher grants at each of our schools. Thanks again for your continued support!

SYRACUSE GRAD

Devin Buick, a Cohasset resident is a senior majoring in geology in the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University who received the Faye E. Merriam Scholarship Award from the Earth Sciences Department at the college's annual awards convocation held May 10. The Faye E. Merriam Scholarship Award is presented annually by the Earth Sciences Department to an undergraduate major on the basis of academic excellence, extra curricular contributions and professional promise. Devin also received his bachelor of arts degree in geology on May 11 from Syracuse University. Congratulations to you Devin!

BENEFIT EVENT

Bernard O'Neil, left, chats with Victoria and Michael Hurley during a wine tasting event benefiting the South Shore Community Center at Bernard's restaurant on Ripley Road. Michael Hurley is president of the board of directors at the community center.

PRE-PROM GALA

The senior class and their dates, regaled in their gowns or tuxes, will begin strolling down the red carpet on Cohasset Common at 5:30 p.m. before they depart for their prom via trolley. There will be plenty of opportunity for 'Star-gazing' and picture taking. This is a wonderful time for families and friends to come out and share in the "magic and glitter" of this special evening.

BEST IN SHOW

Stephen Wirth of Cohasset, recently won the Frank Vining Smith award for his artwork at the Second Parish Church Art Show in Hingham. His abstract painting entitled "Nebula" was chosen "Best in Show". Congratulations Stephen on this wonderful recognition.

GRADUATING SUNDAY

Receiving degrees from UMass Dartmouth this coming Sunday will be Cohasset residents, **Benjamin Ketchum** (bachelor of arts in psychology) and **Alison Lemoine** (master of arts in psychology). Great job to both of you and good luck in your futures. The 'Stars' will be out early on Friday, May 30.

SPECIAL VISITOR

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its annual luncheon at The Barker Tavern in Scituate on Tuesday, May 27 at 11 a.m. The club is pleased to announce **Takako Kohri**, an officer of the Garden Club of Nagoya, Japan, will attend the luncheon. She contacted the club about three years ago about starting an American style garden club in Japan. They now have 24 members and have become the Community Garden Club's Sister Club. **Paul Parent**, renowned horticulturist and the Garden Club's speaker at last year's annual luncheon, will be delighting the members again this year. He is a lively and captivating speaker whose simultaneous demonstration of flower arranging will be highly creative and inspiring. In addition, three of the club's Master Flower Show Judges will be exhibiting. They are **Tish Grinnell, Annette Sechen**, and **Vivian Bobo**. The club's annual luncheon will be exceptional this year and will be thoroughly enjoyed by all who attend.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend and encourage all to come to Monday's Memorial Day Parade held in honor of our veterans and men and women who are fighting to keep our country safe.

The Cohasset PSO Calendar staff is hard at work gathering dates, important phone numbers and contacts for the upcoming 2003-2004 school year. If you have anything that you would like to submit, please send it to psocalendar@yahoo.com or mail it to 622 CJC Highway.

That is all for this week. Please send in all your news and information no later than Mondays at noon.

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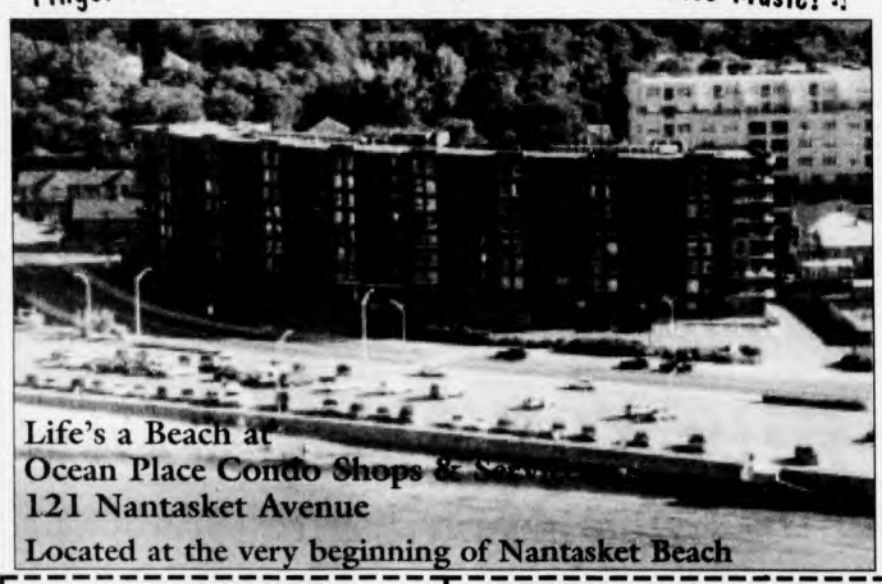

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Walkie-talkies get fit and have fun

By Samantha Brown
CORRESPONDENT

"It's like so many things in life. It's overcoming inertia and gaining momentum."
— Joe McElroy, team leader

In an effort to promote good health and physical fitness at any age, the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs has teamed up with the Cohasset Board of Health to sponsor a new walking club. Pending nice weather, the club meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in front of the Town Hall at 9 a.m.

The program is geared toward motivating not only seniors, but also any members of the local community who are interested in beginning a slow and steady exercise program.

Kathy Bryanton, director of the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs said Cohasset had a very successful walking program in place 10 years ago, which gradually disbanded over the years. She believes the start of this new club provides a wonderful service to the community as it promotes a safe, low impact way to lose weight and help build muscle mass. "People think you need to strain to get a good workout and it's not true," she said. "You don't need to go to an expensive gym, you can walk for free."

Team leader Joe McElroy began looking into the program after his doctor suggested he become more physically active. After showing much interest in becoming involved, he was later offered the position of team leader. Having started his own regimen, McElroy is familiar with the discipline it takes to start the habit of regular exercise. "It's like so many things in life. It's overcoming inertia and gaining momentum," he said.

He also acknowledges the fact that with a program such as this, there are going to be differences in ability. "In some cases, it's building up stamina, for some it's maintenance," he said.

What McElroy sees as another positive aspect to the program is its flexibility and no pressure approach. "We don't take attendance," he said. Members are encouraged to come as often as they'd like, whenever their schedule accommodates for it.

In the near future, McElroy hopes to gain enough participants to start a small number of sub groups based on ability and difference in physical strength, to allow each member to get the most out of their individual workout.

The program began in the newly renovated high school to provide not only climate control, but a flat walking surface as well. With the change in season, the group consensus was to move outdoors to enjoy the scenery. "To me, there is a lack of ambiance walking the corridors of the school," McElroy said. Meetings will begin outside the town hall, but McElroy has noticed many prospects for flat walking paths around town.

Louis Fair, a member of the group originally joined at the urging of his wife to "get out and get active," but has come to find a rewarding social aspect as well. He and McElroy live on the same street, yet they only met recently as a result of coming together through this group. Also, as an African-American in a small town with limited diversity, Fair feels being involved opens to door to all topics of discussion. "We talk about lots of stuff," he said. "It's helping the community get to know itself better."

This program is part of a larger effort being made by the Cohasset Board of Health to promote walking, which includes expansion of sidewalks and walking paths, and the offering of more organized opportunities for physical activity. Chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health, Steve Bobo notes the alarming rise in cases of obesity and believes the combination of too much junk food coupled with a lack of physical exertion has led to what he deems to be a "health crisis."

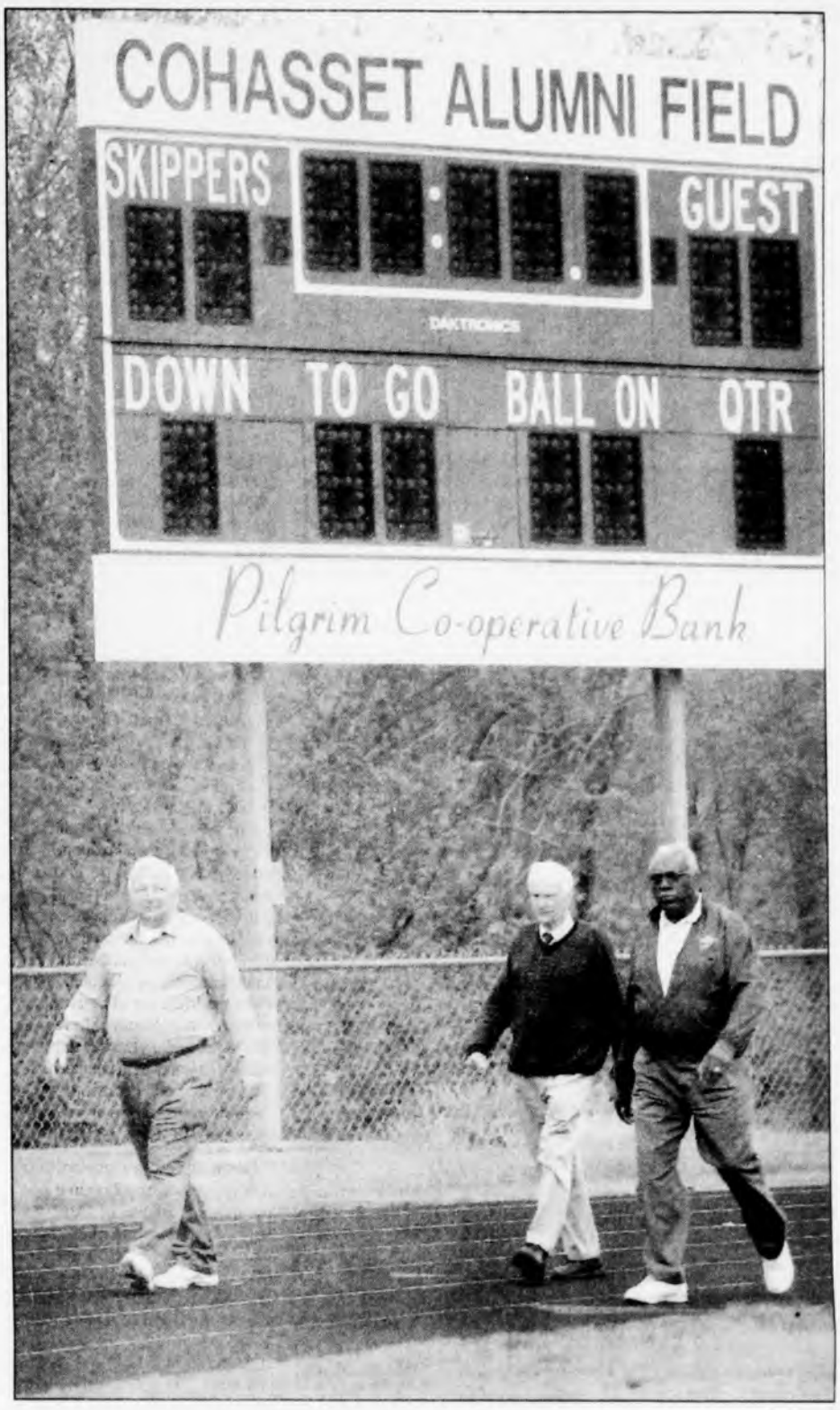
Bobo feels it is very important for the board to stand behind and "sponsor programs to promote walking," for people of all age groups. "If you don't use it, it'll rust," he said.

He too is hopeful the program will expand to accommodate many levels and abilities. "We'd love to have a regular group of high energy walking," he said.

In addition to the walking club, Bryanton said the Council on Elder Affairs also offers exercise classes at 7:30 a.m. and is always looking for ways to start new programs. "We're interested in hearing from people about what they're interested in," she said.

As with any exercise program, it is advised to consult your doctor before beginning. McElroy advises that participants "know their limits and check with their doctor if they haven't been walking in some time" and "get advice on how to build up their stamina."

For more information on how to become involved in the walking program, please contact either Steve Bobo at (781) 383-1420 or Joe McElroy at (781) 383-0505.



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At right: Joe McElroy, left, who is leading the walking club, sets the pace for Jerry Barrett and Louis Fair. The group, which is looking for more members, now meets at 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Town Hall.

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Entrepreneur sails into the shipping business

UPS Store to open in June

By Mary Ford
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"I'm still young enough to open up a business, work for myself and enjoy that opportunity."
— Gary Powell, store owner

The UPS Store "uniform" of golf shirt, khaki pants and sneakers its going to suit Gary Powell just fine because the 48-year-old entrepreneur is going to be doing a lot of running around in the coming months.

Although his new UPS Store at Shaw's Plaza is going in where Cohasset Travel was formerly located and isn't slated to open until the beginning of June, customers are already flocking in.

Last week, while carpenters were hard at work transforming the former travel office into a space that will include mailboxes, photocopying services, a retail section and shipping area — several people arrived with questions or packages in hand.

"That's no problem – we can handle that," Powell told a woman looking to see if UPS could ship a 50-inch long cedar chest to North Carolina. With a friendly smile and wishes to come back soon, Powell sent others with packages in tow to Thompson's Business Services on Front Street in Scituate Harbor which uses UPS.

Although the black banner with the familiar gold UPS logo on the storefront is attracting customers a few weeks ahead of schedule, Powell does have a knack for good timing.

Powell won't have a Mail Boxes Etc. identity crisis and will open as a UPS store. Discovering the UPS name drastically increased shipping volume, UPS is allowing existing Mail Boxes Etc. franchises (UPS acquired the company two years ago) to convert to UPS stores.

The Duxbury resident is no stranger to Cohasset. He owns a Flying Scot sailboat and has sailed out of the Cohasset Yacht Club. He's also visited many of the businesses in town over the past few months to let them know about the services his store will offer.

After a 25-year career in wholesale building materials distribution, Powell decided to branch out on his own. He researched opening a franchise and intentionally steered away from the fast-food business.

"My work history in sales and marketing could be better put to use in this type of business," he says. "And I'm still young enough to open up a business, work for myself and enjoy that opportunity."

Powell refinanced his house to pay for his new venture. During a tour of the store, which is still under construction, Powell enthusiastically described the state-of-the-art photocopiers that will be installed and networked into his computer system. That means a customer can email a document to Powell that will then be printed with the highest quality copies. In the back of the store, Powell also pointed out the "popcorn machine" that will funnel the packing material into boxes in an assembly line setup.

Those who rent mailboxes will have special security access at the store so they can check their mailbox 24 hours a day. Those who purchase pre-paid cards can also make copies after hours.

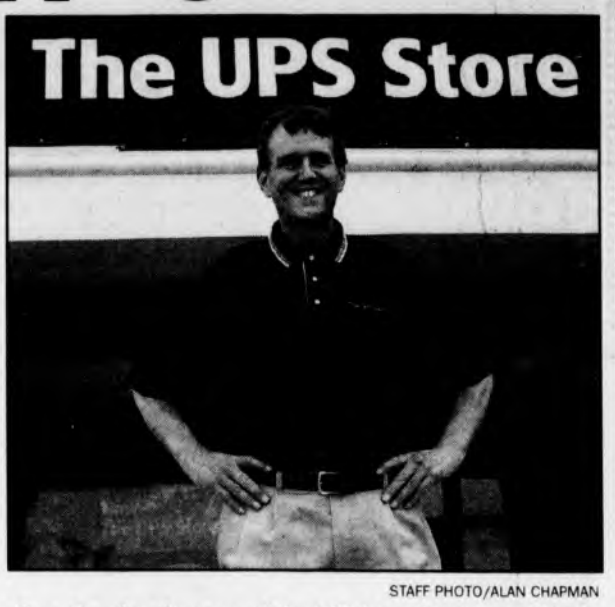
In addition to himself, Powell will have a staff of three and anticipates hiring two employees over the next three-to-six months.

Choosing the Cohasset location was no accident, he says. UPS market research revealed there was a real need for this type of service in Cohasset. The other best local site was off Route 18 in Weymouth. For Powell, the decision was an easy one.

"Twenty-two thousand cars go by there during the business day," Powell says. "The access is excellent, in Weymouth it was more difficult. And there's plenty of parking." In addition to Cohasset, he expects to draw customers from Scituate, Norwell, Hingham and Hull.

To prepare to open his own store, Powell completed 80 hours of training, including two weeks in San Diego and two weeks in the UPS Store in Pembroke. About 50 percent of the business will be packing and shipping, 30 percent from document services and retail sales of office supplies, and 20 percent from mailbox rentals.

If all goes well in Cohasset, Powell's goal is to open more UPS store franchises after a year or two.



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Gary Powell is the owner of the UPS Store franchise at Shaw's Plaza.

Cohasset Relay For Life touches many hearts

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candles. After Cohasset resident Lily Sestito sang "Amazing Grace," a bagpiper led relay participants in a procession.

For DeVries, the event was a somber reminder of her battle with cancer, but it was also a chance to provide others with the same kind of encouragement and community support that helped her beat the disease two years ago.

DeVries was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 32, without any history of the disease in her family. "I had never heard of anybody under the age of 40 or 50 being diagnosed, so I thought it was impossible," she said.

After finding out DeVries had cancer, her lifelong friend, Laurie Greenip, decided to enter the Relay for Life with a team in her honor. Lee Anne's Team, as the group was called, was made up of 50 people who wanted to support DeVries in her fight against breast cancer.

"She was really, really touched that this had all been done in her honor," said Greenip, who this year served as the Event Chair of the relay. "I think it gave her something to focus on that was a positive thing. When you get sick, you tend to focus on negative things."

A year later, having undergone six months of chemotherapy and six months of radiation treatment, DeVries participated in her second Relay for Life cancer-free. Lee Anne's Team grew in size to 88 people as DeVries' friends and family celebrated her beating the disease. "I just think I had so much support that I kept a positive attitude, and I think that was huge," she said.

Greenip, who grew up with DeVries in Cohasset, said watching her participate in the Survivors' Lap when she still had cancer was an incredibly emotional experience. "I don't think any of her friends had a dry eye," she said. "This year, it was more like, 'Yes, she beat this thing!' It was a great feeling."

DeVries said she would participate in the Relay for Life for the rest of her life. "I'm only two years out of treatment and to see people that were newly diagnosed, it's emotional, because it brings you back to when you were diagnosed," she said. "Once you've been through it, you want to help other people go through it."

Greenip said relay participants will gather May 28 at Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue, where prizes will be awarded to the best overall fundraising team, the team with best per member fundraising average, the best individual fundraiser, the team with the most team spirit and the team with the best decorated campsite.

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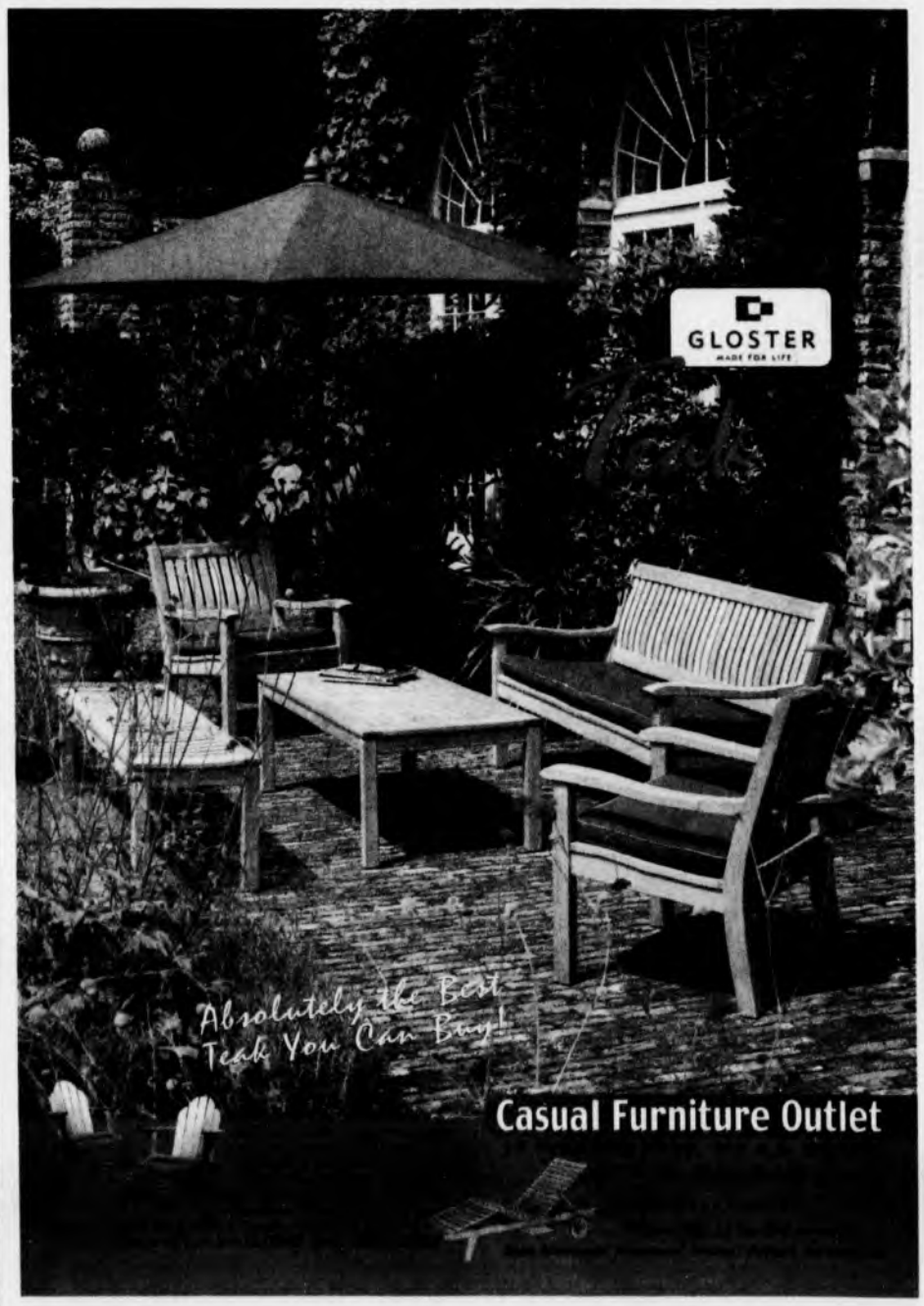

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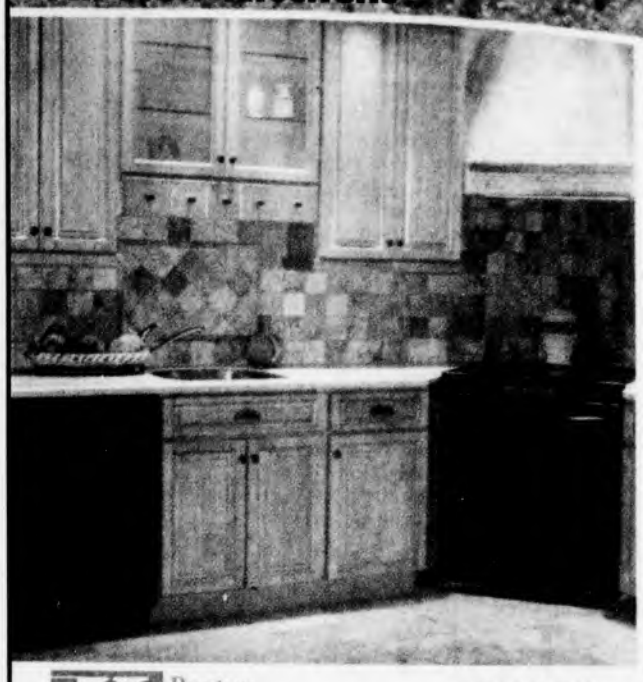

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

'Lest we forget...'

Come Monday, many Cohasset veterans will shake the dust off their old uniforms, breathe deeply as they fasten tired buttons over a little more girth around the middle than they had when they were younger, and don caps that represent the Navy, Air Force, Army, Marines, Merchant Marines or Coast Guard.

Some will practice a salute in the mirror before they head out the door, while others will pause as they pin on each medal and remember the day, the event, and the memories it conjures up.

As they assemble to march through the town cemeteries and down North and South Main streets and Elm Street to Veterans Memorial Park — to the cheers of the crowd and hundreds of children waving small American flags — these soldiers share in a bond that began with the very first Memorial Day 135 years ago.

These Cohasset men and women, many of whom are getting on in years, share the pride of having served their country and the deep humility that only comes with having survived while others have not.

The traditional Memorial Day observances that have become legend in Cohasset continue Monday as they have for years. A band of soldiers will report to the George H. Mealy American Legion Post #118 on Summer Street at 7 a.m. for breakfast and camaraderie before boarding a bus to North Cohasset, the first stop in a long morning of remembrances. There they will visit the North Cohasset cemetery and memorial honor roll.

Then it's back on the bus to Woodside Cemetery; from there they go to Beechwood Cemetery and then to the Music Circus at 10:30 a.m. where the parade assembles.

Post Commander Steve Wigmore said there are three bands this year, including the Cosmos Band from Brockton, the Rusty Skippers and middle-high school band. The parade, which also includes Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and a contingent from the DAR in Civil War garb, marches on to Central Cemetery at Joy Place, the World War I Honor Roll on the Common, the POW/MIA memorial at Depot Court and finally to Veterans Memorial Park in the harbor.

As the soldiers head down Elm Street and reach the bend just before Cohasset Harbor Inn, emotions build. The 50 state flags and six service flags, along with the American flag, will be flying high in the wind around the Veterans Park. The grass is so green there and the harbor will be glistening in the background. The crowd also thickens as dozens cheer and applaud the veterans passing by.

At Veterans Park patriotic music will play, Major Philip J. Mahoney, US Marine Corps (retired), will give the keynote speech, and the poem "In Flanders Fields" will be read, once again.

There will be references to Sept. 11, the nation's war on terrorism and to the thousands of new American soldiers still in harm's way in far away places, such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, Bosnia and South Korea. The night before, local veterans will again serve one-hour shifts keeping a continuous vigil from dusk to dawn at Veterans Park to honor all soldiers past and present.

Reacting to the speeches and patriotic music some soldiers will wipe away tears, while others stare into the distance. Youngsters will gather around on their bicycles — and in awe of the proceedings, some will also salute. Grownups will put their hands over their hearts.

As the observances come to an end, many will make their way up Border Street to Government Island for free soft drinks, hot dogs and hamburgers, courtesy of the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation.

Cohasset veterans will visit at the legion post and share old stories.

Later, when they put their uniforms back into the closet for another year, they will be comfortable with the knowledge their town hasn't forgotten what it all means.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Train would hurt postcard towns

TO THE EDITOR:

Larry Lindner provided the Journal with a copy of his letter to Gov. Mitt Romney for publication.

Dear Governor Romney:

Stopping the car to let a mother duck lead her young brood across the road; being chatted up by strangers and friends alike as you walk the dog or go about your errands in town; receiving home-cooked meals from neighbors when a new baby is brought home from the hospital or someone dies; listening to the sonorous ringing coming from the town's bell tower Tuesday evenings as you prepare dinner. These are the reasons the Greenbush line should not be built.

I'm sure the economic and environmental toll Greenbush would take has been told to you over and over — so much money spent per rider; so many noxious fumes spewed per ride. But it's the cost that can't be quantified, the cost of a way of life that could never be recaptured, that might be the highest of all.

As someone who lived till age 28 in New York City, perhaps I am more keenly aware than some who have spent their whole lives along the Greenbush corridor that we are living in a postcard. And it's more than two-dimensional. The spectacular beauty of Boston's South Shore coastal towns — street after street of antiques houses, lovely ponds and woods, the ever-beckoning bay and ocean — is truly matched by the friendly, easy pace of life here, by the way people are happy to get along. If the train comes barreling through, that's gone. It's not about a tunnel through Hingham Square. It's not about two-quadrant versus four-quadrant gates. It's not about blowing or not blowing the horn. It's about a certain pace of life, a tempo that would change everything.

Some might say that I'm overreacting in advance, that all the train would do is make it easier to get from point A to point B without impacting in any other way on the nature of the South Shore coastal communities. But that is not true. Trains do change things, especially since this is not the choo choo train of yore.

Before my wife and I chose the South Shore as our home, we looked at several other towns in the Boston area: Wellesley, Concord, Winchester, and so on. Yes, those towns have trains that make for easier commuting to Boston. And yes, they're lovely. But strangers aren't apt to say hello to you there. They don't smile as freely. They're not as patient about waiting in their cars as you cross the street. They don't make small talk.

How do I know? I checked. My wife and I walked around those and similar towns many, many times before deciding to trade a little convenience for a nicer way of life. And we were never sorry. My wife's first encounter after we moved here was with a shop owner who chided her for choosing a bag of chips and a soda as her lunch. Mine was at the electric company: the clerk told me what a lovely home I was moving into (a modest cape) when she saw my new address. Soon after we moved in, we found a lost dog from Cohasset, and when we drove to the center of the village there well after dark, a woman who knew the town well had us follow her in her car along back roads to an address we never would have found on our own.

I imagine it's that way for many people on the South Shore, that they have their own warm stories to tell. That is, the extra time commuting isn't a problem. It's a choice they make precisely because they appreciate a milder pace, a more relaxed atmosphere. It hearkens back to a gentler period in history, one you can feel here, not just see in all the old houses and well-preserved town layouts.

Please, Governor Romney, don't rip up the postcard. Don't yank away the living history by speeding "progress" toward us. You're too recognizable to enjoy the feel of the South Shore coastal towns incognito, but send anyone you know and trust to spend a Saturday afternoon or a spring or summer evening here, and they'll come back telling you what I have.

Larry Lindner
22 Water St.

Thanks for supporting Cohasset Relay For Life

TO THE EDITOR:

As the regional executive for development for the American Cancer Society's (ACS) seventh annual Relay For Life in Cohasset, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank the residents of Cohasset and surrounding towns who helped make this event so successful. I would like to extend a special thanks to the residents in the immediate vicinity of the school who so graciously share their neighborhood with us each year.

The event was held at Cohasset High School and drew more than 650 walkers, 32 teams and raised more than $112,000 to help fight cancer, aid in research, and continue the ACS's efforts at providing patient and family support, advocacy, as well as education and awareness programs.

I would especially like to acknowledge the cancer survivors who participated in the opening "Survivor's Lap." They are the reason we continue to fight because each year, there can be more and more people living wonderful lives following a diagnosis of cancer. They are the hope and inspiration to all those who have been newly diagnosed.

The community involvement was overwhelming and a tribute to the true spirit of volunteerism and hard work. Thanks to this effort, those with cancer and their loved ones will continue to receive the support and assistance that can help make their days brighter, while giving them the hope that soon a cure will be found.

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Remember, it's not too early to become involved in Relay For Life 2004. Again, thank you for supporting the American Cancer Society.

Mary Shepherd
American Cancer Society

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Three-part fight plan is needed

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

The citizen campaign to get Logan airport to pursue its business consistent with public health and long-established residential land use on the South Shore is one of the most sustained, intelligent and collegial volunteer outpourings that I have seen. What keeps me going as a volunteer — right after the need to defend my home — is the quality of effort of the other volunteers. Each is a hero to me

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I'm learning that a righteous civic cause has at least three parts. There is the problem to be solved. There are the volunteers who notice the problem, research it and spread the news. There is the political and legal context through which the case must be successfully moved. The third part requires money. It is heady and encouraging to see how our little region has defended its health and environment with a torrent of civic virtue. Please encourage us with a torrent of donations.

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Seven years weeding.
Old gardening adage

My backyard lawn is a forest of Norway maple sprouts. Not that there's anything unusual about Norways. We have them all over town. They "green" our roadsides, dot our parks, shade our backyards. Fast growing, but not overwhelming in size, they are a popular town (every town) Tree and Park Department choice, resistant to dust, dirt, car emissions, road salt, insects, blights, pretty much all the things that attack so many plants. But, therein lies the problem. The Norway maple, of European origin, is one of the non-native species that thrive so well they've become problems on our landscape, crowding out the unique indigenous flora.

More than one third of New England's 3,000 plant species are non-natives, though fewer than 200 pose problems. Known by many labels, including aliens, exotics, invasives and aggressives, non-native plants are, in the simplest terms, plants that were introduced into an environment in which they did not evolve and in which no natural enemies limit their production and spread.

Characteristically, these aliens, many of Eurasian origins (though even a plant native to the United States can be considered an alien if it occurs outside of its historical natural range), exhibit rapid growth, high reproduction rates, early maturation, long-seed life, generalized adaptation, highly successful seed dispersal, spines and/or thorns to repel animals and humans, and roots and rhizomes with extensive food reserves. All of which add up to survival for them, but potential trouble for indigenous plants. Invasives interfere with crop production, alter soil chemistry and often poison the soil for native plants, thus reducing habitat for native wildlife. Invasives alter water flow, reduce water, space, sunlight and nutrients for natives, hybridize with natives and generally threaten biodiversity. Despite the fact that many alien plants have become naturalized and are now considered part of our ecosystems, they are still classified as aliens because they were introduced by humans, rather than by natural means.

Just how did the non-natives get here? Many came accidentally in the ballast water of ships or in Colonial cargoes, but many more were brought in deliberately, as ornamental plantings for gardens, for medicinal and agricultural purposes and as "living fences" for erosion control and wildlife habitat. Over the generations, the hardiest of these opportunistic plants have escaped and colonized vast areas, areas that we humans have disturbed with our clear cutting, our subdivisions, highways and salt marsh dredging. In many places, the aliens form exotic monocultures that replace native plants. Even with eradication methods (which can be costly), removal simply makes way for the next invasive to colonize the area.

Unaware of the ecological implications of alien species, many of us continue to contribute to the degradation of the historic American landscape by planting and admiring aliens, still readily available at garden centers. Next to habitat destruction, the biggest threat facing our landscape is invasive species, followed by pollution, over-exploitation and disease.

Lest anyone think I'm pointing the finger, I confess that I am an offender, able to count at least six different invasives in my yard — all of which I "cultivate" (several of which I planted) because I like the plants and think them attractive. However, as I learn more about the importance of native plants to the landscape, I'll be making some changes, the first of which has been to remove one of the two large burning bushes in the yard. Though I'll miss its blaze of fall leaves, and the sparrows (another alien) will miss it as a place to congregate, we've opened up a little more space for the native pumpkins and squash we plan to add to this year's crop.

So, who are some of these aliens among us? Perhaps the most visible of the invaders is the perennial Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) whose deceptive beauty invades natural and disturbed ponds, reservoirs, drainage ditches, marshes and waterways. Introduced in ship ballast nearly two centuries _ago, this showy plant of European origin was known to have antibacterial properties

Multiflora Rose (Rosa multiflora Thunberg)

and was used to treat wounds and sores and to stop bleeding.

Growing aggressively, up to 10 feet tall in dense stands (80,000 stalks per acre have been reported), a single plant, from which 30 to 50 stems may arise, produces more than 3,000 flowers on 12-inch spikes and up to two million seeds in a single season. Classified in many states as a noxious weed (a pest subject to restrictions) though in other states it is available from nurseries as an ornamental, loosestrife blooms from July to September, crowding out native cattails, grasses and sedges, clogging ponds and rivers, but providing no food value whatsoever for birds, fish, turtles or mammals.

Another showy invasive is the prolific Multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*) whose blankets of creamy-white flowers in late spring and early summer impart a delicious fragrance on a warm day. Swelling just beneath the flowers are the rose hips, red and rich in vitamin C, which develop over the course of the summer and are a food source for birds and mammals. In turn, the birds and mammals disperse the seed which can remain viable for years.

I have two plants in the yard and find that I can control them by cutting them back severely in the spring and trimming the canes throughout the summer. Introduced from Japan to the East Coast in the 1860s, the rose has been used as rootstock for ornamental roses, as a "living fence' to confine livestock, for erosion control and a crash barrier and glare reduction barrier on highway median strips. The dense, thorny tangle of arching canes acts as a wildlife cover for rabbit, quail, pheasant and songbirds including mockingbirds and catbirds who often nest safely just a few feet off the ground in the thicket.

Usually found in fields and along roadsides, the rounded shrub adapts to a wide range of environ-

Japanese Knotweed (Polygonum cuspidatum)

Purple Lossestrife (Lythrum salicaria L.)

ments where it is an aggressive competitor for soil nutrients, though it can be argued that it has its few, at least, redeeming qualities.

Another invasive is the tall, herbaceous perennial that can be seen along the Beal Street railroad line. Until just a few years ago, I though it was bamboo. Though it often goes by the name Mexican bamboo, this plant with the alternately arranged heart-shaped leaves and the round, hollow, reddish-brown stems is Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), a member of the buckwheat family. Found in moist open habitats, knotweed is a native of Asia and came to the United States, from England, about a century ago, as an ornamental for landscape screening. After escaping from cultivation, it has spread extensively in the wild and is now found from Nova Scotia south to the Carolinas. Once used in folk medicine as a laxative, knotweed has also been used as a food, its young shoots and leaves a favorite in China.

Emerging in early spring, knotweed grows rapidly, reaching heights of 10 feet, shading out other plants and aggressively competing for water and nutrients. It spreads quickly by way of creeping, 45- to 60-foot rhizomes that can regenerate from the smallest of fragments. The dense thickets, with their greenish-white sprays of tiny flowers, are virtually indestructible once established.

Next month, more invasives, including Porcelain berry (all over my yard), Rosa rugosa (my all-time favorite rose) and English ivy (I have a woods filled with it).

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JFK chalks up another

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Surprise!

Jack Kennedy had another affair.

That breathless item has become the "dog bites man!" of the 21st century in the news business.

This time we are eternally grateful to the New York Daily News for outing Marion Beardsley Fahnestock, now a grandmother and church administrator, as the "Mimi" who kept Jack's spirits up from June, 1962, to November, 1963.

I don't think I could have stood another minute of ignorance of the subject because mine is an inquiring mind that wants to know important things like that so he can only vote for celibates for the Corner Office.

Thus another name is added to the growing list of JFK's conquests.

The whole thing started when historian Robert Dallek published his book, "An Unfinished Life: John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963," a rather scholarly biography of our 36th president.

Hidden away in the 700 pages was a brief mention of "a tall, slender, beautiful" college student named "Mimi" who had "a special relationship with the president," including an internship at the White House that took her on trips with JFK.

"(She) wasn't in the office very long before the press began to ask why she was there and what she was doing because Mimi had no skills," said Barbara Gamarekian, a Kennedy aide who was Dallek's source for the Mimi story.

"She couldn't type. She could answer the phone and she could handle messages and things, but she was not really a great asset to us."

Dangling tantalizing innuendoes like that in front of a tabloid editor is like waving a red flag in front of a sex-crazed bull and, before you could say Judith Campbell, Daily News staffers had fanned out to find Mimi, not a particularly difficult task.

She turned out to be Marion Fahnestock, now 60, an administrator at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, a widow with two grown daughters, and a graduate of Miss Porter's School in Connecticut (Jackie Kennedy's old school, too) and Wheaton College in Norton.

She readily admitted it, then closed the door hoping it would go away.

"For the last 41 years, it is a subject that I have not discussed," she said. "In view of the recent media coverage, I have now discussed the relationship with my children and my family, and they are completely supportive. I will have not further comment on this subject."

Thus another name is added to the growing list of JFK's conquests.

The last one we learned about was Marlene Dietrich, she of the million dollar legs, whose meeting with the president was described in the New Yorker magazine excerpts of the journals of the critic Kenneth Tynan.

Dietrich, who must have been at least 60 at the time, was in Washington for an awards ceremony at 7 p.m. when she was invited to the White House for drinks at 6:30 p.m.

"It was all over sweetly and very soon," Tivnan quoted Dietrich as telling him. "And then he went to sleep. I looked a my watch and it was 6:50."

Now if someone will only put names to the "two 20-minute sessions with a mother and daughter during a party at which (Jackie) was also in attendance," as described by Sarah Bradford in "America's Queen: The Life of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis."

Like I say, inquiring minds want to know.

Cuckoos - a boon to those caterpillar haters out there

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

For some, "cuckoo" conjures up an image of a decorative clock with a door that opens every hour to let a small mechanical bird emerge to say "cuckoo" as many times as the hour is long. For others it is a slangy way to suggest craziness or foolishness. For birders, cuckoos are birds. American cuckoos are slender birds about a foot in length with long tails and slightly decurved bills. Their silhouette shows a continuous line curving from their beak over their head and down their back to their tail with no indentation for a neck. They are *zygodactylous*, meaning that two toes point forward and two backward. Most songbirds have three toes pointing forward and one backward. Black-billed and Yellow-billed Cuckoos are found in New England, and the Mangrove Cuckoo is found in the mangrove swamps of Florida. Other birds included in the same family, but very different in looks and behavior, are the southwestern Greater Roadrunner of cartoon fame, and the more tropical anis, which are black chunky-billed birds.

Although the Black-billed and Yellow-billed cuckoos are similar in looks, there are distinct differences. They both are brown above and white below. Both have white spots showing on the under side of the tail, but these are larger in the Yellow-billed, which also has more rufous color in its wing feathers. As you might expect, the Black-billed has a totally black bill. In the Yellow-billed, only the upper mandible is black, while the lower mandible is yellow. Adult Black-billed Cuckoos have a red eye ring.

Brood parasitism refers to the practice of laying eggs in the nests of other birds in order not to have to raise one's own young. The Common Cuckoo found in Europe does not build nests and always lays its eggs in other birds' nests. As many as 25 eggs may get distributed around into nests of smaller birds. American Black-billed and Yellow-billed Cuckoos practice brood parasitism only rarely and then usually only in nests of other cuckoos. Parasitic cuckoos have developed an amazing adaptation by which they can alter the size and coloration of their eggs to mimic those of the host species. It is not clearly understood just how this is accomplished. Some think a female cuckoo will lay eggs similar to the eggs of the host species that reared her, creating cuckoo clans or "gentes".

The habits of the European Common Cuckoo point up the close relationship of the words cuckoo and cuckold. References to this connection can be found in the writings of more than one author. One example is from Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's Lost":

"The cuckoo, then, on every tree,
Mocks married men; for thus sings he,
Cuckoo!
Cuckoo! cuckoo! O word of fear,
Unpleasing to a married ear!"

Both of our cuckoos are shy birds, most often seen skulking in the bushes, or heard but not seen. The song of the Black-billed Cuckoo is a soft repeated "cu-cu-cu" or "cu-cu-cu-cu". Yellow-

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Yellow-billed Cuckoo.

billed Cuckoos have a more elaborate song, somewhat guttural in quality, speeding up at the beginning, then slowing down. It sounds like "ka-ka-ka-ka-ka-ka-ka-ka-ka-kow-kow-kowp-kowp-kowp". Only the European Common Cuckoo calls "CUCK-oo" in the two-syllable sound we associate with cuckoo clocks.

Cuckoos love caterpillars. This means they consume vast quantities of gypsy moths and tent caterpillars. They especially seem to enjoy hairy caterpillars, although they eat many other insects, as well as berries, tree frogs, lizards or even bird eggs. In years of large infestations of caterpillars, cuckoos tend to lay more eggs and hatch more young.

The number of Yellow-billed Cuckoos is declining rapidly in the west. They no longer breed in Washington, Oregon or British Columbia, and only 50-100 pairs are left in California. Loss of riparian habitat and forest fragmentation is speeding up the decline. Efforts to get the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to declare the Yellow-billed Cuckoo a federally endangered species have so far not been successful. They have put it on the "warranted, but precluded" list, an action that the Center for Biological Diversity considers a delaying tactic by the Bush administration. There is fear that this species will become extinct in California before it receives federal protection under the Endangered Species Act.

Hingham still has cuckoos, although it usually takes some patience and quiet listening to find them. I have seen them at Turkey Hill, in Wompatuck State Park, at World's End, and at Triphammer Pond. Not only are they interesting birds to look at and listen to, but their dietary choices are to be commended!

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Romney isn't taking a page from Weld's book

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The Battle of the Bulger proves that Mitt Romney is no Bill Weld — at least not yet.

Weld began his career as successful Massachusetts politician saying it was time for Bulger to go. He knew how little regard the voters had for the then-Senate president, and used Bulger to personify what the Republicans said was wrong with Beacon Hill.

Over time, though, Weld learned that if you want to get anything accomplished at the Statehouse, you can't take a permanent posture of Democrat-deriding, because you need their votes. Bulger and Weld became allies, and friends. Weld appointed Bulger president of UMass — setting up Romney's campaign a decade later to once again demonize, and dismiss, the longtime South Boston pol.

By filing a specific plan to eliminate Bulger's office, Romney made clear to the political world he's not interested in making accommodations with the culture over which Bulger has long held sway. At the very least, in a political sense, he insists on inflicting some damage on Democratic lawmakers. They'll be required, or at least one branch will, to take an up-or-down vote on keeping Bulger's office in existence.

Later on, Romney may pay more dearly later than Weld ever did. Over time, he may learn it's better to leave some fights alone. But he may believe the GOP gains more by losing than winning this one. If he can convert a few races like last week's special election in Braintree from "surprisingly close" to "a victory for the Republican," Romney's party could wind up with enough of the, currency it takes to get along on Beacon Hill – votes. He can do that partly by fighting for his principles and losing to the Democratic powers that be.

Romney submitted his reorg plan in such a way that it's not clear what he wants politically, a defeat or a victory, but it's almost sure what he's going to get.

By handing everything but the higher ed piece over to legislators in one 700-page document, the governor practically assured a majority in at least one branch will find enough objectionable elements to reject the document as a whole. That's all it will take to kill it; the 700-page reorg has to be approved in its entirety and can't be amended.

Passage would be the biggest political surprise in many, many years on Beacon Hill. The question is, will defeat be a win or a loss for Romney? The answer comes in layers. First: there's how the vote is played in the media, either as the Democrats stymieing reform or as Romney ineffectually proposing defective schemes. Second, there's how the public – most of which spends about five minutes a week contemplating state government news – perceives the outcome. That's unknowable. Commonsense suggests that with good sound bites, Romney can deliver the message that the Democrats don't want to help him clean things up. The less subtle the message, the better.

Most likely, Romney's in a can't lose situation: if the reorg passes, he led the Democrats into fixing the government. If it goes down to defeat, he tried to fix things but the Democrats wouldn't let him. But voters are wriggly. They have a way – and a history – of removing the apostrophe-t from "can't lose."

As always, the week after House passage of the budget brought second-look stories.

• *House budget includes provision to raise t fares* — Michael Levenson of the News Service reported that the House plan includes language overriding a state law. That statute prevents the MBTA from raising fares if ridership has decreased 4 percent in the previous 12 months. Ridership has gone down 3 percent since last April, but the T says it needs a fare increase to cope with the current budgetary realities in state government. Senate action is still needed on the provision.

• *Kriss says House plan could require deep Medicaid cuts* — Romney Administration and Finance chief Eric Kriss said the House budget is up to $300 million out of balance. He said it fails to cover a $191 million deficit in the Children and Seniors account and projects Medicaid savings that won't actually occur. House Ways and Means Chairman John Rogers, D-Norwood, said Kriss is incorrect.

• *Tourism officials decry raid of fund* — Leaders of the state's third-largest industry, already hurting from Sept. 11 and the recession, said their efforts to turn things around will be hurt by the House plan. It contains language diverting $2.9 million in a tourism-support fund to the Prescription Advantage program for senior citizens. Gov. Romney wants to insulate state tourism spending from cuts, saying the tax revenues generated by tourism are too important to sacrifice.

• *With debate nearing, local officials ask for ways, means* — Rep. Philip Travis, D-Rehoboth, conceded a major political point in this tough fiscal year: if cities and towns want the power to raise levies like the meals tax, they're probably going to have to accept a requirement for local referenda first. The Taxation Committee took testimony on various measures like Travis', which would allow an increase in the meals tax from 1 to 3 percent. "If it takes a ballot question, then that's what we'll have to do," he said, acknowledging the administration's insistence on referenda could well hold sway in the Legislature.

• *Senate won't adopt court closures* — Senate President Travaglini said the Senate will propose requiring administration approval for the hiring of any outside lawyer by the government and regular reporting on government legal contracts. The Senate will also seek to shake up the trial court management structure and create a court reform advisory board. The Upper Branch, like the House, is not inclined to close courthouses or create a Solicitor General's office, as Romney had proposed.

• *Democrat wins Braintree House seat* — A former prosecutor and former legislative staffer was elected Tuesday to fill the House seat vacated earlier this year when Rep. Joseph Sullivan, D-Braintree, resigned to become head of the State Lottery. Joseph Driscoll, a Braintree Democrat, won the special election by collecting 500 votes more than Republican Matthew Sisk for whom Gov. Mitt Romney and other GOP leaders had stumped.

• *Convention designated special security site* — It's not clear how much extra money the city will get to run the $49.5 million Democratic National Convention in Boston, but Secret Service agents have already been scoping the city and now, with official designation as a National Special Security event, the convention is likely to be the focus of extra money and person power from Washington. It's the first national political event since Sept. 11, 2001.

• *Economic news poor in first quarter, UMASS says* — The Donahue Institute at UMass Boston released a study estimating the Massachusetts economy declined 1.8 percent in the first quarter of 2003, the biggest slump since the end of 2001. The hopeful note: "Conditions may improve, now that the war in Iraq is over. There are some signs of a turnaround in technology spending, which is a necessary condition for the Massachusetts recovery to begin," said Dr. Adam Clayton-Matthews of the Massachusetts Benchmarks project. Clayton-Matthews said he can't see the economy adding jobs until next year.

• *Con Con won't meet again for six months* — The House and Senate gaveled into joint session for consideration of constitutional amendments, and immediately gaveled out. So supporters of a ban on gay marriage, and other proposals such as a biennial state budget, will have to wait until Nov. 12, the date set for the next session. Amendments may be considered this year or in 2004, the second year of this two-year legislative session.

• *Transportation chief: big dig's nice, mass transit's nicer* — Though they will spend $14 billion-plus building the Big Dig and lauding their own work, state transportation officials had a conflicting message: don't drive. "There's no shame in building a good road, that's a safe road that helps people get around. Nor is there shame in having a bridge that isn't going to fall down," state Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas said. "But where we can afford commuters the option, whether it's a bus route, a boat, or a train, I think that's great." Meanwhile, the Transportation Committee heard Rep. Anne Paulsen's, D-Belmont, bill to expand the Safe Routes to School program, which encourages kids to walk. It's good for their health, youngsters told to the committee.

• *Minuteman saved; will get facelift* — With merchandise sales slumping, UMass officials had considered replacing the venerable Minuteman mascot, perhaps with a gray wolf (though that species isn't native to Massachusetts.) But an outcry, including a legislative proposal by UMie Sen. Guy Glodis, D-Worcester, to statutorily protect the Minuteman, led school leaders to announce they'll revamp, but retain, their logo.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for over 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on four roll calls from recent sessions dealing with the House version of the state's $22.5 billion fiscal 2004 state budget. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

IMPACT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (H 4000)

House 108-44, approved an amendment requiring state regulatory agencies to file a "regulatory impact statement" prior to most of their proposed new rules and regulations taking effect. Both current law and the amendment require an estimate of the rules and regulations' fiscal effect on the public and private sector over a five-year period. The amendment expands the current law and requires more specifics including explaining how the new regulation was developed, identifying specifically who is affected and to what extent and describing specifically the benefits of the regulation. The amendment also prohibits any regulation from being in effect for more than five years unless the agency files a new regulatory impact statement and provides a new public comment period. Amendment supporters said these stricter requirements would ensure that agencies consider the specific effects of any new regulations on businesses, communities and individuals and be held more accountable for the potential negative impact of the regulations. They noted the amendment does not prevent regulations but simply tries to ensure that they are logical and justified. Amendment opponents said the current law is sufficient and argued the amendment would add more government bureaucracy and costs during this fiscal crisis. They noted it would make it more difficult for the state to crack down on unscrupulous business practices, polluters and other entities that need regulation by the state. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment requiring a regulatory impact statement. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment). **Y**

STUDY CHARTER SCHOOL MORATORIUM (H 4000)

House 111-43, approved an amendment requiring the Education Committee to study and issue a report by September 30 and the Ways and Means Committee to do the same by October 30 on the issue of charter school funding and the possibility of both a moratorium on the creation of any new charter schools and a freeze on enrollment at the schools at current levels. Amendment supporters said this study is preferable to a more drastic pending amendment that would place an outright three-year moratorium on the creation of these innovative and worthwhile schools. They argued that the report would offer crucial information and allow the House to act on any moratorium proposal in a more responsible and informed manner. Amendment opponents said the study and report would simply delay action on the question of a moratorium and argued it is time for the House to act. They said that a moratorium is the responsible thing to do in light of the state's fiscal crisis and resulting cuts in education and local aid funding. (A "Yea" vote is for the study and report. A "Nay" vote is against the study and report). **Y**

IMPOSE THREE-YEAR CHARTER SCHOOL MORATORIUM (H 4000)

House 61-93, rejected an amendment placing a three-year moratorium on the creation of any new charter schools and freezing present charter school enrollment at current levels. The amendment also calls for a comprehensive study and report by December 31, 2005 on the funding and academic performance of charter schools. Some amendment supporters said it is irresponsible to allow the creation of more charter schools and require local communities to fund them in light of the state's fiscal crisis. Others said that these experimental schools have questionable performance records and are draining desperately needed funds from regular public schools. Some amendment opponents said a moratorium is a drastic measure and noted they preferred a study without a moratorium. Others noted that these innovative schools have performed so well that there are some 12,000 children on waiting lists for enrollment. (A "Yea" vote is for the three-year moratorium and the enrollment freeze. A "Nay" vote is against the moratorium and freeze). **N**

INCREASE METCO FUNDING (H 4000)

House 39-114, rejected an amendment increasing funding for METCO by $1.5 million (from $13.6 to $15.1 million) and reducing funding for the Department of Corrections by the same $1.5 million (from $427.5 million to $426 million). Amendment supporters said this would simply fund METCO at last year's level and protect this important program that provides enhanced educational opportunities in better schools for many inner-city students. Amendment opponents said the reduced funding for METCO is necessary in light of the state's fiscal crisis and noted that many programs are taking bigger hits. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment increasing METCO funding and decreasing Department of Corrections funding. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment). **N**

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POLITICAL NOTES

Local GOP meets June 3 in Plymouth

"How To Win in '04" is the topic as GOP leaders from Plymouth, Norfolk, Bristol and Barnstable Counties will gather and hear the "voice of the South Shore," WATD-FM President Edward F. Perry as well as Boston Globe veteran State House reporter, Carolyn Ryan. Issues surrounding the 2004 GOP elections will be discussed. The public is invited to attended this stimulating event and reservations are necessary.

"How To Win in '04" is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3 at the John Carver Inn in Plymouth. Both Perry and Ryan will be on hand to explore factors and brainstorm issues. Special guests will be congressional, legislative and county candidates. Division Five Chairman, Larry Novak announced that GOP leaders from Bristol, Barnstable, Plymouth and Norfolk will be attending this noteworthy event. Social hour begins at 6-7 p.m. and the program will begin at 8 p.m.

"This meeting is open to the public but reservations must be made," Novak said. Please call him for reservations and more information at 508-588-1828; or Rita Kechejian, 508-588-7277; Polly Logan at 781-383-0031; Anne Wolf, 508-763-8866; George Decas, 508-295-3464; or Arthur Larrivee, 508-998-1261.

Volunteer interns at the Statehouse

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D – Hingham, is taking résumés for students who would like to intern in his office at the Statehouse this summer. Due to budget constraints the House of Representatives will not be offering paid internships. Applicants are encouraged to apply for work on school credits. Anyone interested should contact his office at (617) 722-2120.

LETTERS FROM THE EDITOR

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Budget death notice

TO THE EDITOR:

Every city and town:

PROGRAM, Tobacco Control-Of Massachusetts. Suddenly, July 1, 2003. Age 10, formerly recognized as a national leader in tobacco education, prevention and cessation. While valiantly, trying to reduce the #1, preventable cause of death in Massachusetts today. Unexpectedly, this voter mandated, health program, funded by less than 5 percent of the $739 million tobacco related revenues, is expected to be laid to rest as a result of our state budget, life support, being terminated. Sadly, this loss will affect nearly 14,000 kids in our state who will get hooked on tobacco this year, thousands of addicted smokers who want to quit, and many families who will experience the devastating effects of smoking, cancer, and death. All, which could have been prevented. In lieu of flowers, sincere and heartfelt comments may be forwarded to your state legislator, before this valuable health program, and this notice, are history.

James J. Wells, Program Director
South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative
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Kitchen Tour was a success!

TO THE EDITOR:

The South Shore Community Center's Seventh Annual Kitchen Tour was a huge success! The five fantastic kitchens, plus samplings from each of the caterers were out of this world. A "Special Thanks" to the Flibotte, Kissick, Brown, DiModica and Koswick families for opening their wonderful homes for us. We would like to thank the following caterers who contributed this year:

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Fisherman say harbor sewer pipe is a big menace to navigation

By John Camera
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Local fishermen say that a sewer pipe in Cohasset Harbor poses a threat to navigation at low tide.

The pipe, which extends from Lawrence Wharf off Border Street, caused problems a few weeks ago for fisherman Billy Oliver of Elm Court.

Sometime around Easter weekend, Oliver's 32-foot fishing boat was hung up on the pipe during an extreme low tide. At the time, Oliver's boat was tied to a mooring owned by Herb Jason of Cushing Road.

Jason, 89, is a lifelong Cohasset resident and a longtime fisherman. "The problem is the pipe never should have been there in the first place," he said. "They're going to have to fix it. That's all there is to it. It's a menace to navigation."

Jason's grandson, John Small, said he estimates the pipe is 18 inches below the surface at a normal low tide. During a spring tide, which was the case when Oliver's boat was hung up on the pipe, it could be a little as 8 to 12 inches from the surface, Small said.

"Obviously it's a hazard to navigation," he said. "That's at the end of the channel and it's a navigable waterway."

Oliver said, at first look, it appears his boat was not damaged. He said his boat was on Jason's mooring last season, but he did not have any trouble with the pipe. Now that he's encountered it, he has heard stories from other boaters who have hit it.

Oliver said it was probably the combination of an extreme low tide and a southeast wind direction that caused his boat to hit the pipe. But he said scenarios like that should have been anticipated when the pipe was installed.

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— Herb Jason, Cushing Road

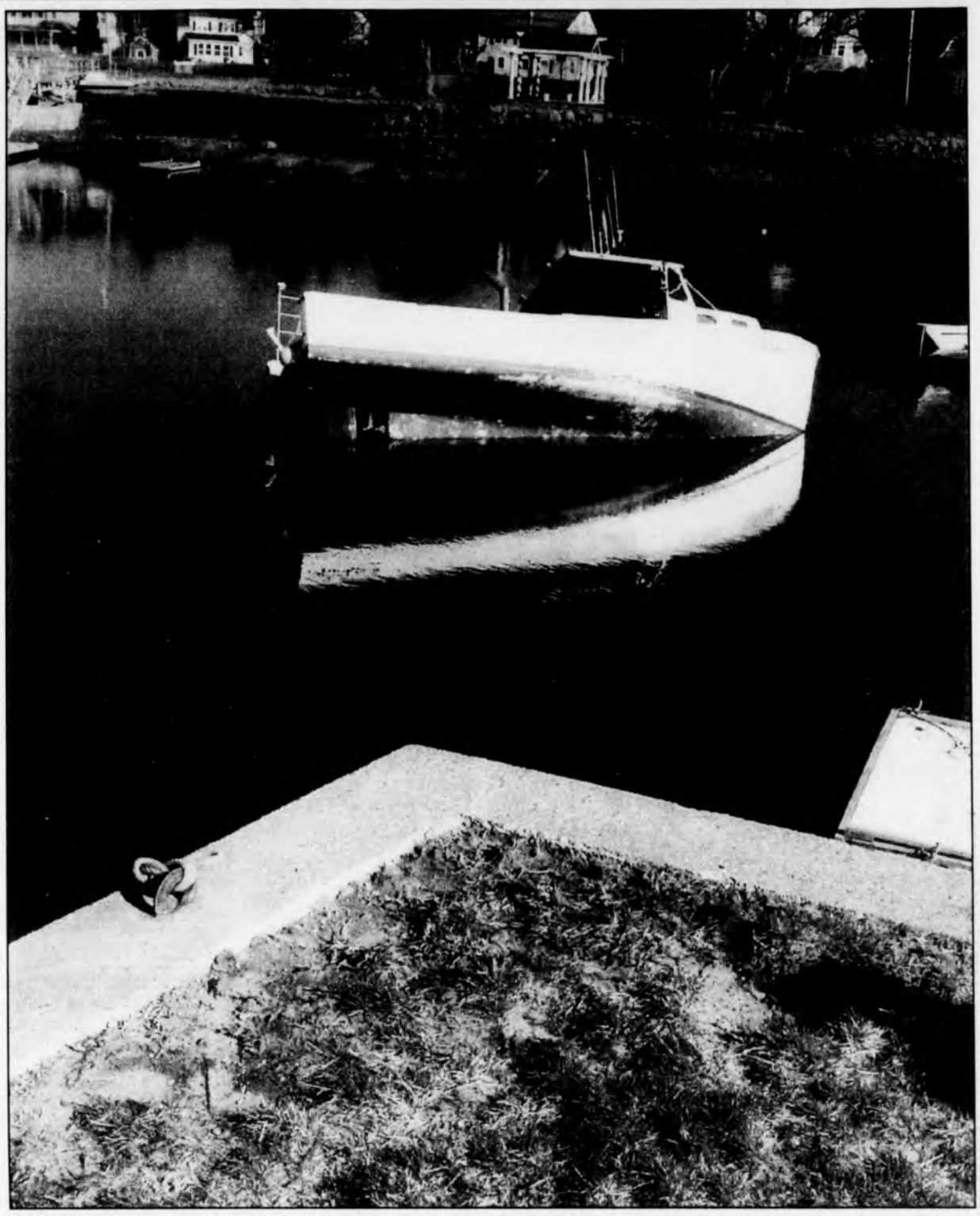
"When you have people dredging a navigable waterway, all these things are supposed to be accounted for. You don't just plan for a normal low tide," he said.

Jason and Small said they plan to approach selectmen about the pipe in the coming weeks. Acting Harbormaster John Muncey said he had heard a few stories about people hitting the pipe but he had not contacted the Sewer Commission or the Town Manager.

Sewer Commissioner Ray Kasperowicz said he was notified two weeks ago by a resident that the pipe was a potential problem. He said he was looking into the issue and did not know if the Sewer Department was required to place the pipe at a certain depth. He could not say with certainty when the pipe was installed.

Small said the pipe needed to be moved and someone should be held accountable for its current placement. "It boils down to it's either the contractor's fault, the engineer's fault or the Sewer Department's fault, or it's all three of them together," he said.

Oliver said the pipe would be a threat to people docking at low tide at Lawrence Wharf and could result in someone being thrown overboard. "It's a disaster waiting to happen," he said. "It's going to be like diving off a diving board into three feet of water."



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Students to get firsthand look at police work

First 'academy' to start in July

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset High School students may soon be running toward local police officers rather than in the other direction.

That's because Erik Belz, a junior, has made it a one-man campaign at the high school to get a student police academy started.

It all began when Sgt. William Quigley took part in teacher Jack Buckley's "Street Law" class back in February and the word quickly spread among students that cops can be cool.

Quigley gave a 90-minute presentation on criminal law, search and seizure and what it's like to be a police officer. The police union bought all the students who attended the Street Law class Cohasset Police T-shirts with an embroidered patch on the front.

"There were about 25 students in the class and the presentation ended up being a giant success," Quigley recalled. "We invited the class to the police station about two weeks later for a tour of the building, a look at the cruisers, and the town's 9-1-1 center."

Word quickly spread at the high school and Erik tracked Quigley down via the department's web site about starting a student police academy.

"I was interested in the (street law) class," Erik says. "But I couldn't fit the class in because of my schedule."

Quigley and Erik are working together adapting the syllabus from those used in student police academies in other towns, such as Hingham and Hanson

"I've sat down with Sgt. Quigley to write out an outline, objectives and goals," Erik says.

They've published a CPD Student Police Academy application, which Erik is distributing to interested students at the high school. So far about 10 students have expressed a strong interest. The class will ideally have 15, Quigley said.

The relationship between Cohasset youth and local police officers has at times been strained especially in the summer months after teens were arrested for underage drinking.

The application addresses the issue head on and says the academy will be a two-way educational process. It states "the SPA shall be designed to enhance and promote the relationship between the Cohasset Police Department and young adults, resulting in a better understanding of what teens can expect from the officers who serve them and the services they provide."

"Anything we can do to build a couple of bridges at the high school is important. The student police academy is a good idea and I wholeheartedly support it."
— Police Chief Robert Jackson

The class, which is expected to start this summer after students return from the Appalachia Service Project trip, will include a ride along, CPR certification, motor vehicle law, search and seizure, and more.

"We're going to try and make it interesting and fun," Quigley says.

Quigley will talk to the police union about helping out with the funding needed for the class and hopes to be able to use the library which has more room than the station. There will be no charge for the students and the class is being offered to those age 16 and up.

"All the officers I have asked said they would volunteer their time to teach the students," he says.

Police Chief Robert Jackson is giving the effort high marks.

"Anything we can do to build a couple of bridges at the high school is important," he says. "The student police academy is a good idea and I wholeheartedly support it."

While Erik does not have aspirations to become a police officer, he would like to study law.

"I think law in general is an interesting topic," he says. "Police enforce the law and I think seeing the enforcement side of law is pretty interesting."

Anyone interested in applying for the class should leave a message for Sgt. Quigley at the station, 781-383-1055 or email him at: wquigley@cohassetpolice.com

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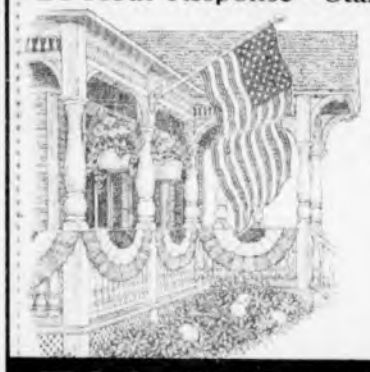

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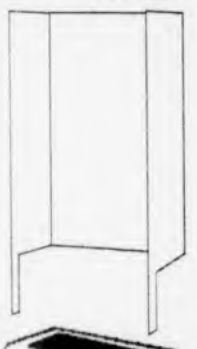

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Stars of the Week

Braun Goodson and Ian Kidder

These two CHS seniors took first place in Tuesday's South Shore League boys track meet, Goodson in the discus, Kidder, fresh off his return to action from a strained hamstring, in the javelin.

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On the South Shore

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Skippers making quite a racquet

Boys tennis team clinches postseason berth, girls clinch SSL championship

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It was a week of major accomplishments for both the girls and boys tennis teams this week, both teams securing their primary pre-season goals. For the males, a spot in the postseason was attained last Saturday, while the girls claimed at least a share of the South Shore League title for the eighth straight year.

The boys team, 8-6, overcame a vast line-up deficiency this year to qualify for the tournament. With merely seven names on the roster, the team was, for the most part, injury-free, until their clinching win over Harwich. Number one Dave Ingber, tied 5-5 in the second set with Ruff Ryder's ace Craig Druschella, collapsed with a pulled ligament in his left hip, knocking him out for the remainder of the season.

Fortunately, the team picked up the slack amazingly well, battling for a 3-2 win over the team that had dusted Cohasset, 4-1 in their first go-around. Freshman Nils Sceery, taking on third singles junior Ash Alcorn, found himself down a set when the injury occurred, but came back for a tremendous upset, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Seniors Ross Lieb-Lappen and Scott Faber, also victims in the first set, took over the net and dominated the remainder of the match to give Cohasset its second point. The win was secured by the win of junior Andrew Wise and Chris Pescatore, who took a two set decision at second doubles.

"That was unquestionably the match of the season," noted second year coach Kent Parrot. "These guys never quit. Harwich is a good, good team, but we have never played as well as we did [Thursday]."

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Cohasset boys tennis coach Kent Parrot

Technically, the dramatic victory over Harwich brought the Skippers' record to 7-3, not actually with enough wins for a tourney berth. However, after an expected loss to league power Norwell, Cohasset received a forfeit from league punching bag Mashpee on Saturday to make things official.

The boys entered their toughest stretch of the season this week, taking on four consecutive teams on four consecutive days, all of whom are playoff bound. Monday brought about a loss to Hanover, now at full strength with the return of Pauri Pandi, ironically one of Parrot's protégés through his work with the ace at the Hanover YMCA.

Still, though the team lost, the match featured another stellar performance by Nils Sceery winning at second singles, with

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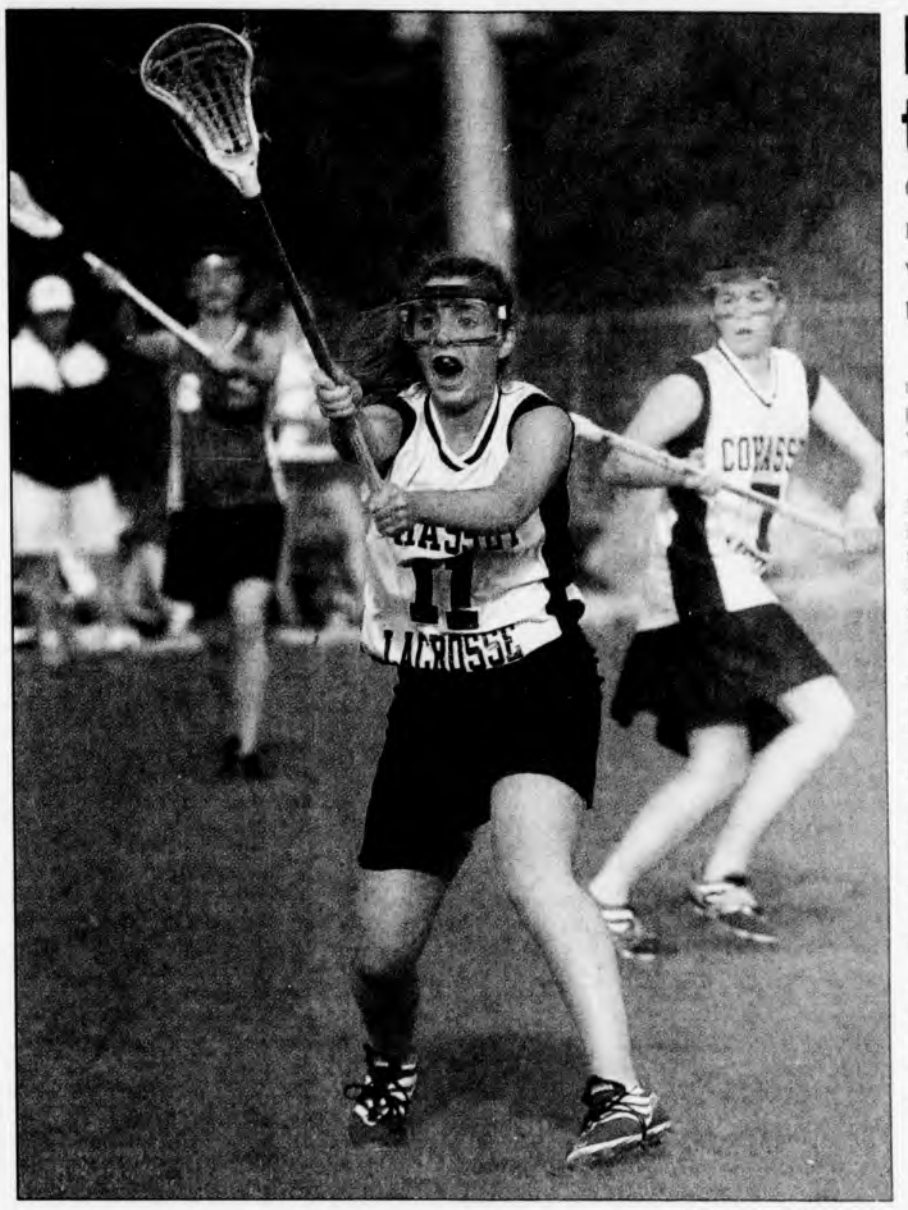

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Cohasset captain Maura McKenney has scored a hat trick in each of the Lady Skippers last two games.

Down to the wire

CHS lady laxers need at least two wins in final four to earn playoff bid

The CHS lady laxers kept themselves in the thick of the postseason chase with an 8-5 win over Marshfield last Thursday.

Senior captain Maura McKenney paced the offense in Thursday's with with a hat trick, bringing her team best goal total on the season to 28. Junior Nicole Turgiss chipped in with a pair of tallies.

The win returned the Lady Skippers to the magic .500 mark needed for postseason qualification.

As expected, however, the Cohasset girls could not pull off a win to perennial powerhouse Hingham (12-2-1) on Tuesday. Even with a second straight hat trick from Maura McKenney, the Lady Skippers fell, 12-6, to drop a game off the pace to 6-7.

The team must now win at least two of its final three to qualify for a second straight state tourney berth, but that will be no small task with red-hot Scituate, who already bested them in lopsided fashion two weeks back, still on the slate for May 27, along with Bourne on the road (today) and Nantucket at home (May 28) in non-league play.

Girls getting in swing

CHS softball team shows signs of improvement down stretch

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

Tuesday was one time it would have been a good time for the Cohasset High softball team to play just five innings.

The Skippers have played a boatload of five inning games this season, because the "Slaughter Rule" is usually invoked to bring an end to a lopsided score, usually against Cohasset.

After five innings of play Tuesday, Cohasset was enjoying a 4-3 lead over Rockland, in what was becoming one of the better Cohasset games this season.

Rockland's next turn at bat then turned into an avalanche of runs, the Bulldogs scoring 10 runs, going on to a 16-4 win.

The loss left Cohasset with a 4-13 record and one game to go. The Skippers will go against Rockland Thursday.

Prior to the loss against Rockland, the Skippers dropped a 20-0 decision to Sacred Heart on Monday, lost a 14-1 decision to Abington on Friday, and, prior to that game, Cohasset did some "Slaughter Rule" invoking of its own on May 13 with a 33-1 bombing of South Shore Christian Academy.

One of the outstanding performances of the game for Cohasset was the play of freshman pitcher Katey James, who fired a no-hitter, fanning 12 in five innings of play.

That win had to be Cohasset's best effort of the season. The Skippers were led by Danielle Pinkus, who hit a grand slam home run and drove in a total of eight runs.

According to coach Deb Boswick, the grand slam by Pinkus was out of the park, marking the first time a slam was hit out of Barnes Field.

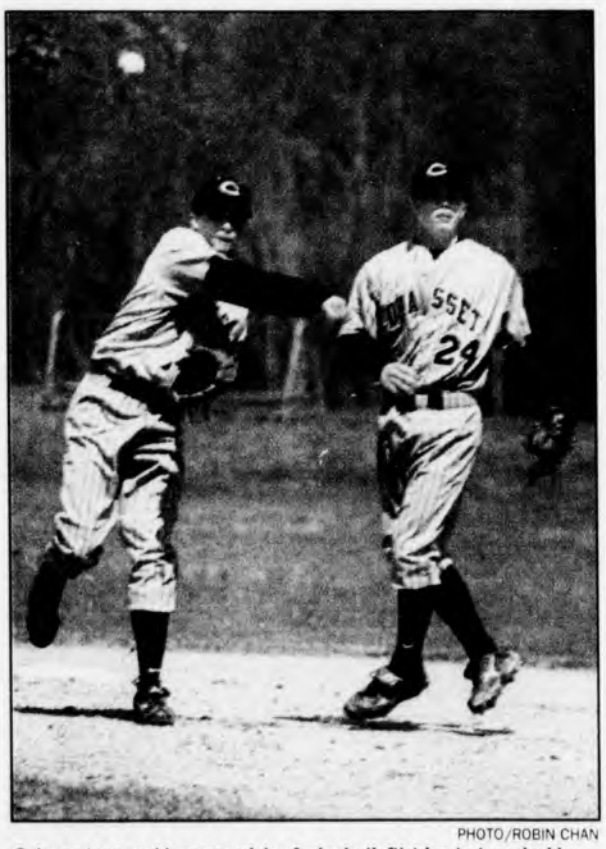
Another fine performance by Cohasset teams took place on May 6, when Cohasset dropped a close one to Hull, 4-3. Earlier in the season, Hull defeated Cohasset, 17-0.

In the close game against Hull, Cohasset was enjoying a 1-0 advantage until Hull scored two to take over the lead. Cohasset tied it up and it remained that way until the seventh when Hull unloaded for three straight triples and the win.

"It's been a learning experience," noted coach Bostwick "We have had some good moments and some bad ones. For the most part, our team has shown a great deal of improvement, especially the performance over Hull. We also had a nice sowing against Rockland Tuesday. We just ran out of gas.

"Things are getting better. Our biggest challenge is to get our team to play seven innings. This allows more players to get some experience. Unfortunately, the slaughter rule has stopped a lot of our games after five innings of play."

The win by Abington last Friday enabled the Green Wave to win its fourth South Shore League title in five years. The win left Abington with a 15-1 overall record and an 11-0 league record.



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Cohasset second baseman John Andrade (left) tries to turn double play after taking the flip from shortstop Mike Dooley.

Too little, too late

Cohasset baseball team falls short of postseason bid

By Mike Spellman
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In the end, it was the lack of consistency that did in the Cohasset High baseball team in its quest to qualify for the postseason for the first time in many years.

Last Thursday's 8-0 loss to South Shore League leading Harwich was a microcosm of this late season stretch that has seen the Skippers lose six of its last seven games to fall to 5-10 on the season, thus wiping out all chances of a .500 season and the postseason berth that goes along with it.

The pitching was relatively strong, but the defense let down the cause big time. The Skippers committed six errors in the game, which contributed to most of the visiting Rough Ryders runs. It also only slightly increased their per game average of approximately four per game on the season.

"We have just not been playing good defense the last few games, and that's very frustrating," said Cohasset coach Al Gallotta. "You hope to see your team playing its best down the stretch, but that has just not been the case with us."

The bats , which carried the team to a large extent through the early part of the season,

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Laxmen expecting top seed

Skippers push best ever win streak to 14 as Kahn pushes career point total to 211

Last Thursday, senior attackman Curt Kahn broke up a Sandwich clear with 10 seconds left in a tie game, and passed the ball to Jake Previte for an open-net game winner at the buzzer, then came back four days later to score six in a 12-5 win over non-league opponent Hopkinton.

With 10 goals and two assists in the two games, Kahn pushed his career point total to 211 and Cohasset went to 14-1 on the season, and finished 9-1 in Pilgrim League play, good for second place behind undefeated and nationally ranked Duxbury. The 14-game win streak is a school record, and Cohasset had a chance to extend it on Wednesday night when the Skippers were scheduled to play their final regular season game against another non-league opponent, Canton.

The state tournament seeding and draw was scheduled to be done today (Thursday), and all indicators point towards Cohasset receiving the top seed for Division Three. Laxpower.com, the national lacrosse web site, currently has the Skippers eighth in the state among all public schools, regardless of size. No D3 school is ahead of them in that ranking.

"We feel we're certainly

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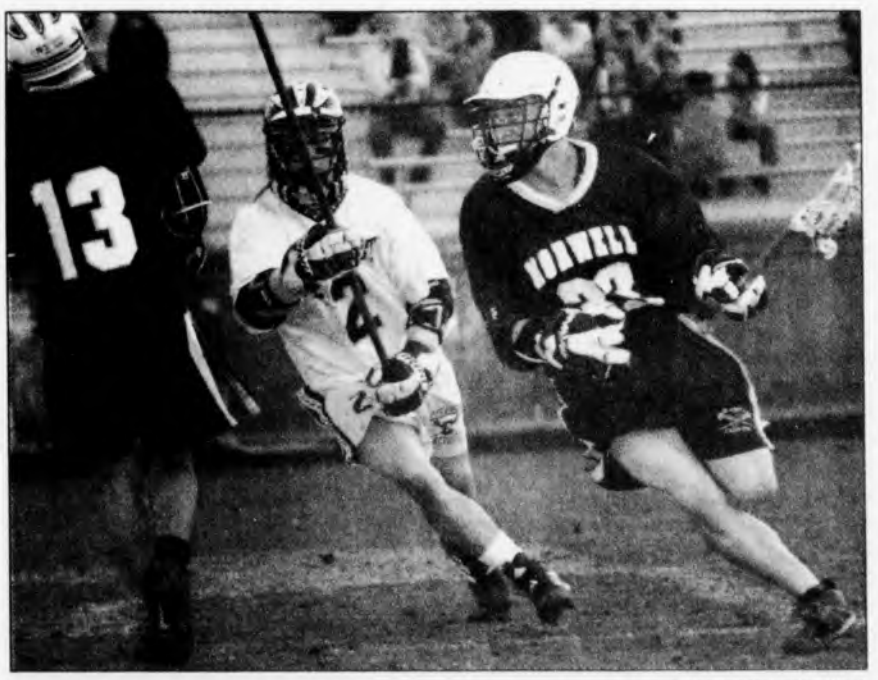

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Cohasset defender Nick Spirito (#2) chases Norwell's Frank Granara around a pick in recent Pilgrim Conference tilt.

YOUTH LACROSSE REPORT

Lax, the Way It Is Supposed to Be

Finally after a VERY long season of rainouts, flooded fields, frozen tundra, and cabin fever filled players and fans, we got the day we were all hoping for with gorgeous weather and all the Cohasset Youth Lax teams playing at home against perennial rivals Hingham and Scituate. It just doesn't get any better than this.

Here's the action from this weekend and remember, the Cohasset Lacrosse Youth Night will be held at the first High School playoff game, so wear your jersey to the game and get free pizza and soda while you cheer on our "older" boys to victory.

U15 White Plays a Doubleheader

The older kids went on the road Saturday to play one of the state's lacrosse powerhouses, Sudbury, while also participating in their home game on Sunday against Hingham. Victory was ours in both contests and the team responded very favorably to the warm weather and the chance to show their stuff against two strong programs.

The Sudbury game was a "Dominant Moment" right from the start as Cohasset took the first face-off and really never looked back as their defense and offensive prowess were unstoppable on the way to a lopsided 10 - 2 win.

Mark Flibotte opened the scoring on a scripted back door feed from attack-mate Mike Grimm and then showed that he could also "pass the rock" with a no look transfer to Chris Mills who found the back of the cage from the right side. Mills was again in the right place at the right time as he finished off a super 3 pass play by taking a feed from Grimm (after a great possession steal by Mike Bunstein) and "deeking out" the goalie on a high/low move for his 2nd of the day. Bunstein scored as he snuck through several defenders for his bank deposit". As the first half was winding down, the scoring continued on 2 goals by Dan Trendowicz (also with two assists for the day) - one assisted by Bunstein and the other from Grimm - on a strong midfield give and go through traffic. As the game was in control early, the kids got a chance to play some new positions and still managed to add to the their lead as Grimm finished with a goal and 3 assists, Bunstein notched his 2nd (to go with his two assists) and Matt Burgess got a solo tally on a nice loose ball follow up. The highlight of the afternoon was probably the last goal coming on a combination of defenseman where Jeff Brown and Pat Flynn (playing middie) snuck through the defense and worked a sweet pass and dodge to give Brown the score to wind up the action. Tall in the goal again was Nathan Porter with 15 saves on a superb performance that is becoming more the norm for this talented newcomer to the cage. Keeping Sudbury's offense in check were Chris Kuppens, Justin Connors, and Conor Holway who played a full game on D shutting down almost every advance.

Sunday proved to be more of the same against a talented, but overmatched, Hingham group. Fresh from a solid win the day before, Cohasset White were primed and ready to carry their momentum into this next game that kicked off a great afternoon of lacrosse. The offensive combination of Mike Bunstein and Dan Trendowicz was the story of the day as they combined for 4 of the first 6 Cohasset scores as the Hingham squad seemed to be moving in slow motion every time they approached the net. Trendowicz finished with 4 goals while Bunstein had 5 assists on the day in a game that was never really close as we had them up 6 - 2 by the end of the first half. Again, giving the kids a positional rotation that saw some new kids step up in the likes of Greg Gallagher clearing end to end to assist on a Mark Flibotte and Matt Burgess combination. Nathan Porter was solid in the goal notching 13 saves backed again by the defense of Brown, Flynn, Holway, and Kuppens. The Hingham group did mount a comeback to get it within 3 entering the 4th quarter, but this was to no avail as the win was sealed by 3 consecutive "photo-op" college level one-timers (quicksticks) by Chris Mills, Mark Flibotte, and Ramsey Davis - the last two both assisted by defense/middie Jeff Brown. When the dust settled, Chris Davis continued to control possessions on face-offs which made it next to impossible to get anything going for Hingham and the boys had a home win of 10 - 5.

U15 Blue v Scituate and Quincy

The U15 Blue team also got in two games this past week notching one win and only their first loss in the action. Playing a Thursday night game at Quincy and with a very thin squad comprised of White and Blue team members the Cohasset squad lost a tough battle 7-6. The game was back and forth all night with Cohasset holding a 6-5 lead heading into the fourth quarter before giving up a fluke goal that hit one of the Cohasset defenders and bounced in the goal to tie the game. Quincy scored again to take the final lead before Cohasset had a strong finish trying to tie the game.

On Sunday the U15 Blue squad was back in business with a full complement of players and dominated a good Scituate team 11-6. Ryan Kucinski returned from an injury and scored the first goal of the game on a great hustle play by picking up a loose ball in front of the cage and dunking it home. Jared Kinch was outstanding all day on ground balls and showed an unselfish leadership by notching four assists with great passes to his teammates. Corey Chase led the goal scorers with four, Alex Shipp and Austen Lanzilloti each had two, and Adam Smith and Teddy Galligan notched single tallies.

Smith and Peter Oswald both picked up an assist as well. Wes Ulmer continued his excellent play in the cage with eight saves and Matt Harriman, Jared Dick, Robert Sylvia, and Jake Cuneo provided good support on defense.

U13 White v. Scituate

The Cohasset U13 White team returned to action this past Sunday at Milliken versus a strong Scituate team. The home team came ready to play on this beautiful afternoon and displayed a strong competitive desire. Both squads had fine offensive and defensive play in the opening quarter, with the difference being hot goaltending by the Scituate keeper. Scituate led 3-0 after one. The second quarter was full of more back and forth action with Scituate notching the only tally, taking a 4-0 lead into halftime. Cohasset got back into the game in the third quarter as it netted three scores.

Gordon Smith got Cohasset on the board on a nice feed from Tom Buckley. Ian Porter scored on a nice roll-up move on a feed from Jonny Wade, and Jonny Wade added the third score unassisted. Unfortunately for Cohasset, Scituate added three scores of their own and the third quarter ended with Scituate up 7-3. The forth quarter was all Scituate as the visitors wore down the Cohasset defense and added five more scores. Jonny Wade scored his second of the game to close out the scoring. The Cohasset goaltending of Ian Quinlan and Chris Brown helped keep the game competitive with both keepers having a number of fine saves. The final score was 12-4 in favor of the visitors.

U13 Blue v Hingham

The home team was victorious in an action packed game against Hingham on Sunday, winning 9-7. We played hard in the first half, drawing the score back to all-even no fewer than three times against a well skilled Hingham team. Although Hingham took a 4-3 lead into the halftime break, that was the last they saw of it. Cohasset was all hustle and passed the ball proficiently throughout, controlling the game in the second half.

Eight Cohasset players accounted for our nine goals. Dean Driscoll netted three goals at Midi. Logan Chase and Ian Lyster each had one goal and one assist. Andrew Smith posted another goal. Olly Forrer netted one at Midi too. On attack, Will Wise had one and Max Shipp scored one and assisted one. David Toomey, who played all over, had two assists. Ian Porter showed up big time taking the net for us in the first half before handing off to Jack Murphy for the second. This game epitomized what lacrosse is all about. The coaches would like to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of everyone on the team. What a great game - terrific job everyone!

White U11 v Scituate

The Cohasset White 10u team lost a hard fought game to Scituate Sunday 7-5. Pat Kearney started the scoring for Cohasset with a strong move to the goal and Sam Richardson got his first of 2 goals for a 2-1 lead after the first period. Terrance Durkin assisted on the second Richardson goal. Derek Froio made a great shot from a tough angle to end the first half with Cohasset up by 4-3. The 3rd period saw both teams have good scoring chances but both ended up with 1 goal, the Cohaaset goal by Thomas Flibotte to end the 3rd period with the score 5-4. Scituate had a strong 4th quarter and sored 2 goals in the last 5 minutes to take away the win. Willie Brown was outstanding in goal playing the whole game and saving 10 shots, some from close range. Defensive efforts from Dan Barnes, Mitch Mcnary, and Brendan Walsh from the middie position was noted on the first hot game day of the year.

U11 Blue v Hingham

Cohasset worked tough to scratch out a strong victory over Hingham 6 - 3 with scoring Chris Murphy (A) assist by Derek Youngman (M), Chris Murphy assist by Morgan Grasz, then Derek Youngman (M) assist by Chase Murphy (M), Chris Murphy unassisted, Brendan Horigan, two more goals, each unassisted. Goaltenders Horigan had 3 saves and Chris Wilson 1 Save.

Both goaltenders were aggressive in the cage, with one of Chris Wilson's saves coming when he came out of the cage and "stuffed" an attacker. After an unsteady first half, Cohasset Blue's defense clicked and shut out Hingham for the third quarter and only allowed one goal in the fourth quarter.

Cohasset Blue's offense was dominant in the third and fourth quarters, keeping the ball in the Hingham defensive zone most of the time. Cohasset's middies became comfortable passing the ball downfield to the waiting attack line. Hingham had far fewer shots on goal in the second half.

Cohasset took most of the face offs and was even with Hingham on picking up ground balls. Alex Evans and Robbie Mahoney also had strong supporting roles in the win.

U11 Gray v Braintree

Gray Team played a tough game on Thursday night, the tempture was a little cool but the action was pretty hot. Cohasset Gray played a very quick and physical Braintree team and it took the first two quarters for our team to adjust to that type of play. Even though Braintree was assessed many roughing penalties in the first half, Cohasset still trailed 4-0. Brennan Bukowski hung tough in goal during that half and had 4 saves.

In the second half our team rallied and played up to the Braintree squad achieving an even half in scoring 2-2. Both Cohasset goals were scored by great individual efforts by Luke Ernst and Mitch McNary. Both teams presurred each others goalies durimg that half and Cohasset's Kyle Healy pushed away 7 saves. Braintree prevailed 6-2, but Cohasset Gray played extremely well in the final period of play with many chances and strong pressure in the Braintree end. A combined midline and attack squad of Drew Cobin, MItch McNary, Pat MacCormick, Danny Czerkawski, Chase Baldwin and Chris Brash led the efforts down the stretch.

Flibotte named MBYLL All-Star

Gabriella Flibotte is the first Cohasset girl's lacrosse player ever selected to play on the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League 12-and-Under All Star team, which will compete at the National Junior Lacrosse Festival in Binghamton, N.Y. in late June.

Flibotte currently holds a unique distinction in the eight-year annals of Cohasset Youth Lacrosse. Not only is she leading her 12-and-Under team in scoring, but she has been "playing up" with one of Chasset's 14-and-Under squads and currently leads that team in scoring too.

Through four games with the Cohasset White 12-and-Under team, Flibotte — a sixth-grader at Deer Hill School — has scored 23 goals and added one assist. In the same number of games with the White 14-and-Under squad — generally comprised of 7th and 8th graders — Flibotte has 12 goals. In two of her four 12-U games, Flibotte outscored the opposing team by herself.

Last year, Flibotte was the leading scorer for Cohasset's 12-and-Under team with 26 goals and 1 assist on the season.

"I feel certain that Gabby will be as dominant a player at the All-Star level as she is for Cohasset," said her coach, Chuck Jaffe. "She makes everyone around her better, and I'm pretty certain this will not be the last time she makes an all-star or all-league team during her career."

Youth laxwomen keep rolling; win four versus Norwell

The Cohasset Girls Youth Lacrosse teams still haven't lost a home game at Deer Hill School this year, as the four girls teams had runaway wins over teams from Norwell on May 18. The wins extended a remarkable Cohasset record; no girls team has lost while playing at Deer Hill in the two seasons of the girls program; there have been two ties.

12-and-Under

The Cohasset White 12-U team opened the day in dominant fashion against Norwell Blue, jumping out to a 5-0 lead on the strength of a hat trick from Gabriella Flibotte and single scores from Katie Gaumer and Caitlin Mahoney. Norwell scored late to make it a 5-1 game at the half.

Cohasset controlled play in the second half, with Polly Murray and Sophie Bertolami each scoring their first goal of the season, sandwiched around Mahoney's second score, as the home team rolled to an 8-2 win.

Amanda Masotta, Megan Richardson, Mimi Mahoney and Liz Tetrault led a defensive effort that allowed just six shots on goal for the entire game. Thomson Jaffe and Abby Faulkner split halves in net, each recording two saves while allowing one goal.

Cohasset's 12-U Blue team played Norwell White later in the day to equally strong results. Lauren Blaze, Sarah Libby and Natalie Hunt led a defensive effort that did not allow a shot on goal for the entire first half. Meanwhile, Paige Smith netted her first goal of the year, Lindsay Hill scored a hat trick, Maura Barnes had two goals and an assist, Amy Meikleham and Katelyn Ryan scored solo goals as Cohasset ran its lead to 8-0 at the half.

Cohasset spent much of the second half experimenting with players at different positions. Jennifer Cahill, Leigh Collins, Dominique Rioux and Thomson Jaffe all had their best scoring opportunities of the season, only to be turned away by Norwell's goalie or close defense. Maura Barnes closed out her hat trick for the only score, as Cohasset cruised to a 9-3 win.

Abby Faulkner — who recorded an assist while playing midfield in the first half — saved two shots in the goal during the second half of the game.

14-and-Under

The Cohasset White 14-U squad jumped out to a 2-0 lead on the strength of two goals from Lindsay Durkin and never looked back against Norwell Blue. Playing with a short bench and few subs, the team played a controlled, efficient game, stretching the lead to 4-0 at the half behind scores from Gabriella Flibotte and Kaleigh Swain.

Those two did all the team's second-half scoring too, with Swain completing a hat trick, around Flibotte's second score of the day. Two late Norwell goals brought the final score to 7-2, but Tessa Leahy made two saves in the net during the second half to make sure it got no closer. Haley Haracz, the first-half goalie, made one save. The win raised White's record to 5-0 on the season.

Cohasset's Blue squad — which borrowed several players from the White team and the Blue 12- U squad — had an even easier time with Norwell White. Amy Meikleham — playing in her third game of the day — opened the scoring less than a minute into the contest and Maura Barnes recorded the first of her two assists with a feed that Kristen Dooley converted into a 2-0 lead. Elizabeth Landon answered a Norwell score with her first goal of the season and — after another Dooley goal — her twin sister Charlotte got into the act just before halftime by finishing a Kara Wilcox feed. Haley Haracz made two stops in the net during the first half.

Mary Previte scored to start the second half — the direct result of a hustling-sprawling-falling pass from Roxanne Tehranian — before Dooley finished her hat trick by netting a Charlotte Landon set-up. Wilcox scored the next two goals before Paige Strecker answered a Norwell goal with her first score of the season to close out the action with the score 10-2.

Alyssa Campbell stopped one of the two shots Norwell was able to get on net during the second half. Colleen Richardson, Tessa Leahy and Rebecca Evans — all stalwarts on defense through both games — and Maura Regan never let Norwell muster an offense.

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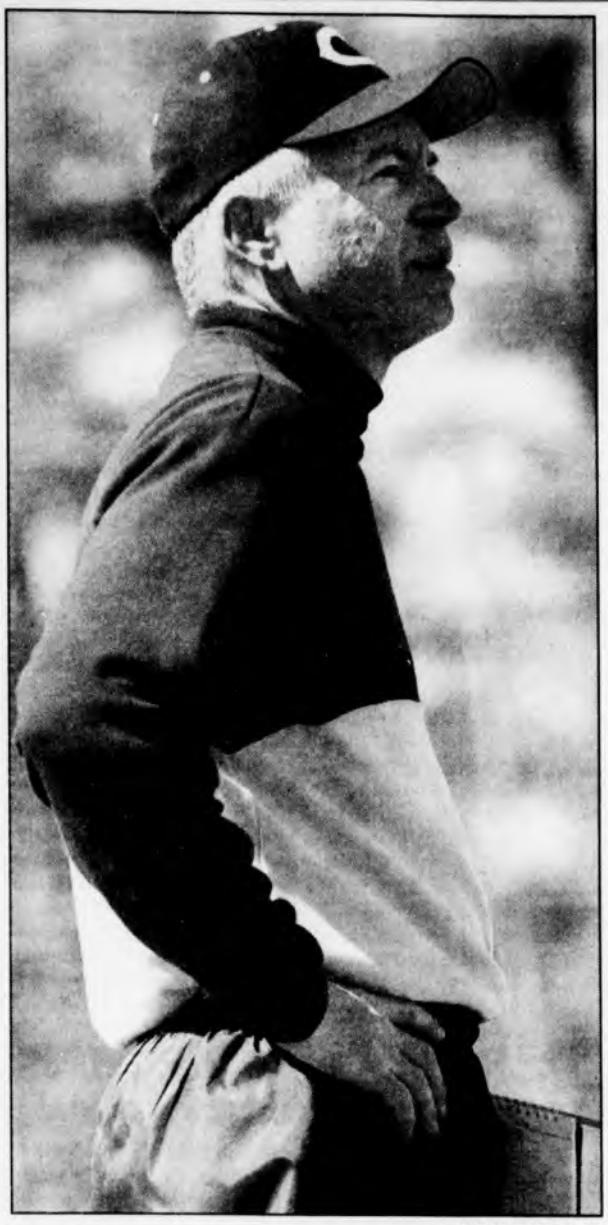

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Too little, too late

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have also been silenced of late by some quality pitching. On Thursday, only senior Chris McKenna was able to reach Harwich's fireballer for hits, doing so with a single and a frozen rope triple late in the game.

Junior John Downing pitched into the fifth inning for the Skippers, and senior Mike Snowdale came in for mop up duty.

The Skippers followed this game with two more home losses to SSL rivals, falling to Mashpee on Saturday, 7-3, and Abington on Monday, 11-1, to officially fall out of playoff contention.

Abington senior Paul Chartier threw a complete game three-hitter and struck out 11 Cohasset hitters to improve his team's record to 12-5.

McKenna again provided a few of the scarce Skipper highlights, scoring the team's lone run after he'd reached with a base hit.

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Numbers were way up this spring, particularly at the underclass level, where lacrosse converts had been on a steady rise in recent years.

The Cohasset nine were scheduled to host Norwell yesterday in their final SSL tilt, and then close out the season with a couple of non-league games on the road, playing at Holbrook today (3:30 p.m. start) and Millis tomorrow (4 p.m.).

Laxmen expecting top seed

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among the best in our division," said Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt, "and our hard work this season would justify the tournament committee giving us serious consideration for the top spot. We're a blue-collar team with great senior leadership, and our players have earned every accolade they've received."

Against Hopkinton, a D3 team the Skippers could possibly face again in the tournament, Cohasset took an early 4-0 lead behind goals by Tom Anderson, Kahn (two) and Jake Previte. But the Hillers shook off the effects of a long bus ride, and made a second-quarter run, closing the gap to two before midfielder John Durkin drove a hard bounce shot into the upper corner with six seconds left in the half to make the score 7-4.

Steady play from goalie Nick Murphy (13 saves, nine in the second half) and defenders Ben Lynner, Nick Spirito, Evan Pestone, Conor Buick and Steve Davis shut down the Hopkinton offense, holding the visitors to a single goal. Meanwhile, Kahn, Durkin and his cousin Joe Durkin stretched the lead to the final five-goal margin.

Kahn finished as the high scorer of the game with six goals, while John Durkin had two, Previte a goal and an assist, Robert Hickey two assists, and Joe Durkin and Anderson one goal each.

"This was a strange game," said coach Orcutt. "We seemed kind of flat, and had a lot of trouble maintaining our concentration. That showed up as missed ground balls, poor possessions and bad decisions like re-entering the defensive box after we'd taken it out. Hopkinton, to its credit, played us very well. But the bottom line is that we need to get better for the tournament."

Cohasset 11, Sandwich 10

With just seconds left on the clock, Curt Kahn broke up a Sandwich clear, picked up the loose ball and passed to a streaking Jake Previte for the winning score as time expired in a thrilling 11-10 victory over Pilgrim rival Sandwich at Alumni Field on Thursday.

The Skippers victory began on a high note, as Kahn picked up his 200th career point when his first goal of the game gave Cohasset a 2-1 first-quarter lead. The Skippers extended their lead to 7-3 at the half, and 9-4 at the end of three quarters before Sandwich went on a 5-1 final period run to tie the game with less than two minutes left.

A botched clear gave Sandwich a golden opportunity to take the lead, as the Knights got a four-on-two fast break. But goalie Nick Murphy came up with a huge save, and the Skippers regained possession. Sandwich's defenders stopped Cohasset's attack, but as the Knight goalie tried a clearing pass, Kahn knocked it down and outbattled the keeper for the ground ball. He then saw Previte free in front of the open net, and managed to get the ball to him just before time expired.

"I'm pleased with the win," said coach Kevin Orcutt, "but frustrated that we allowed this team to come back against us in the fourth quarter. Still, to finish the Pilgrim schedule with just one loss is a significant accomplishment."

"Curt's scoring achievements are great, too," said Orcutt, "but this season isn't about individual accomplishments. We have team goals, and so far we're achieving them. That's what's really exciting about this spring."

Cohasset's scorers included Kahn (four goals, two assists), Previte (three goals, one assist), John Durkin, Tom Anderson, Robert Hickey (one goal, one assist each), and Dewayne Morris (one goal).

Murphy had 14 saves.

Due to a problem with e-mail, the following report was left out of last week's Mariner.

Skippers 16, Hanover 6

The Indians came into the contest at 2-12, and without a victory in Pilgrim play. But, for a half, the visitors gave Cohasset a struggle, going into the locker room at 5-5. In fact, Hanover took the lead two minutes into the third period. Then the Skippers caught fire, throwing in 11 consecutive goals en route to a 16-6 rout.

Kahn and Jake Previte each had five goals and an assist to lead the Skippers to their eighth league win and twelfth overall in a row.

Other Skipper scorers against Hanover included Tom Anderson with a hat trick, Mike Rasmussen with two goals, and junior midfielder Dewayne Morris with his second of the season. Robert Hickey had two assists, and dominated on faceoffs, assisted by longstick middie Nick Spirito.

Nick Murphy allowed all six goals and had seven saves in three-and-a-half quarters, before being relieved by Chris Simms, who picked up a pair of saves.

Cohasset 14, Milton 9

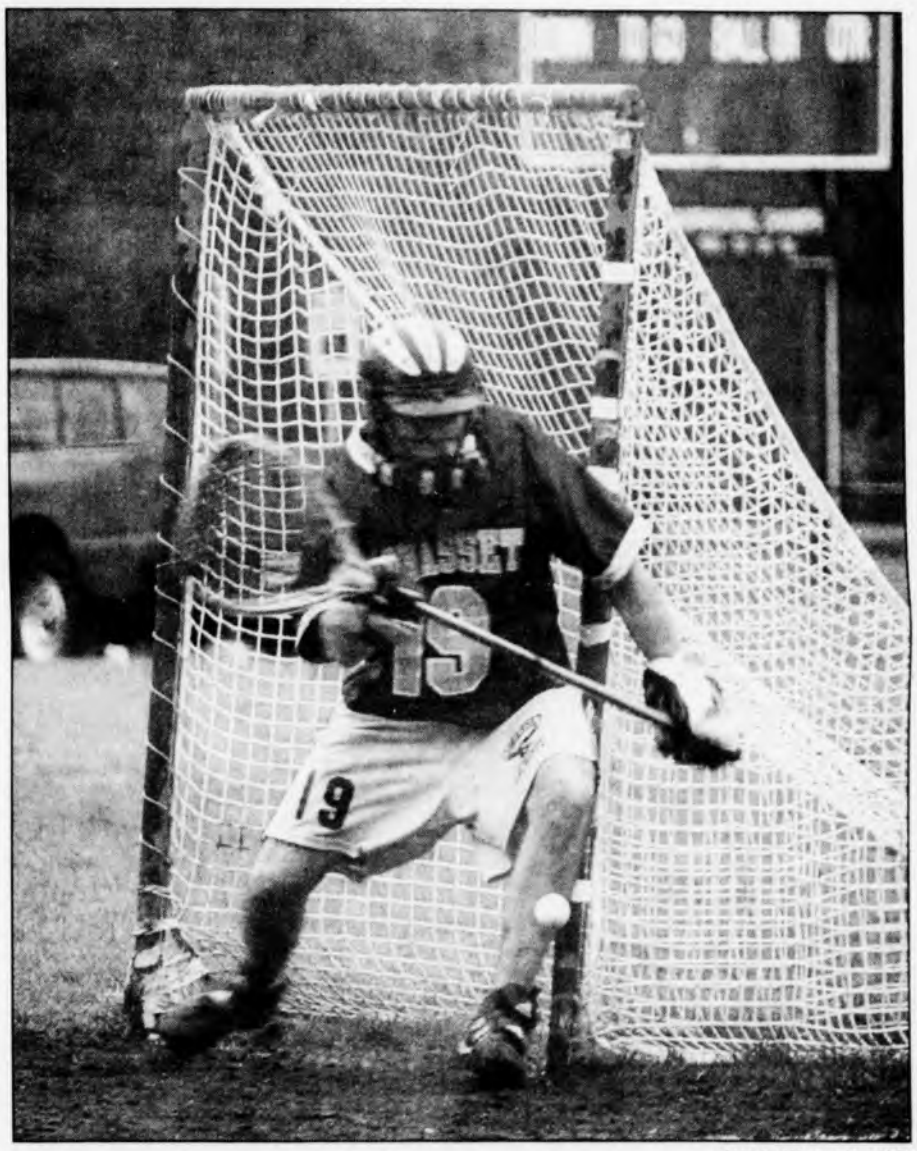
The Cohasset boys varsity ran their record-setting win streak to 11 on Monday night, as they beat non-league opponent Milton 14-9 at the Wildcats' artificial turf field under the lights.

"This was a great effort," said coach Orcutt, "against a team that has a tradition of toughness and excellence. We got great play at the defensive end, once we made an adjustment to our man-down play, and we rode their clears better than we had all season."

The Skippers took an early lead on goals by soph Sam Steele and senior Curt Kahn, then outscored the Wildcats 6-3 in the second quarter to take command. Kahn led the onslaught with three consecutive goals— two of which were unassisted lasers into the upper corner of the net— and would finish with four on the night.

Soph Jake Previte had another big night, with four goals and four assists, while Tom Anderson and John Durkin each had a pair of goals. Robert Hickey and Sam Steele each scored a single tally, and Hickey, Mike Rasmussen (three assists), Joe Durkin and Ben Lynner picked up assists.

Lynner was a force at defense and on faceoffs all night, while goalie Nick Murphy had 15 saves.



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Skippers making quite a racquet

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junior Tim Anton valiantly filling in at the top spot. Also, Lieb-Lappen and Faber lost at first doubles in a 7-5, third set decision against the only doubles team that had topped Norwell's all-scholastic pair this season.

On Tuesday, the team was downed by Hingham, a team that features state champ Brian Marsden and some of the best doubles teams around.

Today, the Skippers take on league rivals Abington, the team that downed Cohasset 4-1 earlier this year. Although the team will likely be down a man for the match, no SSL team besides Norwell has beaten Cohasset twice in a season during CHS's three-year run to the postseason.

Girls report

On the girls side, the Lady Skippers ran their record to 14-0, tossing aside Norwell despite losing number one sophomore Elizabeth Stone to an ankle injury. Luckily, the injury is just a sprain, and the team will likely have her back before the tournament starts after Memorial Day.

The girls will look to top Norwell for the third consecutive time today at home (3:30 p.m. start) and clinch sole possession of the South Shore League crown.

In Monday's 3-2 win for the Lady Skippers over Norwell, the victories were delivered by the bottom three spots in the lineup.

At third singles, Holly Graham needed just one game over the minimum to dust off her counterpart, Kate Mulvaney, 6-0, 6-1.

Cohasset's second doubles team of Corey Evans and Emilie Sullivan made similarly short work of Norwell's Anna Pelton and Kathryn Ankner, 6-1, 6-2.

The first doubles team of Courtney Caron and Julie Shea received a wakeup call from the top Norwell pair of Jenna Wright and Taylor Cleaves in the form of a 4-6 loss, then battled back for wins of 6-2 and 6-3 to claim the deciding point for the win.

The two Norwell wins were delivered in straight sets by top singles players Angie Bizzozero and Meghan Kelley over Cohasset's Grossman sisters, senior Lindsay and freshman Chelsea.

The elder Grossman, who moved up from second to first singles in place of Stone, could not over come the power hitting of Bizzozero.

"Angie was really up for this match today whether it was Liz or Lindsey she was going against," noted Norwell coach Derek Sulc. "She knew how much a win from her might mean in this match, and she brought everything she had to the table."

Chelsea Grossman, making the jump from second doubles to second singles to fill in for her sister, took a bullet for the team, so to speak, going up against red hot Norwell senior captain Meg Kelley, falling 6-1, 6-3.

SPORTS NOTES

Boys and girls Lacrosse clinics

The Cohasset Recreation Department will soon be taking registrations for both boy's and girl's Lacrosse clinics.

The clinics will be held the week of Monday, July 21, through Friday, July 25, for grades 3 to 6 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Milliken Field, The fee per participant will be $75 and checks may be payable to Town of Cohasset. A few days will run longer than 10 a.m., however, we will advise you of which days.

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Registration forms can be obtained at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall in early May.

Orange Crush Wrestling Club

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The membership cost is $135, The fee includes a USA wrestling card & T shirt.

Orange Crush will be in session from May 5th- Aug 1st, youth through high school level. All abilities levels welcome.

CHS Athletic Fundraising

This winter's ticket raffle by the CHS Athletic Boosters raised over $1,800, according to Ron Ford, with all proceeds going to the CHS Athletic budget. The AD wished to express his thanks to Bob and Allison Silvia for all of the work they did on the drive, as well as to Phil Mahoney and Robert Donahue for donating tickets.

This spring, the boosters are kicking off a sale of official CHS blankets ($50 apiece), flags ($45) and beach towels ($20), all with the official Cohasset High banner.

Anyone interested in making a purchase should contact Ron Ford at 781-383-6103 or send a check made out to "Cohasset High School" to Cohasset High School, C/O Ron Ford, AD; 143 Pond St; Cohasset' MA, 02025.

Summer Hoop Camp 2003

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will sponsor a summer Basketball camp, under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two camp sessions will be available starting Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 18. Boys and girls, ages 8 through 11, will have camp from 8:30 to 11:30 AM while ages 12 to 15 will be from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The cost for both camps will be $100 per participant.

Brochures and registration forms will be available at Cohasset Town Hall, Recreation Department office in early May.

Youth tennis registration

Youth tennis will begin Monday, June 23, continue for seven weeks through Aug. 8. Youth tennis registrations will be held starting Monday, June 9, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon and again 1 to 3 p.m., and Tuesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

The program is offered for children age 7 through 18. The program is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week session of instruction, two days per week, is $80 per participant. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered.

Rainy day policy: If it rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Please call the Recreation Office at 781-383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are rain make-up days.

Kick-aerobics registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces an ongoing registration for adult fitness classes, based upon six-week sessions. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer Charles Palmer will conduct the class. This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kick-boxing, and muscle conditioning. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Town Hall auditorium from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The cost for the 12-class session is $100 per participant. Step equipment will be provided for up to 20 participants; however, 2 to 5 lb. hand weights should be brought to class for the muscle conditioning segment of the training. Call the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 to register.

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Youth tennis instructors needed

The Recreation Department is accepting applications for youth tennis instructors for the summer of 2003. Youth tennis lessons are held for a seven-week period beginning Monday, June 30, through Friday, Aug. 15. Classes are scheduled hourly from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily.

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Now, in most debates driven by safety issues I like to think I'd err on the side of caution, particularly where kids are concerned, all other things being relatively equal. In point of fact, though, I've held off on commentary on this matter for months now, challenging my intellect during that time to come up with a compelling defense of the MIAA's decision last fall to outlaw aluminum bats for the state tourney, but I can't do it. In my mind, all other things aren't relatively equal here.

Of course, we all know the ball comes off of the aluminum bat slightly faster. They are lighter than their wood counterparts, making it possible to generate greater bat speed, and the alloys that are used are harder than wood.

High schools are currently allowed to use aluminum bats with nothing less than a minus-three grading, meaning the bats can weigh no less than three ounces under the corresponding bat length in inches. In wood bats, of course, ounces and inches must match.

Testing has revealed that a ball can come off a "minus-3" bat up to six miles per hour faster than its wood counterpart. With many well hit balls at the high school level coming off at over 90 miles-per-hour, is a six miles- per-hour ceiling really all that big a deal?

Some folks say it is, including five of the nine voting members of the MIAA task force appointed to rule on the matter. By this one vote margin, this committee voted to outlaw aluminum bats for this year's state tourney.

Many other individuals close to the scene, however, would say it is not that big a deal, including nearly 75 percent of the Mass. Baseball Coaches Association, who, as a body, are fighting the MIAA decision.

The hard push to return to wood began after a Wellesley pitcher was hit in the face with a comebacker two seasons ago. Would a few miles per hour have made the difference? Maybe. Maybe not.

"No one wants to see kids hurt, but we really haven't seen any evidence that aluminum bats cause more injury," asserted Scituate High coach Kevin Greer.

In fact, Greer and many of his fellow coaches are arguing that the switch to wood bats could result in more injuries, as pitchers going against batters with lumber in their hands are more likely to pitch inside, to saw them off, as there is far less pop off the bottom half of a wood bat than its aluminum counterpart.

Now, while the risk of greater injury remains open to debate, we all know that six miles per hour off the bat gives hitters a notable advantage. Over the course of the high school season, this advantage might translate to four or five more hits. Of course, the difference between five more hits over 20 games—with, say, an average of three at bats a game—would be the difference between a .250 and .300 batting average, and that could make all the difference in the world to some college scouts.

Massachusetts is one of only a handful of states in the U.S. that has switched to wood for high school competition, and the feeling of many coaches is that this is putting their athletes at a distinct disadvantage in he scholarships race.

Then there is the cost factor. Now, in the face of injury prevention, this would be a distant secondary concern. Given the ongoing debate on that matter, however, it remains eminently fair game.

Many high school baseball coaches used to get one or two new aluminum bats per season at a cost of $300-$400 each. Many high school teams are currently on a pace to got through upwards of 30 wood bats this season at an average cost of $35-$50 per.

What do you think are the odds of Financial Committees and town meeting bodies approving more money to buy bats?

We're in a recession here, folks. Athletic budgets are easy targets. Subsequently, user fees are spiraling out of control, doubling and redoubling in many of our towns in the last half decade alone. Cost is already the difference between some high schoolers going out for a team or simply hanging around after school. Do we really want to increase those ranks even more?

And if we outlaw aluminum bats, what's next? Do we start using T-ball balls? Do we make it illegal for high school players to lift weights during the baseball season? After all, if they get stronger, they will be able to swing the bat harder and faster.

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Coastal Stars Squirt A Hockey dominates

Finishing the season at the top of their division with an impressive record of 18-4-4, the Coastal Stars Squirt As beat the South Shore Seahawks 4-2 in the first round of the South Shore Conference playoffs to advance to the semi-finals. Although a determined Cape Cod Canal team came out strong, the Stars were able to win the game 3-2 in overtime to move to the Championship round. In the finals, which was a best two out of three series, the Stars swept Westwood in two games straight, winning the first game 4-2 and outlasting their opponent in 7-6 in the second game with an overtime victory to win the championship.

The team is made up of 10 and 11-year-old players from the towns of Marshfield and Cohasset and was one of Several Coastal Stars teams to win their division in the South Shore Conference.

The players on the Squirt A Champs are: Goalie, Nick Commesso; Defense: Patrick Lema, C.J. Clapp, Alex Cruz, Mike Horan and Kevin Dougherty; Offense: Jay Matthews, Ryan Donovan, Andrew McKenna, Mike Maher, Kyle Moran, Brendan Doonan, Ian Quinlan, Chad McLean and Joe Dixon.

Mike Maher was the head coach and Joe Commesso and Tom Lema were assistant coaches.

Over-55 softball league opens play

It's "Batter Up" for the opening of the fourth season of the South Shore Senior Softball League on Sunday, April 27 at 10 a.m. at Central Park Field in Scituate.

Jim Hyde, founder and manager of the Senior Softball League is optimistic that the sun will shine, the field will be dry and many regular participants will show up ready to play. This very popular league, sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging, is open to all those 55 and over.

Jim plans to field four teams and use two Scituate field each Sunday (including Central and the baseball diamond at the rear of the Gates Intermediate School) and one field on Wednesday to ensure all players take the field. Jim asks that all interested players meet at the Central Park playing field (on Branch Street, in front of Central Park Housing) on the 27th. There will be an obligatory registration including rules review, release signing and payment of a $30 fee. Teams will then be divided and play will start at the Gates as well as at the new Central Park Field. Come prepared and ready to play!

For further information, please call the Scituate Council on Aging at 781-545-8722 or Jim Hyde at 781-545-4681

Boating safety course

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a two-session Safe Boating Course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any horsepower craft. This course is an initial requirement for the process of obtaining a Launch Operators License. U.S.C.G.A. instructors will teach the two-session course, which will be held two consecutive Saturdays, May 31, and June 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road, Cohasset.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department Office at 781-383-4109 as soon as possible as class will be limited in size and participants will be enrolled on first-call basis. There will be a $35 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of text book and class materials.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

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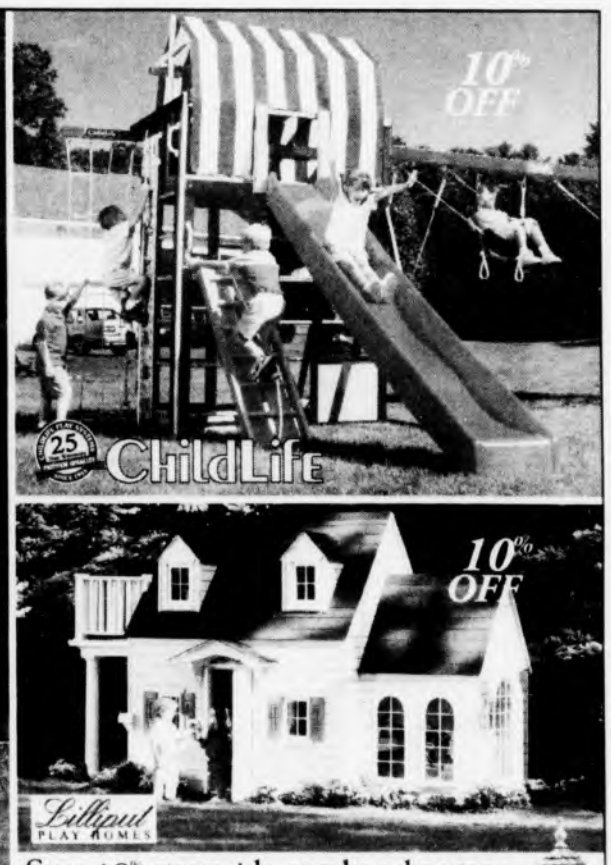

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French students return enriched from their trip

By Matthew J. Gill
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In Paris, students visited mammoths of French architecture and history: the Eiffel Tower, The Louvre, and (pictured) Notre Dame

Last fall, students from a small town in France paid a visit to Scituate and had the opportunity to examine first hand, some interesting aspects of American culture. After classes and sightseeing trips to visit historic sections of Boston, they took in an American football game. Besides trying to understand touchdowns, first downs, and fumbles, the French nationals noticed another peculiarity of this brand of *futbol* that has yet to make the transition to France: cheerleaders.

Last month, despite concern about possible backlash in Europe as war was raging in Iraq, Scituate and Cohasset students completed their half of the cultural exchange, by traveling to France and staying with the friends they had made last autumn.

The journey was led by SHS Foreign Language Department chairman, Patricia Jacquart, who has been bringing students to the European nation for 20 years. The group visited Paris and the town of Rouen from April 11-26. In Rouen, a city two hours northwest of Paris in the province of Normandy, students stayed with the families of the exchange students that came to the South Shore last fall.

Niki Hall, a Scituate High School senior, has been studying what Hemingway described as "the language of diplomacy," for six years, and she was glad to make the Atlantic-crossing journey to practice her French skills. Before departing, however, one of Niki's friends decided not to go on the trip because of the travel concerns.

Niki said her exchange partner Celine Lamaille, spoke English very well, but her family did not. That wasn't a problem though because Niki found she could communicate with them in their own language.

Like her French counterparts last fall, Niki noted the small French houses. Eating dinner with her host family, she tasted some interesting new foods like pate and scallops, camembert and *pain chocolat* — a delicious chocolate-filled croissant.

One excursion brought the students to the D-Day beaches of Normandy, where allied forces landed to begin the liberation of France on June 6, 1944; another trip brought them to the Peace Museum in Caen. In Paris, she got to see the Arc de Triumph, and The Louvre, and perhaps the hi-light of the trip was a sunset dinner with a beautiful view, inside the Eiffel Tower.

"It was a great experience to be able to stay with a French family, and I feel that through this I better understand their culture," said SHS student Annie Murphy.

Jacquart said that's what the exchange program is all about, and commented that many of the students who traveled to France plan to stay in touch with their French friends.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Cohasset Elementary Schools

MONDAY, MAY 26
*** *Memorial Day* ***
NO SCHOOL TODAY
Have Fun — Keep Safe
TUESDAY, MAY 27
Chicken patty on a bun; or turkey and cheese sub; baked beans, pears, choice of milk.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28
Beef ravioli with sauce and dinner roll; or garden salad with pita; fruit; choice of milk.
THURSDAY, MAY 29
Cheeseburger on a bun; or tuna and Swiss sub; oven fries, pineapple, choice of milk.
FRIDAY, MAY 30
Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or fish fillet on a bun; carrots, Jello, choice of milk.

Summer Arts at Derby

Summer Arts at Derby is beginning its 14th year at Derby Academy in Hingham. The five-week program offers more than 100 courses in visual arts, drama, dance, music writing, photography, martial arts, video, gymnastics and sports. There are also special offerings, such as cooking, Spanish language and culture, yoga, chess, Web page design and Tai Chi.

In addition to regular classes, there is a noon-time show and a free-choice period with new offerings each day. The "Weathervane" newspaper is produced daily. This summer's musical production is the popular "The Music Man." On Friday, Aug. 1, Summer Arts culminates in an Arts Festival featuring performances of theatre, dance, music, gymnastics, and exhibits of clay, painting, furniture, mosaics, puppets, jewelry and photography. Animated films and videos are also shown.

The goal of Summer Arts is to offer a very high quality arts experience to children, ages eight to 15 with an atmosphere that is exciting and bursting with creativity. The children are from diverse racial, cultural and economic backgrounds — 20 Massachusetts communities are represented. One of the main goals is to create a spirit of cooperation and respect, where the students feel supported and free to express themselves.

The program is staffed by professional artist-teachers and together with the students, they create a special summer of artistic achievement, acceptance and exuberant energy.

For more information, please call Thalia McMillon at 781-740-4766.

Parent forum on grade realignment

Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey and the School Committee will conduct an open forum to discuss the third grade move to the Deer Hill and the sixth grade move to the Middle School on Thursday May 22 at 7 p.m. in the Deer Hill Cafeteria. Parents and interested citizens are invited to attend.

Seaside Adventures

Seaside Adventures, a new program, will be offered at the Center for Student Coastal Research, starting July 1, and runs for three 2-week sessions through August 7. The program's motto, "inspire excitement" reflects the program's purpose of educating current fourth-through-sixth graders on the topics of oceanography, geology, beach composition, and local habitat preservation and appreciation. All sessions, available in the morning or afternoon, incorporate hands-on learning and may involve excursions to such places as Cohasset Harbor, Sandy Beach and Lily Pond. Each session will meet Tuesday through Thursday, 2-1/2 hours daily, for 2 weeks.

The three sessions each focus on a different theme. In the first session, "Beachcombers," young geologists will explore local beach compositions and tides, and will participate in interesting activities along the shoreline. Session II, "Under the Sea," includes building and examining aquariums, and exploring ocean dwellers ranging from creepy crawlers to fascinating fish. The third session of the summer, titled "Explorers," involves exciting activities caring for the special critters that dwell in our ocean and fresh water ponds.

For more information on the Center for Student Coastal Research's Seaside Adventures please visit its web site, www.ccscr.org, or call our office at (781)-383-8909. Applications are available online, at the Paul Pratt Library, or at the Recreation Department.

Summer Playground signups underway

The Cohasset Recreation Commission announces Martha Equi will again be the director of the Summer Playground Program for children ages 3 1/2 to 12 years. Registration will be held the week of June 9, as follows:

Monday, June 9, - Wednesday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Recreation Commission has also established fee charges for the 2003 Playground Program as follows:

Full Day 5 to 12 year olds: $350 for first child

1/2 Day 3 to 5 year olds: $280 for first child

$500 non-resident for either half or full day program

Activity Fee

A $50 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover special in house events and professional entertainment, arts and crafts supplies, swim walkers T-shirts. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited Enrollment has been set for each program. Non-residents are taken on a space available basis. All children must be toilet trained.

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New home at Pratt building shaping up

Historical Society starting to settle in

By John Camera
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The Historical Society is slowly but surely settling in to its new home at the old Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Two weeks ago, the society hosted a workshop in the new headquarters that focused on textile storage and display.

The workshop allowed society members to break out a few of their antique gowns for demonstrations. A 5-hour seminar was led by Dr. Margaret Ordonez, a textile conservator from the University of Rhode Island, who instructed participants in how store and exhibit historic costumes.

About 20 people attended the workshop, some from as far away as Portsmouth, N.H. The workshop was co-sponsored by the Hull Lifesaving Museum and was partially funded by the Cohasset Arts Lottery Council.

The knowledge gathered at the workshop will go a long way towards helping the Historical Society complete the transition into its new home. Already, society members, with the help of the Rotary Club, have begun rearranging shelves in the old library to be used for storage.

Co-vice president Tom Gruber estimated the Historical Society has more than 700 pieces of clothing stored in the attics of St. Anthony's Church and its old headquarters, the Lothrop House.

Gruber said the storage room in the new headquarters, which will be located in the old fiction room, will provide a much better atmosphere that will help preserve the clothing from decay.

As far as design and construction goes, Gruber said the Historical Society was preparing to put to bid a project to build two senior, moderate income, affordable apartments in the old library's basement. The project will be funded by the Community Preservation Act and was approved at Town Meeting in March.

Gruber said that once architects begin designing plans for the apartments, he hopes construction will be completed within a year. But when it comes to improvements to the remainder of the building, Gruber said the Historical Society is waiting until the sale of the Lothrop House, which is on the market for $875,000.

"We have a lot of interest, but no offers have gone to fruition," he said.

On a recent tour of the old library, Gruber marveled at the building's uniqueness and emphasized what a good fit it would be for the Historical Society. He pointed to the four murals on the walls of the old library rotunda, which depict scenes from Cohasset's history. The murals were painted by Cohasset resident, the late MacIvor Reddie, and were first opened for display in 1946. David Wadsworth, Historical Society curator, writes about the murals in the latest issue of Historical Highlights, the society's quarterly newsletter.

Gruber said the society is planning for the main exhibit area to be in the room immediately to the left upon entering the old library, a room that was formerly was home to the library's new books. A wall will be constructed between that room and the fiction room, towards the back of the building, which will be used for storage.

Because the Historical Society has more than 17,000 items in its collection, it will rotate them in main display area to allow a variety of items to be showcased, Gruber said.

"One of the problems now is there are so many things and they're tucked away so no one can see them," he said. "One of the things we can do now is rotate items through."

Gruber said the room opposite the display room, the former reference room, would serve as a meeting room. He also said the thick wooden doors to those two rooms, now stored, would be rehinged in the doorways. He said the doors were one of many interesting structural elements in the old library that were invaluable.

"To replicate this stuff would just be incredibly expensive," he said.

Gruber is particularly impressed by the library's stacks, which include a glass floor. "This is very historic construction and I think it's something we need to save," he said.

A trip to the attic of the old library revealed a decorative iron semicircle that once perched in the window above the main entrance. A single lantern on a long iron pole, which Gruber believes also hung above the main entrance, was also there. He said the long term plan was to restore the two fixtures.

To learn more about the Historical Society's plans for its new home, attend an Open House at the old library on Saturday, May 31, from 4 to 6 p.m.

PHOTO/JOHN CAMERA

Tom Gruber of the Cohasset Historical Society stands by some of the gowns that are part of the organization's collection.

Lightkeepers to host Memorial Day cookout

The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation is pleased to invite everyone for hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks or coffee immediately following the Memorial Day Parade on May 26, at Bancroft Hall on Government Island.

The non-profit Lightkeepers Corporation was established in 1991 to renovate a former two-family lightkeepers' residence, no longer used as such because of automation of Minot's Light, and convert it into a function room for community use. The building is leased from the town but maintained and operated by the Lightkeepers Corporation. The generosity of Cohasset residents and others provided the funds for renovation. Operating and maintenance expenses, and reserves for capital replacements or improvements, are recovered from rental of two apartments on the second floor, and from fees charged to non-residents for use of the function room facilities. Cohasset residents may use the facilities for a nominal fee, and non-profit organizations at no charge.

This will be the seventh year (2003) that CLC has hosted Memorial Day attendees in recognition of the generosity of our supporters and we expect to serve over 1200 people again.

Historical society moving sale May 24

The Cohasset Historical Society is having a moving/yard/garage sale on Saturday, May 24 at the Caleb Lothrop House, 14 Summer St.. Donations of items (except clothing) are appreciated — please price each item. Drop off on Friday, May 23, 1 - 4 p.m. or Saturday before 9a.m. The society will be selling china, silver, prints, furniture, and rugs, as well as toys, appliances, LP's garden equipment, books and more.

Open House at the society's new headquarters, the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St. is on Saturday, May 31, from 4 - 6 p.m. View a sampling of future exhibits and hear about plans and dreams, and how everyone, in and out of town, can be a part of the future of the Cohasset Historical Society.

For information on both events, please call 781-383-1168 or 781-383-1434

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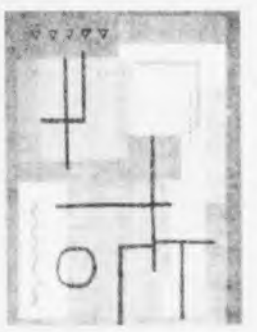
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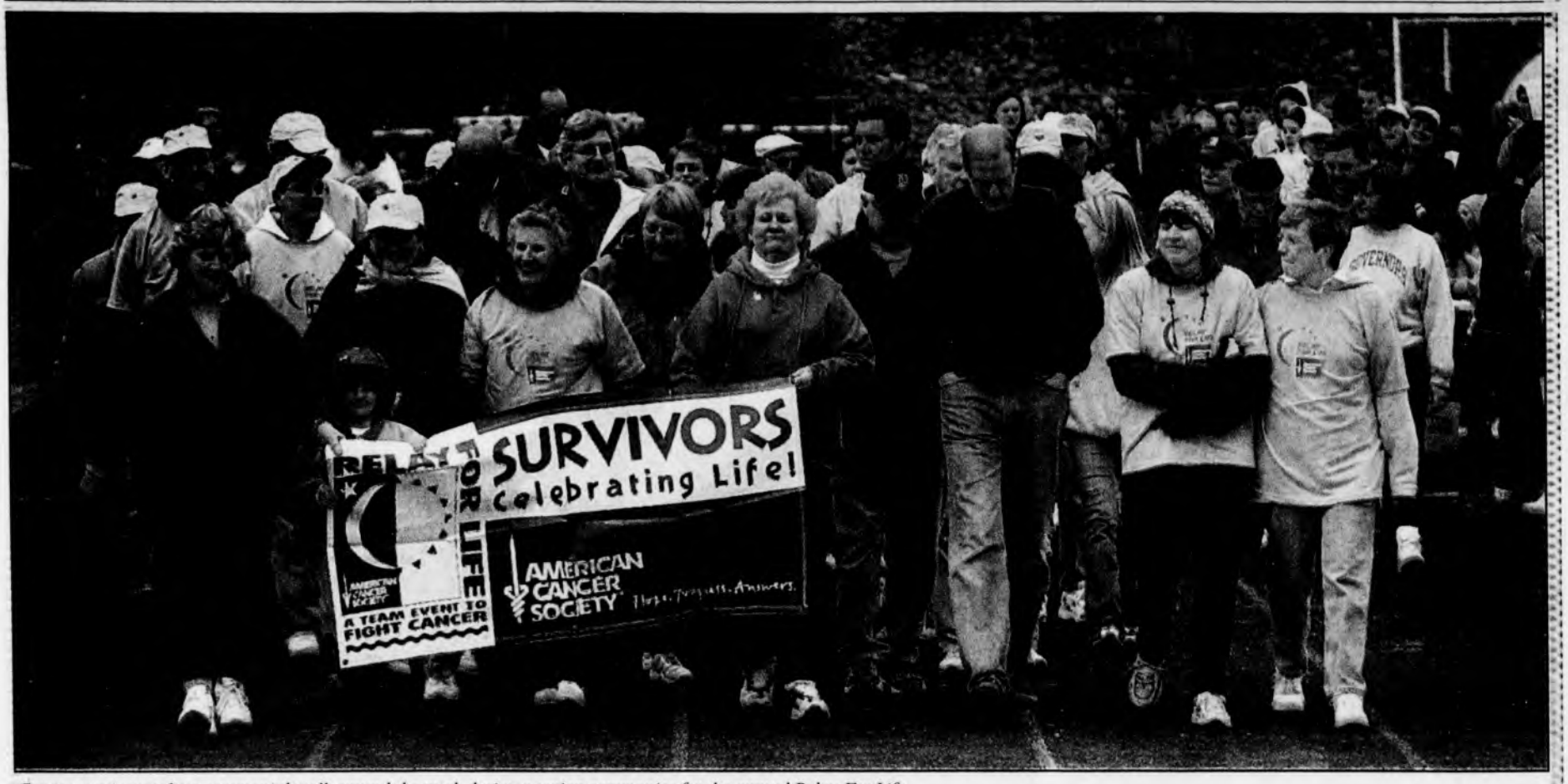
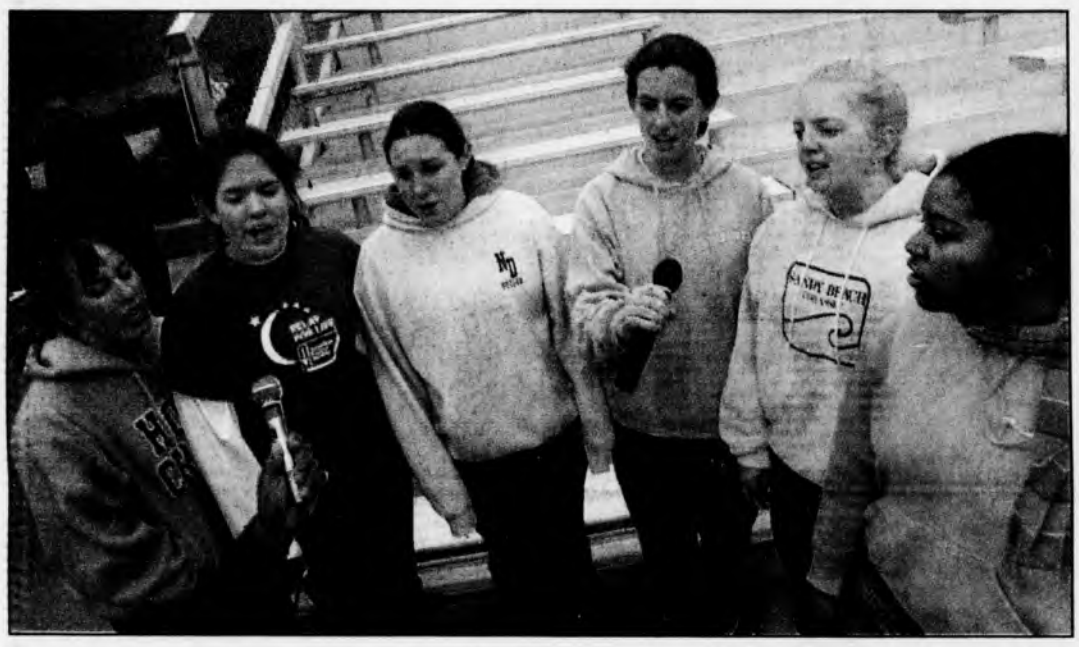


Cancer survivors take a ceremonial walk around the track during opening ceremonies for the annual Relay For Life.

Relay makes strides in fight against cancer



Clockwise from top: The Notre Dame Academy A Capella Choir sings the National Anthem, from left are Moira Brady, Martha Henderson, Kristen Otto, Kathleen Maguire, Laura Kondrat and Mercedes Banks. Sage Stebbins polishes off the competition to win the hula hoop contest. Cancer survivor George E. VanBuskirk walks with American Cancer Society staffer Bronya Demerle. Aboard their cart, Merrick Sease, Alyssa Campbell and Kathleen Kelly get a ride from Tessa Leahy on their way to deliver luminaria bags. Grace Cloughtery gives Chelsea Silvia a piggyback ride around the track. Event chairwoman Laurie Greenip announces the start of the Relay.

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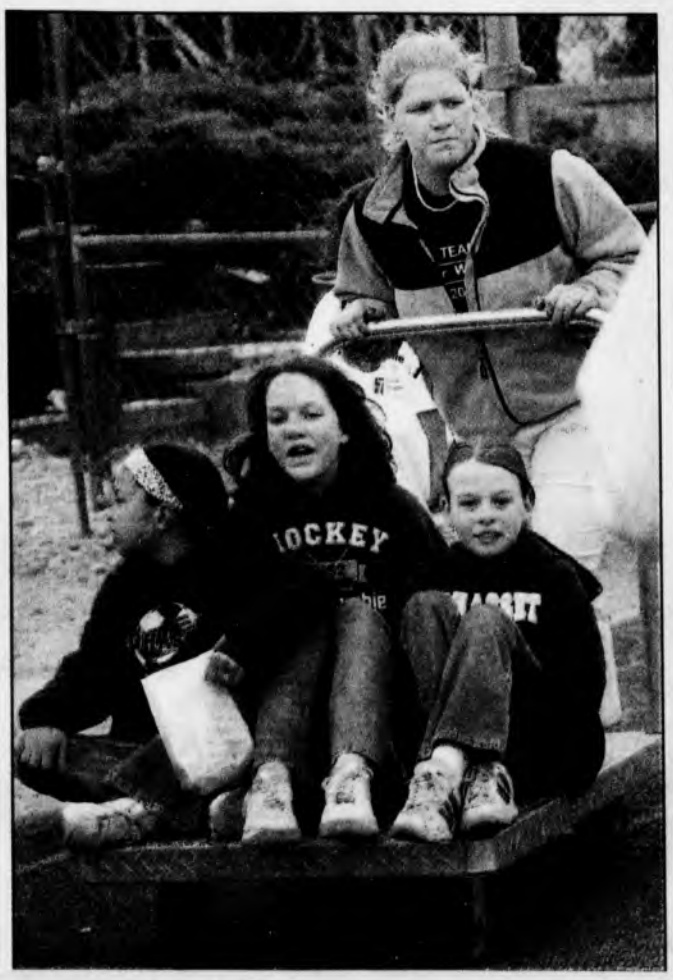
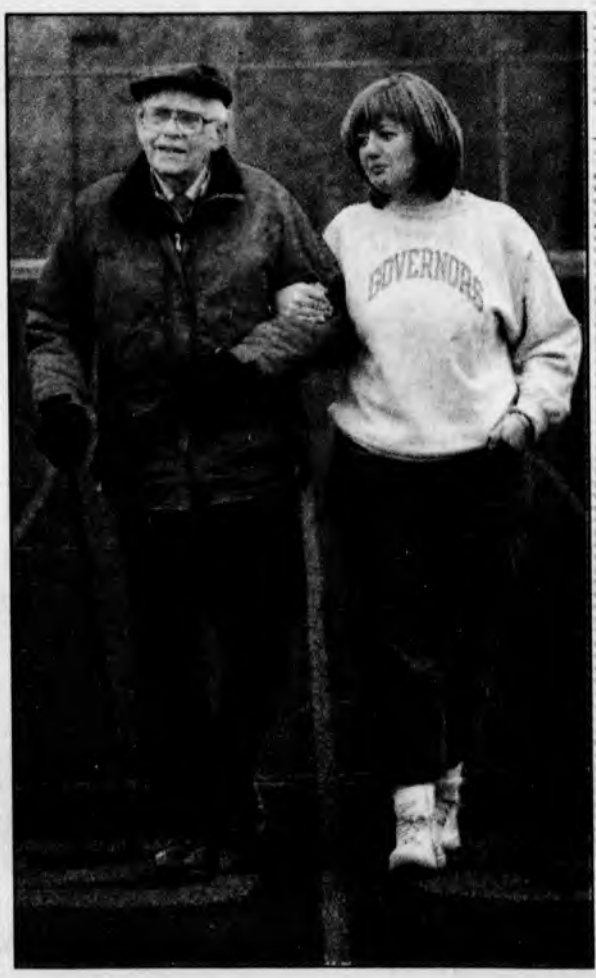
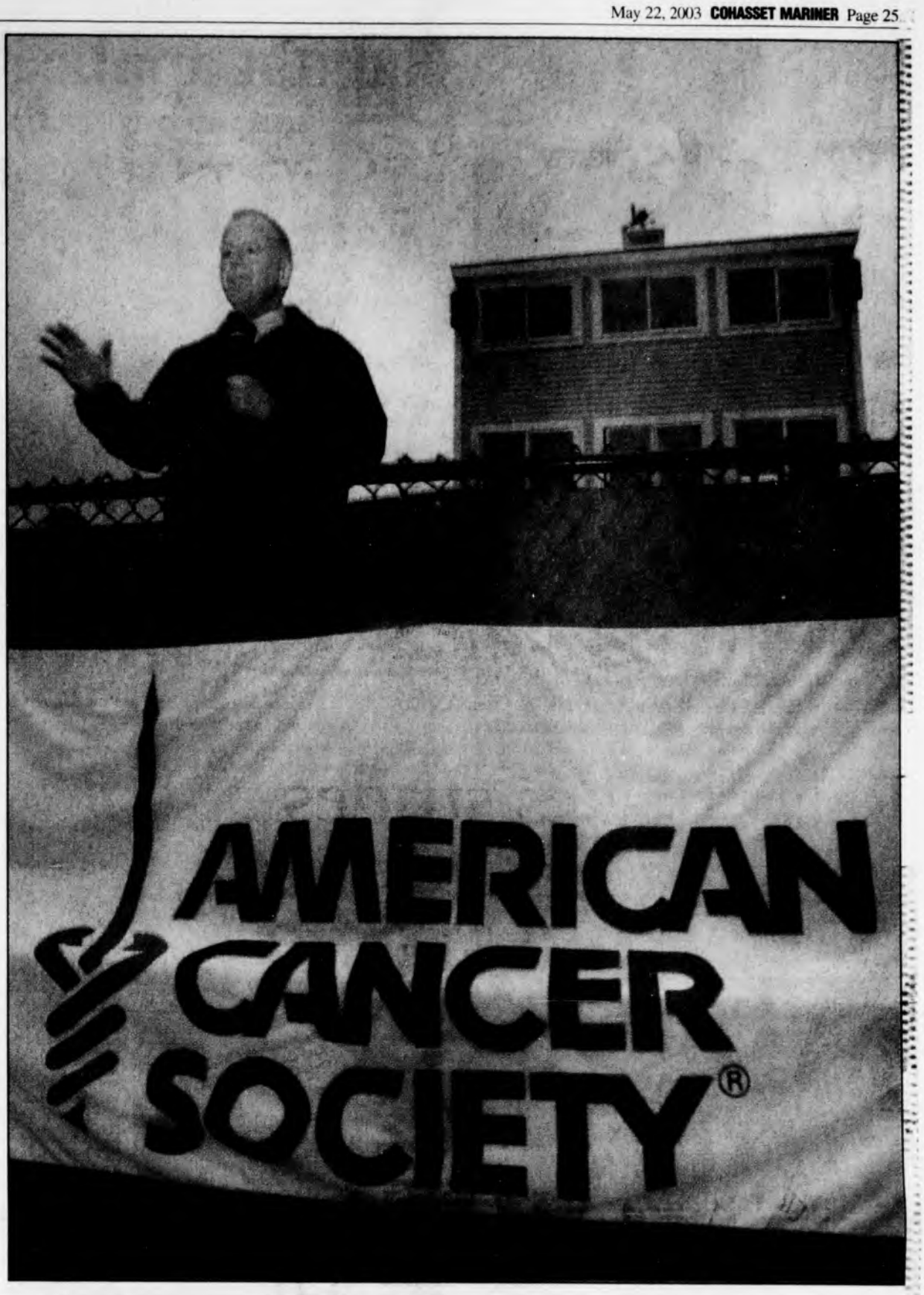




Above, Jesse Lyons does a lap with a cookie and stuff penguin in tow.



At right, state Rep. Frank Hynes, a cancer survivor talks to the participants in this year's Relay For Life at Alumni Field held last Friday and Saturday.

At left, Hilary Gaumer, Kristen Fiori, Kate Gaumer and Linsay Hill peek out of their tent after spending a chilly night in their sleeping bags at this year's Relay For Life.

Above, Charlotte Cooper blows bubbles at the kids fun tent.

At left, Grace and Brooks Vanderlugt give Emily Davis a ride around the track at Alumni Field.

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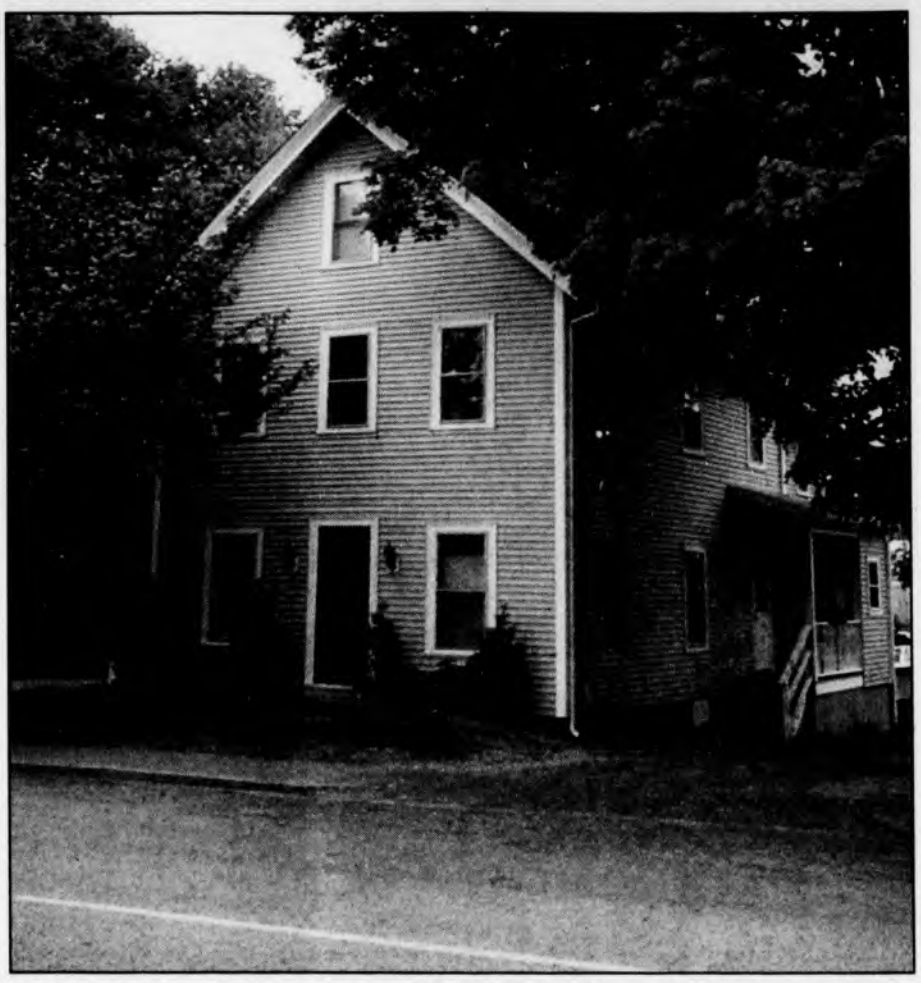
Habitat applications available

South Shore Habitat for Humanity is soliciting applications from families wishing to purchase an existing Habitat condominium residence at 43 Elm St., Cohasset. It is the first floor unit of a two-unit condo and has three bedrooms. South Shore Habitat has re-purchased this unit from the previous Habitat homeowner and will sell it to a family in need.

The selected family will purchase this condo at Habitat's cost and will receive 20-year, zero-interest financing by Habitat. This unit is priced at $69,500.



One of the condos at the Habitat house on Elm Street is for sale.

Qualified families who can demonstrate a severe housing need, whose income is within Habitat guidelines and who are financially qualified are encouraged to apply to purchase the home. Families will be chosen without respect to age, gender, sexual preference, disability, race, religion or national origin. There is no residency restriction for this project.

The selected family will purchase this condo at Habitat's cost and will receive 20-year, zero-interest financing by Habitat. This unit is priced at $69,500. The Habitat mortgage principal payment will be about $290 per month. The homeowners will also be responsible for paying property taxes, insurance and for home upkeep. South Shore Habitat will use the principal payments to finance future home construction or renovations for other families with housing needs in the South Shore area. The new homeowners must be willing to run the condo association in partnership with the owners of the second unit.

The selected family must also invest "sweat equity" time with Habitat. Because this condo unit is in fine condition, sweat equity work will be required at other Habitat sites throughout the South Shore. Construction work is being done in Marshfield, Easton, and Norwell.

The required 500 sweat equity hours can be accumulated by working along with other volunteers on construction, landscaping, site clean-up, fundraising and many other tasks. Sweat equity hours can be done by any family member; no construction skills are necessary. Most construction work takes place on Saturdays.

Prospective homeowners will be required to attend one informational meeting to learn about the project. Application forms are only available at these meetings. Two meetings have been scheduled as follows:

St. Stephens Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset on * Saturday, June 7 from 10a.m.-noon and 7:30-9 p.m. Child care will be provided at both meetings.

All candidates should meet the following annual gross family income guidelines. Extenuating circumstances will be considered.

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$23,000 - $35,000
Family of 5
$23,000 - $37,000
Family of 6 or more
$23,000 - $39,000

The deadline for submission of applications will be June 23.

For more information please visit www.sshabitat.org or contact South Shore Habitat for Humanity at 781-843-9080.

Time to get bitten by the Quest bug!

Quest Season is open. If going on a walk in a place of natural beauty has any appeal, then perhaps going on this same walk to search for a treasure box with the help of clues might add to this experience. On May 1, South Shore Quests will open for its fifth season with anew booklet of 19 quests located on the South Shore. The Quest season runs from May 1 through Nov. 15 with a few quests open through the winter months.

All you need is a quest booklet, available for $4 at Bookport in Hingham, the Hingham Public Library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell and the spirit of fun and adventure.

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The Quest booklet provides you with the directions to the quest site, clues and a map to help you find the treasure box. In the box are a guest booklet and pen for you to sign and perhaps jot a note about your experiences, a rubber stamp and inkpad so you can stamp your Quest booklet and document your accomplishment and you will also find information about the area. If you are lucky enough to complete 10 quests, there is information in the booklet on how to send away for a South Shore Quest patch.

The quests do have an educational component with "Questions for the Curious" that encourages you to observe the flora, fauna and terrain as you go along. In the box you will also find information about the history of the area to enhance your visit.

The South Shore Quest Committee is a small group of volunteers, sponsored by the Appalachian Mountain Club who delight in designing new quests. They are always looking for new members either to design or monitor quests. There will be a "Quest Zest" on Sunday, Sept. 28 at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for anyone who would like more information about questing or would like to get more involved. All inquiries should be directed to Kim Juric at 781-749-6121 or emailing her at kjuric@attbi.com. Hopefully you'll get a chance to sample this as another way to enjoy the world around you. Who knows, you might just get bitten by the questing bug. Enjoy!

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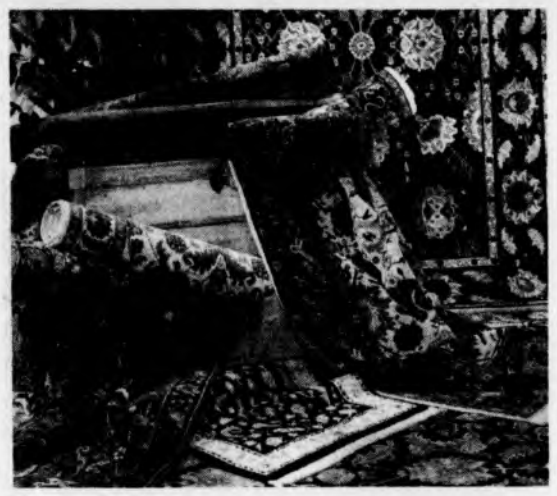

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Golf outing benefit at Black Rock club

The South Shore Community Center is hosting a golf outing at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham on Monday, June 23 at 12:30 p.m. Parents, members and friends of the Community Center, a non-profit organization, are invited to play golf or join in the fun after for a barbecue at Black Rock. Proceeds from the outing will go to go to the South Shore Community Center Nursery School. The cost to participate is $200 per person or $750 for a four-some (if registered by June 1.) The cost includes greens fees, cart, driving range, boxed lunch, dinner buffet and T-shirt. The nursery school is seeking corporate, family or individual sponsorships. For more information and details please contact Deborah Donahue at (781)383-2093 or email: drdona@attbi.com or Deirdre Prescott at (781)383-6578. Registration for the tournament made be made telephone or in person at the Community Center at 3 North Main St. (781)383-0088 (MC/Visa or Discover accepted.) The registration deadline is June 6.

Flower girls needed

The American Legion auxiliary is looking for flower girls to join the Memorial Day Parade at the common at 11:30 a.m.; walk to the harbor and throw flowers during the ceremony. Flowers will be provided and adults will escort the girls. Contact Brenda Douglas at 383-9144 or Jill Cronin at 545-2354.

Spring fling dance

Celebrate another school year coming to an end. The weather is warm, the flowers are blooming and it's time for some fun! There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, May 30, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Everyone in Grade 6 and up is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Garden club hosts annual luncheon

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its annual luncheon at The Barker Tavern in Scituate on Tuesday, May 27 at 11 a.m.

Takako Kohri, an officer of the Garden Club of Nagoya, Japan, will be attending the luncheon during her two day visit with the club. She contacted the club about three years ago about starting an American style garden club in Japan. They now have 24 members and have become the Community Garden Club's "Sister Club."

Paul Parent, renowned horticulturist and the garden club's speaker at last year's annual luncheon, will delight the members again this year. He is a lively and captivating speaker whose simultaneous demonstration of flower arranging will be highly creative and inspiring. In addition, three of the club's Master Flower Show Judges will be exhibiting. They are Tish Grinnell, Annette Sechen, and Vivian Bobo.

First Parish Church hosts gospel chorus

Back by popular demand, the Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus will again share its musical gifts in conjunction with the South Shore Arts Center's annual Festival on the Common. First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church is sponsoring this program of traditional and contemporary gospel songs on June 14, at 8 p.m. in the First Parish Meetinghouse. Wrap up your day at the Festival with the sounds of the Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus from Mattapan. Tickets are $10. Call 781-383-1100 for information or tickets.

Dog Obedience

The Cohasset Recreation Department will continuously, throughout the summer, offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy Dog Training School.

Second session classes will be held on Monday evenings on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Monday, April 28, for Obedience with Distractions at 7 p.m. and at 6 p.m. for beginners. For all classes the fee is $100 for the five-week, one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register for the next available session, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. A new session will begin approximately every five weeks. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Signups for Drama Workshop

In celebration of its 15th anniversary, the Children's Drama Workshop (CDW) presents an original musical comedy called "Jack Beanstalk."

Rehearsals for "Jack Beanstalk" will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning Tuesday, June 24 at the brand new, (air-conditioned!) Deer Hill School Auditorium. This year, the program has been extended to seven weeks and performances are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m..

Registration for "Jack Beanstalk" begins Monday, June 9 at 9 a.m. All children between the ages of 5 and 14 are welcome. Early registration is advisable as enrollment is strictly limited. The cost is $440 per child. Children enrolled in the Cohasset Playground Program receive a $30 discount. Checks can be made payable to "CDW." For further information, please contact the Cohasset Recreation Department at (781) 383-4109.

Buy 'Harry Potter,' benefit your school

Booksellers at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset are sharing in the great anticipation experienced worldwide by devoted readers of J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter series. In celebration of the publication of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" on June 21, Buttonwood has chosen to donate 20 percent of the purchase price of each book to the school of the buyer's choice. If books are donated without a school as beneficiary, Buttonwood will donate 20 percent to the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression. ABFFE has been instrumental in resisting efforts to ban Harry Potter from school and library shelves across the country.

Advance reservations for "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" are now being accepted, and Buttonwood will continue to extend this offer through June 30. Readers who cannot wait one moment longer than necessary to have the book in hand are invited to pick up their reserved copy at a 10 p.m. to midnight party on Friday, June 20. An evening of movies, games and surprises is planned, along with a raffle of Harry Potter Lego's. Book sales will begin at midnight. Buttonwood will also open early on the 21st for a Harry Potter breakfast and raffle. Call the store for information at 781-383-2665.

'Coffee with Authors'

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset will present "Coffee With The Authors" on Tuesday, June 3 at the Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a continental breakfast and a stimulating morning with three authors as they discuss the art of writing and their latest works. Featured authors will be Jeanne Ray for "Eat Cake", Claire Cook for "Must Love Dogs" and Mameve Medwed for "The End of an Error".

Ray's latest novel revolves around Ruth, mother, daughter, wife and a cake baker. Ruth bakes cakes for all occasions, celebrations, crisis, even for meditation. The best-selling author of "Julie and Romeo" and "Step-Ball-Change" again displays her talent for deftly delivering family situations with humor and love. Cook, author of "Ready To Fall" and Scituate resident, will present "Must Love Dogs" which has been optioned for the big screen by Gary David Goldberg (creator of Family Ties and Spin City). Cook will also read an excerpt from her new book about a mother and daughter going to college at the same time. The daughter will attend the 'good' school while Mom works on her degree at Olde Colony Community. Medwed returns to Cohasset to speak about her latest work "The End of an Error". Medwed was a previous coffee author for her debut novel "Mail" and received critical acclaim for her second book "Host Family". Advance reservations and ticketing are required and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665. Tickets are $13 per person, nonrefundable.

Hingham Garden Club to conduct plant sale

The annual plant sale of the Garden Club of Hingham will take place on the common at Hingham Centre (Rte. 228 and Middle Street) on Saturday, May 31 between 8:45 and 11:30 a.m.. Hingham gardeners' perennials and biennials are available. Hanging baskets, annuals, herbs and treasures will also be on sale.

South Shore guide to local historic sites

Back Roads of the South Shore is a collaborative project of 13 leading historic sites in eight towns along the South Shore of Massachusetts. The group is dedicated to creating an awareness of the area's historic gems and celebrating the heritage and spirit of the region.

The group's first cooperative endeavor is the publication of a joint brochure guiding visitors to historic sites along Plymouth County's Route 3A. The project will be launched on June 28, with an Open House Day and public reception.

On that day, historic sites from Hingham to Plymouth — the Old Ordinary in Hingham, Captain John Wilson House in Cohasset, Cudworth House and Mann House in Scituate, Winslow House in Marshfield, King Caesar House, John Alden House and Gershom Bradford House in Duxbury, Major John Bradford House in Kingston, and the Harlow Old Fort House, Spooner House and Jabez Howland House in Plymouth — will open free of charge to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pilgrim Hall Museum will offer a special discount day (children 5 to 17 free, adults $4).

Visitors can pick up the new Back Roads of the South Shore map at any of the above-mentioned sites that day. Guided tours will be available, and raffle tickets for special prizes will be sold at each historic site.

SPRING IN THEIR STEP

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Lisa Spirito runs along North Main Street with dogs, Margo and Brandi.

The day will conclude with a public reception Historic Winslow House, 644 Careswell St. in Marshfield. The event will feature music, hors d'oeuvres and an opportunity to meet staff and volunteers from historical societies up and down the South Shore. Raffle drawings will take place at the event for the prizes from each historic site.

The "Backroads" group anticipates continued creative collaboration on future programming. For more information, contact Patrick Browne at 781-934-6106.

Cooking demo with Sharon Glass

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham will host a cooking demonstration with Chef Sharon Glass on Sunday, May 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. The fee of $20 covers the demonstration and a taste of the meal including salad, appetizer, main course and dessert.

Glass who was born in Johannesburg, South Africa is an innovative, self-taught chef who blends many different cuisines in her dishes. Her food has universal appeal because the ingredients are so easily obtainable in most local supermarkets and her style of cooking suits everyday life.

Glass's love of cooking has enabled her to share her recipes and multi-cultural tastes with many through her first cookbook, "Simply Delicious", which was released in 2000 and achieved international acclaim. Her second book, "Simply Too Delicious", has been available since August 2002.

To reserve a seat for the demonstration or for more information, please contact Renee at (781) 749-6237.

Kick aerobics

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces ongoing registration for adult fitness classes based upon six-week sessions. This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kickboxing, and muscle conditioning.

The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the auditorium at Town Hall from 9-10:15 a.m. The cost of the 12-class session is $100 per participant. Step equipment will be provided for up to 20 participants; however, two-to-five-pound hand-weights should be brought to class for the muscle conditioning segment of the training.

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Congregation Sha'aray Shalom:

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. (781)-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Jacobs; Cantorial Soloist: Abby Gostein. Friday evening and Saturday morning worship. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. Visit www.shaaray.org for specific times and details.

Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Parish:

The First Parish Church, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

Second Congregational Church:

The Second Congregational Church located at 43 Highland Ave. offers a quieter, more liturgical style of worship with communion at 8 a.m. on Sundays in the chapel. Our traditional service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. For further information please contact us at (781) 383 - 0345 or visit us on line at www.secondcongregationalchurch.com.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m.

Spirituality and Contemporary Fiction Book Discussion of John Banville's novel "Shroud," at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 27. All welcome. Visit us on the Web at www.ststephenscohasset.org

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St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service; Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

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WORSHIP NOTES

'Silent No More' talk on abortion

Georgette Forney, a nationally-known spokesperson on behalf of post-abortive women, will speak on Friday, May 30 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul School Hall, 18 Fearing Road, Hingham. Forney is co-founder of Silent No More, a national campaign that includes actress Jennifer O'Neill and aims to raise awareness about the after-effects of abortion.

The Silent No More campaign also seeks to reach out to women by offering them abortion recovery help. According to testimony that O'Neill gave at a Capitol Hill briefing last fall, 43 percent of women who have reached the age of 45 have had an abortion. This means that every third child who is conceived is aborted.

Forney had an abortion at age 16, and at age 35 she experience healing and forgiveness by going through the Forgiven and Set Free abortion-recovery program. Through this experience, she developed a greater understanding of the negative impact that abortion has on society and on women, and a desire to share the knowledge that help is available.

Forney is also executive director for NOEL, the National Organization of Episcopalians for Life. In addition, she is on the steering committee for the Women Deserve Better Campaign — a pro-life coalition outreach effort dedicated to showing how abortion hurts women and provides practical alternatives. Forney's talk is free and open to the public. It is part of a statewide tour and is sponsored locally by the South Shore and Braintree-Weymouth Chapters of Massachusetts Citizens for Life.

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OBITUARIES

Arline C. Brennan

Arline Collis (Casey) Brennan, a long time resident of Cohasset, died May 14, 2003 at the Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home after a long illness. She was 93.

Born in Chelsea, she was a graduate of Chelsea schools and Boston Business School. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Emily Casey and the sister of Edward J. Casey.

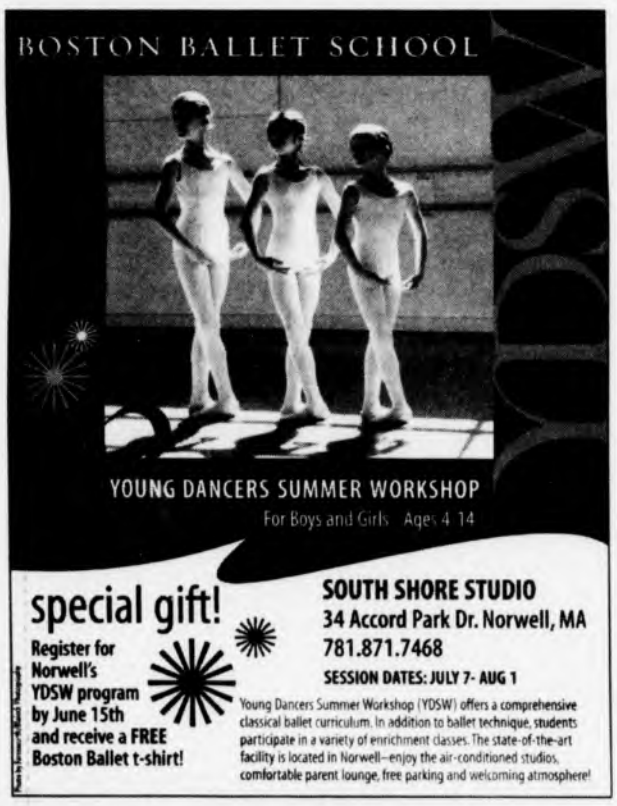
While living in Cohasset, she was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Arline was also an earlier member of the Cohasset Women's Club. She gave generously of her and time and love. Her hobbies included gardening, and especially working where she was considered an expert chef by those who knew her. A kind and loving mother, she will be remember by those who knew her.

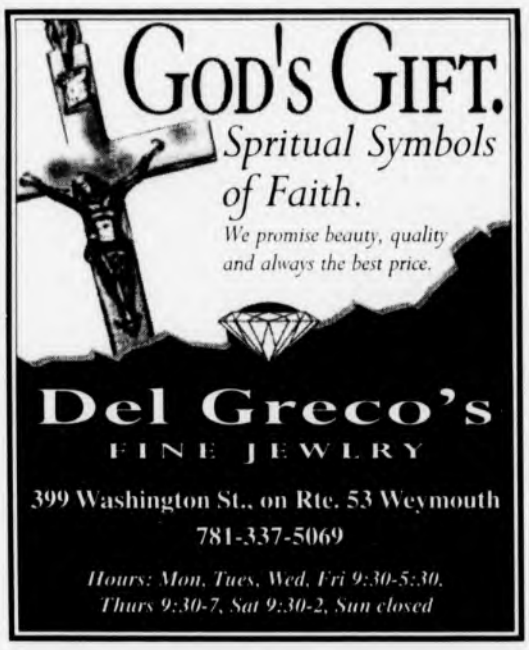
Wife of the late James C. Brennan, she leaves a daughter, Judith Brennan of Cohasset, and a son James E. Brennan, Jr. and his wife Sharon of Lexington, Ky.; six grandchildren, Edward Lantz, James Collis, Michael Lantz, Adrienne (Lantz) Huntington, Susan Brennan, and Dr. Kimberly Brennan. Arline also leaves two great-grandchildren, Michael and Austin Huntington.

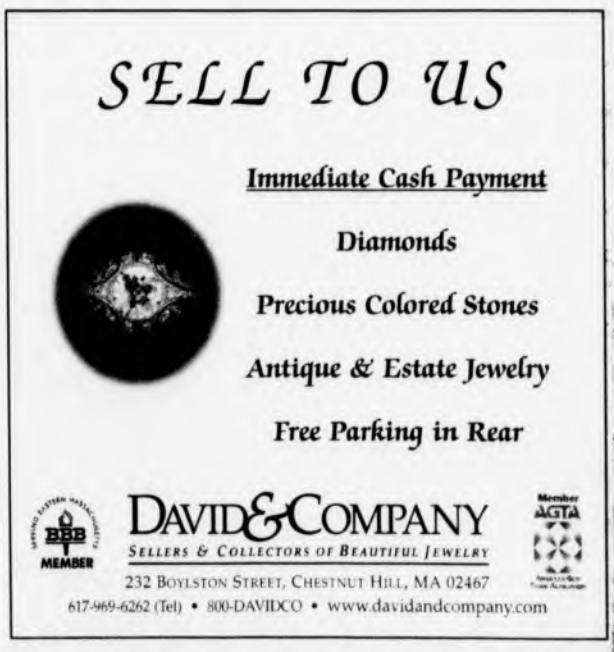
A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Anthony's Church, Summer St, Cohasset.

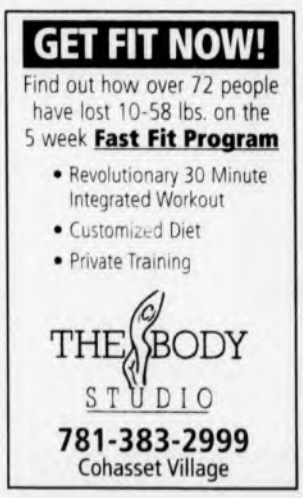
Arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Homes, One Summer St., Cohasset, Ma. 02025.

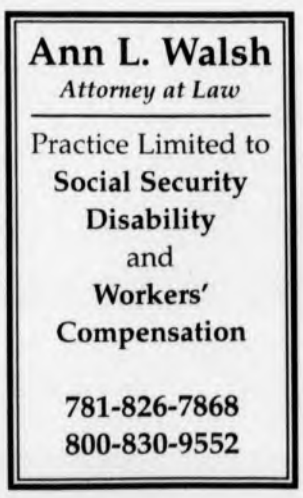
In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Massachusetts Chapter, 36 Cameron Ave., Cambridge, Ma. 02140.











POLICE LOG

MONDAY, MAY 12

12:30 a.m. King St., medical aid.

2:33 a.m. King St., assist other police department.

7:28 a.m. Forest Ave., fire.

7:38 a.m. Cedar St., abandoned auto.

8:41 a.m. Depot Ct., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:22 p.m. Elm Ct., traffic complaint.

1:29 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

2:16 p.m. Black Rock Road, animal control.

2:22 p.m. Elm St. soliciting.

2:49 p.m. Margin St., soliciting.

3:08 p.m. Atlantic Ave., traffic complaint.

3:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St., property found.

4:54 p.m. Norfolk Road, traffic complaint.

5:58 p.m. Rust Way, suspicious person.

6:41 p.m. Stockbridge St., structure fire.

7:58 p.m. Cushing Road, medical aid.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

6:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:25 a.m. Ash St,. medical aid.

7:51 a.m. Summer St., fire investigation.

11:24 a.m. Cushing Road, medical aid.

2:53 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

3:10 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:36 p.m. Bancroft Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:46 p.m. Beechwood St., fire investigation.

5:39 p.m. Parking Way, vandalism.

8:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

9:22 p.m. Church St. and Doane St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:45 p.m. Bancroft Rd., general services.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

8:32 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious auto.

8:54 a.m. Ripley Road, disturbance.

9:53 a.m. Arrowwood Road and Clay Spring Road, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

11:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

2:17 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious auto.

6:04 p.m. Doane St., medical aid.

7:11 p.m. North Main St., medical aid.

7:42 p.m. North Main St., noise complaint.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

12:44 a.m. Nichols Road, assist other police department.

1:07 a.m. Deep Run, suspicious person.

9:13 a.m. Pleasant St. traffic complaint.

10:17 a.m. Pond St., suspicious person.

11 a.m. Hull St., burglary breaking and entering.

11:09 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

11:43 a.m. Norfolk Road, medical aid.

12:18 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

12:43 p.m. Beechwood St., violation restraining order. Arrest: William Soto, 36, 561 Sea St. 2, Quincy. Chrgs. violate abuse prevention order.

1:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny.

7:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:39 p.m. Jerusalem Road and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:02 p.m. Sohier St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:33 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., animal control.

10:42 p.m. Pond St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:58 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

10:31 p.m. Hull St. and Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

2:42 a.m. King St., medical aid.

7:30 a.m. Border St., medical aid.

8:56 a.m. King St. and North Main St., motor vehicle crash.

9:38 a.m. Rustic Dr., suspicious.

9:57 a.m. Jerusalem Road, assist other agency.

10:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St., general services.

1:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

2:03 p.m. Sohier St. and Fairoaks Lane, general services.

2:17 p.m. Atlantic Ave,. soliciting.

2:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Pond St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:43 p.m. Hull St., wires down.

3:14 p.m. Cedar St., soliciting.

3:43 p.m. Holly Lane, general services.

5:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop.

5:31 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

6:04 p.m. Holly Lane, general services.

6:20 p.m. Clay Spring Road and Arrowwood Road, parking complaint.

6:33 p.m. Pond St. and parking complaint.

7:59 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Beach St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:45 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

11:14 p.m. Beechwood St. and Kendall Village, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other agency.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

3:05 a.m. Old Pasture Road, suspicious.

9 a.m. Elm St. officer wanted.

9:51 a.m. Parker Ave., officer wanted.

10:03 a.m. Norfolk Road, parking complaint.

10:39 a.m. South Main St,. fire investigation.

12:18 p.m. Elm St,. vandalism.

2:06 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:02 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle crash.

6:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:34 p.m. North Main St. and Red Gate Lane, parking complaint.

6:56 p.m. South Main St., public drinking.

7:01 p.m. North Main St. and King St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, threats.

7:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, road rage.

9:08 p.m. Border St., stalking.

10:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11 p.m. Hull St. and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

12:19 a.m. East St., suspicious auto.

12:25 a.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:04 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Bow St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Meghan Obrien-Ali, 23, 274 Washington St. 3, Quincy. Chrgs. Unlicensed operation of motor vehicle marked lanes violation.

11 a.m. Norma Todd road, animal control.

2:27 p.m. Bancroft Road, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

3:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, drug/narcotic violations. Arrest: Cheryl B. Richards, 43, 816 Country Way, Scituate. Chrgs. utter false prescription, receive stolen property $250.

8:57 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:33 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, medical aid.

10:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

Police issue TV, computer scam alert

Cohasset police say a scam is being perpetrated by a subject calling businesses stating he has access to an overstock of plasma televisions or computers.

In some cases, printers are included. He often uses the name "George Collins," as being the brother of the caller, who works for United Parcel Service (UPS) or is manager at a local electronics store. After some quick small talk and an agreed upon price, usually thousands of dollars, the potential victim is asked to meet in a parking lot and to bring cash, no checks. If the victim goes to the designated shopping center parking lot and waits, suddenly a guy appears and asks for the envelope containing the cash. The perpetrator presents a store receipt (phony receipt but looks authentic) and says he'll be right back. He's never seen again. The victim will never see the money again either.

Any residents who get a telephone call like this should call the police, Chief Robert Jackson says.

This scam is happening every day. People are falling for this old scam that's been around for years. Most cases don't get reported because the victims are embarrassed that they got scammed in the first place, police said.

Think Smart — Some Other Clues To Look For:

1. If something sounds too good to be true., it probably is.

2. Caller wants to meet you in the parking lot.

3. Someone will approach you in the parking lot with a sales receipt.

4. Caller wants you to bring cash in an envelope.

5. Callers says, "No Checks - Cash Only".

6. My brother's the manager of…. and he can get…

7. My brother works for UPS and there's an overstock of computers

8. Phone call offering computers at an unbelievable price.

9. Repeated telephone calls forcing you to make a decision.

10. Caller is selling television sets, DVD players or other electronics.

What should you do if you get a telephone call?

1. Hang Up!

2. Tell the caller you're not interested.

3. Do not give out any information about your business.

4. Set up a meeting but call the police; the police will go undercover.

GIMME SHELTER

Brock is a two-year-old handsome, congenial calico-tiger mix who is laid back and likes kids.

If you can provide Brock or another cat a loving home, please call Hull Seaside Animal Rescue toll free at 1-877-378-1195. All cats have been sterilized and are up to date on their shots. Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers. Visit its Web site: www.hsar.org.

At left: Brock

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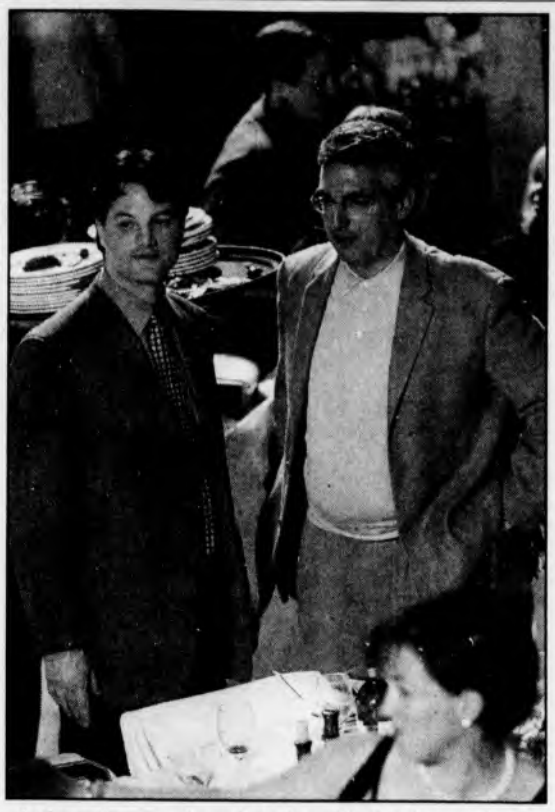
Alison and Jeffrey Kripke of Cohasset attend the Montessori Community School of Scituate's annual spring benefit auction and dinner on Friday night April 25.



Anthony Antonnucio and Art Oswald of Cohasset chat during the annual spring benefit auction and dinner.

Art Oswald of Cohasset makes a mid during the auction part of the evening.

Sarah and Michael Davis of Cohasset at the Montessori Community School benefit at the Red Lion Inn. The event raised more than $105,000 for the school.

Carlene and Anthony Lanier of Cohasset enjoy the spring Montessori School benefit held at the Red Lion Inn.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 74C0081CA2

In the Matter of Anne Marilyn Preston
of Cohasset
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in a petition described:

A petition has been presented praying that ANNE MARILYN PRESTON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be allowed to change her name as follows: ANNE MARILYN PRESTON TO ALEXI PRESTON GOLDMAN.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JUNE 11, 2003.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, May 1, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#232200
Cohasset Mariner 5/22/03

TAX TAKING
LEGAL NOTICE
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Cohasset
OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Cohasset in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the lists committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Cohasset , by the Board of Assessors of said Cohasset, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Cohasset , on Thursday, June 5, 2003 at 9:00 A.M. for the non-payment of said taxes and interest, if any, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

Norman P. Anderson, Trustee under a Declaration of Trust dated July 12, 1986. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 8 Brewster Road, shown as Parcel 85 on Assessors' Map 45, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 16448, P. 559. Supposed subsequent owner: Karyn M. Murphy.
2002 tax (bal) $865.72 2002 CPA tax (bal) $9.52

Melinda Berry. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at
537 Beechwood St., shown as Parcel 41 on Assessors' Map 56, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 12085, P. 312.
2002 tax (bal) $2,929.62 2002 CPA tax (bal) $31.73

Laurence G. Notarangelo, Trustee of Royal Realty Trust. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 365 North Main St., shown as Parcel 22 on Assessors' Map 14, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 11649, P. 83, and B. 15056, P. 542. Supposed subsequent owner: Gulph River Realty Trust.
2002 tax (bal) $945.25 2002 CPA tax (bal) $19.66

Robert V. Davenport and Barbara T. Davenport. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 132 C J Cushing Way, shown as Parcel 8 on Assessors' Map 74, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 5280, P. 226.
2002 tax (bal) $8,734.54 2002 CPA tax (bal) $84.69

Michael L. Gopikanth, Trustee of Braemore Realty Trust. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 30 Diab Lane, shown as Block 2 Parcel 7 on Assessors' Map 1, being Unit 7 of the Howe Estates Condominium on Ld. Ct. Pl. 6117Q-1, described in Norfolk Reg. Dist. Cert. of Title C114-23, B. 114, P. 23, outstanding in the name of Kathleen N. O'Grady, Trustee of Braemore Realty Trust.
2001 tax (bal) $1,140.94 2001 sewer bet $373.18

Joseph A. Kealey, Trustee of J A Kealey Realty Trust. Land in said Cohasset at
29 Cedar Acres Lane, shown as Parcel 53 on Assessors' Map 14, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 4173, P. 433.
2002 tax (bal) $225.92

Irving H. Martel, Jr. and Denise P. Perez. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 704 Jerusalem Road, shown as Parcel 25 on Assessors' Map 1, being Lot 20 on Ld. Ct. Pl. 6117-E, described in Norfolk Reg. Dist. Cert. of Title 116896, B. 585, P. 96.
2001 tax (bal) $1,379.01 2001 sewer bet. $282.00 tax $4,743.54 2002 CPA tax $53.93 2002 sewer bet. $564.01 2002 comm. int. $107.16

Timothy J. A. Montgomery and Donna L. Montgomery. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 48 Sohier St., shown as Parcel 61 on Assessors' Map 18, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 12789, P. 248.
2002 tax (bal) $9,649.38 2002 CPA tax (bal) $113.91

Domenic J. Saldi and Giustina Saldi. Land in said Cohasset on Lamberts Lane, shown as Parcel 13 on Assessors' Map 3, described in Norfolk Deeds, mB. 15564,
P. 505 (pcl 1). Supposed subsequent owner: Maria Saldi, Trustee of Saldi Trust. 2002 tax $315.70

Giustina Saldi and Maria Saldi. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 17 Lamberts Lane, shown as Parcel 12 on Assessors' Map 3, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 15564, P. 505 (pcl 2). Supposed subsequent owner: Maria Saldi, Trustee of Saldi Trust.
2002 tax $2,781.61 2002 CPA tax $20.57

John Simons, Barbara Vangel, Lazar Vangel and Josephine Vangel. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 25 Ripley Road, shown as Parcel 7 on Assessors' Map 15, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 9936, P. 85.
2002 tax $5,331.95 2002 CPA tax $33.25
2002 water lien $642.66 2002 Penalty $50.00

JOSEPH A. DIVITO, JR.
Collector of Taxes for the Town of Cohasset

(This form approved by the Department of Revenue.)

AD#230251, 230252
Cohasset Mariner 5/22/03

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Above: Joe and Mig Buckley and John Coe, all seated, share a laugh with volunteer Bet Baker.

At right: Martha Horsefield and Kathy Bryanton of the Council on Elder Affairs serve Katherine Barker.

Above: Patricia Conner and Dee Dee Jakaus help serve coffee. That's party guest Peg Kelly at right

At left: The Rev. Gary Ritts of Second Congregational Church, and chairman of the Council on Elder Affairs, serves Blanche Thompson at the annual birthday party for the 80s and 90s set.

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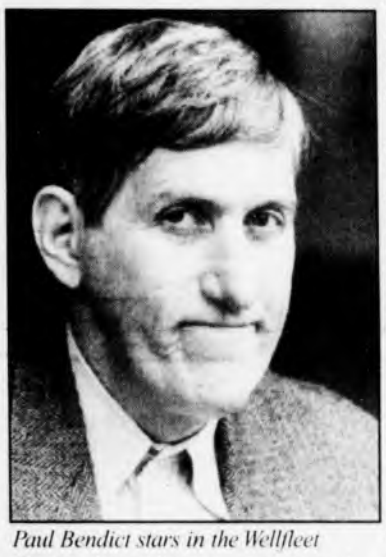
He's movin' on up

Actor Paul Benedict headlines in Wellfleet theater production

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Paul Benedict isn't an Englishman. He just played one on television. Indeed, many people who know Benedict only from his long run as the oh-so British Mr. Bentley on the CBS sitcom, "The Jeffersons" (1975-85), believe he must have been raised across the pond.

Benedict, 64, was actually born in Silver City, New Mexico, while his father was stationed there in the military, and grew up in Massachusetts. He now has a summer home on Martha's Vineyard, which allows him to remain close with a family that includes a sister in Milton, a niece in Yarmouth and a nephew in Hyannis. Benedict's late mother also lived in Quincy for several years.



Paul Bendict stars in the Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater production of "The Unexpected Man."

A 1960 graduate of Suffolk University, Benedict was an original member of the now legendary Theater Company of Boston, under Artistic Director David Wheeler.

For seven seasons, beginning in 1963, Benedict worked with the Company as an actor and director, in numerous plays mounted at a tiny 100-seat theater in the old Hotel Bostonian in the Fenway. In addition to Benedict, Wheeler's young acting company included Robert DeNiro, Blythe Danner, Robert Duvall, Dustin Hoffman, Jon Voight, Al Pacino, and a young college student Benedict first met in Cambridge.

"I hired Stockard Channing right out of Harvard, and we've been good friends ever since" recalled Benedict by telephone last week from Cape Cod where he was in rehearsals for "The Unexpected Man," which opens this week at the Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater. The play, by Yasmina Reza, is being directed at Wellfleet by Wheeler.

"I've had a great allegiance to David Wheeler since our days in Boston. We manage to work together every now and again, for which I am always grateful," says Benedict. "When David approached me about doing this piece at Wellfleet, I said yes right away. I like the play, because it offers a good mix of comedy and drama. And, there is only one David Wheeler. He is just brilliant."

In addition to his many Broadway and television credits, Benedict has also appeared in more than 30 feature films including "Waiting for Guffman," "The Freshman," "The Addams Family" and "This Is Spinal Tap." While he has enjoyed success in all three acting mediums, Benedict is clear about his favorite.

Written by Reza, who won a Tony Award for "Art" a few seasons back and is currently represented on Broadway by "Life x 3," "The Unexpected Man" is the story of well-known, embittered author who encounters a fan of his work when he is seated opposite her on a train. The woman is a passionate admirer of the author's work, but she is also aloof and preoccupied with death.

"My take on this piece is that the two people are on a journey — a literal train journey as well as a psychological journey," explains Benedict. "It's a very good play with very strong characters. The gentleman I play is a bit of Norman Mailer and a bit of Samuel Beckett. I like the character very much, but he can be a real jerk which has left him bitter and confused."

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"I prefer the stage, as any serious actor does. There is nothing that compares to the sense of immediacy you have on stage. You just can't make a living in the theater."

Benedict acknowledges that it has sometimes bothered him

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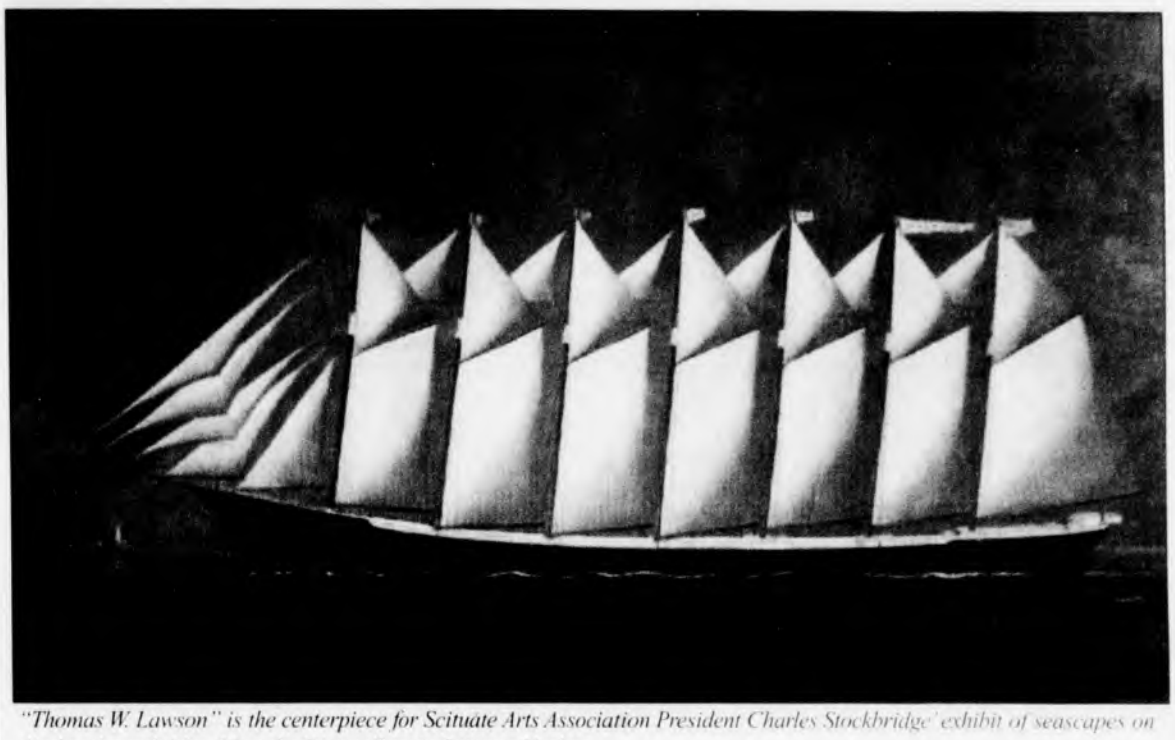

"Thomas W. Lawson" is the centerpiece for Scituate Arts Association President Charles Stockbridge' exhibit of seascapes on display through May 25 at the SAA gallery in Scituate Harbor.

Shore thing

Scituate artist captures seascapes on canvas

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Sky, Ships and Sea — some might call them the Holy Trinity of New England coastal life, community and history. Especially artists of the traditional school such as oil painter Charlie Stockbridge of Scituate.

Stockbridge's current exhibit, titled "Sky * Ships * Sea," is only the second solo public showing of his works since the investment banker first took up painting eight years ago. The show is on view through May 25 at the Scituate Art Gallery, which is also the home of the Scituate Arts Association where Stockbridge serves as president.

Observing from a Southern New England perspective — the South Shore to Cape Cod to Martha's Vineyard region — Stockbridge offers inviting oceanfront landscapes and seacraft scenes that once again remind viewers of the area's heritage and have always been the artist's own creative muse.

Before shifting his interests to painting, Stockbridge also practiced the woodcarving craft, studying for a number of years with a well-noted South Shore carver and former Scituate resident Paul McCarthy. "Sky * Ships * Sea" includes two of the artist's works in this medium along with his selection of eight paintings.

"I've had a lifelong love of the ocean and any natural marine life scenes," said Stockbridge amidst his mounted works at the Scituate Gallery's Front Street location, which will soon find new quarters a few doors down in the event of expected condo developments. "I've also always liked the 19th century American landscape and seascape masters, such as Fitz Hugh Lane and Martin Johnson Heade, who is the acknowledged 'marshmaster' painter of marsh and inland river scenes. With my work, I'm combining those two longtime interests."

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Scituate Arts Association President and artist Charles Stockbridge

The artist's centerpiece of "Sky * Ships * Sea" is "Thomas W. Lawson," a splendid oil rendering of the "fantasy ship" schooner built at Fore River Shipyard a century ago and named for one of this area's prominent residents of the day, the "Copper King" financier and commodity speculator for whom Stockbridge cleverly adds the characterization of pompous. Thomas W. Lawson the ship sailed from 1902 to '07, carrying coal for the east coast trade, later converting to an oil tanker, before sinking off a place ironically named Scilly Isles, Hellweather Reef near Lands End, England.

The rest of the artist's works on view are also scheduled to be made available in limited edition prints beginning June 1. Stockbridge interprets the styles of Lane and Meade his own way impressively on the respective works "Scituate Harbor 1902" and "The Great North River Marsh" — "a scene so familiar to passers-by over the bridge on Route 3A." Other pieces take the viewer from "Moonlight on Scituate Harbor" to "Brant Point Light" and "Edgartown-Choppy-Cape Pogue."

Stockbridge lends homage to his woodworking past with a pair of Bellamy Eagle replicas, sporting 22k gold finish in the style of the American folk art eagle master John Haley Bellamy. Also, to his own artistic family by adding works by three of his late relatives, including two clipper ship paintings by his grandfather Frederic Stockbridge — a noted illustrator and marine artist, a reverse glass and tole painting by his mother Margaret Stockbridge, and a watercolor by his aunt Florence Bates Patten.

*"Sky * Ships * Sea" will be on display at the Scituate Arts Association gallery in Scituate Harbor through May 25. For gallery hours and information on the exhibit contact the Scituate Arts Association at (781) 545-6150.*

BEST BET

Glass artisan Marj Bates is the featured artist for this year's NRAS Festival of the Arts. Bates' beautiful glass beads and jewelry wwill be on display and for sale during the weekend-long festival in Marshfield Hills.
Puppateer Dan Grady will entertain at the festival Sunday, May 25 at noon with his "Marvelous Marionette Medley."

The 'Hills are alive with arts this weekend

The North River Arts Society presents **The 27th Annual Festival Of The Arts** on May 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Village of Marshfield Hills. The preview party will kick off festivities on May 23, at 7 p.m. Awards announcements at 8 p.m. Admission $10, the public is welcome. The festival is free of charge and will offer a juried craft area featuring 32 artisans-craftspeople, a juried art and sculpture exhibit, juried photography exhibit, art-in-the-tent, a young artists' exhibit, on-going indoor and outdoor entertainment, a children's tent, a food tent and more. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email at northriverarts@rcn.com

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Rediscovering the Rueben

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Whether the original Rueben sandwich was invented in 1914 at Rueben's in Manhattan or created for Charlie Chaplin's leading lady, Annette Seelos, is a matter for historians, and not cooks. What is of interest to cooks is that since it stumbled on the American culinary scene with its mongrel ingredient list – corned beef, rye, Swiss cheese, and sauerkraut – it has won sandwich contests as well as the hearts and minds of hungry Americans. Sweet and salty, hot and cool, tender and crisp, a good Rueben is much like Sophia Loren, an odd mixture of parts that comes together to form the perfect whole.

Although simple in construct, lots can go wrong with a bad Rueben: hot sauce in the dressing, tough corned beef, soggy bread, and a serious case of wrong proportions. Each component needs to be chosen properly and carefully balanced with each of the others. I began my testing with the dressing. Russian dressing is a combination of mayonnaise and ketchup with the addition of Worcestershire, onion, and sometimes horseradish, pimento, peppers, celery, parsley, chili sauce, or vinegar. I started with 1/2 cup mayonnaise as the base and added to it 2 tablespoons ketchup. That offered me the creamy, sweet tangy base that I was looking for. A half-teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce, 1 1/2 teaspoons chopped shallot, and 3/4-teaspoon horseradish were the only ingredients that worked well. I tested and rejected pimento, pepper, celery, parsley, chili sauce, and many types of vinegar. Even salt and pepper were not necessary.

As for the corned beef, there are two supermarket choices: corned beef brisket and round, the former more tender and therefore my top choice. I tried two brands – Boars Head and Pearl – and didn't notice much difference between them. I found about four ounces of meat that had been thinly sliced was enough to make a good-sized sandwich (New Yorkers used to mile-high Ruebens may wish to use more, although it is difficult to grill a thick sandwich). For bread, I preferred pumpernickel: black Russian rye was stronger and light rye was less flavorful. If you purchase your bread at the supermarket, look for deli-style bread that has a firm, moist texture and is sold in a large (maybe 5 1/2 inches or so) oval shape. (An "ethnic" name on the wrapper is also a good sign.)

As for the other ingredients, Swiss is the cheese traditionally used in the Rueben. Gruyere worked but isn't as easy to find. Mozzarella, American, Jack or cheddar just didn't taste right. Sauerkraut is sold in jars in the refrigerated section of most grocers. As with the corned beef, it all tasted the same. I found for each sandwich, I wanted about 1/4 cup of well-drained kraut. Of course I tried marinating the kraut in the Russian dressing (a technique used in some recipes) and found it a waste of time. I also tried substituting coleslaw for the sauerkraut but preferred the latter.

The assembly is easy enough. I used about 1 1/2 tablespoons of Russian dressing (a generous amount) per sandwich. Once the sandwich was put together I had to decide the best way to grill or toast it. I tried using the oven, as a recipe at FoodTV.com suggested, and the bread was warm but soggy. I wanted the crispy exterior of a grilled cheese so I moved on to a skillet. I buttered the bread and then toasted (grilled) the sandwiches over medium heat for about 2 1/2 to 3 minutes on each side. This left me with a well-browned and crisp exterior, melted cheese and a cool interior. Not only was this as described in the original recipe – it was delicious.

CLASSIC GRILLED REUBEN

If you want your Rueben hot all the way through, (this recipes leaves you with a slightly cool center) reduce the heat to low once both sides have browned and continue to cook for an additional 1 1/2 minutes on each side. You may also substitute Dijon mustard for the Russian dressing or eat the sandwich cold. If you substitute pastrami for the corned beef you have created Rueben's sister sandwich, the Rachel.

Russian Dressing

1/2 cup mayonnaise, regular or light (not low- or no-fat)

2 tablespoons ketchup or chili sauce

1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

3/4 teaspoons prepared horseradish

1 1/2 teaspoons finely chopped shallot

The Sandwich

8 slices deli-style pumpernickel or rye bread

8 thin slices Swiss cheese

1 pound sauerkraut, drained well

3 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon softened butter

1. For the dressing, mix all of the ingredients together in a small bowl. Use immediately or store covered in the refrigerator where it will keep for several days. Makes about 3/4 cup.

2. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Place 2 slices of cheese on a slice of bread folding it over so it is not hanging off of the sides. Place four ounces of meat on top of the bread in the same manner. Top the meat with 1/4-cup sauerkraut. Spread about 1 1/2 tablespoons Russian dressing on another slice of bread and place it on the kraut, dressing side down. Spread one teaspoon of butter on top of the sandwich, flip it over and repeat with one more teaspoon of butter. Assemble the remaining three sandwiches in the same way.

3. Place the sandwiches in the hot skillet (you can cook them in batches if necessary) and cook until dark golden brown, about three minutes. Flip and cook on the second side until well-browned, about three minutes more. Remove from skillet and cut each sandwich in half. Serve immediately.

Makes four sandwiches

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook◊s Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

He's movin' on up

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that he is best-known for "The Jeffersons," which because of syndicated repeats and the TV Land and Nick at Nite cable outlets has never really been off the air in the 18 years since it was cancelled.

"No matter where I go, people still seem to recognize me from that show. Unless I'm in New York, and then I might get stopped on the street by someone has seen me in a play. At this point in my life, however, I've made my peace with 'The Jeffersons.' Television and movies are wonderful places to work, especially if you want to make money. If I could, however, I would work only on the stage."

(Paul Benedict stars in "The Unexpected Man" at the Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater through June 7. For tickets and information, call the box office at 508/349-6835 or toll-free at 866/282-9428 or visit www.what.org).

Wellfleet opens 19th season

Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater, the oldest, professional non-profit theater on Cape Cod, opens its 19th season this week with "The Unexpected Man," through June 7. The rest of the season at Wellfleet will include:

"THE ART ROOM," June 12 - July 5, in its New England premiere is a comedy inspired by a neglected Georges Feydeau farce from Billy Aronson, the author of the original concept for the musical "Rent."

"JEWBANO," June 30 - Aug. 26, written and performed by Frank Speiser is a stand-up routine that melds memories, music and mimicry of a life that began in Cuba and ended up on Cape Cod, via Bensonhurst and the Catskills - or as Speiser calls them, "the Jewish Alps."

"LIVE GIRLS," July 10 - July 26, is a world premiere from playwright Victoria Stewart, former assistant to performance artist Anna Deavere Smith, who describes the play as "an exploration of race, sex and ethics when the worlds of pornography and reality-based performance art intersect."

"PROOF," July 31 - Aug. 30, David Auburn's critically acclaimed Pulitzer Prize-winning play dealing with the discovery of a groundbreaking mathematical formula serves as a trigger to set off a psychological mystery surrounding its authorship while asking intriguing questions about the link between genius and insanity.

"LOBBY HERO," Sept. 4 - 27, a comic drama by Kenneth Lonergan set in the lobby of a Manhattan high-rise, where we first meet Jeff, a security guard working the night shift. He's feckless, friendly, talks too much and is very much aware that his life is going nowhere - and going nowhere quickly.

"TRUE WEST," Oct. 2 - 19, Sam Shepard's contemporary work — a mythic, quirky dark comedy of sibling rivalry, brotherly love (and hate), Hollywood values and buttered toast - rocks as its tells the tale of two brothers thrown together after years of separation. It also shakes, rattles and rolls. Austin is an aspiring screenwriter working on the story that he hopes will catapult him to stardom.

(Tickets for all performances are $21 - with student standby tickets for half-price. Season subscriptions are also available: Receive tickets for all seven shows for the price of six. Tickets and subscriptions may be reserved by calling the WHAT box-office at 508/349-6835. Tickets may also be ordered at www.what.org.)

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The sweet scents of springtime

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the sun rose on a chilly Sunday morning in mid-May, brilliant sunshine streamed through the treetops, quickly melting the crystalline coating of frost that blanketed my lawn. Although many communities were likely spared this frosty interlude, those of us who live in low areas have learned to be patient during the month of May and heed the traditional warning of waiting until Memorial Day to plant tender annuals and vegetables. Experienced South Shore gardeners realize that little is gained, and all may be lost, if delicate plants are put into the ground prior to the end of May. Warm weather annuals and vegetables, including tomatoes, require temperatures consistently above 65 degrees to develop properly and temperatures below 50 degrees may permanently stunt growth or flower production.

A stroll through the gardens later in the day revealed only minor damage caused by frosty overnight temperatures. The delicate new foliage of Japanese ferns and a few trees and shrubs hung limp and darkened but the majority of frost-sensitive plants seem to have been spared. For a brief moment I was grateful for our unseasonably cool spring which has delayed tender growth and minimized the potential injury that may result from a late season frost. Warmer temperatures are predicted for the upcoming week and at long last, it appears that gardeners may finally be able to enjoy their spring planting rituals.

As you make your annual springtime pilgrimage to the local nurseries this season, consider purchasing plants that offer pleasure for all the senses. Although visual enjoyment tends to dominate our designs, few can deny the irresistible urge to stroke the soft, fuzzy leaves of lamb's ears (Stachys) or pat the silky foliage of Artemisia 'Silver Mound'. Ornamental grasses provide sound, texture and motion and are valuable additions to the fall and winter landscape. Fragrant plants offer a lasting impression that often lingers from season to season.

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Through the years, I have gradually accumulated a wide variety of shrubs, vines, herbs and perennials that are visually attractive in addition to offering aromatic flowers or foliage. When selecting plants to provide fragrance in the landscape, plant for a sequence of sweet-smelling flowers or strategically locate individual fragrant plants along various walkways, porches, doorways or gates so that you may enjoy pleasing scents as you stroll by.

Plants that delight the sense of smell surround the archway that leads to my backyard gardens. During the month of May, a patch of lily-of-the-valley (Convallaria) offers its sweet perfume for those who pass through. A tiny rhizome was accidentally introduced into my garden years ago among plants I received as a gift and in recent years it has spread vigorously to produce a dense carpet. The slender, arching stems, bearing dainty, white, bell-shaped flowers, glisten in the dappled sunlight against a dense backdrop of large, satiny green leaves. The flowers of this rhizomatous groundcover rekindle childhood memories of wandering through my mother's woodland garden, picking bouquets of these fragrant stalks along with pink and blue wood hyacinths and sunny yellow buttercups.

In recent years I have added a pink-flowering variety, C. rosea, and a rather unique variegated form, C. albostriata, characterized by longitudinal white stripes on the foliage although the latter has a tendency to revert to solid green leaves as it spreads. A hardy groundcover for moisture-retentive soils in sun or part shade, it is ideally suited for the naturalistic, woodland garden but may be too aggressive to be used in a formal, shady perennial border. Division is usually best performed in autumn.

Few fragrant shrubs are better known than lilacs (Syringa). These suckering, deciduous shrubs produce elegant, sweetly scented, conical clusters containing a myriad of small, tubular, single or double flowers in shades of pink, lavender, blue, purple, or white. Numerous varieties are available, although the most popular types tend to be cultivars of the French lilacs (S. vulgaris) which exhibit rounded, heart-shaped leaves and may grow to an ultimate height of 20 feet or more. These floriferous shrubs should be grown in full sun in a neutral to alkaline, moisture-retentive soil. Lime should be applied around the base of plants on a yearly basis. Powdery mildew, leaf spot, and borers can be a problem.

As shrubs mature and expand in width and height, a vigorous renewal pruning, shortly after the blooms fade, may be advisable. Older trunks can be reduced to a foot or two in height or cut to the ground and will sprout new growth creating a denser, bushier shrub. It is usually wise to prune about one-third of the trunks each season to rejuvenate an old, leggy specimen.

In addition to the common lilac, several other types of lilacs are usually available through local sources. I am particularly fond of several varieties which demonstrate smaller stature and foliage including the Korean lilac (S. meyeri) which maintains a height of only 5 feet, and S. 'Miss Kim' which reaches 8 feet at maturity. Flower clusters tend to be smaller but very fragrant and may exhibit sporadic bloom in autumn. These shrubs seem to be less susceptible to disease and pests than their showier cousins. There is also an elegant Japanese tree lilac (S. reticulata) with handsome reddish-brown bark and aromatic white flowers.

The showy, sweet-scented blooms of lilacs are irresistible to butterflies and hummingbirds and a bouquet brought into your home will instantly fill the room with their heavenly perfume.

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18TH ANNUAL AIDS 6.2 MILE WALK AND 5K RUN seeks individuals and teams June 1, at the Hatch Shell in Boston. For information on volunteering or registering visit www.aacevents.org or call 617-424-WALK.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL JIMMY KENNEDY MEMORIAL RUN FOR AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) The Five-Mile charity run is also known as the new Balance "Squirrel Run" in honor of Jimmy's childhood nickname. June 7, Veteran's Memorial Stadium, Hancock St., Quincy. 8 a.m. Registration - 9 a.m. 2.5 mile walk begins; 10 a.m. - 5-mile run starts. Children's events all morning. For information or to pre-register contact 781-383-6008 or visit www.coolrunning.com

HANOVER 5K ROAD RACE - Saturday, July 5, at 9 a.m. Sylvester Field, Route 139. Entry $15. The course is one large loop that is mostly flat with only four turns. Age groups: 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+. For more information call 781-826-1300 or email bcassidy@healthtrax.com

The NSRWA presents their **Fourth Annual North River Pontoon Boat Tour** on June 14. One-hour trips are available from 10 a.m. until 2:20 p.m. (Boats depart every 20 minutes). on the beautiful North River. Each pontoon boat will have a licensed captain and guide, and will be limited to six passengers. Snacks and refreshments will be included. This trip was immensely popular last year ...a sell out! All proceeds will benefit the North & South Rivers Watershed Association Cost is $30 per member ($40 for non-member; includes one year membership), no children under 12.. Advance registration with payment is required. Send checks payable to the NSRWA, P.O. Box 43, Norwell, MA 02061 and specify preferred departure time. For more information contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, email paula@nsrwa.org or visit our web site

THE 13TH ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL AT STONEHILL Rubyhorse, is headlining the 13th annual Irish Festival at Stonehill College on June 13-15. This three day outdoor festival features three musical stages plus dozens of activities for children, families and lovers of Irish culture. Irish dancing exhibits and folk art displays are also scheduled. The festival is in North Easton, just 25 minutes south of Boston.

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS AT EDAVILLE USA June 20-22, June 27-29 and July 3-6 - Day Out With Thomas offers fans of all ages the opportunity to take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine. There is a variety of Thomas & Friends entertainment for the whole family. Interactive children's activities include storytelling; live music; indoor and outdoor play areas; toy train sets; temporary tattoos of Island of Sodor friends and face painting; an Imagination Station; live music and more. Other event highlights are Thomas & Friends video viewing and an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Thomas the Tank Engine's firm, but kindly boss, Sir Topham Hatt. 35 minute train rides depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission $14 for ages one and up and may be purchased by calling 1-866-468-7630 and at the Edaville box office. for more information visit www.thomasthetankengine.com Edaville USA is located off of Route 58 in Carver.

tick, tick...BOOM! a musical by Jonathan Larson, comes to the Wilbur Theatre May 27 to June 8, starring Boston's own Joey McIntyre. Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster or directly at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston St. Boston.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

BEST BET

The James Library and Center for the Arts will hold it's annual Memorial Day Book Day Monday, May 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. This years sale will feature book treasures, refreshments and a good view of Norwell's Memorial Day Parade.

Thurs. 22

The Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree presents **"Chamber Music"** on May 22, at 7:30 p.m. the program of light classical music will be performed by piano, clarinet and viola will include short informative intros about pieces/composers. For information call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

The Pleasant Grill, 1229 Washington St., E. Weymouth, will host a showing of **Dan McCole's Watercolors** through June 15. A reception will be held May 15, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library will open a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy** on May 15. The exhibit will urn through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

The fifth season for South Shore Quests opened May 1. Quests are a fun way to get the kids out in nature and a great way to learn of new hiking trails in the area. Clues lead the hiker along a trail in search of the treasure (a stamp and stamp pad). Quest books, which contain directions, maps and the clues for 19 Quests on the South Shore, are available at the Bookport in Hingham, Hingham public library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for $4. If you have any questions contact Kim Juric at 781 749-6121 or kjurie@attbi.com <mailto:kjuric@attbi.com>

The Friends of the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association (NVNA) are sponsoring an ongoing Bereavement Support Group, at no charge, for individuals experiencing the loss of a loved one. The eight-week series continues on May 15, and 22, at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held in the second-floor conference room of the NVNA office, located at 320 Washington St. in Norwell. Weekly sessions take place every Thursday at the same time and in the same location. Subsequent meetings will take place on the following dates:. Open to everyone throughout the South Shore. Participants can attend as many sessions as they choose or need. For more information about the Bereavement Support Program or the NVNA, please visit the web site at www.nvna.org or call 781-659-2342, ext. 550 to register.

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Loudness discomfort is typically a problem for those who suffer from sensorineural (nerve) hearing loss. As we age, the number of hair cells and nerve fibers, which are responsible for picking up sounds in the inner ear, is reduced. In addition, the ability to grade different intensities of sound becomes impaired. To compensate for this reduction in hearing ability, the remaining nerve fibers switch on to produce nearly maximum loudness, making even moderate sounds seem unbearably loud. When a person with a narrowed or reduced dynamic range makes use of a hearing instrument, it should not overload the ear with amplified sounds. Thus, many instruments employ "peak clipping" or a more sophisticated form of compression known as automatic volume control.

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on May 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Village of Marshfield Hills. The preview party will kick off festivities on May 23, at 7 p.m. Awards announcements at 8 p.m. Admission $10, the public is welcome. The festival is free of charge and will offer a juried craft area featuring 32 artisans-craftspeople, a juried art and sculpture exhibit, juried photography exhibit, art-in-the-tent, a young artists' exhibit, on-going indoor and outdoor entertainment, a children's tent, a food tent and more. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email at northriverarts@rcn.com

TLC's Junkyard Wars races into Boston, sponsored by Radio Shack is making a pit stop in Boston at the South Shore Plaza Mall (Filene's Court), May 23-25. Free event and anyone can participate (under 12 parental supervision needed) Hours are Friday, 2 to 8 p.m.; Saturday noon to 8 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Bandstand Revisited at Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center. Relive the glory days of American Bandstand. Guest stars "Buddy Holly", "Neil Diamond" and "Connie Francis" sing their greatest hits. Enjoy a four-course dinner, listen to the legends on May 23, 24. Tickets are $35 to $37.50 for dinner and show; $17.50 to $20 show only. Friday and Saturday dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. For reservations and information call 781-843-5862.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance May 23, featuring live music with **The Emanon Orchestra** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. A buffet chicken dinner will be served. Admission is $12 SSS members/$15 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Single Executives Club Social & Singles Dance Friday, May 23, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35+ years old. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business dress is required, ties & jackets suggested. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and www.se-4you.com http://www.se-4you.com

Bridgewaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Waterfront Theatre** featuring **"Mark Twain",** to **benefit the Humarock Beach Improvement Association** on May 23. Local actor Bern Budd, brings his Mark Twain recreation to the Bridgwaye beginning at 8:15 p.m. Dinner is optional beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 781-834-6505 or visit www.bridgwayeinn.com

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Justin Beech.** For more information call 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Urban Renewal** May 23. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **BoobaDubie**. Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Dillingers, 21 Home Depot, Long Pond Rod, Plymouth, presents **The Good Friends,** acoustic pop and rock. 9 p.m.

Sean O'Tooles, 22 Main St., Plymouth. free open mike. **Lonesome Jukebox** after work party, 6 to 9 p.m.

Sat. 24

Art of Beer Festival brings beer education to the masses BeerAdvocate.com and Boston's Weekly Dig will present the Art of Beer Festival (AOBF), where the focus will be on beer appreciation and the craftsmanship behind the beer. The event will be held in The Cyclorama at the Boston Center for the Arts (BCA), with an afternoon (2 to 6 p.m.) and evening (7 to 11pm) session. Tickets are $25 in advance, $30 at the door, and include a free meal and 10 - 4 oz sampling tickets; more available, the proceeds of which go to charity. For more information on the AOBF go to: http://beeradvocate.com/aobf/ or email: aobf@beeradvocate.com <mailto:aobf@beeradvocate.com> or call: 617-426-8942

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry Street, Marshfield, Sat., May 24 - **Reagonomics.**, classic rock. 8:30 p.m. to midnight. No Cover. 781-864-6505

DBMS Family Festival As part of the Opening of the Bay Festivities the Duxbury Bay Maritime School will bring a Family Festival to the Snug Harbor Campus on Saturday, May 24. The daylong event is generously sponsored by the Dahlen and Metscher Family. The Family Festival begins at 10 a.m. and admission is free. There will be fun for all ages at face painting, an exciting children's raffle, knot tying demonstrations, Nantucket basket weaving, rowing demonstrations, concessions, merchandise and information on new DBMS programs. Storyteller and puppeteer, Wiesy MacMillan performance planned for noon. Tour the tall ship Kalmar Nyckel while it is anchored dockside for a donation of $5 or $10 per family. A Family Sail is planned for Friday, May 23, at 10:30 a.m. Tickets for sailors are $30, and available at the DBMS office in advance. Live music will be provided throughout the day by irresistible tunes played by Watson Reid and Americana and the Duxbury High School Jazz Band. For more information about tickets and events, call the Duxbury Bay Maritime School at 781-934-7555.

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Dillingers, 21 Home Depot, Long Pond Rod, Plymouth, presents **Andrew Botieri**, acoustic pop and rock. 9 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Commander Cody**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Award-winning artist Lilly Cleaveland will hold an open studio Saturday, May 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in The Barn 238 Washington Street in Duxbury. For more information on this exhibit of oils and watercolor works call (781) 934-1519.

Sun. 25

The North River Arts Society presents **The 27th Annual Festival Of The Arts** on May 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Village of Marshfield Hills. The preview party will kick off festivities on May 23, at 7 p.m. Awards announcements at 8 p.m. Admission $10, the public is welcome. The festival is free of charge and will offer a juried craft area featuring 32 artisans-craftspeople, a juried art and sculpture exhibit, juried photography exhibit, art-in-the-tent, a young artists' exhibit, on-going indoor and outdoor entertainment, a children's tent, a food tent and more. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email at northriverarts@rcn.com

The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum will offer visitors a special Sunday brunch and museum tour package, "Sunday Brunch at the JFK," on four Sundays this May and June. $28 for adults and $8 for children age 12 and under. The brunch will be served in the Smith Crescent Room at the library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also included is admission to the museum and the special exhibit that marks the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy. Reservations are strongly recommended by calling 617-514-1693. For information and menu selections, visit the web site at www.jfklibrary.org

Jamies Grille & Pub - Route 139, Marshfield, 5 p.m. to closing $15 donation **MDA Eighth Annual Blues Showcase** - all proceeds to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Southeaster Massachusetts. **Eddie & The Edsels, Lonesome Jukebox, The Voodoo Doctors, TRAX with Janelle Malafronte, Blue Dog, Chuck Ochs, Harmonica Ace J Place, Tall Richard's Almanac, Susan E. & Bluesliner, The Resonators, Cajun Bob and the VooDoo Doctors.** For information call 508-747-7727.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday beginning May 25, of Memorial Day Weekend, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Brown** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fat City Band.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mon. 26

The James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell Center will hold its annual Memorial Day book sale on May 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. All proceeds benefit the library's programs. Call 781-659-7100,

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Braintree Art Association member Rita Walsh will be displaying her paintings for the month of May at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month, Terry Chase, will exhibit her paintings for the month of May at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 27

Pilgrim Hall Museum, 75 Court St., Plymouth - **Girlhood Embroidery Exhibition** through June 1. View the collection of 17 samplers including the sampler by Loara Standish, the teenage daughter of Mayflower passenger Myles Standish and the first sampler known to have been made in America. The exhibition is free with museum admission. Residents of Plymouth admitted free. Call 508-746-1620 or visit www.pilgrimhall.org

The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, will feature "**Watercolors**" a show of recent work by local artists, **Shirley Muirhead**, **Mary Eliot**, and **Julia Blackbourn** during the month of May. For more information call 781-659-7100.

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The Hanover Public Library presents a free community workshop on **Natural Solutions to Digestive Problems** sponsored by the Doctor's Speakers Bureau. Guest speaker, Dr. Michael J. Recupero. Call 781-829-6780 to register.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 28

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore presents **"Continuum of Care" Assisted Living and Beyond"** at its meeting on May 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham. Free and open to the public. Call 781-749-1823 for more information. Free respite car during the meeting for your patient can be arranged by calling Gervaise Haley at Harbor House 781-749-4774 x 843, by 3 p.m. on May 28.

The Thayer Public Library Book Club will discuss "Clash of Civilizations" by Samuel Huntington on May 28, at 7 p.m. in the library's Marinelli Reading room. Join the group then or call 781-849-0450 ext. 4420. The library is located, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

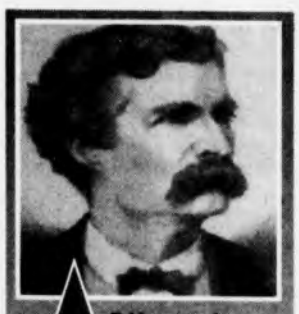
James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents the May story time **"Hats Off to Spring"** May 21, at 10 a.m. Children and their parents are invited to wear a funny or favorite hat. Story time is designed for children ages 3 to 5 accompanied by an adult. Free and open to the public. For more information call 781-659-7100.

The Scituate Art Gallery, located on Front St., in Scituate, presents **Charles Stockbridge's "Sky, Ships and Sea"** exhibit of original oil paintings and will showcase scenes of the coast and sea through May 30. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

Dana-Farber's Friends present a gala evening at the Boston Pops, May 28. Classic film music and jazz will be highlights of the Gala Evening at the Boston Pops . Proceeds from the Symphony Hall event will benefit cancer research and care at Dana-Farber. **John Williams** will lead the Pops as well as putting down the baton to sit at the piano to explain how he goes about scoring a film. Saxophonist **Daniel Higgins** will be featured in a suite from one of Williams' most recent film projects. Vocalist **Nancy Wilson** will close out the performance with a collection of jazz standards. Admission, including dinner $250 or an individual ticket ot the concert is $125. For more information visit www.dana-farber.org/how/friends. Tickets available by calling 617-632-3021.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys present Glenn S. Rothfeld, M.D., M.Ac., at the Hingham Public Library, on May 28 at 7 p.m., to discuss his latest book: "Thyroid Balance: Traditional and Alternative Methods for Treating Thyroid Disorders". This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Call 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.



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Thurs. 29

The Randolph Recreation Department will hold the Sixth Annual Country Fair May 29 to June 1, Thursday/Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, noon to 11 p.m./Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. at the Joseph J. Zapustas Ice Arena Parking Lot, 240 North St., Randolph Imagination Station Playground. All proceeds to benefit the adult/children recreation programs.

Benefit for South Shore Shockers - Girls Jr. Olympic softball team May 29, from 7 to 11 p.m. American Legion Hall, Legion Parkway (off Washington St., Whitman. Comedy and magic show with spaghetti dinner Tickets: $20 in advance; $25 at the door. Raffle tickets for great prizes, including a 50/50 raffle All proceeds go toward the girls' travel expenses to the National championship tournament in N. Carolina All contributions are tax deductible. For tickets call: Ernie: 508-654-5042, Jarrod: 508-243-3487 or Jim: 617-828-2992

Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

South Shore Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, sponsored by South Shore Savings Bank - Guest speaker Timothy Cahill, May 29, Lantana, Randolph, 7:44 to 9 a.m. $20 members/$30 nonmembers $200 table of 10.

Fri. 30

The New Art Forum of Kingston presents its annual spring show "Put of the Frame", the fifth annual art exhibit at the renovated 1809 Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston. Opening May 30, at 7:30 p.m. The exhibit will be open for viewing on Saturdays and Sundays: May 31, June 1, 7, and 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings, June 3 and 5, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more information call Lilias Cingolani at 781-585-5622.

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Ongoing Events

The North River Arts Society presents **Bob Correia** photography through May 24, at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. Gallery hours Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Generations, an exhibit of the works of two generations of artists, **John and Janet Cornacchio** will be held at the Pembroke Library, 142 Center St., (Route 14), May 1 to 31. Opening reception May 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, will present a photography exhibit, **Nature's Eye**, through May 31, in the Vine Hall Gallery. This is the work of photographer **Patience Taylor** of Plymouth. Nature's Eye features many different South Shore landscapes, along with the animals, birds and plants found living in those areas. The exhibit is free of charge Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 1 - May 31. For more information, call the Center at 781-659-2559, or visit us on the web at www.ssnsc.org

Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents "Elements" featuring artists **Dorothy Pilla** and **Anthony Pilla**. Dorothy will display digital photography and Anthony will display wood cut prints. Exhibit is free and will run through June 30. For information call 781-934-0640.

The James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents **Mary Eliot and Friends Watercolors** May 2 to June 4. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Walk 'n Mass: Walk Quincy -"The City of Presidents." Walk Quincy, and explore the "City of Presidents" The 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) walk route passes historic landmarks including the Adams National Historical Park and the Dorothy Quincy home. Walkers will also be able to view Quincy's coastline and natural beauty. The walk is seasonal and runs April 19 to Nov. 10. The start point the Visitor Center (Galleria at Presidents Place) 1250 Hancock St, Quincy. Start times are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The walk is easy suitable for strollers but not for wheel chairs. Quincy may be reached by public transportation (MBTA) and parking is available at the Presidents Place parking Garage. For more information, call 781-834-8952.

Just for kids

SHOWSTOPPERS SUMMER YOUTH THEATER PROGRAM is currently accepting registration forms for their summer theater program that will be held during the months of June and July in Scituate. The program is designed for young people between the ages of 6 to 21 years old. This summer the organization will present the musical "The Will Rogers Follies, A Life In Revue" July 24, 25, and 26 at 7:30 p.m. Open house/orientation will be June 2 at 7 p.m. at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church in Scituate. For more information call 781-545-3643.

DREAMCHASERS THEATRE ARTS CENTER announces the opening of registration for their Summer Theatre Program. Classes begin July 7, and conclude on Aug.2, with a performance by all of the students. Registration is open to students ages seven through 18. All classes and performances are held at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St. Norwell. For further information and to register call Dreamchasers at 508-224-4548, www.dreamchaserstheatre.org

WEYMOUTH RECREATION is now accepting registrations for all summer programs. The Exceptional Program offers diverse recreational experiences for special needs children. Nature exploration and outdoor recreation programs will be offered at Great Esker Park. Lane Beach will offer swimming lessons and a variety of boating programs. And new this year, the Park N'Play Program will offer half-day "sports and more" programs at Stella Tirrell, Weston, and O'Sullivan Parks as well as the full-day Wey-Rec Program at Wessagussett School. We will also offer several family events including: concerts and movies at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater (Town Hall) on Thursday evenings, Great Esker Day and Beach Day. Summer Program Books can be picked up at our office at 1393 Pleasant St. (Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.) or any Town Library during their regular hours.

SOUTH SHORE BASEBALL CLUB'S annual summer camps is on deck in Cohasset, Braintree and Hingham. Open to players from any city or town, SSBS's 2003 one-week camps for boys and girls, ages 5 to 12 are scheduled for June 23-27, Hollingsworth Park in Braintree and Miliken Field in Cohasset.. Four one-week camps for players ages 5 to 15 are slated July 7 to Aug. 1, at Hingham High School. For information call 781-749-6466 or visit www.ssbc.com

SOUTH SHORE SCIENCE CENTER: to see four new exhibits in the EcoZone, starting Monday, Dec. 30. The EcoZone is a multidimensional interactive exhibit area focusing on the ecosystems of southeastern Massachusetts. Crawl through a hollow log and peek into either of two attached ponds to see a variety of turtles, frogs and fish. The new exhibits include the **Creature Corner,** a display of live local reptiles and amphibians in smaller separate environments, and the **Vernal Pool**, a cutaway diorama of a springtime vernal pool that magically transforms (with the push of a button) into the autumn version where the pool dries up and the animals are gone. The **Night Time exhibit** is a misty evening scene with twinkling starlights, and an interactive video about the night life of owls. There are also three **Woodland Trees**, a White Pine, Tupelo and Silver Beech, with special surprises inside the tree knots, including growth rings, a squirrel's nest and other little animals who live inside the trees. **Feed the Animals**, an ongoing program every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. Come watch the Naturalist on duty feed the animals. The Center is open Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and admission is free for members, $5 adults and $2.50 children. The center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from the Route 3 interchange. For directions, or more information, please call the Center at 781-659-2559.

MUSICAL STORYTIME resumes at the James Library and Center for the Arts Fall Storytime series for children ages 3 to 5 p.m. will continue monthly. Free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

THE KIDS TIME playgroup and after school program is currently enrolling for the school year. Activities include arts and crafts, developmental activities and outdoor play. KIDSTIME is a childcare program welcoming children approaching the age of 2 and older for scheduled playgroups at 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Extended hours are offered. The After School Program is offered for school age children and provides activities, game, homework help and more. Transportation is provided locally. KIDS TIME is a south shore program drawing from several towns including Norwell, Hanover, Marshfield, Scituate, Pembroke. Call 781-659-6863 for more information. KIDS TIME is located on Route 123 in Norwell, around the corner from Route 53 and Route 3.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON offers many activities and workshops such as PeeWee Singers, Krafty Kids, Friday Frolics, Science through the Seasons, Art with Todd, Pre-ballet with Miss Pam, Act It Out. Coming in November, Etiquette for Kids workshop. To register or for more information, call 508-230-3789.

WEYMOUTH CLUB OFFERS "AFTER THE BELL PROGRAM" FOR KIDS A new after school program for children ages 6 to 12 at the club's Jannel Drive facility in South Weymouth. The fun squad will be on hand from 3 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, to lead kids in activities designed to motivate, challenge, and build confidence. Supervised, non-competitive sports and games are designed for participants to have fun and include basketball, volleyball, pin-pong, foosball, capture the flag, parachute, wiffleball, and kickball. Time and quiet space are also available for those who would prefer to study and do homework. For more information call 781-337-4600.

TUMBLE TYKES located in Merchants Row Mall, Hanover. The program is an educational gymnastics program for children ages 1 to 5 years including playgroups, parent-tot classes, instructional gymnastic classes and birthday parties. The facility has been designed with age appropriate equipment, a zip line, trampolines and a giant replica of a pirate ship filled with foam cubes, slides, tunnels, trapeze and a crows nest.

'AIRPLAY': The wonders of the wind and Jon Goldman's inflatable art blows into the Children's Museum in Boston. The exhibit is open through the end of the year and offers visitors the opportunity to experiment with air and wind, create whimsical pieces of art and play in an inflatable wonderland. Admission to the museum is: Children (2-15) and senior citizens, $6; other adults $7; Fridays from 5 - 9 p.m. all visitors are $1. For more information visit http://www.bostonkids.org.

Ice Hockey - Spring/Summer Adult Leagues - starts in May/June 2003, players and teams needed for all levels of play and ages, in Hingham, Randolph, Milton, Canton, Quincy, and at other metro Boston locations. If interested, call for a brochure at 1-88-45NESHL (888-456-3745) or email: adulthockey-neshl@aol.com

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell will present the work of photographer Patience Taylor of Plymouth, through May 31, in the Vine Hall Gallery. Nature's Eye features many different South Shore landscapes, along with the animals, birds and plants found living in those areas The exhib-

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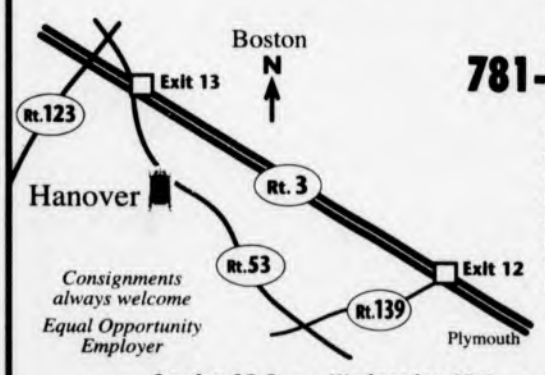

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it can be viewed free of charge Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 am to 4:30 p.m., April 1 to May 31. For directions or more information, call the Center at 781-659-2559, or visit us on the web at www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org>.

Paintings at Bare Cove Gourmet – The paintings of **Serena Brundige** depicting scenes including Turkey Hill and World's End are on exhibit at Bare Cove Gourmet Caterers at 69 Water St. in Hingham until the end of May.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

The Gallery Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Rt. 18), East Bridgewater, presents **Monday Night Hand Drumming Circle** on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. The event is free and no experience is necessary. For more information and directions call 508-378-1584.

After The Bell Recreation Program Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive, So. Weymouth. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, 3 to 6 p.m. for youngsters 6-12 years of age. Energetic and exciting non-competitive sports and games designed to motivate, challenge, and build confidence. Time and quiet space also available for study and homework. Three, one-hour sessions each day. Members $8 per session, non-members, $10. Registration and information 781-337.4600 x111.

The Olde Kids On The Block, a 20-piece orchestra will be at the Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday beginning Sept. 17 through Aug. 19, 2003, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person, all are welcome, no smoking, wheelchair-accessible.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth - Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

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Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts is asking people with unwanted vehicles to consider donating to them. It will help their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. some restrictions apply. all a donor needs to do is call 1-800-720-6233.

Special Olympics Offers Free Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call for more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at 781-829-4278.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at 781-294-1880.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

The sun enters Gemini at 7:12 a.m., and the green light goes on for new starts across the board. The sun will travel in dualistic Gemini until June 21. The moon travels in Aquarius, conjoining Neptune at 10:33 a.m. Give extra attention to accuracy this morning, so that you don't overlook significant details. The moon and Mars conjoin at 5:53 p.m., making this period ideal for sports and physical activities.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

You can be most productive this morning, particularly if you are working on projects that need help or input from others. New starts in your business or personal life are recommended. Promote new ideas and launch campaigns before 2:49 p.m., when the Aquarius moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive. At 5:41 p.m. the moon enters Pisces, and the last quarter phase of the moon begins at 8:31 p.m. This moon will decrease in light until May 31, when a potent new moon culminates. A lunar alignment to Uranus this evening can go either way. It may bring unexpected disruptions or exciting surprises.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Planetary action can make for a topsy-turvy day. It can be difficult to get anything accomplished. Take it slow and easy. The moon travels in Pisces, highlighting all forms of creativity. However, 90-degree alignments of Mercury-Jupiter and the sun-Uranus are in high focus. Don't start anything new; avoid acting on impulse. Expect the unexpected.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

Potentially difficult astrological influences move out early in the day. The sun and Uranus align at 3:35 a.m. The moon forms a challenging 90-degree contact to Pluto at 6:19 a.m. However, this is not a typical laidback Pisces moon. That's because Mars prepares to interact with Pluto, generating high energy and ambition. If you organize your time, you can get work projects out of the way quickly. The evening is prime for partying. Gather with friends and go for the good times.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

Fair and sunny astrological weather prevails today and tomorrow. The Pisces moon becomes inactive at 1:33 a.m. until 3:59 a.m., when it enters fiery Aries. Venus prepares to interact with Jupiter, making this day ideal for doing things you like to do, as long as there's nothing you have to do. Put career or domestic concerns on the back burner; concentrate on relaxing and enjoying life to the fullest.

MONDAY, MAY 26

An Aries moon all day continues to generate high energy, making it prime for sports, physical activities. In addition, Mercury, Venus and Neptune interact, adding an easygoing, relaxed mood. This combination is a perfect planetary backdrop for a holiday. It means that this is a day to kick back, feel good, follow your bliss.

TUESDAY, MAY 27

Planetary influences continue to rate high. This morning is favorable for initiating new activities, getting things done. You can be most productive. Be sure to launch ventures before 2:41 p.m., when the Aries moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive. The moon enters Taurus at 4:32 p.m., and the green light for new starts goes on again. A harmonious contact to Uranus makes this evening prime for new experiences, meeting people, establishing new relationships.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

A Taurus moon sets a relaxed pace today. Take it slow and easy. Influences are particularly favorable for developing projects that require your imagination and creativity. Lunar alignments to Neptune, Venus and Mercury set the stage for a romantic evening.

THURSDAY, MAY 29

The next couple of days have their challenges. Resolve to maintain a peaceful, positive attitude. A lunar alignment to Mars affects this morning. Others may be irritable, aggressive, argumentative. Don't make waves. Channel energy constructively; take on a big work project and stick to it. At 11:53 a.m. the Taurus moon becomes inactive for the remainder of the day.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

At 5:32 a.m. the moon enters Gemini, beginning the final windup to a new moon. This new moon is particularly powerful, because it is accompanied by a solar eclipse. The dark side is a time for cleaning out, letting go, preparing for new starts. A lunar alignment to Uranus at 11:10 a.m. may disrupt the flow of the morning. Be flexible. Spend time alone this evening; meditate for inner peace and vision.

Reunions

KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL Reunion Committee, invites all former graduates, attendees friends and spouses since 1884 to a gala reunion weekend to be held Sept. 6 and 7, 2003. The Committee needs program ideas, preliminary registration and asks for a $10 deposit per person toward initial expenses (checks made out to "KHS" and sent to Box 52, Kingston, 02364). For further information about the reunion call Lilias Cingolani at 781-585-5622 or Marjorie McSherry Benassi at 781-585-5136.

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 25th Reunion, Saturday July 26, 2003 at the Bridgeway Inn, Marshfield For more information, contact: Joann Evans; joelephant@hotmail.com Kim Horton; seaforthkim@yahoo.com Nancy Levanchy; levanchy@aol.com

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS of 1984 The Scituate High School Class of 1984 Is looking for classmates to join in a 20th reunion celebration to be held Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004 at the Scituate Country Club. The reunion committee needs immediate help tracking the whereabouts of '84 alumni. Please email your address, phone number, and contact information for any of your classmates to Matt Brown at katematt-brown@attbi.com.

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Sticker shock?

All-facilities decals cost $30

By John Camera
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When stickers for use of the Sandy Beach parking lot and the Recycling Transfer Facility go on sale in June, some residents may be surprised to learn the fees have been restructured.

In April, at the suggestion of the Town Clerk's office, Selectmen voted 3 to 1 to eliminate the option to purchase a beach parking sticker, offering only a more expensive, "all-facilities" sticker, which gives access to both the beach parking lot and the transfer station.

Last year, beach stickers could be purchased for $7 for the first and $3 for the second. Meanwhile, all-facilities stickers were offered for $35 for the first and $20 for the second. Now, the only sticker available is the all-facilities one, costing $30 each and $15 for seniors.

According to Town Manager Mark Haddad, the new fee structure will not significantly increase revenue but will save

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Weather is no match for remembrances

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

A proud mother, Jo DiGirolamo, left, huddles under an umbrella with long-time friend Mary O'Brien in front of the honor roll at Veteran's Memorial Park to listen to DiGirolamo's son, Maj. Philip J. Mahoney, who was speaker-of-the-day..

Marine recalls Memorial Day 12 years ago

By Mary Ford
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The weather tried to be the biggest story on Memorial Day as an oft-torrential downpour did its best to dampen Cohasset's annual observances.

But the windy, rainy day paled in comparison to the countless days of battle during which generation after generation of the town's finest served and fought in faraway places such as on beaches of Normandy, in the jungles of Vietnam, the mountains of Afghanistan, or during sandstorms in the Iraqi desert. Those Cohasseters who made the ultimate sacrifice were remembered Monday.

"I don't think I've ever been so proud as I am today," Steve Wigmore, commander of the George H. Mealy American Legion Post, told the drenched crowd that swelled to the hundreds, many of whom were huddled under umbrellas.

The parade went off as sched-

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Racer is enjoying the retired life

Dog loves new digs at Sunrise

By Mary Ford
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Brian no longer lives in the fast lane, and that's fine with him.

Apart from jaunts on the grass outside his new Cohasset home, he's perfectly happy to lounge around and be a "coach potato."

"This dog is precious. You just can't help to like him."
— Denise Baxter, Sunrise Senior Living

The four-year-old greyhound used to spend 22 hours a day in a cage when he wasn't reaching speeds of up to 45 mph running at the Taunton-Raynham Race Track. Now he's thoroughly enjoying retirement while at the same time being spoiled by the dozens of residents at Sunrise Senior Living on Route 3A.

After two unsuccessful tries with other breeds of dogs, Sunrise adopted Brian in April from Greyhound Pets of America, says Sunrise Executive Director Denise Baxter.

"We've been trying to adopt a dog for a long time but we had not had good success with the right match," she says. Baxter explained that Sunrise — which has upwards of 330 communities for seniors in the

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Brian, the greyhound, is surrounded by, from lower left, Esther Kent, Denise Baxter (Sunrise executive director), Betty Ahearn, Dorothy DeLoarengo, Roberta Bishop, Josephine Mulonari and Wyoma Ainslie.

Sign bylaw is under review

Constitutionality being questioned

By John Camera
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Town Counsel Paul DeRensis is reviewing the town's sign bylaw to determine if it violates the First Amendment.

Selectman Fred Koed requested the review after reading about a court ruling that found a Braintree bylaw regulating political campaign signs to be unconstitutional. Koed is worried Cohasset's sign bylaw, although it makes no direct reference to political signs, may be guilty of the same offense.

"We're overseas defending the constitution right now, so I think we have an obligation to figure it out."
— Selectman Fred Koed

"I asked town counsel to review it because of the importance of free speech and the First Amendment," Koed said in an interview this week "We're overseas defending the constitution right now, so I think we have an obligation to figure it out."

DeRensis declined to comment on the sign bylaw until his review is completed. Koed said what may have to happen is that political signs will have to be regulated similarly to real estate signs.

Currently, most of Cohasset follows the "unwritten rule" that political signs should be posted no earlier than two weeks before an election and no longer than a week after. It's similar to the way that the bylaws regulate temporary signs advertising a public entertainment, charitable, religious or educational event.

But Koed said conflicts arise as to whether that policy is fair for political signs. "There's always problems with political signs," he said. "Ambitious campaigns start early. People lose and then leave their signs up for a while, and sometimes that upsets people. But on the other side of the coin, people say 'Hey, it's free speech.' So there needs to be a balance. We need to make sure free speech is protected."

Building Inspector Bob Egan said a few years ago, the town used to charge $10 for a building permit to allow 10 signs to be posted. Then, when that policy was challenged, Town Counsel advised Egan to stop enforcing the sign bylaw on political signs altogether, because he did not want the town to be in jeopardy of a lawsuit based on First Amendment rights.

"It's a hands off thing," Egan said of regulating political signs. "A few years ago, I used to call people up and tell them they put their signs up too early...Now, we really don't have rules as much as agreements. If someone like a political candidate calls me, I tell them (the town

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Hazardous waste collection planned

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, May 27:

Advisory Committee, May 29 at 8 p.m.

Board of Assessors, June 3 at 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, June 12 at 7:30 p.m., June 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Deer Hill School Council, June 4 at 3:30 p.m. at Deer Hill School

Planning Board, June 4 at 7:30 p.m., June 18 at 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, June 5 at 7 p.m.

Selectmen, June 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, June 30 at 6 p.m.

Troika, May 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Water Commission, May 29 at 8 p.m. at 339 King St., June 2 and June 6 at 10:30 a.m. at One Financial Center, Boston

Zoning Board of Appeals, June 16 at 7 p.m. (40A), June 19 at 7 p.m. (3 Jerusalem Lane), June 30 at 7 p.m. (Avalon)

All meetings are at Town Hall unless posted otherwise.

Jet council meets

The South Shore Jet Pollution Council is meeting from 7-9 p.m., Wed., June 11 at the Hingham Library in the Fearing Room to help formulate strategies to address current and future air traffic problems. Great volunteer opportunities for small and large projects. For directions or information call 781-749-5933.

Straits Pond cleanup

Straits Pond Spring Cleanup is Saturday, June 7 (rain date: Saturday, June 15).

Bird Walk (with Sally Avery) 8-10 a.m. (no rain date). Meeting Place: Foot of Summit Ave and Atlantic Avenue, Hull.

Cleanup is 10 a.m. to noon. Meeting place: Gun Rock Playground, Atlantic Avenue, Hull (Wear gloves, long sleeves and boots)

Cookout noon to 2 p.m. (at Gun Rock Playground). Free.

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Brush chipping

Residential brush will be accepted at the DPW parking area from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following Saturdays this summer: May 31, July 26, Aug. 30, Sept. 27 and Oct. 25.

No trees more than two-inches in diameter and no contractors are allowed.

Recycling earns $4K state grant

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has awarded the Town of Cohasset $4,228 for recycling 597 tons of trash over a six-month period through its Municipal Recycling Incentive Program (MRIP).

The MRIP program rewards cities and towns that take steps to improve their recycling programs by paying them twice a year for each ton of material that is recycled by their residents. These payments are then invested back into community programs to make further program improvements. Over the past 5-1/2 years, nearly $13 million have been paid to Massachusetts cities and towns through the MRIP program. MRIP is funded by the state's Clean Environment Fund, which is comprised of unclaimed beverage container deposits.

Cohasset receives a payment of $4 per ton for each ton of glass, paper, cans, and plastic that residents recycled. But, for every additional ton that was recycled compared with last year, Cohasset was paid at a bonus rate of $20 per ton.

Each year, recycling in Massachusetts reduces greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 1 million tons of carbon equivalent, saves enough energy to power 140,000 homes, and supports 12,000 jobs and $600 million of economic development.

The Department of Environmental Protection is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management of solid and hazardous waste, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills, and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

Water mains being replaced

The Water Commission has begun to replace about two miles of water mains this year in its 2003 Water System Improvements Program

"These water main replacements will help improve fire protection and water service throughout Cohasset," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission. "We have been able to finance the $2,400,000 needed for these projects without raising water rates, because of our careful management of our financial resources."

"We have just begun to replace undersized water mains on the Hillside – Bancroft Road, Hill Street, Norfolk Road, and Oak Street," he said. "We will then replace pipes on South Main Street (Beechwood – the Scituate Line), North Main Street (Forest Ave. – Rocky Lane), Doane Street, and, after Labor Day, Parker Ave."

In 2003, the Water Commission will improve watershed protection by designing changes to the town stormwater drainage system in the Lily Pond Watershed that will help reduce nutrient loading and prevent the drainage of contaminants into Lily Pond. The Commission will be applying for grant funds that could pay for 60 percent of the costs of this program, said McNabb.

During 2003, the Water Commission will also make improvements and upgrades to the 25-year old Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant. "We are almost finished with the installation of Variable Flow Drives (VFD's) for the finished water pumps and flow paced chemical feeds, which will help improve plant performance," said McNabb. "This year we will also have Weston & Sampson design improvements to the water intake structure and to make a number of additional upgrades to the plant operations."

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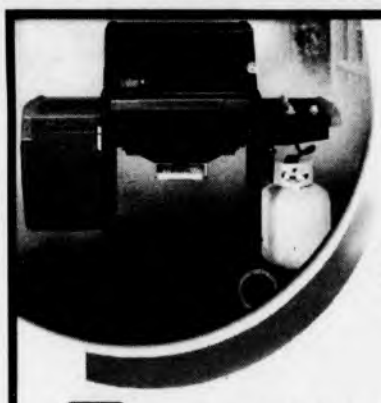

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Sun. 1	12:32	10.1	6:56	1:12	8.9	7:01
Mon. 2	1:10	10.1	7:36	1:52	8.8	7:42
Tues. 3	1:51	10.1	8:18	2:33	8.8	8:25
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Tenants Association makes Harborview a better place

Activities picking up in summer months

By John Camera
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Look for increased activity at the Harborview Apartments at 60 Elm St. in the coming months.

The Harborview Tenants Association is preparing for a summer full of activities for the senior citizens who live in the 28-year-old state-subsidized apartment complex.

The Tenants Association gave a brief summary of their planned activities to the Housing Authority on Tuesday night.

Already, the association has hosted a clean-up day and a pot luck supper. Monday morning coffee and doughnuts have become a weekly occurrence, and movie nights have been happening once a month.

"Everyone seems to want to participate and they're eager to do all these things," said Arlene Tuohey, president of the association.

Vice President Gracie Thompson, who is also the organizer of the Harborview Garden Club, said that group has been meeting twice a week for the past two months. Thompson is coordinating a yard sale and a raffle in the coming months to pay for new plantings in the courtyards. She said any donations of flowers would be appreciated.

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Resident Nancy Borland and volunteer Kathy Brown help up during cleanup day at Harborview Apartments.

"The place is going to look really spiffy in another month or so," said Tuohey.

Tuohey also said the Harborview Tenants Association was looking to start a Red Hat Club for Cohasset, where ladies don shades of red and meet for tea.

Housing Authority member Rich Silvia was impressed by the participation that the Tenants Association had encouraged. "It's exciting," he said. "It's

Resident Barbara Jones and volunteer Nick Abbruzzese do some gardening during the recent cleanup at Harborview Apartments, sponsored by the tenants association.

Construction of new tide gates will begin June 9

New design aimed at rehabbing salt marsh

By John Camera
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The tide gates at Cohasset Harbor will be replaced this summer with a design that will allow more saltwater to flow into Jacob's Meadow. Engineers say the new, "self-regulating" tide gates will prevent the spread of phragmites, an invasive freshwater plant that threatens the rehabilitation of salt marsh in the area.

The current tide gates, known as flapper gates, were designed by Tutela Engineering Associates and were installed in 1999. Funded by a federal flood control grant, the project received all the necessary state and local permits, but it lacked any review or permitting by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Army Corps ruled it should have been consulted after federal officials from the Environmental Protection Agency stumbled upon the tide gates project shortly after they were completed. Tutela engineers, however, said the state failed to mention that Army Corps approval was needed.

After months of studying salinity and water levels, the Army Corps decided self-regulating tides gates would be necessary. Tutela completed the design and acquired Army Corps permits for the project at no extra cost to the Town. Now, the Town has awarded a bid to AGM Marine for construction, which is set to begin June 9 and last until September.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said AGM Marine's bid for the project came in at $56,000, about $30,000 less than Tutela had estimated it would cost. But the Town will not be picking up the tab, Haddad said, because the project is funded by grants from the Federal Emergency Management Association and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Association.

Unlike the flapper gates, the self-regulating tide gates will allow a certain amount of saltwater to flow back into Jacob's Meadow and James Brook at high tide. Officials hope the replenishment of saltwater will help kill the phragmites, the 10-foot high freshwater reeds that threaten nearby saltwater grasses, impede James Brook's flow pattern and cut off brook access for fish that normally eat mosquito larvae.

"The flapper gate pushes against the outlet and holds the water from going into the meadow," said Selectman Merle Brown, who has followed the matter closely. "This gate has a float. It'll allow the water to go in, and when it gets to a certain height, it shuts down and won't let anymore in."

Tutela initially tried to allow for more saltwater inflow by placing a one-inch wedge in the existing tide gates, but the Army Corps ruled that self-regulating gates were more appropriate.

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New stickers cost $30

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a great deal of paperwork for the Town Clerk's office. Town Finance Director Michael Buckley estimated the restructuring would result in an additional $6,000 of revenue. Selectmen who supported the measure (Michael Sullivan, Merle Brown and Ronnie McMorris) pointed to other towns that charge far higher fees than Cohasset for beach and transfer station access.

But Selectman Fred Koed, the lone selectman to vote against the measure, says that offering only an all-facilities sticker goes too far. "We should be trying to recover what it takes to maintain the beach parking lot, but we shouldn't be trying to pay the dump fees with it," he said of the beach sticker.

"To me it doesn't make sense," Koed added. "You do create some efficiency (by limiting paperwork), but you're negating the final concept that user fees should pay for what their going to. This takes the fact that they're both stickers on a car and it assumes they're related, but they're not. They're two different stickers: one for the beach, one for the dump."

Koed also argued that nearby towns may have higher sticker fees for beach parking, but in most of those towns, the revenue was also needed to care for the beach. In Cohasset, he said, because the beach is owned and maintained by a private, non-profit company, the sticker fee only needs to pay for the maintenance of the parking lot. "In this type of tight budget, we need to be careful that user fees are going towards what they're charged against," he said.

Selectmen Merle Brown disagreed with Koed's point that maintenance was limited to care of the parking lot. "We don't own the beach, but we do things for them," he said. "We empty their trash, and when the sand blows off the beach, we put it back."

Brown, who is also a member of the Recycling Committee, said he welcomed the move to a single sticker. "The whole intent was to originally have one sticker, in my mind, so that people didn't have to plaster stickers all over their cars," he said. "I think people will realize it's not that big a deal when they see the sticker prices in other towns."

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said in neighboring Scituate, beach stickers were $20 and RTF stickers were $75. She said the sticker restructuring would indeed save paperwork, but the main goal of the change was "to have an affordable RTF sticker for all residents." She noted that the RTF sticker, with the help of the pay-as-you-throw program, had been reduced from $100 in 2000 to $35 last year.

Douglas said if more residents would start recycling at the transfer station, the cost of the all-facilities sticker would go down again next year. Both she and Brown wanted to price the sticker at $25 this year, but Town Finance Director Michael Buckley said that was too low.

Buckley has estimated that only half of those residents who bought beach stickers last year will buy all-facilities stickers this year. Using those figures, and assuming that all residents who bought all-facilities stickers last year will buy them again, he calculated that revenue from sticker fees will jump from about $83,000 to $89,000.

The increase in revenue will be borne by the 760 all-facilities stickers which will be purchased in place of beach stickers. Revenue from that group will jump from $9,400 to more than $20,000, despite the 50 percent drop in stickers issued. Meanwhile, revenue from the group of more than 2,600 all-facilities stickers purchased last year will fall from $73,500 to $68,500, Buckley estimates.

Koed says that a $5 reduction in the all-facilities sticker does not make up for the $23 increase for hundreds of residents who once bought beach stickers for cars they would never think of taking to the Recycling Transfer Station. He recalled a mother who called him saying that her two teenaged boys would have to pay 6 times as much as last year (from $10 then up to $60 now) to take their "clunker cars" to the beach. "It's a big increase without adequate justification," he said.

But Town Manager Haddad defended the fee increase. "The beach sticker sales are not meant to offset the cost of the taking care of the beach parking lot," he said. "It's revenue for the town, especially in these tough times." Haddad did not know the cost of the cleaning the beach parking lot but said the cost of operating the RTF was $400,000 a year.

All-facilities stickers will be on sale in June during normal business hours at Town Hall and at the DPW garage on weekends, starting June 1, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m..

Sign bylaw is under review

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policy) has never been written anywhere and it's never been challenged, so use your conscience about when to post your signs."

Egan said he was unsure how he would regulate political signs if he went strictly by the letter of the town sign bylaw, which classifies signs by their different purposes. "I don't know where it would fit in," he said.

Koed said the fact that the sign bylaw was "vague enough to require the interpretation of the building inspector" regarding political signs meant it needed to be changed. He also said the town's unwritten and no longer enforced policy regarding how long signs could be posted would need to be looked at, especially because it has been questioned during political campaigns that include both a primary and a general election.

Koed, who has been involved in many political campaigns in nearby towns, said most communities on the South Shore did specifically regulate political signs. He recalled a bylaw in Scituate years ago, where political signs were allowed only on a wheeled vehicle, driving some residents to litter their lawns with individual car wheels.

Koed hopes that DeRensis will complete his review in time for the bylaw to be changed, if necessary, at the next Town Meeting. It is unclear what would happen if any proposed changes were defeated.

Koed said, ultimately, the town may have no say about political signs. "Somebody could probably take political signage all the way to the Supreme Court and win. But there's a legal argument that if all the regulations for signs are the same, then we have something to stand on."

Cohasset blood drive is June 4

"First time donors are urgently needed to replace donors who have moved away or become ineligible to donate."

— Cathy Pray, director

The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, June 4 at St. Anthony Parish Center at the corner of South Main and Summer streets from 1:30-7:30 p.m. As in the past, baby-sitting will be provided from 3-5 p.m. Ample parking is available.

The American Red Cross is asking all eligible blood donors in the Cohasset area to give blood when the bloodmobile comes to Cohasset. According to Cathy Pray, Director, "Only five out of every 100 people give blood, and the number of new donors decreased dramatically last year. First time donors are urgently needed to replace donors who have moved away or become ineligible to donate."

The best way to give blood for the first time is to come with a friend who is experienced in the donation process. New donors usually find the procedure easy and painless and most come back regularly to donate. "The biggest obstacle seems to be overcoming that initial fear," said Pray. "That's why we're counting on our regular donors to help by bringing a friend to this blood drive." The Red Cross area community of which Cohasset is a part requires over 1,600 pints of blood per day to meet usual demand for blood and blood products. It is a challenge to collect enough blood to meet the needs of hospital patients year round. Every blood donation is an opportunity to help an accident victim, a surgical patient, or a child battling leukemia, to name a few.

Most people can give blood through the American Red Cross. Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good health and weigh more than 110 pounds. In most cases, donors may give if they are on medication, but should know the names of these medications.

The Red Cross always counts on a good turnout when it visits Cohasset so please respond, if possible, when a volunteer from one of the church, civic, corporate or social organizations calls. New donors are welcome and especially needed. To register and make an appointment for donating at a specific time or if you have any questions, please call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 383-1290. You can also call the Red Cross at 1-800-448-3543.

Selectmen unsure if village is June 3 topic

Town Manager Mark Haddad is not sure whether selectmen will meet with representatives from the Waterfield Design Group to decide on the village revitalization at their next meeting on June 3.

Haddad said Waterfield is completing the design for burying or possibly moving utility wires, but the group still has a meeting with Mass Electric this Friday afternoon.

Pending the outcome of that meeting, Waterfield may not be able to finish the plans in time for the selectmen's meeting on Tuesday. Haddad said he may not know until Monday whether Waterfield will be on the upcoming agenda.

Hingham Cemetery walking tour June 1

The first walking tour of the season at historic Hingham Cemetery will be held Sunday, June 1 at 1 p.m. Cemetery Director, Lucinda Day will lead the tour which includes the history of the cemetery dating from 1672, important cemetery monuments and notable interments, along with social commentary. The cemetery's 150-year-old arboretum consists of several hundred specimen trees, both native and exotic, just beginning their season.

The free tour will last about 90 minutes and is open to the public. Those interested should meet at the Hingham Bell Tower, next to the Old Ship Church. Rain date is the following Sunday, June 8. For more information, call 781-749-4868.

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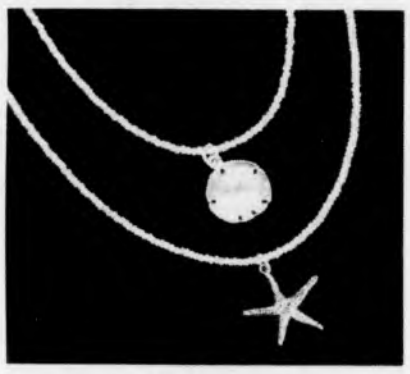

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Weather is no match for remembrances

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uled, the bands played and flags waved. The numbers that cheered along the route multiplied at Veterans Park in the harbor just before noon for the culmination of the annual Memorial Day exercises including hearing this year's speaker-of-the-day, Maj. Philip J. Mahoney, US Marine Corps (ret.).

Mahoney told of his days as a newly commissioned lieutenant and how his "love affair" with Cohasset's Memorial Day took root 12 years ago.

"As he stood in front of me almost at attention in his boot camp issue uniform, I saw the pride of an old Marine while he passed the torch to a new generation," Mahoney recalled about Louis Bailey, a WWII veteran. "Louis and his counterparts had fought their way across the Pacific in some of the most bitter campaigns in Marine Corps history. They were the backbone of the Corps' reputation, true warriors who had earned hero status.

"Yet, here he was talking to me as if I were the hero — calling me 'Sir' and wishing me well at every turn."

Mahoney said Bailey's reaction to him on that Memorial Day back in 1991 left a lasting impression. He realized that Bailey and those like him returned home from battlefields around the world, and started families and ran businesses. They did not brag or have a false sense of entitlement.

Mahoney said he realized there were more Louis Baileys in the crowd — more whose underlying theme was one of "duty, honor, sacrifice."

"The list of Cohasset veterans and their achievements is endless," Mahoney said. "As I marveled at their quality of their service both in and out of uniform, I began to see the connection to the men and women of the current military — years earlier these veterans were the young privates, sergeants and lieutenants who shaped the military."

That day he was also deeply touched by the names of fallen soldiers on the town's honor roll. He realized he stood among the finest Cohasset had to offer.

"I walked away from that first Memorial Day a better man and a better Marine," he said. "I now understood the veteran …the commitment, attention to duty, and most importantly the sacrifice."

That's a message, which Vietnam veteran John Morgan holds deep in his heart. Morgan who is now a platoon sergeant with Hingham's 1058th Transportation Company, which is deployed in Iraq, thinks about his soldiers every day. While he marched in the rain along with dozens of other veterans on Monday, he held a reminder of those fighting men and women.

In his hands, he proudly clutched 23 dog tags — one from each member of his platoon. Due to medical issues, Morgan can't be with his soldiers, except in spirit.

"They day they left, I nearly lost it," he said about the emotion welling up inside when the 1058th was deployed. Above all he wants his soldiers to return home safely.

"They're my kids and I trained them well," Morgan said.

Wigmore, the American Legion Post Commander, also asked for a moment of silence for the Cohasset veterans who had died since Memorial Day 2002. They include Ralph T. Sutherland, Benjamin F. Curley, Jr., Joseph L. Kane, Patrick J. Doonan, James P. Patterson, John J. White and Frederick Piepenbrink. Gold Star Mother Mary Reardon also passed away, Wigmore said.

VFW Post Commander Ralph Perroncello, who led the parade riding in an Army jeep, was also pleased with the turnout.

"It says a lot," he said.

Racer is enjoying the retired life

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US, Canada and the UK — believes strongly in having a pet because it can help the residents interact and can even provide positive health effects, such as lowering blood pressure.

But it wasn't until Justine Thurston of Hingham, who provided a program on greyhounds at the Cohasset Sunrise earlier this spring, that the stage was set for Brian's arrival. In other words, Sunrise's need for a dog and Thurston's visit came at the perfect time.

Thurston, who is a volunteer with Greyhound Pets of America that has a kennel in Middleboro, can be very persuasive about how lovable and adaptable adopted greyhounds can be.

"She hand picked Brian for us and brought him over," Baxter recalled.

Actually it was a toss up between Brian and Trudy, another greyhound. Thurston brought them both over. But Brian felt right at home almost immediately and followed a resident into her room.

"He had a ball," Thurston recalled. Brian, who had never seen stairs before, even provided a little comic relief when he tried to negotiate the spiral staircase for the very first time.

"Now he's fine with stairs," Baxter says. There was also a problem in the beginning with getting Brian housebroken. Greyhounds are kept in cages when not racing. They won't go to the bathroom in their cage, but will when let out. So Brian was initially confused about all the freedom. However, he is a smart dog, Baxter says, and caught on quickly.

Baxter says Brian's size has turned out to be a plus. (He's a big dog and weighs about 75 pounds). The residents don't have to bend down to pet him, which is especially nice for those in wheelchairs.

Visiting children also love Brian. Residents will often say to the youngsters, "let's go find Brian," Baxter says.

"This dog is precious," she says. "You just can't help to like him."

Brian, who is brindled or mixed in color, came with a list of instructions in the form of a letter of introduction for the staff members to refer to if need be. They include a friendly reminder, written in the first person from Brian's perspective, to keep Brian on a leash when outside because as a "sight-hound racing dog" the big world looks very interesting. No one wants Brian to run off into the street and get hurt.

Thurston says greyhounds are docile, quiet "couch potatoes" that like to run. Sunrise has posted a sign at the front door asking that Brian not be let outside by accident.

Residents have also been asked not to slip Brian the occasional chocolate, so his tummy won't get upset.

Thurston is confident Brian has found a place to call home.

"He's very much a caring dog and will give a lot of comfort," Thurston says.

For more about Greyhound Pets of America, call Thurston at 781-749-4620.

About greyhounds

Size: 27-inches to the shoulder

Weight: 50-80 pounds

Life expectancy: 12-14 years

Their nature: They are not vicious predators, but chase things that move by nature. It is the Greyhound's nature to run. Greyhounds love people, in fact more than most breeds, and tend to be quite sociable.

History: Egyptians worshipped Greyhounds as a god and showed them on murals in the tombs of kings.

Name: Greyhound may have come form the old English *grehundr*, meaning *dog hunter* or *high order of rank*

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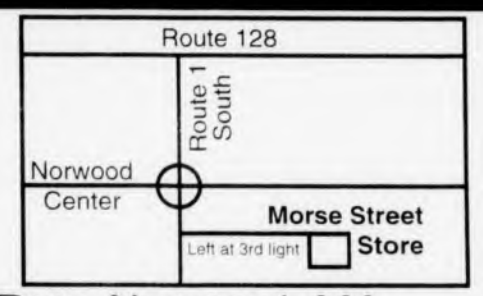

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The stork has a busy week with three new arrivals

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NEW BABY GIRL

Thank heavens for little girls.... Those are the word being said by two Cohasset families.

On May 16, 2003, with hearts and arms wide open **Diane (Mascart) and Kevin McKeon** of Cohasset, joyfully welcomed the arrival of their first child **Ava Elisabeth**. She is the delight of her grand parents **Monique and Jacques Mascart** of Cohasset and **Jan and Jerry McKeon** of Montauk Long Island.

NEW ARRIVAL

Jeanine (Buckley) Perrone and Marc Perrone welcomed a baby girl, **Jillian Payton Perrone**, on May 13. Big brother **Kevin** who is two is a very proud of his new sister. Jillian is the fifth grandchild of **Cleida and Jack Buckley** of Cohasset. We know that their is plenty of love and family within the Buckley clan to help with the new addition, congratulations to all.

BOUNCING BABY BOY

Big sisters **Kellie and Bridget Popkin** of Cedarledge Village join their parents **Jim and Stephanie** in welcoming **Sean Robert Popkin**, born May 17 and weighing in at 6lbs. 15oz. Have fun with loving and learning about this wonderful bundle of joy.

DEAN'S LIST

Amanda D. Watts was named to the dean's list for the second semester at St. Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. Amanda, who is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. James Watts** of Cohasset, is a member of the Class of 2006. Great Job Amanda.

RED CARPET ON PROM NIGHT

The senior class , regaled in their gowns or tuxes, will begin strolling down the red carpet on Cohasset Common at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 30 before they depart for their prom via trolley. Prom goers should park their cars in the Town Hall parking lot. Parents are requested to park on the streets around the common. In the event of rain, the gala will take place in the Second Congregational Church.

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

Megan Waal, a graduate of Cohasset High, received a bachelor of arts degree from the College of Wooster during commencement exercises May 12 in Wooster, Ohio. A psychology major, Megan is a resident Cohasset and her family is so happy and proud of her accomplishments.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Jay F. Whoriskey, son of **Mr. and Mrs. John F. Whoriskey** of Cohasset, earned a bachelor's degree in political science from St. Michael's College during the college's commencement exercises May 11 in Burlington, Vt. Jay, best of luck to you in all that you do.

MASTERS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Sgt John Conte, graduated from Anna Maria College last Saturday, May 17, with a masters degree in criminal justice. He has been a member of the Cohasset Police Department since 1983, and a sergeant since 1993. His children, **Jenna** and **Jack**, and wife **Joni** all went to the graduation ceremony in Paxton, Mass. as well as other family members.

ENGLISH DEGREE

William Kearney, graduated May 24 from UMASS Amherst with an English degree. Bill has lived in Spain and is fluent in the Spanish language and hopes to eventually teach English as a second language in a South American country. He is a 1999 graduate of Cohasset High School. Congratulations Bill! Your family and friends are very proud of you.

FIGHTING LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE

Cohasset resident and brother of the late Jimmy Kennedy, Richard "Rat" Kennedy is joined by his mother Mary Kennedy-Paretti, Quincy Mayor William J. Phelan, and the New Balance mascot squirrel in anticipation of the 6th Annual Jimmy Kennedy Memorial Run. This year's Jimmy Kennedy Memorial Run will take place on Saturday, June 7 at the Veteran's Memorial Stadium in Quincy. Also known as the New Balance "Squirrel Run" the Jimmy Kennedy Memorial run is held in honor of Jimmy "The Squirrel" Kennedy, who died of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) at age 31. All proceeds from the annual five-mile charity run for ALS benefit ALS research at Mass General Hospital in Boston.

SWIM-DIVE TEAM

The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team would like to thank all of the supporters of this years fundraiser, especially those businesses that donated so generously. They are: Good Sport, Goodwin Graphics, HyperTone Personal Fitness Training, RGP, Cohasset News, The Village Butcher and Kids ShoeMarket.

PSO MEETINGS

By donating both time and money, hundreds of parents have enabled the PSO to enrich the lives of our children at the Middle/High School, the Deer Hill School and the Osgood Elementary School. Each school has its own school-specific PSO, with the President's Council serving as the umbrella organization uniting us all. There are many positions available for next year at each school. To learn more, please attend one of our informational meetings: Monday, June 2 at 9:30 am at the Osgood School (incoming Kindergarten parents welcome); Tuesday, June 3 at 9:30 am at the Deer Hill School; or Wednesday, June 11 at 7:15 p.m. at the Middle/High School. All are welcome.

PSO CALENDAR

The Cohasset PSO Calendar is in the makings and the committee is looking for all information, dates, names and other important pieces to complete the upcoming 2003-2004 calendar. Please start pulling all of your information together and send it on to psocalendar@yahoo.com or send it to:622 CJC Highway. All information needs to be in email or hard copy format to keep the information all together. Any community organization who wishes to include information in the calendar are more than welcome to forward the items as well.

20-YEAR REUNION COMING!

Calling all members of the CHS Class of 1984! Do you know that next year is our 20th Class Reunion? I know that I was a bit shocked to remember that "Wow, has it been 20 years already?" Anyways, **Jackie (Plante) Collari** and the planning committee have started planning this Reunion Weekend and the first step is to get as many member's together in an email group with names, addresses, phone and email. Please make sure to contact Jackie by phone or email and send your information on to her as well as any classmates info that you may have. Please also send any ideas that you may have on events for the weekend. You can reach Jackie by email at: collarifamily@earthlink.net or by phone at: (781)545-3480. The reunion will have something for everyone throughout the weekend so make plans to come back home to Cohasset with your family and enjoy the weekend or stay a bit longer next summer. Maybe by then, the rain will stop and the warmer weather will have arrived!

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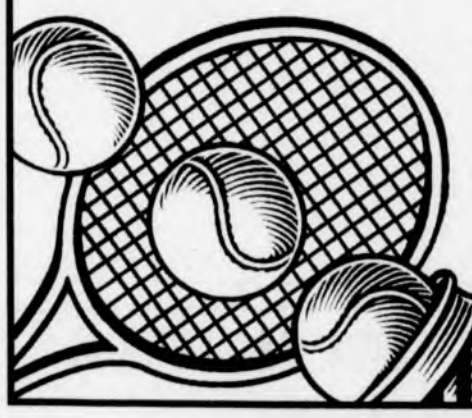

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Seniors write the book on Osgood first-graders

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"I've really enjoyed my experience here. There's just a tremendous amount of excitement."
— Nancy Hanson, CHS English teacher

Thanks to a project put together by Cohasset High School English teacher Nancy Hanson, first-graders at the Osgood School will never forget the Class of 2003.

Hanson, who taught every senior at some point this school year, made sure her soon-to-be-departing students left a good impression on their younger counterparts, who have only just begun their academic careers. She arranged for each of her 79 seniors to write a children's story for a first-grader.

"I always had the desire to have my students write stories," said Hanson, who started the project while at Archbishop Williams School in Braintree, where she taught for 15 years before coming to Cohasset two years ago. "I wanted them to have an audience."

The seniors personalized their stories, making individual first-graders the heroes of their tales after getting back questionnaires listing each child's favorite things.

On Thursday, about 20 of Hanson's seniors visited the Osgood School, along with Hanson, teacher's aide Ellen Kane and town children's librarian Sharon Moody, to present the children's books to teacher Jared Alves' first grade class.

The books had already been written and bound by the seniors, complete with "about the author" pages and computer-designed covers. The first-graders then put on the finishing touches by adding illustrations to each page as the seniors read to them.

It was one of four journeys to Osgood School for Hanson this school year, as her students brought books to four of the six first grade classes. "I've really enjoyed my experience here," she said. "There's just a tremendous amount of excitement."

Hanson brought her students to teacher Jennifer Thorell's first-graders on Friday and to teacher Allison Sullivan's class this Wednesday. All four first grade teachers involved in the project also received personalized books. Teacher Cynthia Hurley, whose class received books from one of Hanson's classes earlier in the year, received her book from a former student, senior Meredith Bixby.

Hanson's best friend, who taught first grade at the St. Francis Elementary School in Braintree, used to have her students write stories back to Hanson's Archbishop Williams students. Hanson said she wanted to take the project in that direction in Cohasset, too. "We just didn't have time this year," she said. "But the first grade teachers hope to be able to build on this."

Before the seniors wrote the books, Moody, who was a kindergarten teacher in Cohasset for 17 years, visited Hanson's class and lectured her students about what makes a good children's story. "I talked to them about the elements of picture book style, and how to write folk and fairy tales," she said. "I also had more than 100 books for them to look at for different styles."

Senior Sarah Dennis was able to take advantage of that lecture, modeling her book for first-grader Phoebe Knox on another story she had read. The story, entitled "If You Give a Bunny a Gummy Bear," was a hit with Phoebe.

"I was able to incorporate all her favorite things, like Monopoly and Shrek and her favorite animal," said Dennis. "It was fun. It was different, because we've been doing all this academic stuff, so it was a break. It was awesome."

Senior Ben Lynner used the fact that his partner, first-grader Chris Hagerty, was a huge baseball fan to write a story about Chris pitching a no-hitter for the Red Sox. Lynner said watching Chris illustrate his book was rewarding. "It was awesome to see him interact and be so happy to be a part of something," he said.

Senior Evan Pestone was equally pleased with the project.

STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

CHS senior Maura McKenney, right, watches as first-grader Carly Kinscherf illustrates the book she wrote for her.

Teacher Cynthia Hurley, whose class received books from one of Hanson's classes earlier in the year, receives her book from a former student, senior Meredith Bixby.

"It's was really nice to get out of school and work with the kids on a different level," he said. "I felt like the kids really looked up to us a lot."

Alves said the project taught his first-graders reading, language and social skills and also gave them a sense of accomplishment. "There just so engaged, I don't know what to do with myself," he said as he scanned his classroom on Thursday. "I'm impressed. This is such a wonderful project."

Alves said other first-grade teachers reported similar results. "Every teacher said as soon as they got together, you could hear a pin drop in the room because they were so engaged," he said.

Moody said the project gave closure to the seniors, and to her as well, because she taught some of them in her early years as a kindergarten teacher. "They didn't go to this school, because it's brand new, but it's still coming back to their roots. It's nostalgic for them," she said.

Moody said the books would be cherished by the first-graders for years to come. "This is going to be something that stays with them forever," she said. "It's going to be something they read to their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, all their relatives. It may not even come off the mantle until they get married and leave home, so it's definitely an air loom."

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Salt marsh at World's End is brought back to life

Restoration praised at recent dedication

A salt marsh farmed for salt meadow grass in colonial times and later converted to a freshwater hayfield is having a comeback as a result of a restoration project completed this month by The Trustees of Reservations. Wetlands restoration advocates gathered last week to dedicate the Damde Meadows Salt Marsh Restoration Project at World's End Reservation, owned by the non-profit conservation organization.

"With the help of our conservation partners, we've turned the clock back some 300 years to a time when tidal waters sustained a vibrant New England salt marsh at World's End," said Andy Kendall, Executive Director of The Trustees of Reservations. "In the years to come, Damde Meadows will be a haven for wildlife and a wonderful educational resource for our visitors. The project highlights the power and synergy that result from collaboration among government agencies, conservation organizations, and corporate partners. Together, we're going to conserve the best of the Massachusetts landscape for future generations to enjoy."

State Secretary of Environmental Affairs Ellen Roy Herzfelder of Cohasset, second from left, joins federal, state and local supporters of the Damde Meadows salt marsh restoration project, recently dedicated at World End's in Hingham. The Trustees of Reservations sponsored the project to restore 18 acres of salt marsh.

Damde Meadows originally was a salt marsh extending east-west from Hingham Harbor to the Weir River, separating Cushing's Neck from Planter's Hill and World's End. In the 1600s, settlers constructed two earthen and stone dams, one at the Weir River side and one at Martin's Cove, in order to "reclaim ... the 'Damde Meddowes' ... from the sea".

The $185,500 project involved installing two 4-foot by 8-foot concrete box culverts, sized to approximate unrestricted, natural tidal flow. The culverts replaced a failing drainpipe that extended below the two dikes and which connected Damde Meadows with Martin's Cove. One of these dikes was constructed in the 1880's to improve public access to the World's End peninsula in Hingham Bay, part of Frederick Law Olmsted's design for the World's End landscape.

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— Andy Kendall, Trustees of Reservations

The two new culverts are designed to allow enough water to flood the approximately 18-acre site and restore the salt marsh, while allowing the large ponded area to drain at low tide. Ecologists predict that most of the area will be recolonized by salt marsh vegetation. The higher tides accommodated by the new culverts will reach deep into the marsh, stressing and eventually killing off much of the invasive Phragmites australis (common reed). Areas now dominated by Phragmites are expected to gradually develop into a high marsh plant community, dominated by spike grass, black grass, and salt hay.

Secretary of Environmental Affairs Ellen Roy Herzfelder praised The Trustees for choosing to restore the salt marsh. "Caring for our wetlands is critical to the environmental and economic health of the coastal communities that all New Englanders treasure. By joining forces with our many public and private partners, as we have done for the Damde Meadows Salt Marsh Restoration Project, we can restore a significant part of our wetland heritage and maintain it for future generations."

A diverse array of local, state, federal, and private partners carried the project through the various stages of site evaluation, project design, permitting, and construction. The Trustees sponsored and managed the project, and provided part of the funding. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provided planning, design and oversight, as well as financial assistance through the Wetlands Reserve Program. The Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership played a key role in fulfilling a cost-share requirement for one of the federal grants, through the donation of technical services and funds by ENSR International and New England Development. The National Marine Fisheries Service and EPA New England

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provided ongoing technical input. The Gulf of Maine Council, Fish America Foundation, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation all provided project funding through NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) partnership grants. Northern Construction Services, from Weymouth, served as the contractor for the project construction.

Speaking at the event, Garry Hollands of ENSR International, in Westford, observed that the Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership (CWRP) creates an opportunity for the private sector, the government regulatory sector, and environmental organizations to work together for a common cause, breaking down the "good guy — bad guy" paradigm. "The CWRP is an effective vehicle to rally society's resources to restore wetlands."

The Damde Meadows restoration provides The Trustees with an exciting opportunity to involve students in learning about salt marsh ecosystems. Students from Curry College in Milton have already assessed the initial site conditions. The Trustees will continue to involve high school and college students in the monitoring of the wetland as tidal flow gradually restores the area to its natural condition. The staff will also work with local teachers to use Damde Meadows for field studies. These educational goals stem from the organization's belief that re-connecting people to the land is one of the most effective ways to foster the protection of the Massachusetts landscape.

Habitat application meetings set for June 7 at St. Stephen's

South Shore Habitat for Humanity is soliciting applications from families wishing to purchase an existing Habitat condominium residence at 43 Elm St., Cohasset. It is the first floor unit of a two-unit condo and has three bedrooms. South Shore Habitat has re-purchased this unit from the previous Habitat homeowner and will sell it to a family in need.

Qualified families who can demonstrate a severe housing need, whose income is within Habitat guidelines and who are financially qualified are encouraged to apply to purchase the home. Families will be chosen without respect to age, gender, sexual preference, disability, race, religion or national origin. There is no residency restriction for this project.

The selected family will purchase this condo at Habitat's cost and will receive 20-year, zero-interest financing by Habitat. This unit is priced at $69,500.

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The selected family must also invest "sweat equity" time with Habitat. Because this condo unit is in fine condition, sweat equity work will be required at other Habitat sites throughout the South Shore. Construction work is being done in Marshfield, Easton, and Norwell.

The required 500 sweat equity hours can be accumulated by working along with other volunteers on construction, landscaping, site clean-up, fundraising and many other tasks. Sweat equity hours can be done by any family member; no construction skills are necessary. Most construction work takes place on Saturdays.

Prospective homeowners will be required to attend one informational meeting to learn about the project. Application forms are only available at these meetings. Two meetings have been scheduled as follows:

St. Stephens Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset on * Saturday, June 7 from 10a.m.-noon and 7:30-9 p.m. Child care will be provided at both meetings.

All candidates should meet the following annual gross family income guidelines. Extenuating circumstances will be considered.

Family of 1-3
$23,000 - $33,000
Family of 4
$23,000 - $35,000
Family of 5
$23,000 - $37,000
Family of 6 or more
$23,000 - $39,000

The deadline for submission of applications will be June 23.

For more information please visit www.sshabitat.org or contact South Shore Habitat for Humanity at 781-843-9080.

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What's up at CSC this year

By Ann Musto
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SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The beauty of one-design sailing is that our older boats, if taken care of and sailed well, are very good options for the club to be able to get more sailors out on the water.

As the summer sailing season starts to shape up, there are some important changes and considerations for past team members, as well as for those students who have completed their fourth year of instruction.

The Club is happy to report that our coach, Pat Rynne, will be returning to the Sailing Club again this summer. Pat is currently a sophomore at Brown University and an integral part of the Brown Sailing Team. He has a long and impressive background in Massachusetts Bay Junior Racing, having started out at the Scituate Yacht Club and then went on to help establish a sailing team, and to excel at St. Sebastian High School. He has been with CSC for three years and has been the motivating factor in establishing a true racing program.

The Board of Trustees at the club has backed the development of this arm of the instructional program and has agreed to purchase three more new 420 racing boats which brings our total to six new boats, including three sailed last summer; and two older 420 boats for training — and can also be sailed in a regatta! The beauty of one-design sailing is that our older boats, if taken care of and sailed well, are very good options for the club to be able to get more sailors out on the water.

Because of the high expense in providing these boats, we have added $30 onto the usual instructional fee for sailing, bringing the CSC Race Team member fee to $200 plus the requirement of a family membership. This fee is levied on all 420 sailors, new and old, top sailors as well as beginners. With the realizations that the team members will practice and race every afternoon from 1 p.m. on till the end of the practice, this fee is minimal. Participation at regattas will be decided by the coach and dependent upon consistent participation, ability and individual development.

We look forward to a great summer and hope to see the club represented throughout Mass Bay at many junior regattas. Pat and the CSC Board anticipate an excellent season and hope to have our own first Annual CSC Regatta!

Student coastal center to open Friday, June 20

Roy Herzfelder is guest speaker

The Center for Student Coastal Research's core educational mission is to provide opportunities for high school students to study local watershed issues.

The Center for Student Coastal Research announces Ellen Roy Herzfelder, the state Secretary for the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, will provide the keynote address at ceremonies marking the Center's official opening from 5-7 p.m., Friday, June 20. The Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) will celebrate the establishment of a harborfront laboratory and classroom facility dedicated to supporting coastal research projects of importance to Cohasset and surrounding communities in the South Coastal Watershed.

CSCR's core educational mission is to provide opportunities for high school students to study local watershed issues. CSCR is dedicated to assisting students to complete research projects that meet the rigors of professional scientific review; CSCR students, therefore, serve community interests and needs. CSCR is equally dedicated to providing younger students with programs designed to engage them in the exploration of the coastal environment and to assist them in developing their skills as young scientists.

The opening of CSCR's doors will mark the successful work of numerous volunteers who labored to rehabilitate a long abandoned, but historic town landmark, the Captain Aubrey Crocker home, better known locally as the Hagerty building. Though still a work in progress, the Center will open its doors this summer to dozens of young scientists enrolled in its Seaside Adventures program and a select group of high school students focused on research projects in Cohasset Harbor, Little Harbor, Bassings Beach, and the Gulf River.

CSCR will also be celebrating area artists who have leased studios in the building as part of a collaborative agreement between the Center and the South Shore Art Center.

Recreation Department's Summer Playground signups start June 9

The Cohasset Recreation Commission announces Martha Equi will again be the director of the Summer Playground Program for children ages 3 1/2 to 12 years. Registration will be held the week of June 9, as follows:

Monday, June 9, - Wednesday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Recreation Commission has also established fee charges for the 2003 Playground Program as follows:

Full Day 5 to 12 year olds: $350 for first child

1/2 Day 3 to 5 year olds: $280 for first child

$500 non-resident for either half or full day program

Activity Fee

A $50 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover special in house events and professional entertainment, arts and crafts supplies, swim walkers T-shirts. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited Enrollment has been set for each program. Non-residents are taken on a space available basis. All children must be toilet trained.

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Dog Obedience

The Cohasset Recreation Department will continuously, throughout the summer, offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy Dog Training School.

Second session classes will be held on Monday evenings on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Monday, April 28, for Obedience with Distractions at 7 p.m. and at 6 p.m. for beginners. For all classes the fee is $100 for the five-week, one hour per week program, Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register for the next available session, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. A new session will begin approximately every five weeks. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

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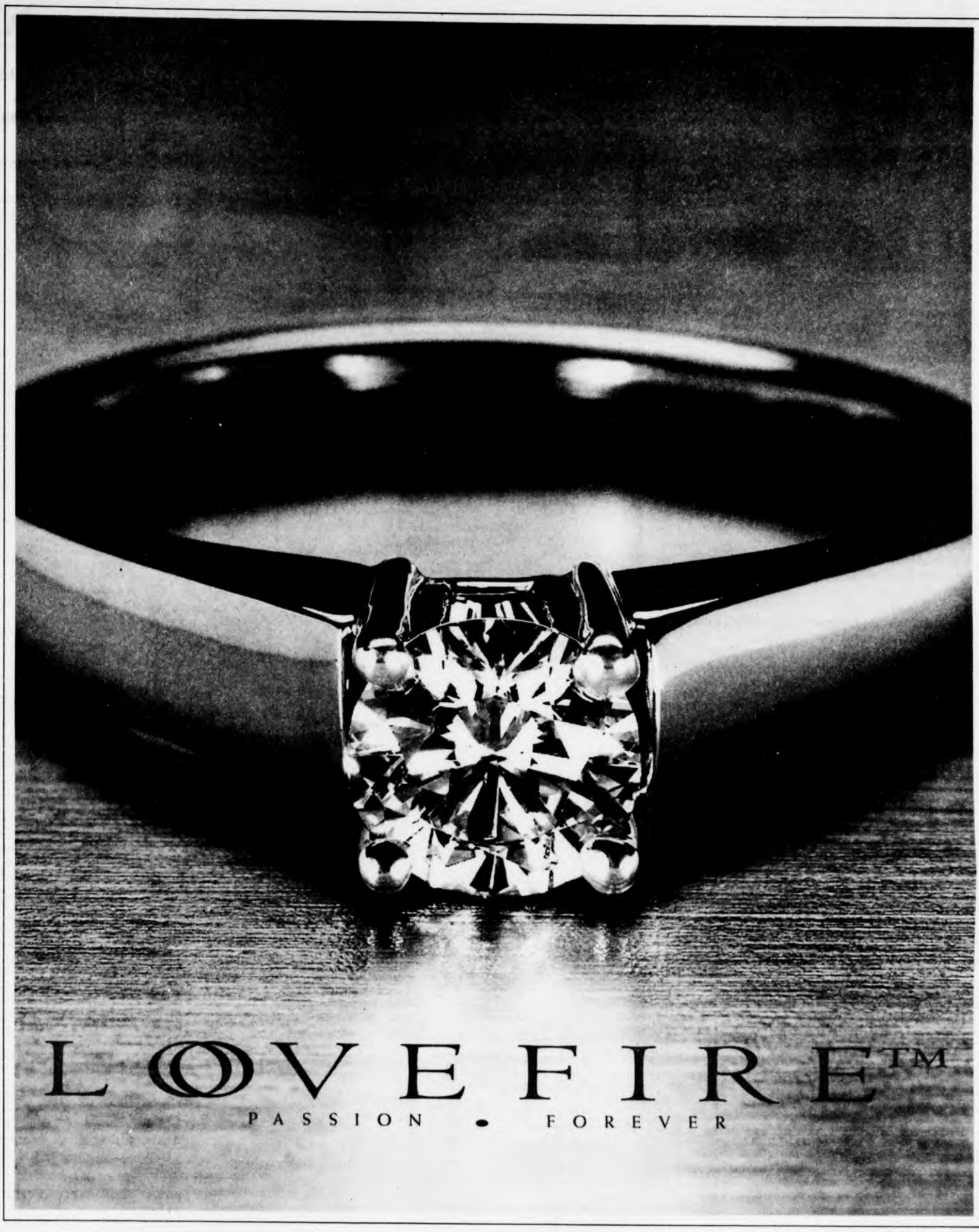

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EDITORIAL

A sticky situation

We'll admit in the overall scheme of things $30 is not a big price to pay for an "all-facilities" sticker. It's far less than a dinner out at Atlantica, Bernard's or the Red Lion Inn. It's less than filling an SUV with premium gasoline and adds up to about 20 medium cups of coffee at Dunkin' Donuts.

But like anything else in life, it's often the principle rather than the actual price tag that gets people riled.

When the cost of going to the beach jumps 400 percent in a single year, it's bound to raise a few eyebrows.

Residents realize times are tough and the town is trying to find money and savings wherever it can.

The Board of Selectmen sometimes has to make difficult, and at times, unpopular decisions. This time the board voted to raise sticker fees that will generate some badly needed revenue and reduce paperwork at the Town Clerk's office.

That being said, though, beach stickers were one of the few bargains left in a town which has some of the highest property taxes in the state. And "fee" is really just another word for taxes. There was something a little quaint and almost old-fashioned about being able to buy a beach sticker for only $7 ($3 for each additional vehicle). It was almost like parking at our beautiful Sandy Beach for free.

But before you get ready to dial Town Hall, think about whether $30 is too much to pay. It's important to point out the "all-facilities sticker" that includes the RTF is a bargain for your "dump car" because RTF stickers cost $35 last year.

If you still don't like paying the $30 ($20 for a second vehicle) for the "all-facilities" sticker then call your individual selectmen and let them know. That's your right.

— Mary Ford
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senior rides at risk

TO THE EDITOR:

Transportation has become such a vital requirement for seniors that the Cohasset Elder Affairs has a separate phone number—781-383-0220—to accommodate this need. Here is what they do:

- Today is Thursday and a wheelchair-bound senior needs the center's medical van to transport her for a 9:30 a.m. appointment to a Weymouth's doctor's office; after which, she will be lifted to the Stetson Building for some blood work.
- Because the medical van is tied up, another senior will be transported using the Medical Assistance Program (MAP) to a daily appointment for radiation treatment at Crown Colony in Quincy.
- Two other seniors will ride into Boston using the Medical Transportation to Boston Program (MTB-5). Fortunately, both have 10 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. appointments at Massachusetts General Hospital.
- At 9:30, Cohasset seniors will take the center's regular van "around town." One may go to the library to return and take out books, one has business at town hall, a couple may have coffee and sweets at French Memories, while another heads for the post office. Food shopping trips to Stop & Shop and Shaw's Supermarkets are made on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- After these seniors are returned home, the van will pick up other seniors for the nutritious lunch program at the center held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Today, they will be entertained after lunch by the Derby Academy Choral Group.
- Another independent senior gentleman has procured a ride to the Hingham-Boston ferry and public transportation for an appointment at the V.A. Hospital but doesn't have a ride back from the Hingham Shipyard. A volunteer is recruited to meet the gentleman and take him to his Cohasset home at 3 p.m.

Regrettably, with the economic recession, the MTB-5 Program will die at fiscal year ending June 30 and the MAP Program may have a similar demise on Sept. 30. Cohasset seniors are fortunate to retain local transportation through the Cohasset Elder Affairs office.

The transportation totals for the period July 1 through May 30 are 1,413 rides to socials, luncheons, events, etc. and 478 for medical services.

Dee Dee Jakaus
CEA Transportation Coordinator

Thank you for all the Relay support

TO THE EDITOR:

On May 16th and 17th the annual Relay For Life was held at Cohasset High School. Thanks to the efforts of many it was a huge success. We raised more than $113,000, had 650 walkers and 50 survivors participate. I would like to thank all those who made it possible. First I would like to thank Mary Shepherd from the American Cancer Society and all the members of the RFL committee : Anna Mary Stewart, Karen Burns, Charlie Towers, Victor Vanderlugt, Raquel Delgado, Gordon Berher, Jeff Mushin, Ross Lieb-Lappen, Martha Henderson, Emily Dean, and Jacqui Vitello. I would also like to thank a few unofficial members, Kelly Gaumer, Lyn Previte, and Jen Piepenbrink. Thank you to all the Clergy members who came out in support of the Relay: the Reverend Gary Ritts, the Reverend Beth Wheatly-Tyson, and Father John Mulvehill. Also to state Rep. Garret Bradley and state Rep. Frank Hynes. Thank you to all the Team Captains who create the teams and team spirit. I would like to thank our sponsors: Community Newspaper Company, Pilgrim Co-operative Bank, Goodwin Graphics, The Cohasset Rotary, Neil J Murphy Assoc. Inc., and The Livingstone Company. Thank you to The South Shore Community Center and The Second Congregational Church for generously donating their space for all our committee meetings.

The Taste of The Relay was delicious and enjoyed by all. Thank you to The Red Parrot, The Borrowed Butler, Atlantica, Schooners, Windsor Tea Shop, MacKenzies, French Memories, Bare Cove Gourmet and Maggie's Corner Bakery. We had a large number of donations from local businesses and individuals that most certainly deserve a special thank you. They are the Adrian Morris Salon, Brewed Awakenings, Coca Cola, Cohasset Rotary, Crow Point Pizza, DiNero's, Eastern Mountain Sports, Hair Imports, Hingham Music, H P Hood, Nona's, Papa Gino's, Pro Sports, Ray Papile, Really Great Pizza, The Red Lion Inn, Shaws, South Shore Music Circus, Bernard's, Cohasset Pizza House, The Craft Factory, Dunkin' Donuts, Atlantic Bagel, Elizabeth Kissick, Julian Crane Co., Manganaro Northeast, Lily Sestito, David Ingber, Bob Levy, Jack DeLorenzo, and Amy and Glenn Davis.

Without the help of all these people and Companies the Relay would not have been the success that it was. Lastly and most importantly, I would like to thank all the walkers who came out in the cold to walk and raised the money that is so important in the fight against cancer.

Laurie Livingstone Greenip
Event Chair

Saving James Island from development

In its current natural state with classic Cohasset outcroppings and ledges of stone, James Island is the linchpin of scenic and wildlife beauty in Upper Little Harbor.

The James Island Preservation Alliance has recently been organized by a group of residents in the Little Harbor area of Cohasset. The purpose of the Alliance is to acquire James Island, a peninsula located in the middle of Upper Little Harbor for perpetual conservation status as the much-preferred alternative to commercialization of this Cohasset coastal treasure. The owners of this peninsula property have initiated a subdivision approval process with the town for commercialization of the acreage into house lots.

Members of the Alliance have grave concerns that commercialization would have a dramatic, adverse, ecological and environmental impact on the already non-conforming waters of the protected Harbor, including destruction of wildlife, habitat, and the loss of resident and migratory birds, such as swans, herons, egrets, ducks and the like.

In its current natural state with classic Cohasset outcroppings and ledges of stone, James Island is the linchpin of scenic and wildlife beauty in Upper Little Harbor. Given the protected tidal waters and its close proximity to the ocean, the area is in the migratory flyover and many hundreds of winged visitors rest in the harbor each season.

The Cohasset Conservation Trust has joined with the Alliance, including a financial pledge from its limited funds, in support of the preservation alternative. Additionally, the Boston office of the National Trust for Public Lands has also joined with the Alliance, bringing experience and skills to help structure a transaction that would be a win-win for the Alliance, for Cohasset, and for the current owners of James Island, who have a family tradition of concern for the coastal environment and its wildlife.

From its founding families and the Cohasset Conservation Trust, the James Island Preservation Alliance has already, in just a few weeks, received pledges for more than 50 percent of the expected acquisition cost, and is initiating fundraising from other concerned townspeople and organizations, the generosity of whom can be counted on for such a laudable and essential endeavor. The total acquisition cost is anticipated to be in excess of $1.5 million for the acreage involved.

This is a press release from the James Island Preservation Alliance. For more information, contact R.E. Brooks at 781-383-8823.

Memorial Day in Cohasset

The following is the complete text of Maj. Philip J. Mahoney's Memorial Day speech.

Commander Wigmore, Commander Parencello, Fellow Veterans, Cohasset Residents, Family and Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I join you on a day like this, in a town like this. My love affair with Cohasset's Memorial Day began 12 years ago in 1991 when a newly commissioned "Boot" Lieutenant by the name of Phil Mahoney followed the orders of his older brothers and reported for parade duty at the Mealy Legion Post.

Armed with a diploma from Officers' Candidates School, a diploma from college, and two shiny "butter bars" on my uniform, I was your typical young officer- polished and confident on the outside, cautious and terribly nervous on the inside. I had studied the tactics and the training manuals, but the human element of leadership could not be learned from the textbooks. I needed a big picture view of the what the military was all about and who the men and women were who filled its ranks. With my first command only months away, my time was short. So I came to the Legion that Memorial Day with several questions and I was looking for help.

My learning process began right away as the first group of Cohasset veterans began to arrive at the Legion. Dressed in the torn remains of old uniforms with non-regulation hair, beards, beer bellies, and sneakers instead of boots, this contingent looked more like a group of "trick-or-treaters" on Halloween than a military outfit. However, beneath the rag-tag appearance was a wealth of knowledge born in the boot camps and battlefields of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf. Their past experiences would be my guide and would help prepare me for the challenges that lay ahead.

The school bell rang and class began when I was introduced to Louis Bailey, a World War II Marine and decorated veteran of Okinawa. As he stood in front of me almost at attention in his boot camp-issue uniform, I saw the pride of an old Marine while he passed the torch to a new generation. Louis and his counterparts had fought their way across the Pacific in some of the most bitter campaigns in Marine Corps history. They were the backbone of the Corps' reputation, true warriors who had earned hero status. Yet, here he was talking to me as if I were the hero, calling me "Sir" and wishing me well at every turn.

I never forgot Louis Bailey's reaction that Memorial Day and it left a lasting impression. He was an accomplished man whose sacrifice, dedication, and service extended beyond the Marine Corps when he returned home to start a family and run a successful business. He had contributed a great deal to his country, his community, and his family, but you would never hear him talk about it. There was no bragging or false sense of entitlement involved with Louis Bailey. He was just a modest, hard working man.

As I continued to meet more of Cohasset's veterans, it struck me that there was more than one Louis Bailey in the crowd. In fact, each individual, although coming from different backgrounds, had an underlying theme very similar to Louis'— one of duty, commitment, and sacrifice.

There was Eddie Curran, a Marine veteran and career electrician who always found time to coach and support local athletics. He was one of my first youth hockey coaches and definitely the first who, after seeing my inability to stay out of the penalty box, advised me not to quit my day job. Eddie also sent three of his sons into the military- Timmy, Danny, and Brian, where they all served their country in the Persian Gulf.

There was Bob Jackson, Navy veteran, Cohasset Police Chief, and longtime law enforcement official who logged over 30 years of naval service, held numerous command billets, and retired with the rank of Captain.

There was Matt Marr and John Ketcham, both Army veterans, both decorated in combat, both firefighters, and both private businessmen.

No yardstick could measure the magnitude of their contributions to our everyday life. They were, and will always be, Cohasset's greatest citizens.

This list of Cohasset veterans and their achievements is endless. As I marveled at the quality of their service both in and out of uniform, I began to see their connection to the men and women of the current military. Years earlier, these veterans were the young Privates, Sergeants, and Lieutenants who shaped the military. A look at their thoughts and motivations would give me an idea of what to expect myself. My day of learning was really starting to pay off.

I went through the paces for the rest of the day more sure of myself and confident that I could be a successful Marine Officer. The town of Cohasset had turned out in impressive numbers at every cemetery stop and was now lining the parade route from the Common to the harbor. The show of support was tremendous as the veterans marched with pride, out of step, into this very spot — Cohasset's Veteran's Memorial.

What happened next was a moment that changed my life forever. I thought about it everyday for the 11 years that I wore the country's uniform and I continue to reference it today. It was a revelation of the kind that happens when skies open up, the oceans part, and a brilliant ray of light beams down to earth. In front of Phil Mahoney, the confused Second Lieutenant, lay the secret to it all.

This secret was contained in the names that lined the town's war memorial — the names of Cohasset's fallen heroes. Daley, Gonsalves, Mealy, Sidney, Williams, Buffum, Gleason, Jason, Johnson, Long, Parker, Studley, Todd, Strout, Albiani, Cogill, Keating, Laidlaw, Lyon, Maree, Reardon, and Simeone. With each name that I read, the point was made clearer and the lesson more important.

I now stood in the midst of the finest Cohasset had to offer. These veterans epitomized sacrifice and service. They gave their lives to protect and preserve our way of life and our national interests. To be mentioned in the same breath was flattering beyond belief. No yardstick could measure the magnitude of their contributions to our everyday life. They were, and will always be, Cohasset's greatest citizens.

I walked away from that first Memorial Day a better man and a better Marine. I now understood the veteran and the things that made him so special- the commitment, the attention to duty, and most importantly, the sacrifice. To serve with young men and women cut from that mold would be an honor and I challenge I would not take lightly.

Cohasset's veterans had helped set the standard and it was up to me to carry on that fine tradition. They served with distinction and some gave their lives, the rest returned to continue the mission with faithful work on behalf of their communities and their families. Ladies and gentlemen, that is what life is all about.

It is fitting that we discuss the veteran at a time like this. The latest generation of service men and women are presently in harms way fighting the nation's battles. Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, Chosin, and Khe Sanh have been replaced by Kabul, Basra, Nasiriya, and Baghdad. Our military has performed brilliantly and they deserve our unwavering support.

I disagree with the views of some academics who think that today's military is not an accurate reflection of society. Now serving on the battlefield's of Afghanistan and Iraq are tomorrow's parents, teachers, lawyers, construction workers, and business people. Just ask Louis Bailey and the rest of the Cohasset veterans. They answered the call overseas and at home- they served and they sacrificed. And for that, we honor them.

I am proud to be an American, proud to be a United States Marine, and especially proud to be a Cohasset veteran. Happy Memorial Day Cohasset!

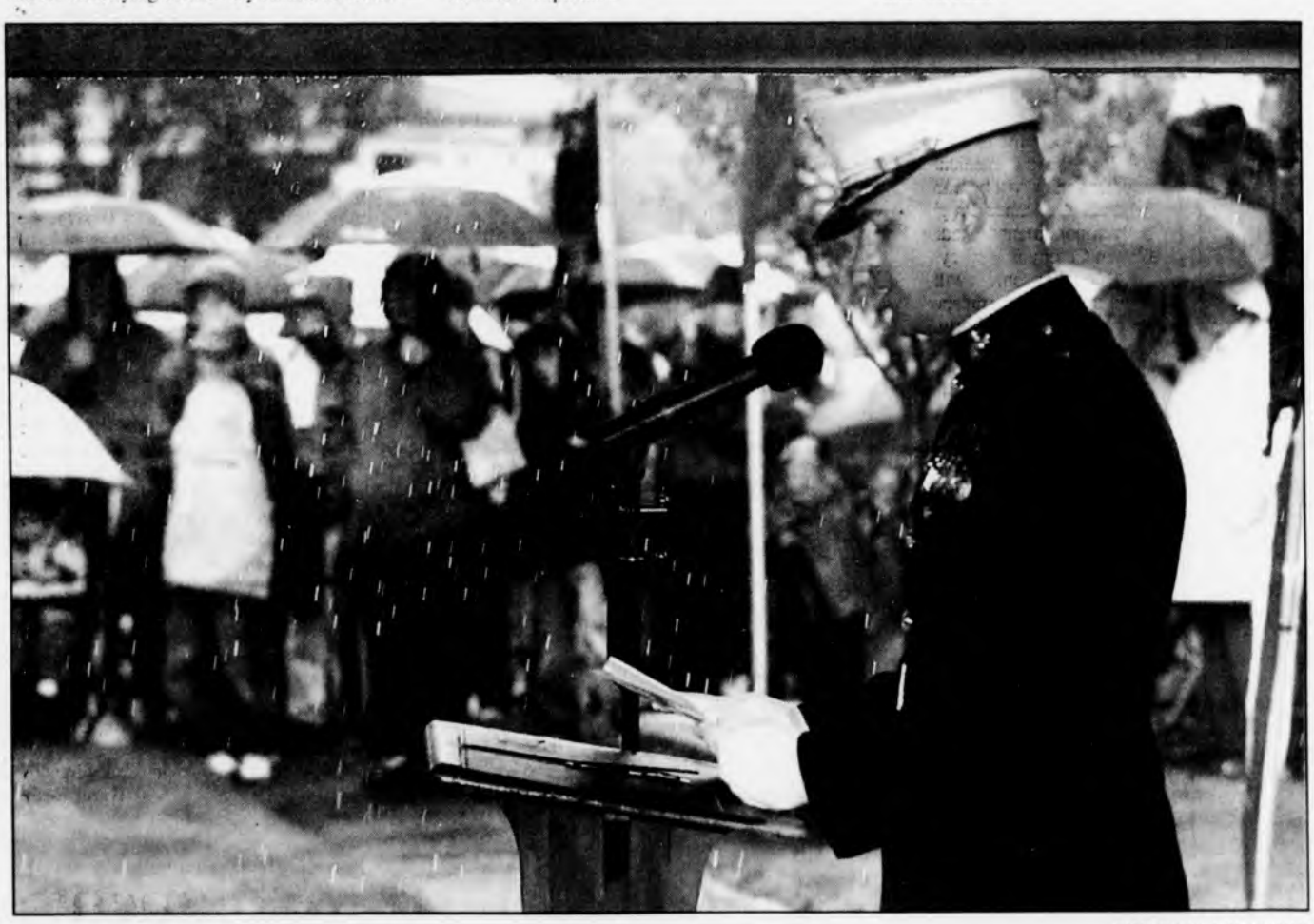
About Maj. Philip J. Mahoney

A 1987 graduate of Cohasset High School, Major Phil Mahoney attended Cornell University on a ROTC Scholarship. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in 1991 and was trained as an Infantry Officer.

Over the next seven years of active duty, Phil served with the following units:

- The 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment at Camp Lejeune, N.C.
- The Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team in Norfolk, Va.
- The Marine Corps Security Force Training Company in Chesapeake, Va.

In 1998, he joined the Marine Reserves and worked as a Company Commander with the 25th Marine Regiment in Worcester, Massachusetts until his retirement in 2002. Phil recently returned to Cohasset where he now lives with his wife Kate and son Jack.



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Maj. Philip J. Mahoney, US Marine corps (Ret.) addresses the crowd at veterans Memorial Park. For more photos, see page 25.

Eleanora Sears opened the door

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Annika Sorenstam, you done good. Now let me tell you about a Boston socialite named Eleanora Sears. Without her, Annika, you may never have had the chance to test your not inconsiderable golfing talents against the menfolk in real life.

Eleanora, born in 1881 with more silver spoons than teeth in her mouth, was 28 years old on Aug. 13, 1910, when she led a team of four women against a team of men in a four-chukker polo match in Narraganset Pier with two of the girls (including Eleanor) riding astride their horses and two riding side saddle.

Then two days later, Eleanora and a women named Emily Randolph took on a team of two men. It is not recorded who won but I'll bet on the girls because Eleanora hated to lose, even at squash which she took up when she was almost 50 and won a women's singles title. The New York Times said the polo match "caused a sensation."

As Babe Didrickson helped to open the door for Annika Sorenstam did Eleanora Sears help open the door for the Babe.

Eleanora did everything athletic well. She discovered lawn tennis as a teenager in a day when the women's game was little more than pit-a-pat across a net and introduced power and speed to the game. She excelled at sailing, swimming, horseback riding. She was a better shot with a rifle than most of the men she competed against.

As Babe Didrickson helped to open the door for Annika Sorenstam did Eleanora Sears help open the door for the Babe, who, as everyone who has been reading the sports pages lately knows by now, was the last woman before Annika to play in a men's golf tournament.

Some of the Babe's feats have been raised into the realm of legend, like the assertion that she won 632 of the 634 events she competed in before she turned pro in 1932. One of her losses was as a member of a women's basketball team. In the other, she was the victim of one of those infamous Olympic judges.

She won the high jump, the javelin throw and the 80-meter hurdles in the 1932 Olympics at Los Angeles — but hold on a sec. The judges huddled and decided she had done something call the "Texas roll" to get over the bar and that was illegal so they gave the gold medal to Jean Shiley and the silver to the Babe.

The Babe's introduction to the javelin has a mythical quality to it, too. She wandered on a high school athletic field one day, picked up a javelin and asked the coach what it was and how it was used. Then she threw it and when the throw was measured it was found that it had exceeded the world's record for women at the time.

Before the 80-meter hurdles, it is said she went into an opposing dressing room and asked, "Which of you girls is going to run in the next race?" Several girls allowed that they were, whereupon the Babe, in all innocence, told them:

"It sure isn't going to be any fun beating nice girls like you. But I just can't help it. Somebody's got to win. That'll be me. But you girls come on. I'll let you see how I can run, and you'll be getting some nice exercise and some good fresh air."

Funny thing is, the Babe wasn't playing head games. She really meant it.

POLITICAL NOTES

Local GOP meets June 3 in Plymouth

"How To Win in '04" is the topic as GOP leaders from Plymouth, Norfolk, Bristol and Barnstable Counties will gather and hear the "voice of the South Shore," WATD-FM President Edward F. Perry as well as Boston Globe veteran State House reporter, Carolyn Ryan. Issues surrounding the 2004 GOP elections will be discussed. The public is invited to attended this stimulating event and reservations are necessary.

"How To Win in '04" is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3 at the John Carver Inn in Plymouth. Both Perry and Ryan will be on hand to explore factors and brainstorm issues. Special guests will be congressional, legislative and county candidates. Division Five Chairman, Larry Novak announced that GOP leaders from Bristol, Barnstable, Plymouth and Norfolk will be attending this noteworthy event. Social hour begins at 6-7 p.m. and the program will begin at 8 p.m.

"This meeting is open to the public but reservations must be made," Novak said. Please call him for reservations and more information at 508-588-1828; or Rita Kechejian, 508-588-7277; Polly Logan at 781-383-0031; Anne Wolf, 508-763-8866; George Decas, 508-295-3464; or Arthur Larrivee, 508-998-1261.

LIBRARY CORNER

Community room

When you visit the library, take a few moments to browse the Friends' ongoing book sale, located in the Community Room. Hardcover books cost $1 and paperbacks are 25 cents. The Community Room, equipped with coffee service and refreshments, is available during the library's hours of operation.

Special reception

The Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library cordially invite residents of Cohasset to a welcoming wine and cheese reception for our new Library Director, Ms. Jackie Rafferty on Wednesday, June 11 from 4-6 p.m. at the library. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our dynamic library director and to familiarize everyone with our state of the art library.

Also at this function, the Friends of the Library will honor the many volunteers and staff who commit their valuable time to the library throughout the year. Join us in recognizing our devoted crew. We look forward to an afternoon of entertainment for all.

Museum passes

Check out the museum passes available to you at the library, compliments of the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Reserve the Boston By Foot pass and explore the City of Boston with guided walking tours. May through October, Boston by Foot offers daily, regularly-scheduled walking tours. Discover "Victorian Back Bay" or "Boston by Little Feet" designed for children ages six to 12. Tours proceed rain or shine and no reservations are required. Please telephone the library at 781-383-1348 for more details.

Computer help

Do you need help using the library's computers? Would you like to learn how to search the online catalog or reference databases? Sign-up for a one-on-one tutorial with our reference librarian Judy Simons. Call the library to schedule a session.

State senate delivers its $22.5 billion version of the budget

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL P. NORTON

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

No one on the Hill is going to really balance the budget this year.

That much became clear last week as state government chugged along in an environment of sluggish tax revenues, soaring health care costs, slashed programs and services and continuing public sentiment against cuts and tax hikes.

The Senate budget committee, having taken the same crash course in Budgeting in Tight Times that the House and Gov. Mitt Romney labored through, produced a spending plan similar to the other two in several notable ways.

The budget Gov. Romney receives next month might be balanced on paper, but it probably won't be sustainable unless the economy suddenly takes a sharp turn for the better. It's a tough time to be counting on that. And all of the budgets offered, including the new Senate bill, rely on revenues that won't be around this time next year.

If tax receipts and new fee revenues counted on to balance next year's budget don't materialize, it's not hard to imagine Romney being forced to unilaterally slash spending, using his 9C executive powers, sometime in early 2004. Or Romney may be pressured to veto hundreds of millions of dollars in spending come July. If structural, rather than annual, budget balance is the goal, that might be what it takes. It's not necessarily what will happen.

The Senate budget's bottom line was $22.5 billion, give or take a few hundred million dollars due to the innovative accounting procedures politicians are using to make their numbers work. On Beacon Hill these days, that's considered pretty close. It's also roughly the same amount of spending called for by Romney and the House. It shows the three entities disagree about how to get to a bottom line, but agree on that bottom line. That's good.

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The Senate joined Romney and the House in slashing aid to cities and towns, education, the environment, affordable housing programs and as Senate budget chief Therese Murray embellished, every line item in the state budget. That is, every item except the ones she announced the Senate would preserve in its budget. But to be sure, there are cuts — Murray said $1.5 billion worth of reductions — and those cuts are on top of previous rounds of cuts.

Critics of the cuts say the social and fiscal ramifications of reducing spending on human services, education and health programs will come back to haunt state government. They argue further that the state, to get to its own balanced bottom line, is pushing decisions about raising taxes and preserving core services down to the local level.

Lastly, the Senate, again like Romney and the House, insisted its budget was honest and balanced in an era where politicians have increasingly resorted to what some call gimmicks and others call creative budgeting. The label depends on whether you, or your institutional or political nemesis, offered the idea. Most taxpayers see such ideas for what they are: crutches that balance the books on paper, but leave real deficits for future lawmakers to solve.

All of the budget balancers deserve credit for at least trying, and succeeding in many ways, to get to a balanced budget. Few of them want to cut spending on education, but they feel they have to in order to bring state spending in line with available revenues. Many lawmakers want to raise taxes, but they have adjusted to the reality that Romney will veto tax hikes and voters don't appear eager to contribute more to government. Those growing annual state spending with one-time revenues don't necessarily love the idea, but they don't have any better ones. And the Legislature wasn't crazy about restructuring government before Romney arrived, but now they're getting into it. The week also featured news on decisions made by three notable women in state government.

• *Former Governor Swift joins venture capital firm* — Former Gov. Jane Swift is returning to Boston, but probably not to a 9-5 grind. Swift is joining Arcadia Partners, a venture capital firm focused on the for-profit education and training industry, as a special general partner. Liam Donohue and Andrew W. Hallowell founded Arcadia in 1998.

• *District attorney appointed by swift abandons Republican Party* — Republicans had to be shaking their heads incredulously as they picked up morning papers and stared down photos of Sen. Edward Kennedy greeting newly converted Democrat Andrea Cabral. The Suffolk County sheriff appointed last year by Republican Gov. Jane Swift said she felted abandoned by the Grand Old Party. Gov. Romney said Cabral didn't stick around long enough to get to know the Republicans.

• *Judge Lopez resigns, ending judicial conduct trial* — The long saga of Superior Court Judge Maria Lopez, which has filled newscasts and newspapers for two years, abruptly ended last week. Lopez' attorney and husband called a press conference to announce her resignation. Lopez herself was in Cuba. Lopez berated prosecutors from the bench during the 2000 trial of a convicted molester, who she sentenced to probation. She has apologized for her outbursts, but maintained that others were out to get her both during the case and during her hearing before the Commission on Judicial Conduct. That panel had recommended that Lopez apologize and be suspended from the bench for six months.

• *Senate follows through on Travaglini pledge* — The budget also confirmed that another Beacon Hill reality remains despite new leadership in the Senate. On the Hill, the Senate remains the branch where most liberals turn first for relief from budget cuts, especially in the health care and education arenas. Senators spent the week touting plans to preserve programs that serve the vulnerable. The Senate alone has proposed fully funding the $96 million prescription drug program for seniors. Senators are intent on keeping open methadone clinics that serve heroin addicts. They propose spending $90 million to put 36,000 long-term unemployed people back on taxpayer-funded health care plans. And senators boosted House funding levels for programs that help students pass the MCAS exam and help schools keep class sizes down.

• *New report maps school choice options* — Despite numerous programs intended to give parents more choices about where to send their kids to school, opportunities are unevenly and inequitably distributed throughout Massachusetts and there's a stark shortage of choices for many parents, according to a study discussed by experts. The Boston Foundation-sponsored report by the Center for Education Policy & Research at MassINC looks closely at which communities are most and least involved in school choice.

• *Oil spill far worse than initially reported* — The Coast Guard announced 98,000 gallons of oil leaked off a Bouchard Transportation tanker into Buzzard's Bay on April 27, not 14,700 gallons, as the company initially estimated. The governor announced he will file legislation raising the penalty for illegally discharging pollutants into the water from the $25,000 per day to $50,000. The legislation also allows for a $25,000 per day fine for making "false, inaccurate, incomplete or misleading statements" about an incident. Romney said the intent of the legislation was to force companies to put safety first.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on three roll calls from prior sessions dealing with the House version of the state's $22.5 billion fiscal 2004 state budget. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

CORPORATE TAX STUDY (H 4000)

House 91-65, approved an amendment creating a special seven-member commission to study the state's corporate tax policy and make recommendations by January 2004 about possible changes in the tax structure. The study commission would replace an original proposal requiring all banks, insurance companies and publicly traded corporations to annually file a report with the state disclosing extensive information from the companies' tax returns. The information would include the number of employees, gross and net income, tax liability, exemptions, deductions and credits. Supporters of the study commission said the disclosure proposal goes too far and noted the study is a compromise that will allow the state to look into corporate tax policy and gather appropriate information for possible future action. They argued that the state recently closed many corporate tax loopholes and said that the disclosure proposal is anti-business and will discourage companies from remaining or locating in Massachusetts. Some opponents of the study commission said it is a cleverly designed amendment to kill the disclosure requirements. They argued that one-third of the state's top 50 companies pay only the minimum $456 annual corporate tax and said it is time to gather detailed information to see if the state should repeal some of the tax breaks given to big corporations over the past few years and whether these companies have kept their promises to increase jobs. Other opponents of the study said they oppose both the disclosure and the study and argued that companies are already paying their fair share of taxes and should not be harassed and driven out of the state. (A "Yea" vote is for the study commission. A "Nay" vote is against the study commission).

Y

$800 MILLION CAP ON CAPITAL SPENDING BORROWING (H 4000)

House 130-25, approved an amendment capping the amount of money the state can borrow for capital spending projects through June 2008 at $800 million per year. These include construction and maintenance projects in the areas of the environment, transportation, housing and school construction. The governor's administration currently lives under a voluntary $1.2 billion annual cap. The amendment also requires a two-thirds rather than a majority vote of the legislature to spend any money from the state's rainy day fund. Amendment supporters said state borrowing is getting out of hand and argued it is expensive and difficult to service enormous debt during these troubled fiscal times. They also noted that it is important to ensure that money is used from the rainy day fund only when there is an overwhelming need and strong legislative support. Some amendment opponents said more public works projects are good for the state's economy because they create jobs and generate millions of dollars in federal funds. Others said they believed it is unconstitutional for for the legislature to impose the cap. (A "Yea" vote is for the $800 million cap. A "Nay" vote is against it).

Y

INCREASE FUNDING FOR REGIONAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION (H 4000)

House 20-133, rejected an amendment increasing funding for state reimbursement to communities for regional school district transportation by $15.3 million (from $26.4 million to $41.7 million) and reducing funding for a new grant program to state colleges and universities by the same $15.3 million (from $30 million $14.7 million). The higher education grant program provides grants to schools that meet certain criteria including having cut costs through demonstrated administrative efficiency and savings. Communities in regional school districts are required by the state to provide transportation for all students. Amendment supporters said the additional $15.3 million would level fund the transportation reimbursement at last year's level and argued that these small communities cannot absorb a 37 percent cut when the state is also cutting local aid. Amendment opponents said they sympathize with the $15.3 million reduction for transportation but argued that the new higher education grant program has already been reduced from $30 million to $24.5 million. They said this grant program is necessary to help these institutions that are the victims of major budget cuts. Both sides noted this Hobson's choice is a difficult one that does not have a perfect answer. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment adding $15.3 million for regional school transportation and reducing the higher education grant program by $15.3 million. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

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International friendship grows at Community Garden Club

By Sandra Durant
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

It was with great pleasure that the members of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset met Takako Kohri, an officer of their new Sister Club in Nagoya Japan, and her husband, Fumio Kohri, at their annual luncheon on Tuesday at the Barker Tavern.

In July of 2001, recording secretary, Iku Isihara, was contacted by a group of friends in Japan who were interested in starting an American-style garden club. Upon receiving information on sister clubs from then president, Ann Pompeo, and Iku, the Nagoya Garden Club was formed on October 25, 2001. The spirit of a sister club is "to facilitate building of friendships among garden clubs throughout the world". In this spirit, they were sent the yearbook, the monthly newsletter, and are corresponded with on a regular basis sharing information and offering guidance when needed.

On Wednesday, Takako and Fumio, started the day touring the Lightkeeper's Cottage garden, Constitution Park, and the Lothrup house guided by Phyllis Peck and Barbara Dillon. These are gardens maintained by the Community Garden Club. Marcia Diekman and Pat Stewart then showed the Kohri's the member's gardens at Marcia◊s, Meg Moore's, Sally Avery's, and Fran O'Toole's homes. This was followed by a lunch at Mary Eisenhaure's home. Mary hosted the lunch.

The Club thanks Iku and her husband, Akira, for being the Kohri's gracious hosts during their three-day visit to Cohasset.

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Iku Isihara and Ann Pompeo of the Community Garden Club welcome Takako and Fumio Kohri to the club's luncheon Tuesday at the Barker Tavern in Scituate.

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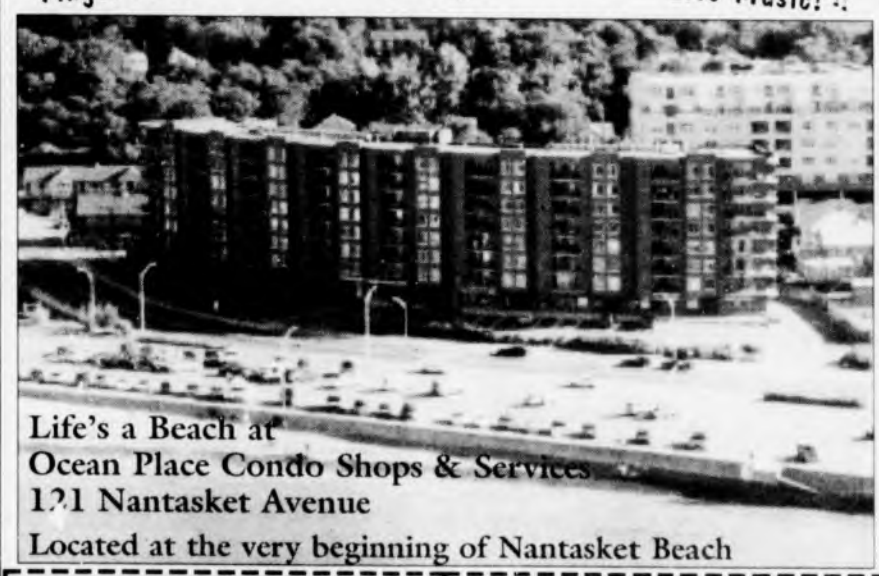

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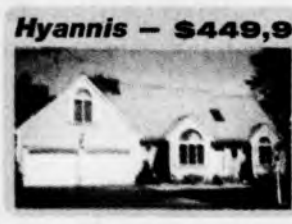
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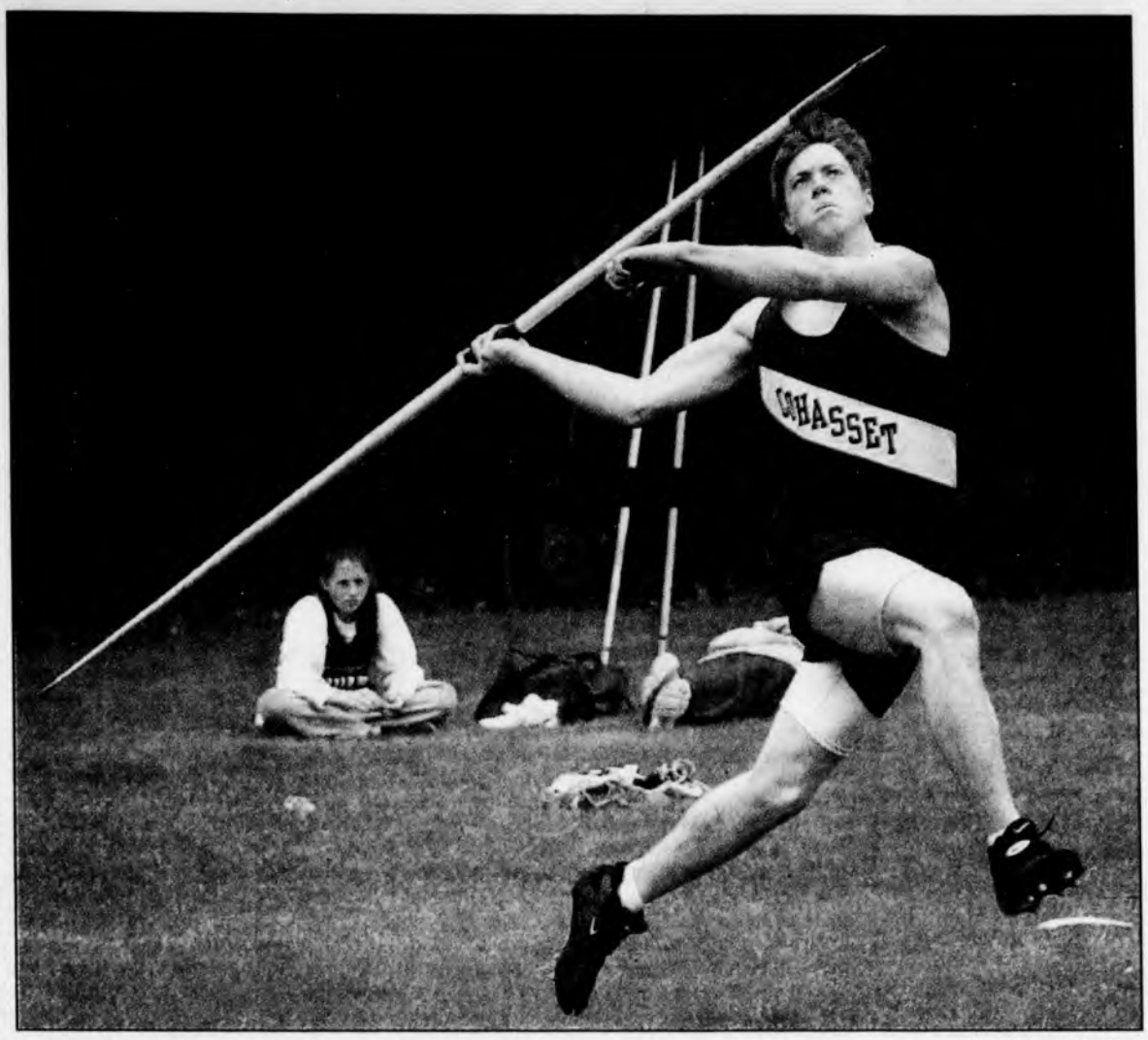

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Cohasset's Ian Kidder limbered up for this Saturday's state Div. 4 meet with a strong fourth place showing in the javelin at the South Shore Principal's Meet.

Quality over quantity

CHS track team advances 11 athletes to state meet

By Mike Spellman
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The roster numbers may have been below expectations for this season, but the performances most certainly were not.

The Cohasset High track team will send 11 athletes to compete in 12 events at this Saturday's Division 4 state meet at Norwell High, numbers which far surpass the final tally of several far larger schools with far larger track rosters. Four of the 11 boys Al LaFountain carries will see their spring seasons extended this Saturday, as will all eight of the girls he has utilized this season.

"We've done very well considering our relatively small roster," attested LaFountain, the fifth year CHS coach, who, unlike the majority of his peers, oversees both the girls and boys program.

Senior captains Ian Kidder and Jared Krupczak have each qualified for three solo events and as part of the 4x100 meter relay team. Of course, they must each throw out one of the solo events, with athletes being permitted to compete in just one event apiece on the field and the track.

Kidder, who missed much of the season due to a hamstring strain, has chosen to compete in the javelin rather than the triple jump, and will also run in the 200-meter sprint.

Krupczak is considered an excellent candidate to advance in the 200 from states to next weekend's all-state meet after his second place finish at this past Sunday's South Shore Principal's meet. The senior won his second qualifier race with a time of 23.78 seconds, and then finished only 0.26 seconds behind Brockton High stud Robert Simpson in the championship race, crossing the line second for a 23.44 clocking.

Jared, the younger brother of two-time state Div. 4 200-meter champ Bryan Krupczak, has chosen to run the 200 rather than the 100, and will also compete in the long jump, as well as the 4x100.

A third member of that 4x100 squad, senior Braun Goodson, will also compete in the discus.

The final member of the 4x1 team, junior Eric Belz, will run in the 100-meter dash.

The girls will see two relay teams race on Saturday, the 4x100 and 4x800 squads, and also compete in four solo endeavors.

The 4x800 team of Mary Silvia, Jenn Buckley, Nicole Whitey and Lisa Musto has been lopping serious time of

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Laxmen No. 1

Postseason hopes sky high after historic regular season

The Cohasset boys' lacrosse team will take a record-setting 15-game winning streak into the state Div. 3 tournament, an event in which they have been given the number-one seed and homefield advantage throughout.

With a first-round bye, Cohasset is tentatively scheduled to open the tournament on June 4 at Alumni in a quarterfinal match. The time hasn't yet been set, in part because Cohasset's annual Class Night is also scheduled for that date.

The Skippers' opponent will be the winner of a contest between two vocational school squads – Tri-County and Minuteman – which compete in the Massachusetts Technical School League. Those teams split in their regular season meetings.

"We're really excited to be recognized as one of the top teams," said coach Kevin Orcutt, whose accomplishments were recognized by his Pilgrim League peers when they named him league Coach of the Year last week, "and we can't wait to begin tournament play. We'll have ten days off, which gives us a chance to rest our legs, heal some injuries, and add a few wrinkles to our offense. We probably won't face anyone we've already played, but I expect we'll be scouted by coaches asking other coaches what our tendencies are. I think, by June 4, we'll ready to spring some surprises."

The Skippers concluded their historic regular season last Wednesday night, May 21, when they topped non-league opponent Canton 14-7 behind an all-star performance from senior midfielder John Durkin.

Durkin, perhaps the best this spring among several outstanding Cohasset midfielders, finished the night with four goals and three assists while regularly disrupting Canton's defensive clears. His most important score came with just six seconds left in the first half after the Bulldogs had closed to a 6-4 deficit. Picking up a ground ball, Durkin ran through two defenders and put a hard bounce shot into the upper corner of the night to push the lead back to three as the Skippers headed to the locker room.

"John Durkin is just having a great, great season," said Orcutt. "I can't think of another Pilgrim League midfielder, other than perhaps Duxbury's Ben Fuchs, who plays as hard at both ends of the field. We ask John – and Robert Hickey, who is clearly one of the top faceoff men in eastern Massachusetts — to be out there for close to 80 percent of the game. At any other position, that's not a big deal. But for a middie, going 80 yards at top speed with every change of possession, it takes tremendous stamina and mental toughness. John and Robert have both."

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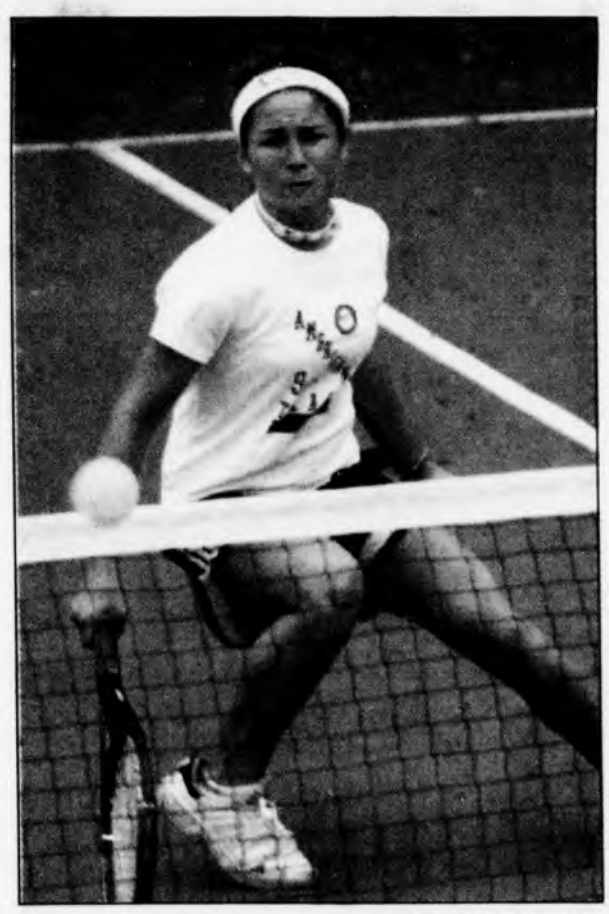

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Cohasset junior Courtney Caron (pictured) and first doubles partner Julie Shea topped their Norwell counterparts in consecutive three set wins last week to help establish the Lady Skippers as the true power in South Shore League tennis.

Debate over

Cohasset girls tennis now the clear power in SSL

By David Ingber
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In the South Shore League, only two towns have a legitimate case in the debate as to which school has the top girls tennis team: Cohasset and Norwell. For years, the teams have traded the SSL title banner back and forth, often times even sharing the crown as co-champions after splitting the home-away head-to-head sets during the regular season. The teams have had some excellent matches in recent years, competitive in nature with rivalries up and down the line-ups.

This year, however, Cohasset proved it has the top team. End of debate.

"They are a step higher than us," conceded first singles Norwell junior Angie Bizzozero, the lone winner in the Lady Clippers 3-1, rain-curtailed loss to Cohasset last Thursday. "We have been losing players (lost-to-graduation standouts Sara Bitetti and Ashley Dye) and they have been gaining players."

Although Cohasset did lose all-star Kelly Stone to graduation in 2002, the Lady Skippers have been the benefactor of a tremendous freshman class, sparked by Chelsea Grossman and Amelia Shea, providing depth to an already superb lineup.

The match took place in Cohasset, and was already

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Down to the wire

By Mike Spellman
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It all comes down to this: the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team had to have beaten Nantucket yesterday at home to qualify for postseason play.

The odds for victory seemed pretty good heading into that regular season finale, played after Mariner press time, considering the Lady Skippers (6-7-2) already took down the Whalers at their place earlier in the season.

"It would be a shame to have it end after the way we stayed in contention," said Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney, who was hoping to make it two-for-two in postseason trips. "Hopefully, we can carry the momentum from (Tuesday night) into this last game."

Indeed, win or lose on Wednesday, what happened less than 24 hours before that game was played is certainly worth a mention.

Staring the death of their postseason dreams squarely in the face, trailing 9-6 with under six minutes to go playing Tuesday night under the lights at Scituate High, the Lady Skippers rallied for three dramatic goals and then thwarted a couple of late Scituate rushes to hold on for the tie.

We say the Lady Skippers scored three goals, but, in reality, it was the Nicole Turgiss show. The junior midfielder scored at 5:34 and then again at 3:32, finishing off a pair of scintillating solo efforts by bouncing shots by Scituate goalie Darby St. Claire-Barrie to make it a 9-8 game.

Turgiss then drew a penalty near the goal box with precisely a minute showing on the game clock, and beat Darby-St. Claire on the awarded free shot over her right shoulder for her sixth goals of the game.

"Nicole just took things into

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WHO SAYS IT'S NOT A CONTACT SPORT?

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Scituate's Morgan Kenney (#16) and Kathryn Noonan (far right)sandwich Cohasset's Katherine Coyne in Tuesday night's 9-9 tie.

Going out on a high note

Baseball team wins final two games

By Mike Spellman
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Though the season didn't pan out quite as well as hoped for the Cohasset High baseball team, at least the boys closed on a high note.

Non-league wins over Holbrook and Millis to wrap up the season last week allowed the Skippers to finish with an overall record of 7-11.

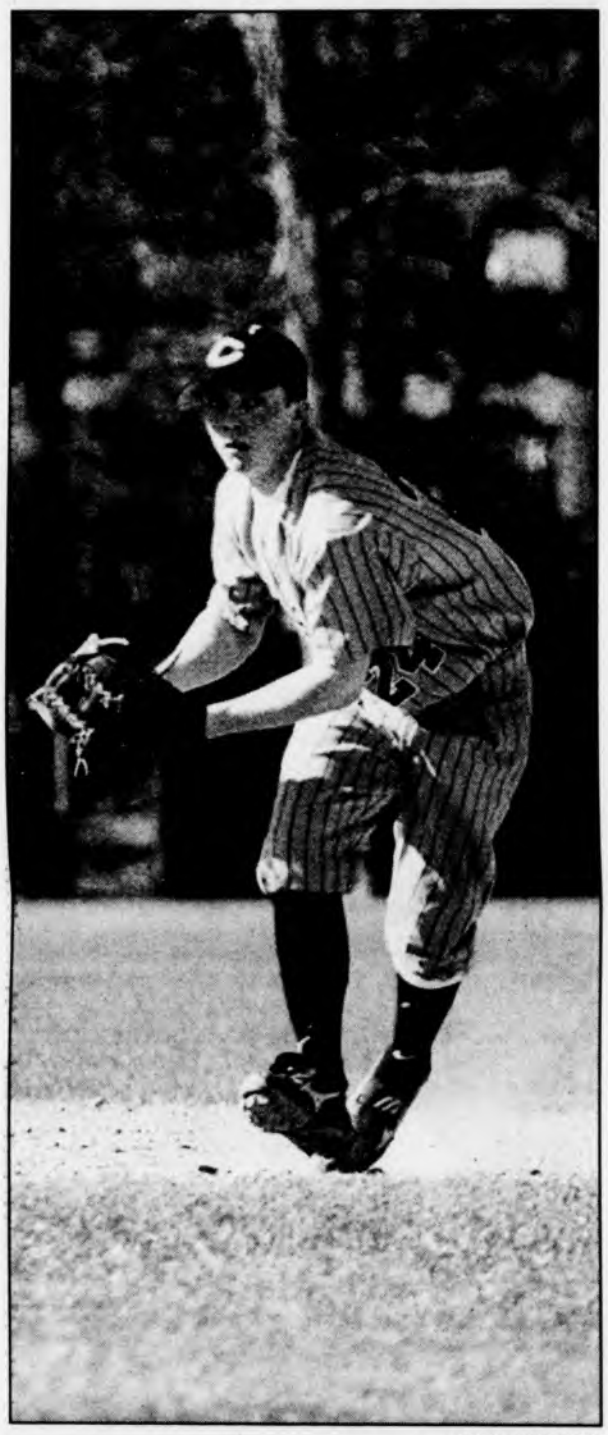
A 3-2 win over Holbrook on Thursday saw the emergence of freshman pitcher Chris Bryan. The righty threw a complete game two-hitter against the host Bulldogs, striking out eight along the way.

"Obviously, that was a pretty impressive varsity debut," said first year Skippers coach Al Gallotta, "a nice preview for next season."

Sophomore Ted Straughn led the offensive with a couple of hits and an RBI, and junior shortstop Mike Dooley had a pair of hits and a run scored.

Dooley took to the mound for his first varsity start in the finale 24 hours later, and he too wound up going the distance to lead the way to an 8-4 win, striking out five while scattering six hits.

Junior John Andrade, moving from second base to shortstop in place of Dooley, had two hits and a run knocked in for the Skippers. Sophomore catcher Louis Blanco also doubled home a run in a two-hit performance, while Dooley helped his own cause with a hit and two stolen bases out of the leadoff spot.



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Cohasset junior Mike Dooley, normally the Skippers' starting shortstop, earned his first pitching win of the season in last Friday's regular season finale.

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Cohasset top scorer Maura McKenney goes airborne to get this shot off against Scituate.

Down to the wire

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her own hands, which is precisely what you hope to see from your seniors," lauded Sweeney.

The host Sailors— who were just knocked out of postseason contention in their previous game, a heartbreaking one goal loss to Norwell—won the ensuing faceoff, however, and managed to fire off a couple of shots on Cohasset goalie Gia Petrakis before the Lady Skippers were able to regain control of the ball and run out the clock, content to settle at that point for the tie and yesterday's must win scenario.

Scituate scored the games first three goals, and took a 5-2 lead into the half after Cohasset allowed a pair to be potted inside the final minute prior to the break. Cohasset had cut the deficit to one on Lauren Rizzoti's 14th goal of the season and Lisa Spirito's sixth.

Turgiss scored three goals in succession to get the Lady Skippers within a goal midway through the second half at 6-5.

Scituate stars Lauren Glancy, Alyse Kennedy and Morgan Kenney answered right back, however, pushing the hosts back into a four goal lead.

Ashley Faber started Cohasset's final run with a goal near the eight minute mark. The junior, a skilled defender, was pulled to the offensive side of midfield in a desperation move by Sweeney to jump start the offense. With the goal and change of momentum, the coach was left looking pretty good.

"The girls are the ones who did it," asserted Sweeney. "To come back the way they did against a Scituate team that had already beaten us pretty good once this year was just fantastic. That was all heart there."

If the Lady Skippers won yesterday, they'll be waiting, along with all other teams with .500 and better records, for the MIAA to release its tourney seedings and brackets on Friday afternoon.

One coach's rant that's been a long time in coming

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

The good news is Valerie Yianacopolus will probably be kept on a short leash around kids for the rest of her natural life. The even better news is the anonymous Wakefield Little Leaguer who Valerie ordered beaten for having the audacity to root against her son's team will recover physically, and, we're guessing, mentally as well. Kids are resilient like that. And Wakefield Little League officials, on the whole, will be a little wiser for the wear.

Unfortunately, the collateral damage won't stop there. The secondary victims in all of this will be countless other adults who are involved in youth sports — 95 percent of whom, based on my observations, are there for the right reason and who do the right thing 95 percent of the time.

I like to think I belong to this extremely healthy majority, and that's why, whenever we get an extremely isolated incident such as this one, I feel it in a different way than most people. I hear the remarks that invariably follow in the wake of these incidents — the broad, sweeping indictments such as: "Adults are ruining youth sports."... "People get into coaching for the wrong reason."... "You just can't trust anyone around your kids these days."

Of course, most of these remarks are spoken out of ignorance by people who've never given any thought to spending time around youth sports. Still, it's disheartening to think those opinions exist on any level out there.

I have coached youth sports virtually year round for the last six years between soccer, basketball, baseball, summer travel baseball, indoor soccer and Special Olympics. And I have a good number of friends who've followed a similar path.

I just hate to think there might actually be people out there looking down their noses at any of these self-sacrificing, caring folks.

Sure, we're not perfect. Sometimes a bit too much of our competitive nature spills out, but I honestly feel that my estimated 95 percent of the good coaches know when and how to rein it in.

In all of my years of involvement, I can count on one hand the number of incidents I've witnessed where, in my opinion, a coach acted inappropriately. And, quite frankly, I feel I've got a pretty low threshold of tolerance.

And this is a vocation, I assert, that has a pretty good built-in system of policing. If the coach is not there for the "right reasons," that generally becomes apparent pretty quickly. I've seen a couple of those folks weeded out, and quite a few more than that realize it themselves and save us the trouble.

In the interest of candor, I admit there are times a player of mine has made a mistake on the field, floor or turf and I've let him know about it instantly, crying out things such as "keep your body between the man and the goal/basket" "get in front of the ball" "don't throw behind the runner." That kind of thing.

I don't believe I've ever exhibited outward signs of anger or even annoyance when I've hollered these things out, and I always try to balance these "instant corrections" by adding a "good try" or "nice hustle" and then pull the player aside later to reinforce my remarks in a positive manner. From what I've seen, this is standard operating procedure for the vast majority of my peers. Still, some would say we're adding to the embarrassment of these players. Others would say, in fact, this practice is inappropriate.

I would disagree. I would say this is the best way to teach. The player might be a little embarrassed, but he or she will connect that embarrassment with the instant lesson enforcement, thereby increasing the likelihood of doing things right the next time and, thus, feeling good about him or herself.

Some of you might see this as a rationalization for an over-competitive nature. That's fine; you're entitled to your opinion. Oftentimes, admittedly, there is a fine line. Coaching is not an easy job. The only rewards are intrinsic. And this is precisely why the vast majority of folks prefer to stand on the sidelines.

Well, those folks who agree to step away from the sideline and into the spotlight deserve, for that alone, at least a modicum of respect. As I asserted on top, 95 percent of the folks who get involved with youth sports do so for the right reasons.

It is indeed sad commentary on us as a society that one screwball can detract even one iota from so much of the noble and selfless work that's being done.

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Quality over quantity

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their best clockings almost every time out over the last few weeks, topping out with a 10:20 timing last week at the South Shore League meet.

Sophomore Silvia and junior Buckley will also run in the 800 and mile, respectively, on Saturday. Buckley will compete additionally in her best field event, the javelin.

Whitney, a junior, will run in the 400, having finally met the state qualifying standard in her final chance Sunday, posting a 1:03.13 at the Principal's meet.

The 4x100 team has a representative from all four CHS classes: senior La'Raine Langford, junior Elisa Jerome, sophomore Lindsey Kennedy and freshman Allison Krupczak (yup, same family). Langford will also run in the 100-meter hurdles after having qualified for that race with her time at the South Shore League meet last Tuesday.

"I think every athlete and every team we're sending to the divisional meet has a legitimate chance to advance to All-States," asserted LaFountain. "We did well at the (South Shore) League Meet and at the Principals Meet. We're definitely seeing some strong performances right now."

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Eric Belz will compete in the 100-meter dash as well as the 4x100 relay at this Saturday's state Div. 4 meet.

Track Notes

Speaking of the Principal's meet, held this past Sunday at Norwell High, both the CHS boys and girls teams finished 12th overall in strong 30-something team fields.

As previously noted, Krupczak took second in the 200, but Belz was not far off that pace, running a fifth place 24.51.

Kidder threw the javelin 157-07, good for fourth place. Freshman Mark Bouchard took 35th in this competition with a throw of 90-feet, but his real personal highlight was a seventh place finish in the freshman 1-mile race (5:19.6).

For the girls, teammates Silvia and Buckley pushed one another hard to the finish line in the 800, taking third and fourth, respectively, with times of 2:22.79 and 2:24.96.

Buckley also took a fifth place in the javelin (99-04), and the 4x800 team of Silvia, Buckley, Whitney and Langford (filling in for the absent Musto) took third with a run of 10:32.71.

Whitney, as previously mentioned, qualified for the 400 with her seventh place finish of 1:03.13.

Tenth place finishes were also taken in qualifying heats by Jerome in the 100 (14.1) and Kennedy in the 200 (29.69).

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Senior La'Raine Langford will run in the 100-meter hurdles and the 4x100 relay at states.

Cohasset girls tennis now the clear power in SSL

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underway when heavy rains led to slippery courts, which, for safety's sake, led to a rarely played indoor high school match on clay surface at the Cohasset Tennis and Squash Club.

Bizzozero took the win at the number one spot over Cohasset's Lindsay Grossman, a senior who has primarily been at second singles, but filled in at the top spot for sophomore Elizabeth Stone (sprained ankle). Winning by a 6-2, 6-4 score, Bizzozero maintained a personal record of, like her team, only two losses, one of them coming to Stone, who will be available once the playoffs begin today.

Junior Holly Graham of Cohasset won at third singles 6-0, 6-0 over Carlie Arena, making hers the only position to finish an entire regulation match before the move indoors.

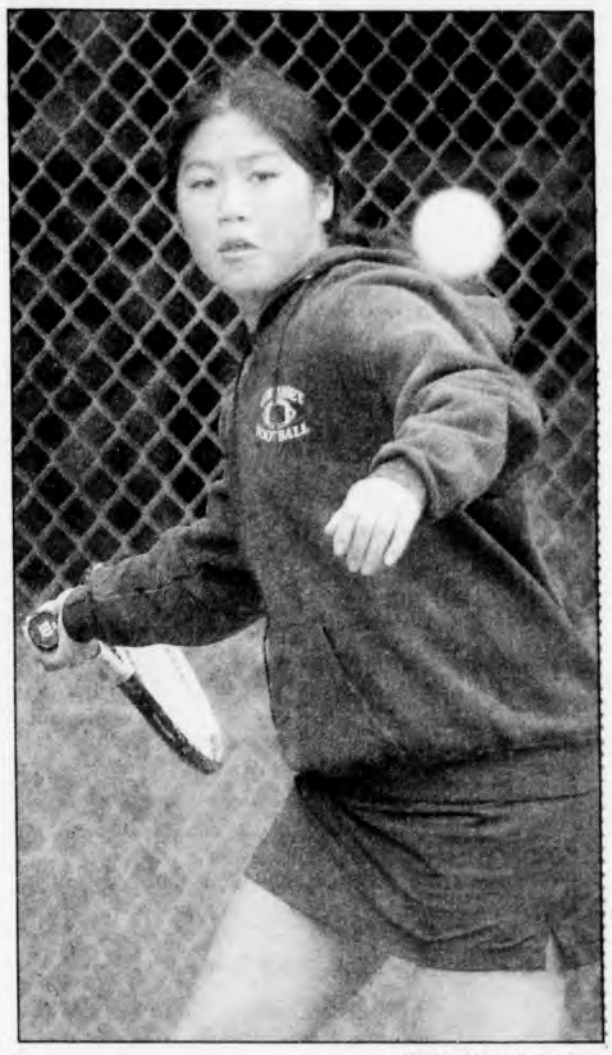
Senior Julie Shea and junior Courtney Caron of the Lady Skippers overcame a first set 6-4 loss to handle the rest of the three setter for a 6-1, 6-1 win. Juniors Emilie Sullivan and Corey Evans wrapped up the match, gaining Cohasset's third and decisive point with a 6-4, 6-2 second doubles win over Kate Mulvaney and Kathryn Ankner.

With Cohasset up 3-1, and the Cohasset boys team anxiously awaiting free court time to play Abington, it was unnecessary to finish the second singles match between Chelsea Grossman and Meg Kelley, after the two had split sets 7-5, 5-7.

"They are a very talented team," affirmed Clipper coach Derek Sulc. "They are strong at every position down the line. We would have to be playing our best to beat them."

Cohasset (10-0 SSL, 16-0 overall) heads into tourney action, likely on Friday after a preliminary round bye. Norwell (8-2, 10-8) will probably begin postseason play on Thursday, after a season of very strong non-league opponents of Hingham, Bourne, Scituate and Hanover. Harwich and Abington round out the SSL teams that have made it to the playoffs with plus-.500 records.

Cohasset looks loaded up for their run at the school's first ever Sectional championship in the sport. The team went 4-0 last week in what coach Sarah Meehan called the toughest week of the season, facing Norwell twice, Hingham and Div. I Notre Dame Academy, all without their number one, Stone.



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Cohasset junior Holly Graham breezed to a 6-0, 6-0 win at third singles in last Thursday's showdown with Norwell for the SSL title.

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Durkin, with his seven points, finished the regular season with 27 goals and 12 assists, fourth best on the team. His total was bested only by seniors Curt Kahn (45 goals, 30 assists) and Tom Anderson (24 goals, 18 assists), and soph Jake Previte (41 goals, 20 assists), all three of whom have seen a lot – if not all – their time at attack.

In the second half, Cohasset outscored the Bulldogs 9-5, sealing the victory.

Besides Durkin, Skipper scorers included classmates Robert Hickey (one goal) and Tom Anderson (a goal and three assists) – allowed Cohasset to dominate the middle of the field for most of the game.

"Our attack now has to match the midfield's and the defense's intensity," said coach Kevin Orcutt. "We've got a lot of talent at attack, but they play as if they can turn it on and off as needed. To win a state championship, we need a full 48 minutes from them."

Curt Kahn led the attack in scoring with four goals and three assists, while Jake Previte had three goals and two assists, and Mike Rasmussen picked up a goal and an assist.

Nick Murphy had nine saves on the night.

In the tournament seedings, Martha's Vineyard was number two with a 16-2 record, followed by Medfield, the champ of the Tri Valley League, Weston and Ipswich. Were form to hold true, Cohasset would face the winner of Ipwich-Weston in the semi-final.

"Anyone in the top five has a legitimate chance at the title," said Orcutt. "They're all fine teams from solid programs. It will come down to desire, and my job is to make sure we want it more than anybody else."

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

John Durkin, perhaps the best this spring among several outstanding Cohasset midfielders, had four goals and three assists while regularly disrupting Canton's defensive clears in last week's regular season finale for the CHS laxmen.

SPORTS NOTES

South Shore Soccer Camp Boys and Girls - ages 8 to18

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's one-week long Soccer Clinics which will be held starting Monday, July 28, through Friday, Aug. 1.

Soccer will meet each day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for and the fee for the one week session is $245 per participant with a $20 discount for second child. Please complete the application form in the brochure at be Cohasset Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited. Early registration is advised.

Boys and girls Lacrosse clinics

The Cohasset Recreation Department will soon be taking registrations for both boy's and girl's Lacrosse clinics.

The clinics will be held the week of Monday, July 21, through Friday, July 25, for grades 3 to 6 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Milliken Field, The fee per participant will be $75 and checks may be payable to Town of Cohasset.

South Shore Soccer Camp Soccer Squirts Ages 4 and 5 and 6 and 7

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be on going at Town Hall for South Shore Soccer Camp's week long Squirts Clinic which begins Monday, July 28 through Friday Aug. 1.

Soccer ABC's for ages 4 and 5 will meet each day from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and the fee is $85 per participant. The Half Day program for ages 6 and 7 will meet each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the fee is $125 per participant. The fee includes a camp shirt and appropriate sized soccer ball for each participant, both available the first day of camp.

Please complete the application form at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, First Floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Northeast Speed Training Clinic Ages 9 to 13

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces the return of Northeast Speed Training Clinic for the summer of 2003 for children ages 9 to 13.

Ten two-hour clinics will be held every Monday and Wednesday evening at Milliken field, from 6 to 8 p.m. starting June 23 through July 23.

The clinic focuses on balance, coordination, 20 and 40 yard dash, lateral speed, hip speed, 3 step explosion, jumping, quick feet, reaction techniques, and back pedaling. Over 150 fun, speed and quickness drills to improve skill performance in soccer, football, baseball, basketball and lacrosse.

The fee for the unique program is $90 per person. Registration forms may be found at the Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall in early May. Space is limited. Early registration is advised.

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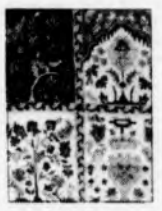
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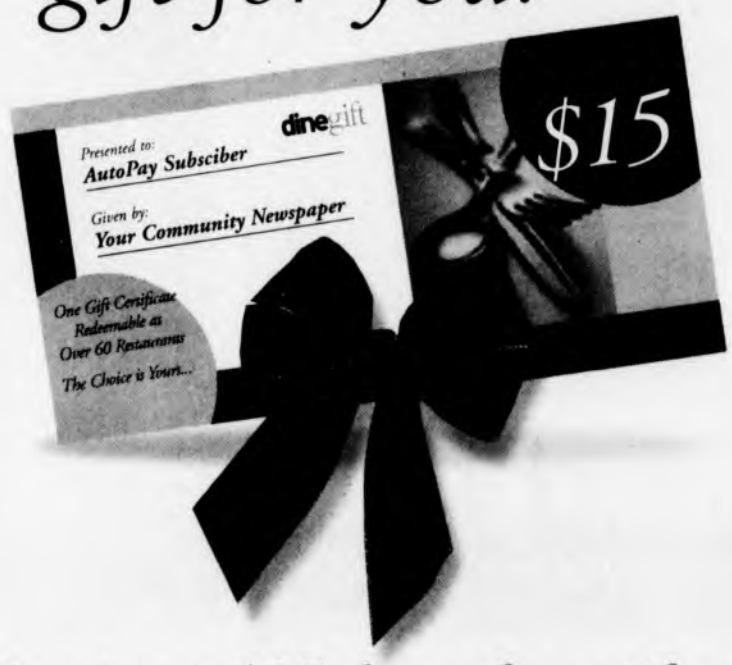

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Summer Hoop Camp 2003

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will sponsor a summer Basketball camp, under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two camp sessions will be available starting Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 18. Boys and girls, ages 8 through 11, will have camp from 8:30 to 11:30 AM while ages 12 to 15 will be from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The cost for both camps will be $100 per participant.

Brochures and registration forms will be available at Cohasset Town Hall, Recreation Department office in early May.

Orange Crush Wrestling Club

The Orange Crush Wrestling club will meet Mondays and Wednesdays 6-8 at the Deer Hill School in Cohasset. The school is located off of Sohier St. (off Route 3A at Super Stop & Shop intersection, the school is up the hill and on the right)

The membership cost is $135, The fee includes a USA wrestling card & T shirt.

Orange Crush will be in session from May 5th- Aug 1st, youth through high school level. All abilities levels welcome.

Cohasset Family Lax Day and Youth Night

The Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters will be holding their annual Family Lax Day for all players, parents, and fans of youth lacrosse on Father's Day, Sunday June 15th at Miliken Field from 12 - 5PM. Last year's inaugural event was a great time for everyone and this year promises to be even bigger and better as we will be including the girls youth program and incorporating the HS Alumni game into the festivities. The best BBQ and buffet in town, visits from the Boston Cannons, camp raffles, t-shirt and hat sales, and special attractions for all ages; will provide a perfect backdrop for a full day of match-ups featuring head-to-head competition between the teams at each age level for this year's bragging rights. The games are always a thrilling way to close out our Spring season so mark your calendars as we look forward to seeing everyone in the lacrosse community for a great day of fun and excitement to celebrate another fantastic season of youth lacrosse in Cohasset.

Also, congratulations to our High School Varsity team for getting the top seed in their State Championship drive and in securing home field advantage throughout the playoffs!

As part of their march to victory, the Boosters will also be hosting Youth Night during the first game of the playoffs (currently scheduled for June 4th). All Cohasset Youth lax players that attend wearing their playing jerseys will receive free pizza and soda in addition to seeing some great lacrosse action by their hometown heroes, so come on out and cheer our boys onto the next round and then to the Championship!

Lacrosse fundraiser succeeds

By Lyn Congdon Previte
COHASSET LACROSSE

With several other fundraisers going on in town at the same time, PSO telethon, baseball, ASP, and Camp Bournedale, the 100 Lacrosse players in grades 7-12 managed to do a bang-up job at selling enough coupon "tickets" to fund the JV team for the next school year! We met our goal! This was the first time the lax-ers have attempted this type of fundraising and although it proved interesting coordinating six coaches and six teams, it was a huge success. Look out everyone—maybe this will have to be an annual event!

I would like to extend huge debts of gratitude to the following people for the following reasons: Dave Buick—President of the Lax Boosters—for leading me through myriad personalities and preventing me from destroying a few coaches (Sorry, Curt—I forgot to seek him out before I lambasted you! My apologies!!)...Kudos to Bill Grimm for sticking with the project right to the very end, "to the counting of the pennies" in my living room. At this point, I was operating on about three brain cells and Bill's diligence and steady stride was invaluable. Thanks to Bob Turgiss for venturing out into uncharted waters and working for me for the first time. The question is: Will he dare do it again? And the last, but not at all the least person on the committee, Lucia Flibotte—whose fast thinking and creativity kept the fires burning.

To all the parents who "rode" the kids and drove them around on the "Blitz" day: MaryBeth Butman, Ann Dooley, Grace Evans, Larry Evans, Jeannie Hajjar, Sally Marr, Sue Turgiss (who, by the way, left without her designated map and headed straight for the "Gold Coast"), Susan and Steve Etkind, Lisa Swain, Maggie Smith, Kate Murphy, MaryAnn Devine, Brenda and Colin Regan and Mike Libby. Thanks to the Gridiron Club: Coach Silvia—who helped us with the street maps!

Our thanks also go to the school administration which, in the end, came through with their support.

All in all, it was a fun event and I was very impressed with the leadership we received from the captains—of both the Varsity teams, who stayed until the last minute. The kids on all of these teams were a pleasure to work with.

Final thanks go to our community for your support of these athletes. They work very hard—everyday—being the best they can be—on the field and off. It isn't easy to be an athlete in this school system—the "bar" is very high, both athletically and academically. Our local restaurants and merchants were all very accommodating and supportive as well: Atlantica, The Village Butcher and Deli, The Red Parrot, DiNero's, TGIF Fridays, Chili's, Papa Gino's and Jiffy Lube. This fundraiser would not have happened without their help.

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A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday, June 16, 2003, at 7:00 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a Special Permit pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **David & Paula Buick,** seek an addition to a nonconforming structure at **3 Highland Ave.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-05-21.

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Cohasset Mariner 5/29, 6/5/03

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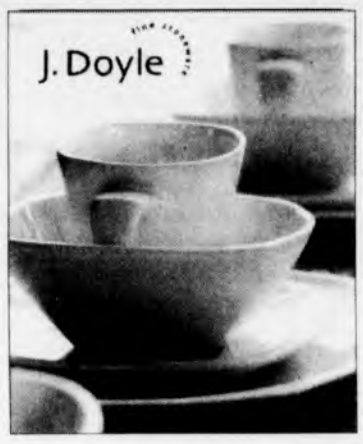

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Second Congregational Church:

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Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Parish:

The First Parish Church, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m.

The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson to be ordained priest at St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston, 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Stewardship of the Environment to be discussed on Sunday at 11:40 a.m. All Welcome.

In the Scripture lessons for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, the Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles tells of the selection of Matthias to take the place of Judas as one of the 12 apostles. . The Letter of 1st John assures Jesus' followers that their prayers are heard. In the Gospel, Jesus prays for his disciples asking for their unity and maturity in the truth. Preacher: The Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler.

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South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service; Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

Temple Beth Sholom

600 Nantasket Ave. 925-0091, 925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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'Silent No More' talk on abortion May 30

Georgette Forney, a nationally-known spokesperson on behalf of post-abortive women, will speak on Friday, May 30 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul School Hall, 18 Fearing Road, Hingham. Forney is co-founder of Silent No More, a national campaign that includes actress Jennifer O'Neill and aims to raise awareness about the after-effects of abortion.

The Silent No More campaign also seeks to reach out to women by offering them abortion recovery help. According to testimony that O'Neill gave at a Capitol Hill briefing last fall, 43 percent of women who have reached the age of 45 have had an abortion. This means that every third child who is conceived is aborted.

Forney had an abortion at age 16, and at age 35 she experience healing and forgiveness by going through the Forgiven and Set Free abortion-recovery program. Through this experience, she developed a greater understanding of the negative impact that abortion has on society and on women, and a desire to share the knowledge that help is available.

Forney is also executive director for NOEL, the National Organization of Episcopalians for Life. In addition, she is on the steering committee for the Women Deserve Better Campaign — a pro-life coalition outreach effort dedicated to showing how abortion hurts women and provides practical alternatives.

Forney's talk is free and open to the public. It is part of a statewide tour and is sponsored locally by the South Shore and Braintree-Weymouth Chapters of Massachusetts Citizens for Life.

Citizens for Life attend conference

Members of the South Shore Chapter of Mass. Citizens for Life will be participating in the Brave New World Conference, on Saturday, June 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Devlin Hall, Boston College. Scientific, ethical and public policy perspectives of in-vitro fertilization, stem cell research and cloning will be covered. Reservation fee (includes lunch): $15 by June 1 or $20 after June 1. Contact Anne Fox at 781-449-1774.

MCFL South Shore will next meet on Tuesday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish House, Fearing Road, Hingham. New members are welcome. The chapter thanks all those who helped make its annual fundraising yard sale last month a success.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Presidential classroom

U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell briefed international youth leaders on "The Role of Diplomacy" at a Presidential Classroom Future World Leaders seminar on March 26.

Erik Belz and Drew Musto, students at Cohasset High School were two of more than 350 other international youth leaders that took part in the week-long conference. Students, from 37 countries representing Europe, South America, North America, Asia and Africa spent the week discussing international relations, diplomacy and the world economy by U.S. politicians, ambassadors, and educators.

The week also featured seminars by the Honorable Andrew Natsios, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Honorable Sander Levin, U.S. Representative (D-Mich.-12). The summit also included discussions on international topics at a plenary session where the young leaders formed and voted upon resolutions. These resolutions focused on such issues as human rights, arms control and terrorism. Students also enjoyed a mock World Trade Center Game and a performance by the political satire troupe, The Capitol Steps.

Some of the topics for discussion included the current state of international relations; the role of the military in diplomacy; foreign policy; issues facing Congress; international development; human rights and the holocaust example, to name a few.

SCHOOL MENU

Cohasset Elementary Schools
Lunch Menu

MONDAY, JUNE 2

Chicken nuggets *or* turkey and cheese sub; oven fries, veggie, fruit, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

Hot dog on a bun *or* ham and cheese pocket; baked beans, fruit, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Pasta with meat sauce, dinner roll *or* chicken salad; mixed veggies, apple slices, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

BBQ riblet on a bun *or* tuna sandwich; rice, pineapple, choice of milk.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Cheese or pepperoni pizza *or* turkey and cheese sub; veggie sticks, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

Countdown to Summer Vacation
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Prom star-gazing

The "Stars" will be out early on Friday, May 30. The senior class , regaled in their gowns or tuxes, will begin strolling down the red carpet on Cohasset Common at 5:30 p.m. before they depart for their prom via trolley. There will be plenty of opportunity for "Star-gazing" and picture taking. In the event of rain, festivities will take place in the Second Congregational Church.

Summer Arts at Derby

Summer Arts at Derby is beginning its 14th year at Derby Academy in Hingham. The five-week program offers more than 100 courses in visual arts, drama, dance, music writing, photography, martial arts, video, gymnastics and sports. There are also special offerings, such as cooking, Spanish language and culture, yoga, chess, Web page design and Tai Chi.

In addition to regular classes, there is a noon-time show and a free-choice period with new offerings each day. The "Weathervane" newspaper is produced daily. This summer's musical production is the popular "The Music Man." On Friday, Aug. 1, Summer Arts culminates in an Arts Festival featuring performances of theatre, dance, music, gymnastics, and exhibits of clay, painting, furniture, mosaics, puppets, jewelry and photography. Animated films and videos are also shown.

The goal of Summer Arts is to offer a very high quality arts experience to children, ages eight to 15 with an atmosphere that is exciting and bursting with creativity. The children are from diverse racial, cultural and economic backgrounds — 20 Massachusetts communities are represented. One of the main goals is to create a spirit of cooperation and respect, where the students feel supported and free to express themselves.

The program is staffed by professional artist-teachers and together with the students, they create a special summer of artistic achievement, acceptance and exuberant energy.

For more information, please call Thalia McMillon at 781-740-4766.

Get involved in PSO

By donating both time and money, hundreds of parents have enabled the PSO to enrich the lives of children at the Middle/High School, the Deer Hill School and the Osgood Elementary School. Each school has its own school-specific PSO, with the President's Council serving as the umbrella organization. There are many positions available for next year at each school. To learn more, please attend one of our informational meetings: Monday, June 2 at 9:30 am at the Osgood School (incoming Kindergarten parents welcome); Tuesday, June 3 at 9:30 am at the Deer Hill School; or Wednesday, June 11 at 7:15 p.m. at the Middle/High School. All are welcome.

Dependable's Read to Ride program

Dependable Cleaners is giving area children another reason to hit the books this summer, with its fifth annual Read to Ride reading incentive program. The community endeavor offers children, ages 6-15, the chance to win a bike and helmet (retail value up to $275) for every book they complete within the seven weeks of the program.

Participating in Read to Ride is easy! Entry forms will be available at all 17 Dependable Cleaners locations and participating bike shops from until July 11. More than 30,000 entry forms have also been distributed to many schools, libraries and youth organizations throughout the South Shore and Boston. Children may enter once for each book they read. A parent or guardian must sign the entry form, verifying that the book was completed. Three winners' names will be drawn every Monday for seven consecutive weeks, from June 2 until July 14.

For more information about Read to Ride 2003 or to print out an entry form, go to www.DependableCleaners.com, where you can also find directions to the Dependable Cleaners location nearest you.

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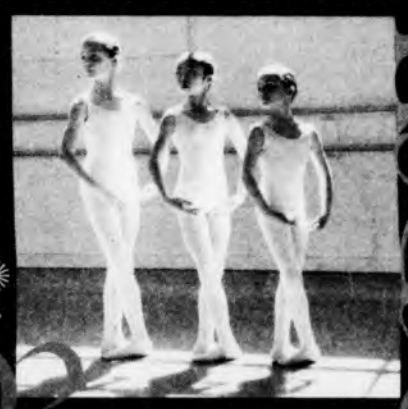
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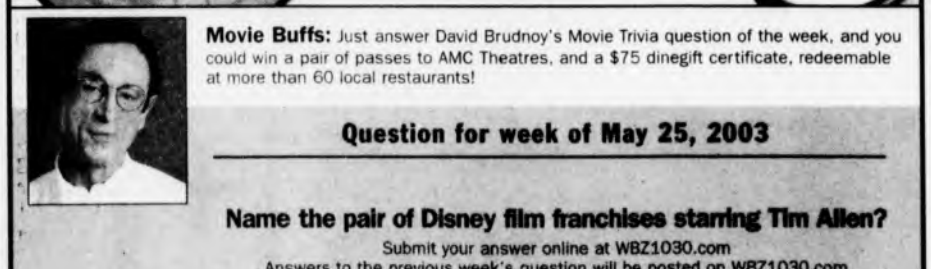
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Hingham Garden Club to conduct plant sale

The annual plant sale of the Garden Club of Hingham will take place on the common at Hingham Centre (Rte. 228 and Middle Street) on Saturday, May 31 between 8:45 and 11:30 a.m.. Hingham gardeners' perennials and biennials are available. Hanging baskets, annuals, herbs and treasures will also be on sale.

Historical society Pratt open house

Open House at the Cohasset Historical Society's new headquarters, the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St. is on Saturday, May 31, from 4 - 6 p.m. View a sampling of future exhibits and hear about plans and dreams, and how everyone, in and out of town, can be a part of the future of the Historical Society.

For information on both events, please call 781-383-1168 or 781-383-1434

Spring fling dance

Celebrate another school year coming to an end. The weather is warm, the flowers are blooming and it's time for some fun! There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, May 30, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Everyone in Grade 6 and up is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

First Parish Church hosts gospel chorus

Back by popular demand, the Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus will again share its musical gifts in conjunction with the South Shore Arts Center's annual Festival on the Common. First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church is sponsoring this program of traditional and contemporary gospel songs on June 14, at 8 p.m. in the First Parish Meetinghouse. Wrap up your day at the Festival with the sounds of the Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus from Mattapan. Tickets are $10. Call 781-383-1100 for information or tickets.

Signups for Drama Workshop

In celebration of its 15th anniversary, the Children's Drama Workshop (CDW) presents an original musical comedy called "Jack Beanstalk."

Rehearsals for "Jack Beanstalk" will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning Tuesday, June 24 at the brand new, (air-conditioned!) Deer Hill School Auditorium. This year, the program has been extended to seven weeks and performances are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m..

Registration for "Jack Beanstalk" begins Monday, June 9 at 9 a.m. All children between the ages of 5 and 14 are welcome. Early registration is advisable as enrollment is strictly limited. The cost is $440 per child. Children enrolled in the Cohasset Playground Program receive a $30 discount. Checks can be made payable to "CDW." For further information, please contact the Cohasset Recreation Department at (781) 383-4109.

Kids Cabaret auditions

The Kids Cabaret will hold auditions for "The Pirates of Penzance" at 3:30 p.m. on June 2 or 3, at the Congregational Church, Main St., Hingham, for children ages 8 to 16. For more information call Matt at 781-749-4650 or visit www.Staff@KidsCabaret.org

Spring plant sale at Holly Hill Farm

Holly Hill Farm, a certified organic farm in Cohasset, is opening for the season. Its Spring Plant Sale begins Saturday, May 31, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The following two Saturdays, June 7 from June 14, the Spring Plant Sale will continue, and the Farm Stand will be open as well, offering a selection of organic spring vegetables and culinary herbs. Farm Stand hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from June through October.

The farm's first annual Spring Plant Sale will feature certified organic vegetable seedlings, herbs and flowers. Vegetable seedlings include 20 varieties of tomatoes, including heirloom and hard-to-find varieties, as well as lettuces, broccoli, arugula, squashes and more. All plants are grown from seed in passive solar greenhouses. Organic plants are sturdy, healthy and ready to plant out in your garden. During the plant sale, Holly Hill's farmers will be available, offering free gardening advice, planting guides and other helpful resources.

The Farm Stand, is located in the historic barnyard at Holly Hill Farm. With about four acres in cultivation, the farm grows a wide variety of organic vegetables, herbs and cut flowers - all available for sale at the Farm Stand and at the Cohasset Farmers' Market (Thursdays).

In its organic farming system, the farm endeavors to maintain a balanced, diverse farm ecosystem in which the crops will thrive naturally. The farm focuses on building healthy soil, which in turn grows healthy plants. This organic approach ensures that we can provide the community with food that is not only fresh and delicious, but also nutritious and safe.

Vegetables are harvested in the morning, and brought to market the same day. When you come to the farm, be sure to bring your children to meet the barnyard animals. Also leave some extra time to tour the fields and greenhouses, or to explore the walking trails in the nearby woods.

Holly Hill Farm is located at 236 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1455.

'Coffee with Authors'

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset will present "Coffee With The Authors" on Tuesday, June 3 at the Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a continental breakfast and a stimulating morning with three authors as they discuss the art of writing and their latest works. Featured authors will be Jeanne Ray for "Eat Cake", Claire Cook for "Must Love Dogs" and Mameve Medwed for "The End of an Error".

Ray's latest novel revolves around Ruth, mother, daughter, wife and a cake baker. Ruth bakes cakes for all occasions, celebrations, crisis, even for meditation. The best-selling author of "Julie and Romeo" and "Step-Ball-Change" again displays her talent for deftly delivering family situations with humor and love. Cook, author of "Ready To Fall" and Scituate resident, will present "Must Love Dogs" which has been optioned for the big screen by Gary David Goldberg (creator of Family Ties and Spin City). Cook will also read an excerpt from her new book about a mother and daughter going to college at the same time. The daughter will attend the 'good' school while Mom works on her degree at Olde Colony Community. Medwed returns to Cohasset to speak about her latest work "The End of an Error". Medwed was a previous coffee author for her debut novel "Mail" and received critical acclaim for her second book "Host Family". Advance reservations and ticketing are required and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665. Tickets are $13 per person, nonrefundable.

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Cohasset veterans march proudly down North Main Street. The parade took place despite the downpour.

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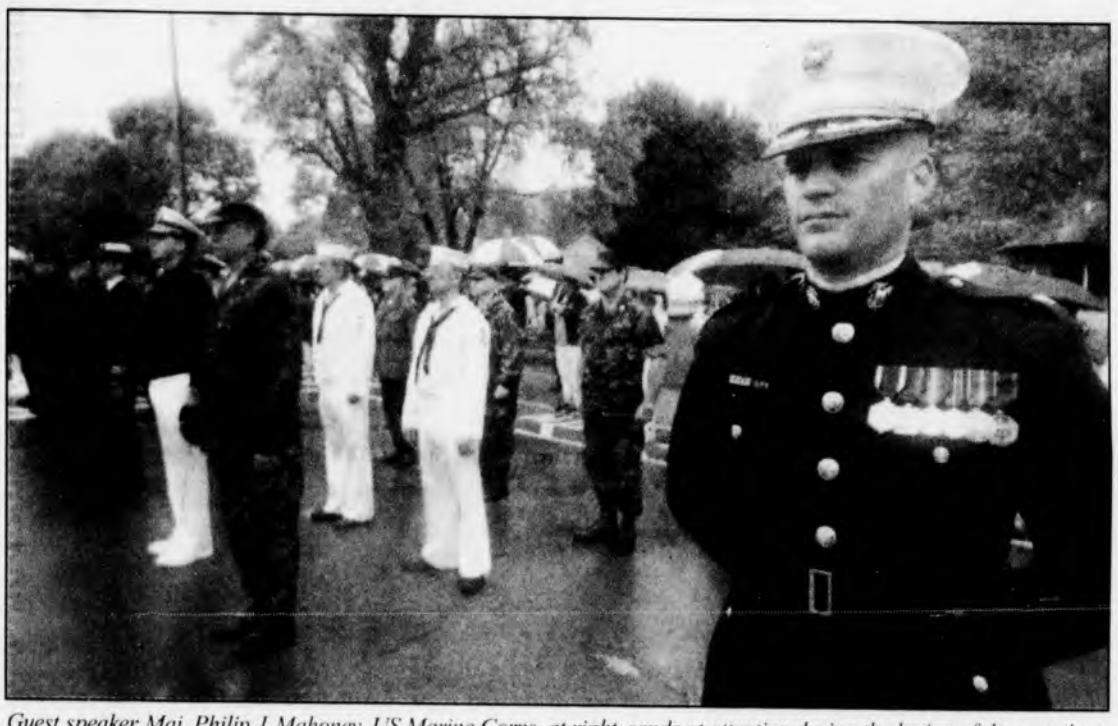

Guest speaker Maj. Philip J. Mahoney, US Marine Corps, at right, sands at attention during the laying of the wreath at the POW/MIA memorial island on Depot Court.

Alex Mingham holds Old Glory as he listens to the ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.

Above: Cap. Robert Ralston, US Marine Corps; Capt. Dan Brennock, USN; and Capt. Wayne Harrington, U.S. Marine Corps, salute as the flags are raised to full staff at the harbor.

Above right: Janet Hoyler plays "Taps" at the close of Monday's Memorial Day observances.

At right: American Legion Post Commander Steve Wigmore presents a plaque for service to trumpeter Janet Hoyler.

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Drunk driving is a violent crime that claims a life every 32 minutes in America. To enhance its ability to arrest and to help convict drunk drivers, the Cohasset Police Department has received a new Breath Alcohol Testing System (BATS) as part of the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's (GHSB) "You Drink & Drive, You Lose" Campaign. Each BATS is valued at $9,800 and requires no additional expense for a community to deploy.

"Our new BATS will allow us to more efficiently process those arrested for drunk driving and to report the required information faster to state authorities," said Chief Robert Jackson. "Instead of officers pinned down doing the extensive paperwork related to impaired driving arrests, we can get them back out onto the streets to protect our community."

With a federal highway safety grant, the GHSB is providing $4.5 million to purchase 425 BATS units for local police departments, state police barracks, municipal police training academies, the MBTA police and select college campus police departments by June, 2003. The GHSB is promoting the BATS distribution program to local law enforcement with the assistance of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association. The State Police's Office of Alcohol Testing is certifying the new BATS units as well as providing the required training and technical support.

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Police Officer Christy Tarantino, right, instructs Police Officer James McLean, left, in the use of CPD shotguns at firearms training last week at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, MAY 19

1:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

7:02 a.m. Cedar St., general services.

9:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint.

9:15 a.m. Depot Court, request for police officer/s.

9:24 a.m. Ripley Road, 209A restraining order service.

10:24 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

12:07 p.m. King St., fire, investigation.

12:12 p.m. Lamberts Lane, parking complaint.

2:04 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

2:13 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious person(s)/activity.

2:27 p.m. Ripley Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

2:51 p.m. Ripley Road, investigation.

4:22 p.m. Ripley Road, 209A restraining order, service.

4:48 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

4:52 p.m. Border St., general disturbance,, gathering.

8:25 p.m. Border St., property found, brought to station.

8:56 p.m. Ripley Road, 209A restraining order, served.

10:39 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

Pond St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window, secured building.

7:23 a.m. Pond St., general disturbance, brought to station.

7:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire.

8:43 a.m. Ripley Road, investigation.

9:08 a.m. Summer St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

9:17 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

10:04 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, false call.

10:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:12 a.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

11:43 a.m. Fisher Road, fire, investigation.

12:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

2:25 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:23 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle accident.

3:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

6:16 p.m. Pond St. and Clay Spring Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:57 p.m. Black Horse Lane, medical aid.

7:29 p.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

9:36 p.m. Lower King St., motor vehicle stop.

9:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:40 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

12:38 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.

12:44 a.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint, ticket issued.

10:30 a.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

11:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., illegal dumping, investigated.

12:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

2:27 p.m. Beach St., fire, investigation.

4:05 p.m. Nichols Road, animal call or complaint.

4:53 p.m. Forest Ave., general services.

5:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., general services.

6:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., assist other agency.

7:39 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:17 p.m. Pond St., general services.

11:40 p.m. HQ, assist other police department.

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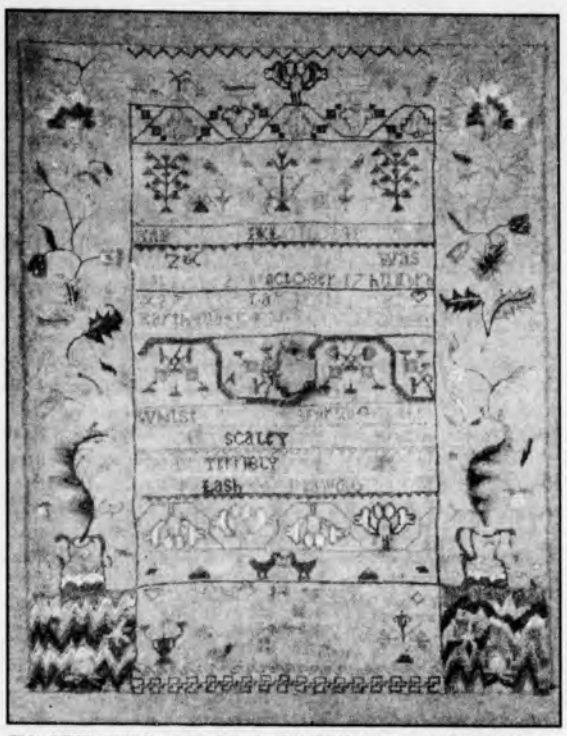
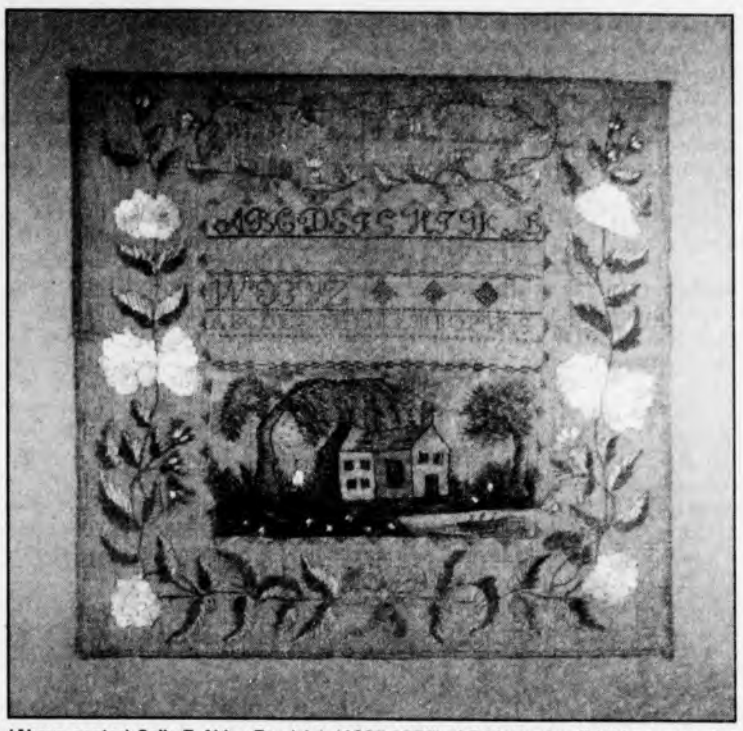


This 1738 sampler was done by Elizabeth Gouch (1727-1747) at age 11.



(Above center) Sally F. Alden Randolph (1805-1876) of Bridgewater did this sampler in 1820.

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An early 1700s sampler by Elizabeth Brewster (possibly 1690-1741) of Kingtston.

A stitch in time

'Girlhood Embroidery' exhibit offers a wide sampling of samplers

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

Some of the only artifacts around today that offer a glimpse into the childhood of early American girls are on display in a rare exhibit at Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth.

"Girlhood Embroidery," a selection of 17 samplers culled from the collections of private collectors, the Massachusetts Mayflower Society, the John Alden House in Duxbury and the museum itself, demonstrates the art, education and pastimes of young girls and women during the 19th, 18th and even 17th centuries.

"Samplers showed off the needlework skills that defined refinement for women up until around the 1830s or 1840s. Up until about then, needlework, along with some music and art, was a women's education," said Pilgrim Hall Museum Curator Jane Port.

The collection includes the priceless Loara Standish sampler, worked by a daughter of Pilgrim colonist and Mayflower passenger Myles Standish, and is considered to be the very first known American sampler.

One of seven children, Loara was born sometime after 1627 and grew up with her family in Duxbury, across the harbor from the first Plymouth settlement. Experts say Loara's sampler, done in 1650, shows that she was a fine needlewoman, taught more than likely by her mother, another relative or a neighbor.

Pilgrim Hall Museum curator Jane Port shows off the collection of 17 samplers on display through June 1.

While the sampler is always housed at the museum, the fragile nature of the sampler allows it to be displayed only very rarely.

"The are so fragile and light destroys them over time," said Port. "It is a very rare occurrence to see so many early samplers on display at one time," she said.

Port said the exhibit came about because members of the Massachusetts Mayflower Society wanted a venue to display their samplers. One of the society's collection includes a sampler worked by the youngest crafter in the exhibit, 6-year-old Susanna Thayer. The sampler was made in 1800 and is typical of a very young girls' work, with the alphabet and her name cross-stitched on an 8-inch square of linen.

Experts say that pieces such as these have particular value because of their provenance, or the ability to trace their owner and their origins. One

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Out of the ordinary

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

New Art Forum collaborating artists Beverly Steele, Joan Randall and Kathleen Murphy show off their three-dimensional work to be displayed as part of the upcoming exhibit "Out of the Frame."

Kingston's New Art Forum unveils spring exhibit 'Out of the Frame'

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The New Art Forum of Kingston has invited comparisons to Montmartre, the famous and prestigious art district of Paris.

The members of the Kingston Forum would probably never make a claim to such presumptuous, world-class status, but for the last eight years, the group has offered an outlet and opportunity for local artists to meet, collaborate, talk shop and exchange ideas on a regular basis, much like the elite clubs and circles of Montmartre.

The New Art Forum meets for discussions, lectures and slide shows every other week in Kingston, at the 1809 Yankee Barn Gallery, the renovated barn/artist's studio and showplace loft of group co-founder Lilias Cingolani.

Also, since 1997 the Forum has held its own series of exhibitions open to the public, usually one to three per year, also at the barn in Kingston. The group's annual spring exhibit

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'Beehive' is the buzz

1960s Girl Group musical magic comes to North Quincy

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner, Connie Francis, Petula Clark, The Chiffons, and, of course, The Supremes are just a few of the female singers and girl groups whose songs and style will be affectionately saluted in the musical revue "Beehive," which JM Productions Dinner Theater will bring to Raffael's in North Quincy for its Boston area premiere next week.

"We're very excited about this show," explained JM Productions President John F. McDonald, Jr. last week by telephone from his Quincy home. "We hold the exclusive rights to 'Beehive' for one year in this market. It's been produced with great success off-Broadway and in San Francisco. Productions are still running in Fort Lauderdale and San Diego, too. This is a book show that has really proven itself in other markets. We're so excited about it that we are pursuing other venues to present it at when we

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Living

Rediscovering the Rueben

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Whether the original Rueben sandwich was invented in 1914 at Rueben's in Manhattan or created for Charlie Chaplin's leading lady, Annette Seelos, is a matter for historians, and not cooks. What is of interest to cooks is that since it stumbled on the American culinary scene with its mongrel ingredient list – corned beef, rye, Swiss cheese, and sauerkraut – it has won sandwich contests as well as the hearts and minds of hungry Americans. Sweet and salty, hot and cool, tender and crisp, a good Rueben is much like Sophia Loren, an odd mixture of parts that comes together to form the perfect whole.

Although simple in construct, lots can go wrong with a bad Rueben: hot sauce in the dressing, tough corned beef, soggy bread, and a serious case of wrong proportions. Each component needs to be chosen properly and carefully balanced with each of the others. I began my testing with the dressing. Russian dressing is a combination of mayonnaise and ketchup with the addition of Worcestershire, onion, and sometimes horseradish, pimento, peppers, celery, parsley, chili sauce, or vinegar. I started with 1/2 cup mayonnaise as the base and added to it 2 tablespoons ketchup. That offered me the creamy, sweet tangy base that I was looking for. A half-teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce, 1 1/2 teaspoons chopped shallot, and 3/4-teaspoon horseradish were the only ingredients that worked well. I tested and rejected pimento, pepper, celery, parsley, chili sauce, and many types of vinegar. Even salt and pepper were not necessary.

As for the corned beef, there are two supermarket choices: corned beef brisket and round, the former more tender and therefore my top choice. I tried two brands – Boars Head and Pearl – and didn't notice much difference between them. I found about four ounces of meat that had been thinly sliced was enough to make a good-sized sandwich (New Yorkers used to mile-high Ruebens may wish to use more, although it is difficult to grill a thick sandwich). For bread, I preferred pumpernickel: black Russian rye was stronger and light rye was less flavorful. If you purchase your bread at the supermarket, look for deli-style bread that has a firm, moist texture and is sold in a large (maybe 5 1/2 inches or so) oval shape. (An "ethnic" name on the wrapper is also a good sign.)

As for the other ingredients, Swiss is the cheese traditionally used in the Rueben. Gruyere worked but isn't as easy to find. Mozzarella, American, Jack or cheddar just didn't taste right. Sauerkraut is sold in jars in the refrigerated section of most grocers. As with the corned beef, it all tasted the same. I found for each sandwich, I wanted about 1/4 cup of well-drained kraut. Of course I tried marinating the kraut in the Russian dressing (a technique used in some recipes) and found it a waste of time. I also tried substituting coleslaw for the sauerkraut but preferred the latter.

The assembly is easy enough. I used about 1 1/2 tablespoons of Russian dressing (a generous amount) per sandwich. Once the sandwich was put together I had to decide the best way to grill or toast it. I tried using the oven, as a recipe at FoodTV.com suggested, and the bread was warm but soggy. I wanted the crispy exterior of a grilled cheese so I moved on to a skillet. I buttered the bread and then toasted (grilled) the sandwiches over medium heat for about 2 1/2 to 3 minutes on each side. This left me with a well-browned and crisp exterior, melted cheese and a cool interior. Not only was this as described in the original recipe – it was delicious.

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If you want your Rueben hot all the way through, (this recipes leaves you with a slightly cool center) reduce the heat to low once both sides have browned and continue to cook for an additional 1 1/2 minutes on each side. You may also substitute Dijon mustard for the Russian dressing or eat the sandwich cold. If you substitute pastrami for the corned beef you have created Rueben's sister sandwich, the Rachel.

Russian Dressing

1/2 cup mayonnaise, regular or light (not low- or no-fat)

2 tablespoons ketchup or chili sauce

1/2teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

3/4 teaspoons prepared horseradish

1 1/2 teaspoons finely chopped shallot

The Sandwich

8 slices deli-style pumpernickel or rye bread

8 thin slices Swiss cheese

1 pound sauerkraut, drained well

3 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon softened butter

1. For the dressing, mix all of the ingredients together in a small bowl. Use immediately or store covered in the refrigerator where it will keep for several days. Makes about 3/4 cup.

2. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Place 2 slices of cheese on a slice of bread folding it over so it is not hanging off of the sides. Place four ounces of meat on top of the bread in the same manner. Top the meat with 1/4-cup sauerkraut. Spread about 1 1/2 tablespoons Russian dressing on another slice of bread and place it on the kraut, dressing side down. Spread one teaspoon of butter on top of the sandwich, flip it over and repeat with one more teaspoon of butter. Assemble the remaining three sandwiches in the same way.

3. Place the sandwiches in the hot skillet (you can cook them in batches if necessary) and cook until dark golden brown, about three minutes. Flip and cook on the second side until well-browned, about three minutes more. Remove from skillet and cut each sandwich in half. Serve immediately.

Makes four sandwiches

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

A stitch in time

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example was worked in 1740 by Elizabeth Hayward, born in 1728. She was fifth in descent from colonists John and Priscilla Alden. Another example is a sampler done in the early 19th century by Betsey Ellis Hutchinson, age 9. Her work shows that she learned her craft in a school run by the Turner sisters in Plymouth, where rose motifs and samplers done with octagonal centers were typical.

"What's also interesting to think about is these girls and women were doing this often complex needlework in the wilderness. If they ran out of a material, they had to wait for the next ship to come in," she said. Samplers were often worked in doorways, as early homes were dark and windows were small and few.

Peggy M. Baker, director and librarian of the Pilgrim Society and the Pilgrim Hall Museum, said these artifacts are important because they are among the only early American objects made by women.

"The only artifacts at Pilgrim Hall that were made directly by women are textiles — a beaded purse, an embroidered tabletop – and samplers," she said.

"Girlhood Embroidery" runs at the Pilgrim Hall Museum, Court Street, Plymouth, through June 1. Adult admission is $5, children 5-17 are $3, seniors are $4.50 and a family admission is $15. Plymouth adults and families are free.

Out of the ordinary

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throws its Opening Party this Friday evening, 7:30-9:30 p.m., and will run through June 8. The Opening will feature artworks by all of the Forum's now 25-member collaborative, plus pieces by art students at the nearby Sacred Heart School, along with live poetry reading and music, wine tasting and exotic desserts.

"The Forum is a collective of Kingston area artists and art teachers who have joined together to explore artistic endeavor and to present their work to the local public," said Cingolani, also a painter and mixed media artist with work on view in this year's spring exhibit.

Since launching the exhibit series six years ago, the New Art Forum has designated each succeeding show with a distinct title and theme. This spring's week-and-a-half-long event has the distinctly understated dubbing and motif of "Out of the Frame," which nominally and simply indicates artwork of various media presented without benefit of the convention of frames. But that should be the least of the non-conventions, as Cingolani promises the show itself will by design offer some of the most offbeat, exotic, experimental and eye-opening concepts and creations the Forum's members can dream up, with only the absence of frames in common.

Said Cingolani, "This year's exhibit will present a colorful, varied spectrum of two and three dimensional art. The idea came about when many of our members read about an international modern art show that took place in Australia last year. At this show, each artists was given a 9 X 12 foot space to exhibit their works of modern, off-the-wall and three-dimensional art. Our group decided to follow that example for our spring show."

Cingolani added that this should cover a wide-range of media in multi-dimensional and hybrid forms, including graphic arts, photography, watercolor, portraiture and landscape painting, fiber arts and more.

Two feature pieces were on display early as the show set up in the barn. "Harry's Travels," a mixed media/soft sculpture piece by Kingston artist Sylvia Vaz, renders an eye-catching image of an elderly tourist stereotype, with bad clothes, bad combover and other well-placed props such as a backpack canteen and Poland Spring bottle, seated on a bench scattered with travel brochures, composed of cloth, plaster, paper-mache and rubber among other materials.

There's also an as-yet untitled minimalist sculpture group-effort in stone, wood and paint by Beverly Steele, Joan Randall and Kathy Murphy, artists of various media also from Kingston. The work includes three cylinders representing each of the artists involved.

The New Art Forum of Kingston presents its annual spring show "Out of the Frame" at the renovated 1809 Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston, beginning May 30, at 7:30 p.m. The exhibit will be open for viewing on Saturdays and Sundays: May 31, June 1, 7, and 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings, June 3 and 5, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more information call Lilias Cingolani at 781-585-5622.

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Part 2
By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Outside my window, enchanting ribbons of deep blue forget-me-nots (Myosotis) thread their way through my shady borders amongst showy clumps of sunny yellow primroses, delicate clusters of columbines, elegant, architectural stands of Solomon's Seal, and handsome hostas. Despite our dreary weather, the shade gardens are bright and colorful as many charming spring-bloomers display their finery before the overhead canopy casts its summertime shadows.

Last week's momentary glimpse of summertime was all too fleeting as Mother Nature continues to torture gardeners with dank, gloomy weather. Unseasonably cool temperatures and limited sunshine have significantly delayed flowering and the leafing out of our trees and shrubs. Chilly soil temperatures are unfit for growing warm weather annuals and vegetables or sowing seeds. The traditional Memorial Day planting ritual is on hold for another week as frustrated dirt diggers make their purchases and in hopes of brighter days to come. Those who dared to plant prior to the holiday weekend may be watching their tender treasures sulk.

Many trees, shrubs and perennials, stressed by last summer's drought, have failed to break dormancy. The severity of this past winter certainly took its toll on many of these struggling plants. Although there are many casualties, patience is a necessity and may be rewarded with a late season recovery when the weather improves. Rhododendrons were hard hit by summer dryness and in their weakened condition, borers infiltrated their limbs leading to numerous dead branches which should be pruned back to viable growth. Desiccating winds scorched many evergreens causing winterburn but trimming the damaged tissue in conjunction with fertilizer, warmth and sunshine may enable many of these plants to fully recover. Butterfly bushes are among the popular shrubs that have been slow to regrow, many having died back to ground level, but new growth is beginning to sprout from the base and many of these fast-growing shrubs will regain their original stature and flower later this summer. Prolonged winter wetness may be responsible for the demise of many typically hardy perennials in poorly drained soils.

Despite these setbacks, many trees, shrubs and perennials have never appeared more robust or flowered more beautifully. Along my back walkway, a handsome specimen of Daphne Carol Mackie is smothered with sweetly scented clusters of pink and white flowers. I grow this 3-foot shrub for both its springtime fragrance and its attractive deep green foliage, with thin white margins, which persists well into winter. The majority of Daphnes are extremely aromatic. Many will produce sporadic bloom again in the fall. They prefer soils having a high humus content which is well drained and less acidic than our typical New England soils so the addition of lime is recommended as is a layer of mulch to preserve moisture as they resent dry soils. Be sure to select an appropriate location in sun or part shade when planting as they also resent being moved.

The Viburnum family offers numerous, marvelously fragrant varieties. Often referred to as the Maybush, the Koreanspice Viburnum (V. carlesii) is widely grown for its strong aroma and attractive foliage. Clusters of white flowers emerge from pink- or red-tinted buds, unveiling their sweet, spicy perfume during May. Other popular cultivars include V. Cayuga and V. Mohawk. While all members of this broad family of both deciduous and semi-evergreen shrubs are not remarkably fragrant, as a whole they are handsome, easily grown specimens which provide reliable blooms and good-looking foliage throughout the growing season. Many cultivars display extremely showy fall fruits that are favored by birds and wildlife. Adaptable to a wide range of growing conditions, they are tolerant of partial shade and thrive in moisture-retentive soils.

Perhaps my personal favorite perfume is provided by a rather coarse, suckering, deciduous shrub which is native to the US, the Carolina Allspice (Calycanthus). Planted many years ago as a tiny twig, it has matured into a sizable 8-foot shrub that greets visitors as they pass through my garden archway. During last week's heat wave, I detected its delicious fruity fragrance long before I noticed that its odd-looking, rusty red blooms had emerged. The two-inch flowers, which resemble miniature water lilies, are not particularly showy but produce a heavenly scent reminiscent of strawberries and oranges or a combination of allspice and ginger that is only noticeable during the afternoon and early evening. Carolina Allspice prefers a moisture-retentive soil in sun or dappled shade and although its heaviest bloom is during the spring, flowers continue to appear sporadically throughout the summer. The foliage turns bright yellow in autumn.

The walkway to my front entry will offer another aromatic delight for visitors in the weeks to come as the spicy, clove-scented flowers of Dianthus 'Baths Pink' unfold. Handsome additions to the front of a sunny border and favorite candidates for rock gardens, the members of the Dianthus family will soon be smothered with dozens of 1-inch flowers in shades of pink, white and red, many of them speckled, spotted, eyed, or margined in a contrasting color. Most of the perennial forms offer attractive, mat-forming, blue-green foliage that remains evergreen through the winter months. Prolonged dampness due to heavy soils, organic mulches, poor drainage or winter wetness will often cause them to succumb. Sandy, porous soils, to which lime has been added, are ideal. An established planting of Dianthus, commonly known as carnations or pinks, provides year-round beauty.

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'Beehive' is the buzz

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finish the Raffael's run."

Described in its press materials as featuring "five wailing women, costumes, wigs and 15 cans of hairspray," the JM version will feature a five member company of local performers bringing to life such memorable songs as "My Boyfriend's Back," "One Fine Day," "Where the Boys Are," 'Downtown," "Proud Mary," "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," and "Respect."

"It's a great, fun night," says McDonald. "Our cast is so tight and professional that people are going to love them and, of course, the music is some of the best around."

McDonald knows that — after enjoying Raffael's fine food — some audience members may want to head straight for the parking lot the moment they believe the show has ended. He urges them to rethink that strategy this time around.

"Everyone should be sure to stay for the curtain call. We'll be providing some additional music, just like 'Mamma Mia!,' and also a few surprises that people won't want to miss."

(JM Productions Dinner Theatre will present "Beehive" from June 4-5, 11-12, at Raffael's, 1 Enterprise Drive, North Quincy. For tickets and information, call 617-328-1600.

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THE SIXTH ANNUAL JIMMY KENNEDY MEMORIAL RUN FOR AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) The Five-Mile charity run is also known as the new Balance "Squirrel Run" in honor of Jimmy's childhood nickname. June 7, Veteran's Memorial Stadium, Hancock St., Quincy. 8 a.m. Registration - 9 a.m. 2.5 mile walk begins; 10 a.m. - 5-mile run starts. Children's events all morning. For information or to pre-register contact 781-383-6008 or visit www.coolrunning.com

HANOVER 5K ROAD RACE - Saturday, July 5, at 9 a.m. Sylvester Field, Route 139. Entry $15. The course is one large loop that is mostly flat with only four turns. Age groups: 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+. For more information call 781-826-1300 or email bcassidy@healthtrax.com

The NSRWA presents their **Fourth Annual North River Pontoon Boat Tour** on June 14. One-hour trips are available from 10 a.m. until 2:20 p.m. (Boats depart every 20 minutes). on the beautiful North River. Each pontoon boat will have a licensed captain and guide, and will be limited to six passengers. Snacks and refreshments will be included. This trip was immensely popular last year ...a sell out! All proceeds will benefit the North & South Rivers Watershed Association Cost is $30 per member ($40 for non-member; includes one year membership), no children under 12.. Advance registration with payment is required. Send checks payable to the NSRWA, P.O. Box 43, Norwell, MA 02061 and specify preferred departure time. For more information contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, email paula@nsrwa.org or visit our web site

THE 13TH ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL AT STONEHILL Rubyhorse, is headlining the 13th annual Irish Festival at Stonehill College on June 13-15. This three day outdoor festival features three musical stages plus dozens of activities for children, families and lovers of Irish culture. Irish dancing exhibits and folk art displays are also scheduled. The festival is in North Easton, just 25 minutes south of Boston.

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS AT EDAVILLE USA June 20-22, June 27-29 and July 3-6 - Day Out With Thomas offers fans of all ages the opportunity to take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine. There is a variety of Thomas & Friends entertainment for the whole family. Interactive children's activities include storytelling; live music; indoor and outdoor play areas; toy train sets; temporary tattoos of Island of Sodor friends and face painting; an Imagination Station; live music and more. Other event highlights are Thomas & Friends video viewing and an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Thomas the Tank Engine's firm, but kindly boss, Sir Topham Hatt. 35 minute train rides depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission $14 for ages one and up and may be purchased by calling 1-866-468-7630 and at the Edaville box office. for more information visit www.thomasthetankengine.com Edaville USA is located off of Route 58 in Carver.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

BEST BET

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Thurs. 29

The Randolph Recreation Department will hold the Sixth Annual Country Fair May 29 to June 1, Thursday/Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, noon to 11 p.m./Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. at the Joseph J. Zapustas Ice Arena Parking Lot, 240 North St., Randolph Imagination Station Playground. All proceeds to benefit the adult/children recreation programs.

Benefit for South Shore Shockers - Girls Jr. Olympic softball team May 29, from 7 to 11 p.m. American Legion Hall, Legion Parkway (off Washington St., Whitman). Comedy and magic show with spaghetti dinner Tickets: $20 in advance; $25 at the door. Raffle tickets for great prizes, including a 50/50 raffle All proceeds go toward the girls' travel expenses to the National championship tournament in N. Carolina All contributions are tax deductible. For tickets call: Ernie: 508-654-5042, Jarrod: 508-243-3487 or Jim: 617-828-2992

Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

South Shore Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, sponsored by South Shore Savings Bank - Guest speaker Timothy Cahill, May 29, Lantana, Randolph, 7:44 to 9 a.m. $20 members/$30 nonmembers $200 table of 10.

The Pleasant Grill, 1229 Washington St., E. Weymouth, will host a showing of **Dan McCole's Watercolors** through June 15. A reception will be held May 15, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library will open a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy** on May 15. The exhibit will run through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

The fifth season for South Shore Quests opened May 1. Quests are a fun way to get the kids out in nature and a great way to learn of new hiking trails in the area. Clues lead the hiker along a trail in search of the treasure (a stamp and stamp pad). Quest books, which contain directions, maps and the clues for 19 Quests on the South Shore, are available at the Bookport in Hingham, Hingham public library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for $4. If you have any questions contact Kim Juric at 781 749-6121 or kjuric@attbi.com <mailto:kjuric@attbi.com>

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline** 8 to 11 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Fri. 30

Brittany Lambert Foundation Fundraiser - Tupperware Fundraiser May 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 277 Tobey Garden St., Duxbury. For more information call Anne Marie Winchester 781-934-2740.

The New Art Forum of Kingston presents its annual spring show "Put of the Frame", the fifth annual art exhibit at the renovated 1809 Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston. Opening May 30, at 7:30 p.m. The exhibit will be open for viewing on Saturdays and Sundays: May 31, June 1, 7, and 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings, June 3 and 5, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more information call Lilias Cingolani at 781-585-5622.

American Baby Casting Call is seeking the most beautiful baby in the Boston area by inviting more than 700 parents to bring their babies to take a free snapshot and enter the Casting Call contest May 30, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Babies "R" Us, 450 Grossman Dr., Braintree. For more information, call 781-356-0475.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate. **Jaywalkers.** For more information call 781-545-9898.

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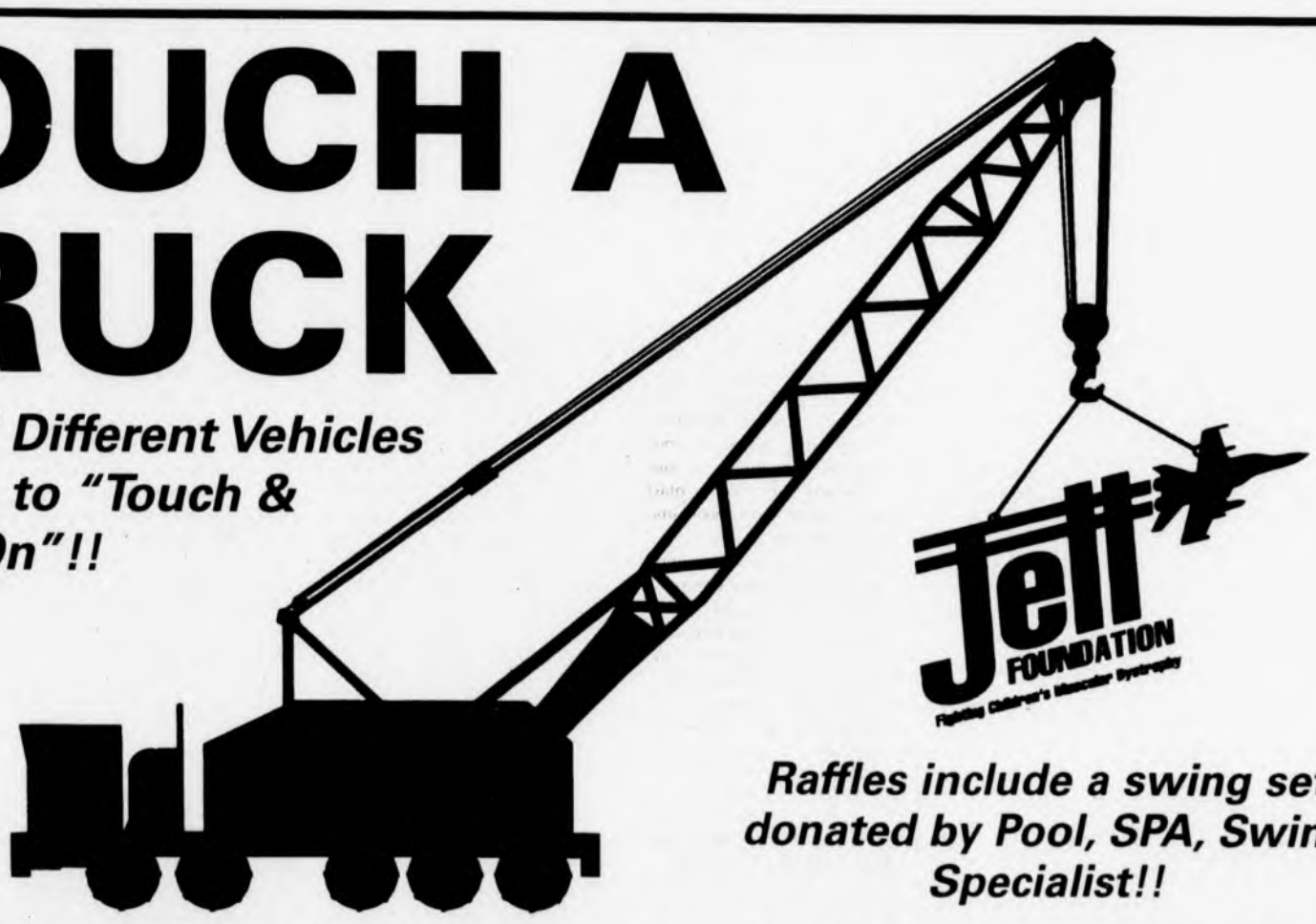

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Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Blue Sky**- Acoustic Pop and Rock. Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Dillingers, 21 Home Depot Dr., Long Pond Road, Plymouth, **BoobaDubie** (eclectic pop, cover and oldies 8 p.m.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Sat. 31

First Parish Church in Norwell is sponsoring its annual Spring Market on May 31, from 9 a.m. 2 p.m. at 24 River St. (just off Route 123 in Norwell Center.) Church and private flea market tables, silent auction, raffle snack bar. For information call 781-659-7122.

The YWCA in Marshfield is hosting a special quilt show featuring the work and quilts of South Shore residents on May 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **The Quilt Show** is part of the YWCA's yearlong 35th Anniversary Celebration. Admission to the show is $10 per person. Refreshments will be available and raffle tickets for a beautiful jewel box quilt made by the YWCA Y'ise Quilters can be purchased at the show. For more information about the quilt show, or other programs offered by the YWCA, please call 781-834-8371 or visit us online at y.marshfield.org.

Fundraising event to benefit three local bike riders, David and Ann-Marie Linehan and Robin Steele who are raising funds to ride in the annual Pan Massachusetts Challenge. The Pan Mass challenge is a two-day 192 mile bike ride from Sturbridge to Provincetown to benefit cancer research at the Dana Farber. The benefit will take place at the South Shore Country Club on May 31, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Entertainment will be provided by the Bald Walter Band et al, and hors d'ouvres will be served. Cost is $20 per person.

Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St., Braintree (Weymouth Landing), presents **Mark Scalia** along with **Annette Pollack, John Joyce, Tom Dustin, Jack Hurney and Eric Davis**. 8 p.m. For more information call 781-356-4311.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Stout.** For more information call 781-545-9898.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Tex Mad Dog & the Cat**- Acoustic Pop and Rock. Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Dillingers, 21 Home Depot, Long Pond Road, Plymouth, presents **Tom Glen Duo** acoustic pop and rock. 9 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Sugar Ray and the Blue Tones.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 1

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The Friends of Thayer Public Library bring art historian Gershon Weisenberg to the library on June 1, at 2:30 p.m. for "Calder, The Man and His Work: The Life and Artistry of Alexander Calder." Free and open to the public. Logan Auditorium, Thayer Public Auditorium, 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

18th Annual Aids 6.2 Mile Walk And 5k Run June 1, at the Hatch Shell in Boston. For information on volunteering or registering visit www.aacevents.org or call 617-424-WALK

Happy-Dog House, A Cageless Dog Boarding & Day Care Center, 398 Ashland St., Abington, will host an open house - Tour the facility, dog play groups, first anniversary celebration, free dog agility course. For information call 781-857-1239.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday beginning May 25, of Memorial Day Weekend, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Brown** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

Mon. 2

South Shore Women's Business Network, Braintree Luncheon, June 2, sponsored by Sovereign Bank. Hot buffet luncheon Jimbo's Fish Shanty Braintree Five Corners, Braintree. Pre-registration $20 members/$35 nonmembers. At the door $25 members/$40 nonmembers.

"Summer in Full Bloom" Exhibit comes to the Science Center. Greet the summer season in June at the **South Shore Natural Science Center** with a colorful exhibit of floral and landscape paintings in pastel and watercolor by **Tsun Ming Chmielinski**. A 2003 first prize winner in the pastel category of the Duxbury Art Association's Winter Juried Art Show. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 2 to 30, and the public is invited to an opening reception on Sunday, June 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, off route 123 in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 of the route 3 interchange. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum: The U.S. and the World: A European Perspective. NPR's senior European corespondent Sylvia Poggioli engages in a conversation with WBUR's Dick Gordon on how Europeans perceive President Bush, U.S. foreign policy, and the crisis in the American Catholic Church. June 2, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations and further information call 617-514-1643.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 3

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, Sandy Pohl will exhibit her painting for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset will present "Coffee With The Authors" on Tuesday, June 3, at the Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a continental breakfast and a stimulating morning with three authors as they discuss the art of writing and their latest works. Featured authors will be **Jeanne Ray** for "Eat Cake", **Claire Cook** for "Must Love Dogs" and **Mameve Medwed** for "The End of an Error". Advance reservations and ticketing are required and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665. Tickets are $13 per person, nonrefundable.

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BEST BET

Former New Kid tries something new

Composer Jonathan Larson died unexpectedly of an aortic aneurysm on January 25, 1996, just hours after the final dress rehearsal for the off-Broadway opening of his musical, "Rent," and 10 days before his 36th birthday. When "Rent" later moved to Broadway, Larson earned international acclaim and was awarded the 1996 Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize posthumously for the show. It was the stuff of which legends are made. In a 1990 one-man-show, "tick, tick...BOOM!," Larson chronicled his early career struggles as a young composer about to turn 30, waiting tables while fending off a girlfriend's marriage advances, and faced with fading into oblivion. Set in 1990, "BOOM!" is now structured as a three actor show. Unlike "Rent," which is mostly sung-through, "BOOM!" is a more traditional book musical with 14 songs. Directed by Scott Schwartz and script consultation by the 2001 Pulitzer Prize Winning Playwright David Auburn ("Proof"), the show opens this week at Boston's Wilbur Theatre with former "New Kid on the Block," and Jamaica Plain native Joey McIntyre starring as the young Larson. "tick, tick...BOOM!" will be at the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont Street, Boston, through June 8. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

-R. Scott Reedy

BEST BET

Vine Hall Gallery at the South Shore Natural Science Center presents Summer in Full Bloom: New Pastels and Watercolors by Tsun Ming Chmielinski from June 3 to June 30. An Artists Reception will be held Sunday, June 8 from 2-4 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information call (781) 659-2559.

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The South Shore Art Center presents "Summer View: Visiting Artists on display May 30-July 13 with an opening reception Friday, May 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. The South Shore Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. For hours and information call (781) 383-2787 or visit them on the Web at www.ssac.org.

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Family Story time resumes at **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at Quincy District Court on June 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For more information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

The So Shore NPFH communities are part of the sponsorship of the White Ribbon Campaign to be held at Hingham High School, 17 Union St., Hingham, on June 3, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The white ribbon message is that men should pledge to "never commit, condone or remain silent about violence toward women." We are asking everyone associated with the No Place for Hate Committees to bring a male family member or friend to Hingham High School to hear the presentation and sign the pledge. Last year more than 600 students and adults signed the pledge. If you would like further information, call 781-545-1716.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 4

Raffael's Restaurant Of Quincy announce the fifth dinner theatre production of its fourth season. "Beehive" the 60's musical sensation with five wailing women, outrageous costumes and wigs needs 15 cans of hairspray each night. "Beehive is a high-energy musical revue tracing the coming of age of women's music through 37 popular hits of the girl groups and solo singers of the 1960s. Performance dates June 4, 5, 11, and 12. Tickets $35 for matinees and $45 for evening performances. Ticket includes dinner, tax, gratuity and show. For tickets and additional information call 617-328-1600.

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tick, tick...BOOM! a musical by Jonathan Larson, comes to the Wilbur Theatre through June 8, starring Boston's own Joey McIntyre. Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster or directly at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston St. Boston.

Thurs. 5

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. June 5, **Legion Bud Band.**

Scituate Voice of the Faithful invites you to a talk by Father Ron Coyne, pastor of Saint Albert The Great Catholic Church in Weymouth. Father Coyne will speak about his experiences as a priest, a Christian, and a human being and his relationship with the lay group Voice of the Faithful. Father Coyne's parish has a thriving Voice of the Faithful group that finds hope and encouragement in their pastor. Father Coyne will discuss his hopes for the Catholic Church and his ideas on where Catholics can go from here to find hope, healing, and transformation. The talk will be held at the Scituate Town Library (85 Branch Street) in the lower level meeting room on Thursday, June 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline** 8 to 11 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Fri. 6

Success Panel Breakfast presented by the Women's Business Connection, June 6, from 7:44 to 9 a.m. at Lombardo's Randolph. "Best Dress Business Practices" $20 members/$30 nonmembers $200 table of 10. Reserve and purchase tickets online at www.southshorechamber.org or call 617-479-1111.

The James Library Center for the Arts presents **Meg Morton** photographs "Beasts, Blossoms and Butterflies" June 6 through July 2. Reception June 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. The library is located at 24 West St., Norwell. For information call 781-659-7100.

Indian Pond Country Club, 60 Country Club Way, Kingston, looks forward to hosting the **Turntables**, formerly known as the Timetations on June 6, at 7 p.m. Tickets $60 per person includes dinner and show. For reservations call 781-585-9117.

Taunton Riverfront Festival: Enjoy riverboat tours, musical entertainment, children's activities, crafts, and food all on the historic Weir River June 7-8. Call 508-821-9347 for information.

The Stone Temple Coffeehouse presents folksingers and songwriters **David Roth and Reggie Harris** together in concert on Friday, June 6, at the United First Parish Church 1306 Hancock Street Quincy, 02169 (across from the Quincy Center T-Stop and City Hall) Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Performance 8 p.m. Admission $15 Refreshments available. For information 617-821-4073, for directions 617-773-1290.

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Funky White Honkies.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

A Taurus moon sets a relaxed pace today. Take it slow and easy. Influences are particularly favorable for developing projects that require your imagination and creativity. Lunar alignments to Neptune, Venus and Mercury set the stage for a romantic evening.

THURSDAY, MAY 29

The next couple of days have their challenges. Resolve to maintain a peaceful, positive attitude. A lunar alignment to Mars affects this morning. Others may be irritable, aggressive, argumentative. Don't make waves. Channel energy constructively; take on a big work project and stick to it. At 11:53 a.m. the Taurus moon becomes inactive for the remainder of the day.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

At 5:32 a.m. the moon enters Gemini, beginning the final windup to a new moon. This new moon is particularly powerful, because it is accompanied by a solar eclipse. The dark side is a time for cleaning out, letting go, preparing for new starts. A lunar alignment to Uranus at 11:10 a.m. may disrupt the flow of the morning. Be flexible. Spend time alone this evening; meditate for inner peace and vision.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Storm clouds move out, and astrological weather turns bright and sunny today. The solar eclipse-new moon culminates at 12:20 a.m., 9-degrees Gemini. The moon will continue to travel in Gemini throughout the weekend, making it prime for fun and games. Lunar alignments to Jupiter and Neptune this morning are ideal for embarking on a new adventure, travel, communications. Take a vacation from stress and worry; enjoy life to the max. There is one rough spot, however, in effect between 5:21-8:21 p.m., when the moon opposes Pluto. Keep it light and avoid touchy subjects in this period.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2001

Planetary action in June offers many opportunities to initiate new ventures, develop or expand current enterprises and achieve goals. The moon continues to travel in loquacious Gemini today, highlighting social activities, communications. At 4:55 p.m. the moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive. A Cancer moon takes over at 5:27 p.m. A lunar alignment to Uranus prompts you to keep your options open, go with your adventurous side this evening.

MONDAY, JUNE 2

A polarity of Jupiter and Neptune takes center stage. It adds an optimistic, upbeat mood to the day. On the other hand, this is not a time to take any kind of risk. Enjoy the show but remember that all that glitters is not gold. The moon continues to travel in the sign Cancer, making this evening ideal for sharing a special meal and spending quality time with your family.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

After thirty years, the planet Saturn returns to the sign Cancer at 9:32 p.m. It will remain there until July 2005, bringing new challenges and responsibilities for people born under the sun sign Cancer. The moon also travels in the sign Cancer today, active until 12:27 p.m., when it interacts with Venus. Harmonious alignments of the sun to Neptune and Jupiter help to lift spirits, and prompt you to relax and enjoy life this afternoon and evening.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

The moon enters Leo at 3:25 a.m., remaining there today and tomorrow. This is a time when creative and artistic projects will come together easily. Go with our imaginative side; be more easygoing, playful. The evening is prime for all social and romantic activities.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Yesterday's planetary influences are in effect today as well. A 90-degree alignment of Venus and Mars stimulates creativity and may spark romantic attractions. Keep it light; don't take anything too seriously. The Leo moon forms five major alignments to planets, setting a quick pace. Love is the name of the game this evening.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

The planet Uranus takes the spotlight today and tomorrow. Its influence can go either way; it may bring exciting surprises or sudden reversals. Don't be rigid; relax and focus on the positives. The Leo moon becomes inactive at 2:18 a.m. until 10:51 a.m., when it enters Virgo. In addition, this moon opposes Uranus at 3:55 p.m. Spur of the moment ideas will be the most successful.

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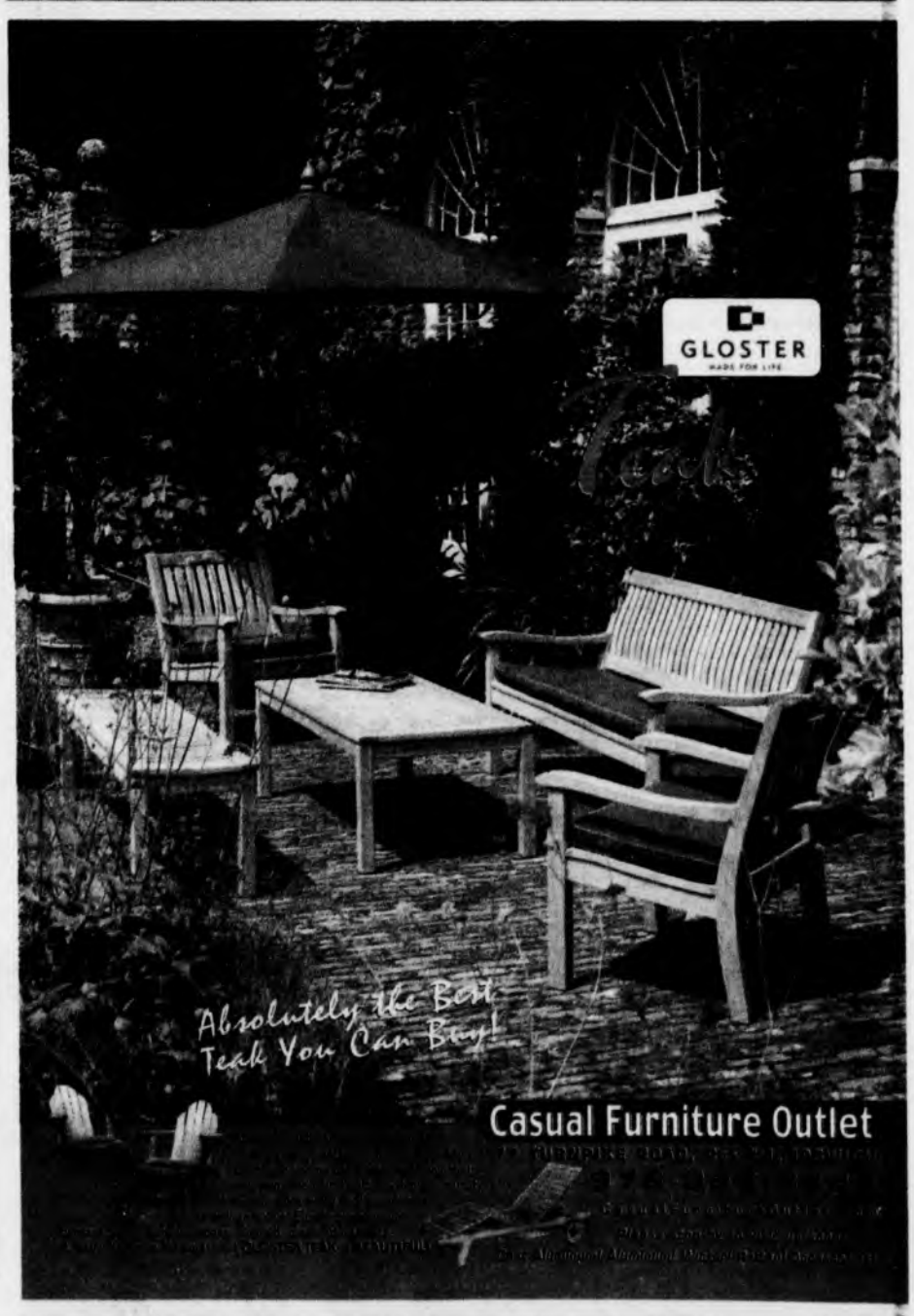

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Senior housing project planned

First to use new 'overlay' district

By John Camera
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A team of Cohasset residents is preparing to submit plans for what would be the first housing development under Cohasset's new senior overlay district.

David and Kelli Calhoun of Sheldon Road and Tom Ragno of Lexington — the developers of the proposed project — have purchased a 41-acre parcel of land off Beechwood Street on the east side of 3A known as the Hayes Estate. The sale is closing the third week of June and the price will become public at that time, Kelli Calhoun said.

The Calhouns and Ragno will approach the Planning Board on June 18 to file preliminary plans to build 100 to 150 units of senior housing on the property.

Because the property is within the senior overlay district, the development will be allowed to have a greater density of units than the town bylaws normally allow. In return, all of the units must be restricted to residents age 55 and older, and 25 percent of those units must be

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PROM ELEGANCE

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Laraine Langford, Lindsay Grossman, Kelly Holway, Sarah Brady, Kim Ulmer, Nell Brewer, Rachel Smith, Sarah Hassan, Nicole Needle, Maura O'Brien and Alexis Bugley look beautiful at the pre-prom gala on Cohasset Common Friday evening. For more photos see pages 26-29.

All eyes are on the prize

Class of 2003 will graduate Saturday

By John Camera
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"They've distinguished themselves through scholarship, service, leadership, social awareness and athletics."
— Principal Michael Jones

The South Shore Music Circus will not be hosting a concert this Saturday, but there will no shortage of cheers coming from within the large tent on Sohier Street. That's because this year's seniors at Cohasset Middle High School will receive their diplomas at the Music Circus in a ceremony Saturday at 1:30 p.m..

CMHS Principal Michael Jones said the Class of 2003 would be remembered for the good example it set for others. "It's a class that's really grown into a leadership role in school."

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ON STAGE

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

David Kupsc and Mike Snowdale satirize American Idol in the CHS Senior Show at Town Hall last Sunday. The production's theme was reality TV and was produced by Ms. Santoro and Ms. Crimmons.

Touching down at Deer Hill

Astronaut visits his old school

By Samantha Brown
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Deer Hill school graduate and NASA astronaut, Stephen Bowen, will visit with the students of his childhood school tomorrow. Grades 4-6 will have the opportunity to meet with the mission specialist in small groups to learn about what it takes to be an astronaut and the importance of education in following your dreams.

While Bowen attended Deer Hill a little over 30 years ago, he still remembers a school project in which the class was asked to design a new stamp. His stamp featured the Apollo-Soyuz spacecraft. This was the first joint American-Soviet human space flight and it made a lasting impression on the future astronaut.

"Back then science was news, that is no longer the case today," he said. Bowen believes that growing up in the mid-70s was an inspiring time for children to branch out in their learning. He had always had an interest in science and math, but with such great scientific discoveries receiving widespread media attention, he was soon forming dreams of becoming an engineer. "There's a whole generation of engineers who grew up with that," he recalled.

Bowen's academic career may have begun in Cohasset, but after graduating from Cohasset High School in 1982, he went on to receive a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from the United States Naval Academy, and a degree in ocean engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of

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Commander Stephen Bowen will visit his old elementary school tomorrow.

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, May 27:

Conservation Commission, June 12 at 7:30 p.m., June 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Deer Hill School Council, June 4 at 3:30 p.m. at Deer Hill School

Harbor Committee, June 10 at 7 p.m.

Historical Commission, June 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, June 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee, June 7, 10 a.m., DPW garage

School Committee, June 5 at 7 p.m.

Selectmen, June 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, June 30 at 6 p.m.

Troika, May 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Water Commission, June 6 at 10:30 a.m. at One Financial Center, Boston; June 18, 10 a.m., (bid opening) at 339 King St.

Zoning Board of Appeals, June 16 at 7 p.m. (40A), June 19 at 7 p.m. (3 Jerusalem Lane), June 30 at 7 p.m. (Avalon)

All meetings are at Town Hall unless posted otherwise.

Gulf Association to meet June 10

The Gulf Association of Scituate and Cohasset will hold a spring meeting on Tuesday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's House on Cohasset Harbor. At this meeting the Urban Harbors Institute of UMass Boston will present its now completed Natural Resource Inventory of the Gulf Watershed to the group. The Natural Resource Inventory is a comprehensive analysis of the Gulf Watershed, its unique assets and its potential problems. The inventory has been funded entirely by the Gulf Association.

The meeting will offer a valuable opportunity to get a first-hand look at the results of this study and to participate in a discussion, based on these findings, of future projects and goals. The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The Gulf Association is a non-profit environmental group whose mission is to preserve and protect the Gulf River watershed. Questions or comments can be directed to the Gulf Association, PO Box 140, North Scituate, MA. 02060.

Straits Pond cleanup

Straits Pond Spring Cleanup is Saturday, June 7 (rain date: Saturday, June 15).

Bird Walk (with Sally Avery) 8-10 a.m. (no rain date). Meeting Place: Foot of Summit Ave and Atlantic Avenue, Hull.

Cleanup is 10 a.m. to noon. Meeting place: Gun Rock Playground, Atlantic Avenue, Hull (Wear gloves, long sleeves and boots)

Cookout noon to 2 p.m. (at Gun Rock Playground). Free.

For more information contact: Lawry Reid Tel: (781) 925-8659, email: viaspeech@attbi.com

Letter to MBTA about mitigation

In a show of support for their counterparts in Hingham and Scituate, Cohasset selectmen will send a letter to the MBTA expressing concern about reports the transportation agency has planned to scale back on Greenbush mitigation to save money.

Monday's discussion was in response to a letter from Hingham Selectman Melissa Tully describing a recent Boston Globe report on mega construction projects that contained the news the administration is looking for ways to build Greenbush for less than $600 million as "disturbing."

"However, we do feel this public acknowledgement provides us with the opportunity to start a grassroots campaign with our citizenry to comply with our MOU (Memorandum of Agreement). We have chosen four-quadrant gates as our lead issue," Tully wrote. "Your town may feel strongly about another issue. We feel that this is an opportune time for the towns to publicly decry the MBTA's lack of compliance."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the MBTA has so far adhered to Cohasset mitigation agreements.

"Anything we've asked for, Cashman or the MBTA has done," he said. (Cashman Balfour Beatty is the company contracted to build the railroad.) Haddad noted the MBTA has provided a temporary home for the fire department, which is renting the former Winter Garden Skating Rink site off 3A for $3,500 a month. (The property is the future site of the Cohasset train station).

Selectmen, who said reneging on any town's mitigation agreement is unacceptable, decided to write a letter to the MBTA based on observations in the Globe article.

It was also decided that selectmen Fred Koed and Michael Sullivan will continue to review the train design documents as they become available. Haddad said he would put a packet together for them. Selectman Ronnie McMorris also wanted to look into the design of the Cohasset station. She noted some other town stations are in historic districts and therefore, might be designed differently. "We might want similar design," she said.

Town Counsel seminar postponed

A seminar with Town Counsel to discuss the various issues that confront permit granting boards during the public hearing process won't be held on June 19 as tentatively planned because the Zoning Board of Appeals has hearings scheduled for that night. The seminar will include the ZBA, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Selectmen. "I will try to get another date," Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen Monday.

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Mon. 9	6:58	9.8	12:50	7:31	10.3	1:15
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Hingham water deal won't include North Cohasset

But municipal system to benefit

By Mary Ford
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"The idea here is to capitalize on an opportunity to stabilize rates and continue to upgrade the system."
— Robert Kasameyer, Water Commission

In the years ahead, the Water Department may provide water to a 2,500-unit senior housing campus in off Rte. 53 in South Hingham — but it is unlikely residents in North Cohasset will be put on town water.

While selling up to 300,000 gallons a day over 20 years to the Erickson Retirement Community, dubbed "Linden Ponds," planned for Hingham would be a good financial move for the Water Department — putting North Cohasset on town water would be a drain.

Water commissioners Robert Kasameyer and Glenn Pratt explained the plans to sell water to Erickson through a three-way agreement among the Water Department, Erickson and Aquarion, a private company that serves Hingham and Hull. Aquarion also provides water to about 340 households in North Cohasset.

Kasamayer said the potential deal, which is being looked at carefully, would provide revenue to continue upgrading the Cohasset municipal water system without having to raise water rates. Hingham selectmen have written to Cohasset endorsing the sale.

To get the water to Erickson, Cohasset would physically attach to a Hingham main off Rte. 3A and the water would be "wheeled" through Hingham. In other words, adding Cohasset water at this end into the Aquarion system would provide enough Hingham water at the other end to supply Erickson. A pump station would be constructed on the Woodside Cemetery property and meters would be installed there and at Erickson to correlate and monitor the flow.

Erickson would pay for the 12-in. main 4,400 feet up Rte. 3A that would tie into the pipe near the Hingham standpipe at Cohasset Knoll. The company is also picking up the legal fees and engineering costs.

The Water Department could also connect Cohasset businesses along the state highway to the new water main that would improve fire flow in the area.

Kasamayer said the water department looked into putting North Cohasset on town water, but it is cost prohibitive and would result in having to raise rates. He estimated the cost of buying that portion of the system at $4 million.

Kasamayer explained that Erickson does have other options including the MWRA and the Taunton River plant, so Cohasset is not controlling whether the project gets built.

"It is important to know that it is somewhat competitive to supply water," he said. "It's a valuable resource and we're lucky to have it.

"We want to make sure if this goes through it is fair and not selling short the valuable resource we have."

Kasameyer said Cohasset has a yield of 3-1/2 million gallons on average per day without hurting the resource and is only using about 710,000 gallons per day on average.

He said Erickson would use the water for household purposes, so it is easier to plan the usage need. Erickson will use non-potable water for landscaping.

If the deal goes through there would be some cost to Cohasset that would be borne at the treatment plant with additional chemicals and more staff.

Selectman Tom Callahan asked that the terms of the agreement when reached be made public.

Kasameyer said the water department has nothing to hide.

"The idea here is to capitalize on an opportunity to stabilize rates and continue to upgrade the system," he said. There are still permitting issues that need to be resolved, a process that could take 12-14 months.

A 1998 Town Meeting vote set the stage for special legislation allowing the Water Department to sell town water. Pratt said talk of selling town water is nothing new. The Water Department has discussed the potential benefits of selling water as far back as 1965, he said.

There is safety in numbers

Not all houses properly marked

By Mary Ford
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You call 9-1-1. Your address pops up on the screen and help is on its way. But valuable time is lost when the police and/or fire departments have to search for your home because there is no number on your house.

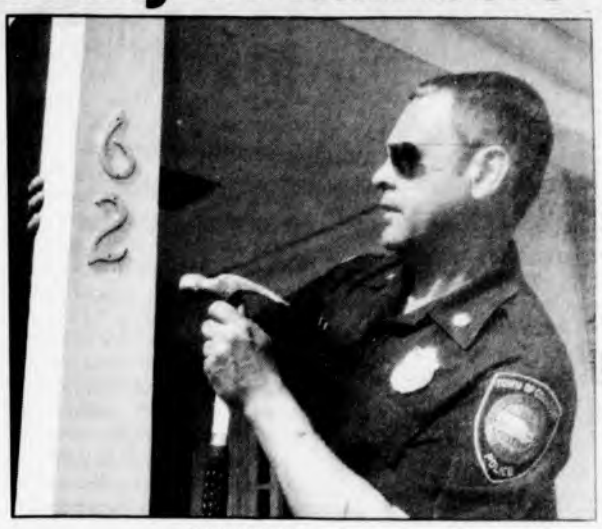
Public safety officials in Cohasset are urging everyone to install numbers on their houses and both sides of their mailboxes if they are on the street.

"Being able to find a house quickly can be a matter of life and death."
— Sgt. William Quigley

To set the right example, the Cohasset Police Department installed the number "62" on one of the columns by the front door of its headquarters at 62 Elm St. this week.

Sgt. William Quigley explained the old days when every police officer knew every house in town are past. None of the town's three new police officers live in town, for example. Newer officers may not know where "landmarks" are that no longer exist such as the Winter Garden Skating Rink, the liquor store in the cove, or Kimball's Chocolate Factory.

"People are used to saying, 'Cunningham Bridge next to the Shute property,'" says Quigley. Not everyone knows where the Shute property is, he explains.



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Patrolman Lawrence Ainslie nails new numbers to the front to the police station at 62 Elm St.

In some cases police officers have had to run license plate numbers of cars in the driveway to figure out if they are at the right house, he said. Quigley said house numbers should be place in a visible spot where they can be seen from a cruiser. Reflective ones are better, he said.

Putting numbers on their houses would also insure that residents are in compliance with the "Safety and Public Order" section of the town bylaw, which states all residential structures must by equipped with street numbers either by the main entrance or near the driveway if the house is more than 100 feet from the street.

The fire department makes progress in insuring houses are properly numbered by making it a requirement when a house is inspected for smoke detectors as a result of a sale or refinancing.

"Being able to find a house quickly can be a matter of life and death," Sgt. Quigley said. "It can literally take a couple of minutes of valuable time if we end up at the wrong house.

"It's really important and not expensive," he said. Quigley said in an emergency turning house lights on for police and fire departments is also a good idea.

Elderly citizens, who need help with installing house numbers, should call the police at 781-383-1055.

COHASSET'S WEEK

All-facilities sticker won't be repealed

Over objections from Selectman Fred Koed, who was the lone voice against the new sticker, selectmen plan to stay with plans to have only one "all facilities" sticker for the RTF and beach.

Koed tried to sway his fellow board members that the new $30 stickers are unfair and place an undue burden on those who only want a beach sticker. He also pointed out for those who are over 60 — the $15 fee represents a 500 percent increase. In prior years seniors paid $3 for a beach sticker.

While the new sticker is $5 less than last year's $35 RTF stickers — residents who want more than one sticker for second or third cars to use the beach have to pay $20 for each additional sticker.

Beach stickers used to be only $7 with $3 for each additional one.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he'd received five telephone calls complaining about the all-facilities sticker.

Koed also made the argument that the beach and RTF are not related, and sticker fees for the beach should not subsidize the RTF. He noted the town does not pay to maintain the beach, which is owned by the Sandy Beach Association, only the parking lot.

Selectman Merle Brown said Cohasset sticker fees are still less than other towns.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said the basis for the change was to create efficiencies in the Town Clerk's office, and not be a revenue generator, although the new stickers are expected to raise about $8,000 more. She also said the fees will help pay for police patrols of the parking lot.

McMorris said beach stickers had cost $7 for 15 years. She noted the cost of the Recreation Department Summer Playground Program has gone from $15 to $350 in the same time period.

"Nothing you look at 15 years ago costs the same amount," she said.

Selectman Tom Callahan said the revenue side should not be understated.

"The community wants a certain level of service and we have to look at new revenue sources," he said.

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Senior housing project planned

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made affordable.

The senior overlay district, located in residential districts B and C, was formed at Town Meeting last fall with the hopes of encouraging affordable senior housing. Once plans are submitted, the project will need approval from the Planning Board. The development will go before the Zoning Board of Appeals if zoning relief is needed. If it is close enough to wetlands, it will be reviewed by the Conservation Commission.

The Calhouns are not the only Cohasset residents involved in the proposed development. Neil Murphy of Border Street is the engineer, and Jim Sandell of Stevens Lane is the architect.

The group first approached the Planning Board in February to introduce the idea for the project. David Calhoun described the development as an upscale gated community where services like landscaping would be provided by caretakers. He estimated the market-rate units would sell for between $400,000 and $700,000. Each home, he said, would be "shingle style" and would probably have multiple units. Units would have two floors, with a master bedroom, a gourmet kitchen and a study on the first floor, and a second bathroom and a den on the second floor. Each unit would also probably have its own two-car garage.

"We're doing what everyone needs," David Calhoun told the Planning Board. "Everybody needs a place where they can eventually go, and I think it would be a great asset to the town."

Since that meeting, the Calhouns and their partners have worked to finalize their plans and complete the sale of the property.

Kelli Calhoun said they chose to go through the senior overlay district, and not apply for a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B, because the partners wanted to work together with the town to meet its needs. If the partners had applied under Chapter 40B and were denied by the Zoning Board, they could appeal the decision to the state. It's one of the aspects of 40B that many town officials do not like.

"We prefer going through the senior overlay and working with people, instead of jamming it down people's throats," Kelli Calhoun said.

Town Planner Liz Harrington, who drafted the senior overlay district bylaw, said it encourages affordable housing just like 40B, but in a way that gives the town more control. "It's like a local version of the comprehensive permit. You have to abide by local zoning regulations," said Harrington.

The Hayes property would still be developable, however, if the plan for senior housing is rejected. Kelli Calhoun said the land could be divided into 16 individual lots or subdivided into 33 lots.

The plan for incorporating affordable housing into the development is still in the works. The affordable portion could take the form of a separate development, located on a 10-acre section of the property that has frontage on Route 3A. It is unclear whether the affordable units would be apartments or condominiums.

"We all have friends and parents who want to stay in town and can't afford to because there's nothing like this," said Kelli Calhoun.

She said the partners were still hoping sewer access might be available for the project, but they were prepared to use advanced septic systems if it were not.

She said one of the motivating factors for buying the land was to prevent a 40B project from being built there. "It was one of the last, prettiest pieces of property in town," she said. "We didn't want to see 400 apartments there, which is what could happen under a 40B."

The senior overlay district has a sunset clause, whereby the bylaw's privileges end when multi-family units make up 20 percent or more of the town's housing. According to Harrington, the town now sits at about 13 percent multi-family.

Harrington said a conflict could arise if Avalon, the proposed 200-unit apartment complex on Route 3A, would bring the town close enough to the 20 percent mark that the Calhouns' project would push it over the limit. If Avalon were approved and that were the case, the Calhouns might have to downsize their project. But, under the same scenario, if Avalon were denied and then appealed to the state (since it is a 40B project), then it is unclear whether the Calhouns would have to sideline their development until a decision is made on Avalon.

Kelli Calhoun said she and her partners plan to personally approach abutters to the Hayes property about the idea for the development in the coming weeks, as plans become finalized.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said he looked forward to discussing the Calhouns' project. "I'm kind of excited about the prospects of what they have in mind," he said.

The Calhouns would be the first developers to apply to build a project in the senior overlay district, but not the only ones to express interest in the idea.

The Senior Housing Committee is eyeing town-owned property behind Stop & Shop for a possible senior overlay project, and developer Wayne Sawchuk of Beechwood Street has notified the Planning Board of his desire to build senior housing on land behind Shaw's. K.S.S. Realty, a Boston-based company, approached selectmen about its interest in a senior overlay project a few months ago. The company did not own property in Cohasset at the time and has not been heard from at Town Hall since.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Sandy Beach gate

Selectmen will invite Robin Lawrence of the Sandy Beach Association to their next meeting to discuss the SBA's desire to permanently lock the gate at the far end of the beach parking lot. Currently the exit is closed from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. If the gate were locked, all cars would have to exit at the front end of the lot. Selectman Merle Brown said there is a blind spot at the front end of the lot that poses a danger to exiting vehicles.

Meeting with Lt. Gov.

Selectmen Fred Koed, Tom Callahan and Ronnie McMorris said they would attend a special roundtable discussion to talk about local issues with Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey at 9:45 a.m., Friday, June 13 at the Rockland Trust on School Street in Brockton.

Board members sought for ConCom

There are openings on the Conservation Commission, selectmen said Monday. Interested citizens should contact the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105, or stop by the office at Town Hall.

Nothnagle on CPC

The Cohasset Housing Authority has selected Helen C. Nothnagle as its representative on the Community Preservation Committee. "The board appreciates the opportunity to participate in this particular town committee that preserves the integrity of the neighborhood," CHA executive director Marilyn A. LeBlanc wrote in a letter to selectmen.

Brush chipping

Residential brush will be accepted at the DPW parking area from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following Saturdays this summer: July 26, Aug. 30, Sept. 27 and Oct. 25.

No trees more than two-inches in diameter and no contractors are allowed.

Foreign objects clogging pumps

There are still many cases of foreign objects clogging sewer pumps, and this is to remind customers that only normal toilet and garbage disposer waste should be discharged. As the sewer department previously advised its users, it is necessary to charge for the Town's $85 ($100 on weekends) cost for service calls to remove foreign objects.

The following objects have caused repeated service calls: tampons, dental floss, baby wipes, Q-Tips. In addition, the following objects will also clog the pumps: bones, diapers, cloth, glass, metal, nuts, plastic, rags, rope, rubber, sand, sanitary, napkins, shells, towels.

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Grant to help improve Lily Pond water quality

"The major water quality problem with Lily Pond is too much nutrients — phosphorus and nitrates — which come from runoff from lawns, septic systems, driveways, streets, and from storm-water drainage."
— John McNabb, Water Commission

The Water Commission has applied for a $246,000 state grant for a four-year project designed to reduce non-point source pollution and improve the water quality of Lily Pond, the town's primary drinking water supply.

"This project is expected to reduce nutrient loading into the Pond by over 50 percent," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission "which will help improve water quality and better protect public health."

"The major water quality problem with Lily Pond is too much nutrients — phosphorus and nitrates — which come from runoff from lawns, septic systems, driveways, streets, and from storm-water drainage," said McNabb. "This excess nutrient loading increases the growth of algae and weeds and contributes to the generation of disinfection byproducts in the drinking water.

"The project also includes the installation of a spill control facility at the intersection of Pond Street and Route 3A to protect Lily Pond from any pollution which may result from an accident at that intersection which could flow into Peppermint Brook and then right into the pond," he said.

In this project the Water Commission will design and construct storm-water control and treatment systems which will utilize structural best management practices (BMP's) and incorporate low impact development (LID) strategies wherever possible to contain and minimize off-site flows and pollutant loading into Lily Pond, McNabb said. Structural BMP improvement options to be considered will include; hooded catch basins, bioretention facilities, Rain Gardens, roadside swales with biofilters and spill containment facilities.

McNabb said the project will also incorporate pre- and post-construction environmental monitoring, on-going operation and maintenance and a public education program that will invite residents in the Lily Pond tributary to participate in reducing non-point source pollutants through the use of slow release and no/low phosphorus lawn fertilizers and through individual or neighborhood scale use of low-impact development innovative technologies designed to promote on-site retention and treatment of storm water.

The application is for a 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant Program administered by the state Department of Environmental Protection under the federal EPA Section 319 program. The grant would pay for up to 60 percent, or $246,698 of the estimated total $411,163 cost of the project, with the remaining $146,163 paid for by the Water Commission out of funds appropriated at the March 29, 2003 Annual Town Meeting.

The need for this project has been established by two recent environmental studies prepared for the Water Commission – the "Surface Water Supply Protection Plan" by Norfolk Ram, and the "Lily Pond Limnology and_Waters Edge Study" by EBSR. Each of these studies were funded by $45,000 state grants, McNabb said.

Community continues to take stand against hate

Recognized for third year

As part of the recertification process, the town will also receive a $1,000 matching grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

By Samantha Brown
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In light of its many efforts to promote understanding and respect for diversity, the town of Cohasset has once again been honored as a certified "No Place for Hate" community. The New England office of the Anti-Defamation League held an official ceremony May 28 to bestow the honor on qualifying cities which have adopted a zero tolerance policy for hate crimes, hate language, and any acts of intolerance or racism .

First recognized in 2001 this will be the third consecutive year the town has been praised for its efforts, making Cohasset one of the oldest membership groups in the Commonwealth.

The NPFH campaign was organized by the Cohasset PSO Diversity Committee, which also oversees the recertification process. In order to qualify, Cohasset has hosted a number of events, all geared toward spreading the word of acceptance and tolerance for differences in a community.

Chair of the Cohasset PSO Diversity Committee, Allison Moskow, is very proud of the efforts made since the program's inception and sees the wonderful impact it has made in town so far. Without it, students at the middle school may not have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational activities. Through an ADL NPFH matching grant, students were shown videos about hate crimes and taught about the Holocaust. They were asked to write essays about what they would do if they saw persecution happening in their own town. "This type of exercise is fully supported and encouraged by the staff at the schools," she said, but believes that with the curriculum requirements and funding issues, the program wouldn't have been available if it weren't for the Diversity Committee's backing.

As part of the recertification process, the town will also receive a $1,000 matching grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, which former Chair of the PSO Diversity Committee Susan Etkind said will be used to develop an "in house, anti-bullying and anti-harassment program" to be directed by school staff and aimed at both elementary and middle school students with high school students acting as peer counselors. Funding has also been given to the Cohasset Education Foundation to help aid workshops and build library resources for grades K-12.

Programs are not limited toward educating students in town. There have been many lectures and workshop training for teachers, as well as a Martin Luther King breakfast at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and Diversity Days community events.

One very valuable training program was offered to police and fire officials on what hate crimes are and how to handle them. While the program is intended as a preventative measure, Moskow said, "the educational component has been extremely beneficial for the police department, who have had to prosecute one such crime in the last year."

With Cohasset's population becoming increasingly diverse, Moskow stresses how important it is for people to understand that hate can be shown in many different forms. "Hate can be an act as seemingly small as one person berating another's religious tradition as wrong or stupid, or as damaging as a group not taking a stand against perpetrators defacing a place of worship," she said. With the rise in diversity comes a difference in "choice of religion, family makeup, cultural traditions and languages," which can provide a wonderful place for people to learn from one another.

Through the continuing success of the NPFH program, Moskow hopes to build a community where tolerance is a minimum requirement. "Moving beyond just tolerance takes you to a place of understanding," she said. "For Cohasset to assert itself as No Place for Hate, each individual takes a stand for each individual, and that is the making of a true community."

Gulf Association meeting June 10

The *Gulf Association* of Scituate and Cohasset will hold a spring meeting on Tuesday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's House on Cohasset Harbor. At this meeting the Urban Harbors Institute of UMass Boston will present their now completed Natural Resource Inventory of the Gulf Watershed to the group. The Natural Resource Inventory is a comprehensive anaysis of the Gulf Watershed, its unique assets and its potential problems. The inventory has been funded entirely by the Gulf Association. The meeting will offer a valuable opportunity to get a first-hand look at the results of this study and to participate in a discussion, based on these findings, of future projects and goals. The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Please join us.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday wishes are being sent out to **Deb Johnson** from her son **Jake**, daughter **Abbey,** along with her husband, family and friends.

PROJECT PLAYGROUND

Project Playground, a committee of Our World, Children's, is raising funds for a play area to be built adjacent to Our World and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Sohier Street. The playground will be open year round and free to all who visit. The playground along with the museum will be a wonderful fit with the new library and together will be an invaluable resource for our community. One of the ways Project Playground will be raising funds for this new play area is through the Brick by Brick program. Your donation of $100 to the Brick by Brick program will be recognized with an engraved brick. You can have your name, your family's name, loved one or your business name celebrated in brick. If you prefer, you also have the opportunity to donate a larger engraved paver or a beautiful hardwood bench complete with an engraved brass plate. Engraved bricks and pavers will be used in walkways and as accents throughout the surrounding areas of the playground. All funds generated by the Brick by Brick program will go directly to the designing and purchasing of play structures, landscaping of the play area and on-going maintenance. Through supporters like you, each brick, paver and bench will become a part of the playground's lasting character and serve as a permanent reminder of your commitment to this project.

For information on how to participate in the Brick by Brick program, please call **Debbie Kuppens** at (781) 383-6399.If you have any questions about Project Playground, or would like to make a larger contribution, please call **Logan Bernstein** at (781) 383-6165 or **Muffy Antico** at (781) 383-8303.

XAVERIAN GRADS

Local Xaverian Brothers High School graduates include **John M. Dwyer, Alexander M. Berg** and **Barry Carson Tufts**. Barry, who is the son of **Dr. and Mrs. Barry C. Tufts**, will attend California State College Northridge in the fall. Barry was a varsity athlete at Xaverian on the soccer and lacrosse teams. Alexander is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Berg**. He will attend the University of Vermont and was a member of the varsity volleyball and swimming teams at Xaverian. John is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. John M. Dwyer** and will also attend the University of Vermont. John was a varsity member of the lacrosse team.

LASER FLEET UPGRADE

The Sailing Club is looking to revitalize its Laser Fleet, we are wondering if anyone has one they would be willing to donate? Call **Sandy Crough** 383-1117.

DEAN'S LIST

Kyle Bunstein and **Alissa Conley** have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester at Quinnipiac University. Fantastic work for both!

John Cotter has been named to the dean's list at Lehigh University for the spring 2003 semester. John maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher to earn this recognition. Good work, John.

WITH HONORS

Elizabeth B. Pierson recently received her BA degree from Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She graduated with both departmental honors in environmental studies and general honors. Beth is the daughter of **Janet Pierson** of Tucson, Ariz. and **Wigmore Pierson** of Cohasset. After working on Nantucket this summer, Beth will begin work with Americorpsat Sprout Creek Farm in Poughkeepsie. Beth, you should be very proud of yourself with these accomplishments, your parents sure are.

STRAWBERRY FEST

Mmmm. Picture this … a delicious buttermilk biscuit heaped with fresh local strawberries and mounds of fresh whipped cream … Just another great reason to visit Cohasset Common this Father's Day weekend Cohasset's 15th Annual Strawberry Festival will be held in conjunction with the South Shore's Art's Festival on the Common, June 13-15. Scrumptious strawberry shortcakes, fresh grilled chicken salads, hot dogs, cold drinks and more will be offered on the Second Congregational Church grounds (next to Town Hall) during the festival. Visitors can sit and relax at the church's outdoor café or take their treats "to go" while they explore the more than 80 exhibits and attractions of the Arts Festival on the Common As always, proceeds from this delicious fundraiser support local charities in need including The Mary Martha Learning Center, Father Bill's Place and Wellspring in Hull. For more information or to volunteer, please call the Second Congregational Church at 383-0345.

FARMERS MARKET

The Opening Day of the Farmers' Market is here. Stop reading the paper, save it for tonight and come on down to the Common. Today is the first market of the season and is being held from 2:30 -6:30 p.m. There will be fresh, local produce, music, activities for the children, crafts by local artists, hot dogs and more! Everyone is invited to come on down to the Common and celebrate the arrival of the 2003 season. The Market runs every Thursday until October 16.

SUMMER HUTCH FOR BUSTER

Mrs. Cook's second grade classroom bunny, **Buster**, needs a hutch for his summer residency at the Barnum's home in Cohasset. If anyone has one to loan or donate, please contact **Claire Barnum** at 383-9076 or email: barnum@bigplanet.com.

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HONOR SOCIETY

Kristin James, daughter of **Brian and Terry James** of Cohasset was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. Hard work and good attitude always pay off in the end, great job Kristin.

ART AWARD

Congratulations are in order for **Laura Genello**, a senior at Cohasset High School. Laura is the recipient of the MacIvor Reddie Award, a scholarship that was given by the South Shore Art Center to a senior who has been accepted by a school of fine arts or an accredited institution of higher learning for fall. Laura's artwork, along with three other award winners from surrounding areas will be on display at the South Shore Art Center's Arts Festival, June 13-15 on Cohasset Common.

RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

Konohassett Lodge congratulates the following members for their service to Masonry and the Lodge. During 2003 they will have been Master Masons for the number of years indicated: 55 years — **Malcolm F. Hall, Charles B. Walsh, Jr.**; 50 years — **Francis J. Mitchell, Stewart S. Sargent, John P. Manchester, Sr, Augustine L. Mello, David D. Honick, Hermon J. Maynard, Kenneth L. Burnside;** 45 years — **Peter T. Schramm, Donald W. Pratt;** 40 years — **James A. Clark;** 35 years — **Robert H. Fesler, Jr.**; 30 years —**Harold A. Porter, Edward F. Holland**; 25 years — **Joseph M. Tierney, Brian L. James, Clifton B. Jones;** 20 years — **Walter J. Reed, Jr.**; 10 years — **William W. Park;** 5 years — **Kenneth R. Cowen, Jr.**

TENNIS BENEFIT

Tennis anyone? The Annual Cohasset Benefit Tennis Tournament is being held this year on July 18,19 and 20. This fun-filled and exciting tournament is held to benefit a Children's Hospital. If anyone would like more information or a registration form they can contact **Lorraine Tarpey**, 383-2282, or **Sandy Crough**. 383-1117.

SWIM TEAM TRYOUTS

The Cohasset Swim Team try-outs will be held on Tuesday, June 17 from 4-6 p.m. at the Cohasset Swim Center. Swimmers must be 6 years of age by July 1, 2003 and no older than 17 years. Cohasset Dive Team try-outs will be held on the same day from 6:30-7:30 pm. Both teams have limited openings for this upcoming summer.

BAGEL BENEFIT

Dan Belz, owner of Atlantic Bagel and his manager **Robin Bradshaw** have started the Great Bagel Give-A- Way. Each day, the day-old bagels are taken to Father Bill's Place, a homeless shelter for men and women in Quincy. **Mac Chase** and **David Crowley-Buck** who pass Father Bill's on their way to school each day were the drivers before they graduated this May and the driving is now done by **David Leahy** of Pond Street who has an office near Father Bill's. Great work guys.

BC GRADUATE

Congratulations go out to **Ted Goff**, son of **Ed and Jane Goff** from Cohasset. Ted has graduated from Boston College on the dean's list on May 19 with a bachelor's degree in science and finance from the Carrol School of Management. Ted is a CHS 1999 graduate and we expect to hear great things from this young man in his future.

SPECIAL WISHES

I would like to send out two special birthday wishes from my family to my mom, **Joann Egan** who is celebrating her birthday on Friday and to my husband **Bob**, who is celebrating his day on Sunday. **Daniel, Callie** and **Cody** could not believe that I almost didn't put it in the column for this week. Happy Birthday to both of you.

That is all for this week. Keep the information and event news coming and don't forget to tell us how proud you are of your graduates! All information should be to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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NDA grads start next chapter of their lives

By Mary Ford
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It rain. And it rained and rained and rained. But when the 142 members of the Notre Dame Academy Class of 2003 entered the auditorium looking lovely in their traditional white gowns – no one thought about the weather outside.

The late spring nor'easter that forced the commencement inside and challenged the sturdiest of umbrellas as hundreds of well-wishers headed from their parked cars to the Hingham school Sunday may have changed a few plans but could not dampen the pride in the packed hall.

Family members of all ages stood to applaud as the young women walked proudly down the aisles. It was their day, a day to remember always, a special time that in future years will be reflected on with happiness.

The NDA graduates include seven young women from Cohasset: Jenna Fegreus, Martha Henderson, Laura Kondrat, Rachel McElroy, Anna-Jane Murphy, Krista Nicynski and Katherine Roche.

NDA's mission is to educate young women "to pursue the opportunities of the 21st Century with competence, confidence, courage and hope."

Keynote speaker Grace Cotter Regan (NDA Class of 1978) told the graduates that life can be like the chapters of a novel that should always be a work in progress.

"Whatever your approach," she said. "It's not the beginning or the end of a chapter in your life; it is the substance of those chapters that make up your personal novel."

Regan, who is executive director of the Boston College Alumni Association, also told the graduates to "take risks; work hard and play hard.

"Make your novel interesting, juicy and fun. Leave a legacy!"

Salutatorian, Lauren Daniels of Pembroke, said her classmates were prepared to take the next step, which is not without risk.

"We will no longer have our parents to hold us back from harm's way; we will no longer have our teachers to correct our errors; we will no longer be able to blame our mistakes on immaturity," she said. "Instead we will assume the responsibility for the risks we take, the decisions we make."

Valedictorian, Kathleen Maguire of Hanover, said the graduates should not be afraid of failure.

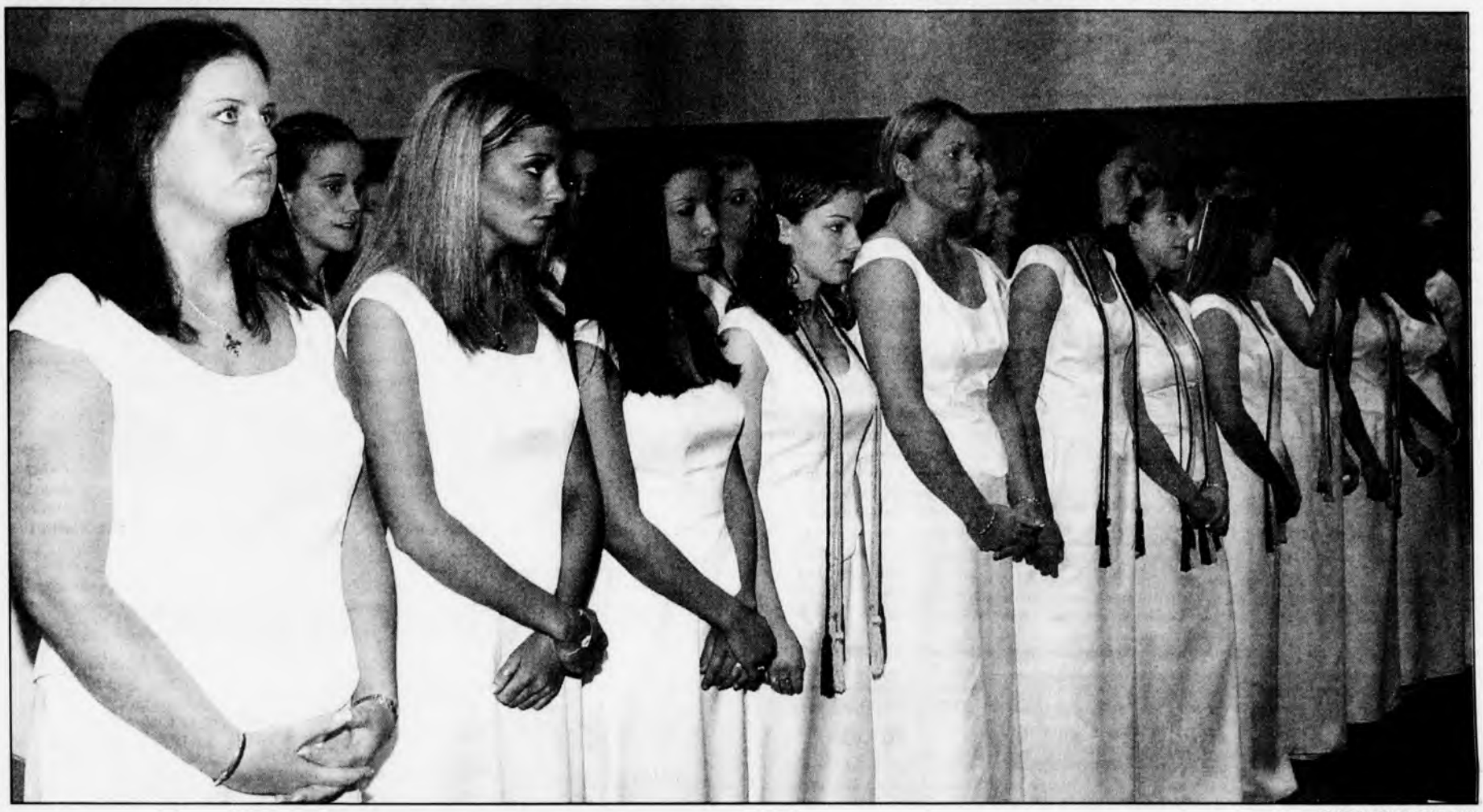
"Falling down is acceptable, as long as we pick something up while we're down there," she said. "Our falls test our character and make us think about that which really is important to us in our daily lives.

"The obstacles make the journey unique and the journey is, after all, the most important thing in the end."

Senior awards included those for students who excelled in theology and a range of academic subjects, the fine arts and sports. The graduates received more than $6 million in scholarships and grants from colleges and various corporate and community sponsors. An impressive array of colleges accepting the graduates ranged from big schools such as Harvard, BC, BU and Georgetown, to smaller institutions like Colby, Colgate and Hamilton.

One of the commencement's highlights was presentation of the class gift – an events board for the circle in front of the school —so all students, parents and visitors will be aware of activities going on at NDA.

The graduates also each wore necklaces with gold medallions, a tradition at the Catholic girls school in Hingham. Medallions were placed around each graduate's neck by an alumna during the baccalaureate ceremony Friday night. The delicate cross links the graduate with the thousands of NDA women who have preceded her, and also serves as a reminder of the values she's learned at NDA. The school was established in 1853 by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur; so the Class of 2003 was the 150th to graduate. The school relocated from Roxbury to a new facility at 1073 Main St. in Hingham in 1965.



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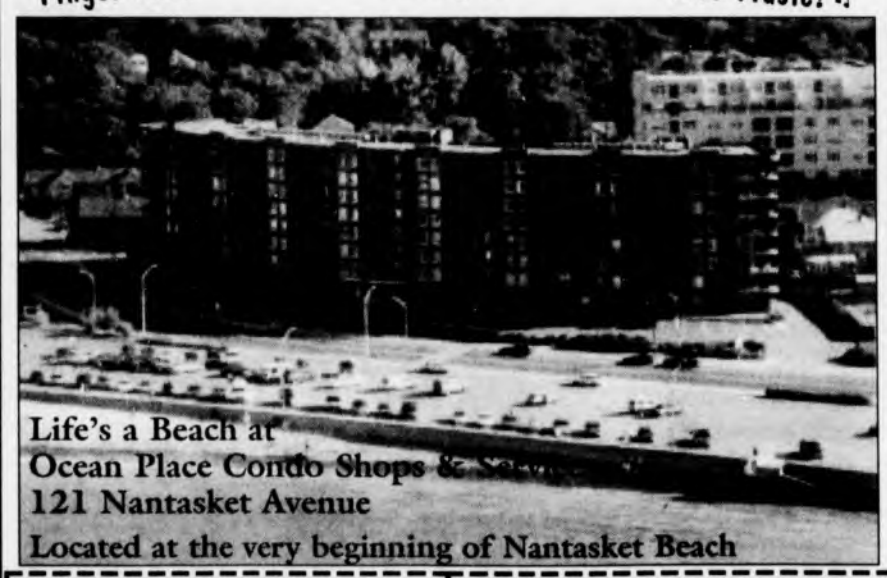

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The staff of Charles David is busy treating customers to a "day of beauty" to benefit the South Shore Hospital's Neonatal Care Unit.

Charles David 'day of beauty' nets $12,000

On Sunday, May 4, Charles David Salon opened its doors for a "day of beauty" to benefit the South Shore Hospital's Neonatal Care Unit. "We wanted to make the most money we could to help our sick and premature babies," said co-owners, David Honeycutt and Charles Dudley. "Therefore, we offered all our services, coloring, perms, facials, as well as cuts and all retail items.

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"So many of our communities, businesses and individuals as well donated to the raffles. We couldn't believe the amount of food that people brought for everyone to enjoy."

"The energy was so high that we knew we would exceed our $10,000 goal but we never dreamed we'd reach $12,000," stated Honeycutt. "This is why we love the South Shore community. They always pull together for a good cause and it makes us so proud to be here."

Elena Kirkiles, chairman of the hospital's board of trustees kicked off the event with an early morning team meeting to "offer" appreciation on behalf of the hospital, Kirkiles states, "The team of Charles David are shining examples of what 'giving' means. In addition to the money that was raised, they have set the expectation and standard for the next generation for giving. They have raised awareness for our nursery and promoted much good-will on behalf of the hospital. They have no idea how much the team's generosity will help babies and touch families in so many different ways. Their compassion, caring and giving are a true testament to the wonderful people they are."

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Astronaut to touch down tomorrow at Deer Hill School

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Technology. He later received training in the operation of submarines, which led him to become the first submarine officer selected by NASA as a mission specialist in July 2000. He reported for training at the Johnson Space Center in August 2000, and after two years of training and evaluation, he was assigned technical duties in the Astronaut Office Station Operations Branch. Bowen will serve in technical assignments until a space flight is scheduled, but is uncertain as to when that might happen, guessing it could be "years from now" as he is "still in the middle of training."

With the busy life of an astronaut comes a small amount of down time. Bowen still has family living in the area, which he visits whenever possible. Two brothers and one sister live in Hanover, he has a brother in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and his parents have moved to Cape Cod. His sister, Patricia Fontaine is still living in the house where they grew up in Cohasset.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for kids as they approach middle school, to see the sky's the limit if you remain dedicated."
— Susan Jaffee, Deer Hill PSO

A year ago July, Bowen jogged by the Deer Hill while he was home for a visit. "It's changed quite a bit and the Osgood has moved entirely," he said.

Susan Jaffe, program director of the Deer Hill PSO is thrilled with Bowen's being able to visit. "[Astronauts] lead a very scheduled life. We feel very fortunate for him to be able to come," she said.

Bowen plans to encourage students to work hard and study hard in order to achieve their goals. He feels very fortunate to be involved with the space program and feels the breadth of his education and previous job experience have helped get him where he is. Bowen believes the more education you receive, the more doors of opportunity will open . "Don't burn bridges or do anything to close off other options," he said.

Jaffe believes Bowen's visit will be extremely beneficial for the students, particularly the fourth graders who have been studying both the solar system and the moon phases. Perhaps his visit may inspire more candidates for future space programs. "It's a wonderful opportunity for kids as they approach middle school, to see the sky's the limit if you remain dedicated," she said. "You don't need to be from a big town to make your way into something important."

Jaffe believes this will be a very positive experience for both faculty and students that will long be remembered. "It's a wonderful way to finish out our school year."

LIBRARY CORNER

Booking ahead

Pre-publication alert! Place a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library and move to the top of the waiting list to read them: "Woodrow Wilson", H. W. Brands, "What Was She Thinking?" Zoe Heller, "Last Lessons of Summer", Margaret Maron, "Orchard", Larry Watson, "The Clearing", Tim Gautreaux, "Bad Company", Jack Higgins, "Moon's Crossing", Barbara Croft and, "As Time Goes By", William Heffernan.

To *place a hold* start at our website **www.cohassetlibrary.org**. Go to CATALOG and search for the item you want. Click on HOLD. Enter your user ID from your library card (no spaces), your PIN (OCLN) and specify Pickup location as Cohasset. Press HOLD. We will notify you when the book is available.

Museum passes

Check out the museum passes available to you at the library, compliments of the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Reserve the Harvard Museum of Natural History pass and enter a world of 21 million specimens spanning 4.5 billion years of Earth's history. Enjoy the amazing displays of dinosaurs, exotic creatures from around the world, 3,000 glass flowers with glass insects and, more. Call the library at 781 383-1348 for more details.

Do you need help using the library's computers? Would you like to learn how to search the online catalog or reference databases? Sign up for a one-on-one tutorial with our Reference Librarian, Judy Simons.

Community room

When you visit the library, take a few moments to browse the Friends' ongoing book sale, located in the Community Room. Hardcover books cost $1 and paperbacks are 25 cents. The Community Room, equipped with coffee service and refreshments, is available during the library's hours of operation.

Special reception

The Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library cordially invite residents of Cohasset to a welcoming wine and cheese reception for our new Library Director, Ms. Jackie Rafferty on Wednesday, June 11 from 4-6 p.m. at the library. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our dynamic library director and to familiarize everyone with our state of the art library.

Also at this function, the Friends of the Library will honor the many volunteers and staff who commit their valuable time to the library throughout the year. Join us in recognizing our devoted crew. We look forward to an afternoon of entertainment for all.

Computer help

Do you need help using the library's computers? Would you like to learn how to search the online catalog or reference databases? Sign-up for a one-on-one tutorial with our reference librarian Judy Simons. Call the library to schedule a session.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Welcome home

Most historical societies by their very nature are focused on the past. As caretakers of local history, one would expect no different.

But here, the venerable Cohasset Historical Society is charged with an abundance of energy and enthusiasm as it looks ahead. The society's new home in the Paul Pratt Memorial Library building has provided the organization with the impetus to be creative with exhibits and displays, and to get excited about *potential*.

The Caleb Lothrop House, the society's former headquarters, is one of the loveliest colonial houses in town, but it didn't provide enough space for the group's many collections and artifacts. In comparison it new home — in another one of the town's historic buildings — has literally acres of space.

During the society's open house at the Pratt Building on Saturday, dozens of wide-eyed residents walked through their former library initially more in awe about how empty it appeared. As most of you know, the crowded but cozy Paul Pratt library had outgrown its home of 100 years and is now housed in the spacious, and renovated, former Osgood School building.

But the room to the left as one entered the lobby Saturday revealed an exhibit of historic signs and gowns and lots of society board members, who couldn't stop smiling as they showed visitors around.

"People that come in are so happy the building is being saved for everyone," said society co-president Paula Kozol. The building will also provide an opportunity for more community programs.

While the exhibits gave guests a taste of how the society's new home can be used to display historic treasures — much of the discussion among members and visitors was focused on the future.

Local historian David Wadsworth is compiling the necessary documentation to have the Paul Pratt building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For Wadsworth, the work is more a labor of love. His grandfather Edward Nichols was the architect of the colonial revival building with its familiar ionic columns. And the four MacIvor Reddie murals in the rotunda were given by Charlotte Tower, his great aunt and former librarian.

The society also wants to attract more members and encourages young people to join. We wholeheartedly suggest you consider signing up if you haven't already.

For information about joining, call 781-383-1434. Or send a check to Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025 (Individuals $20, families $30).

— Mary Ford
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Woodside Cemetery Flag Day ceremonies

In the summer of 2002 automobile dealer, Herb Chambers, donated a flag depository to the George H. Mealy Post of the American Legion in Cohasset. The purpose of the depository was to accept tattered and torn American flags for proper disposal. The depository, which is installed in front of the American Legion hall on Summer Street in Cohasset has to date, collected well in access of 100 flags. On Flag Day, Saturday, June 14 at 6 p.m. the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 118 of Cohasset will conduct a flag burning ceremony of these flags at Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset. Additionally, the Sons will dedicate a new flagpole at the cemetery donated by the Sons. All are invited to attend for what promises to be a very patriotic and important event for the town. Veterans are encouraged to attend; there will a reception afterwards at the Legion hall. Anyone with an old flag may also bring it to the ceremony. Old flags will also continue to be accepted at the depository.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Adopt a greyhound

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for the article about the Greyhound who has taken up residence at Sunrise Senior Living.

My wife and I have had four Greyhounds over the past number of years, and can vouch for what absolutely wonderful animals they are.

We thought that Greyhounds would be high-strung dogs that needed lots of exercise. Ditzy, our current dog, sleeps more than our cats do. She likes to go for a run here and there, but over all is content to stretch out on the couch and relax.

We had one that never did learn to negotiate stairs, but as a rule they seem to figure out post-racing life pretty quickly. They are calm animals, used to being around people and make the adjustment from track to house fast. They don't pull on the leash when you walk them, and I swear they know you bailed them out of potentially a bad situation and they show some appreciation.

Anyone looking to adopt a dog couldn't ask for a better choice. We are certainly sold on them. I hope your article inspires others to adopt a Greyhound.

Russell Bonetti

Ann Fogarty
20 Parker Ave

Wonderful teens

TO THE EDITOR:

I had the pleasure of chaperoning the post Senior Prom party Friday night for the very first time and although I was feeling a bit tired the next morning, what a wonderful experience. The time and effort put into this event is extraordinary but, more importantly, I learned that it was the attendees that were truly remarkable. These young adults show us that there are many positive things about them and their age group despite what the prevailing wisdom. What a great bunch of polite, respectful and fun young individuals. As a parent of younger children let me take this opportunity to complement them and reiterate how proud we are of them. It was an opportunity to see Cohasset teenagers in a wonderful light.

Susan M. Donohue
3 Ledgewood Drive

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HEALTH NOTES

What you need to know about asthma

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The disease: Asthma, a chronic airway disorder that affects people of all ages is a growing problem in America with most cases developing in the inner cities and where there is poor compliance with EPA air quality standards. An asthma attack is triggered when an allergen or other particle called a stressor enters a persons airway and triggers an immune response, producing an antibody. The antibody attaches to cells in the body which send out chemicals causing inflammation. If the inflammation is in the upper airway, runny nose or sneezing can result. Inflammation further down the airway can cause the lungs to fill with mucus, making it hard to move air in and out of the lungs. At this point, the immune response might trigger wheezing or a cough. The extreme form of this response might be suffocation caused by a restricted airway passage.

The cause: Asthma attacks can be triggered by exercise, viral infections, temperature changes, chemicals, drugs, environmental allergens, and emotions. Sorting out the precise triggers for what causes an asthma attack for any particular individual may be difficult. What we do know is that more than 90 percent of children with asthma have allergies. This means that most childhood asthmatics are sensitized to allergens (proteins which are commonly derived from natural and organic sources) very early in life. These children continue to be highly reactive to allergens throughout their lifetimes, with very few "growing out" of their allergic responses. The incidence of asthma cases related to indoor allergens appear to have increased since people now spend more time in homes which are carpeted, heated, cooled and humidified. It is difficult to control allergens in spaces where carpets (which sometimes outgas allergens); heating and cooling equipment (which need cleaning and maintenance) and humidifiers (which may breed fungus) are present. These factors coupled with getting rid of household dust (which contains dust mites), cockroaches, dander(dry skin from the coat of various animals: short for dandruff) and other suspected allergens, make the warm home a perilous place for asthma sufferers.

Diagnosing asthma: Early allergists frequently misdiagnosed asthma. I remember an anecdote about a doctor who, when seeing a client and after giving her child tests designed to identify a great diversity of Asthma triggers, was heard to say "Madam, I don't believe your child was designed for life on this planet."

The symptoms of asthma are recurrent and distressing episodes of wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and nighttime or early morning coughing. Asthma is another disease which can be difficult to diagnose and differentiate from other respiratory illnesses. Children with intermittent asthma may have symptoms less than once a week which may last a few hours to a few days. With fewer episodes than twice a month, they may have nighttime symptoms and they are usually symptom free between episodes. If you suspect that anyone in your family is exhibiting symptoms, do not ignore them, but see a physician who can give a simple test for lung function which permits him to identify the disease.

Prevention: Asthma is an increasing affliction. It stands to reason that in a society where change was slow, the immune system had generations to adapt the body to conditions which people experienced. Now with modern travel, development, accretion of technology such as plastics, air conditioning, and all the rest, our immune systems are becoming overloaded by changing environments. The secret to prevention is to protect our immune systems from changes which may be a threat. Accordingly, doctors say that to prevent the onset of asthma, we should first, avoid the things that cause attacks. These so called triggers can be identified and avoided by experience. Examples of such avoidance are dust control in the bedroom where the face is in close proximity with possible allergens such as pillows, mattresses and box springs. Dust collectors are removed and air vents are covered by filters, etc. Generally, it's a bad idea to humidify air being breathed by anyone having asthmatic symptoms. Pets are sometimes a problem to asthmatics. I'm allergic to cats, and remember when I was young, I had a girlfriend whose mother had four. I would invariably visit the house and descend into fits of sneezing, coughing, wheezing, etc. The relationship was mercifully short. If an asthmatic must have a pet to which he reacts, the animal should be kept out of the bedroom.

Treatment: Although asthma can not be cured, it can be effectively controlled with most patients with the proper treatment. Two types of medication are generally used to treat asthma: Quick relief and long term preventative medication. See your health provider who can suggest a treatment strategy suitable for you.

The Board of Health has more information on asthma. Please contact us if you would like additional information on any of the items discussed here.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

The story behind the MacIvor Reddie murals that grace the Pratt rotunda

Reprinted from the Cohasset Historical Society newsletter. To join the society call 781-383-1434.

Befitting the Cohasset Historical Society's recently purchased, century-old Paul Pratt Memorial Library building at 106 South St., are four MacIvor Reddie murals on the walls of its rotunda. The murals illustrate historical subjects of Cohasset's past. The four paintings are:

- The visit of Captain John Smith to Cohasset Harbor in 1614 while on a trading voyage.
- The surveyor Joshua Fisher of Dedham making the survey of the Conahasset uplands for the Land Division of 1670.
- The local Revolutionary War heroine, Mrs. Daniel "Resolution" Tower carrying water for the corn crops during a drought "while Cohasset men were serving their country in 1778."
- A view of Cohasset Harbor showing Tower's Main Wharf during the height of the town's 19-century maritime era; and showing the mackerel schooner, "E.A. Lombard" of Tower Bros. Co. at its customary mooring just off Tower's Lumber Wharf on Border Street.

The artist, MacIvor Reddie is noted to have thoroughly researched not only the town's history, but also the buildings, tools, equipment, clothing and water craft of the several eras pictured.

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Paula Kozol, left, and Sue Watrous, both of the Cohasset Historical Society, admire the sign exhibit during Saturday's open house at the Paul Pratt building, which could soon be on the National Register of Historic Places.

The artist, MacIvor Reddie is noted to have thoroughly researched not only the town's history, but also the buildings, tools, equipment, clothing and water craft of the several eras pictured. At the time of the murals, Cohasset resident Reddie had served for 10 years as head of the department of drawing and painting at the School of Practical Arts in Boston. The lettering for the murals was executed by Warren F. Clark, instructor of design and lettering at the School of Practical Arts; and the panels were put in place by George W. Flint of Cohasset. The canvas panels were permanently glued to the walls of the rotunda. The murals, given by retiring Chief Librarian, Charlotte Sophronia Tower, were first opened for public inspection on Dec. 1, 1946. The four large paintings were restored in 1993.

MacIvor Reddie was born on Jan. 4, 1889 at Long Beach, Calif. to Archibald Ferguson Reddie and Eliza Cattel Reddie, both of Philadelphia. He married Elizabeth Magoun on Nov. 3, 1936. His early education was at Cambridge Latin School and in the public schools of Valparaiso, Ind. and Eugene, Ore. Reddie's art education began at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (the Museum School) where he was a scholarship student for three years. He graduated in 1919. In the years 1918-19, he was offered a paid position as assistant to Philip Hale, teaching anatomy at the Museum School. After graduation, he became supervisor of art in the Whitman public schools for one year (1919-20) then was an assistant instructor of first-year drawing at the Museum School. From 1923-27, he was part time instructor of figure drawing and figure illustration at the School of Practical Art (now the Art Institute of Boston). During this time, he painted several murals, including a church altarpiece in St. Malachi's in New York and Jesus in the Garden at Gethsemane in a cathedral in Portland, Maine.

MacIvor Reddie returned to Boston in 1933 where he continued painting portraits, murals and giving private instruction. From 1939 to 1966 he was involved with the School of Practical Art (Institute of Boston), first as an instructor of figure drawings and illustrations, then as director, and later as vice president, heading the faculty and the educational program. Finally, he became part owner of the school.

He was a charter member, organizer and board member of the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset from 1955 to 1963 and also of several other local art centers. His life and career have been microfilmed by the Archives of American Art at the Smithsonian Institution. Reddie died suddenly in Cohasset on Nov. 7, 1966. During his lifetime, he was the recipient of awards and decorations. He had exhibits and one-man shows in numerous New England and New York festivals and galleries, including the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Peabody Museum in Salem (1968), the Guild of Boston Artists (1956-1966) and the South Shore Art Center (1056 to 1966). While residing in Cohasset he lived at 382 South Main St. (Biographical information courtesy of Liz Crosby.)

A major restoration of the four historical murals was accomplished in 1993 by prominent local artist, Liz Crosby of Cottage Farm Studio of Scituate and formerly of Cohasset. It was to Crosby that the Reddie family gave the task of selling the collection of MacIvor Reddie's paintings (following his widow Elizabeth's death in the 1980s) through her studio, at that time located in Cohasset. In the early 1980s, Crosby also restored the Cohasset Historical Society's collection of oil and watercolor paintings of mostly 19th-century Cohasset.

The society is currently preparing the nomination of the Pratt Building to the National Register of Historic Places.

— David Wadsworth, historian

Tea makes a comeback

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I see by the papers that tea is overtaking coffee as the most popular drink among those of us who need something less than a Bloody Mary to get their juices flowing in the morning.

The Tea Council of the USA, which admittedly has an interest in seeing that we quaff more and more of the stuff, figures sales of tea have risen more than $1 billion to $5.1 billion in just the past decade.

This is a remarkable comeback for a non-alcoholic beverage that had once fallen into such ill repute in these parts that we dressed as Indians — 'scuse me, Native Americans — and tossed crates of it into Boston Harbor.

"Tea is for fun," says Susan Zuege, proprietor of the Perennial Tea Room in Seattle, a few doors down from the spot where Starbuck's opened its first coffee shop. "You should enjoy it. If you don't, you might as well do coffee."

Fun. If you ask me (and no one did) the perceived resurgence of tea-drinking in America is just another example of the feminization of the good old USA.

If you ask me the perceived resurgence of tea-drinking in America is just another example of the feminization of the good old USA.

Tea-drinking is a little old lady with blue hair sipping from bone China with a rose pattern and munching daintily on lady fingers in a tea room while spinet music plays softly in the background.

Coffee-drinking is a truck driver, preferably bald, gulping from a plain earthenware mug and chomping noisily on beef stew, while the Grateful Dead howls on the juke box in an all-night diner. I'll bet you think tea is for sissies, don't you.

Well, go into one of those new-fangled tearooms and order some and then stand back while the waitress — 'scuse me, the waitperson — reels off the menu.

There's pekoe, souchongs, congous, hyson, imperial, amoy, foochow, gunpowder, oolong right down to something called "Chinese Lychee," probably from Communist China or some terrorist nation in far away Asia.

Go into Bob's Lunch and ask for a cup of coffee and you get something that was tricked and brewed by Juan Whatsisname in Colombia, which is practically our next door neighbor.

Another strike against tea-drinking is that the folks promoting it insist that it is good for you, which has been the kiss of death for many otherwise fine foods, like my mother's favorites, spinach and cabbage.

A recent study at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School showed that tea helps the body's immune system to fight infections by encouraging the white blood cells to get into the fight sooner.

If I want medicine I'll go to the drug store or the packie and pick up a bottle a gin, which, when combined with dry vermouth at a suitable ratio, forms a potent medicine indeed.

As for me, I regard tea in the same spirit as John Adams when he recorded the Boston Tea Party in his diary like this:

"This is the most magnificent movement of all! This destruction of the tea is so bold, so daring, so firm, intrepid and inflexible, and it must have so important consequences, and so lasting, that I can't but consider it as an epoch in history."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Thank you for the pre-prom party

TO THE EDITOR:

Last Friday evening's Pre-Prom Party for the Class of 2003 turned out to be a terrific event, not only for those on the way to their Prom, but for parents, family and friends, all eager to participate in the festivities. A key element to the success of the evening was the weather, which was uncharacteristically respectful of the special occasion, and held off until the Trolleys had left Cohasset.

Special thanks to Mark Haddad and the Board of Selectman for allowing us to celebrate this event on the Common, making the excitement available to many. A very special thanks to Rev. Gary Ritts who enriched the evening with his skills at the P.A. system, providing a memorable, musical backdrop to the setting. Thanks also to Erla Esposito for help with the garden arrangements, Linda Snowdale for her artistic talents, committee member Mary Beth Curry and the Pre-Prom Party Staff of Casey Anderson, Nicole Whitney, Nancy Durkin, and Merinda Lancilotti, Mr. Jack DeLorenzo and the CHS Administration.

Thanks as well to Alison Ulmer and the Post Prom Committee for the direction and support. To my husband Michael, a public thank you, for his help and patience — listening to the "plan" of the evening more than anyone should have to - and to Cosimo and Nicolas for pitching in at the last minute. Saving the best for last, particular thanks to the Stars of the Show, the Senior Class of 2003 and their guests, whose glowing smiles and appreciativeness of the evening made it so enjoyable for all of us.

Michele D. Hubley
Cohasset Pre-Prom Committee

Public safety concern

TO THE EDITOR:

As retired owners of Sherman Bros. Heating Fuel Oil dealership in Weymouth for 50 years, we wish to express our concern about public safety if the Greenbush train is resurrected.

State law mandates oil trucks come to a complete stop at least 50 feet before each grade-level crossing, even if a train is not coming down the track. This same law applies to school buses; however, there is no law preventing the impatiently-waiting motor vehicle driver from skirting around the fully-stopped oil truck precipitating an accident.

More than 100 fuel oil companies service this rail corridor and with 25 newly activated grade-level crossings, lives will be put at risk, hundreds of times each day. Furthermore, the frequent stopping and re-accelerating of oil trucks increases their fuel consumption which then increases company operating costs, not to mention the increase in air pollution to neighborhoods and local roadways.

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce should take note of the negative effects of Greenbush and work to relieve these dangers and costs to its oil company members.

George and Marion Sherman
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Hingham

Curb cut danger might be brewing at Tedeschi Plaza

Starbucks needs to resolve issue

By Mary Ford
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Starbucks' plans to move into the former Fleet Bank building in Tedeschi Plaza were temporarily stalled Monday when selectmen asked the coffee company to try to resolve a potential safety hazard relating to a curb cut at the site.

The grade of the driveway leading to curb cut is steep and selectmen are concerned that customers leaving the drive-through with a cup of coffee in one hand will use that egress onto Rte. 3A. They said the exit is particularly dangerous in the winter.

They also noted that Starbucks would attract more traffic flow than the bank did.

"We need to have the property owner and safety officer review that," Selectman Michael Sullivan said.

They talked about closing the curb cut, putting up some kind of barrier, or even lowering the grade — but didn't know how feasible any of those proposals might be.

Selectmen decided to hold off issuing Starbucks a common victualler (food) license until the safety issue is looked at. They invited Starbucks back to their June 17 meeting. Starbucks' plans include 22 seats indoors and some outdoor seating. It's seeking a seven-day, 5 a.m.-midnight food license.

Stephen Del Rose of Starbucks told selectmen the company needed to have all the permits in place before the landlord would allow construction to begin. Starbucks hopes to open by August.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris noted the Dunkin Donuts at the Exxon Station just up the street also has a dangerous exit onto the state highway.

Fleet vacated the freestanding, clapboard building in Tedeschi Plaza last year and moved across the street into the former Newport Creamery site.

Starbucks sells coffee and espresso beverages, along with pastries and confections, coffee-related accessories and equipment.

Starbucks Coffee Company owns Starbucks. Starbucks, which went public in 1992, does not franchise its operations. Its common stock is traded on Nasdaq under the symbol SBUX.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

Selectmen are concerned about the Tedeschi Plaza curb cut shown here if the former Fleet Bank building at left becomes a Starbucks.

Tax burden makes some dream of warmer climes

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The report MassINC put out last week ran to 64 pages but can be summed up in a sentence: "I like Massachusetts, but I can't afford to live here."

Too many residents are saying that. And lawmakers were keenly conscious of that phenomenon as the Senate worked the fiscal 2004 budget this week.

The "Pursuit of Happiness" report was based on interviews with 1,001 Bay Staters. It found a quarter of the respondents would move "if they could," which itself is a phrase to ponder. That sounds gloomy, but it turns out that half of those 25 percent would leave either because of the weather or the cost of living.

Senators would adopt a budget rider codifying Pasadena's climate if they could. But they're just state senators. So: they concentrated on the cost of living thing as they went through their budget.

Though they raised fees, raided the rainy day and other funds, and pondered expanded gambling, senators are resisting the tax option many expected them to exercise.

The lawmakers holding the line in the Senate are facing a new era of uncertainty, and we're not talking about terrorism or the mess from the burst Internet bubble. No one "in the building," as they say, knows how good a job Gov. Romney can do recruiting candidates to challenge Democrats in 2004. But everyone now knows he's serious.

Romney has been relatively passive about raising money for his own campaign fund – "only" $366,000 in the first three months of 2003. If he needs it, he'll write himself a check. But the big news is what he's doing for the party – his fundraising efforts for the state Republicans pulled in $300,000 in the first three months. That's a record.

On the other hand, every Republican governor – and they've headed the state for the last 13 years – says he's going to round up new faces and take the Republican case to the ballot box. They haven't: Senate Republicans could caucus in a Honda Odyssey.

The electoral futility is ironic for the Republicans; it's partly a sign they've got the right message and democracy is working as intended. When Democrats feel threatened by the other party, they start acting more like Republicans – cutting programs and eschewing taxes. That's what both the House and Senate are doing now: adopting most of the governor's programs and eliminating much of the spending they said must be protected at all costs when they raised taxes last year. The Democrats have plenty of resources of their own; when they sidle to the right, a centrist message and party unity tend to hold the Republicans at bay in the Legislature.

Romney's task going forward will be to translate this compliance with Republican thinking into the election of real Republicans. He needs enough candidates, dollars and voters. Those are the numbers of great concern on Beacon Hill, underneath the ones being bandied about in the Senate chamber. Romney might do well to look at the ones in the MassINC survey as well.

As usual this time of year, it was budget, budget, budget. With flat tax revenues, senators resisted adding to the budget's bottom line, but loaded up the spending plan with a series of major policy proposals that will next be subject to negotiations with the House. The policy proposals include:

— A statewide smoking ban. Sen. Stephen Tolman, D-Brighton, said that "the right to breathe clean air trumps the right to smoke." The ban applies to any workplace with more than one employee, including all restaurants and bars.

— Repeal of the 1998 voter-passed Clean Elections law. Like the smoking ban, this law was repealed on a voice vote. That sets up the likelihood that Beacon Hill legislators will ditch the controversial law without a single one taking an on-the-record vote on the issue of undoing what citizens mandated.

— Significant modifications to the English immersion law approved by voters in November. Legislators say their plan preserves two-way bilingual education and demands more accountability.

— A moratorium on charter schools, in disagreement with a House vote rejecting such a freeze.

— Preservation of the 1993 Pacheco Law. Critics say the law makes privatization of government services more difficult in Massachusetts than in any other state. The House and Senate adopted some modifications to the law.

— A ban on selling ads for junk food on school buses.

— Preservation of Evacuation Day and Bunker Hill holidays in Suffolk County. Senate President Travaglini cast the deciding vote on this issue. The Senate voted 21-18 against expanding the holidays statewide.

• *House rejects primary seat belt enforcement law* — On a tie vote of 73-73, representatives rejected a bill supported by the governor that would have allowed police to pull over and fine motorists who do not wear seat belts. Seat-belt use is now mandatory, but penalties can only be handed out if the driver is pulled over for something else. The debate came down to freedom

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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May 26-30

QUESTIONS

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PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT OF SEAT BELT LAW (H 2128)

House, on a tie 73-73 vote, rejected a bill providing for primary enforcement of the seat belt law by allowing police officers to issue tickets to drivers solely for not wearing seat belts. Current law permits only secondary enforcement and prohibits the $25 fine from being imposed unless the driver is stopped for another motor vehicle violation or some other offense. Other provisions of the bill include prohibiting a police officer from searching the vehicle, driver or passengers solely because of a seat belt violation and establishing a six-month grace period during which violators will receive only a warning. Supporters said secondary enforcement has not worked and noted that Massachusetts ranks 49th out of 50 states in seat belt usage with only half of Bay State residents buckling up. They said the bill contains sufficient safeguards, encourages increased usage and would annually save 19 lives, prevent thousands of serious injuries and save $160 million in medical and other costs. Some opponents said the bill is an unwarranted intrusion by the government and police into people's private lives and private cars and argued that drivers should have the freedom to decide whether they want to wear seat belts. They said the bill will allow police officers to pull over a driver if they "suspect" the driver is not wearing a seat belt and noted that police already have 1300 reasons to pull over drivers. Others noted this vague new power is tantamount to establishing roadblocks and will lead to random stops and unfair racial profiling. (A "Yea" vote is for primary enforcement of the seat belt law. A "Nay" vote is against primary enforcement)

Y

RECONSIDER DEFEAT OF PRIMARY SEAT BELT LAW (H 2128)

House 59-89, refused to reconsider the prior day's defeat of a bill providing for primary enforcement of the seat belt law. Some reconsideration supporters argued on the merits of the bill and said reconsideration would reopen debate and result in another opportunity to approve the measure. Others said reconsideration is a matter of fairness because there were 14 legislators absent for the prior vote including one supporter who was on the phone with a constituent and was denied the customary courtesy of voting a few minutes after the roll call was completed. Some reconsideration opponents simply oppose the bill and noted that rejecting reconsideration would leave the bill defeated. Others said the bill was fully debated and voted upon yesterday and argued the House should not reopen debate simply because some legislators missed the vote. Some legislators who voted for the bill on the prior roll call, voted against reconsidering its defeat on this roll call and therefore in favor of leaving the bill defeated. (A "Yea" vote is for reconsidering defeat of the seat belt bill. A "Nay" vote is against reconsidering defeat of the seat belt bill).

Y

DRUNK DRIVING LAW (H 3873)

House 150-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a bill establishing a "per se" drunk driving law in Massachusetts. Per se is Latin for "in itself" or "intrinsically." The bill stipulates that it is illegal in and of itself for a motorist to drive with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 percent or higher. Current law provides that a BAC of more than .08 is one piece of evidence of possible intoxication but leaves it up to a the court to consider that and other evidence to determine if a driver was impaired. The legislation also increases the automatic license suspension period for refusal to take a Breathalyzer test from 120 days to 180 days and reduces the period from 90 days to 30 days if the is test is taken and failed. Supporters, noting that almost half of the state's 477 traffic deaths in 2001 were alcohol-related, said Massachusetts is the only state without a per se law and noted it is time to strengthen drunk driving laws. They noted the change in license suspension periods will increase the incentive for motorists to take the Breathalyzer test. Some argued that unless the state passes a per se law by June 30, it will lose $5.4 million in federal funds in fiscal 2004 and higher amounts in each subsequent year (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y

VIDEOTAPE BREATHALYZER TEST (H 3870)

House 40-109, rejected a per se drunk driving bill amendment prohibiting a Breathalyzer or blood test from being used at a suspected drunk driver's trial unless the driver was videotaped during the administration of the test and for the 20-minute period prior to it. Amendment supporters said a Breathalyzer is only a machine and noted the videotaping adds a human component to any incident. They argued it will protect the defendant and police officers by recording the condition of the defendant and reducing reliance on anyone's recollection. Some amendment opponents said the amendment will kill the intent of the per se law which is designed to get tough with drunk drivers. Others said the videotaping is an unfunded state mandate, noted communities do not have the money to fund this misguided endeavor and argued the amendment would result in many untaped Breathalyzer tests being inadmissible in court. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment requiring videotaping. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

N

APPROVE SENATE VERSION OF FISCAL 2004 STATE BUDGET (S 2004)

Senate 34-5, approved its version of an estimated $22.5 billion fiscal 2004 state budget that does not raise taxes but raises fees and makes major cuts in many areas including human service programs, education and local aid. Other provisions include a statewide ban on smoking in workplaces, repeal of the voter-approved clean elections law, changes in the voter-approved English immersion law and a moratorium on new charter schools. Supporters said the package is a balanced one that makes tough choices in light of the state's fiscal crisis and would close the state's estimated $3 billion budget deficit. Opponents said they were pleased that the package adopts some of Governor Romney's and the Republicans' proposals but argued it still includes unnecessary spending and does not go far enough in making major changes and reforms in the structure and operation of state government. The House has approved a different version of the budget and a compromise version will be worked out by a conference committee. (A "Yea" vote is for the package A "Nay" vote is against it).

N

SUBSTITUTE ROMNEY BUDGET (H 1)

Senate 6-31, rejected an amendment to substitute Governor Romney's proposed budget in place of the one offered by the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Amendment supporters said the governor's budget is a truly balanced one that makes major changes and reforms in the structure and operation of state government. Amendment opponents said the governor has presented many versions of a budget and argued they are all unbalanced and loaded with mistakes and inconsistencies. (A "Yea" vote is for Romney's budget. A "Nay" vote is against it).

Y

WELFARE WORK REQUIREMENTS (S 2004)

Senate 5-33, rejected an amendment striking a budget section that would allow able-bodied welfare recipients with children who are at least six years old to count education and worker training toward their 20-hour-per-week work requirement mandated under current law. The amendment also expands the current 20-hour work requirement to able-bodied welfare recipients with children between the ages of two and six. Amendment supporters said that weakening the work requirement is a step backwards in welfare reform and argued the state-funded training option would cost $7.4 million. They noted they support welfare recipients who want to voluntarily get an education as long as they also work. Amendment opponents said that Massachusetts is the only state in the nation that does not allow the education and training option. They noted the $7.4 million is a worthwhile investment because the strict work requirement often prevents many recipients from getting basic education and job training and dooms them to a life of low-paying jobs and poverty and continued support by taxpayers well in excess of the $7.4 million. They argued that expanding the requirement to recipients with pre-school children is outrageous and asked who would pay for day care for these children. (A "Yea" vote is for a 20-hour-per-week work requirement for recipients with children ages 2 and older. A "Nay" vote is for allowing education and training to count toward the 20-hour-per-week work requirement for recipients with children age six and older and is against any work requirement for recipients with children ages two to six).

Y

DISCLOSURE BY CORPORATIONS (S 2004)

Senate 8-30, rejected an amendment striking a budget section requiring all banks, insurance companies and publicly traded corporations to annually file a report with the state disclosing extensive information from the companies' tax returns. The information would include the number of employees, gross and net income, tax liability, exemptions, deductions and credits. Amendment supporters said the disclosure requirement goes too far and noted that the state recently closed many corporate tax loopholes. They argued that the disclosure is anti-business and will discourage companies from remaining or locating in Massachusetts. Amendment opponents said that more than 109,000 companies pay only the minimum $456 annual corporate tax and argued it is time to gather detailed information to see if the state should repeal some of the tax breaks given to big corporations over the past few years. (A "Yea" vote is for striking the disclosure requirement. A "Nay" vote is against striking it and favors the disclosure requirement).

Y

MCAS APPEAL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS (S 2004)

Senate 40-0, approved an amendment providing for an expanded and more flexible appeals process for special education students who do not pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test. Amendment supporters said the current appeals process is not fair to special needs children because they often cannot meet the standard criteria for a successful appeal. They argued the amendment maintains the current high graduation standards for special needs students but cuts them so slack by giving them more flexibility to demonstrate their accomplishments and abilities through a more flexible and fair appeals process. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment).

Y

ADD TWO STATEWIDE LEGAL HOLIDAYS (S 2004)

Senate 18-21, rejected an amendment making Evacuation Day (March 17) and Bunker Hill Day (June 17) legal holidays throughout the state instead of just in Boston's Suffolk County as provided under current law. Some amendment supporters said it is unfair that only public employees and students in Suffolk County have these days off and argued that a statewide day off is a nice gesture in light of the salary cuts many public employees have been forced to accept. Others said the expansion would help people understand the historic significance of both days. They noted Evacuation Day celebrates a key victory for the American patriots when General George Washington and his troops drove the British out of Boston and Bunker Hill Day commemorates the important Battle of Bunker Hill. Amendment opponents said the state and local communities cannot afford to give another day off to public employees in light of the drastic cuts in the state and local budgets. Although it was not brought up on the Senate floor, it has been discussed for years that declaring March 17 as Evacuation Day is just an excuse to provide a day off to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Boston. Some say that Mayor Curley assigned an aide to find an historical American event that occurred on St. Patrick's Day and the aide came up with Evacuation Day. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment making the two holidays legal holidays statewide. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

N

ELIMINATE TWO LOCAL HOLIDAYS (S 2004)

Senate, on a tie 20-20 vote, rejected an amendment eliminating the Suffolk County legal holidays of Evacuation Day and Bunker Hill Day. Amendment supporters said eliminating the two holidays would save money and increase work productivity. They argued this is fair to everyone and would treat all public employees and students across the state equally. Amendment opponents said these two holidays are important events in the city of Boston and argued it is unfair and cynical to attempt to attempt to eliminate them. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment eliminating the two holidays in Suffolk County. A "Nay" vote is against eliminating them).

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of choice versus public safety arguments. House members voted not to reconsider their vote Thursday. The story was punctuated by the fact that 14 House members who could have swayed the vote instead just missed the vote.

• *House approves bill long sought by anti-drunk driving advocates* — Representatives voted to have Massachusetts join the 49 other states and count Breathalyzer tests as proof, not just evidence, that a driver is drunk. Those "blowing" a .08 or higher would be presumed to be intoxicated and breaking the law. The Senate has not yet voted on the issue. Romney supports the bill.

• *House gop leader would deny public college to terror-nation students* — House Minority Leader Brad Jones, R-N. Reading, filed legislation to ban the state from providing higher education to any resident of the seven nations designated by the US as sponsors of terrorism. Jones said it doesn't make sense to devote public resources educating individuals who might want to harm the US. Critics pointed out that Albert Einstein, for example, would have been denied admission under the Jones bill; presumably Germany would have been on the state-terrorism list in 1938.

• *Bishes receive support from state house community* — On the third annual Missing Children's Day, with new searches under way in the Molly Bish disappearance, Lt. Gov. Healey and US Sen. Kennedy expressed sympathy, support and admiration for the Bish family, and a commitment to improving the state's response to child abduction.

• *Romney will submit plan to post sex offender info* — With a judge having ruled that Level Three sex offender information can't be posted online, Gov. Romney vowed to submit and advance legislation addressing constitutional issues raised by the judge's objections, so citizens can access information about offenders living in their vicinity.

• *New rep takes seat* — Joseph Driscoll, the Braintree Democrat who won a special election two weeks ago, took the oath of office and his seat in the Massachusetts House. Looking on was former Rep. Joseph Sullivan, D-Braintree, who now heads the State Lottery and whose seat Driscoll now fills.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

POLITICAL NOTES

Prescription drugs for senior citizens

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D- Hingham, joined the overwhelming majority of his colleagues as the Massachusetts House of Representatives voted to protect the state's prescription drug plan for seniors. The plan had been targeted for elimination by Governor Romney and by the House Ways and Means Committee's initial budget draft.

"This is a great victory for Massachusetts Seniors," Bradley said. "As legislators we must protect the core services that government provides and that is what we have done here."

Prescription Advantage is a state program begun three years ago which offers insurance coverage for prescription drugs to all Massachusetts seniors. Eighty-one percent of its more than 82,000 members earn less than $16,668 annually for an individual or $22,452 for a married couple. In March, Governor Romney announced that he would have to eliminate the program entirely unless the federal government agreed to provide funds by June.

"Clearly, this is a program that should be federally reimbursable. However, until that occurs the state must continue this program so that seniors will have access to affordable prescription drugs," he said.

Local GOP meets June 17 in Plymouth

"How To Win in '04" is the topic as GOP leaders from Plymouth, Norfolk, Bristol and Barnstable Counties will gather and hear the "voice of the South Shore," WATD-FM President Edward F. Perry as well as Boston Globe veteran State House reporter, Carolyn Ryan. Issues surrounding the 2004 GOP elections will be discussed. The public is invited to attended this stimulating event and reservations are necessary.

"How To Win in '04" is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17 at the John Carver Inn in Plymouth. Both Perry and Ryan will be on hand to explore factors and brainstorm issues. Special guests will be congressional, legislative and county candidates. Division Five Chairman, Larry Novak announced that GOP leaders from Bristol, Barnstable, Plymouth and Norfolk will be attending this noteworthy event. Social hour begins at 6-7 p.m. and the program will begin at 8 p.m.

"This meeting is open to the public but reservations must be made," Novak said. Please call him for reservations and more information at 508-588-1828; or Rita Kechejian, 508-588-7277; Polly Logan at 781-383-0031; Anne Wolf, 508-763-8866; George Decas, 508-295-3464; or Arthur Larrivee, 508-998-1261.

Hedlund leads anti-fee battle

Senator Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, led the charge by securing passage of two budget provisions during the Senate budget debate to eliminate two proposed fees that would directly affect every homeowner and motorists across the Commonwealth. Hedlund filed an amendment that led to the elimination of the proposed fee on homeowners insurance. Hedlund also scored a partial victory for Massachusetts motorists through passage of his amendment which would allow for refunds on the proposed fee.

In the Fiscal Year 2004 budget, the Senate initially proposed a $25 surcharge to homeowner's insurance policies that would generate $40 million to fund "grants" to certain municipalities for emergency first responder services. Hedlund called identified this surcharge as a tax in disguise, and led an effort on behalf of homeowners to repeal this surcharge, and was ultimately successful.

"In the midst of a recession is certainly not the time to further increase the cost of living for Massachusetts homeowners," said Hedlund. "We should we seeking ways to make home ownership more affordable instead of the other way around."

The Senate also proposed a $30 fee for motorists to appeal speeding tickets in the FY 2004 budget. While Hedlund's amendment to repeal this fee was defeated, he was able to score a partial victory for motorists. This victory came about through passage of an amendment that allows for a refund of the $30 fee if the appealing authority rules in favor of the motorist.

"While I am against the creation of this fee, I am glad that the Senate allowed for some fairness with its imposition," said Hedlund.

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No shortage of material for Street Law class

By John Camera
CORRESPONDENT

Teacher Jack Buckley is making sure his students at Cohasset High School are no strangers to the law.

He's accompanied them to the town's police station, to the local courts and even to a nearby prison.

Don't worry. No one is in any trouble here. The trips were part of a class Buckley teaches to sophomores, juniors and seniors called "Street Law." The class examines the legal system through field work, input from class visitors and an in-depth look at current events.

This spring, Buckley's class received a visit from Sergeant William Quigley of the Cohasset Police Department and toured the police station. Students learned how police officers enforce the law, but they also saw how police, too, must follow certain rules.

"One important thing we learned was how police go from a hunch to a probable cause, so if you're ever driving and you get pulled over, you know your rights," said junior Tony Trugly. "A lot of misconceptions we had about cops were cleared up," said sophomore Leo Clougherty. At the police station, students saw stored weapons, peeked into the closet where evidence form the past seven years is stored, and even watched a recent surveillance video that helped police nab a man who had broken into Buttonwood Books on Route 3A. The Police Department also presented the students with T-shirts.

"It's a nice opportunity for students and police officers to interact in a positive way," said Buckley, who has taught the Street Law class for five years. "It was very unexpected to receive the T-shirts. It was not only very generous, but it was a nice gesture." Earlier in the spring, Buckley took his class to the Plymouth County Correctional Facility, where students met with men who had been convicted of larceny, breaking and entering, and assault and battery.

"They all admitted what they did was wrong," said Trugly. "One of them said he wasn't guilty for the crime that he did but he was guilty of hanging around a gang. Most of them said they had a history of using drugs and a tough family life growing up." In March, the Street Law class sat in on hearings at Hingham and Quincy District Courts.

"When we were in court, you could see the judges clearly talking about constitutional rights, so that piece of paper scratched out more than 2000 years ago really means something," said Buckley.

The students hosted two mock trials where they acted out the roles of lawyers, judge, jury, defendant and plaintiff. One scenario involved a criminal trial where the jury had to decide whether a drunken driver was guilty of manslaughter or murder. Another was a civil trial over a man accused of deliberately having sex with someone to give them AIDS. Students said the experience of the mock trials was valuable, but it also taught them that real trials aren't quite as dramatic as they are on television or in the movies. Aside from teaching about how laws are enforced and how criminals are punished, Buckley also teaches his students how laws are made. On Friday, Buckley used an article from the previous day's newspaper to illustrate the legislative process.

Students learned about a bill that is being hotly debated in the Statehouse that would allow police to pull motorists over for not wearing seatbelts. Buckley outlined different groups, like lobbyists and constituents, who tried to influence legislators' decisions about laws. He explained the path a bill could take once it was drafted, eventually dying, becoming law, or being rewritten and debated over again. "It's a really difficult process," Buckley told his students.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Teacher Jack Buckley's current Street Law class includes, front row from left, Jackie Blake, Danielle Johnson, Jessica O'Connell and Colby Durant. Back row, Sean Connolly, Dan Roth, Connor Buick, Jeff Barrett, Colin McGruder, Erik Belz, and Andrew Lavallo.

In a class about law, current events provide Buckley with endless topics of discussion. The class has closely followed stories like the War in Iraq, the deadly Rhode Island nightclub fire, and the Harvard graduate student accused of murder. "There are lot of examples where you can make connections between academic topics and current events," said Buckley. "In that sense, there's no shortage of material." The Street Law class has encouraged many students to pursue careers that involve law.

"It kind of sparked my interest in politics and lawyers," said junior Jeff Barrett, whose father is a judge.

Barrett, like other students in the class, also has a newfound respect for police. He's planning to do a ride-a-long with a Cohasset police officer later this spring. Junior Ian Hickey said he is considering a career as a policeman as well. "If I can't be a teacher, I'm going to be a cop," he said.

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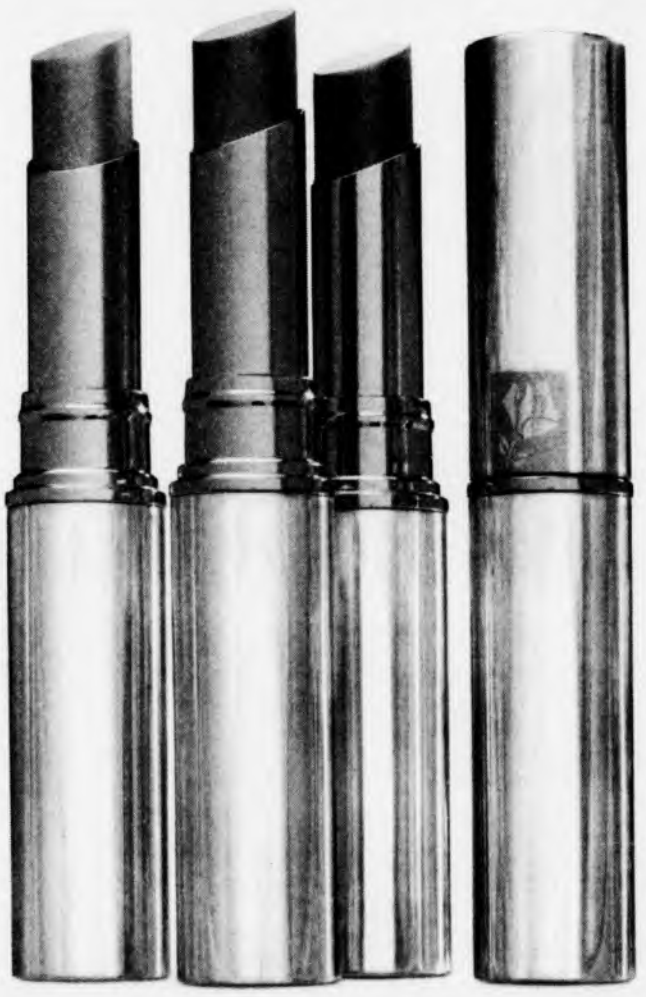

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OBITUARIES

Grace "Kathryn" DeWald

Grace "Kathryn" DeWald, 84, of Cohasset, died May 24, 2003, at home. A resident of Cohasset for 33 years, she was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. to the parents of John and Catherine Sullivan.

She attended Brooklyn Catholic Elementary, and Katherine Gibbs, N.Y., As a senior citizen she returned for early education courses at Harvard University.

She is a previous resident of Queens, N.Y., Staten Island, Freeport, Long Island, New Orleans, La., Knoxville, Tenn., Watertown, Conn.

She was a member of St. Anthony Parish and a volunteer at the Cohasset Consignment Shop.

She leaves her husband Dr. Wayne S. DeWald, M.D., two daughters Kathryn Nee of Chixcoteague, Va., Diane Sale of Richmond, Va., and sons John DeWald of Rockland, and Stephen DeWald of New Bedford, five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, a brother William Anderson of Saugerties, N.Y., and numerous nieces and nephews across the country.

A memorial service will be held June 7, at the St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Cohasset, at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Salvation Army, 147 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Bernard A. McKeough

Bernard A. McKeough, 83, of Cohasset, died suddenly on May 31, 2003, at South Shore Hospital.

Born in Linwood, Nova Scotia, the son of William and Sarah (Grant) McKeough, he lived in Weymouth prior to moving to Cohasset more than 30 years ago.

He was a pilot in the royal Canadian air Force in World War II and was a decorated veteran. Tow days after D-Day, he was shot down in the English Channel. He served from 1941 to 1946.

Mr. McKeough was a sales representative for NCR Corporation for more than 33 years and retired in 1985.

He was an avid scuba diver, golfer, sportsman and enjoyed boating.

Mr. McKeough leaves his wife of 51 years, Thelma I. (Stone) McKeough; a son, Paul McKeough of Winchester; and two granddaughters.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Blue Hill Cemetery Braintree.

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Michael J. O'Brien

Michael J. O'Brien, age 72, of Florida and formerly of Cohasset died recently in Naples, Fla.

Born in New York City, he was a graduate of the University of Detroit and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. O'Brien was a longtime employee of Johnson and Higgins of Boston and retired as a vice president in 1993. In 1997, he moved to Naples, Fla. where he was a member of the Vineyards Country Club. He was a member of the Algonquin Club of Boston and alumni of the University of Detroit.

He will be remembered for his generous nature, loving heart and sense of humor and leaves his beloved wife of 47 years, Lenore (Shuman) O'Brien; his three sons, William and wife, Deisy of San Diego, Calif., Thomas and wife, Mary of Hull and Brookline, and Michael of Bangkok, Thailand.

A funeral Mass was held in Naples, Fla. and a memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 6 at 9 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made in his memory to the Hospice of Naples, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, Fla. 34107; or to the Southwest Florida Parkinson's Association, P.O. Box 770820, Naples, Fla. 34107.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Josie F. Roebuck

Josie F. (Troutman) Roebuck, 98, a retired teacher and great-grandmother of 11, died May 26, 2003, at St. Elizabeth Manor in Bristol, R.I.

Mrs. Roebuck was born in Hill City, S.D., and lived in Pawtucket for 45 years before moving to Bristol.

She attended school in Fremont, Neb., and graduated from Nebraska State Teachers College.

She taught school in Hot Springs, S.D., and Valentine, Neb., before retiring

She was an active member of the churches where her late husband, the Rev. Canon Arthur F. Roebuck, served. She belonged to the altar guild, Episcopal Church Women, and the Episcopal Diocesan Clergy Wives. She also taught church school.

She was a member of the Pawtucket Women's Club and Pawtucket Garden Club. She served on the board of managers of the St. Elizabeth Home in Providence, and the board of directors of Pawtucket-Central Falls YWCA.

She leaves two daughters, Janice M. House of Barrington, R.I., and Ellen R. Colinan of Lincoln, R.I.; a son, Arthur F. Roebuck of Cohasset; and nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A Requiem Eucharist was held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, R.I. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Portsmouth.

Arrangements were handled by Bello-Falso Funeral Chapel, Lincoln, R.I.

HARBORVIEW NEWS

By Nancy Bartlett

The residents of Harborview thank those who volunteered on Clean-up Day. We accomplished a lot and were blessed with good weather. Plans are afoot for a yard sale, food sale and raffle, tentatively scheduled for early September.

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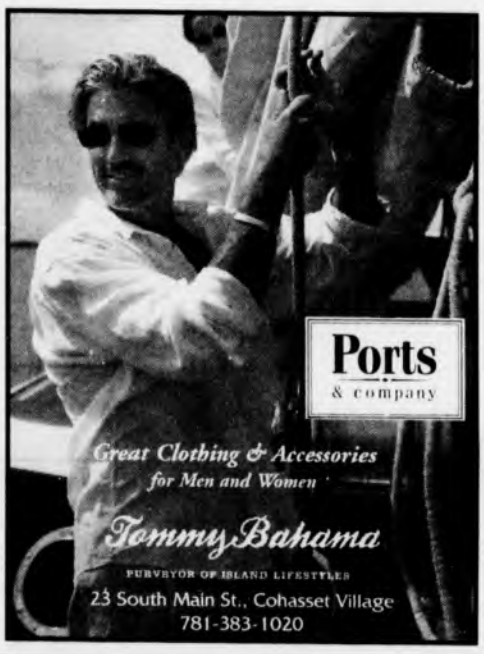

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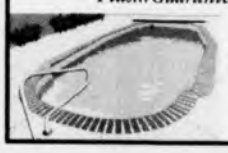

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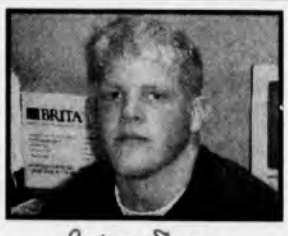

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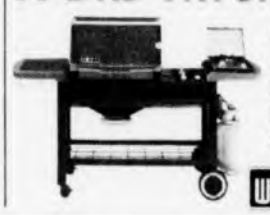

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Graduation or All-States?

Krupczak and Kidder must decide: caps & gowns or shorts & cleats

By Mike Spellman
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Last Saturday was a historic day for the Cohasset High track program, and this Saturday should have been even better…if only it wasn't for those damned MIAA schedule makers.

Every spring, there are a number of senior high school track stars who have to choose between graduation and their shot at postseason glory, and it is simply not fair.

Last spring, DaviAnn Brown had to choose between graduating from Silver Lake with her classmates and lifelong friends or trying to defend her New England 400-meter championship. The current Northeastern track standout chose the former course.

This Saturday, that same kind of choice falls to Cohasset High seniors Brian Krupczak and Ian Kidder. Both senior captains fared quite well at this past Saturday's Class D state meet at Norwell High, Jared finishing third in the 200-meter sprint with a season best 23.31 run despite a sore hamstring and Kidder taking fourth in the javelin (163-07)—both thereby qualifying for this Saturday's All-State meet, which is being held right back at Norwell High.

The "K boys" were also part of the 4x100-meter relay team that took third place overall, so they are eligible to compete in that event as well with sophomore Peter Bunstein and junior Eric Belz. CHS graduation is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., the 4x100 relay around 1:00. Even though it is only a 10-15 minute drive between venues, it seems unlikely Krupczak and Kidder could do both. The matter, of course, is complicated by the fact that, if Kidder and Krupczak don't run, Bunstein and Belz also lose their chance to compete.

Veteran CHS track coach Al LaFountain, to his credit, has

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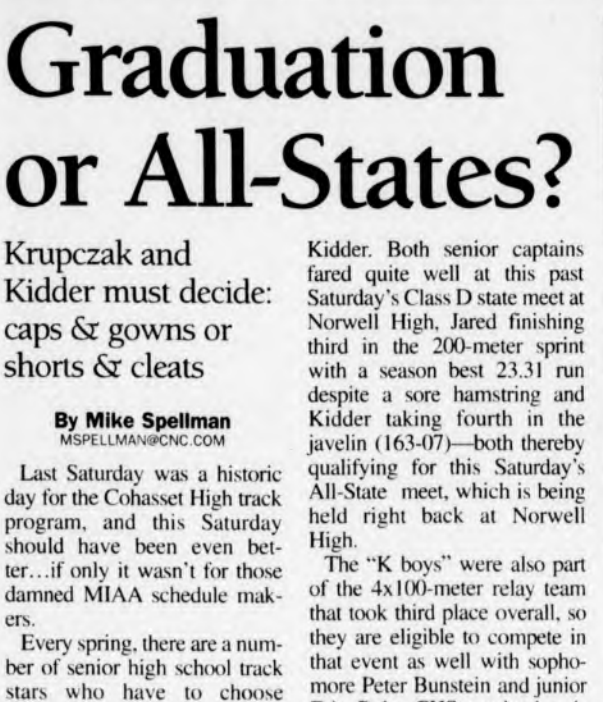
Cohasset senior Jared Krupczak (#459) gets a step on most of the field in the 200-meter race at Saturday's state Class D meet.



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Sophomore catcher Louis Blanco is one of the big reasons it is hoped the Cohasset High baseball team will make a run at its first state tourney berth in many years next spring. See next week's Mariner for the CHS baseball season wrap-up.

Laxmen's glass is half-full

Skippers begin postseason play after two week layoff

By Mike Spellman
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Kevin Orcutt is choosing to see the glass as half full.

When his Cohasset High boys lacrosse team took to the field yesterday afternoon (after Mariner press time) for a first round tourney match-up against Tri-County, this was the first real game action the lads had seen in exactly two weeks. The Skippers wrapped up their best ever 15-1 regular season with a 14-7 win over Canton on May 21 and got the extended layoff by virtue of earning the top seed in the Div. 3 state tourney and the first round bye that went along with it.

Now many coaches would see this lengthy removal from on-field battle as a negative, but Orcutt actually sounds sincere when he asserts it could be a positive for his team.

First off, the CHS prom and many other end of the school year events have taken place over the last week, so he did not have to concern himself with those "distractions."

More importantly, though, at least in the third year coach's mind, is that this has given his undermanned team a chance to rest up and recover from the assorted bumps and bruises which never really seem to go away during the season.

"We've got to win three games to win the (Div. 3 Eastern Mass) championship, and we've had a chance to heal up some the last few weeks," reported Orcutt. "The two weeks off isn't a perfect situation, but I'm not complaining. We don't have a lot of depth, so I'm looking at this as a positive."

Orcutt admitted that his charges appeared "a little flat" at practices last week, but noted they were "cranking it back up" at Monday's workout, two days

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One away

Div. 2 South Sectional Finals
Cohasset vs. Bourne
Hingham High, Friday 4 p.m.

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

And the quest continues.

Riding high on a 19 match win streak, the tennis Lady Skippers extended their season into the South Sectional finals to be played tomorrow (Friday) at Hingham High (4 p.m. start).

"I feel like we are peaking at the right time," said veteran coach Sarah Meehan of her team. "There's been some good competitive matches so far."

Cohasset, with a 16-0 regular season record that featured a South Shore League title and victories over Div. 1 squads, received the number two seed after a coin flip gave the similarly successful squad from Bourne the top berth. After a preliminary round bye, Cohasset proceeded to beat Norwell in the opening round, Hingham in the quarterfinals, and Canton on Tuesday to earn a spot in the championships. They

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Cohasset senior Julie Shea (pictured) and first doubles partner Courtney Caron continued their phenomenal season at first doubles with a triad of wins to start the postseason.

Lady laxers ousted

Higher seeded Milton too much for Cohasset girls

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset lady laxers took an early exit from the postseason last Thursday, dropping their preliminary round game to Milton, 16-11.

The girls on the team showed great heart all season, grinding out tough games against much bigger teams in higher divisions. The heart that they displayed in the regular season certainly carried over into tournament play, but the effort put forth by the Lady Skippers was, unfortunately, not enough to advance to the next round.

"Milton just played a better game," conceded senior captain Maura McKenney, the top scorer on the team. "But we didn't give up. And that's what is important, not just for this season, but in setting the tone for the team next year."

Cohasset had the makings for an upset, with junior defenseman Ashley Faber scoring twice on penalty shots to open the game at a 2-0 advantage for the visiting Cohasset squad.

However, the 16th seeded Milton team, hosting the 22nd seeded Cohasset (7-7-2 on the year) ran off six goals in a row in a deflating sequence for the visitors.

However, Cohasset refused to lay down, scratching back to 6-6 on the strength of goals by senior captain Katherine Coyne, junior Nicole Turgiss, and junior Jessie Guild, who made a terrific rebound play off Turgiss' penalty shot. Milton staved off the comeback with two quick strikes before the end of the half to take an 8-6 advantage at the break.

The two-goal deficit was the closest Cohasset would come the rest of the way, as Milton built leads of 12-7 and then 16-9 before the game was finally sealed.

Turgiss led a valiant effort to

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PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

Cohasset junior Jenn Buckley (#396) finished just one spot short of qualifying for the All-State meet in this race, the 1-mile at Saturday's state class meet, but bounced back to help lead the 4x800 relay team to third place finish and a spot at All-States.

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not tried to influence his seniors on their decision, a decision with which both young men appear to be struggling.

"It's such a tough position to be put in," said Krupczak, who has previously beaten both of the runners who finished ahead of him on Saturday "and I probably won't make the decision until Saturday. I'll probably take into consideration how my leg's feeling, where I'm ranked (for the race) and then at everything else, and make a decision."

A group of track parents, fearing exactly what has happened, sought several months back to postpone Cohasset graduation until this coming Sunday. However, according to Krupczak, school officials refused to bend.

Kidder will likely be able to throw the javelin, as that is a morning event. Krupczak, though, may also miss the 200-meter race, slated for early afternoon, if he opts for graduation ceremonies.

Sans this ongoing drama, the story of Saturday's Class meet could not have been much happier for the Cohasset High tracksters.

The girls 4x800 relay team also qualified for All-States with a third place finish, and sophomore Mary Silvia stunned many with a second place finish in the 800 with a finish of 2:24.38. Silvia finished behind only Weston sophomore Allison Ritter, who the week before had won the South Shore Principals' Meet.

"Mary is one of those athletes who has done everything we've asked of her this year, and she's done it all extremely well," said LaFountain. "I'm extremely happy for her. I think she has a legitimate shot to finish high at All-States too."

The girls 4x800 team of Silvia, Jenn Buckley, Nicole Whitney and Lisa Musto ran a season best 10:17.55, shaving nearly 2.5 seconds off it's previous best time to take third place and advance on to All-States. The team was ranked 17th heading into their heat, but Buckley got out to a great start, handing off the baton in first place, and Whitney and Musto also had great legs. Fortunately, none of these girls are seniors.

The high placement was particularly gratifying for Buckley. The junior star also competed in two solo events on Saturday, the javelin and 1-mile race, and it was felt she had a legitimate shot at qualifying for All-States in both. She fell four spots short of qualifying in the javelin (8th place, 100-feet, 9-inches), but just one spot and a mere 0.96 seconds shy of qualifying in the mile, her season best race of 5:29.69 still leaving her just off the pace of fourth place finisher Kylynn McKinley (5:28.73), of Marblehead.

"Jenn was pretty disappointed after the mile race, so to come back and be a part of the 4x8 team that will go to All-States was a big lift for her," reported LaFountain, who is in his fifth year of coaching both the girls and boys track teams.

Senior La'Raine Langford, running on just a few hours sleep (the CHS prom was held the night before), ended her top notch track career with an 11th place finish in the 110-meter hurdles (17.67 seconds) and by leading the 4x100 relay team to a respectable 18th place finish (55.58 seconds). The other members of the 4x1 team were junior Elisa Jerome, sophomore Lindsey Kennedy and freshman Allison Krupczak.

Whitney took a 12th in the 400, topping her season best time by a quarter-second with a 1:02.75, and Belz was 19th in the 100, his 12.02 second run well off his season best mark of 11.6.

Cohasset had one of the smallest rosters of any team that competed at the Class D meet, with just 11 boys and the bare minimum of eight girls for the season, which made their final placements of 12th by the boys and 13th by the girls in their respective thirtysomething-team fields all the more impressive.

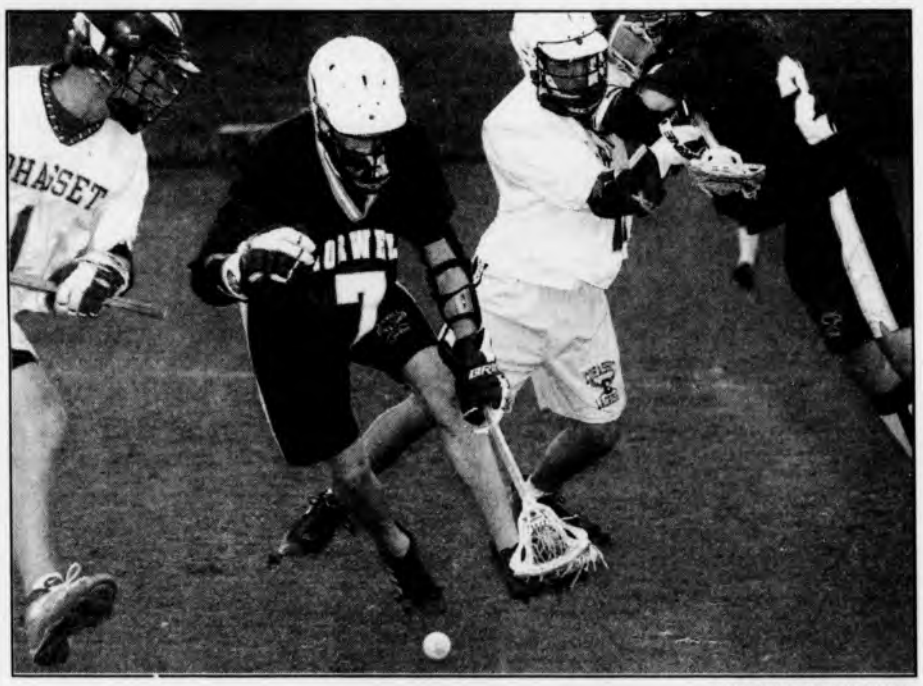
Council rejects metal bat ban

By Dan Ventura
BOSTON HERALD STAFF

FRANKLIN - Wood might be good in the eyes of some, but the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council isn't ready to put the pedal to the metal bats. After a long and exhaustive session, the MIAC voted 12-5 to reject a proposed rule change which called for wood bats to be used in all high school baseball games in 2004, allowing leagues to retain the right to use wood or metal bats during the regular season.

The vote doesn't pertain to the tournament, since the MIAA Baseball Committee is currently the only group authorized to dictate which bat is to be used in the postseason. That committee will not meet again until October. "We're happy that the MIAC voted that way, but I am still not satisfied," said North Reading coach Frank Carey. "I want to know who is running the show here. I want to know why the MIAC doesn't have the authority (to mandate which bats should be used in the tourney) and I'm disappointed that no one from the MIAA took the lead in this." The tournament issue isn't a done deal just yet. According to several sources, certain schools who used metal bats during the season are looking into the possibility of filing an injunction just before the start of the tournament to force the MIAA to adopt the pro-choice stance of the MIAC. "I wouldn't go that far myself," said Stoughton coach Bob Ashley, the president of the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Association. "I wouldn't want to be known as the person who held up the tournament. I don't think it would be fair to the kids and I've always considered myself a fair person." Fairness is what the MBCA has been looking for from the moment the MIAA Baseball Committee voted last October to make wooden bats mandatory for the 2003 state tournament with a long-range goal of eliminating the aluminum bats. Longtime Reading baseball coach Peter Moscariello feels yesterday's vote is another step in the right direction. "I'm satisfied and pleased that the MIAC considered the facts and considered the actions of the other boards," said Moscariello. "We appreciate the process and we're pleased that leagues and schools still have the same choice they've had for 30 years. "Hopefully this vote puts the issue of bats in the regular season to an end. Now we would like the Baseball Committee to revisit the issue as soon as possible and revert back to allowing league choice. I think it would be foolish and irresponsible for them not to do so." The head of that committee is Brockton athletic director Tom Pileski. Along with the likes of Harvard baseball coach Joe Walsh and South sectional tournament director Don Fredericks, Pileski - urged the MIAC to make Massachusetts the first state in the country to ban metal bats. "Change is difficult, change is slow," said Pileski, who refused to be discouraged by yesterday's vote. "I think educating the masses is the most important thing and we've gotten the point across to a number of leagues who espouse the wooden bats. "The unfortunate thing is that many people on these committees, in justice to them, don't have the time or the means to do the research that many of us have done. A lot of this is confusion more than anything else and rather than take a chance, they would vote to stay with the status quo." The MIAC also voted 14-3 to reject a proposal that called for a ban on boys participating in any girls' contact sports. In making its decision, the MIAC was aware that the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court had ruled that the Equal Rights Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution precludes the MIAA from making such "gender-based distinctions." Several subsequent Superior Court cases also found against the MIAA whenever it attempted to limit the participation of boys on traditional girls teams.

Laxmen's glass is half-full



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Nick Spirito (far left) prepares to lower the boom on Norwell player in earlier season Pilgrim Conference action.

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prior to the Tri-County clash.

"It was a good practice (Monday)," he reported. "The guys look like they're putting their game faces on again."

One player who Orcutt knew would not be ready for yesterday's game was senior captain Matt Davis, arguably the team's top overall player. The star middie may be able to return from an injury that has kept him out the last few weeks in time for the Eastern Mass finals, tentatively scheduled for next Thursday, but that is far from certain.

"I'd like to see Matt return more for himself than the team at this point," said Orcutt. "I just feel so bad for him. He's been such a mainstay and such an important part of this program. If we're playing for a championship, it would be great if he could be on the field."

It hasn't been easy for the Skippers to compensate for the loss of Davis, a gifted two-way player who quarterbacks the offense. Fortunately, a couple of players have stepped up their level of play and involvement in the absence of the captain— most notably seniors John Durkin and Robert Hickey, according to the coach— and Orcutt is expecting a few more to do so now that the postseason is upon them.

Orcutt is also encouraged by the way his defenders and junior goalie Nick Murphy have played of late.

"Nick has been there every game to do a solid job, making the saves he's supposed to," said Orcutt, "and sometimes he'll surprise you too, and come up with a big save that helps turn momentum."

Tri-County, seeded eighth in the 14 team Div. 3 field, advanced to face Cohasset by besting ninth seeded Minuteman Regional on Saturday, 16-4.

Cohasset, assured of home field advantage throughout the Eastern Mass playoffs, will face either fourth seeded Weston or fifth seeded Ipswich in the semifinals (likely next Tuesday) if they've beaten Tri-County.

Second seeded Martha's Vineyard, Hopkinton (10th seed), Medfield (third seed) and Dover-Sherborn (sixth seed) were the teams remaining on the other side of the bracket at the time of this writing.

"I like our chances of making it to the finals and doing well there too," concluded Orcutt. "I've got some talented kids on this team, and a good number of tough kids too."

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2nd annual Clark Chatteron Fund Run June 14

The second annual Clark Chatterton Fund Run has been scheduled for next Saturday, June 14. The race is named in honor of former Cohasset High Athletic Director Clark Chatteron, who succumbed to cancer in the summer of 2000. All proceeds from the race go to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund, which benefits youth sports activities in town.

Pre-registration is over, but participants can register the day of the race. The fee is $15 per runner, with a $25 maximum per family.

There will be a 3.5 mile walk and a kid's "fun run" at 9:30, followed by the 3.5-mile run at 10 a.m.. The race starts and ends at the Music Circus on Sohier Street, and will take runners by Cohasset Common, past Sandy Beach, up Nichols Road and then by the Chatterton house as they loop back toward the Music Circus finish line.

Any questions can be directed to Cohasset High Atheltic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103).

Cohasset Family Lax Day and Youth Night

The Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters will be holding their annual Family Lax Day for all players, parents, and fans of youth lacrosse on Father's Day, Sunday June 15th at Miliken Field from 12 - 5PM. Last year's inaugural event was a great time for everyone and this year promises to be even bigger and better as we will be including the girls youth program and incorporating the HS Alumni game into the festivities. The best BBQ and buffet in town, visits from the Boston Cannons, camp raffles, t-shirt and hat sales, and special attractions for all ages; will provide a perfect backdrop for a full day of match-ups featuring head-to-head competition between the teams at each age level for this year's bragging rights. The games are always a thrilling way to close out our Spring season so mark your calendars as we look forward to seeing everyone in the lacrosse community for a great day of fun and excitement to celebrate another fantastic season of youth lacrosse in Cohasset.

Also, congratulations to our High School Varsity team for getting the top seed in their State Championship drive and in securing home field advantage throughout the playoffs!

As part of their march to victory, the Boosters will also be hosting Youth Night during the first game of the playoffs (currently scheduled for June 4th). All Cohasset Youth lax players that attend wearing their playing jerseys will receive free pizza and soda in addition to seeing some great lacrosse action by their hometown heroes, so come on out and cheer our boys onto the next round and then to the Championship!

SSBC summer baseball camps on deck

at Cohasset, Braintree and Hingham

HINGHAM — The rights of summer for so many young baseball players — South Shore Baseball Club's annual summer camps - is on deck in Cohasset, Braintree and Hingham.

Open to players from any city or town, SSBC's 2003 one-week camps for boys and girls, ages 5-12, are scheduled for June 23-27 Hollingsworth Park in Braintree and Miliken Field in Cohasset. Four one-week camps for players 5-15 are slated July 7-August 1 at Hingham High School. Campers may attend as few as one or as many as four weeks at Hingham

"We have great facilities," SSBC president/director Frank Niles, Jr. said. "Every camper will enjoy a valuable and rewarding experience at any of the SSBC summer camps. Our expert staff of qualified professionals will help these kids improve their skills and enjoy the great game of baseball."

All campers will be grouped according to age, ability, physical maturity and previous experience. Instructions will range from basic fundamentals to advanced skills. Each camper will play a minimum of one game per day.

Individual attention will be emphasized in all aspects of baseball. Pitching, catching, defense, base running, and hitting will be featured in special sessions and lectures. Any camper needing specific areas of improvement will receive special attention from SSBC's expert staff of professional coaches.

All camp sessions are held Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., rain or shine. Half-day sessions will be available for 5 through 7 year olds.

SSBC is a full service, year-round club and training facility for baseball and softball players, ages 5 and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or any of its summer camps call 1-800-GO4-HITS or (781) 749-6466 in Hingham, or visit SSBC's Web site at www.ssbc.com

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Lady laxers ousted

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keep the game close, tallying four of the team's 11 goals. Faber added another goal late in the game to complete a hat trick, while McKenney finished with two goals. Sophomore Lauren Rizzotti scored the last goal of the game to account for the final score.

Milton was led by senior sniper Megan Tilley, a quick forward with good hands who scored a game-high six goals.

Though the season ended sooner than the team members would have liked, they are keeping their heads up for 2004, where some will take lacrosse to the college level, while others will hope to continue the success started this season.

"Our skill and unity helped us make it through the season," said Guild, who toughed out a concussion to play in the game. "And next year, we are hoping to make it even further."

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Senior captain Lindsay Grossman has gone 3-0 at second singles in the tourney, not dropping a single set agaisnt her Norwell, Hingham and Canton counterparts.

One away

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will now meet the winner of today's Bourne (18-0)-Dover-Sherborn (13-5) match tomorrow.

Though the Skippers have never captured a Sectional title, Meehan insists that her team prepare for the matches deep in the same way that they would gear up for any other of their wins this year.

"I give them the same speech before every game," started the 11th year coach. "I tell them 'This is the most important match of your careers.'"

Meeting Norwell in the opening round, a team Cohasset had beaten twice in regular season play, Cohasset welcomed back number one singles player Liz Stone from her ankle injury to take the match cleanly, 4-1.

Stone had a brilliant week of match play at the top spot, defeating three highly regarded singles players in as many tries after missing a significant chunk of the end of the regular season. Stone beat junior Angie Bizzozero of Norwell by a surprising score of 6-0, 6-0 in her first match back. On Monday, Stone took on her former hitting partner from the Weymouth Club, the heavy hitting sophomore Megan Doyle. Doyle jumped to a 3-2 lead before Stone gained too much momentum with her play, and walked away with a 7-5, 6-2 straight sets victory.

Stone beat Canton's ace, junior Marie Sofolosky on Tuesday 6-1, 6-3 for the semifinal 4-1 team win. While the score may indicate a blowout, this was quite possibly her most impressive win of the playoff run. Sofolosky was clearly coached to draw Stone from her powerful play, utilizing an array of drop shots, off-speed ground strokes and looping top spin shots to the baseline. However, Stone managed to maintain her composure to ensure the win.

"She usually hits really hard," noted Stone after the 97 minute match. "You just have to stay in the point and not let it bother you."

Senior captain Lindsay Grossman also went 3-0 at second singles, not dropping so much as a set over the likes of Meg Kelly, Diana Trevino and Vaneeda Contracul. Grossman won promptly over Norwell and Hingham by the matching scores of 6-2, 6-1. Against Canton, she was met with the free-swinging Contracul, who gave the home senior some trouble in the early going, but Grossman prevailed 7-5, 6-4.

Junior Holly Graham overcame an opening round loss at third singles to Norwell's Kate Mulvaney to capture her position's point over the next two opponents. Graham beat Hingham's Jamie Landers 6-0, 6-2 and Canton's Susan Bondrick by a score of 6-1, 6-3.

Senior captain Julie Shea and junior Courtney Caron continued their phenomenal season at first doubles with a triad of wins to start the postseason. The pair dispatched their Canton and Norwell counterparts with the relative ease Skipper fans saw in the regular season, but found a challenge in the Harborwomen's duo of Molly Williams and Kristin Garrity.

Down 1-5 in the first set, Caron and Shea re-grouped for a ferocious comeback, eventually winning 7-5, 6-4. Despite their early troubles, losing at the same time Stone found herself in her only deficit thus far, Meehan maintains she was anything but worried.

"They are very slow starters," said Meehan of her first doubles team, a tandem that has come back to win multiple matches this year after losing the first set. "They will crawl back into it. They know how to win."

The second doubles pair of juniors, Corey Evans and Emilie Sullivan, won their opening two matches, and fell to Canton's very impressive squad, seniors Lindsay Carlson and Mary Bustin. Still, Evans and Sullivan won handily over Norwell and Hingham, providing Cohasset with the crucial doubles points to advance.

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Bouncing back from an ankle injury, Cohasset's Liz Stone had a brilliant week of match play at the top singles spot, defeating three highly regarded singles players in straight sets in as many tries.

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SPORTS NOTES

Summer Hoop Camp 2003

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will sponsor a summer Basketball camp, under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two camp sessions will be available starting Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 18. Boys and girls, ages 8 through 11, will have camp from 8:30 to 11:30 AM while ages 12 to 15 will be from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The cost for both camps will be $100 per participant.

Brochures and registration forms will be available at Cohasset Town Hall, Recreation Department office in early May.

South Shore Soccer Camp Boys and Girls - ages 8 to18

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's one-week long Soccer Clinics which will be held starting Monday, July 28, through Friday, Aug. 1.

Soccer will meet each day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for and the fee for the one week session is $245 per participant with a $20 discount for second child. Please complete the application form in the brochure at be Cohasset Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited. Early registration is advised.

South Shore Soccer Camp Soccer Squirts Ages 4 and 5 and 6 and 7

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be on going at Town Hall for South Shore Soccer Camp's week long Squirts Clinic which begins Monday, July 28 through Friday Aug. 1.

Soccer ABC's for ages 4 and 5 will meet each day from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and the fee is $85 per participant. The Half Day program for ages 6 and 7 will meet each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the fee is $125 per participant. The fee includes a camp shirt and appropriate sized soccer ball for each participant, both available the first day of camp.

Please complete the application form at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, First Floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Northeast Speed Training Clinic Ages 9 to 13

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces the return of Northeast Speed Training Clinic for the summer of 2003 for children ages 9 to 13.

Ten two-hour clinics will be held every Monday and Wednesday evening at Milliken field, from 6 to 8 p.m. starting June 23 through July 23.

The clinic focuses on balance, coordination, 20 and 40 yard dash, lateral speed, hip speed, 3 step explosion, jumping, quick feet, reaction techniques, and back pedaling. Over 150 fun, speed and quickness drills to improve skill performance in soccer, football, baseball, basketball and lacrosse.

The fee for the unique program is $90 per person. Registration forms may be found at the Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall in early May. Space is limited. Early registration is advised.

Boys and girls Lacrosse clinics

The Cohasset Recreation Department will soon be taking registrations for both boy's and girl's Lacrosse clinics.

The clinics will be held the week of Monday, July 21, through Friday, July 25, for grades 3 to 6 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Milliken Field, The fee per participant will be $75 and checks may be payable to Town of Cohasset. A few days will run longer than 10 a.m., however, we will advise you of which days.

Mr. Chuck Jaffe will direct this unique opportunity to learn and develop the basic skills and concepts of lacrosse.

Registration forms can be obtained at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall in early May.

Orange Crush Wrestling Club

The Orange Crush Wrestling club will meet Mondays and Wednesdays 6-8 at the Deer Hill School in Cohasset. The school is located off of Sohier St. (off Route 3A at Super Stop & Shop intersection, the school is up the hill and on the right)

The membership cost is $135, The fee includes a USA wrestling card & T shirt.

Orange Crush will be in session from May 5th- Aug 1st, youth through high school level. All abilities levels welcome.

CHS Athletic Fundraising

This winter's ticket raffle by the CHS Athletic Boosters raised over $1,800, according to Ron Ford, with all proceeds going to the CHS Athletic budget. The AD wished to express his thanks to Bob and Allison Silvia for all of the work they did on the drive, as well as to Phil Mahoney and Robert Donahue for donating tickets.

This spring, the boosters are kicking off a sale of official CHS blankets ($50 apiece), flags ($45) and beach towels ($20), all with the official Cohasset High banner.

Anyone interested in making a purchase should contact Ron Ford at 781-383-6103 or send a check made out to "Cohasset High School" to Cohasset High School, C/O Ron Ford, AD; 143 Pond St; Cohasset' MA, 02025.

Youth tennis registration

Youth tennis will begin Monday, June 23, continue for seven weeks through Aug. 8. Youth tennis registrations will be held starting Monday, June 9, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon and again 1 to 3 p.m., and Tuesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

The program is offered for children age 7 through 18. The program is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week session of instruction, two days per week, is $80 per participant. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered.

Rainy day policy: If it rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Please call the Recreation Office at 781-383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are rain make-up days.

Kick-aerobics registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces an ongoing registration for adult fitness classes, based upon six-week sessions. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer Charles Palmer will conduct the class. This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kick-boxing, and muscle conditioning. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Town Hall auditorium from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The cost for the 12-class session is $100 per participant. Step equipment will be provided for up to 20 participants; however, 2 to 5 lb. hand weights should be brought to class for the muscle conditioning segment of the training. Call the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 to register.

Swim Center Notes

It's not too soon to be thinking about a summer time job.

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor. Spring courses are being offered starting in March and April. Water Safety Instructor applicants must be 17 years old.

Programs to become a certified Lifeguard are also be offered throughout the region during the Spring. Lifeguard course applicants must be 15 years old. Sign-up Now!

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Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors for the 2003 summer season. All applicants must be 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Letters of interest should be sent to Attn: Darleen Koetsch, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter @attbi.com Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

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It was a tough 2002 season for the girls' U-12 "J" division spring travel soccer team. Despite their great heart and the willing support of parents and coaches, they just couldn't bring home a win. Game after game that winning forward pass, or that on-target shot for goal failed to materialize and the girls could only watch as the opposing center forward hit home her third or fourth or even fifth shot of the game.

They didn't win, they often lost badly, but what they did bring home every week was a wining attitude. No tantrums, no blaming the "ref", no drop-outs and a great team spirit.

It was this spirit – encouraged and exemplified by the coaches, John Dunn and Doug Fitts - that carried them through a season that produced great soccer and a well-earned place in the playoffs.

Doug and John had clearly put the girls through their paces. Passing, controlling the ball, the "both feet on the ground" throw-in, even understanding the dreaded "off-side" rule, had all been established.

You could watch the girls hold their position on the field – no longer the "hunting in groups" strategy. And you could see them extending themselves to excel in those positions. Forwards making sweeping passes to their wing – building an attack; defenders sticking like glue to their opponents; midfield players winning in the race for a stray pass, intercepting the dangerous advance. And, in goal, Brittany Dunn, Lauren Mack or Margaret Goodwin, diving at the feet of the advancing center-forward to safely retrieve the ball, and clearing with confident, accurate goal kicks.

As the season advanced and, with several wins under their belt, these basics became a consistent part of the game and then the girls, if you'll excuse the expression, "kicked it up a notch"! Now we saw forwards run with real focus and aggression, midfielders getting into perfect positions to receive the throw-in, already on its way from an urgent defender, and defenders taking the time to stop and control the ball, never mind the advancing hoards from Hingham or Hanover.

One of the highlights of the season was their last game against Hingham, ironically not a win for Cohasset, but a game played with such courage, spirit and focus right to the last whistle, that the final 2-1 score seemed almost irrelevant.

Cohasset went into their final game, against Carver, on Saturday, knowing that they had more than exceeded expectations and were still in contention for a place in the playoffs. The odds were not good, but with one more win and a draw from the Hanover/Hingham game, they would do it.

The seven-nil victory against Carver was in the bag before lunch and all that was left to do was wait it out until the remaining games were completed. Remarkably, within the hour the Hingham/Hanover game ended in a draw and Cohasset's under 12 girls were through to the playoffs. The girls will play their first game against Pembroke on Saturday.

Whatever the outcome of the weekend play, both the team members and the coaches deserve our congratulations. Much credit should go to Doug Fitts and John Dunn for their great coaching. They have encouraged these girls to give their best at every game and have worked with them to develop their individual and team skills. They have also encouraged good sportsmanship – or sportswomanship, and an excellent attitude to the game.

This may be the last year these girls play together as a team, they may not even play soccer again, and they probably will never "Bend it Like Beckham", but they'll have great memories of a wonderful year when they committed themselves to their team and to playing a great game and they came out on top.

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Cohasset Rec offers summer sports schools, programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 2003, designed specifically and individually for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18 years.

BASEBALL

Milliken Field, Monday, June 23, to Friday, June 27.

Ages 7-12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., price: $175; ages 5-7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., $100.

HIT DOGS - BASEBALL

Barnes Little League Complex, Monday, Aug. 18, to Friday, Aug. 22.

Ages 5-12, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., $240.

Price includes camp shirt.

NORTH EAST SPEED TRAINING CAMPS

Milliken Field, Mondays and Wednesdays, June 23 to July 23.

Boys and girls ages 9-13, 6 to 8 p.m., $90.

Directed by Ken Brooks.

SOUTH SHORE BASKETBALL SCHOOL

Ages 8-15, Cohasset High School Gym, Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18.

Boys and girls, ages 8 to 11, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., $100.

Boys and girls, ages 12 to 15, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., $100.

Directed by Coach Ron Ford.

WRESTLING CLINIC

Cohasset High School, Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25.

Grades 7-12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., $125.

Grades 1-3, 1 to 2:30 p.m., $55.

Directed by Torin Sweeney.

BASS/BLUE FISH FOR KIDS & ADULTS

Duxbury Beach, Friday evening, Sept. 5, 6:55 p.m., $36.

Call 781-383-4109 for details/registration.

Conducted by Paul Bruce.

Equipment/bait provided or bring your own.

LACROSSE: GIRLS CLINIC & LACROSSE: BOYS CLINIC

Miliken Field, Grades 3-6, Monday, July 21, to Friday, July 25, 8 to 10 a.m., $75.

A few days will run longer than 10 a.m., coaches will advise.

Directed by Chuck Jaffe.

SOCCER SQUIRTS - SOUTH SHORE SOCCER CAMP

Milliken Field, Monday, July 28, to Friday, Aug. 1.

Soccer ABC's, ages 4 and 5, 8 to 9:30 a.m., $85.

Half-day program, ages 6 and 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., $125.

Price includes ball and camp shirt.

Directed by: SSSC - John Anderson and Larry Shultz.

SOUTH SHORE SOCCER CAMP

Milliken Field, Monday, July 28, to Friday, Aug. 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Boys and girls, ages 8 to 18, $245 ($20 discount for second child).

Price includes camp shirt.

Directed by: SSSC - Jon Anderson and Larry Shultz.

All programs have individual application forms, should you wish to register for any of these programs, call the Recreation Office at 781-383-4109 or stop by the office, first floor, Town Hall. Programs are limited in size. To insure acceptance into a program, register as soon as possible. Family discounts are available for most programs. Sports camps are scheduled to meet regardless of weather conditions in most cases and should it be necessary to move into the high school, you will be notified at drop-off time of the status that day.

SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS REGISTRATIONS

The Music Circus Children's Show registrations will be open to children in the Playground programs. A group will be attending the 10:30 a.m. performances Thursdays at a group rate. Registrations must be made two weeks prior to the show date as indicated below. No late registrations can be accepted. Payments must be made at the Recreation office, Tuesdays between 9 a.m. and noon, or between 5 and 7 p.m. in the evening on the dates, indicated on the far right column below.

Show Date	Date of Performance Payment
July 10	Callou's Big Party
$13.50	Tues., June 24
July 17	Sleeping Beauty
$6.50	Tues., July 1
July 24	Cinderella
$6.50	Tues., July 8
July 31	Franklin's Class Concert
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July 25	
Aug. 7	Alice in Wonderland
$6.50	Tues., July 22

The Music Circus is optional, regular Playground program activities will continue for those who do not attend. On rain days, please see Martha regarding pickup and drop-off routine. Programs are subject to change by S.S.M.C.

SUMMER DRAMA WORKSHOP

In celebration of its 15th anniversary, the Children's Drama Workshop presents an original musical comedy called "Jack Beanstalk." Jack, a handsome, well-rounded young boy, has spent his family's savings and is forced to sell the family cow to the Man of the Woods in exchange for magic beans. A beanstalk grows and Jack ascends to a new world where he befriends a slew of quirky characters determined to help him slay their Giant and win the great treasure in the sky. But they bid him beware of The Mad Cow!

Rehearsals for "Jack Beanstalk" will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning Tuesday, June 24, at the brand new air-conditioned Deer Hill School Auditorium. This year, the program has been extended to seven weeks and performances are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 1 and 7:30 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, June 9, at 9 a.m. All children between the ages of 5 and 14 are welcome. Early registration is advisable as enrollment is strictly limited. The cost is $440 per child. Children enrolled in the Cohasset Playground Program receive a $30 discount. Checks can be made payable to CDW. For further information, call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109.

RECREATION COMMISSION YEAR-ROUND SERVICES

The Recreation Department conducts children, youth and adult programs and events on a year-round basis. Special after-school Recreation programs for children age 4 through grade 6 are conducted in three seven-week sessions (fall-winter-spring). Information regarding Recreation activities appears in all local news media, fliers home from school, school menus and on cable TV local listings. You may call the office daily at 781-383-4109 for information on all services.

YOUTH TENNIS

Youth tennis will begin Monday, June 23, continue for seven weeks through Aug. 8. Youth tennis registrations will be held starting Monday, June 9, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon and again 1 to 3 p.m. and Tuesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. The program is offered for children age 7 through 18 years. The program is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week session of instruction, two days per week, is $80 per person. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered.

Rain Day Policy: If rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Please call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are rain makeup days.

ADULT TENNIS

The Recreation Department will offer tennis classes for beginner and intermediate tennis players, continuously throughout the summer on various evenings. The classes are one-hour long and a session is four weeks in duration. New sessions will begin approximately every four weeks.

Beginner classes meet various evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., and the intermediate classes will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Advanced (tournament level instruction) classes meet Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., and advanced beginner will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays. Classes will be limited in size. Additional classes will be formed should demand dictate. All classes will meet at the Recreation Commission Tennis Courts at the top of Norfolk Road, next to Milliken Field.

To register, call the Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109. The fee for the four-week program is $40 per person, payable by check to the "Town of Cohasset." Each participant will need a racquet. Classes do not meet if the weather is inclement, and should you be in doubt, due to weather conditions, call the Recreation office prior to class time.

KICK-AEROBICS

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces an ongoing registration for adult fitness classes, based upon six-week sessions. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer Charles Palmer will conduct the class. This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kick-boxing and muscle conditioning. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Town Hall auditorium from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The cost for the 12-class session is $100 per participant. Step equipment will be provided for up to 20 participants, however 2- to 5-lb. hand weights should be brought to class for the muscle-conditioning segment of the training. Call the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 to register.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Summer Programs

Recreation Dept., Town Hall, 781-383-4109

Beach and RTF Stickers, Town Clerk's office, 781-383-4100

Cohasset Swim Center, June-Sept., 781-383-9463

Cohasset Sailing Club, Inquiries at the Club at Government Island

BAND CONCERTS

During the past 11 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates Inc. Each June the Board of Directors of the South Shore Music Circus takes under consideration the request of the Recreation Commission for concert funding, hence, certainty of concerts are not absolute until mid-June, each season. The SSMC donations are matched by a grant from the American Federation of Musicians, N.Y.C.

Based upon continued SSMC funding, the schedule for the 2003 season is as follows:

Tuesday, July 1, 7:30 p.m., Town Common

Tuesday, July 15, 7:30 p.m., Town Common

Performances will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh. Concerts are held on the Cohasset Common, are free of charge and the public is invited. It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellent is a good item to have available. You may call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109 to check on the status of concerts should you be in doubt as to weather conditions.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

The Cohasset Recreation Department will continuously throughout the summer offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy-Dog Training School. Classes will be held Monday evenings on the Town Common, Cohasset. Second session starts Monday, June 9, for obedience with distractions at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. for beginners.

For both the beginner class and the obedience with distractions class, dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date. Class times are 6 to 7 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

The beginner class will teach basic obedience and responsible ownership to novice pet owners. Helpful hints on ownership, voice directions, basic commands and exercises beneficial to those thinking about eventually showing their dog, will be included. The intermediate/advanced class is designed for dogs that have completed the Recreation Department beginner class. For all classes the fee is $100 for the five-week, one-hour-per-week program.

To register for the next available session, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. A new session will begin approximately every five weeks. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first-call, first-enrolled basis.

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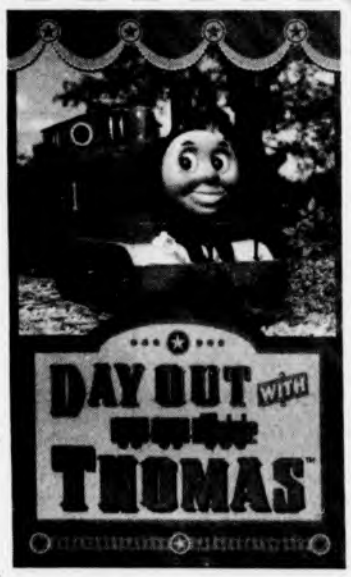

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New England Friends Home celebrates centennial year

The New England Friends Home, Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham celebrates in 2003, 100 years of service to senior citizens. The public is invited to a Celebration Reception on Sunday, June 8 from 1-4 p.m. Visitors may tour the home, the landscaped grounds and the neighboring farm, which is maintained by the Trustees of Reservations.

Now located at Thayer House in Hingham, the home was not originally located there. The Huntington-Dixon home in Amesbury was the location of the New England Friends' Home for its first 55 years. Sarah Nichols Pope Dixon, in her 1866 will, left her estate to the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends to provide for the acquisition and suitable endowment for a "Home for Unmarried Women Friends who devoted most of their lives to teaching." A committee was gathered and Sarah's final wishes were formulated in 1903 with a home formed from the generous gift of property by the Huntington family in Amesbury. Starting in 1904, the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends operated a "rest home for the elderly" in Amesbury, a town having very close associations with John Greenleaf Whittier, the Quaker poet and writer. Various endowments from Quaker sources supported the home, which was open to people of all faiths.

In the late 1950s, the home in Amesbury was found to be no longer in compliance with updated state safety regulations and notice was given that it would have to close. It should be noted that at that time, weekly room and board rates had just been raised to $17 for Friends and $20 for non-Friends.

In 1958, the New England Society of Friends was the beneficiary of another generous gift — this time from the Thayer family of Hingham, when Polly Thayer Starr offered the Thayer home on Turkey Hill to become the New England Friends' Home.

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Ezra Ripley Thayer, Mrs. Starr's father, was a prominent Boston lawyer, a professor and dean at Harvard Law School. Born in Milton, he was the son of James Bradley Thayer, also a distinguished legal scholar and professor at Harvard Law School. Early in the 1900s, when Ezra Thayer and Ethel Randolph Clark had married and rented a house in Cohasset, they used to enjoy horseback rides on Turkey Hill. They were attracted to the area and bought a small farm on East Street in 1904. During the succeeding years, the Thayers bought up various lots, extending their holdings as far as Turkey Hill Lane. Between 1910 and 1912, they erected a large, shingled house on the location the present house was built along the same lines. Blue tiles in the dining room and Whittier Room, carved woodwork from England for the library fireplace, and statuettes from other European countries. The camel statues at the bottom of the drive to the farmhouse and some stone peacocks and pheasants were brought from the San Francisco World's Fair of 1935.

After the death of her mother, Polly Thayer Starr inherited the Thayer home and it was at this time she gave the home to the Society of Friends. Upon accepting the gift from Mrs. Starr, the New England Yearly Meeting raised $100,000 to renovate the home for senior living; it opened for occupancy in February 1962 to 13 residents. In 1997, the Home Committee conducted a capital campaign to renovate and expand the home, which now accommodates 18 residents. Today, the red brick Georgian-style residence stands at the top of Turkey Hill overlooking the farm below and with views of Hingham Bay and Boston Harbor.

In honor of John Greenleaf Whittier, one of the parlors is named the Whittier Room. It contains artifacts and pictures brought to Hingham from the Amesbury home.

While preference is still given to Quakers, the home is open to individuals of all faiths. The Thayer House is a facility whose sole purpose is to help healthy, independent seniors remain that way. It is not a nursing home but carries a license as an assisted-living facility. This means that the people who choose to live here are in need of minimal help with everyday living, but want to continue their independent lifestyles in a community setting.

The mission of the New England Friends' Home at Thayer House is to provide a homelike setting for elderly residents who will foster a congenial family atmosphere embodying the principles of simplicity, peace, community and equality. Services include medication supervision, housekeeping, personal laundry, both in-house and community-wide, and the attention of a 24-hour trained staff.

The Home Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting oversees the business and planning of the New England Friends' Home here in Hingham. Gretchen Condon is the home's director and a Hingham resident.

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the 100th Anniversary Celebration Reception on Sunday, June 8 from 1-4 p.m. The home, the landscaping, and the farm will be open for touring.

The New England Friends Home has been housed in the former Thayer home, as depicted here by local artist Barbara Menzies, since 1962. A special celebration and tour is planned for June 8.

Summer Playground signups start June 9

The Cohasset Recreation Commission announces Martha Equi will again be the director of the Summer Playground Program for children ages 3 1/2 to 12 years. Registration will be held the week of June 9, as follows:

Monday, June 9, - Wednesday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Recreation Commission has also established fee charges for the 2003 Playground Program as follows:

Full Day 5 to 12 year olds: $350 for first child

1/2 Day 3 to 5 year olds: $280 for first child

$500 non-resident for either half or full day program

Activity Fee

A $50 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover special in house events and professional entertainment, arts and crafts supplies, swim walkers T-shirts. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited Enrollment has been set for each program. Non-residents are taken on a space available basis. All children must be toilet trained.

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BAND INSTRUMENT CLASSES

Small group lessons are offered to students entering grades 5 to 7. Emphasis will be on having fun playing and keeping skills sharp over the summer. These lessons can also provide the struggling player with a boost or the advanced player an extra challenge. The cost for each 30-minute lesson is $8 and will be held at the Teen Garage anytime from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. You may register for several lessons over the summer or as few as one. Registration forms will be distributed to Deer Hill band students or call Steve Biagini at 781-834-3852 or StevenB903@aol.com.

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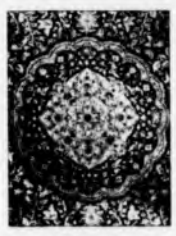
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The radio station "Just For Kids" is coming to SpringBrook Kids on Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date: Sunday, June 22) at its toy boutique. SpringBrook Kids, 779 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. , Route 3A, Cohasset. SpringBrook Kids has invited Radio Disney Boston to participate in its summer community outreach event intended to share the joy of playing games and using the imagination with area children and their families!

Everyone is invited to visit SpringBrook Kids for an enjoyable day complete with today's latest music, toy and product demonstrations, exciting games, great prizes, balloons, free samples, coupons and lots of family fun! What's more, Outside the Box Productions will be at the event to provide special percussion workshops, kids can work on a special art project donated by Faber Castell, and the Radio Disney Hood Ice Cream Truck will help attendees "stay cool" with free Hood Ice Cream and pops.

SpringBrook Kids inspires and stimulates imaginative play in this specialty toy boutique featuring hard-to-find toys and imported items. For information, visit them online at www.SpringBrookKids.com or call 781-383-8400.

Golf outing benefit at Black Rock club

The South Shore Community Center is hosting a golf outing at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham on Monday, June 23 at 12:30 p.m. Parents, members and friends of the Community Center, a non-profit organization, are invited to play golf or join in the fun after for a barbecue at Black Rock. Proceeds from the outing will go to go to the South Shore Community Center Nursery School. The cost to participate is $200 per person or $750 for a four-some (if registered by June 1.) The cost includes greens fees, cart, driving range, boxed lunch, dinner buffet and T-shirt. The nursery school is seeking corporate, family or individual sponsorships. For more information and details please contact Deborah Donahue at (781)383-2093 or email: drdona@attbi.com or Deirdre Prescott at (781)383-6578. Registration for the tournament made be made telephone or in person at the Community Center at 3 North Main St. (781)383-0088 (MC/Visa or Discover accepted.) The registration deadline is June 6.

First Parish Church hosts gospel chorus

Back by popular demand, the Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus will again share its musical gifts in conjunction with the South Shore Arts Center's annual Festival on the Common. First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church is sponsoring this program of traditional and contemporary gospel songs on June 14, at 8 p.m. in the First Parish Meetinghouse. Wrap up your day at the Festival with the sounds of the Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus from Mattapan. Tickets are $10. Call 781-383-1100 for information or tickets.

League conducts annual meeting

The 91st annual meeting of The Social Service League of Cohasset was held on Tuesday May 20 at St. Stephen's Church. Donald Ivas, Administrative Director, and Andrea Merrill, Manager of the Cohasset Consignment Shop gave year's end reports. In recognition of the Shop's 50th anniversary, Andrea Merrill was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Dana Kamoski, League Administrative Secretary, who has announced plans to retire later this year, also received a bouquet as an early birthday gift. Holly Hill, Chair of the Nominating Committee, thanked retiring Directors Motoko Deane, Barbara Donahue, Selma Ingber, Kyle Lubitz, and Gail Stevens and then introduced new Board members Jane Goff, Jane Reardon, Patty Smith, Allison Ulmer, and Andrea Wade. League officers are Amy Cutler, President, Sandra Halverson, Vice –President, Kathy Anderson, Treasurer, and Susan Magruder, Secretary.

All eyes are on the prize

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he said. "They've distinguished themselves through scholarship, service, leadership, social awareness and athletics."

The Class of 2003 is the first class required to pass the MCAS exam to graduate, and the first group of seniors to move into the newly renovated wing of Cohasset Middle High School. It's a class that helped revive old traditions, like the school newspaper, and begin new ones, like the Mr. Skipper contest.

The 77 graduating seniors will be attending colleges across the country next year. Some will stay as close as Boston, others will spread out across New England, and a few will even be going as far away as Ohio, Virginia, Arizona and Oregon.

Jones said the Class of 2003 was a diverse group of students who made their presence felt in the classroom, in student government, in music, theater, and arts, and in athletics. "I think they set a good example for underclassmen, which is what we ask of seniors," Jones said.

Guidance Counselor Anne Porter said many of the students in the Class of 2003 had multiple interests and participated in various extracurricular activities, resulting in "a lot of personal standouts for different reasons." That dedication paid off when it came to applying to colleges. "The college admission process was a very successful one for this class because of their individual accomplishments," Porter said.

Senior Class President Curt Kahn recalled how his classmates took the lead in encouraging recycling at school and getting "The Spinnaker" newspaper back on the printing press. In athletics, Kahn noted, the seniors had success in hockey, soccer, tennis, and lacrosse, leading teams to tournament play in each of those sports.

Kahn said his classmates had bonded in the weeks leading up to graduation. "Our class has a lot of different personalities that have really come together over the past month," he said.

He said graduation would be an exciting event, but he would be sad to see his experience in Cohasset schools come to an end. "I've known every kid in the grade since elementary school, so it's going to be weird to see everyone go their separate ways," Kahn said.

Kahn will speak at graduation along with Jones, Superintendent Edward Malvey, valedictorian Elizabeth Reynolds and salutatorian Ross Lieb-Lappen.

Lieb-Lappen, who is also the student council president, said he appreciated the friendships that an education in small town like Cohasset produced. "What I like most is I feel like I can go up to anybody and have a normal conversation. We're really close because we've been together since kindergarten," he said.

"It's sad leaving. It really is," said Lieb-Lappen's partner on the student council, vice president Yasmine Afshar. "But the teachers prepare you well at Cohasset, and I think we're all ready to move on."

Seniors enjoyed their prom last Friday at The Venetian restaurant in Quincy. On Sunday night at Town Hall, seniors put on their Senior Show. On Wednesday night, after the Mariner went to press, many seniors were awarded local scholarships as part of Class Night at the high school.

Class of 2003 graduation

Date: June 7, 2003
Time: 1:30 p.m., rain or shine
Place: South Shore Music Circus on Sohier Street
Parking: Music Circus parking lot
Number of graduates: 77
Valedictorian: Elizabeth Reynolds
Salutatorian: Ross Lieb-Lappen
Class President: Curt Kahn

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TUESDAY, JUNE 10

Meatball sub with parmesan cheese; or chicken salad pocket; corn, pudding, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll; or turkey sub; mixed veggies, sliced apples, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

Taco meat served over chips with lettuce/tomato, rice and cheese; or ham and cheese sandwich; pears, choice of milk.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Cheese or pepperoni pizza; or fish fillet on a bun; garden salad, fruit, choice of milk.

League scholarship

The Social Service League of Cohasset announce that this year's recipient of the Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship is Miss Emma Ross, a Hingham High School graduating senior. Emma, daughter of John and Nancy Ross, will be entering the nursing program at the University of Massachusetts – Amherst.

The Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship was previously available only to Cohasset High School seniors who intended to pursue studies in nursing, social work, or allied health fields. Over the past several years it has been opened up to the point that the League now considers applications from undergraduate and post graduate students who are pursuing studies in nursing, social work, or allied health fields, and who live in the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, or Scituate.

Read to Ride

Dependable Cleaners is giving area children another reason to hit the books this summer, with its fifth annual Read to Ride reading incentive program. The community endeavor offers children, ages 6-15, the chance to win a bike and helmet (retail value up to $275) for every book they complete within the seven weeks of the program.

Participating in Read to Ride is easy! Entry forms will be available at all 17 Dependable Cleaners locations and participating bike shops from until July 11. More than 30,000 entry forms have also been distributed to many schools, libraries and youth organizations throughout the South Shore and Boston. Children may enter once for each book they read. A parent or guardian must sign the entry form, verifying that the book was completed. Three winners' names will be drawn every Monday for seven consecutive weeks, from June 2 until July 14.

For more information about Read to Ride 2003 or to print out an entry form, go to www.DependableCleaners.com, where you can also find directions to the Dependable Cleaners location nearest you.

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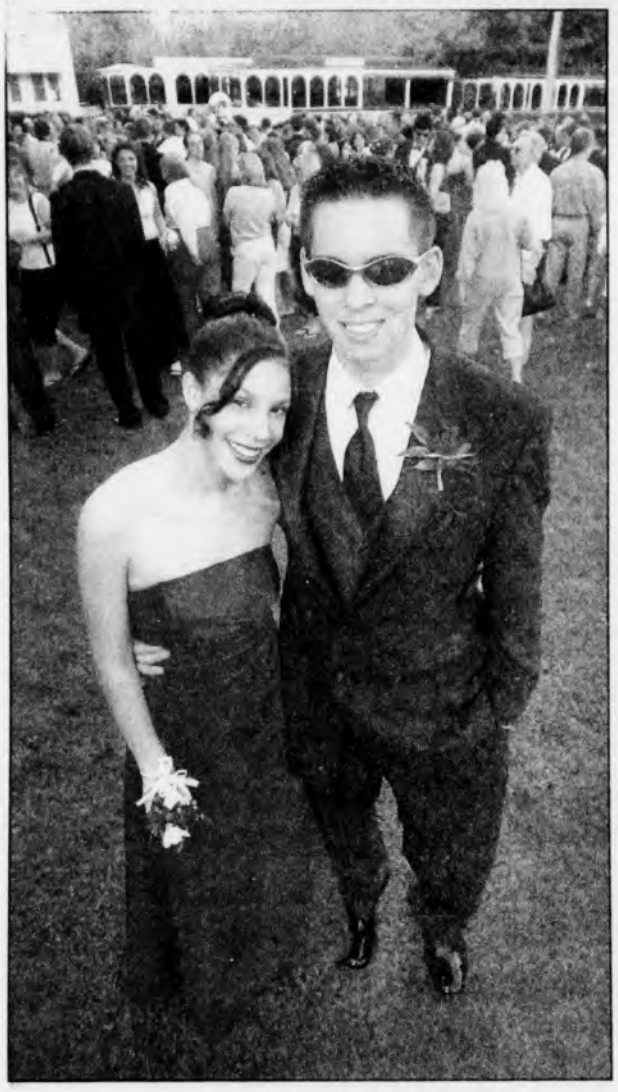
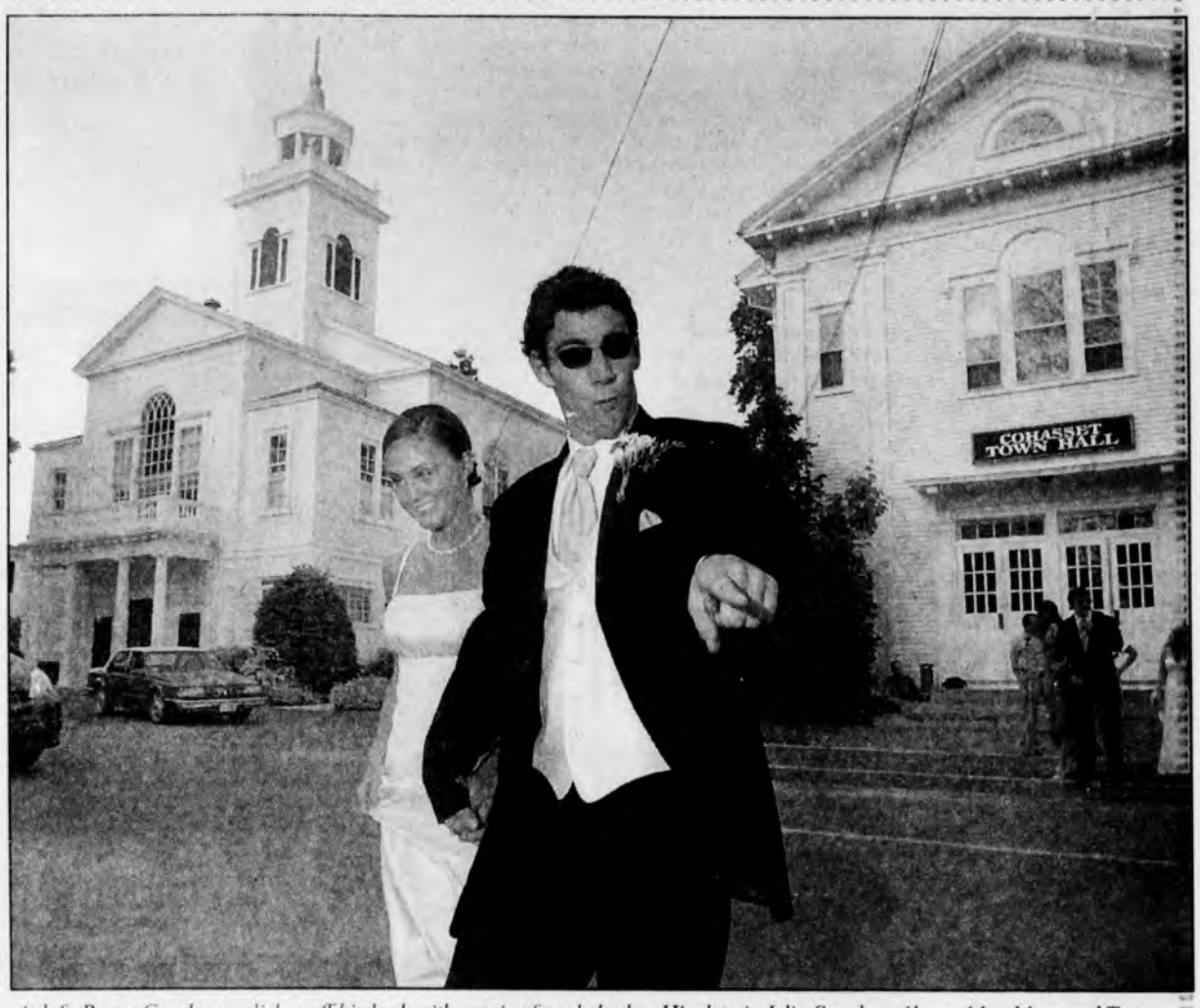
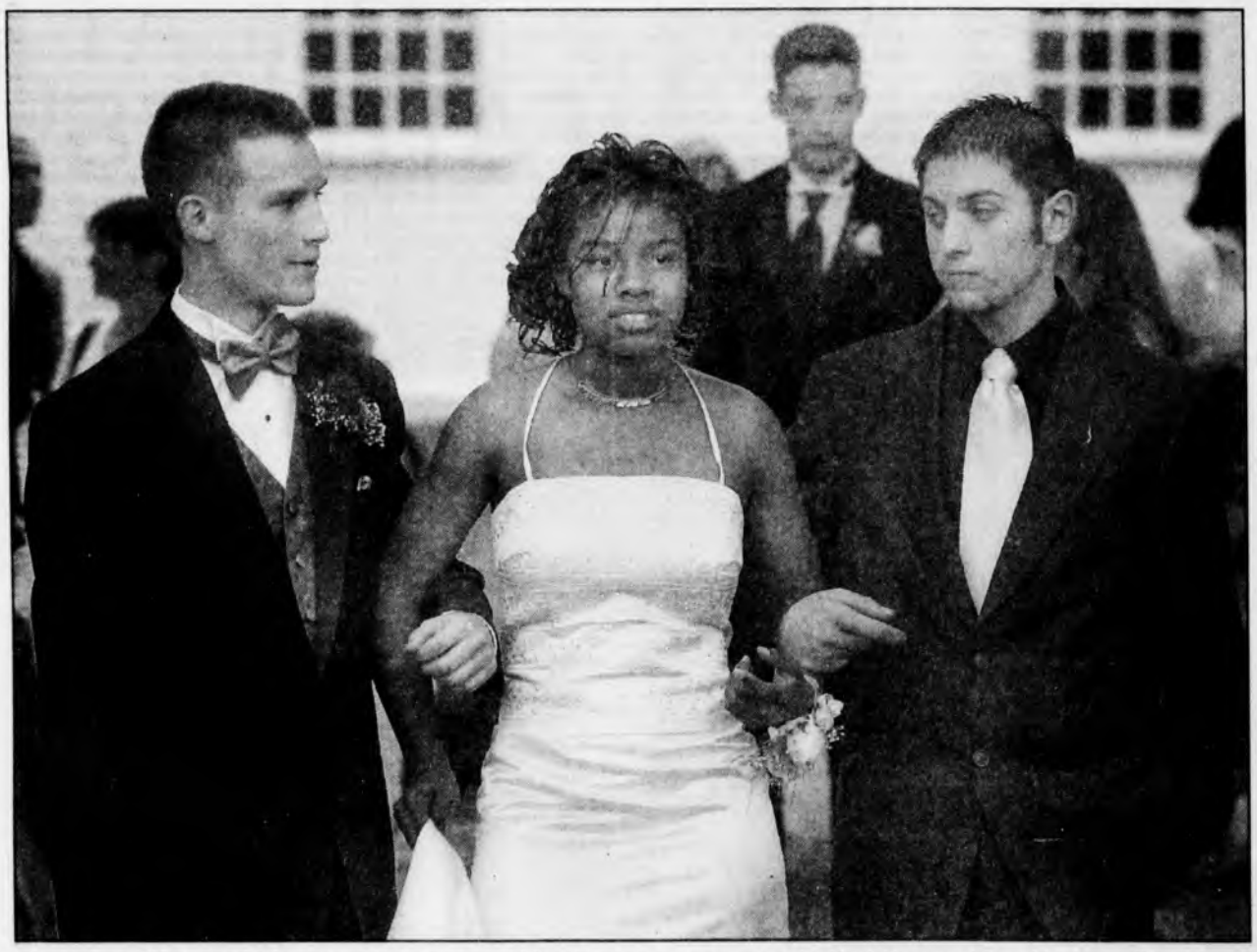
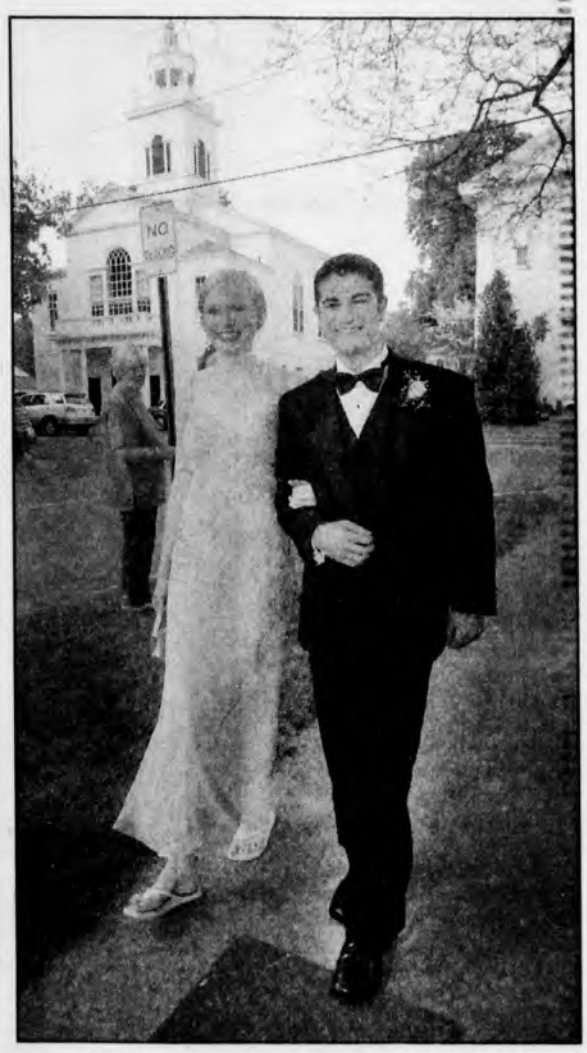


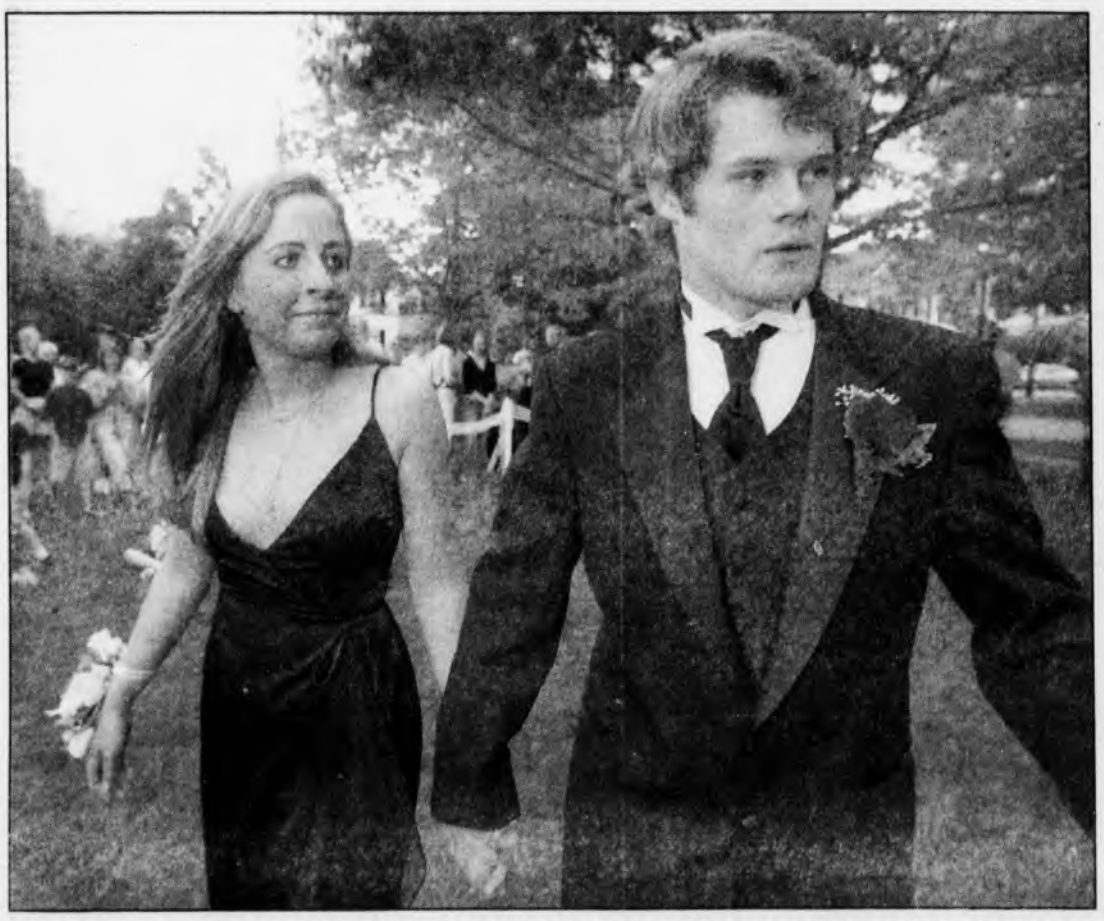


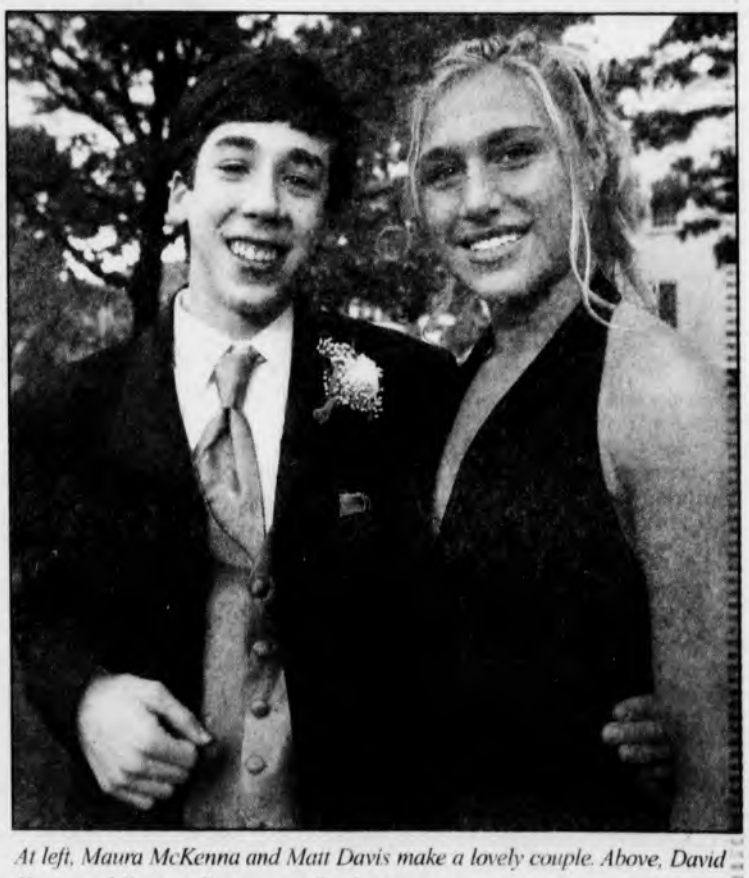
At left, Braun Goodson polishes off his look with a pair of cool shades. His date is Julia Sanchez. Above, Mea Marr and Tom Anderson make their way across Highland Avenue for the pre-prom party.





Above, Greg O'Brien and Adam escort LaRaine Langfold to the pre-prom party. At right, Heidi Vance and David Ingber walk to the red carpet.

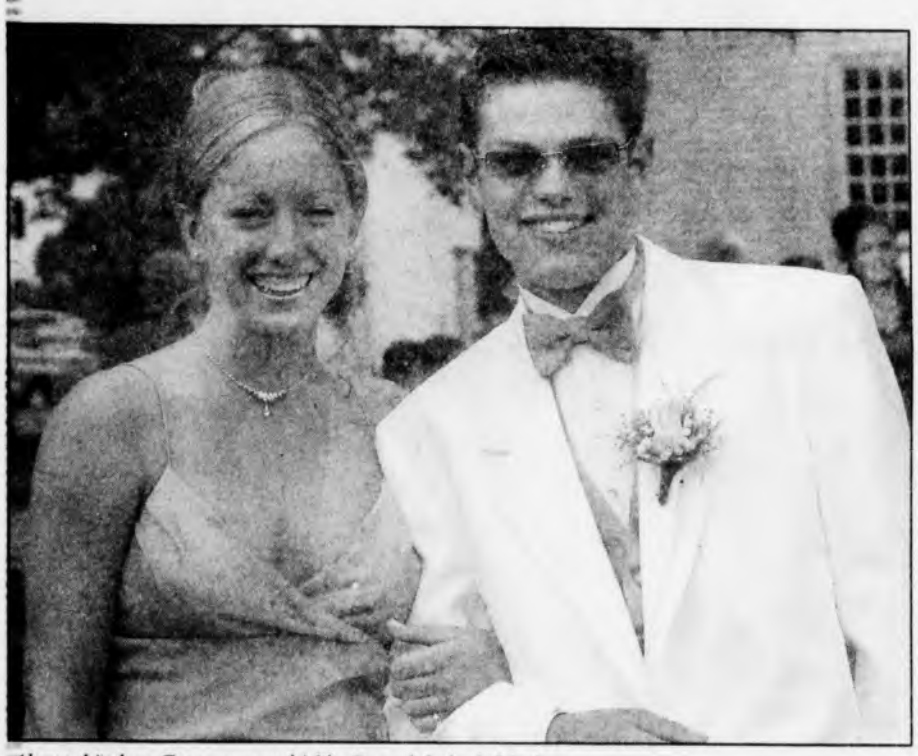




At left, Maura McKenna and Matt Davis make a lovely couple. Above, David Kupsc and Deanna Brown pose for the camera.

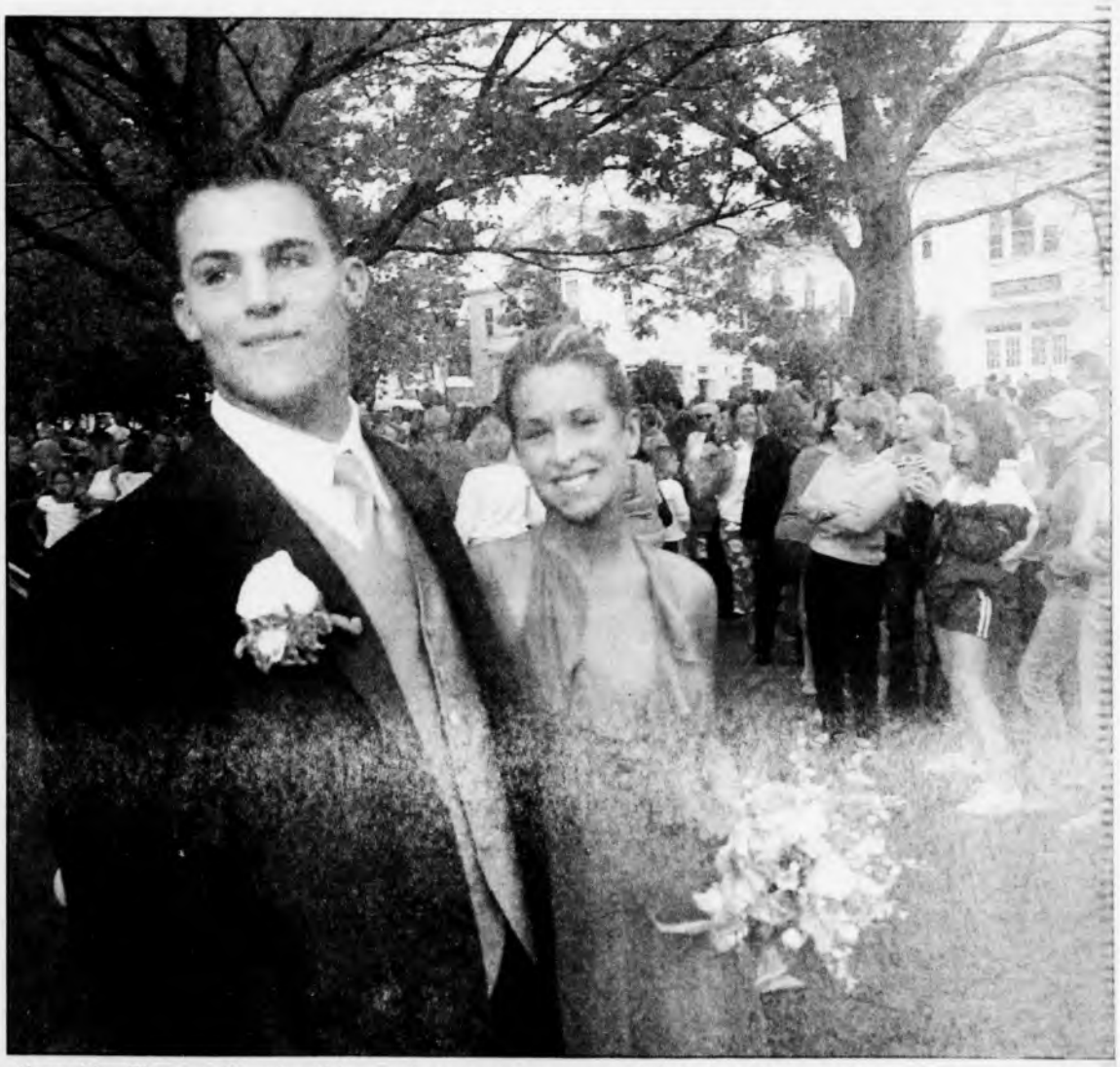
Pre-prom party is picture perfect

Above, Sara Dennis and Barry Tufts enjoy the festivities. At right, Bryan Bilton and Christa Nicynski walk down the red carpet.



Above, Lindsey Grossman and Mike Snowdale look fabulous.

Above, Ali Earon and Jared Krupczak ham it up at the pre-prom party on Friday.



Above, Matt Winter and Yasmine Afshar are the center of attention. At left, Taylor O'Brien and Greg O'Connell stroll along the Town Common during Friday's gala.

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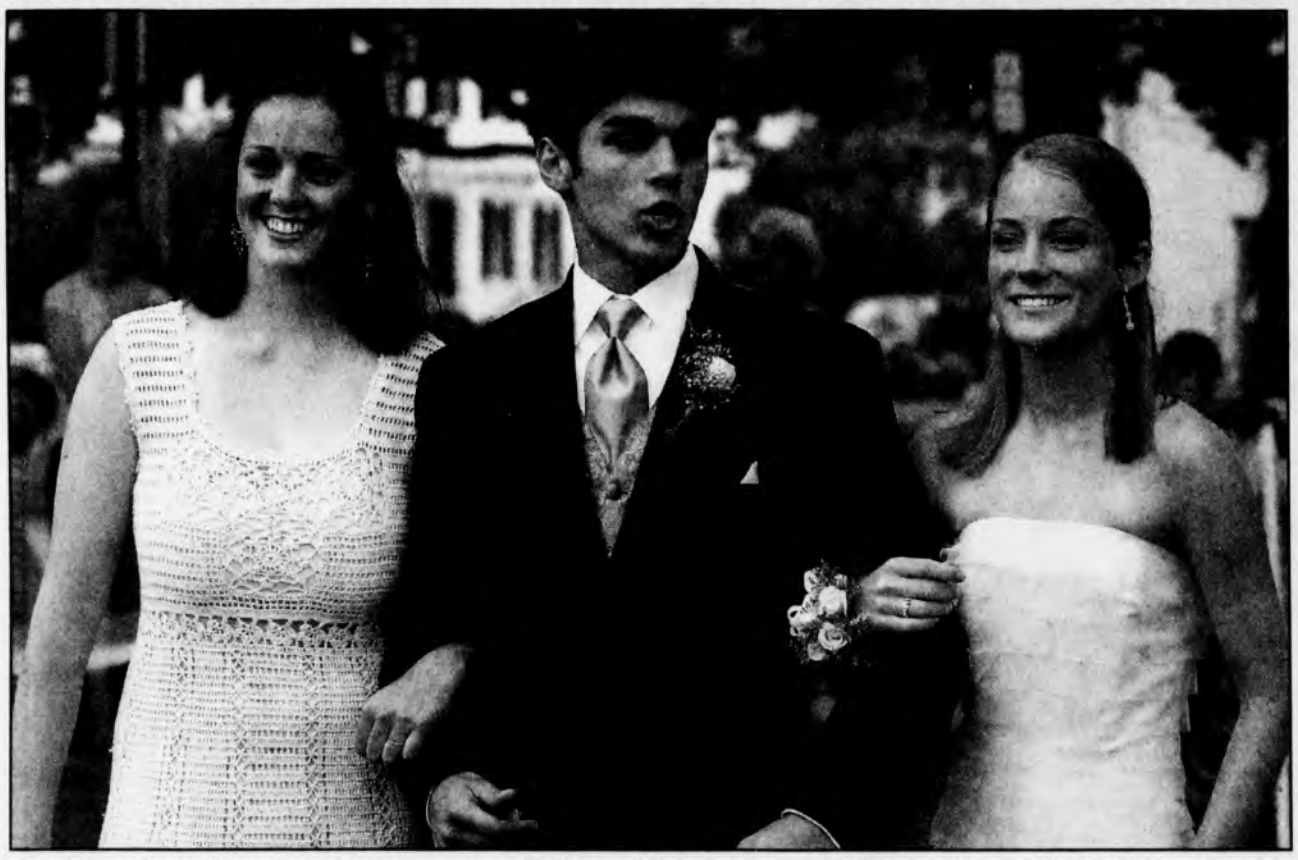

Curt Kahn is flanked by two beautiful young women, Julie Shea and Katherine Coyne. At right Jacqui Dupre and Chris Flynn make a fashion statement.

Above, Haley Kingsland and Ross Lieb-Lappen awe onlookers. At left, Mark Chapman and Laura Genello on board the trolley featuring Jackie and JFK.

Clockwise from left, Lily Smith, Madison Pratt, Regan O'Donnell, Paige Carrabes and Kristi McNam head over the to common to see the prom couples. Pre-prom cheerleaders are Nancy Durkin, Casey Anderson, Nicole Whitney and Miranda Lanzillotti. Christa Sadler strolls by the duck pond.

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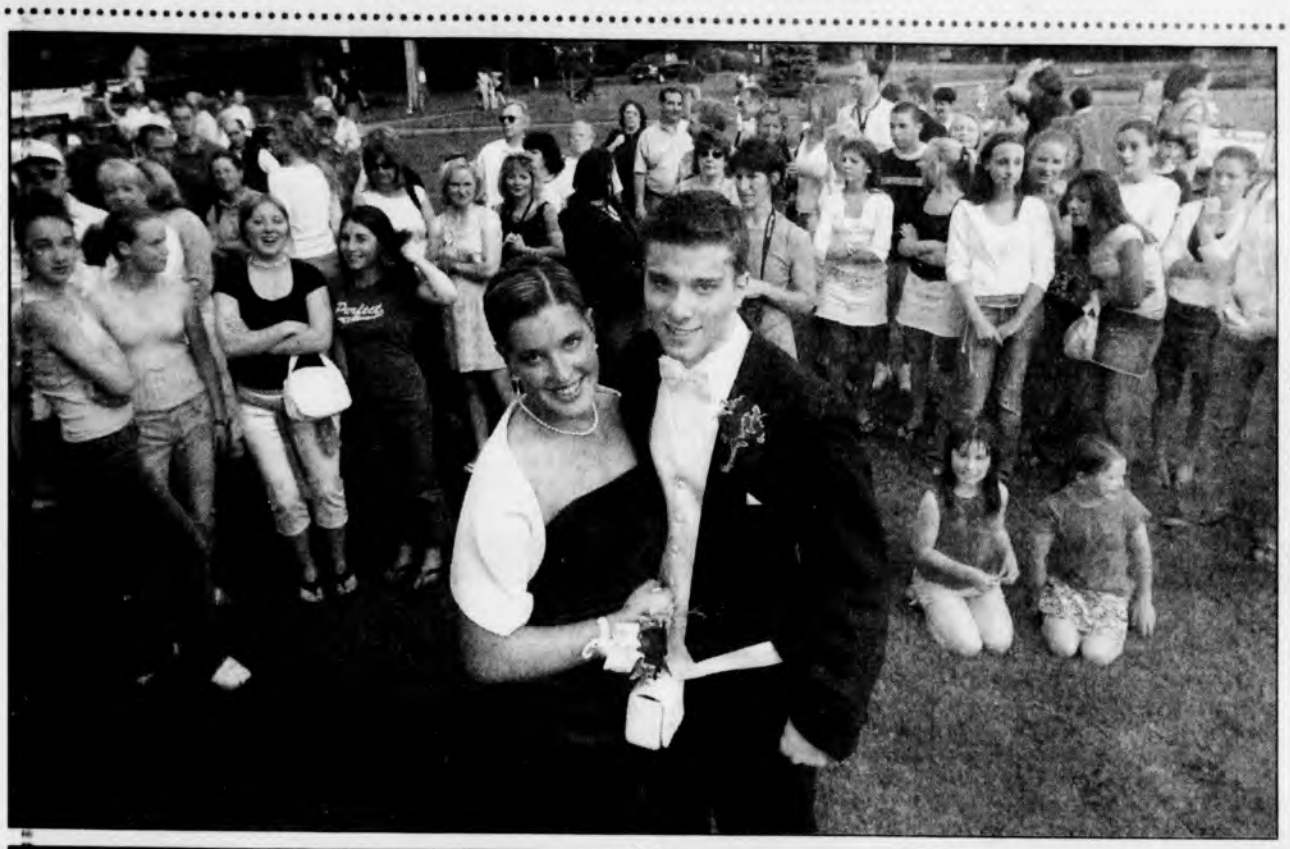
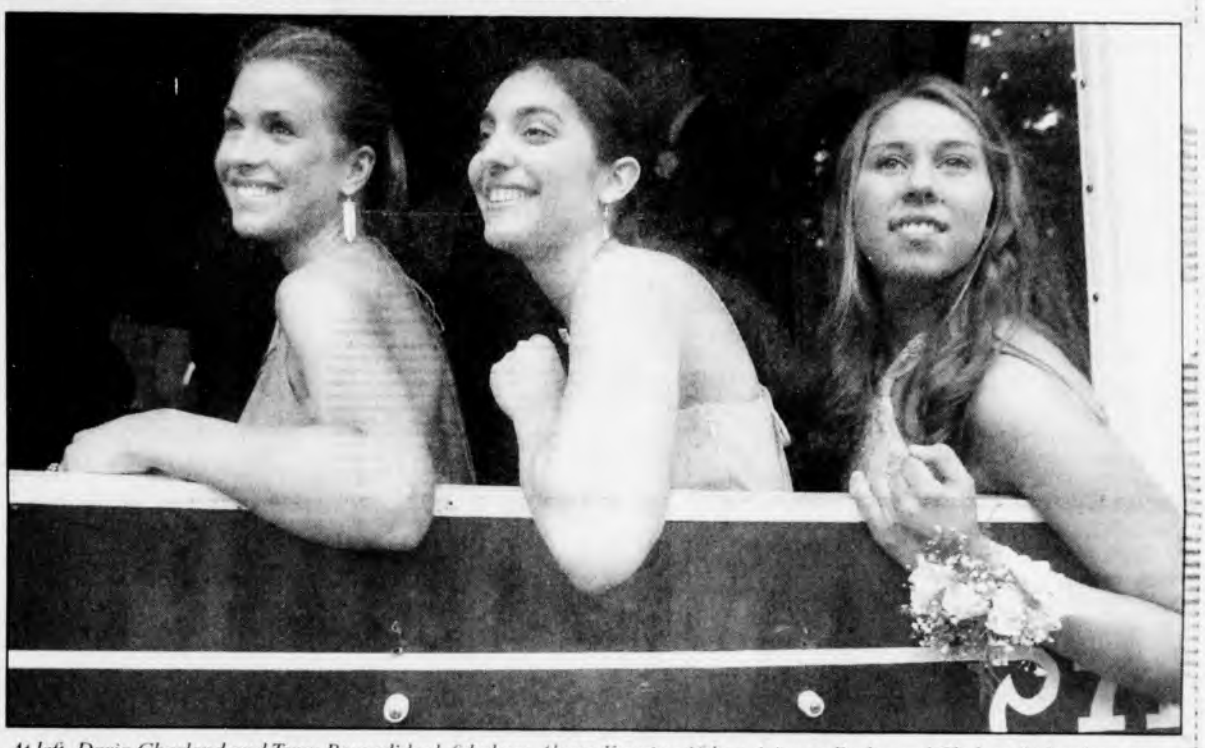
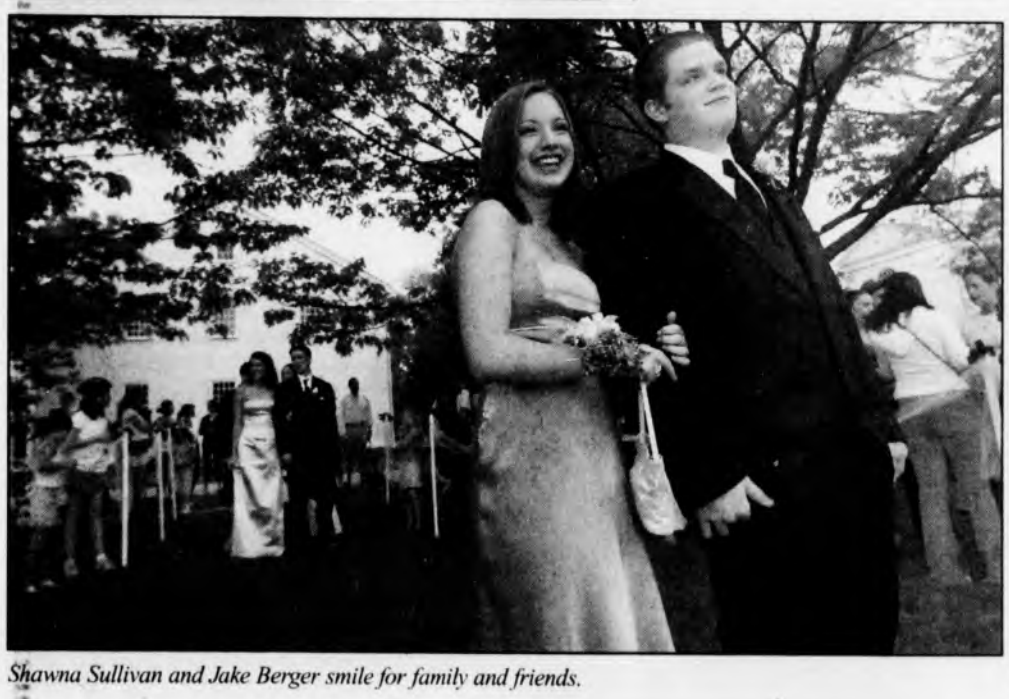


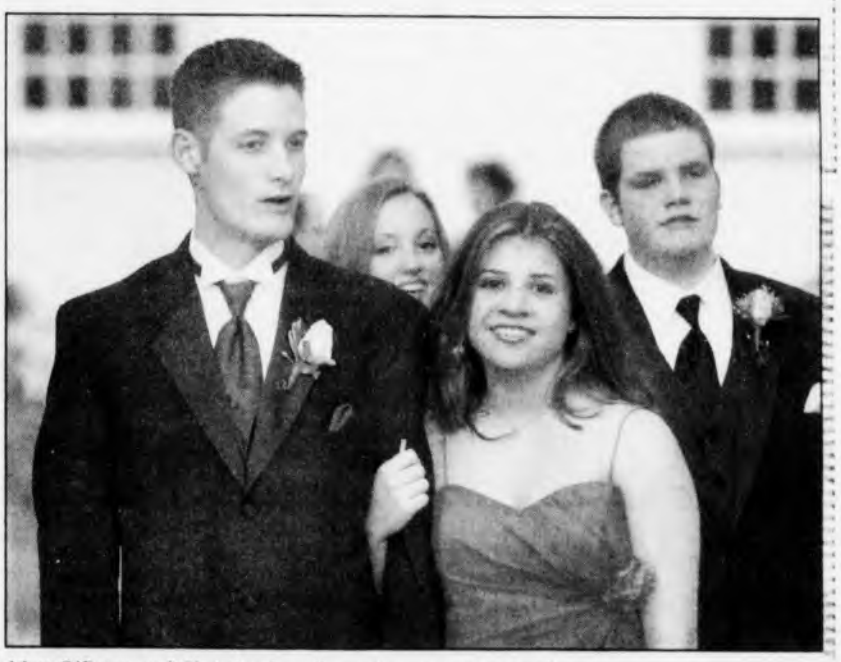
At left, Kim Ulmer and Liam Martin take center stage. Above, Matt Winter and Yasmine Afshar walk along the red carpet.



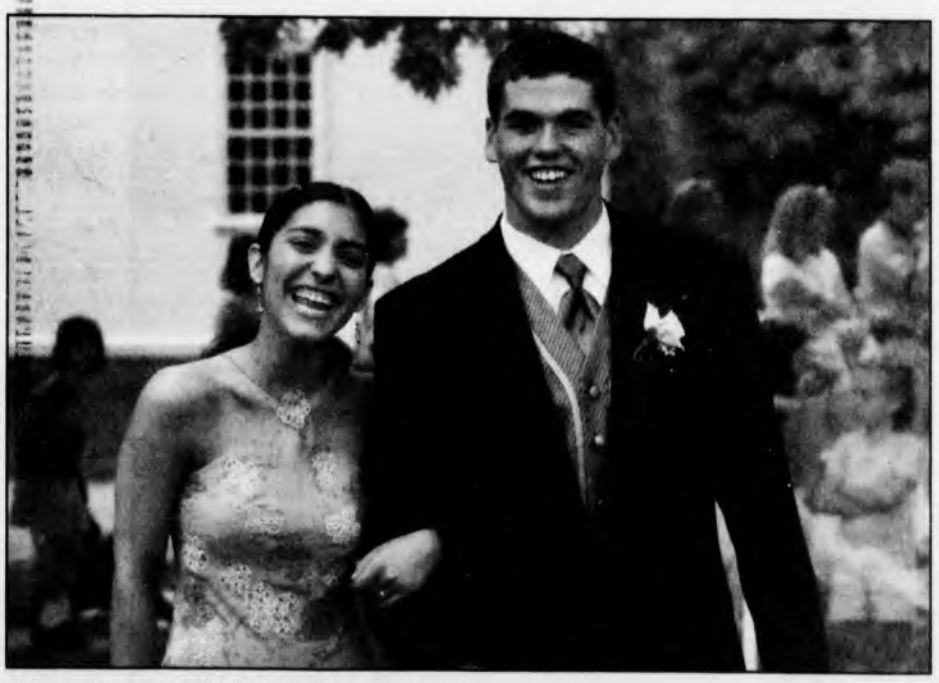
At left, Daria Charland and Terry Baroudi look fabulous. Above, Yasmine Afshar, Arianna Dedes and Chelsea Richardson are onboard the trolley.



Shawna Sullivan and Jake Berger smile for family and friends.



Matt O'Brien and Christine Lovallo make a stunning couple.



Arianna Dedes and Teddie Straughn enjoy the pre-prom party.

Cosimo Cambi and Nicole Turgiss take their walk along the red carpet.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom:

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham (781)-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantorial Soloist: Abby Gostein. Friday evening and Saturday morning worship. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. Visit www.shaaray.org for specific times and details.

Second Congregational Church:

The Second Congregational Church located at 43 Highland Ave. offers a quieter, more liturgical style of worship with communion at 8 a.m. on Sundays in the chapel. Our traditional service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. For further information please contact us at (781) 383 - 0345 or visit us on line at www.secondcongregationalchurch.com.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Parish:

The First Parish Church, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m.

The celebration of Pentecost takes place Sunday with the Gospel in different languages and red balloons descending to conclude the worship! Poetry and Spirituality Group meets Wed., June 11 at 2:30 p.m. All welcome.

In the Scripture lessons for the Pentecost, the Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the Holy Spirit filling the apostles and empowering them to share the message of the gospel with people of different languages. The letter of 1st Corinthians declares that Christians are all of one body and are inspired by the same Spirit which is manifested in a variety of gifts and forms of service. In the Gospel, an appearance of the risen Lord is described in which he bestows the Holy Spirit on his disciples.

Preacher: The Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler.

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Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St., Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service; Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

Temple Beth Sholom

600 Nantasket Ave. 925-0091, 925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

LEGAL NOTICES

JONES ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P1159EP

In the Estate of ASHLEY F. JONES

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death April 11, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JUDITH W. O'DONOVAN of CARVER in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JUNE 25, 2003.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, May 12, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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Cohasset Mariner 6/5/03

ZBA/3 HIGHLAND AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday, June 16, 2003, at 7:00 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a Special Permit pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **David & Paula Buick,** seek an addition to a nonconforming structure at **3 Highland Ave.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-05-21.

AD#236234
Cohasset Mariner 5/29, 6/5/03

ZBA/53 PLEASANT ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday, June 16, 2003, at 7:00 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a Special Permit pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Kirk & Suzanne Jackisch,** seek to construct addition at **53 Pleasant St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-05-23.
AD#236232
Cohasset Mariner 5/29, 6/5/03

ZBA/58 MEADOW LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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AD#229259
Cohasset Mariner 5/29, 6/5/03

ZBA/59 BEACH ST.

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AD#229255
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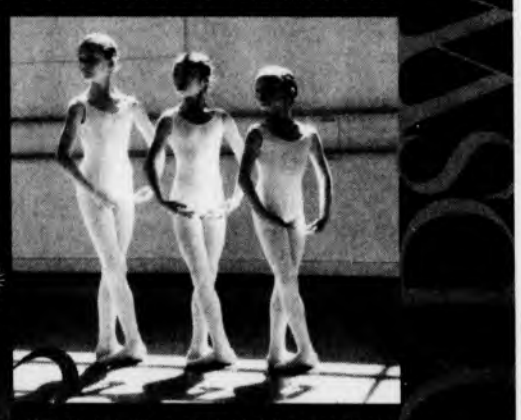

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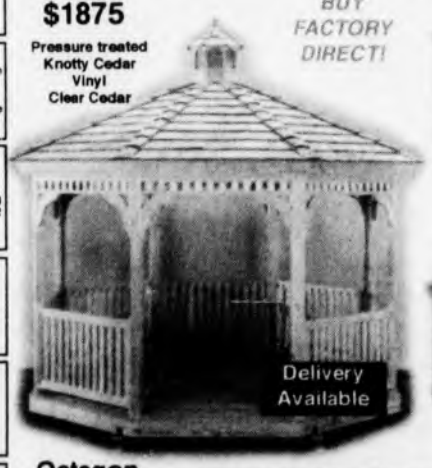

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THURSDAY, MAY 22

9:04 a.m. Atlantic Ave., illegal dumping.

4:30 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

5:18 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:23 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Hobart Lane, parking complaint.

5:27 p.m. Forest Ave. and Black Rock Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:35 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:13 p.m. King St., medical aid.

9:28 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity. Arrest of Wayne E. Curvin, 18, of 23 Massasoit Ave., Hull. Charge: Possession of a Class D drug—subsequent offense.

Arrest of Dustin T. Rooney, 19, of 589 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Charge: Possession of a Class D drug.

10:20 p.m. Flintlock Ridge Road, noise complaint.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

9:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., assist motorist.

10:24 a.m. Otis Ave., fire, investigation.

11:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

11:32 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

11:37 a.m. Pond St. and Bancroft Road, parking complaint.

12:32 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

1:49 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:59 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist motorist.

9:07 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Kristen Elizabeth Coak, 20, of 60 Samoset Ave., Hull. Charge: Unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

9:22 p.m. Hull St. and Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:44 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Lothrop Lane, motor vehicle accident, PI, transported to hospital.

11:03 p.m. North Main St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

11:21 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:26 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:34 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:46 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

12:25 a.m. Hull St., tree down.

12:32 a.m. Hull St., assist citizen.

2:29 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist municipal agency(ies).

3:18 a.m. Norfolk Road and Bancroft Road, assist motorist.

7:32 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

9:02 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

9:08 a.m. Sanctuary Pond Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

10:25 a.m. Nichols Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

10:51 a.m. Stanton Road, vandalism.

12:52 p.m. Sohier St., property, lost.

2:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:43 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

5:46 p.m. Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. Arrest of Ronald S. Anderson, 23, of 11 Third St., Weymouth. Charge: Possession of a Class D drug—subsequent offense.

8:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

9:37 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:31 p.m. Howard Gleason Road and Atlantic Ave., suspicious person(s)/activity, person brought to station.

11:53 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, assist citizen.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

12:32 a.m. Clay Spring Road, noise complaint.

1:16 a.m. Gammons Road, assist citizen.

3:10 a.m. Norman Todd Lane, medical aid, transported to hospital.

5:52 a.m. Tupelo Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

8:19 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

9:31 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle accident, transported to hospital.

11:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:04 p.m. White Head Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

Click It or Ticket nets 17 seatbelt violations

Thanks to help from a state grant, Cohasset police have been able to reinforce the message about the importance of wearing seatbelts this spring.

Over the past two weekends that included Memorial Day and the high school prom, Cohasset police served 37-1/2 hours on patrol and made 41 stops, resulting in 17 seatbelt violations, Police Chief Robert Jackson said.

In Massachusetts, not using a seatbelt is a secondary offense – meaning that you can only be cited for not wearing a seatbelt if stopped for speeding or other traffic violation. There is a $25 fine, but it is not a "surchargeable" offense and therefore, won't result in a hike in the motorist's automobile insurance, Jackson explained.

The stepped-up patrols were part of the "Click It or Ticket Campaign" and paid for in large part through a Governor's Highway Safety Bureau grant, Jackson said. During the campaign, police also issued 17 speeding citations and 17 written warnings for speeding, and made one arrest for operating under the influence. Three youths were also arrested for being minors in possession of alcohol and one citation was issued for an unregistered, uninsured vehicle.

"Hopefully this program will prevent a potential tragedy, by helping people realize the importance of buckling up," Jackson said.

He said more Click It or Ticket campaigns are planned for June 30-July 6and the Thanksgiving Day weekend.

4:28 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

5:40 p.m. Margin St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

6:46 p.m. Hull St., request for police officer/s.

7:13 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

8 p.m. Church St., animal call or complaint.

9:15 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

10:35 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

10:47 p.m. Hill St., assist motorist.

10:54 p.m. Bow St., request for police officer/s.

MONDAY, MAY 26

1:41 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

10:47 a.m. Elm St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

12:22 p.m. Bow St., investigation.

1:05 p.m. Border St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

1:18 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

5:07 p.m. Spring St., animal call or complaint.

10:02 p.m. Cedar Ledge Village, assist other police department.

11:41 p.m. South Main St., open door/window.

TUESDAY, MAY 27

6:50 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

9:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, log entry.

10:20 a.m. Elm St., property found.

11:44 a.m. Bancroft Road, fire, log entry.

12:33 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid.

1:11 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., traffic/motor vehicle complaint.

1:16 p.m. Cedar St., trespassing.

1:28 p.m. Elm St., identity fraud.

1:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny by check.

2:05 p.m. King St., medical aid.

2:41 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

3:41 p.m. North Main St., request for police officer/s.

6:54 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

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Friday, Aug. 1 — Sixpence None The Richer at 8 p.m. Special guest will be Kay Hanley. Tickets are $25 and $30 This Nashville-based quartet swept onto the scene with their breakthrough Grammy-nominated number one hit "Kiss Me" and its smash follow-up "There She Goes." Today their new album, "Divine Discontent" and the hit single "Don't Dream It's Over" are burning up the airways. Kay Hanley, formerly of Letters to Cleo, will open the show.

Thursday, Aug. 7 — The Honky-Tonk Tailgate Party, featuring Wade Hayes, Chad Brock, Rhett Akins and Daryle Singletary at 8 p.m. Tickets are $33 and $38. Four of country music's biggest names come together on stage for one electrifying night of great music, featuring dozens of their hit songs.

Saturday, Aug. 16 —The Edgar Winter Band at 8 p.m. With Special Guest Rick Derringer. Tickets are $27 and $32 A night of blues and rock and roll with the legendary Edgar Winter blasting through all his hits, including "Free Ride" and "Frankenstein." Longtime collaborator Rick Derringer will open the show, bringing back such memories as "Rock and Roll Hoochie-Koo."

The Honky-Tonk Tailgate Party, featuring Wade Hayes, Chad Brock, Rhett Akins and Daryle Singletary Thursday, Aug. 7 at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23 — Little River Band at 8 p.m. Tickets are 32 and $37. Little River Band celebrates 28 years as an enduring musical icon. During that time they have had 10 top-ten hits in the US charts, including "Happy Anniversary,' "Reminiscing," and "Take It Easy On Me."

Friday, Sept. 12 —Gin Blossoms at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $27 and $32. With the success of the upbeat MTV hits "Hey Jealousy," "Found Out About You" and "Till I Hear It From You," the Gin Blossoms have shown America the "happy" side of alternative music.

Friday, Sept. 19 — Kathy Mattea at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $32 and $37. This two-time Grammy Award-winner burst on the scene in 1986 with hits like "Goin' Gone," "Eighteen Wheels and a Dozen Roses" and "Where've You Been." And her newest album, "Roses" proves this dynamic performer is still going strong.

Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood, stars of 'Whose Line Is It Anyway? Sunday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26 — Starship, featuring Mickey Thomas at 7:30 p.m. With special guest Simon Kirke of Bad Company. Tickets are $25 and $30. When Mickey Thomas took over as the lead in Starship, the band immediately scored with the #1 hits "We Built This City" and "Sara." Starship quickly followed with another #1 hit "Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now" and the Top Ten "It's Not Over ('Til It's Over)" and "Jane." Simon Kirke, one of the founding members of the legendary Bad Company, will be the opening act.

Saturday, Sept. 27 — Carolyn Dawn Johnson, with Special Guest Bering Strait at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $28 and $33. Carolyn Dawn Johnson saw the release of her first album merit a number one hit ("Single White Female" for Cheryl Wright), an upcoming single for JoDee Messina ("Down Time") and the highly-coveted Music Row magazine's "Breakthrough Songwriter of the Year" award for 2000 Her new single and video, "I Don't Want You To Go," can be seen on CMT and GAC. Direct from Russia, Bering Strait is one of the hot up-and-coming country bands, and was recently featured on "60 Minutes."

Sunday, Oct. 5 — The Bacon Brothers at 7 p.m. Tickets are $27 and $32. Michael Bacon and his brother, actor Kevin Bacon, performed for the first time as the Bacon Brothers at a 1994 charity function in their hometown of Philadelphia. While both brothers had successful careers of their own (Kevin as a successful TV/film actor and Michael as an Emmy-winning music composer), they decided to join forces and take the Bacon Brothers on the road. In 1997 the duo released their first album, "Forosoco," an eclectic mix of folk, rock, soul and country

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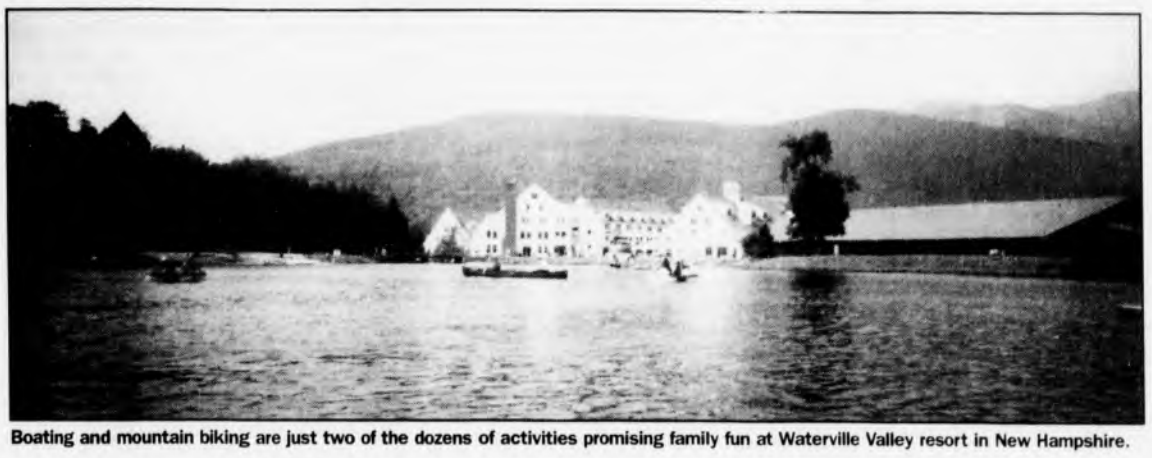

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Family friendly N.H. resort a vacation destination

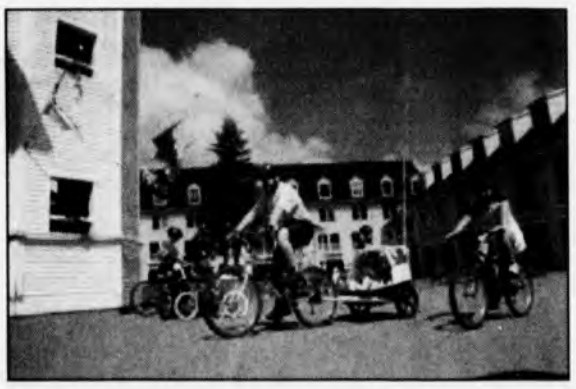
By Lisa M. Cataldo
CORRESPONDENT

Have you ever rented a cottage for the week planning to spend every minute at the beach, but it rained every day? Or how about getting that great deal on a motel room only to find you and your family too close for comfort, cramped up in a room on top of each other?

There's no doubt that parents have the very best of intentions when planning summer vacations, but it's the details that matter when it comes to making every member of the family satisfied. There are many factors that can either make or break a family vacation, but with careful planning, realistic expectations, and the right destination, families can enjoy a relaxing week away together forming memories that will last a lifetime.

Waterville Valley, New Hampshire is a ski resort area that has been attracting families during the summers for decades. Because of the abundance of activities offered to guests, many families have been known to park their cars and not look for their keys until the end of the week when it's time to go home.

Several inns and condominiums in Waterville Valley incorporate the *Summer Unlimited* pass into their daily rates which includes a two-hour daily mountain bike rental for each family member, a daily boat rental (kayak, paddle boat or canoe), unlimited court time on one of 18 outdoor clay tennis courts, 9 holes of midweek golf, one day of camp for children, and access to the White Mountain Athletic Club's indoor and outdoor pools, whirlpool, sauna and weight rooms. The local recreation department also offers an array of activities for families including children's golf lessons, archery, fishing trips, arts and crafts, and an open gym. The *Summer Unlimited* pass is also good on the day you check out. A shuttle is available to take families from one activity to the next.



Town Square, overlooking Corcoran's Pond in the Waterville Valley Village, is a picturesque scene with an exquisite mountain top backdrop. The square is home to a dozen shops, restaurants, general store, small beach area, and indoor skating rink, all within walking distance from the area's hotels, condominiums and inns. Because many of the lodging accommodations in the area are condominiums, families have more space and flexibility. Spending a week at a condominium often turns out to be a godsend for those on a budget, allowing families to cook their own meals. The extra space is also convenient at night when younger children turn in and older kids want to stay up to watch television or play a game.

"What families like best of all about Waterville Valley is that it's a self-contained resort, making it safe for families," said Janet Capaul, of the Waterville Valley Region Chamber of Commerce. "There's a wonderful kids program and so many different activities that kids and families can do together and separately. And it's a wonderful drive, within reach of a number of other attractions in the area."

The Waterville Valley Resort, just two hours north of Boston, was voted one of the top family resorts in the Northeast by FamilyFun Magazine in 2002. A day trip can be taken from the resort to a number of attractions popular with children such as Castle in the Clouds, Santa's Village, and Storyland.

"We're celebrating our 50th year this year at Storyland," remarked Jim Miller, marketing coordinator for the children's themepark in Glen, New Hampshire. "We're introducing two new attractions this year to celebrate – the Crazy Barn ride and the new miniature Tractor ride."

Storyland, located on 40 acres, is a well-manicured park

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Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

Fish in water story

Finding Nemo (A-)

Are there really 3.7 trillion fish in the sea, give or take? That's one of those factoids that probably has no chance of amounting to a kettle of fish, speaking of fish. But it's a place to start, since this Pixar comedy, mercifully lacking songs and a gloopy accompanying musical soundtrack, concentrates on the awesome task of finding one wee orange and white clown fish in the whole big sea, from the coral reef up to the bay of Sydney, Australia.

Nemo (voiced by Alexander Gould), with one deficient fin, is all that's left of the family of Marlin (Albert Brooks), who saw his wife and oodles of eggs about to hatch devoured in one swoop by a shark. Protective of his child to a fault, Marlin reluctantly takes the youngster to his first day of school. Kids being kids, Nemo disobeys dad's strict orders not to venture beyond the point where the reef drops off to unimaginable depths, and before you know it Nemo is scooped up in a net by a man in a boat and carried off to, as it turns out, a fish tank in a dentist's office.

So begins the adventure, excitingly told as a two-fold drama. Marlin, desperate to find directions to follow that boat, inquires of a lady fish, blue, and as it turns out, hopelessly muddled and with the memory of a fishy version of the poor fellow in "Memento." Dory (voice of Ellen DeGeneres), who can barely remember she's a fish, much less what she's doing, accompanies Marlin. She gets the best lines, delivered in DeGeneres' standard dead pan (suggesting that she needs another TV program, maybe as a tuna?). Three sharks trying to think of fish not as food but as friends are among the many creatures Marlin and Dory encounter.

The other strand is told in the dentist's office. In the fish tank where Nemo finds himself he also finds friends, notably Gill (Willem Dafoe), who dreams continually of escape and whom the other fish look to if not quite for guidance in his hair-brained (gill-brained?) schemes then at least for his valor and honor and kindness. Nemo is soon to become the pet of a nasty moppet, the dentist's niece, and we know she will mishandle her fish and an unhappy end awaits him.

"Finding Nemo" swims with these strands and alternates them, with a color

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Worried Marlin and ditzy Dory make their way through a bloom of jellyfish.

Living

The mystery of sponge cake

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

For many bakers, sponge cake is no longer a simple workhorse recipe. The reason? Many cookbooks make a sponge cake using the French genoise method, which is finicky and prone to disaster.

My first step was to find a better, more foolproof recipe. My first thought was to use a more American approach, one used for chiffon cake. Some or all of the eggs are separated and then beaten independently. I knew that egg whites, especially when beaten with sugar, are relatively sturdy and less prone to deflating than whole egg foam. With that in mind, I began my search for a light cake, one with a springy but delicate texture, not dry or tough, one that would stand up nicely to rich custard filling. I began with a recipe that called for 3/4 cup cake flour, 3/4 cup sugar, and 5 eggs. I started by separating out all five of the whites and found that the cake was good but a bit too light with insufficient structure. When all-purpose flour was substituted for cake flour, the cake had more body and it was a bit tougher than the version with cake flour. I then tried different ratios of the two flours, finally settling with two-thirds cake flour to one third all-purpose. I also tested the proper ratio of eggs to flour and found that 5 eggs to 3/4 cup flour was best. Six eggs produced an "eggy" cake; four eggs resulted in a lower rise and a cake with a bit less flavor.

Two other ingredients added fat and flavor: four tablespoons of melted butter and two tablespoons of milk. Although I thought that the baking powder might be optional, it turned out to be essential to a properly risen cake since I was adding milk and butter. By adding cream of tartar to the egg whites during beating, the cake became tenderer, more evenly textured, and had more structure. This was because cream of tartar is an acid, which improves the performance of egg whites during whipping and baking.

Three baking temperatures were tested: 325, 350 and 375 degrees, and 350 degrees was the winner. I also discovered that this recipe can be made successfully in either two 8-inch or 9-inch pans, although making the entire recipe in one pan (one with high sides) is not recommended. The cake falls in the center. Determining when a sponge cake is properly cooked is a little more difficult than with a regular American layer cake. It should, however, provide some resistance and not feel as if one just touched the top of a soufflé. Another good test is color. The top of the cake should be a nice light brown, not a pale golden, nor should it be a dark, rich, brown.

You can fill these rounds with lemon filling or simply use any sort of jam and then sprinkle the top with powdered sugar (a fine sieve works well for this). By the way, jam-filled sponge cakes were very popular in the 19th century and were sometimes referred to as Martha Washington cakes.

FOOLPROOF SPONGE CAKE

The egg whites should be beaten to soft, glossy, billowy peaks. If beaten too stiff, they will be very difficult to fold in the whole-egg mixture.

1/2 cup cake flour
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons milk
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
5 eggs, room temperature
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

1. Adjust oven rack to lower middle position and heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease two 8- or 9-inch cake pans and cover pan bottom with a round of parchment paper. Whisk flours, baking powder, and salt in a medium bowl (or sift onto waxed paper). Heat milk and butter in a small saucepan over low heat until butter melts. Off heat, add vanilla; cover and keep warm.

2. Separate the eggs, placing whites in bowl of standing mixer fitted with the whisk attachment. Reserve the yolks in another mixing bowl. Beat the whites on high speed until whites are foamy. Gradually add 6 tablespoons of the sugar and the cream of tartar; continue to beat whites to soft, moist peaks. Transfer whites to a large bowl and add the yolks to the mixer bowl. (You do not need to wash the bowl.)

3. Beat the yolks with the remaining 6 tablespoons sugar on medium-high speed until eggs are very thick and a pale lemon color about 5 minutes. Return the beaten whites to the bowl and then sprinkle the flour mixture over beaten eggs. Mix on lowest speed for 10 seconds. Remove bowl from mixer, make a well on one side, and pour the melted butter mixture into the bowl. Fold very gently with a large rubber spatula until batter is evenly mixed, about 8 strokes.

5. Immediately pour batter into prepared baking pans; bake until cake tops are light brown and feel firm and spring back when touched, about 16 to 18 minutes for 9-inch cake pans and 20 to 22 minutes for 8-inch cake pans.

6. Cool completely on racks. Run a thin knife around the outside of the cake pans and then invert onto the racks (or onto cardboard rounds or tart pan bottoms) to release the cake from the pans. Remove parchment and fill and/or frost.

Makes two 8- or 9-inch rounds.

RICH LEMON FILLING

This is an excellent filling for sponge cake. It thickens easily and has plenty of lemon flavor.

1 cup sugar
1/4 cup cornstarch
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 3/8 cups cold water
4 large eggs
2 teaspoons zest from 1 lemon
1/2 cup lemon juice from 2 lemons
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
Confectioner's sugar for dusting

1. Bring sugar, cornstarch, salt, and water to simmer in a large nonreactive saucepan over medium heat, whisking occasionally at beginning of process and more frequently as mixture begins to thicken. When mixture starts to simmer and turn translucent, whisk in egg yolks, two at a time. Whisk in zest, then lemon juice, and finally butter. Bring mixture to a good simmer, whisking constantly. Remove from heat, and transfer to another container to cool to room temperature, placing a piece of plastic wrap directly on the surface of the filling to prevent a skin from forming. Let stand to a firm room temperature. (Can be refrigerated overnight.) To ensure that lemon filling does not thin out, do not whisk or vigorously stir it once it has set.

3. Carefully spoon filling over layer and spread evenly up to cake edge. Place the second layer on top making sure layers line up properly. Dust with confectioner's sugar and serve.

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Fabulous foliages for the shady garden

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

The spirited melodies of tiny house wrens reverberate through the Scotch pine boughs above my garden as these petite birds energetically gather materials to build their nest. Each spring they return to raise their brood in the little birdhouse that dangles from a limb overlooking expansive clumps of frilly ferns, broad-leafed hostas and finely textured astilbes. Despite our dreary weather, they cheerfully collect twigs and stems that protrude through every opening in the nesting box. In the weeks to come, their efforts to nourish their hungry offspring will help to reduce the burgeoning insect population. I welcome their efforts, admire their work ethic, and consider their presence one of the most enjoyable rewards of my extensive plantings.

Momentarily mesmerized by their nearly continuous serenade, I paused to admire the lush, nearly tropical growth that has emerged from the damp earth beneath this small cluster of pine, birch, and cherry trees along my shady garden path. Dozens of hosta cultivars have never appeared more robust, their broad, succulent leaves creating majestic mounds of sensational proportions. From May to frost, these low-maintenance plants provide an elegant display of glorious foliage that cannot be surpassed for their diversity of leaf color and shape, plant habit, size and texture. Given these glowing attributes, it is not surprising that hostas currently rank as the most popular perennials in the country.

Hundreds of hosta cultivars have been introduced in recent years. Leaves vary in shape from round or heart-shaped to elongated or strap-like. Leaf size may be barely larger than a dime in the miniature cultivars, to nearly 24 inches across in some of the larger varieties. Miniature plants produce perfect, tiny mounds of foliage only four to six inches tall, ideal for the rock garden or the front of the border. Many of the giants resemble elephant ears with mature clumps reaching a dramatic stature of up to four feet tall which can serve as a focal point or backdrop for the rear of the border.

Hosta leaf color ranges from vibrant gold to deep, dark green, including shades of blue-green. Every conceivable combination of variegation is possible in white, cream or gold. These white or gold markings may be in the center of the leaf, around the outer margin, or splashed across the leaf. Tubular flowers may be white, lavender or purple and attract hummingbirds.

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Variations in the textural quality of the hosta leaves further enhance the overall appearance of established clumps. Foliage may be glossy and smooth with a satin-like finish or cupped and puckered, creating a sear-sucker effect. While some varieties form perfectly symmetrical mounds of foliage, a few types are stoloniferous and spread quickly to form a dense ground cover. Perhaps my personal favorites are those that demonstrate an elegant, vase-shaped form, their leaves having particularly long, upright stems. Recent storms pummeled many of these stately cultivars including the magnificent Montana 'Aureomarginata', 'Regal Splendor', and 'Sagae', but hopefully these will quickly recover and resume their statuesque display.

Despite my love affair with the family of hostas, contrast in plant form, color and texture are primary design considerations in all my gardens, especially in the shady borders where foliage becomes the dominant player during the latter half of the growing season. Bleeding hearts (Dicentra spp.) are truly luxuriant this spring providing attractive, finely cut foliage that furnishes a pleasant contrast to the broad leaves of hostas in addition to their display of charming pink and white flowers. Tolerant of sun where soils are moisture-retentive, they thrive in dappled shade. The lovely, old-fashioned bleeding heart, D. spectabilis, with its perfectly formed rose-pink or white, heart-shaped flowers carried on arching, 3-foot fleshy stems, is truly a delight although the plant may turn yellow and enter dormancy in midsummer. The smaller fringed bleeding hearts, D. eximia, add marvelous textural variation to the shady garden and bloom intermittently throughout the summer. A recent introduction, D. 'King of Hearts', is particularly attractive demonstrating lacy blue-tinted foliage and deep rose-pink blossoms.

Interspersed among my growing collection of hosta cultivars are several clumps of feathery ferns. Clumps of Cinnamon fern (Osmunda cinnamomoea) and the evergreen Christmas fern (Polystichum acrostichoides) create an attractive foil for gold-tinted hostas while selected crested varieties of Lady Ferns (Athyrium Filix-femina) and Male Ferns (Dryopteris Filix-mas) provide a lacy contrast. Perhaps my two favorite ferns are the delicate Maidenhair Fern (Adiantum pedatum) and the Japanese Painted Fern (Athyrium nipponicum 'Pictum'). The wiry black stems of the Maidenhair fern grow to about a foot in height producing soft gray green foliage, which becomes light green with black midribs as the leaves mature. The Japanese Painted Fern furnishes colorful 18-inch fronds that are a unique, appealing blend of metallic silver, blue, green and burgundy. Truly a star in its own right, I adore it planted among blue hostas and the lovely bronze and purple-tinted leaves of the new strains of coral bells (Heuchera) including H. 'Plum Pudding', and H. 'Stormy Seas'.

Our local nurseries offer a diversity of shade-loving plants including many varieties of hosta. For a particularly large selection of hosta cultivars and unique shade plants, plan a visit to Cochato Nursery, 373 N. Franklin St. (Rt. 37) in Holbrook near the Braintree town line. The nursery and its lovely display gardens are open Thursday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Fish in water story

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palette heavy on the primaries for the Pixar approach's palpable feel of an imagined Disney ocean. The humans are less persuasively created, the dentist the main one, but the fish offer distinctive characterizations, with vocal work by Barry Humphries as a shark, Geoffrey Rush as a pelican, also Brad Garrett, Erik Per Sullivan, Allison Janney, Richard Kind and Austin Pendleton. The adventure itself satisfyingly concludes, unless you happen to believe that the appropriate place for a pretty fish is in a dentist's office fish tank. And as Crush, the ancient surfer-hip turtle would say, *Dude, that's so un-way-cool, dude.*

There is danger here and the loss, as so often in a Disney film, of loved ones. Children are increasingly accustomed to heavy stuff in movies designed for them but adults may shed a tear even if the children take it all in stride, or in fin, or, well, glub glub.

Written and directed by Andrew Stanton. Rated G

Mountains of fun

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geared for children ages 2 through 12 based on classic children's stories and nursery rhymes such as Humpty Dumpty, The Old Woman in the Shoe, The Three Bears and Peter Rabbit. The park houses 20 themed rides, 4 live shows, a play area, and various attractions. Some have referred to the park as a "mini-Disney World."

"We do hear those comparisons," Miller said. "I think what keeps people coming back is a number of factors. First, we have stayed true to the original vision of the park and I think families appreciate that. And secondly, we keep the park clean and well maintained and our staff is friendly. Also, we have kept our pricing appropriate, so it's a good value for families."

According to Miller, Storyland has tens of thousands of visitors each year, primarily from the New England states and New York. The park is also adjacent to Heritage-NH, an interactive time travel adventure that celebrates the history of the early 1600s to present day. Heritage-NH has added a new attraction for 2003 – the Segway Human Transporter. The Segway, invented by New Hampshire native Dean Kamen, is a transportation device that will be available for visitors to try out for themselves.

Although Storyland is geared for children up to the age of 12, Miller said that older siblings really seem to enjoy the Bamboo Chutes, Dr. Geyser's Remarkable Raft Ride, the Turtle Twirl and the Polar Coaster. The park offers mother/baby feeding and changing rooms, complimentary strollers, and complimentary kennels on a first come, first served basis. Miller added that Heritage appeals to all ages.

"Waterville Valley offers different types of accommodations, everything from hotels and inns to 5 bedroom condos," said resort spokesman Stacy Lopes. "What attracts people is the fact that it's really affordable for families. It's located so that a day trip to the attractions is very accessible. Here at the resort everything is within walking distance and that's what makes it unique. It's a summer resort that lends itself to be family friendly."

Waterville Valley Resort, 1 Ski Area Road, Waterville Valley, New Hampshire – Tel. 603-236-8311 or 1-800-468-2553 www.waterville.com/summer

Storyland, Route 16, Glen, New Hampshire - Tel. 603-383-4186 www.storylandnh. com

Hall of fame

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sounds.

Friday, Oct. 10 — Spin Doctors, with Special Guest Presidents of the United States of America at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $28 and $33. The Spin Doctors' 1991 debut "Pocketful of Kryptonite" contained the radio megahits "Little Miss Can't Be Wrong" and "Two Princes," which propelled the shaggy neo-hippie act from intimate clubs to enormous amphitheaters in less than a year. Opening for The Spin Doctors will be Presidents of the United States of America.

Saturday, Oct. 18 Three Dog Night at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $33 and $38. Nobody had more hits in the 1970s than Three Dog Night, including "Joy to the World," "Old-Fashioned Love Song," "Eli's Coming," "Never Been to Spain" and "Celebrate." Their current line up features founding members, Corey Wells and Danny Hutton.

Friday, Oct. 24 — The Solid Gold Oldies Show, featuring The Crystals, Frankie Ford & The Tokens at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $27 and $32. Three of the biggest hit-makers of the 50s & 60s bring back those jukebox memories; The Crystals ("He's A Rebel," "Da-Doo-Ron-Ron"), Frankie Ford ("Sea Cruise") and The Tokens ("The Lion Sleeps Tonight").

Saturday, Oct. 25… That '70s Concert, featuring The Trammps, Tavares, and Musique at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25 and $30. Dig those platform shoes out of the closet and catch a little Saturday night fever with a show that is sure to get you up and dancing with the great music of The Trammps ("Disco Inferno"), Tavares ("More Than A Woman," "It Only Takes A Minute"), and Musique, featuring not only their disco classic, "Push Push," but also a tribute to the music of Donna Summer. Don't miss the fun. Polyester optional.

Sunday, Oct 26 — Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two Woman Show at 7 p.m. Tickets are $33 & $38.After her Emmy Award-winning career on "The Carol Burnett Show", Vicki went on to star in "Mama's Family," which consistently topped the ratings for its entire six-year run of original shows. "Mama" has attained almost a cult status among her legions of loyal television viewers, who still enjoy her in reruns twice daily throughout most of the country. You're sure to enjoy this unique night of music and comedy.

Saturday, Nov. 1 — Peter Wolf at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25 and $30. The hard-working frontman for the legendary J. Geils Band take the stage for a night of blues, rock and soul, featuring the J. Geils' favorites that you all know and love, as well as songs from his critically-acclaimed new solo album, "Sleepless."

Saturday, Nov. 8 —The 5th Dimension at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $32 & $37. Founding members Lamont McLemore and Florence LaRue bring their smooth harmonies to a musical legacy of 20 Top-40 hits, including such classics as "Up-Up and Away," "Stoned Soul Picnic," "Wedding Bell Blues," "One Less Bell To Answer," and the Number-1 hit "Aquarius/ Let The Sunshine In"

Friday, Nov. 14 — The Marshall Tucker Band at 7:30 p.m. With special guest John Ford Coley. Tickets are $27 and $32. This major Southern rock band of the '70s was founded by singer Doug Gray and guitarist Toy Caldwell. Caldwell has passed away. Doug Gray continues the great tradition that has produced such rock classics "Heard It in a Love Song," "Fire on the Mountain" and "Can't You See." John Ford Coley, one-half of the '70s pop/duo England Dan & John Ford Coley will open with such great hits as "Nights Are Forever Without You."

Saturday, Nov. 15 — Joan Jett & The Blackhearts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $32 and $37. The original bad-girl of rock 'n roll will blast through a set of her greatest hits, including "I Love Rock 'N Roll," "Crimson & Clover," "Do You Want To Touch Me," "I Hate Myself For Lovin' You," and many more.

Sunday, Nov. 16 — An Evening with Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood, stars of 'Whose Line Is It Anyway? at 7 p.m. Tickets are $33 and $38. Two of the hottest stars on TV take the hottest show on TV on the road for a very special evening of madcap fun. If you ever wanted to be a part of the zany show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?", now's your chance to join Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood for a night you won't forget.

Sunday, Dec. 7 — The Irish Rovers Holiday Show at 7 p.m. Tickets are $25 and $30. Join us as we celebrate the holidays on both sides of the Atlantic as the legendary Irish Rovers bring you a very special evening of all their traditional Irish hits ("The Unicorn," "Wasn't It A Party") and holiday favorites ("Christmas in Killarney," "Grandma Got Run-Over By a Reindeer"). Great fun for the whole family. Tickets: $25 & $30.

Plymouth Memorial Hall is located at 83 Court Street in Plymouth MA, conveniently located off Exit 6A on Route 3. All shows produced by Radisson Hotel Plymouth Associates and Loretta LaRoche Productions. Visit the Web site at www.plymouthmemorialhall.com.

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"THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE" 22ND ANNUAL BENEFIT GARDEN TOUR Experience the magnificence of gardens in full bloom at "Through the Garden Gate," the 22nd annual garden tour to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, held on Wednesday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., spend the day visiting seven of the South Shore's prettiest gardens, in Norwell, Hanover and Duxbury. One featured garden stands where a 19th century shipyard once operated, in Duxbury. Overlooking Kingston Bay, this property is large, so wear your walking shoes, and bring a notepad. Picture a tea rose garden that forms an arc around the lawn and overlooks the water. Other highlights include a three-tiered vegetable garden, a monkey puzzle tree and a shade garden that boasts over 20 varieties of hostas. In addition, the Science Center's butterfly, herb, wildflower and raised sensory gardens will be at their finest. While at the Center, enjoy some lemonade and cookies in the air-conditioned facility. All proceeds from this event benefit the educational programming of the Science Center. Tickets for the garden tour are available in advance for $25 ($20 members). Tickets the day of the tour will be $25. A box lunch can be ordered in advance for $8. Tickets may be purchased at the Science Center during normal business hours, or charged via telephone by calling 781-659-2559. Visit our website at www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER'S 48TH ARTS FESTIVAL begins Father's Day weekend on Cohasset Common and runs, June 13, from 2 to 7 p.m., June 14, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and June 15, noon to 6 p.m. The Festival performance stage will feature three days of musical entertainment including **Watson Reid and Americana**, **the O'Reilly's**, **The South Shore Bay Band**, and **Cohasset's Rusty Skippers**. The festival will feature more than 80 booths of juried craft and fine art including hand-thrown pottery, jewelry, wood and metal, clothing, hand-blown glass, and baskets, photographs, prints and paintings. Surrounding the craft booths are large exhibition tents housing a Juried Art Exhibition, a Members' Show, and a Young Artists' Exhibition all showcasing the work of talented regional artists. On-going art activities take place in the *KidsTent*, encouraging young artists to create their own masterpieces. A $5 donation is suggested. Parking available on Sohier St. and free trolley shuttle service will run throughout the weekend. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

22nd ANNUAL BOSTON HARBORFEST -July 1 to 6: events include concerts at City Hall Plaza featuring The Allstonians, July 1; Typhoon Ferri, July 3; Black Sea Salsa July 5; cast members of Beatlemania July 5; Children's Day July 2; Chowderfest July 6. In addition to headlining events, more than 200 exciting activities are being scheduled throughout Boston's waterfront and downtown districts. For more information call 617-227-1528 or visit www.bostonharborfest.com

THE 13TH ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL AT STONEHILL Rubyhorse, is headlining the 13th annual Irish Festival at Stonehill College on June 13-15. This three day outdoor festival features three musical stages plus dozens of activities for children, families and lovers of Irish culture. Irish dancing exhibits and folk art displays are also scheduled. The festival is in North Easton, just 25 minutes south of Boston.

HANOVER 5K ROAD RACE - Saturday, July 5, at 9 a.m. Sylvester Field, Route 139. Entry $15. The course is one large loop that is mostly flat with only four turns. Age groups: 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+. For more information call 781-826-1300 or email bcassidy@healthtrax.com

The NSRWA presents their **Fourth Annual North River Pontoon Boat Tour** on June 14. One-hour trips are available from 10 a.m. until 2:20 p.m. (Boats depart every 20 minutes). on the beautiful North River. Each pontoon boat will have a licensed captain and guide, and will be limited to six passengers. Snacks and refreshments will be included. This trip was immensely popular last year ...a sell out! All proceeds will benefit the North & South Rivers Watershed Association Cost is $30 per member ($40 for non-member; includes one year membership), no children under 12.. Advance registration with payment is required. Send checks payable to the NSRWA, P.O. Box 43, Norwell, MA 02061 and specify preferred departure time. For more information contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, email paula@nsrwa.org or visit our web site

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS AT EDAVILLE USA June 20-22, June 27-29 and July 3-6 - Day Out With Thomas offers fans of all ages the opportunity to take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine. There is a variety of Thomas & Friends entertainment for the whole family. Interactive children's activities include storytelling; live music; indoor and outdoor play areas; toy train sets; temporary tattoos of Island of Sodor friends and face painting; an Imagination Station; live music and more. Other event highlights are Thomas & Friends video viewing and an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Thomas the Tank Engine's firm, but kindly boss, Sir Topham Hatt. 35 minute train rides depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission $14 for ages one and up and may be purchased by calling 1-866-468-7630 and at the Edaville box office. for more information visit www.thomasthetankengine.com Edaville USA is located off of Route 58 in Carver.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Thurs. 5

South Shore Massachusetts residents who have recently been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis can learn about the disease at a free informational evening, called **Beyond Diagnosis: What You Need to Know About MS,** Thursday, June 5, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth. Offered by the Central New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the program includes a presentation by Chapter staff, plus an informal meal and casual discussion about MS symptoms, treatments, and research. Participants can share concerns and ask questions of people who are living well with MS. Registration is required at least five days in advance. Contact Martha.Maynard@mam.nmss.org, Assistant Director of Chapter Programs, 1-508-291-2169, or to register online visit the Chapter's website, www.msnewengland.org/programs.html.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. June 5, **Legion Bud Band.**

Scituate Voice of the Faithful invites you to a talk by Father Ron Coyne, pastor of Saint Albert The Great Catholic Church in Weymouth. Father Coyne will speak about his experiences as a priest, a Christian, and a human being and his relationship with the lay group Voice of the Faithful. Father Coyne's parish has a thriving Voice of the Faithful group that finds hope and encouragement in their pastor. Father Coyne will discuss his hopes for the Catholic Church and his ideas on where Catholics can go from here to find hope, healing, and transformation. The talk will be held at the Scituate Town Library (85 Branch Street) in the lower level meeting room on Thursday, June 5, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

The Pleasant Grill, 1229 Washington St., E. Weymouth, will host a showing of **Dan McCole's Watercolors** through June 15. A reception will be held May 15, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library will open a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy** on May 15. The exhibit will run through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

The fifth season for South Shore Quests opened May 1. Quests are a fun way to get the kids out in nature and a great way to learn of new hiking trails in the area. Clues lead the hiker along a trail in search of the treasure (a stamp and stamp pad). Quest books, which contain directions, maps and the clues for 19 Quests on the South Shore, are available at the Bookport in Hingham. Hingham public library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for $4. If you have any questions contact Kim Juric at 781 749-6121 or kjuric@attbi.com <mailto:kjuric@attbi.com>

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline** 8 to 11 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Puppetry of the Penis, the Ancient Australian Art of Genital Origami, closing in Boston June 8, at the Copley Theatre, 225 Clarendon St. Call Ticketmaster at 617-9312787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. For more information visit www.puppetryofthepenis.com

Fri. 6

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center will present four performances of **Steel Magnolias** on June 6, at 7 p.m.; June 7, at 2 and 7 p.m.; June 8, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 general admission; $8 for senior citizens and students, and $5 for Dreamchasers students. All performances are held at The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. For more information call 508-224-4548.

Borders, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston - June 6, 7 p.m. Achieve Your Best Body

with a concert featuring Canadian singer-songwriter Garnet Rogers, Friday, June 6. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; the concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the door only, $16 for members and $18 for non-members. Garnet requests that you please bring along canned goods to donate to the local food pantry. For more information, call 781-878-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org <http://www.ssfmc.org>.

demonstration and book signing with Shapewalking Fitness Expert **Dr. Marilyn Bach.**

Fred MacDonald, Vice President of The Dorchester Historic Society and former State Representative, will recount his "D-Day Memories" on June 6, at 2:30 p.m. as part of the Thayer Public Library "My View on History Series." A personal first hand account by participant on the Invasions's 59th Anniversary. Free an open to the public. Logan Auditorium, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

South Shore Folk Music Club closes out the season with a concert featuring Canadian singer-songwriter **Garnet Rogers**, Friday, June 6, at the Beal House, Route 106 in Kingston. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; the concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the door only, $16 for members and $18 for non-members. Garnet requests that you please bring along canned goods to donate to the local food pantry. For more information, call 781-878-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org <http://www.ssfmc.org>.

The Shoreline Sailing Club is sponsoring a sunset sail, followed by a social hour for singles on Friday evening, June 6, at 6 p.m. at the Duxbury Bay Maritime School, Mattakesett Court, Duxbury. Sailing experience not required. For information and registration, call DBMS at 781-934-7555.

Success Panel Breakfast presented by the Women's Business Connection, June 6, from 7:44 to 9 a.m. at Lombardo's Randolph. "Best Dress Business Practices" $20 members/$30 nonmembers $200 table of 10. Reserve and purchase tickets online at www.southshorechamber.org or call 617-479-1111.

The James Library Center for the Arts presents **Meg Morton** photographs "Beasts, Blossoms and Butterflies" June 6 through July 2. Reception June 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. The library is located at 24 West St., Norwell. For information call 781-659-7100.

Indian Pond Country Club, 60 Country Club Way, Kingston, looks forward to hosting the **Turntables**, formerly known as the **Timetations** on June 6, at 7 p.m. Tickets $60 per person includes dinner and show. For reservations call 781-585-9117.

Taunton Riverfront Festival: Enjoy riverboat tours, musical entertainment, children's activities, crafts, and food all on the historic Weir River June 7-8. Call 508-821-9347 for information.

The Stone Temple Coffeehouse presents folksingers and songwriters **David Roth and Reggie Harris** together in concert on Friday, June 6, at the United First Parish Church 1306 Hancock Street Quincy, 02169 (across from the Quincy Center T-Stop and City Hall) Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Performance 8 p.m. Admission $15 Refreshments available. For information 617-821-4073, for directions 617-773-1290.

Single Executives Club Cocktail Party and Singles Dance Friday, June 6, at Radisson Plymouth Hotel (formerly Sheraton), 180 Water St., Plymouth. Exit 6, East, Route 44 off Route 3. Dance music by award winning DJ. 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 and over. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business casual dress acceptable. Co-sponsored by the "Cape Cod's Most Eligible Singles. Visit www.se-4you.com for more information.

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The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night." Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

JC Dee's (formerly The No Wey Café) **Tommy Dunham, Annette Pollack, Jack Hurney** and **Greg Boggis** June 6, 9 p.m. Rt. 3A, N. Weymouth, 781- 337-1020 for reservations.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate. **Freeballin.** For more information call 781-545-9898.

Dillingers, 21 Home Depot Dr., Long Pond Road, Plymouth. **2 Shady** (acoustic pop and cover) 8 p.m.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Tex, Mad Dog, & the Cat**, 8 to 11 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Funky White Honkies.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 7

The Sixth Annual Jimmy Kennedy Memorial Run For Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Als) The Five-Mile charity run is also known as the new Balance "Squirrel Run" in honor of Jimmy's childhood nickname. June 7, Veteran's Memorial Stadium, Hancock St., Quincy. 8 a.m. Registration - 9 a.m. 2.5 mile walk begins; 10 a.m. - 5-mile run starts. Children's events all morning. For information or to pre-register contact 781-383-6008 or visit www.coolrunning.com

Something old and something new eight barns in Norwell and Marshfield will be open on June 7, with proceeds of the barn tour to benefit the South Shore Therapeutic Riding program for disabled children. Visit all eight or just see a few. There are working barns with national champion horses, barns with backyard ponies, a converted artist loft, antique cars - everything from historically significant structures to new construction. Refreshments are available along the way and books written about one of the barns will be on sale at that location. Tickets are $15 and are available at local businesses or at the Cushing Center, Norwell Center the day of the tour. For a ticket location near you or for additional information call SSTR 781-826-4970.

Bare Cove Fire Museum's Annual Spring Barn Sale, June 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 19 Fort Hill St., Hingham, rain or shine.

Hockomock Association's Sixth Annual Antiques On The Common, at The Historical Green on The East Bridgewater Common, East Bridgewater, June 7, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 100 selected dealers, displaying quality antiques, rain or shine. Food and restrooms will be available proceeds to benefit scholarship fund.

Ocean Song Wellness Center in Scituate Harbor will host guest lecturer, **Ilse Helene Garriss, M.S., DI** Homoeopathist in a workshop called Introduction on Homeopathy, for children, adults and pets. The workshop will be on June 7, beginning at 1 p.m. at The Scituate Inn, on the patio facing the ocean. Tickets will be sold at the door for $10. Rain or Shine. Refreshments served at noon, and workshop begins at 1 p.m. Seating is limited; R.S.V.P., to 781-545-2593 or email us at cindy@oceansongcenter.com, or through our web site, www.oceansongcenter.com

The Wollomonuppoag Indian Council presents the 29th Annual Native American Pow Wow in memory of Princess Winona June 7 and 8 at 10 a.m. Raffle, children's dance competition, native food featuring: The Azteca Dancers and Charmacy Wildlife Center's Bird of Prey Program Story Telling by Little Mouse Host Drums: Wolftail Singers & Nipmuck Turtle Free admission free parking LaSalette Shrine Fairgrounds, Route 118 Attleboro, MA no drugs or alcohol. More Info: WIC_Secretary@inbox.net

Captain Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton events: **Giant Town-Wide Yard Sale** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission, refreshments. Rain or shine. **Antiques Appraisal Day**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. One person's junk is another's Antiques Road Show treasure. Bring old collectibles including furniture, porcelain, artwork, toys, jewelry, tools, etc. for professional appraisals by Peter Combs from Landry Antiques. $5 per item on a first come, first served basis. **Tea Talk and Tasting: The Story of Tea from Leaf to Cup** presented by Upton Tea Imports. A short talk and tea sampling will be followed by proper tea and refreshments. $25/$20 for members. Reservations required 617-696-1815.

tick, tick...BOOM! a musical by Jonathan Larson, comes to the Wilbur Theatre through June 8, starring Boston's own Joey McIntyre. Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster or directly at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston St. Boston.

The New Art Forum of Kingston presents its annual spring show "Out of the Frame", the annual art exhibit at the renovated 1809 Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston. The exhibit will be open for viewing on Saturdays and Sundays: June 7, and 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings, June 3 and 5, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more information call Lilias Cingolani at 781-585-5622.

BEST BET

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Sun. 8

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South Shore Conservatory presents saxophonist **Pat Donaher** and pianist **Camille Jentgen** in concert performing improvised duets on Sunday, June 8, at 2 p.m. in the Conservatory's Cox Hall in Hingham. The performance features the jazz compositions of both composer/musicians plus selections from the Great American Songbook and from the legendary Joni Mitchell. Admission to the concert is free. South Shore Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham and is handicapped accessible. For directions to SSC, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org. For more information, call 781-749-7565.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

Singles Executive Club and **the Single Golfers of New England** will sponsor a Sunday Cocktail Party and Singles Dance, Pembroke Country Club, W. Elm St., Pembroke, Dance music by Brian Milligan, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and free door prizes. For singles ages 35 and over. Proper business casual dress is acceptable. Cost $10. www.se-4you.com

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Cancer Jimmy Fund Golf Classic - Pinehills Golf Club - Jones and Nicklaus Courses in Plymouth. Open to the public. Registration 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. play begins at 11:30 a.m. Contributions per team is $3,000. Banquet, auction, and raffle follow tournament. Call 617-859-7714 or by email fstrauss@cgmstaff.com or visit www.mutualfundsagainst-cancer.com

"Summer in Full Bloom" Exhibit comes to the Science Center. Greet the summer season in June at the **South Shore Natural Science Center** with a colorful exhibit of floral and landscape paintings in pastel and watercolor by **Tsun Ming Chmielinski**. A 2003 first prize winner in the pastel category of the Duxbury Art Association's Winter Juried Art Show. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 2 to 30, and the public is invited to an opening reception on Sunday, June 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, off route 123 in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 of the route 3 interchange. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum: The U.S. and the World: A European Perspective. NPR's senior European corespondent Sylvia Poggioli engages in a conversation with WBUR's Dick Gordon on how Europeans perceive President Bush, U.S. foreign policy, and the crisis in the American Catholic Church. June 2, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations and further information call 617-514-1643.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

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Photos by Meg Morton on display from June 6 through July 2. An opening reception will be held June 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. The library is located at 24 West St., Norwell. For information call 781-659-7100.

Tues. 10

Family Story time resumes at **James Library &Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, Sandy Pohl will exhibit her painting for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

The Gulf Association of Scituate and Cohasset will hold a spring meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's House on Cohasset Harbor. At this meeting the Urban Harbors Institute of UMass Boston will present their now completed Natural Resource Inventory of the Gulf Watershed to the group. The Natural Resource Inventory is a comprehensive analysis of the Gulf Watershed, its unique assets and its potential problems. The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Deer Island Sunset Cruise Tuesday, June 10, 6 to 9 p.m. Mass Bay Lines Rowes Wharf, Boston Harbor Hotel, Atlantic Ave. Join the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands as they explore the public access at Deer Island. Learn about the Native Americans, the Irish Immigrants and other past and present uses of this Island. Enjoy a beautiful sunset on your way back to Boston. Bring your own picnic supper, beverages and snacks are available on the boat. Also your camera, bug spray, binoculars, and dress for the weather. The Cruise leaves, Mass Bay Lines, Rowes Wharf at the Boston Harbor Hotel on Atlantic Avenue at 6 p.m. returning at 9 p.m. Prices are: Adults $17, Seniors $15, Members of FBHI $13, Children 3 to 12 $10. Children 2 and under free. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 5 p.m.; cash only. For more information contact 781-740-4290. You may also send a SASE and your check to FBHI, P. O. Box 090187, Quincy, MA 02269-0187.

Thomas F. Williams & Associates, P.C., Attorneys at Law. The firm will host a booth dedicated to their Elder Law practice at the 12th annual River Bay Club Senior Fair, which takes place on June 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the River Bay Club in Quincy.

South of Boston Knitters Guild will hold their monthly meeting on June 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Route 139 in Marshfield. This month's meeting will be a social knit. New members and guests are welcome. Refreshments served. Call 781-740-4961 for information.

Voice of the Faithful National President, **James Post**, to speak at Weymouth VOTF Chapter on June 10, at 7 p.m. at St. Albert the Great Parish Church Hall, 1130 Washington St., East Weymouth. Refreshments will be available.

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The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 11

The Craft Factory, Route 3A, Cohasset. **The enchanted world of forest fairies** - Make and decorate five charming fairy dolls and their nine inch paper maché woodland house. Ages 6 to 8 June 11, 4 to 6 p.m. (snack included).

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum - June 11, 5:30 to 7 p.m. On the 40th anniversary of President Kennedy's address to the nation on civil rights, historian Roger Wilkins, author of Jefferson's Pillow: America and the Dilemma of Black Patriotism, and biographer Taylor Branch, author of Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years, discuss Martin Luther King, Jr., John F. Kennedy, and civil rights milestones of 1963. All forums are free and open to the public.

Raffael's Restaurant of Quincy announce the fifth dinner theatre production of its fourth season. "Beehive" the 60's musical sensation with five wailing women, outrageous costumes and wigs needs 15 cans of hairspray each night. "Beehive is a high-energy musical revue tracing the coming of age of women's music through 37 popular hits of the girl groups and solo singers of the 1960s. Performance dates June 11, and 12. Tickets $35 for matinees and $45 for evening performances. Ticket includes dinner, tax, gratuity and show. For tickets and additional information call 617-328-1600.

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Thurs. 12

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. June 12, **Sounds of Yesterday.**

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents the **StreamLine.** Show starts at 8 to 11 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

BEST BET

Indian Pond Country Club, 60 Country Club Way, Kingston, looks forward to hosting the Turntables, formerly known as the Timetations performing great hits from the '50s and '60s Friday, June 6, at 7 p.m. Tickets are $60 per person and include dinner and show. For reservations call 781-585-9117.

Correction:

In last week's Living feature on the New Art Forum's Spring Exhibit "Out of the Frame" the soft sculpture piece described in the story was mistakenly identified as "Harry's Travels." The sculpture is titled "Harry's Journey" and is a collaborative piece created by artists Sylvia Vaz and Susan Lawrenson.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

The moon enters Leo at 3:25 a.m., remaining there today and tomorrow. This is a time when creative and artistic projects will come together easily. Go with our imaginative side; be more easygoing, playful. The evening is prime for all social and romantic activities.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Yesterday's planetary influences are in effect today as well. A 90-degree alignment of Venus and Mars stimulates creativity and may spark romantic attractions. Keep it light; don't take anything too seriously. The Leo moon forms five major alignments to planets, setting a quick pace. Love is the name of the game this evening.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

The planet Uranus takes the spotlight today and tomorrow. Its influence can go either way; it may bring exciting surprises or sudden reversals. Don't be rigid; relax and focus on the positives. The Leo moon becomes inactive at 2:18 a.m. until 10:51 a.m., when it enters Virgo. In addition, this moon opposes Uranus at 3:55 p.m. Spur of the moment ideas will be the most successful.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

At 2:59 a.m. Uranus, standing at 3-degrees Pisces, begins retrograde travel. Read yesterday's advice. A Virgo moon makes for conflicting planetary energies today. The planet Uranus represents the urge for freedom, and the sign Virgo strives for perfection and order. The best way to work with today's energies is to lighten up and go with the flow. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 4:28 p.m. A full moon is building and will culminate next Saturday, June 14.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

The Virgo moon aligns with Venus at 12:27 p.m. and becomes inactive. Handle duties and responsibilities, jobs you've been putting off. You can be most productive, if you focus on projects that require mental concentration and attention to detail. Influences are also prime for getting back on track with exercise and physical fitness routines. Get your life in order. The moon enters Libra at 3:30 p.m., and an alignment to Saturn at 4:32 p.m. continues to generate a serious mood.

MONDAY, JUNE 9

The combination of a Libra moon and sun-Pluto opposition makes this a day to think about change. What areas of your life are due for a major overhaul? Stop worrying about situations or personal habits you have control over, and do something about it. Now is the time to develop a game plan and initiate action toward your goal. Venus moves into Gemini at 11:32 p.m., remaining there until July 4. This period is prime for meeting people and establishing new alliances.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

Take on a full work agenda today. You can make gains developing projects that require support or help from others this morning. Initiate new activities before 1:00 p.m., when the Libra moon aligns with Mars and becomes inactive. At 5:39 p.m. the moon enters secretive Scorpio, and influences turn around completely. A harmonious alignment to Saturn prompts you to keep your nose to the grindstone. It is okay to burn the midnight oil catching up on work or study projects. An applying alignment of Mercury and Mars warns against getting caught up in arguments or power struggles with others.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Roll up your sleeves and stay busy with practical projects today. Finish old business rather than starting anything new. The Scorpio moon continues to generate a serious, quiet mood. Spend time alone. Purse activities that help you to relax and maintain perspective. Ninety-degree lunar alignments to Neptune and Jupiter in the afternoon and evening caution you to keep a cool head. Don't overdo, overreact or go to extremes. Others may be moody and difficult to please.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

A 90-degree alignment of Venus and Uranus may tempt you to play hooky and do something different today. The Scorpio moon forms challenging contacts to Mars and Mercury until 5:51 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Keep it light and sidestep altercations with others. The windup to this month's full moon begins at 6:12 p.m., when the moon enters Sagittarius. Mercury moves into Gemini at 9:34 p.m., remaining there until June 29.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Gear up for a hectic day. Emotions and energy run high, as the full moon continues to build. You can get a lot accomplished, if you make up a list of things to do and stick to it. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days. Avoid acting on impulse or taking risks. It's often difficult to sleep on the eve of a full moon, so it's okay to work or party late into the night.

BEST BET

The Helen Sampson Gallery of the Duxbury Free Library presents "Painting Paint Around" paintings by Brooks Kelly. An opening reception will be held Thursday, June 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m in the Merry Meeting Room. The Library is located at 77 Alden Street. For hours and information call (781) 934-2721.

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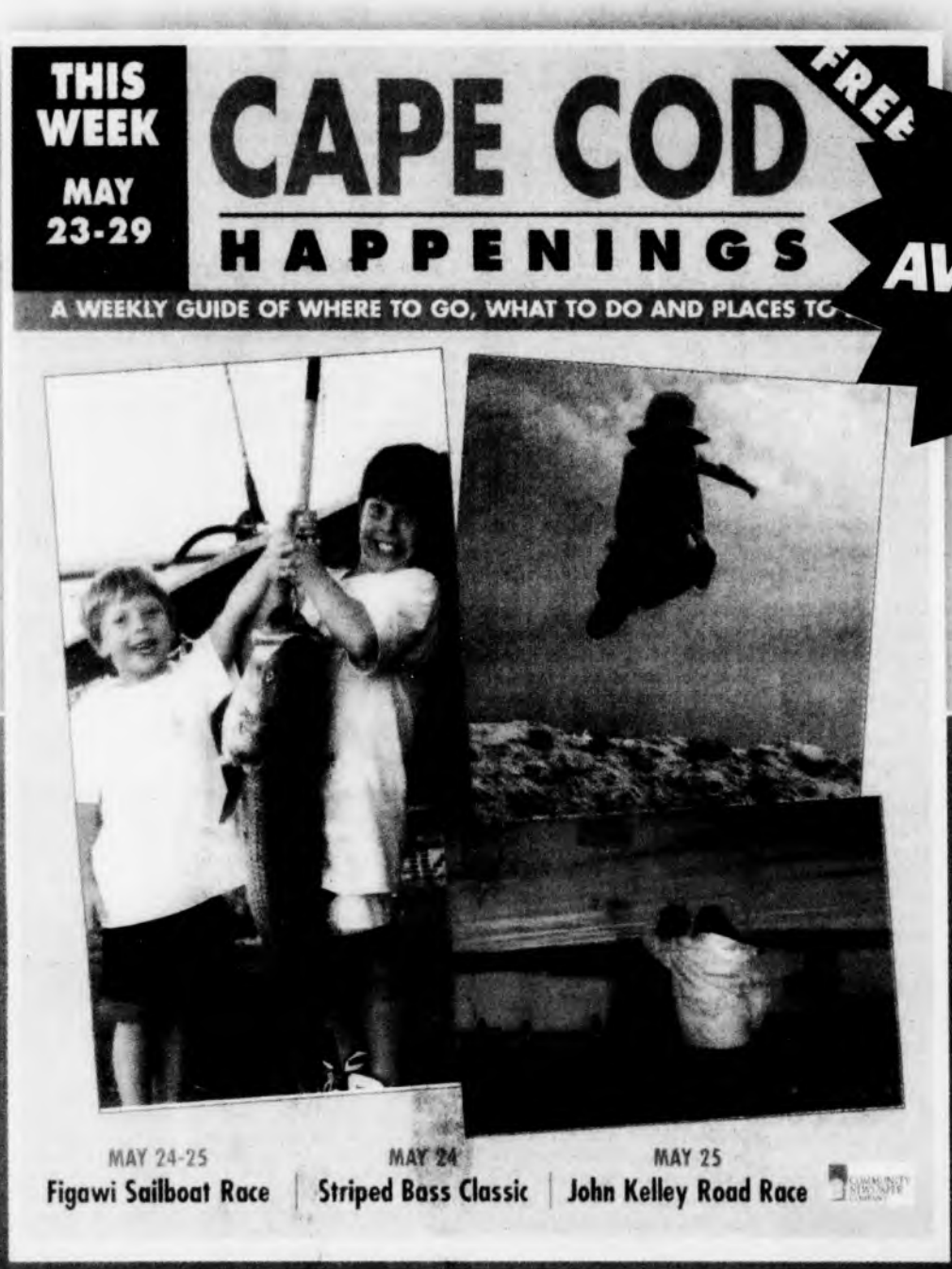

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Baby boom

School numbers may jump if Avalon gets OK

By Samantha Brown
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Although they don't have a crystal ball, members of the school department speculate the AvalonBay may attract more schoolchildren than developers estimate.

A recent report compiled by a subcommittee of the School Committee said the proposed 200-unit apartment complex off Rte. 3A may draw as many as 50 school-age children. The project could also have an indirect effect as "empty nesters" may look to the apartments as a way to downsize, leaving Cohasset single family homes open for occupancy by families with children.

The School Department is also armed with a report from Town Hall that estimates even more children could move into town if AvalonBay is built. An April 2003 financial analysis by Director of Finance Michael Buckley estimates with the cur-

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CHS graduates told not to forget their families

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Tom Anderson, who is the vice president of the Class of 2003, is awarded his diploma by Assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo, far right, and School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, center.

77 were awarded diplomas Saturday

By Samantha Brown
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Spirits were bright under the big tent of the South Shore Music Circus, in contrast with the overcast skies and dreary weather, as the Class of 2003 received their diplomas Saturday. Entering to the tune of Pomp and Circumstance, friends and family members rushed forward, cameras in hand, to capture the momentous occasion of graduates about to embark on the next chapter of their lives.

All in attendance remained on their feet as senior class chorus members sang a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, which seems to touch the heartstrings even more in this uncertain time of war and violence.

Perhaps as a result of the world today, speeches were almost unanimous in speaking to the importance of community and family.

In a very personal and heartfelt speech, Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey told graduates to "Stay in contact with your family. There is nothing more important to a parent than to hear

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Train gates may open door to dispute

Letter sent to Sec. Grabauskas

By Mary Ford
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"The board would request the MBTA and its contractor refrain from submitting design packages on grade crossings until such time as this issue is resolved."
— Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris

It might save the MBTA a few headaches if it would agree to use quadrant gates along the Greenbush corridor.

Cohasset selectmen have asked the MBTA and its contractor, Cashman-Balfour Beatty, to stop submitting design documents showing standard grade crossing treatment with median barriers and not quadrant gates.

According to Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris, the gates' issue is before the Army Corps of Engineers which has yet to render its decision.

Median barriers would be required for safety reasons if standard gates are used because Greenbush is a whistle-free corridor and the medians would prevent impatient motorists from skirting around a closed gate to beat the train. Selectmen in Cohasset, Hingham, and Scituate want quadrant gates used for both safety and aesthetic reasons. Median barriers aren't needed for quadrant gates, which have four arms (as opposed to two with standard gates), because they block both sides of the road going in each direction.

McMorris said the issue potentially puts the MBTA in violation of its mitigation agreement with the town because the type of gate has not been fully determined.

"The board would request the MBTA and its contractor refrain from submitting design packages on grade crossings until such time as this issue is resolved," she stated in a June 5 letter to state Transportation Secretary Daniel A. Grabauskas.

McMorris also asked Grabauskas to clarify the Romney administration's intentions, as reported by the Boston Globe, to seek ways to reduce the cost of Greenbush by scaling back on mitigation agreements.

"While the MBTA has honored its agreement with the Town of Cohasset to this point, these published reports cause the Board of Selectmen to take notice and seek clarification from the administration," she said.

Construction on the 17.7-mile Greenbush line is currently on hold pending resolution of outstanding permitting and right-of-way issues. Romney has said he would also use this time to review the cost of the estimated $464 million project.'

Volunteers are the heart of arts festival

By Samantha Brown
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"We couldn't put it on without the volunteers."
— Sarah Hannan, art center

The South Shore Art Center Festival on the Common continues to be a success year after year. Now in it's 48th season, the festival has been drawing crowds to Cohasset common for almost half a century. But for all the attention it receives, the people who make it all possible, the volunteers, often go unnoticed.

"We couldn't put it on without the volunteers," said Executive Director Sarah Hannan. With so many tasks to be completed before the big day, the 100 plus volunteers help keep things running smoothly.

With all the help they receive, volunteers can perform specific jobs, such as transporting artwork or performing demonstrations, which disperses the responsibility. With such an effective group effort, "No one is really overtaxed," said Hannan. "As long as we keep track of who's doing what, we're OK."

This year's festival will run Friday, June 13 from 2-7 p.m., Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 15 from 12-6 p.m.

Each year, new volunteers become involved, but there are some who have made this an annual activity. Julie Guild has been a volunteer with the Arts Center for more than 20 years. Originally, she participated as a board member, with the festival serving as a fundraiser to help sponsor a remodeling project for the old building. She remembers the old facilities well, and recalls how inadequate a space it was to work in. "It was like painting in a barn," she said.

Now serving as a member on the Board of Advisors, Guild is still volunteering and enjoying the displays year after year. Her favorite part of the festival is "looking at the art and seeing the

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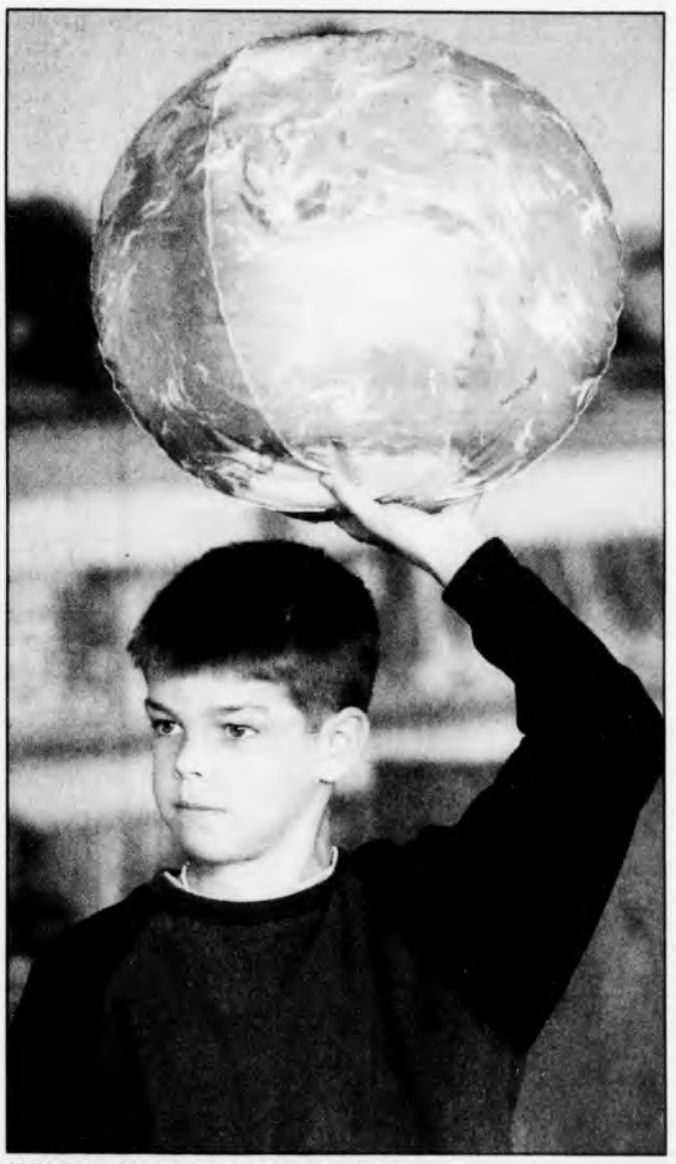

WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HAND

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Deer Hill fourth grader Brian Scott holds the earth aloft during astronaut Commander Stephen Bowen's visit last Friday. For story see page 5.

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All-facilities sticker price correction

The all-facilities sticker, which is now on sale, is $30 per vehicle; and $15 per vehicle for those age 60 and over. The Mariner incorrectly reported the price of the sticker for second and subsequent vehicles last week.

Last year's RTF stickers were $35; and beach stickers were $7 per vehicle, or $3 per vehicle for senior citizens.

The Mariner regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.

Wadsworth steps down from board

The Cohasset Historical Commission is looking for a new member, but is careful not to say that person would replace local historian David Wadsworth.

Wadsworth has stepped down from the commission after some 24 years.

"He'll be missed," said chairman Noel Ripley, adding that Wadsworth's research was always "impeccable."

Over the years, Wadsworth has inventoried upwards of 1,500 historic homes in town and did the legwork for establishing the town's National Register Historic Districts at the common and Government Island, and getting the Gropius house and the two Cohasset Historical Society museums listed on the National Register, among other efforts.

"I'll still be around," Wadsworth said this week. "But 24 years is a long time."

Wadsworth is currently working with the historical society to get its new headquarters, the Pratt building, listed on the National Register.

Anyone interested in serving on the Historical Commission should contact the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105 or stop by Town Hall.

Shipsky resigns from two boards

Architect Jim Shipsky has notified selectmen he is resigning from both the Open Space Committee and the Tri-Town Weir River Estuary Park Committee. Shipsky said he plans to devote time instead to working with the Cohasset Environmental Support Group that recently worked with one of Jack Buckley's classes to clean up trash along Atlantic Avenue at Treat's Pond. The group also plans to tackle a dunes' restoration project opposite Sandy Beach.

Citizens interested in serving on the Open Space or Weir River committees, should contact the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105 or stop by Town Hall.

Snow removal money

The town has received some good financial news. Snow removal reimbursement in the amount of $34,972.39 has been deposited in the town's bank account. The money covers police and fire overtime and snow removal costs for the Presidents' Day blizzard. The federal government honored Gov. Mitt Romey's request to declare the state as a disaster area, opening the door for federal funds.

"We're very excited – this will reduce our snow removal deficit," Town Manager Mark Haddad said. The town budgeted about $60,000 for fiscal year 2003, which ends June 30, and spent about $120,000, he said. The state allows municipalities to deficit spend their snow removal accounts, but the deficit has to be recouped the following year. Haddad said money to cover the balance of the deficit will have to come from free cash or the town's stabilization fund.

CPC funding recommendations

Anyone wishing to petition the Cohasset Community Preservation Committee ("CPC) for a funding recommendation at the November 2003 Special Town Meeting *must* submit an initial application to the committee *no later than July 1, 2003*. Please note that the CPC may only recommend to Town Meeting those projects involving the acquisition and preservation of open space, historical preservation and/or promotion of low to moderate income housing.

Qualifying applicants will be asked to make formal presentations to the CPC.

Copies of the application may be obtained at the Town Hall or by calling the committee Chairman, Stuart Ivimey at 383-2604.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, May 27:

Conservation Commission, June 12 at 7:30 p.m., June 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Deer Hill School Council, June 4 at 3:30 p.m. at Deer Hill School

Planning Board, June 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission, June 18, 6 p.m.

Selectmen, June 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, June 30 at 6 p.m.

Water Commission, June 18, 10 a.m., (bid opening) at 339 King St.

Zoning Board of Appeals, June 16 at 7 p.m. (40A), June 19 at 7 p.m. (3 Jerusalem Lane), June 30 at 7 p.m. (Avalon)

All meetings are at Town Hall unless posted otherwise.

Fire Dept. signs on 3A requested

Town Manager Mark Haddad has asked MassHighway to install two "Fire Engine Entering" signs on Route 3A in both directions at the former Graham Waste Building at 110 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The town is renovating the police-fire headquarters on Elm Street and the fire department has temporarily relocated to the 3A site. Haddad expects the fire department to remain at its temporary location until July 31.

The temporary signs would help protect the fire department and the motoring public, said Haddad, who had not heard from MassHighway by press time.

Street sign sought

Annellen Walsh, 130 Nichols Road, has written to selectmen asking for a street sign on Nichols Road alerting motorists to her dangerous driveway.

"We have missed many very dangerous accidents," she wrote in her May 27 letter. "It is completely blind to drivers coming up from Nichols Road from Atlantic Avenue. I only hope someone doesn't get killed there."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he forwarded the request on to the Department of Public Works, which will install the sign.

Recycling earns $4K state grant

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has awarded the Town of Cohasset $4,228 for recycling 597 tons of trash over a six-month period through its Municipal Recycling Incentive Program (MRIP).

The MRIP program rewards cities and towns that take steps to improve their recycling programs by paying them twice a year for each ton of material that is recycled by their residents. These payments are then invested back into community programs to make further program improvements. Over the past 5-1/2 years, nearly $13 million have been paid to Massachusetts cities and towns through the MRIP program. MRIP is funded by the state's Clean Environment Fund, which is comprised of unclaimed beverage container deposits.

Cohasset receives a payment of $4 per ton for each ton of glass, paper, cans, and plastic that residents recycled. But, for every additional ton that was recycled compared with last year, Cohasset was paid at a bonus rate of $20 per ton.

Each year, recycling in Massachusetts reduces greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 1 million tons of carbon equivalent, saves enough energy to power 140,000 homes, and supports 12,000 jobs and $600 million of economic development.

The Department of Environmental Protection is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management of solid and hazardous waste, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills, and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

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State cuts to curb senior transport service to Boston

By Samantha Brown
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As of June 30, seniors will be losing one of their most valuable transportation assets. The Medical Transport to Boston, or MTB-5 program will be cut due to a lack of funding by the state.

The program, which provides transportation with handicapped accessibility for all Cohasset seniors 60 years and older, to appointments at hospitals, clinics, and doctors' offices in the Boston area, has been available to residents since 1999, and could possibly leave seniors without a way to get into the city. Come September, the Medical Assistance Program, which brings Cohasset seniors to out-of-town appointments, and also provides handicapped accessibility, will suffer the same fate.

"I think they're cutting the wrong things," said Synn McGlynn who frequently uses the local transport offered by the CEA and is planning on writing to legislators on the program's behalf. While she will not be directly affected by the end of the service, she has great empathy for those who will. "What's going to happen to those people?"

Transportation Coordinator for the Council on Elder Affairs, Dee Dee Jakaus, knows first hand how the end of the MTB-5 and MAP programs will impact many individuals. As an added result of the lack of funding, her position at the CEA will be cut as well. "This program goes, I go," she said.

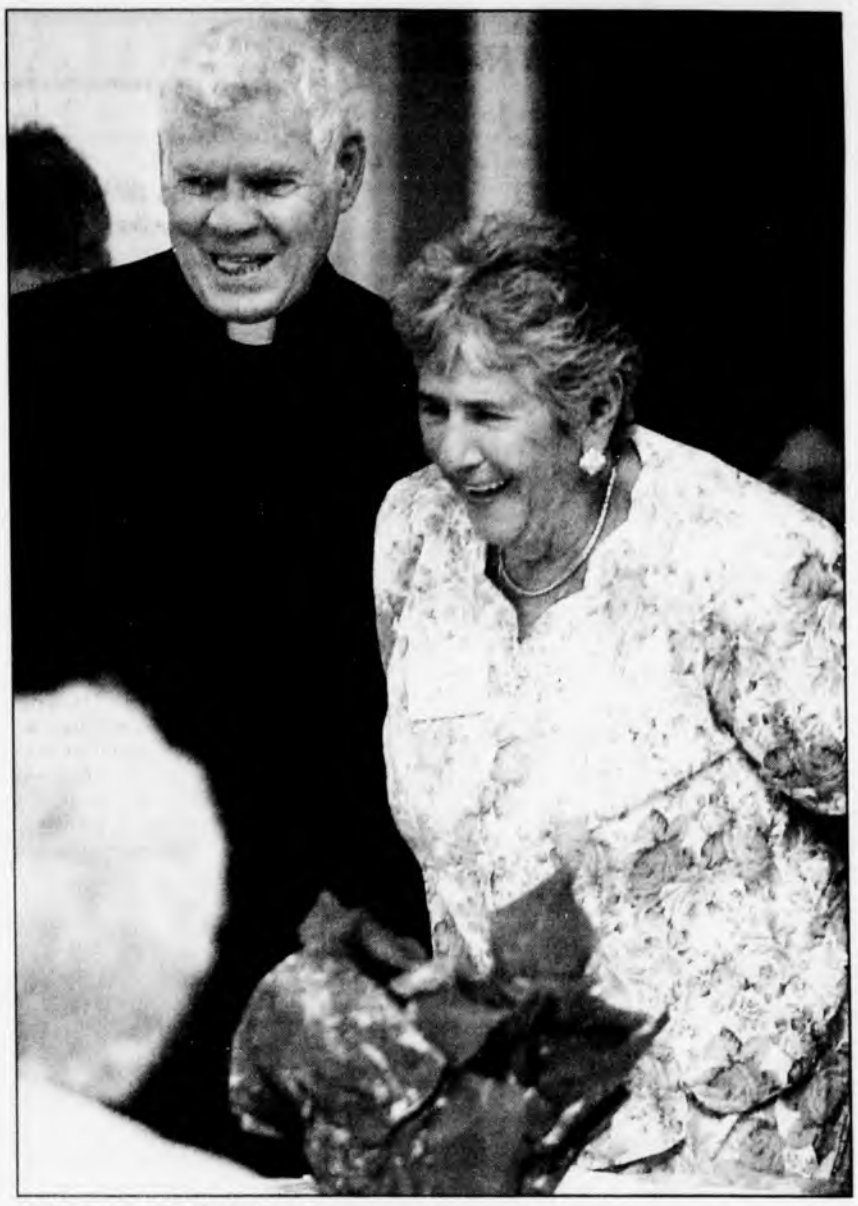
McGlynn, who has relied on Jakaus many times to help coordinate various trips, wonders what she will do without her. "We're going to miss her. It's a crime that she's leaving. She's been a Godsend," she said.

Although the end of the program will be a great loss to the community, Jakaus is quick to recognize the importance of the services the CEA Medical Van will still be able to provide. "We do a lot more local than we do in Boston," she said. "We will always have a driver to take them within a 15-mile radius," and with a radius of that size, trips to medical facilities in Weymouth, Quincy, and the surrounding areas will still remain possible.

McGlynn has had wonderful experiences with the local transportation and speaks very highly of the program. "I can't say enough about the drivers," she said. She is always impressed with how courteous and punctual they are. She is also grateful for the amount of freedom they provide to many seniors who "want to be independent." "When they can get a ride, it's a wonderful service."

Jakaus speculates that with programs such as this being forced to end around the state, doctors might be more willing to take the time to travel to offices south of the city. With some already designating one day a week for special visits, she hopes more will follow suit, enabling patients the opportunity to schedule appointments they will be able to keep. But for McGlynn, who has a dentist in Boston, she wonders whether it might be easier to find a new office closer to home.

For out-of-town appointments that do not require handicapped accessibility, the FISH program, which is run with volunteer drivers, will still be available Monday through Friday. For more information on any transportation programs, including special lunch programs, Sunday church services, trips around town and to shopping malls, please contact the transportation dispatcher at 781-383-0220.



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The Rev. John Mulvehill of St. Anthony's Church and Tilly Nardo enjoy visiting with octogenarians and nonagenarians during a recent birthday party sponsored by the Council on Elder Affairs in their honor.

Community service in lieu of suspension?

New program is on the table

By Samantha Brown
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The Cohasset Middle High School is looking into a program which would involve students in community service projects as an alternative to being suspended from school. The program, which would help students learn the valuable lesson of what it means to get involved in the community, would take place during after-school hours, allowing students to remain in class, school officials said.

The project, funded by a federal grant, would be available to all schools within the Lighthouse District, which includes Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Marshfield, Milton, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth.

Funding would be used to compensate mentors for the program, potentially teachers, who would supervise various community related acts of service as well as provide support and encouragement for participants. The students could provide help for myriad projects involving local schools, nursing homes, after-school programs, the council on aging, parks or recreation programs, food pantries, town services, or churches.

Health Education Coordinator, Mike Gill, who would serve as the program's District Liaison, presented the information to the School Committee last week. He believes it would be a great way to help students get "reconnected with the schools."

"It does sound like a promising alternative," said CHS principal Mike Jones. While the schools would be able to use the program at their own discretion, taking each separate case into consideration, Jones thinks this program could work well for younger students, or students with a less serious offense, such as excessive tardiness. Chairman of the School Committee Rick Flynn also believes this program has potential value in the disciplinary process at the schools, "It would clearly depend on the severity [of the act], but it gives you another option to use."

Other program components include a social learning software program called Ripple Effects, used to help students reduce aggressive behavior and improve academic performance, as well as team building events or field trips, available for participants in the eight towns. District Liaisons will also coordinate activities, training and events for mentors, students and parents.

The school department plans to reach a decision on whether to incorporate the program by the fall.

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Avalon could attract kids

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rent proposal of 58 one-bedroom units, 120 two-bedroom units and 22 three-bedroom units, there could potentially be as many as 105 new students added to the current enrollment of 1,392 from the complex alone.

Both estimates are considerably higher than AvalonBay's calculation, that the units would attract only about 30 school-age children. At press time, AvalonBay was unavailable for comment.

School Committee members worry the movement of empty nesters as well as seniors to the proposed housing project could lead to a "double whammy" effect on the schools, for which they might not have the flexibility to accommodate.

"I, as a member of the School Department, think it's a good possibility," said Supt. Edward Malvey, noting the numbers are speculation at this point. "There's no way to look into a crystal ball."

The report to the School Committee, written by Chartis Tebbetts, is a rough copy of what will be presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals, from which Avalon is seeking a comprehensive permit to build the project. It suggests some ways tAvalonBay might be asked to mitigate its effects, should the development move forward. A road and walkway will need to be designed on the Avalon property to ensure the safe drop-off and pick-up of students using buses to get to school. There also needs to be safe access for students who walk or bike to school, both in the development area and along Rte. 3A, Sohier Street and Pond Street as well as safe play areas for children living on the property.

Since there are limited recreational facilities in town, the addition of students would require more facilities for sports, such as a year-round swimming/diving pool, the arts and playgrounds.

With more students comes a need for more teachers, and not only classroom teachers, but specialists, such as physical education, music and art as well as special needs. There are limited nursery schools in the area and the schools are at their limit of busing capacity, which will need to be dealt with as well.

The report also points out the positives that AvalonBay could bring to the town, such as quality rental housing, quality smaller housing and "affordable" housing, providing more income and age diversity.

Buckley's report figured the town's average cost per pupil at roughly $10,638, multiplied by the additional 105 estimated children, showing the influx of students could add a burden of roughly $1,116,974 to the town's budget. Through a quick analysis of the proposed rents, Buckley estimated a tax revenue of roughly $400,000, not nearly enough to cover the expense of the students.

ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick said there is no way of knowing if the School Committee concerns are warranted, since predictions cannot be made regarding who might move into the development. Empty nesters from any community on the South Shore could potentially want to move out of their homes to downsize. "I don't think Avalon will affect that migration," he said.

Chittick said it is a "Catch-22" situation. It's possible Avalon could be asked to reduce the number of three-bedroom units, which might deter families from moving in, but a higher number of smaller units might attract more empty nesters, freeing up their homes for families with children.

AvalonBay is seeking a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, to build the complex. Towns, like Cohasset, with little housing that meets state affordability standards are vulnerable to comprehensive permits which allow developers to skirt local zoning regulations in exchange for providing some affordable housing. The Avalon project is proposed on the 62-acre former Webb Norfolk Conveyor site, which is commercially zoned.

A final draft of the School Committee report may be presented for approval at the June 19 meeting. From there, the report is expected to make its way to the ZBA sometime in July.

Woodside Cemetery Flag Day ceremonies

In the summer of 2002 automobile dealer, Herb Chambers, donated a flag depository to the George H. Mealy Post of the American Legion in Cohasset. The purpose of the depository was to accept tattered and torn American flags for proper disposal. The depository, which is installed in front of the American Legion hall on Summer Street in Cohasset has to date, collected well in access of 100 flags. On Flag Day, Saturday, June 14 at 6 p.m. the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 118 of Cohasset will conduct a flag burning ceremony of these flags at Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset. Additionally, the Sons will dedicate a new flagpole at the cemetery donated by the Sons. All are invited to attend for what promises to be a very patriotic and important event for the town. Veterans are encouraged to attend; there will a reception afterwards at the Legion hall. Anyone with an old flag may also bring it to the ceremony. Old flags will also continue to be accepted at the depository.

Trial is postponed again

The trial of school business manager Ivan Klimko was postponed again Thursday at Hingham District Court because of a lack of available judges. A spokesman for the Plymouth County District Attorney's office said several jury cases were continued because there was only one judge in the building that day. Klimko's trial has been rescheduled for Aug. 5.

In April, Klimko's trial was continued to June 5 after a Cohasset judge recused himself from the case.

Klimko is charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon stemming from an alleged dispute with his wife at their Hull home on Dec. 3.

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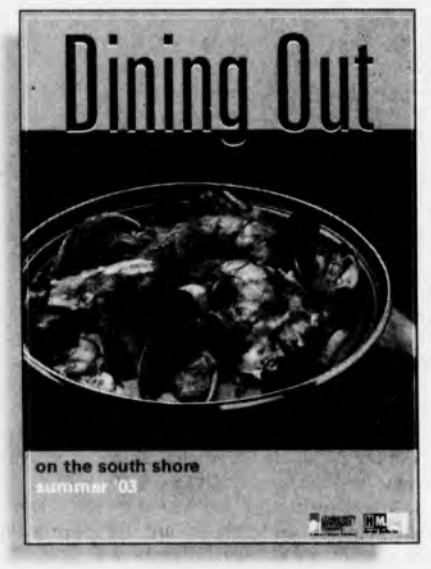

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Astronaut tells Deer Hill students to aim for the stars

Hometown boy is now at NASA

By Samantha Brown
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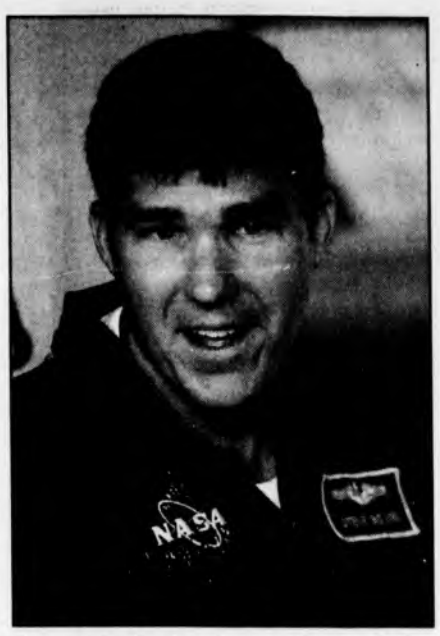
Students at the Deer Hill School were given a rare glimpse into outer space Friday, when Commander Stephen Bowen paid a visit to speak about astronaut training, space shuttle missions, the International Space Station, and what it is like to live the life of an astronaut.

Bowen, who attended Deer Hill more than 30 years ago, returned to the school to stress the importance of getting a good education and of studying hard, to gain the ability to follow your dreams and take every opportunity that presents itself.

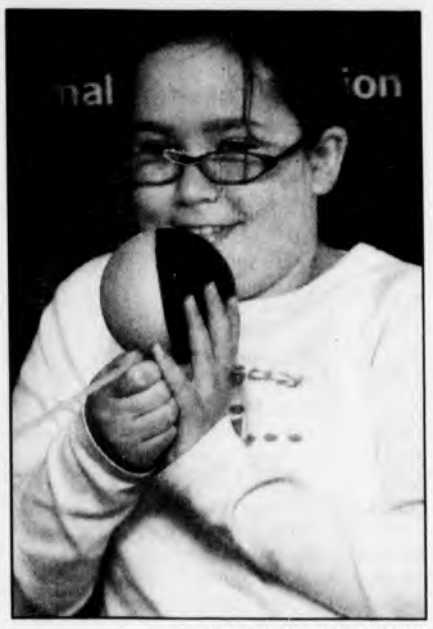
The multimedia presentation began with Bowen's showing a picture of his former fourth-grade class, projected on a large screen. Many students recognized the teacher from the photo and exclamations could be heard as students filed in, "Look at Mr. Levine!"

Bowen shared amazing video clips of space shuttle launchings, telling the students, "Unlike most things you see on TV, this is real." He also presented slides of actual photographs taken in space, which included stars colliding, stars being born, a nebula, and clear shots of Saturn's rings.

Students from grades 4-6 met with Bowen in groups to watch the presentation, and were given the opportunity to ask questions about astronaut life. Areas of great interest included the food astronauts eat, how astronauts sleep without the gravity to hold them down, and what would happen if a cup of water spills. Students were especially amused to hear astronauts may sometimes find themselves suspended in the middle of the room if they float too far away to be able to push off from something.



Commander Stephen Bowen, who attended Deer Hill School in the mid-1970s, shares what it's like to be an astronaut with students.



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Tara Goodwin holds a model of the moon to measure its relative distance from the earth.

Areas of great interest included the food astronauts eat, how astronauts sleep without the gravity to hold them down, and what would happen if a cup of water spills.

Bowen also talked about the importance to exercise while in space. Without the constant weight of gravity working your muscles, many astronauts, although required to work out for two hours daily while in space, come back to earth and aren't as strong as they were when they left. Studies have been done in space to help understand the way osteoporosis affects people on Earth.

Most importantly, Bowen shared some of his experiences from his childhood, telling the students that he used to be in the lowest reading group in his early elementary years. "I didn't just say it was too hard," he said, and went on to explain that he wouldn't give up, studied hard and joined the highest reading group just one year later. When faced with a challenge, and when things seem too difficult to finish, "those are the things you should really try to do," he said.

Bowen told the students it is important to go in the direction of their dreams, leaving room for the opportunities they never would have expected that could come their way. In broadening their outlook, they can achieve more than they would have imagined. "I really feel like I never closed any doors," he said.

Bowen is the first submarine officer to be selected by NASA for astronaut training. He feels very fortunate to have become one of only 17 astronauts accepted from several thousand applicants for the class of 2000, and credits not only himself, but the number of great teachers he had along the way. For the students of the future, Bowen advises, "If you continue to work toward your dreams, there's no telling what you might do."

Village plans could be finalized Tuesday

By Mary Ford
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Village revitalization is going to take center stage at the selectmen's meeting at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Selectmen are expected to sign off on the final plans drafted by the Waterfield Design Group, which was hired by the to design village improvements, and will determine if it's feasible to bury utility wires.

"Hopefully we'll finalize everything."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

"Hopefully we'll finalize everything," Town Manager Mark Haddad said. The town is also seeking a one-year extension on the $1.5 million state Public Works Economic Development grant (PWED) to June 2005, which will pay for much the village revitalization project. The extension would allow more time to complete construction which is expected to take as long as nine months. The project would also have to be put out to bid.

At a recent meeting after considerable discussion, selectmen voted to spend $12,800 for Waterfield to design a village with underground wires, a project that could cost $800,000. The money was also to be used to explore feeding the wires behind homes and businesses on Elm Street below St. Stephen's and from behind South Main Street shops via the town parking lot – a plan that selectmen hope would be less expensive than putting the wires underground.

Village businesses and merchants have said they raised $200,000 to contribute to the downtown project if removing utility wires were incorporated into the plans. On Tuesday selectmen will find out if the merchants were able to raise another $100,00-$200,000, as hoped. Waterfield estimates the downtown revitalization to cost about $1.1 million — not including the cost of burying the wires.

Residents have already had two chances to pay for burying the wires, once a few years ago by way of a hike in their utilities bill, and once earlier this year by way of an override, both of which were turned down. However, some selectmen feel residents would probably want the wires removed if they did not have to pay for the project.

All-Facilities stickers for sale

The expiration date of the Beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. The "all-facility" sticker for the next fiscal year are now on sale during normal business hours at the Cohasset Town Hall and at the DPW Garage on weekends from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

An "all-facilities" sticker is $30; for a second motor vehicle, it's $30; and for seniors, it's $15. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, to Sandy Beach, as well as parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. Separate beach stickers will no longer be available.

In addition, residents are required to purchase special bags in which to dispose all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at various locations throughout the town. You are encouraged to purchase your sticker through the mail by providing a copy of your current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

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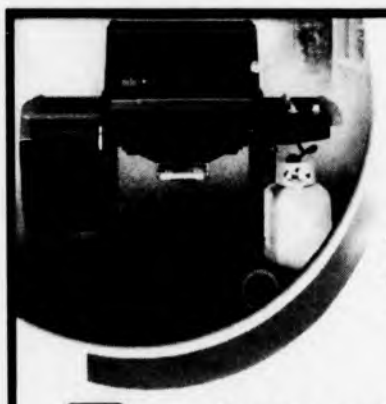

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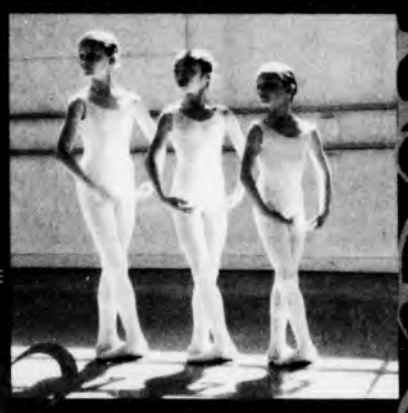

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CORNELL DEGREE

Ashley H. Wilfand recently received her bachelor of arts degree in biology with distinction from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. Ashley is the daughter of **Wendy and Robert Wilfand** of Cohasset. In the fall, Ashley will return to Ithaca to attend Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Two very special boys are celebrating their birthdays this week. **Davie Burke** is turning 3 years old today, June 12, and he has happy birthday wishes being thrown at him from every direction. His mommy and daddy, sisters **Kyle** and **Bridget** along with his family and friends all want to make sure he knows how loved he is and to say in great, big voices, "Happy Birthday, Davie!"

As you have seen in the past few months, my family has been celebrating birthdays left and right. Well, this Sunday is our oldest son's 13th birthday and we want to let him know that we love him a whole lot. **Daniel,** I cannot believe you are this old and now, the teenage years are here. Enjoy this special day and know how special you are to all of us, we love you!

CALENDAR CARD RAFFLE

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball calendar card raffle is still going strong. Since May 15, they have had more than 25 winners from Cohasset, down to New Jersey and up to Maine!! Through the generosity of the players, families and friends of the Cohasset Little League, this fundraiser made more than $25,000 which will go to funding the final installment the CYBSA owes to the Town for the new fields. But, the winning is not over. The grand prize drawing of $1,000 will take place at the Little League cookout this Saturday, June 14. The raffle ticket will be drawn by the winner of the All-Star home-run derby!! So, come on down to the new fields, enjoy a great BBQ, watch some exciting baseball and softball and maybe.....be a $1,000 winner!!.

OLD PHOTOS SOUGHT

The Patriot Ledger is putting out a book called, "Reflections", a collection of photographs of people's life on the South Shore from the 1800s-1960. The Cohasset Historical Society is going to sponsor a drop-off event on July 2 from 3-7 p.m.. At this time, people will be able to bring their photos and speak with someone to give a description of the photo. So start going through your albums and memories and pull out the ones that show Cohasset people at work, rest or play and mark the date on your calendar to bring them to the Cohasset Historical Society.

PAINT YOUR PARASOL

On Sunday, June 22 from 1-3, The Cohasset Historical Society is holding a "Paint-Your-Own Parasol" party at the old library/new Cohasset Historical Society building. This event is for children ages 4-10 and they need to be accompanied by an adult with appropriate clothing on for painting. This event is sponsored by the Historical Society and the Hull Lifesaving Museum. The cost is $3 for members/$5 for non-members. To register for this event, please call 781-383-1434. What a fun way to enjoy a Sunday afternoon and to be able to go and see all the wonderful things that the Society has to offer.

MORE PROM PHOTOS

The Cohasset Pre-Prom Party, held on Friday, May 30 was a huge success. Photos that were taken by well-know photographer, Lynne Layman, are available at Cohasset Nobles Camera Shop. These photos are available for purchase in prices set for this event and can be ordered by families, friends and prom-goers. If you have any questions, call **Michelle Hubley** at 781-383-6526.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School is holding a fun and dynamic fundraiser on Wednesday, June 18 at 4:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Music Circus. Grammy nominated children's entertainer, **Bill Harley,** will be singing and performing for children of all ages and is going to put on a show that no family will want to miss. The proceeds of this event will go to the South Shore Nursery School. The cost per person is $15 and tickets can be purchased by calling 781-383-0088 or can be bought on the day of the event.

BOSTON BENEFIT

Cohasset's John and Elizabeth Naughton at the "Green and White Bash" hosted by the Friends of the Public Garden to benefit Boston's green spaces and Park Rangers program. The event seated more than 400 guests on Commonwealth Avenue between Arlington and Berkeley (closed to traffic for the event) for the Chanel Fall/Winter Fashion Show. Guests then moved into an open-air tent on the adjacent Commonwealth Avenue Mall for dining and dancing.

LASER FLEET

The Sailing Club is looking to revitalize their Laser Fleet and is wondering if anyone has one they would be willing to donate? Call **Sandy Crough** at 383-1117 for more information and if you can help out with this.

RELAY FOR LIFE AWARDS

After the grand total was tallied and announced at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, awards were presented to area residents who helped make the event so successful. More than 650 people participated and thus far, about $120,000 has been raised. Fundraising awards were presented in both team and individual categories.

The highest fundraising individual was presented to **Ed Lappen** of Cohasset, who raised more than $5,500; the highest fundraising team was presented to "LeeAnne's Team", captained by **LeeAnne DeVries** of Cohasset, which turned in $12,732; and the highest fundraisng team based on average raised per person went to "G Force VII", captained by **John Chapman** of Cohasset, which raised $6,795. The award for Most Team Spirit went to "The Beach Bums" captained by **Cindy and Greg Whelan** of Hull. Finally, Best Decorated Campsite was awarded to team "Clark's Energizers," captained by **Ann Marie Goff** and **Richard Kurtz** of Cohasset. Thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of the 32 teams in attendance, the funds raised at this event will support the Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and local patient services.

TENNIS BENEFIT

Tennis anyone? The Annual Cohasset Benefit Tennis Tournament is being held this year on July 18, 19 and 20. This fun-filled and exciting tournament is held to benefit Children's Hospital. If anyone would like more information or a registration form they can contact **Lorraine Tarpey**, 383-2282, or **Sandy Crough**. 383-1117.

SWIM, DIVE TEAM TRYOUTS

The Cohasset Swim Team try-outs will be held on Tuesday, June 17 from 4-6 p.m. at the Cohasset Swim Center. Swimmers must be 6 years of age by July 1, 2003 and no older than 17 years. Cohasset Dive Team try-outs will be held on the same day from 6:30-7:30p.m. Both teams have limited openings for this upcoming summer.

One more week of school to go, hooray! I am one mom who loves this time of year and want to thank all of the hard-working teachers, staffs and professionals who work so hard with our children. The sun has been peeking out here and there and summer is ready to be here. Enjoy and stay safe. That is all for this week.

Make sure to send me any news or event information no later than Mondays at noon. Any special message that you would like to send to your child(ren) as they get ready to start the summer is very much welcome for next week's copy.

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Shortcake sweetens up Strawberry Fest

By Samantha Brown
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Got a sweet tooth? Stop by the Second Congregational Church's annual Strawberry Festival, to be held alongside the Festival on the Common, Friday June 13 to Sunday June 15.

For the past 15 years, church members have been serving up delicious strawberry shortcake, marking the unofficial start of summer for many who attend. The dessert has become so popular over the years that the church estimates total weekend sales of roughly 2,500 shortcakes, requiring 525 quarts of berries.

"We have people who come all three days. It's been a great fundraiser for us," said co-chair Annette Sawchuk. In fact, in the 15 years since the event began, more than $100,000 has been raised, with proceeds supporting local charities including Father Bill's Place, the Social Service League of Cohasset, the Mary Martha Learning Center in Hingham and Wellspring in Hull..

Local growers in Rhode Island supply the berries, which are picked early Thursday morning, then shipped off to be received by church members around 5 p.m. Berries are prepared and sugared that night, ready to meet their destiny atop buttermilk biscuits as strawberry shortcake Friday morning.

The church's brick courtyard, adjacent to Cohasset Town Hall, will serve as an outdoor café, where Festival visitors can sit and enjoy a snack, lunch or dinner, brought to their table by friendly wait staff. Indoor tables will also be available. Shortcakes and other fresh baked goods, fruit cups and cold drinks will also be available "to go" for those who wish to enjoy their treats as they explore the more than 80 art exhibits and attractions of the Festival on the Common.

Shortcakes are $4 each and will be sold during Festival hours. Second Congregational will also serve caesar salads, with or without grilled chicken, hamburgers and hotdogs, as well as fresh pastries and cold drinks.

Lobster rolls to be offered at Festival

Seafood lovers will surely be in for a treat as the First Parish Church will be holding its first lobster roll sale Friday, June 13 through Sunday, June 15 in conjunction with the Festival on the Common. All lobster rolls will be made fresh by the Parish House and sold all day long during the festivities.

"It's the perfect June meal," said Lucia Woods of the First Parish Church. "Have a lobster roll with us, then go across the common for some strawberry shortcake." She sees the sale as the perfect opportunity to raise money while providing a delicious summer meal for the community to enjoy. "It's just too good to be true," she said.

Each meal costs $9 and includes an all-meat lobster salad roll with a bag of potato chips. Proceeds will benefit the First Parish Church and various church interests.

— Samantha Brown

Volunteers are the heart of festival

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varied talent and wide range of subject matter." "It's really fun."

She has watched the Center grow over the years and feels it is a great asset to the community. "The Festival is the peak season for the Art Center," she said, and by volunteering her time, she can help make this very important Cohasset tradition happen.

Pat McCarthy has also been volunteering on and off for roughly the past 15 years. After attending art school, she occasionally took classes at the Art Center, and eventually accepted a teaching position with a local school. After a few years, the Art Center asked her to teach, and she has been ever since.

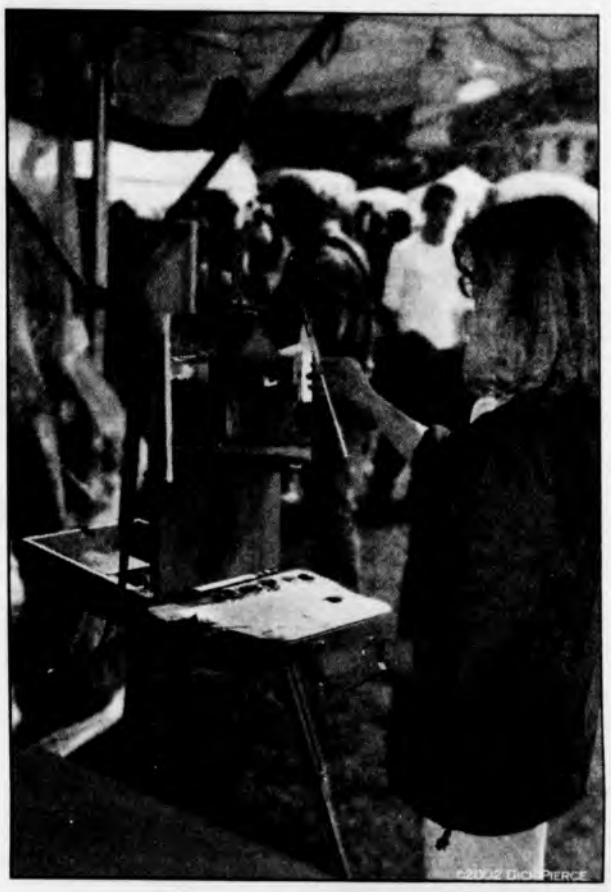
During the festival, she acts as a demonstrator, painting watercolors on the common for passers by to enjoy. "I love the excitement of the whole thing," said McCarthy. "It's a very festive time."

Last year, McCarthy's painting was featured on T-shirts and other Festival memorabilia. "That was kind of exciting for me," she said.

McCarthy's work will receive an award this Friday as she will become the recipient of the sunrise prize for her painting Le Angles. McCarthy spends the winters in Naples, Florida and painted the picture of a local store there.

Not only does McCarthy enjoy showing her craft to others at the Festival, she also enjoys her surroundings as she paints. "It really is a lovely setting," she said.

Rain or shine, this annual tradition is sure to have the continued success that keeps its volunteers coming back.



At right: Cohasset artist Kim Alemian paints at South Shore Art Center Arts Festival.

South Shore Art Center Arts Festival

Schedule of Activities

Friday, June 13 Arts Festival Open 2-7 p.m.

2-7 p.m. Arts Festival Open: Juried art exhibitions, members' art exhibition, youngartists' exhibition, 80 juried craft and fine art vendors, artists' demonstrations, children's art exhibition and activity tent, food court, Strawberry Festival, trolley service, $5 donation requested

3-5 p.m. Kidstent Young Artists' Exhibition and free children's art activities

4-5 p.m. Festival Stage Local guitarist & folk singer Ana Buckley

5:30 p.m. Festival Stage Art Awards Ceremony

7 p.m. Festival closes

7 p.m. Festival offCommon Kickoff party and silent auction with festive libations and music by the Jeff Williams Group. South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset, $30 ($25 SSAC members). Call 781-383-2787 for reservations

Saturday, June 14, Festival Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

10 a.m.-7 p.m.. Arts Festival Open: Juried art exhibitions, members' art exhibition, young artists' exhibition, 80 juried fine art and craft vendors, artists' demonstrations, children's art activity tent, food court, Strawberry Festival, trolley service, $5 donation requested

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Festival Stage A day of regional performing artists including Cohasset's Rusty Skippers at 10 a.m., The Debutantes at 11:15 a.m., Watson Reid & Americana at 1 p.m., The O'Reillys at 3:30 p.m., Howie Altholtz & Friends at 5:30 p.m.

12-5 p.m. Kidstent Young Artists' Exhibition and free children's art activities

12 p.m. Sailing of replica boats by the Marine Modeler's Association of NE, Meeting House Pond

7 p.m. Festival closes

8 p.m. Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus, First Parish Church on Cohasset Common, $10. For tickets call First Parish 781-383-1100

Sunday, June 15 Festival Open 12-6 p.m.

12-6 p.m. Arts Festival Open: Juried art exhibitions, members' art exhibition, young artists exhibition,

80 juried fine art and craft vendors, artists' demonstrations, children's art activity tent, food court,

Strawberry Festival, trolley service, $5 donation requested

12-5 p.m. Kidstent Young Artists' Exhibition and free children's art activities celebrating Father's Day

12 -5 p.m., Festival Stage

An afternoon of music featuring a Carillon concert at 12 p.m., Hingham High School Jazz Ensemble at 2 p.m., and The South Shore Bay Band at 3:30 p.m.

6 p.m. Festival Closes

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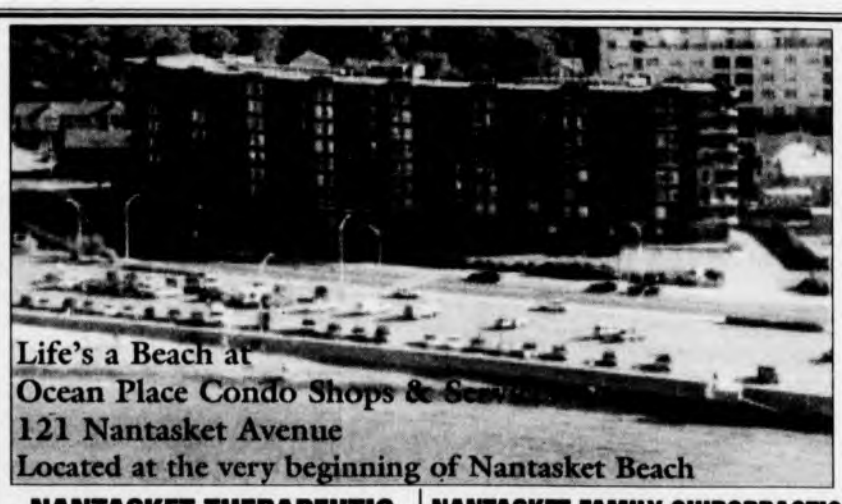

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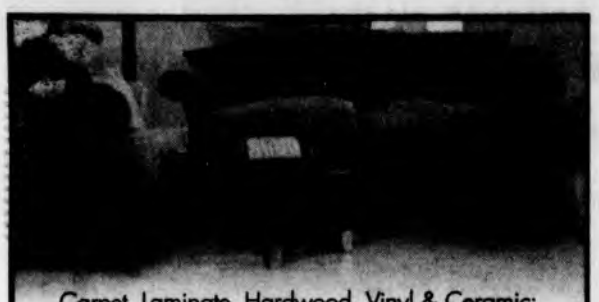

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunrise Presents Mark Twain: Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2 p.m. Sunrise Senior Living, 125 King St., invites you to the reenactment of Mark Twain's life performed by actor Richard Clark. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Theresa Oliveira at 781-383-4324. For transportation call Cohasset Elder Affairs, 781-383-9112.

Pancake Breakfast: Wednesday, July 2, 9:30 a.m. Start this day with a delicious breakfast and good company, at Cohasset Knoll. Transportation provided.

Triad Cookout: Wednesday, June 18, 10:30 a.m. Norfolk County Sheriff, Michael Bellotti invites you to the third Annual Triad Appreciation Day Cookout and Health and Safety Fair at the Endicott Estate in Dedham. All are welcome to attend. In case of inclement weather, listen to WBZ radio, 1030 on the AM dial for news of a cancellation. RSVP by calling 781-383-9112.

Water Aerobics for Seniors: The Cohasset Swim Center's Water Aerobics for Seniors will start Monday, June 30, and run for eight weeks. The 45-minute classes will be scheduled Mondays at 1:15 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. There is a $3 fee for each session payable to Cohasset Swim Center. Call to sign up, 781-383-9463.

PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

Ten or more signups are necessary in order to run the classes. Call the CEA office at 781-383-9112 to register, unless another phone number is given. At least 24-hour advance notice, please.

Fitness and Dance

Firming & Toning: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. An invigorating workout to music. Increase cardiovascular, flexibility and muscular strength with hand-held weights and an aerobic workout to music. Held at the center, 3 N. Main St. Instructor, Gloria White, $3/class.

Senior Fitness: Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. Instructor Gloria White is back on Tuesdays with Senior Fitness. Held at the CEA Senior Center, 3 North Main St., this class will help improve strength and bone mass for seniors (60+ years). $3 per class. Reserve by calling the CEA office, 781-383-9112.

Chair Yoga — New!: Thursdays, 1 p.m., starting June 5 and running weekly. Yoga is an ancient system of relaxation and rejuvenation that originated about 6,000 years ago. The postures strengthen and tone every part of the body, including the internal organs. In Chair Yoga, the traditional postures will be modified to make them accessible to everyone in the class. Enjoy soothing music, gentle and calming movement and a relaxing guided meditation. No charge for this class.

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CLASSES, HOBBIES AND TRIPS

Book Club: Friday, June 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June reading selection, "Chopping Spree," by Diane Mott Davidson. Come and share in the lively discussions. Coffee and camaraderie, too.

Bridge: Learn to Play Bridge: Starts Friday, June 13, 9:30 a.m. Bridge director, Bill Wennerberg, will be teaching the bidding and beginner bridge series. This series is the first of the Audrey grant lessons and will run for eight consecutive Fridays. Learn the game from the beginning and the right way. Cost is $79 and your book is included. For more information call Bill at 508-746-8715 or call the CEA Center at 781-383-9112. held at the center, 3 North Main St.

Monday Bridge Game: 12:30 p.m. Refreshments starting at noon. ACBL-sanctioned game with stratified scoring so the less experienced can play and score against peers. Everyone is welcome to come and play. Partners will always be available and master's points will be awarded. Wennerberg offers a mini-lesson starting at 10:30 a.m. which runs about an hour. Held at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Call Bill Wennerberg if interested, 508-746-8715.

Wednesday Bridge Game: 1 p.m. Drop-in Wednesday group is open to the public and all are welcome. Held at the CEA Senior Center, 3 North Main St.

Chanticleers: Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Club just for men. No dues, no charges, just the cost of breakfast or other events, such as day trips, evening dining and overnights, room and meals. Transportation available. Please call coordinator Win Merrill to sign up, 781-545-0695.

Computer Technology for Seniors: Tuesdays, 2:30 to 3 p.m. Note: Class has been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday. Will touch on basics such as Internet navigation and organization of personal documents. Instructor, eighth-grade Cohasset resident Austin Breslow, offers the course once a week for 30 minutes at the CEA Senior Center, 3 North Main St. For more information or to reserve a space, call the CEA office at 781-383-9112.

Gourmet Cooking with Anna: First and third Wednesdays of month, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Gourmet cooking at its lightest. For men and women who would like to learn meal planning. All classes are hands-on for every level. Registration fee is $20 plus $3 per class. Held at the St. Anthony Church Parish House. Get on the list for this very popular class.

ENGAGEMENTS

Julie Marie Mullin and Jonathan Smith

Mullin - Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mullin of Scituate announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Marie to Jonathan Smith, the son of Debra Smith of Cohasset and Charles Smith of Boston.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Scituate High School and Western Maryland College. Her fiancé is a graduate of Avon Old Farms, Avon, Conn.

A Sept. 27, 2003 wedding is planned.

Laura Marie Rosano and Adam Girard

Rosano - Girard

Gina and Mario Rosano of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Marie Rosano, to Adam Girard, the son of Donna and Paul Girard of Wareham.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Curry College in Milton. She is employed as a special needs teacher at May Center in Braintree.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Wareham High School and Curry College, is employed as an account executive at Marcor Environmental in Wilmington.

An Oct. 9, 2004, wedding is planned.

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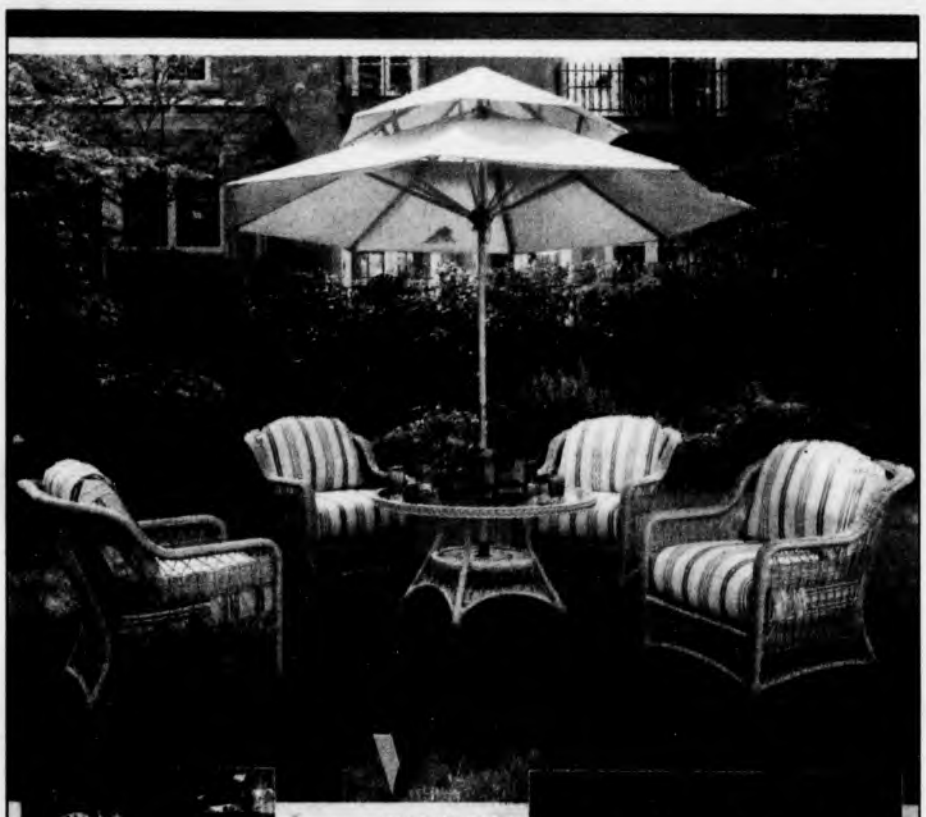

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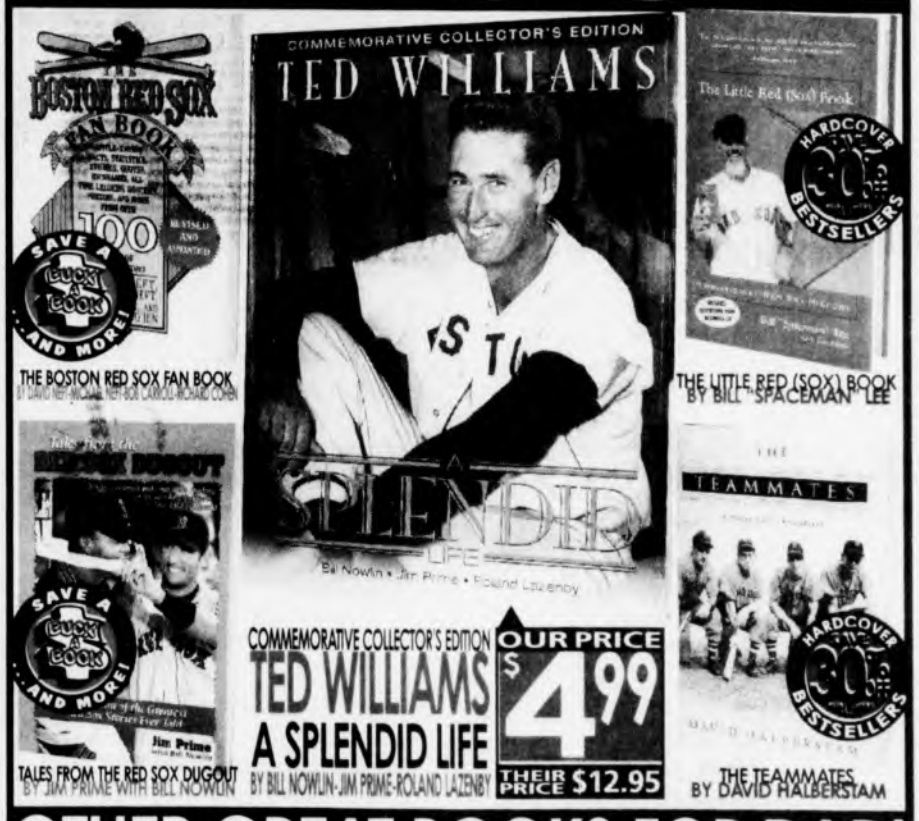

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Archeologists look for buried artifacts in Hingham Square

Dig is mandated by train project

By Mary Ford
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A team of archeologists from UMass are compiling a report which will determine if more digging is needed.

Workers with hardhats and backhoes were back along the railroad bed in Hingham Square last week. But they weren't there to resume work on the controversial Greenbush line, whose construction was suspended in February pending resolution of outstanding permitting and right-of-way issues.

Rather a group from the University of Massachusetts was on hand, with the support of Cashman Balfour Beatty (CBB) and the MBTA, sifting through the dirt in a series of trenches to see if any archeological artifacts might be unearthed. CBB, a joint venture, has the contract to construct the train.

Hingham's "Little Dig" last week may be a precursor to its own "Big Dig" if Gov. Mitt Romney — who during the construction hiatus is reviewing the financial aspects of Greenbush — gives the railroad restoration project the green light. An 800-foot, $40 million tunnel is planned under Hingham Square that would also include two boat sections or approaches totaling 2,100 feet, which gradually descend into the tunnel. At its deepest point, the tunnel would be 26 feet.

The MBTA is bound by an agreement reached with the Army Corps of Engineers, Massachusetts Historical Commission, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in Washington and the five Greenbush towns to ensure historic resources are protected in what is called a "Section 106" agreement.

The agreement includes archeological surveys when needed, according to Maureen Cavanaugh of Epsilon Associates of Maynard. Epsilon is project conservator on Greenbush.

Hingham, which was settled in 1633, is one of the oldest towns in Massachusetts. The village was developed overlooking Town Brook that terminated at Hingham Harbor, expanding residential and commercial activity over 300 years necessitated the vast filling of wetlands. The filling was accomplished by oxcart and wheelbarrow, so there are many strata that could contain artifacts.

In preparation for this month's archeological dig, test pits were dug along the rail bed in the Square. Trenches were then dug in the areas that were determined by the test pits or historical records as having the potential to yield some significant artifacts, said Jim Eng, who is the MBTA director of construction for Greenbush.

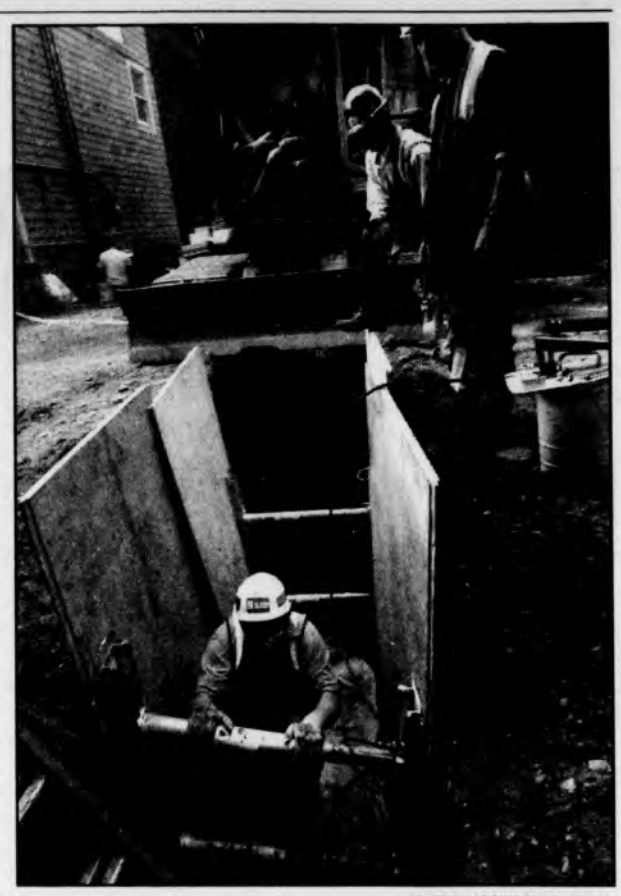
Eng said the team of archeologists from UMass are compiling a report which will determine if more digging is needed. Until the report is released later this week or next week, it won't be known if any historical artifacts of significance have been found, he explained.

Cavanaugh, the project conservator, explained unearthing artifacts determined to be significant would not stop the project unless human remains were found.

Archeological artifacts are excavated and studied. To be of significance, they must meet National Register criteria of eligibility, she said. The old Cohasset Roundhouse, which is beneath the town parking lot along the right of way, meets that criteria, for example.

Hingham Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan said any artifacts that are uncovered should eventually make their way back to Hingham where they could be preserved and displayed. He also explained colonial settlers along Town Brook used their backyards as "dumps" so many interesting items may turn up. He noted much can be learned about everyday life by what people have thrown away.

"It's entirely possible that they may find something really interesting," Macmillan said.



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Tim Barker, director of Field Research at UMass Archeological Services, emerges from the trench along the railroad bed behind between North and South streets in Hingham Square after finding and marking an object for further study. Cashman employees Bruce Burke and Bob Oliver observe.

Student coastal center at Mariners Park to open Friday, June 20

Roy Herzfelder is guest speaker

The Center for Student Coastal Research announces Ellen Roy Herzfelder, the state Secretary for the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, will provide the keynote address at ceremonies marking the Center's official opening from 5-7 p.m., Friday, June 20. The Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) will celebrate the establishment of a harborfront laboratory and classroom facility dedicated to supporting coastal research projects of importance to Cohasset and surrounding communities in the South Coastal Watershed.

CSCR's core educational mission is to provide opportunities for high school students to study local watershed issues. CSCR is dedicated to assisting students to complete research projects that meet the rigors of professional scientific review; CSCR students, therefore, serve community interests and needs. CSCR is equally dedicated to providing younger students with programs designed to engage them in the exploration of the coastal environment and to assist them in developing their skills as young scientists.

The opening of CSCR's doors will mark the successful work of numerous volunteers who labored to rehabilitate a long abandoned, but historic town landmark, the Captain Aubrey Crocker home, better known locally as the Hagerty building. Though still a work in progress, the Center will open its doors this summer to dozens of young scientists enrolled in its Seaside Adventures program and a select group of high school students focused on research projects in Cohasset Harbor, Little Harbor, Bassings Beach, and the Gulf River.

CSCR will also be celebrating area artists who have leased studios in the building as part of a collaborative agreement between the Center and the South Shore Art Center.

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EDITORIAL

We're handing you a world with homelessness, AIDS, and billion dollar banking scandals.

We're handing you a world with a hole in the ozone layer, defoliation of the rain forest, and slicks on our ocean.

Class of 2003, you don't remember this, but the year of your birth, 1985, while you were snuggled in your warm receiving blanket, after years of a cold war that froze the world in fear that a superpower would launch a nuclear holocaust, the United States and the Soviet Union resumed arms negotiations.

Ronald Reagan, 73, took the oath of office for a second term. IRA terrorists killed nine officers and civilians at an Ulster police base. Tens of thousands marked the 40th anniversary of the liberation of the Buchenwald death camp. The PLO captured a cruise ship called the Achille Lauro and killed an American, Leon Klinghoffer.

Dwight Gooden won the National League Cy Young Award, and boxer Michael Spinks earned the heavyweight crown by beating Larry Holmes.

25,000 were killed as a volcano in Columbia spewed forth its deadly lava.

Moviegoers were taking an armchair trip "Out of Africa," "The Color Purple" dominated the cinema rainbow, and we were "Witnesses" to the simplicity of Amish life.

TV clickers were going wild among "The Cosby Show," "Benson," "Kate and Allie," and "St. Elsewhere."

Rap music had begun to ripple through junior highs.

Fleet-footed Joan Benoit found no heartache on Heartbreak Hill as she won the Boston Marathon.

A man named Wade of our beloved, eternally snakebitten Red Sox Boggled American League pitchers in his quest for the batting crown.

Our own Celtics rocketed past Houston to become champions of the parquet floor.

The year you let go of your mother's hand, packed Twinkies into your lunchbox for the first time, and entered kindergarten, 1990, glasnost was the buzz word, meaning peace between the two major powers.

But peace did not last long.

Up until 1990, a Patriot missile was a pass by a football team that had not yet won a Super Bowl. Scuds were small windstorms. Bagdad was a mysterious city with casabas and belly dancers. Kuwait was a tiny, very rich little country far away.

All that changed on January 15, 1991 when President George Bush (Senior)'s thousand points of light turned into 1,000 bombs over Bagdad. The country was in a Desert Storm. This storm was quickly over and had passed into history by the time you tipped your tiny mortarboard and went on to first grade.

While you were in grammar school, the world was a busy place. Your parents watched the Berlin wall fall, the Anita-Hill-Clarence Thomas debacle, and a boxing champion named Mike Tyson jailed for rape.

They watched the Soviet Union disintegrate and Chinese students massacred in Bejing.

They watched apartheid crumble and the first free elections in South Africa.

They saw a young man from Hope, Arkansas become the first Democrat in the White House in 13 years.

They watched a video of five cops beating a black man named Rodney King and a subsequent not guilty verdict inflame the worst riots in the history of the country.

They watched 90 members of a religious cult burn to death in Waco, Texas.

They saw floods in the Midwest and lived through Robert Parish-high snow in the Northeast.

They saw Celtic captain Reggie Lewis's fatal heart attack tainted with suspicions of drug abuse.

They watched in horror as a thug smashed skater Nancy Kerrigan's knee and a tale of treachery unfolded involving teammate Tonya Harding. They watched in wonder as Miss Kerrigan skated in the Olympics, bested only by a tiny Ukranian orphan named Oksana Baiul.

They watched as our incomparable Larry Bird said good-bye to basketball and Michael Jordan's number retired, then rehired.

They watched a former football hero, O.J. Simpson, acquitted of a horrifying double murder in what many described as the trial of the century.

They saw a federal building in Oklahoma bombed and 167 people killed in the worst act of terrorism the country had witnessed up to that point.

They witnessed the beginning of an all-out war against smoking and 100-year-old George Burns buried with his two favorite cigars.

They witnessed the world tied together with dot.com on the Internet. They witnessed mail become E. They saw reality become virtual.

In 1995, you went from being king of the hill in grammar school to the new kid on the block in junior high.

It was a strange year. Shannon Faulkner fought her way into the all-male Citadel military academy only to quit after a few days, and a million black men march on Washington at the behest of the widely distrusted Louis Farrakhan.

In 1999, you entered the hallowed halls of Cohassset Middle High School. You watched the new millennium dawn. You watched the world grapple with the Y2K scare, when all computers were supposed to come to a screeching halt.

Nothing could have prepared you for that fateful Tuesday morning in September, 2001 when you sat in your junior class.

Indelible images are imprinted on our minds which we will carry forever to remind us of the horror of the 9-11 terrorist attack which left 3,000 dead when two hijacked planes smashed into the World Trade Center in New York City, demolishing it. A third plane tore into the Pentagon in Washington, and a fourth plummeted into a field in Pennsylvania.

There were the images.

Little girls on a corner selling flags made out of beads.

Flags everywhere rippling softly in the wind across town.

"God Bless America" spelled out in paper cups on a chain link fence.

Our town leaders snapping into action within hours of the catastrophe and sitting around a table in town hall planning how to keep our community safe while horrific images flashed on a TV screen.

School children making patriotic pins for their teachers.

Others writing letters to the emergency crews in New York.

Almost everybody praying in local houses of worship.

Church bells tolling throughout the town.

Businesses displaying messages of hope.

Stunned faces everywhere.

Smoke on one tower and a fireball on the other as the World Trade Center was hit with jet planes which became flying bombs.

The employees slowly snaking their way down the narrow staircase to safety.

The rush to freedom by the lucky ones.

The muggers in New York jails asking for the Red Cross so they could donate blood.

The police officer who plummeted with the building's 89th floor and walked away.

The cell phone calls from the planes and the World Trade Center.

The son assuring his mother he loved her.

The reporter who called her husband collect to tell him the plane had been hijacked.

The fiancé who told his future wife, "Live for me."

The CEO of the company who lost all 700 employees, including his own brother, who kept stopping survivors on the street asking what floor they were on until the survivors stopped coming.

The group of firefighters who jumped into a subway to escape flying debris, dug themselves out, returned to the Trade Center, and were never heard from again.

The mayor of New York on his hands and knees scratching through the rubble for survivors.

The rescue of two firefighters in a crevice. "Good job, jakes," one said.

The passenger who called a family member from the hijacked Philadelphia plane and said that he and two other passengers were going to "do something." They did. The plane slammed into a field, instead of the White House.

The passport of one of the hijackers found intact amidst the debris.

The public address system in Tower 2 which told people they could go back to work.

The rescue workers so caked with soot.

The towers crumbling like sand castles.

The young father with his wife and child calling his mother from one of the doomed planes.

"Don't worry about us. It's going to be fast," he said.

The president vowing justice in the rubble.

The vice president saying this will be a war like no other, fought in dark alleys and mountain caves, with intelligence relying on secrets told to the most unsavory of characters.

The secretary of state saying this war on terrorism is going to take a long time.

We were still stunned as the war began, first in Afghanistan in a hunt for a man named Osama bin Laden, then in Iraq in the search for a dictator named Saddam Hussein.

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Perhaps in your class will be the idealists who will conquer homelessness, illiteracy, and poverty.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sticker shock

Dear Mr. Haddad and Selectman:

I do not usually do this but I am very upset about the recent article I read in the Mariner about the town no longer selling beach stickers and only selling "all-facility" stickers. My family only has one car that goes to the transfer station and has no need to have an all-facility sticker on the other car. My daughter just recently got her license and was looking forward to getting a beach sticker for her car and she too has no use for an all-facility sticker.

I have lived in this town for 18 years and my husband's family for many generations and the one joy I had was getting to go to the beach but not having to pay $30 to do so. I was very upset to also read in the article in the Mariner that one of the reasons for raising the cost of the sticker was not to "significantly increase revenue but will save a great deal of paperwork for the town clerk's office" and the article goes on to say that the "estimated the restructuring would result in an additional $6,000 of revenue."

Please make up your mind is the increase to get more revenue or to decrease paperwork because either excuse is a poor one. You should offer the townspeople an opportunity to use the natural resources of the town and not make a profit because the town owns the parking lot.

The committee should reconsider the idea of just a beach sticker and if you need more money to help cover the cost of trash removal and the parking lot, increase the price of the beach sticker to $10 or $15 (half the price of the all-facility sticker). This all-facility sticker is also not fair to those people who have a trash removal service and do not need to have a transfer station sticker. For the amount we pay in taxes and for the services offered in this town, please give the people a choice of what kind of sticker they have a need for. It is bad enough you force us to pay to dump our trash could we have the privilege of using the town parking lot of the beach for a reasonable price.

Terry James
19 Buttonwood Lane

Terry James provided the Mariner with a copy of her letter.

Water sale

To: Water Commissioners:

I'm not the complaining type but I do have a few concerns regarding the sale of water to Erikson Properties.

I understand you are trying to benefit the town financially. I also realize that you are trying to consider those of us in North Cohasset who pay a very high water rate from Aquarion Water Co.

Through all of this we certainly pay higher rates than others in town and we may be paying a higher rate than the people in Erickson communities — this doesn't seem right.

My other concern — aren't we interfering with desires and concerns of the Hingham town boards (e.g. Hingham Planning Board).

If this water is privately sold isn't this the same or similar situation our town boards (Planning, Conservation and Sewer) have with the town of Hull trying to sell sewer tie-in to a private developer, Jerusalem Rd. Estates?

Please understand I do respect your time and effort.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Bill Chisholm
605 Jerusalem Road

This letter was in Selectmen's correspondence.

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House budget: What happened

YOUR REP

GARRETT BRADLEY

When a recession occurs, and people lose their jobs, they stop paying income taxes and the state falls into a deeper recession. Raising the income tax will *not* solve our problem.

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the House budget process. As you read this, the Senate has also concluded its budget debate and any differences will now be resolved by the conference committee which consists of three members of the House and three members of the Senate. This group is scheduled to report back in June so that we will hopefully have a budget on Governor Romney's desk by July 1.

• Revenue — The House budget debate began with a two-day debate on raising new revenues. As I did last year, I voted against an increase in the personal income tax. Revenue used in our state budget is derived from several sources, with the majority coming from the personal income tax (58 percent). This is the third highest percentage in the country, and it is a significant cause of our $3 billion budget gap. When a recession occurs, and people lose their jobs, they stop paying income taxes and the state falls into a deeper recession. Raising the income tax will *not* solve our problem.

I did support a short-term borrowing plan that would have raised $300 million. This plan would have offset cuts in several areas, including cuts to local aid. If this plan had been approved, the interest rate would have been about 3 percent and the note would have been for five years. Currently, we have approximately $500 million in our Health Care liability trust fund (from the tobacco settlement) and this would have been used as collateral for this loan. Unfortunately, the Legislature did not approve this plan and we went into our budget debate with the task of cutting $3 billion out of a $23 billion budget. This was a difficult task but it had to be done.

• $3 Billion Dollar Deficit — Since 1993, the budget has grown in two specific areas with one growing intentionally and one growing unintentionally. The intentional area was local aid which was increased from approximately $1 billion to approximately $5 billion and was directed mostly to increase educational funding. The unintentional area was Mass Health, our version of Medicaid, which is paid 50 percent from the state and 50 percent from the federal government. The program covers many low-income residents. This program has grown from approximately $1.8 billion in 1993 to $6 billion this year. In three years, it will be $10 billion. Governor Romney is correct when he says we cannot wait for the federal government to restructure the program, we must take difficult steps.

Add to this a recession, which has been worse in our state than other areas of the country because of our reliance on the High Tech industry which lost many jobs. Also, factor in the loss of significant capital gains revenue. These taxes, which approached about $1 billion a year in 2001, are now about $200 million.

• The Budget Debate — Unlike past years, every dollar we put into one area during this budget debate was unfortunately taken from another. Without a balanced budget however, we would cause more harm to our fragile economy. Painful cuts are being made because they are unavoidable.

We were able to put together a plan that funds the prescription advantage program. This is a critical program that provides low cost prescription drugs for our seniors and I have supported it since it inception.

I sponsored adopted amendments to support our school building assistance program because I believe the state must keep its word to communities that have relied on this program. Otherwise, this funding would be an additional burden on the taxpayers.

I, and many of my suburban colleagues, fought for an amendment to use certain accounts to lessen the impact on those communities that received the highest local aid cuts. These accounts, known as "pot hole" accounts, are used by the Governor to assist communities who find themselves short of funds as the year progresses. We wanted to use the money in these accounts for our communities now, but we were not successful.

The budget also undertook many reforms, some of which the Governor proposed. The MDC was merged with the Department of Environmental Management. The legislators' micromanaging of the court system was lessened, and the reorganization of Health and Human Services Department occurred as the Governor proposed. Significant Medicaid reforms were adopted and the amount public employees contribute to their healthcare was increased which brought us more in line with the private sector.

If there are certain areas of the budget where you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. This was an extremely difficult and I am mindful of the ramifications some of our difficult decisions carry for our district. I continue to believe however, that these decisions must be made now if we are to recover from this fiscal crisis. I have, and will continue, to work to provide you with an honest assessment, whether positive or negative, of our budget situation. I look forward to your comments.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley represents the Third Plymouth District of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and one precinct in Scituate.

The pros and cons of Senate budget

HEDLUND REPORT

BOB HEDLUND

In addition to $500 million in fee increases, the Senate budget also contained a number of non-budgetary matters which led to me ultimately voting against the bill.

Last week the Senate wrapped up debate on its more than $22.5 billion budget for fiscal year 2004. While I believe the Senate could have adopted more reforms to Massachusetts state government, this budget was a large improvement over the House's budget passed in early May. Unlike that budget, the Senate adopts a true consolidation of the Metropolitan District Commission with the Department of Environmental Management and substantial reforms to the Office of Health and Human Services among other important reforms to the Judiciary and Board of Higher Education. These reforms are critical for long-term savings and efficiencies. This budget also shares many of the spending priorities important to my constituents on the South Shore. The Senate budget fully funds the Prescription Advantage program important to seniors across the Commonwealth. And, most importantly, it provides a slightly larger amount of Chapter 70 education aid to our communities.

My largest disappointment with the Senate budget is the large number of broad based "fee" proposals and increases included to keep this budget balanced. While it rejects increases to the income, sales and property taxes, the Senate did truly increase taxes on people by passing them off as fees. A fee, as determined by law, is an amount charged for a particular government service. However, most of the "fee" proposals in the Senate budget go beyond this definition as they are specifically designed to simply generate revenue for the Commonwealth. In essence, these "fees" really are taxes. All we would have needed to do to avoid the increases is enact additional reforms to generate further savings. One of the more outrageous fee proposals was that of a surcharge on homeowners' insurance policies. I led a successful effort to repeal this outrageous 'fee' proposal. Unfortunately, most of the other fee increases were included in the budget.

In addition to the more than $500 million in fee increases on the citizens and business owners across the Commonwealth, the Senate budget also contained a number of non-budgetary matters which led to me ultimately voting against the bill. Among other measures, the Senate continued the Legislature's practice of ignoring the will of Massachusetts voters by carving exemptions to the voter approved English Immersion law as well as passing a repeal of the clean elections law passed overwhelmingly by voters in 1998. The budget also sought to revive the anti-business climate of the late 1980's by passing comprehensive corporate reporting legislation as part of the budget. This reporting would require businesses to turn over more sensitive, private information than any other state in the nation, and would certainly lead to jobs being lost in Massachusetts. These provisions are a poison pill in an otherwise well-crafted budget document.

The following are some highlights of the Senate Budget:

• *Prescription Advantage* — The Senate budget took the lead on the important issue of providing drug coverage for Massachusetts' seniors by retaining the Prescription Advantage program. The budget also calls for reforms to the way in which the Commonwealth purchases prescription drugs that will save Massachusetts taxpayers millions of dollars. Since the inception of this first-in-the-nation program, we have been searching for a way to continue this program without further burdening the Commonwealth's taxpayers. This year we have come up with innovate solutions that should permit for the continuance of this program for years to come.

• *School Building Assistance* — I was pleased when the Senate Budget was released with funding for initial payments for the School Building Assistance program. I lobbied for this funding on behalf of my district and its inclusion was a strong sign of support for the program, as the initial House budget proposal did not fund those accounts. We also passed amendments, including one that I co-sponsored, that will help stabilize the program. One of those amendments would increase the term of borrowing from 7 to 10 years. As the waiting list grows even larger, this would help those towns until they begin to receive their reimbursements from the state.

• *Local Priorities* — In addition to funding for Prescription Advantage and the School Building Assistance program, I lobbied for the inclusion of a number of important local priorities for the South Shore. An amendment I sponsored resulted in the retention of a $200,000 grant for the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation. This important economic development grant will make sure that work continues on redeveloping the former Naval Air Station in South Weymouth. Also, Summer police patrols for Nantasket Beach were funded at a level of $280,000. These patrols are important to maintaining the quality of life for Hull residents as Nantasket Beach draws over 500,000 visitors each summer. Another appropriation of $54,000 was included for a substance abuse program at the Hingham District Court. Also, a $500,000 earmark was secured for the continued operation of the Talking Information Center in Marshfield.

Bob Hedlund is state Senator for the Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes Weymouth, Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Norwell, Scituate, Marshfield and Duxbury.

HEALTH NOTES

Helmets are protective armor; they can save lives

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

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Armor. The world seems to fluctuate between the offensive and the defensive. Our current military helmet, for example, can trace its roots through the German Stahlheim to the medieval kettle hat, or chapel de fer. Given to us by nature as in the clam, the turtle, and the armadillo, and used by humans, (only occasionally, and sporadically, and modified even more slowly!) armor currently appears to be in vogue. Frequently, these vagaries occur because of the persuasiveness of those with special interests, regardless of the validity of the choice. According to those who study the art, helmets have made a surprising comeback, beginning with the hardhat used by workers in the high iron days of prewar riveted skyscrapers of the 20's to WW2 warriors until now.

First for, horse riders, bikers (motor), then bicyclists, skiers, skateboarders, etc., helmets have become de rigueur. Now, the helmet can be a fashion statement. Also, some see laws requiring helmets as an abridgment of rights. But the ostensible reason for most helmets is to augment protection of that fundamental piece of armor, the skull. Accident statistics routinely attest to the added safety that head protection gives us. But, as with every other modern convenience, it is necessary to apply our armor with diligence and reason. The first safeguard is to see to it if it's needed, as are seatbelts, that it's used, and that *use becomes habit.* For many, getting into a car and *not* fastening seat belts makes the ride uncomfortable, even intolerable. So, if it's necessary, should be the use of head protection.

Helmets can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85 percent for bicycles for example. Most deaths related to bicycle falls and collisions involve head injuries. This means that wearing a helmet can save your life. Each year, bicycle-related deaths number about 900, and United States hospital emergency rooms treat more than 500,000 people for bicycle-related injuries. More children, ages 5 to 14, go to United States hospital emergency rooms for injuries associated with bicycles than with any other sport. Many of these injuries involve the head. If you do not wear a bicycle helmet, you may be risking your life. In addition, helmets used for bicycles can be used for other forms of exercise, such as in line and roller skating Those who skateboard or do more aggressive (trick or freestyle) skating may want to look for helmets sold specifically for these activities that meet safety standards for these sports. These helmets cover more of the head, especially in the back. Of course for many of these sports, other forms of armor, wrist guards, knee pads, and elbow pads will offer additional body protection.

But use of head protection contains an element of judgment. When football players changed over from leather helmets to plastic in the 1950's, the incidence of neck injuries nearly tripled. Similarly, use of helmets by young bicycle riders may be accompanied by reductions in vision, balance problems or other negative effects. It's up to parents to ensure that their children are aided by those safety devices which are being so broadly marketed. As usual, judgment and reason, accompanied by a little common sense is as important as the protection given by today's modern defensive armor.

Many states and local jurisdictions have laws requiring bicycle helmet use. Check with the Board of Health about Massachusetts laws on helmets.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Rising tide of nudity is no longer limited to beaches

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Most recently, some 85 passengers left their clothes behind and boarded a plane at Miami Airport on what was billed as the world's first nude flight to a resort not far from Cancun...

I know it's a long reach to be writing about nakedness with the June temperature hovering around the freezing mark, but word has just filtered down to me that membership in the American Association for Nude Recreation has risen 75 per cent to 50,000 in the last 12 years.

And if any of you good folk are recently unemployed and casting about for something to do while you're waiting for your ship to come back in, nude recreation and travel as a business now has an annual take of $400 million, an increase of more than 230 per cent since 1992.

Take that, Anthony Comstock, and that, Watch and Ward Society!

The new interest in nudism — or naturism, as the folks who practice it like to say — extends far beyond naked people —or bollicky, as we used to call them — lolling about the beach or playing volleyball or posing for pictures that will appear in magazines that won't appear on the newsstand.

The DeAnza Spring Resort, a nudist colony — or clothing optional camp, as they like to call it — some 70 miles east of San Diego, Calif., is planning a nude dinner train excursion next fall. The menu has not yet been announced but it will probably feature lamb chops, the kind you put panties on.

The most successful excursion so far has been the 10-day voyage of the Carnival Cruise Lines' good ship "Ecstasy" up and down the Pacific coast of Mexico in late February that drew 2,000 fun-loving males and females who didn't have to worry about what to wear for dinner at the captain's table.

Most recently, some 85 passengers left their clothes behind and boarded a plane at Miami Airport on what was billed as the world's first nude flight to a resort not far from Cancun, Mexico, for a week devoted to getting tanned all over. No, the stewardess did not offer "hot coffee, tea or me." Only lukewarm beverages were allowed.

In case you're interested in something more local, the Boston Herald last Sunday reminded us that July 7-13 is Nude Recreation Week, during which the 50,000 members of the American Association for Nude Recreation and the 27,000 members of the Naturist Society sponsor special events, like naked beach runs, for new nudists.

If you take them up on their offer, you'll be one up in me. I've never been to a nudist colony or a naturist resort, but I came close once. The assistant editor of the place where I worked in New York some 40 years ago, had an idea one day — usual people doing unusual things.

Hugh Mulligan was to visit a nudist camp. Dave Bowen was to jump from an airplane, with a parachute, of course. I was to spar a round with Ingemar Johansson, who was in the states to defend his world heavyweight boxing championship against Floyd Patterson.

Fortunately, as soon as the boss editor found out that one of his writers was fixing to jump out of an airplane, that idea was scrapped and when the sparring session was proposed to Ingemar Johansson's manager, he stopped laughing long enough to say "no!" But not before Mulligan visited the nudist camp.

He approached his fellow naturists with some trepidation, he told us, with certain parts of him hidden behind a copy of the New York Herald Tribune. As he lay on the beach, a young lady, naked as a jaybird, paused beside him and glanced down at his newspaper.

"May I see your sporting section?" she asked.

Bulger issue raises questions about state of 'Big-D' politics

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Attorney General Thomas Reilly completely set the Hill on its ear with his front-page call for UMass President William Bulger to step aside. It raised lots of questions about the state of big-D Democratic politics in Massachusetts — this one, for example, which would absolutely not have occurred to anyone in state politics: is this the Democratic party of Thomas Reilly, or Bill Bulger?

Most urgently it raised the fundamental Massachusetts political question, which probably was first voiced in about 1629 as: "Prithee, what lieth behind this queer gambit?" Nowadays, people say: "What's *that* all about?" And that's what people wanted to know.

Normally, everyone's got a theory when a major figure does something startling. But this was so unusual "I just don't know" was as common a reaction as "Here's my guess." The answer probably encompasses parts of several different motivations.

First, there's what he said on the surface: Reilly doesn't care for the unfortunate spectacle created by Bulger's loyalty to his Most Wanted brother on one hand and his leadership of an institution supposedly devoted to the fearless quest for truth on the other. A lot of people agree; a lot disagree. Also, like many of his prosecutorial ilk, Reilly does have a track record of making attention-getting, combative moves. He made negative comments early about Cardinal Law, and opened an investigation of the Big Dig, and refused to let go of the Microsoft case.

What else could be going on? Reilly issued a standard disavowal of any ulterior or political stimulus for his criticism of Bulger's behavior. But politicians keep most of their impolite thoughts to themselves, and Reilly managed to do so for the many years Bulger was caught in his conflict. Why voice them now?

The governor and the media have made Bulger the personification of what's amiss with the political system in Massachusetts. Reilly's now the leading Democratic figure in state-level politics; few think his career will pass without a gubernatorial campaign; he may not want Gov. Romney completely co-opting the Bulger issue as 2004 approaches. It did not go unnoticed that the Democratic state convention was last weekend, nor that Reilly has a fundraiser June 19. Actually, it went very noticed.

Finally, one Bulger loyalist noted – bitterly – that Reilly may be attempting to solve the basic problem of politics: name recognition. A recent poll, by UMass of all places, showed 24 percent of respondents had no idea who Reilly was, and that's no way to run for governor.

"What other issue could you have picked to have a major impact to get your name out there?" the Bulger ally pointed out. However sincere Reilly's opinion may be, Bulger himself made no bones about the AG's decision to voice it. Bulger called it "shameless."

The Bulger/Reilly spectacle made the front page, but the issues of more importance for the people running the government went underreported. That was action to reform the office Bulger leads, and votes, or a lack thereof, on strategies to help municipalities grapple with the budget crisis.

• *Senate spares Bulger's office* — Senators went along with their colleagues who argued, whatever the issues of personality may be, the functions of the office of UMass President are too valuable to do without, and a central office is the best way to pursue them. Both sides wind up making the same argument: that the question of who holds the office should not be collapsed with the issue of whether the office should continue.

• *House passes moderate package of local relief* — Details of the many changes to the plan were somewhat hard to come by because the process was so cryptic, but the broad form of the House-passed plan was clear. Representatives declined to give local officials the power to levy new taxes at the municipal level. The bill contained a variety of strategies leaders promise will lower the cost of running local government. One notable provision would exempt payments into "overlay" funds from the tax limits of Prop. 2-1/2. Overlay funds are maintained to rebate taxes of property owners who are over-assessed.

• *Revenues surge again* — The revenue crisis may be over – that is, the part of the revenue crisis where collections shock and appall officials by persistently falling below projections. May revenues exceeded May 2002 collections by 18.7 percent, the first time since 1999 that revenues have shown a year-ago increase for three straight months. Combined with what some analysts said was the end of the bear market, the leading indicators were finally starting to look okay. The budget crisis is far from over, though; government inflation is running at 4 percent, and revenues are only expected rise 1 percent in Fiscal 2004.

• *Legislative pay raise enacted* — Just after the local-government measure was passed, representatives gave a final vote of approval to a bill allowing the Speaker and Senate President to raise the pay of their top leadership without going through the legislative process. Enactment came without a roll call.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on five roll calls and local senators' votes on two roll calls from the week of June 2-6.

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MUNICIPAL RELIEF PACKAGE (H 4002)
House 133-21, gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a municipal relief package giving local cities and towns more management flexibility, fiscal choices and revenue raising options in order to compensate for this year's cuts is local aid. Provisions include an increase in the maximum fine for parking violations, failure to stop and blocking intersections; increased fees for towing, gun registration, fire department permits and civil processes; allowing local communities to exempt their overlay accounts from the allowable tax hike limits of Proposition 2 1/2; permitting school districts to charge students in kindergarten through sixth grade for bus transportation to school; allowing municipal treasurers to use a twice-monthly payroll system rather than a weekly one; allowing communities to offer early retirement incentive programs and to reduce this fiscal year's unfunded pension liability payment by an amount equal to their loss in local aid and authorizing cities and towns to work with the Registry of Motor Vehicles to design and sell distinctive vehicle license plates and keep the profits. Supporters said the package is a fiscally responsible one that does not raise taxes but gives local communities the tools to increase revenues and make up for the deep cuts in local aid. Opponents said the package does not offer sufficient relief to make up for deep local aid cuts, raises too many fees and hikes property taxes. Some noted the package misses many opportunities including raising $328 million by legalizing slot machines. (A "Yea" vote is for the package. A "Nay" vote is against it). — Y

CHANGE PROPOSITION 2 1/2 (H 4002)
House 91-62, approved an amendment allowing local communities, if approved by voters, to exempt their "overlay" accounts from the allowable tax hike limits of Proposition 2 1/2. Proposition 2 1/2 is a state law that limits annual local property tax increases to 2.5 percent of the prior year's tax plus new growth unless voters override that limit on a ballot question. Overlay accounts include funds that communities are mandated to set aside for tax abatements for property owners whose properties have been over assessed. Exempting the overlay accounts means that communities can raise property taxes to fund their overlay accounts on top of raising taxes to the maximum amount allowed by Proposition 2 1/2. Amendment supporters said communities could use this new revenue to pay for important local services like public safety and education. They noted it is unfair that a community is restricted in raising property taxes but is forced to set aside some of its property tax revenue in an overlay account where it can sit for years. Amendment opponents said the amendment violates Proposition 2 1/2 and is simply a property tax hike that will cost taxpayers millions of dollars. They noted communities already have the ability to override Prop 2 1/2. Some argued that with this new exemption, communities would be tempted to over assess more properties in order to build up the overlay fund that essentially would become a slush fund raised outside the limits of Proposition 2 1/2. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment allowing the exemption. A "Nay" vote is against allowing the exemption). — N

ONE PERCENT LOCAL MEALS TAX (H 4002)
House 63-95, rejected an amendment allowing cities and towns to impose a one percent restaurant meals tax. The tax would take effect only if approved by a city council, city council and mayor, town meeting or town council-- depending on the community's form of government. Amendment supporters said this would simply allow, not require, communities to impose the tax and have the opportunity to raise revenue to make up for local aid cuts. Amendment opponents said a tax hike is unwarranted and argued it could hurt local restaurants. Some noted they would support this local option tax if it would be subject to approval by local voters. (A "Yea" vote is for the meals tax. A "Nay" vote is against the meals tax). — N

ALLOW SLOT MACHINES AT FOUR RACETRACKS (H 4002)
House 59-97, rejected an amendment allowing 1500 slot machines at each of the state's four racetracks. Fifty percent of revenues from the profits of each machine would be distributed as local aid under the current lottery aid formula while 44.4 percent would go to the owners of the tracks. The remaining 5.6 percent would go to the host community, contiguous communities, law enforcement, a fund to help compulsive gamblers and horse racetracks' "purses"-- money which goes to jockeys, horse breeders and horse farms. Another provision creates a formula that requires each track to compensate the state for any shortfall in State Lottery growth. Amendment supporters said the state's annual share of the slot machine revenue is estimated at $328 million in much needed dollars that would make up for deep cuts in local aid. They noted that allowing the machines would create many new jobs and permit adult citizens to play the slots in Massachusetts instead of supporting them at casinos in Connecticut. Amendment opponents said legalizing slots would open a legal route that would eventually lead to recognized Indian tribes being allowed to open casinos in Massachusetts. They argued that the projected revenue estimates are excessive and do not take into account increased financial and social costs from public safety problems, increased traffic, compulsive gambling and loss in State Lottery revenues. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment allowing the 6000 slot machines. A "Nay" vote is against allowing the 6000 slot machines). — Y

STUDY GAS TAX EXEMPTION FOR CITIES AND TOWNS (H 4002)
House 105-49, approved an amendment prohibiting a proposal exempting cities and towns' vehicles fuel purchases from the 21 cents per gallon gas tax from taking effect until the Department of Revenue studies the economic impact of the exemption and the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees approve it. Supporters of the study said the proposal is attractive but noted that the actual cost is unknown and is probably a lot higher. They argued the study will simply allow accurate estimates of the costs and impact and noted that the Taxation Committee should hold a public hearing on the idea. Opponents of the study said it would essentially kill the proposal. They noted the exemption, mirroring a federal one already in effect for communities, would save cities and towns between $10 million and $15 million that they could use to make up for local aid cuts. They argued this would simply replace the current system under which communities pay the gas tax to the state that then distributes the revenue as local aid. (A "Yea" vote is for the study. A "Nay" vote is against the study). — Y

ROMNEY'S HIGHER EDUCATION REORGANIZATION (H 3902)
Senate 6-33, rejected Gov. Romney's reorganization package making major changes in the state's higher education system including eliminating the office of UMass President William Bulger. Under state law, the package can only be approved or rejected but cannot be amended. Supporters said this reorganization is long overdue and will save millions of dollars while improving the accessibility and quality of higher education. They noted that eliminating Bulger's duplicative and unnecessary office and reassigning the office's responsibilities to the existing chancellors on each of the five campuses would save $14 million. Opponents said the package is flawed and would hurt the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of the state's higher education system. They noted that the Senate prefers to work with the governor on various legislation to improve higher education rather than being forced to simply vote up or down on one package without the ability to offer amendments. (A "Yea" vote is for the package. A "Nay" vote is against the package). — Y

ROMNEY'S GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION (H 3901)
Senate 7-32, rejected Gov. Romney's reorganization package making major changes in the structure and operation of state government. The package makes changes to most executive offices, combines some offices and agencies and completely eliminates others. Under state law, the package can only be approved or rejected but cannot be amended. Supporters said the package would bring state government into the 21st century and give the governor and his cabinet the tools necessary to better manage with fewer resources. They argued it will save millions of dollars and give taxpayers a government that runs smarter and more efficiently. They noted that they do not agree with the entire package but urged its approval and said that the legislature can make changes following House and Senate approval of the package. Opponents said they agree with some parts of the package but disagree with others and urged its rejection since the Senate is not allowed to amend it. They noted that many of the reforms have already been approved as part of the recently-approved House and Senate budgets and said that more reforms will soon be considered by the legislature in a thoughtful and cooperative process rather than with an up or down vote on one package. (A "Yea" vote is for the package. A "Nay" vote is against the package). — Y

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History buffs collaborate on guide to 13 South Shore sites

Open house day is June 28

By John Galluzzo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

It all started with a shared lunch conversation in May of 2001. Sally Leonard, a director of the Alden House Historic Site, had joined 40 or so other travelers at Mystic Seaport Museum for a bus visit to the Scituate Maritime & Irish Mossing Museum and Scituate Lighthouse, and halfway through the day sat down to lunch with the executive director of the Scituate Historical Society. They swapped some basic thoughts on collaboration between their respective non-profit organizations, and agreed to meet to discuss the ideas further. Within a month, representatives from both groups met for the first time in Duxbury, joined by friendly faces and eager partners from Marshfield's Winslow House and the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society.

From that one lunch conversation in Scituate Harbor has grown an undertaking of major proportions, but one that is being met with great enthusiasm. After tackling their first task and figuring out what to call themselves, the member organizations of Back Roads of the South Shore discussed the potential for a one-day, collaborative open house event. On Saturday, June 28, a year's worth of hard work and preparation toward that ultimate goal will come to fruition.

In the year since that first meeting, the group has expanded to include a total of 13 historic sites in seven communities. Recent meetings have gotten so large that the member organizations have had to limit themselves to sending only one representative each. For all involved, the idea of too much enthusiasm is not a bad problem at all to have.

"This has been a very exciting project," said Regina Porter, executive director of the Winslow House at the group's late May meeting. "It has really put us all in touch with each other. We're sharing information on so many other levels, apart from planning for the open house day."

The group's first tangible joint project bore fruit this week, when Patrick Browne, executive director of the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society, received 20,000 copies of the first Back Roads of the South Shore brochure and map. The full-color, eight-panel foldout features a Hingham to Plymouth map highlighting each of the 13 historic sites open on June 28. The brochures can be picked up at any of the member sites, through the Plymouth County Convention and Visitors Bureau (PCCVB), Destination Plymouth, and the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth. The Radisson, PCCVB, and Jack Conway & Company Realtors have each donated funds in support of the printing of the brochure, while Norm Forgit of Norman R. Forgit Graphic Design provided volunteer labor and the Patriot Ledger and the Plymouth County Development Council offered free advertising space to help spread the word.

"We think it's wonderful and it's important that all of the societies on the South Shore are working together like this and we're glad to be a part of it any way we can."
— Kathy O'Malley, Cohasset Historical Society

The Back Roads tour as designed carries visitors to the homes and stopping places of the region's early settlers that border historic Route 3A. In downtown Hingham, the Hingham Historical Society's Old Ordinary will be the first stop for a driver headed north to south, and a trip past Hingham Harbor and then through the beautiful Cohasset Common area leads to the Cohasset Historical Society's Captain John Wilson House in Cohasset Center. A drive up Country Way brings the next site, Scituate's Cudworth House, to view in the shadow of Thomas W. Lawson's famous water tower. After walking through the Scituate Garden Club's prize-winning Wildflower Garden on the grounds of the Mann House, it's back on 3A to cross the North River for a visit to the 1699 Isaac Winslow House and Daniel Webster law office.

In Duxbury, the Rural and Historical Society will open two sites, the King Caesar and Gershom Bradford Houses, while the Alden Kindred will lead tours through the Alden House Historic Site. In Kingston, the Jones River Village Historical Society will open the Major John Bradford House, and will also reveal for the first time their newest exhibit, on Jones River shipbuilding, at the grand opening of their restored barn. Plymouth offers three small homes of the early families, the Spooner, Jabez Howland, and Harlow Old Fort Houses. All of these sites will be open from 11a.m.-3 p.m., free of charge. The Pilgrim Hall Museum will join the fun by holding a special discount day, sponsored by Compass Bank. Youngsters up to age seventeen will get in free, while adults will pay just $3 each.

Following the open house hours, the group will gather at the Winslow House for a reception to celebrate the day's events, from 4-6 p.m. Raffle prizes will be drawn, a live band will be performing, and other surprises may arise as well. The reception will be open to the public.

Kathy O'Malley, co-president of the Cohasset Historical Society, said that although the 1810 Captain John Wilson House, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will not be open on the day of the event, due to restoration work that will be taking place this summer, the Society will have a volunteer on hand to talk about the history of the site and answer any questions visitors may have.

"We think it's wonderful and it's important that all of the societies on the South Shore are working together like this," she said, "and we're glad to be a part of it any way we can." She also hopes to see an expansion of the group's focus in the future. "It would be nice to involve other historical societies, not necessarily just on Route 3A, to cooperate with seminars, programming, and more."

O'Malley's co-president, Paula Kozol, foresees a greater pooling of talent and resources in the future as well. A veteran museum professional with experience at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Kozol has been impressed with the Back Roads group's enthusiasm and cooperation. She would also like to see the group's interests expand to include a focus on other museum world needs such as archival storage, curatorial practices, proper artifact preservation techniques, and other topics that would prove to be mutually beneficial to all of the organizations involved.

"I'm a member of MOB (Museums of Boston), which is more focused on marketing and public relations. This group differs from MOB in that it could run the whole range of collaborative programming," Kozol says. "I'd like to see us bring in speakers on specific museum subjects, hold seminars, and find other ways to take advantage of our partnership."

Paula Fisher, Marketing Manager for the Plymouth County Convention and Visitors Bureau, is thankful for the group's efforts as well. "Any time you cross town boundaries in cultural tourism helps the county, and it helps the state. And in the current economy, people are going to have to do things like this to survive, to cooperate to work to get the word out about what's going on in Plymouth County."

Watching the tourism industry's larger trends, Fisher has been both an active participant in the Back Roads meetings and a careful observer. "It's not easy to do something like this. They've all done their own individual thing for so long. It's just super that they've come together. People will be taking low-key, closer to home vacations again this year, and this is the perfect way to start."

For more information on the Back Roads Open House Day, go to www.southshorebackroads.org, or call Patrick Browne at 781-934-6106.

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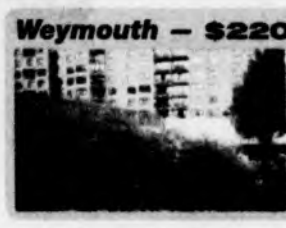
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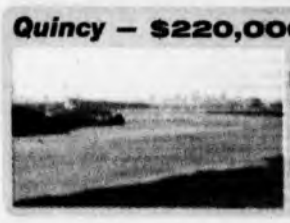
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Girls tennis team to play Tantasqua for state title today

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

How good is the girls tennis team this year? They made it to the Sectional finals, something that had never before been done in the history of the program at Cohasset.

And then they went two rounds further.

State Div. 2 girls tennis championship
Cohasset vs. Tantasqua
Today, 3:30 p.m., Clark University

The Swingin' Skippers aced, volleyed and groundstroked their way to their first ever South Sectional title, topping Bourne with alarming ease, 4-1, last Friday. Then on Monday, the team won what was the closest and most exciting tennis match, nay, athletic event that this reporter has ever witnessed. The Lady Skippers defeated last year's state champs, Manchester-Essex, in a heart-pounding 3-2 decision at Newton South High School.

"We knew [the team] had to play their best tennis," said a very relieved Gigi Meehan moments after the win. "These girls know how to win."

Cohasset drew first blood in the match against Manchester-Essex, with first singles sophomore Elizabeth Stone proving her consummate abilities with a 6-2, 6-1 win. Despite taking on the ace of the top ranked high school team in the state, Stone was highly respected by her opponent, senior Megan Kara, evidenced in the lobs and junkballs Kara was hitting.

With Cohasset up a match, Manchester-Essex drew even at second singles, with Hornets junior Sarah Rich coming away with a 6-4, 6-1 clean victory over Cohasset's senior captain Lindsay Grossman.

M-E then made things very interesting with their phenomenal first doubles team winning the North Sectional champs second point of the day. The junior twin duo of Marni and Kara Powers displayed an array of quick handed volleys and powerful serves rarely seen in men's high school doubles. The twins, a lefty-righty pair seemingly engineered to play doubles together, took a three set victory over senior Julie Shea and junior Courtney Caron.

The team of Shea and Caron, one that made it to the ultra-elite Round of Eight at the State Individuals tournament last month, were, for the first time, overpowered to a loss. The pair played extremely well, actually taking the middle set in a tiebreaker, but the aptly named Powers sisters moved to 70-0 for their varsity careers.

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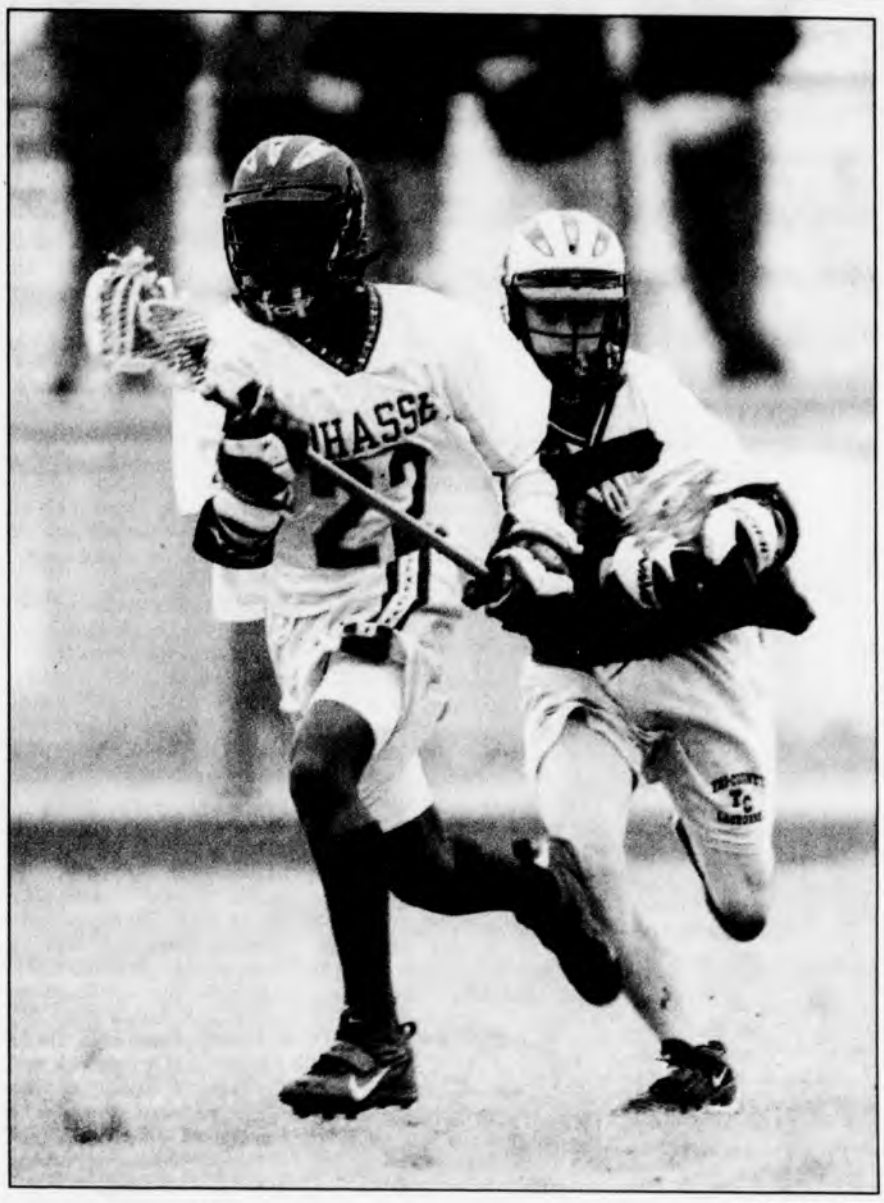

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Cohasset's DeWayne Morris (#22) shakes his defender to score a goal during the Skippers' 18-2 rout of Tri-County in the opening round of the state tourney last week. Unfortunately, the CHS laxmen wound up falling to Ipswich in the semifinals on Monday, 11-6.

Dreams die hard

Ipswich shuts downs CHS laxmen in semis

The dreams died hard.

Cohasset's 16-game win streak and state championship aspirations came to an end on Monday, as the Ipswich Tigers took a 3-1 first quarter lead, and fought off every Skipper attempt to make a run, advancing to the Division 3 finals with an 11-6 victory.

Cohasset's game plan had been built around several keys – to control face-offs, play disciplined defense, clear effectively, and attack the Ipswich zone from behind the goal – and in every case, the Skippers were frustrated.

For Cohasset's eight seniors – John Durkin, Robert Hickey, Tom Anderson, Evan Pestone, Ben Lynner, Nick Spirito and Curt Kahn – the season's conclusion was abrupt and unexpected, but couldn't offset the luster of wins over archrivals Hingham and Norwell, and decisive victories over Marshfield, Falmouth and Milton.

"You've established this program's reputation in the past three years," coach Kevin Orcutt told his seniors after the game, "and that's a legacy to be proud of."

On Monday night, however, only senior Curt Kahn could find the back of the net with

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset sophomore Liz Stone got the Lady Skippers off to a good start in their thrilling 3-2 EMass championship win on Monday over Manchester-Essex, making quick work of senior Megan Kara, 6-2, 6-1.

Finishing with a flourish

Krupczak, Silvia, 4x8 team shine at All-State meet

By Mike Spellman
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"Not bad for 10 guys and eight girls. The boys took 12th overall at the Class meet, and the girls were 13th, their first top 15 finish in my time here."
Cohasset High track coach Al LaFountain

The All-State meet wasn't all the Cohasset High track team hoped it would be but, on the balance, it was a positive ending to an extremely positive season

The girls 4x800 relay team of Mary Silvia, Jenn Buckley, Nicole Whitney and Lisa Musto shaved a remarkable 15 seconds off its best time at this past Saturday's All-State track meet at Norwell High, shattering the school record. The run of 10:03.99 was good for 16th place in an extremely strong field. It seems likely this mark and placement will be challenged next year, as all four members of the team return, Buckley and Whitney being juniors, Silvia a sophomore and Musto a freshman.

"That team really peaked at the end of the season, and I'm looking forward to seeing what they can do with another year of experience," said fifth year CHS coach Al LaFountain.

Silvia wrapped up her sensational solo campaign in style as well, racing to a ninth place finish in the 800, tying her personal best time of 2:22.75.

The highest finish for any Cohasset athlete, though, was delivered by senior Jared Krupczak in the 200-meter race. The team co-captain shook off the lingering effects of a hamstring strain to finish with the eighth fastest time in the preliminary race. Jared's 23.32-second run in the morning qualified him for the afternoon championship heat. However, he opted to attend his high school graduation rather than run in the finals.

"Considering the field and that Jared still wasn't 100 percent, you could see where he was coming from," stated LaFountain.

As the finals turned out, however, the coach feels Krupczak would have had a legitimate shot, had he run, at a top six finish and a qualifier for this weekend's New England track championships. Sixth place was taken by Marian's Dan Connell in a time of 23:41, a showing LaFountain definitely believes his star sprinter could have challenged, even at less than 100 percent.

Krupczak and fellow team captain Ian Kidder made the decision before the All-State meet to attend graduation on Saturday rather than compete in afternoon events. This decision cost not only Krupczak a chance to race, but also the 4x100 relay team that was seeded 18th for the race, with Krupczak and Kidder both members of the squad. The other two members were sophomore Peter Bunstein and junior Eric Belz.

It was a decision, though, that was made with the full support of their coach.

"I backed them no matter what their decision was," said LaFountain. "I'm sure there was pressure pulling them both ways, but they thought it out, and saw that (their 4x100 relay team) probably wasn't going to be top 10 anyway. It wasn't an easy decision for them. It's just unfortunate the two big events had to take place on the same day."

"They've been working just about their whole lives toward graduation, and only four to six years for this All-State meet. Their decision was certainly understandable, and I back it completely."

Krupczak, however, was bitterly disappointed by the way things turned out. After grabbing the eighth and final qualifying

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Don't bet against 'em

Boys tennis team to rebuild on the fly again next year

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The 2004 boys tennis team will take a major hit through graduation, losing three starters from a team that only had the minimum seven players to compete. But even if just four or fewer come out for the team at the start of next year's spring season, don't hit the panic button.

Logic tells me the shortage of players will only lead to a fourth consecutive trip to the playoffs. Hear me out.

In 2002, the team lost South Shore League all-stars Erik Shea, Jeff Scribner and Chris Golden, and actually only had three names at the start of the season. After heavy recruiting, the team put together a list of nine athletes, and went to playoffs with an 8-6 record, 8-4 in league, good for second place in the South Shore League.

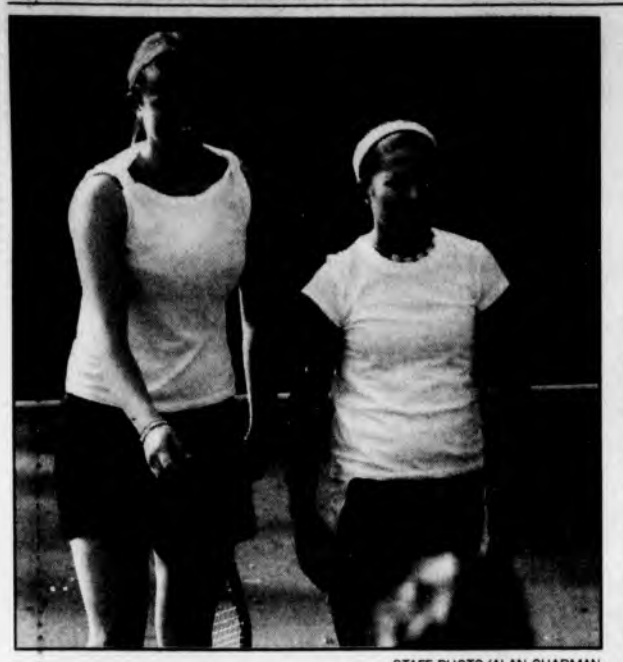
This year, the team lost no one to graduation, but several to the newly formed Cohasset Ping Pong Club (CPPC), and the team had only five registered players at the start of the season. Once again, miraculously, the team ended up with a full line-up. With an empty bench all season, actually playing short-handed several times between school trips and injuries, the team again went to the playoffs with an 8-8 record and put up a terrific fight in the first round with a 3-2 loss to Mansfield (number seven seed with a 15-3 record).

So, if history is indeed going to repeat itself, the '04 edition of the tennis Skippers should be just fine.

Next year, the team will be helped immensely by the rapidly blossoming Middle School program, with many talented male and female players eager to make contributions to future varsity teams. This year in the South Shore League, a Mashpee

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Mary Silvia (#70) stayed right in the think of things, as seen here, in the 800-meter race at Saturday's All-State track meet. Silvia wrapped up her sensational sophomore campaign in style, racing to a ninth place finish here against the best the state had to offer.



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Cohasset first doubles partners Julie Shea (left) and Courtney Caron lost of the first time this season, dropping a straight sets decision to Manchester-Essex super duo Mami and Kara Powers (70-0 for their career),. However, their teammates picked them up, lifting the Lady Skippers to a 3-2 win.

One away

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With just third singles and second doubles remaining, and Cohasset down two matches to one, the Skipper faithful needed both matches still in play to pull it out as a team. And at that point, both courts showed losing scores for the Cohasset players.

At third singles, junior Holly Graham battled to take the first set 6-4, but found herself down 5-6 in the second with the match on the line. She came back to force a tiebreaker against senior Paige Journey, which Graham eventually won 9-7.

Journey had crisper shots, and many more winners than Graham, but it was Graham's uncanny ability to run down virtually untouchable corner shots and hit clutch lobs at just the right time that led to her win.

With the team score knotted at two, the large spectatorship shifted to surround the second doubles match. Cohasset's Corey Evans and Emilie Sullivan and Manchester-Essex's Alexandra DeSherbinin and Jordan Evans had split the first two sets by symmetrical scores of 6-4. M-E was up 4-3 in the clinching set when Graham sealed her victory.

And although Cohasset broke Jordan Evans' serve to even the set at four, M-E came back to break Corey Evans for a 5-4 advantage, serving for the match and a shot at the state title.

The crowd, stunned on the M-E side and elated on Cohasset's, witnessed the pair of Sullivan and Evans rattle off three consecutive games for a 7-5 win, making the Lady Skippers the 2003 EMass Champs and, at the very least, the 2003 State Runners-up.

"This was a very tight match, but the decorum on both sides was great," observed Meehan, coaching in her 12th season of girls tennis with Cohasset. The crowd appeared to be about 70%-30% in favor of Cohasset.

Throughout the playoffs, Cohasset has had an excellent fan base, helped obviously by three consecutive home matches and a neutral site match (against Bourne in the Sectional Finals) being held in neighboring Hingham. Still, a high number of parents, CHS students and friends made the trip out for the match.

In the match Friday, the Lady Skippers needed just 50 minutes to dispatch the Canalwomen of Bourne, a team that entered the Hingham courts with a perfect 19-0 record and the number one seed in the south.

Before some matches had even began their second sets, Evans and Sullivan had finished their second doubles match cleanly with a 6-3, 6-0 decision. Quickly thereafter, Grossman (6-1, 6-1) and Graham (6-3, 6-0) cruised to straight set victories.

With the match officially decided, and the pressure off, Shea and Caron put away their opponents with a 6-3, 6-3 decision.

Stone found herself locked into a match with senior Sasha Soloman, a heavy-hitter with a devastating backhand down the line. Soloman, who is ranked top 20 in New England, changed her normally heavy-handed tactics against the monster-hitting Stone, changing pace and looking for openings. Her patience was rewarded with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Stone, the sophomore's first dual meet loss in her two years of varsity.

The Lady Skippers will take on Tantasqua this afternoon (3:30 p.m., Clark University in Worcester) for the Div. II State Championship.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse closing out the season

U15 Blue v Hingham

For only the second time this season the U15 Blue team lost, dropping a very tight battle to Hingham 7-6.

After a long layoff Cohasset started slowly and was out-hustled for most of the first half but managed to stay even with Hingham at 3-3. The second half started with more of the same as Hingham jumped out to a 5-3 lead before Cohasset woke up and started to match the intensity level of their opponent. Cohasset clearly outplayed Hingham in the fourth quarter but could only get to within one goal as they missed several scoring opportunities by shooting wide of the cage.

Jared Dick filled in admirably for regular goalie Wes Ulmer and made five saves on the day with two of them coming at key moments at the end of the game. Robert Sylvia, Bobby Meikleham and Jake Cuneo all had strong games at close defense. Jared Kinch was excellent on offense and defense from his midfield position notching a goal and an assist and coming up with several ground balls and turnovers. Peter Oswald had two assists on the game with one coming at his usual attack position and the second on a great steal and feed as he finished the game at midfield. Both Corey Chase and Alex Shipp had two goals on the day with Ryan Kucinski picking up a single tally. Adam Smith notched an assist.

U15 White v Hingham

With a lackluster performance on the part of our hometown boys, the U15 White team lost their bid to stay undefeated in their final regular season game against a much stronger and more committed Hingham group. While the score was surprisingly close through the first half at a 4 - 2 closing mark, with Dan Trendowicz and Mike Bunstein finding the net, this one was never really a contest.

Keeping the score in sight was some tough goaltending by Nathan Porter and some one-man defensive prowess by Jeff Brown and Conor Holway (not to mention 5 pipe bangers that could have easily been goals for Hingham). More of the same followed in the second half as Hingham began to find their stride and appeared to be able to shoot (and score) at will, registering 3 more unanswered goals with cannon shots from the outside that found their mark. With the score 7 - 2 entering the final quarter, our boys did mount an initial surge on tallies from Mike Grimm and Trendowicz early on in the 4th, but the Cohasset team was just out of gas and spirit at the end and the Hingham squad proved too much for our depleted roster as they added 2 more of their own for what ended up being a disappointing loss 9-4.

U13 White v. Braintree

The Cohasset/White squad hosted Braintree last Thursday night, under damp and cool skies, the squad played its most complete game of the season as it bested a talented Braintree team 7-5. Cohasset came to play from the get go, as it jumped on Braintree early and continued on to a 3-0 lead after the 1st quarter. Attackmen Mike Froio, Austin Meyers and Jonny Wade led the way with the scoring, with Gordon Smith assisting on Froio's score and Chris Walsh assisting on Wade's goal. Ian Quinlan made a number of fine saves, including working through a tough shot on his left leg. Braintree jumped back into the game in the second quarter, scoring three times.

The Braintree goaltender, who was outstanding all night, made a number of point blank saves to keep Cohasset at bay. Ian Porter netted Cohasset's only second period score, and the teams went into the half with Cohasset holding a 4-3 advantage. The third quarter was a fine display of lacrosse by both teams, with plenty of back and forth action. Cohasset's scores were on the sticks of John Kearney and Jonny Wade, with an assist going to Brendan Doonan on Wade's goal. Braintree scored two of their own and the quarter ended with Cohasset up 6-5. Cohasset's defense shined in the fourth quarter as it held Braintree from scoring. Goaltender Chris Brown had a number of fine stops, and Cohasset's defense stepped it up a couple of notches.

Particular mention goes to Keegan Flynn, Taylor McQuade and Andersen Lynner.

Brendan Doonan netted Cohasset's final score of the night on a feed from Phillip Schlawinsky.

U 13 White v. Hingham

The Cohasset squad traveled to Hingham this past Sunday to play on of its perennial rivals. The game turned out as billed with both teams displayed some fine lacrosse play. The hard work of the boys throughout the Spring was evident. Hingham notched the first score of the day, but Cohasset responded nicely with Will Evans finding the back of the net on a feed from Geoff Evans. Andy McKenna added Cohasset's second goal and the 1st quarter ended with Cohasset up 2-1.

The second quarter was full of great action and both teams had a number of scoring chances. Hingham found the net four times in the quarter and Cohasset responded with a goal from Jonny Wade. Hingham went into halftime leading 5-3.

The third quarter saw plenty of back and forth action. Cohasset scored on three nicely assisted goals. Ian Porter netted the first on a feed from Owen Landon. Tom Buckley scored with an assist to Andrew Bell, and John Kearney added Cohasset's third of the quarter on an assist from Tom Buckley. Hingham added three of its own and led at the end of the quarter 8-6. The fourth quarter saw Cohasset rise to the occasion and battle back. The boys in blue were determined as they played spirited, team lacrosse. Chris Walsh got Cohasset within one on a feed from Geoff Evans. With about three minutes to play Andrew Bell tied the game up. The final minutes saw some great action with Hingham finding the back of the net with about a minute to go and was able to hold Cohasset at bay and ended up on top 9-8.

U11 White v Norwell

On Thursday night the Cohasset u11 white team put in a strong performance and beat Norwell 11-6. The team had balance scoring and played good defense as they showed their improved passing skills off. Terance Durkin led the way with 2 goals and a nice assist to Brendan Walsh . Kyle Healy started the scoring for Cohasset and played a strong second half in goal turning away 7 shots. Max MacCleave was in goal the first half and at attack in the 2nd he got a goal and an assist. Single goals were scored by Thomas Flibotte, Willie Brown, Sam Richardson, Pat Kearney, John Collins and Nate Brown (assisted by Derek Froio). Good play was also put in by Defenseman Jamie Faber and Coleman Hernon and Dan Barnes and Christian Allard.

Cohasset 5-2 at the half and 8-4 after 3 periods in the hard fought game.

U11 Blue v Hingham

A great all around team effort led by a stingy defense and a dominating ground ball performance propelled Cohasset U11 Blue to a 10 to 5 victory over Hingham. Jack Carrier and Jack Nelson provided a spark to the team with tenacious defense and Charlie Coffman and Mark Dick were instrumental in maintaining ball control. Cohasset scoring was led by Andrew Whitney, Derek Youngman, Kyle Livingstone, Sam Leahy, Robbie Mahoney and Alex Evans.

U11 White v Hingham

The White's winning ways continued with their strong finish to the year by beating the Hingham red team 9-3. It was the white's 3rd win in their last 4 games. After falling behind 1-0, Cohasset started finding the net with goals by Sam Richardson and Thomas Flibotte. Patrick Cantillon then scored 2 goals in a few minutes to give Cohasset the lead for good 4-2. Willy Brown was outstanding in goal the first half. The second half started with Patrick Kearney making a 60 yard 3 dodge moved to make it 5-2.

Great goals by John Collins (assist by Kearney) and Christian Allard left the score 7-2 at the end of 3 periods. Terrance Durkin capped a terrific season off with a hard shot that found the upper part of the gage and Nate Brown finished off the scoring right before the final whistle. Flibotte played goal in the second half and came up with many great saves.

Other notable performances on offense and defense were Derek Froio, Jamie Faber, Andrew Burnett, Dan Barnes and Jake Durkin.

U11 Gray v Sandwich

The U11 Gray finished the season with a hard fought 13-5 loss to host Sandwich. The Sandwich team came out hitting and it took the Cohasset squad some time to adjust to the aggressive style of play. Brennan Bukowski played a strong first half in goal making several big saves, while facing multiple shots. The defense led by Nick Routhier, Alex Kinnealy and Chase Baldwin played tough against a quick Sandwich team. The offense in the first half was led by great individual efforts from the McNary brothers, Mitch and Dean, each scoring once. Pat McCormack finished out the first half scoring for Cohasset, with a nice goal on an assist from Mitch McNary. Drew Cobin, Alex Everett and Jeff Durkin played solid halfs at midfield while Chris Carpenter, Ben Curley and Gus Helboch chipped in some excellent play at attack. The second half mirrored the first in terms of scoring, however the Cohasset squad did a great job of adjusting to the physical play. Kyle Healy led the charge in goal and had a number of excellent saves against another barrage of shots. Brennan Bukowski came out of goal to lead a very spirited second half defense along with Chris Brash, that played very well despite the score. The offense had many great opportunities in the second half but were unable to capitalize on many of them. The McNarys again accounted for two goals in the second half, in addition to another strong showing at attack by Geoff Swain.

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any consistency. Kahn led Cohasset scorers with four goals, and finished his career with 227 points – only the second player in school history to score over 200 varsity points. He also finished as the Skippers' scoring leader for 2003, with 52 goals and 32 assists – the second year he's led the team in scoring and the second time he's had more than 50 goals.

Soph Jake Previte, the team's number two scorer, had the other two goals and completed his breakout year with a remarkable 46 tallies. Robert Hickey had a pair of assists to finish the scoring.

Kahn started the scoring 3:28 into the game, assisted by classmate Hickey. But the Skippers picked up back-to-back penalties, and Ipswich responded with man-up goals from Sterling Folkstead and Matt Lemire for a 2-1 lead midway through the first period.

The Skippers controlled the ball for most of the last three minutes of the period, but Kahn missed from close range. Then Ipswich goalie Sean McCarthy cleared to attackman Andy Mackey (four goals, one assist), and he beat junior goalie Nick Murphy just before time expired for a 3-1 lead.

Orcutt replaced attackers Mark Davis and Tom Anderson with Jake Previte and Mike Rasmussen to begin the second period, but to no avail. The Skippers, for the first time all season, would be outscored in every quarter. Particularly heartbreaking were the first few seconds of both the third and fourth periods, when Tiger attackman Evan Heyman picked up three backbreaking goals, with the last two pushing the score to 10-4. Kahn got two back on heroic drives to the cage, but that would be as close as Cohasset would get.

Murphy finished the game with 13 saves, but had only four in the second half.

"Unfortunately, we didn't play our best," said Orcutt. "It's hard to say why, because we practiced hard this week. Losing Matt Davis in the Hingham game, in retrospect, was something that we never fully recovered from, and I wish we could have kept the season going to give him one more chance to step on the field."

Cohasset, despite the loss of its seniors, should be able to put a talented and experienced team on the field in 2004.

Besides Jake Previte, the Skippers will return a nucleus of defensemen Mike Devine, Conor Buick, Steve Davis, Dan Roth and Casey Coleman, goalies Nick Murphy, Chris Simms and Ben Libby, middies Mark Davis, Joe Durkin, Dewayne Morris, Mike Hajjar, Ryan Tufts, Jon Grimm, Sam Steele and Trevor Brady, and attackmen Mike Rasmussen and Aidan Buick.

Other reinforcements are expected from both the successful junior varsity and middle school squads.

The team will regroup one last time on June 17 at the annual lacrosse break-up dinner to be held at Atlantica.

And the seniors will get another chance to suit up on Sunday, June 15 at the third annual Alumni Game that supports the Bourke Corcoran Scholarship Foundation.

Cohasset 18, Tri-County 2

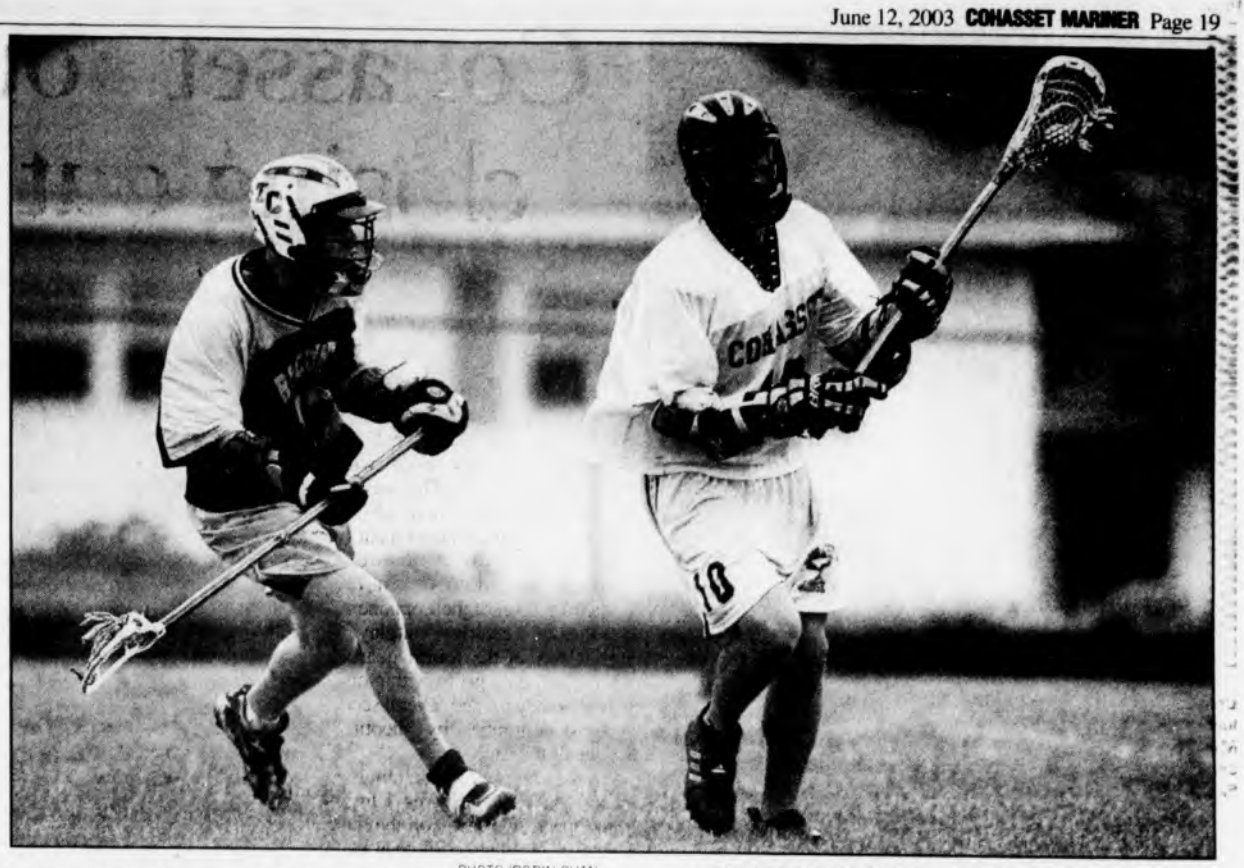
The Cohasset boys made their 2003 tournament debut a happy one, jumping to a 9-0 first quarter lead and going on to beat Tri-County, the Mass. Technical League champs, 18-2.

Tri-County, with a 15-6 record, came into the tournament as the eighth seed and beat Minuteman 16-4 in the opening round. But the vo-tech squad was no match for the Skippers as senior Curt Kahn threw in three goals in the first five minutes of play. The Tri-County coaches called a time-out after the first seven minutes, but couldn't stem the tide.

Cohasset led 14-0 at the half, and emptied its bench in the third quarter.

The defense— led by seniors Nick Spirito, Ben Lynner and Evan Pestone— stifled their opponent, allowing only six shots on goal the entire game. Three Skipper goalies saw action, with starter Nick Murphy collecting one save in the first half, and soph Chris Simms picking up another in the third period while giving up both goals. Freshman Ben Libby took over in the fourth, and made a pair of saves.

Scorers for Cohasset were Kahn (three goals, two assists), soph Jake Previte (three goals, one assist), junior Mark Davis (two goals, one assist), senior Robert Hickey (two goals, one assist), senior John Durkin (two goals, one assist), junior Mike Rasmussen (two goals), soph Jon Grimm (two goals), senior Tom Anderson (a goal and assist), junior Dewayne Morris (one goal), and junior Ryan Tufts (an assist).



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Cohasset's Mike Rasmussen (white shirt) looks for a cutter during the Skippers first round 18-2 rout of Tri-County.

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Cohasset senior Curt Kahn #11) was at his best during the Skippers two postseason games. Unfortunately, he didn't get a lot of help at the offensive end. Curt scored four of his team's goals in Monday's 11-6 semifinals loss to Ipswich.

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Cohasset's Trevor Brady looks to turn the corner against his Tri-County defender in last Wednesday's opening round tourney win for the Skippers.

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Cohasset senior Jared Krupczak (second runner from right) crosses the finish line for the final time in his sensational high school track career. Jared posted the eighth fastest time in the 200-meter preliminaries at Saturday's All-State meet, but then opted to attend his graduation rather than run in the finals and attempt to qualify for the New England Track Championships.

Finishing with a flourish

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spot in the preliminaries, Krupczak had 10 minutes to decide whether he'd attend graduation or stick around for the finals.

"If I hadn't qualified, I'd have said 'well, I gave it my best shot'," and that would have been the end of it," said Krupczak. "But having to make that decision was just so hard. It stinks that a high school athlete would have to make that choice.

"Going to New England's would have been a dream come true, but graduation is a huge event in your life too. To be honest, I think it stinks that we couldn't move graduation. I think they would have done it for other sports. We had arranged to have it moved in plenty of time, but then parents complained and they moved it back to Saturday."

Because of the hamstring injury, Krupczak had been unable to train much the last few weeks, and his conditioning was far below optimum—something that showed up in the last 50-meters in Saturday's prelim. Jared was second to B-R's Clint Cooper in the second heat, but faded down the stretch, finishing fourth.

"I just didn't have anything left, but I put everything I had into those last 50-meters, and managed to get that final spot; that was huge," said Krupczak, who will run track next year at Bridgewater State, where he intends to major in education, with an eye toward a career in teaching and coaching.

Krupczak was also pleased to finish ahead of Carver freshman Mike Grant, who he finished behind to at last weekend's Class D meet after beating him twice during the regular season.

"I guess that means I go out as the top 200-meter runner in the South Shore League," said Krupczak. "That means a lot to me too."

Kidder was able to compete in the morning javelin throw. Unfortunately, his throw of 154-09 was well off his qualifying throw of 163-07, and the results was an 18th place finish in his final high school athletic event.

"It just wasn't Ian's best day for throwing," said LaFountain. "The air was kind of thick, and it was just one of those things."

The CHS team of 18 has lost three athletes to the caps and gowns, with female standout La'Raine Langford having joined Krupczak and Kidder on the Music Circus stage for graduation on Saturday.

Coach LaFountain plans to actively recruit—and, in some cases, re-recruit—athletes to his spring program. This is a cause, though, that is clearly hindered by the fact CHS, unlike all of the other school's in the South Shore League, has one season of track/cross country.

The veteran coach has tried to start a "winter track club" in the past, but that idea has been shot down, school administrators feeling this could prove too big a drain on the winter sports programs (basketball, hockey, wrestling, gymnastics). With CHS having only 300 students grades 9-12, making it by far the smallest school in the SSL, it's tough to argue with that logic.

LaFountain would like to see a summer track program of some sort take shape in Cohasset, but noted that nothing has taken shape on that front either.

Considering his miniscule roster, coach LaFountain was positively ecstatic with this season's success.

"Not bad for 10 guys and eight girls," said the coach. "The boys took 12th overall at the Class meet, and the girls were 13th, their first top 15 finish in my time here.

"And this was a great group. There was no maintenance. The athletes I had this year wanted to be there. It was a great season."

Lady Skippers steer successful maiden voyage

Softball team will look to continue steady improvement in year two

By Jim Logan
CORRESPONDENT

After a seven-year hiatus, the Cohasset Lady Skippers returned to the South Shore League's varsity softball fields in 2003.

"It was great (for the program) to be back playing varsity softball," said head coach Deb Bostwick. Coming in, Bostwick wasn't looking for, or expecting, a miracle season from her young and learning club. What the Skippers' skipper was hoping to see was a team that might bring a spark to a long-dormant flame in Cohasset athletics.

CHS baseball wrap-up in next week's Mariner

Coach Bostwick feels like her girls did just that.

"I think the girls did a terrific job this year," she asserted of the season that yielded a 4-14 record. "It might not show in terms of the wins and losses we had, but when you look at the things we were able to accomplish and the positive attitude on this team, I call what we did a success."

Beginning with the leadership of senior captain Heather Peraino and working itself right down the line— to the likes of freshmen up-and-comers like Melissa Crowley-Buck and Katie James— the Lady Skippers displayed a key ingredient that's paramount to any winning squad: team unity and morale.

As far as achievements on the field in 2003 and what to expect in 2004, Bostwick felt she saw a nice nucleus of Cohasset players developing throughout this spring and believes the club should progress even further when it comes time to lace 'em up next year. Among those bright spots was a no-no pitched by James against South Shore Christian Academy, as well as an out-of-park grand slam, 8 RBI performance by Danielle Pinkus versus that same Christian Academy club later in the season.

"I got to see some girls do some good things this season," Bostwick said.

Among the names to watch, along with soon-to-be sophomores Crowley-Buck and James and upcoming senior Pinkus, the Skippers will be keeping a close eye on people like upperclassmen Caitlin Condon, Rachel Doyle, Caitlin Gontarz and Andrea Keating, in addition to younger cognomens such as Casey Anderson, Cecelia Chapman, Elizabeth Condos and Molly Liddell, as well as Jennifer Dinger, Erin Liddell and Emily Nash—all of whom will hopefully help in Cohasset's rebuilding process.

Though she feels the future once more looks bright for Cohasset softball, Coach Bostwick at the same time isn't delusional regarding the amount of work that lies ahead for the program, or the amount of time it's going to take before the Lady Skippers are successful again from a standings standpoint.

"We know we've got a lot of work ahead of us," Bostwick said. "But, overall, I think it's looking good for our program. We've had a lot of great support [from parents and school members].

"I'm really looking forward to next year, and seeing what the girls can do with a year of varsity experience under their belts."

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77 awarded diplomas

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from their child." Malvey went on to share his personal account of a young man named Stephen, who had always been extremely active, and was stricken with cancer at the age of 28.

The extraordinary young man had been friends with the Malvey family for years, and had aspirations of making the National Ski Team. Malvey described the young skier as having "knees like a piston" while encountering moguls on the course. With his sickness came the need for chemotherapy treatments, forcing him off the slopes, yet he always remained in good spirits, living life each day after the next.

In time, came the need for two bone marrow transplant surgeries, the second, and fairly recent, being successful, allowing him to be the best man at his brother's wedding this summer. "This is not meant to frighten you," he said, but rather to give graduates the message that "you need to have heroes and be heroes."

While visiting Stephen in the hospital, who at the time was very sick with a grim prognosis, he was asked how he kept in such high spirits, to which he looked up and around the room and replied, "these are the people that love me." Bringing tears to many eyes in the audience, Malvey asked graduates to take a look around the tent, take a look at parties to be held that afternoon, and recognize, "these are the people who love you."

Looking out on the faces of the graduates he asked, "Will you become heroes? Will you achieve your goals? Will you make a difference in your own lives as well as the lives of others? I believe you will."

Class President Curt Kahn wished fellow classmates continued success, remembering all the lessons they have taught each other over the years. His hope for each member of the graduating class, is that they will have as supportive a community in their future endeavors as they have had in Cohasset. "What we have shared, we will never forget and we will continue to grow from it," he said.

Salutatorian, Ross Lieb-Lappen noted the importance of family in helping the class achieve their goals. "Our parents brought us to this place. They are the heroes Dr. Malvey speaks of," he said.

Very proud of the class he is a part of, Lieb-Lappen said he had heard many teachers say his was "their favorite grade." "Some teachers say it to every grade, but I think we deserve it," he said.

Valedictorian, Elizabeth Reynolds spoke about the impact change has had on the graduating class, through not only the many new teachers filling spaces after others retired, but the change of the building as well. Not only have they learned the standard academics, "they also learned how to build a state of the art gymnasium," she said. Living through the transformation, she believes the graduating class will have an advantage as they have become accustomed to embracing change.

As the students prepared to receive their diplomas, four retiring teachers Maureen Alcott, Jo-Ellen Wood, Paul Narkiewicz, and Thomas O'Neil were given honorary diplomas and a gift, as a thank you to their many years of service in the Cohasset school system.

As the students walked across the stage one by one, a very special moment presented itself when School Committee member Jane Pescatore rose to present her son with his diploma. Returning to her seat, she, like so many mothers that day, welled up with tears.

"This is your day," said Principal Michael Jones, who has come to know the class well over the years. "You will always remain in my heart and my memory." And as the members of the Class of 2003 were presented, all 77 students in unison, moved their tassels to the right.

Local award/scholarship winners for CHS Class of 2003

Margaret Mary Hardy Scholarship: **Deirdre Bigley, Sarah Hassan, Robert Hickey III, Amanda Maynard, Rachel Smith and Kimberly Ulmer.**

Alice and Walter Shoebruk Scholarship: **Laura Genello, Kelly Holway, Nicole Needle and Ross Lieb-Lappen.**

Malcolm H. and Helen C. Stevens Scholarship: **Robert Hickey III, Curtis Kahn and Kimberly Ulmer.**

American Legion Auxiliary: **Kaitlin Rohrer and Cristina Sadler.**

American Legion-George H. Mealy Post #118: **Rebecca Butman, Michael Casey, Alyssa McCaw, Cristina Sadler, Michael Snowdale.**

Sons of American Legion: **Rebecca Butman and Michael Casey.**

Cohasset Veterans of Foreign Wars, #9146-The William T. Barnes Jr. Memorial Scholarship: **Michael Snowdale.**

Barbara Pape Memorial Scholarship Troop 28-Boy Scouts of America: **Robert Lehr.**

Coach Dennis Walsh Hockey Scholarship-Cohasset Hockey Boosters: **Thomas Anderson Jr.**

Cohasset Teachers Association Scholarship: **Kaitlin Rohrer.**

PCEA Scholarship: **Taylor O'Brien.**

Cohasset Firemen's Benefit Association: **Amanda Maynard.**

Cohasset Permanent Firefighters Scholarship: **Amanda Maynard.**

Cohasset Farmers Market Scholarship: **Anne Barber.**

Cohasset Gridiron Club: **Thomas Anderson Jr., Matthew Davis, Christopher McKenna, Michael Snowdale and Nicholas Spirito.**

Cohasset METCO Scholarship: **Lá Raine Langford.**

Cohasset Performing Arts Awards: **Bryan Bilton, Holly Dinsmore, David Ingber and Shawna Sullivan.**

C.H.S. Student Council Scholarship: **Allison Moje.**

Cohasset Policemen's Association: **Rebecca Butman.**

Cohasset Soccer & Boosters Club Scholarship: **Katherine Coyne and Curtis Kahn.**

Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship: **Bryan Bilton, Scott Faber and David Ingber.**

Cohasset Wrestling Boosters Scholarship: **David Kupsc.**

Cohasset Youth Baseball Association Scholarship: **David Curry III.**

Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation Scholarship: **Michael Snowdale.**

Community Garden Club of Cohasset: **Emily Dean, Ian Kidder and Julie Shea.**

D.A.R. Good Citizen Award: **Scott Faber and Allison Moje.**

The Gia Barresi Memorial Scholarship: **Curtis Kahn.**

The John F. Creamer Memorial Scholarship: **Meredith Bixby.**

Susan DeMichele Scholarship: **Lindsay Grossman, Lá Raine Langford, Maura O'Brien, Heather Peraino, Scott Faber, Ian Kidder, Jared Krupczak, Ross Lieb-Lappen and Benjamin Lynner.**

Robert A. Goyette Memorial Scholarship: **Michael Snowdale and Maura O'Brien.**

Jean Higgins Community Service Award: **Kaitlin Rohrer.**

Major William Arthur: **Alyssa McCaw.**

Catherine W. Mulcahy Scholarship: **Bryan Bilton.**

Nichols Fund: **Elizabeth Reynolds.**

MIT Science Award Outstanding Achievement: **Laura Genello.**

Robert S. Pape Charitable Trust: **Michael Snowdale.**

Burtram J. Pratt Memorial: **Allison Moje.**

The Red Lion Inn Scholarship: **Emily Dean and Cristina Sadler.**

Republican Town Committee: **Cosimo Cambi and Elizabeth Reynolds.**

Rotary Club of Cohasset: **Yasmine Afshar, Sarah Hassan, Robert Hickey III, Ian Kidder, Jared Krupczak, Elizabeth Reynolds, Cristina Sadler and Nicholas Spirito.**

Valedictorian Award: **Elizabeth Reynolds.**

Salutatorian Award: **Ross Lieb-Lappen.**

Scott Sandblom Memorial Scholarship: **Katherine Coyne.**

Stanton Family Scholarship: **Rebecca Butman, Robert Hickey III and Kaitlin Rohrer.**

Fred Troy Memorial Scholarship: **Matthew Davis.**

Student Council Award: **Ian Hickey.**

Jennifer Wing Baird Citizenship Award: **Megan Chastain.**

Dorothea Casey Memorial: **Cristina Sadler.**

Cohasset Mariner Scholarship: **David Ingber.**

Noel Ripley Scholarship: **Karim Baroudi, Holly Dinsmore.**

The William Ripley Scholarship: **Rachel Longley.**

Rockland Trust Company Scholarship: **Matthew O'Brien.**

National Merit Finalist: **Elizabeth Reynolds.**

CLASS OF 2004

Bausch & Lomb Science Award: **Eric Belz and Brittany Novak.**

The Dartmouth Book Award: **Tess Foley.**

Harvard Book Award: **Brittany Novak.**

Holy Cross Book Award: **John Downing.**

The Rensselaer Award: **Craig Laugelle.**

Smith Club Book Award: **Jessie Guild.**

Wellesley Book Award: **Rachel Doyle.**

Williams Book Award: **Dan Tarpey.**

The "Golden Apple" Award: **Mr. John DeLorenzo, Assistant Principal.**

Senior students' piano recital held

A joint piano recital by three advanced students of Olive Mullen took on Sunday evening, June 8 at the James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center.

Ross Lieb-Lappen and Nicole Hall are graduating seniors from Cohasset and Scituate respectively, and Sarah Lambert of Cohasset is about to become a senior.

The program included solos and duets by Albeniz, Arensky, Chopin, Debussy, Gershwin, Joplin, MacDowell, Mendelssohn, Maskowski, and Noona.

PSO calendar for next year

The Cohasset PSO Calendar is in the makings and the committee is looking for all information, dates, names and other important pieces to complete the upcoming 2003-2004 calendar. Please start pulling all of your information together and send it on to psocalendar@yahoo.com or send it to:622 CJC Highway. All information needs to be in email or hard copy format to keep the information all together. Any community organization who wishes to include information in the calendar are more than welcome to forward the items as well.

THE COHASSET MARINER Congratulates the Cohasset High School Class of 2003

Yasmine Aimee Afshar
Thomas Nicholas Anderson, Jr.
Anne Carney Barber
Karim Terry Baroudi
Adrian John Batson
Deirdre Diana Bigley
Bryan King Bilton
Meredith Rachel Bixby
Sarah Jacqueline Brady
Nell Bonney Brewer
Deanna Marie Brown
Alexis Nicole Bugley
Rebecca M. Butman
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Michael John Casey
Mark Sherman Chapman
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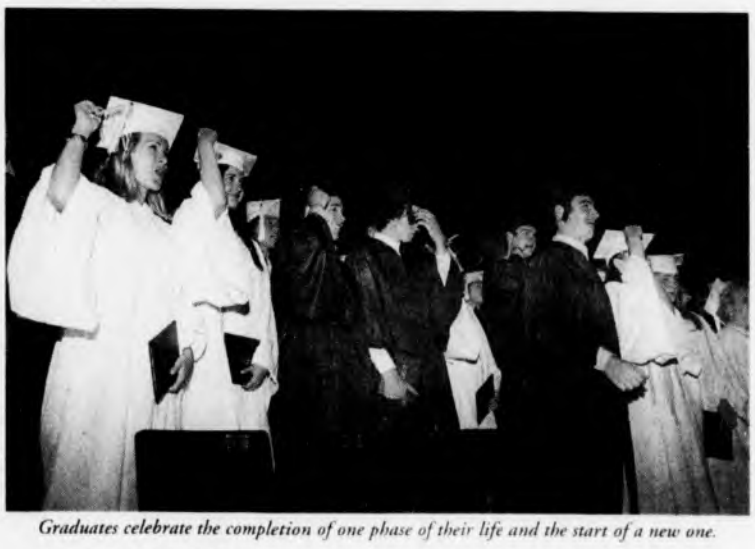

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Graduates celebrate the completion of one phase of their life and the start of a new one.

Mary Elizabeth Flanagan
Christopher William Atkinson Flynn
Laura Susan Genello
Sera Ann Genovese
Braun Leir Goodson
Lindsay Rebecca Grossman
Sarah May Hassan
Robert John Hickey, III
Kelly Lynn Holway
Terence Christian Hurley
David William Ingber
Rachael Rose Judge
Curtis Paul Kahn
Ian Charles Kidder
Jared Paul Krupczak
David Paul Kupsc
La'Raine Renée Langford
Kristin Lavigne
Robert Arthur Lehr
Ross Mark Lieb-Lappen
Rachel Florence Longley
Julie Anne Lordan
Benjamin Hans Lynner
Courtney MacDonald
Amanda Rose Maynard
Alyssa Ann McCaw
Christopher Joseph McKenna
Maura Young McKenney
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Gregory Griffin O'Brien, Jr.
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Maura Elizabeth O'Brien
Taylor Leete O'Brien
Heather Ann Peraino
Noah Edward Pescatore
Evan Christopher Pestone
Georgia Antonia Petrakis
Patrick William Reardon
Elizabeth Anne Reynolds
Kaitlin Maureen Rohrer
Cristina Emily Sadler
Julie Marie Shea
Rachel Wentworth Smith
Michael Alan Charles Snowdale
Nicholas Michael Spirito
Shawna Kristen Sullivan
Kimberly Maxwell Ulmer

CHS Class of 2003 is ready to make its mark

Commencement held Saturday at the Music Circus

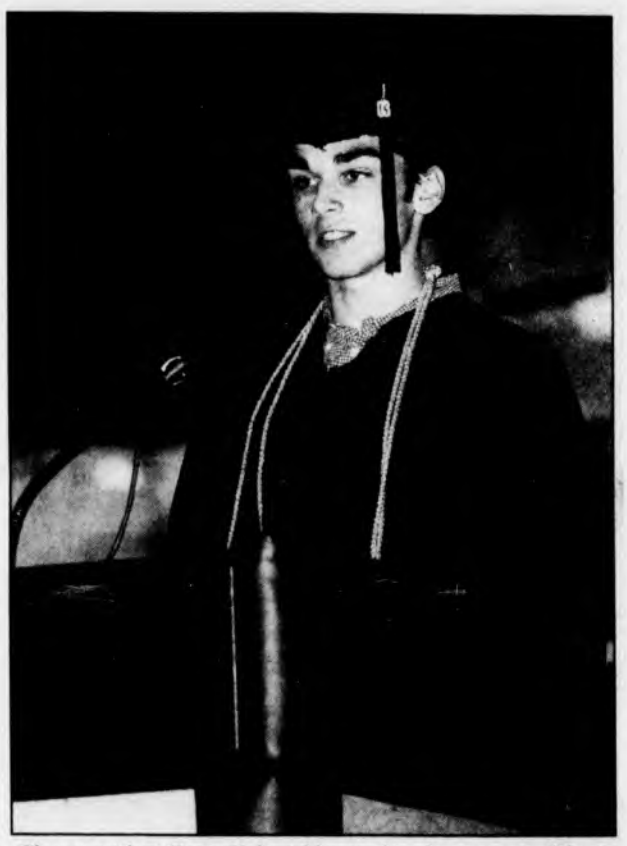
PHOTOS BY ROBIN CHAN

Kaitlin Rohrer receives a National Honor Society plaque from teacher Paul Narkiewicz.

Rachel Smith, right, poses with her friend Jessie Guild after receiving her diploma Saturday.

Teacher Jody Wood, who is retiring this year, is honored for her work and dedication.

Each graduate received a T-shirt with all the names of the CHS Class of 2003 on the back.

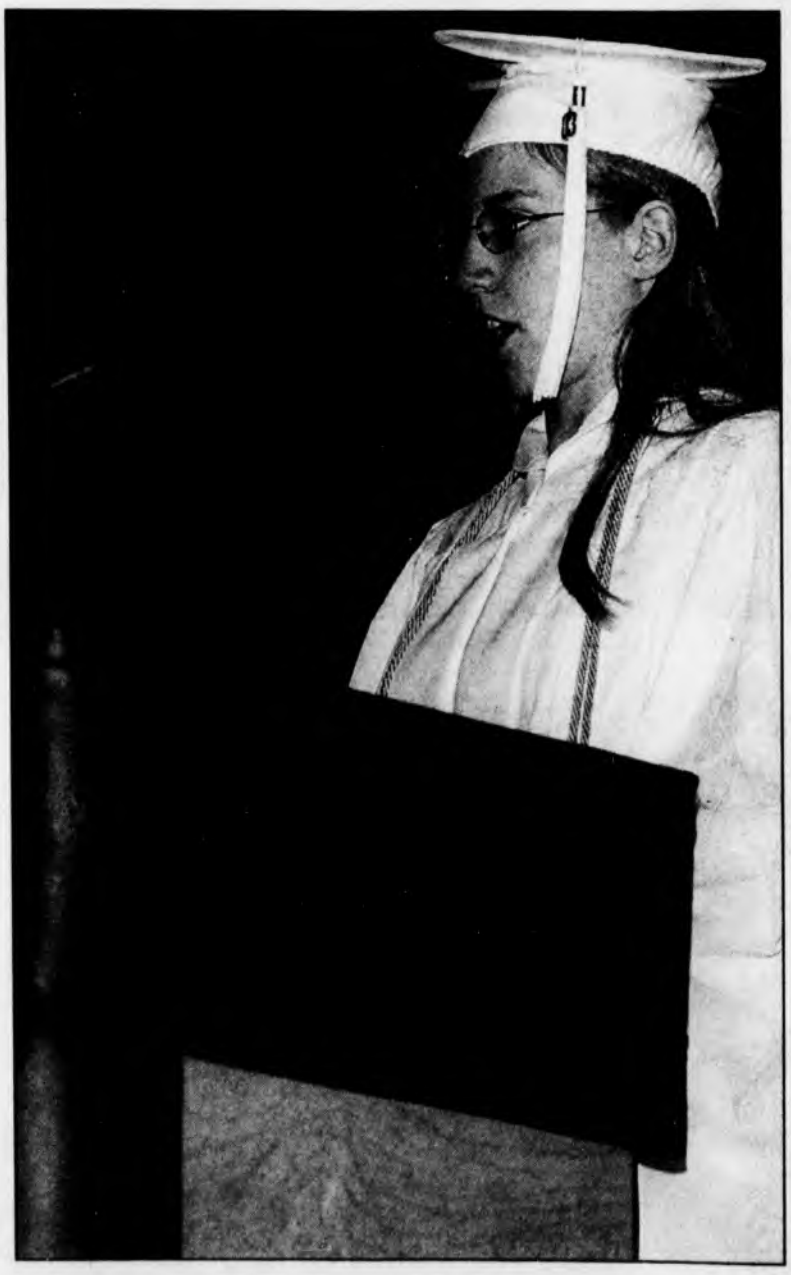


Class president Curtis Kahn addresses his classmates and family during Saturday's commencement.

Above: Teacher Tom O'Neil, who is retiring this year, acknowledges the standing ovation he received from students and their parents.

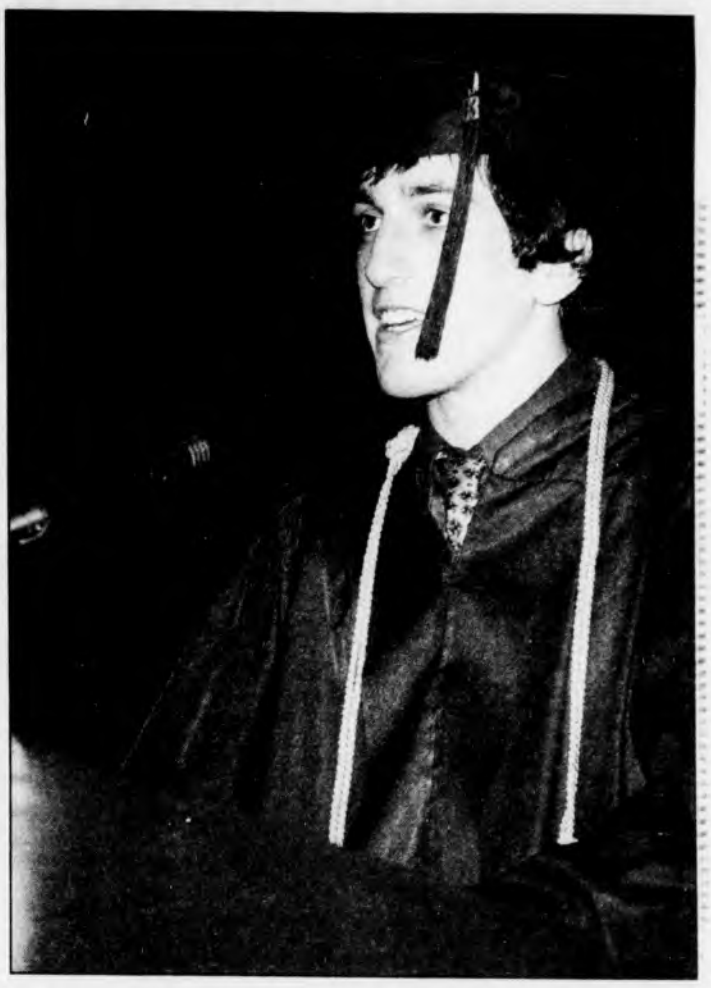
At left: Tom Anderson, who is the vice president of the Class of 2003, is awarded his diploma by Assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo, far right, and School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, center

.At right: Valedictorian Elizabeth Reynolds delivers her graduation address.



CHS Class of 2003 is ready to make its mark

Above: David Kupsc poses with Assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo after Saturday's graduation ceremony.

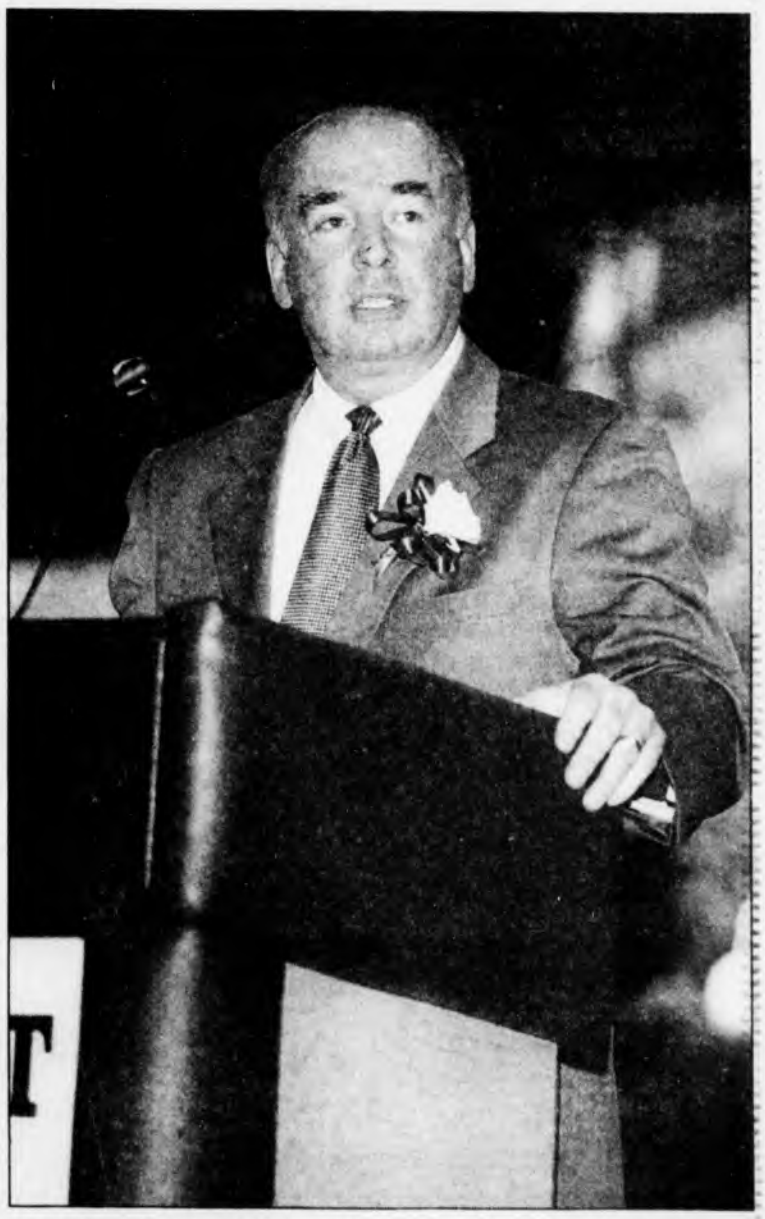


At right: Salutatorian Ross Lieb-Lapen talks about the challenges the Class of 2003 faces.

Yasmine Afshar and Anne Barber are all smiles during graduation exercises under the Big Top at the Music Circus.

School Committee member Jane Pescatore, center, wipes away tears after presenting her son, Noah, with his diploma. At left is Chartis Tebbetts, and at right is Pat Martin, who are also members of the School Committee.

Bryan Bilton is awarded his diploma by School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn.



Above: Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey addresses the graduates and their families.

At left: After they received their diplomas, members of the Cohasset High School Class of 2003 move their tassels over signifying the closing of one chapter in their lives and the start of another.

PHOTOS BY ROBIN CHAN

Some things old, some things new

Post 118 Legion squad Legion team hopes it has right blend of vets, rooks

By Mike Spellman
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Regardless of sport, it seems the vast majority of teams are constantly trying to come up with the right blend of new and old, potential and experience.

Well, the Cohasset Post 118 Legion squad has split it right down the middle. Veteran coach Scott Arnold returns nine veterans and welcomes nine newcomers to his 10th team.

The nine veterans were all key players on last year's team, so one could say that he's returning his starting lineup intact. Though it does take a bit of truth stretching to say that, it is clear that Arnold has a nice situation: he can let his proven players carry the load while bringing along his newcomers slowly.

"I've got guys right now who are ready to step in and hit the ground running, and then a lot of guys who really look like they can help us down the road, some now, some probably later," said Arnold. "In some ways, it makes my job pretty easy."

All nine of the newcomers are high school underclassmen: eight current sophomores and one freshman. Two of the veterans are also wrapping up their sophomore years, making this an extremely young team, relatively speaking.

"Yeah, a year or two or three from now these guys could really be tearing it up in this league if they stick to it and keep developing," proclaimed Arnold.

The newcomers are freshman Mark Rennie (Scituate), and sophomores Mike Barba (Scituate), Brandon Stella (Scituate), Greg Malley (Thayer), Ben Murphy (Xaverian), Jack O'Leary (Scituate), Tim Pilczak (Cohasset), John Reilly (Scituate) and Kevin Signorelli (Thayer). The young veterans are sophomores Terence O'Brien (Scituate) and Ted Straughn (Cohasset).

At the other end of the spectrum, there are five young men who graduated from high school last spring: SHS grads Mike Barry, Brian Woods, Alex Knight and Mike Gulinello, and B.C. High alum Chris Carr.

Rounding out the roster are Thayer senior Brian Signorelli and B.C. High senior Eric Dmohowski.

Barry, coming off a spring season of pitching at Northfield Mount Herman Prep School, has emerged as the team's number one pitcher, and is throwing "very well," according to coach Arnold.

Dmohowski is currently listed as the number two starter, while Carr and Straughn provide two more proven arms. Malley has opened some eyes from the mound in the early going, as has Stella, a lefty with cerebral palsy who has limited use of his right arm.

"I was a little nervous with Brandon at first, but he's done everything I've asked and then some," said Arnold "It looks like he handles himself well on the mound, and he's been impressive throwing the ball. I'm happy to have him on the team."

O'Leary, Pilczak and Woods are also listed as pitchers on the team roster.

The infield appears rock solid with three of four starters back in Barry, Knight and Gulinello. When not pitching, Barry will likely see a good deal of time at first base. Knight, who prepped this year at the Bridgeton School in Maine with the hopes of improving his college soccer prospects, is back for his third year of starting at second base, and Gulinello, last year's vacuum cleaner at third base, moves a few feet to the right to play shortstop.

Kevin Signorelli is penciled in at third base for now, though Barba, Reilly, Rennie and Straughn will also likely see some infield time.

"I like my infield a lot," said Arnold. "The guys I have out there will make the plays. I'm not worried about that."

The elder Signorelli, Brian, will likely see most of the time behind the plate. The recent grad was named Thayer Academy's Most Valuable Player this season, as he batted .450 and played a big part in the Tigers 12-3 regular season. He is headed to Vanderbilt in the fall, and plans to try to make that school's Div. 1 baseball team as a walk-on.

Terence O'Brien, last year's starter behind the plate, will likely see some time at catcher as well as DH.

The outfield positions appear wide open, with Dmohowski, Carr, O'Leary, Reilly and Straughn all in the mix.

Missing from last year's team that made it to the second round of the state playoffs, where it was ousted by eventual New England champion Sandwich, are the top four hitters in the order: Greg Levin, Jason Connelly and Jesse Cole, all 2002 Scituate High grads, and CHS grad Tim Straughn.

Levin, the team's starting centerfielder who now attends Bowdoin University, was one day too old to play Legion ball this year. Straughn, now at UMass-Amherst, was also too old.

Cole, on full baseball scholarship at Wofford University, and Connelly, on partial baseball scholarship at Western New England, are both playing in extremely competitive summer baseball leagues which were recommended by their coaches.

Cole and Connelly were also the team's top two pitchers last season, with Connelly the team's top shortstop and Cole moving around the infield in order to keep his bat in the lineup. The third member of last year's starting rotation, Tom Fitzgerald, is now pitching for Babson College and also playing in a recommended summer league.

"I think I've got a team that's going to hit the ball well, defend well, and I think the pitching is going to surprise some people," concluded Arnold. "I think we should do well in our zone. A few teams were hurt by graduation, and I don't think there are any real powerhouses out there."

Legion Notes

Unfortunately, the Post 118ers dropped the first two games of the season, falling to Zone 6 rivals Milton on Sunday, 9-0, and defending champion Braintree on Monday, 6-3.

Barry pitched relatively well in the opener against the team Arnold proclaims to be "the class of our zone." He went five innings, with Malley coming in for one impressive inning of mop up duty.

In the 6-3 loss to perennial powerhouse Braintree, played on Milliken Field in Cohasset, the Post 118ers countered a three run uprising in the second by the visitors with a three spot of their own in the home half of that frame.

The hosts loaded the bases on a single by Brian Signorelli and walks drawn by Straughn and Barry. Singles by O'Leary, Pilczak and, finally, Kevin Signorelli tied the game at 3-3.

Both pitchers settled down from there, Dmohowski for Cohasset, and the game remained tied at three through five innings. Dmohowski went the distance, mixing a good breaking ball with pinpoint control. He struck out six and scattered five hits, one walk and two hit batsmen.

Unfortunately, Dmohowski was dealt a cruel blow when a pair of errors in the sixth ushered home three unearned runs to bring the game to its final score.

Cohasset threatened in the bottom of the seventh, loading the bases with two outs on hits by Gulinello and Straughn and a walk drawn by pinch-hitter Woods on a great at bat. Woods fouled off a couple of 3-2 pitches before finally earning first base on the eighth pitch of the at bat.

With the tying run on base, however, the next batter struck out to end the game, and drop Cohasset to 0-2.

Coach Arnold was anything but despondent, however.

"It'll come together," he declared confidently. "Milton was just a very good team and a tough one to open the season with, but Braintree is one we could have won with a break here or there. Dmohowski pitched great, and our guys were hitting the ball pretty well. Unfortunately, a lot of those well hit balls went right at Braintree players."

Don't bet against 'em

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team that had been devastated by graduations was allowed to utilize the services of four seventh graders to help round out the starting line-up. Perhaps Cohasset will be given the same opportunity.

And, of course, the team will hopefully have back the varsity starters from this year. Junior Andrew Wise showed tremendous improvement in his steady game this year, adding a forehand winner and a superb lobbing ability to his numerous other tennis skills.

Freshman Nils Sceery was a major force on the team in his first year, playing at every position except first singles. Ironically, first singles may be the position he is thrust into as a sophomore, but with some of the top players in the SSL graduating, Sceery could very well have a solid year.

Freshman Chris Pescatore, a late addition to the roster, joined up just after the team had played its first dual match. Pescatore turned out to be a valuable asset at second doubles, and hopefully his game will continue to improve the way it did this year.

The team says good-bye to SSL all-stars Ross Lieb-Lappen, Scott Faber and a correspondent who wishes the team luck not only in figuring out how to get a full team onto the court, but how to maintain the odd tradition of making the playoffs after the team's season had nearly been written off as a year of, like the school itself, reconstruction.

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SPORTS NOTES

2nd annual Clark Chatteron Fund Run June 14

The second annual Clark Chatterton Fund Run has been scheduled for next Saturday, June 14. The race is named in honor of former Cohasset High Athletic Director Clark Chatteron, who succumbed to cancer in the summer of 2000. All proceeds from the race go to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund, which benefits youth sports activities in town.

Pre-registration is over, but participants can register the day of the race. The fee is $15 per runner. For the Kid's "Fun Run," the maximum cost per family is $25.

There will be a 3.5 mile walk and a kid's "fun run" at 9:30, followed by the 3.5-mile run at 10 a.m.. The race starts and ends at the Music Circus on Sohier Street, and will take runners by Cohasset Common, past Sandy Beach, up Nichols Road and then by the Chatterton house as they loop back toward the Music Circus finish line.

Any questions can be directed to Cohasset High Atheltic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103).

Cohasset Family Lax Day and Youth Night

The Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters will be holding their annual Family Lax Day for all players, parents, and fans of youth lacrosse on Father's Day, Sunday June 15th at Miliken Field from 12 - 5PM. Last year's inaugural event was a great time for everyone and this year promises to be even bigger and better as we will be including the girls youth program and incorporating the HS Alumni game into the festivities. The best BBQ and buffet in town, visits from the Boston Cannons, camp raffles, t-shirt and hat sales, and special attractions for all ages; will provide a perfect backdrop for a full day of match-ups featuring head-to-head competition between the teams at each age level for this year's bragging rights. The games are always a thrilling way to close out our Spring season so mark your calendars as we look forward to seeing everyone in the lacrosse community for a great day of fun and excitement to celebrate another fantastic season of youth lacrosse in Cohasset.

Also, congratulations to our High School Varsity team for getting the top seed in their State Championship drive and in securing home field advantage throughout the playoffs!

As part of their march to victory, the Boosters will also be hosting Youth Night during the first game of the playoffs (currently scheduled for June 4th). All Cohasset Youth lax players that attend wearing their playing jerseys will receive free pizza and soda in addition to seeing some great lacrosse action by their hometown heroes, so come on out and cheer our boys onto the next round and then to the Championship!

SSBC summer baseball camps on deck

at Cohasset, Braintree and Hingham

HINGHAM — The rights of summer for so many young baseball players — South Shore Baseball Club's annual summer camps - is on deck in Cohasset, Braintree and Hingham.

Open to players from any city or town, SSBC's 2003 one-week camps for boys and girls, ages 5-12, are scheduled for June 23-27 Hollingsworth Park in Braintree and Miliken Field in Cohasset. Four one-week camps for players 5-15 are slated July 7-August 1 at Hingham High School. Campers may attend as few as one or as many as four weeks at Hingham

"We have great facilities," SSBC president/director Frank Niles, Jr. said. "Every camper will enjoy a valuable and rewarding experience at any of the SSBC summer camps. Our expert staff of qualified professionals will help these kids improve their skills and enjoy the great game of baseball."

All campers will be grouped according to age, ability, physical maturity and previous experience. Instructions will range from basic fundamentals to advanced skills. Each camper will play a minimum of one game per day.

Individual attention will be emphasized in all aspects of baseball. Pitching, catching, defense, base running, and hitting will be featured in special sessions and lectures. Any camper needing specific areas of improvement will receive special attention from SSBC's expert staff of professional coaches.

All camp sessions are held Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., rain or shine. Half-day sessions will be available for 5 through 7 year olds.

SSBC is a full service, year-round club and training facility for baseball and softball players, ages 5 and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or any of its summer camps call 1-800-GO4-HITS or (781) 749-6466 in Hingham, or visit SSBC's Web site at www.ssbc.com

CYBS calendar card raffle is still going strong

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball calendar card raffle is still going strong. Since May 15th, we have had over 25 winners from Cohasset, down to New Jersey and up to Maine!! Through the generosity of the players, families and friends of the Cohasset Little League, this fundraiser made over $25,000 which will go to funding the final installment the CYBSA owes to the Town for the new fields. But, the winning is not over. The grand prize drawing of $1,000 will take place at the Little League cookout this Saturday, June 14th. The raffle ticket will be drawn by the winner of the All-Star home-run derby!! So, come on down to the new fields, enjoy a great BBQ, watch some exciting baseball and softball and maybe……be a $1,000 winner!!.

Summer Hoop Camp 2003

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will sponsor a summer Basketball camp, under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two camp sessions will be available starting Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 18. Boys and girls, ages 8 through 11, will have camp from 8:30 to 11:30 AM while ages 12 to 15 will be from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The cost for both camps will be $100 per participant.

Brochures and registration forms will be available at Cohasset Town Hall, Recreation Department office in early May.

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Artist of the month

"For the Young of Heart," Don Larkin's show of monoprints is now on display at the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library through June 30. The show, which features playful artwork, is meant to reach both children and adults.

Larkin's education began at the Massachusetts College of art and was completed with graduate work at Cranbrook Academy of Art. Now retired after 32 years of teaching at Weymouth North High School, he has returned to creating playful images of birds and fish.

He was inspired to create this show by the completion of the new library and a print created for his granddaughter, Vie. The library has a beautiful new children's room across from the gallery. This wonderful gallery space reaches out to greet children as they enter the library. These two spaces created an opportunity to display artwork that both adults and children will enjoy.

Larkin creates most of his prints at the monoprint studio at the South Shore art Center with Esther Maschio. He also works on smaller prints at his home studio. His last show was at the prestigious Drawing Room Gallery in Manila, The Philippines.

IT'S HAPPENING

Beach party

All are welcome to join the fun! The Newcomer's Club is hosting a party at Sandy beach in Cohasset on June 14 at 3pm. Bring your own food, drink, and alcoholic beverage. Victoria's and Papa Gino's both deliver to the beach. There will be no parking restrictions and bathroom facilities are available. There will be guitar entertainment by Thom Aylesworth and a Sandcastle tournament with Wilbur's gift certificates for all participants.

Disney magic

The radio station "Just For Kids" is coming to SpringBrook Kids on Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date: Sunday, June 22) at its toy boutique. SpringBrook Kids, 779 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. , Route 3A, Cohasset. SpringBrook Kids has invited Radio Disney Boston to participate in its summer community outreach event intended to share the joy of playing games and using the imagination with area children and their families!

Everyone is invited to visit SpringBrook Kids for an enjoyable day complete with today's latest music, toy and product demonstrations, exciting games, great prizes, balloons, free samples, coupons and lots of family fun! What's more, Outside the Box Productions will be at the event to provide special percussion workshops, kids can work on a special art project donated by Faber Castell, and the Radio Disney Hood Ice Cream Truck will help attendees "stay cool" with free Hood Ice Cream and pops.

SpringBrook Kids inspires and stimulates imaginative play in this specialty toy boutique featuring hard-to-find toys and imported items. For information, visit them online at www.SpringBrookKids.com or call 781-383-8400.

Dog training

Group dog training and problem solving classes at the Cohasset Recreation Center, on the Common in Cohasset is offering two, five-week dog training class for pets and their owners, all starting on Monday, June 16. "Obedience with Distractions" begins at 6 p.m. and "Good Manners for Beginners" starts at 7 p.m. The cost is $100 for each five-week class.

For more information on any of these classes, call 781-857-1239; or 781-383-4109.

First Parish Church hosts gospel chorus

Back by popular demand, the Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus will again share its musical gifts in conjunction with the South Shore Arts Center's annual Festival on the Common. First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church is sponsoring this program of traditional and contemporary gospel songs on June 14, at 8 p.m. in the First Parish Meetinghouse. Wrap up your day at the Festival with the sounds of the Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus from Mattapan. Tickets are $10. Call 781-383-1100 for information or tickets.

Health clinics

The Board of Health has scheduled the following Keep Well Clinics are scheduled:

- Thursday June 12 at 11 a.m. at the Senior Center Luncheon
- Thursday June 26 from 1 – 3 p.m. at Harborview Senior Housing.

Delahunt office hours

The staff of Congressman Bill Delahunt will hold office hours Friday, June 13 at Cohasset Town Hall, Selectmen's Office, 41 Highland Ave.

"Whether it's to straighten out individual problems or to share your views on pending legislation, all local residents are welcome," Delahunt said.

Congressman Delahunt can also be reached by calling toll-free, 1-800-794-9911; or online at www.house.gov/delahunt.

Golf outing benefit at Black Rock club

The South Shore Community Center is hosting a golf outing at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham on Monday, June 23 at 12:30 p.m. Parents, members and friends of the Community Center, a non-profit organization, are invited to play golf or join in the fun after for a barbecue at Black Rock. Proceeds from the outing will go to go to the South Shore Community Center Nursery School. The cost to participate is $200 per person or $750 for a four-some (if registered by June 1.) The cost includes greens fees, cart, driving range, boxed lunch, dinner buffet and T-shirt. The nursery school is seeking corporate, family or individual sponsorships. For more information and details please contact Deborah Donahue at (781)383-2093 or email: drdona@attbi.com or Deirdre Prescott at (781)383-6578. Registration for the tournament made be made telephone or in person at the Community Center at 3 North Main St. (781)383-0088 (MC/Visa or Discover accepted.) The registration deadline is June 6.

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It's kitty time and Hull Seaside Rescue has several sweet kittens available.

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Why our dads are special

Lauren Cook, second grade teacher at the Joseph Osgood School, shares the following essays her students wrote in honor of their fathers. Father's Day is Sunday, June 15.

My dad is a special dad. He has brownish, blackish hair and brown eyes. He is very funny and strong. He is generous, kind-hearted and nice to everyone. He is good at sports. He is a salesman and works in Boston. He helps me with my homework and teaches me sports. He helps me at sports. He helps me when I'm hurt. I like to do sports with him and watch sports on TV with him. I feel loved and special when he says, "I'm proud of you!" and when he says, "I love you!" I will love my dad forever! He is the best dad ever and he is a special dad. I love my dad!

— Sarah Brown

My dad is special to me. My dad has short brown hair, blue eyes and he is a medium-tall man. My dad is a joker and he is nice and he is good to everyone. My dad is a policeman and he works in Framingham. My dad likes to help out by riding on his tractor and making the grass grow and taking care of us. My dad helps me by helping me in my math and my baseball techniques and in soccer. The things I love playing with my dad are catch, soccer and video games. I feel loved by getting hugs and kisses and when he says, "Who loves you?" I love my dad so much!

— Tommy Ryan

My dad is very special to me. My dad has blue eyes, whitish brownish hair and darkish skin. He likes to play lots of video games and catch and pickle. He helps business calls and he helps on the computer and works in a building. He sometimes goes on the laptop and sometimes watches us and mows the lawn and types up stuff for Conor. He helps me with my homework sometimes and he helped me read my first book. He helps me play baseball better. I like playing video games, Frisbee and catch. Sometimes he goes on long trips and he brings me back cool presents and he hugs me goodnight. I am very thankful for my dad!

— Brendan Queenan

My dad is special. He has black hair, brown eyes and he's tall. He is nice, funny and friendly. My dad is Mr. Youth. He works for colleges and he works at home. My dad walks the dog, does the dishes and mows the lawn. He helps me with my homework and my dad plays with me. My dad goes places with me. I like to go boating with him and golfing. He hugs me and kisses me and makes me feel special. I love my dad!

— Brittany Tedeschi

My dad has light black hair and blue eyes. He is stern, nice and kind-hearted. He is an architect. At home he helps by mowing the lawn and he washes the dishes. He helps me with my math and he helps me with my projects. I enjoy cuddling, drawing houses with him and going to the Omni Theater with him. I like it when he calls me "Polish Princess." My dad is nice!

— Charlotte Barszewski

My dad is fun. My dad is so tall. He is part Indian and has dark hair and dark brown eyes. My dad is a good athlete. He is funny and smart. He fixes computers and fixes submarines. He does the laundry and vacuums our home. He helps me with my homework and helps me put my kite together. I love it when he takes me to JJs to get ice cream. My dad makes me feel loved when he takes me to the toy store. I love my dad!

— Evan Ackley

I am very grateful for my dad. My dad has brown hair, brown eyes and he is tall. My dad is friendly and generous and nice. He works in Boston at the World Trade Center on computers a lot for Fidelity. For work at home he rakes the leaves and shovels the driveway when it snows and sometimes he makes dinner. He helps me by helping me with my math homework and reading. I like to bike ride with him and take walks with him and play with him. My dad makes me feel loved when he hugs me. I love my dad!

— Emily Guglielmo

My dad is special. My dad has black hair and green eyes and he is very tall. My dad is helpful, smart and very funny. My dad is a doctor and he works at M.I.T. My dad helps me with my homework and he helps me when I get hurt. I like to go swimming with my dad. I like to go on our boat with my dad. He makes me feel loved when he kisses me good night and when he reads me stories. I love my dad!

— Kelsey McCunney

My dad is special. He has brownish hair, brown eyes and he is tall and thin. My dad is funny, nice and fun. My dad worked at Fidelity for a long time. He plays baseball with me. He helps me with my homework and cooks for me. I enjoy playing sports with him. My dad makes me feel loved when he takes me to JJs. I love my dad!

— Sam Asnault

My dad is fun to be with. He has dark brown hair, green eyes and he is tall. He is nice, smart and fun to play with. My dad works at an insurance company in Quincy. He mows the lawn, rakes the leaves in the fall and shovels the snow in the winter. He helps me do my homework and teaches me how to do sports. My dad and I swim, do soccer and fish together. I love it when he hugs me and kisses me. I love my dad!

— Nichole Farren

My dad is special to me. He has gray hair and is 5 feet 9 inches tall. He is funny and friendly. He is retired, which means he has stopped working. For work at home he makes dinner and takes out the trash. My dad helps me on the Internet and when I can't read something. I enjoy doing baseball, basketball, chess and checkers with him. He makes me feel loved by hugging and kissing me and saying, "I'm the best!" I love my dad!

— Thomas Hislop

My dad is a special person. He has blue eyes, brown hair, and he is buff. My dad is nice, smart and funny. My dad works for Pacific Growth. My dad helps me with my work. He helps me with sports and with math. I enjoy playing catch, golf and biking with him. I feel loved when he hugs me good night. I love my dad!

— Nate Morse

My dad is awesome. My dad has black hair, brown eyes and he is tall. My dad is smart, funny and fun. He works at a septic system company down the street from us. He helps me with my homework and when I get hurt he helps me. My dad rakes. He helps me with my batting and catching. I like going to Fenway Park with him, watching lacrosse and playing with him. He makes me feel loved because he gives me hugs and kisses. I love my dad.

— Christian Davis

There are many special things about my dad. My dad has brown eyes, dark brown hair and a big smile. He is funny, a joker and exciting. He paints in America. He mows the lawn, cooks and vacuums. He helps me when I'm hurt and when I am sad. My dad has a lot of talent. He makes jewelry, juggles, does computers and is good at making jokes. I like to ruff-house with my dad. He does sports with me and does hide-and-seek with me. He takes care of me, plays with me and gives me hugs and kisses. My dad is awesome!

— Olivia Barnum

My Godfather is awesome. He has blackish brown hair, dark brown eyes and he is medium tall. He is a policeman and he keeps people safe. At work he is very serious. He has a good aim. I was the ring bearer at his wedding. He gave me a clock with my name on it. It will help me tell time. I enjoy talking to him about everything. He makes me feel loved when he gets me the biggest presents. He makes me feel special because he always listens to me. I love my Godfather. He is very cool.

— Matt Harte

I have a cool dad! He has hazel eyes. He has cool hair. He has two tattoos. He is cool because he is strong. He knows about the military. He works in the military. He feeds my baby sister. He helps me with my homework. We play video games. He hugs me hard. I love John!

— Jesse Batts

My dad has many qualities. My dad has whiskers and red-brown hair and sea-blue eyes. My dad is funny and serious and smart. For work he programs computers. He always has to work late. My dad helps at home by doing the dishes. My dad helps me with spelling and math. I like to sing into his microphone while he works the sound. He levels the sound of the microphones at the town plays and helps set up the stage. My dad makes me feel loved when he kisses me good night and when he hugs me before he goes to work. I love my daddy!

— Brittany Leger

My dad is special! He has curly black hair, brown eyes and he is tall. My dad is funny, active and helpful. He works at Fiori's Exxon in Cohasset. My dad makes movies on the computer and pays the bills. My dad helps me with my homework and cleans my bike. I love to go to the dump with him and watch movies with my dad. My dad makes me feel loved when he tells me funny ghost stories and gives me hugs. He makes me feel special when he goes on field trips with me. I love my dad!

— Kendall Fiori

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

SCHOOL MENU

Cohasset Elementary Schools

MONDAY, JUNE 16
Cheeseburger, oven fries, veggie, dessert, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17
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Register for the Music Circus

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct a Music Circus Registration for "Callou's Big Party" on Tuesday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 5-7 p.m. at the recreation office at town hall.

Music Circus registrations for children involved in The Playground Program are held every Tuesday at the recreation office from 9 a.m. to noon and from 5-7 p.m. for the remaining performance.

"Callou's Big Party" will be held at the Music Circus on July 10. Children will be walked down from the Playground with their counselors.

End-of-school dance at Garage

Celebrate the end of another school year and the beginning of summer at a dance at the Garage on Friday, June 20 from 7-10 p.m. This dance is for current fifth-graders that will be attending sixth-grade this fall. The dance is free and snacks and refreshments will be sold.

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Beekeepers share their stories of sweet success

By Matthew J. Gill
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Many of us consider them a summertime nuisance, buzzing their way into picnics and barbecues stirring up a flurry of swatting and panic among outdoor enthusiasts. While we fear the bee's sting, we love the sweet nectar they produce — the fruit of their labors — honey.

Scituate residents John Proctor, Myron Boluch, Jed Fitzgerald and Al Needham have a keen interest in both bees and the honey they make. The four are among a handful of beekeepers or apiarists on the South Shore who bring the honey from the hive to local tables.

PHOTOS/MATTHEW GILL

Beekeeper John Proctor checks the status of his hives.

A honey of a hobby

A retired carpenter and woodworker, Proctor got his start in beekeeping back in 1956. After a number of years, he handed the honey-yielding hobby off to his son, Robert, but in 1990 he got back into the business, when his son discovered he was allergic to bees.

Few are willing to get close enough to bees to find out how they do what they do, but Proctor is happy to explain the natural and miraculous feat accomplished by the bees.

When bees harvest the nectar of a flower or fruit bloom, the nectar is about 90 percent water. They then bring it back into the hive, and reduce its moisture content by continually fanning their wings. When most of the moisture has been drawn out, and reduced to about 17 percent, the bees use beeswax to cap the nectar inside honeycombs.

With the moisture content low, and the honey capped, bacteria can't live in the honey, and beekeepers know the product is ready for human consumption.

Proctor said extracting the honey from the hives, requires both finesse and good-timing.

He first removes the honeycombs from the buzzing hives' top drawers — leaving the bottom drawers for the brood — the site where the bees are hatched and raised. Then he shakes off the bees still clinging to their work, and brings them home. From there, the beeswax is shaved off the combs by either a hot knife, or a shaving machine. At this point, the combs are placed in a spinning extractor, which employs centrifugal force to drain, and then filter the honey into bottles, barrels, and jars, waiting below.

Protective clothing including a veil and gloves helps take the sting out of the job, but Proctor said its a rare "occupational hazard," noting he gets stung only about five or six times a year. Despite that, Proctor maintains a good relationship with the force behind the honey.

"Generally speaking, they're pretty gentle," he said. "I do like having them around."

Proctor keeps four hives in spots throughout Scituate, and for 10 consecutive years, he has won an award in either the Marshfield Fair or Topsfield Fair for his honey.

During the summer — the main honey season runs from July to late August — Proctor said a typical hive can house up to 85,000 bees, but as he later qualified, determining that exact number can prove problematic. "It's kind of hard to count them," he said.

Last year, Proctor's four hives produced 328 pounds of honey, and from his house on Merritt Lane, he sells the honey in one and two-pound jars.

"It's a good hobby," he said. "You don't get rich at it, but it pays for itself."

Pollination

While some beekeepers focus mainly on the honey harvest, others bring their bees on location to pollinate various fields, orchards and farms. Jed Fitzgerald said a common pollination schedule consists of visits to the. cranberry bogs in southeastern Massachusetts, the blueberry fields of Maine, an autumn journey to New York state to increase the flow of both goldenrod and wild aster, and finally a winter's journey to the citrus groves of Florida.

For both the bees and their keepers, it's a busy schedule, and the cycle starts up again with a return trip north in May.

"When bees pollinate, they carry the pollen on their feet," said Fitzgerald. "They bring pollen from flower to flower, which brings a higher rate of pollination."

Fitzgerald said increased pollination naturally means more flowers and more fruit

"Honey bees, because they multiply so fast, provide a great service all over the country," he said. "Without honey bees, crop production [around the world] would be off one half to one third."

Winter woes

With the heavy snows, and harsh cold, this past winter was a difficult one for local bee-keepers, and even worse for their bees. The problems were exacerbated by an invasion of microscopic mites, which caused lots of damage, and even killed off entire hives.

During the winter Proctor lost one of his hives to the elements, and in order to replace it this spring, he ordered a $50 package of bees from a company in Georgia. Weighing in at three pounds, and arriving via the UPS truck, the package contained approximately 12,000 bees.

For the health of it

Tucked away behind Myron Boluch's Country Way home — behind the rope swing, the cobblestone driveway, and the blueberry bush — are five bee hives, buzzing with activity.

As a son of Ukrainian immigrants, whom Boluch said are known for their bee-keeping, the trade comes naturally to him. His hives, on the other hand, did not.

After retiring from the Naval Reserve, Boluch worked as a Maritime lawyer — dealing with only sea-based cases, Boluch often worked on cases at pro-bono rate. Boluch said one of his clients, who couldn't afford to pay him in cash, offered him the only thing he could: his bees.

Twenty years later, Boluch has stretched that payment into one of his favorite hobbies. But if you're not a Boluch family member, sampling the his honey is no easy task. While he use to sell it locally, Boluch said when honey season rolls around, his phone begins to ring with relations on both sides looking for "Uncle Myron's honey." Boluch admitted that his relatives aren't the only ones to blame for his current honey shortage, for whatever the relatives leave behind, Boluch said he eats himself.

He is quick to point out the medicinal values of both bees and the honey they produce.

"If you eat local honey, supposedly, it helps people who have local allergies," he said, noting

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He is survived by his loving wife Aliceann; his three children; Dr. Kathleen Malley Morrison (Frank), Edward W. Malley III (Maureen), David T. Malley (Kathy), their mother Barbara Beyer Malley, and seven grandchildren. He was also the father of the late Stephanie Vaughn.

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that the honey produced by the bees contains tiny amounts of pollen which can help build up a person's immunity to certain allergies. Even the bees' sting has been beneficial said Boluch, who maintains that while both his parents suffered from severe arthritis, a quarter-century's worth of bee stings have helped him remain, arthritis-free at age 81.

The tiny amount of venom in a bee-sting, he says, is actually good for you, and is the impetus behind B.V.T., or bee-venom therapy, a medicinal practice that utilizes bee venom to cure various ailments.

Still, Boluch keeps an epinephrine shot at the ready in case someone allergic to bees gets stung.

Swarms

Al Needham no longer keeps bees behind his flower-filled home on Edgar Road, but stays active in the bee-keeping community by maintaining an apiarian Web site.

"The object is to educate people about honey bees," he said.

On the site, people commonly write in with their questions about bees, and Needham says one of the most common queries he receives, regards bee swarms.

"Swarms scare the hell out of people," he said, but even though the swirling swarm can sound as loud as a truck when it passes, Needham assured its not as dangerous as it looks.

Away from their hives the bees are not territorial and not likely to sting, but are mainly concerned with finding a new home and protecting the queen.

Needham said that bees swarm for two reasons. Either the hive is too crowded, or the hive has begun to subdivide or "split" itself into two groups, with one group having to look for a new residence.

Before leaving the hive, the bees do not go hungry or unprepared.

"The [bees]gorge themselves with honey," said Needham. "Then the queen makes a new queen cell, and then she leaves," — taking half of the hive with her.

According to Fitzgerald, the queen has a very loyal and devoted following in her bees.

"They will follow that queen to the ends of the earth," he said.

While the swarm is on location — either in a tree, a bush, or someone's attic — searcher bees are on the prowl looking for a proper place to take up a more permanent residence. When an appropriate domain is found, Needham said the searchers return to the swarm, do a little dance, and the group is on its way to a new home.

When the new home is found, Fitzgerald said the bees quickly acquaint themselves to it, and "they're off and running.

"It's a miracle of nature."

The queen

As it is among the English monarchy, there can only be one queen in each hive, said Proctor. When a hive has sub-divided, the first queen to hatch will kill or destroy the remaining queen cells.

She has an elongated body which is wider, and about twice the length of her Drone, Guard, and Nurse Bee counterparts.

The queen works from home, leaving the hive only once in her lifetime — which Proctor said can be up to six years — when she mates with several drones, for life.

Needham said the relationships are short, for the drones die after fertilizing the queen. "But what a way to go," he said.

Upon returning to the hive, the queen will start laying eggs, and virtually never stops.

At up to 2,000 eggs in a day, Proctor described the queen bees as "egg laying machines."

A taste of honey

A retired high school teacher who taught at both Scituate and Cohasset High School, Fitzgerald got into the bee-keeping business in 1972 — and says he's glad he stuck with it all these years.

After three decades of honeycomb, honey jars, and honey mustard, Jed Fitzgerald has honey, in his blood. Whether its sweetening his coffee or tea, providing a natural addition to his cereal, or just taken straight and sweet as a spoonful a 1/2 hour before running, Fitzgerald consumed honey everyday.

On a vacation trip to China last year, Fitzgerald even journeyed out to the countryside just to see his Asian, apiarian brothers at work.

"Every where we went in the countryside, there where bees," he said. He added that hives were located in the middle of the city too, and even noted a few buzzing bee-hives outside a university classroom.

Running one of the region's most prolific bee-keeping operations, Fitzgerald had hives at The Route 3A Farm, Treeberry Farm, Jacob's Farm, and at The Steverman Farm on Country Way.

"The reason I had them in so many different places, is because there was a different bloom at each place," he said.

By collecting nectar from different flower and fruit-bloom sources, Fitzgerald explained that the different honeys that the bees would produce would each have their own unique taste.

But after being diagnosed with cancer last year, Fitzgerald decided to sell most of his more than 50 hives. But his final year in the business was his most fruitful. Fitzgerald's 2002 honey yield was the best he's ever had. He harvested a ton and a half — or 3,000 pounds of honey, packaged in 3-pound jugs and 12-ounce bear-shaped bottles and even more incredibly, he sold it all..

Fitzgerald currently keeps a few hives the Donovan Conservation field in Norwell, and Cohasset's Holly Hill Farm.

Looking back on his back-breaking, bee-keeping career, Fitzgerald said he has no regrets and credits the hobby for providing him with a natural education. "[Working with the bees] gave me a reverence for nature that I never really had when I was younger," he said.

"Most beekeepers are humble people — because they've learned some deep truths about life, and nature," he said. "Nature has its ways, and all we can do is go along."

Above: Beekeeper John Proctor points out the honeycomb from inside one of his hives.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, MAY 27

8:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rod, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:35 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:50 p.m. North Main St. and Sohier St., animal call or complaint.

11:11 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist other police department, area search negative.

11:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

12:22 a.m. King St., property found.

7:04 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9 a.m. Ripley Road, serve a 209A restraining order.

9:43 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, log entry.

12:15 p.m. Pond St., request for police officer/s.

1:16 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle accident.

2:24 p.m. North Main St., fire, investigation.

2:35 p.m. North Main St. and Sohier St., animal call or complaint.

2:35 p.m. Forest Ave., animal call or complaint.

3:41 p.m. Diab Lane, property damage.

3:48 p.m. Elm St., request for police officer/s.

4:47 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

5:43 p.m. Square, animal call or complaint.

5:53 p.m. Norfolk Road, request for police officer/s.

8:50 p.m. Beechwood St and Riverview Drive, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, MAY 29

7:50 a.m. Route 3A and Route 228, motor vehicle accident.

8:02 a.m. King St., breaking and entering/burglary.

8:25 a.m. Sohier St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

8:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, log entry.

10:44 a.m. Norfolk Road, fire, log entry.

11:37 a.m. Jerusalem Road, request for police officer/s.

11:50 a.m. Ledgewood Drive, animal call or complaint.

11:52 a.m. Sohier St., animal call or complaint.

12:07 p.m. Forest Ave., medical aid.

1:21 p.m. Elm St., larceny.

2:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, log entry.

3:27 p.m. Norfolk Road, fire, log entry.

5:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity.

6:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

9:54 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general disturbance.

10:20 p.m. Ledgewood Farms Drive, fire.

11:04 p.m. Forest Ave., family disturbance.

11:38 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:57 p.m. Forest Ave. and Fox Run, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

12:41 a.m. Forest Ave., general services.

1:50 a.m. Sohier St., general services.

6:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:39 a.m. Highland Ave., request for police officer/s.

8:15 a.m. West Corner, assist other police dept.

11:46 a.m. Beechwood and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:16 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist other agency.

2 p.m. Norfolk Road, parking complaint, ticket issued.

3:12 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

3:18 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

3:36 p.m. Hull St., threats.

4:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation issued.

6:08 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:53 p.m. Atlantic Ave., request for police officer/s.

9:23 p.m. Jerusalem Road, investigation.

9:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:39 p.m. Norfolk Road, assist citizen.

Police arrested 19 in May

May was a relatively busy month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were 19 arrests, nine for Possession of a Class D Substance, one for Possession of a Class C Substance, one for Minor in Possession of Liquor, three for Operating Under the Influence of liquor, one for Violation of a Restraining Order, three for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and finally one for Uttering a False Prescription, Police Chief Robert Jackson said.

During the month of May the police department investigated 12 motor vehicle accidents, six of which resulted in personal injury. There were 160 Motor Vehicle Citations issued totaling $2,380 in fines. Additionally, there were 81 parking tickets issued for $2,175 in fines.

Also in May our Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,135 calls for police service, of those 161 were Emergency 911 calls, Jackson said.

In the month of May there was two Breaking & Entering of a Residence. Additionally there were 11 criminal complaints issued for the month, he said.

On May 2, Detective Garrett Hunt and Patrolman William English successfully completed a three-day (C.O.B.W.E.B) course Cops on Bikes with Education for Bicyclists Training at Yarmouth Police Department.

9:43 p.m. Jerusalem Road, escort.

9:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:20 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle/suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rod, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:29 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop.

11:40 p.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

11:50 p.m. Margin St., noise complaint.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

12:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:05 a.m. Margin St., noise complaint.

12:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Rose Hill Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:06 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle accident. Arrest of Robert William Cunningham, 21, of 47 Norfolk St., Cohasset. Charges: OUI, liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

2:28 a.m. HQ, general services.

2:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., general services.

3 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, general services.

3:04 a.m. Sohier St., general services.

3:19 a.m. Hammond Ave., medical aid.

7:01 a.m. Norfolk Road, fire, services rendered.

7:38 a.m. North Main St., vandalism.

8:19 a.m. Cushing Road, sex offenses.

8:51 a.m. Sohier St., fire, unfounded.

10:04 a.m. Norfolk Road, parking complaint, ticket issued.

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NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P1243EP

In the Estate of ANNE B. KEATING

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death April 13, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will and codicil of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MICHAEL B. KEATING of BOSTON in the County of SUFFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 2, 2003.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, May 27, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
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LEWIS ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P1369EP

In the Estate of ROBERT W. LEWIS

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 4, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that M. KEARIN LEWIS OF COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 16, 2003.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, June 3, 2003.

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OBITUARY

Richard W. Beveridge

Richard W. Beveridge, 78, of Scituate, died June 9, 2003, at Forestview Nursing Home in Wareham.

He was born and educated in Pennsylvania. He earned his college degrees at Westminster and Boston College.

Mr. Beveridge was employed as a teacher at Cohasset High School and the Alternative School Program.

He enjoyed crossword puzzles and playing baseball.

Husband of the late Muriel (LeClair), he leaves his son, Walker and his wife, Maureen; three grandchildren, Richard W. II, Shannon, and Cullen; two sisters, Renee Rollison of Pennsylvania, and Rae Andrews of Virginia; one brother, Robert of Maryland; a daughter-in-law, Dorothy; a sister-in-law Toni Ellis of Florida and several nieces and nephews. He was the father of the late Richard W. Beveridge.

A memorial service will be held June 12, at 6 p.m. at Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, 382 First Parish Road, Scituate.

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Battle ready

Local bands turn out in force to face off

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Due to a most unexpected popular response, this Saturday's "Battle of the Bands" event at Plymouth Memorial Hall has been expanded not once but twice.

The event, which showcases the musical talent of local bands, comprised primarily of teens, was originally set for one show this month in which band contestants would perform a set of two songs for a total of seven minutes. The overwhelming response from local bands looking to take part, forced organizers to revamp the program allowing each band to play just one song lasting a maximum of five minutes.

But that didn't slow interest. Just last week the Plymouth Memorial Hall and "Battle of the Bands" organizers announced the addition of a second "Battle" show to be scheduled July 19. With more than thirty applications accepted from the total area band submissions, and two shows of fifteen bands each now confirmed, some entries are still left over, and there's even talk of a third show possibly slated for later in the summer, according to Steve Dubin and Jen Tomasetti of "Battle of the Bands" publicity — PR Works in Norwell.

"We're thrilled that we've had such an extensive interest from local bands in our first-time event this year," said Tomasetti. "We really didn't know what to expect when we began planning the 'Battle of the Bands' show, and put the call out for area bands who would be interested. Altogether, it's a very positive sign."

While it may be too early, or too presumptuous, to proclaim something akin to "I've seen the future of rock and roll (and it lives this summer in Plymouth)" the full docket of competing high school band hopefuls on the bill indicates a thriving young, local music scene. Saturday's show features bands from not only Plymouth but also Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury, Carver, and Braintree, covering a range of musical styles from mainstream and alternative rock to heavy metal and a mix of rock and reggae.

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Due to overwhelming response from area teen bands, Plymouth-based metal rockers "Bosco's Disturbance" will compete in the second round of "Battle of the Bands" set for July 19.

"The Bad Year," of Braintree will face off against 14 other South Shore Bands in Saturday's "Battle of the Bands" at Plymouth Memorial Hall.

Alterna-rockers Condition Blue are red hot right now. The South Shore based band will play Miracle East in Abington Friday, June 13.

Something old, something new — CONDITION BLUE

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

A little bit old school rock and roll mixed with the more recent alternative sound—that's how members of the fast-rising South Shore Band Condition Blue describe their group.

"Our sound is modeled on that from the old-school, classic rock bands that we like, and from the newer alternative bands of the last ten years who've expanded on that sound and carried it forward. Now we'd like to carry it forward ourselves," said Condition Blue bassist/vocalist Ross Jackson.

The band's influences include Led Zeppelin, Deep Purple, The Who, The Beatles, and Queen, along with the last decade's sonic wave of Nirvana, Alice In Chains, and Stone Temple Pilots. Combined, these groups helped shaped this up-and-coming quartet's stylistically faithful but wholly original sound. An engaging blend of voluminous guitar power and seamless melodic flow.

Much of this blend is in full effect on Condition Blue's new CD, *Legends*, which since its early spring release has as an independent disc sold in impressive numbers both at the band's New England and New York club dates and on the band's Web site at www.conditionblue.net. Condition Blue has also previously released a four-song EP, *Moonlight In Riverdale* in 1999 and a 2000 self-titled debut full-length disc, which got the band off to a strong start by including four #1 mp3.com songs.

The band's most recent release Legends has been well received by fans.

"To us, bands like Led Zeppelin, The Who and The Beatles from the old school and Alice In Chains and Stone Temple Pilots from more recently are bands that have really spent long amounts of time writing good songs with a very sophisticated, multi-layered sense of melody," Jackson said. "A lot of bands these days seem to want to just go with the flow of whatever's current or trendy, like the hip-hop influence that so many are dabbling in lately."

"We have nothing against that style, we think some of it is good and some not so good. But our main ideal as a band is to carve our own musical path, based on the old-school guitar rock that we mostly listen to. And hopefully, an updated version of that music will catch on once again, like back in the 1970s, or the early part of the 90s," Jackson said.

Jackson, 27, is a South Weymouth resident who formed Condition Blue five years ago with two

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Classic Ford

Making 'Hollywood Homicide' was a laughing matter

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

You don't want to get on the bad side of Indiana Jones, Han Solo or Jack Ryan. If you asked them a question they didn't like, they'd let you know.

The same goes with Harrison Ford, the actor who played those three tough guys. Test his patience with a question about his personal life, and Ford's eyes narrow, his face flushes and his little gold earring glistens as he shakes his head.

Ford has always been shy about discussing his off-screen life. So when he enters a hotel room to talk about his new cop comedy "Hollywood Homicide" with a small group of journalists, and one reporter ventures onto sacred ground — Calista Flockhart and his love life — Ford just glares at him.

"Come on," he says quietly, not hiding his annoyance. "I never have been comfortable talking about my personal life. And it's a little too late to start now. Thanks for the thought, I'm very happy, and I think we'll let it go at that."

Brave, clueless, or both, the reporter tries again, asking how much of Harrison Ford is public property to his fans and how much should be personal.

Ford has been through this before. There's silence, then a deep breath.

"Celebrity journalism is an obsession with celebrity that is serviced by a large portion of the press," he whispers gruffly. "I think that's very corrosive. I've been in the public eye for over 30 years. My private life is none of anybody's goddamn business."

To break the rising tension, someone asks about the longevity of his career.

"I enjoy the more arch drawing room or romantic comedies that people have seen me in. But I liked 'Liar Liar' and 'Dumb & Dumber' too."
Harrison Ford

"It's happened a day at a time, with a lot of dumb luck," he says, his voice slightly brighter. "There are a lot of people as talented as I was who never got the opportunities, who never had the luck that I've had. I'm well aware of that. But I've worked hard, I think I've made some reasonably good choices, and I've had a clear idea of how the business works, and how to take care of myself."

Ford limits himself to about one film a year these days. And a look at his track record shows that the past few choices might not have been such good ones. The creepy "What Lies Beneath" made its money back, with a small profit, but both the bland "Random Hearts" and the dull "K-19" were big flops. Yet that doesn't appear to bother him. He just goes on to the next project.

In "Hollywood Homicide," he and Josh Hartnett play police partners who are trying to solve a mass murder at a nightclub. That central plot is serious, but the film turns into a comedy about the two cops trying to juggle second jobs — Hartnett's K.C. plays a struggling actor, Ford's Joe sells real estate.

"I try to do a mix of different kinds of genres, different kinds of characters," says Ford. "When this came along, I thought it was a nice contrast to 'K-19.' The comedies I've done in my career have mostly been romantic comedy where I'm more of the straight man. This was a chance to go a little further, I enjoyed that."

At times, he's downright slapstick in his new film, making faces and taking pratfalls. He's not sure if audiences are going to buy into what he's doing here, but neither is he too worried about it.

"I enjoy the more arch drawing room or romantic comedies that people have seen me in," he says. "But I liked 'Liar Liar' and 'Dumb & Dumber' too."

He also likes getting away from the collaborative process of

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Harrison Ford plays a busy cop in "Hollywood Homicide," and says his private life is his own business.

Food & dining

Steak and marinades

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Americans are spoiled when it comes to steaks – think Porterhouse – but most of the rest of the world finds tougher but more flavorful steaks preferable (or at least more affordable). The question was how to prepare and grill tough steaks to make them tender, juicy and delicious.

The first thing that came to mind was steak tips, an inexpensive cut of meat from the sirloin section of the animal. The meat is marinated and then grilled and the result can be impressive, although the average order of steak tips at a mall restaurant is on par with the "filet mignon" that used to be served in coach when flying cross-country. It all depends on how hungry you are. So I started with a taste test of various cuts of meat including flank steak (tough, dry, and a little gamey), London broil (although not a real "cut," it is most often dry and tough, top round (tough and meaty tasting), and sirloin tip strips. The sirloin tip strips were the winners and are cut from the "sirloin" section of the animal, which is the hip area, the best being the "flap" muscle from the bottom sirloin. They cost about $5 per pound. The "strips" are pieces 6 or 7 inches long and a half to an inch and a half wide. A sirloin tip steak is harder to find and is also wider on one end than the other. Either can be used in this recipe. Just don't purchase the small pieces of meat (usually called just sirloin tips) which are really best for kebabs.

In a recent issue of Cook's Illustrated, the editors reported that traditional marinades used for steak tips either do nothing or simply make the meat "mushy." The secret of great steak tips turned out to be salt (as in soy sauce) since it turned the marinade into a brine which helped the meat to absorb liquids and therefore remain juicier when cooked.

So, starting with soy sauce as a key ingredient, I put together a classic teriyaki sauce using soy, sake, mirin and brown sugar. I marinated meats for 1, 4, and 8 hours and found that 4 to 8 hours was optimum. I also felt that the marinade could use more flavor, so I tested garlic, ginger, sesame seeds, toasted sesame oil, scallions and chiles. The winners were garlic and toasted sesame oil. I marinated the steak for 4 hours and then grilled it over a two-level fire. As reported in Cook's Illustrated, I was amazed that the rare steaks were not as good as those cooked to either medium-rare or medium. The latter were more tender and, believe, it or not, juicier.

For an alternative marinade, I wanted to try a combination of olive oil, white wine or vinegar and salt. After much testing, I changed the white wine to white balsamic vinegar, added garlic, sugar, and a pinch of dried herb. I found that this marinade is best if the meat sits for about an hour and no more than 90 minutes. Otherwise, the texture of the meat is compromised.

MARINATED GRILLED SIRLOIN TIPS

I found that the meat is best if cut into pieces before marinating – just marinating a whole steak is OK, but the meat absorbs slightly less flavor and is a bit less juicy after cooking.

1 recipe marinade (see below)

2 pounds sirloin tip strips or steaks

1. Trim the meat of excess fat. Cut "strips" into 4-inch long pieces or steaks into 2 by 4-inch pieces. Combine the marinade and meat in a large zipper lock bag, pressing out as much air as possible. Marinate in the refrigerator for designated time flipping the bag about half way through the process.

2. Meanwhile, ignite 6 quarts of hardwood charcoal (briquettes are fine as well) and, once hot, arrange all the coals on one half of the grill. When the fire is medium hot (you can hold your hand 5 inches from the flame for no longer than 4 seconds) place the meat over the coals. Sear well on all sides, about 6 minutes, and transfer the meat to the cooler side of the grill. Continue to cook until desired doneness, about 4 to 5 minutes for medium-rare (130 degrees) and 5 to 6 minutes for medium (135 degrees). Transfer to a warm platter and tent with aluminum foil. Let sit for 5 minutes. Slice pieces thinly on the bias and serve immediately.

Serves 4 to 6.

TERIYAKI MARINADE

This marinade needs at least 4 hours (but no more than 8 hours) for optimum flavor and texture.

4 tablespoons soy sauce

2 tablespoons sake

2 tablespoons mirin

3 medium cloves garlic, minced or pressed

1 piece (1 inch) fresh ginger, minced, about 1 tablespoon (optional)

1 tablespoon brown sugar

1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Combine all ingredients in a small bowl. Marinate for 4-8 hours.

OLIVE OIL AND WHITE BALSAMIC VINEGAR MARINADE

This marinade takes only an hour or so and, surprisingly, works well with steak.

1/4 cup olive oil

1 tablespoon white balsamic vinegar

3 medium garlic cloves, minced or pressed

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon sugar

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/8 teaspoon dried oregano or thyme

Combine all ingredients in a small bowl. Marinate for about 1 hour but no longer than 1 1/2 hours.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Battle ready

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Harbor, Battle of the Bands will feature groups performing numbers which may be "plugged in" or acoustic. Plymouth Memorial Hall will provide professional sound and light, a drum kit and keyboard. The judges panel will consist of local professional musicians, music teachers and music writers, with a First Place prize of $300 and Second Place prize $100 at stake.

A registration process was required for all bands applying to the competition. And, to set the bar on a certain standard of quality control, one supposes, all bands were additionally required a recommendation from a high school or independent music teacher.

The typically colorful list of band names in Saturday's show includes Last At Bat, Rizen, Your Bitter End and Scarecrow Hill (all from Plymouth), Doc Holliday, Stop the Wombats and Blaaaah! (from Scituate), plus Store Bought Insanity (Hanson), Mindsett (Marshfield), The High Rise (Duxbury) and Twitch*27 (Carver) among others.

"Bands have been closed out of the contest this year, at least so far, but we encourage rock 'n' roll fans who appreciate local music to come out and support the bands at this event," Dubin said. "With continued interest and support, we might be able to do three of four of these shows a year."

"Battle of the Bands" will take place Saturday, June 14 at the newly renovated Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street (Route 3A). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the "battle" begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are $10 and are on dale now at the Plymouth Memorial Hall Box Office. For more information, please contact Pierre Merhej, General Manager ofPlymouth Memorial Hall, Toll Free 877-500-0050 or emailpmerhej@radissonplymouth.com. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.ticketweb.com

Condition Blue

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local musician friends, lead vocalist J. Walker, of Abington —who some observers have visually compared to Jim Morrison or a young, pre-Zeppelin Jimmy Page — and guitarist Brendan Flaherty, of Bridgewater. New drummer Jordan Perlson is also currently a Berklee College of Music student and lives in Boston.

The *Legends* disc is Condition Blue's most impressive recorded offering so far of the band's high-powered but hummable sound. It includes such club-set favorites as "Back To Life" and "Star Baby" (as catchy as the like-titled Guess Who hit of years gone by), plus the band gets adventurous with the trippy-mystical "The Flight of Indrid Cold" (with lyrics based on the legend of the Mothman Prophecies, the subject of a Hollywood feature film a few years ago) and the hook-heavy, post-modern psychodrama "Fight or Flight," with this lyric sampling:

"My friend's got a gun he killed on New Year's Day, My friend's got a gun he shoots a different way, No more pack the car and dust the fear away, No more shoots the breeze and combs his hair up, My friend's got a gun he shoots a different way, My friend's got a gun he killed on New Year's Day"

"The way we write songs is, in a sense, based on what our ears want to hear," said Jackson. "A lot of our sound has that 70s rock quality, the sort of thing that's not being done much anymore."

Condition Blue will play Miracle East in Abington Friday, June 13 at 9 p.m. For more information on the band visit www.conditionblue.net.

Classic Ford

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Hollywood and finding solitude. He loves the escapism of flying his small planes. He still does detail-oriented carpentry work — for himself — whenever he has the chance. And though he now lives in Los Angeles, the environmentalist within him still pines for the land in Wyoming that he bought about 20 years ago.

Although Ford is quiet about his love life, he can be outspoken on a movie set. He's happy to offer suggestions to directors.

"When I first started in movies, people weren't all that eager to hear what I thought," he recalls. "But that started to change a little bit around the time of 'American Graffiti,' when I worked for the first time with George Lucas. He wanted me to get a crewcut, and I suggested a white cowboy hat instead. And that was the first time that anybody listened to what I was saying and thought it was a good idea."

Speaking of Lucas, Ford says the script for the new Indiana Jones film, which Lucas will produce and Steven Spielberg will direct, is just about ready.

"We're about 80 percent through the process," he says. "Steven's got the script now, and I'll get my hands on it in a couple weeks. We should start shooting it in the summer of 2004. I think it'll work."

"Hollywood Homicide" opens nationally on June 13.

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Fabulous foliages for the shady garden

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the dense, pewter gray cloud cover gradually parted, this season's most elusive and precious commodity, the sun, appeared boosting our spirits and offering hope for an extended period of warmer, drier weather. Sunshine and blue skies magically transform our moods and our landscapes as we venture forth with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Admittedly, the official summer season has yet to commence, but time grows short to plant tender annuals and vegetables in order to enjoy bountiful blooms and harvest those tasty rewards in the months to come.

Prolonged dampness has delayed my efforts to renovate several gardens but these dank days have afforded me time to prune many spring-blooming trees and shrubs as their blooms fade. Forsythia, lilacs, cherries, crabapples and PJM rhododendrons have been judiciously trimmed to thin, shape and promote bushier growth. Winter-damaged branches have been snipped back to strong healthy leaf buds as new foliage has slowly emerged. An application of a balanced 8-8-8 organic fertilizer around the base of these shrubs will help to encourage new growth.

Unfortunately, weeds seem to flourish no matter what adverse environmental conditions prevail, but many of these are particularly easy to extricate while the soil is soft. Care should be taken, however, not to walk on soggy terrain to avoid soil compaction. Many nutrients have been leached out of our soils due to our abundant rainfall and supplemental applications of fertilizer to lawns and gardens may be prudent this season to replenish depleted minerals.

While many plants have been adversely affected by this season's cool, damp weather, shade-loving flora have never appeared more luxuriant. Perhaps the loveliest of all are the astilbes. The exquisite, deeply divided, glossy foliage remains attractive all summer and offers a marvelous contrast to the broad leaves of hosta. Although last season's drought stressed many of these handsome perennials causing them to turn crispy, those that survived are truly a beauty to behold this season. The key to success with these charming perennials is to provide them with ample moisture throughout the growing season. If soils are rich, moist and irrigated regularly, they can be grown as magnificent specimens in full sun while they will most likely succumb under the shade of large maples where they cannot successfully compete with these thirsty, shallow-rooted trees. Enrich soils with plentiful quantities of organic matter including peat, compost, manure or leaf mold.

The lustrous foliage of astilbes makes these perennials worthy of a place in every shade garden but as an added bonus they produce glorious, feathery plumes in shades of pink, red, rosy-purple or white. Dozens of cultivars are available and if several varieties are grown, the delicate blooms of astilbes will grace your borders from late June to mid-August with heights ranging from under a foot to a stately 4-feet tall.

Equally appealing for their handsome, divided leaves, the bugbanes (Cimicifuga) are similar in appearance to the astilbes but generally exhibit greater stature providing an attractive companion for the broader leaves of hosta and Ligularia. These hardy perennials prefer moist soils in dappled to half shade. Several varieties of bugbane are available offering a progression of blooms from mid-July to early autumn. Cimicifuga racemosa produces tall white, fragrant wands that sway in the breeze, sometimes referred to as fairy candles, and provides a charming, delicate accent to the back of the border. New selections include 'Hillside Black Beauty' and 'Brunette' that exhibit stunning deep purple foliage and bloom later in the summer and C. simplex 'White Pearl' extends the season still further with white bottlebrush blooms in September and October.

The soft, cutleaf foliage of the goatsbeard family (Aruncus) offers still another textural leaf form to provide interest to partly shaded sites. The larger, common goatsbeard, A. dioicus, may reach 4 to 6 feet in height and produces a cloud of billowy white plumes reminiscent of astilbes. Ranking as one of my top ten plants for foliage, its cousin, the dwarf goatsbeard, A. aethusifolius, forms a heavenly 1-foot tall mound of ferny, deep-green leaves that remain handsome throughout the season, turning bright yellow in autumn. Tiny sprays of white flowers appear in June just above the mound, but the foliage is the star attraction and dwarf goatsbeard makes a sensational specimen for the front of the shady border.Several attractive grasses furnish an entirely different textural contrast for shady gardens. The family of sedges (Carex) forms dense clumps, many resembling mop heads, which range in height from 6-inches to 3-feet. A few varieties remain totally evergreen throughout the year although some will benefit from a spring haircut to remove winter-damaged foliage. The slender leaves may be variegated, a stunning lime-green to yellow (C. 'Bowles Golden') or an unusual delicate, pinkish-brown as demonstrated by the leather-leaf sedge, C. buchananii.

Perhaps the loveliest of all the ornamental grasses is Hakone grass, Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola', characterized by golden leaves highlighted with rich dark green stripes. This charming, graceful, arching grass slowly spreads to form a mound that cascades like a waterfall. Grow in humus-rich soil in light shade alongside ferns, hosta, and astilbes or nestled among rocks. Although there are many star performers to be found in the well-planned perennial border, foliage is always the predominant player, especially in the shady garden. The color, texture and overall appearance of a plant's leaves should be paramount when selecting plant material as the foliage is likely to be prominent for 6 months or more.

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"THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE" 22ND ANNUAL BENEFIT GARDEN TOUR Experience the magnificence of gardens in full bloom at "Through the Garden Gate", the 22nd annual garden tour to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, held on Wednesday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., spend the day visiting seven of the South Shore's prettiest gardens, in Norwell, Hanover and Duxbury. One featured garden stands where a 19th century shipyard once operated, in Duxbury. Overlooking Kingston Bay, this property is large, so wear your walking shoes, and bring a notepad. Picture a tea rose garden that forms an arc around the lawn and overlooks the water. Other highlights include a three-tiered vegetable garden, a monkey puzzle tree and a shade garden that boasts over 20 varieties of hostas. In addition, the Science Center's butterfly, herb, wildflower and raised sensory gardens will be at their finest. While at the Center, enjoy some lemonade and cookies in the air-conditioned facility. All proceeds from this event benefit the educational programming of the Science Center. Tickets for the garden tour are available in advance for $25 ($20 members). Tickets the day of the tour will be $25. A box lunch can be ordered in advance for $8. Tickets may be purchased at the Science Center during normal business hours, or charged via telephone by calling 781-659-2559. Visit our website at www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

22nd ANNUAL BOSTON HARBORFEST -July 1 to 6: events include concerts at City Hall Plaza featuring The Allstonians, July 1; Typhoon Ferri, July 3; Black Sea Salsa July 5; cast members of Beatlemania July 5; Children's Day July 2; Chowderfest July 6. In addition to headlining events, more than 200 exciting activities are being scheduled throughout Boston's waterfront and downtown districts. For more information call 617-227-1528 or visit www.bostonharborfest.com

HANOVER 5K ROAD RACE - Saturday, July 5, at 9 a.m. Sylvester Field, Route 139. Entry $15. The course is one large loop that is mostly flat with only four turns. Age groups: 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+. For more information call 781-826-1300 or email bcassidy@healthtrax.com

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS AT EDAVILLE USA June 20-22, June 27-29 and July 3-6 - Day Out With Thomas offers fans of all ages the opportunity to take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine. There is a variety of Thomas & Friends entertainment for the whole family. Interactive children's activities include storytelling; live music; indoor and outdoor play areas; toy train sets; temporary tattoos of Island of Sodor friends and face painting; an Imagination Station; live music and more. Other event highlights are Thomas & Friends video viewing and an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Thomas the Tank Engine's firm, but kindly boss, Sir Topham Hatt. 35 minute train rides depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission $14 for ages one and up and may be purchased by calling 1-866-468-7630 and at the Edaville box office. for more information visit www.thomasthetankengine.com Edaville USA is located off of Route 58

Thurs. 12

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. June 12, **Sounds of Yesterday.**

Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

The Pleasant Grill, 1229 Washington St., E. Weymouth, will host a showing of **Dan McCole's Watercolors** through June 15. A reception will be held May 15, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library opens a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy.** The exhibit will run through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

The fifth season for South Shore Quests opened May 1. Quests are a fun way to get the kids out in nature and a great way to learn of new hiking trails in the area. Clues lead the hiker along a trail in search of the treasure (a stamp and stamp pad). Quest books, which contain directions, maps and the clues for 19 Quests on the South Shore, are available at the Bookport in Hingham, Hingham public library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for $4. If you have any questions contact Kim Juric at 781 749-6121 or kjuric@attbi.com mailto:kjuric@attbi.com

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.) Plymouth, presents **Streamline** 8

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"Looking up, Sienna" by Mary Callahan
Now showing at the South Shore Art Center Dillon Gallery – works of Mary Callahan and Liz Haywood-Sullivan on display through July 13. The Art center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. For more information call (781) 383-2787.

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Fri. 13

The 15th Annual Strawberry Festival will again be held in conjunction with the South Shore Art Center's Art's Festival on the Common, Friday June 13 through Sunday June 15. Strawberry Festival hours are Friday, from 2 to 7 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. For more information or to volunteer to help call the Second Congregational Church at 383-0345

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The James Library Center for the Arts presents **Meg Morton** photographs "Beasts, Blossoms and Butterflies" through July 2. The library is located at 24 West St., Norwell. For information call 781-659-7100.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Friday, June 13, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info: 781-331-0021Web site: www.southshoresingles.org

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc. presents "Little Women" by Roger Wheeler on June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, at 7 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth. Mill #1. Lower level. Admission $10 adults, $5 child. For more information call 508-747-1234.

Miracle East, Route 18, Abington, **Condition Blue**, Friday, June 13, at 9 p.m. For more information on the band visit www.conditionblue.net.

Dillingers, 21 Home Depot Dr., Long Pond Road, Plymouth, **The Tom Glenn Duo** (acoustic pop and cover) 8 p.m.

Jamies Grille & Pub, State Road, (Route 3A), Plymouth, **Trax with Janelle Malafronte**, Ladies Night Out "Dance Party" 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Fluffy Puppy.** For more information call 781-545-9898.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **The David James Duo.** Show starts at 8 to 11 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Monster MikeWelch.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

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Siros WaterClub presents a Comedy Show featuring Kevin Knox, Annette Pollack, Bob Niles and Todd Andrews, June 18 at 9 p.m. D.J. and dancing after the show. Siro's Water Club is located at Marina Bay, 312 Victory Road in Quincy. Call 617-328-6500 for reservations.

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The NSRWA presents their Fourth Annual North River Pontoon Boat Tour on June 14 - One-hour trips are available from 10 am until 2:20 p.m. (Boats depart every 20 minutes) Each pontoon boat will have a licensed captain and guide, and will be limited to six passengers. Snacks and refreshments will be included. All proceeds will benefit the North & South Rivers Watershed Association. Cost is $30 per member ($40 for non-member; includes 1 year membership), no children under 12, please. Advance registration with payment is required. Sent checks payable to the NSRWA, P.O. Box 43, Norwell, MA 02061 and specify preferred departure time. For more information contact the NSRWA at (781)-659-8168, email paula@nsrwa.org or visit our web site

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South Shore Genealogical Society invites the public at 1:30 p.m. on June 14, at The John Curtis Free Library on Route 139 in Hanover, as **Peter Arenstam** of the Plimoth Plantation will bring his story of his project at the Maritime Artisans Department to reproduce a 38 foot Shallop for the John Howland Society. The Shallop will be launched with a crew of 10 seamen from Plymouth to retrace the course of the Pilgrims to ports in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine; returning in late July to reside next to the "Mayflower II" in Plymouth Harbor.

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Barbara O'Connor will be at Westwinds Bookshop in the Duxbury Marketplace between 3 and 5 p.m. promoting her latest novel, "Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia." The multi-award winning author and Duxbury resident will be on hand to sign copies of her latest book as well as her other accomplished works including "Me and Rupert Goody," the winner of the 2002 Dolly Gray Award, and "Beethoven in Paradise."

The Friends of South Shore Hospital's Special Care Nursery will host the first annual **"Baby Steps for Babies' Breath Stroller Walk"** on June 14, at 8:30 a.m. around the hospital's South Weymouth campus. Call 781-340-8847 for more information.

Borders, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston - June 14, at 2 p.m. **Remembering Edward Rowe Snow**, Snow's daughter Dolly Snow Bicknell will discuss her father's life and work. Snow, author, lecturer and historian, spent most of his life studying the lighthouses, islands, and legends of the New England coast.

"Why Democrats Are Better For The Economy", is sponsored by Co-Op 8, the South Shore Democratic Caucus of eight Democratic Town Committees. It will take place on June 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Weymouth Eagles Hall (1338 Washington Street (Rte 53).) A light brunch will be served. Tickets are $10.

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LISTEN To Life

by John Klefeker, BC-HIS
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A CLEAR DIFFERENCE

To understand the difference between an analog hearing instrument and a newer digital instrument, it may help to think of an analog device as a car radio. That is, as you switch from station to station, you have to adjust volume and treble/bass settings in order to get the most enjoyment from each station. A digital instrument, on the other hand, utilizes a computer chip, which allows for more fluid adjustment from "station to station," or from, say, a quiet environment to a noisy one. That is because the computer chip in the digital instrument performs most of the adjusting for you. Other automatic adjustments might include amplifying sounds from a specific location (in front of you) for clearer sound.

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Radio Disney's First Party Patrol in Cohasset - SpringBrook Kids, 779 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset, has invited Radio Disney to participate in its summer community outreach event to share the joy of playing games and using the imagination with area children and their families on June 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date June 22) call 781-383-8400.

Kids Helping Kids Pledge Walk for the USO children across New England will help raise funds to assist children of service men and women who are delayed. All proceeds will be used by the USO New England to fund summer camping trips, ticket to the circus and other fun activities. Pledge sheets and registration materials available at South Shore Plaza. For more information call 781-84308200 or visit www.simon.com

South Shore Quest - Join Dick Norton, founder of South Shore Quests for a free Quest demonstration. Families explore Turkey Hill searching for clues to the treasure box. meet at the Route 3A Turkey Hill parking lot in Hingham at 10 a.m. Call 781-821-2977 with questions.

The 13th Annual Irish Festival At Stonehill Rubyhorse, is headlining the 13th annual Irish Festival at Stonehill College on June 13-15. This three day outdoor festival features three musical stages plus dozens of activities for children, families and lovers of Irish culture. Irish dancing exhibits and folk art displays are also scheduled. The festival is in North Easton, just 25 minutes south of Boston. Admission: Adults $12, weekend Pass: $30, children 12 and under free. Handicap accessible. Free parking. Festivities run 6 p.m. to midnight on Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. For more details call 1-781-821-8291 or visit www.irishculture.org.

The Boylston Schul-Verein, the largest German-American club in New England will host a gala two day **Germon Sommerfest**, 8 County St. (Route 109), Walpole. June 14, noon to 11 p.m. June 15, noon to 6 p.m. Dancing in the outdoor pavilion, German food, grilled meats, German potato pancakes, pastries and more. German souvenirs and specialty items, supervised children games, pony rides, face painting, and balloons. 508-660-2018 or 781-431-6715.

Gospel concert in Cohasset - the South Shore Arts Center's annual Festival with the sounds of the **Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus** from Mattapan, a program of traditional and contemporary gospel songs. First Parish Meetinghouse on Cohasset Common, June 14, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10. Call 781-383-1100 for information or tickets.

The 153rd annual First Parish Unitarian Church Fair, 842 Tremont St./Route 3A next to Town Hall in Duxbury, June 14, from 9 am to 3 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church. Food, games, and bargains provide something of interest for all ages. Highlights include an auction (at 11 a.m.), thousands of books, antiques, children's activities such as face painting, a kayak raffle, musical entertainment, plus Father's Day gifts, crafts from Guatemala (jewelry, woven textiles such as purses and vests), plants, white elephants, collectibles, snacks, baked goods, and strawberry shortcake. Admission and parking are free. Rain or shine. From Route 3, take exit 10 and go a little over two miles on Route 3A north. For more information, call 781-934-6532.

"Battle of the Bands" event on June 14, at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St. (Route 3A). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the "battle" begins at 7 p.m. The event is geared toward high school students from Plymouth and surrounding towns in a showcase of local band talent. Admission to "Battle of the Bands" for is $10 per person at the door. No advance sales

Barbara O'Connor will be at **Westwinds Bookshop** in the Duxbury Marketplace between 3 and 5 p.m. promoting her latest novel, "Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia." The multi-award winning author and Duxbury resident will be on hand to sign copies of her latest book as well as her other accomplished works including "Me and Rupert Goody," the winner of the 2002 Dolly Gray Award, and "Beethoven in Paradise."

Down East Dancers Country Western Dance, Saturday, June 14. The monthly Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Beginner dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Brett Buckius. Snacks, raffles, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. For more info. 508-995-9496; 781-925-9066.

The NSRWA presents their Fourth Annual North River Pontoon Boat Tour on June 14 - One-hour trips are available from 10 am until 2:20 p.m. (Boats depart every 20 minutes) Each pontoon boat will have a licensed captain and guide, and will be limited to six passengers. Snacks and refreshments will be included. All proceeds will benefit the North & South Rivers Watershed Association. Cost is $30 per member ($40 for non-member; includes 1 year membership), no children under 12, please. Advance registration with payment is required. Sent checks payable to the NSRWA, P.O. Box 43, Norwell, MA 02061 and specify preferred departure time. For more information contact the NSRWA at (781)-659-8168, email paula@nsrwa.org or visit our web site

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **BoobaDubie** (eclectic pop, cover and oldies). Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Bellevue Cadillac.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Dillingers, 21 Home Depot, Long Pond Road, Plymouth, presents **Daniel Wenz** (soft pop) 9 p.m.

Sun. 15

North River Arts Society presents **Inspirations from the Garden**, an exhibit of original watercolors by **Virginia Wilson** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., in Marshfield Center. The show will run until July 19. For more information call NRAS at 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

John F. Kennedy Public Forum - A Conversation with Red Fay - Friend of JFK - Join Paul B. "Red" Fay as he reflects on his close friendship with John F. Kennedy, that began with their service together in the South Pacific during World War II and included JFK's first campaign for elected office, then-Senator Kennedy's Sept. 12, 1953, wedding to Jacqueline Bouvier (at which Fay was an usher), and their time together in the White House when Fay served President Kennedy as Under Secretary of the Navy. the forum is free, reservations recommended and may be made by calling 617-514-1643. For more information visit www.jfklibrary.org

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, Jazz with Dad Buffet Brunch. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dixieland concert by **Moby Dick and the Waillers**. Buffet and music $20; children under age 10 $10. 781-834-6505.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

Mon. 16

Art on the Avenue, featuring paintings, photography and children's playbooks, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visit at 1037 Nantasket Ave. in Hull or call 781-925-5619

"Summer in Full Bloom" Exhibit comes to the Science Center. Greet the summer season in June at the **South Shore Natural Science Center** with a colorful exhibit of floral and landscape paintings in pastel and watercolor by **Tsun Ming Chmielinski**. A 2003 first prize winner in the pastel category of the Duxbury Art Association's Winter Juried Art Show. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 2 to 30, and the public is invited to an opening reception on Sunday, June 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, off route 123 in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 of the route 3 interchange. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 17

The Producers, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library &Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, Sandy Pohl will exhibit her painting for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

Handlebar Harry's, Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 18

The Craft Factory, Route 3A, Cohasset. **Erupting volcano**-Build your own volcano that erupts over and over again. Ages 6 to 8 - June 11, 4 to 6 p.m. (snack included).

South Shore Community Center presents **Bill Harley**, at The South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset: June 18, at 4:30 p.m. Tickets $15 each, 781-383-0088.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. **Summer View: Visiting Artists** - Bert Yarborough, Lee Boynton, Peter Schroth, Carol Woodin, Jesseca Ferguson, Robert Siegelman, Peter Madden. **Dillon Gallery:** Rita Brace, Mary Callahan, Marian Carlson, Liz Haywood-Sullivan, Beverly Rippel. **Faculty Feature:** Margaret McWethy.

Siros WaterClub on Marina Bay - 312 Victory Rd. in Quincy. June 18, 9 p.m. Comedy Show featuring **Kevin Knox, Annette Pollack, Bob Niles and Todd Andrews** D.J. and dancing after the show 617-328-6500 for reservations.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

8minuteDating June 18, at **Finbar's Pub**, Norwood: ages 40 to 50. Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Enter and receive your matches after the event. Set-up another date soon after. Advanced registration required. For more information and to sign up, visit www.8minute-dating.com

Thurs. 19

Scituate Gallery Artist, **Ray Poritsky**, presents "Pastel Originals" at the Scituate Art Gallery in June. The exhibit, which features original works of local scenes of Hingham, Scituate and Cohasset as well as still lifes, many painted outdoors. "Pastel Originals" is on exhibit at the Scituate Art Gallery through June 29. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 781-545-6150.

Borders, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston - June 19, at 6 p.m. **American Girls Club**. A special monthly group for fans of the American Girls Collection.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. June 19, **Legion Bud Band.**

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Just for kids

2003 SUMMER ARTCAMP - The North River Arts Society is currently accepting registrations for four weekly sessions of 2003 Summer ArtCamp. Explore the world of the Wild, Wild West; get immersed in the color and fun of It's a Mod, Mod World; celebrate the art and excitement of Festival; or discover the joys of summer in fun in the Sun. Each week-long session camp session runs from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 781-837-8091 for more details.

WANT TO LEARN CARTOONING? The North River Arts Society is currently accepting registrations for a four-week summer session of Cartooning with instructor Kent Archer for middle and high school students Tuesday and Thursday afternoons July 15 to Aug. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is $160 members/$170 non-members ($20 materials fee included). Call 781-837-8091.

SUMMER ART FOR TEENS - North River Arts Society is currently accepting registration for an eight-week summer session of Oil Painting basics, with instructor Susan Raffa for students ages 12 and up. June 23-Aug. 11 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. $140 members/$150 non-members ($20 materials fee included). 781-837-8091.

KIDSPOT'S SUMMER CAMP 2003 - this year's production is the musical **Charlotte's Web** and will be directed by Meri-Lee Mafera and Kelly Hines-Browne. Students age 7 to 14 will receive instruction in acting, singing and dance, as well as have a chance to work on the set, costumes and props. Every student who enrolls will perform in the production. Classes being June 30 and run through July 24, a four week program. All classes are held at the Marshfield Methodist Church on Route 139 from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays through Thursdays. Performances held July 25 and 26 at Duxbury High School. Call 781-837-8990 for more information.

THE NORWELL VOICE STUDIO announces the beginning of its summer vocal training program. Private (no group) classes are held weekly, beginning June 2. Classes are open to students ages seven and up. All lessons are held at the Norwell Voice Studio on Lincoln St. and taught by performing artist and vocal instructor Les Sampou. Call 781-659-2410 for scheduling and more information.

SHOWSTOPPERS SUMMERYOUTHTHEATER PROGRAM is currently accepting registration forms for their summer theater program that will be held during the months of June and July in Scituate. The program is designed for young people between the ages of 6 to 21 years old. This summer the organization will present the musical "The Will Rogers Follies, A Life In Revue" July 24, 25, and 26 at 7:30 p.m. Open house/orientation will be June 2 at 7 p.m. at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church in Scituate. For more information call 781-545-3643.

DREAMCHASERSTHEATRE ARTS CENTER announces the opening of registration for their Summer Theatre Program. Classes begin July 7, and conclude on Aug.2, with a performance by all of the students. Registration is open to students ages seven through 18. All classes and performances are held at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St. Norwell. For further information and to register call Dreamchasers at 508-224-4548, www.dreamchaserstheatre.org

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Jimbo's Cafe 781-335-9796 550 Broad Street, Weymouth, Thursday, June 19, 8:30 p.m. Featuring: **Tommy Dunham, Annette Pollack, Jack Hurney, Matt McConnell** and Host: **Brian Melvin**. Admission $5 Reservations recommended Call 781-335-9796 for details.

Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell, presents **Jumpin'Juba** June 19, 8:30 p.m. 781-659-2569.

Fri. 20

Borders, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston - June 20, at 11 p.m. **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix - Magic Fun** - Steve the Magician will share his magic. **Harry Potter Costume Contest**. Come dressed as your favorite character from the Harry Potter series. Three lucky winners will win a magic prize. June 21, at 12:01 a.m. the book will go on sale.

Westwinds Bookshop in Duxbury will host a Harry Potter party at 10:30 p.m. June 20, for anxious fans waiting for the fifth Harry Potter book, **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** to go on sale June 21. The books will be sold promptly at midnight. **The Magical Midnight Festival** will feature food, music, face painting, games and contests all along Diagon Alley, also known as the Duxbury Marketplace. Call 781-934-2128 to pre-order copies.

Single Executives Club Social & Singles Dance Friday, June 20, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35 and over. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business casual dress is acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and www.se-4you.com

Day Out With Thomas At Edaville USA June 20-22, June 27-29 and July 3-6 - Day Out With Thomas offers fans of all ages the opportunity to take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine. There is a variety of Thomas & Friends entertainment for the whole family. Interactive children's activities include storytelling; live music; indoor and outdoor play areas; toy train sets; temporary tattoos of Island of Sodor friends and face painting; an Imagination Station; live music and more. Other event highlights are Thomas & Friends video viewing and an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Thomas the Tank Engine's firm, but kindly boss, Sir Topham Hatt. 35 minute train rides depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission $14 for ages one and up and may be purchased by calling 1-866-468-7630 and at the Edaville box office. for more information visit www.thomasthetankengine.com Edaville USA is located off of Route 58 in Carver.

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Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc. presents "Little Women" by Roger Wheeler on June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, at 7 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1. Lower level. Admission is $10 adults, $5 for children. For more information call 508-747-1234.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Jumpin Juba**. For more information call 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Love Dogs.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Roll up your sleeves and stay busy with practical projects today. Finish old business rather than starting anything new. The Scorpio moon continues to generate a serious, quiet mood. Spend time alone. Purse activities that help you to relax and maintain perspective. Ninety-degree lunar alignments to Neptune and Jupiter in the afternoon and evening caution you to keep a cool head. Don't overdo, overreact or go to extremes. Others may be moody and difficult to please.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

A 90-degree alignment of Venus and Uranus may tempt you to play hooky and do something different today. The Scorpio moon forms challenging contacts to Mars and Mercury until 5:51 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Keep it light and sidestep altercations with others. The windup to this month's full moon begins at 6:12 p.m., when the moon enters Sagittarius. Mercury moves into Gemini at 9:34 p.m., remaining there until June 29.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Gear up for a hectic day. Emotions and energy run high, as the full moon continues to build. You can get a lot accomplished, if you make up a list of things to do and stick to it. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days. Avoid acting on impulse or taking risks. It's often difficult to sleep on the eve of a full moon, so it's okay to work or party late into the night.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

The full moon culminates at 7:16 a.m., 23-degrees of the sign Sagittarius. The moon continues active travel in Sagittarius until 5:05 p.m., setting a quick pace. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Uranus also affects the day. Signing contracts, launching enterprises or making important decisions are off limits. Don't be too hasty in your judgments or too keen to commit yourself. Influences begin to turn around at 6:38 p.m., when the moon enters Capricorn. A lunar opposition to Saturn prompts you to plan a quiet evening. Rest and recharge your batteries. The Capricorn moon aligns with Uranus at 11:12 p.m. and becomes inactive.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

No major planetary activity occurs today. The moon travels in Capricorn, but it forms no major alignments to planets; it is inactive. That means this is a day to catch up on unfinished business or follow through on promises and commitments to others. Be sure to take time for yourself, to relax and enjoy life's blessings.

MONDAY, JUNE 16

The Capricorn moon continues inactive travel until 8:41 p.m. Although influences are not favorable for starting anything new, they are ideal for getting old work projects out of way. The remainder of the week rates high for beginning new enterprises. This is a day to get your ducks in line. The moon enters social Aquarius at 8:41 p.m. The action planet Mars moves into Pisces at 10:25 p.m., remaining there until December 16. Mars will change its rate of motion and travel in retrograde beginning late July through September, bringing a challenging period.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

The green light is on for new beginnings across the board. Pull out all the stops. New is in; old is out. Keep an open mind; you can make key discoveries and find solutions. An Aquarius moon also makes this day prime for networking with others in order to achieve your goals. Lunar alignments to Neptune and Jupiter set the stage for a social evening. Gather with friends and go for the good times.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

This is a day to break new ground in your business or personal life. If you have been contemplating making a change or beginning a new endeavor, start today. An innovative Aquarius moon prompts you to explore new horizons and develop new alliances. At 9:08 p.m. the moon forms a harmonious contact to the sun and becomes inactive. Group activities, team sports are highlighted this evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

Planetary influences turn around completely today and tomorrow, as the moon travels in the last sign of zodiac, Pisces. The moon enters Pisces at 1:57 a.m., and an alignment to Uranus may disrupt the flow of the morning. Allow extra time for unanticipated distractions or obstacles. Fortunately, this influence passes over by mid-morning. The remainder of the day rates high for developing art, music, photography projects. Go with your first impression. Pay attention to your dreams.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

The positive aspects of a Pisces moon are reinforced by harmonious alignments of Mercury and Venus to Neptune. Creativity, artistic sensitivity are at an all-time high. Follow your intuition. You can achieve breakthroughs and find new inspiration with projects that have been difficult to work through. On the other hand, this is not a favorable time for making practical decisions, purchases or long-range commitments. Mercury and Venus conjoin, setting the stage for a social evening. Relax and mellow out completely.

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Selectman Merle Brown, Craig Miller of the Waterfield Design Group, Town Manager Mark Haddad and Karen Fitzgerald of Waterfield look at drawings of bump-outs planned for Depot Court during a walk-around of the Village Monday.

Board digs burying wires

Village project to move ahead

By Samantha Brown
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In a 4-1 vote, the Board of Selectmen decided Tuesday to accept the plan for an underground-wire system in Cohasset Village. The proposal is contingent on receiving $200,000 in private funding, and will also require looking at alternate bids for brick sidewalks (the plan calls for concrete). Selectmen said concern for safety is a major driving force behind the project, making the tricky intersection of South Main Street and Depot Court an essential focus.

The new plans would complete the streetscapes on South Main Street and Elm Street, with only paving on Brook Street and Depot Court, as they will need to be dug up to provide trenches for the wires. For additional safety, the plan proposes "bump-out" features at crosswalks, and the potential for either raised or grooved crosswalks to help slow traffic.

Selectman Fred Koed, who was the lone vote against the project, is not opposed to the plans, but wanted more time

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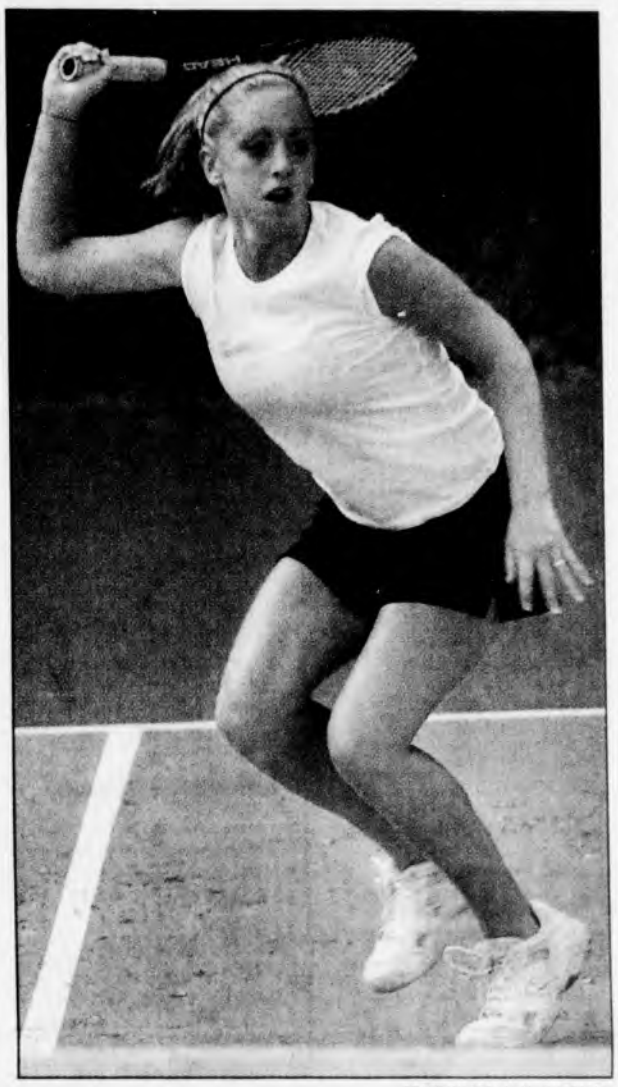
Team's dream comes true



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Senior Lindsay Grossman finished her brilliant career as a singles player with a dominating performance, a 6-0, 6-0 second singles win that gave Cohasset its first team point.

CHS girls tennis is state champs

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

All signs pointed to a state championship. And that's just what they got.

Dedicating their 2003 run at a Div. II Massachusetts title to the memory of Cohasset athletic icon Clark Chatterton, who died in 2001, the team began looking for signs and omens of good look throughout the playoffs. Once the team defeated Manchester-Essex to receive the crown as the Eastern Mass champions, the signs for the state title match pointed only to good things.

Everything from the match's location (Clark University) to the license plate of the car in front of the team bus ("01CC") to the main character of the movie the team had coincidentally chosen to watch during their ride to Worcester (Clark Griswold) gave a good feeling to the team heading into their match last Wednesday at Tantasqua. And although their win over M-E featured much drama and heroics, the team danced to a 3-2 victory that was decided within a mere 45 minutes.

"It is actually very overwhelming," smiled 12th year Cohasset coach Gigi Meehan, who coached the team to its first state title in Cohasset High School history. "They all really pulled together."

Senior Lindsay Grossman fin-

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Sun shines on Festival

Draws biggest crowd in years

By Samantha Brown
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The large white tents of the Festival on the Common were erected once again last weekend, this year to an unfamiliar sight — sun!

Now in its 48th year, this annual community event brought entertainment, food, vendors and exhibits, with something for everyone to enjoy.

The beautiful weather drew a large crowd, with mothers pushing baby girls in strollers wearing princess crowns, old friends soaking up art, and everyone topping things off with a delicious strawberry shortcake.

With an estimate of more than 7,000 visitors over the three days, Event Coordinator Diane Kennedy was thrilled with the turnout. "We had one of the best crowds we've had in years," she said. "Everything worked out well for us."

There were more than 85 vendors with various crafts on display at the common. Ranging from jewelry made of sea glass to homemade soaps to hummingbird feeders, no two tables were alike. There were also many handmade baby and children's clothing items, handmade cards, as well as items for the home.

Some vendors travel from state to state on a regular basis visiting fairs, and some told Kennedy this was their best show ever. For people who travel to fairs in different states on a regular basis,

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Heather Paradise and Caitlyn Healy dance to the music at the Festival on the Common sponsored by the South Shore Art Center.

Changing school rules

Policy on alcohol incidents is fairer

By Samantha Brown
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Next fall, students at Cohasset Middle High School may be surprised to see the face of a uniformed police officer among the crowd at a school dance. Those participating sports will see a change in how certain violations are dealt with, and seniors, who are first-time alcohol offenders, may still be able to attend graduation and the prom.

The student handbook, which is reviewed annually, will spell out policy changes regarding on-campus substance abuse, school dances, and punishment for athletes. The School Committee approved changes to the handbook that were based on suggestions made by the School Council, which considered past incidents involving CMHS students. The School Council is made up of parents, teachers, students and community members.

If caught using alcohol at any school or school-sponsored event, students of all grade levels were previously suspended from school for two days with a 30-day suspension from all sports teams and activities. As of next fall, seniors will be allowed to participate in certain senior activities, such as class night and graduation during their 30-day suspension, providing it is their first offense over the course of their four high school years.

The policy change will only be implemented for alcohol violations, with greater consequences still in place for drug use.

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Legal issues dog train

Cost-benefit is still a factor

By Mary Ford
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If Greenbush were in the dictionary, the preferred definition would be *complicated.*

There is no easy way to explain the controversy surrounding the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad restoration project. And there is no succinct, clear way to explain the legal wrangle that plagues the 17-mile train line that would extend from Weymouth to Scituate.

While the project continues to be bogged down with environmental challenges – the economic feasibility of Greenbush is still in doubt, according to state Sen. Robert Hedlund, a Greenbush critic.

The MBTA may have cleared a hurdle with the ruling earlier this month by an administrative law judge on a procedural matter to uphold the Department of Environmental Protection's issuance of a wetlands variance for Hingham portion of the project. This means that, if the DEP and the MBTA can prevail on the remaining issues, such as resolving the mitigation measures that are being

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This week in COHASSET

ZBA ponders future of King St. triangle

By Mary Ford
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There is a flicker of hope that the biggest eyesore in the Town of Cohasset could be replaced with a colonial-style structure that includes office space and two one-bedroom apartments.

The 27,000 square foot "Rosano triangle" at the corner of lower King Street and Route 3A is best known for its dirt piles and construction equipment.

But the site's unattractive looks could be relegated to memory if the Zoning Board of Appeals issues a special permit allowing the commercial-residential use.

The decision, if granted, would be similar to one allowed back in 1992 when Joseph Rosano planned to develop the site with a building that would have included a doctor's office and residential apartment. While those plans ultimately fell through, Rosano is back seeking similar zoning relief.

The ZBA must grapple with the question of whether Rosano needs a "use" variance, something that is now prohibited under a bylaw change Town Meeting enacted a couple of years ago.

But Rosano and his lawyers assert a special permit is what is required on the non-conforming lot that is in a residential district.

Rosano attorney William Ohrenberger said the parcel is in a residential zone and is currently used as commercial property, and therefore the proposal would not be substantially different in character or more detrimental to the neighborhood — two tests that must be met under the zoning bylaw before a special permit can be granted.

Ohrenberger insisted the board does have the authority to grant the special permit in this case.

Rosano told the ZBA he grew up across the street and the triangle is no place to build a single-family home because of the traffic dangers.

"It is no place to build a four-bedroom home," he said, pointing out that two, one-bedroom apartments would not attract children.

The zoning board closed the public hearing and took the matter under advisement.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, May 27:

Board of Assessors, July 1, 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, June 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, June 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission, June 18, 6 p.m.

Recycling Committee, June 7, 10 a.m., DPW garage

School Committee, June 19 at 7 p.m.

Selectmen, July 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, June 30 at 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, June 19 at 7 p.m. (3 Jerusalem Lane), June 30 at 7 p.m. (Avalon)

All meetings are at Town Hall unless posted otherwise.

Acting town manager

Police Chief Robert Jackson will serve as acting town manager next week while both Town Manager Mark Haddad and Finance Director Michael Buckley are on vacation.

"The town will be in good hands," Haddad told selectmen Monday.

Starbucks curb cut

Selectmen plan to take up the issue of the steep curb cut in front of the proposed Starbucks on Route 3A (in the former Fleet Bank building) at their July 1 meeting. Town Manager Mark Haddad said Tedeschi Plaza wants to leave the curb cut right where it is and has provided the town with a great deal of traffic data. Nevertheless, selectmen think the grade of the curb cut poses a danger. They say the coffee shop is going to attract more traffic than the bank. Selectman Michael Sullivan said the board was unlikely to approve the common victualler (food) license without some resolution of the safety issue.

Flag Day ceremony

Selectman Merle Brown praised the Sons of the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary for the flag burning ceremony Saturday at Woodside Cemetery. "It was very well done and very nice," he said. A new flagpole was also dedicated. Brown said the residents could still deposit their worn or faded flags in the flag depository outside the Legion Hall on Summer Street.

Raising the roof!

Town Manager Mark Haddad said a needed design change at the police-fire headquarters addition and renovation project involves raising the roof an additional eight feet. With the change, the three fire department doors will be the same height and will all be able to accommodate any fire engine. Initial plans called for just the middle door to be higher for the ladder truck.

"In the long run this is a more sound project for the town," he said.

Haddad said while there are enough funds in the budget to finish the project, it might be necessary to go back to Town Meeting for about $20,000 for furnishings. The fire department is being temporarily housed at the former Winter Garden skating rink site while the renovations are underway.

Tennis champs

Selectman Michael Sullivan congratulated the CHS girls tennis team on winning the state championship. It's the first Cohasset High team to win a state championship since the mid-1980s. Other board members echoed Sullivan's comments. Sullivan, whose daughter is on the team, praised the girls and coaches.

New road created

Town Manager Mark Haddad said a new road has been created for safety reasons from the former Winter Garden skating rink where the fire department is being housed during renovations at its Elm Street headquarters to North Main Street. The egress from the temporary firehouse improves response times, he said. It turns out the area is owned by the Department of Environmental Management, dubbed the DEM, and not the MBTA. Haddad said the town would seek a permit from the DEM "after the fact" and didn't anticipate any problems.

"It is a public safety issue and we needed to improve response times," he said. The MBTA plans to install an access road there anyway if the train project is built. The MBTA plans to build the train station at the Winter Garden site that it took by eminent domain from Graham Waste, which has moved across the street to Crocker Lane.

Town Counsel seminar

The seminar with Town Counsel and the zoning, health and planning boards, and conservation commission to discuss issues that confront permitting granting boards has been rescheduled for July 17 at 7:30 p.m. The workshop had to be rescheduled from June 19 because of the ZBA had hearings scheduled for that night.

Speed is a concern

The Burnett family of 45 Windy Hill Road and their neighbors are concerned with the speed vehicles travel along Jerusalem Road between Black Rock and Howe roads.

In a letter to selectmen, Bill Burnett proposed installing caution signs along with two blinking yellow lights. Town Manager Mark Haddad forwarded the request to DPW Supt. Carl Sestito.

Land-use workshop features Bob Lemire

The Growth and development Committee will host workshop that will be conducted by the noted author and land use consultant, Bob Lemire Tuesday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

The workshop on Creative Land Development will bring together town officials and committees for an interactive session on land-use issues. Remaining developable lands, open space plans and housing needs, as well as best practices to help the town manage its own future and preserve its character and resources in a manner consistent with resident's desires are on the agenda.

As chairman of the Conservation Commission in Lincoln, Mass. for 15 years, Lemire became a recognized leader in developing ways to resolve land-use conflicts creatively and has helped make Lincoln a national model for land-use planning. He has taught at the Harvard Graduate School of Design and has consulted and lectured across the country..

Lemire's book, "Creative Land Development, Bridge to the Future" outlines the kind of proactive planning and action that can help Cohasset address its housing, resource and open space challenges. The public is invited to attend.

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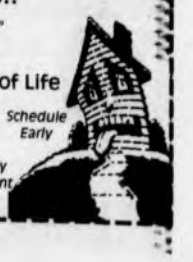

CHS has passed the test

Gets OK from accreditation team

By Samantha Brown
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Commended in many areas, Jones feels particularly proud of the school's being recognized for its "use of mission statement to drive instructional strategies and practices."

After months of anticipation, Cohasset Middle High School has been awarded re-accreditation from the New England Association of Schools & Colleges. As a voluntary member of the program, CMHS is required to go through the re-accreditation process every 10 years.

Two years ago, CMHS began the self-assessment process in preparation of the evaluation, noting areas of strength and weakness in the seven broad standards of — mission and expectation, curriculum, instruction, assessment of student learning, leadership and organization, school-based resources for learning, and community-based resources for learning.

From there, a Visiting Committee from the NEASC spent from Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2002 at CMHS, taking an objective approach at rating the school. The chair of the Visiting Committee wrote up a draft report, which was sent to Principal Mike Jones to be checked for factual accuracy, then sent back to be finalized for submission to the Commission on Secondary Education, which reviewed it, and made the final decision.

Commended in many areas, Jones feels particularly proud of the school's being recognized for its "use of mission statement to drive instructional strategies and practices." The school had revised the statement in February 2002 to solidify its philosophy, in anticipation of the re-accreditation process.

The school was also commended on "the development of the educational expectations document that defines the school's academic expectations for student learning in observable and measurable terms," and "the creation of comprehensive and detailed course syllabi that clearly describe course objectives and learning activities as well as the manner in which these activities will be assessed."

Schools receiving accreditation must submit a two-year progress report, which for CMHS will be October 2004, on actions taken regarding recommendations. "They expect one-third will be filled by the second year," Jones said.

CMHS will be working on providing "additional training for faculty in the use of a range of assessment strategies," which Jones thinks is a "valid recommendation." They will also "report the results of an evaluation of the rigor of the curriculum in all subject areas in terms of the extent to which it requires inquiry, problem-solving, critical thinking, and the authentic application of knowledge, indicating steps to address identified needs."

Jones believes one of the stronger recommendations was to "report increase in interdisciplinary instruction." The wording suggests the school must have an increase, rather than just make progress for their follow-ups. "I think we need to pay attention to that one," Jones said.

One recommendation which has already been taken care of was the need to "develop and implement a plan to ensure the safe purchase, storage, use, and disposal of all hazardous materials." An outside consulting firm was hired to implement a plan, leaving one less recommendation to be tackled.

In light of the recommendations, seven committees have been appointed, one for each of the seven standards, to make suggestions and timelines to ensure the appropriate changes will be made in a prompt fashion. Jones also notes "the report will help legitimize budget requests. It's not just our opinion, it's the opinion of an accredited agency."

The two-year report will be followed-up by a five-year progress report in 2007.

Finding fault with 40B

By Amy Lambiaso
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South Shore lawmakers are calling a report that includes an extensive set of recommendations to revamp the state's so-called anti-snob zoning law, Chapter 40B, as "disappointing" because it does not go far enough to change the 34-year-old affordable housing law.

"It doesn't substantially address the issue of communities retaining some level of local control over these projects," says state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham.

A task force, appointed in February by Gov. Mitt Romney, House Speaker Thomas Finneran, D-Mattapan, and Senate President Robert Travaglini, D-East Boston, released its recommended changes to Chapter 40B last week voicing support for the preservation of the controversial law.

The report is now in the hands of the joint Committee on Urban and Housing Development, which is also grappling with some 68 bills filed to amend the law, and will hold a public hearing on the measures June 24.

A total of 17 recommended changes accompany the report, varying from allowing cities and towns to reach the state mandated threshold of affordable housing stock faster by counting more market rate ownership units, to expanding the process of community board's input in the 40B filing process — a current gripe of many local officials.

"Frankly, I'm disappointed," said Marshfield Democrat Rep. Frank Hynes. "The changes don't reflect sufficient understanding of the stress many communities are facing with this issue, nor do they offer significant change."

Bradley said one recommendation that he finds ludicrous is allow lending institutions to reject an application if they don't believe in the site.

"Why can the banks say what's right – and Hingham, Cohasset, Hull and Scituate officials can't?" he asked. Bradley said communities should have the right to reject projects outright in certain situations.

Lawmakers, including Bradley, Hynes and state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, have offered a slew of proposals to overhaul the 40B system, including efforts to invoke a moratorium on all 40B projects and allowing local zoning boards more authority in denying comprehensive permits.

Hedlund also said the task force report's recommendations don't do the job.

"The whole process started with the premise you can take 40B and make it work – you can't," he said.

Chapter 40B has come under much scrutiny since its development in 1969, with most suburban communities arguing the law handicaps local boards with its ability to skirt many zoning regulations and defy development wishes of neighborhoods and local officials. Communities where less than 10 percent of total housing stock is deemed affordable are subject to 40B developments where 20-25 percent of the units to be built are below market value. Thirty-one of the Commonwealth's 351 municipalities have reached the 10 percent level.

"All this did was apply a few Band-Aids to the patient's body," Hynes said of the report. "Instead of recognizing the cause of the problem, they come in with a Band-Aid that is not very helpful to the local boards in the long run."

Critics voiced concern with several areas of the report, saying the recommended changes don't go far enough. Under the task force's report, 50 percent of ownership housing units built under 40B could be counted toward the municipality's 10 percent total threshold. Currently, only the 25 percent deemed affordable are counted, whereas 100 percent of rental units built are counted as affordable.

Authors of the report suggest this provision speaks to both developers and communities by maintaining the incentive for building rental units in a community, while providing a faster route to reach the 10 percent threshold. Special funds are set up in the recommendations to help offset extensive costs in reviewing 40B applications and conducting hearings, often lasting more than a year. Communities would also be allowed to count units in a nearby town toward its own threshold if the burden stretched beyond borders. The proposal also addresses "smart guidelines" for Chapter 40B in locating developments near public transportation. Whether suburban communities could count mobile homes as affordable housing was left for further study, the report said.

Communities would be allowed to deny a 40B application if a certain number of units was already under review by the local board, under the recommendations. A brief break in applications could also be rendered if the city or town increased its total affordable housing stock by .5 percent in the last year.

Beach gate is a lot of headaches

But second exit won't be closed

By Mary Ford
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The Sandy Beach Association would like to lock the gate at the north or Nichols Road end of the town parking lot at the beach to help keep out-of-towners from using the popular location.

Robin Lawrence, president of the association, told selectmen closing the gate would also improve safety. He related a story about two women who were the victims of a "flasher" several years ago when the north gate was locked. The suspect was apprehended quickly after police were called because there was only one way out and a lifeguard blocked the south (Sheldon Road) exit with his car.

Lawrence also said visibility at the south entrance-exit — which has been a concern of selectmen — is better since the island there has been improved.

He explained with the north gate open it is more difficult to prevent those without resident stickers to park there. On busy days the number of out-of-towners enjoying a day on Sandy Beach can be as high as 20 percent, he said.

He noted a parking ticket at the beach is $25 — not a lot for a carload of kids with their friends to spend for a day at the beach.

Lawrence suggested towing the cars would be a greater deterrent, but Selectman Michael Sullivan balked at the idea. Sullivan said the cars without stickers could belong to residents or their children. He said towing should be a last resort.

Selectmen opted not to close the gate altogether as requested, but did reach a consensus to close the north gate at dusk rather than 10 p.m.

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Lots of college diplomas awarded to Cohasset residents

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NEW ARRIVAL!

Kurt Alexander DeVries (otherwise known as Alex) joined his proud family on June 17, 2003. Little Alex is the son of **Kurt and Lee Anne DeVries** and joins big brothers **Charlie** and **Michael** at home. His grandparents are **Bob and Carl Ciciotte** and **Arlene DeVries,** all of Cohasset. Alex came into this world on his Daddy's birthday and gave Kurt the best present of all. Congratulations to all of you and we know that love and hugs surround you Alex.

FATHERS DAY TREAT

Fathers had a special treat at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Father's Day. They got to watch their children perform the entire worship service. Led by **Michael Snowdale** and assisted by **Jennifer Fiori, Dominique Asnault, Anthony Fiori, Dave Snowdale, Krystin Fiori** and **Alicia Asnault**, the Sunday School class explained the worship service from Prelude to Postlude. **Sam Asnault, Laura and Rebecca Clifford, Avery, Calem and Ian Robertson** put together a banner with symbols that visually tied in the entire service. This group made their musical debut playing "Jesus Loves Me" with chimes and hand bells

WALK-A-THON

A Family Walk-a-thon and Games Around the World are one of the ways Our World will celebrate the completion of Phase I construction this weekend, from 8:30 am - 12:30 p.m. at the museum on Sohier Street. There will be lots of activities for the kids including rock climbing walls, an antique fire engine and a moonwalk along with games, crafts and refreshments — and of course tours of the museum's new space. The walk-a-thon through the Cohasset Commons and Village begins at 9 am (registration begins at 8:30 am) followed by the festivities. Donation: $10 per adult; $5 per child (max $30 per family). Please call the museum at (781) 383-3198 with questions.

UMASS BOSTON GRADS

Let's hear it for all the students who have finished the school year as they look ahead to summer and the future!

Four Cohasset residents received bachelors degrees from UMass Boston at the university's commencement on May 31. Hats off to **Jamey A. Watts, Jeremy R. Williams, Mark L. Kupsc**, and **Sheila F. Sinclaire**. Congratulations!

DEAN'S LIST

Abigail Davis Kornet, Class of 2003 at Connecticut College, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Abigail achieved Deans Honors, which recognizes students who have received a grade point average of 3.3-3.69. Great job!

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Susan Thompson and **Amy Weidenbach**, both of Cohasset, have earned degrees at Emmanuel College. Susan was awarded a bachelor of arts in education; and Amy, who graduated *cum laude*, was awarded a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

BC GRADUATES

Four local residents have graduated from Boston College. **Edward F. Goff**, who majored in finance, earned a bachelor of science degree from BC's Wallace E.Carroll School of Management. **Tara R. Hettstrom** graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor of arts degree from BC's College of Arts and Sciences. Tara majored in psychology. **Ronald J. Nicynski**, who majored in theater arts, graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from BC's College of Arts and Sciences. Also in the College of Arts and Sciences at BC is

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DERBY DAY

Tristan Roy, at right, holds his sister Nadya's hand with a little help from his cousin Julia Herzfelder, left, during the annual Derby Day Parade in Hingham last Thursday. Tristan attends Derby Academy.

James V. O'Sullivan, who graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in English.

MASSASOIT GRAD

Gregory W. Taylor has graduated from Massasoit Community College.

MUSIC DEGREE

Gregory A. Boyne, 39 Riverview Drive, has graduated from the University of Massachusetts Lowell with a bachelor of music degree.

OFF TO UVM

David DeVito, son of **Bonnie L. DeVito** of Cohasset, graduated from Tilton School on May 24. David will be attending the University of Vermont in September.

COLGATE GRADUATE

Catherine E. Brister, daughter of **John and Susan Brister** of Cohasset, received a bachelor of arts degree from Colgate University of May 18.

COLBY DEAN'S LIST

Cailtin E. Slodden, a member of the Class of 2004, was named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester at Colby College. Caitlin, who is the daughter of **Henry and Karen Slodden** of Cohasset, is majoring in anthropology and minoring in women's studies. She is a graduate of Thayer Academy.

GEOLOGY MAJOR

Devin Buick, 3 Highland Ave., received a bachelor of arts degree in geology from Syracuse University's College of Arts and Sciences.

UMASS DARTMOUTH GRADS

Benjamin Ketchum and **Alison Lemoine** have graduated from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Ben earned a bachelor of arts in psychology; Alison was awarded a master's degree in psychology.

PROFESSOR HONORED

Cohasset resident **William Hannon** was named professor emeritus by the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts College of Art. The presentation took place as part of the college's commencement. Prof. Hannon recently retired as a professor of industrial design.

SUFFOLK HONORS

Leigh-Anne Walsh, daughter of **Dan and Angi Walsh** of Beechwood Street, has been named to the dean's honor list for the spring semester at Suffolk University in Boston. Leigh-Anne, a graduate of Thayer Academy, is a member of the class of 2006 majoring in public relations.

PAINT YOUR PARASOL

On Sunday, June 22 from 1-3, The Cohasset Historical Society is holding a "Paint-Your-Own Parasol" party at the old library/new Cohasset Historical Society building. This event is for children ages 4-10 and they need to be accompanied by an adult with appropriate clothing on for painting. This event is sponsored by the Cohasset Historical Society and the Hull Lifesaving Museum. The cost is $3 for members/$5 for non-members. To register for this event, please call 781-383-1434. What a fun way to enjoy a Sunday afternoon and to be able to go and see all the wonderful things that the Society has to offer.

I want to make sure that a huge "belated" Fathe'rs Day wish goes out to all the awesome dads everywhere! That is all for this week. As we get ready to enter summer, make sure to keep all of your great news and events coming and that they reach me no later than Mondays at noon.

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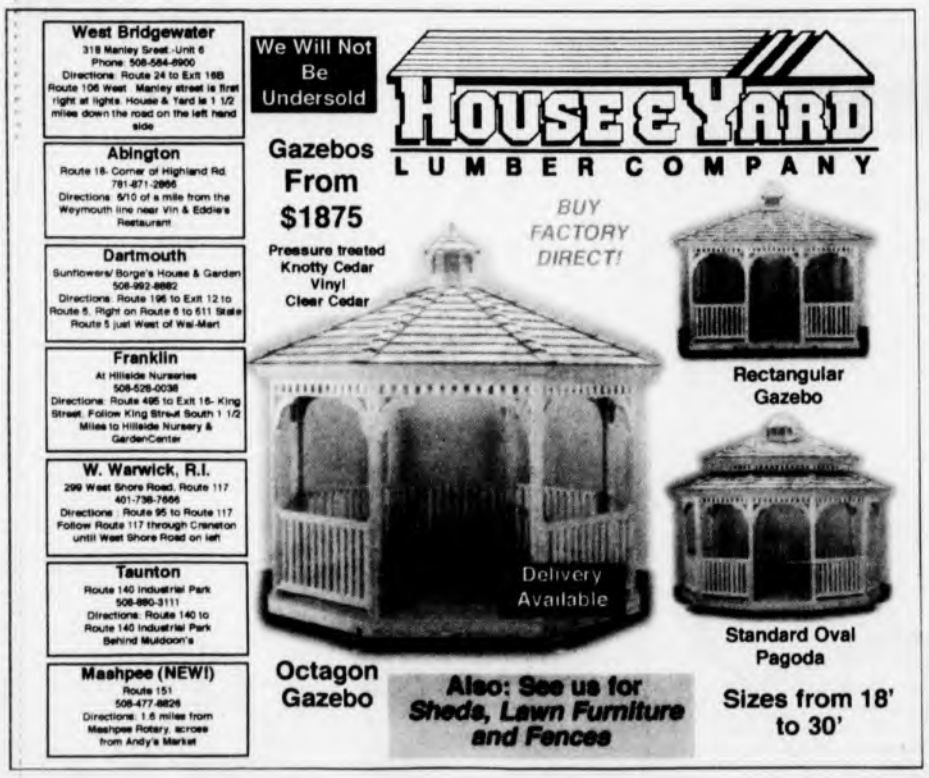

Student timelines give local events historical perspective

By Samantha Brown
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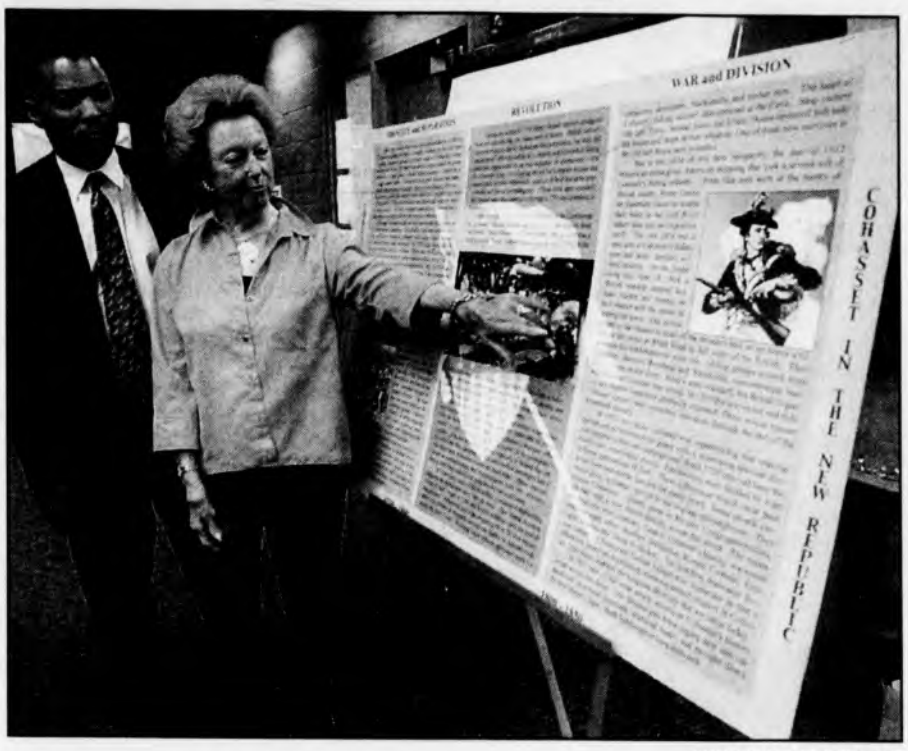
Students in Cynthia Gordon's eighth-grade world history class made history themselves, as the first group of students to use a new set of illustrated timelines, created by the education subcommittee of the Committee on Town History. The timelines, which are based on Cohasset's three books on town history, will serve as a way for students to tie Cohasset's past into world events.

Made up of six different colored wall panels, the timelines cover events from the town's inception to the present. As part of an ongoing effort by the committee to raise interest in Cohasset's past, Lou Harvey, chairman of the education subcommittee said they are a great way to "bring history to life."

Nancy Garrison, who has been working with the Committee as the designer for the timelines, said the panels were made as a means of appealing to a younger audience. The books written on the town's history are meant to "reach adults, not necessarily kids," she said. "This is a medium to reach kids."



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Nancy Garrison, right, who designed the timelines, points to an important historical event as Committee on Town History members Wigmore Pierson and Lou Harvey look on.

According to curriculum coordinator, Ruth Fennessey, the timelines can accompany lessons in any grade. While the written material is geared toward an eighth-grade level, a teacher-directed lesson and the pictures provide wonderful information for younger children. She also said that each school will have its own set of six panels, as well as 25, 11in. by 17 in. laminated replicas for children to study at their desks.

Students in Gordon's history class took turns reading aloud from the laminated copies. They compared what they knew about world history with what they were learning about Cohasset. Gordon asked the students if they could see similarities between the larger picture and Cohasset, such as the United States wanting to break away from Britain and Cohasset's wanting to break away from Hingham. "Is Cohasset a reflection of each time period we've studied?" she asked.

Students also discussed the possibility of the train coming back to town. Gordon sparked some interesting conversation with the question, "the train once before made it the town it is today, couldn't we benefit from it again?"

> **"This is a medium to reach kids."**
> — Nancy Garrison, timeline designer

Students became very engaged in the conversation, and members of the committee who attended the class to see their efforts in use were very impressed with the response. While other projects geared toward the younger members of town have been started in the past, they never got off the ground. Chairman of the Committee on Town History Wig Pierson said, "this is the first time it's been really successful."

Everyone involved sees a bright future for the history project. So far, the trilogy of books have done remarkably well, selling more than 2,000 copies. Volumes one and two have been re-issued with new dust jackets which Pierson said, "add a lot of spice." All three volumes are available for purchase at Buttonwood Books and Toys. Proceeds from previous book sales made production of the timelines possible.

Gordon sees the lessons learned to be of great value to students as they make their way through the school system. "Hopefully when they're voters, they'll be more informed," she said. By presenting history in a way that students can relate, it puts things on a more personal level.

At the end of class, students had a much better understanding of how their little town had had an impact on events throughout the country. Cohasset men fought and died in wars, they started industry, and made the town what it is today. At the sound of the bell, Gordon reminded students, "You are the future of Cohasset, and the decisions you make over the next few years will be what I teach in the future."

Father and son support Relay

By Samantha Brown
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While most fathers and sons spend time playing catch or talking, Ed Lappen and his son Ross Lieb-Lappen are fighting to find a cure for cancer.

For the past seven years, the duo have been participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, an overnight, benefit event in which teams members take turns either running or walking laps, trying to keep one team member on the course at all times.

The Lappens began their involvement in the Relay in 1996. A close family friend had been diagnosed with cancer and the Relay seemed like a wonderful way to make a contribution to the cause. They named their team G-force in honor their friend, Gary Garber.

The following year, Garber's health seemed to be improving, and he eventually went into remission. He was even able to attend Ross' bar mitzvah. That year, Ross started his own Relay team, including Garber's son, while Ed carried on his team with adults. Unfortunately the following March, the cancer in Garber's body became to aggressive and Garber passed away.

The Lappens continue to participate in the Relay in Garber's memory. "I really enjoy spending the night with a bunch of guys who all knew Gary." "It's more than just a fund-raiser, it's still to this day emotional for me," said Ed.

But the Relay has been a very big success, and Ed was the highest fundraising individual this year, raising more than $5,500. "I was pretty happy with that," he said.

Ross is a recent graduate of CMHS and will be off to Middlebury next fall. He said he will return to Cohasset to participate in next year's Relay. The year after, he hopes to start a college Relay and get students from his future college involved.

Mary Shepherd, of the American Cancer Society, has been very delighted with Ross' ambition and drive. " I have been so impressed by his initiative and dedication. I was blown away when I saw him sit a teacher down at on e of the Team Captain meetings who said she just couldn't get a team together. He explained to her how to get the team going, who to talk to and helped her recruit — how many high school students do you know would do that?" she said.

Ed said he will also continue to participate in the Relay, in the hopes of raising awareness and keeping the memory of his friend alive. "I'll do it for as many years as they continue to have it."

Senior students' piano recital held

A joint piano recital by three advanced students of Olive Mullen took on Sunday evening, June 8 at the James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center.

Ross Lieb-Lappen and Nicole Hall are graduating seniors from Cohasset and Scituate respectively, and Sarah Lambert of Cohasset is about to become a senior.

The program included solos and duets by Albeniz, Arensky, Chopin, Debussy, Gershwin, Joplin, MacDowell, Mendelssohn, Maskowski, and Noona.

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Handbook spells out rule changes

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Principal Mike Jones supports the amendment, stating the policy had been informally implemented by his predecessor, former CMHS Principal Curtis Collins. To make it an official standard, "I thought it should be in the policy," he said.

Assistant Principal, Jack DeLorenzo is also in favor of the change. To exclude students from a game or two is much different than exclusion from senior year activities. "That is something they have earned," he said.

For students participating in sports, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association currently has a "24/7" rule, that any student found in violation of the drug and alcohol policy, at any time, will automatically be suspended from athletic competition for two games or14 days, whichever encompasses the most contests.

The policy change will only be implemented for alcohol violations, with greater consequences still in place for drug use.

Previously, CMHS had a tougher rule regarding off campus violations than the MIAA, which stated that any athlete caught in violation would receive a 30-day suspension from all school-sponsored activities. If caught drinking at a party on the weekend, students participating in athletics would then be banned from any school-sponsored activity, while students who may participate in drama or other extracurricular activity, who had committed the same offense, would receive no punishment for their off-campus activities.

Upon review of this rule, Jones immediately thought, "we should adjust our policy to make it fair."

As a result, the handbook has been amended to include only suspension from athletic activity in light of an off-campus violation, and not other school-sponsored activities.

Partially in light of previous incidents at school dances, the handbook has also been changed to outline specific procedures to be taken when a student is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol. There will be a member of the police force in attendance at the dances, to serve as a possible deterrent as well as backup for the administration, should problems arise.

Students suspected of being under the influence will be taken aside by a member of the administration, and questioned. Where there is a difference of opinion regarding the student's condition, they will be given the option of taking a breathalyzer test at the police station.

"We want to offer students who wish to appeal the judgement of the administration, the option of taking a breathalyzer at the station," Jones said. "Rather than have the decision rely on the person in charge, we'll offer the option for objective proof."

Jones went on to say that the administration is reluctant to be placed in the role of law enforcement, and has not yet decided whether schools should have their own breathalyzer available for such an occasion. While he has heard of a similar program in Norwell that has seemingly worked well, he's not sure Cohasset is ready just yet.

"We're trying to send students a message, but we're also trying to be fair," he said.

Complex legal issues still dog Greenbush

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sought by the Town of Hingham, then, the variance can be issued without the MBTA first filing for a new wetlands permit application with the Hingham Conservation Commission, as the commission had hoped.

Last fall, Hingham Conservation Commission appealed the DEP variance saying the information the MBTA submitted did not sufficiently describe the site, the work and the work's impacts on the town's wetlands resources. AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives) also filed an appeal on the grounds the project didn't meet conditions for granting a variance.

"It was not a victory for us," Conservation Commission chairman Joseph M. Fisher said about the ruling. But Fisher said the issue is not dead as far as the commission is concerned. "It is our intention to appeal," he said

The administrative law judge also said the variance does not violate the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act because it does not authorize an unpermitted "taking" of endangered species or an unpermitted alteration of "significant habitat."

The MBTA needs a variance because the project will fill more than 5,000 square feet of wetlands area, exceeding guidelines in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. In fact in Hingham alone, the project impacts more than an acre of wetlands.

But the conservation commission's appeal of the judge's recent ruling must wait until the hearing on the remaining points, such as AfTA's contention there are reasonable alternatives. And, the judge won't set a date for the hearing until the fiscal year 2004 state budget is in place.

Terry Fancher of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, which is backing Greenbush, said the news was positive for the train because it will be precedent-setting when the expected appeals to DEP wetlands variances in Cohasset and Scituate come down the line.

Fancher conceded the legal challenges have stalled the project. "But the good new is the process is working and justice is working as well," he said.

Meanwhile, Hedlund, R-Wemouth, says money and transportation planning issues concerning Greenbush are still before the Romney administration. The MBTA put a hold on Greenbush construction in February to resolve outstanding permitting and right-of-way issues; Romney then said his administration would review the economic feasibility of the project.

Hedlund said the bottleneck at Braintree where the three lines would converge as they head to South Station precludes the MBTA from expanding service on the Plymouth and Middleboro lines, which are over capacity. He said the Plymouth-Carver area is expected to grow by 22 percent in the years ahead, while Greenbush towns are expected to have minimal growth. Also, as redevelopment plans for the Weymouth Naval Air Station become firm – the South Weymouth station on the Plymouth Line becomes key to plans at the former air base.

"If the goal is to take cars off Route 3, then it makes sense to add capacity to Plymouth and Middleboro," Hedlund said.

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Board digs burying wires

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to discuss raised crosswalks, which Selectman Michael Sullivan brought up for the first time during a village walk-around Monday afternoon.

The plans, drawn by the Waterfield Group, were centered around burying the wires, taking into consideration the available budget of $1.8 million, including $200,000 in private funding. Waterfield looked at what would be involved in running the wires behind both sides of the village — up Highland Avenue and through the town parking lot. But the plan turned out to be expensive and would require cutting down trees both on Highland Avenue and in the municipal lot.

"The bottom line at the end of the day is that it is more expensive to do the re-wiring scheme than the underground," said Lisa Bailey of the Waterfield Group.

In order to complete an underground wire system, previous plans needed to be scaled back, leaving only those streetscape changes that could be accomplished within the budget. The new plan would provide conduits for the wires and the footings, but not actual light posts, which could be installed at a later date. The lights and installing the wires underground could cost an additional $600,000.

In preparation for the meeting Selectmen held a walking tour with the Waterfield Group Monday, taking a look at the marks on the South Main Street indicating where bump-outs would be located. The Fire Department was asked to bring its largest ladder truck to test maneuverability around the proposed bump-outs. A specific area of concern included taking a left onto Depot Court from South Main Street.

The left-hand turn onto Depot, which has an island in the middle, has been rumored to be a tight squeeze for fire trucks as it stands right now, but the trucks are able to make the turn. "I've never heard the fire chief complain," said Town Manager, Mark Haddad.

The proposed changes to the intersection at Depot Court mean a loss of 23 feet total with the removal of the center island and proposed bump-outs on each side. Members from the Waterfield Group noted that 12 feet is standard for any one side of a road and at 15 feet, Depot Court would still be three feet wider than is required.

Selectmen are considering placing sandbags to delineate bump-outs in the Village to see how traffic might be affected, but Haddad notes that "it really makes no sense to do it," since the markings require a shift of parking spaces, which will affect the entire Village.

With the completed project and addition of bump-outs, parking will be shifted, but only one parking spot will actually be lost.

After attending the walk through, Ralph Dormitzer presented sample modifications at Tuesday's meeting, which he came up with along with his wife Jackie Dormitzer and Ann Whelan, who are both members of the Village Renaissance Committee. They made suggestions which they believe could help renovate the Village to reflect the priorities of the townspeople at a more reasonable cost.

In order to complete an underground wire system, previous plans needed to be scaled back, leaving only those streetscape changes that could be accomplished within the budget.

Their plan omitted the bump-outs at Tedeschi's and Depot Court at the South Main Street, and suggested leaving the center island where it is at the Depot Court intersection.

Other priorities in the proposal included the consideration of using brick as the paving material on the main sidewalks, stating they are the paving material of choice for people in town.

Another idea proposed at the meeting was the possibility of charging utilities "rent" to use the underground conduits as a way of funding the second phase of the project. Depending on the amount charged, it is estimated that the town could generate enough funds in five years to cover the cost of undergrounding the wires. Haddad said he will be in touch with Town Counsel to look into that option.

Some at Tuesday's meeting were concerned about the village becoming a "cityscape", and worried about losing the historical character. But the overwhelming majority of people in attendance were in favor of the underground wiring, even if they weren't in total agreement with the entire proposal.

"If undergrounding is the way to go, this is the plan that will allow it and allow for expansion in the future," Haddad said.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

Above right: Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris discusses plans for a bump-out on the sidewalk across the street at Dependable Cleaners with Karen Fitzgerald and Craig Miller of the Waterfield Group. Bump-outs shorten the crosswalks and allow pedestrians to walk out past the end of the parked cars to see oncoming traffic.

All-Facilities stickers for sale

The expiration date of the Beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. The "all-facility" sticker for the next fiscal year are now on sale during normal business hours at the Cohasset Town Hall and at the DPW Garage on weekends from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

An "all-facilities" sticker is $30; for a second motor vehicle, it's $30; and for seniors, it's $15. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, to Sandy Beach, as well as parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. Separate beach stickers will no longer be available.

In addition, residents are required to purchase special bags in which to dispose all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at various locations throughout the town. You are encouraged to purchase your sticker through the mail by providing a copy of your current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

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Respect for the flag

Most of us have shed a tear at events when Old Glory is raised or lowered. We place our hand over our heart or salute as the Star Spangled Banner or other patriotic music is played.

Pride in our flag is something most Americans share.

But today with the Stars and Stripes adorning everything from running shorts to plastic cups, most of us have no understanding of how to show respect for our flag on a regular basis.

However, here in Cohasset we can thank the American Legion post, and in particular the Sons of the American Legion led by Thomas Wigmore, for providing us with the opportunity to properly dispose of old American flags.

Over the past several months, dozens of residents dropped off some 600 old flags at the depository in front of the Legion Hall on Summer Street.

On Saturday, the Sons, along with members of the VFW, Legion and Legion Ladies Auxiliary, conducted a flag burning ceremony at Woodside Cemetery – where tattered flags that had served their purpose as symbols of our patriotism – were burned in a dignified manner.

The Sons plan to make the ceremony an annual event on Flag Day, which is the anniversary of the Continental Congress' Flag Resolution on June 14, 1777. The resolution established the flag as having 13 alternating red and white stripes; and the white stars (13 at the time) on a blue field. Flag Day was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson in 1916. And in 1949, President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.

Most of us mean no harm when we allow flags displayed on our homes or atop flag poles at our businesses to become worn. But, truthfully, that is a sign of disrespect. We owe it to all those who fought for our flag – which is the symbol of the freedom we enjoy – to ensure our old flag is either cleaned and mended, or retired and replaced when it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country.

The red, white and blue of Old Glory, no matter how small or large, should be vibrant – the edges crisp. A bright, fresh flag shows we continue to renew our belief in all that the Stars and Stripes stand for.

Here are some tips for displaying the flag:

- On a vehicle — Attach the flag to the antenna or clamp the flagstaff to the right fender. Do not lay the flag over the vehicle.
- On a building — Hang the flag on a staff or on a rope over the sidewalk with the stars away from the building.
- Over the street — Hang the flag with the stars to the east on a north- south street or north on an east-west street.
- Above other flags — Hang the flag above any other flag on the same pole
- Other flags, separate poles — Hang all flags on equal poles. Hang the U.S. flag on its own right, hoist it first and lower it last.
- In a window — Hang the flag vertically with the stars to the left of anyone looking at it from the street.
- Half-staff — This is a sign of mourning. Raise the flag to the top of the pole then lower it to the half way point. Before lowering the flag, raise it to the top again at the end of the day.
- Upside down — An upside-down flag is considered a distress signal.
- Multiple staffs — If you display the flag on a staff with other flags around it, place the flag at the center and highest point. Crossed staffs - Keep the flagstaff higher and on its own right.
- In a hall or lobby — Hang the flag vertically across from the main entrance with the stars to the left of anyone coming through the door.

Source: Our Flag, US Congress

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Retiring Old Glory

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Above: Jay Dolan and James Gerrard of the American Legion Post help retire a flag during Flag Day ceremonies at Woodside Cemetery on Saturday.

At left: Steve Wigmore, at right, addresses the crowd of about 100 who attended the Flag Day observances. Wigmore's son Tom is at left. Tom is Commander of the Sons of the American Legion that helped sponsor the event.

Below: Brian Curran, Duncan McCormick, Keith Jackson and Robert Jackson march with other local veterans to the Flag Day observances on Saturday evening.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Callahan will miss Deer Hill

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff, and parents for all the assistance that they gave me for the last seven years as the principal of the Deer Hill School. It has been a privilege to have worked with and for you.

Thank you to the students, staff, and parents who worked on our many Make a Difference Days. Before all the renovations and additions were done to the school we cleaned, painted, landscaped, built a playground, and generally made a difference in the physical appearance. But it was more than a physical difference to the school, we also worked on the metaphysical difference, It was the old-fashioned barn-raising attitude that we developed as part of the Deer Hill Family.

Thank you to the parents, staff, and community representatives who served on the Deer Hill School Council. During the school vacations in the 1996-1997 school year those parents and I totally renovated the teachers room. That made a difference and added to the staff's enjoyment of the building and also to let the staff know that they were appreciated.

Thank you to the parents who were the PSO representatives to the Deer Hill School. I appreciate all the fundraisers that were done in order to augment the budget for the school. The curriculum enrichment programs that have been brought to the school have enriched the lives of the students and staff

Thank you to the sixth grade staff who devoted their time and effort to make the trip to Camp Bournedale so successful for the grade six students. As a staff we would stay overnight for the week or part of the week in order to make the trip so enjoyable for the students. It was a personal sacrifice away from our own family in order to help the Deer Hill Family.

President John F. Kennedy has said, "Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future." I know that Deer Hill has been a valuable part of your child's life. I hope that I have been a valuable part of your child's future in my years at Deer Hill.

I shall miss the Deer Hill School. My memories will be dear in my heart. Thank you.

Paul F. Callahan
Principal

Bring on the train!

TO THE EDITOR:

It seems that some people hate taking the train so much that they resort to desperate measures. The anti-Greenbush club's most recent allegation that the state is violating mitigation agreements is a prime example. With no proof whatsoever to back this statement up, they nonetheless boldly strive to delay the return of the South Shore commuter rail, for what appears to be the sake of inconvenience.

The Romney Administration placed a six-month halt on construction last February so that they could re-evaluate the project. That being said, wouldn't it be more effective to let the facts dictate the fate of Greenbush? Declaring that the state has violated an agreement without any evidence will only delay, not stop, construction.

If the "AGC" is so sure that the T in not in compliance with the mitigation agreements, I challenge them to cite some specific examples that prove it.

Having driven on Route 3 at the height of rush hour traffic, I am, perhaps, biased towards an easier mode of transportation. I would wager that thousands of other daily commuters share this bias. Restoration of the Greenbush line would lure thousands of drivers from the roadway to the subway. The result would be a faster and more convenient ride for everyone. So what are we waiting for?

Joe Treese
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More points of view at GOP

TO THE EDITOR:

Finally, someone has spoken up on behalf of the silent majority! Gov. Weld's Op-Ed in the Boston Globe, May 31 was well written and really hit the nail on the head. As Republicans, we all agree that the GOP message on national and economic security is an imperative message to get out to the public. Similarly, we all agree that only a perfect world would yield a party in which all members agree on every issue.

In order for the GOP to amass a strong network of support in the upcoming elections of 2004 and beyond, it is imperative that we look beyond a narrow definition of "republican" and welcome differing points of view on difficult social issues.

For many women, one of the single most important factors that exists in the decision to vote for a Democrat or Republican is the pro-choice factor. Until we recognize that the core Republican values of individual liberty, freedom and privacy actually promote the pro-choice agenda, the GOP will be hampered in efforts to advance their message on national and economic security.

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America's least wanted: alien plants part II

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

As usually happens after I write a column, I become so aware of a particular plant or animal that I begin to see it everywhere. Such has been the case since writing, last month, about invasive (alien) plants, proving (unless, of course, I'm imagining that I see invasives everywhere) that certain plants, have, indeed, infested our natural areas, parks, woodlands and roadsides.

Last month we looked at the Multiflora rose, Purple loosestrife and Japanese knotweed. This month, we'll look at several more of America's least wanted plants, though the notion of "least wanted" is, like beauty, subjective. Few will dispute the aesthetic appeal of the aliens, their graceful blooms, showy color displays and captivating fragrances. Indeed, the aesthetics are why aliens were introduced and why they gained popularity so quickly. Appearances, as we all know, are seductive, and if physical beauty rather than ecological implications were the sole consideration, alien species would have few detractors.

Though many alien plants co-exist nicely with native plants and occupy but a small niche, some have begun to tip the balance of nature, crowding and displacing native plants, reducing native wildlife habitat and altering native ecosystems. With their prolific seed production, highly successful seed dispersal, rapid growth and maturity, rampant proliferation and few natural enemies, aliens are homogenizing the landscape. If we think of the native flora (and fauna) as Mom and Pop enterprises, then certain alien species are the mega-malls, sprouting up the same franchises on every street corner in America and swallowing up the independent habitats. What we lose, ultimately, is our unique local heritage.

I confessed last month that I am as guilty as the next fellow in this "mega-malling" of the landscape. My yard is filled with alien species that I am able to control with weeding and pruning. But now I wonder about the escapees, the seeds that leave my yard by way of birds, wind or shoe soles and root themselves in a nearby woods or along the roadsides, places I won't be tending. Left alone to flourish (and they will), in short time the plants will be virtually impossible to eradicate.

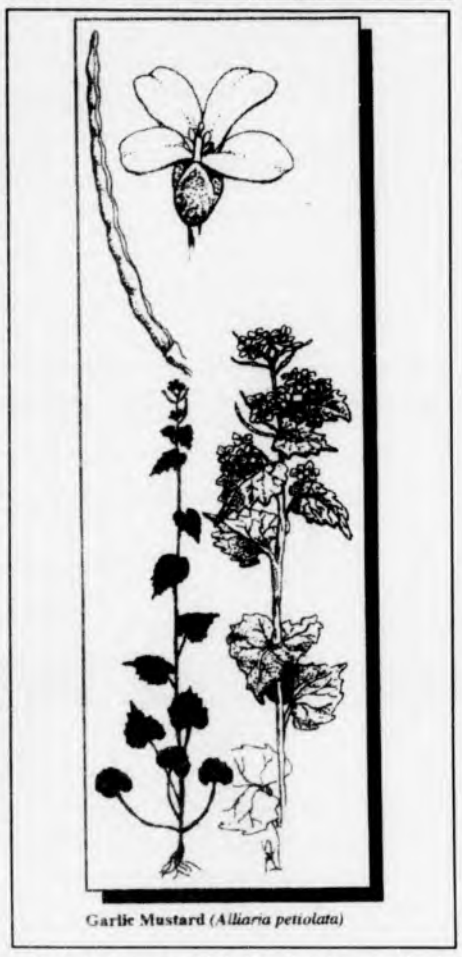
I'm seeing just such a situation with the burning bush - a favorite of landscapers - in my yard. There were two bushes in the yard when we moved in years ago and just recently we decided to remove one to make way for an enlarged pumpkin patch. just the other day I noticed that new bushes are sprouting up around the yard. Small and few enough to easily remove, the situation is still manageable, but I suspect that other bushes are readily rooting in the surrounding woods.

Introduced to the United States in the 1860s as an ornamental shrub, the burning bush, also known as the winged burning bush or winged euonymous, is native to northeastern Asia and Central China. Adaptable to a variety of soils, the dense shrub grows well in full sun or full shade, reaching heights and widths of more than 20 feet and shading out native herbs and shrubs. Its red fruits, a favorite of birds, are dispersed wherever birds roost, which often means quiet woodlands away from human activity. The shrub's appeal for home gardeners is its spectacular red foliage in the fall. By late autumn the leaves drop, revealing the corky, grooved stems.

Another alien - and not to be confused with our native species - is the family of shrub honeysuckles (Bella, Fragrant, Amur, Morrow's) whose native range is Japan, China, Korea and Southern Russia. Introduced in the mid-1800s, the shrubs have been cultivated since as ornamentals. Leafing out early in the spring and growing upright to 16 feet, the bush honeysuckles invade woodland edges, abandoned fields, pastures and roadsides, though some species are at home in boggy areas and along, lakeshores. The alien honeysuckles decrease available light by forming a dense layer that crowds out native species such as beach plum and blueberry as well as ferns, grasses and wildflowers that serve as habitat for small animals. Honeysuckles also alter habitat by depleting soil moisture and nutrients and releasing toxins into the soil that inhibit other plant species from growing. Competing for pollinators with native species, the aliens produce abundant fruits with many seeds that ensure the continued proliferation of the alien shrubs. But, unlike the fruits of native species, they are not the nutrient-rich food source necessary for migrating birds.

Still another Asian import is the tongue-twisting Ampelopsis brevipedunculata, better known as the Porcelain berry, a deciduous climbing vine of the grape family. My yard is filled with the plant which I started years ago from a rooting my father gave me. He had found the vine growing along North Street and helped himself to a cutting.

Porcelain-berry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*)



Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)

Though slow to establish, Porcelain berry is a hardy species and a vigorous grower and self-sower, adaptable to a variety of soil and light conditions. It was introduced by the horticultural trade as an ornamental and quickly became a favorite bedding and screening plant. Though its foliage is a handsome dark green to blue-green and is resistant to most blights and insects (I had a Japanese beetle - another invader which arrived in 1916 - infestation about 10 years ago but nothing since), the vine's distinguishing feature is its handsome fruit. Borne in clusters (like grapes) but with a porcelain appearance, the fruits range in color from white to yellow, green, lilac, amethyst, turquoise and deep blue. All of the colors are usually found in a single duster. Anyone with the vine will have the added advantage of seeing the eight-spotted forester moth with its black wings and yellow and white spots. Flying by day, the moth is a frequent visitor to the porcelain vine.

One of the more aggressive alien species with European origins is English ivy (Hedera helix), introduced by homesick European immigrants (as were sparrows and starlings) as a reminder of the old country. An evergreen climbing vine in the ginseng family, English ivy attaches to tree trunks, brickwork and other surfaces with small, root-like tentacles that release a glue-like substance.

Aggressive in its growth and spread, English ivy grows densely on both the ground and into the forest canopy, thus threatening all levels of the landscape. Its abundant leaves prevent sunlight from reaching other plants on the ground and on host trees that can become smothered in foliage. The added weight makes the trees vulnerable to wind and storm damage.

English ivy easily reproduces vegetatively by cuttings or from stems that make contact with soil, and by seed which is dispersed primarily by house sparrows, starlings and cedar waxwings.

All along the lush green roadsides and in the shady woodlands, the plant with the distinctive garlic odor is garlic mustard (Alliaria petiolata), a native of Europe and Asia. Introduced to North America by European settlers for use as a medicinal and in cooking, garlic mustard is an invasive biennial herb whose first-year plants form rosettes of dark evergreen kidney-shaped leaves. In its second year, garlic mustard grows a stem up to three feet high with clusters of four-petaled flowers and sharply toothed, triangular leaves. An abundance of black seed, found in rows in long, narrow capsules called siliques, guarantees a steady regeneration of garlic mustard. Indeed, a stand of the herb can double in three or four years.

Winged Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus* (Thunb.) Siebold)

Morrow's honeysuckle (*L. morrowi*)

So, what's an ecologically-minded individual to do to stem the alien "wildfire." First, we need to acknowledge that we humans are the culprits. We introduced the plants and enabled them to proliferate by disturbing the landscape with clear cutting and wetlands destruction. That having been said, and with the horse, indeed, out of the barn, the best we can do is prevent further disturbance of the landscape and halt the spread of invasive species. Home gardeners can be the first line of defense by replacing aliens such as Japanese barberry, Oriental bittersweet, Canada thistle, rose multiflora, purple loosestrife, bush honeysuckles and Norway maples with native plants including inkberry, swamp azalea, highbush blueberry, beach plum, bayberry, trumpet honeysuckle, sugar maple, Joe Pye weed, Virginia creeper, cat-tail, sweet pepperbush and winterberry.

Unfortunately, the problem of aliens is not confined to plant habitats. Alien animals are also wreaking havoc on the ecosystem. Next month - creatures run amok.

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Baseball's biggest milestone ignored

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Seems like every time you turn around, baseball is going ape over some milestone, like the time Luke Appling hit 19 consecutive foul balls in the left field stands or the time Ellis Kinder pitched three innings of sterling relief with a blood alcohol content of 1.4.

That's why I'm surprised that baseball is missing the big one.

This week is the 167th anniversary of the first baseball game, played on June 19, 1846 between the New York Knickerbockers (don't call them the Knicks) and a nameless team called the New York nine on the Elysian Fields, a picnic grounds in Hoboken, N.J.

The New York nine won, 23-1, and, no, Steve Buckley didn't cover the game for the Herald.

Some form of baseball had been played in the United States since they were colonies under the names of "one old cat," "town ball," "soak ball," "round ball," or even "base ball." Princeton College banned it in 1787 as "low and unbecoming gentlemen students."

No, Albert Belle and Pete Rose weren't students at Princeton that year.

The baseball that was played that fine spring day in 1846 was the first prearranged game played between two team under the 20 rules devised by its organizer, Alexander Joy Cartwright, who umpired the game despite being a member of the Knickerbocker Club.

The infield was diamond-shaped. First and third bases were 42 paces apart. Foul lines were drawn. Pitchers threw underhanded. Batters were allowed three strikes. Best of all for baserunners, they were to be tagged or thrown out and not hit by the ball or "soaked."

Needless to say, neither the Knickerbockers nor their opponents were paid, and when the game ended, the players from both clubs retired to one of the taverns that lined the Elysian Fields for a champagne supper.

In fact, they enjoyed Cartwright's game so much that one of the original Knickerbockers, James Whyte Davis, urged "all relatives and immediate friends are well informed that I desire to be buried in my baseball suit and wrapped in the original flag of the old Knickerbockers."

So what about Abner Doubleday and Cooperstown?

Around 1907, when some unpatriotic Americans were passing around the rumor that baseball came from the old English game of rounders, the superpatriot Albert Spalding set up a commission to prove that our national pastime was indeed ours from start to finish.

The commission was getting nowhere when finally an old man came forward to testify that he was present that day in 1839 when Abner Doubleday, a student at Otsego Academy, laid out the first diamond on Farmer Finney's lot in Cooperstown and limited the number of players to nine

It was a perfect match, the all-American game of baseball and Doubleday, who later fired one of the first shots of the Civil War at Fort Sumter and was a hero of the battle of Gettysburg. The old man's story was accepted at face value, which is why the Baseball Hall of Fame is in Cooperstown today.

Unfortunately, Doubleday was a plebe at West Point in 1839 and ineligible for a home leave. He never claimed credit for inventing the game: in fact, he was never known to have mentioned it, and there is no evidence that he ever saw a baseball game.

But it was the poet Walt Whitman who predicted in 1846:

"I see great things in baseball. It's our game — the American game. It was take our people out-of-doors, fill them with oxygen, give them a larger physical stoicism, tend to relieve us from being a nervous, dyspeptic set, repair these losses, and be a blessing to us."

Of course, the poet was never a Red Sox fan.

HEALTH NOTES

Coastal research center to open in former Hagerty building

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Finally, after many years of controversy and contention, the Hagerty building at Mariner's Park is ready to take on an important role for the town as the Center for Student Coastal Research. The building has become a focus for waterfront activities for people in town of all ages. It will be used by the Cohasset Maritime Institute, enthusiastic rowers both adult and youthful who have become a force in various local competitive rowing events. A Seaside Adventures educational program for fourth, fifth and sixth graders introduces age appropriate hands-on projects in marine biology, oceanography, and environmental science.

But from a health standpoint of the Board of Health sponsors a number of programs aimed at collecting important data on our coastal water bodies. These programs represent an important assessment tool for keeping track of the condition of our coastal environment.

Here are some exciting programs offered by the Center for Student Coastal Research:

Bassings Beach Bacteria Alert — In partnership with the Board of Health, the center proposes to monitor bacteria levels on a daily basis during the summer of 2003 for the benefit of the swimming public. This study will begin this June and be used to inform the swimming public about bacteria levels in Cohasset Harbor in and around Bassings Beach. The Center for Student Coastal Research will fly a flag system that is readily observable by swimmers at Bassings Beach. We will also conduct outreach programs to make the public aware of our project and flag system. Also, the data will assist the Board of Health in meeting its overall goals of assessing the health of all water bodies in the town's watershed and in determining the town's compliance with State requirements. The data will be entered into the EPA data base.

Cohasset Harbor Salinity and Dissolved Oxygen Study — A research project implemented to study the effects of a significant increase in the wastewater treatment plant discharge into Cohasset's Inner Harbor. Cohasset lobstermen voiced concern that the increased effluent (from a 70,000 gpd capacity to a 300,000 gpd capacity) would have a detrimental impact on the health of lobsters stored in various lobster cars throughout the harbor. The study is in its second year and the collected data is analyzed and submitted to the Board of Health in the form of a formal report in the spring.

Storm Drain Mapping Project — A newly initiated project undertaken by Cohasset High School junior, Greg O'Brien. Greg's role in this project has been established through our internship program. Greg's work will assist the town in mapping location of storm drains.

Little Harbor Coliform Study — An on-going assessment of fecal coliform levels in Cohasset's Little Harbor undertaken to assist the Board of Health in its determination of water quality in Little Harbor and in its goals of meeting State requirements. This study has temporarily been suspended due the loss of laboratory access, but it will be re-instituted as soon as our lab facilities are available in the Center for Student Coastal Research.

Gulf River Study — With support from an EPA grant, and in partnership with the Gulf (River) Association, the Center has re-established water quality monitoring in the Gulf River. In this study the Center will also assist the Gulf Association in its goal of conducting a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) of the Gulf River Watershed. Archived water quality data from 6 years ago and earlier along with this summer's data will be gathered and documented in a published report that will become part of the NRI document published by the Gulf Association.

GIS Training Program — Putting Cohasset on the Map A Training and Mentoring Project to Teach Students Geographic Information Services (GIS) Technologies Students will be trained by GIS specialists to become proficient in the application of GIS programs such that the students will be able to digitize existing town paper maps and update and improve the town's digital database used by various boards, departments, and commissions. Such work will include updating zoning layers, digitizing parcel lines on assessor's maps, and mapping storm water catch basins.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Is state shortchanging its poor school districts?

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL C. LEVENSON

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

John Adams, hoping to keep a fractious people united, wrote in April of 1776 that "Laws for the liberal education of youth, especially of the lower class of people, are so extremely wise and useful, that, to a humane and generous mind, no expense for this purpose would be thought extravagant."

A lofty and idealistic statement few would disagree with. And the declaration — from his Thoughts on Government — helped shape the Massachusetts Constitution.

But 227 years later, in a stuffy courtroom on the 12th floor of the McCormack Courthouse in downtown Boston, the social dream that Adams envisioned is being tested in a new era of MCAS, online learning, and line-item budgets.

Can the state afford to provide an equal and free education for all? What is fair? And what is politically viable?

Massachusetts has poured $30 billion into the public schools since passing the Education Reform Act a decade ago. MCAS graduation pass rates have reached 92 percent. Yet lawyers for students in 19 school districts told Superior Court Judge Margot Botsford — herself a former volunteer at Brookline High School — that the state is shortchanging its poor children, providing far less for urban districts than their wealthier suburban counterparts.

Photographic evidence presented at trial showed a teacher without a gymnasium who had strung a volleyball net across a school corridor. Another pushed desks together in a hallway to create a makeshift space for special needs students, and students in science class were said to learn about paramecia without microscopes.

The lawyers say these gross inequities in the public schools persist despite the centuries-old constitutional guarantee of a free and equal education for all students, regardless of income.

Already grappling with a budget shortfall, the state contends it has done its part. Noting the $30 billion, Assistant Attorney General Dierdre Roney told the court, "I think you can say from that sum that Massachusetts has done what Mr. Adams wanted…

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There's been a sustained commitment on the part of the state to increase spending, and that commitment has been sustained over 10 years, over four different administrations."

Still, what has become clear is the decade of massive expansion in public education has come to a close, just as the state celebrates the 10th anniversary of education reform. Boston sent layoff notices to 770 teachers. Although some may be rehired, it was called the biggest round of layoffs in 20 years. And news reports said Springfield laid off 185 teachers, Worcester 146, Malden 120 and Braintree 100.

A $3 billion projected deficit may be to blame. Both houses of the Legislature spent last week trying to fashion packages intended to lessen the impact of cuts in state aid for cities and towns but most mayors say the measures aren't enough. Teachers unions dropped 80,000 signed pleas for new taxes at the doorways of the Governor, House Speaker, and Senate President, but they didn't budge. Voters are averse to taxes, most say. And Gov. Mitt Romney is vowing to veto any increase.

The court will decide whether children are being left behind. But according to Michael Weisman, attorney for the Council for Fair School Finance, which has brought the suit against the state, Massachusetts is failing. "Ten years later, children are still not receiving the education that the constitution requires, and it's getting worse. The prospects for next year are even worse than the dismal performance this year."

Beyond the courtroom, there was news this week on Beacon Hill.

• *Romney seeks to tap rainy day funds* — The budget for fiscal year 2003 looks balanced, the Governor says, but he filed a bill last week that would allow him to tap up to $150 million out of the Rainy Day Fund as a "safety valve" just in case revenues drop in the next three weeks. Government must pay its bills, the Governor says.

• *Mulligan tapped to manage trial courts* — Robert Mulligan, a Superior Court judge who has spent 23 years on the bench, was tapped by Supreme Judicial Court chief Margaret Marshall to oversee the troubled trial court system, which an outside commission has said is "mired in confusion." He won praise from the Governor and other judges, but faces an uphill task restoring order and morale to the courts.

• *Senate wraps up municipal relief bill* — Senators went further than the House in opening the door to local taxes – but only if voters approve the hikes first. Their bill would allow cities and towns to raise restaurant meals taxes from 5 percent to anywhere from 6 percent to 8 percent. Gov. Romney has not weighed in yet, but has said generally he would back local taxes that win voter approval first.

• *New environmental protection chief named* — Robert W. Golledge Jr., a former DEP regional officer who has worked most recently for the consulting firm Vanasse Hangen Brustlin was named the new commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection.

• Submachine guns make Logan debut — Submachine gun-toting State Police began patrolling the corridors of Logan Airport. The specially trained unit is the latest aggressive antiterrorism measure Massport officials have rolled out as they rebuild after Sept. 11, 2001.

• *Task force recommends changes in anti-snob zoning law* — The panel said communities that increase their affordable housing by .5 percent a year should be exempt from the law. The threshold now is .75 percent. Although foes said the task force didn't go far enough to protect communities from unwanted developments, Gov. Romney said the changes reshape Chapter 40B into "a tool rather than a club." Attention now turns to the Legislature.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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June 9-13

Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) (617) 722-1646 Room 413F

Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) (617) 722-2120 Room 472

QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for over 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on eight roll calls from the week of June 9-13. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

MUNICIPAL RELIEF PACKAGE (S 2010)

Senate 29-7, gave near final approval to a municipal relief package giving cities and towns more fiscal and management flexibility and revenue raising options in order to compensate for this year's cuts is local aid. Provisions include allowing communities, if approved by voters, to impose up to an additional three percent local meals tax; an increase in the maximum fine for parking violations and blocking intersections; increased fees for towing, fire department permits, liquor licenses and car dealership licenses; allowing local communities to exempt their overlay accounts from the allowable tax hike limits of Proposition 2 1/2; authorizing municipal treasurers to use a bi-weekly payroll system rather than a weekly one; permitting communities to offer early retirement incentive programs and to reduce the next two fiscal years' unfunded pension liability payments; and authorizing cities and towns to work with the Registry of MotorVehicles to design and sell distinctive vehicle license plates and use the profits to support local programs. Supporters said this fiscally responsible package does not raise taxes and gives local communities the necessary tools, flexibility and options to increase revenues and make up for the drastic cuts in local aid. They noted this would help prevent local cuts in education, public safety and other crucial areas. Opponents said the package is flawed and does not make up for deep local aid cuts, raises too many fees and hikes property taxes. They noted the legislature should help cities and towns by truly reforming state and local government and making them more streamlined and cost-efficient. The House approved a different version of the relief package and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the package. A "Nay" vote is against it). **N**

DISTINCTIVE LOCAL LICENSE PLATES (S 2010)

Senate 35-2, approved an amendment allowing cities and towns to work with the Registry of Motor Vehicles to design and sell distinctive vehicle license plates and use the profits to support local programs. Prior to the state printing the plate, a city or town would be required to follow the current state law regulating non-profit groups by posting a $100,000 bond and receiving a $40 check from 1500 drivers who commit to buying the plate. If fewer than 3000 plates are sold over a two-year period, the state will use a portion of the bond to recoup its cost and the remainder of the bond would be returned to the community. Amendment supporters said this is an innovative way to allow local residents to voluntarily contribute to help cities and towns make up for some of the local budget cuts. Amendment opponents said small communities cannot afford the $100,000 bond and expressed concern that the state would eventually be asked to reimburse communities that lose money on the program. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment allowing the local distinctive plates. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment). **Y**

HIKE HOTEL-MOTEL TAX (S 2010)

Senate 14-23, rejected an amendment allowing Boston to raise its maximum local tax on hotels, motels and bed and breakfasts from 4.5 percent to six percent and allowing all other communities to hike the tax from four percent to six percent. The increase would take effect only if approved by a city council, city council and mayor, town meeting or town council-- depending on the community's form of government. Amendment supporters said this would raise millions of dollars to help communities restore programs and noted the hike would primarily be paid by visitors from other states and nations. Amendment opponents said they oppose this local option hike unless it is subject to approval by local voters. (A "Yea" vote is for the increase in the local option hotel-motel tax. A "Nay" vote is against it). **N**

LOCAL MEALS TAX SUBJECT TO VOTER REFERENDUM (S 2010)

Senate 24-13, approved an amendment prohibiting the proposed up to three percent local restaurant meals tax from taking effect in a city or town unless approved by a voter referendum. Without the amendment, this local option tax would take effect if approved by a city council, city council and mayor, town meeting or town council-- depending on the community's form of government. Amendment supporters said the voters should have the power to approve or reject this new tax and noted many local restaurants would be hurt by the meals tax if neighboring communities do not impose the same tax. Amendment opponents said every issue does not have to go on the ballot and argued that local government officials, elected by the voters, should have the power to implement this tax. (A "Yea" vote is for requiring voter approval of a local meals tax. A "Nay" vote is against requiring voter approval). **Y**

CHANGE PROPOSITION 2 1/2 (S 2010)

Senate 17-21, rejected an amendment striking a section allowing local assessors to exempt their communities' "overlay" accounts from the allowable tax hike limits of Proposition 2 1/2. Proposition 2 1/2 is a state law that limits annual local property tax increases to 2.5 percent of the prior year's tax plus new growth unless voters override that limit on a ballot question. Overlay accounts include funds that communities are mandated to set aside for tax abatements for senior citizens, veterans, low-income residents and property owners whose properties have been overassessed. Exempting the overlay accounts means that communities can raise property taxes to fund their overlay accounts on top of raising taxes to the maximum amount allowed by Proposition 2 1/2. Amendment supporters said the amendment violates Proposition 2 1/2 and is simply a property tax hike that can be implemented by assessors and would cost taxpayers up to $160 million. They noted communities already have the ability to override Prop 2 1/2 and argued that with this new exemption, communities would be tempted to overassess more properties in order to build up the overlay fund that essentially would become a slush fund raised outside the limits of Proposition 2 1/2. Amendment opponents said this is a long overdue, minor change that would allow communities to use this new revenue to avoid layoffs and pay for important local programs and services. They noted it is unfair that a community is restricted in raising property taxes but is required to set aside a portion of its property tax revenue in an overlay account where it is not used for public services and can sit for years. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment striking the overlay exemption. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment and favors the overlay exemption). **Y**

ABOLISH CIVIL SERVICE FOR CITIES AND TOWNS (S 2010)

Senate 5-32, rejected an amendment abolishing civil service for all municipal employees except for police officers and firefighters. Amendment supporters said civil service is an archaic and counterproductive system that has outlived its usefulness and ties the hands of cities and towns that want to make changes and become more efficient. Amendment opponents said the amendment is a major step backwards and would completely politicize local hiring by allowing mayors and other local officials to fire hard working employees and/or eliminate their jobs. (A "Yea" vote is for abolishing local civil service. A "Nay" vote is against abolishing local civil service). **N**

ALLOW FOUR-DAY SCHOOL WEEK (S 2010)

Senate 1-36, rejected an amendment allowing local school committees to implement a four-day week in their schools as long as the committee submits a plan to the Board of Education detailing how required hours of instruction would be fulfilled. Amendment supporters said this may not be one of the best solutions but it will give communities a little flexibility to absorb some local aid cuts and still offer a quality education. Amendment opponents said the amendment is an outrageous one that may save a few dollars but will severely hurt the quality of public education across the state. (A "Yea" vote is for a four-day school week option. A "Nay" vote is against it). **N**

DRUNKEN DRIVING LAW (S 2009)

Senate 36-0, gave near final approval to a bill establishing a "per se" drunken driving law in Massachusetts. The measure makes it illegal for a motorist to drive with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 percent or higher. Current law provides that a BAC of more than .08 is one piece of evidence of intoxication but leaves it up to the court to consider all evidence to determine if a driver was legally impaired. The proposal also increases the automatic license suspension period for refusal to take a Breathalyzer test from 120 days to 180 days and reduces the period from 90 days to 30 days if a driver takes the test and fails. Supporters said Massachusetts is the only state without a per se law and noted it is time to strengthen drunken driving laws because almost half of the state's 477 traffic deaths in 2001 were alcohol-related. They argued that the change in license suspension periods would increase the incentive for motorists to take the Breathalyzer test. Some pointed out that the state has already forfeited some $11 million in federal funds by not having a per se law and will lose millions more unless the law is signed into law by June 30. The House approved a different version of the bill and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill). **Y**

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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LIBRARY CORNER

Family programs over the summer

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library has some great summer programs planned for families. Registration for Read! Think! Create! at your library, the statewide Summer Reading Program for school-age children will begin on June 23.

A Story Hour for children 4-6 years old will take place on Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m., beginning July 10 and ending Aug. 14. Registration for this event will begin on June 23.

A drop in Story Hour for children 3 years and younger will take place on Mondays from 10:30-11 a.m. or 1:30-2 p.m., beginning July 7 and ending Aug. 11. No registration necessary.

Puzzle Club with Mrs. Murphy will take place on Monday evenings from 7-8:45 p.m., beginning July 7and ending Aug. 11. No registration necessary.

Each Tuesday evening from 7-8 p.m., beginning July1 and ending Aug. 12, the library will offer family entertainment in the Meeting Room.

- July 1 - Ritchie Porter — " Tales from the Magic Box"
- July 8 - Keith Johnson — "Hats off to ***Reading***"
- July 15 - Steve Rudolph — "Magic of ***Reading***"
- July 22 - Elisa Pearmaine — "I Wonder" Tales
- July 29 - Christopher "Kavi" Carbone — "Story and Song Celebrations"
- Aug. 5 - Drawbridge Marionettes — "Pinocchio"
- Aug. 12 - Carolyn Martino — "Stories from STUFF"

Attention seniors!

Cohasset seniors please join us for cookies and lemonade in our new library on Monday, June 30 at 10 a.m. Transportation will be provided by Cohasset Elder Affairs. Please call 781 383 –9112 to arrange a pickup.

Internet access

For your convenience, the tables in our Reference area are now cabled for Internet access from your notebook computer.

Booking Ahead

Pre-publication alert! Place a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library and move to the top of the waiting list to read them: "Worried Sick," Dr. David Burns; "The Crossley Baby," Jacqueline Carey; "The 6th Lamentation," William Brodrick; "Hard Rain," Barry Eisler; "Love in Idleness," Amanda Craig; "Blessed are the Cheese Makers," Sara-Kate Lynch; and "Love for Sale," Jill Churchill.

To *place a hold* from home, start at our website www.cohassetlibrary.org. Go to *catalog* and search for the item you want. Click on *hold*. Enter your user ID from your library card (no spaces), your PIN (OCLN) and specify *pickup location* as Cohasset. Press *hold*. We will notify you when the book is available.

Museum passes

Check out the museum passes available to you at the library, compliments of the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Reserve the Boston by Foot pass and explore the city of Boston with guided walking tours. May through October, Boston by Foot offers daily regularly scheduled walking tours. Discover "Victorian Back Bay" or "Boston by Little Feet" designed for children ages 6 to 12. Tours proceed rain or shine and no reservations are required. Telephone the library at 781 383-1348 for more details.

Computer help

Do you need help using the library's computers? Would you like to learn how to search the online catalog or reference databases? Sign up for a one-on-one tutorial with our Reference Librarian Judy Simons. Call the library to schedule a session.

Roy Herzfelder is guest speaker at Center opening

The Center for Student Coastal Research announces Ellen Roy Herzfelder, the state Secretary for the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, will provide the keynote address at ceremonies marking the Center's official opening from 5-7 p.m., Friday, June 20. The Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) will celebrate the establishment of a harbor-front laboratory and classroom facility dedicated to supporting coastal research projects of importance to Cohasset and surrounding communities in the South Coastal Watershed.

Though still a work in progress, the Center will open its doors this summer to dozens of young scientists enrolled in its Seaside Adventures program and a select group of high school students focused on research projects in Cohasset Harbor, Little Harbor, Bassings Beach, and the Gulf River.

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Lt. Gov. Healey comes to town

Also at the reception, shown here with Lt. Gov. Healey are from left, Wigmore Pierson and Lou Harvey, both of Cohasset, and James Connelly of Hingham.

Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey greets Ginny Alex, 4. The Alex family hosted the afternoon reception for Healey at their Atlantic Avenue home last Thursday. Marlena is holding Ginny while George has Ellie, 4-1/2 months.

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There was a lot of Republican schmoozing going on at the Alexes' ocean-front home during the reception for Lt. Gov. Healey.

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Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Parish:

The First Parish Church, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

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OBITUARIES

Olive P. Morris

Olive P. (Stoddard) Morris, age 82, a Hingham resident for more than 60 years, died June 14, 2003 at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth.

Mrs. Morris was born and raised in Cohasset and was a dietician by profession. She was associated with South Shore Hospital for many years. She was also a salesperson for Greenfields, a knitting and clothing factory that was located in Hingham.

She was an active member of the Hingham Senior Center, an avid Red Sox fan, traveled extensively, and was well known on the South Shore for her handmade Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy dolls.

Wife of the late Herman D. Morris, she leaves her two daughters, Jane A. Hill of Wilmington and Marjorie E. McDonnell of Natick; sisters and brothers, Sheldon Stoddard of Portsmouth, N.H., David Stoddard of Lancaster, Calif., Nellie Lincoln of Weymouth, Hannah Sawyers of Chelmsford; her eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Lillian Lincoln, the late Mildred Salyards, the late Charles Stoddard, and the late Elmer Stoddard.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, June 20 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Church, 147 North St., Hingham Square. Interment will be in the High Street Cemetery, Hingham.

Visiting hours at the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, 21 Pond St., Hingham on Thursday, June 19 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St., Hingham 02043.

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Deer Hill girls' effort is sew nice

Benefits kids with cancer

By Samantha Brown
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Fifth graders Emmi St. John and Betsy Crawford have high expectations for this summer vacation. Not only will they attend camp and enjoy the beach, they will also be working hard to brighten the rooms and spirits of children suffering from cancer in the hospital.

The two 11-year-old Deer Hill students have been sewing colorful, patterned pillowcases in their spare time, to provide a cheery alternative to the otherwise colorless white hospital sheets that children who frequent the hospital have become accustomed to.

After reading a book about the life of a young girl diagnosed with cancer, Emmi began to empathize with children who are battling the disease and wanted to find some way to help the cause. After receiving a sewing machine for Christmas, she was very excited about the prospect of making something special for the patients. Together with Betsy, who has also been sewing since age eight, they decided pillowcases would be the perfect craft.

"I love to sew," said Emmi. "I thought I'd do something I love, with one of my best friends."

Initially, the students came to Deer Hill guidance counselor Betsy McGrath with the idea of making pillows for patients. McGrath thought the idea was wonderful, but not easily transported and more of a challenge. She suggested pillowcases to the girls, who immediately loved the idea. McGrath then turned to counseling intern, Jen Sargent-Tracy, to provide guidance and support to the girls as they began their endeavor.

"We wanted to do it on our own," said Betsy. But the girls appreciate the help given by Sargent-Tracy whose sewing group donated some of the fabric to help get them started.

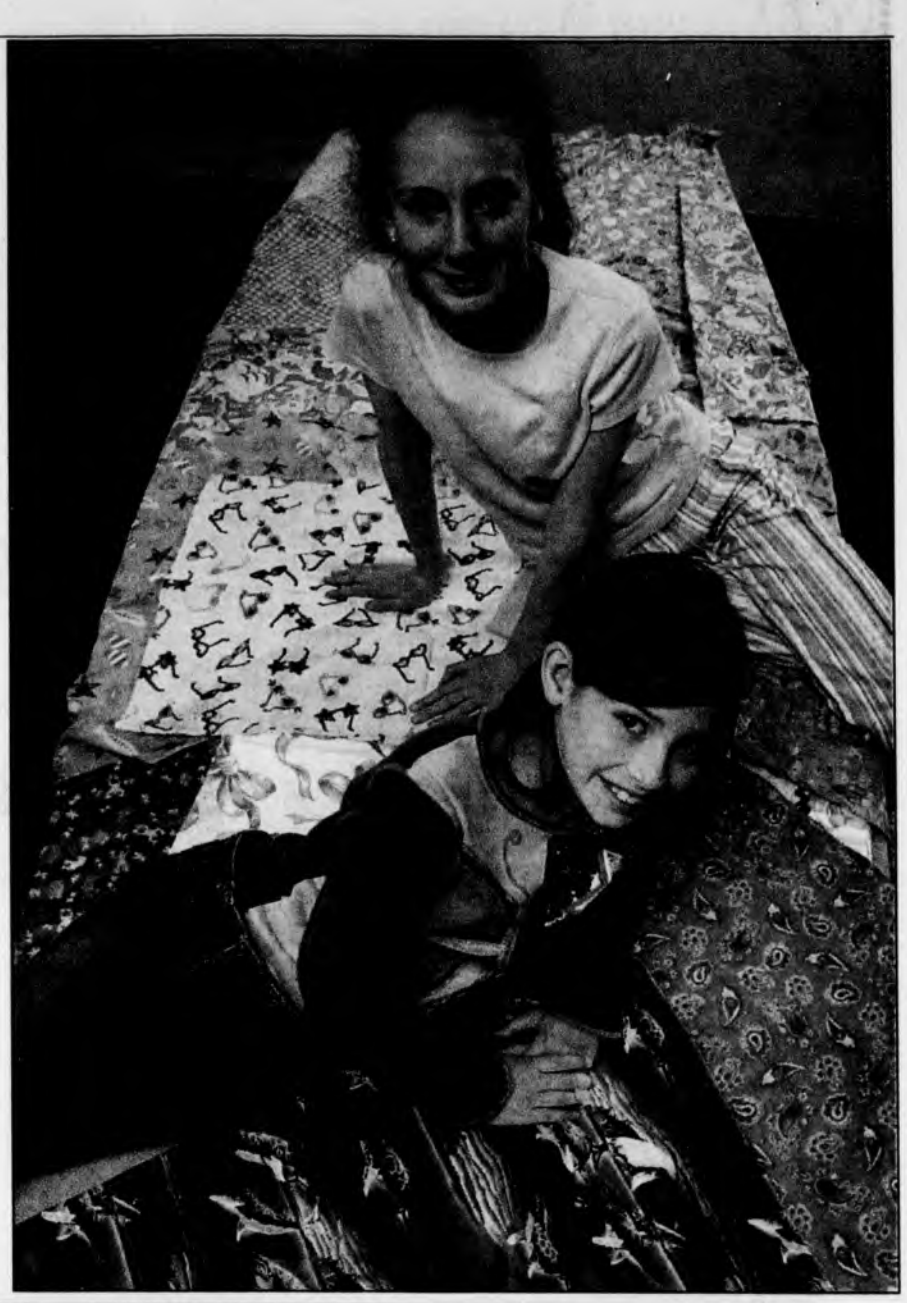
Through messages in the school's newsletter and posters in the teachers' room and cafeteria, the girls have received fabric donations, which have made 23 pillowcases possible to date. Their goal is 100, making four separate trips of 25 pillowcases each to Children's Hospital in Boston over the course of the summer. On average, Betsy said the pillowcases take between 10 and 20 minutes to sew, including decorative rickrack. They hope to finish two more this week, to bring to the hospital Thursday, after their last day of school.

Because the children receiving the pillowcases have weakened immune systems from treatment, the girls won't be able to meet them or see their faces when they get their gift. "We hope they're going to be happy," said Emmi. "It'll be more comfortable for them," said Betsy.

The girls also have some help from non-sewing friends who wanted to become involved. Thomson Jaffe and Leigh Collins will be making 25 cards with happy poems inside, one to be placed inside each pillowcase to be donated. While the cards might not make it into the first delivery of 25, they will be included with the second.

McGrath couldn't be more proud of the girls. "They're two little sweethearts," she said. "We need more of them."

The girls feel a great sense of pride as well, knowing they are able to make a difference in the lives of children their own age, while setting a good example by encouraging others to volunteer. Emmi has enjoyed every minute of their efforts, especially being able to spend time with her friend outside of school. "You get a wonderful feeling when you tie something you love with helping others and working with your friends. It's awesome," she said.



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At right: Betsy Crawford, front, and Emmi St. John with the pillowcases they made for Children's Hospital.

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Getting in swing

Defense, hitting need to improve for CHS baseball team to make playoff run in '04

By Mike Spellman
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Al Gallotta realizes this season was considered a big step in the right direction for the Cohasset High baseball.

Is he pleased by this? Yes.

Is he satisfied? Hardly.

"I see this as a case where you can look at the glass as being half full or half empty," explained Gallotta, looking back on his first season at the helm of the Skippers ship that saw a three win improvement over last year's 4-14 team. "People are telling me how nice a season this was for the program, and that's great. I also enjoyed working with the kids. They were great.

"But, personally, my level of expectation was higher than this. Our pitching wasn't bad on the whole, but our defense really wasn't that good, and our hitting really dropped over the second half of the season. You can't win in baseball clicking in just one of these three important areas."

The Skippers started and ended the season on a strong note, but really struggled in between, losing all but one in a 12-game stretch before ending the season with consecutive wins.

"We had five or six guys hitting over .300 over the first six or seven games, and then reality seemed to set in," said Gallotta, who previously coached baseball for 27 years at Archbishop Williams, serving as that school's Athletic Director for 25 of those.

"We didn't face as many tough teams and top pitchers in the early part of our schedule. And then I think we saw a lot of really good pitchers once we got into our league play."

The team batting average wound up being .217, senior centerfielder Chris McKenna leading the way with a .302 average.

Junior shortstop Mike Dooley was a rarity on this team. He started the year slowly at the plate, but came on strong at the end, finishing second to McKenna in the team batting race. Sophomore Ted Straughn (.283), senior Mike Snowdale and sophomore catcher Louis Blanco were the only other Cohasset hitters to finish on the right side of .200.

McKenna and Snowdale, the team's lone South Shore League all-star, are two of five seniors Gallotta will lose to graduation. The others are first baseman Trey Curry, catcher/outfielder Matt O'Brien and utility man Cosimo Cambi.

"I had a good group of kids this year, and that started with the seniors," said Gallotta. "They'll all be missed."

On the whole, though, the loss to the caps and gowns will not be near as severe as that being felt buy most of the other teams in the SSL. Straughn, Dooley, Blanco and juniors John Andrade and John Downing all return to key varsity positions, and there appear several strong candidates to make the jump from this year's 9-6 JV team, the first plus-.500 baseball team at CHS in recent memory.

Pitching, in particular, is an

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Katherine Coyne (#18) is one of seven seniors who'll be deeply missed by the CHS girls lacrosse team next season. See next week's Mariner for the girls lacrosse season wrap-up.

If not for bad luck

Post 118 legion squad loses two more close ones

By Mike Spellman
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The bad news is the Cohasset Post 118 Legion team has not yet won a game in four attempts. The good news is they appear to be running out of new and creative ways to lose.

The Post 118ers dropped a pair of 3-2 decisions over the last week to go to 0-4 on the season. Chris Carr and Greg Malley both looked extremely good on the mound in going the distance against Canton and Quincy, respectively.

And it wasn't like the offense was laying down. Several golden scoring opportunities were created over the course of the two one-run setbacks. It was just the lack of that one big hit that continued to plague the Post 118ers. Five times in the two losses the locals loaded the bases in innings and came away with nothing to show for their troubles on the scoreboard.

"If it wasn't for bad luck, we wouldn't have any luck right now," bemoaned veteran Post 118 coach Scott Arnold. "We've got guys hitting the ball hard right now, but its right at people. Our pitching has been very good, and we've gotten some sensational defense too. It's just that when we make an error, it always seems to cost us."

None of the runs against Carr in Monday's 3-2 loss on the road to Quincy were earned.

Dave Jaehnig and Steve Williams each had an RBIA

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Curt Kahn (#11), one of eight seniors being lost by the CHS boys lacrosse team, will be missed for his offensive explosiveness. Curt led the Skippers in scoring each of the last two years, finishing his senior season with 52 goals and 32 assists.

Lax seniors established new levels of excellence

By David Ingber
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Every so often in high school sports, a class contains so much talent in a given sport that fans just cannot wait until their senior year. The 2003 graduate members of this years boys lacrosse team not only led their team to yet another appearance in the South Sectional semi-final, they, over their four years on the varsity squad, created a program that is now one of the most feared in the state.

"You've established this program's reputation," said coach Kevin Orcutt, after the team's 11-6 home loss to

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Clark comes through again

2nd annual Clark Chatteron Fund Run raises $5,000 for Cohasset youth sports

By Mike Spellman
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When Deb Beal awoke this past Saturday morning to the sounds of rain drops against her window panes, she did something she hasn't done in quite a while: she talked to Clark Chatterton.

"I said 'Clark, I don't know who you have to talk to up there or what kind of pull you have, but shut this stuff off now,'" recalled Deb with a grin. "I was really nervous because we only had 79 pre-registered runners, which was down from last year, and I was thinking we were in big trouble if it kept raining. Who'd show up?"

Well, as Clark did so many times during his "living years," he came through like a champ. By the time Deb pulled into the parking lot at the Music Circus, the rain had stopped and the clouds were drifting off to sea. And, lo and behold, it turned into a near perfect day for the second annual Clark Chatterton Fund Run.

"The sun came out, and it got warm, but it wasn't even humid, which was kind of surprising after the rain," said Beal, who organized the race named in honor of her dear departed former boss and friend. "Clark came thorough."

Chatterton, the former longtime Athletic Director at Cohasset High, succumbed to cancer in the summer of 2000. All proceeds from the race in his name benefit youth sports organizations in town.

Over 100 runners registered on race day morning, bringing the total to 186 runners, 135 of whom ran and completed the scenic 3.5-mile course that ran though Cohasset Common and past Sandy Beach.

Cohasset's own Mike Kearney won the race, covering the course in 20:57 to finish comfortably ahead of Scituate High track standout Brian Stewart (21:17). Stewart's SHS teammate, Thomas Pollard, was just four seconds in back of that (21:21) and well known local road race figure Ted Coyle, also of Scituate, was fourth with his

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Athletic activity fees on the rise

Prop 2-1/2 mandates, state funding cutbacks usher in hard fiscal reality

By Mike Spellman
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It's a hard fiscal reality: the public can no longer support extracurricular activities.

Proposition 2-1/2 mandates and state funding cutbacks have simply made it impossible for public school departments to keep up with rising costs and the demand for more services.

Several schools in the South Shore area have, subsequently, been forced to institute activity/user fees in the last couple of years, a few of which are already into their second or third increase.

Of the 12 public high schools in Community Newspaper Company/South coverage area, three (Braintree, Abington and Rockland High Schools) are implementing new athletic user fees next school year, two more (Holbrook and Weymouth) are proposing this and two others (Norwell and Silver Lake) will increase their fees.

Braintree High dropped extracurricular fees in the late '90s, but the School Committee recently voted to approve an all-encompassing one time "activity fee" of $100 per student, with a family cap of $250. This fee will cover all extracurricular activities for the school year, athletic and otherwise.

Though this might sound like a lot to some families, it is a far cry from what BHS Athletic Director Frank Tricomi feels is needed to support the current activity agenda for the school. His athletic budget for this school year will finish with an estimated deficit of $89,000, and, he notes somberly, costs are only going to go up next year.

Tricomi does not feel the one-time $100 fee from students, which will be split between several activities (both athletic and non-athletic), will make much of a dent in this kind of deficit.

"I think back to when my daughter went to school," offered Tricomi. "She was doing three sports, National Honor Society, orchestra and a few other things. So that's $100 split between say seven activi-

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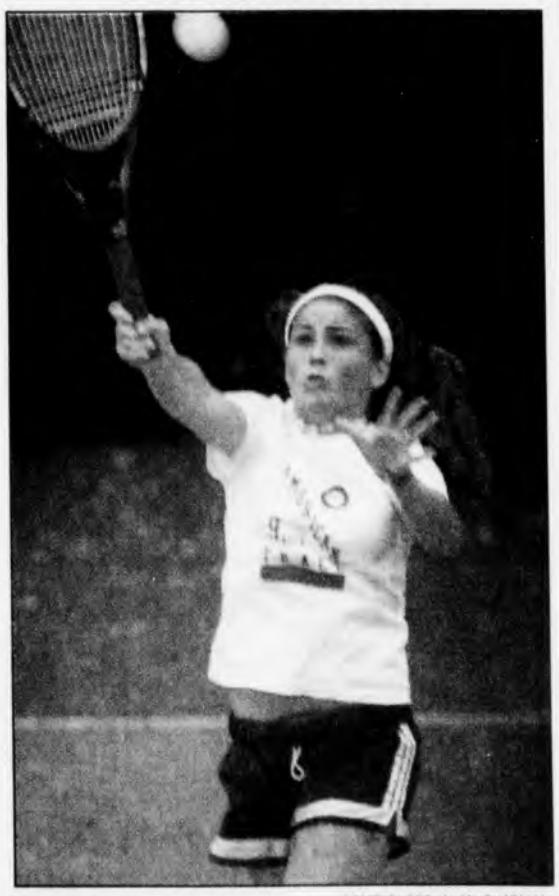

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Courtney Caron and the rest of the Cohasset High girls tennis team captured the state Div. 2 team championships with a 3-2 win over Western Mass. champion Tantasqua on Thursday. See page 1 for story.

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ties. That's not going to help make up much of our shortfall."

Tricomi estimates it costs $400 just to outfit each athlete who plays football, between pads, helmet and uniform. Throw in on top of that coaches' salaries, referee fees and travel costs.

Now, football is by far the most expensive athletic activity, but the other sports have the same kinds of associated expenses. For the most part, ticket sales and booster drives offset only a portion of these financial obligations.

This is precisely why Tricomi originally proposed to the School Committee a plan for separate athletic fees: $250 for one sport, $475 for two and $600 for three. When it became apparent that this one had no chance of flying, he knocked his request down to $100 per sport, but that did not float either.

The result is that BHS athletic officials, like so many of their counterparts, are left searching for creative ways to tighten up their spending.

"We'll cut down on equipment purchases for starters," reported Tricomi. "It won't be anything safety related, obviously. There'll be a few less basketballs, a few less footballs. That kind of thing. There are also a number of other proposals out there right now to save some money."

Among these "proposals" is:

- Increasing the admission prices for school events for students from $2 to $3;
- Tightening things up on buses when different teams are heading to locations in close proximity;
- Athletes buying their own uniforms;
- Eliminating non-league freshman games.

Scituate High School appears to be in better shape than most South Shore area schools at the moment. Officials increased that school's annual student activity fee from $50 to $100 prior to this current school year, and there is no talk of increasing at this time, according to Athletic Director Kathleen McCarthy. This fee covers up to 10 extracurricular activities for the school year, both athletic and non-athletic, as well as the town's bus fee and a discount on admission to all school events.

Town	Period	02-03 fee	03-04 fee	Indiv. Cap	Family Cap	Notes
Abington	annual	none	$150	$150	none	covers all school activities
Braintree	annual	none	$100	$100	$250	covers all school activities
Cohasset	per sport	$75	$75	$200	none	
Duxbury	per sport	$90	$90	none	none	
Hanover	per sport	$50-$100	$50-$100	$200	$300	
Hingham	annual	$150	$150	$150	none	
Holbrook	per sport*	none	$100	N/A	N/A *	proposed
Marshfield	none					
Norwell	annual	$100	$125	$125	$250	covers all school activities
Rockland	annual	$165	$165	$165	$300	covers all school activities
Scituate	annual	$100	$100	$100	none	covers all school activities
Silver Lake	annual	$100	$130	$130	none	covers all school activities
Weymouth	per sport*	none	$50	$150	N/A *	proposed

"It looks like we're in pretty good shape right now," noted McCarthy.

The third-year A.D. feels that SHS benefits from a high student involvement rate in extracurriculars. This year, 475 of the school's 780 students, or roughly 61 percent, paid the $100 fee.

McCarthy does, though, see a very real likelihood of dramatic increases in activity fees in the not too distant future.

"Right now, no one really knows what kind of money is coming from the state," noted McCarthy, referring to local aid prospects. "Things are a lot better right now for the Scituate schools than they were a year ago, but there's other schools where teachers are seeing pink slips right now. That's scary.

"In my opinion, I think you could see the user fees start going up a lot in the next few years, and sooner than that for a lot of towns."

Abington would be one of those "sooner towns," its school committee voting recently to go from no activities fee to a one-time fee of $150 next school year.

"Given our budget reality, this was really the only alternative we had," asserted Abington A.D. Jeff Kent. "We're in pretty dire straits. We increased ticket prices by a dollar last year, and that helped a little, but we needed a lot more, and this seemed the only logical step."

Back in the early '80s, shortly after Proposition 2-1/2 was ratified, AHS instituted a $50 athletic activity fee. Fortunately, the school booster organization soon swooped in and not only eliminated the need for those fees, but saved a few varsity programs. With fiscal times on the upswing a few years after that, the school department was able to re-absorb the extracurricular budgets, leaving the boosters free to pick and choose various school improvement projects. What is happening now financially, however, is well beyond the means of both the boosters and school department.

The school committee has already approved for next year the elimination of the one funded junior high athletic program (basketball), as well as all of the freshman athletic programs at the high school, and that was after the activity fee was approved.

Abington boasted an impressive 50 percent athletic participation rate among its student body this school year, according to Kent. The longtime A.D. expresses hopes that figure will not wane as a result of the user fee.

"We certainly don't want to see anyone stop playing sports or being involved because of this," said Kent. "If there's anyone who can't afford it, they can discretely apply for a waiver and we'll handle that. We'll just have to wait to see what happens, though."

Cohasset, with a student body of just over 350, has had a long standing $75 per sport activity fee, with a cap of $200 per student-athlete.

With approximately 80 percent of the students in grades 9-12 involved in one sport and more than 50 percent in two sports or more, this arrangement seems to cover an acceptable percentage of the athletic operating budget. In other words, there is no move to increase the fee. CHS also has a waiver process.

The Hanover School Committee, in an effort to level the playing field, so to speak, has been charging student athletes $100 to participate in the two most expensive sports, hockey and football, but only $50 per for all other sports. However, there has been talk recently of going to an annual fee, it having been noted that this tends to increase overall athletic involvement.

"Once the fee has been paid, kids are looking to take advantage of that," said first-year Hanover High Athletic Director Fran Coyle. "I know they've found at schools like Scituate and Norwell that the spring enrollment has gone up with the one-time fees."

One town in the South Shore area appears to be immune from the ravages of this harsh financial climate. Marshfield High has no athletic or activity fees, nor does it seem likely there will be anytime soon.

This, of course, has much to do with the town having had both the ability and forethought to squirrel away a total of $10 million in recent years during more prosperous times. The town voted to dip into those coffers for $2.9 million this year to fund an across the board 4.5 percent raise for town employees, but virtually everything else on the town budget has been level funded for next year.

"I think this is a testament to how well our town has handles its money," noted Marshfield High Athletic Director Glenn Ward. "We haven't had to cut any programs. We've spent the money prudently, as we'll hopefully continue to do, and hopefully that will carry us through this latest crunch."

Holbrook High has also been able to avoid going the user fee route up until now, but that town's coffers are running dry, leading HHS Athletic Director Brian Snook toward the same inevitable conclusion so many of his counterparts have already faced.

"Looking at the financial numbers, it looks like something is going to have to give for us next year if we're going to keep all the programs," conceded Snook, who oversees the smallest athletic department in the area, HHS offering only 10 varsity sports, two of which (football and hockey) are cooperative arrangements with Avon.

As of presstime, Snook was still uncertain about what that "something" would be, as his athletic budget for 2003-'04 had still not been finalized. Also complicating matters is talk of forming cooperative athletic programs with Blue Hills, specifically wrestling and track/cross country. The School Committee has floated the idea of an annual $100 athletic activity fee, but substantive discussions have yet to take place.

Fortunately, most of our schools will agree to waive or decrease the fee for families who have trouble making the payment.

"We want kids to keep playing sports; that's the bottom line," said Hanover's Coyle. "We had the fees before, after Prop 2-1/2, and then dropped them when things improved. If things improve again, hopefully we'll be able to drop the user fee. We just want to keep the kids playing sports and staying involved."

Getting in swing

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area the Skippers appear to be strong in for 2004.

Straughn was the staff ace from day one. The fireballing righty struck out 60 hitters through 40-2/3 innings and had an ERA of 3.36. Inconsistency of control was a problem for Ted, as was reflected by his 48 walks.

"Ted has the potential to be a very good pitcher; he just needs to throw strikes more consistently," said Gallotta. "But he was just a sophomore this year. There's reason to believe he'll get better."

Downing finished second on the team in innings pitched. He was particularly effective in the early going, mixing a good breaking pitch with very good control. He struggled a bit down the stretch, but, as with Straughn, it is expected he'll only improve."

Gallotta might have discovered a couple of new pitchers in the final two games. In a 3-2 win over Holbrook on May 22, freshman Chris Bryan threw a complete game two-hitter, striking out eight to earn the win.

"Chris has some definite ability," said Gallotta. "I can see him starting with the varsity team next year, and he could elevate to the number two (pitcher). I'm definitely encouraged knowing I've got him for three more years."

Dooley took to the mound for his first varsity start in the regular season finale 24 hours later at Millis, and he too wound up going the distance to lead the way to an 8-4 win, striking out five while scattering six hits.

"I probably should have started using Mike earlier as a pitcher, but I really didn't want to take him out of the field," said Gallotta. "He played a pretty good shortstop for us this year, and that's such a vital position. You don't like to mess with it."

As it turned out, Andrade was able to make the transition pretty well from second base to shortstop, and sophomore Tim Pilczak played a pretty good second base.

Of course, this was one of the many matters Gallotta might have been able to address in the preseason had it not been for a historical stretch of poor weather.

Rain forced the CHS baseball team indoors for virtually the entire three weeks the team had to get ready for the season opener. Then the postponements began to pile up, and the ensuing make-ups cut into the practice time Gallota would have had later in the season.

"Honestly, I did find it very difficult early on, not being able to get on the field," he conceded. "There's only so much you can do indoors. I think that set the team back, and I know it set me back. I was trying to get kids into positions, and I was really operating in the dark in some ways."

Fortunately, things can only get better on that front next spring.

"Now I know the kids and they know me, and that's a big plus," Gallotta continued. "It was a learning experience for me, and I'll be better next year. I'll be able to concentrate more on individual areas than team areas."

One of those areas will most certainly be hitting. Gallotta has long prided himself in being able to help players in that particular aspect of the game, and he looks forward to the challenge of putting that skill to greater use next season.

Team's dream comes true

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ished her brilliant career as a singles player with a dominating performance, a 6-0, 6-0 second singles win that gave Cohasset its first team point. Grossman utilized a masterful backhand with great consistency to beat Tantasqua senior Sarah Glover in a remarkably quick match.

Grossman had lost in the State semis, with Manchester's number two topping her in straight sets. This win was a touch of redemption for a Grossman, absolutely the perfect way to finish off her high school athletic experience before attempting to walk-on to the Div. I Colgate University team next year.

"I was just out there taking every point," said Grossman, who admitted that she played much better in the State finals than in the semis. "I wasn't holding anything back."

Third singles junior Holly Graham took her point with great ease, winning 6-2, 6-0 just minutes after Grossman had finished. Just five minutes later, the junior second doubles team of Emilie Sullivan and Corey Evans won 6-1, 6-1 to finalize the team victory before first singles sophomore Liz Stone had even finished her first set.

Stone, a superb 16-2 (4-2 playoffs) this year despite a nagging ankle injury, played through pain against senior Morgan Reynolds, the 16th best under-18 tennis player in USTA New England. The two split sets, 5-7, 6-2, but with the team match already decided, Reynolds won in an extended tiebreaker 10-8.

The first doubles team of senior Julie Shea and Courtney Caron lost a tough season-ender in three sets, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6.

Although a 3-2 score nearly always suggests a very tightly contested match, it was amazing to watch the Cohasset team defeat the second-best team in the state with such a high level of cool and poise. The team has great depth and experience, and it definitely showed, with every Cohasset player not letting nerves get the better of them on the biggest stage of their tennis lives.

"[A moment like] this may never happen again to them the rest of their lives," said an elated Kathy Prevett, in her second year as the assistant coach of the team. "They were so mentally ready for this match."

The Cohasset girls team ended their season 22-0, winning the South Shore League title, the South Sectional title, and finally the State title. There is no question they did Mr. Chatterton proud.

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Cohasset youth girls lacrosse report

Youth lax girls finish with wins over Scituate and competitive Family Day

The Cohasset girls youth lacrosse program finished its season in style, with convincing mid- week wins over Scituate and rousing competition at Family Day.

The final games against out-of-town competition were played June 11, and started with a combined Cohasset 12-and-Under squad running out to an 8-1 halftime lead against Scituate and coasting to a 13-6 final.

Gabriella Flibotte scored three goals and added and assist to lead the way, but it was a balanced Cohasset attack that also saw two goals from Amy Meikleham and one each from Hannah Burgess, Jennifer Cahill, Lindsay Hill, Isabelle Franklin, Sophie Bertolami, Madeline Leahy, Lindsay Allard and Maddy Altholtz added solo scores. For Burgess, Cahill and Altholtz, the goals were their first of the season.

Thomson Jaffe stopped eight Scituate shots, most in the first half to allow Cohasset to break out.

The 14-and-Under girls also combined to play Scituate, and ran away to an 11-7 game that was more lopsided than the final score would suggest. Charlotte and Elizabeth Landon combined for three goals and an assist to lead the way, Gabriella Flibotte added a hat trick and Kristen Dooley scored twice, with McKenna Teague, Lindsay Durkin and Colleen Richardson scoring solo goals. For Richardson, a stalwart defensive player all season long, it was her first goal of the season.

Kara Wilcox, Madeline Leahy and Durkin picked up assists during the game

Aisling Guinee made 9 saves in the Cohasset net.

Family Day action on June 15 saw the first scrimmage for the Cohasset 10-and-Under girls, who played in a clinic all season, rather than as a team playing against other towns.

Divided into Blue and White squads for a 30-minute full-field scrimmage without goalies, the girls staged a spirited back-and-forth contest.

The White team jumped out to a 3-0 lead behind two goals from Kathleen Kelly sandwich around a score by Kaci Kucinski. Kucinski and Vicky Wade notched assists on Kelley's goals.

Blue got right back into the game and tied the score at 3 on the strength of two Whitney Jaffe goals sandwiched around a score from Allison Bookstein. Caroline Fein got credit for assists on two of those goals.

White roared back behind scores from Vicky Wade and Abby Brown, and while Jaffe completed a hat trick, Blue was unable to hit the twine again and the game ended 5-4, White.

Jessica Fusco and Dylanne Axelson came up particularly strong for the Blue defense, while Merrick Sease and Alexandra Bowman picked up a number of key ground balls for the White team.

The Blue and White 12-U squads faced off next, with the Blue team being the last obstacle in an unbeaten season for the white team.

White scored the first five goals of the game to establish its dominance. Caitlin Mahoney and Gabriella Flibotte each scored twice, with Madeline Leahy and Amy Meikleham contributing solo scores as White raced to a 6-1 lead. Lindsay Hill's goal was the Blue team's only score.

In the second half, Hill's second goal had Blue thinking comeback, but two Leahy scores and two more from Mahoney put the game out of reach. A Maura Barnes goal for Blue made the final score 10-3 in favor of the White team.

Thomson Jaffe and Abby Faulkner each played a half in the nets for both teams, with Jaffe finishing the game with 10 stops and Faulkner 4.

Next, it was the 14-and-Under teams, both of which had gone through the season unbeaten, with a combined record of 10-0-1 entering Sunday's contest.

The early part of the game saw the two teams trading goals, with Kara Wilcox converting an Alyssa Campbell feed for the Blue, answered by a Gabriella Flibotte goal. Lindsay Durkin's score for Blue was answered by Caren Garber for the White. But Durkin scored her second and set up a Haley Haracz score, and Wilcox fed Charlotte Landon for a goal as Blue finally took command 5-2. An Amy Meikleham goal brought the score to 5-3 at the half.

Durkin opened the second half scoring, before White threatened a comeback behind a Megan Sacks solo score and a Sacks-to-Flibotte scoring run. Haracz, Wilcox and Campbell answered for Blue, and while Flibotte and Sacks both scored once more, White ran out of time and the score ended 9-7 in favor of the Blue team.

Aisling Guinee and Thomson Jaffe split the netminding duties, playing a half with each team. Guinee finished with 8 saves, Jaffe with 6.

Here are the final season statistics for the 12-and-Under girls:

Gabriella Flibotte, 34 goals, 2 assists, 36 points; Lindsey Hill, 14-3-17; Maura Barnes, 13-3-16; Caitlin Mahoney, 8-5-13; Isabelle Franklin, 11-1-12; Katelyn Ryan, 9-0-9; Katie Gaumer, 7-2-9; Lindsey Allard, 6-1-7; Amy Meikleham, 6-0-6; Madeline Leahy, 5-0-5; Sophie Bertolami, 2-0-2; Caroline Saltonstall, 2-0-2; Maddy Altholtz, 1-1-2; Paige Smith, 1-0-1; McKenna Teague, 1-0-1; Abby Faulkner, 0-1-1; Polly Murray, 1-0-1; Johanna Regan, 1-0-1; Leigh Collins, 1-0-1; Hannah Burgess, 1-0-1; Jennifer Cahill, 1-0-1; Olivia Sullivan, 1-0-1.

On the season, Thomson Jaffe stopped 77 shots and gave up 56 goals for a .579 save percentage. Abby Faulkner, who gamely stepped into the goal with very limited training time, made 12 saves and surrendered 19 goals in limited action.

At the 14-and-Under level, the final girls stats are:

Lindsey Durkin, 18 goals, 3 assists, 21 points; Gabriella Flibotte, 20-0-20; Kaleigh Swain, 15- 2-17; Megan Sacks, 11-2-13; Mary Previte, 12-1-13; Haley Haracz, 11-0-11; Kristen Dooley, 11- 0-11; Kara Wilcox, 8-3-11; McKenna Teague, 7-2-9; Charlotte Landon, 5-1-6; Caren Garber, 4- 0-4; Maura Barnes, 2-2-4; Elizabeth Landon, 2-1-3; Alyssa Campbell, 2-1-3; Katelyn Ryan 2-0- 2; Amy Meikleham, 2-0-2; Emily Coggins, 1-0-1; Sarah Bookstein, 1-0-1; Paige Strecker, 1-0-1; Isabelle Franklin, 1-0-1; Colleen Richardson, 1-0-1; Kenzie Durkin, 1-0-1; Sara Brown, 1-0-1; Tessa Leahy, 1-0-1; Madeline Leahy, 0-1-1.

Aisling Guinee did the bulk of the goaltending for both teams, and racked up 55 saves while surrendering 40 goals for a .579 save percentage.

Clark comes through again

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time of 21:29.

The top female finisher was Hingham's Jennifer Fay, who took ninth overall with her run of 22:13, more than two minutes ahead of Cohasset's Barbara Buckley, who took 20th overall with her finish of 24:15. Angela Iaria, of Boston, was the third female to cross (33rd, 25:45), as she just managed to hold off Cohasset High track star Nicole Whitney (25:51) in the race for third place.

The real winners of the race, though, were a variety of youth sports undertakings in Cohasset. Beal reports approximately $5,000 was raised by the 5K race and another $800 by the Kids IK "fun run".

The race began and ended at the Music Circus on Sohier Street, and took runners by Cohasset Common, past Sandy Beach, up Nichols Road and then by the Chatterton house before looping back toward the Music Circus finish line.

This year's race was run the reverse of last year's course, as Beal and her fellow coordinators felt the visual effect off a large clump of runners passing through Cohasset Center together at the beginning of the race would be quite impressive.

Beal is hoping the race will continue to grow in its third year, eyeing a figure of 220 runners as the optimum field for this event.

"I think that would be right about the right number for this course we have," noted Beal, herself a veteran of the road race scene. "That's the goal for now."

That and keeping the spirit of a great friend and boss alive.

Clark Chatterton 'Fund Run' Results

Place	Name	Time
1	Mike Kearney	20:57
2	Brian Stewart	21:17
3	Thomas Pollard	21:21
4	Ted Coyle	21:29
5	Scott Bradford	21:39
6	Jack Bowen	21:44
7	David Darian	21:49
8	Scott Newkirk	22:04
9	Jennifer Fay	22:13
10	Doug Yeager	22:25
11	Ross Lieb-Lappen	22:31
12	Jeremy Wood	22:31
13	Keith Carroll	22:48
14	Michael Henschen	23:05
15	Jenn Buckley	23:12
16	Kevin Wrenn	23:38
17	Mike Campisano	23:40
18	Mark Bouchard	24:03
19	Paul Norton	24:11
20	Barbara Buckley	24:15
21	Garrett Bradley	24:20
22	Eric DiTommaso	24:24
23	Andy Mansfield	24:28
24	John Durkin	25:05
25	Erik Golz	25:08
26	Andrew Quigley	25:09
27	Edward Finn	25:10
28	John Kurtak	25:13
29	Ed Leonard	25:16
30	William Partridge	25:26
31	William Grimes	25:28
32	Jared Krupczak	25:37
33	Angela Iaria	25:45
34	Nicole Whitney	25:51
35	Mike Shea	25:53
36	John Morgan	26:09
37	Paul Callahan	26:30
38	Bob Frey	26:33
39	Coreen Melville	26:36
40	Brian Nash	26:37
41	Charles Robertson	26:46
42	James Miller	26:48
43	Matty Casey	26:59
44	Charles Flint	27:00
45	Torbin Hansen	27:07
46	Bruce McMeekon	27:16
47	Mike Wright	27:23
48	Vic Lanzillotti	27:30
49	Louise Healey	27:30
50	John Kreges	27:36
51	Kevin Dykas	27:39
52	Richard Mosley	27:44
53	William Wilson	27:51
54	Jeffrey Lydon	27:53
55	Christopher Walsh	27:56
56	Scott Sanders	28:00
57	Jane Gregory	28:03
58	Steve Rancatore	28:05
59	JT Oronte	28:07
60	Loraine Healy	28:08
61	Anne Palmer	28:25
62	Nicole Turgiss	28:26
63	Robert D'ambrosio	28:32
64	Jim Murphy	28:37
65	T. Koncoils	29:03
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67	Rick Shea	29:15
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78	Emily Coggins	29:52
79	Edward Reilly	30:01
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83	Patricia Hart	30:41
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86	Dan Hagearty	30:58
87	Jane Lanzillotti	31:00
88	Joe Silva	31:06
89	Nicole Silva	31:06
90	Ruth Hagearty	31:07
91	Abbe Ross	31:11
92	Kristen Henschen	31:13
93	Robert Hagearty	31:17
94	Julie Perkins	31:25
95	M.Ellen Kroeger	31:32
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121	Kevin Cooney	35:22
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Lax seniors established new levels of excellence

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Ipswich last week, "and that's a legacy to be proud of."

The eight seniors on the team accounted for 134 of the team's 218 goals in this year's 16-1 squad, as the team set a school record by winning 16 in a row this season. Not only that, but they were the driving class behind the appearances in the State finals on the 2001 team and the State semi-final showdown in '02.

Curt Kahn, also a valued member of the varsity soccer team in the fall the last few years, has been the leading scorer on a high-flying striker squad that is consistently at the top of the conference offensively. With his trademark ability to dance around bigger and faster players, and the rare field vision for finding tiny holes to open up teammates, Kahn registered 52 goals and 32 assists.

A tremendous asset to the playoff teams of hockey and football the last few years, Tom Anderson helped anchor the team with solid, hard-nosed play, tallying 25 goals and 19 assists. Whether it was punting, receiving, skating, checking, or netting a lax-goal, he was the sort of versatile athlete any coach would want on his field.

Matt Davis, who walked onto the football team his senior year and made an immediate impact, and has made the SSL hockey all-star team the last three years, was leading the team in scoring with 20 goals and 13 assists when an unfortunate collar bone injury sidelined him the rest of the year. Still, he was a motivating factor from the bench, a consummate captain who stayed with his team the whole way through the season.

Robert Hickey played the role of a skillful bruiser on the midfield line, always seeming to have the edge in the brutal game facet known as the face-off. His talent in burying his shoulder into his opponent to gain ground translated well into a very tough all-around game. Also a terrific soccer player, Hickey tallied 29 points, a very high number for a defensive-minded middie.

Evan Pestone, a leader on the soccer field with the ability to score from either side, had the athleticism to play virtually any position on the field. Although his scoring numbers were down this year, he became a leader on the lacrosse field with good footwork and point guard-like passing.

Nick Spirito relished his role as the fearsome defender, a very strong and fast player with job of slowing the opposing team's top scorer. Although his on-field attitude is one of excitement and anger to help rev up his teammates, Spirito does have a 2002 Sportsmanship Award with his name on it.

John Durkin, a wide receiver on the football team and wing on the hockey team, utilizes speed equal or above anyone else on the field/ice. This speed on the lacrosse field allowed him to weave through defenders better than almost anyone, leading to his third best on the team 29 goals to go with 13 assists.

Ben Lynner, like Durkin, had virtually the same role on all three teams he excelled on in his time at Cohasset High School: use his big yet quick frame to find openings. He was arguably the best run-blocker, if not the best defensive player, on the football team, the low-post presence the basketball team so desperately needed, and the lacrosse defenseman that worked in tandem with Spirito to keep lots of unneeded pressure off junior goalie Nick Murphy.

Losing a class of this talent and ability is the inevitable bummer of high school sports. And while every senior misses his/her sport after graduation, not many can claim the same impact on their high school sport as these men have.

Next year's team will have another championship caliber edition of boys lax, and most of that is due to the hard work and effort of these eight athletes. Because of the tradition of excellence the class of 2003 started, the 2004 edition will no doubt be striving all season to preserve the legacy.

If not for bad luck

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single for the heosts after Post 118 errors had extended the innings. Williams would also score on a wild pitch.

Shortstop Mike Gulinello and Alex Knight had one out singles to open the top of the seventh, and Eric Dmohowski followed with a sacrifice fly to cut Post 118's deficit to one, but Quincy hurler Pat Feeney (complete game, seven strikeouts, four hits) buckled down there to get the last out and earn the win.

Nally, a sophomore newcomer from Thayer Academy, really opened Coach Arnold's eyes with his strong mound performance on Wednesday to a tough Canton team, made up predominantly of players from this spring's Div. 2 south sectional finalist Canton High team.

Arnold has been trying to figure out his pitching rotation, having used four different starters (Mike Barry, Dmohowski, Carr and Nally) through Monday, but said that Nally has definitely earned himself at least one more start.

"It looks like Greg is the real deal," lauded Arnold. "He's young, but he's got a great arm, and it looks like he knows what he's doing out there."

Arnold also lauded the work of the defense overall, and shortstop Gulinello in particular.

"Mike has made the move from third base, and that's not exactly an easy move, but he's been doing a phenomenal job for us," praised the 10th year head coach.

The Post 118 squad was scheduled to get back into action this past Tuesday and Wednesday against perennial Zone power West Roxbury and Morrisette, respectively, both games on the road. The next game is tonight's hosting of Weymouth at Scituate High (5:45).

The post 118ers will be back on the road Sunday at Stoughton and then return home Monday night to host Braintree, looking to avenge an early season 6-3 loss that went down to the wire. Both games start at 5:45 p.m..

"The kids will be up for that one," promised Arnold of the Braintree rematch. "We've come close without winning against Braintree a few times now in the last few years, and the kids are hungry to get that monkey of their backs."

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Sophomore catcher Louis Blanco is one of the big reasons it is hoped the Cohasset High baseball team will make a run at its first state tourney berth in many years next spring. See next week's Mariner for the CHS baseball season wrap-up.

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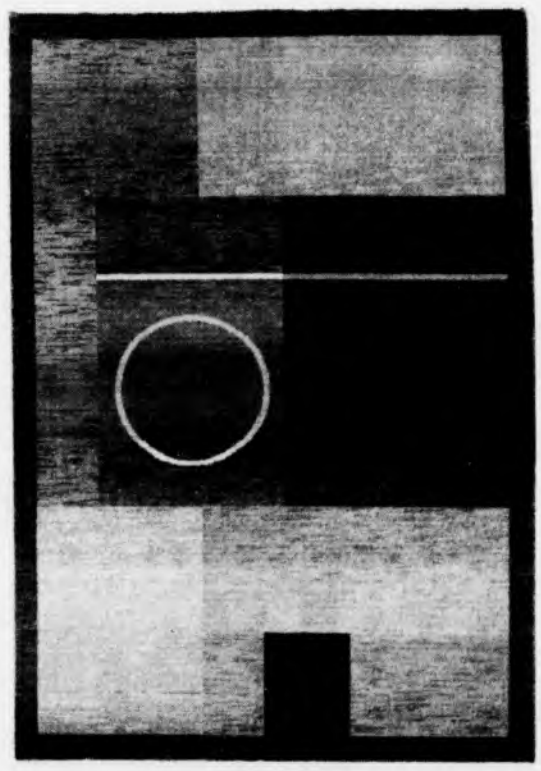

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During the past 11 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc.

Each June the Board of Directors of the South Shore Music Circus takes under consideration the request of the Recreation Commission, for concert funding, hence, certainty of concert are not absolute until mid-June, each season. The SSMC donations are matched by a grant from the American federation of Musicians, N.Y.C.

Based upon continued SSMC funding, the schedule for the 2003 season is as follows:

Tuesday, July 1, 7:30 p.m. Town Common

Tuesday, July 15, 7:30 p.m. Town Common

Performances will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Mr. Richard P. Whitmarsh. Concerts are held on the Cohasset Common, free of charge and the public is cordially invited. It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellent is a good item to have available. You may call the Recreation office at 383-4109 to check on the status of concerts should you be in doubt as to weather conditions.

Register for the Music Circus

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct a Music Circus Registration for "Callou's Big Party" on Tuesday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 5-7 p.m. at the recreation office at town hall.

Music Circus registrations for children involved in The Playground Program are held every Tuesday at the recreation office from 9 a.m. to noon and from 5-7 p.m. for the remaining performance.

"Callou's Big Party" will be held at the Music Circus on July 10. Children will be walked down from the Playground with their counselors.

Our World Children's Museum Walk-a-Thon

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum invites families to participate Saturday in a walk-a-thon and a morning of games to celebrate the completion of Phase I construction.

The museum site is at 100 Sohier St. at the back of the new Paul Pratt Library. Registration for the 9 a.m. walkathon will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the site.

Participants will get a T-shirt, take a walk together around the common and village and return for a tour of the museum space and a morning of games and refreshments. Besides the games, there will be a climbing wall and a fire engine to explore. The cost is $10 for adults; $5 for kids.

While the second floor exhibits will not be completed until the fall of 2004, there will be programming for children on the museum's first floor beginning this fall. A free playground is also in the planning and fundraising stage.

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Sun shines on Festival

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she thinks this speaks very highly of Cohasset's festival.

The Art Center has received about 40 phone calls from people who attended the fair, who wanted more information on how to get in contact with the companies they liked. "If people go away and are still thinking about what they saw, it says a lot," Kennedy said.

Not only did the vendors have success at the Festival, the adjoining Lobster Roll sale and Strawberry Festival were successful as well.

Through the efforts of Lucia Woods, Ann Stenbeck, Amy Leger and numerous willing and enthusiastic helpers, the First Parish Church by far exceeded its expectation of selling 300 rolls, with a grand total of roughly 700.

"It went very, very well for us," said Woods. "We thought it was a great success and we had a marvelous crew."

Woods went on to say that the church has received positive feedback and is certainly planning on holding the festival again next year. "We had a wonderful time," she said.

Annette Sawchuk said the Strawberry Festival was also a big hit, selling out completely by 3:00 Sunday. The church had sliced 525 quarts of berries for the shortcakes. Sawchuk said every year, "there are so many people who come," and notes the weather may have helped bring people out.

The Art Exhibits were also a success with various paintings, photos and even quilts. A very interesting piece in the children's display was a giant candy bar sculpture, with its wrapper undone and a bite taken out of it.

For those who may not have had a chance to purchase a particular craft, Kennedy said the Art Center keeps in contact with the vendors and will be holding a Holiday Marketplace at the Art Center for one day in November to feature what seem to be the most popular 15-20 vendors. For many, this will provide a wonderful opportunity to do some Christmas shopping for unique gifts.

Overall, Kennedy said the Festival was "very, very successful," which makes the exhaustion she feels afterward all worth while.

"It's a great event for so many different reasons," she said, noting how much she enjoys being part of what has become a well-known tradition. While it Kennedy said it changes slightly from year to year, everyone continually works hard to ensure there is always something for everyone.

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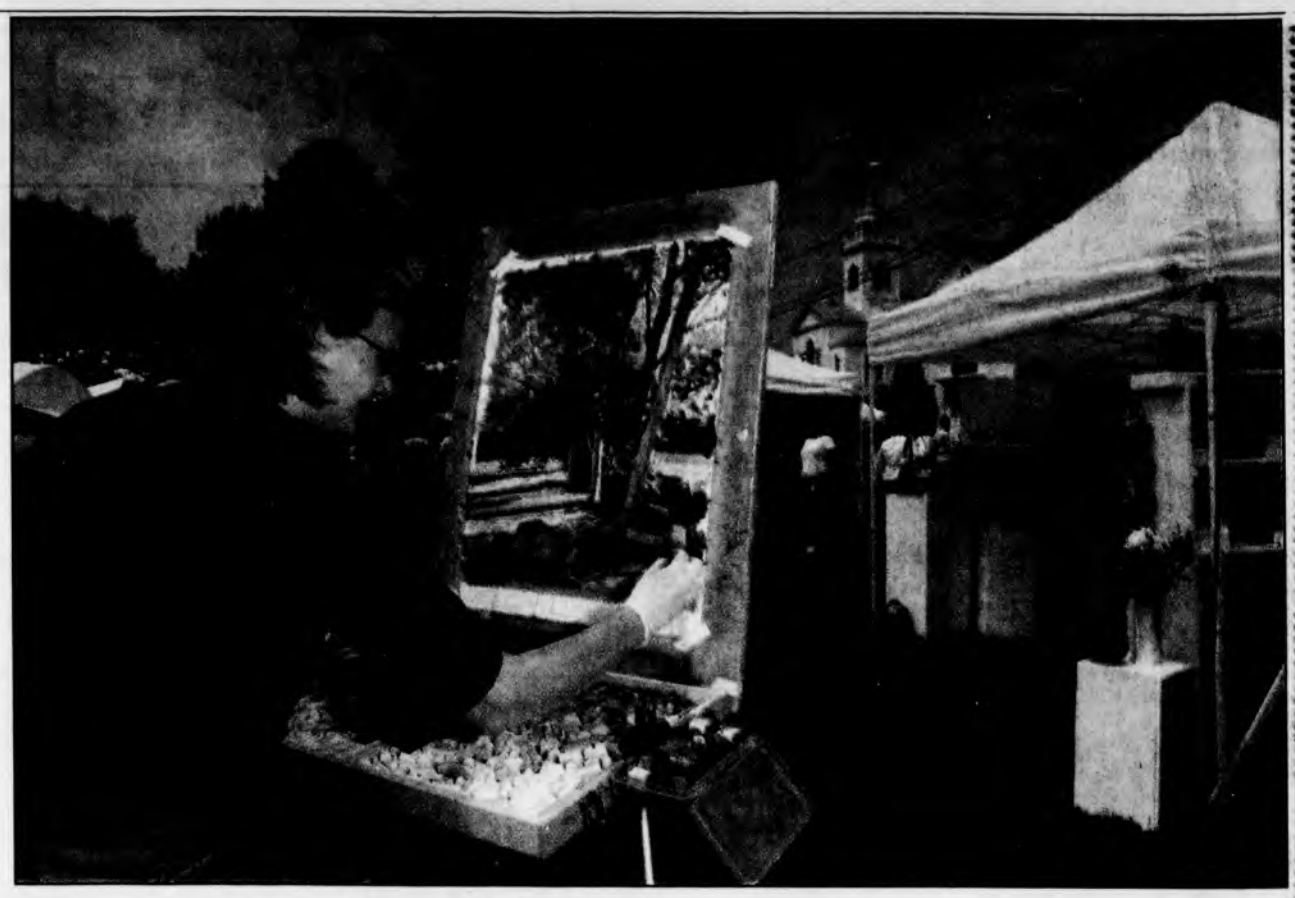
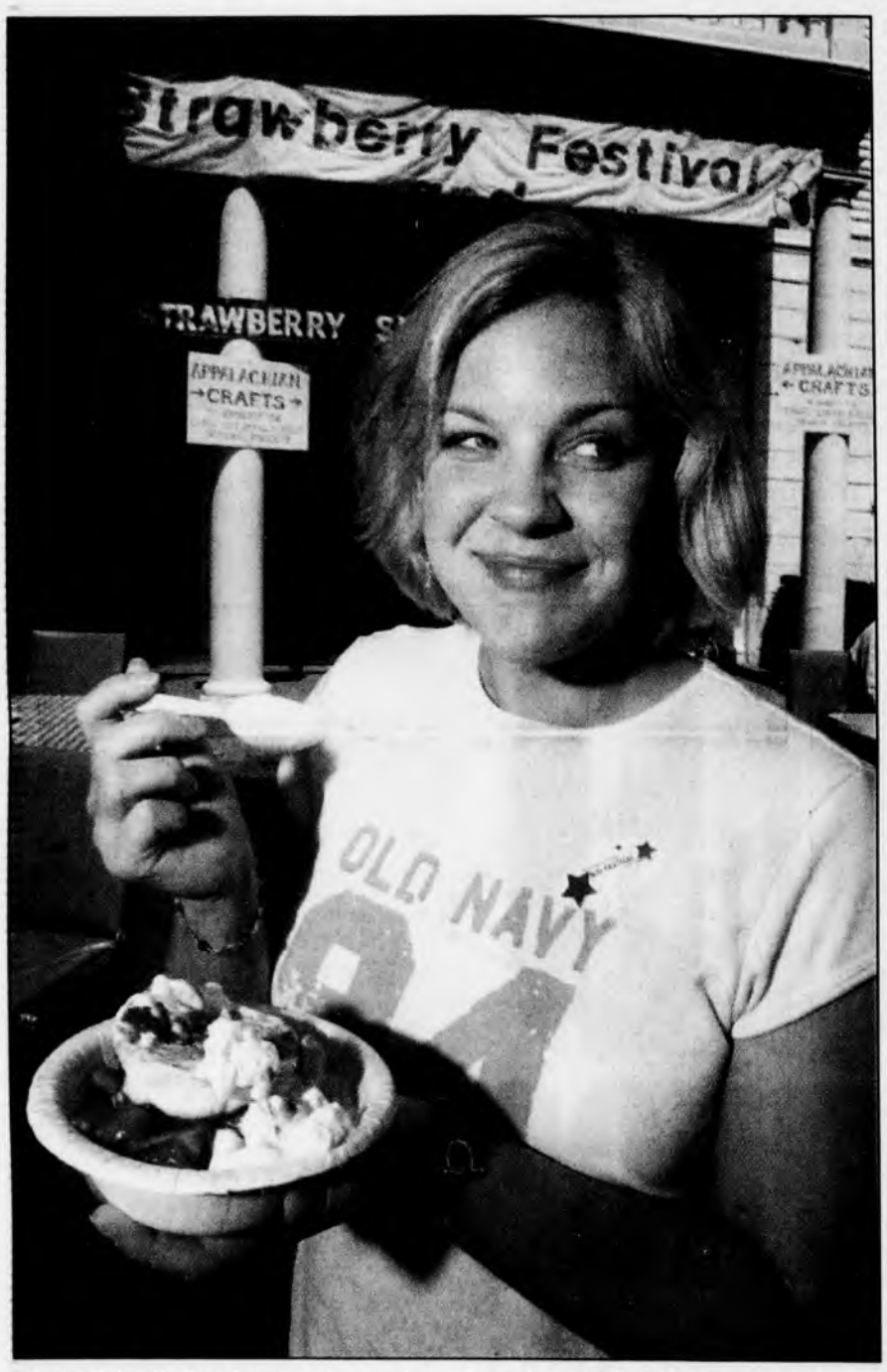
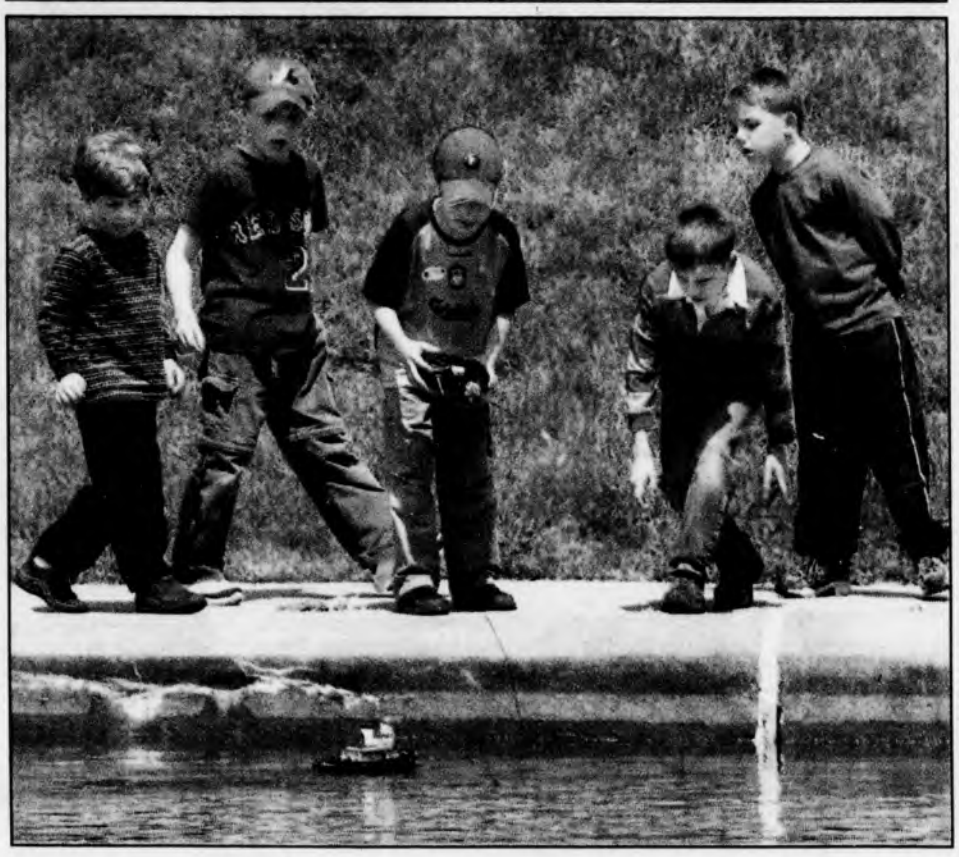


At right, Liz Haywood-Sullivan of Marshfield works on a pastel at the Festival on the Common.

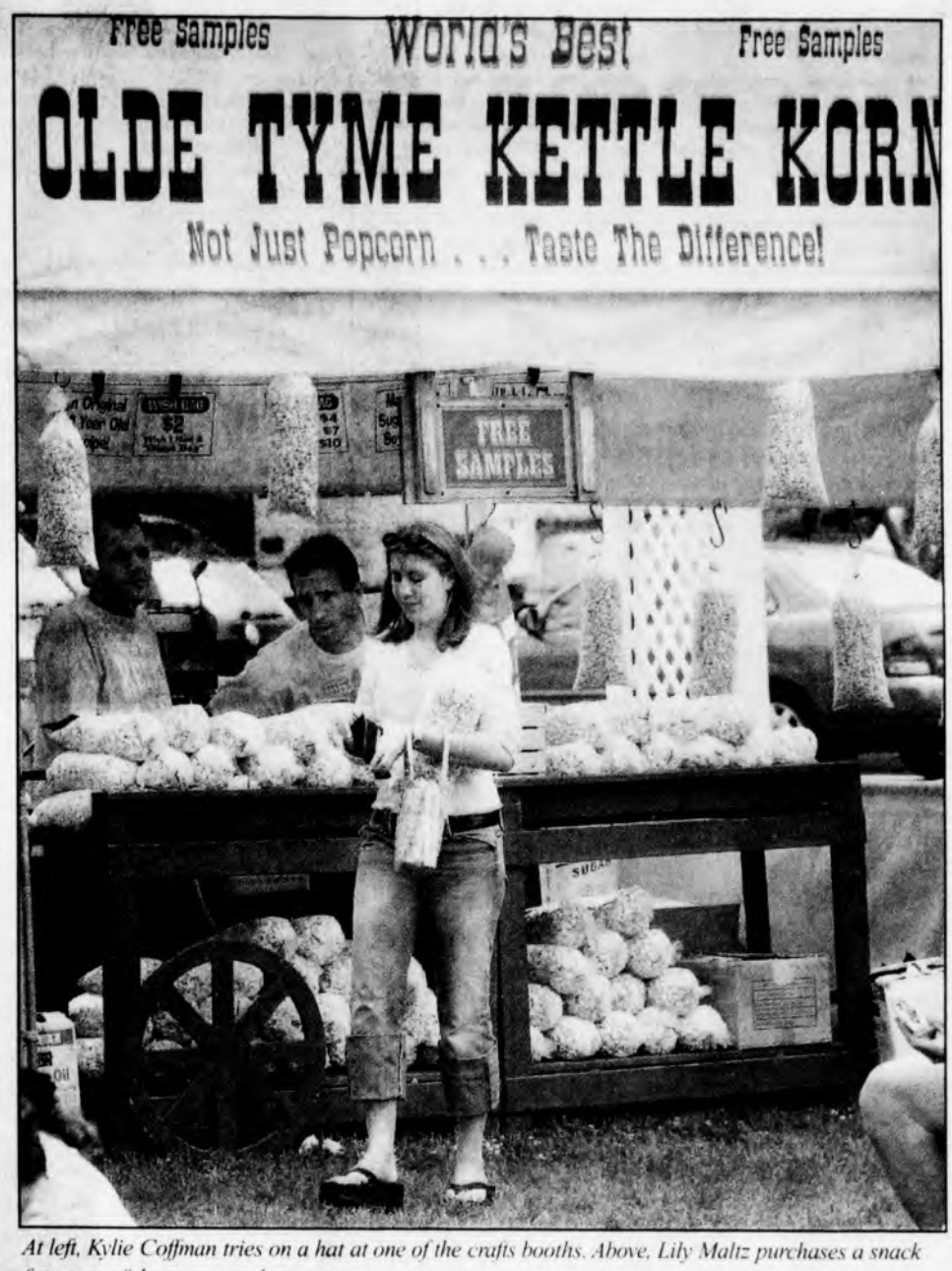




Above, Gabrielle Enright enjoys the strawberry shortcake at the Second Congregational Church. Top right, Lorrie McKenna, Randy Houk and Janet Wright-Hiller peruse the fabulous art exhibit in the big tent. At right, Taggert and Foster Eymer, Nick Brown, Sasha Nakashima and Alex Norton sail remote control boats from the Marine Modelers Club of New England on the duck pond.

At left, Jeff Dimonica ponders a purchase with his daughter Callie aboard. Above, Katie Anderson carries strawberry shortcake to hungry festival-goers.

Festival time again



At left, Kylie Coffman tries on a hat at one of the crafts booths. Above, Lily Maltz purchases a snack from one of the many vendors.

Far right, Bill Martin plays Irish folk music with the O'Reillys.

At right, Christina Dow feeds her mother Donna some Italian Ice.

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At left, Maggie Astley creates a work of art in the Kids Tent. Above, Herman and Win Messmer study some of the artwork on exhibit.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, MAY 31

12:23 p.m. Virginia Lane, medical aid, transported to hospital.

2:57 p.m. Norfolk Road, parking complaint, ticket issued.

3:04 p.m. Locust Road, general disturbance.

4:39 p.m. Border St., general services.

6:01 p.m. King St., fire, investigation.

6:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:01 p.m. Rocky Lane, parking complaint.

7:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:15 p.m. South Main St., request for police officer/s, services rendered.

9:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:05 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.

10:30 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:03 p.m. Elm St., suspicious person(s)/activity, services rendered.

11:28 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Jerusalem Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:48 p.m. Country Way, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:58 p.m. Norfolk Road, general services.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

12:07 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:08 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Melissa Beth Patterson, 17, of 76 Tucker Road, Hanover. Charges: Person under 21 possessing liquor; unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle; speeding in violation of special regs.

Arrest of Matthew Paul Delaney, 16, of 490 Cushing St., Hingham. Charge: Person under 21 possession of liquor.

Arrest of Christian R. Lavoie, 18, of 6 Olney St., Hull. Charge: Person under 21 possessing liquor.

1 a.m. Beechwood St., assist motorist.

2:12 a.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle, suspicious person(s)/activity.

10:46 a.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle, suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:54 p.m. Country Way, assist municipal agency(ies).

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NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P1302AA

In the Estate of WINIFRED GRAZIER KUHN

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death June 14, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE WILL ANNEXED

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JOHN C. KUHN of NORWELL in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed as administrator with the will annexed of said estate to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 9, 2003.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, May 30, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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RICKETS ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P1389EP

In the Estate of FRANCES E. RICKETS

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death March 4, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that EDWIN B. RICKETTS of SOMERVILLE in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 16, 2003.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, June 5, 2003.

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Sow fun

Organic farm perennially popular for kids with green thumbs

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

There are kids that love sports, kids that love theater, kids that love music, and kids that love art, science, horses and dance. And in the summer, there are generally plenty of camps and activities for them.

But what about the kid that loves to be out in the garden, getting their hands dirty, growing things? For the teen and pre-teen who has moved beyond the garden plot in the backyard, there is a p they can spend part of the summer learning about and growing organic food.

The Young Farmers program at Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset is a summer work and camp experience for young people entering grades 7 through 9.

The farm, at 236 Jerusalem Road, grows certified organic vegetables, herbs, flowers and seedlings for sale at a seasonal farm stand and at the Cohasset Farmers Market. Owned for five generations by the White family, Holly Hill Farm has had various incarnations, but is currently operating as an organic vegetable farm.

Farm Manager Kate Sullivan said that Holly Hill began the camp program partly because of a need within the adolescent age group for exposure to farms, growing things and gardening.

"We had been running education programs for a long time and we have always done a lot with elementary age and high school age children. But one age group that we had not seen a lot of is the young teens. It's a tough age for a summer experience, because they're too young for a real job but too old, in a lot of cases, for a traditional camp," she said.

At Holly Hill's Young Farmer program, teens and pre-teens going into grades 7 through 9 get a mix of both work and camp. Participants work as a group, in teams, with children their own age. They assist in daily farm tasks such as harvesting vegetables and flowers, weeding, transplanting, sowing seeds, weighing produce at the farm stand and more. Participants also learn how to prepare and cook a fresh organic meal from the farm's vegetables and herbs. Participants receive a stipend for their efforts at the end of the week.

"While they spend a lot of time working, the students also learn a lot too, because we spend time demonstrating skills and teaching them how to approach tasks," said Sullivan.

"They learn a lot about organic farming and gardening. We especially emphasize their connection to food and farming. We try to get them to talk about that, the importance of it," she said.

One way Holly Hill tries to connect the participants to farming is by talking about their family history.

"We talk about how far back in their family history farming is. We want the kids to feel more of a connection to their food, rather than just pulling it off the shelf at the supermarket," she said.

A highlight of the campers' week is the Friday lunch, where campers can show off their skills and new-found education when they cook a meal for their families.

"They do the whole thing, draw up the menu and do all the cooking. They really look forward to it," said Sullivan.

Sullivan said she believes the Holly Hill Young Farmers program fills a niche, hopefully, for adolescents who may have different interests from some of their peers.

"Not every child wants to go to soccer or gymnastics camp, but this is also is good, healthy exercise in the outdoors. The kids get outdoors, they learn, they grow things. There's a real sense of accomplishment," she said.

The 2003 Young Farmers Program is sponsored by the Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. in partnership with Weir River Farm and the Trustees of Reservations. Three week-long sessions run throughout the month of July, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon. The cost is $150 per week. For more information, call the farm at 781-383-1455.

Katie Callahan of Cohasset plants scallions at Holly Hill Farm during last year's Young Farmers program.

A country homecoming

Country songstress Jo Dee Messina headlines at Music Circus

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Jo Dee Messina might well be on her way to becoming this decade's Reba McIntyre, who, incidentally, the coming-of-age country music diva names as her main musical influence.

Like McIntyre, Messina has a bright, booming, twangy voice that jumps out of the radio speakers, plus strong songs with solid hooks and idealized lyrics ripe for pure country hit-making, from romantic good times and/or heartbreak to the release of hitting the open roads. Messina's own lengthy-and-growing string of hits adds personal, soul-baring tones, reflected in such lyrical sentiments as "I believe in things unseen/I believe in the message of a dream" ("Because You Love Me") and "Somewhere greener, somewhere warmer" ("Heads Carolina, Tails California").

Messina's success story in the ever-competitive Nashville country music industry — so far including three platinum albums, eleven Top Ten country singles including five number ones, the CMA (Country Music Association) Horizon Award, ACM's (Academy of Country Music) Top New Female Vocalist and a new Greatest Hits CD, which has debuted at number 14 on the Billboard national album chart — seems all the more notable given that the singer hails originally not from the usual country-music breeding grounds of the South or Midwest but from Holliston, Massachusetts.

New England's favorite country songbird brings her act home this Saturday with a rare home state show at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset. Opening for Messina is another homegrown country crooner, singer/songwriter — Hull's own Dave Foley.

"I usually come back to play in Massachusetts at least once a year," said Messina. "And it's always a very festive homecoming sort of thing. I see a lot of family and friends, and the show becomes a very laid-back type of event. Also very personalized for me, with people like my parents, brother, sisters, cousins or other family sitting in the audience."

Messina's brother and one of her sisters also figure heavily in her early career. The singer formed her first self-named band at age 16, with brother Vinnie on drums and sister Marianne on bass, playing at clubs and country-circuit venues all around New England. Including, as opener Foley in fact recalls, the Oakland House restaurant and pub in Hull at one point in the late 1980s. Messina herself recollects that even then her musical roots were all country.

"We worked really hard travelling all over New England playing usually three or four shows a week," Messina said. "Musically, we played songs by everyone from Patsy Cline to Tammy Wynette to Reba McIntyre to Jamie Fricke, then we'd occasionally toss in an oldie like 'Twist and Shout' or something like it."

But country has always come natural to Messina and her band.

"We were a country band all the way because that's what caught our ears most and was the style of music we wanted to do. I found from the beginning that country was what I most related to, pretty much for the reasons that most fans do, because of the way it tells stories and the pure simplicity of it."

Messina finally took that countrified focus to Nashville in 1990. By '95, she landed her first number 1 country record and, through her friendship with then rising country superstar Tim McGraw, signed the deal with Curb Records that launched her current high-profile career.

Jo Dee Messina will perform Saturday, June 21 at 8 p.m. at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset. Tickets are $47.50/$37.50 and are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the South Shore Music Circus open daily from noon to 6 p.m. For more information call the Music Circus at (781) 383-9850.

Jo Dee Messina returns to the South Shore Music Circus for a concert performance Saturday, June 21.

Local country singer Dave Foley has a new look and a new CD to celebrate. He'll open for Jo Dee Messina in her South Shore Music Circus performance Saturday, June 21.

What's new is old

Dave Foley opens at music circus, kicks off latest release at Mount Blue

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

With his self-named band or solo-acoustic, Dave Foley is still solid roots-country, not just old school but the oldest, as defined by the likes of Jimmie Rodgers, Hank Williams Sr., and George Jones.

But on his new CD, *The Willing Man*, Foley has decided to update the sound and image just a bit. The disc is the singer's first in three years and his first wholly self-produced CD project without his former label, the locally based online independent cdfreedom.com.

Musically, Foley moves more toward a retro-chic 1950s/Sun Records country-rockabilly sound reminiscent of the earliest Elvis or Johnny Cash with the crisp production of 80s/90s George Strait and Dwight Yoakam records. He also departs from the band efforts of his previous discs and delivers this flavor while handling most of the instruments himself.

On stage, Foley has at least temporarily ditched those fringed, embroidered cowboy shirts that he and his band favored for its first few years through the mid 90s and opted for a look that's more, well, contemporary casual. But he's never letting go of the vintage 1955 Gretsch Country Club guitar or any of numerous other classic instruments he regularly deploys to find that genuine sound. Such should be the case once again as Foley appears this Saturday at the South Shore Music Circus as the opening act for headliner Jo Dee Messina.

"I wanted to keep the feel of the music as much genuine as possible, by using old guitars, old amps, just all vintage equipment. I played a 1961 Gretsch Anniversary guitar on some songs, and a 1963 Gibson J-45 on some others.
Dave Foley

"On the new CD, the writing and musical style are pretty much the same as on my other two discs with the band. Except I'm playing almost all the instruments myself, which let me do some experimenting with new sounds," said Foley, who lives in Hull and has played at numerous clubs and bars all around the South Shore, Boston area and Cape Cod.

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Living

Coffee cake plain and simple

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

A recent trip to Flour, a top-notch bakery in Boston's South End, put me face-to-face with a world-class coffee cake, one that was as simple as it was soft and creamy. The combination of simplicity and tender crumb reminded me that many coffee cakes are all about streusel rather than the cake. In fact, when I made three of my favorite coffee cake recipes, I discovered that the cake itself was second-rate. So I set out, with Flour's recipe as a road map, to go back to basics with a coffee cake that would be simple to throw together and yet ethereal in texture, a cake so good that it didn't need streusel.

The basic recipe included cake flour, crème fraiche, sugar, butter, eggs, leavener and vanilla. The mixing method, one borrowed from Rose Beranbaum's Cake Bible, is to blend softened butter with the dry ingredients before adding the liquid components. This method, as opposed to creaming the butter, produces a particularly soft, tender crumb and is perfect for coffee cakes. With this basic mixing method in hand, I set out to examine the ingredients.

The first step was to investigate the flour. I tried substituting some of the cake flour with all-purpose but did not like the results. (The cake was less tender, less moist, and flourier.) I then tested the amount of cake flour and finally settled on 2 2/3 cups down from my original quantity of 3 cups. Baking powder was best at 3/4 teaspoon and the baking soda ended up at a half teaspoon. Although many coffee cakes use a higher proportion of sugar, I felt that 1 1/2 cups was enough to add sweetness and moisture without being heavy or cloying. The original recipe called for 24 tablespoons of butter and I ended up reducing this to 16 tablespoons, hardly a diet cake, but nonetheless a bit less fatty. For proper mixing, the butter does have to be at room temperature – cold butter will simply not work itself into the flour.

As for eggs, many times I replace some of the whole eggs with just yolks. This creates a tenderer product and so I ended up with 2 whole eggs and 2 yolks. Although the Flour recipe called for crème fraiche, I switched to sour cream since it is readily available in supermarkets. I also tried substituting milk, yogurt, or buttermilk and although the cakes were good (the yogurt and buttermilk versions were best), the sour cream version was the clear winner. I used 1/2 teaspoon of salt and 1 teaspoon of vanilla to round out the cake.

In terms of mixing method, I did test creaming the butter – the standard coffee cake approach – and compared it to the butter/flour approach outlined above. The latter was the clear winner with a finer, tenderer crumb. However, I did find that adding 1/4 cup of the sour cream to the butter when mixed with the dry ingredients lightens the mixture and makes it easier to incorporate the wet ingredients later. This cake bakes up best at 350 degrees in a tube pan for about an hour. Once fully cooled, it can be removed from the pan and sprinkled with confectioners' sugar or use one of the simple glazes below.

PLAIN AND SIMPLE COFFEE CAKE

This recipe is best made using a standing mixer with a paddle attachment since butter has to be mixed with flour. To finish this cake, simply sprinkle with confectioner's sugar or use one of the glaze recipes below. This "coffee" cake can also be served as a simple dessert, perhaps served with some fresh berries.

1 cup sour cream
2 whole eggs plus 2 yolks
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 2/3 cups cake flour
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 easpoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 sticks butter, softened but still cool, cut into 1-inch pieces plus additional butter for greasing the pan

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Grease a 10-inch tube pan with butter. Whisk 3/4-cup sour cream, the eggs and yolks, and the vanilla in a small bowl until well combined.

2. Place the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in the bowl of a standing mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mix on low speed for 30 seconds to blend. Add the butter and 1/4 cup of the sour cream and mix on low speed until dry ingredients are moistened, about 1 minute. Increase the speed to medium and mix until the batter comes together, about 30 seconds. Increase the speed to medium high and mix for two minutes, stopping to scrape down the sides of the bowl once or twice. Add the sour cream/egg mixture to the batter in three batches mixing for about 20 seconds after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and beat on medium high until batter is homogeneous and fluffy, about 1 minute.

3. Transfer the batter to the prepared pan and bake until the cake is golden brown, feels set, and a cake tester comes out clean when inserted into the center, about 1 hour. Let cool completely on a rack. Run a thin knife around the perimeter of the cake as well as around the center tube. Invert the cake onto a rack and remove the tube pan and then reinvert the cake onto a plate. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar before serving or drizzle with one of the glazes below.

Makes one 10-inch cake.

LEMON GLAZE

This simple glaze adds a lot of flavor and contrast to the cake.

1 cup confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon lemon zest
2 teaspoons softened butter
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Whisk all ingredients together until you have a smooth glaze thin enough to drizzle over cake. If the glaze is too thick, add lemon juice a couple of drops at a time until desired consistency is reached.

ORANGE GLAZE

Substitute orange zest and juice for the lemon in the above recipe.

MARBLE CAKE VARIATION

In step 3, instead of transferring all of the batter into the prepared pan, spoon half of the batter (about 2 1/2 cups) in four large blobs at 3 o'clock, 6 o'clock, 9 o'clock, and 12 o'clock. Add 2 tablespoons cocoa powder to the remaining batter and whisk to combine. Place the chocolate batter in four large blobs in the spaces. Drag a butter knife in a spiral to gently combine the batters. The spiral should have several courses about 1/2 inch apart. Place the cake in the oven and proceed with step three.

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Captivating container gardens

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

During the month of June our landscapes approach their peak appearance. The endless hours spent planting, fertilizing, weeding and mulching, come to fruition as moderate temperatures and plentiful moisture thicken our lawns and fill our gardens with luxuriant flowers and foliage. Regal rhododendrons in shades of pink, purple, red and white create breathtaking displays. Perennial borders attain their ultimate splendor. Flamboyant peonies, iris, and the tissue paper blooms of oriental poppies bloom in unison, their showy blossoms readily viewed from afar. Mounds of perennial geraniums, aromatic catmint (Nepeta), graceful Canterbury bells (Campanula), bleeding hearts (Dicentra), salvias, dainty coral bells (Heuchera), delicate Dianthus, fragrant roses and spectacular clematis paint the landscape with cheerful abandon. Sweet perfumes fill the air, birds sing and a profusion of butterflies float from flower to flower each time the sunshine returns. It is truly a glorious time of year.

Although dampness, cool temperatures and minimal sunshine have delayed our efforts to plant warm weather annuals and vegetables, it is not too late to sow seeds or grow transplants. Despite my best intentions every spring to plant these tender seedlings around Memorial Day, I tend to focus on the perennial borders early in the season. It is often not until the 4th of July that the annual and vegetable transplants find their way into soil but warmth, fertilizer and consistent moisture often make up for lost time. We still manage to harvest vegetables late in the season and the annuals put on a great show in the fall when many of the perennial blooms have faded.

Perennials have always been my primary passion, but in recent years, as the perennial borders have become overcrowded, I have developed a growing interest in container gardens. When the weather is cold and dreary and the ground is soggy, I am content to escape to the confines of a dry garage to plant colorful tropical blooms and foliages in a wide and ever-expanding collection of decorative pots. Even my vegetable garden has become containerized as I grew weary of cultivating robust broccoli and squash only to have Chuck and his offspring devour the plants just as they were prime for picking. While many transplants are rotting in the ground, those growing in my containers are flourishing.

Container gardens offer many advantages including portability and the ability to grow plants where soils are nonexistent or too wet, rocky or hard to cultivate. They make glorious accents to entryways, walks, patios and decks and can be used to brighten even the darkest corner. Nearly any vessel will do as long as it will hold a bit of soil and has a drainage hole. Many new materials have been developed that offer lightweight, attractive durable containers which mimic clay pottery and glazed ceramic containers offer a wealth of color possibilities. Be sure to consider the color of your container when choosing your plant material.

For container-grown plants to survive and thrive, it is critical that the growing medium allows for quick drainage. Use a lightweight, bagged, soilless mix rather than garden soil. Potting soils are available that offer fertilizer, water saver crystals and growing medium all in one bag. In hot, dry summers, the water saver crystals reduce the need for frequent watering but during extended periods of cool, wet weather, especially early in the season, some of these soils may become waterlogged. When planting a large or deep container, it is usually not necessary to fill the entire planter with potting soil. Several inches of Styrofoam packing peanuts in the bottom of larger planters will allow for ample drainage with the added benefit of being lightweight should you need to move the container from time to time. Crushed stone or small rocks could also be used to ensure good drainage and provide additional weight for taller plantings or to stabilize lightweight containers.

For a truly captivating display, adopt the same design principles used to create a full-scale garden. Depending on the size of your container, try to incorporate a variety of plants that offer textural contrasts, harmonizing color combinations and a diversity of forms. Look for a few taller plants to give vertical dimension to your container; the height of these plants should be in proportion to the size of the pot. The addition of cascading plants to a window box or container garden greatly expands the dimensions of the display, softening the container's edge, creating flow and providing even greater opportunities for color and texture. Repetition of color, form or texture will produce a more unified design. A simple approach might feature a singular upright plant in the center as a focal point, three shorter plants laid out in a triangle around the central point and three cascading plants in the spaces in between at the container's edge. The choice of plants would depend on the size of the container and the light conditions available.

In addition to providing colorful accents, container gardens can also be used to entice desirable wildlife visitors to your deck or patio. Pink and lavender flowers, especially daisies and lantana, will attract butterflies. Hummingbirds cannot resist red, orange or bright pink tubular flowers including fuchsia, salvia, flowering maple, nasturtium, petunias, million bells or impatiens.

Nurseries still have abundant supplies for creative containers. Use your imagination and add pizzazz to your doorstep, walkway, patio or deck with colorful, portable gardens.

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What's new is old

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"I play electric and acoustic guitars, electric bass and lap steel, which I used to get the almost Hawaiian-like sounds that you hear on most of the tunes. The lap steel is a different sort of instrument than the pedal steel, which creates that crying, moaning sound that you hear on a lot of honky-tonk records and stuff like that. The lap steel is more of a roots-country sound, coupled with a Hawaiian flair. Or like on the classic Hank Williams records. I'm basically going for the Don Helms sound, the one that he played in Hank's band as his lap steel player," Foley said.

Foley's virtual one-man studio show did require some spare vocal and instrumental support. Also on the disc are the singer's friend Marc Purcell — an Abington resident best known locally as a folk/blues singer/guitarist — on brush-stick drums, Foley's band-member Rich Holbrook on upright bass, Paul Stewart on acoustic archtop guitar and Jill Mattie on vocal harmonies. The disc was also produced at Stewart's River Street Recorders studio in Braintree.

"I wanted to keep the feel of the music as much genuine as possible, by using old guitars, old amps, just all vintage equipment," Foley said. "I played a 1961 Gretsch Anniversary guitar on some songs, and a 1963 Gibson J-45 on some others. All the lap steel playing though was on the 1955 National lap steel. The whole album is basically my concept of what I like to hear in country music."

Following his opening spot date at the Music Circus, Foley and his regular band will play their CD release party for the new disc next Saturday, June 28 at Mount Blue in Norwell. Foley himself plays regular solo-acoustic shows on Tuesdays at "The Banner," in the Hotel Thomas, Rockland, and Wednesdays at The Cove, Route 3A, Hingham.

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"THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE" 22ND ANNUAL BENEFIT GARDEN TOUR Experience the magnificence of gardens in full bloom at "Through the Garden Gate," the 22nd annual garden tour to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, held on Wednesday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., spend the day visiting seven of the South Shore's prettiest gardens, in Norwell, Hanover and Duxbury. One featured garden stands where a 19th century shipyard once operated, in Duxbury. Overlooking Kingston Bay, this property is large, so wear your walking shoes, and bring a notepad. Picture a tea rose garden that forms an arc around the lawn and overlooks the water. Other highlights include a three-tiered vegetable garden, a monkey puzzle tree and a shade garden that boasts over 20 varieties of hostas. In addition, the Science Center's butterfly, herb, wildflower and raised sensory gardens will be at their finest. While at the Center, enjoy some lemonade and cookies in the air-conditioned facility. All proceeds from this event benefit the educational programming of the Science Center. Tickets for the garden tour are available in advance for $25 ($20 members). Tickets the day of the tour will be $25. A box lunch can be ordered in advance for $8. Tickets may be purchased at the Science Center during normal business hours, or charged via telephone by calling 781-659-2559. Visit our website at www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

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HANOVER 5K ROAD RACE - Saturday, July 5, at 9 a.m. Sylvester Field, Route 139. Entry $15. The course is one large loop that is mostly flat with only four turns. Age groups: 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+. For more information call 781-826-1300 or email bcassidy@healthtrax.com

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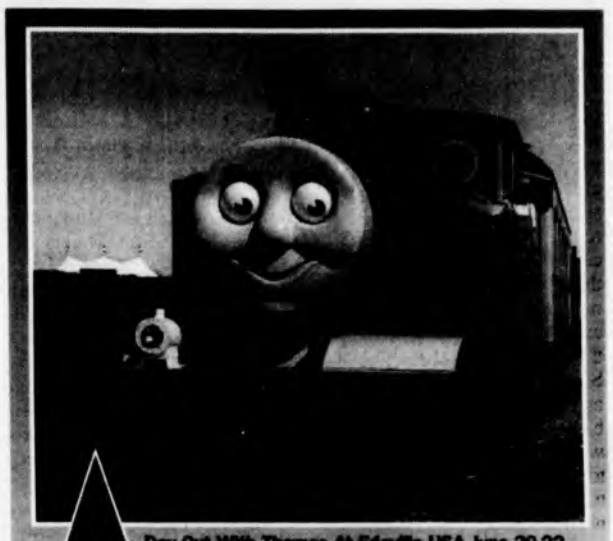

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Thurs. 19

Scituate Gallery Artist, Ray Poritsky, presents "Pastel Originals" at the Scituate Art Gallery in June. The exhibit, which features original works of local scenes of Hingham, Scituate and Cohasset as well as still lifes, many painted outdoors. "Pastel Originals" is on exhibit at the Scituate Art Gallery through June 29. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 781-545-6150.

Borders, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston - June 19, at 6 p.m. **American Girls Club**. A special monthly group for fans of the American Girls Collection.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. June 19, **Legion Bud Band.**

Jimbo's Cafe 781-335-9796 550 Broad Street, Weymouth, Thursday, June 19, 8:30 p.m. Featuring: **Tommy Dunham, Annette Pollack, Jack Hurney, Matt McConnell** and Host: **Brian Melvin**. Admission $5 Reservations recommended Call 781-335-9796 for details.

Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell, presents **Jumpin' Juba** June 19, 8:30 p.m. 781-659-2569.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. June 12, **Sounds of Yesterday.**

Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library opens a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy.** The exhibit will run through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

The fifth season for South Shore Quests opened May 1. Quests are a fun way to get the kids out in nature and a great way to learn of new hiking trails in the area. Clues lead the hiker along a trail in search of the treasure (a stamp and stamp pad). Quest books, which contain directions, maps and the clues for 19 Quests on the South Shore, are available at the Bookport in Hingham, Hingham public library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for $4. If you have any questions contact Kim Juric at 781 749-6121 or kjuric@attbi.com <mailto:kjuric@attbi.com>

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline** 8 to 11 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Fri. 20

Borders, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston - June 20, at 11 p.m. **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix - Magic Fun** - Steve the Magician will share his magic. **Harry Potter Costume Contest**. Come dressed as your favorite character from the Harry Potter series. Three lucky winners will win a magic prize. June 21, at 12:01 a.m. the book will go on sale.

Westwinds Bookshop in Duxbury will host a Harry Potter party at 10:30 p.m. June 20, for anxious fans waiting for the fifth Harry Potter book, **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** to go on sale June 21. The books will be sold promptly at midnight. **The Magical Midnight Festival** will feature food, music, face painting, games and contests all along Diagon Alley, also known as the Duxbury Marketplace. Call 781-934-2128 to pre-order copies.

Single Executives Club Social & Singles Dance Friday, June 20, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35 and over. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business casual dress is acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and www.se-4you.com

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Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Jumpin Juba**. For more information call 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Love Dogs.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The James Library Center for the Arts presents **Meg Morton** photographs "Beasts, Blossoms and Butterflies" through July 2. The library is located at 24 West St., Norwell. For information call 781-659-7100.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc. presents "Little Women" by Roger Wheeler on June, 19, 20, 21, at 7 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1. Lower level. Admission $10 adults, $5 child. For more information call 508-747-1234.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

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Stonehill College Antiques Show and Sale Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. under tents and outdoors at Stonehill College Rain or Shine - 50 exhibitors (Exit 17B off Rte 24) Sponsored by Stonehill College Alumni Assoc. Goosefare Antiques & promotions 800-641-6908

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Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. – Boston Light Cruise, June 21, noon until 5 p.m. Long Wharf Boston, Aquarium T Stop. Cruise to Boston Light, the oldest lighthouse site in North American, climb the 76 steps for a breathtaking view of Boston Harbor. Children must be at least 8 years old or 50 inches tall to ascend the lighthouse stairs.) Bring your own picnic lunch, camera, binoculars, and dress for the weather, beverages and snacks are available on the boats. Adults, $30, seniors $27; embers of FBHI $25, children 12 and under $18. For more information call 781-740-4290.

Third Annual Plymouth Chamber Music Festival June 21-28, held at the Church of the Pilgrimage. The programs feature Brahms, Beetrrhoven, Dvorak and Dehnanyi. For more information visit www.plymouthchambermusicfestival.org

Summer 2003 Free Landmarks Concerts for Children - The Boston Landmarks Orchestra presents the world premiere of **Make Way for Ducklings** June 21, concerts at 4 and 5:30 p.m. The Boston Common Parade Ground. For more information visit www.landmarksorchestra.org

Spread Eagle: Tribute To The Eagles, New England's finest Eagles Tribute Band, performs at **Bad Abbot's** in Quincy, on Saturday, June 21. Spread Eagle will perform from 9:45 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. at this intimate Irish Pub and Restaurant. Enjoy an evening of great food and drink, dancing, and some of the best music of The Eagles, as performed by Spread Eagle: Tribute To The Eagles. Bad Abbot's is located at 1546 Hancock Street (around back) in Quincy. Contact the venue for show information at 617-774-1434. For band information, go to http://www.eaglestributeband.com <http://www.eaglestributeband.com> or send e-mail to info@eaglestributeband.com.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Two Way Street**. For more information call 781-545-9898.

Jo Dee Messina live at the **South Shore Music Circus**, Saturday, June 21, 8 p.m., Tickets $47.50/$37.50 are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6pm.

American Stroke Association Fundraiser - Music provided by TRAX w/ Janelle Malafronte. Bar-B-Que and Keg party event at 6 p.m. $25 tax deduction. Prizes, raffles, giveaways. Call 508-822-1540 for tickets. Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St. Taunton.

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Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield – 781-834-6505 Rock concert: **McGregor and the Griffins** from 9 p.m. to midnight $3 cover.

Sun. 22

The American Liver Foundation – Walk for Research - June 22, 10 a.m. Walkers will enjoy a 3.8 mile stroll along the scenic Charles River. For more information call 617-527-5600 or visit www.walkforresearch.org

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will hold an opening reception for **Floating Sculptures: Traditional and Contemporary New England Decoys** June 22, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The exhibit runs through Aug. 24. This exhibit includes work from traditional craftsmen such as **Joe Lincoln, Elmer Crowell** and **Lothrup Homes** as well as contemporary carvers **Gary Starr, Bob Mosher** and **Steve Weaver.** Free of charge. Visit www.artcomplex.org for information.

Touch A Truck to benefit **The Jett Foundation** will be held June 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Marshfield Fairgrounds. This benefit will feature more than 47 trucks from locally owned businesses that have donated their time and vehicle for children to touch and climb on. Plenty of food and fun for kids of all ages. Free parking.

Willy Nelson and Family at the **South Shore Music Circus,** Saturday, June 22, 7:30 p.m., Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the box office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6pm.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield – 781-834-6505 Swing to the music of **"The Olde Kids on the Block"** 18-piece orchestra (average age 77) from 5 to 8:30 p.m. $10 admission. Dinner optional beginning at 4 p.m.

Mon. 23

The North River Arts Society presents **Places by the Sea** oil paintings by **Diane Scott** June 21 to Aug. 15, at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Opening reception June 23 at 7 p.m.

The Craft Factory, Route 3A, Cohasset. Decorate your room - personalize a corkboard, a light switch, a picture frame, make a banner and paint a self portrait (framed in glass). Ages 4 to 5 June 23 to 27 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Art on the Avenue, featuring paintings, photography and children's playbooks, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visit at 1037 Nantasket Ave. in Hull or call 781-925-5619

"Summer in Full Bloom" Exhibit comes to the Science Center. Greet the summer season in June at the **South Shore Natural Science Center** with a colorful exhibit of floral and landscape paintings in pastel and watercolor by **Tsun Ming Chmielinski**. A 2003 first prize winner in the pastel category of the Duxbury Art Association's Winter Juried Art Show. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 2 to 30, and the public is invited to an opening reception on Sunday, June 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, off route 123 in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 of the route 3 interchange. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org

The South Shore Peace Forum will sponsor a public Educational Forum at 7 p.m. June 23, in the Old Ship Church Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham, to further its concerns about America's role in the world and impediments to peace. The program will address topics for future public forums such as how to help Iraq now, civil liberties and the Patriot Act, veterans' concerns, the future of the United Nations, the looming world water resources crisis, or other topics of concern to participants. The program is free of charge.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 24

The Producers, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library &Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, Sandy Pohl will exhibit her painting for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

The Complete Course in College Funding sponsored by College Funding Associates. Free workshops at Tufts Weymouth Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. June 24, 7 to 9 p.m. Attendance is limited call 781-749-2330 to register.

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Blacked Capped Chickadee 1997 by Steven Weaver **The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will hold an opening reception for Floating Sculptures: Traditional and Contemporary New England Decoys June 22, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The exhibit runs through Aug. 24. This exhibit includes work from traditional craftsmen such as Joe Lincoln, Elmer Crowell and Lothrup Homes as well as contemporary carvers Gary Starr, Bob Mosher and Steve Weaver. Free of charge. Visit www.artcomplex.org for information.**

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The Kolozsvar Unitarian Kollegium Choir will perform a fundraising concert at First Parish Church of Norwell Tuesday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow. Admission is $15 for adults, $12 for students 12-18. First Parish is located at 24 River Street in Norwell Center. For more information call (781)659-7122.

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The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 25

Jimmy Fund/UNICCO Golf and Tennis Classic will be held June 25 at Pinehills Golf Club-Jones Course in Plymouth. Open to the public. Registration and lunch 11 a.m. play begins at 12:30 p.m. Contribution for a standard golf foursome is $1,800. For more information call 617-899-4008

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. : Dr. Rudolph E. Tanzi will present "Alzheimer's Disease: Lessons from Research" on June 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the monthly meeting of the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, at the Hingham Senior Center, Hingham Town Hall, 220 Central St. Free and open to public. Call 781-749-5417 or 781-740-2426 for information.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Summer View: Visiting Artists - **Bert Yarborough, Lee Boynton, Peter Schroth, Carol Woodin, Jesseca Ferguson, Robert Siegelman, Peter Madden**. Dillon Gallery: **Rita Brace, Mary Callahan, Marian Carlson, Liz Haywood-Sullivan. Beverly Rippel, Faculty Feature: Margaret McWethy.**

Norwood Historical Society presents "Every Picture Tells a Story:" Making the most of your old family photographs. Lecture by Maureen Taylor. June 25, 7:30 p.m. at Morrill Memorial Library, 33 Walpole St., Norwood.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

Thurs. 26

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. June 26, **Johnny Souza .**

The North River Arts Society presents **By the River** – an exhibit of original oil paintings by **Susan B. Charles** at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. The exhibit runs through July 19. Summer gallery hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to noon. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

Ed and George of WATD's Yesterday's Memories 95.9 fm; are having a party on board the U.S.S. Salem on July 26, from 2 to 6 p.m. to raise money to help the Salem stay in Quincy. There will be a live broadcast during Ron Dwyer's show. You will hear great music from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. Requests will also be taken for your favorite songs. Pacini's of Quincy and Hanover will have a buffet of pasta, meatballs, salad and beverages. Meet Sen. Robert Hedlund. Ed and George, And Ron Dwyer of WATD.. Other DJs from WATD will also be there. A tour of the ship is also included. Admission $15 per person. For tickets call 781-834-1351 Tickets can also be purchased at the U.S.S. Salem docked at the rotary on Route 3A in Quincy.

Fri. 27

Art of Music Chamber Players "Concerts in the Country" June 27, 8 p.m. at the **Ellison Center for the Arts,** Duxbury. Violinists **Piotr Buczek** and **Wei-Pin Kuo**, violist Don **Krishnaswami** and Artistic Director and cellist **Timothy Roberts** perform Mendelssohn's String Quartet in F minor Op 80; Free parking, reception following concert. Tickets $20, $15, $5. For tickets and information call 781-837-2705.

BEST BET

The Sparrow House Museum will host a Jewelry Trunk Show by Echo of the Dreamer from June 19 -24 at the Summer Street Gallery. The Sparrow House is open daily except Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (508) 747-1240.

BEST BET

The Clyde Beatty Cole Bros. Circus returns to Abington's Memorial Field for four performances over two days, Monday, June 23 and Tuesday, June 24. Showtimes are 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Advanced tickets are available at Storage USA on Route 18, Mike and Dave's Barber Shop, Douglas Jewelers in Rockland and Miracle East Restaurant. Or visit www.tickets.com or call 1-888-332-5600.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

This is a day to break new ground in your business or personal life. If you have been contemplating making a change or beginning a new endeavor, start today. An innovative Aquarius moon prompts you to explore new horizons and develop new alliances. At 9:08 p.m. the moon forms a harmonious contact to the sun and becomes inactive. Group activities, team sports are highlighted this evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

Planetary influences turn around completely today and tomorrow, as the moon travels in the last sign of zodiac, Pisces. The moon enters Pisces at 1:57 a.m., and an alignment to Uranus may disrupt the flow of the morning. Allow extra time for unanticipated distractions or obstacles. Fortunately, this influence passes over by midmorning. The remainder of the day rates high for developing art, music, photography projects. Go with your first impression. Pay attention to your dreams.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

The positive aspects of a Pisces moon are reinforced by harmonious alignments of Mercury and Venus to Neptune. Creativity, artistic sensitivity are at an all-time high. Follow your intuition. You can achieve breakthroughs and find new inspiration with projects that have been difficult to work through. On the other hand, this is not a favorable time for making practical decisions, purchases or long-range commitments. Mercury and Venus conjoin, setting the stage for a social evening. Relax and mellow out completely.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Take it slow and easy this morning. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 10:45 a.m., and the Pisces moon becomes inactive. At 11:06 a.m. a fiery Aries moon takes over. However, a 90-degree alignment to Saturn at 3:36 p.m. may generate delays, reversals, setbacks. Cool your heels; be more adaptable and easygoing. The big news today is that the summer solstice arrives at 3:11 p.m., when the sun enters the sign Cancer. This is a great evening for partying. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

This day rates high across the board. Influences are prime for initiating new enterprises, signing contracts, launching any major activity. It is best to begin before 1:55 p.m., when Mercury forms a harmonious contact to expansive Jupiter. In addition, the moon travels in Aries, forming positive contacts to five planets throughout the day and evening. And Mars, the planetary ruler of Aries, prepares to interact with Saturn. Go for the gold. This is also a wonderful day for vacationing; let more fun and joy into your life. The moon aligns with Pluto at 11:28 p.m. and becomes inactive.

MONDAY, JUNE 23

It can be difficult to get back to business today. A polarity of Mercury and Pluto affects the morning, and warns you to avoid getting caught up in hassles, negative thinking, bad habits. On the other hand, this is a great day for vacationing. The Aries moon continues inactive travel until 11:15 p.m., when it enters Taurus. Alignments of Venus-Jupiter and Mars-Uranus in the afternoon and evening encourage fun and games, new adventures, enjoying the good things in life.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

Planetary action sets the stage for another unusual and interesting day. The sun aligns with Saturn, Uranus and Mars. Saturn forms a harmonious 120-degree contact to Uranus. Venus opposes Pluto. The moon continues active travel in Taurus. This planetary combination reinforces a recurring message this month: Take responsibility for your happiness and free yourself from limited thinking and bad habits. Begin a new chapter in your life.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

After the recent barrage of planetary activity, influences calm down considerably today, giving you an opportunity to rest and regroup. The Taurus moon aligns with Jupiter at 9:41 a.m. and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. Catch up on projects already begun, handle routine chores and errands. Lighten up, relax, mellow out completely this evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

An inactive Taurus moon can make for a slow start to this day. Yesterday's advice applies to this morning as well. Finish old projects rather than starting anything new. At 12:13 p.m. the moon enters lively Gemini, bringing an energy boost. This moon forms challenging 90-degree alignments to Uranus and Mars, however. Give greater attention to accuracy and details. Use extra caution if you are operating machinery; drive defensively. Don't take chances or do anything risky.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Bright and sunny astrological weather prevails today. The moon travels in versatile Gemini. The green light is on for starting new activities. Today's influences are ideal for work that requires communicating with people. Make phone calls, send letters, faxes and e-mails. You will be most productive, if you handle a variety of projects rather than one that demands intense concentration. A lunar alignment to Jupiter makes this evening prime for partying. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

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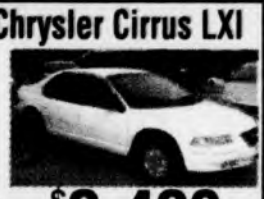

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ZBA wraps up house hearing

3 Jerusalem Lane may set precedent

By Mary Ford
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The walls in the converted downstairs meeting room at Town Hall feature a mural depicting Cohasset's most picturesque scenes from St. Stephen's in the village to the town's rocky coastline. When completed, the pictures — being painted by high school students — will tell more than the proverbial 1,000 words about what makes Cohasset such a desirable place to live.

However, the parallel at last week's Zoning Board of Appeals marathon meeting may have been lost on those in the packed room, who spent upwards of 3-1/2 hours listening to what has become a tangled mess of property owners' rights. As the meeting wore on, audience members squirming on plastic seats, struggled to follow the complexities of what now can be best dubbed "the 3 Jerusalem Lane saga."

"This structure is in full compliance with zoning requirements save one issue, this undersized lot."
— Martin Healy, attorney

When finally resolved, the precedent-setting "Ayer case" will no doubt put Cohasset on a different kind of map. When arguing cases in places with water views such as Duxbury, Cape Cod or Nantucket, lawyers will certainly add 3 Jerusalem Lane to their repertoire.

What's at stake is a

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Helping dunes make a comeback

PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

One of the new signs installed Monday off Atlantic Avenue across from Sandy Beach asking people to keep off the dunes.

Would protect fragile ecosystem

By Samantha Brown
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Flanked on both sides by gorgeous vistas, Atlantic Avenue is arguably one of the most beautiful spots in town. With Sandy Beach serving as a popular summertime hangout for beach-goers, it's ironic that just across the street, a fragile ecosystem is feeling the effects of those very same people.

Across from Sandy Beach lies Little Harbor, a valuable natural resource which Jim Shipsky of the Cohasset Environmental Support Group said has slowly but surely come into a potentially dangerous ecological situation over the years. Shipsky said the salt marsh has been gradually filling up with sand as a result of damage caused to the dunes, which used to serve as its natural protection, threatening to

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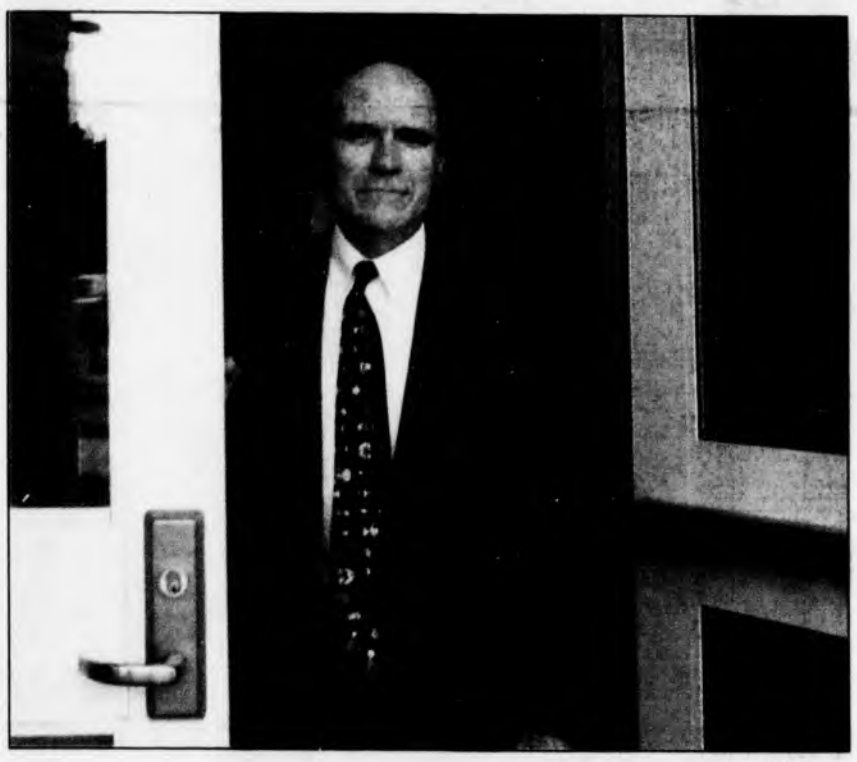

PHOTO/MARY FORD

Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan, whose contract wasn't renewed, walks outside to say farewell to students on the last day of school.

Popular principal won't be back

Contract was not renewed

By Mary Ford
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"I'm most proud of working with the staff, PSO and school to create a cohesiveness, a Deer Hill family, with everyone working well together."
— Paul Callahan

Last Thursday was a tough day for Paul Callahan. The Deer Hill principal is leaving a school and a job he loves to join the unemployment lines.

All day long mothers gave him hugs, dads shook his hand and wished him well, and pupils presented him with notes and flowers. Everyone, including the 52-member faculty and staff, gave him standing ovations (three in all) during the grade 6 graduation ceremony.

A few minutes later, the 55-year-old whose passion besides education is running marathons, quickly jogged over to the driveway with the rest of the faculty to wave goodbye to the students who were aboard big, yellow school buses. Little hands grasping report cards waved by the windows, teachers standing on the school's front lawn smiled and waved back. The scene provided a farewell picture deserving of a Norman Rockwell illustration.

But for Callahan, who lives in Hingham, this was not the typical, happy ending to the school year. A year ago, Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey gave him notice that his contract, which

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Marine educational center launched in Hagerty House

Roy Herzfelder cuts the ribbon

By Samantha Brown
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Imagine traveling down a dead-end street which leads you to the peaceful blue waters of the ocean. Boats drift by and a hint of diesel fuel mixes with the scent of salt in the air, as the sun sets in the distance. While it may sound like a Hollywood set, or even a page from a romance novel, it was the backdrop of a ribbon-cutting ceremony commemorating the opening of the Center for Student Coastal Research in the former Hagerty building off Parker Avenue.

With such an inspirational setting, the CSCR should experience continued success in its new home.

The CSCR, which is governed by a 10-member Board of Directors made up of local residents, has grown to 30 participants and counting, gathering valuable information pertaining to the coastal watershed. Each year, students of all ages will be able to build on previous data collected, providing a service to the town while learning valuable research techniques.

The center, located in Mariners Park, will aim to educate and raise awareness about the marine and coastal ecosystems in Cohasset. Working with local schools, the facility will provide programs that will not only teach children about sea life, but will also benefit the town.

Summer programs will also be a big part of the center, giving students hands-on exploration of Cohasset's coast. While the programs for high school students will focus on in-depth study, activities for younger children will be geared more toward exploration of the outdoors and waterways of Cohasset.

In a speech given just before the ribbon cutting ceremony last Friday, Cohasset Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo, who is also on the CSCR Board, thanked students for their hard work to date.

"You are giving us information about what's happening in water bodies and green space in the town which we would not be able to get in any other way, because in these difficult fiscal times, we could not afford to

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State Secretary of Environmental Affairs, Ellen Roy Herzfelder of Cohasset, addresses the crowd at the ribbon-cutting ceremony last Friday.

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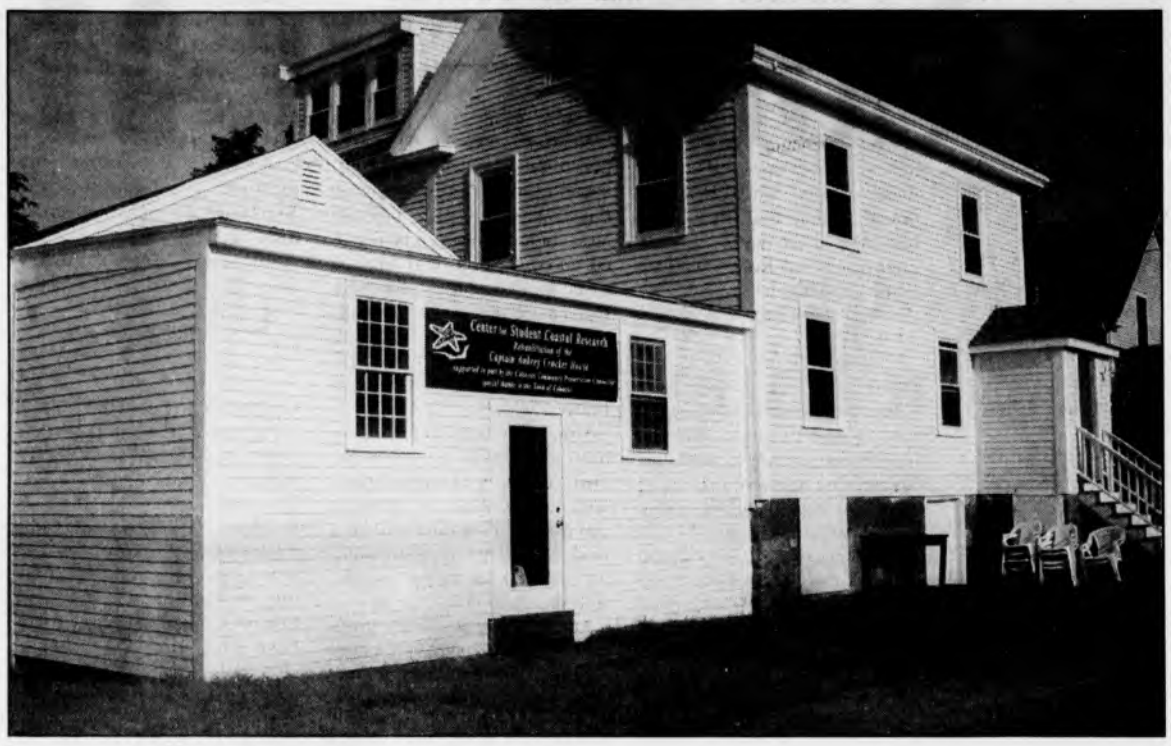

GOOD HOUSEWORK

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The Captain Aubrey Crocker House (aka, the Hagerty House) has been transformed into the Center for Student Coastal Research, which held its grand opening last Friday. For story see page one.

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Qualifying applicants will be asked to make formal presentations to the CPC.

Copies of the application may be obtained at the Town Hall or by calling the committee Chairman, Stuart Ivimey at 383-2604.

Board members sought for ConCom

There are openings on the Conservation Commission, selectmen said Monday. Interested citizens should contact the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105, or stop by the office at Town Hall.

Brush chipping

Residential brush will be accepted at the DPW parking area from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following Saturdays this summer: July 26, Aug. 30, Sept. 27 and Oct. 25.

No trees more than two-inches in diameter and no contractors are allowed.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, May 27:

Board of Assessors, July 1, 4 p.m.
Board of Health, June 30, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, June 26 at 7:30 p.m.
Selectmen, July 1 at 7:30 p.m.
Sewer Commission, June 30 at 6 p.m.
Water Commission, July 24, 8 p.m., King St. treatment plant
Zoning Board of Appeals, June 30 at 7 p.m. (Avalon)

All meetings are at Town Hall unless posted otherwise.

Town Counsel seminar

The seminar with Town Counsel and the zoning, health and planning boards, and conservation commission to discuss issues that confront permitting granting boards has been rescheduled for July 17 at 7:30 p.m. The workshop had to be rescheduled from June 19 because of the ZBA had hearings scheduled for that night.

Stickers on sale

All-Facility Stickers will be on sale the week of June 30 at Cohasset Town Hall with the following schedule:

Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Stickers will be on sale the week of July 7 during normal business hours at town hall.

New school bus

Some students will be riding on a brand new bus come September.

School Business Manager Ivan Klimko, along with Jean Callahan of the superintendent's office and busing coordinator Peggy Litchfield, conducted the bid opening Friday, June 13 and have decided on the Coastal Bus and Equipment Sales, Inc.

"I hope no one's superstitious," said Klimko of the date the bids were taken.

The company provided a bid $60,957, with the top three bids within $2,000 of each other. The schools have leased buses through the Coastal before with much success.

The new bus will be a Bluebird, which Peggy Litchfield said is "exactly what we want," and is what she currently drives.

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Cleaning service options still need some tidying up

By Samantha Brown
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More analysis of budget figures from the schools as well as the town need to be discussed, along with figures from the cleaning companies.

Outsourcing – or contracting out for school cleaning – took one step closer to reality last week when the school committee decided to go ahead with plans to hire a cleaning service. However, the questions of when the service would start and what it would entail are still on the table.

School committee members discussed a summary of proposals and recommendations from Town Finance Director Michael Buckley's office at Town Hall to help in the decision making process. The summary listed recommended top choices for outsourcing companies, based on price and bid specifications.

The company most highly recommended to the schools is One Source, which operates out of Somerville. According to the summary, One Source is the second largest janitorial service provider in the U.S. with a very strong presence in eastern Massachusetts, especially on the South Shore.

One Source would be responsible for cleaning school restrooms and locker rooms on a nightly basis among myriad other duties including major cleaning during school vacations and over the summer.

When submitting a bid, companies were to include costs for all three schools, Town Hall, the police station and the public restrooms at the new Center for Student Coastal Research. One Source gave the lowest bid, with a total package cost of $264,232.80.

While One Source was recommended for the schools, the Contract Cleaning Collaborative was suggested as the top choice for service in town buildings. Specializing in small to medium sized buildings, with little public school experience, the CCC's total package bid was much too high for the current budget. By using CCC instead of One Source for town buildings, the savings would amount to roughly$4,500.

The summary suggested the schools contract One Source for general housekeeping and retain four current custodians. However, the school committee would like to maintain six.

Notice has been given to members of the custodial staff that outsourcing may happen within 60 days, depending on whether terms of a contract can be decided upon. Current staff may be asked to work through the summer if a decision can not be made.

"This has to work number-wise and that will decide [the company's] start date," said Supt. Edward Malvey.

More analysis of budget figures from the schools as well as the town need to be discussed, along with figures from the cleaning companies. Financing will be a work in progress until the numbers add up for all parties concerned.

An extension has been given until late July, allowing school committee members time for one more meeting before a final decision is made.

Army Corps seeks more detail on Greenbush issues

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), the lead federal agency reviewing the proposed restoration of the 17-mile Greenbush rail line, isn't ready to issue a permit allowing the project to move forward.

Two months remain of a six-month delay announced by the MBTA in February to resolve outstanding permitting and right-of-way issues for the $470 million project. Governor Mitt Romney then said his administration would review the economic feasibility of the proposal.

Jon Carlisle, spokesperson for the Secretary of Transportation and Construction office, noted that the purpose of the construction delay was to allow time to address those types of issues. "We want to be sure prior to making a final decision whether or not to move forward with Greenbush that all permitting, right-of-way, and mitigation issues are settled so we can have a full appreciation of the costs associated with the project," he said. "It's a complicated process, with quite a number of permits to secure, but we're working to get through the issues in order to put a final price tag on the project and make a decision accordingly."

In a June 16 letter to MBTA Director of Environmental Affairs Andrew Brennan, the Corps listed a number of issues which still need to be addressed. Those include one related to the Section 106 review process concerning impacts on historic resources and another with regard to the use of four-quadrant gates, which are deemed safer than two-quad gates because they block both lanes in each direction at grade crossings. The MBTA favors the installation of two-quad gates, which block only the right lanes and are often combined with median barriers to prevent motorists from cutting around the gate.

The ACE is requesting the MBTA arrange a meeting with the Federal Railroad Administration, MBTA safety experts, Corps staff, and representatives of the towns affected by Greenbush restoration to further review the issue. "We need to better understand the specific concerns that exist over the use of four-quad gates at various crossings in the Greenbush corridor in order for us to conclude that four-quad gates at specific locations should be dismissed.," the ACE stated. The Corps is also requiring additional analysis related to new drainage features planned for Hingham's Town Brook and more information about archaeological investigations. The ACE is also asking for more information about a recommendation made recently by the project's design-build team that vent buildings be constructed for the tunnel under Hingham Square.

The ACE is allowing Brennan 30 days to respond: "If we do not hear from you (within that time period), we will close your file," wrote Crystal I. Gardner, Chief, Permits & Enforcement Section, Regulatory Branch of the ACE. "No work within our jurisdiction may be started until you receive a permit signed by our District Engineer or his authorized representative."

Maritime Museum open for summer

The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum at 4 Elm St., Cohasset Village is open for its summer season. Currently the museum is open weekdays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., excluding Mondays. The Maritime Museum is an 18th-century ship chandlery, originally located on Border Street at Cohasset Harbor.

Built in the mid-1700s by Samuel Bates, it was the supply building and counting house for the Bates family fishing business at Bates Wharf, Cohasset Harbor. After the end of the mackerel fishing era, the old chandlery was owned by financier Clarence W. Barron who summered nearby at Margin Street. In the mid-1950s, his granddaughter, Jessie (Bancroft) Cox gave the former chandlery to the historical society and it was moved from Border Street to the village to go along with the society's other antique building, the 1819 Capt. John Wilson House.

Since 1960, the Maritime Museum, the historical name for which is "Bates Ship Chandlery," has featured exhibits portraying Cohasset's long maritime history. Exhibits include ship models, 19th-century fishing gear, navigation instruments, charts, illustrations, shipwright's tools, relics from shipwrecks. Other exhibits show the history of lifesaving and of Minot's Ledge Lighthouse. On the second floor, there is a general collection of historical artifacts from early Cohasset, including cordwainer's tools, housewright's tools, old school chairs and desks, a "village apothecary" and a selection of artifacts from Tower Bros. Store and chandlery, once also located on Tower's Wharf at the harbor. Come in to see the society's historian or other volunteers, afternoons at the Cohasset Maritime Museum.

For more information, call 781-383-1434; and the Cohasset Historical Society's mailing address is P.O. Box 627, Cohasset 02025.

Sandy Beach is open for the summer

Sandy Beach officially opened for the 2003 summer season Saturday June 14. Life guards will be on duty 9a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Labor Day (Sept. 1). Bathhouse facilities are available for use during the same hours. The following guidelines are issued to assure the safety of beach visitors and to protect the environment:

- Parking available for vehicles displaying a Town of Cohasset sticker.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited
- Glass containers are prohibited
- Pets are prohibited
- Flotation devices are prohibited
- Water-craft are prohibited in the marked swim area
- Rock climbing is prohibited
- Respect the sand dunes by avoiding trampling of dune grass

Despite the rules, beach visitors are invited to enjoy many days at the "jewel of Cohasset" in a safe and environmentally sound manner.

Two bouncing baby boys make their debuts

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

NEW GREAT GRANDSON

Henry and Winifred Ainslie of Cohasset have a lot to smile about. Their great-grandson **Matthew Dean Clayton** made his appearance on April. 28. Matthew's proud parents are **Kristie and Richard Clayton** of Plymouth. Available for extra hugs are his siblings, **Ricky** and **Zachary**; grandparents, **Wayne and Debbie Ainslie** of Plymouth and **Richard and Ann Clayton** of Plymouth; and great grandparents, **Ralph and Mina Dean** of Hyde Park. Congratulations all!

BORN ON FATHERS DAY

The **Albaneses** would like to welcome **Camden Gray Albanese** to their family. Born on Fathers Day (June 15), he will join his brother **Bradley**, and his parents **Kimberley and Greg Albanese**. Congratulations to your family on the newest Albanese!

Karyn Murray, who grew up in Cohasset, has joined Verrill & Dana, LLP.

LOOMIS CHAFFEE GRAD

Seth Cutler, son of the **Rev. and Mrs. E. Clifford Cutler**, has graduated from the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn. where he was an honor roll student and member of the varsity lacrosse team. Seth will attend the University of St. Andrews in the fall. Great news Seth!

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Roella Hobbs of Cohasset was awarded a 10-year service pin by the New England Sinai Hospital and Rehabilitation Center in Stoughton. Roella was among 22 honored with 10 years of service at a special awards banquet June 6. At the event, 101 employees were recognized in all with service ranging from five to 25 years. An award well-deserved!

JOINS FIRM

Karyn Murray, who grew up in Cohasset, has joined Verrill & Dana, LLP, as an associate in the Estate Planning and Estate Administration Group, practicing out of the firm's Portland, Maine office. Karyn, who prior to joining Verrill & Dana was an associate with the Boston law firm of Nutter, McClennen and Fish, is a *cum laude* graduate of Harvard University and Boston College Law School. Best of luck to you Karyn!

NEW MEDICAL DOCTOR

Christian N. Ford, son of **Curtis and Marie Ford** of 790 Jerusalem Road, was recently awarded a doctor of medicine degree from the Boston University School of Medicine. Christian earned his bachelor's degree in history from BU. After completing a residency at Stanford University in plastic surgery, Christian hopes to pursue a craniofacial fellowship. Super work!

AWARD WINNER

Paul Cotter of Cohasset was awarded the Gandolfo Award at St. Sebastian's School in Needham for his achievements during this past school year. The Gandolfo memorial award is presented to students who have demonstrated strength and aptitude in a foreign language. Paul, very impressive.

DEAN'S LIST

Caitlin Slodden and **Jessie Zerendow** have been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Colby College where they are both members of the Class of 2004. Caitlin, daughter of **Henry and Karen Slodden**, is majoring in anthropology and minoring in women's studies. She is a Thayer Academy graduate. Jessie, daughter of **Donald and Victoria Zerendow**, is majoring in international studies and minoring in anthropology. She is a Cohasset High graduate. Great job ladies!

TILTON SCHOOL GRAD

Gregory Ernst, son of **Robert and Mary Ernst**, graduated from Tilton School in May. He will attend the University of Vermont in September.

LACROSSE ALL-STAR

Reed Smith , a junior at Boston College High School, has been selected as a 1st Team Catholic Conference League All-star in lacrosse for the position of long stick midfield. Reed is a dual sport athlete at BC High having earned his varsity letter as a quarterback in football his sophomore year. This summer, Reed will be keeping busy playing lacrosse up and down the East Coast as part of the Mass Elite Lacrosse Team. Reed, you are very talented, keep up the good work and make sure to let us know how the summer progresses.

BC HIGH AWARDS

A Cohasset student at Boston College High School recently received special awards at an assembly to honor B.C. High undergraduates. **Andrew J. Flynn** '05 won the New England Math League Award, the Student Council Award for his leadership and commitment to the Council and for providing valuable service to the B.C. High community. and an Excellence award in two subjects: Chemistry I and US History Honors, naming him best in his class in these two subjects.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Robert Wirth of 14 Red Gate Lane recently received the Bronze Star Medal after 58 years. In World War II, Bob served as a Combat Infantryman with the 44th Infantry Division in France, Germany, and Austria. Prior to his discharge from the Army, he served in the Pentagon in Washington D.C. under General Eisenhower. He was awarded the Commendation Medal for service.

BASEBALL CLINIC

Attention Parents! Cohasset Little League is presenting the first Baseball Clinic at the "new" Cohasset Little League Complex. The clinic is provided by **Lou Rettman**, president of B.A.T. (Baseball Analysis of Talent). Lou is a former N.Y. Yankee and Texas Rangers scout. The clinic will be composed of skills and drills, fun for all, and age-appropriate baseball instruction. Enrollment is limited, don't get "shutout".

For information, contact Lou at: lou_bat@hotmail.com or 781-659-8200.

SAILING CLUB EVENT

The Cohasset Sailing Club is holding its annual opening day party this Friday evening, June 27 at 7 p.m. at the Club. The amazing musical talents of Y-Knot will be playing and all members and guests are invited. This is a BYOB event and everyone who is attending is encouraged to bring a yummy appetizer or dessert!

YARD SALE AND MINI TAVERNA

On Saturday, July 12, the Panagia Church is holding a Church yard sale and mini-taverna on the front lawn of the church. As you go about cleaning up, please set aside those good items that you don't have room for or don't want anymore. Donations during the two weeks prior to the sale will be accepted.

Items may be brought to the church on Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. Pick up service is available June 30 through July 10. Call **Father Maheras** or **Marion** at the church at 781-383-6380 or **Ed Lofgren** at 781-749-3250 (3A Marine Service).

That is all for this week. Make sure to keep the summertime information flowing and get it to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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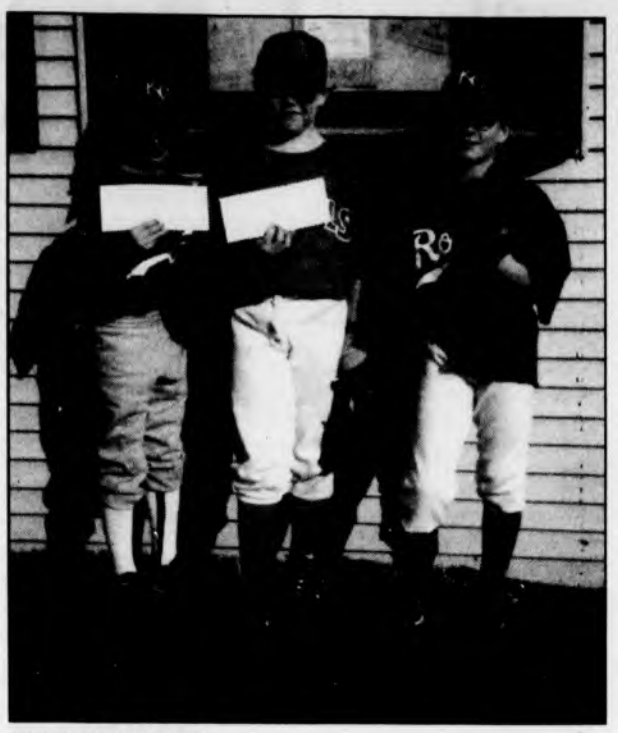

TOP SELLERS

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association congratulates its top three players who sold the most calendar cards during its recent fundraiser. They are from left, Taylor Golz (first place), Danny Aherne (second place) and Derek Froio (third place). Taylor sold 75 calendar cards and won $300. Danny sold 60 and won $200 and Derek sold 44 and won $100.

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Curtain rises on original 'Jack Beanstalk' production

By Samantha Brown
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This story is the first in a series, outlining the process from start to finish, of producing children's theater.

Day one held introductions, auditions and excitement for students participating in this year's Children's Drama Workshop production of "Jack Beanstalk".

Sitting around the circle printed on the mats in the new Deer Hill auditorium, children of varying ages came together to begin what will be a seven-week process from start to finish.

"I see lots of familiar faces and lots of new faces," said Beth Deveney as she welcomed cast members. Deveney has been running the workshop with sisters Grace and Sarah for the past 15 years. This year, Beth has written the play the children will be performing, making the show an even more rewarding endeavor.

After taking attendance, Beth asked children to introduce themselves to the group, one by one and share their name, age, how many years they have participated in drama, or if this is their first year, how they became involved, along with the most important information, what is their favorite cookie. While the most popular answer was chocolate chip, sisters Beth and Sarah both said any cookie made by Grace was their favorite.

One student said he had been participating in drama for the past seven years. "That's longer than some of you have been alive!" said Beth.

Rules were discussed, with the most important being "have fun at all times!" Stressing that every part in the play is equally important, the sisters said there should be no pressure felt during auditions. Every cast member receives a part to play in the final production and everyone has a chance to be on stage.

To give students a feeling for how the parts should sound, staff members acted out a sample scene prior to auditions. After the first reading, examples of "bad acting" were portrayed, where students had to tell what was wrong with the performance, as a reminder of what not to do in their own audition.

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Students eagerly await their chance to impress the judges before auditions.

Having written the dialogue for the play, Beth was very excited to hear the children act it out.

Students were called up on stage in groups, by character choice, and were given the opportunity to "impress the judges." The parts of the Mad Cow, Jack, and three Stalker Sisters were read by a number of talented young actors.

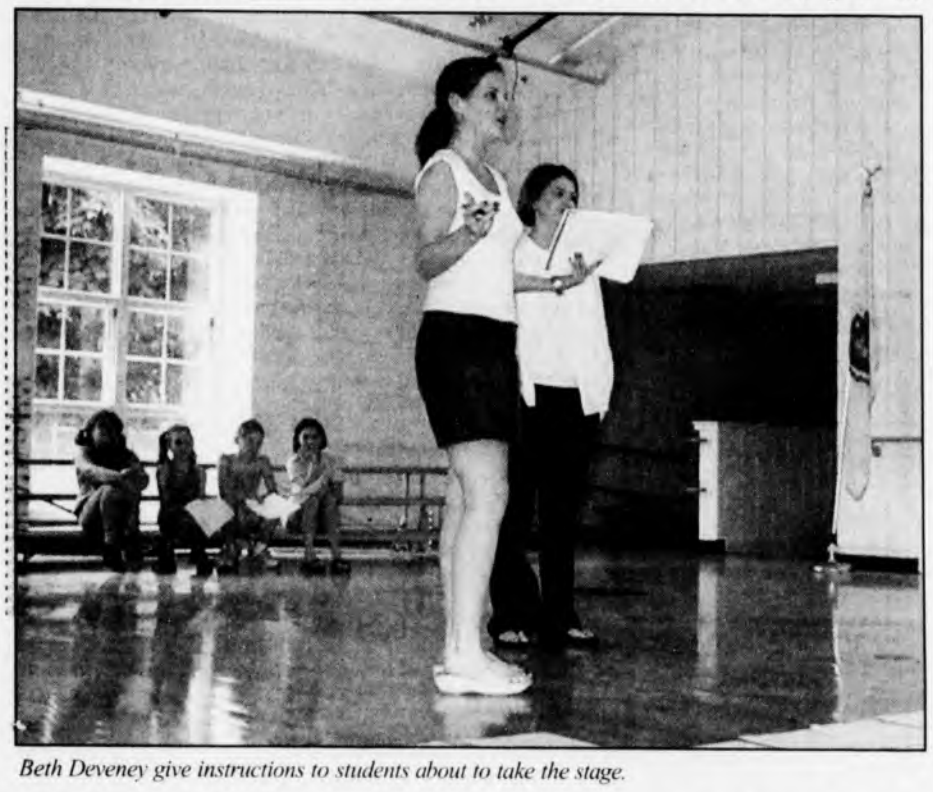
Many tried out, but the auditions will have to be carried into other rehearsals to give all 67 participants a chance to go for the part they want.

The day ended with students learning some choreography for dance scenes in the play. Dancing to Buster Poindexter's "Hot Hot Hot" the children had a wonderful time learning the steps and really enjoyed the music.

In the weeks to follow, stations will be set up for groups of children to work on specific elements of the show, such as singing, or choreography, led by various staff members.

The production includes children from the ages of 5-12, which Beth hopes will allow members to make "friends of all ages" by the time the show is finished.

The program is open to any members of the surrounding community, with an enrollment fee of $440. Performances are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Deer Hill auditorium.



Beth Deveney give instructions to students about to take the stage.

Scott Wilson, (far left) auditions for the part of the Mad Cow during the first day of rehearsal for the Children's Drama Workshop.

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Popular principal won't be back

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is up June 30, would not be renewed. Under the school-based management in the 10-year-old Education Reform Act, superintendents can hire and fire their principals and administrators. Malvey reports to the School Committee but his personnel decisions do not need board approval, although the committee has said it supported Malvey's decision in this case.

For Callahan, who wants and needs another job, it's a touchy situation in a tight job market. Having your contract "not renewed" may not put his application at the top of the list. He will receive no severance package, and he needs several more years to qualify for full retirement benefits from the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement Board.

The popular principal, who in seven years did not take a sick day, shepherded the student body and staff through a $10.1 million, massive renovation-expansion project, meaning the students and faculty have been living in a construction zone for the better part of two years.

"I always put education first," he said. "I made sure the education process was not disrupted at all."

That wasn't always easy, sometimes teachers had to pick-up and move several times during the year. And being in a building site/school meant weekly meetings with the construction team.

"Through all that, we continued our high MCAS scores and we always made sure the kids were safe – workers and children were never near each other," Callahan said.

Even Malvey praised Callahan's efforts in his grade 6 graduation remarks noting the community owes him a "huge debt of gratitude" for staying on top of the project. But the two men differ as to who should be in charge of the building going forward, especially with the grade 3-5 reconfiguration coming up in September '04. But after seven years, Callahan — who was hired by former Supt. Stephen Hart — still thinks he is the best man to lead the school.

Back in the fall of 1996, Callahan came on board after a turbulent time. The school had had five principals in three years. Long-time Principal Kenneth Ekberg's retirement was followed by two interim principals before Donna Hartlage was hired. She left in 1996, then curriculum coordinator Ruth Fennessey took over until Callahan started.

"I'm most proud of working with the staff, PSO and school to create a cohesiveness, a Deer Hill family, with everyone working well together," Callahan said.

It was a difficult time, recalls Ralph Kidder, who was on the School Committee when Callahan came on board. Hartlage left in a swirl of controversy after she allegedly hit a student during picture day at the school.

"Paul was what the community needed at that point in time," Kidder says. "He brought us together during a trying time in leadership at the school.

"He took charge, settled things down and got the focus back on education."

While fully aware of the chain of command under Education Reform, Kidder, who served on the School Committee for three terms, is troubled by the current board's silence on Callahan's departure.

"The taxpayers and public need some explanation," he said, understanding that not all personnel issues are public. "This should not go unremarked.

"The lack of information is inappropriate – again with the caveat that personnel decisions are touchy subjects and no one expects everything to be laid out," he said.

Malvey said he has nothing but the best wishes for Callahan.

"I'm sure he will find a position suited to his abilities," he said. Malvey described Callahan as a "true operations person" but said it was time to move on. He said there were performance issues which he declined to share.

Adrienne MacCarthy, who is Cohasset PSO president and former Deer Hill PSO representative and president, said Callahan really loved Deer Hill.

"It wasn't the physical setting but the people within it," she said about the 50-year-old building in need of an overhaul. "He brought everyone together as a team."

MacCarthy said Callahan was always "there."

"Whether it was a car wash to raise money for Camp Bournedale, building the new playground or walking the corridors during school — Paul was always present and took part in every project," she said. "He supported that school with his whole heart."

With Callahan's replacement hired, Malvey – who has been superintendent for five years – will have in place principals in Cohasset's three schools that he has brought on board.

Callahan, whose wife is a schoolteacher in Quincy, is sending his résumés out. He wants to stay in school administration where he feels he can have a positive effect on more students.

"As a principal, as was the case here at Deer Hill, I can have an effect on 361 kids – rather than just 20 or so in my classroom," he said.

Callahan had a special bond with this year's graduating sixth-graders because they attended the grade 4-6 Deer Hill School as kindergartners, when the seams were bursting at the old Osgood School.

"It was an emotional day," Callahan said with some sadness about the last day of school and all the good wishes from students, parents and staff.. "But now I'm going to be collecting unemployment while I look for another position."

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Malvey hires Abington principal

By Samantha Brown
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The Deer Hill School will have a new man at the helm come September, when Keith Gauley joins the staff as the new principal. Gauley has been serving as principal of the Center Elementary School in Abington for the past five years. He was selected out of a field of some 54 candidates.

A graduate of Cornell University, Gauley received a bachelor of science in human service studies, then went on to earn his master's degree in elementary education from the University of Massachusetts. He received his principal certification from Bridgewater State College in 1998.

Gauley met first with an interviewing committee of 10, which consisted of two members of the School Committee, two administrators, three parents, and two teacher representatives with one alternate. From there, 30 applicants were selected to be prescreened by Supt. Edward Malvey, of which 11 were selected to participate in final interviews. Two of those candidates pulled out for various reasons.

The consensus of the interviewing committee matched Malvey's own choice. "Without question, Kevin was the candidate," Malvey said. "He interviewed extremely well."

Malvey made an on-site visit to the Center School to meet with staff members, as well as parents, students and Gauley's current superintendent, who all expressed how fortunate they felt to have had him in their school, he said.

There will be a period of transition over the summer while Gauley ties up loose ends in Abington. As the Assistant Director of the Cape Cod Sea Camps in Brewster, Gauley has prior commitments he must attend to, and will be gradually working up to his full-time duties in Cohasset by mid-August, Malvey said.

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Helping dunes make a comeback

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throw the marsh's delicate ecosystem out of balance.

When humans walk or drive over the fragile dune vegetation, it destroys the plants, whose roots act as anchors to help keep the heaps of sand in place.

As a result of the damage, members of the Support Group have begun working on a project to have snow fencing installed along the harbor side of Atlantic Avenue. The two-foot high wooden slats would serve as a physical reminder to help keep people off the dunes, allowing Mother Nature the opportunity to take over. Over time, it is expected that the dunes would bury the fence so it would be completely out of sight.

Shipsky explained that if people and cars leave the dunes alone, over the course of time they will replenish themselves and new vegetation will grow on its own, helping to keep the dunes anchored where they are. With more stability, the dunes can become a protective shield to the harbor.

"What needs to happen is nothing," he said.

Salt marshes, which Shipsky describes as "the most fertile environment on the planet" have rich organic material at the bottom, which plays a vital role in the food chain. Many species of fish spawn in the marshes, but when the bottom gets covered with sand, which has no nutritional value, it becomes increasingly harder for the marsh to support life.

Living on the coast, the fragility of the dunes is something many people never give a second thought. Group member Mimi White has fond memories of playing on dunes as a child. She remembers running up to their tops and rolling down their sides with her friends. To her the dunes were like mountains. "All of us have memories of that. The dunes were considered playthings," she said.

Nowadays, White recognizes that we no longer have the luxury of "using Mother Nature for our own pleasure." Group member Karen Quigley agrees and sees a real need for people to speak up and spread the word about pressing environmental issues such as the dunes. "You need to be willing to be disliked for the sake of the environment," she said.

The support group was started by Shipsky, White, and Besty Keefe in the summer of 2001, and gradually added members Nan Shipsky, Jim's wife, Sarah Peacock, and Quigley. Its members have also individually become involved in various other projects including protection of open space, recycling at town buildings, volunteering at Holly Hill Farm, jet noise and pollution as well as dunes protection and restoration.

The goal of the group is to support each other in their individual projects as well as group endeavors, and to help curb environmentally harmful momentum that exists in today's lifestyles and culture, and deal with the discouragement of that momentum, Shipsky said New members are always welcome.

Last week, Shipsky presented the group's proposal to Selectmen, who suggested he get approval by the Conservation Commission. He hopes the Commission will take a look at the proposal at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Town Hall.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A silver lining

Now that summer appears to be upon us with its accompanying 90-degree heat and humidity, some may already be hankering for those endless wet, rainy, cold spring days.

More than a few weary folk climbed the steps to the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square this week looking a bit overheated and fatigued from the sultry day. They paused to chat a while in our air-conditioned environs before venturing back out into hot Hingham Square.

One thing we've observed from this extended stretch of unfriendly weather dating back to the recent long winter, which now seems to be a distant memory – is meteorological matters seem to bring us staid New Englanders out of our collective shell.

Noted for being stuffy and rather cold in nature, with little small talk, weather conditions get us interacting with one another at the supermarket, gas station or just about anywhere around town.

Complaining about the weather is in fact a passion that we New Englanders all seem to share. Take a moment and think about how often you've grumbled about damp, dark and depressing days this past spring to anyone that would listen.

There was even some humor in our collective misery. In the depths of last winter, we heard weather reports about how much worse temperatures and snow levels were in International Falls, Minn.; and this spring we overheard remarks such as, "If I wanted to live like this, I'd move to Seattle."

Here in New England we have four seasons, although Mother Nature does trick us from time to time and forgets to give us one of them. Until the thermometer rose this week, we were worried summer was on her list of omissions this year.

Things could always be worse. There are floods in Tampa and fires in Arizona, two places noted for great weather nearly all of the time. Here, at least, we have variety and never find weather boring.

As Mark Twain said, "There is a sumptuous variety about the New England weather that compels the stranger's admiration—and regret. The weather is always doing something there; always attending strictly to business; always getting up new designs and trying them on people to see how they will go. But it gets through more business in Spring than in any other season. In the Spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of twenty-four hours."

So what's left for us to do? Like good New Englanders, when our weather gets up to its old tricks, we continue to grin and bear it (and moan about it to whomever we can).

What do people talk about in places like San Diego where the weather is practically perfect?

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LWV learns about wind power

Could Hingham and other South Shore towns benefit from lower energy prices if more windmills are built similar to the one at Hull Gut near the high school?

Malcolm Brown, a renewable energy professional, posed this question to members of the Hingham League of Women Voters at its recent Annual Meeting at Siro's in Hull.

Brown and his wife Anne Larsen led Hull residents in the late 1990s to build the present Hull wind turbine, which replaced a 1984 mini-windmill. The current windmill/turbine, which went online in December 2001, provides Hull with 100 per cent of its street and traffic lights, producing about 1.5 million kilowatts annually. It is the first commercial-scale windpower unit on the East Coast.

Brown and Larsen previously had built a micro-hydro powerplant in the New York Catskills Mountains in the 1980s. That plant provides power to a National Public Radio (NPR) radio station.

Wind power is the fastest growing renewable energy producer in the world; many European countries have used wind turbines for years.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doesn't like village design

TO THE EDITOR:

If I have ever seen a group sold a bill of goods, it is our Board of Selectmen regarding the downtown improvement questions. The fact that our genuinely hallowed village is in dire need of new sidewalks and crosswalks has been seized by a small group funded privately, calling themselves "Revitalizers," and a design group who propose for us as Harold Coughlin so eloquently stated at last Tuesdays meeting, schematics that appear in urban areas and malls. Cohasset's need for new sidewalks has parlayed itself, much to the financial gain of these two entities, into a contrived almost Disney-like proposal for our town's future.

In writing I am convinced that I have a far better read than the Selectmen on what the people want for their town and feel they have been steered in this direction of senseless frivolity from the outset. Dean Rizzo's surveys from the office of the C.R.C. were cleverly worded and totally flawed. From day one the questions were: What kind of materials would you prefer in the bump out areas, brick or concrete, etc. Never were the questions asked: Would you like to see the sidewalks and crosswalks simply fixed? Would you like to see bump outs on every corner of the village like the ones in Lowell and Maynard or wherever?

The Selectmen's solution has been to hire a design firm to the tune of $150,000 to come up with the same concept it did for these other places, complete with these huge bump outs every where to cope with urban problems such as where is everyone going to sit, and act as "traffic calmers."

To the probably 90 percent of you who are unaware of the goings on here, please check out the proposed bump out at the top of Depot Court which seems to be about half as big as the entire village, and see what you think.

Last Monday, June 16, the selectmen met down town with a fire truck to quell any skepticism of the design. As the truck pulled off Elm Street heading North on South Main, at about 15 miles per hour, Craig Miller of Waterfield Design looked up in jubilant disbelief and proclaimed to no one in particular, "Hey, it didn't even pass over into the oncoming lane!" I wondered if that would be the case if the boys were heading to a fire and the Budweiser truck was coming the other way.

As the little pow-wow continued I talked to two of the Selectmen both of whom had a tale of woe regarding safety downtown. Tom Callahan stated that his son and his buddies had much trouble crossing South Main Street Saturday morning and added that those concerns were coming from a city kid. Tom, I've played with the city kids, you ain't no city kid. Whatever happened to stop, look, and listen?

The other Selectmen I spoke to stated how dangerous the crossing at the top of Depot Court is. The proposal there is to build one huge bump out extending from the rug store corner preventing a slow speed, 100 year old turnaround vexing traffic on to other destinations instead of back into town. Suddenly, Cohasset, the safest place we all know of on earth, according to these well paid uniformed outsiders, is a jungle of pedestrian peril.

Three years ago, the town hired Jim Shipsky to do a study of the comings and goings of downtown Cohasset. After a week, Jim reported back that the village functions best left the way it is and that any changes to constrict or re-direct traffic would be ill-advised as one who has been observing the same setting for a very long time. I could not agree more.

Mr. Callahan complains that we have been at this for three years and must make a decision. The main reason for this is that any change proposals presented to the Waterfield Group, no matter how vehemently urged due to common sense have been ignored. Their version of how things should be, complete with the same features of all the other places they have done perpetually re-appears. As long as we allow this sideshow to continue, Waterfield gets paid - by us. I told them unequivocally that a curb could not be built at the back of my store. That curb appeared on those plans until last month. Would anyone claim to have known by looking at their design pictures that they planned to wipe out the pump area in front of the hardware store only to build a larger one?

Any logical questions asked at these meetings is almost always answered in an illogical, Clintonesque, I am smarter than you and know what is good for you manner.

After three experiences with these people from Waterfield, two of which they didn't have their plans, one of which they were a half hour late one becomes a bit leery when they put an "S" on the end of Brook Street.

In my opinion, pertaining to us, the people of Cohasset , not the CRC or the Selectmen who go back home and leave us with this tasteless mess as their legacy, these people don't know what the heck they are talking about!

I grew up in this town which contained many independent-minded smart people like Charlie Butman and Burt Pratt and Jesse Cox who along with my mother used to feed my sister and I and weren't above having a drink or two while doing so.

After Kimballs and the Shack burned down, Jesse threatened to lie down in the street to prevent the building of the motel at the harbor. Too bad we didn't listen.

At Tuesday's meeting, I demanded that three dimensional markers be put up to apprise the town of these proceedings. Mr. Davis of Waterfield bristled and I was told that did not make any sense. At that point I concluded that making any sense had escaped from this forum and started to wonder if an empty storefront would favorably fit into the plans of these "Revitalizers." Waterfield claims to be losing one parking space regarding this project when in fact if you take into consideration all the informal parking, the loss is much more significant.

I find it sorrowful that this group except for Fred Koed lacks the taste and sophistication to heed the words of Ralph Dormitzer and Harold Coughlin.

May I suggest the following: To criticize without solution is non-constructive and cavalier. Mark Haddad has gotten the town an extension on the grant that has us where we are. Observing the school situation might make one skeptical but assuming it is in place. I might suggest that we thank Dean Rizzo and Waterfield for their efforts and suggest they start lining up their next gig. I understand Dean has already done that is in Quincy where I feel his concepts will be a much better fit.

Because we have some time lets get some people together with some real taste and foresight. There are many such citizens in this town. Let's have a little fun with this and not create a Disneyland in the meantime so that if the movie people come looking for an old genuine place a third time they won't pass us by because we too strongly resemble Everywhere else, U.S.A. Jesse Cox would agree.

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Anti-Avalon bias is evident

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to address the article about AvalonBay titled "Baby Boom" in the June 12 Mariner.

I waited for the June 19 Mariner to come out, as I expected that somebody else in the community might address the issues the article brought out, or at least the larger issue hidden within.

The article and contributors of information within are clearly biased as anti-Avalon, as the subtitle "School numbers may jump if Avalon gets OK" simply suggests. Did an anti-Avalon somebody pay for this?

Will the numbers *not* jump if the 20-plus, three-, four- and more-bedroom houses built in the town each year add three, four and more kids per household, every year? That's 60-80 students per year from new families moving in. There's no mention of that readily available statistic in the piece.

Also absent is the fact that the walkways mentioned which would be needed for the kids to get to the bus and safe access to the schools on roads might be paid for by Avalon, especially if they don't spend all their money on crazy legal issues. Play areas for the kids mentioned in the article would probably be paid for in similar fashion, and perhaps be on the Avalon property. Avalon seems to take pretty good care of its properties. We should all do so well.

Perhaps the most comical of comments by the School Committee was the addition of Avalon babies would require more facilities in town such as a year-round swimming/diving center.....is this a disadvantage to a town which would thrive with a year-round facility? Remember, this is a town which raises millions for a beautiful library, and buries wires in its downtown to further enhance its beauty.

The article also ignores the fact part of the fabric of Cohasset for centuries has been the lower income people that so many fear. How about those elderly long time citizens who simply do not need to have a house and lawn to care for anymore, but have long time friends and family roots in town? Should the town's wealthy homeowner citizens push them off shore on icebergs as their desire for home ownership diminishes?

The "larger issue" mentioned at the head of this letter is the most distressing. Should the Mariner want to keep publishing such explicit articles of bias, or the town committees want to set the clock of reality/diversity back even more, perhaps it will be easier for the town to simply just

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HEALTH NOTES

Why a great tan is bad for you

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Americans, who eight years ago seemed to be heeding warnings to take precautions against the sun, are now back at the beach with little protection, according to a new survey. Several weeks ago, we talked about armor. We can look on Sunscreen as just another form of armor, and, it seems that our armor against skin cancer is being forgotten. In 1996, 54 percent of those who were out in the sun used sunscreen regularly, according to the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), but the organization's 2003 survey found that the percentage of Americans reporting regular use of sunscreen has dropped to 40 percent, says Dr. Darrell Rigel, a dermatologist at the New York University Medical Center.

Even more discouraging is that young people under 25, the age group for whom sun protection is most important for preventing future cancers, are even less likely to use sunscreen. Only 34 percent of this age group reports using sunscreen regularly, compared to 49 percent of those young people who claimed they used protection in 1996. Rigel says "There is clearly a disconnect. The message is out there that sun is bad for you, but people still think they look better and healthier with a tan, Tanning of any kind is more insidious because of the latent nature of skin cancer. It usually doesn't manifest itself until 10 or 20 years after sun exposure, which for most young people might as well be never."

Our modern society, has developed ideas about what one ought to look like regardless of the consequences. Such beauty 'musts' such as long, and sometimes artificial finger nails, have caused irritations and infections. The Board is once again considering regulations about body art, because of the proliferation of tattoo parlors in nearby towns. Tanning salons are ever more popular, nowadays. All of these so-called beauty enhancers are not used without some risk.

The AAD survey also found that people over 35 were more diligent about avoiding sun exposure than were people under that age. Since 1996, these adults reported a 16 percent decrease in the number of sunburns they received. Among those under 18, by contrast, the numbers of people reporting at least one sunburn increased from 52 percent to 61 percent from 1996 to 2003.

- 79 percent of people over 35 reported putting sunscreen on their children and grandchildren.
- Use of tanning salons by those under the age of 25 jumped dramatically, from 8 percent in 1996 to 26 percent in 2003. Women use the salons far more than men.

These findings are extremely worrisome in view of the fact that the incidence of skin cancer is on the rise, Rigel says. "This is the only major cancer that is still increasing, with incidence increasing at 6 percent a year and the death rate rising 2 percent annually."

In 2003, there will be more than 1 million cases of skin cancer diagnosed in the United States, Rigel says. The most common and most easily treated type is basal cell carcinoma, which will affect approximately 900,000 people. There will be approximately 250,000 cases of squamous cell carcinoma, and 91,900 cases of melanoma, which is the most serious form of skin cancer. It is estimated that 7,600 people will die from melanoma in 2003.

Skin cancer is caused by overexposure to the ultraviolet rays of the sun.

"There is no such thing as a safe tan, and we have to change the perception of what a true healthy look is." This, according to Dr. James Spencer, a dermatologist at Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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The joys of birding from a canoe along the Weir River

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

Recently my husband and I decided to canoe upstream on the Weir River, putting in at Union Street. Recent rains had swollen the river enough to make this a possibility. Driving over, I called out "Stop!" as I caught sight of a white bird sitting on top of one of the goal nets on the high school playing fields. It was shaped like an egret, but didn't look just right for a Snowy Egret. It was a **Cattle Egret**, a bird that I had never seen in Hingham before. Cattle Egrets frequent uplands and fields rather than marshes, often fields with cattle. This one was in breeding plumage with orange-colored feathers on its head, back and breast.

That was a good start to our bird list for the day. We continued on and put our canoe in beside the Union Street bridge. In spite of its being late morning, we were immediately surrounded by bird song. The loud "Con-ka-reee" song of **Red-winged Blackbirds** came from all sides as they flew back and forth across the river, displaying their red shoulder epaulets. We also saw a few females that look entirely different. They are like large streaky brown sparrows.

After a short way, Tower Brook came in from the right. A trip for another time. At this point the Weir River becomes the Crooked Meadow River. As we paddled along, we used clippers and a small hand saw to clear away some of the overhanging vegetation. This slowed our progress, making it easier for me to look for birds. A bird flew across our path, looking like a female cardinal, but the shape was not right for a cardinal. Fortunately, the vegetation opened up enough to see a **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** sitting on a branch. I could even see the yellow bill clasping a very fat green caterpillar.

Moving on, we could hear a **Black-capped Chickadee** whistling its spring song of "FEE-bee" instead of its signature "Chick-a-dee-dee-dee". A **Tufted Titmouse** then began chanting its monotonous "Here-here-here" in the distance. The titmouse has a very loud song for such a small bird.

Continuing upstream, we could see The Meadows and other homes as the vegetation opened up. The sound of barking dogs and playing children on the other side of the bushes reminded us that we were not as far from civilization as it seemed. We stopped to eat our picnic lunch out of view of nearby houses. A **Gray Catbird** entertained us while we ate, singing loudly enough to drown out most other songs. This all-gray bird with a black cap and rusty undertail feathers is a mimic, giving each phrase only once, in contrast to the mockingbird's habit of repeating each call three times. Its distinctive "Meeoow" call removes any doubt as to what bird is calling.

After lunch we continued on toward Free Street. A slight shadow overhead reminded me that I should look up from time to time. Three **Double-crested Cormorants** were flying over. These birds are often seen in Hingham Harbor "hanging their wings out to dry" while perched on rocks or docks. It is worth checking cormorants carefully to make sure they are not the much less common **Glossy Ibis**, a similar-looking black bird, but with a distinctive down-curved bill. No glossies this trip.

What is that very plain brown bird? Oh, it is a baby **European Starling**, already hatched and fledged this year. Starlings are all brown when young, then molt into black feathers with white tips, which wear off over the winter, to produce glossy black adults by breeding season in the spring. They were introduced into this country from Europe.

The sounds of Free Street traffic penetrated through the bushes. After a brief debate about which of the three culverts under the road to go through, we chose the middle one. Getting through successfully against the increased current from the narrowing of the waterway involved propelling ourselves forward by using our hands against the walls. Shortly afterwards we passed the entrance of Fulling Mill Brook. We stayed on Crooked Meadow River until large downed trees blocked our way.

On the return trip we heard the loud, melodic song of **Baltimore Orioles**. Why is it that a bird with such bright orange and black coloring and such a loud song is often so hard to see? We slowed down going past a lovely landscaped yard, until we finally located the oriole sitting in the top of a bush. A brilliant sight. Another bright, loud bird that is unexpectedly hard to see is the **Scarlet Tanager**. The song of this red bird with black wings has been described as being like that of a robin with a sore throat. We heard one singing, but never saw it. An **Eastern Kingbird** flew out from the branch of a tree to catch insects, acting like the flycatcher that it is. The white along the bottom edge of its tail is a dead give-away to its identification. **American Robins** were hunting worms on the ground.

Looking up, we saw **Chimney Swifts** flying around. These birds look like cigars with wings. They are not in the same family with swallows, but are similar in many ways. **Barn Swallows** also flew over from time to time. They have blue backs, orange breasts, and forked tails, and are the only swallows with white spots in their tails.

Farther on, a repeated "QueEEEEP" sound gave away the position of a **Great-crested Flycatcher**. This is a large flycatcher, a handsome bird with yellow underneath, a rufous tail and a slightly crested look to its head. It nests in tree cavities, often using snakeskins to line their nest. We heard **Eastern Towhees** and **Northern Cardinals** as well. Another **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** called from deep inside the vegetation.

Floating downstream through the Free Street culvert was much easier than going upstream. Shortly after Free Street there is a small lagoon from which a **Great Blue Heron** rose majestically into the air. Nearby were six adult **Canada Geese** and two sets of different-sized goslings. An outing for two families, I suspect.

Farther on in a well-vegetated area, we slowed as we heard the sweet song of a **Yellow Warbler**.

PHOTO BY BRAD BERGSTROM

Cattle Egret

We watched as the male and female flitted in and out of the bushes. A Common Yellowthroat, another warbler, called but did not put in an appearance.

Ahead a **Common Grackle** chased an **American Crow**. Then a **Red-winged Blackbird** chased the grackle. Their raucous calls send the message, "Stay away from my nest!" Soon a **Blue Jay** joined the chorus with its own harsh call.

A telephone wire overhead sported a **Mourning Dove**. These plump birds have a way of looking like small hawks from a distance. Their call of "oo-AH, coo, coo, coo" is mournful and distinctive, but suggestive of an owl call to some people.

Back to The Meadows area, we could hear and see a **Song Sparrow**. A second birdcall sounded like a **Field Sparrow**, but disappeared before I could be sure. Never mind, a bird trip is rarely complete without at least one unidentified bird for the list!

Back at Union Street we climbed out of our canoe feeling privileged to have seen a part of Hingham we had never seen before, with a bird list totaling 27 species. One reason I prefer canoeing to kayaking is that in a canoe, I have a very patient husband who will keep us on track if I suddenly stop paddling to look through my binoculars. As we drove home, we stopped to see if the Cattle Egret was still around. It was walking around the field, collecting insects stirred up by mowing machines, not cattle.

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for Project FeederWatch, WetlandWatchers and International Shorebird Surveys.

Taking on the Boston accent

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Has anyone ever steered the conversation around so that you had to say "Pahk your cah in Hahvard Yahd" or a similar phrase loaded with "ars" just because they wanted to hear you say it?

Well, John de Nugent, a teacher who plies his trade on something called The Learning Connection, an adult education network out of Providence, R.I., is trying to do something about it.

His three-hour course, titled "The Great Rhode Island Accent Reduction Program," is designed to help put the "ar" back in "car" not only in Rhode Island but all the way back to Boston, where it all started.

"It's not reel smott to tawk with a Rho Dyelinn accent around othaa people," says de Nugent. Jeez, do we really talk that way?

Once he successfully "parks his car in Harvard Yard," I hope that Professor de Nugent will turn his academic talents to one of my pet peeves on the linguistic front.

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Until some TV news anchor decided to add a little local color to his broadcasts, I had never heard a northeast storm referred to as a "nor'easter." Nor'west or sou'east, maybe, but never nor'east.

To my ear, and to the ear of the folklorist, B. A. Botkin, the word has always been pronounced "no'theast," with a long "o" and a soft "th," as in the verb "loathe."

Then, says Botkin, who probably knows more folklore than the folks themselves, we have "no'no'theast" and "sou'sou'theast," but always nor'nor'west and sou'sou'east.

"Writers who wish to apply the local color correctly are urged to study these forms carefully and not slip up, as most of them do, on such simple matters."

Have you got that, Professor de Nugent?

New England should be a fertile field for the study of mispronunciations since most of them came from England in colonial times and never went back. "Pint" for point is one of them.

There's often a difference between the people who live in Boston, Providence, and other large cities and the folks who live in the hinterlands, where change come slowly if at all.

A stranger, looking in on a spelling class in a New Hampshire school, was startled to hear a teacher, her spelling book open before her, ask one of her pupils to spell "caow." The youngster replied, "c-o-w."

"That's right," said the teacher. "Now spell 'caller,' what you wear around your neck, not the person who comes to see you in the evening." The kid spelled "c-o-l-l-a-r."

As you can see, Professor de Nugent has a full plate, if he wants to take it.

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place a notice on a billboard at the entrance to town, or a box announcement on page one, which states, "we don't want apartment dwellers in Cohasset" and place the names of those bold committee members on it. Could this witch hunt to blow out Avalon be any more obvious? Or pathetic?

Mark Bell
460 King St.

Village design is out of character

TO THE EDITOR:

On Tuesday, June 17, 2003, the Cohasset Selectmen voted to issue bids for the Village revitalization project based on designs by the Waterfield Group. The bid specifies concrete sidewalks in the downtown area and calls for the installation of buried conduits for the utility wires. The wires will not, however, be buried due to cost limitations.

To obtain a feeling for what this revitalization will look like, one should take a short ride to Front Street in Scituate. Utility poles feature prominently in that design, as they will in Cohasset. Look also at the concrete sidewalks. Note the cracking and heaving of the concrete, the weeds growing in the cracks and between the concrete and the curbing. Pay attention to where the concrete has been patched with asphalt.

The people of Cohasset deserve better for their Village. We urge the Selectmen to postpone any letting of a contract for a design based on the work of the Waterfield Group and to appoint a select group of citizens to advise them on a design which would be in keeping with the character of the Town.

Ralph and Jacqueline Dormitzer
111 Atlantic Ave.

Bulger hearing provides some budgetary distraction

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The way last week will be remembered was best captured in a moment in the House chamber, as representatives gathered for what felt like segment four million of the wait for the budget.

In the nearly empty chamber, as the Speaker awaited the chance to gavel the House into another three-hour wait, the voice of Bill Bulger could be plainly heard, on the radio from Washington, denying he ever tried to a punish a state trooper for attempting to intercept Bulger's notorious brother.

Everyone in the Statehouse was riveted. The budget was announced to be ready for passage on Wednesday, and then Wednesday was spent learning it wasn't as ready as advertised. So Thursday came, and now the whole building had something to do while it waited. Something strange.

And strange it was to see Massachusetts' tiny political universe transported and put on display in Washington.

The best untold story of the day no doubt was how Howie Carr came to trump the politicians in the kind of camera angle competition he loves to lambaste. However he came by his seat, it gave him the chance to smirk, smile and raise his visibility as Bulger stepped carefully through his answers. Carr sat behind Bulger's right shoulder, Robert Connolly behind his left. The two were once brothers in the anti-Bulger fraternity at the Boston Herald, but Connolly saw the light or went over to the dark side, depending on your perspective, and now is Bulger's chief press aide. It made for a strange rendition of the old "devil and angel" shoulder debate, with the roles ambiguous.

The day was rife with such spectacles. Bulger was questioned extensively by Stephen Lynch, who succeeded Bulger in the South Boston/Back Bay Senate seat Bulger occupied for 26 years. Lynch entered the Legislature by beating William Bulger Jr. US Rep. William Delahunt had plenty of questions too, but first he had to disclose that his campaign treasurer is Bulger's lawyer. Delahunt was tougher on the FBI than Bulger. Maybe that was appropriate – the committee's investigation, after all, is about the FBI's misconduct, not Bulger's.

Attorney General Thomas Reilly was left underwhelmed. Bulger said in his opening statement to the committee that "one political foe has made the claim that I have somehow made a choice of my brother over my civic duties and my public responsibilities. There is no basis in fact for such an assertion." The foe was Reilly, who was booed at the recent Democrat convention for his public campaign calling on Bulger to quit.

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But Reilly knows the people doing the booing haven't chosen a winning gubernatorial candidate for 20 years. He knows what the UMass president has come to represent, and Reilly says he doesn't like it. Reilly knows Bulger represents the past, and Reilly obviously hopes to personify the future.

Oh, yes, they did produce a compromise budget at the end of the day.

• *Budget compromise reached quickly, details released* — The budget headed for Gov. Mitt Romney's desk totals $22.3 million. It contains no new broad-based taxes, but would extract about $400 million in new revenues through increases in fees and fines. It also contains about $400 million in one-time revenue diversions, often criticized as "gimmicks" by some of the same leaders who grudgingly adopted them. The possibility of a tax hike this fall is still raised sometimes in Statehouse corridor conversations.

Some of the controversial policy decisions made by the Senate were left out of the conference report. The budget is silent, for example, on a statewide smoking ban passed by senators. It does not contain any exemptions to MCAS testing; House members had passed a provision exempting special needs students. The document does expand the MCAS test appeals process for special ed students. The "Pacheco Law" that makes it difficult to privatize state services was untouched by the conference report. No moratorium on charter schools is contained in the budget.

The highest-visibility policy change in this budget is the repeal of the 1998 Clean Elections Law, which legislative leaders have been changing, underfunding or ignoring for years on the grounds it is badly drafted, unworkable and unaffordable. Repeal sets up an interesting choice for Romney, who talks often about the will of the voters.

The budget contains deep cuts in many social and human services programs, and about $170 million in reductions in local aid, but those cuts have been coming for so long that inclusion in the final budget did not come as a surprise. The compromise budget did bring some cheer to health advocates. They praised the restoration of health coverage for 36,000 Medicaid recipients, the continuation of the Prescription Advantage program to help seniors pay for medication, and full funding of the anticipated costs of free hospital care to indigents next year.

The Quinn Bill, which provides increased pay to officers who earn college degrees but has been criticized as funding low-quality classes that don't return the taxpayers' investment, is substantially changed in the budget. New officers will be eligible for a sharply curtailed version of the perk.

The budget consolidates power in the judicial system in the hands of the Boston Municipal Court, almost exactly the opposite of what Gov. Romney proposed. But many of his reorganizations, for example in the Health and Human Services agencies, were adopted.

Despite the daily talk of historic state finance problems, the compromise budget increases spending overall by about 2 percent, just about the same amount budget writers anticipate revenues to increase next fiscal year.

• *Advocates: cell phone limits would mean safer roads* — Massachusetts would become the second state in the nation to ban hands-on cell phone use while driving under legislation unveiled in front of the Statehouse. Also, junior operators would not be able to use cells in any form during their first six months on the road.

• *Nurses say ratio law will save lives* — One in three nurses knows of a case where a patient died because the ratio of patients to nurses was too high, the Massachusetts Nurses Association said. Nurses called for the passage of legislation requiring hospitals to get the ratio down to 5 to 1, or even lower depending on the care involved.

• *Death penalty will be studied by Romney panel* — Gov. Romney plans to form a commission to examine death penalty policy. The governor ran on a pledge to restore capital punishment, but is searching for a way to come up with a bill that will enjoy broad support in the Legislature, which has been moving in the anti-death penalty direction in recent years. The major new element of this inquiry is likely to be ways in which the law would call for cutting-edge forensics to be used as a check against wrongful conviction and execution. No one testified in favor of the death penalty at a hearing earlier this year.

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE $22.3 BILLION FISCAL 2004 BUDGET (H 4004)

House 118-37, Senate 32-6, accepted the conference committee version of a $22.3 billion fiscal 2004 state budget that does not raise taxes but raises millions of dollars in fees and makes major cuts in many areas including human service and education programs, education aid, local aid and higher education. Other provisions include restoring Medicaid benefits for 36,000 unemployed adults; $96.4 million for the Prescription Advantage drug program for senior citizens; requiring state employees earning over $35,000 per year to pay 20 percent instead of 15 percent of their health insurance premiums and requiring newly hired employees to pay 25 percent; and repeal of the voter-approved Clean Elections Law that provides public funding for candidates who agree to strict fundraising and spending limits. Supporters said the package is an on-time, fiscally responsible and balanced one that makes tough choices in light of the state's fiscal crisis and would close the state's estimated $3 billion budget deficit. They noted it includes major reforms and makes historic changes to the structure and operation of state government. Various opponents cited a variety of reasons for voting against the budget including the inclusion of millions of dollars in increased fees; drastic cuts in human service programs, education and local aid instead of raising taxes; excluding Republicans from having major input into the drafting of the conference committee report; technical and drafting errors in the report that were made in the rush to complete work on it; inclusion of unnecessary spending; and reforms that do not go far enough in making major changes in the structure and operation of state government. The House and Senate later gave final approval to the budget and sent it to Gov. Romney. (A "Yea" vote is for the budget. A "Nay" vote is against it).

Senator Hedlund: **Y**
Representative Bradley: **Y**

POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL 2004 STATE BUDGET (H 4004)

House 37-117, rejected a motion to postpone consideration of the conference committee version of a $22.3 billion fiscal 2004 state budget for three days. Supporters of postponement said that legislators have only had a few hours to read this new version of the budget and argued that it is irresponsible to vote on a $22.3 billion package without being allowed to read and understand it. They noted that the document is loaded with drafting and technical errors and should not be rushed through the House. Opponents of postponement said it is important for the legislature to act in a timely fashion in order to approve the budget and send it to the governor who can sign it and make his vetoes prior to the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1. (A "Yea" vote is for postponement. A "Nay" vote is against postponement).

Senator Hedlund: **Y**
Representative Bradley: **Y**

FAILURE TO REPORT A FIRE (S 1281)

Senate 39-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill imposing up to a two-year prison sentence and/or $1000 fine on anyone who starts, causes or maintains a fire that endangers lives or property and fails to try to extinguish the fire, warn people of it or promptly notify the police or fire department. The measure exempts the requirement to try to extinguish the fire and warn about it if either action would place the person at substantial risk. Supporters said this fills a gap in current law and makes a person responsible for failure to take action that could save lives and property. They pointed to the tragic 1999 Worcester fire in which six firefighters died while searching a warehouse in vain for two people who started a fire by knocking over a candle and then fled after unsuccessfully attempting to extinguish the blaze. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Senator Hedlund: **Y**
Representative Bradley: **Y**

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS (S 1292)

Senate 39-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill increasing the membership of the Massachusetts Fire Service Commission from six to seven and requiring that one member be a call/volunteer firefighter. A call/volunteer firefighter is one whose primary occupation is not that of a full-time firefighter. The commission's powers include appointment of a state fire marshal; regulation of the operation of the marshal's office and development of standards for fire investigation training and certification. Supporters said that 45 percent of the state's firefighters are call/volunteer ones and argued that they should have some representation on this important fire-related board. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Senator Hedlund: **Y**
Representative Bradley: **Y**

LEADERSHIP SALARIES (H 3743)

Senate 28-10, gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney a bill allowing the House and Senate, through their operating rules, to unilaterally set the bonus pay, above the $53,381 base salary, of their committee chairs and other majority and minority members in leadership positions. The House gave final approval to the bill without a roll call vote. Under current law, any bonus pay proposal must be filed as a separate bill and then go through the regular legislative process and sent to the governor who can sign it or veto it. The House and Senate also adopted an emergency preamble that provides that the new law, if signed by the governor, take effect immediately, rather than in 90 days. Supporters said this fair and reasonable change would simply allow the House and Senate to manage their own in-house affairs without interference from the governor and noted the state's chief executive has always been able to set the salaries of his staff without any legislative interference. Opponents said the bill would destroy the system of checks and balances by effectively giving the powerful speaker and senate president the ability to quickly increase the pay of favored legislators below the radar screen and without public scrutiny or a public hearing. They argued the measure is outrageous and poorly timed in light of the state's budget crisis, layoffs of state and local employees and drastic program cuts. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill allowing the Legislature to unilaterally set bonus pay. A "Nay" vote is against the bill).

Senator Hedlund: **N**
Representative Bradley: **N**

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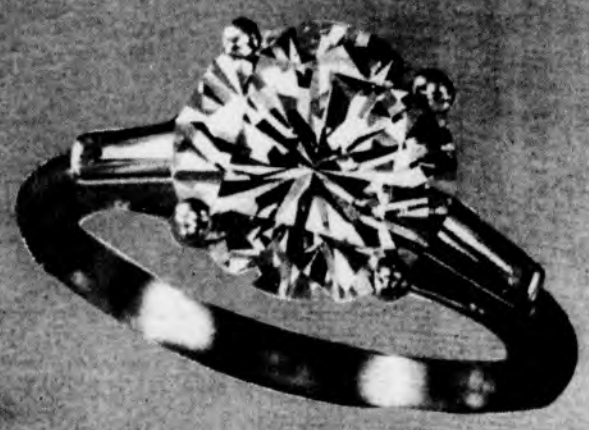

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Marine educational center launched in Hagerty House

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obtain the data you are getting for us," he said.

Bobo also commended the school system, "whose management and staff have provided the wherewithal to foster such a program in our midst," and the parents, who have "supported their children's efforts in public service for environmental outreach."

Environmental Secretary and Cohasset resident, Ellen Roy Herzfelder was also in attendance. Sharing fond memories of days spent on the beach when she was a child, Roy Herzfelder holds a special place in her heart for the project. "This is my home town and this is my love — the ocean," she said.

Roy Herzfelder cut the ceremonial ribbon, and was first to enter the building after its official inauguration. After a complete transformation, the historic building has been restored to provide an ideal setting for research.

With beautifully refinished wood floors and fresh paint on the walls, the center almost feels like stepping into someone's home, if you can overlook the test tubes and computer mapping station.

"The amount of work that went into this is extraordinary," Roy Herzfelder said. "The science is first rate, and the new equipment is going to ensure quality data. It's as professional as it gets."

President of the CSCR Jack Buckley is very optimistic about the potential impact the program could have on the town. "I certainly hope it has a significant impact. It's a beautiful facility, and the location is beautiful," he said.

Buckley also notes that students involved in the research are providing a very meaningful service, which for them is "highly motivating."

Funding from the Community Preservation Act, as well as private donations and grants, covered the $100,000 it cost for CSCR to renovate to the building, Bobo said.

The town bought the former Hagerty house and the two acres that make up what is now Mariners Park 10 years ago. Buckley, who leases the boathouse on the property, approached selectmen about 18 months ago about leasing the Hagerty building for the CSCR. Selectmen approved the proposal last August after Buckley returned with detailed financial plans. Selectmen were initially reluctant because they didn't want to turn the town-owned building that needed considerable work over to another nonprofit that may or may not make it. The structure had been previously leased to the Lobster Lab, a maritime research facility, which was unable to realize its potential for the space. Selectmen ultimately terminated the Lab's lease because the nonprofit organization did not meet the conditions of the lease in terms of building upkeep and fundraising.

That history was a distant memory Friday as roughly 80 people attended the grand opening, which will no doubt be a new chapter for the Hagerty building.

The inspirational setting will also be shared by artists when the South Shore Art Center begins renting the second and third floors of the building for studio space. The money will be used to help maintain the building.

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Top: State Secretary of Environmental Affairs Ellen Roy Herzfelder speaks at the grand opening of the Center for Student Coastal Research on Parker Avenue.

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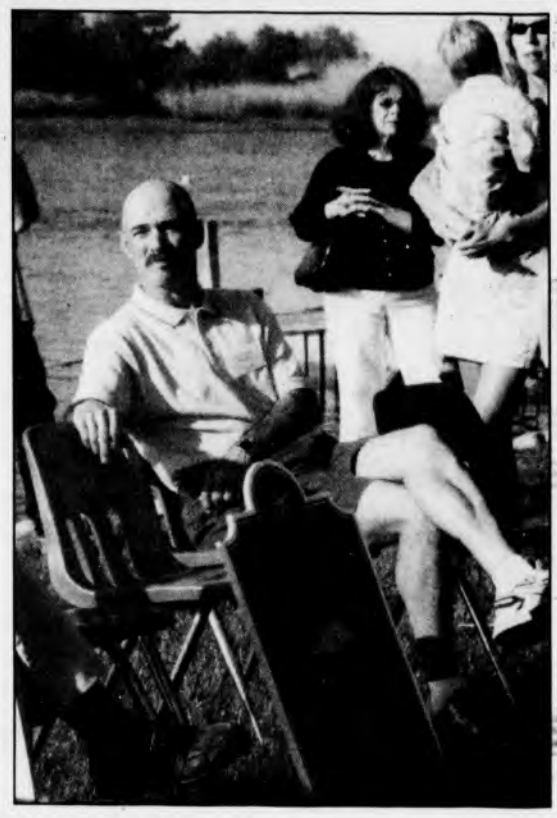
Far right: Jack Buckley, president of CSCR, listens to Roy Herzfelder's remarks.



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At right: Ellen Roy Herzfelder cuts the ceremonial ribbon, with a little help from Emily Dean, at left (who made the scissors), and Jack Thomae.

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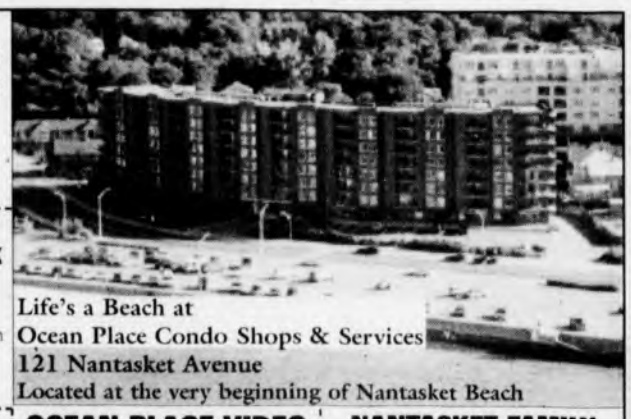

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Lt. Gov. Healey hears local concerns at South Shore summit

Budget cuts, train, and Chapter 40B dominate powwow

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Chapter 40B development, local aid cuts and regional transportation projects — including the proposed $464 million Greenbush line — topped South Shore officials' list of concerns when they met with Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey.

About 25 representatives, most of them selectmen or town administrators from a dozen South Shore communities — including Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Norwell, Rockland and Scituate — had an opportunity to weigh in on state policy and issues of local concern at the regional meeting with Healey earlier this month. The summit was held at the Rockland Trust bank in Brockton. State officials from Mass Highway, and the Department of Environmental Protection were also on hand to provide answers to some questions

"These meetings are an ongoing effort to hear from municipal officials," said Healey, who has been meeting with community leaders around the state since the Romney administration moved in to Beacon Hill.

Healey conceded this year's budget deficit has been "devastating," and has been the leading topic of many of the recent meetings, but she said the administration expects a moderate economic turnaround.

Rockland Town Administrator Brad Plante centered his comments on the state's budget cuts, which he said have hit hard his town hard.

"We took a tremendous hit this year; one of the largest on the South Shore," he said.

Plante said he wanted an explanation of what he described as the "voodoo" formula the state employs to decide budget cuts.

Healey said the current formula the state is using for local aid distribution is the expired house and senate formula. Romney's proposal for $232 million in statewide cuts for local aid was not accepted by the legislature.

"We are disappointed the House and Senate haven't embraced the reforms we have proposed," said Healey.

Abington Town Administrator Dori Jamieson also focused her comments on the state budget cuts which she said will result in more than 50 layoffs in the school department.

Jamieson said she's also concerned with school reimbursement funding, monies for the revitalization of North Abington, and improvements to roads leading to Abington's state parks.

Scituate Selectmen at the meeting took the opportunity to make their concerns about the MBTA's planned restoration of the 17.7-mile Greenbush commuter train clear to the Romney administration.

Addressing what he referred to as "the infamous train," Selectman Paul Reidy complained about missed deadlines by the MBTA and poor communication with the transit authority over the project, and questioned what the status of the project is at this point.

"We're looking at all the promises that have been made to local communities," said Healey.

She added that because Big Dig cost overruns have consumed most of the state's transportation dollars, the administration is looking at promoting "smart growth" opportunities.

Among these, Healey said the administration is looking at transportation changes that will add to local communities and their economies, more than they disrupt them.

Scituate Advisory Committee member Kathy Donohue said she doesn't feel that the proposed train line falls into that category.

"The whole Greenbush thing is the antithesis of smart growth," she said, and questioned why the rail line's largest parking lot is to be built in a neighborhood that most people couldn't locate on a map.

Donohue also wanted clarification on what is to become of the "no-name intersection," where Route 123 meets Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and proposals for a roundabout at the site.

"It's certainly nice for the Lt. Governor. to have some feedback from the people who are being affected by the state's policy," she said. "How can 1,000 cars get to Greenbush?"

Scituate Selectmen Chairman Joseph Norton was also direct in his comments about Greenbush.

"We can't grow anymore. We're at our maximum water supply," he said. "In the town of Scituate, town meeting voted overwhelmingly against the train."

He added that the town has spent $100,000 on non-reimbursable funds just in dealing with the MBTA.

"The train is not a plus for the town of Scituate," he said.

Norton asked Healey for a "sincere effort" to be made to look at commuter boats, and other cheaper forms of transportation.

Hingham Town Administrator Charles Cristello brought another message of opposition to the rail project and took issue with the projece being described as a tool for economic development.

"We commend you for taking a hard look at Greenbush," he said. "If you judge this by merit, we're confident you'll make the right decision," he said.

The condition of state roads in local communities was another issue local officials addressed.

Describing his town as "the hub of the South Shore," Abington Selectman Jerry Corcoran said he wanted state funding for improvements to Route 18, and officials in both Whitman and Rockland decried the state of their roads — which they said are chock-full of potholes.

Plante added that Rockland roads were severely damaged over the winter, and a pile of pothole-induced insurance claims are currently cluttering his desk.

While it was brought up by nearly every official in attendance, the Chapter 40B housing development issue was put off for discussion until the end of the meeting at Healey's request.

Norwell Town Administrator James Boudreau said some developers have been bypassing town zoning by implementing the 40-B "loophole." He gave an example that if a plan for a $1 million house was turned down, a developer could use the 40B legislation to put a 55-unit housing on that spot instead.

Healey said a bi-partisan 40B task force that was set up to analyze the issue, recently reported its findings to the administration. One of the issues the task force analyzed is how a community's mobile or manufactured homes are credited, she said.

Healey said the group's recommendations would have to go before the House to be amended into law, but the general consensus regarding the mobile residences is that they should be included in the affordable housing counts.

She added that community characteristics including an area's density, and closeness to public transportation would be looked at when making decisions on Chapter 40B legislation.

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3 Jerusalem Lane may set a precedent

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homeowner's right to build a new home with spectacular ocean views for which he was issued a building permit, over the objections of some neighbors, who say the new house at 3 Jerusalem Lane blocks their views, reduces their property values, and doesn't fit the neighborhood.

Putting all technical issues aside, Martin Healy, an attorney representing the Ayers, urged the Zoning Board to do the right thing in what is "a truly unfortunate situation."

"It was not our intent to find ourselves here," he said.

Although the neighbors have been fighting to stop work on the property for nearly a year, issues surrounding the house — which more than doubles the ranch-style home it replaced — are still wending their way through the hearing process.

The zoning board's decision to uphold the neighbors' appeal of Building Inspector Bob Egan's issuance of a building permit for 3 Jerusalem Lane set the stage for last week's hearing. In other words, the zoning board agrees with the neighbors that a building permit should not have been issued without the owner first obtaining a special permit because the lot the house sits on is undersized under the current zoning bylaw. The owners, Phil and Mary Anne Ayer, were told on Jan. 16 to stop work on their home, which was 80 percent complete at that point. They have appealed that ZBA decision to court and have also asked the larger question about whether they are being singled out. Their lawyers have produced building permits issued over the past several years for new homes on undersized lots. The only difference between the Ayers' home and others in question may be that the Ayers' neighbors have complained more. The building permits for the other homes were never appealed to the Zoning Board.

What's now before the zoning board is whether to issue or deny the special permit for the house. The decision to deny, if issued, means the new house meets the test of being "substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood" [the standard in the bylaw].

Whatever happens, it is likely that an another appeal is in the offing, which would send the matter to court.

Healy argued state law and the town's zoning bylaw protects owners of undersized lots that pre-date zoning. He said the ZBA must decide in what respect the Ayers' home — which he said meets all zoning setback, height and lot coverage requirements — increases the non-conformity. And then the board must decide if that aspect of the non-conformity causes detrimentally to the neighborhood.

"This structure is in full compliance with zoning requirements save one issue, this undersized lot," he said, pointing out that all lots on Jersualem Lane are undersized.

Mark DeGiacomo of Beach Street who has taken up the case for the neighbors said the law only protects vacant lots that predate zoning. He said homeowners in a neighborhood have the right to expect the homes that are there will remain or they should at least have the opportunity to be heard before the ZBA. He said if the Ayers had reconstructed essentially the same house, they would not have needed a special permit.

DeGiacomo also urged the board not to be swayed by arguments the Ayers have suffered by the series of events and the fact their house is built.

"All you do is grant or deny the special permit," he said, agreeing the "situation is certainly unfortunate for everybody." DeGiacomo said in the final analysis the courts will make the decision where to proceed from here.

The only relevant issue is whether the house intensifies the non-conformity, he said

The Zoning Board closed the hearing, allowing two weeks for both sides to submit briefs, and a week for each to respond to the other side's briefs, from both sides. The board will conduct preliminary deliberations on the issue at its July meeting; and continue deliberations at the August meeting, Chittick said.

ZBA says Ayers have no standing on other permits

By Mary Ford
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The Zoning Board of Appeals has decided Phil and Mary Anne Ayer, owners of 3 Jerusalem Lane, do not have standing to appeal the building permits on other homes in town built on under-sized lots.

Attorneys for the Ayers hoped the ZBA would consider appeals of building permits on 147 Beechwood St., 396 Jerusalem Road, 575 Jerusalem Road, 7 Lothrop Lane, 22 Norfolk Road and 414 N. Main St.

But last week, the ZBA said the Ayers did not suffer a specific harm from those properties, which are in other neighborhoods.

The Ayers' attorney Roberta Sawyer argued her clients had been singled out and required to file for a special permit when other homeowners in similar circumstances did not, and thus the Ayers' home had been "elevated to a level of scrutiny" not required of the other houses.

She said the Ayers have been negatively impacted in that they cannot sell or finance their home, which has been the subject of ongoing controversy.

ZBA chairman Woody Chittick asked, for example, how 22 Norfolk Road affected 3 Jerusalem Lane.

Sawyer said the unfair treatment of her clients' had caused "tremendous" harm and that the lawyers, architects and engineers would not be sitting before the board if that was not the case. She said her clients' individual civil rights have been violated.

Chittick said the civil rights issue was not relevant in determining whether the Ayers suffered specific harm from any one of the properties in question.

ZBA member Ben Lacy agreed saying he could not see any causal relationship between the properties.

ZBA member Anson Wheeler said the Ayers' claim of being aggrieved was too general to be relevant in a hearing before the board. He said their claim was more of a "general public good" issue than one of a specific nature the board could address.

The board voted 4-0 to deny the appeals.

Neighbor's roof deck is an issue

The Ayers, owners of 3 Jerusalem Road Lane, think their neighbor and chief critic of their home, needs zoning relief to add a roof deck to his house at 322 Jerusalem Road.

Roberta Sawyer, attorney for the Ayers, argued Stephen Daly needed a special permit to alter his home, which is a pre-existing, non-conforming structure because the work being done is on a part of the house that is in excess of the town' height requirements.

Mark DeGiacomo, who is representing Daly, told the ZBA "this is no more than an attempt at intimidation and retribution for Mr. Daly's involvement in 3 Jerusalem Lane."

Sawyer disputed DeGiacomo's charge and said her client, whose house is on ledge above the Dalys and looks down on the deck, could suffer potential harm from noise and parties.

There was some dispute over the height of the deck and the preexisting roof which it would replace.

ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick said if the deck is below 35 feet there is nothing to appeal and asked the homeowner to get a measurement.

The ZBA continued the hearing to its September meeting.

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Look who's back

Levangie returns to CHS to take over girls hoop team

By Jim Logan
CORRESPONDENT

After taking a break from the rigors of the head coaching scene, longtime South Shore mentor John Levangie is back to take the helm once again, returning to the bridge of the Skippers, hoping to steer the wayward vessel of the Cohasset girls basketball team.

As anyone who's followed the Lady Skippers over the past several years knows, the locals have been unable to secure a state tournament bid for awhile now. Despite an overall improvement to the program over the past three seasons with the help of recently resigned Ellen Carr, the bottom line is the CHS girls have been unable to crack the hard shell of the South Shore League's upper-tier squads, an endeavor needed in order to make it to the Big Dance.

Now, it's Levangie who's hopeful he'll be successful in getting that job done.

With more than 25 years of coaching experience in the Greater Boston/South Shore areas, Levangie understands what it takes to bring teams to the Tournament. Over the past quarter century, Levangie has helped numerous clubs from several cities and towns (including the Cohasset boys basketball program in 1977-79, as well as BC High, Westwood and Wayland). Now, he'll be trying to aid the Skippers once again.

And he's more than up for the challenge.

"I'm ready," smiled Levangie, who lives in Scituate.

Although it's his first head coaching position since his "retirement" more than two years ago, Levangie stated the short time off means little to him.

"Head Coaching, I think, is in the blood," said Levangie, who actually served as an assistant girls basketball coach at Notre Dame Academy the last two winter seasons. "And it wasn't as if I haven't been coaching during the time. It was just I wanted to be a head coach again, I think. I had the fire in my belly."

He continued: "Luckily, Ron Ford (Cohasset High Athletic Director) was looking for someone to step in and take over the girls basketball program. It was a good fit for everybody."

Ford feels the saw way.

"We're extremely excited to have someone with John's experience agree to come on board and try to turn our program around," said the third year AD. "I think anyone who follows that program should be excited about the type of proven coaching skills John brings."

Outside of meeting with some of his players once before the summer break, Levangie admit-

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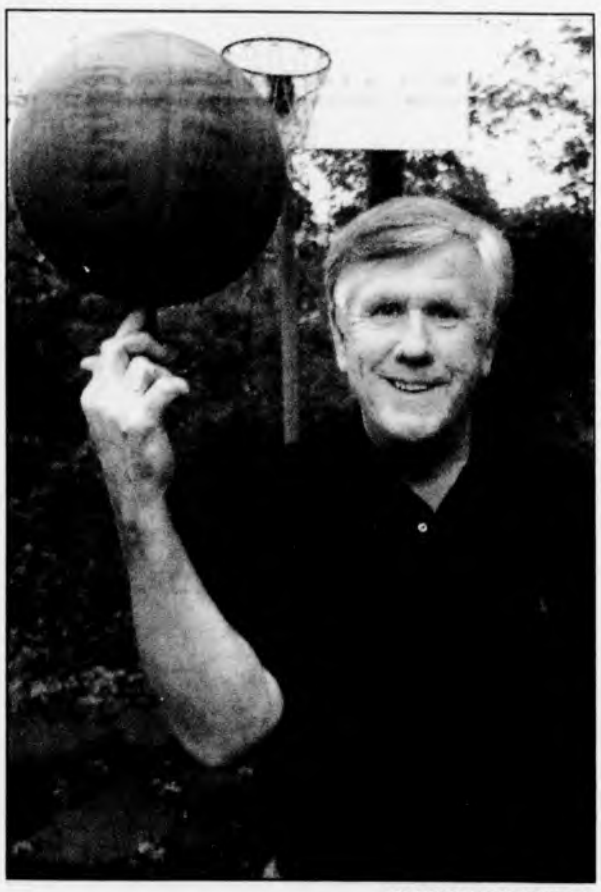

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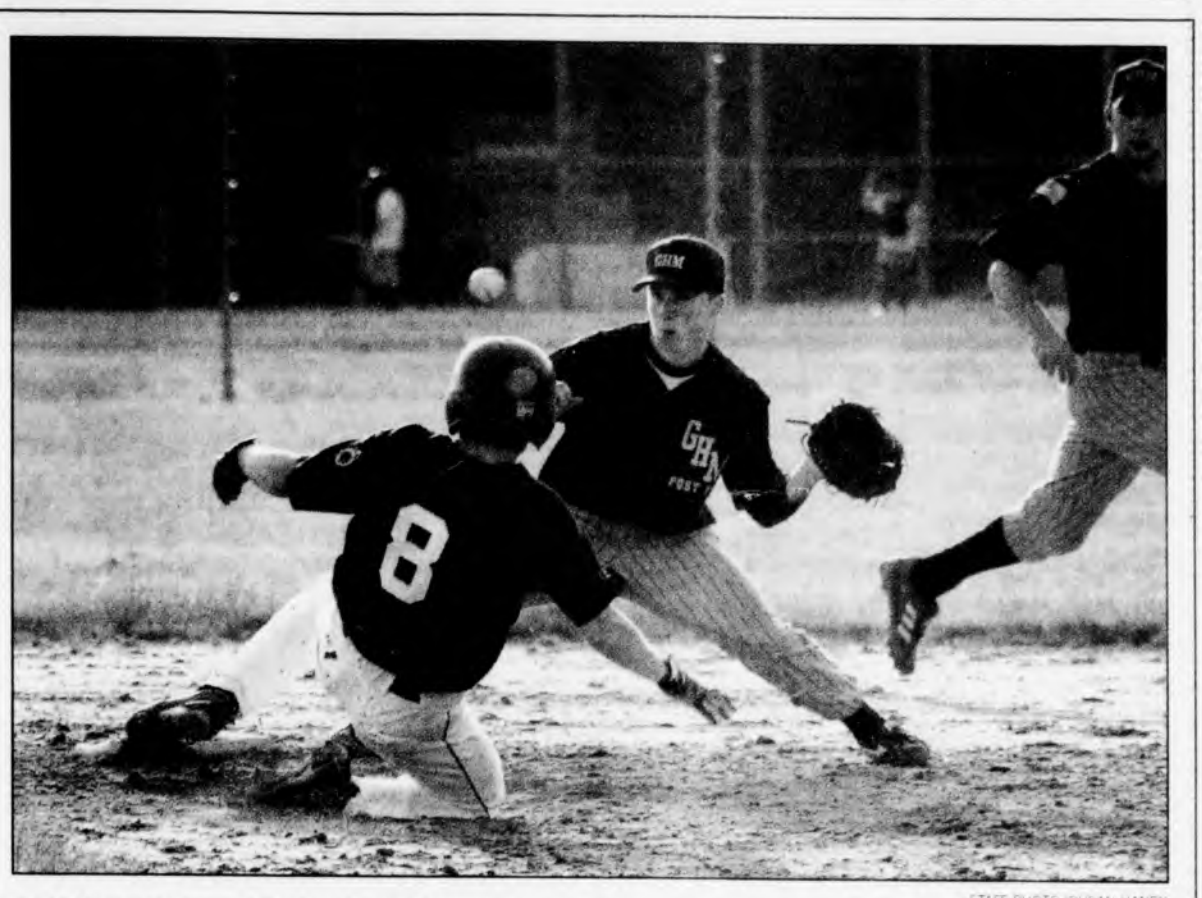
John Levangie can't wait to get back into head coaching with the Cohasset girls basketball team after serving two years as an assistant coach.



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Post 118's second baseman Tim Pilczak (middle) keeps his eye on the bouncing ball as Braintree's Brendan Daly slides safely into second with the steal and Post 118 shortstop Mike Gulinello (right) runs in for the back up. The Cohasset Legion team won this game, played Monday night at Scituate High School.

A decade worth of frustration ends

Post 118 ends Braintree's 10-year head-to-head mastery

By Mike Spellman
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It was a 10 years in coming. And, though it wasn't quite worth the wait, it did feel pretty good.

The Cohasset Post 118 Legion baseball team ended a decade's worth of frustration at the hands of Zone 6 rivals Braintree on Monday night, pulling out a dramatic come-from-behind 5-4 win on their home Scituate High field.

Thayer Academy sophomore to be Greg Malley, of Scituate, went the distance on the mound against the perennially powerful Post 86 squad defending, scattering six hits and four walks to earn his second win of the season.

Malley, 15, threw a lot of pitches and appeared to struggle with his control at times, but he bore down to get the big outs when he had to, proving to veteran coach Scott Arnold something he already strongly suspected.

"That kid has no fear," said Arnold, who, with the win, put an end to his ohter 30 run against Braintree.

The young righty hurler was clearly getting upset over ball and strike calls in the late stages of the game when Arnold pulled him aside for a quick chat.

"I just told him, at this level, you take that anger and use it in your pitching," said the 10th year Post 118 Field Manager. "He's a kid with a real good arm, but he's still got things to learn. He did a great job tonight, though."

Malley surrendered one run each in the second, third and fourth innings, and his mates were able to answer with only a solo run in the bottom of the second.

Malley had no one to blame but himself when Braintree broke the ice in the top of second. After Ryan Thompson opened the inning by legging out an infield single, a misfired pick-off attempt at first base allowed Thompson to scamper all the way around to third. A

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All-Scholastic boys track team

Cohasset's Krupczak, Kidder, 4x100 relay team named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 16 individuals and three relay squads, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top male tracksters in Marinerland for this honor.

Ian Kidder - Senior (Capt.)
Javelin - Cohasset

Ian Kidder

This two-time Mariner All-Scholastic spring trackster is a true jack of all trades...played a huge part in each of the Skippers back-to-back unbeaten seasons in his sophomore and junior years, regularly placing in sprints (200), jumps (the triple being his specialty), on the field (javelin) and in relays (a member of the two-time Mariner All-Scholastic 4x100 team)...suffered a hamstring injury in his senior year, but still managed to qualify for the javelin, then take fourth at the state Class D meet with a throw of 163-07 to advance to the All-State championships...finished 18th in the javelin at All-States with a disappointing throw of 154-09...two-time South Shore League all-star...helped the 4x100 finish third at the Class D meet with a season best time of 45 seconds to advance to All-States (unfortunately, the team did not run here due to CHS graduation falling on the same day)...was a starter for the CHS basketball team this winter and a standout golfer for the school team as well...a good student...an Appalachia Project volunteer...will attend Bucknell and attempt to make the school's Div. I track team...intends to major in Environmental Studies with an eye toward a career in architecture...Cohasset coach Al LaFountain: "Ian has talent, obviously, but he also has a real passion for track, and that helps set him apart from a lot of other kids. He and Jared (Krupczak) were great captains and they carried themselves like captains."

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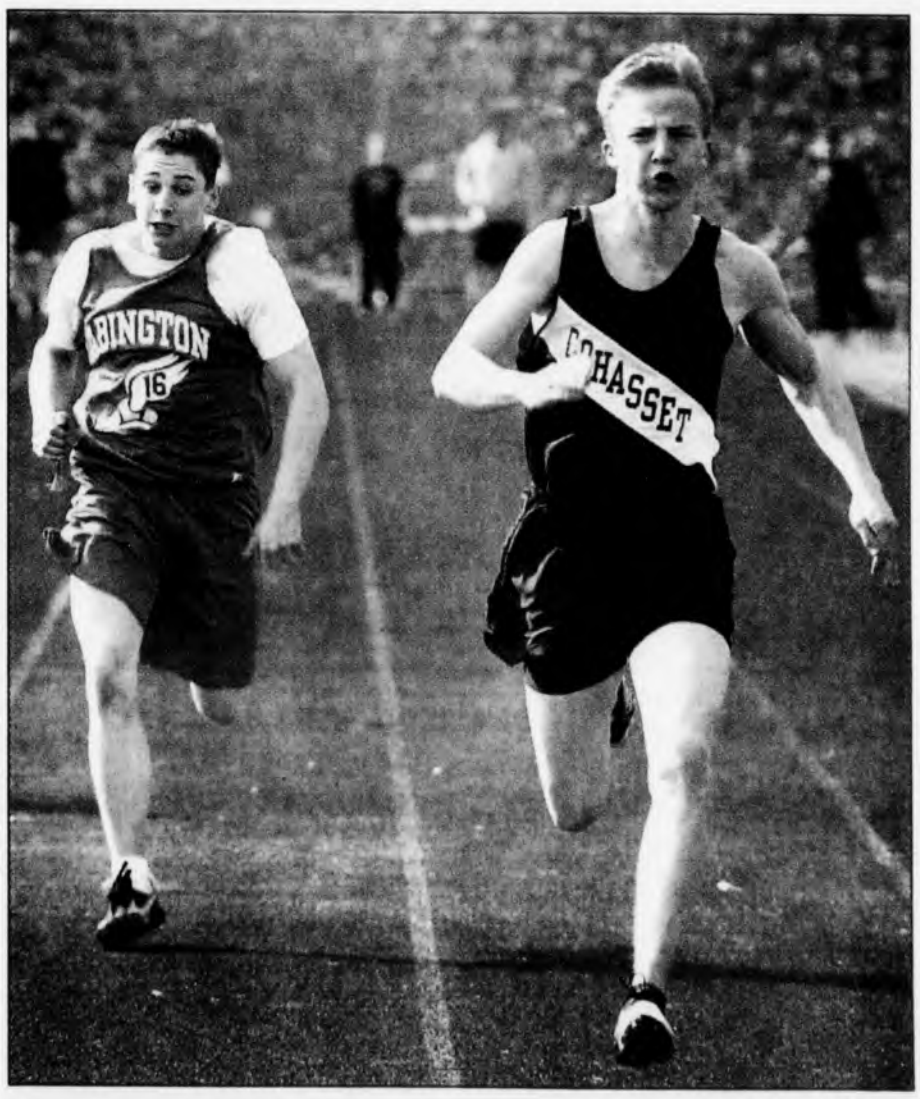

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Cohasset High's Jared Krupczak (in front...naturally) is now a two-time MAriner All-Scholastic selection

Leary gets kick out of new job

Former Rockland High head coach named new CHS boys soccer coach

By Mike Spellman
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Rob Leary loves coaching. He's really enjoyed coaching the Scituate High boys tennis team these last four springs and helping out with the perennial powerhouse Rockland High boys basketball team over the last five.

Now he gets to combine this love with another one: soccer. Last week, Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford named Leary the new head coach of his boys soccer program.

"Soccer will always be my first love, so I'm really thrilled to get back into head coaching soccer," said Leary, a former Rockland High star who went on to play college soccer at Plymouth State, and is currently an assistant boys soccer coach at his high school alma mater. "I'm quite familiar with Cohasset, obviously, and I think it's a great situation for me."

Leary met last week with a group of returning CHS players from last year's state tourney team and viewed the school and field, all of which only fueled his enthusiasm for the new post.

"Cohasset has great facilities, a great A.D. (Ford) who I look forward to working with and a very strong middle school program that will hopefully continue to be a good feeder for the high school team," said Leary, a health teacher at the Rockland

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Krupczak, Kidder, 4x100 relay team named among area's elite

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Jared Krupczak - Senior (Capt.)
200 - Cohasset

Jared Krupczak

If not for graduation, Jared might well have burst out of the shadow of older brother Brian (CHS class of 2001, 2-time Class D 200-meter champ, now a standout at Washington and Lee University in Virginia)...Jared's qualifying run of 23.32 in the 200 at All-State meet would have advanced him to New England's (something Brian never did, though injury played a big part in that his senior year), but he elected to attend his high school graduation rather than run in the finals...despite being slowed by a hamstring injury, Jared finished third in the 200 at the Class D meet with a season best 23.31 seconds... also helped CHS 4x100 finish third at the Class D meet with a season best time of 45 seconds to advance to All-States (unfortunately, the team also did not run here due to CHS graduation)...also qualified for the class meet in the 100 and was a standout long jumper...two-time South Shore League all-star in track...was the starting point guard for the CHS basketball team this winter...plans to attend Bridgewater State College and run track... Cohasset coach Al Lafountain: "Jared was a lot like Ian (Kidder). He has a passion for track, and that passion carried him a long way. He was a great captain for us, and an extremely hard worker. He'll be missed for that as much as what he did on the track."

Kyle Morse - Junior
Discus - Hingham

Kyle Morse

No question here... One of the top discus throwers around, Morse was the owner of the state's best throw (164'11") that won the State Class C Meet...Morse went on to claim third at the All-State Championships and was seventh at the New Englands (153')...Unbeaten in the Patriot League in dual meet competition this season, Morse set a new PL Meet record (157'1"), which won him the title in the event...He won the South Shore Principal's Meet with the same throw...Just a junior, Morse said he is already planning to continue his track career in college. Hingham coach Fred Jewett: "The discus is kind of an odd event because it requires a very fine balance between throwing hard and throwing well and usually, Kyle is able to find that balance. He's very motivated and is a very hard worker. He's taken his throwing to a whole other level."

Alex Cook - Junior
Two-mile - Hanover

Alex Cook

This Patriot League All-star went unbeaten in the two-mile in dual meet competition this season, helping to lead Hanover (6-1) to a second place finish in the PL...Cook was third in the event at the State Class D Meet (10:02.49) and ran a personal best 10:00.95 at the All-State Championships to finish 16th overall...The junior runs cross country in the fall at HHS and is a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic in that sport...A meticulous worker, speed and endurance are among Cook's best qualities...Also a talented speed skater, Cook will be among the top returnees to the Indians' team next season. Hanover coach Brett Johnson: "Alex is a maniac. He loves running. He sets hard goals and he goes at them. I've actually been trying to cut him back (workoutwise) but he just loves it out there. He's done a lot of conditioning and is mentally tough."

Joe Haidul - Senior (Capt.)
Mile - Hanover

Joe Haidul

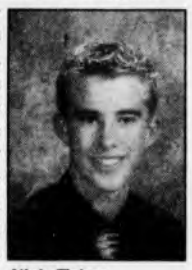
Only a two-year track runner, Haidul's leadership on and off the track helped land the Indians in a second-place finish in the Patriot League (6-1)...The senior captain finished 8th in the mile at the State Class D Meet with a personal best 4:42.28...Was also the owner of the PL's best 800-meter time (2:04) and competed in the long jump (18'1.5")...Haidul is making his second appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team as he was also on our cross country squad last fall...The graduate plans to join the Merchant Marines. Hanover coach Brett Johnson: "He's the consummate team player. He'd do anything he was asked to do and would get the job done. He was always willing to do anything as long as it helped the team. He's a great guy."

Paul Mansicalco - Junior
Multi-eventer - Hanover

The leading point-getter on the team last season, Maniscalco ranked third this season, aiding in the team's second-place finish in the Patriot League (6-1)...A standout sprinter and jumper, Maniscalco finished 9th in the 100-meters at the State Class D Meet (11.82), just one place (.02 seconds) shy of the finals...Was ranked among the top 5 in the PL in the 100, 200, and long jump (18'11") Also a hurdler and thrower, Maniscalco may be molded into a 400 runner next season...A two-time PL All-star, Maniscalco also plays soccer at HHS and hopes to attend college and continue his track career. Hanover coach Brett Johnson: "He's got such a long stride and is a tall kid. I think he'll be a great 400 runner. He's a great athlete and can do just about everything for us."

Paul Mansicalco

Nick Fisher - Junior
110-Hurdles - Abington

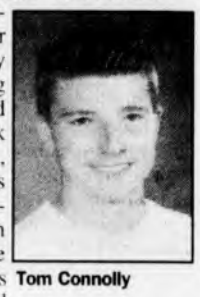

Nick Fisher

A breakout season for Fisher, this South Shore League All-star broke the Abington High record in the 110-meter hurdles with a 16.6...Fisher finished fourth at the South Shore Principal's Meet (16.85) and ran at the State Class D Meet, but an ankle injury sustained in practice kept him a bit off balance...Fisher also competed in the triple jump (38'), long jump, and 300-meter hurdles, helping Abington finish second in the SSL (7-2)...Fisher is a captain elect for next season. Abington coach Bob Hayes: "He's a good listener. He took the hurdles home for the summer because he wants to get better and he's willing to put in the extra work. He's a very coachable kid."

Dennis Hologitas - Junior
110-Hurdles - Rockland

A talented multi-event athlete, Hologitas excelled in the 110-meter hurdles, finishing third at the South Shore Principal's (16.71)...One of the Patriot League's best in the event, Hologitas finished second at the PL Championships with the fastest time of his career (15.9)...The junior was also third in the triple jump at the PL Meet...Hologitas competed in the 110 hurdles at the State Class C Meet...A three-year trackster and two-time PL All-star, Hologitas also ran the 300-meter hurdles and high jump...Hologitas also plays football and basketball at RHS and will be among the top returnees to the track team next season.

Tom Connolly - Senior
Two-mile - Marshfield

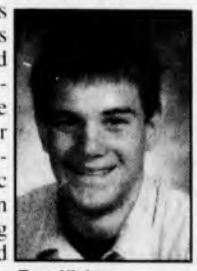

Tom Connolly

A standout senior on a very young Marshfield boys track squad, Connolly's performance in multiple events helped pace the team (2-5)...Connolly finished 4th in the two-mile at the South Shore Principal's 10:21.62, but ran a personal best 10:21.11 at the State Coaches' Invitational...He was second in the event at the Old Colony League Meet...Ran the third leg on the Rams' record-breaking 4x800-meter relay team, which competed at the All-State Championships...A cross country All-Scholastic last fall, Connolly plans to attend Mitchell College in Connecticut where he will continue his running career and study Phys. Ed. Marshfield coach Ryan Wagner: "Tom is such a strong runner. He's able to maintain himself very well. He had a great season."

Ryan Henry - Junior
(Capt.)
400 - Norwell

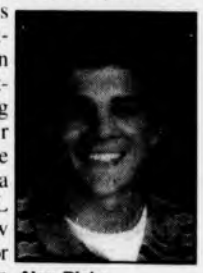
Despite being slowed at the beginning of this season by a hip flexor injury, Henry was able to qualify for the state Class D meet in the 400-meter race, where he finished a respectable 10th overall with a time of 52.32 seconds...his season best 400 time was a 51.8...the inability to train hard for the first month of the spring season (due to injury) made it difficult for him to regain the form that saw him finish second in the 600-meter race at the indoor Class D meet this past winter...also threw the javelin and ran a leg for a very good 4x400 relay team...South Shore League track all-star in both the winter and spring seasons in 2003...a sensational player for the NHS soccer team that won the SSL title this past fall...earned SSL and Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mentions for soccer in 2002... an extremely accomplished website designer, he created and maintains the Bostontrack.com website that reports on South Shore League track...a National Honor Society student...has heard from several schools with prominent track programs, including Stanford and Boston College...a member of the Galway Rovers soccer club team that recently finished as runners-up for the Mass. Premiere Elite League championship...Norwell coach Mike Murray: "Ryan is an extremely powerful runner with very little wasted motion. He's got great running form and he works hard at it. I think if he'd been healthy at the beginning of the year, you'd have seen a much higher finish at the Class meet. The good news is he's got another year to show what he can do."

Tom Kleber - Junior (Capt.)
800 - Norwell


Tom Kleber

This is Kleber's second consecutive Mariner All-Scholastic selection for spring track and third overall (he also made our '02 cross country squad)...the year-round track star, who already has three All-State meets under his belt, qualified for the state 800 with a 2:03.44...unfortunately, he fell well below that at last month's Class D meet (2:04.3), though he still finished a respectable eighth...Tom was slowed for the last several weeks of the regular season by a hamstring strain that forced him to sit out a few duel meets... also competed in the long jump and ran a leg for a very good 4x400 relay team...hopes to run track in college...is looking at Sacred Heart (Connecticut), among others...Norwell coach Mike Murray: "It's a shame Tom's spring season had to be slowed by injury, but I'm looking for really big things for him next season. I know he's going to train hard this summer, and really work on his endurance in the cross country season. He has a lot of natural talent. With some hard work, I think he'll really have a huge senior year."

Alex Piche - Sophomore
Mile - Silver Lake


Alex Piche

Alex is fast following in the footsteps of big brother Mike Piche, a 2001 SL grad (now running for Brown University), who was the New England mile champ in his senior year...OCL All-Star in distance events...was undefeated in 800 during regular OCL duel meets...finished second in the 800 at the OCL championships...won the 1-mile four times during the season, losing only to Barnstable's Matt Clark...has personal bests of 2:04 in the 800, 4:34 in the mile and 10:28 in the 2-mile...member of the 4x1-mile relay team that broke the Silver Lake record at the state relays this spring...finished fifth at the South Shore Principal's meet in the mile...competed in the Class A mile...also an OCL All-Star indoors this winter and for cross country in the fall...also a Mariner All-Scholastic selection for cross country...High Honors student...Silver Lake coach Fred Watson: "Alex has what it takes to be a very, very good high school runner. He's got the type of tough mindedness and intestinal fortitude and work ethic. Plus, he's got a great family there behind him. It's going to be very exciting to see what he does the next two years."

Patrick Gorman - Junior
Shot Put/100 - Silver Lake

Patrick Gorman

The top point producer for a very good Silver Lake team over the course of this spring...an OCL all-star in the 100-meter dash, with a top time of 11.18...won the 100 four times in duel meet competition and was second the other three races...won the discus five times with a best throw of 126-8...won the shot put four times in duel meets, his best throw going for 41-8...also an OCL all-star in the shot put this past winter season...competed in 100 and discus at the class meet, but was suffering from a hamstring strain and performed well below his established best in both events... Silver Lake coach Fred Watson: "Pat is a warrior. He gave it his all every time out no matter what the event; it was whatever the team needed. He gave it his all at (the Class A meet) too, like you knew he

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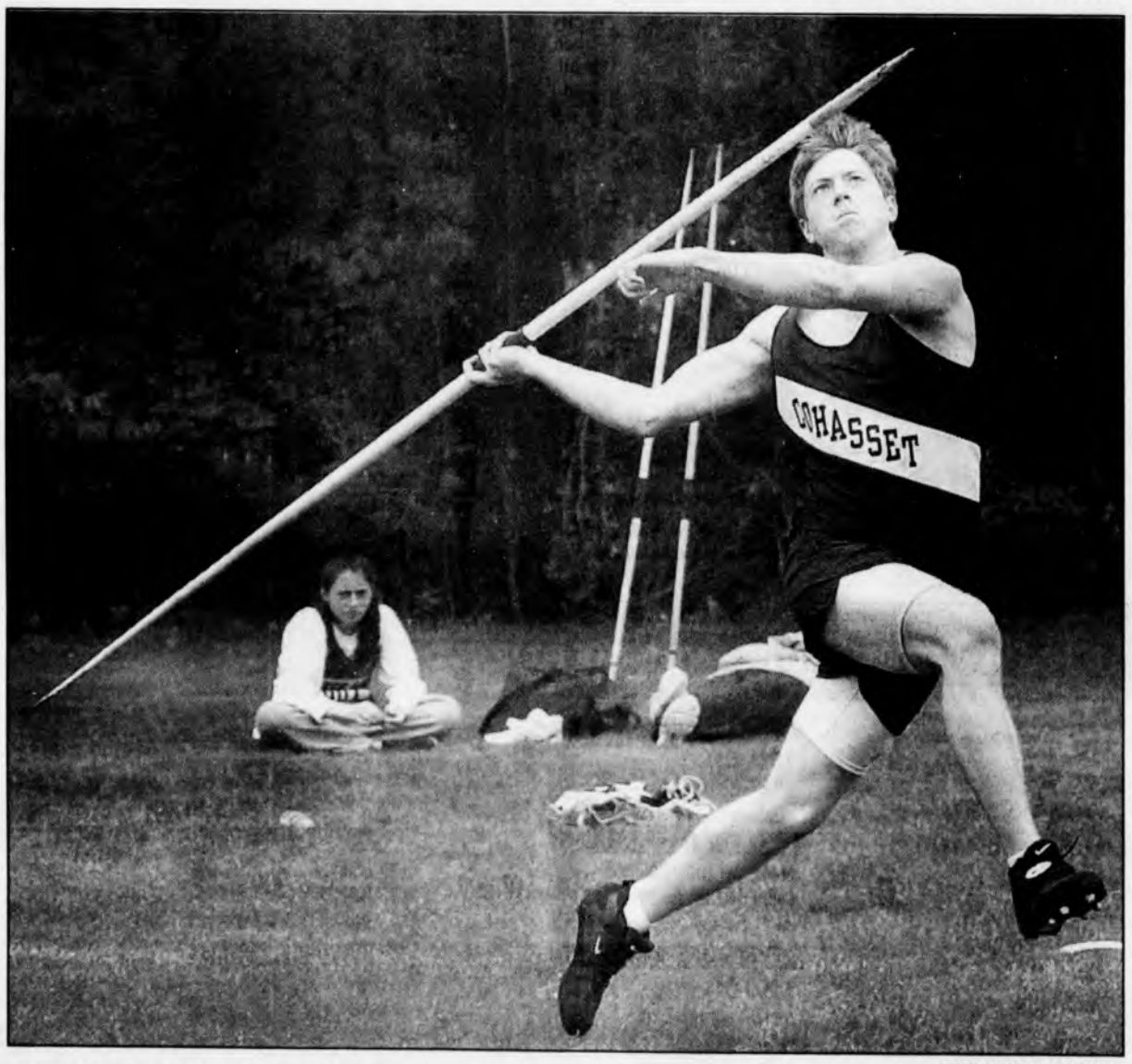

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Cohasset High's jack-of-all-trades, Ian Kidder, managed to make our All-Scholastic team for the second time despite beign slowed for much of the season by a strained hamstring.

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All-Scholastic boys track team

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would. He just didn't have the push in his legs with that injury that he normally does."

Steve Craven - Junior
Hurdles - Silver Lake

This junior really came into his own this spring on the track…named an Old Colony League all-star in the 300-meter hurdles, an event he won six times and took second in the other time in duel meet competition…best time in the event was a 42.2 seconds…also won the 110-meter hurdles in two duel meets, while taking second in his other six… ran a 42.34 at the state Class A meet, good for 10th place overall…a key contributor for the SL varsity soccer team this past fall…plays indoor soccer in the winter for the Cape Cod United club team…member of the National Honor Society…winner of the Renssalaer Medal for advanced math and Sciences…is interested in majoring in Engineering…is looking at Syracuse University, among many other schools… Silver Lake coach Fred Watson: "Steve is a bulldog in the hurdles races. He ran against some elite runners, but he never backed off, never gave an inch. He's a very unassuming kid but very determined too. He's a quiet leader by example."

Jim Bellofatto - Junior
High jump - Braintree

Jim Bellofatto

This jack of all trades specialist qualified for the state Class A meet in two solo events (high jump and 400) and as part of the 4x100 relay team…also just missed qualifying for state in the discus…Bay State Conference All-Star…best time in the 400 was a 53.5…best high jump was 5-10…won the high jump in four of seven duel meets this spring, taking second place in the other three…was also first or second in all seven 400-meter races…always competed in maximum of four events at duel meets, competing at least one time in the 100, 200, 400, 4x1, high jump, disc and shot put…also a sensational football player this past fall for the BHS team, earning BSC All-Star and Mariner All-Scholastic honors… 6-3, 210-pound defensive end hopes to play college football and has already heard from several Div 1A (including a few Ivy League schools) and Div. 2 programs…Honor Roll student…Braintree coach Kevin Jameson: "Jim would be a great decathlete. There's almost nothing he can't do on the track or field. He'll do whatever you ask him to if it's for the good of the team, and get points in just about everything. As a coach, you love the kind of flexibility he gives you."

Justin Lutz - Sophomore
110 Hurdles - Braintree

Justin Lutz

The top point-getter for the Wamps this spring… often won three events at duel meets: the 110m hurdles, long jump and triple jump…qualified for the state class A meet in the 110 hurdles and triple jump with personal best marks of 15.35 seconds and 39-6, respectively… just missed qualifying for states by just two inches in the triple jump with his best leap of 19-10…Bay State Conference All-Star came the closest of all BHS athletes at the Class meet of advancing to All-States, finishing sixth in the 110 hurdles… unfortunately, Justin got hung up on a hurdle in the championship heat, finishing with a disappointing 17.49 seconds, well off his preliminary heat times (15.83 and 15.78), either of which would have been good enough to advance him to All-States…also a winter track league all-star…also had a best of 11.5 seconds in the 100-meter dash…would like to run college track, and has an eye on the Northeastern program… Braintree coach Kevin Jameson: "Justin is an incredibly hard worker with incredibly dedicated parents. He keeps improving so much every season. With that work ethic, you can see him being a fantastic hurdler by his senior year."

Relay Teams:

4x100 relay team
Cohasset
Ian Kidder- senior
Jared Krupczak- senior
Peter Bunstein- sophomore
Eric Belz- junior

Even after Bunstein joined the team late in the season as a replacement, this squad just kept getting better, peaking with a season best 45.0 timing at the state Class D meet, good for third place and a spot at the All-State track championships… unfortunately, the team did not run at All-States, as the event coincided with CHS graduation…team won South Shore League championship for second year in a row…Cohasset coach Al LaFountain: "Once Peter (Bunstein) got into race shape and he got his confidence, things just really took off for this group. It's going to be tough to replace Jared and Ian, but Eric and Peter are now established and we've got a few strong runners coming in."

4x400 relay team
Hingham
Sean Hagan - senior
Pat Phelan - freshman
Billy Monahan - freshman
Brendan Aucoin - senior

This quartet of two seniors and two freshmen finished 9th at the State Class C Meet, running their fastest time of the season 3:40.21, also the best time in Marinerland this spring…The Harbormen team was second at the Patriot League Championships (3:43.8)…Hagan (a senior) and Phelan (a junior) bring their individual 400-meter skills to the table, while Monahan (a freshman hurdler) and Aucoin (a senior jumper) brought skills from their other events to the relay…All four boys ran legs between 52.0-55.0…Teammate Alex Ramsdell has also run on the relay in dual meets.

4x800 relay team
Marshfield
Justin Pelkowski - junior
TJ Griffis - junior
Tom Connolly - senior
Curtis Sherman - senior

This talented quartet broke the Marshfield High record in the relay twice this season and made it to the All-State Championships…They broke the old mark of 8:30.5 at the State Class B Relays (8:28) and at the State Class B Meet (8:23.06), finishing third each time…All running legs between 2:03 and 2:05, junior Pelkowski's aggressive lead-off leg consistently allowed Griffis (a junior) and Connolly (a senior) to maintain the pace, while Sherman (a senior) powered it home. Freshman Casey Hubbard was an alternate on the team. Marshfield coach Ryan Wagner: "Justin runs a gutsy first leg. He goes hard and holds it. TJ and Tom are both milers at heart, so that distance background really helps pace them. Curtis gives everything he has left in the final kick."

Honorable Mention:

Tom Cuddihy- Jr.- Discus- Scituate
Keith Pollard- Sr. (Capt)- 400/200- Scituate
Greg Kelleher - Soph- Javelin- Scituate
Chris Coldwell - Jr. - 100 - Norwell
Sean Clark - Sr. - 400 - Silver Lake
Patrick Cronin- Sr. (Capt)- long jump/triple jump- Silver Lake
Braun Goodson- Sr.- Discus- Cohasset
Kevin Koelsch- Sr.- 800- Braintree
Eric Holmes - Jr. - Mile - Abington
Casey Hubbard - Fr. - 400 - Marshfield
Curtis Sherman - Sr. - 800 - Marshfield
PJ Welch - Sr. - Shot/Disc - Rockland
Brad Litchfield - Soph. - 400 - Hanover
Rob Boyle - Fr. - Long jump - Hanover
Josh Diorio - Sr. - 200/Jumps - Hingham
Tom Cushing - Soph. - Shot - Hingham
Ron Riccarelli - 110/300 Hurdles - Weymouth

Norwell 4x400 relay
Pat Manning Tom Kleber
Chris Coldwell, Ryan Henry
Silver Lake 4x100 relay
Pat Cronin, Sean Clark
Tom Menice, Eric Rollins

A decade worth of frustration ends

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wild pitch a few moments later scored him.

Cohasset's Eric Dmohowski plated Mike Gulinello from third with a sharp single to left in the bottom of the second to tie the game. Gulinello had led off the inning with a walk, stole second and advanced to third on a groundout by Brian Signorelli behind the runner—a textbook example of the type of "small ball" coach Arnold feels his charges will have to play this season if they are to be successful.

"We've talked to the kids a lot about playing this kind of ball," said Arnold. "We've told them to be selective at the plate, make pitchers work, advance runners when we can, take the extra base when we can, and hope our big guys come through at the plate. Tonight that worked pretty well."

Indeed it did. The Post 118ers scored five times with only nine batters reaching base (seven hits, two walks).

It would take a while for the Cohasset bats to start warming up, however, as Braintree hurler Pat Driscoll sat down 10 of the first 12 batters he faced.

Malley was victimized in both the third and fourth innings when he allowed the leadoff hitters to reach, Tom Trall on a walk and Andy Connors on a double that short-hopped the fence in left center. Both would come around to score to make it a 3-1 game.

The hosts would tie things up in the bottom of the fourth with three straight two out hits. After a pair of strikeouts by Driscoll to open the inning, Gulinello singled up the middle, Brian Signorelli put one off the fence in left for a double and Dmohowski plated them both by slashing a single through the hole to left.

Two more runs in the fifth pushed the hosts ahead for good. Ted Straughn led off by working a walk, which ended the day for Driscoll on the mound, as he was relieved by lefty Nick Barese. Straughn then got to second on a passed ball, went to third on a ground out to first base by Malley and scored on Tim Pilczak's seeing eye single through the right side.

Kevin Signorelli then laced a single to right, Pilczak advancing to third. The two then executed a double steal, Signorelli sacrificing himself at second so that Pilczak could score to make it a 5-3 game.

That insurance run proved to be the difference in the game, as Braintree pinch-hitter Matt O'Connell opened the seventh with a blast over the fence in left center to make it a 5-4 game.

Malley, who'd retired seven of eight Braintree batters prior to the O'Connell homer, bounced back to strike out the next hitter, but then leadoff hitter Bob Osgood worked a walk. Gulinello erased the speedy Osgood by ranging far into the hole from his shortstop position to backhand a grounder off the bat of Jim Pierce and fire to second for the force and the second out. A Brendan Daly comebacker then ended the game, with Malley racing to first to record the final out.

"If we play the type of game we did today, we'll have a lot more wins before it's over," asserted Arnold, who saw his team improve to 2-5 with the win. "The guys promised me a win over Braintree for my 10th anniversary (of coaching) and they delivered."

The teams in Zone 6 play 20 games in 9-team league, the teams with the top five records advancing to the playoffs.

Braintree, the defending Zone 6 regular season champs, fell to 3-2-1 in league with the loss, but 3-10-1 overall, as they've dropped numerous games to out-of-state powerhouse teams. Post 86 is without tow of it's top players right now in Matt O'Connell, who continues to be slowed by a pulled hamstring, and number one pitcher Derek Rice, who may miss the entire season with a back injury. Still, Braintree coach Kirk Fredericks made it clear following Monday's loss that he expected more of his players.

"I'm disappointed right now," said Fredericks. "I'm disappointed in the attitude and lack of enthusiasm of some of the players right now. We've got some good players out, but that's no excuse. Other guys need to pick it up."

Legion Notes

Monday's win made it two in a row for the Post 118ers after five losses. The joint Cohasset-Scituate squad also shutout perennial Zone 6 power West Roxbury last Tuesday, 2-0, behind another strong complete game effort on the mound from Malley (five strikeouts, two walks, three hits).

Kevin Signorelli scored both runs. The Thayer Academy sophomore singled, stole second, and came home on a single by Brian Woods in the third inning to open the scoring. Gullinello knocked him home from third with a base hit in the fifth to pad the lead.

In between these two wins, scheduled games with Morrissette and Stoughton were postponed due to wet field conditions.

The team was scheduled to get back into action last night at home versus West Roxbury and then hit the road to face Milton tomorrow (Milton Academy, 5:45 p.m. start) and Weymouth on Sunday (5 p.m. start). They'll be back at home against Quincy on Monday (5:45 p.m.) and then travel to Canton on Wednesday.

"We've got a chance to win a few games in a row with what we've got coming up, I think," said Arnold. "We've still got time to make that playoff push. Let's hope this is the start of something good."

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Coastal Star Mites capture championship

Bottom row left to right: Max Hemmingway, Joe Kiley, Peter Bent, Joey Commesso, Henry Brown, Erin Shea and Ed Tobin. Middle row left to right: Brian Smith, Coleman Hernon, Jack Condon, Jack Kupens, Max Denton, Matt Sullivan and Ryan McGovern. Back row left to right: Assistant Coaches Bob Sullivan, Dan Bent, Coach Dave Denton, Assistant Coaches Joe Commesso and Bill Tobin.

The Coastal Star Mite C1 team finished an outstanding season with a first-place finish and a record of 19-1-3. The trademark of this team throughout the season was strong team defense. Not only did they receive strong goaltending and great positional play from their defensemen but also the forwards proved to be the hardest working back checkers in the league.

The Stars finished the season with a minuscule goal against of 1.00 This trend would continue in the playoffs, as they gave up an average of 1.25 goals against in four playoff games, including the championship.

The Stars opened the playoffs with a 1 to 0 win against Plymouth. The Stars then tied the Seahawks 1 to 1 and lost a tough one against Norwood. However, in the championship game they were facing a Plymouth team that wanted revenge.

Again the Stars won the thrilling defensive battle 1-0 on a goal by Henry Brown. The Stars' strong defense was led by Brian Smith, Joe Lasko, Jake Denton, Coleman Hernon, Jack Kuppens, Joe Kiley and goalie Joe Commesso

The offense was led by Peter Bent, Max Hemmingway, Jack Condon, Ed Tobin, Matt Sullivan, Erin Shea, Ryan McGovern and Henry Brown. Dave Denton was the head coach and Den Bent and Joe Commesso were the assistant coaches. Ed Tobin and Bob Sullivan also helped out as coaches.

The team was made up of 7-, 8- and 9-year-olds from the towns of Marshfield and Cohasset. The C1 Mite team was one of two Coastal Stars' teams to win their division and the playoff championship in the Yankee Conference.

Leary gets kick out of new job

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Middle School the last eight years who will move on to become a Phys Ed teacher at Rockland High next fall.

As if that wasn't enough, Leary gets to reunite with best friend Rick Dockendorff, the Cohasset High junior varsity and assistant coach the last six years.

Dockendorff was the starting goalie on the Plymouth State team, Leary a defensive fullback whose job it was to protect the goalie. The two have remained close since their graduation from PSC in 1992, as is witnessed by the fact Dockendorff will be Leary's wedding party later this summer.

When Dave Nigro resigned last fall as CHS's varsity coach after three extremely successful seasons, it was originally thought the popular JV coach would become the new varsity coach, but Dockendorff is working toward his Master's Degree in teaching and had already committed to a fall course load. Fortunately, Dockendorff still feels he'll have enough time left over to continue on with his responsibilities to the JV team.

"Rick and I have worked well in the past," said Leary—who, when he was head boys soccer coach at Rockland High before stepping down to pursue his Master's degree, had Dockendorff as his assistant coach. "I'm sure we can do so again."

The Skippers have finished no worse than third in the South Shore League and won at least one game in the state tourney each of the last three years. Leary is feeling the pressure to continue that recent tradition.

"I know they've lost a lot of good players to graduation the last few years, but Cohasset always seems to produce good soccer talent," said Leary. "I'm banking on that again."

Nigro installed a ball control offense that stressed short accurate passing. Fortunately, this is a system with which Leary is quite comfortable, and would like to continue.

"For the most part, I'll just be looking to build on what Dave has put in place," said Leary. "We'll be a defensive-minded team and try to control everything from the back, but, yeah, basically, I'll be looking to carry over a lot of what's already there."

As for his love for soccer, Leary has found a way to turn it into an almost full-time affair, as he recently signed on to manage a new indoor/outdoor soccer/lacrosse facility in Rockland

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"So I'll be around soccer a lot between now and next fall," said Leary. "Just watching will be tough, because I can hardly wait to get going for real with the Cohasset team."

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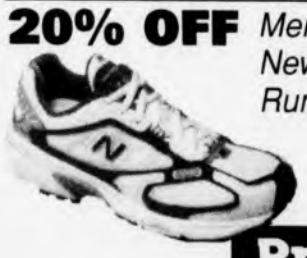

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The numbers don't lie

CHS lady laxers eye fourth straight postseason berth in 2004

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

What number comes to mind when you think of the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team? Humor me — think of a number.

If you said seven, that's great, because that's the number I had in mind.

The Cohasset High girls lacrosse team loses seven senior players to graduation, and guess what — the number of core juniors returning next year just happens to be, you guessed it, seven players.

Of course, we need something stronger than just two reasons for the seven number game.

How about this: the Skippers finished the season with seven wins.

And, how about, the Skippers finished with seven losses.

Here's where we lose the sevens: the Skippers also had two ties as they qualified for the tourney, making it to the first round, losing to Milton, 16-11. It marked the third straight year Cohasset made it to the tourney.

Torin Sweeney has been the coach for the past two years, both times ending the season with a .500 record.

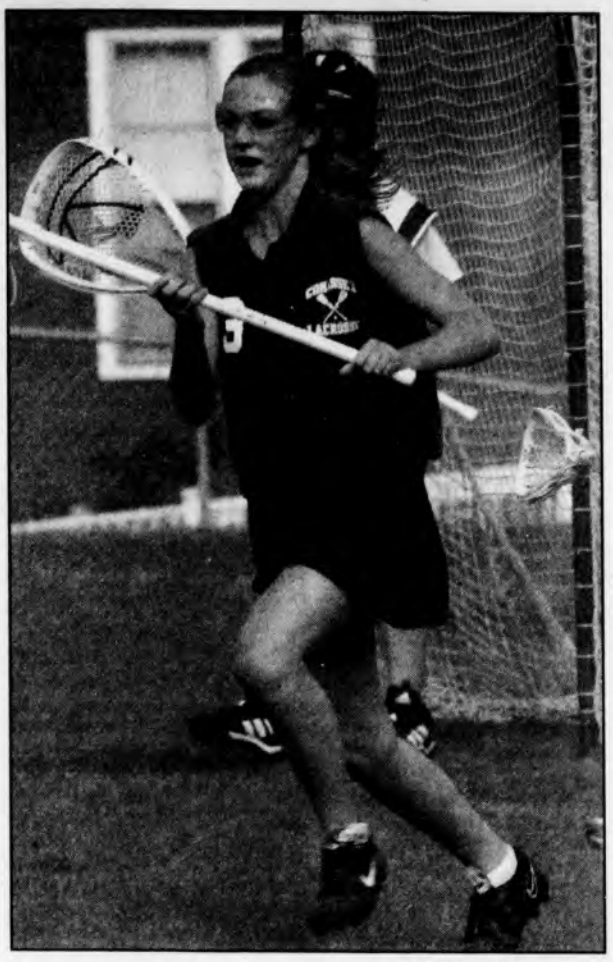
Of the seven seniors graduating, four are defensive players and three are from the offense.

The goalie, Gia Petrakis, is one of the senior defensive players gone. She leaves a big hole, having made more than 900 saves in her four year career, more than 200 of them coming this past season.

"In a couple of games this season, she single-handedly won games," declared coach Sweeney.

The other three defensive seniors include captains Catherine Coyne and Julie Lordan. Nell Brewer is the third senior. Catherine and Julie were four-year varsity starters, Catherine posting 10 goals and four assists.

"They were both exceptional leaders," commented Sweeney.



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Rachel Smith is one of seven graduated seniors who'll be deeply missed by the CHS lady laxers next spring.

According to the coach, Nell had an outstanding second half of the season guarding her opponents, and was instrumental in helping her team qualify for the tourney.

The three offensive seniors graduating from the team include Maura McKenney, Rachel Smith and Maura O'Brien. According to Sweeney, McKenney was one of the top players in the strong Pilgrim Conference. She scored 40 goals and 10 assists this past season, and had a career total of 118 goals, noted the coach.

"Her offensive power will be missed," said Sweeney.

Smith, a wing, was a two-year varsity starter, and a key playmaker on the team. O'Brien started her first varsity season and played exceptionally, according to the coach.

The seven juniors who will be back as seniors include Nicole Turgiss, Meghan Marr, Kristen Reardon, Libby Meiklehan, Ashley Faber, Kara Flint and Jessie Giles.

Nicole will be the offensive player the Skippers will count upon next season, having accounted for 38 goals this past season.

"Giles had an injury this past season, but when she was finally able to play, she was outstanding," said Sweeney.

"We expect a big season from Giles next year," the coach added.

The coach also picked out two exceptional younger players who will be back, sophomore Lauren Rizzotti (14 goals) and freshman Lisa Spirito (8 goals).

"All in all, we had a very good season and we're looking to improve on the numbers even more next year," concluded Sweeney.

Cohasset team enters Little League World Series

The Cohasset Little League has entered a team into the 2003 Little League World Series playoffs that begin on July 29.

Each year, for more than 60 years, Little League has sponsored this international tournament that culminates in a world championship in August in Williamsport, PA. Qualifying play kicks off in late June in various districts around the United States. In general, the tournament begins at the district level with a couple of elimination tournaments followed by sectional, state and then regional championships. Each year eight teams from the US go to the Williamsport World Series along with eight international representatives.

Last year's World Series was highlighted by a 10 inning 0-0 game in which one pitcher notched 21 strikeouts and the other 20 strikeouts. A Little League team from the Jesse Burkett Little League in Worcester made it to the US finals.

Cohasset Little League is a member of district 8, which is one of the 16 districts in the state of Massachusetts. The district 8 playoffs are double elimination in the sense that each team must lose twice before being eliminated from the tournament. Last year's district winner was a team from the Braintree American Little League.

Cohasset's first game is on Sunday, June 29 at Sharon Field against Whitman. In addition, this year for the first time Cohasset Little League is actually holding a double header on July 2. Both games begin at 5:45 p.m. with one being hosted at Barnes Field and the other at the new Chase baseball facility. Come down to North Main Street to watch some high caliber Little League baseball.

This year's Cohasset Williamsport All Star Team was selected by the seven Major League head coaches, who evaluated the 11 and 12-year-old players during the regular season.

The team will be coached by Dan Martin, Ralph Berry and Jim Richardson. Players include: Evan Richardson, Adam Berger, Mike Froio, John Sturino, Danny Martin, John Kearney, Robby McCunney, Brendan Doonan, John Giuggio, Jordan Berry, Tom Buckley and Chris Brown.

The following game for the Cohasset Little League team will be Sunday, July 6 at a location and time dependent upon the outcome of their first game against Whitman on June 29.

Attention Little League coaches

Or any other folks involved in Cohasset youth sports. We'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to e-mail your team or league reports as often as you like to ***mspellman@cnc.com***. We like pictures too.

Look who's back

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ted he knows little about the team he'll be stepping out onto the court this season. But he is sure of a few things.

"We're building from the ground up, in a tough league, and I think everybody knows that," he said. "I don't feel like anyone's thinking there'll be a State Championship next season. Everyonefs realistic.

"But I do guarantee we'll all be working hard together to tune up this program, and I know the girls are going to play hard. I'm sure they want to make this team as good as we can, too."

SPORTS NOTES

Boys and girls Lacrosse clinics

The Cohasset Recreation Department will soon be taking registrations for both boy's and girl's Lacrosse clinics.

The clinics will be held the week of Monday, July 21, through Friday, July 25, for grades 3 to 6 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Milliken Field. The fee per participant will be $75 and checks may be payable to Town of Cohasset. A few days will run longer than 10 a.m., however, we will advise you of which days.

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Registration forms can be obtained at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall in early May.

Summer Hoop Camp 2003

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will sponsor a summer Basketball camp, under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two camp sessions will be available starting Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 18. Boys and girls, ages 8 through 11, will have camp from 8:30 to 11:30 AM while ages 12 to 15 will be from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The cost for both camps will be $100 per participant.

Brochures and registration forms will be available at Cohasset Town Hall, Recreation Department office in early May.

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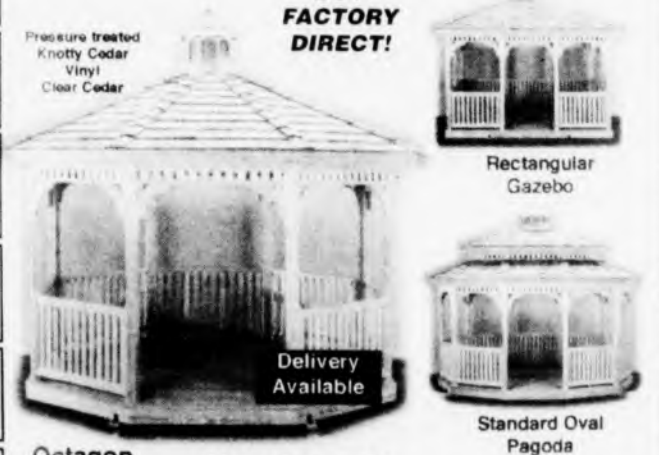
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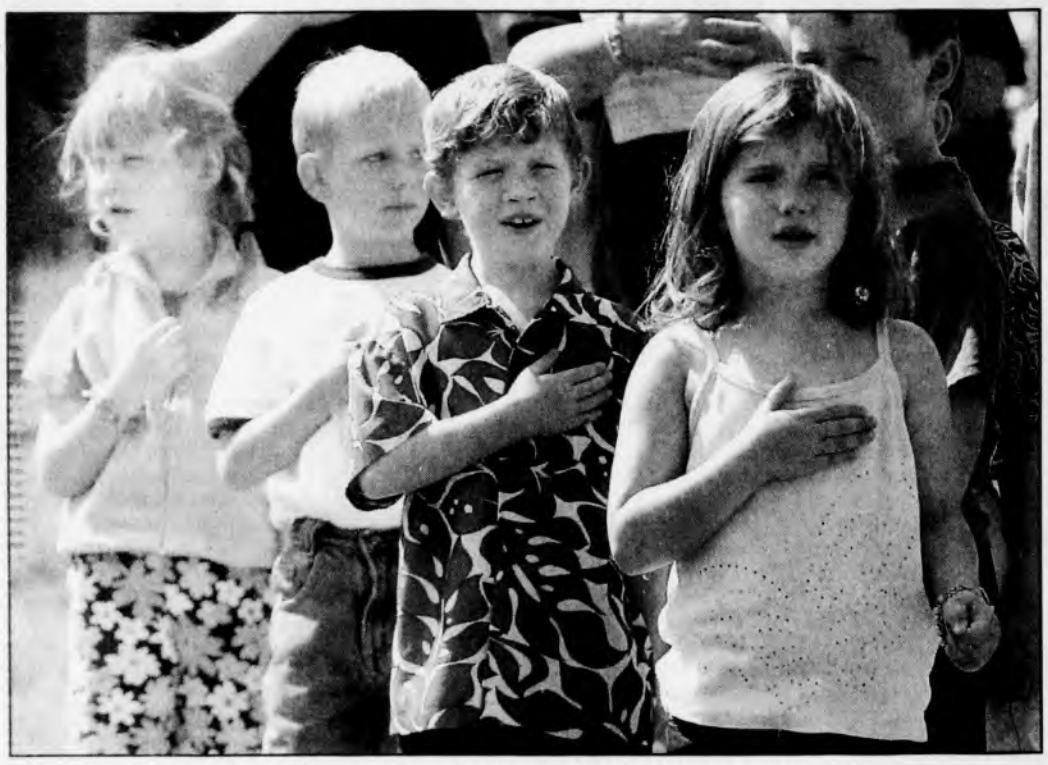
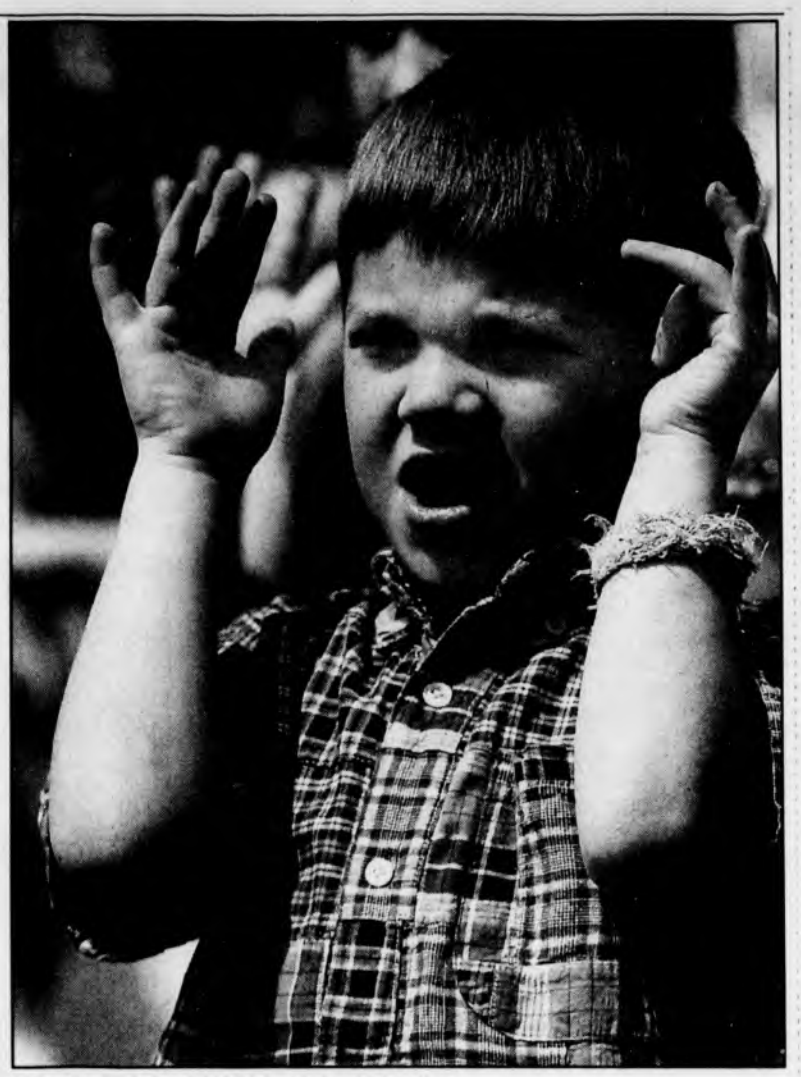
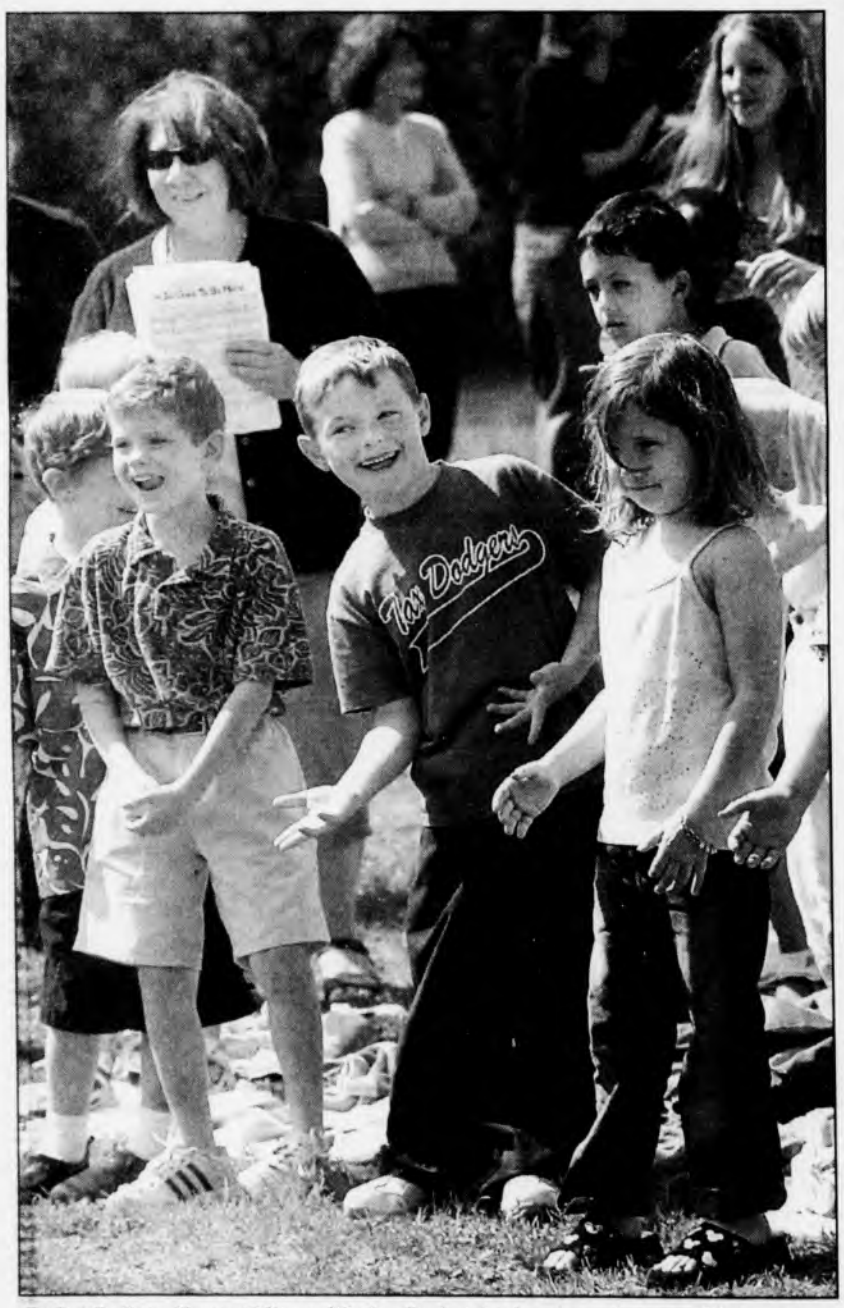


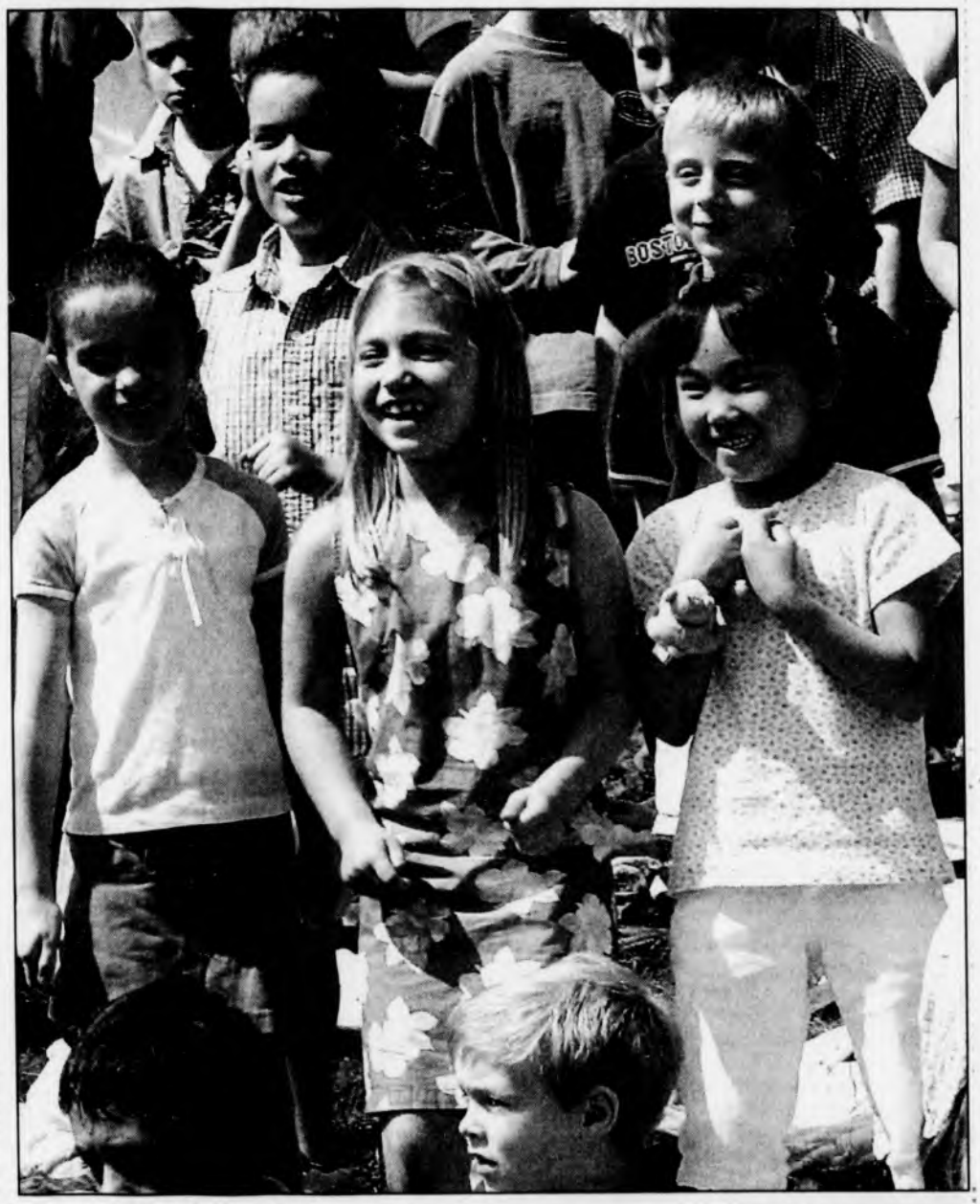
Margaret St. Sauveur, Ryan McElhinney, Timmy Guiggio and Taylor Frederick say the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of Arbor Day celebrations at Osgood School.



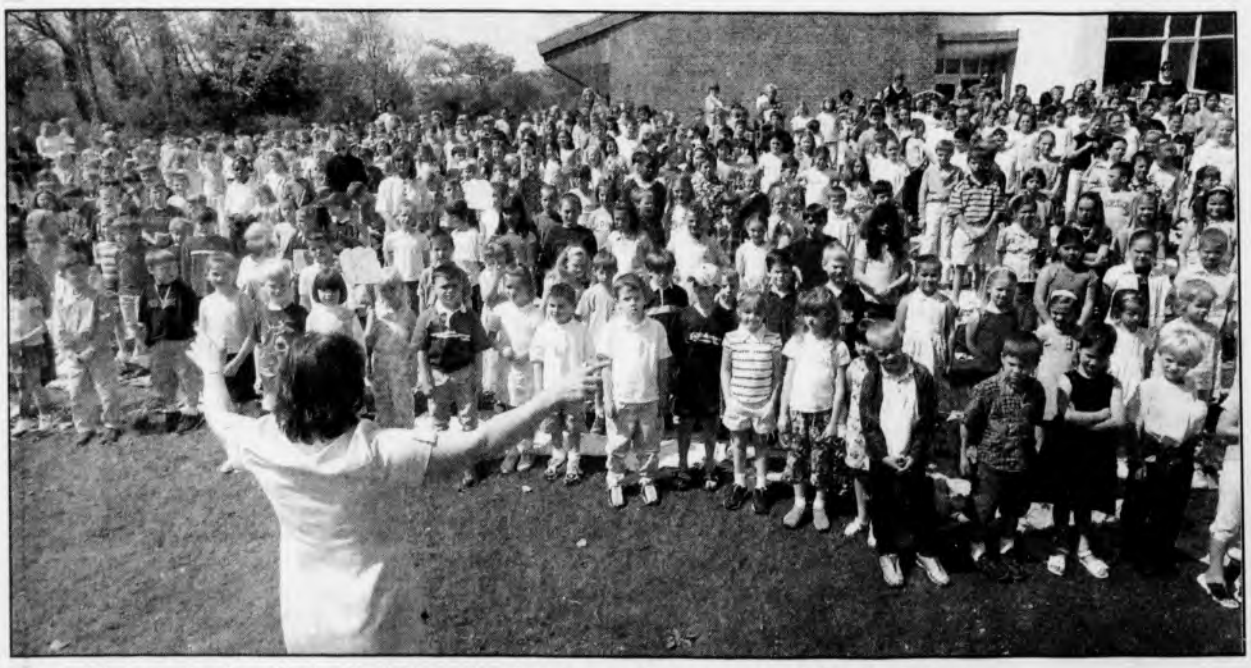
Matt Froio sings "This Little Light of Mine."



Tucker DeSisto, Timmy Gillis and Taylor Frederick take a bow after one of their songs.



Above: Clockwise from top left, Ryan Davis, Mats Nelson, Hannah Childs, Victoria Bryant and Katherine Naughton smile for family and friends at Osgood's Arbor Day celebration.

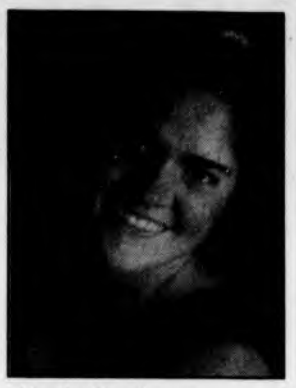


Above: Music teacher Rose Hathon leads Osgood students in song during the recent Arbor Day festivities.

At right: Maggie Czajak performs with her classmates.

Notre Dame Academy's Cohasset graduates

Jenna E. Fegreus



Martha Henderson

Laura Katherine Kondrat

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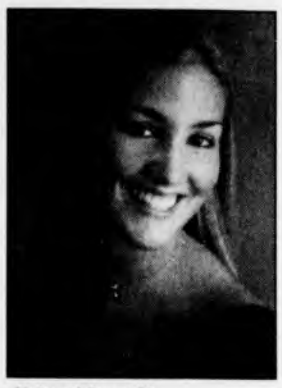

Krista Nicynski

Jenna E. Fegreus, a graduate of the Notre Dame Academy Class of 2003 will be attending Providence College in the fall. She was the recipient of the Mary Doyle Book Award at graduation ceremonies held on June 1.

Jenna was the co-president of the Model U.N. Club for three years; founder and president of the Notre Dame Academy Book Club; a member of campus ministry; a CCD teacher for two years at St. Anthony's Church; and a volunteer cook at Father Bill's Homeless Shelter in Quincy. Jenna is also a black-belt in Tae Kwon Do. She is the daughter of Ed and Jane Fegreus.

Martha Henderson will be attending the University of Richmond this fall. While at Notre Dame Academy, Martha served as treasurer of the National Honor Society and secretary of the Spanish National Honor Society. Martha played on NDA's Division I Varsity Soccer Team, was a member of the NDA Campus Ministry, sailing team, Key Club, Drama Club and the A Capella Choir. She was the recipient of the Kodak Young Leadership Award.

The daughter of Jane and David Henderson, Martha has been very involved with Cohasset's American Cancer Society's Relay For Life during the past four years. She is a member of MADD and was chosen to attend the first MADD Massachusetts Youth Summit. At graduation, Martha was awarded the Maribeth Merrigan Memorial Scholarship for her dedicated spirit, vision and character. She was recently chosen to be a summer intern at the Massachusetts State House in the office of Rep. Garrett Bradley.

Laura Katherine Kondrat graduated from Notre Dame Academy in a class of 142 distinguished young women. Secretary of the National Honor Society and president of the A Capella Choir, she was also active in drama, music and service organizations.

Laura received the Senior Class Theology Award and will attend Boston College in September where he will pursue pre-med and music courses. Her parents are Rick and Cheri Kondrat.

Member of the National, Latin and Technology Honors Societies, **Rachel McElroy** is active in both school and her community. Throughout high school, she was an energetic participant of the Drama Club, the A Capella Choir, the newspaper, the Chamber Choir and the Girl Scouts. She served as president of both the Debate Club and the Model United Nations Club.

Rachel is an avid volunteer. She works regularly with Notre Dame Academy, the Cohasset Community Center and St. Anthony's Parish. She was awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award for her work to improve community water safety in Cohasset and beyond. Recently, she was awarded the Cohasset Lightkeepers' Beacon Award; the Cohasset Veterans of Foreign War Post #9146 Scholarship; the Barbara Pape Memorial Scholarship from Boy Scout Troop 28; and the American Legion George H. Mealy Post #118 Scholarship in recognition of her community service and academic achievements. The daughter of Rachel and Joe McElroy, she will participate in the Honors Program at American University as a Presidential Scholar next year. She plans to major in international relations and pursue a career in diplomacy.

Krista Nicynski, a recent graduate of Notre Dame Academy and daughter of DeeDee and Ron Nicynski, is heading to Northeastern University this autumn. Krista has been actively involved in the campus ministry and is a team captain for Julie Family Learning Center, Father Bill's Place, Harbor House and Leadership Retreat.

Krista has been a community service volunteer as well with St. Anthony's Youth Ministry, Head Start and the Appalachia Service Project.

Katherine Roche will be attending the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester this fall. During her four years at Notre Dame Academy, she was captain of the field hockey team, a member of the A Capella Choir and the Drama Club and was very involved in NDA Campus Ministry.

At graduation, Katherine was awarded the Darling Scholarship, given in memory of Ali and Erin Darling, for her outstanding leadership in both campus ministry and in the Notre Dame community. She is the daughter of Sarah and Adrian Roche.

Anna-Jane Murphy graduated with honors from Notre Dame Academy where she was the editor of the school newspaper for two years. She was also a member of the track and basketball teams and served as a campus minister as well as Eucharistic minister.

In the fall, Anna-Jane plans to attend the University of Connecticut with a major in journalism. She is the daughter of Robert Murphy and Judith Ann Girholm.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Plans for members of CHS Class of '03

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John Hopkins' top students

Hundreds of Massachusetts's top academic students including four from Cohasset were honored this spring in special in-state ceremonies to celebrate their academic abilities.

The students participated in a national talent search sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY). Founded in 1979, CTY identifies America's top students in grades 2 through 8 and provides programs, services, and resources to help them make the most of their special abilities.

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Seventh and eighth graders who took the college SAT and scored approximately in the top 25 percent compared to all students in the search are being recognized at Awards Ceremonies. Fifth and sixth graders who took the RL US Academic Abilities Assessment and scored approximately in the top 34 percent are honored at Celebrations of Talent. Both ceremonies will recognize students who scored in the top 19 percent of students taking CTY's Special Test Battery (STB), a test assessing spatial reasoning.

Ceremonies were held at Boston College and Clark University in Worcester on June 7, and Boston University on June 8.

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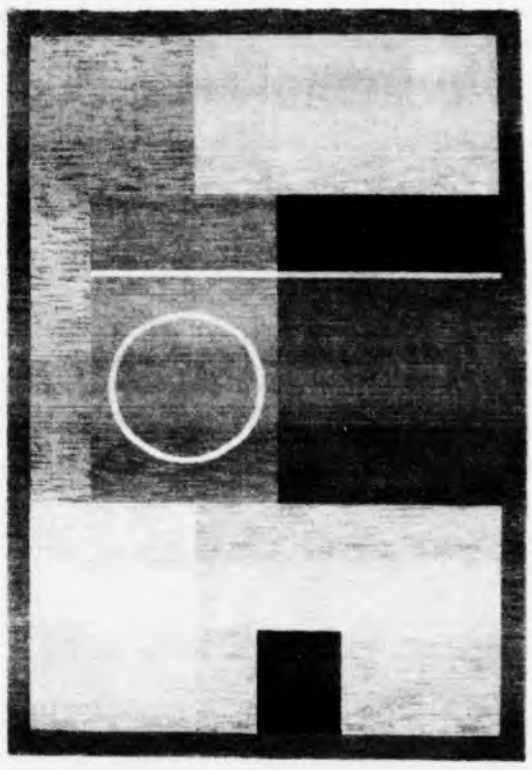

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Make way for piping plovers

Shorebird program helps population

By John Galluzzo
CORRESPONDENT

It's another windy, raw day, but for what Massachusetts Audubon Society Director David Clapp has in mind, the weather is just fine.

Leaving his Marshfield office at Audubon's South Shore Sanctuaries' headquarters just on the south side of the North River Bridge on Route 3A, he heads for the beach at Scituate's Third Cliff to check in on this year's piping plover population.

Piping plovers, those controversial little birds that have opened debates on beaches throughout the state, have arrived in Scituate. Accessing the beach at Third Cliff, known by the locals as "The Spit," Clapp leads volunteer Jennifer Quinn, one of the many who will monitor the plovers and other protected shorebirds on the beach this summer, across a wooden footbridge and onto a well-worn path to the water's edge.

The arguments that have arisen over the protection of piping plovers and other shorebirds all center on land usage. Beach-goers want beaches to themselves. Environmentalists would rather see the beaches shared to protect the wildlife. Luckily, most of the arguing has taken place away from the nesting areas themselves, and acts of vandalism against the birds are rare.

Clapp is well aware of the history birds like plovers bring to the beach, but realizes that a balance can be struck between them and the summer population of sun bathers, Frisbee throwers and picnickers that frequent the Spit each year.

"The good thing about plovers is that they choose the rocky areas, areas not chosen by people, as nesting areas," he notes.

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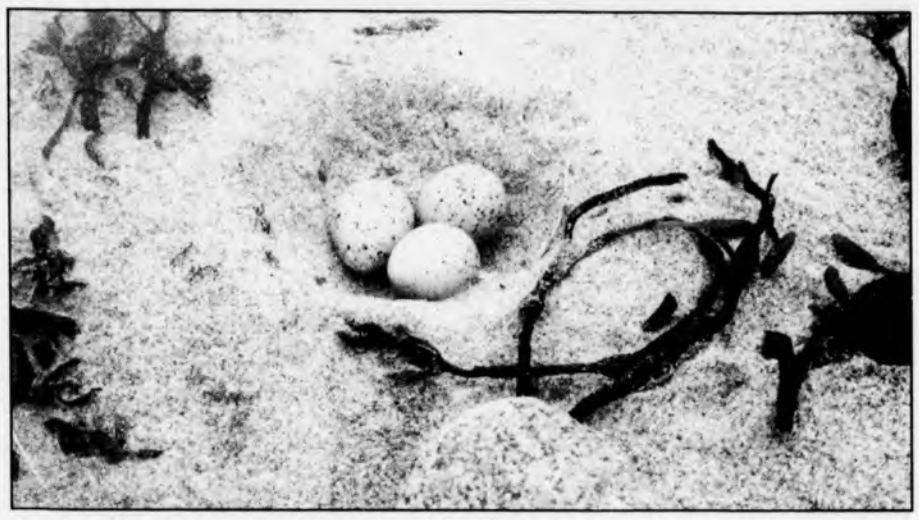
A piping plover on its nest.



A piping plover nest with a new generation of shorebirds.

Walking the length of the beach, as a strong chop throws whitecaps onto the water, the old Fourth Cliff coastal defense observation tower standing sentinel over the mouth of the North River, Clapp and Quinn point to the presence of several other species, least terns, a few greater terns, five or six Bonaparte gulls, willets, ruddy turnstones, and killdeer. Soon, the trademark piping whistle call of the piping plover is heard, from behind the symbolic fencing erected by Audubon Society volunteers earlier this year. George Ord knew what he was talking about when he named the species in 1824.

"Because of the geologic changes taking place on the beach, there's less and less of it suitable for nesting each year."
— David Clapp, Mass. Audubon

"There have been three pair nesting out here this year," says Clapp. "The good news is that the birds are going to be pretty far back because of the cut of the beach at high tide. The bad news is that high tides have already destroyed one nest," he says, pointing out where the water has encroached on the nesting area, washing away a nest, or scrape, and its four eggs.

"Because of the geologic changes taking place on the beach, there's less and less of it suitable for nesting each year." According to Clapp's observations, the beach at Third Cliff is changing before our eyes. It won't be as dramatic as the opening of the mouth of the river during the Portland Gale of 1898, but he can see where the water has already made inroads and started to erode and cut away portions of sand.

Piping plovers and other shorebirds are monitored at 83 sites along the Massachusetts coast as part of the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Coastal Waterbird Program, including eight spots on the South Shore from Hingham to Plymouth. From late March through August, the plover's breeding season, they nest in three sub-populations, the Atlantic area stretching from North Carolina to Newfoundland. Listed as threatened in the United States

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Make way for piping plovers

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in 1986, the plover population has increased substantially with protection, from just 790 pairs that year in the Atlantic area to more than 1,300 in 2000. In Massachusetts the population has gone from 137 to 500 pairs. To put it in perspective, the worldwide plover population in 2000 was just over 3,000 pairs, one-tenth of that of the American bald eagle.

Plovers, which can reach fourteen years in age, mostly return to their nesting area of the previous year when they migrate northward from their winter habitats from Florida to the Carolinas, some from the Bahamas and Greater Antilles. Many make the trek with their mates. After selecting the location for their nest, usually on a broad, flat unvegetated, cobbled area, the male sets out to defend approximately a one hundred yard area from other males.

Clapp walks the entire length of the Spit with Quinn, giving her tips on the monitoring process as they go. They pass the two known scrapes that have survived the late spring tides, and fall for the mother birds' diversionary techniques. To draw attention from her eggs, the mother will lead intruders away, running along the beach until she feels her nest is out of danger. Then she will turn around and double-back, hoping that the threat has passed.

A good distance past the fencing, though, that obvious piping sound is heard again. "Uh-oh," says Clapp, reaching for his binoculars. "That may be a new pair, or it may be the same pair that got washed out further up the beach...there it is." Giving sightlines by way of clumps of grass, piles of seaweed and easily discerned rocks and stones, he leads Quinn's eyes to the new nest, and its three eggs.

As they approach to be sure of their find, Clapp and Quinn are treated to another of the mother plover's diversionary techniques. When a threat is what she considers dangerously close to the nest, she will feign a broken wing to draw attention. This one puts on a real show. She has no way of knowing that these folks, though, are some of the best friends she could have. The Massachusetts Audubon Society was formed in 1896 specifically for the protection of shorebirds.

Retracing their steps up the beach, they step over the dunes to a waiting stash of posts, rope and warning signs, all the necessary tools to build more protective fencing around the nest. Driving the posts into the soft sand, they ring the area around the nest, as the mother flops around furiously. Quinn will spend the rest of the morning watching the birds, keeping an exact count the length of the beach and noting their behavior.

On the way back down the path to his car, Clapp spots a blue heron in the salt marsh and speaks positively about the Third Cliff nesting area.

"This is really a neighborhood beach," noting that most of its users feel a sense of guardianship over it. "The real danger comes from people that just don't know what's happening out here. Rarely is it intentional trouble that leads to any problems with the nests." Visiting boaters who come to spend a day on the beach may unknowingly cause damage, unaware that the birds are even there as they enjoy their summer escape. Rainy, cold weather this spring has actually given the plovers a quiet respite by keeping visitors off the beaches.

"These birds just got a tremendous break with the bad weather on Memorial Day weekend," says Clapp.

Within a few weeks, and just days after they are hatched, the fledgling plovers will be running around on the beach, says Clapp. By August, they will fly south, and next spring, those chicks will set up their own nests and begin breeding. The goal is to have the plovers reach a population of 2,000 breeding pairs in the Atlantic area and with the help of Audubon volunteers they're well on their way.

PHOTOS/JOHN GALLUZZO

Massachusetts Audubon director David Clapp points out nesting areas of piping lovers on "the Spit" in Scituate. Audubon volunteers will monitor and help protect the plovers during the summer season.

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Katherine F. Hanley

Katherine F. (Cahill) Hanley, age 80, of Cohasset and formerly of Weymouth and Westwood, died June 20, 2003 at Harbor House Nursing Home in Hingham, following a long illness.

Born in Charlestown, she was the daughter of James and Julie (Fitzgerald) Cahill and went to the New England Conservatory of Music.

Mrs. Hanley lived in Weymouth 20 years and in Westwood 30 years. She was a Cohasset resident for the past year.

She worked as an administrative assistant at the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission for more than 18 years, retiring in 1989.

Wife of the late Martin J. Hanley, Sr., she leaves her daughter and son-in-law, Maura and John Dunn of Cohasset; her two grandchildren, Kerry Irene and Brittany Katherine Dunn; and five nieces and nephews. She was the mother of the late Martin J. Hanley, Jr.; and the sister of the late James Cahill and his late wife, Barbara of Quincy.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 24 at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Mrs. Hanley's memory to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham 01701.

Robert L. Winsor

Robert L. Winsor, age 90, of Cohasset and formerly of North Carolina, died June 22, 2003 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Born in New York City, Mr. Winsor was employed by Western Electric (Lucent) for 35 years as an accountant. He retired in 1977. He had lived in Cohasset the past seven years.

He was an active leader in the Alpha Program at St. Stephen's Church, Cohasset and was a strong supporter of the arts. He donated the stained glass windows to the library in Cohasset.

Husband of the late Inglis (MacLennan) Winsor, he leaves his son, Robert L. Winsor, Jr. of Lenox and his daughter, Sandra W. Emler of Hingham; his six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held this Saturday, June 28 at 11 a.m. At St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset. A burial service will take place in Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY for interment of cremated remains.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home of Hingham.

Donations may be made in Mr. Winsor's memory to the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Building Fund, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset 02025.

Helen Roubound

Helen (Drummond) Roubound, age 90, of Cohasset and formerly of Norwell, died June 22, 2003 following a brief illness.

Mrs. Roubound was a resident of Norwell for 40 years before moving to Cohasset where she has resided the past 17 years.

She was a graduate of Quincy schools and was educated at the New England School of Art. Her love of art and literature led her to her job as librarian at the James Library in Norwell until she retired at age 64.

She was an active member in the Norwell Garden Club.

The daughter of the late Edward and Agnes Drummond, she was the loving wife of the late Gustave Nils Roubound, who was a renowned South Shore watercolor artist. She leaves her devoted children, Lise D. and husband, Geoffrey O'Brien of Scituate and Anthony Lee Roubound of Tucson, Ariz.; her beloved grandchildren, Lindsey and Timothy O'Brien of Scituate, and Amy and Matt Roubound of Seattle, Wash.

A graveside service will be held at First Parish Cemetery (Route 123, Norwell Center) on Thursday, June 26 at 11:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited.

Funeral arrangements made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Norwell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Norwell Visiting Nurses Association, 643 Main St., Norwell 02061.

Ann D. Rosano

Ann D. Rosano, 55, of Cohasset, an office administrator, at the Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home, died June 21, 2003, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth following a long illness.

She worked at the nursing home more than 25 years and retired in 2001.

Born in Brockton, she attended Bridgewater State College.

She lived in Cohasset for more than 50 years.

She was a member of the Thorough Bred Horse Association. She was an avid reader.

She leaves an aunt, Ann Froberger of Scituate and many cousins.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

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The First Parish Church, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.; the Rev. Tricia Hart. Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St., Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. All welcome. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction. Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service; Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

Temple Beth Sholom

600 Nantasket Ave. 925-0091, 925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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POLICE LOG

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

12:20 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Nichols Road, tree down, services rendered.

2:17 p.m. Heather Drive and Forest Ave., wires down.

3:31 p.m. Cedar Acres Lane, request for police officer/s.

5:28 p.m. Sohier St. and King St., tree down.

9:24 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle, suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:33 p.m. Spring St., general disturbance.

MONDAY, JUNE 2

1:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window, secured building.

2:22 a.m. North Main St., vandalism.

7:20 a.m. Forest Ave., general services.

7:43 a.m. Summer St., fire, investigation.

9:06 a.m. Locust Road, request for police officer/s.

10:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:33 a.m. Cushing Road, threats (bodily harm), investigated.

2:32 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

2:37 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:44 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., traffic citation/warning.

3:13 p.m. Pond St., assist municipal agency(ies).

3:20 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:35 p.m. Elm St., tree down.

4:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:55 p.m. Atlantic Ave., missing person.

6:25 p.m. Margin St., vandalism.

6:27 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:44 p.m. Locust Road, request for police officer/s.

8:08 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

8:32 p.m. North Main St. and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:50 p.m. Forest Ave. Arrest of Gregory W. Simmons, 36, of 15 Hillcrest Ave., Milton. Charge: Violation of abuse prevention order/209A restraining order.

11:23 p.m. King St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

12:19 a.m. Beechwood St., suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

1:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., 35-year-old Abington female taken into protective custody.

3 a.m. Elm St., assist other police. Arrest of Christopher J. Colameco, 20, of 23 First Ave., Scituate. Charge: Courtesy booking—BT.

7:01 a.m. King St. and Sohier Ave., motor vehicle accident, patient sign-off.

8:54 a.m. Parker Ave., motor vehicle accident, investigated.

10:25 a.m. Pond St., sex offenses, investigated.

10:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., annoying/harassing phone calls.

10:37 a.m. Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road, general services.

11:36 a.m. Hull St., property damage, investigated.

12:07 p.m. Forest Ave., well-being check.

1:15 p.m. Elm St., property damage.

1:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:55 p.m. Pond St., property damage.

2:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property damage.3:35 p.m. Elm St., property damage.

4:49 p.m. Locust Road, general services.

5 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

6:47 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:49 p.m. Border St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

8:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:10 p.m. King St., medical aid.

8:56 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

11:06 p.m. HQ, assist other police department.

11:10 p.m. Henry T. Bailey Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:38 p.m. Norfolk Road and Bancroft Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

7:01 a.m. Norfolk Road, vandalism.

8:51 a.m. Norfolk Road, request for police officer/s.

8:58 a.m. Pond St., investigation.

9:34 a.m. Cedar St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

10:04 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire.

10:41 a.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

11:54 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Rowe Road, suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

1:01 p.m. Cedar St., general services.

2:21 p.m. Woodland Drive, suspicious person(s)/activity.

3:50 p.m. Cedar St., request for police officer/s.

5:10 p.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:37 p.m. Summer St. and South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

8:55 a.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:26 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:33 a.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:31 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:22 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:20 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, fire, investigation.

3:11 p.m. Hillside Drive, trespassing.

3:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle accident, transported to hospital.

3:22 p.m. Pond St., request for police officer/s, investigation.

3:40 p.m. Elm St., request for police officer/s, services rendered.

4:09 p.m. Atlantic Ave., family disturbance.

4:51 p.m. King St., request for police officer/s.

6:39 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

7:36 p.m. King St., motor vehicle accident, patient sign off.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

6:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:29 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:21 a.m. Nichols Road, missing person.

11:02 a.m. Deep Run, request for police officer/s.

1:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property lost, investigated.

3:42 p.m. Lantern Lane, suspicious person(s)/activity.

4:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., request for police officer/s.

5:04 p.m. South Main St., vandalism.

6:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., escort.

7:30 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:39 p.m. Spring St., noise complaint.

8:50 p.m. Forest Ave., parking complaint.

10:34 p.m. North Main St., general services.

10:46 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:14 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

12:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity. Arrest of Andre Boudreau, 17, of 47 Vernon Road, Scituate. Charges: Speeding in violation of special regulation; possession of a Class D drug.

Arrest of John Keefe, 17, of 16 Arcadia Road, Weymouth Landing. Charge: Possession of a Class D. drug.

Arrest of Thomas McInerney, 17, of 23 Tenth St., Scituate. Charges: Possession of a Class D drug; person under 21 possessing liquor.

12:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation/s.

10:41 a.m. Sohier St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

11L02 a.m. Beechwood St., request for police officer/s.

11:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:36 p.m. Bancroft Way, parking complaint, ticket issued.

12:37 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, no police service necessary.

3:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire.

5:15 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle accident.

6:08 p.m. Pond St., open door/window.

7:22 p.m. Spring St., fire, investigation, extinguished.

7:40 p.m. Jerusalem Road, public service, services rendered.

9:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity.

9:45 p.m. Border St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

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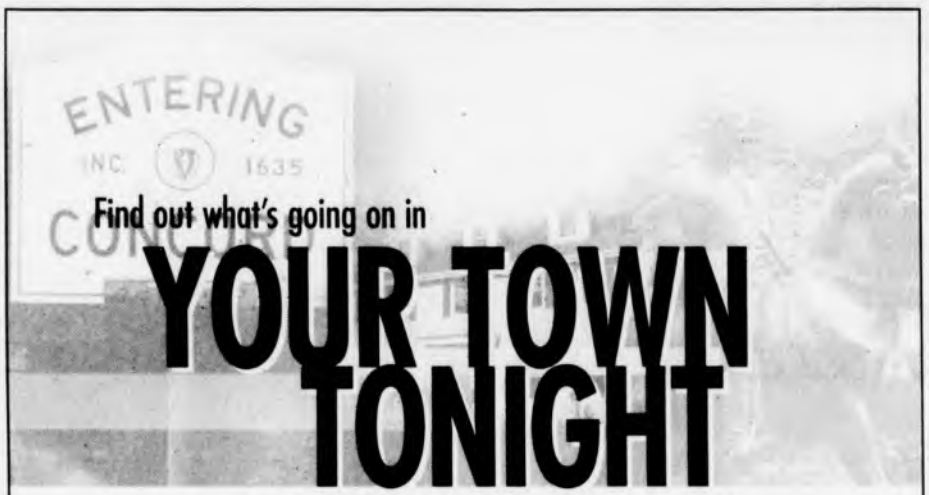

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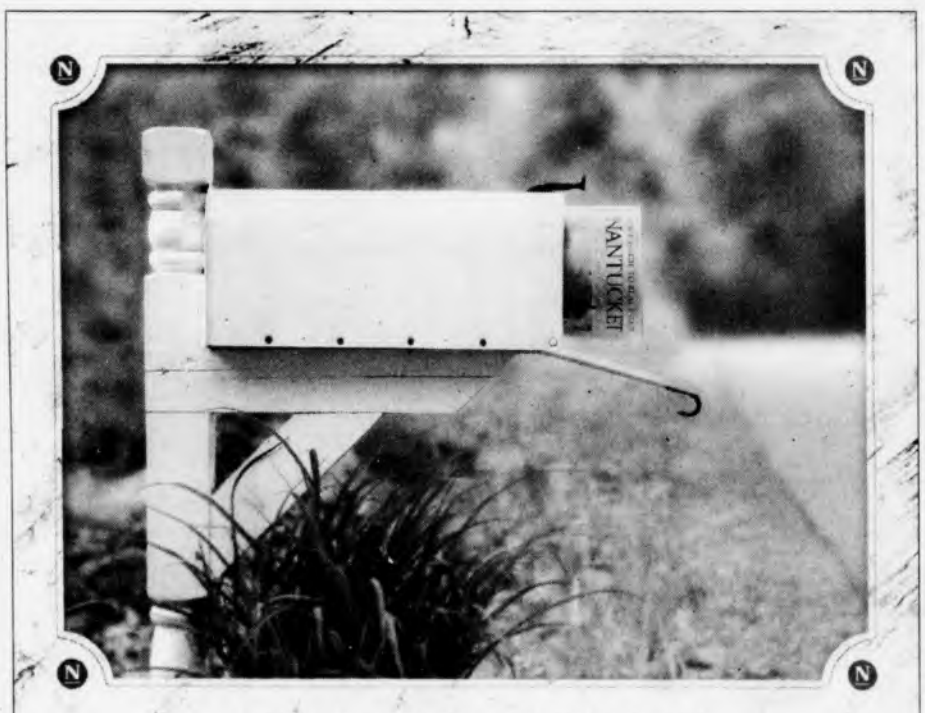

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Carillon concerts on the Common

The 79th Annual Series of Summer Carillon Recitals will be given to the 57-bell carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset, on eight successive Sunday evenings at 6 p.m., beginning June 29 and continuing through Aug. 17. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers to Cohasset Common; to the courtyard off Highland Avenue extension; or to the sunken terrace in the middle of Stagecoach Way; the pedestrian walk that runs off Main Street across from the tower. Printed programs will be distributed on the Common, and may also be found in a stand by the church courtyard. In case of rain, listen from your parked cars.

These hour-long concerts are free of charge. After each program, the public is invited to tour the tower, view a demonstration of the instrument, and perhaps play a tune on the bells if they wish.

The first program on June 29 will be performed by Daniel Kerry Kehoe, Carillonneur of Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. Mr. Kehoe will play a varied program of original carillon repertoire, transcriptions and arrangements of hymns and popular melodies.

Carillonneurs for the remainder of the series are as follows: July 6, Julianne Vanden Wyngaard from the Grand Valley State University, Michigan; on July 13, Carol Jickling Lens of Houston, Texas will play; July 20, Alexander Solovov, Elena Sadina and Sergei Gratchev, three Russian carillonneurs currently living in Mechelen, Belgium; July 27, James Fackenthal of the University of Chicago; Aug. 3, John Agraz of the University of California at Berkeley will perform; Aug. 10, Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur of The Riverside Church in New York City; and the last concert on Aug. 17, will be performed by St. Stephen's own Head Carillonneur, the multi-talented Sally Slade Warner.

For more information, please phone Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599; or Mary Kennedy, the assistant carillonneur at 781-383-9599; or the at St. Stephen's Church office, 781-383-1083.

Buttonwood hosts cookbook author

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset will host cookbook author Lora Brody, "The Cape Cod Table" (Chronicle Books, $35) on Thurs., July 10, from 7-9 p.m. Topher Gudmand, manager, at Cohasset Plaza Liquors, 380 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., will join Brody and will speak about wines and pairing wines with recipes featured in Brody's book. Brody will bring an appetizer that she created, Smoked Salmon Cheesecake, which was featured by Craig Clairborne in the New York Times. Gudmand will bring wine for a tasting.

"The Cape Cod Table" is filled with recipes and pictures of the Cape and the food. The recipes begin with breakfast and continue with dishes for every meal of the day — lunch, dinner, cocktails and dessert. Brody's recipes also address the different types of Cape days. Chowders for the cold, rainy day, clambakes for hot sunny day and elegant yet simple meals for company.

Brody is a best-selling author with 22 books to her credit, including "The Kitchen Survival Guide" and "Basic Baking." Her recipes have appeared in many newspapers and books, including "The New York Times Sunday Magazine" and "The Boston Globe." She was a featured chef in the public television series "Baking With Julia, with Julia Child" and has appeared on "Good Morning America" and "The Today Show." She lives in the Boston area and spends six months of the year at Provincetown on Cape Cod. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Summer camp at Community Center

South Shore Community Center has limited openings in the following summer camps. To register call 781-383-0088 or stop by 3 North Main St.

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Register for 'Sleeping Beauty'

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct another Music Circus Registration for "Sleeping Beauty" on Tuesday, July 1, from 9 a.m. to noon. at the recreation office in the Town Hall for children in the Playground Program.

The Music Circus registrations for children involved in The Playground Program will be held every Tuesday at the recreation office from 9 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m. at the Recreation office in the Town Hall.

"Sleeping Beauty" will be held at the Music Circus on July 17. Children will be walked down from playground with their counselors.

Band concerts

During the past 11 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc.

Each June the Board of Directors of the South Shore Music Circus takes under consideration the request of the Recreation Commission, for concert funding, hence, certainty of concert are not absolute until mid-June, each season. The SSMC donations are matched by a grant from the American federation of Musicians, N.Y.C.

Based upon continued SSMC funding, the schedule for the 2003 season is as follows:

Tuesday, July 1, 7:30 p.m. Town Common

Tuesday, July 15, 7:30 p.m. Town Common

Performances will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Mr. Richard P. Whitmarsh. Concerts are held on the Cohasset Common, free of charge and the public is cordially invited. It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellent is a good item to have available. You may call the Recreation office at 383-4109 to check on the status of concerts should you be in doubt as to weather conditions.

Yard sale and mini taverna

On Saturday, July 12, the Panagia Church is holding a Church yard sale and mini-taverna on the front lawn of the church. As you go about cleaning up, please set aside those good items that you don't have room for or don't want anymore. Donations during the two weeks prior to the sale will be accepted.

Items may be brought to the church on Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. Pick up service is available June 30 through July 10. Call Father or Marion at the church at 781-383-6380 or Ed Lofgren at 781-749-3250 (3A Marine Service).

Items that sell well are children's clothing up to size 12, giftware, pictures, frames, and lamps, furniture. Exercise equipment, books, tapes, video, CDs, DVDs, toys, complete games and puzzles, tricycles, bicycles, anything antique (50 years old and older)

Sets of dishes, glassware, kitchen items, small appliances that work, tolls, outdoor equipment and lawn furniture, sports equipment, curtains, drapes, tablecloths, linens, sheets, jewelry.

Items that do not sell well and we cannot accept are skis and ski equipment, clothing for adults, large appliances, mattresses and pillows, dirty items, items beyond repair, rusty stuff, mildewed items.

Please consider that all items that do not sell must be taken to the dump.

The yard sale will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and mini-taverna will start at 11:30 a.m. and will continue until 4 p.m.

Band concerts at Nantasket Beach

"Four Guys in Tuxes" will return to the Bernie King Pavilion at Nantasket Beach to kick-off the summer band concert and swing dance series. The annual event was interrupted last year because of the delayed rebuilding of the site, according to a recent announcement from the Nantasket Beach Merchants Association's longtime president and Hull Selectman, Leonard Hersch, who first organized the popular series in the 1970s.

The group will appear on Sunday, July 6 at 2 p.m. as a free, community service at what has become their traditional holiday-weekend event in Hull.

While all efforts are being made to have the M.D.C.'s facility open and ready for this popular event, according to state officials, additional concert dates are pending the final completion of the site.

South Shore guide to local historic sites

Back Roads of the South Shore is a collaborative project of 13 leading historic sites in eight towns along the South Shore of Massachusetts. The group is dedicated to creating an awareness of the area's historic gems and celebrating the heritage and spirit of the region.

The group's first cooperative endeavor is the publication of a joint brochure guiding visitors to historic sites along Plymouth County's Route 3A. The project will be launched on June 28, with an Open House Day and public reception.

On that day, historic sites from Hingham to Plymouth — the Old Ordinary in Hingham, Captain John Wilson House in Cohasset, Cudworth House and Mann House in Scituate, Winslow House in Marshfield, King Caesar House, John Alden House and Gershom Bradford House in Duxbury, Major John Bradford House in Kingston, and the Harlow Old Fort House, Spooner House and Jabez Howland House in Plymouth — will open free of charge to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pilgrim Hall Museum will offer a special discount day (children 5 to 17 free, adults $4).

Visitors can pick up the new Back Roads of the South Shore map at any of the above-mentioned sites that day. Guided tours will be available, and raffle tickets for special prizes will be sold at each historic site.

The day will conclude with a public reception Historic Winslow House, 644 Careswell St. in Marshfield. The event will feature music, hors d'oeuvres and an opportunity to meet staff and volunteers from historical societies up and down the South Shore. Raffle drawings will take place at the event for the prizes from each historic site.

The "Backroads" group anticipates continued creative collaboration on future programming. For more information, contact Patrick Browne at 781-934-6106.

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF COHASSET

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File #03-06-25

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Carriage House School fun(d)raiser

Student artwork on display

George, Marlena and Ellie Alex; Meg Fitzpatrick and Mary McMeekin are all smiles at the benefit that offered fine fare and music as well as a silent auction.

Parents of new students (starting in September), Caroline and Shawn Sheehy and Matt and Cathy Witkos get acquainted at the event that featured Carriage House School student artwork. The school is located in the First Parish House on North Main Street.

Teachers at the Carriage House School, Sarah Stevens, Georgie Gladdys (director), and Shirley Wallace share a laugh during the recent benefit art show and parent social at the newly renovated preschool. (Not shown is teacher Bev Bruce).

Matt Broderick, Brice Bernsee and Pat Waters enjoy the evening that was such a success, the school may make it an annual event.

Kim and Tom Spicer and Paul and Roberta Kierce enjoy the Carriage House School fundraiser. Donations from Edison Light Beer, Baroni Designs, The Craft Factory, North River Framing Company, Paperscapes, YaYa Designs, Feet of Clay, South Shore Art Center, Jean Comerford, Liz Richardson Photography and Arthur Roebuck helped make the event a hit.

At left: Beverly Bielewicz, and Mary Jo and Jay Blackington admire the masks made by students at the preschool. Art mediums used by the children included wood sculpture, clay, marbelized paper, papier-mâché, foam sculpture and environmental material.

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Mel Brooks musical brings Boag home

'The Producers' plays Colonial Theatre through Sept. 13

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

As lead tenor in the national tour of the musical comedy "The Producers," John Boag commands center stage as an S.S. Officer in the show's biggest production number, "Springtime for Hitler," but even his parents may not recognize Boag right away.

"I've dyed my hair blonde and even lightened my eyebrows for this part," explained Boag during a rehearsal break last week while the show was in previews at Boston's Colonial Theatre. "There has even been talk of providing me with blue contact lenses, although that hasn't happened yet."

Actor John Boag will be summering in Green Harbor with his family between shows in his role as lead tenor in the award-winning Broadway musical comedy "The Producers.

While "The Producers — The New Mel Brooks Musical" is in Boston, John and Kay Boag will have ample opportunity to adjust to their only son's new look.

Originally from Vancouver, Boag's family moved to Marshfield 11 years ago, the summer before he left for college. He expects they will see a lot of each other this summer. Older sister, Tana, will be down from Vancouver with her own family to cheer her brother on.

"My mother will probably be responsible for at least one percent of all Mel Brooks' business while we're here. She's very proud of her son."

Based on Mel Brooks' Academy Award-winning 1968 feature film of the same name, "The Producers" received a record-breaking 12 Tony Awards in 2001, the most ever awarded to a single show in Broadway history. With a book by Brooks and Thomas Meehan, music and lyrics by Brooks and direction and choreography by five-time Tony Award winner Susan Stroman, "The Producers" tells the story of down-on-his-luck theatrical producer Max Bialystock and mild-mannered accountant Leo Bloom. Together the pair plot the ultimate scam: raise more money than they need for a sure-fire Broadway flop. Their seemingly guaranteed money-loser: none other than the spectacular spectacle "Springtime for Hitler."

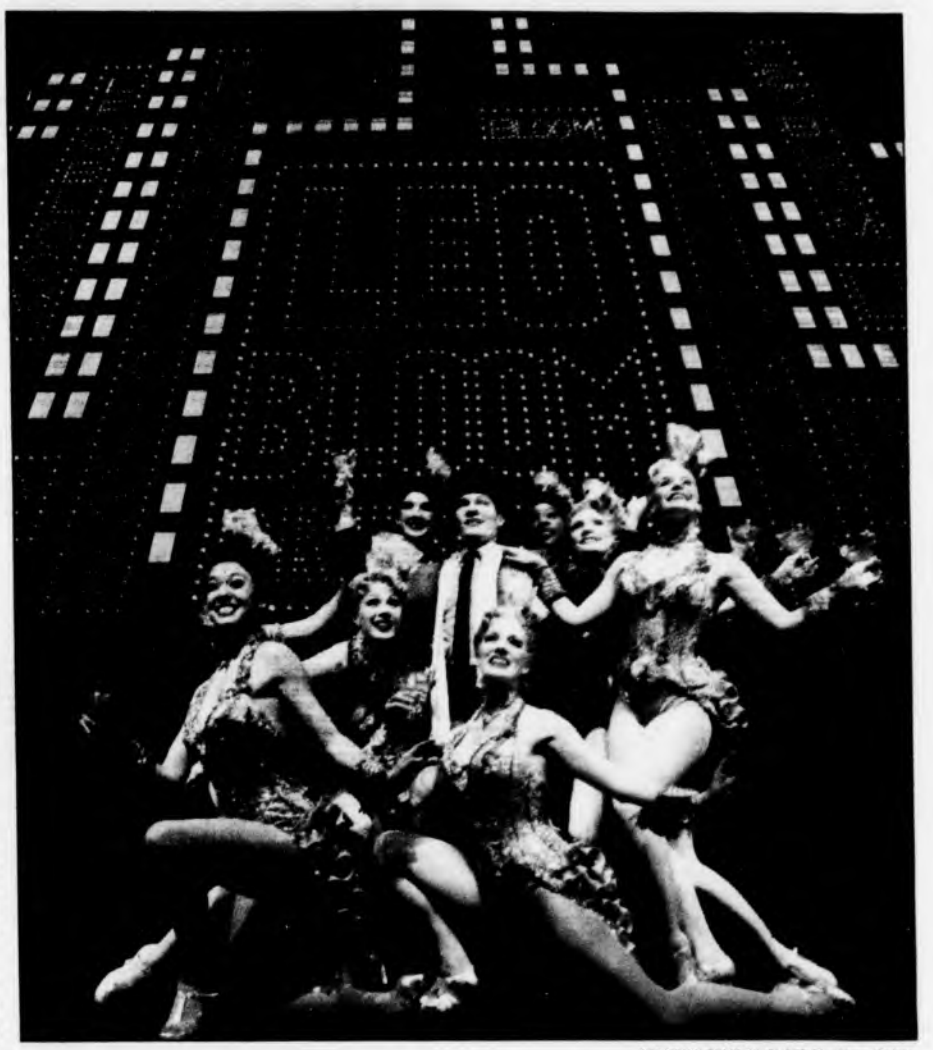
"My parents live in Green Harbor, and I'll be staying with them, so I'm looking forward to spending some time at the beach."
Actor John Boag

In a look at what might have happened if Busby Berkley had choreographed the Third Reich, "Springtime for Hitler" features a Judy Garland-channeling Fuhrer flanked by beer stein-and bratwurst-wearing chorus girls with the newly fair-haired Boag on lead vocals.

"As far as Mel Brooks' fans are concerned, this number is the moment they've been waiting for and I'm lucky enough to be basically the lead voice on the song," says Boag. "I've never thought of myself as looking particularly Aryan, so I wasn't even sure I was suited for this role. With the new hair color, however, I look more like my predecessors in the role which is what the casting people for this tour wanted."

A 1996 graduate of Catholic University, Boag has appeared in the German production of "Miss Saigon" as well as several regional theater productions.

"This is my first national tour, but I've known I wanted to be a professional performer since I was 14. I'm an actor first, because it is paramount as a performer to have that ability, but I'm also someone who sings and dances. It's great to be in the ensemble of this show. Many very funny people collaborated on this production. It's very tight and well put-together, because it has been refined along the way to this tour."



BROADWAY COMPANY PHOTO BY: PAUL KOLNIK

Broadway favorites Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick had the lead roles when the show opened in New York, but Boag believes star power isn't essential to propel the show.

"Nathan and Matthew are geniuses in their own right. They earned the acclaim they received for their performances, but the show works beautifully without them as well. It's such a funny show that it even makes those of us in the company laugh."

When he isn't on the road, Boag makes his home in New York where he can be near his girlfriend and fellow performer, Brittany Marcin. Through early fall, however, he'll be spending his nights on stage at the Colonial and his days on the South Shore.

"My parents live in Green Harbor, and I'll be staying with them, so I'm looking forward to spending some time at the beach."

("The Producers - The New Mel Brooks Musical" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, through Sept. 13. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.broadwayinboston.com.)

Hulk takes on the U.S. military.

'Hulk' gets Ang-sted

Art house movie director Ang Lee recreates 'Hulk'

By Ed Symkus
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Name the director who should be entrusted with transforming "Hulk" from a comic book legend into the next summer movie blockbuster. James Cameron? Ridley Scott? Steven Spielberg?

Ang Lee probably isn't on your list. After all, he's the art house darling who gave a tender touch to "Eat Drink Man Woman," "The Ice Storm" and "Sense and Sensibility." Even "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," was, at its heart, more a sad story about unattainable love than a martial arts flick.

So which audience is "Hulk" going to attract — escapist-craving teens or serious-minded adults? "Hulk" is more about troubled human relationships — father-daughter, father-son, husband-wife, ex-lovers — than about the big green guy. Oh, he gets plenty of screen time and destroys pretty much anything that gets in his way. But he doesn't even make an appearance until 45 minutes into the proceedings.

"I didn't want to bring Hulk on at the beginning, with lots of action sequences," says Lee. "Because then there would be no emotional payoff or drama, which is what I do. I wanted to do a modern-day Greek tragedy. I just borrowed the form of the comic book."

Veteran character actor Sam Elliott plays General Ross, one of the film's stalwart bad guys. Elliott believes that Lee had every frame of the film in his head — the real characters and the imagined ones — before he started.

"That was the dance Ang was confronted with here," he says. "He wanted to do this film, and be true to his vision — which is immense — and bring this reality, this human story and this myth, together. He verbalized that to me more than once: 'I gotta do both.' And he did both, that's the mind-boggling part. He did it and I don't know how he did it."

Up-and-coming actor Josh Lucas ("Sweet Home Alabama"), who plays another villain, Glenn Talbot, gets starry eyed when talking about Lee.

"How do you describe or explain a Yoda unless you meet them?" he asks.

He adds that Lee's deft touch was even

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"Cookin' at the Cookery" brings Alberta Hunter to life at Huntington

The fascinating life of legendary jazz and blues singer Alberta Hunter is warmly depicted in the funny, touching and beautifully realized "Cookin' at the Cookery," currently being presented by the Huntington Theatre Company.

Jazz singer Alberta Hunter.

In a career spanning seven decades and two continents, Alberta Hunter shared the stage with such musical giants such as Louis Armstrong, Josephine Baker and Eubie Blake. Born in 1885 in Memphis, Hunter ran away to Chicago at age 12 and began her career singing in bars before earning early acclaim on the cabaret circuit. Moving to New York in 1921, Hunter began writing many of the songs she performed in Manhattan supper clubs and as a nightclub headliner all over Europe throughout the next 20 years. Broadway and the occasional feature film followed, and Hunter also made several USO tours during both World War II and the Korean conflict.

Hunter continued to perform until 1956 when — believing she was no longer appreciated — she opted to leave show business. Taking 12 years off her age, Hunter earned a nursing degree and embarked on a career in health care at age 61. She worked as a nurse until being forced to retire by a hospital which believed she was 70. Hunter was actually 82 and would soon resurface on the New York cabaret scene — most notably at the "Cookery" in Greenwich Village — where she earned raves and a legion of new admirers.

Hunter was still very much a headliner when she died in 1984 at the age of 89. With "Cookin' at the Cookery," playwright and director Marion J. Caffrey has crafted a near perfect biography of a true music original. Using just two actors — the charming and talented young Montego Glover and the magnificent Ernestine Jackson — Caffrey brings Hunter to vivid life from her days as a little girl in Tennessee to her late-in-life performing renaissance in a musical that is a wonderful gift at the end of an already strong Huntington season.

"Cookin' at the Cookery" is scheduled to run only through Sunday, June 29 on the Huntington mainstage, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston. For tickets and information, call 617/266-0800 or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org

-R. Scott Reedy

Food & dining

Cherry tomatoes two ways

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

It is virtually impossible to purchase a good tomato in the supermarket with the exception of cherry or grape tomatoes. Having taste-tested plum tomatoes, vine-ripened tomatoes, hydroponic tomatoes, and the ubiquitous beefsteak tomatoes, I can honestly say that it is rare to find even a trace of tomato flavor. Cherry-size tomatoes, however, are another story – they actually taste like something. My goal was to find the best technique for pairing them – both cooked and uncooked — with pasta.

No matter how small the tomatoes, they need to be halved. I tried cooking even the tiniest grape tomatoes without cutting them and they became bitterly overcooked before they had popped and exuded juice. Along with being halved the tomatoes were best if covered during the cooking – they stayed juicier and cooked faster. To dress one pound of pasta I needed three pints (6 cups) of tomatoes.

As for the olive oil, a nice fruity olive oil was my fat of choice. I used 1 1/2 tablespoons in the pan at the beginning of the recipe and another 1 1/2 tablespoons at the finish. (Since cooking removes most of the subtle flavor of olive oil, raw oil added after cooking is always a good idea when making a pasta sauce.) Basil was my favorite herb but I also tried several others including parsley, chives, oregano, thyme, mint, and tarragon and the only one that was worth using was the oregano (although basil was better). Unlike what I do with most cooked sauces, I preferred to add the basil at the beginning of the recipe since it added more flavor to the tomatoes. For the six cups of tomatoes I used 1/2 cup loosely packed basil leaves, coarsely chopped. If using oregano I would reduce it to 1/3 cup.

I knew I wanted garlic in the sauce and instead of mincing or pressing I went for a couple of smashed cloves. This was not only simpler but flavor was pleasantly mild since the large cloves can be picked out before serving. I also used 1/2-teaspoon salt and freshly ground pepper and in the instance that the tomatoes were not very sweet, I used a pinch of sugar. If using the tomatoes as an accompaniment to chicken or fish, I liked the addition of mild vinegar or lemon juice. I also liked the addition of a pinch of hot pepper flakes.

The method is so simple it hardly needs a recipe. I started with half the oil in a Dutch oven or sauté pan fitted with a cover. Next I added the garlic, basil and optional red pepper flakes. After about a minute, I added the tomatoes, covered the pan and let them cook for about 5 minutes, stirring a couple of times. I cooked the tomatoes until they were softened and had started to release juice. The tomatoes are best if left to sit for about 10 minutes once they have finished cooking. They soften further and the flavors meld.

QUICK-COOKED CHERRY TOMATO SAUCE

You may use cherry, grape or cocktail tomatoes in the recipe. If they don't taste very sweet add 1/4-teaspoon sugar to the pot along with the tomatoes. This recipe makes enough to sauce one pound of pasta. If using the tomatoes as a side dish or accompaniment to grilled fish or chicken, you can halve the recipe.

3 tablespoons best quality olive oil

2 large cloves garlic smashed

1/2 cup loosely packed torn basil leaves

Generous pinch of red pepper flakes (optional)

6 cups cherry tomatoes, halved

1/2 teaspoon salt

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Place a Dutch oven or sauté pan fitted with a lid over medium-low heat. When hot, add half the oil, garlic, basil and optional red pepper flakes. Cook for about a minute or until aromatic. Add the tomatoes, salt and pepper to the pan. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until the tomatoes are slightly softened and have begun to release some juice, about 5 minutes. Off heat, let sit covered for 10 minutes to allow flavors to meld. Remove the garlic and add the remaining olive oil. Taste for seasoning adding salt and pepper if necessary and serve immediately.

Serves 4 as a sauce for one pound of pasta or halved serves 4 to 6 as a side dish.

CHERRY TOMATOES WITH ANCHOVY, CAPERS, AND OLIVES

Add 3 anchovy fillets along with the garlic, basil and red pepper flakes. Add two tablespoons of capers along with the tomatoes and reduce the salt to 1/4 teaspoon. Add 1/4-cup coarsely chopped kalamata or oil-cured black olives to the pot just before the 10-minute resting period.

CHERRY TOMATOES WITH BAY LEAF, OREGANO AND LEMON JUICE

Substitute 1/3-cup fresh oregano leaves for the basil. Add 2 bay leaves along with the garlic, oregano and red pepper flakes. Just before serving, remove the bay leaves and add a tablespoon fresh lemon juice.

CHERRY TOMATOES WITH FRESH MOZZARELLA

Include optional red pepper flakes. Chop one fist-sized piece of fresh mozzarella (buffala preferred) into 1/2-inch dice. Toss with hot pasta and tomatoes and serve immediately.

RAW CHERRY TOMATO SAUCE

Serve this with one pound of cooked pasta.

5 cups cherry tomatoes halved or quartered into small bite-sized pieces

1/2 teaspoon salt

3 tablespoons best quality olive oil

1 small clove garlic minced or pressed and/or

2 medium shallots very thinly sliced or 1/2 red onion very thinly sliced

1/3 cup loosely packed torn basil leaves

Freshly ground pepper to taste

1 cup coarsely chopped arugula (optional)

6 ounces crumbled goat cheese or feta cheese (optional)

Place the tomatoes and salt in a large bowl and let sit until a puddle of juice is accumulated in the bottom of the bowl, about 20 to 30 minutes. Add the oil, garlic and/or shallots or onion, basil and pepper and stir to combine. The tomatoes can sit out at room temperature for up to 2 hours. Just before serving, add the optional arugula and cheese. Taste for seasonings, adding salt and pepper if necessary. Serve immediately.

Serves 4 over one pound of pasta.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to http://www.americastestkitchen.com.

'Hulk' gets Ang-sted

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more impressive in light of the "phenomenal" pressure the director faced.

"But somehow Ang is dead calm in the middle of wild pressure and a wild amount of tension and energy that's coming at him every single second," says Lucas.

Screenwriter James Schamus has been the director's creative partner for years. "Hulk" is the seventh film he's written for Lee.

"Ang is the kind of guy who does not want to look back, and whose life has become this constant, eternal film school," says Schamus. "With Ang, it's always trying to figure out a way to dare him to the next thing.

"And that extends to the screenwriting itself," he adds. "I try to create big messes for him, not well-crafted things that he can just shoot. I try to create situations that are so scary, he'll be motivated to get into them. Today's metaphor is I try to create the cell, throw him in there, lock the door, turn on the tap, let the water start to rise and see if he can get out."

Lee seems to relish that kind of treatment, but admits it sometimes gets to him.

"Sometimes I get ambitious and take on something that's bigger than me," he says. "I've been motivated to do one after another like that, and constantly I've thought that this might be where I fall. I don't want to kill myself, but it has to feel like I'm killing myself to do that. I think fear and aggression bring out some of my best."

Some of his best in this case involved Lee donning a motion-capture suit, which recorded his movements on computer, where they could be recreated by special effects artists. On many occasions the usually low-key Lee could be seen stomping around the set, jumping up and down, grimacing and roaring, then calmly explaining to his crew that this was what he wanted Hulk to do. On top of that was the responsibility of directing his actors, getting the story told, then literally redirecting the film when effects were added. It's no wonder that Lee says, with a laugh, "I feel like I just walked through the Trojan War. I am drained. I just saw the finished film four days ago, and I could watch it like a story. I had only seen segments before. So it was a big emotional moment for me. I don't know how other people responded yet, but I can finally be at peace with myself."

He may be happy with the film, but that doesn't mean he can explain why actors want to work with him.

"I don't know," he says. Then he adds, "I think they like my ideas when I describe my visions. I think my credits helped. Before I came aboard, they liked my movies. I talked to them about drama. I talked to the actors about Greek tragedy and about their inner Hulk. I think they thought they were being respected, that they were doing something inspiring."

He stops and smiles meekly and says, "And I think I'm a nice guy."

"Hulk" opened June 20.

Captivating container gardens

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

With the passing of the summer solstice, gardeners throughout the Northeast are hopeful that the dreary, soggy spring of 2003 may soon become only a fleeting memory. A promising forecast for this coming week should provide a critical boost for warm weather annual and vegetable transplants and a desperately needed psychological boost for those who tend them. Although a number of plants may have rotted, drowned or succumbed to fungal diseases, those that managed to survive this spring's deluges, slugs and chilly temperatures should recover dramatically given a prolonged stretch of warmth and sunshine.

It seemed only fitting that Mother Nature bring the last weekend of a dismal spring season to a close with a soaking exclamation point. As I gazed out my window on a soggy Sunday afternoon, expansive puddles dotted the landscape and many perennials lay flattened by the torrential downpours. Experience has taught me to anticipate a heavy rainfall each year to coincide with the blooming of those voluptuous, double peonies and tall bearded iris resulting in these late spring bloomers to sprawl and flop in every direction even when supported by hoops and stakes. Despite their unsightly appearance, many will perk up again when the monsoons subside.

Until the gardens dry out enough to continue weeding, edging and planting new treasures, I plan to focus on filling more than a dozen containers with vegetables and colorful annuals. For several years, my vegetable garden has consisted of a vast array of planters scattered about the deck that surrounds our sunroom. Tomatoes, zucchini, summer squash, cucumbers, peppers, and eggplant have all flourished and even late in the evening, the fresh produce can be readily plucked and prepared for a midnight snack. The woodchucks have yet to climb the stairs to feast on my portable garden so this season I have added broccoli to the pot patch and it appears to be prospering. By summer's end, these sizable pots are overflowing which requires frequent fertilization and watering but the rewards are worth the labor. When frost threatens, a few pots are pulled into the sunroom and we continue to harvest tomatoes and peppers into November.

Several smaller pots contain herbs including basil that always seemed to be devoured by slugs when planted in the ground and a large container of rosemary that is brought inside during the winter months and grown on a sunny windowsill. A decorative dish garden of mixed herbs makes a handsome addition to a sunny deck or patio.

Regardless of the size of your gardening space, there is always room for a hanging basket, decorative urn, or an attractive window box to brighten an entryway, walk, patio or deck. Geraniums, marigolds, petunias and trailing vinca are typically selected for sunny locations. Impatiens remains one of the few choices for shady spots. Although these stalwart annuals provide reliable color all summer, nurseries are still offering with a wide variety of exciting alternatives to add greater diversity to your window boxes and barrels as well as offering handsome, unique containers in which to display these treasures.

For the most effective arrangement, look for a few taller plants to give vertical dimension to your container. Dracaena is a popular choice for a taller plant having spiky leaves which slightly arch while providing a see-through quality. Other possible selections might include the heavenly, vanilla-scented lavender or purple blooms of Heliotrope or unique Salvias that are available in a wide range of vibrant colors including intense, electric blue, dazzling red and soft shades of pink and salmon. These salvias are not your typical bedding salvias, which also come in a diversity of luscious colors. Bronze fennel provides a marvelous, upright, textural appearance with delicate, feathery bronze foliage and an appealing licorice scent when brushed. A personal favorite is the elegant annual purple fountain grass (Pennisetum rubrum) that creates a graceful mound of reddish-brown foliage and spectacular fuzzy seed heads that resemble giant fluffy caterpillars.

The cheerful blooms of daisies and their attractive ferny foliage add a delightful touch to any container. Marguerites or Boston daisies in yellow or white bloom prolifically all summer. Cosmos are available in several heights and colors and will attract butterflies.

Slightly more difficult to locate but worth the search are the stunning violet purple and silver streaked leaves of Persian Shield (Strobilanthes) or the heavenly sky-blue panicles of Plumgago. Flowering maples (Abutilon) grow quickly to offer a taller focal point and are irresistible to hummingbirds. Look for Angel's Trumpet (Brugmansia) for an especially unique, fast-growing specimen that will reach 4 to 5 feet by summer's end from a 12-inch cutting and will be covered with giant, dangling trumpet-shaped flowers in shades of yellow, pink or white. During the afternoon and evening hours the fragrance of these blooms is truly intoxicating.

Shady locations pose a greater challenge for taller plant material. Handsome Coleus cultivars have been introduced that will flourish in sun or shade, their colorful leaves offering beauty throughout the growing season. Upright forms of fuchsia such as F. 'Gartenmeister' provide pretty foliage and bright tubular flowers that attract hummingbirds. Cannas are dramatic tropical plants that furnish stunning additions to large containers in sun or shade; many demonstrate bronze or variegated leaves that create sensational focal points. Taro (Colocasia) and Caladiums feature exciting, large leaves and thrive in moist, shady sites.

Use your imagination and try something new this summer. You may find creating container gardens the perfect solution for this difficult growing season.

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Millions of Americans suffer from tinnitus, with its symptomatic incessant ringing, hissing and buzzing in the ears. This annoying and disruptive affliction is one of the first signs of noise-induced hearing loss and, thus, is becoming more prevalent in our noisy culture. While tinnitus affects several age groups, it is now evident in more and more young people than ever before. To help those so afflicted, there is a device that is similar in size and shape to a hearing instrument that emits a tone of a slightly lower volume than the tinnitus. The brain gradually ceases to hear the lesser tone (sometimes over the course of a few to several months) and, over a longer time, ceases to hear the tinnitus.

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P.S. The treatment for tinnitus that is described above is called retraining or habituation.

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JUNE 26 - JULY 4, 2003

Mark your calendar

HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, Oct. 7 to Nov. 1. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

BLUE HAIR TROUPE, the hilarious, new musical revue that proves it's HIP to be old will be performing July 18 - Aug. 24 at the Tremont Theatre (next to the Wang Center), 276 Tremont St., Boston. Tickets are $25 and $30 and may be purchased by calling 866-443-2248, by visiting www.bluehairtroupe.com or at the door. Wheelchair Accessible. Performances are: Thursdays at 2 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays at 3 p.m.

THE FRIENDS OF THE NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION (NVNA) are inviting South Shore residents to sign up for the organization's Fifth Annual Charity Golf Tournament. The event will be held on Monday, Aug. 4, at the Marshfield Country Club, located at 515 Moraine St., Marshfield. Registration begins at noon. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow at the Country Club, where there will also be a silent and live auction. Tickets are $175 per person, which includes five complimentary raffle tickets. Make checks payable to the Friends of the NVNA. Call the Friends of the NVNA at 781-659-2342.

"THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE" 22ND ANNUAL BENEFIT GARDEN TOUR to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, on Wednesday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., spend the day visiting seven of the South Shore's prettiest gardens, in Norwell, Hanover and Duxbury. All proceeds from this event benefit the educational programming of the Science Center. Tickets for the garden tour are available in advance for $25 ($20 members). Tickets the day of the tour will be $25. A box lunch can be ordered in advance for $8. Tickets may be purchased at the Science Center during normal business hours, or charged via telephone by calling 781-659-2559. Visit our website at www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

22nd ANNUAL BOSTON HARBORFEST -July 1 to 6: events include concerts at City Hall Plaza featuring The Allstonians, July 1; Typhoon Ferri, July 3; Black Sea Salsa July 5; cast members of Beatlemania July 5; Children's Day July 2; Chowderfest July 6. In addition to headlining events, more than 200 exciting activities are being scheduled throughout Boston's waterfront and downtown districts. For more information call 617-227-1528 or visit www.bostonharborfest.com

HANOVER 5K ROAD RACE - Saturday, July 5, at 9 a.m. Sylvester Field, Route 139. Entry $15. The course is one large loop that is mostly flat with only four turns. Age groups: 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+. For more information call 781-826-1300 or email bcassidy@healthtrax.com

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS AT EDAVILLE USA July 3-6 - Day Out With Thomas offers fans of all ages the opportunity to take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine. There is a variety of Thomas & Friends entertainment for the whole family. Interactive children's activities include storytelling; live music; indoor and outdoor play areas; toy train sets; temporary tattoos of Island of Sodor friends and face painting; an Imagination Station; live music and more. Other event highlights are Thomas & Friends video viewing and an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Thomas the Tank Engine's firm, but kindly boss, Sir Topham Hatt. 35 minute train rides depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission $14 for ages one and up and may be purchased by calling 1-866-468-7630 and at the Edaville box office. for more information visit www.thomasthetankengine.com Edaville USA is located off of Route 58 in Carver.

Thurs. 26

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. June 26, **Johnny Souza .**

The North River Arts Society presents **By the River** – an exhibit of original oil paintings by **Susan B. Charles** at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. The exhibit runs through July 19. Summer gallery hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to noon. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

Scituate Gallery Artist, Ray Poritsky, presents "Pastel Originals" at the Scituate Art Gallery in June. The exhibit, which features original works of local scenes of Hingham, Scituate and Cohasset as well as still lifes, many painted outdoors. "Pastel Originals" is on exhibit at the Scituate Art Gallery through June 29. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 781-545-6150.

The Norwell Visiting Nurse Association will host an **Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Program** on June 26, from 7 to 8 p.m. The session takes place at the NVNA's office, located at 320 Washington St. in Norwell. Barbara Tortorella, LICSW, will serve as facilitator for the event. Interested participants may call Barbara for more information: 781-659-2342 ext. 357.

Comedy Night - Jimbo's Braintree 5 Corners, 781- 848-0300 - June 26. Reservations Recommended. Admission $10. Headliner - **Stephanie Peters**. Other Comics: **Annette Pollack, Vernon Harrison, Scott Carney and Sean Sullivan**. Enjoy dinner before the show or special-priced appetizers during the show.

Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library opens a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy.** The exhibit will run through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Fri. 27

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The James Library Center for the Arts presents **Meg Morton** photographs "Beasts, Blossoms and Butterflies" through July 2. The library is located at 24 West St., Norwell. For information call 781-659-7100.

Comedy Night - J.C. Dee's 312 Bridge St. (Rt. 3a) June 27, at 9 p.m. N. Weymouth, Headliner: **Tom Gilmore** - Other Comics: **Annette Pollack, Bill Ford, Malissa Hunt and Tom Morello** Full Menu Served Till 8:30 p.m. Appetizers and pizza served during the show. Admission $10. For info/reservations 781-337-1020.

Art of Music Chamber Players "Concerts in the Country" June 27, 8 p.m. at the **Ellison Center for the Arts,** Duxbury. Violinists **Piotr Buczek** and **Wei-Pin Kuo**, violist Don **Krishnaswami** and Artistic Director and cellist **Timothy Roberts** perform Mendelssohn's String Quartet in F minor Op 80; Free parking, reception following concert. Tickets $20, $15, $5. For tickets and information call 781-837-2705.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Friday, June 27, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info: 781-331-0021Web site: www.southshoresingles.org

JC Dee's Restaurant & Lounge, 312 Bridge St., No. Weymouth **Comedy Night** - Featuring **Tom Gilmore** with **Annette Pollack, Bill Ford and Malissa Hunt.** Show starts at 9 p.m. Full dinner menu available before the show. Pizza and appetizers during the show. Admission $10. Reservations recommended. Call781-337-1020.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Vonhughenstein**. For more information call 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Spurs.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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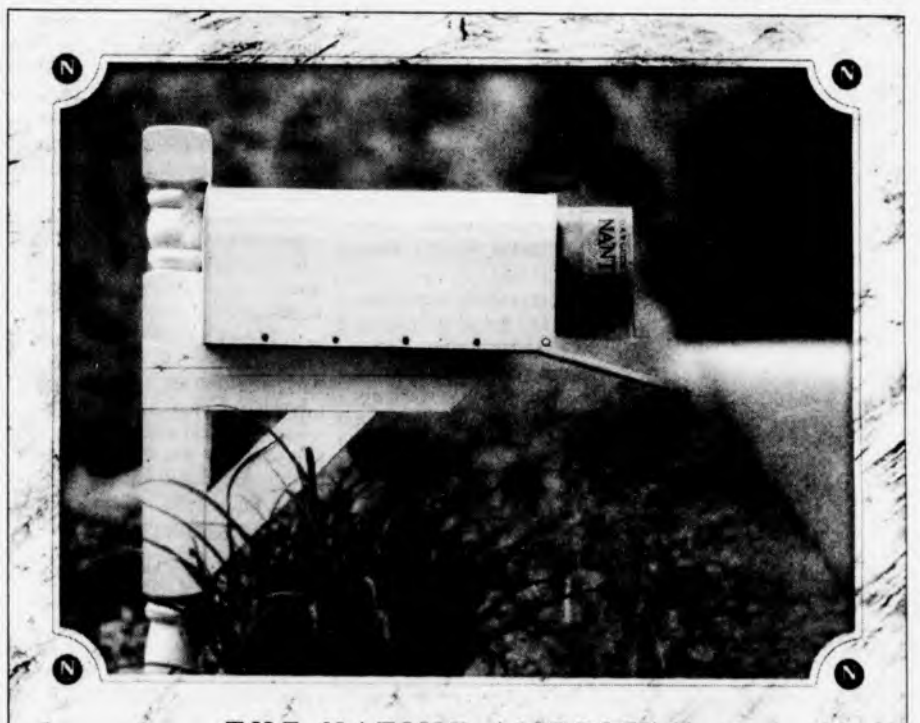

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Boston Harbor Hotel presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Opening night June 27, and will continue every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. June 27 - **West Side Story.** For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

Jimbo' Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners - **Comedy Night**, June 26, at 8:30 p.m. featuring **Stephanie Peters** along with **Annette Pollack, Vernon Harrison, Sean Sullivan, Christopher Jackson** Your host: **Scott Carney.** Admission: $10 special priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300 Next show: July 17, John Turco - www.annettepollack.com **or www.jimbossouth.com**

The Satuit Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on the Morrill Bandstand, Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor. This concert highlights Broadway with selections from Chicago, Mama Mia, Les Miserables and others. Concerts are held Friday nights, same time and place, throughout the summer.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Sat. 28

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury - Sandwich bird carver **Steve Weaver** will be demonstrating his technique on June 28, at 1:30 p.m. Weaver carves a variety of ducks and birds using both traditional and contemporary tools and methods. The demonstration is being offered in conjunction with the museum's current exhibition, **Floating Sculptures**, which features traditional and contemporary New England decoys on display through Aug. 24

10th Annual Spinning Bee at Historic Harlow House , 119 Sandwich St., Plymouth. An old-fashioned spinning bee will be held in conjunction with **"Backroads of the South Shore"** Featured will be an open house day at 13 leading historic sites from Plymouth to Hingham. The Old Ordinary in Hingham. Capt. John Winslow House in Cohasset, Cudworth House and Mann House in Scituate, Winslow House in Marshfield, King Caesar House, John Alden House and Gershom Bradford House in Duxbury, Major John Bradford House in Kingston, and the Harlow Old Fort House, Spooner House and Jabez Howland House in Plymouth - will be open free of chare to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 781-934-6106 or visit www.southshorebackroads.org

Third Annual Plymouth Chamber Music Festival June 21-28, held at the Church of the Pilgrimage. The programs feature Brahms, Beetrrhoven, Dvorak and Dehnanyi. For more information visit www.plymouthchambermusicfestival.org

Helen's Cafe 16 Commercial St. Braintree (Weymouth Landing) 781-337-1020 Saturday, June 28 @ 8:30 p.m.Admission $8. Reservations Recommended Headliner: **ichael Petit** - Other Comics: **Annette Pollack, Paul Keenan, Joe List, Glen Gordon and Joe Holden.**

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Sun. 29

Girly Junk, a retailer of women's cosmetics and accessories, will host an **Open House to benefit the St. Croix Connection Puppy Rescue** on June 29. Inspired by their own adoption of Sammy, Girly Junk's new mascot, the Girls wish to support this off-island adoption program, which works with the Virgin Islands Animal Welfare center to connect small breed pups with owners in the States. The open house will feature: complimentary makeovers (by appointment only); 10 minute relaxation massages; a fantastic raffle prize; tropical drinks and hors d'oeuvres in keeping with the Caribbean theme. Local artist **April Gottschalk** will be onsite designing custom-made jewelry. The open house will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at the boutique located at 454 Washington St. in Norwell. All proceeds from raffle ticket sales, massages and 10 percent of all purchases will directly benefit the St. Croix Connection Puppy Rescue. For more information or to book your complimentary makeover, call the Girls at 781-659-4424.

Art Complex Museum at Duxbury, June 29, at 2 p.m. A glimpse of Japanese culture is offered in the public tea ceremony. The program is open to all who wish to explore this quiet simple ritual which is held in a special tea hut on the museum grounds. Call 781-934-6634 for information.

Praise on the Parkway- June 29, from 3 to 6 p.m., concert and family event held at the Gazebo behind Cole Parkway, Scituate. "Praise on the Parkway" will be a venue of Christian, folk and rock music, featuring musicians, **Dennis McGurr; George Miller; Karen Bresnahan and Sonny Dwight; the Pembroke Assembly of God Praise Team; Joe Quaresimo**—That Preacher Guy; and the original rock music of Final Fire. Face painting, games, prizes and much more. Everyone welcome.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield – 781-834-6505. Swing to the music of **"The Irish Volunteers"** from 5 to 9 p.m. No cover. Dinner optional beginning at 4 p.m.

Mon. 30

The North River Arts Society presents **Places by the Sea** oil paintings by **Diane Scott** June 21 to Aug. 15, at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Opening reception June 23 at 7 p.m.

Art on the Avenue, featuring paintings, photography and children's playbooks, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visit at 1037 Nantasket Ave. in Hull or call 781-925-5619

"Summer in Full Bloom" Exhibit comes to the Science Center. Greet the summer season in June at the **South Shore Natural Science Center** with a colorful exhibit of floral and landscape paintings in pastel and watercolor by **Tsun Ming Chmielinski**. A 2003 first prize winner in the pastel category of the Duxbury Art Association's Winter Juried Art Show. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 2 to 30. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, off route 123 in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 of the route 3 interchange. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 1

The South Shore Natural Science Center is pleased to present "Landscapes Near and Far", an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Hanover artist **Valerie Doran Norris**. Open from July 1 to Aug. 31, the exhibit includes a collection of local scenes and vacation spots from Cape Cod to England. Valerie's watercolor paintings are rich in color and detail. Her choice of subject matter comes from a desire to whisk you away and make you daydream. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, July 12, from 2 to 4p.m. The exhibit can be viewed (free of charge) during July and August on Monday through Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off Route 3. For more information, call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

Thompson Island Sunset Cruise, July 1, from 6 to 9:45p.m. Cruise with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands to Thompson Island. Learn about Thompson Island history from the time of Native Americans to today's educational programs. Take a tour with an experienced volunteer or explore on your own. There are 157 acres of fields, woods, marsh, shoreline, birds and other wildlife. Bring your own picnic supper, beverage, and snacks, as no food or beverage is available on the island. Also your camera, binoculars, and dress for the weather. The cruise leaves Fan Pier, next to the Moakley Court House, Fort Point Channel, just over the old Northern Ave. Bridge at 6 p.m. and returns at 9:45p.m. Parking available at lot next to the Court House. Adults $17, Seniors $15 Members of FBHI $13, Children 3-12 $10. Children 2 and under free. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 5 p.m. on the 11th; cash only. You may also send a SASE and your check to FBHI, P.O. Box 690187, Quincy, MA 02269-0187. For more information call 781-740-4290.

The Producers, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre through Aug. 17. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

After the recent barrage of planetary activity, influences calm down considerably today, giving you an opportunity to rest and regroup. The Taurus moon aligns with Jupiter at 9:41 a.m. and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. Catch up on projects already begun, handle routine chores and errands. Lighten up, relax, mellow out completely this evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

An inactive Taurus moon can make for a slow start to this day. Yesterday's advice applies to this morning as well. Finish old projects rather than starting anything new. At 12:13 p.m. the moon enters lively Gemini, bringing an energy boost. This moon forms challenging 90-degree alignments to Uranus and Mars, however. Give greater attention to accuracy and details. Use extra caution if you are operating machinery; drive defensively. Don't take chances or do anything risky.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Bright and sunny astrological weather prevails today. The moon travels in versatile Gemini. The green light is on for starting new activities. Today's influences are ideal for work that requires communicating with people. Make phone calls, send letters, faxes and e-mails. You will be most productive, if you handle a variety of projects rather than one that demands intense concentration. A lunar alignment to Jupiter makes this evening prime for partying. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Yesterday's planetary influences affect today as well. The moon continues to travel in Gemini, active until 10:31 p.m. It may be difficult to focus on work projects, especially if you are taking on jobs that are tedious and time-consuming. Others will be outgoing and talkative. This day is great for vacationing, socializing and enjoying favorite leisure activities. At 11:52 p.m. the final windup to a new moon begins, when the moon enters the sign Cancer.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

The dark side of a new moon is in full force and effect until 2:39 p.m., when it culminates. Wake up in a good mood. Focus on the positives in your life instead of getting caught up in the limitations. Others may be moody, pensive, disagreeable. Spend time alone; listen to music, create art or poetry, enjoy nature. The planet Mercury moves into Cancer at 6:17 a.m., remaining there until July 13.

MONDAY, JUNE 30

The planet Mercury is in the spotlight today and tomorrow, because it forms three major alignments to planets. It may bring a focus on news, communications, study, travel. Today Mercury aligns with Uranus and Saturn. That combination prompts you to change your thinking; be open to new ideas. Let go of fears, worries; open your mind to new possibilities. The moon continues inactive travel in Cancer, placing new beginnings in business and your external life off limits.

TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2003

July begins with mild and sunny astrological weather. Storm clouds will move in during the last few days of this month, when the action planet Mars begins retrograde travel. For the most favorable planetary influences, you should begin important enterprises during the first three weeks of this month.

Today the moon enters optimistic Leo at 9:13 a.m. In addition, harmonious alignments of Jupiter-Pluto and Mercury-Mars occur. This combination tops the charts for new starts in your business and personal life. Go for the gold.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

A Leo moon continues to generate an upbeat mood today. However, a lunar polarity to Neptune at 8:39 a.m. can make for a slow start this morning. After that the green light for new beginnings goes on; start new activities, make important decisions, plans or purchases. The moon and Jupiter conjoin this evening, setting the stage for parties. Gather with friends and enjoy life to the max.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

A playful Leo moon continues active travel, making this morning ideal for socializing, vacationing. At 2:06 p.m. the moon aligns with Venus and becomes inactive. A practical Virgo moon takes over at 4:16 p.m., and a lunar polarity to Uranus may disrupt the flow of the evening. Keep it light; be more easygoing and adaptable.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

Planetary influences today are better for working than they are for vacationing. The moon travels in meticulous Virgo, and forms harmonious contacts to Mercury and the sun. In addition, the sun prepares to align with Mercury. This combination is prime for analyzing situations and making practical decisions, or for focusing on jobs that require accuracy and attention to detail. On the other hand, it may be difficult to relax and mellow out. The planet Venus moves into Cancer at 1:39 p.m., remaining there until July 29. A lunar alignment to Pluto warns you to avoid late-night bickering. Know when it's time to call it a night.

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Art Complex Museum at Duxbury will host a Japanese Tea Ceremony, Sunday, June 29, at 2 p.m. A glimpse of Japanese culture is offered in the public tea ceremony. The program is open to all who wish to explore this quiet simple ritual which is held in a special tea hut on the museum grounds. Call 781-934-6634 for information.

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Family Story time resumes at **James Library &Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at **Quincy District Court** on July 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For more information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

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The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

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The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month **Paul Lindstrom** will exhibit his paintings for the month of July at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Summer View: Visiting Artists - **Bert Yarborough, Lee Boynton, Peter Schroth, Carol Woodin, Jesseca Ferguson, Robert Siegelman, Peter Madden**. Dillon Gallery: **Rita Brace, Mary Callahan, Marian Carlson, Liz Haywood-Sullivan. Beverly Rippel, Faculty Feature: Margaret McWethy.**

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2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. July 3, **Legion Bud Band.**

Fri. 4

The Satuit Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on the Morrill Bandstand, Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor. This concert will have a patriotic flavor with tributes to our Armed Services. Concerts are held Friday nights, same time and place, throughout the summer.

The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at the **James Spooner Trust Fourth of July Concert** on July 4, at 7:30 p.m. on the Plymouth Waterfront. Fireworks display at 9:15 p.m. Immediately after the concert. Rain date July 5 at 7:30 p.m. Free of charge.

Boston Harbor Hotel presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Opening night June 27, and will continue every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. July 4 - **Thomas Crown Affair** (1968). For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fat City Band.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing Events

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Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents "Elements" featuring artists **Dorothy Pilla** and **Anthony Pilla**. Dorothy will display digital photography and Anthony will display wood cut prints. Exhibit is free and will run through June 30. For information call 781-934-0640.

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10th Annual Spinning Bee at Historic Harlow House , 119 Sandwich St., Plymouth. An old-fashioned spinning bee will be held in conjunction with "Backroads of the South Shore" Featured will be an open house day at 13 leading historic sites from Plymouth to Hingham. The Old Ordinary in Hingham. Capt. John Winslow House in Cohasset, Cudworth House and Mann House in Scituate, Winslow House in Marshfield, King Caesar House, John Alden House and Gershom Bradford House in Duxbury, Major John Bradford House in Kingston, and the Harlow Old Fort House, Spooner House and Jabez Howland House in Plymouth — will be open free of chare to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 781-934-6106 or visit www.southshorebackroads.org

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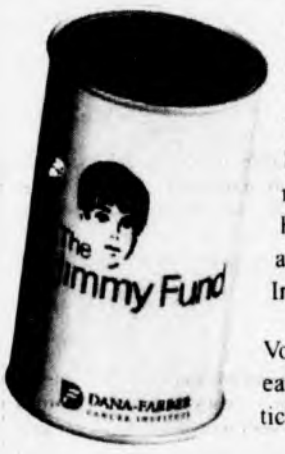

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Avalon flushes out new septic design

Boards seek more detail

By Mary Ford
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While it's unclear if AvalonBay's new plans for wastewater disposal at its proposed 200-unit apartment complex off Route 3A will pass muster with state and local officials — one thing is for sure, the Zoning Board of Appeals is going to learn a lot about septic systems in the process.

The new system Avalon proposes would incorporate a treatment plant with a leaching field under Title 5, the state's environmental code governing septic systems.

In a room packed with engineers, hydrologists, lawyers and other consultants, who were hired by Avalon or the town, there was ample disagreement over the feasibility of the more traditional system depending on which side had the floor during Monday's hearing.

The new plans come on the heels of Avalon's prior proposal to seek a surface-water permit, which the Water Commission and Health Board opposed because of fears the surface water would pollute Lily Pond, the town's drinking water supply. There was also a question

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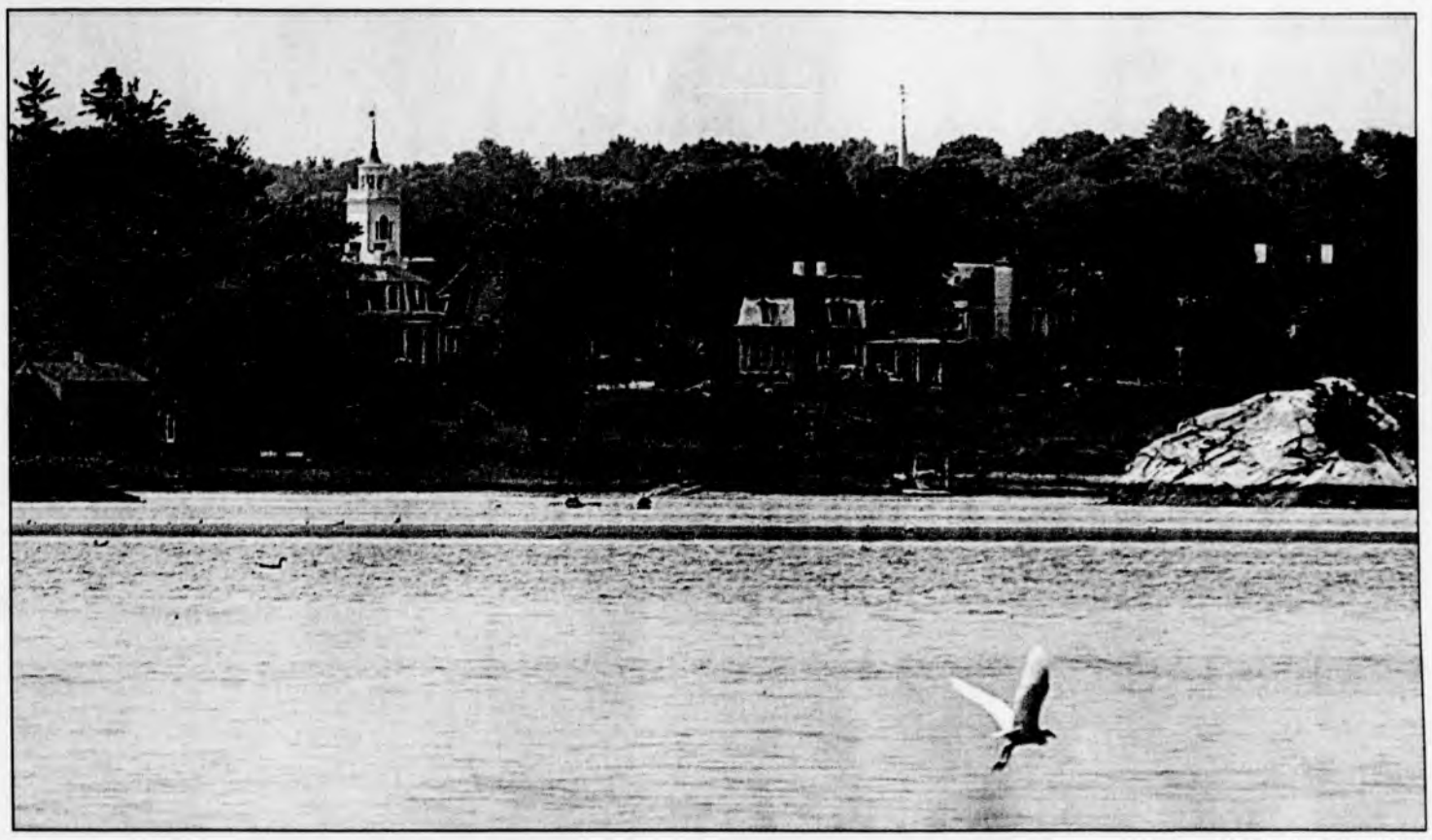

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An egret takes flight on Little Harbor which provides habitat for many species of birds in the summer months. Little Harbor residents, the Open Space Committee and Harbormaster are asking people to be careful not to disturb nesting birds.

Some simple rules to help Little Harbor in summertime

Wildlife, boats and people can co-exist

By Samantha Brown
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Little Harbor's beautiful scenery attracts much attention throughout the year. During the summer, as boaters float by in their canoes and kayaks, they may get a closer look at birds nesting on the shores.

But with the additional attention the harbor receives during the summer months, it is important to remember the rules that need to be followed, to make it a safe place for everyone to enjoy. That is why concerned residents of the Little Harbor area, along with the Open Space Committee and Harbormaster have sent out a notice to remind people of what a special area it is and how to keep all wildlife safe.

"We're trying to make everyone share the harbor, even the wildlife."
— June Hubbard, Beach Street

Cohasset bylaws state that all water vehicles "shall not be operated at a speed in excess of 12 mph while in the confines of the harbor." This rule is extremely important not only for the purpose of keeping people safe in canoes or kayaks who are not able to move quickly, but certain birds that migrate to the area as well, officials say.

June Hubbard has been watching the birds from her Beach Street home since 1968. A flock of eight eiders, which are a type of sea duck, have been returning for the past 12 years and have provided many hours of fascinating bird-watching. She said she can tell it is the same group of birds because there is one female with distinct markings on her back who is easily spotted.

Over the years, Hubbard has seen the continuous moving about of the different species of birds.

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SHOPPING DAY

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Mary Hartshorne of Border Street, right, buys some strawberries from Bill Steverman of Scituate at the Cohasset Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market is held every Thursday afternoon on the common.

Village people split on streetscape plan

Some like it, others don't

By Samantha Brown
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Looking out their windows onto South Main and Elm streets, many local shop owners have a bird's-eye view of the markings painted on the asphalt for potential "bump-outs" proposed as part of the Village Revitalization Project. With their storefronts potentially at the mercy of construction, some are concerned about the outcome these changes could bring.

"If anyone, including the police, wants to sit in our front picture window and take a look at what goes on, they're welcome to."
— Sue Straley, Cards & Shards

The Board of Selectmen have decided to move forward with plans drawn by the Waterfield Group, for an underground-wiring system in the Village that would also include new sidewalks incorporating bump-outs at the crosswalks.

Bump-outs are expanded portions of the sidewalk, which would potentially allow pedestrians better visibility at crosswalks by allowing them to stay on the curb and see past parked cars. The selectmen believe the current crosswalks pose a safety issue because they force pedestrians onto the street in order to check for oncoming traffic before crossing.

Selectmen are also looking at raising the crosswalks to define them even further, and hopefully make drivers more cautious.

Residents and shop owners have a wide range of views about what should be done.

Sue Straley who has owned and operated Cards & Shards for roughly the last 25 years, sees some potentially positive aspects to the revitalization project.

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KEEPING HIS COOL

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Ken Dickinson of Hanover tries to stay cool while selling his Gampy's Jellies and Jams at the Farmers Market last Thursday.

This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, June 30.

Cohasset Common Historic District Commission, July 7, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, July 10, July 24, 7:30 p.m.,

Harbor Committee, July 15, 7 p.m.

School Committee, July 10, 7 p.m.

Water Commission, July 10, 8 p.m., King St. treatment plant

All meetings are at Town Hall unless posted otherwise.

School Committee on AvalonBay project

Members of the School Committee will send a finalized draft of a letter to the Zoning Board, stating what they believe should be considered when addressing the AvalonBay project. The letter is meant to be strictly recommendations, with no positive or negative opinions within. The letter addresses the possible addition of children to the schools, and what possible impact that could have. Sample financial situations have been figured including the cost of an additional bus, if needed and the potential tax increase for the average Cohasset home if 25 new students enter the system.

Planning Board gets schooled

Author and land-use consultant, Bob Lemire gave a lecture to members of the Planning Board, and members of other town boards and residents last week. Hosted by the Growth and Development Committee, Lemire spoke about various long range planning that can take place in a town to ensure the needs of the entire community are met.

Stating five principals that have proved successful in his own town of Lincoln, Lemire believes any town can be effective in visualizing the future it wants, and carry it out successfully.

Lemire's five principals are:

• Save what needs to be saved. If you don't take care of your natural resources, the town will suffer.

• Build what needs to be built. To accommodate the needs of a growing town, you have to build, and if you don't build, it will be harder to save what needs to be saved.

• Commit yourself to dealing with the financial interests of landowners in town. If landowners have been approached in advance by the town and have been treated fairly and openly, they will be more likely to come to the town when they want to sell. Lemire believes this is Lincoln's secret to its success, because the town makes it a priority to help landowners who want to sell achieve the best profit possible while finding a way to develop the land in accordance to town wishes.

• You have to take into consideration the private sector as well as the public. Equal amounts of money can be made by a landowner by seeking out different options for buyers.

• It's not enough for a town to take a reactive approach. Don't wait until the landowners show up at the town meeting wanting to sell, take the initiative to contact them first.

Lemire recommended Cohasset adopt some long range plans by looking at where change can take place. He also suggests the town define a role that a Cohasset land trust could play in those plans. His own town has built residential housing in commercial zones, and suggests Cohasset take a look at its own commercial zones and see if expansion could happen there. "You've got opportunities you're not taking advantage of," he said.

Golf carts off the course

The CMHS athletic department will be participating in a trial conducted by Pathway Research, underwritten by General Motors, to determine the benefits of the use of golf carts in institutional settings.

There will be no charge for participation and the cart will only be used on school grounds. The school currently has one cart, but a second could potentially be reserved for the athletic trainer, in the event there is an injury on the field.

The carts are different from those used on a golf course, and are specifically designed for the study to determine the benefits and need for a service such as this. The company will drop the cart off at the school and will pick it up at the end of the year. Students will not be allowed to drive the cart.

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July 2003	High AM	- Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	- Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 3	2:13	10.4	8:38	2:54	9.2	8:50
Fri. 4	2:59	10.3	9:23	3:39	9.4	9:39
Sat. 5	3:48	10.2	10:10	4:26	9.7	10:32
Sun. 6	4:40	10.1	11:00	5:16	10.0	11:28
Mon. 7	5:36	9.9	11:52	6:09	10.3	——
Tues. 8	6:35	9.7	12:27	7:04	10.7	12:47
Wed. 9	7:37	9.6	1:28	8:00	11.0	1:44
Thurs. 10	8:38	9.6	2:28	8:57	11.3	2:42

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Meet the town's two newest paramedics

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset's new paramedics Sharon Leone and Dan Smith.

As part of an effort by the Cohasset Fire Department to provide better care during emergency situations, including Advanced Life Support, Sharon Leone and Dan Smith, both paramedics, have been hired as Cohasset's newest members of the department.

The two new paramedics made it through a physically intense 11-week training program run by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, which is conducted much like boot camp for the Army, and began working in Cohasset June 16.

For Leone, a 31-year-old Hanover resident, who had never even been on a fire truck before attending the Academy, her new occupation has been a big adjustment.

Leone began to look into the medical field after losing her brother in a car accident five years ago. She had earned a degree from Bridgewater State College in speech pathology and audiology four years prior, but her interests began to shift as she searched for answers to her brother's death.

She enrolled in an Emergency Medical Technician class and received her license, which enabled her to provide basic life support to patients while working for the Auxiliary Medical Services.

While taking care of patients in the towns of Brockton, Waltham, Middleboro and Taunton, she was also taking care of some furry friends at the Roberts Animal Hospital in Hanover. Being able to provide advanced life support to animals, Leone eventually began to pursue becoming a paramedic, in order to help people in the same way.

While she does spend much time at the station, Leone also teaches paramedic and EMT classes, and still works at the Roberts Animal Hospital as a veterinary technician.

"Most people in this field do something on the side," she said, noting that the shifts can be 24 hours long, leaving you with days off in a row.

Working with the animals for the past 16 years, it's a passion she can't seem to get away from. "It's one of those things that follows me," she said.

Sitting in a box in the firehouse is a little bird. Leone came across the bird, who had fallen out of its nest, while learning the streets of Cohasset. Unable to find its nest, she picked it up and brought it with her.

"I couldn't just leave it there in the middle of the road," she said.

But this is not the first time she has rescued an animal in the short time she has been on the department. After hearing of a snapping turtle in the road on 3A, Leone walked up the street and brought the turtle back to the station. She then asked the animal rescue league to pick it up.

Leone jokes that she has had a successful "first two saves" since being on the department.

With her caring nature, it's no surprise to find out that Leone is a single mother of two. Daughter Courtney is 7 years old, and son Jake is 5 years old.

As a result of all the training she has participated in, Leone said she has "missed a lot of the past couple months," but her children "think it's really neat" to have a fire-fighting mom.

The addition of Leone to the department makes a total of three females. When the new firehouse is finished, there will be separate facilities for both men and women, but with her experience Leone said she is used to sharing with the guys.

Leone said she has never been treated differently because she is a woman. While training at the Academy, she said everyone is treated equally regardless of their gender.

"They don't make any allowances. You have to be able to save the person — end of story," she said.

Working alongside Leone is former National Guardsman, Dan Smith. The 24-year-old graduate of Weymouth High School was a member of the 1058th Transportation Company, which has since been deployed to Iraq.

Smith left the Guard to pursue his "lifelong dream" of becoming a firefighter, and his unit was deployed one month later.

"It's what I've always wanted to do," he said.

Smith earned an associate's degree in fire science from Massasoit Community College, learning everything from the chemistry of how fire works and the different methods for putting out fires depending on the structure, to the prevention of fire and fire laws. While Smith admits some of the more technical classes wouldn't be exciting for those not pursuing the field, for him they were perfect training.

It seems Smith has made a good first impression with his enthusiasm, as Haddad, who interviewed Smith for the position said, "I've never seen anyone so excited to be a firefighter."

After Massasoit, Smith earned his EMT and paramedic licenses before going off to the fire academy. He recently bought a house in Rockland, where he lives with his wife.

The movement toward offering ALS service began in 1998, when Town Manager Mark Haddad negotiated with the fire department union to have the next eight people hired be trained paramedics. The goal was to bring the number of paramedics on the town payroll up to eight, to help ensure paramedics are on every shift.

Currently, out of the 24 members on the department, nine are paramedics, with two additional members in the final stages of the certification process. Haddad said the new goal is to have two paramedics on every shift, to work alongside EMTs to provide the best care possible.

Having paramedics on staff allows the department to provide more advanced treatment. Without ALS, a heart-attack victim, for example, would have to endure a 20-minute ride to South Shore Hospital before they were treated with life-saving drugs. Paramedics are able to administer those drugs, as well as employ a heart defibrillator.

Melee breaks out over parked car

Sgt. William Quigley responded to a call at about 9 p.m. from an officer, who was serving a detail outside Atlantica restaurant, for a parking problem.

A parking complaint on Border Street Saturday night led to a brouhaha of near-epic proportions for the seaside location.

Sgt. William Quigley responded to a call at about 9 p.m. from Norfolk County Sheriff Deputy Bryan Connolly, who was serving a detail outside Atlantica restaurant, for a parking problem.

Connolly told Quigley that Jack Silvia, 51, was demanding the police tow a Saab that was parked on his property at 43 Border St. Silvia told Connolly that the Atlantic valet service had parked the car in "his spot," according the police report.

Quigley said he told Connolly the car, while opposite the Silvia property, appeared to be on town property.

Connolly told Quigley that Silvia was "extremely upset" and demanded that the Atlantica valet service park his minivan for him. He then allegedly abandoned the minivan in the middle of the street and left the area.

The valet service did eventually park Silvia's van for him, across the street at fishermen's wharf.

But that was only the beginning.

About 9:30 p.m., units were called back to Atlantica, Quigley said. Connolly said Silvia returned to Atlantica and became enraged when the saw this parking spot was not clear of the Saab.

Silvia then got into his minivan and allegedly drove erratically across the street, screeching his tires and attempted to back into "his parking spot" in front of his home. According to the police report, Connolly said Silvia then purposely backed his minivan into the Saab, pushing it about one foot backwards, and into another vehicle that was parked behind the Saab.

As Connolly was briefing Quigley as to the events, Silvia emerged from his property, making wild hand gestures, yelling and swearing about his parking spot, according to the police report. Quigley asked Silvia for his driver's license and registration because he had allegedly caused a motor vehicle accident.

Silvia allegedly refused using expletives. After three requests for Silvia's license and registration, Quigley said he warned Silvia he would be arrested. At this time Officer Francis Yannizzi had arrived at the scene.

The officers advised Silvia he was under arrest and stepped toward him. When Quigley attempted to grab Silvia's arm, he allegedly began to swing his arms wildly and pulled away, walking backwards. Police said the three officers attempted to restrain Silvia and a violent struggle ensued, with Silvia being tackled to the ground. According to the police report a large crowd gathered and traffic was stopped on Border Street with the officers struggling with Silvia, who was allegedly violently resisting arrest refusing to comply with verbal demands. As Officer Yannizzi and Deputy Connolly fought with Silvia, two males came running toward the officers who were both on the ground. The males were later identified as Kenneth and Dale Silvia, Jack Silvia's brothers. Quigley said when Dale Silvia charged at the officers who were on the ground he was ordered to keep back and was told his brother was under arrest. Dale Silvia then allegedly charged at Yannizzi from behind while Yannizzi was on his knees trying to handcuff Jack Silvia. Quigley said he activated his emergency radio button and put out a call for "officers in trouble." Dale Silvia got within one foot of Yannizzi's handgun, Quigley said. Quigley said he pushed Dale Silvia back five feet and warned him to stay back or he would be maced.

After Dale Silvia allegedly charged Yannizzi again, Quigley sprayed him with mace pepper spray in the face. Dale Silvia then stepped back about 15 feet, took his shirt off to wipe off his face. Seconds later, he allegedly emerged from his property with a large fire extinguisher and pointed the extinguisher and sprayed it at the officers trying to handcuff Jack Silvia. The powder from the extinguisher began to choke the officers, Quigley said.

Several minutes later, a handcuffed Jack Silvia was put into the rear of the cruiser. Additional officers were called to the scene along with mutual aid from Scituate police. Dale Silvia was advised that he was also under arrest, but he allegedly ran away from the officers and into the Silvia compound. He allegedly threw his mace-soaked T-shirt in Quigley's face.

Kenneth Silvia was also yelling at the officers and was advised he was creating a disturbance and was subject to arrest. Other members of the Silvia family then allegedly began surrounding the officers. One unidentified male tried to insight the Silvia family and other onlookers; he disappeared into the crowd and the officers began to regain control of the situation.

Jack Silvia was charged with failure to produce a driver's license for a police officer, assault, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. He was treated by a paramedic at the station for pepper spray exposure and a scrape to his left wrist and knuckle. An arrest warrant was sought for Dale Silvia for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (fire extinguisher), assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (mace), assault and battery on a police officer, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

Dale Silvia was arrested at Quincy District Court by Officer Rick Grassie when he brought his brother Jack to court. Both men were arraigned on their respective charges and will return in mid August for a pre-trial conference.

The police officers were treated for exposure to mace pepper spray, and for minor cuts and bruises.

The owner of the Saab, which sustained minor damage, was advised to contact Deputy Connolly.

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An outdoor enthusiast, Bill grew up in West Roxbury and spent summers at Green Harbor in Marshfield. Active in boating circles throughout his life, he has been a member of the Cohasset Yacht Club for 18 years. He has also been involved in youth, civic, and town government activities for over 20 years. He was appointed to the Personnel Committee in Cohasset in 1983 and elected to three five-year terms on the Cohasset Planning Board, beginning in 1989. Bill is currently the Planning Board Vice Chairman and he also serves on the town's Growth and Development Committee.

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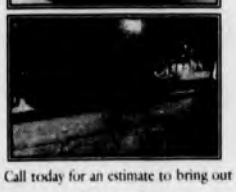
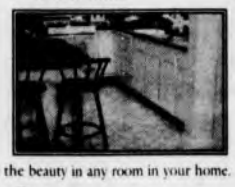
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Plans underway for CHS Class of 1984 reunion

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HAPPY FOURTH!

I want to start off this week by wishing everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July weekend! It is finally warm and toasty as summer should be and the parades, cookouts and fireworks have started and will continue right through the weekend. Have fun with friends and family!

IT'S A BOY!

Conner **Bruce Allen Fitzgerald** was born on June 27.. The proud parents are **Doug and Gwen Fitzgerald**. Connor joins his big brother **Jackson** and big, big, sister **Megan**. Everyone is doing fine. Welcome to your family and our town Conner!

BABY GIRL

Welcome to the world sweet **Caroline Grace Donohue**! Little Caroline was born on June 15, 2003 to **Kim and Jim Donohue** (son of **James and Grace Donohue** from Cohasset). Not only did Caroline arrive on Fathers Day, she also made her debut on her Mom and Dad's first wedding anniversary. Congratulations on Caroline's birth!

BENEFIT FOR MARY KRAFT

How many people could dance the night away at their 20th high school reunion while almost eight months pregnant? This feat was a simple achievement for **Mary Walsh Kraft** (CHS class of 1979) in July of 1999 just because of her sheer love of life. Although they miss Cohasset and their many friends here, Mary and her husband, **Dean Kraft** (CHS class of 1978) have been living a very fulfilling life in Colorado with their sons **Colin** (almost four) and **Tyler** (two). Regrettably, life has taken an unfortunate turn as Mary was recently diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. While her situation is extremely serious, there is also tremendous hope. Many people are asking what they can do to help Mary and her family. As you can imagine, the medical bills associated with treating Mary's illness are staggering. In an effort to assist Mary and Dean, a fundraiser will be held that is anticipated to not only help defray their expenses, but provide some much appreciated inspiration. The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15,. at Mackenzie's restaurant which is located at Widow's Walk Golf Course, 250 The Driftway, Scituate. The cost is $25 per person and the event will feature a raffle, an auction, food and a cash bar. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute, please send a donation to: The Mary Kraft Fund, c/o Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, 48 South Main St., Cohasset MA 02025. All donations are considered gifts and therefore not tax deductible. If you have any questions or would like to help with the benefit, please contact **Mary Sease** (781-383-8318) or **Lisa Swain** (781-383-2953.)

TALENTED STUDENTS

Four Cohasset Middle Schools students, **Reed Dickinson, Ryan Ingram, Cliff Musto**, and **Colleen Richardson** were honored at Boston University on June 8 for their outstanding academic abilities. These students participated in a national talent search sponsored by Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY). They then took the college SAT and scored in the top 25 percent compared to all students in the search. Congratulations!

PILGRIM AWARDS

CHS graduates Curtis Kahn, left, and Thomas Anderson show off plaques heralding the $2,500 scholarships they were awarded by the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham. The Cohasset residents were among 13 are high school graduates awarded Pilgrim Arena scholarships this spring.

HONORS GRADUATE

Jared Ford, Cohasset High School class of 1999, has graduated, *cum laude*, with a bachelor of science in Computer Information Systems from Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.. Jared was editor of the college year-book for his junior and senior years, and was responsible for the 2001 and 2002 Roger Williams float in the Bristol 4th of July Parade, the oldest 4th of July parade in the country. The 2001 float, which was a replica of the Mount Hope Bridge, was voted Most Creative and the 2002 float, titled "Snapshots of America" received the honor of most creative. Jared was selected as Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, as well as being inducted into Sigma Beta Delta, an international honor society for business students. Jared, all these are fantastic accomplishments and you should be as proud of them as your parents are of you! Congratulations!

GOLF BENEFIT

South Shore Hospital's 14th annual golf tournament at Cohasset Golf Club raised $120,000 to help establish a neonatal intensive care unit to care for sick and premature infants. David Hannan, left, of Hingham, president and CEO of South Shore Health and Educational Corporation – the hospital's parent – accepts the proceeds from tournament chairman Gary Adams of Cohasset, vice president of Anchor/Russell Capital Advisors.

1984 CHS REUNION

Calling all members of the CHS Class of 1984 Do you know that next year is our 20th Class Reunion? I know that I was a bit shocked to remember that "Wow, has it been 20 years already?" Anyway, **Jackie (Plante) Collari** and the planning committee have started planning this reunion weekend and the first step is to get as many members together in an email group with names, addresses, phone and email. Please make sure to contact Jackie by phone or email and send your information on to her as well as any classmates info that you may have. Please also send any ideas that you may have on events for the weekend. You can reach Jackie by email at: collarifamily@earthlink.net or by phone at: (781)545-3480. The reunion will have something for everyone throughout the weekend so make plans to come back home to Cohasset with your family and enjoy the weekend or stay a bit longer next summer.

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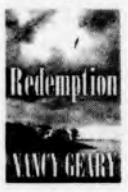

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adjacent to Our World and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Sohier Street. The playground will be open year round and free to all who visit. The playground along with the museum will be a wonderful fit with the new library and together will be an invaluable resource for our community. One of the ways Project Playground will be raising funds for this new play area is through the Brick by Brick program. Your donation of $100 to the Brick by Brick program will be recognized with an engraved brick. You can have your name, your family's name, loved one or your business name celebrated in brick. If you prefer, you also have the opportunity to donate a larger engraved paver or a beautiful hardwood bench complete with an engraved brass plate. Engraved bricks and pavers will be used in walkways and as accents throughout the surrounding areas of the playground. All funds generated by the Brick by Brick program will go directly to the designing and purchasing of play structures, landscaping of the play area and on-going maintenance. Through supporters like you, each brick, paver and bench will become a part of the playground's lasting character and serve as a permanent reminder of your commitment to this project. For information on how to participate in the Brick by Brick program, please call **Debbie Kuppens** at (781) 383-6399.If you have any questions about Project Playground, or would like to make a larger contribution, please call **Logan Bernstein** at (781) 383-6165 or **Muffy Antico** at (781) 383-8303.

That is all the news for this holiday week. Please make sure to have all news, photos and event information in to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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BEST OF THE BAND

The May 5 Jazz Concert, sponsored by the CP Harvey Memorial Jazz Fund, resulted in a great performance by the Cohasset Middle High School Jazz Ensemble. John DeWaal has been recognized as the outstanding performer of the Ensemble and awarded the first CP Harvey Memorial Jazz Award. Showing off the award with John is band teacher, Stephanie Hoskin.

Hingham parade for one and all

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Hingham is gearing up for a fun-filled and, hopefully, sunny Fourth of July celebration.

The parade, featuring lively bands, a dozen colorful floats, and antique cars, will step out from Hingham High School at 10 a.m. and then travel down Middle Street to Main and on to downtown Hingham, ending up at the Station Street parking lot. Thousands of spectators of all ages will line the parade route, many decked out in red, white, and blue outfits and waving flags.

"I get butterflies seeing all the people cheering, laughing, and calling out to their friends," said Parade Committee Chairman Shanna Nicholson, who was named this year's Grand Marshal. "There's a real sense of community spirit. It's a magical event."

The much looked-forward-to Fourth of July weekend festivities begin on July 4 with an early road race organized by the Hingham Recreation Commission and a pancake breakfast on Hingham Common hosted by the Kiwanis Club. The breakfast, which attracts a good crowd, begins at 7 a.m. and runs until the parade begins.

This year's theme, "Freedom's Trail," has drawn a large number of participants. Awards will be presented for floats in four categories – Best of Parade, Most Beautiful, Most Unique, and Most Patriotic. Judging begins at 8:45 a.m. Because the usual large crowd of residents of Hingham and other South Shore communities and out-of-town visitors is expected, spectators are encouraged to arrive early and avoid parking along the parade route.

"It's going to be a big parade," said Nicholson. "This is a time for the whole town to pull together."

Families from Hingham's 1058th Transportation Company will participate, along with a Civil War reenactment group pulling a cannon, Hingham Police Department Honor Guard, a drum and bugle corps, V.F.W. Color Guard, and Hingham Citizen of the Year Robert Falvey.

Best of all, a surprise is planned for the end of the parade. "This is going to be a winner, a terrific ending," Nicholson said.

Enthusiastic Rotary Club members will sell parade sponsorship buttons to raise funds for the event. The recent Selectmen's Golf Tournament, which fortunately was scheduled for what turned out to be one of the only sunny days in recent weeks, was organized by Pat Casey, Ron Sherwood, and other volunteers. The event raised $20,000 for future parades. "The event really paved the way for future parades," Nicholson said. "Now we will have more money for bands."

The parade wouldn't be possible without the efforts of dedicated Parade Committee members, who Nicholson called a "tight-knit group" of volunteers who appreciate each other's roles and the significance of Hingham's traditional parade, which brings out the patriotic spirit in spectators of all ages.

"It's a folksy town parade, drawing people from all over the South Shore and even farther away because some communities don't have parades of their own," Nicholson said. "It's going to be a great event. Everyone is excited about it."

The celebration extends into July 5, with band concerts and spectacular fireworks at Hingham Harbor *(see related sidebar)*.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Uncle Sam (aka Al Carpenter) waves to the crowd along Hingham's Middle Street.

Fourth of July events

Festivities surrounding Hingham's upcoming Fourth of July celebration include:

Friday, July 4 — 7 a.m., Hingham July 4th Road Race, organized by Friends of Hingham Recreation Commission. Registration begins at 5 a.m. at Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St. For further information, call the Recreation Department at 741-1464.

7 a.m. until start of parade – Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast on Hingham Common.

10 a.m., Hingham's traditional parade with the theme, "Freedom's Trail," steps out from Hingham High School. Judging of the floats begins at 8:45 a.m. in four categories – Best of Parade, Most Patriotic, Most Unique, and Most Beautiful.

Saturday, July 5 — Fireworks, sponsored by Hingham Lion's Club, will be launched from Button Island beginning at 9 p.m. The display will be bigger than last year's spectacular event. A rock and roll concert is scheduled from 6 to 7:15 p.m., followed by other performers, including the Satuit Band. Vendors will offer sausages, fried dough, Italian slush, and other items. The Lion's Club will sell T-shirts and conduct a 50-50 raffle to help sponsor the fireworks and Lion's Club charities. The rain date is Sunday, July 6.

Parade detour

On Friday, July 4, there will be no parking on the following streets.

- North Street from Station Street to Lincoln Street
- Station Street "in area of sewer building"
- Main Street, from the Square to Cold Corner
- South Street, from Central Street to North Street
- Spring Street
- School Street
- Pleasant Street from Middle Street to School Street
- Middle Street

Parade route

Parade will start at 10 a.m. from the Hingham High School on Pleasant Street, travel East on Pleasant Street, turn left onto Middle Street, and will head North on Main Street, to Hingham Square. Parade will turn right onto North Street, and finish at Station Street

Detour route

South bound 228 traffic on East Street will detour left onto Spring Street, straight on School Street, right onto Pleasant Street, left onto Union Street, right onto Free Street, left onto Main Street, Route 228. End of detour.

North bound 228 traffic will turn right onto East Street, left onto Union Street, right onto Pleasant Street, left onto School to Spring Street and right onto East Street, Route 228. End of detour.

Pleasant Street will be "one way only" heading in an easterly direction from Main Street, towards Middle Street starting at 7:30 a.m. July 4.

Pleasant Street will only be used for parade personnel. Large float: will be parking on the southerly side of Pleasant Street.

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Avalon flushes out new septic design

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whether Avalon could obtain a surface-water permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection because the DEP does not issue surface-water permits for Class A (drinking water) watersheds. However, Avalon maintained it had evidence the proposed system site was in the Weir River Watershed, not Lily Pond.

Nevertheless, encouraged to seek an alternative wastewater treatment system, Avalon presented an overview of its new septic system, which incorporates a ground-water disposal system. The proposed system still incorporates a treatment plant but one that would send the effluent into a leaching field rather than discharge it on top of the ground.

Avalon officials claim to have found favorable soils around the site of the existing leaching field on the property that pass percolation tests. The plan includes a series of monitoring wells both up grade and down grade from the new 40,000-square-foot leaching field.

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The system would still need to be reviewed by MEPA (Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act) and meet DEP design guidelines.

The size of the system is not unprecedented. Avalon consultant Mike Giggey said the DEP has issued 100 permits for systems that generate 20,000-50,000 gallons per day. Avalon's average flow would be 20,000-25,000 gallons per day.

The septic system would include biological treatment and tanks to equalize the flow over 24 hours into the leaching field. Avalon said the level of treatment would have the water close to drinking water standards by the time it leaves the Avalon site.

But the Water Commission, Board of Health and Planning Board said they do not have enough information and want to see more detailed plans.

Avalon agreed to share information on its perc tests and borings with the boards, which are concerned that the groundwater from the leaching field may actually turn into surface water at some points as it seeps toward Lily Pond because of the hydrology of the area.

Avalon is seeking a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B, the state affordable housing law, that allows developers to skirt local zoning laws in exchange for providing 20-25 percent of the project as affordable housing. Avalon has applied to the Zoning Board for a comprehensive permit.

The ZBA, however, has the authority to reject the project if the board determines the project would damage the environment and water supplies rate high in environmental terms, a town consultant said. Therefore, approval of the wastewater plan is critical to the future of the project.

ZBA 40-B consultant Mark Bobrowski said the ZBA did not have to simply turn the issue over to the DEP and had the right to ask for mitigating conditions elsewhere. He cited an example of a project being added to a sewer system and then helping to correct problems with leaks in other parts of the system.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, speaking for the Water Commission and Planning Board, said the ZBA had the right to a lot more information and described the current plans as a "nebulous." He asked for more information and an opportunity for other town boards to review and comment on the plan.

Steven Schwartz, an attorney for Avalon, took umbrage with DeRensis's "nebulous" remark describing it as "unfair and inaccurate."

"We were charged by this board to look for alternative systems" which Avalon did at significant cost and expense, he said. Schwartz said the real issue is if the soils are sufficient to accommodate the discharge, and noted there were a plethora of standards out there that would flush that out.

Water Commission Chairman John McNabb said the perc tests needed independent evaluation. If it is then determined the septic system is feasible then it's on to the Board of Health to set standards — but if the soils aren't sufficient, then there is no wastewater plan, he said.

It is not clear if Avalon would be responsible for developing a hydrological plan for what happens to the groundwater once it leaves the Avalon property, as suggested by several town consultants. Lily Pond is about a mile from Avalon, officials said.

"We can't control what goes on beyond our boundary," said Scott Dale Avalon vice president. Dale said the wastewater system would adhere to the objective standards in the industry and Avalon was concerned the ZBA was seeking "veto power" over a DEP permit. Avalon consultants said the three- to six-month long DEP permit process would provide opportunity for "healthy dialogue" about the wastewater plan.

The ZBA took the matter under advisement and continued the hearing, which will likely resume in August.

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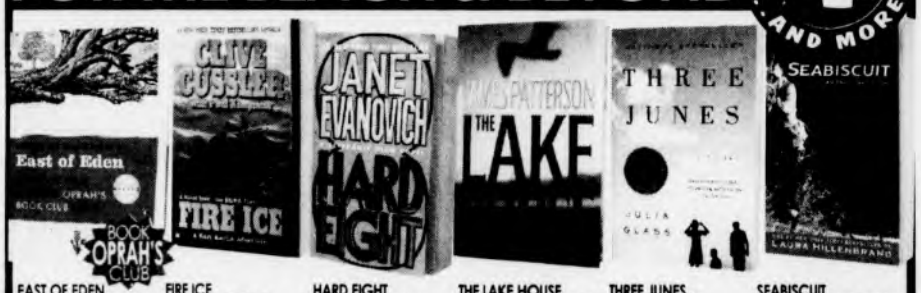
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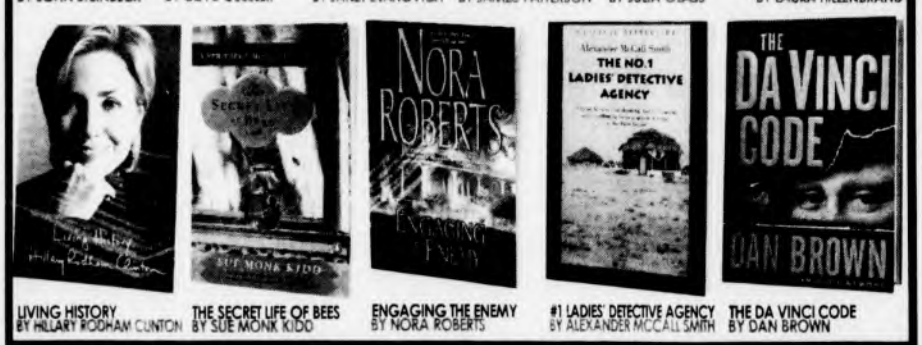
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Some simple rules to help Little Harbor in summertime

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"I watch all the birds migrate," she said

Hubbard has seen egrets, cormorants, and terns, which have just recently begun nesting in the Little Harbor area again.

"We lost the terns for a while, but we're grateful they're back," she said.

Hubbard is especially concerned for the safety of the elders, of which some are crippled. The notice sent out to the neighbors of Little Harbor asks, "Please respect their inability to fly or move quickly out of the path of speeding boars, etc. They are old and fragile and are loved and watched by many of us."

Another bylaw concerning Little Harbor states, "No person shall operate a small boat in Little Harbor while towing a water skier, aqua plane, or other similar device except on even numbered days."

An easy way to remember that rule is, even has four letters and so does fast and the word slow has an "O" in it, and so does odd.

The purpose for designating the even/odd days is to help people learn to share the water space, which acting Harbormaster John Muncey backs completely. He thinks it is a great idea to get the word out that there are rules which everyone needs to respect.

By presenting a compromise, both residents who like to keep things quiet and boaters who like to enjoy the scenery can use the harbor, but it is still very important that whether a slow or fast day, the wildlife be respected, Muncey said.

Many birds nest on the shores, so it is important their nests do not get trampled during on land exploration. It is also vitally important that during the late summer, when the birds feed heavily in preparation for their winter migration, they are not disturbed by curious dogs. Having to expend their energy to get away from chasing dogs, the birds can't store enough fat and use up energy reserves needed for migrating.

The harbor is a beautiful place that should be shared equally by all who use it. Hubbard said the harbor is visited by swans from time to time, who are often an unwelcome sight. While beautiful to look at, they come with huge appetites, and eat enough food for many different varieties of smaller birds.

"We're trying to make everyone share the harbor, even the wildlife," she said.

While everyone is always welcome to use the space, it is important to remember humans need not act like swans. By respecting others who use the waterway as well as the wildlife who live there, Little Harbor is sure to remain a Cohasset treasure for years to come, officials say.

"Little Harbor is large, but not that large. It doesn't take too many large boats to disrupt everything," Hubbard said.

The fields of Little Harbor

Little Harbor was not always the open waterway it is today. Oliver H. Howe M.D., who wrote an article on the history of the harbor, writes that back in 1741, a dam was built where Cunningham Bridge on Atlantic Avenue now is. The dam kept the saltwater out of the harbor and an artificial channel allowed surface water to drain at low tide. Little Harbor was kept dry and served as a field with several winding creeks running through it.

Howe writes the dam was put into place when 36 salt marsh owners with adjoining flats signed an agreement to build the dam and channel, as a way to farm much needed hay for the livestock. Much of the lands in those days were forests, and the harbor became a protected area through "The Proprietors of the Meadows and Flats in the Little Harbor of Cohasset."

Cohasset resident Sandra Durant said when the tide is low, you can still see the remainders of an old stone wall in the middle of the harbor. Boaters beware!

Howe's article also said there was a road running through the harbor, which led from the head of the common, across the harbor to Beach Island.

According to Howe, the fields of the harbor stayed as they were until the great storm of 1851, which brought down the original Minot's Lighthouse. The storm nearly destroyed the dam and the gates and channel were filled with gravel and debris. At this time, the harbor became "offensive" and the dam and channel were opened, allowing for the waterway we enjoy today.

Sandy Beach is open for the summer

Sandy Beach officially has opened for the 2003 summer season. Lifeguards will be on duty 9a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Labor Day (Sept. 1). Bathhouse facilities are available for use during the same hours. The following guidelines are issued to assure the safety of beach visitors and to protect the environment:

- Parking available for vehicles displaying a Town of Cohasset sticker.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited
- Glass containers are prohibited
- Pets are prohibited
- Flotation devices are prohibited
- Water-craft are prohibited in the marked swim area
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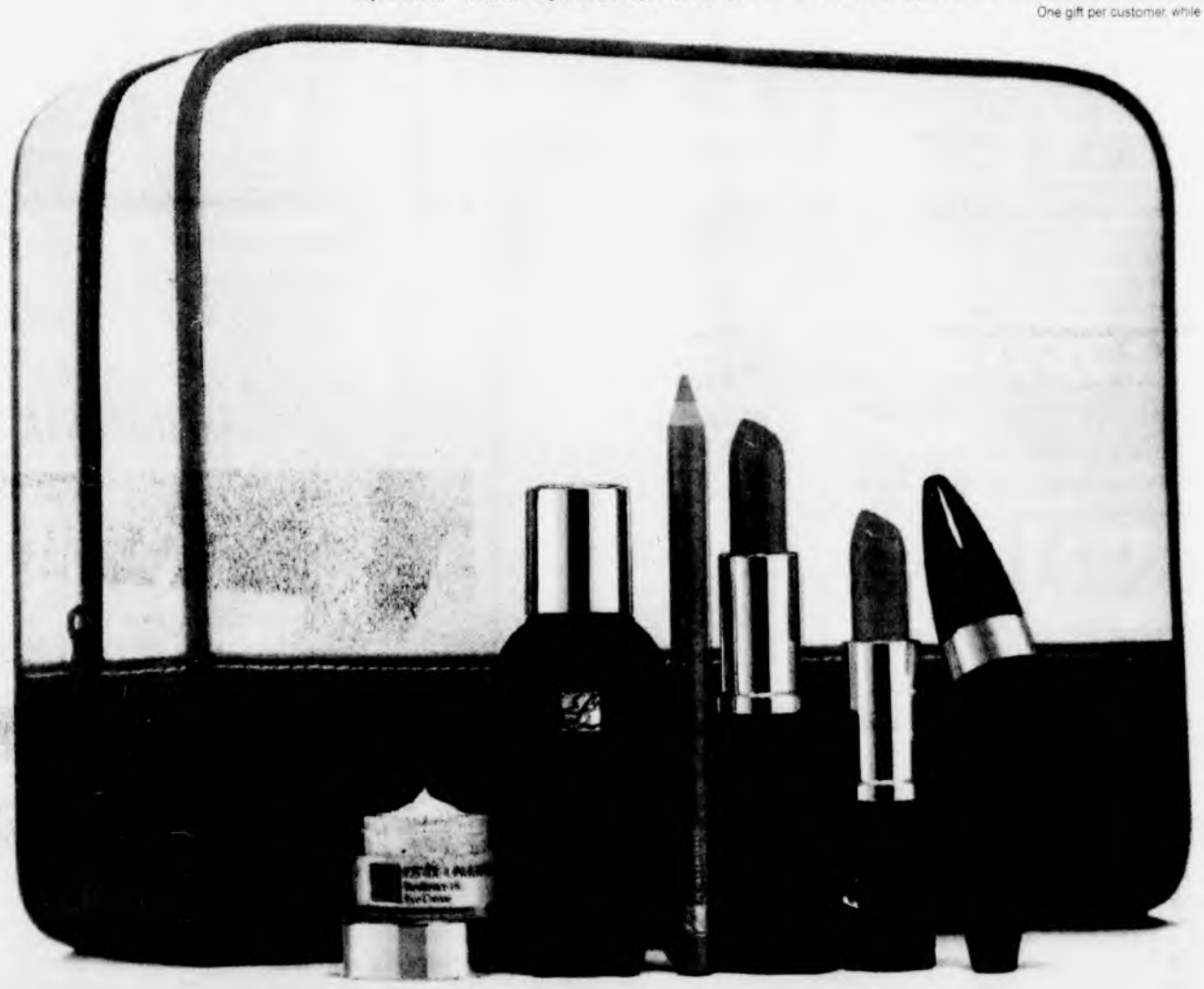

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EDITORIAL

John Adams' prophecy came true

Braintree's John Adams suspected that he would not receive his proper due from posterity for his role in America's successful fight for independence.

"The whole history of this Revolution will be a lie, from beginning to end," he wrote.

Adams, who described himself as "obnoxious and disliked," was keenly aware that his colleagues Benjamin Franklin and George Washington possessed the charisma which leads to legendary status.

"It will be certified that Franklin did this, Franklin did that, Franklin did some another damned thing," Adams sourly predicted. "Franklin smote the ground and out sprang George Washington, fully grown and on his horse. Franklin then electrified him with his miraculous lightning rod, and the three of them—Franklin, Washington, and the horse—conducted the entire Revolution by themselves."

Thanks in large part to "John Adams," David McCullough's superb, Pulitzer Prize winning biography, there has been a resurgence of interest in our first vice president and second president.

Here's something about Adams that you may not have learned in school.

If Washington was the "Father of His Country" and James Madison was the "Father of the Constitution," a case can be made that Adams deserves to be called the "Father of the Fourth of July."

In a July 3, 1776 letter to his wife Abigail, of whom Weymouth is so proud, Adams made an extraordinary prophecy in which he described the way Independence Day would be observed in the future.

Adams wrote:

"I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival.

"It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.

"It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, guns, bells, bonfires, and illumination, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore.

"You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost us to maintain this Declaration and support and defend these states.

"Yet, through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory.

"I can see that the end is more than worth all the means.

"I can see that posterity will triumph in that day's transaction, even although we should rue it, which I trust God we shall not."

The Fourth of July celebrations all across America in honor of our independence serve as our annual reminder that John Adams's prophecy came true.

Incidentally, McCullough is part of a campaign to preserve Massachusetts' role in the Declaration of Independence.

The goal is to raise up to $100,000 for Adams National Historical Park in Quincy, a part of the National Park Service, to preserve John Quincy Adams' commissioned proof copy of the Declaration.

(John Quincy Adams, the son of John and Abigail, was our sixth president. John and John Quincy, therefore, join George Herbert Walker Bush and George W. Bush as the only father and son Presidential combinations in American history.)

In 1823, when John Quincy Adams saw that the original Declaration was deteriorating, he commissioned duplicates to be made with the goal of preserving it for generations to come.

Adams National Historical Park will use the remainder of the money to preserve other notable artifacts related to Massachusetts's role in independence.

According to a 2001 National Parks Conservation Association report, 55,900 (or 64 percent) of the park's 87,300 historical artifacts, including John Quincy Adams' proof copy of the Declaration, are in fair to poor condition.

At the same time, annual visitation to Adams National Historical Park increased from 64,516 in 1998 to 176,890 in 2002, adding increased stress to the park's resources.

Today (July 2) at the park from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., McCullough is scheduled to read a passage from the Declaration as local children sign a large copy of the document to signify its importance to the area.

How appropriate. The timing couldn't possibly be better.

We hope that this fundraising campaign will be a success.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to all for festival support

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the South Shore Art Center and its Board of Directors, we would like to thank the hundreds of people and the weather for making the 48th annual Arts Festival a tremendous success.

There are three individuals in particular who take on tremendous responsibility and we truly "couldn't do it without them." They are incredibly generous with their time and commitment — a million thanks to Mary Foley, Linda Bolster and Beverly Bielewicz and their families!

Our sincerest thanks to Cohasset town officials and administrators – especially Mark Haddad, Ellen Wynne, Dr. Joseph Godzik, Bob Egan, Cohasset Highway Dept., Dr. Ted Malvey, Chief Jackson and Chief Noonan. Others who come through for us every year include Wallace St. John; Graham Waste; Rod Hobson; Vince Longo and the South Shore Music Circus; Pat Cannon Electric; Chris Draves and the Scituate Boy Scouts Troop 5.

To the more than 100 volunteers — from demonstrating artists to roaming photographers, from those who help us jury artwork in May to those who work throughout Festival—many, many thanks!

Kudos to the bands who played and added so much to the Arts Festival, especially Steve Biagini and the "not-at-all" Rusty Skippers, Hingham High School Jazz Ensemble, Ana Buckley, and Howie Altholtz, Mark Lehman, Vic Lanzilotti, Chuck Furtado, Brian Betzger, Anne Czerkowski, and Will Graefe. Thanks to the St. Stephen's Carilloneurs Mary Kennedy and Sally Slade Warner for the lovely noontime music over the weekend.

For their annual support of our *off*Common party, we are indebted to Debbie and John Flanagan, Edward Jones Investments, and Karen Hurd; Andrea and Joe Kinnealey, Kinnealey Meats; Lorraine Bachman, On the Rocks Catering; Franny Andahazy, Party by Design; and Mullaney's Fish Market. Thanks also to sponsors Hingham Institution for Savings; Megan, Carolyn, Chris Pratt; South Shore Hospital; Image Resolutions; Peacock Press; Portland Pottery Supply; and Plymouth County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Festival principal sponsors — Community Newspaper Company and Fleet — make it possible for the Art Center to present a Festival that not only showcases great art, but also celebrates the process of making art and the wonderful community of the South Shore.

Diane Kennedy, Festival Coordinator
Sarah Hannan, Executive Director
Monica McKenney, Director of Development

Tourist infrastructure

SELECTMEN:

If you and most of the townspeople are in favor of burying the wires and it works out to be feasible, then that aspect of the "revitalization" can be considered a real aesthetic improvement.

As for the rest of the "revitalization improvements", I hope decisions will be thoughtfully made in full realization of where the town may be headed. In my cynical view developed from travels in this country and abroad, the changes as proposed, amount to a tourist infrastructure.

Once we have become commercially quaint enough with our walkways, lamp posts and traffic patterns, I can envision motel and inn vehicles meeting commuter boats during the summer season, drop-off and pick-up vans at Sandy Beach, fishing and sightseeing excursions from private docks and marinas, package weekends including Music Circus tickets, even tour buses traversing the "Gold Coast" with running commentary on homes and their occupants.

I hope I am wrong. I am sure you don't want that scenario either. As many letter writers attest, Cohasset is a treasure of a beautiful, safe, family- oriented, perhaps a bit seedy (but expensive) small town with unique ambiance that many endure long winters and a tough commute to be able to live in.

Jacqueline Whipple
119 N. Main St.

Mrs. Whipple provided the Mariner with a copy of her letter.

Village plans lack common sense

TO MR. MARK HADDAD, TOWN MANAGER, BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Yes here I go again. The village proposal by the Waterfield Group is absurd — you know it — I know it — and residents and visitors know it. They're doing a job they're getting paid to do. They could care less about Cohasset, the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen and residents. All you have to do is go and look at these absurd "bumpouts." Who came up with that term? The idea? Now any group like Waterfield or CRC latches on to that because it's in their manual of design terms. People think they're intelligent because they use "bumpout" and many other pretty non-technical terms peculiar to the village, street, park, etc., design world.

Let's get down to common sense — you have it — I have it— the residents of Cohasset have it — common sense. We don't need firms like Waterfield to tell us what to do. Before we begin to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on the current Waterfield proposal, which is absurd, let's begin again using basic common sense in designing.

We know what we have now at Depot Court and Main Street, at South Main Street and Elm Street, at Brook Street and South Main Street. We know where the crosswalks are and how to improve them by lining and painting. We know that the sidewalks are in bad need of "redoing." We know that the streets — a bit of N. Main Street — South Main Street — a piece of Elm Street need "redoing." We know our sidewalk needs are peculiar to Cohasset. We know that the town voted at the last town election not to become involved with burying the wires. This is a debatable issue and if some group wants to foot the bill (put the cash in a bank account for safe keeping) then let's do it, otherwise forget burying the wires.

What I'm trying to say to you, the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, and other town boards involved, is use your intelligence, use your common sense, use your head, listen to others, admit that there may be, that there are some very good ideas out there in the heads of residents of Cohasset that could be used, be picked out and jelled into a good proposal that will make Cohasset a simple, beautiful New England village. It will draw people because of its simplicity, its allure. Believe me they'll come to see us, the harbor, the restaurants, the inns, the historic buildings and Minot Light, and we'll welcome them.

Hamilton T. Tewksbury
81 Elm St.

Mr. Tewksbury provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter.

Dreamcatcher

Inside a dreamcatcher,
lies all the dreadful dreams
caught in children's minds.

Inside a dreamcatcher,
monsters and shadows come alive.
Inside a dreamcatcher,
tosses the dreadful scene
of young men dying for freedom.

Inside a dreamcatcher,
screams a young voice calling
for its parent to come back and find it.

Inside a dreamcatcher,
rests a peaceful valley
with clouds moving forever
through the beautiful sky.
The valley fears nothing,
for there is nothing to fear.
The valley is endless in time.

Inside a dreamcatcher,
lies the sight of flowers blooming
with joy because they now have life.

Inside a dreamcatcher,
the touch of a warm breeze
smoothes across your face,
barely touching your nose.

Inside a dreamcatcher,
all of the dreams between
nightmares and fairytales
are stored forever.

Inside a dreamcatcher
lies trust,
sweet dreams
and lights out.

Author: Madeleine Vivian
Age 12 of Longmeadow
Daughter of Lisa O'Toole of Longmeadow (formerly of Cohasset)
and granddaughter of Nancy and Austin O'Toole of Cohasset.

HEALTH NOTES

Protecting against West Nile Virus

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The good news is: so far, no cases of West Nile Virus have been reported in Massachusetts this year. WNV is a mosquito-carried virus that usually causes mild or no illness in humans. In rare cases, WNV can cause encephalitis (swelling of the brain) or meningitis (swelling of the lining of the brain and spinal cord). In previous years, Since 1999, WNV has been found in Massachusetts in birds, mosquitoes, horses and humans. This is the first year since onset of the disease that no cases have been detected this late in the summer season. 2002 was a bad year for WNV in the south, but evidence indicates that the disease is becoming increasingly rare in New England.

WNV is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. A mosquito can become infected by biting a bird that carries the virus. It may also be spread through blood transfusions or organ transplants. There are reports that WNV may be passed from pregnant or breastfeeding women to their babies. The risk to the unborn baby is still unknown.

It is still important to report the location of dead birds to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health by calling 1-866-MASS WNV (627-7968). While most dead birds will not be collected and tested for WNV, keeping track of their locations plays an important role in guiding further bird, mosquito and human surveillance activities. So far, this year, of the 447 reported this year, only seven birds were tested and all tests were negative.

Illnesses caused by mosquito bites are very rare. Very few mosquito bites carry any risk. People who are bitten by mosquitoes carrying the WNV will usually experience no illness or very mild illness. However, you should see a health care provider immediately if you develop symptoms such as:

- high fever
- severe headache
- confusion
- stiff neck
- muscle weakness
- sensitivity to light

Patients with mild symptoms usually recover completely and do not require any specific medication or laboratory testing. Less than 1 percent of people infected with WNV develop serious illness. Persons older than 50 years of age have a higher risk of developing severe illness such as encephalitis.

Protect yourself

Your risk of getting ill from WNV is low, but you can lower your risk even more. Since there is no human vaccine for WNV, the best way to protect yourself is, to keep mosquitoes from biting you. Follow these simple steps and protect yourself:

Limit outdoor activities between dusk and dawn.

If you must be outdoors, wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and socks.

Consider using a mosquito repellent that contains DEET (the chemical NN-diethyl-meta-toluamide) and follow the directions on the label. Never use DEET on infants. .

Avoid using repellents with DEET concentrations above 10-15 percent for children and above 30-35 percent for adults. Cream, lotion or stick formulas are best for use on skin.

Make sure window and door screens do not have holes in them.

Remove standing water

Mosquitoes grow in standing (stagnant) water. Getting rid of that water helps to lower the number of mosquitoes in your area. Look around outside your house for containers and other things that might collect water and turn them over, regularly empty them, or dispose of them.

For other information on WNV call the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Information Line at 1-866-MASS WNV (627-7968), see the MDPH website from a link on the MDPH homepage at http://www.state. ma.us/dph or call the Cohasset Board of Health.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Four new trees

The Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library wish to thank the members of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset for the donation of four trees to be used in the development of the Library's landscaping plan. These Cornus Kousa (Chinese Dogwood) were given in honor of the Club's second, third and fourth presidents, Mrs. Newell W. Rogers (Daisy), Mrs. Thomas G. Churchill (Celeste), and Mrs. John J. Gregg (Barbara). Please look for them as they were planted on the Sohier Street side and will soon be in bloom.

The Trustees are also most grateful to the Cohasset Town Tree and Park staff for planting the trees, and for our spring cleanup and mulching. For this help and all the other work in getting our new library ready, we thank Andy Swanson, Chris Murray, Herb Marsh, and Bob Piepenbrink, all of whom don't let the rain deter them!

Power of reading!

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library presents Keith Michael Johnson and his "Hat's Off to Reading" show. It will take place on Tuesday, July 8 at 7p.m.

"Hat's Off to Reading" is a pep rally for books!

It is a fast paced unique show emphasizing the power of reading.

Reading program

It's not too late to register for the Summer Reading Program, "Read! Think! Create! @your library". Story Hours and Puzzle Club begin on Monday, July 7. Remember to put a bean in the bean jar for each book you read this summer! Our free Tuesday evening performances are underway thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library.

Internet access

For your convenience, the tables in our Reference area are now cabled for Internet access from your notebook computer.

Summer performer

Back by popular demand! Magician Steve Rudolph will perform his "Magic of Reading Show" at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Tuesday, July 15 at 7p.m. The show will take place in the Meeting Room and is open to all ages.

Holding a book

To PLACE A HOLD from home, start at our website www.cohassetlibrary.org. Go to CATALOG and search for the item you want. Click on HOLD. Enter your user ID from your library card (no spaces), your PIN (OCLN) and specify PICKUP LOCATION as Cohasset. Press HOLD. We will notify you when the book is available.

Museum passes

Check out the museum passes available to you at the library, compliments of the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Reserve the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum pass. From May until October 31, 2002 the Museum is featuring a special exhibit commemorating the 50th wedding anniversary of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy. Highlights include Mrs. Kennedy's wedding dress, her engagement ring and rare color footage of the reception. Telephone the library at 781 383-1348 for more details.

Efforts being made to ensure construction is harmonious

CONSERVATORY BEAT

DAVID W. BRYAN

Construction began earlier this month on South Shore Conservatory's expan...on of learning space at its Hingham campus. The first signs of change were orange strings tied around trees and white rectangles painted on the ground. Then came the arrival of the green and white office trailer and white dumpster, followed by the yellow back hoe and excavator. The colorful equipment replaced the colorful preschool play yard which was carefully removed and stored for reinstallation in the fall. Several cedars and oaks were removed with amazing speed to make room for the new building and additional parking. After grading the ground, trenches are dug for the foundation and the elevator shaft is in preparation. There are dramatic changes every day.

Regular classes, programming and concerts will continue throughout the construction period although we recognize that even with very careful planning, there may be some confusion and last minute rescheduling. The sounds of construction can sometimes be a little too insistent but we are trying to think of them as percussion fanfares in preparation for the completion of the 10,000 square foot building next spring.

All this activity is occurring because the demand for the Conservatory's services has far outstripped the current facility's ability to accommodate the lessons, classes and performances needed for 3200 students. For example, about one third of the

Work is underway on the new addition at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham.

Conservatory's students are part of the Arts Partners outreach program which brings music and drama into 12 schools and two social service agencies. Often students who are introduced to music and drama in these settings develop a bond with their teacher and then come to South Shore Conservatory to advance their studies with one-on-one lessons and more performance opportunities. Their final performance in the Jane Cheever Carr Amphitheater occurred on one of the few warm sunny evenings in mid-June and included concerts by the MVP Band for students with less than one year of study and the Varsity Band for students with more than one year. A highlight was a specially commissioned percussion ensemble work by faculty members Michael Lewis and Carl Puglisi.

Watching these students perform with such determination and enthusiasm is an important reminder why the expansion is so important. It will give more students an opportunity to reach to discover a new means of self-expression, self-discipline and camaraderie. Stop by to see the progress and how you may become involved.

David W. Bryan is a Trustee and Past President of South Shore Conservatory. He serves as co-chair of the Capital Campaign, Building the Future. He may be reached through 781-749-7565, ext. 23.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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CHS art grant

TO THE EDITOR:

Once again, the South Shore Playhouse Associates have granted the Cohasset High School Arts Boosters a generous grant of $1,000. This grant will help to fund our operating expenses for the upcoming school year. The money raised by Arts Boosters goes directly to the students in the form of enriching the arts and music curriculum with extra supplies, paying entry fees for drama competitions and granting requests from the teachers for special events or projects which are not included in the school budget. This grant will enable us to begin the year on a sound financial basis.

The South Shore Playhouse Associates and the South Shore Music Circus are true assets to the town of Cohasset. The faculty, students and parents of Cohasset High School thank them for their generosity and sincerely hope that the 2003 season will be a huge success.

Donna O'Donnell, President
Cohasset Arts Boosters

Close beach gate

TO THE SELECTMEN:

Your decision to leave the second (north) gate open during the day came as a surprise to me and many other concerned mothers. We have renewed concern about the safety of our children at the beach because of some incidents that occurred. There was a situation two years ago involving a few 5-year-old girls. In one incident a man from another town was at the beach parking lot trying to lure the young girls in his truck by offering them candy. Thank God the children knew better not to go with him. This is on record at the police station and we know there have been some other unreported instances. We realize Cohasset is a safe town but if closing the north gate deters someone from harming our children then we should give this idea serious consideration.

We urge you to have the gate closed again and to place an attendant at the front gate at all times checking stickers. It would not hurt to have a police officer continually patrolling the beach and the parking lot as well.

Justine Vanderlugt
On behalf of many concerned mothers at Sandy Beach

This letter was in Selectmen's correspondence.

Footnote to the 4th of July

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

It's just a curious footnote on an historic page this Fourth of July 227 years later.

But the words of the Declaration of Independence were still new on everyone's lips when the British made a half-hearted try to rescind the declaration and return the so-called Americans back to the status of British subjects.

The proposal was made by Admiral Richard Lord Howe, the British naval commander in New York, by way of General John Sullivan, a captured Continental officer, to the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia.

The Congress reluctantly dispatched a three-member delegation of Edward Rutledge, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams to meet with Lord Howe in Staten Island to see what he wanted. Whatever it was, it was doomed from the start.

It took the delegation two days to go from Philadelphia to Staten Island. Howe greeted them cordially for he truly liked the American colonists, even treated them to a repast of cold ham, tongue and mutton topped off by a good claret.

"Lord Howe was profuse in his expressions of gratitude to the state of Massachusetts, for erecting a marble monument in Westminster Abbey to his elder brother, Lord Howe, who was killed in America in the last French war, saying 'he esteemed that honour in his family, above all things in this world,'" Adams wrote in his memoirs.

"That such was his gratitude and affection to this country on that account that he felt for America as for a brother and if America should fall, he should feel and lament it, like the loss of a brother."

"My Lord, we will do our utmost endeavors to save your lordship that mortification," replied Franklin, which alarmed Adams, who was always a little suspicious of Franklin's free-wheeling ways and sense of humor.

The conference was barely underway, when it foundered on one word.

"When his lordship observed to us that he could not confer with us as members of Congress or public characters, but only as private persons and British subjects, Mr. John Adams answered somewhat quickly:

"Your lordship may consider me in what light you please, and indeed I should be willing to consider myself, for a few moments, in any character which would be agreeable to your lordship, except that of a British subject," wrote Adams, who frequently referred to himself in the third person.

With that, Howe turned to Rutledge and Franklin and said, "Mr. Adams is a decided character," and the meeting ended shortly after that.

Howe had the authority to pardon any one of the rebels he saw fit but Adams, as ambassador to Great Britain after the war, learned that there were a number of exceptions — and he was one of them.

"I was informed in England afterward that a number were expressly excepted by name from pardon, by the privy council, and that John Adams was one of them. And that this list of exceptions was given as an instruction to the two Howes with their commission," he wrote.

"If this is true it will account for his lordship's gloomy denunciation of me as 'a decided character.'"

As ambassador, Adams was invited to attend the queen's birthday ball in London but he couldn't find his seats.

"Fortunately," he wrote, "meeting Lord Howe at the door, I asked his lordship where were the ambassadors' seats. His lordship, with his usual politeness, and an unusual smile of good humour, pointed to the seats, and manifestly alluding to the conversation on Staten Island, said:

"'Ay, now, we must turn you away among the foreigners.'"

POLITICAL NOTES

O'Donnell is new Republican chairman

At the June meeting of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee elections were held. Kevin O'Donnell was elected as chairman, David Farrag as vice-chairman and Peter Guild became the assistant treasurer.

As new chairman, O'Donnell is looking forward to working with a dynamic group toward the committee's mission of electing Republican candidates. He intends to continue increasing the associate membership and encouraging members to commit to a specific task.

A vote of thanks was extended to former chairman Janet Fogarty for her dedication and energy during the five years she served leading the committee. Fogarty has been recognized by the state committee as one of the top town chairman for her involvement in and support of the GOP.

The next monthly meeting will be July 29 at the Lightkeeper's Cottage.

Mark your calendar — Sunday, Aug.17 — for the annual Republican Cookout which will be at Julie Guild's house. Enjoy good food and scintillating conversation with some of your favorite Republicans. For reservations and further information call Heather Palmer at 781-383-3339.

Bulger and budget stories vie for top billing on Beacon Hill

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

An analysis and recap of the week in state government.

The Battle of the Bulger continued, again trumping the budget war as the major attention-getter on Beacon Hill.

The budget was expected to be the biggest story of the last week of the fiscal year. But the hallmark of the truly seasoned government observer is dubiousness about the expected. And so it should have been no surprise that the tongues of the truly seasoned wound up wagging more about a power struggle at the bottom of Beacon Hill, in the UMass president's office at One Beacon Street, than the one at the top of Beacon Hill, where the governor said the budget before him is $200 million out of balance. Can Bulger hold on? Why would he want to? Those were the uppermost questions in the Statehouse hallways. As always in his long career, the UMass president has the votes. As expected the UMass Board of Trustees met to support Bulger; and 51 percent of legislators are not going to support forced retirement.

But Bulger, who led by consensus much more than was commonly understood during his record-long run as Senate president, has the politician's feel for critical mass and tipping points – dynamics it makes no sense to ignore in politics, however the votes stack up. Disinclined to be told what to do, he nonetheless is faced with an unmistakable, and growing, momentum behind the idea that it's time for him to leave.

The problems posed caused by the budget situation are ultimately far more significant but, diffused as they are among hundreds of programs and hundreds of thousands of people, much less evocative of concentrated comment. Still, the fallout was startling – and perhaps no more so than at the very institution Bulger leads.

For the first time, perhaps anywhere in the nation, tenured professors are about to be laid off from a public institution of higher education, undermining its stature in a way nothing else could. The athletic program, or at least a big part of it, might become a private charity. The journalism department, which has trained a healthy proportion of the state's media backbone, faces elimination.

In other days, in other states, the university president would be working full time to save as many jobs as possible on the campuses he leads. But for now, Bulger's attention must be diverted to saving his own. That division of attention may eliminate the support he needs from within the UMass system — a system suffering a disproportionate share of the pain being inflicted by the budget cuts.

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Bulger's pain is the glamorous kind – the type that will continue to make the front page and the top of the talk shows. But the statewide suffering not communicated in tabloid typeface is the actual story – quieter, and more dramatic.

Bulger, budget, and . . . it wouldn't be a complete week without some news on the other "B," the Big Dig.

• *Romney supports Big Dig commission idea* — The governor backed the concept, unveiled by Sen. Marc Pacheco, of a seven-member commission to look into how much money the state should try to recoup from contractors on the Big Dig for mistakes and abuse. Romney said he would only support a model under which the commission's staff would be independent of the turnpike authority, which runs the project but has come under withering criticism for the small amount that's been recouped from contractors.

• *I-93 South to open ahead of time, but at a price* — Big Dig managers announced they can open the Big Dig tunnel south well ahead of schedule – and well ahead of the throngs that will pour into the city in advance of the Democratic National Convention – by riding herd on contractors and spending an additional $4.7 million. Ultimately that added cost could save money by preventing extra expense associated with any convention mitigation need if the tunnel weren't fully open and most of the existing Central Artery torn down, managers said.

• *Governor mulls vetoes, seems anti-clean elections* — The governor is expected to take the full 10 days allowed him to decide on his vetoes, but signaled the Clean Elections system is doomed. "I do not want to put in our budget, particularly in a year with the financial challenges we have, money going into a Clean Elections fund." Romney said accounting mistakes and other errors left the budget $200 million out of balance, and he'll address the problem with corresponding cuts. Democratic leaders responded with criticism of his choice to go public with his problems instead of negotiating solutions in private.

• *Romney backs expansion of bottle law* — The consistently pro-environment administration once again opposed business interests by announcing its support for an expansion of the bottle bill to cover non-carbonated beverages. Romney proposed the expansion in his budget plan. Democrats in the Legislature did not include it in the bill on his desk.

• *O'brien and McGee propose health-insurance imposition* — Rep. Thomas O'Brien, D-Kingston, and Sen. Thomas McGee, D-Lynn, proposed legislation to require any employer of more than 99 workers to offer health insurance or pay a penalty to the state that would be used to bolster programs that pay for care provided to the uninsured. Health care advocates hailed the idea, reminiscent of the old Dukakis health-care-for-all plan, but business lobbyists said cost containment, not new business levies, should be pursued.

• *Chapter 40b moratorium unlikely, but changes coming* — At a hearing of the Housing and Urban Development Committee, it became evident the Chapter 40B anti-snob zoning law is staying on the books in its present form for a while, despite calls from suburban legislators for its repeal. The law, which allows big new developments in places without much affordable housing, has drawn the wrath of many lawmakers. But both Douglas Foy, Romney's director of Commonwealth Development, and the committee chairs made plain that they are amenable to a carefully-constructed reform of 40B, but nothing close to a repeal in the near future.

• *Sponsors of ads promoting Romney fined* — John W. Childs and Robert A. Maginn were each fined $500 by the Office of Campaign and Political Finance for inaccurately reporting the source of funding for radio advertisements used to promote Mitt Romney during his run for the Corner Office last year. In a disposition agreement, the two men acknowledged personally paying $25,000 each for a series of radio ads promoting Romney, after listing "Citizens for Good Government," a private organization, as the source on an expenditure account during the campaign.

• *Romney's first judicial pick a shoo-in* — He'll no doubt make more controversial choices, but Gov. Romney started the easy way, as Frederick Taub enjoyed a unanimous vote of the Governor's Council granting him a three-year term on the Industrial Accident Board. Taub is used to provisional appointments, and was delighted with the lengthy authorization: "Three years feels like forever to me," he said.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen
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June 27, 2003

Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) (617) 722-1646 Room 413F

Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) (617) 722-2120 Room 472

QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for over 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on two roll calls and local senators' votes on one roll call from prior sessions on consideration of each branch's version of a municipal relief package designed to give cities and towns more fiscal and management flexibility and revenue raising options. The House and Senate have yet to agree on a compromise version of the plan. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

ANNUAL STREET LISTING (H 4002)

House 124-33, approved an amendment requiring cities and towns to continue to conduct an annual street listing of residents. The amendment would replace a proposal requiring communities to only do so every two years. Amendment supporters said an annual street listing is a key tool used by communities to comply with the National Voter Registration Act and to provide a current list of residents to the state's Jury Commissioner in order to select people for jury duty. They argued that the reduction to a biennial requirement may result in a violation of federal voting laws and would make it more difficult to assemble juries in a timely manner. Amendment opponents said jury lists can easily be compiled from biennial street lists. They argued that communities are tired of unfunded state mandates and noted a biennial requirement would reduce costs for cities and town and allow them to spend the savings on important core services. (A "Yea" vote is for the annual requirement. A "Nay" vote is against the annual requirement).

$1 FEE FOR AGRICULTURAL FAIR VISITORS (H 4002)

House 54-100, rejected an amendment striking a section that imposes a $1 fee on every person who attends an agricultural or horticultural fair that runs more than three days and has a majority of exhibits that are competitive in nature. The revenue would go into a newly created "Visitor Impact Fund" operated by the state that would give the money to the city or town that hosted the fair. Amendment supporters said using private, non-profit organizations that run these fairs to impose a tax on individuals is outrageous and sets a bad precedent. They said it could reduce attendance at the fairs and also lead to communities asking for legislation to impose the tax on other local nonprofit organizations that charge an admission fee. Amendment opponents said the fee is a fair one that will help raise desperately needed revenue for communities that spend a lot of time and money on hosting these fairs. They noted that this fee is only a small part of a comprehensive section that also imposes fees on visitors to state parks, forests and reservations and gives the revenue to the community or communities in which the facility is located. (A "Yea" vote is for striking the $1 fee for visitors to agricultural fairs. A "Nay" vote is against striking the fee and is in favor of the fee).

LAID OFF FIREFIGHTERS (S 2010)

Senate 36-1, approved an amendment exempting a laid off firefighter, hired by a new city or town, from complying with any residency requirement mandating that he reside in the new community. Amendment supporters said that firefighters who are laid off but rehired by another community should not have to uproot their lives and move to a new city or town. They said this is the least the state can do for brave firefighters who are laid off because of the budget crisis and local aid cuts. Amendment opponents offered no arguments. (A "Yea" vote is for the exemption. A "Nay" vote is against the exemption).

ALSO UPON BEACON HILL

BAN SMOKING IN TAXIS (S 1389)- The Public Safety Committee gave a favorable report to and sent to the Senate legislation prohibiting smoking in taxicabs.

FINNERAN WEBSITE- Speaker Tom Finneran (D-Boston) announced the launch of a new website www.Tom Finneran.com. In a press release, Finneran said that the site is designed to give citizens and advocates access to timely information about the state, the legislative process and government services.

FREE HEARING TESTS (S 623)- The Health Care Committee held a hearing on a proposal requiring most health care plans to cover an annual hearing test for senior citizens. The state would bear the cost of any test not covered by a plan.

BREASTFEEDING (S 44)- The Commerce and Labor Committee held a hearing on a measure allowing a mother to breastfeed her baby in any public or private location "irrespective of whether or not the nipple of the mother's breast is covered during or incidental to the feeding."

CELL PHONES AND CARS- The Public Safety Committee sent to the House a bill banning the use of hand-held cellular phones while driving and allowing drivers to use only hands-free ones. The measure also bans the use of any cell phone by drivers under the age of 18. Penalties on drivers over 18 include a $250 fine for a first offense and $500 for a second offense. Anyone under 18 who uses a cell phone would face a one-year loss of license.

Y = Yes, N = No, NV = No Vote

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Charging rec dept. fees for use of school facilities

By Samantha Brown
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When school is out for summer, the buildings don't necessarily go on vacation. With various Recreation Department programs using the schools' facilities for a good portion of the summer, the School Committee is worried proper cleaning cannot be accomplished by the time classes are in session next fall.

With the already stretched cleaning budget and no compensation from the Recreation Department, the School Committee is considering ideas to impose some kind of facilities-use charge to help cover the costs that arise over the summer.

However, the committee is sensitive to the fact the Recreation Department has had its funding significantly cut already, and that most of the children who participate in the programs attend Cohasset schools as well.

"We want to be fair, but we need to cover the cost," said committee member Pat Martin.

"We want to be fair, but we need to cover the cost."
— Pat Martin, School Committee

Issues of concern included the use of schools during inclement weather as well as use of the restrooms. When children come running inside due to the rain, their feet will be muddy and they will track that inside.

"If you use the school as a rainy day backup, cleaning is needed more," said committee member Chartis Tebbetts.

Also, children need to use the restrooms, which in turn will need to be cleaned. When the additional cost of water is added every time they flush or wash their hands, it makes for a potentially hefty bill for the schools.

There is no way to tell how much the schools will be needed during the summer season, which led the committee to discuss starting a "weather contingency" fund. Schools would be paid a fee for the run of the program, and the Recreation Department would get a percentage back, depending on how much the buildings were used. This plan is similar to paying an up-front security deposit on a rental property.

Recreation Department Director Jack Worley said he had spoken with the school department in the past about use of the facilities, but was assured he would be contacted if the current system should change.

Other possibilities for funding options included paying for the use of facilities by the hour or the day at a set rate.

Supt. Edward Malvey said the summer cleaning issue will be an ongoing discussion for the School Committee, which has not yet made a final decision.

Board members sought for ConCom

There are openings on the Conservation Commission, selectmen said Monday. Interested citizens should contact the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105, or stop by the office at Town Hall.

Brush chipping

Residential brush will be accepted at the DPW parking area from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following Saturdays this summer: July 26, Aug. 30, Sept. 27 and Oct. 25.

No trees more than two-inches in diameter and no contractors are allowed.

Septic system is OK'd for 3 Jerusalem Lane

By Samantha Brown
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Phil and Mary Anne Ayers, owners of 3 Jerusalem Lane, were back in Town Hall Monday, but not to talk about zoning. The controversial property, on which the Ayers built an 8,000 square foot home needs a new septic system.

At issue, however, with the neighbors, who want the home downsized so it doesn't block their views, and is not out of character with the neighborhood, is how the health board counts the number of bedrooms. The count determines the size of the septic system.

Jack McCarthy of 278 Jerusalem Road is concerned that the Board of Health is not interpreting the rooms correctly and wonders what the purpose of having a code is, if the interpretation can be disputed so widely. He compared getting a ticket when speeding as a rule that can not be bent, with the rules of the Board, and said, "what are we doing if we don't ticket."

Board of Health Clerk, Peggy Chapman ran the meeting because Chairman Steve Bobo had recused himself due to his house being in close proximity to the Ayers' property. She said the codes have always been open to interpretation and the board does the best they can to be consistent.

When looking at plans, Chapman said it's not the room size that acts as the deciding factor, but the location.

"A hallway is not likely to become a bedroom," she said, noting that a basement could also be refurbished to become a bedroom, but most people won't.

When looking at plans, Peggy Chapman said it's not the room size that acts as the deciding factor, but the location.

When building a new house, all the board can do is take a look at the plans and take into consideration where the room is located, and decide whether it could potentially have another use, which many rooms obviously do not.

"A dressing room off a master bedroom is what it is," she said.

Chapman also said she knows the board can make a decision, be legally challenged and lose, but they do the best they can with the information provided.

Other discussion focused on the prior system in place on the property, which some said did not work. Chapman said the board had no evidence that the original system had failed, and in fact stated that the evidence upon digging it up states just the opposite. Upon inspection, everything appears to have been in working order.

While neighbors spoke of unusually high, lush vegetation and problems with foul odors on the street with the prior system, board member Robin Lawrence said, "Old systems are not on the table," stating whatever had been in effect prior, had no relation to the new system that would be put in.

The board approved the Ayers' new plan for a three-bedroom septic system including a number of variances on the grounds that there was no place else to install it.

The Ayers had planned on participating in a pilot program to test a new kind of septic system by Geo Flow, but the company decided the property would not provide an environment that would work for the system because it does not have natural material.

"We have what we have and there is nothing we can do to change the site," said Phil.

At the end of the meeting, the Ayers' engineer, Neil Murphy thanked the Board saying, "You've restored our faith in the community."

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Village people are split on new streetscape plan

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"If anyone, including the police, wants to sit in our front picture window and take a look at what goes on, they're welcome to," she said.

Noticing the many U-turns and other traffic violations that occur outside her shop, Straley's major concern is safety, and she is for anything that will help keep people out of harm's way.

Across the street at Cohasset Hardware, the view is much different.

"The people who designed this aren't here every day," said store manager, Phil Rose.

Rose has worked at the hardware store for "many years" and said he sees no reason for the change.

"There hasn't been a pedestrian accident here since I can remember," he said.

Patron Jeff Gray agreed completely with Rose. "I think it's a horrible idea. Anything you do to restrict traffic is a bad idea. It can only have a negative effect," he said.

While the plan insists there will only be one parking space lost to the new construction, Rose and Gray believe the bump-outs will cause traffic problems, especially for the large trucks that deliver supplies to many of the merchants. They think the trucks will have trouble getting around the bump-outs when driving and will also have trouble finding space to pull up to unload.

"This is a main artery of town," said Gray.

"Yeah, and they're giving it cholesterol," quipped Rose.

Christa Hagearty, who is president of Dependable Cleaners as well as a Cohasset resident, believes the proposed changes will only enhance the charming qualities the Village has.

"As long as they keep the parking fairly consistent, I think the changes are going to be positive. I think it's going to have a great look," she said.

She also hopes the changes will draw people to the Village "for more than just one-stop shopping," noting that tourism brings people from all over to visit. She has met many people while on vacation herself, that will ask her where she is from and know exactly where Cohasset is.

"I am amazed at how many people know our little town," she said.

Frank Smith, who has owned Fleming's since 1983, believes today's consumers want the luxury of being able to pull in, buy what they need and pull out. As a merchant, he has witnessed this growing trend in his store and hopes the changes will make the Village accessible for both cars and people. He is excited about the prospect of a revitalization after all the years of talk and said, "this is the closest we have ever gotten."

While construction is going on, Smith said he realizes there is the potential that business could suffer, but believes that, "in order to get better, we have to go through this process."

Looking out onto the sidewalk, Smith said it is "a mess" with potholes that could easily cause someone to trip.

"It's a hazard right now and it's not getting better," he said.

Overall, Smith thinks the project is a great idea and hopes everyone will be able to come to some kind of general consensus.

"We all can't agree on what everything should look like," he said, but maybe through compromise, an agreement can be made.

"As a merchant, I don't want to see business lost," but believes that in the long run, the project will have the opposite effect.

Anne Gabanelle, who has owned French Memories with her husband Jean Jacques for the past 11 years, believes the initial ideas were better because they were much simpler when talk began years ago. "Little by little it's gotten bigger and bigger," she said.

She doesn't see Cohasset as a major tourist area in need of major expansion. "It's not set up for that," she said.

In Europe, Gabanelle said there are very beautiful small villages on the seashore, much like Cohasset. People want to preserve them overseas, and she believes authenticity is important here as well. "Keep it New England," she said.

She thinks most of the merchants believe the plans have grown too much, and for something that is "supposed to be for us in the Village, it's not what we want," she said.

"There is so much that could be done without spending so much money," she said. Using her own shop as an example, she recently bought some colorful tablecloths and has been asked by numerous people what she has done because the shop looks great.

"I can't believe that's all it takes," Gabanelle said.

If flowers and benches, and perhaps some lights were added, she believes the Village will look much better without the cost.

Not only have the plans become too big, Gabanelle thinks they have gone on for too long, and merchants are getting tired of it. "It's been over seven years. It's getting ridiculous," she said.

Regardless of the changes that occur, Straley at Cards and Shards believes everyone in the local shops want the same thing. To have patrons who enjoy the village because they've found something unique. When speaking with tourists who visit her shop Straley said, "I'm talking to people who say just that."

Lower Depot Court bump-outs

While "bump-outs" have become part of the Village Revitalization Project lexicon — it is not clear if they will be included on lower Depot Court by the South Shore Community Center Playground.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris insisted cost estimates for the crosswalk with bump-outs — which are wide sidewalk areas at crosswalks that allow pedestrians to see traffic before venturing across the street — be included at lower Depot Court, one of the trickiest crossings in the village.

The Depot Court crossing would add nearly $27,500 to the cost of the project.

The available budget for the scaled down village streetscape project is about $1.87 million including the state PWED and St. Stephen's sidewalk grants and $200,000 in private funds. Estimates for expenditures including design and engineering and construction management, along with village streetscape work come to just $8,000 shy of that figure, not enough for lower Depot Court.

The Depot Court crossing would add nearly $27,500 to the cost of the project.

However, Town Manager Mark Haddad said, "You never know what will happen until a project goes out to bid," meaning current estimates could in fact come back lower than expected.

Haddad also noted that deciding on a final plan will help determine the costs, because knowing what money will be spent on will help prioritize what can and should be done.

In a related matter, Waterfield Design Group, the town design consultants for the project, have recommended against raising the crosswalks to slow down traffic because the raised crosswalks would be awkward for vehicles parked in the adjacent angled parking spaces to back up over.

Selectman Michael Sullivan pushed for the raised crosswalks as a way to "calm traffic" during a walk-around of the village and subsequent selectmen's meetings.

With a vote of 4-1, Selectmen approved Waterfield's draft village plans two weeks ago. The company said it will need to submit 100 percent construction documents by mid-July in order to start construction by Sept. 1. Construction could take anywhere from nine months to a year, taking into consideration unpredictable winter weather, Haddad said.

Haddad also said he was able to get a written extension on the PWED grant until June 2005.

The so-called library sidewalk extension from the village to the old Paul Pratt Library at a cost of $24,000 will fit into the budget because Red Lion Inn owner Gerde Ordelheide has offered to pay for the sidewalk work (about $22,000) in front of the inn, leaving money in the budget for the sidewalk work on the other side of the street to the Pratt building, which is now headquarters of the Cohasset Historical Society.

Village litter is a problem

During a recent walk around the village to look at proposed sidewalks and "bump-outs", selectmen also noticed a lot of litter, in particular cigarettes on the ground.

The board asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to write to business owners, making them aware of the problem and to ask shop owners to take responsibility for the upkeep and cleanliness of their storefronts.

If this doesn't solve the problem, selectmen will consider making cleaner storefronts part of the licensing agreement with the shops.

According to Haddad, the town currently provides trash pickup three or four days a week. It is not within the budget to provide Saturday or Sunday pickup, so he hopes this letter will prompt owners to take the initiative to help keep their own areas clean, especially on the weekends.

In addition to asking store owners to take care of their storefronts, Haddad also wrote a letter to the Cohasset Management Investment Trust, who owns the pocket park between Tedeschi's and French Memories. The park is filled with gravel which ends up on the sidewalk when people walk or bring baby strollers through. The loose gravel could potentially cause someone to slip.

Haddad asked that the owners either consider alternative materials for their courtyard, or find a way to keep the gravel on their property and off the sidewalk, and has not yet received a response.

OBITUARY

Jane A. Hoffman

Jane A. (Donahue) Hoffman, 75, of Cohasset, former employee of the New England Telephone Co., died June 24, 2003, at her home.

Born in Boston, Mrs. Hoffman graduated from Brighton High School. She formerly lived for several years in Absecon, N.J., Hollywood, Fla. and in Cohasset for the past 42 years.

She was employed in the planning department of the New England Telephone Company for 20 years.

Mrs. Hoffman was a member of the I.B.E.W. Local Telephone Pioneers.

She enjoyed painting, Irish knitting, gardening and traveling. She recently visited Italy, France and Ireland.

She was a sodality member of St. Mary of Assumption Church in Hull.

Mrs. Hoffman leaves her husband, Paul J. Hoffman Sr.; a daughter, Ellen A. Hoffman; four sons, Peter Hoffman of Hingham, Gregory and Douglas Hoffman of Cohasset and Charles and his wife Marlene of Scituate; a sister, Virginia and her husband Dr. Jack Byrne of St. Louis, Mo.; a brother, Jack Donahue of Randolph; four grandchildren, Paul III, Nikki, Emily and Sarah; and two great-grandchildren, Callie-Jane and Corby.

A Memorial Service was held at St. Paul Catholic Church in Hingham followed by a reception at St. Mary of the Nativity Church Parish Center in Scituate.

Arrangements were by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home in Scituate.

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'Waging peace' during troubled times

Education is goal of group

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The South Shore Peace Forum is on a "waging peace" campaign.

The goal is to continue to educate its members and their communities about the United States' role in the world and what the group considers to be impediments to peace.

The Forum continues to hold weekly vigils Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to noon in front of the downtown Post Office. "We're continuing the vigils because there is no peace yet and it's important to exercise our civil liberties," said Forum member Laura Burns at a recent brainstorming session.

In addition to the vigils, Forum members and participants — from Hingham, Cohasset, Weymouth, Quincy, and other neighboring communities — are planning further forums focusing on "Education for Peace." The group's recent ones on the Iraq crisis were well attended and led to lively discussions between peace activists and those with differing opinions.

"It's important to reach people with differing ideas in order to better understand their points of view," said Hingham resident June Freedman, who attended the session.

To that end, the group plans to host further educational, non-political community discussions featuring guest speakers on such topics as United States Foreign Policy, the United States' relationship to the United Nations, and the Bill of Rights. The last subject would involve a discussion of the potential risks of trading civil liberties for security.

"There needs to be a vision of where we can go to move toward peace," said Forum member Mary Thomas.

In an effort to support the troops, the Forum is considering a petition drive related to the issue of depleted uranium and its impact on United States military personnel, veterans, and civilians in other countries. Munitions using uranium cast off from nuclear power plants pose a serious health hazard to those who are exposed for years afterward. The Forum is also concerned about veterans' benefits in light of recent budget cuts. "We're looking for meaningful ways to support the troops," said Burns.

The group is also considering starting a Giving Circle. Participants would contribute a given amount each month to support a jointly agreed upon charity or cause. This provides an opportunity for participants to make a difference through what Forum members call "venture philanthropy."

Some Forum members will be marching in Hingham's Fourth of July parade in celebration of this year's theme, "Freedom's Trail." Its members will carry "Support the Bill of Rights" and "Work for Peace" signs and large, colorful paper cranes to symbolize their wish for peace.

For further information about the Giving Circle or the South Shore Peace Forum and its activities, call Shirley Brown, 749-9358, e-mail southshore-peace@earthlink.net, or visit southshorepeace.org on the Web.

The Forum was formed in the early 1990s when talk about a possible Gulf War broke out. The group was active throughout that conflict, hosting forums and vigils. The Forum was reactivated last year in response to talk of a potential war with Iraq.

American Legion raffles Vespa motor scooters

The George H. Mealy Post of the American Legion in Cohasset is sponsoring a most unusual raffle for the benefit of its Christine Burke scholarship fund. The lucky winner will drive away with two Vespa ET2 motor scooters or $5,000. The choice is theirs. The Vespa motor scooters have a retail value of $3,295 each. They don't require a special drivers license nor do they need to be registered. The winner may have their choice of any available colors. An anonymous friend of the Legion and Herb Chambers who, along with 25 automobile dealerships, owns Vespa of Boston donated the Vespa motor scooters. Chances for the raffle are $10 each and only 1,000 will be sold. They may be purchased at the Legion post at 98 Summer St. at 781-383-9657. The drawing will be held at the Legion's annual clambake on Sandy Beach on Sept. 6 or 7 (rain date). The Christine Burke scholarships are awarded to deserving high school seniors on the South Shore who are going on to a higher education. In 2003, $14,000 in scholarships were awarded.

Vespa motor scooter on display at the American Legion Post.

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New playground takes shape at Community Center

By Samantha Brown
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Amid piles of rocks and mulch, volunteers came together Saturday to begin construction of a new playground at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School. Plastic shovels in hand, children helped adults move sand into wheelbarrows as the outlines of climbing structures began to take shape.

While many volunteers had signed up to help, the first warm weekend of the summer must have drawn people to the beach, leaving the few workers that did show up too busy to stop for a break.

"I was there from Friday at 12 until Sunday at six," said Nursery School Director, Sheila O'Neil.

With a core group of roughly 10 workers, and the addition of helpers who came throughout the weekend, the play structure has been completed, but there are still many pieces to be added, as well as surfacing to be done.

Through money earned by fundraising, the new playground, which will have climbing structures, swings, ride on horses, a small stage for dramatic performances and a sand box with a fitted cover, is sure to spark the imaginations of both children attending the nursery school and those residents who come to play during after-school hours.

Originally setting a fundraising goal of $50,000, the school raised $65,000 to cover the many costs involved. Through brick sales, a silent auction and other fundraisers, the needs were more than met.

With such an increase in funding, O'Neil said the plans were dramatically changed to include among other things, the addition of a sailboat for children to play on, the new "wood carpet" surfacing, and the changing of the original chosen structure which was made of wood, to one made of recycled plastic. O'Neil said plastic is thought to be more safe, as wood structures can contain arsenic, making plastic a more healthy alternative.

Of much help to the cause are local residents, Hap Pompeo, who provided all the engineering, Bob Driscoll, who will be building the stage, Joe Sestito who will help with the landscaping once the playground is finished, and Brendan St. John, who will be laying the brick walkway as a final step in the project. Many other families donated materials and time to the cause and their help is much appreciated.

The school began to look into building a new playground last fall, because the old one was outdated and needed to be brought up to code. The area was also prone to flooding and freezing. It is hoped the new playground will be finished within a month.

There will be more volunteer opportunities as the playground continues to take shape, including the spreading of ground cover and the painting of a trike path. There will also be a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony for the playground this September.

Above: Jeff Pratt helps out Mark Guglielmo with a boulder that was impeding progress during Saturday's construction.

At right: Cole Morrison, 6, makes sure that everything is on the level while helping out with playground construction on Saturday.

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At right: Brooks Vanderlugt, 4, does all he can to help build the new playground at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School.

Far right: Leslie Hagerty and Bronnie Nelson make sure the captain's wheel is tight enough to stay on the set while still being loose enough for young sailors to steer.

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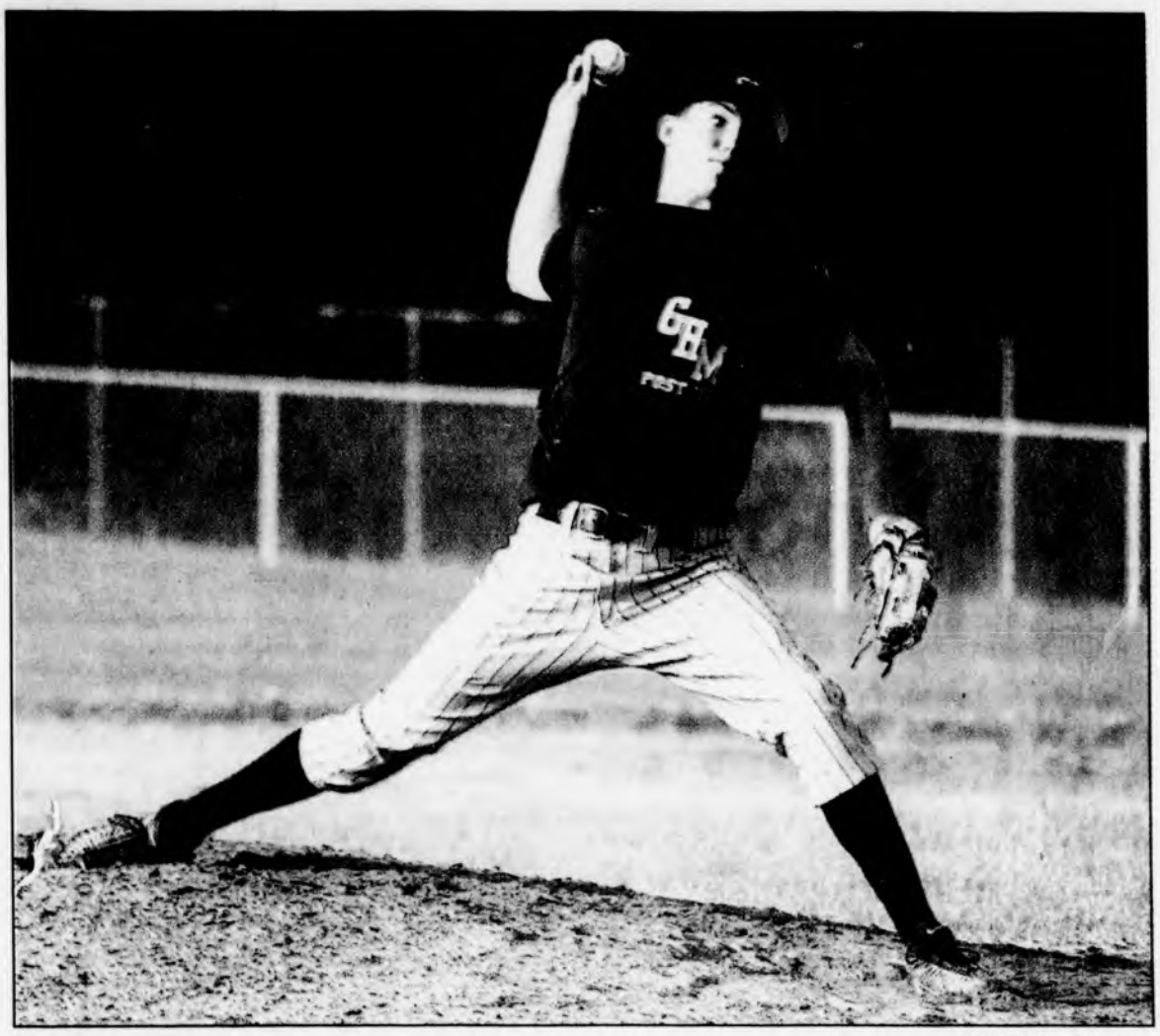

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Scituate's Greg Malley is just one of the young newcomers who has quickly stepped into a key role with the Cohasset Post 118 Legion team this summer.

Just one of those days

Cohasset Post 118 drops twin bill to fall into last place

By Mike Spellman
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Scott Arnold figured there'd be days like this. It's just his bad luck one of those days fell with a doubleheader on the schedule.

The Cohasset Post 118 baseball team fell to 2-9 on the season, dropping lopsided decisions on Sunday to Weymouth and Stoughton.

"I tell you, I really do like the long term picture. That's the future we're seeing out there right now, and the future looks pretty good, especially the pitching."
Post 118 Legion coach Scott Arnold

"I'm not even sure what the scores were," said Arnold, the 10th year Post 118 coach. "They were just ugly games where not a lot went right. Those were both teams I think we could have beaten if we played to our potential as a team, but we weren't even close to that."

The game with Stoughton (4-6-1) was originally scheduled for June 19, but was rained out, and thus moved to Sunday afternoon.

Post 118 was missing several key players for both games on Sunday, a few playing in AAU Tournaments and a few others working. Still, coach Arnold noted, things were just not clicking for his team right now.

"The bats have been pretty silent lately regardless of

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Class Act

CHS girls tennis senior class provided invaluable intangibles in state title run

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Teammates on a football team are brothers. Teammates on a field hockey team are sisters. Team chemistry is so vital to sports such as these because of how essential team components like communication and field vision are.

But why, one might ask, would chemistry be important on a more individual-based sport, team tennis? One needs only to look at the 24-0 State Championship season turned in by the 2003 girls tennis team, and how that close-knit group rooted each other on to the greatest single season the tennis program in Cohasset has ever had.

Behind every team with such a tremendous amount of camaraderie, there is always great leadership. For this Lady Skippers team, the leadership was provided by senior captain starters Lindsay Grossman, Julie Shea, Taylor O'Brien and Molly Flanagan.

"It has been a particularly tight group this year," said 12th year coach Gigi Meehan, "and [the seniors] all did so much for me."

Meehan also mentioned the startlingly high number of freshmen on this year's team, indicating a difficulty in establishing team sistership. However, she noted, "all the upperclassmen adopted a freshman and took them into the fold."

Lindsay Grossman spent the majority of her year at second singles, graciously stepping into the role when sophomore sensation Elizabeth Stone came up the ranks. Grossman was willing to play (and play extraordinary tennis) at either first or second singles. For her, it was always a matter of what was best for the team.

Stone was sidelined with a sprained ankle the final two weeks of the regular season, precisely the time when Meehan had scheduled the team's toughest matches as a gear-up for the postseason. Grossman was bumped up to first singles and proved her leadership skills through both her tennis skills and her off-court demeanor.

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Recent CHS graduate Julie Shea is one of four seniors who'll be deeply missed for not only what she did on the court but off it.

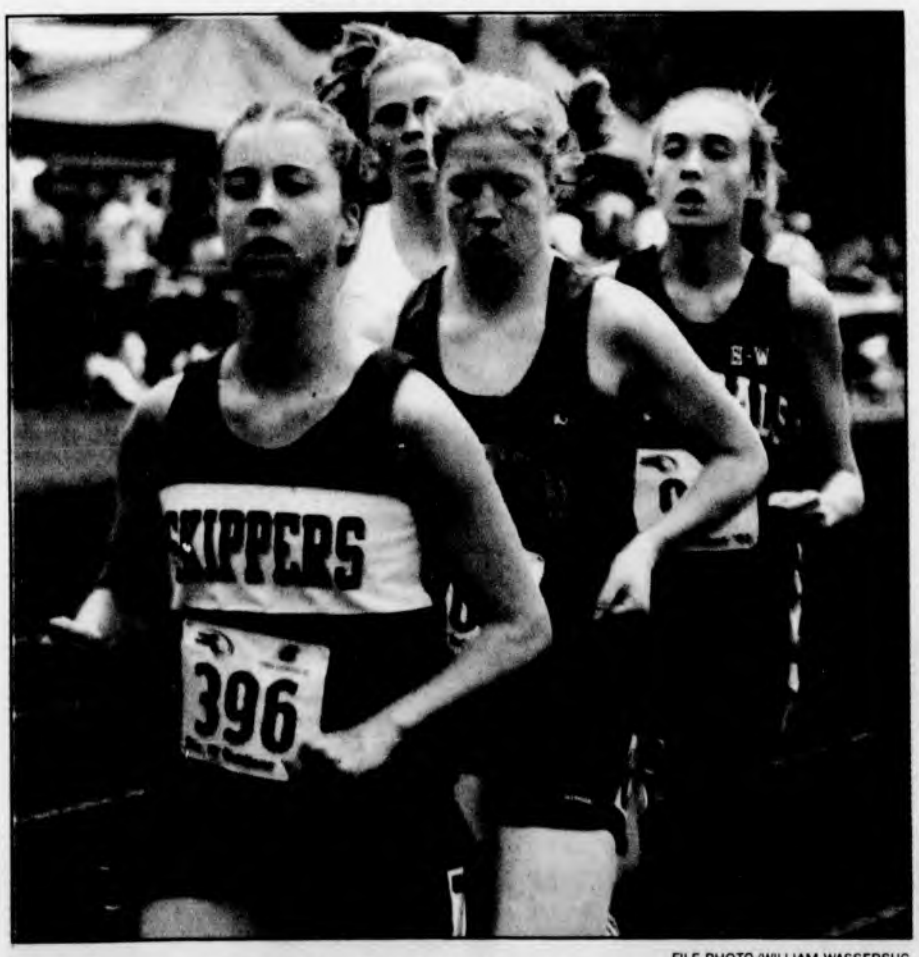
All-Scholastic girls track team

Cohasset's Buckley, Silvia, 4x800 relay team named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement, among them Cohasset high senior captain La'Raine Langford and junior Nicole Whitney.

However, in the end, we limited ourselves to a team of just 15 individuals and three relay squads, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top female tracksters in *Marinerland* for this honor:



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Cohasset junior Jenn Buckley (#396) qualified for states in two solo events and as part of CHS's 4x800 relay team, making her a no-brainer choice for her second consecutive Mariner All-Scholastic track team.

Jenn Buckley - Junior (Capt.)
Mile/Javelin - Cohasset

Jenn Buckley

The junior captain qualified for states in two solo events and as part of the 4x800 relay team...finished fifth in the mile at the state Class D meet, running a season best 5:29.69. Unfortunately, this was one spot short of qualifying for the All-State meet...took eighth in javelin at the Class D meet with a throw of 100-feet-9-inches...was able to advance to All-States along with the 4x800 team, though, as the Cohasset quartet took third at the Class D meet and then a solid 16th at All-States, running a season best 10:03.99... was one of the Lady Skippers unquestioned team leaders, as well as their most accomplished and versatile athlete...in fact, coach Al LaFontain noted her off-track leadership was as important to the team as her on-track heroics...South Shore League All-Star...Jenn is now a three-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection (also named '02 track team and '02 soccer team)... had a statistical hand in nearly half of the Lady Skippers goals this past fall, scoring 12 and assisting on four...Cohasset coach Al LaFontain: "Jenn is just a great athlete, obviously, but she's also a total leader. She really is committed to the team effort. She spends a lot of time working with her

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A belated spring cleaning

EXTRA POINTS
MIKE SPELLMAN

It's never too late to perform a touch of spring cleaning.

I figure it's high time I clear a lot of these yellow stickies off my computer monitor, mainly the ones I've been jotting random thoughts and observations on over the last several months.

Where to start...

It says here Danny Ainge was a good hire as new Chief of Basketball Operations (CBO) for the Boston Celtics. Loved him as a player and a coach. And, in the limited dealings I had with him covering the Celtics way back when, I liked what I saw from the person too. Though it's far too early to say anything definitive regarding his skill as an evaluator of basketball talent, I'd be willing to bet he does a good job and sticks around for a good, long while.

One thing there's no denying, at least in my mind: Danny can't do any worse than his predecessors. Despite the best efforts of Chris Wallace to distance himself from Rick Pitino during the last two and a half seasons, it became crystal clear that they were birds of a feather. Pitino and Wallace are swans...or ostriches...or whatever kind of bird you envision looking down its bill at the rest of its avian brethren.

The height of arrogance these two birds displayed in the moves they made during their tenures, collective and respective, simply defied all bounds.

We should have known real quick this franchise was in big trouble when Ricky and Chris relinquished rights to Rick Fox, David Wesley (two guys still enjoying extremely fruitful careers) and five, that's right, count 'em, five other players for Travis Knight. That's right: Travis Knight!

Everyone else— including the Lakers, who'd used something like the 27th draft pick on Knight the year before—saw a skinny 6-11 kid with pretty good hoop skills but not much in the way of intestinal fortitude, toughness or athletic ability. Ricky and Chris figured they saw something no one else did, or could get something out of him no one else could. Even they had to admit what a horrible choice this was less than a year later when they dumped Travis for the NBA version of a bag of day old donuts.

It wouldn't have been so bad if Ricky and Chris had learned from their mistakes, or at least been humbled just a smidgen. Naturally, they didn't even skip a beat.

College coaches and NBA scouts said Chauncey Billups would never be a point guard. Ricky and Chris thought otherwise, then traded him away a year later when they found out the majority position was again dead on for about 30 cents on the dollar of what a sixth overall draft pick should draw.

Kenny Anderson had worn out his welcome in New Jersey, Charlotte and Portland. When he refused to report to Toronto,

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Buckley, Silvia, 4x800 relay team named among area's elite

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teammates, and helping them through things."

Mary Silvia - Cohasset
800 - Sophomore

Mary Silvia

Silvia wrapped up her sensational solo campaign in style, racing to a ninth place finish in the 800 at All-States, tying her personal best time of 2:22.75, which is now the Cohasset High record…took second at the state Class D meet in the 800 a week earlier (2:24.34)…also part of 4x800 relay team that took third at Class D and 16th at All-States, the team shaving a remarkable 15 seconds of its personal best time at that latter event to finish 10:03.99…South Shore League All-Star…also plays soccer for Cohasset High and manages the CHS wrestling team…currently playing in a summer soccer league…Honor Roll student…Cohasset coach Al LaFontain: "Mary is one of those athletes who has done everything we've asked of her this year, and she's done it all extremely well. She has a real passion for running that you don't often see. When you gave her advice, she just did it without thinking about it. She was just kind of a natural at picking things up."

Christine Fay - Senior (Capt.)
Long jump - Marshfield

Christine Fay

Track was truly a labor of love for this OCL All-star…A five-year mulit-event workhorse on the MHS team, the sprinter/jumper battled tendentious and back injuries throughout her career, but ended it with a bang this season…Fay was third in the long jump at the State Class B Meet (16'8") and second to only Hubbard at the Old Colony League Championships (16' 10 3/4"), a personal best…Also ran 12.9 in the 100-meters this season, jumps 5' in the high jump, and ran a leg on Marshfield's record-setting 4x100-meter relay (49.77)…Was named to the Atlantic Coast League "Super Six" team her sophomore season…Went to New Englands with the 4x200 indoor team last winter…Fay plans to attend Northeastern University to study Business Management and Marketing. Marshfield coach Larry Nangle: "She had ankle tendentious and basically ran right through it. She kept working at the long jump and really had a good year."

Ashley Hubbard - Junior
400/LJ - Marshfield

No question here…One year after dominating the 200-meter scene, Hubbard made the jump to the 400 and did the same… The junior won the All-State 400 meter title this spring with a personal best 55.70…She went on to take second at the New Englands (56.36) and anchored home Marsh-field's 4x400 relay, which took seventh… Also won the 400 at State Class B Meet (56.99) and Old Colony League Championships… Also a talented jumper, Hubbard won the long jump at the OCL's (17' 4 1/2"), Class B's (17'0"), and South Shore Principal's (17'2")…There, she also won the 200-meters in a PR time of 24.9 and was named Outstanding Female Athlete…The OCL All-star won the 300-meter indoor title and was 10th in the 400-meters at the indoor Nationals…Hubbard also plays field hockey at MHS and is already determined to run track in college. Marshfield coach Larry Nangle: "She's had an unbelievable year. She's very determined and is like most track runners who have a desire to win. Everything she's done over the last couple of years has been accomplished through hard work and determination. It's scary to think that she's only a junior."

Ashley Hubbard

Melissa Murphy - Senior (Capt.)
100 - Rockland

Melissa Murphy

Another highly recognizable sprinter on the South Shore, Murphy capped her track career at the New England Championships, finishing 11th in the 100-meters…Murphy won the South Shore Principal's Meet for the second-straight year (12.5) and captured her third-straight Patriot League Championship title in the event…Murphy won the 100 at the State Class C Meet (12.67) and finished a tight fourth at All-States…Also a talented jumper, Murphy went perfect in PL in the long and triple jumps for three years, and was never beaten in the 100 meters…A three-sport athlete at RHS, Murphy achieved a milestone this winter, scoring her 1,000 career point, and led the cheering squad to its second-straight Div. 3 state title…Murphy plans to attend the University of New Hampshire where she will continue her running career and study to become a teacher. Rockland coach Peter Woodward: "It's been a great year for Melissa. She's really progressed beautifully in all of her events throughout the season and it's mainly due to the fact that she was willing to put in the extra time in the off-season."

Nicole Christoforo - Senior (Capt.)
800 - Rockland

Coming off an impressive indoor season in the 1,000 meters, Christoforo capped her RHS career with a solid outdoor season in the 800 meters…A miler last year, Christoforo won the 800 at the Patriot League Championships and at the State Class C Meet, running a PR time of 2:20.82… The National Honor Society president, Christoforo elected to attend her RHS graduation, instead of competing at the All-State Championships…A three-sport runner at RHS (cross country, indoor and outdoor track) and multiple PL All-star is a major loss to the program… Christoforo plans to attend Colgate University and continue her running career.

Nicole Christoforo

Laura Goggin - Senior
Javelin - Rockland

Laura Goggin

Surprised even herself this season in the javelin, capturing the State Class C title in the event with a personal best throw of 114'6"…Goggin was third in the event at the Patriot League Championships (109'3"), behind rival Rachel Lincoln of Hingham…Her Class victory was a bit of revenge, as Lincoln was third…Goggin went on to competed at the All-State Championships…Just a two-year track athlete, Goggin is making her first appearance on the track All-Scholastic team…She is better known for her basketball talents and is a two-time hoop All-Scholastic…Goggin plans to attend college.

Rachel Lincoln - Junior
Javelin - Hingham

This Patriot League All-star dominated the javelin competition for much of the season, going unbeaten in dual-meets and winning the PL Championship (113'10")…The senior also won the event at the South Shore Principal's with an HHS record-breaking throw of 116'7"… Lincoln finished third at the State Class C Meet (113'7"), falling victim to personal best throws from PL rivals Laura Goggin (of Rockland) and Hilary Birch (of Scituate)…Lincoln went on to compete at the All-State Championships…Just a junior, Lincoln is one of the top performers returning to Hingham's field next season.

Rachel Lincoln

Jocelyn Traina - Freshman
Jumps - Hingham

Jocelyn Traina

A newcomer to the Harborwomen squad this season, Traina made her impact felt loudly… The freshman competed in several events for Hingham, but excelled mostly in the jumps…Traina won the triple jump (33'9") at the Patriot League Championships, edging rival Melissa Murphy of Rockland…She was second to Murphy in the 100-meters (13.0)…Traina took fourth in the long jump (15' 10 1/4") at the State Class C Meet, advancing her to the All-State Championships…Traina was sixth in the long jump at the South Shore Principal's (16'1") and fifth in the 100 (12.9)…A PL All-star this season, Traina also runs cross country and indoor track at HHS.

Ashley Mills - Sophomore
Discus - Hingham

An interracial part of the Harborwomen field team, Mills won the discus at the Patriot League Championships with a toss of 101'5"…Went on to the State Class C Meet and finished third there with a throw of 103'8", qualifying her for the All-State Championships…Mills also threw the shot put for Hingham, which won the PL Meet with 137.5 points…The sophomore improved throughout the year, throwing in the low 90's before consistently throwing in the 100's at the end of the season…Just a sophomore, Mills will be among the top performers returning to the field next season.

Becca MacDonald - Freshman
Mile - Weymouth

Becca MacDonald

Already a two-year runner for Weymouth, MacDonald capped a stellar spring campaign at the All-State Championships…The freshman Bay State Carey All-star was second at the State Class A Meet, running a personal best time of 5:21.53…She was seeded 5th in the meet at 5:31…Indoors, MacDonald was fourth at the State Class A's (5:26) and went to All-States…A cross country All-Scholastic last fall, MacDonald won her second-straight State Coaches' Invitational Div. 1 freshman race…She is a two-time BSC All-star in cross country…Just a freshman, MacDonald still has a lot of running to do at WHS.

Hillary Birch - Senior
Javelin - Scituate

Hillary Birch

The senior saved the best throw of her distinguished 4-year career for the end, as she threw the javelin a career best 115-feet-7-inches at the All-State track meet, good for sixth place overall and a trip to the New England Track and Field championships…finished second at the state Class C championships with a throw of 114-04…a four year track standout for the Sailors, both indoor and out…missed class meet last year due to confusion over time her event went off… also an avid snow boarder…interested in journalism…had grade point average of 3.0…will enter Suffolk University this fall and study either communications or a pre-law curriculum… Scituate coach Dave Jewett: "After having a disappointing end to the regular season with a loss at the Patriot League Championship, Hillary has come on strong, proving to be the best in her event on the South Shore. I'm really proud of her. When the pressure was on, she came on like I knew she could."

Hannah Rapalee - Sophomore
800 meters - Silver Lake

Hannah qualified for her third consecutive New England track and field championships this spring by taking first in the 800 at the state Class A meet and third at the All-State meet…finished 10th at New England's, two spots lower than she finished last spring, though her time of 2:18.74 was an improvement…set a new personal best in the 800 at All-States (2:17.35)…finished fourth in the 1,000 at this winter's indoor New England championships with a personal best time of 2:57.31…undisputed 800-meter champ in the Old Colony League, as she finished first in all duel meets and won at the OCL championship meet…also ran the mile and 400 from time to time, and competed in the long jump…OCL all-star… was a member of the 4x400 relay team that finished seventh at the Class A meet, two spots shy of qualifying for All-States…also a standout soccer player who made the SL varsity starting lineup as a freshman and led the team in scoring this past fall…plays soccer year round as a member of the South Shore Select club team…Silver Lake coach Joe Darche: "She's very focussed for her age, so it really looks like she has a bright future. I'm really pleased with the way Hannah progressed this season. I think she puts lot pressure on her self, and some of it is self imposed. But she really thrives under pressure."

Hannah Rapalee

Felicia Hawthorne - Senior (Capt.)
Long Jump - Norwell

Felicia Hawthorne

A sensational year round track performer for Norwell High since her freshman year… qualified for the state Class D meet in both the long jump and high jump…took 10th in the high jump (4-feet-10-inches), as she was unable to match her season best leap of 5-feet, which would have qualified her for the All-State meet…finished 12th in the high jump with a leap of 14-07.75. Again, her season best leap (15-11) would have been good enough to qualify her for All-States…Felicia also had impressive personal bests of 33-6 in the triple jump and 52.3 seconds in the 300-meter hurdles…top point producer for the Lady Clippers in bot the indoor and outdoor track seasons…Norwell coach Chuck Martin feels Felicia could be a very good hurdle racer at the next level… South Shore League All-Star… has runs track year round at NHS since her freshman year (Cross country in the fall, indoor track in the winter)…also a Mariner All-Scholastic for cross country this past fall…will attend Clemson University in the Fall, and will try to make that school's Div. 1 track program as a walk-on… will carry a math/biology double major and has an eye toward becoming a Pediatrician…Norwell coach Chuck Martin: "Felicia has been

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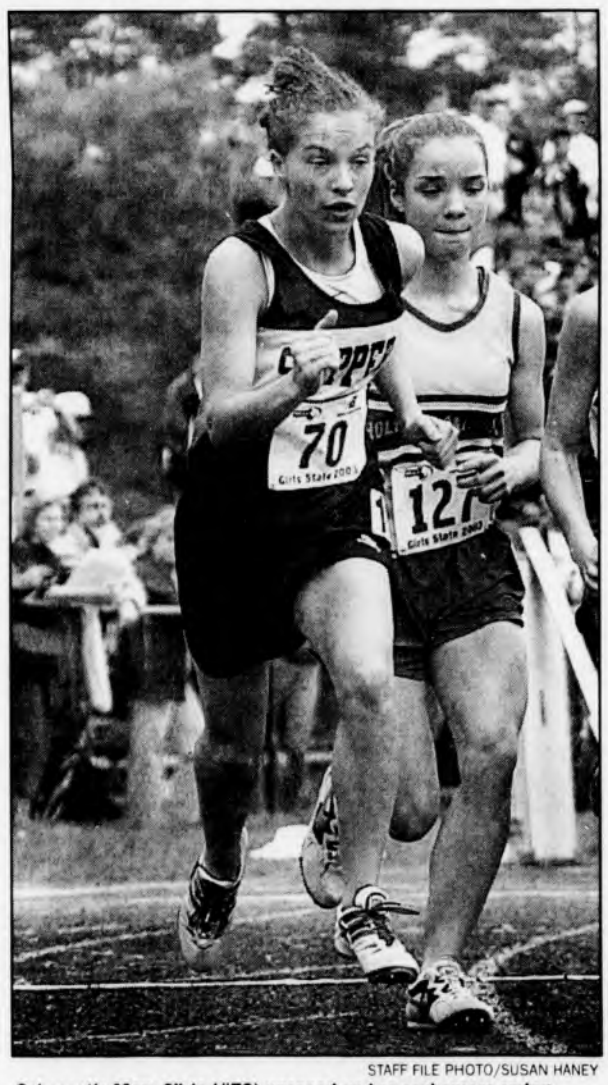

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Cohasset's Mary Silvia (#70) wrapped up her sophomore spring track campaign in style, racing to a ninth place finish in the 800 at the All-State track meet and earning a spot on the Mariner All-Scholastic team.

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All-Scholastic girls track team

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our big point scorer and main person this track season. I was glad to see her get a lot of press this year. She deserved it. She's definitely going to be difficult to replace."

Jill Sullivan - Senior (Capt.)
Triple Jump - Braintree

Jill Sullivan

Jill capped a strong 4-year track career by making it to the finals in the triple jump competition at the state Class A meet with a best ever triple jump of 33-feet-11-3/4-inches, good for an impressive eighth place in an extremely strong field...also competed in the long jump and 100-meter hurdles for the Lady Wamps, running a personal best 17.3 this spring...Jill improved in the triple jump by over 2-feet over the course of the season...had a habit of winning the triple jump on her last of three leaps...her spring season highlight was upsetting league best Linda Kropp (Framingham) in due' meet competition by 2-inches on her last jump...Jill also knocked Kropp out of the finals in the class A meet...Bay State Conference All-Star... also won the Braintree indoor and outdoor trophy for girls track...ran indoor and outdoor track in her last two years of high school...played B.H.S. soccer as a freshman and sophomore...will be continuing her education at the University of Miami, and intends to major in Biology with an eye toward studying to become a Veterinarian...Braintree coach Bob Chute: "If I had to pick someone in a particular event to win the meet for Braintree, it would be Jill Sullivan. Jill has no fear and is one of the best clutch performers I have ever coached. She's a true competitor."

Relays

4x100 relay
Marshfield
Kristen Lake - senior
Jenna Miller - sophomore
Christine Fay - senior
Ashley Hubbard - junior

Seeded third at the State Class B Meet, the girls couldn't run because two of its members graduated on the same day...Still, the quartet was the owners of the best time in Marinerland this season, running 50.40 for first at the Old Colony League Championships...Lake, Fay, and Hubbard ran on the MHS record-setting relay two seasons ago, running 49.77 and earning a trip to New Englands...Newcomer Jenna Miller provided the perfect fit, filling in for injured junior Erin Catarius...Fay and Lake leave big voids in the MHS program, while Miller and Hubbard both return...Fay will attend Northeastern, while Lake heads off to Franklin Pierce College to play soccer. Marshfield coach Larry Nangle: "Their handoffs got better as the year went on and as they became accustomed to running with each other. Christine and Kristen will certainly be missed. They've done a lot for this program."

4x400 relay
Marshfield
Haley Catarius - freshman
Julie Keneally - junior
Joanne Gueverra - junior
Ashley Hubbard - junior

Thrown together before the State Class B Meet, this quartet took its talents all the way to the New England Championships and finished seventh...The group broke the MHS record in the event twice this season, running 4:07.65 at the State Class B Meet (seeded at 4:18) and 4:02.68 at All-States and finished third both times...All four girls ran personal best times each week, Catarius, Keneally, and Gueverra running just over .60, with state 400-meter champ Hubbard anchoring it home...All four girls will return to the track next season. Marshfield coach Larry Nangle: "They all improved drastically. Each week they ran better and I'm amazed at what they were able to do. They extended their season three weeks. They worked hard and I'm very happy for them."

4x800 Relay
Cohasset
Jenn Buckley - Junior
Nicole Whitney- Junior
Mary Silvia- Sophomore
Lisa Musto- Freshman

This team of two juniors , a sophomore and a freshman took third at the state Class D meet and then 16th at the All-State meet, shaving a remarkable 15 seconds of its personal best time at that latter event to finish 10:03.99...this time also shattered the Cohasset High school record...that mark should not last long, however, as all four girls return next spring...two of the squad's members, Silvia and Buckley, were also named All-Scholastics for their solo efforts this spring...Al LaFountain: "This team really peaked at the end of the season, and I'm looking forward to seeing what they can do with another year of experience. There was a good, friendly rivalry between those four girls. They ran the track together and none of them ever wanted to finish last in those races."

Honorable Mention:

Nicole Cutter - 800 - Abington
Suzy Shontell- Sr.- Discus- Braintree
Kara Smith- Sr. - Discus- Braintree
La'Raine Langford- Sr. (Capt)- 100- Cohasset
Nicole Whitney- Jr.- 400- Cohasset
Caitlin Cronin - Sr. (Capt.) - Hanover
Katie Woods - Soph. - Hurdles - Hanover
Rachel Gabriel - Sr. - Javelin - Hingham
Cheryl Flynn - High jump - Hingham
Melissa Nash - Soph. - Two-mile - Marshfield
Haley Catarius - Fr. - Hurdles/TJ - Marshfield
Samantha Genatossio - Jr.- Triple Jump - Norwell
Meredith Cammett- Jr.- 2-mile- Norwell
Sarah Veiga - Sr. (Capt.) - 400 - Rockland
Brittanie MacDonald - Fr. - Two-mile - Rockland
Kacey Weafer- Soph- 200- Scituate
Sade Williams-Judge- Soph- Shot Put- Scituate
Allison Cleary- Sr.- Mile- Silver Lake
Michelle Woodford- 800- Junior- Silver Lake
Becky Yeaton- Sr.- Shot Put/javelin- Silver Lake
Julie Gregg - Sr. - 200/TJ - Weymouth
4x400 Relay Team - Silver Lake (*Bailey Fairbanks, Michelle Woodford, Hannah Rapalee, Lauren Hackett*)

THE PHILLSTROS
Back Row (L-R): Coach- Matt Salerno, Alicia Asnault, Carly Salerno, Natalie Beukers, Margaret Goodwin, Sammi Lehr, Alyssa Mullin, Lindsey Allard, Lesen Haracz, Coach- Jay Monaco.
Front Row (L-R): Rachel McMorris, Maggie McGoldrick, Jessie Fitts, Kristin Monaco, Erika Orner.

THE DEVIL JAYS
Back Row (L-R): Marissa Tangherlini, Carley Zappolo, Alison Costa, Natalie Hunt, Tess Calorio, Grace Cloughrety, Amanda Masotta, Liz Tetrault.
Front Row (L-R): Lauren Mack, Sally Meehan, Caitlin Mahoney, Jessie Dupre', Lindsay Hill, Brittany Dunn.

Phillstros top Devil Jays in youth softball all-star game

What a game! The "Devil Jays", made up of all-star Devil Rays and all-star Blue Jays, played the "Phillstros", made up of all-star Phillies and all-star Astros.

There were so many talented softball players in the league, it was hard to choose the all-stars. All of the players displayed fine skills and sportswomanship. At the end, the Phillstros had more runs, but all were winners. Visors off to the 2003 Little League softball all-stars.

Before the all-star game, there was a hitting contest. First place went to Sally Meehan. Second place went to Rachel McMorris, and third went to Kristin Monaco.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Little League camp

Cohasset Little League presents its first baseball clinic using B.A.T. (Baseball Analysis of Talent) skills and drills .

Director is former New York Yankees and Texas Rangers associate scout Lou Rettman.

Where: Cohasset Little League complex
When: Week 1- July 14-17
Week 2- July 21-24
Time: 1-3 p.m.
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Smith an All-Star

Reed Smith, a junior at Boston College High School, has been selected as a first Team Catholic Conference League All-Star inlLacrosse for the position of long stick midfield.

Reed is a dual sport athlete at BC High having earned his Varsity letter as a quarterback in Football his sophomore year.

This summer Reed will be keeping busy playing Lacrosse up and down the East Coast as part of the Mass Elite Lacrosse team.

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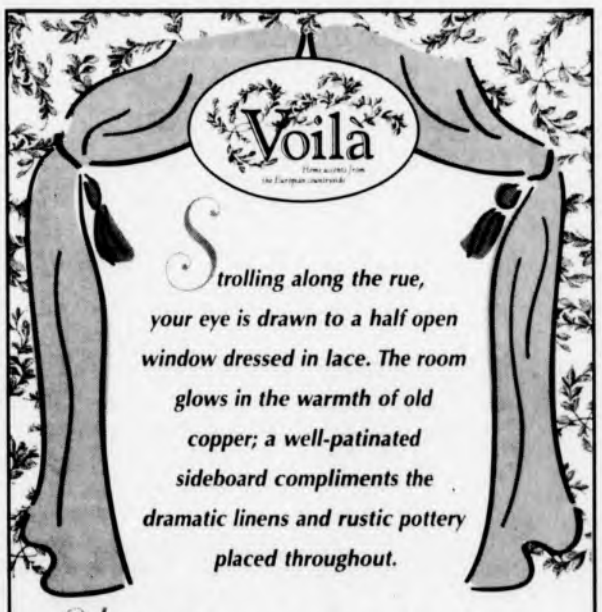

Just one of those days

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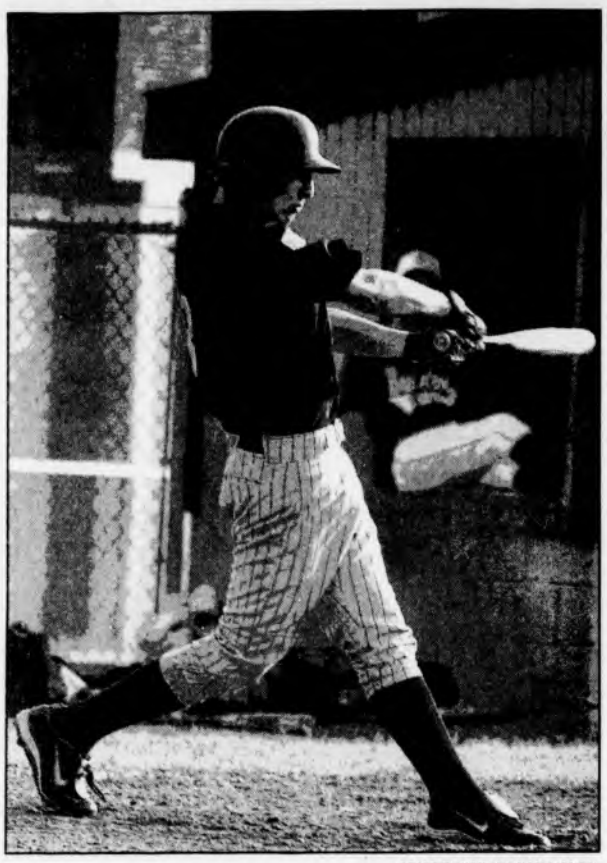
who's been swinging them," assessed Arnold, "and we've had to move some guys around defensively to replace guys who haven't been there, and that's resulted in a few mistakes. It's kind of snowballed a little bit"

The two losses, coupled with a 6-3 loss to Milton on Friday and then a 5-3 loss to Quincy on Monday, dropped Post 118 to 2-10 on the season and into last place in Zone 6.



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Scituate High junior-to-be Jack O'Leary is one of the few Post 118ers who has swung a hot bat of late.

One of the few Cohasset highlights in the Milton loss was three strong innings of relief pitching from lefthander Brandon Stella. The Scituate High junior was brought in to work his way out of a no-out, bases loaded jam and surrendered just two runs doing so. He then kept Milton off the board in the next two innings to keep his team in the game.

In the second loss Sunday, Weymouth's Parker Harrington went the distance on the mound, striking out 11.

Centerfielder Chris McDonough went 5-for-5 at the plate to pace the attack for second place Weymouth (7-3-1), while veteran shortstop Mike Gulinello had two hits for Post 118.

In the 6-3 loss to Milton on the road Friday, Post 118's frustrations mounted when it lost key outfielder and middle of the order slugger Eric Dmohowski early on when he was hit on the head on a pitch from his friend and B.C. High teammate. Dmohowski missed both games on Sunday, as he left for college orientation to St. Joseph's University on Saturday.

Playing well on Sunday for Post 118 was Cohasset High junior-to-be Tim Pilczak, the team's number three catcher who was called into duty with the top two backstops absent.

"Tim did a great job back there, especially considering how little time he's had at catcher recently," said Arnold. "He didn't do anything back there to hurt us. He really bailed us out."

With veteran Alex Knight out of the lineup due to injury, Scituate High junior-to-be Mike Barba has stepped in and done a solid job at second base, according to coach Arnold. Ditto for Xaverian junior-to-be Ben Murphy in left field in place of Ted Straughn, who has been playing in an AAU tourney for the last several days.

Meanwhile, Jack O'Leary continues to wield the hottest bat on the team. The Scituate High junior-to-be went 4-for-7 on Sunday and broke up a no-hit bid on Monday in the fifth inning of Post 118's 5-3 loss to Quincy.

"The kids are carrying us right now," said Arnold, taking note of all the contributions from underclassmen. "We've got veterans who aren't around right now for one reason or another, and the kids are getting their chances and making the most of them.

"I tell you, I really do like the long term picture. That's the future we're seeing out there right now, and the future looks pretty good, especially the pitching."

Thayer High juniors-to-be Greg Malley and Kevin Signorelli have both pitched well in the last week. Malley has both of the team's wins and Signorelli went the distance in Monday's loss. Quincy did most of the damage early against him, with the help of a few errors, but then settled down to keep his team in the game.

"You look a year or two down the road with Malley and Signorelli and O'Leary, and a few others, and we've got the makings for a really strong pitching staff," said Arnold.

Of course, the veteran Post 118 coach knew this would be something of a rebuilding year, as he lost several key players from last year's team that reached the second round of the state tourney. He was quick to point out, though, that team morale remained high with nine games to go.

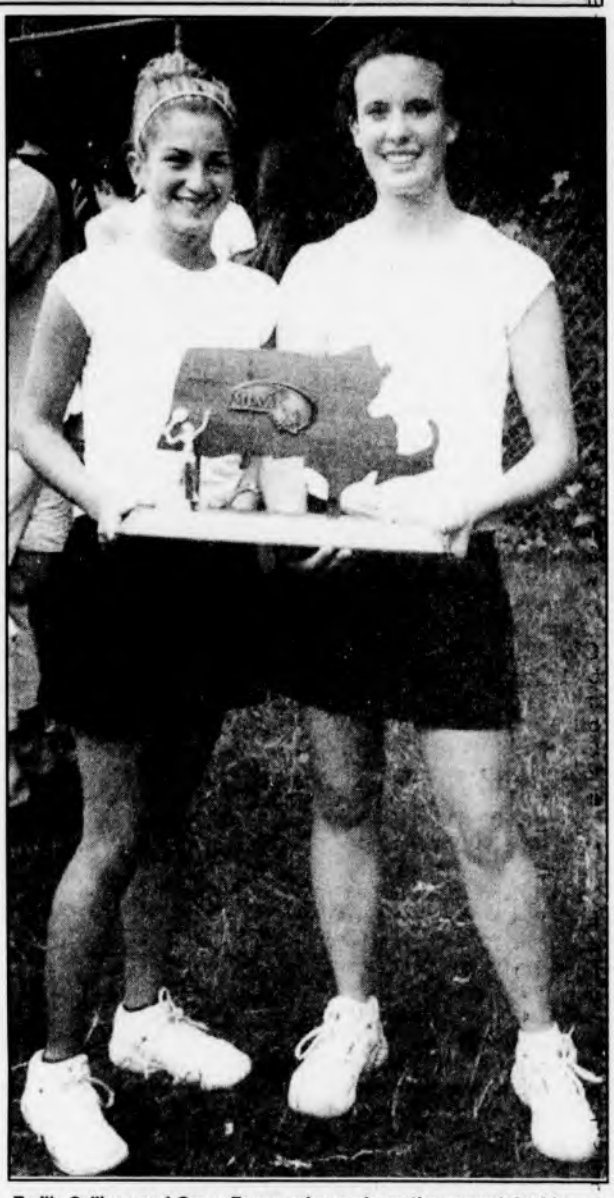
"We've got a lot of younger players out there right now who are gaining some great experience, and they're holding their heads high," reported Carroll. "Yeah, we've taken our lumps as a team a little bit, but these guys are showing up ready to play."

ZONE 6 LEGION BASEBALL STANDINGS:

Milton	8-3-0	16
Weymouth	7-3-1	15
Quincy	6-3-1	13
Braintree	5-3-2	12
Canton	5-5-0	10
Stoughton	4-6-1	9
Morrissette	3-4-2	8
W. Roxbury	3-6-1	7
Cohasset	2-10-0	4

Sullivan Regatta race results

Boat #	Boat Name	Skipper	Fleet	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total	Rank
435	Agincourt	Hebb	Cohasset	2	1	1	5	8.5	1
460	In the Hunt	Babel	Gull Lake	4	2	3	1	9.75	2
444	4	Henry	Cohasset	7	4	2	2	15	3
452	Breaking Wind	Staszko	Cohasset	5	8	6	4	23	4
399	Wahconda	Wakeman	Cohasset	10	3	8	3	24	5
450	Grace	Keniley	Cohasset	9	5	5	7	26	6
449	Ursa Versa	Bloom	Falmouth	13	11	4	8	36	7
431	Relentless II	Sullivan	Hingham	15	7	9	6	37	8
397	Firewood	Richter	Cohasset	8	13	10	9	40	9
402	Impetuous	Murray	Cohasset	1	6	17	17	41	10
422	Stiletto	Cates	Cohasset	12	12	7	17	48	11
445	Mac Lir	Sweeney	Cohasset	6	10	17	17	50	12
367	Toucan	Hamilton	Cohasset	3	17	17	17	54	13
404	Javelin	Ford	Cohasset	17	9	17	17	60	14
392	Gezgo	Tierney/Murphy	Cohasset	11	17	17	17	62	15
419	Robot	Fox/Fox	Cohasset	14	14	17	17	62	16



Emilie Sullivan and Corey Evans, who made up the second doubles team that played such a huge part in the team's state championship run this spring, are just two of the underclassmen who clearly benefited from the leadership provided by a strong senior core.

Class Act

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"The turning point of the season was when Liz went down," admitted Meehan. "They all pulled together, and it showed that everyone was able to play at a higher position."

(For those who were not following the team at the time, the team went 4-0 against Notre Dame, Norwell, Hingham, and Norwell again, all playoff teams, without their top player.)

Julie Shea has been a leader for the team throughout all her years with the program. She has been an all-star doubles player for three years now, able to play terrific despite three different partners. With junior Courtney Caron, the Lady Skippers could always count on the first doubles as a point for the Cohasset side, regardless of who they played.

The only loss Shea suffered this year was in the State semi-final match against Manchester-Essex, when she and Caron dropped a three-setter to Kara and Marni Powers. Shea and Caron were the only ones who even won a set off the Powers twins during the Gemini's run of 70 straight wins.

O'Brien and Flanagan, although not regulars in the starting line-up, were valuable contributors in doubles, consistently scoring points in league play. The captains were vital to the success of the team, further proof that the leadership of this team extended beyond the court.

It's never easy to live up to a state title season. Although the 2004 edition of this squad will need to replace just two starters, it will be losing a grade that contributed immeasurable intangibles to an amazing season.

HoopCamp 2003

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NBA GMs wouldn't even take calls from his agent. Rick and Chris not only took the call, they gave up on Billups (now a very solid NBA shooting guard) to get him.

College scouts said Jerome Moiso had talent but no heart. Ricky and Chris thought otherwise. They thought they'd be the ones to bring it all out of Jerome. Didn't take them long to discover that royal faux pas either.

So Ricky finally realized during the dog days of winter two and a half years ago that he could not win here given the situation he'd created almost entirely on his own (not that he'd ever admit to that).

So Chris somehow convinces the powers that be that he never had the final say on any of those moves. He then pulls off a trade that makes every other move he and Ricky had made together look, by comparison, like another Joe Barry Carroll for Robert Parish and Kevin McHale swiping.

The Vin Baker trade appeared merely a tragedy when it was first perpetrated. It took on even greater levels of egregiousness once we saw Vin on the floor. Once we learned it was common knowledge around the NBA even before the trade that Vin had a "serious drinking problem," a mere firing seemed inadequate for Chris— indeed, a firing squad would've been a more satisfactory choice in many of our minds.

One could almost imagine Chris saying, yet again, that he'd be the one that transformed Vin, not only as a basketball player, but as a person. Wonder if the Celtics GM thought he could touch Vin's abdomen and heal his liver too.

Fortunately, that's the ex-Celtics GM now.

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Please don't do it, Theo. Eschew the modus operandi established by Lou Gorman and Dan Duquette: don't trade top prospects for quick fixes.

I used to buy the company line about damning the future if there were real possibilities now. But, come on, what has that approach gotten us over the last 15 or so years? No championships. No pennants. Lots of regret. Lots of heartache. We don't have any of the players we got in exchange for Jeff Bagwell, Jeff Suppan or Tony Armas, Jr, to name just a few. All three would look pretty good in a Red Sox uniform right now.

The Angels, Mariners, Twins and Blue Jays are showing the rest of the MLB how to do things: be patient with prospects, trade for good team guys like David Ortiz, Kevin Millar and Bill Mueller, and hang onto your top prospects. It makes financial sense, and it makes baseball sense.

If most of the Sox scouts are saying Casey Fossum, Freddy Sanchez, Kelly Shoppach, Hanley Ramirez and Kevin Youkilis have long term possibilities, hang on to them. If the pervasive thought is any one of these guys is a secondary prospect, by all means trade him if you think it can help the team.

At the very least: let's hope Theo doesn't panic. Let's hope he waits until Casey Fossum, Chad Fox and Robert Person come back. Let's also hope he waits to see what Ryan Rupe does with a few more starts, and if Alan Embree, Mike Timlin and Brandon Lyon continue to perform the way they have in relatively set roles over the last few weeks.

Pedro has looked good in his first two starts back from the DL and Derek Lowe has had four quality starts in his last five. If these two are right, the Sox top three match up pretty evenly with what their main competition can throw at them.

I know this goes against popular opinion, but the feeling here is the addition of Byung-Hyun Kim might well be the last piece of the puzzle the Sox needed. Put BK in a regular role—closer or starter—and all the other pieces might well begin falling into place.

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It was a clean sweep for Marinerland lacrosse coaches. Congratulations to Andrew Curran, Nate Balboni and Kevin Orcutt, all of whom were deservedly named "Lacrosse Coaches of the Year" by the Boston Globe this week, Div. 1, Div. 2 and Div. 3, respectively.

Curran led his Braintree High team to a 16-3 season, a Bay State League championship and into the semifinals of the Div. 1 state championship semifinals, where the Wamps fell to eventual state champ Beverly. All this in just the third year for the program in varsity play.

Ba!boni, in his first year as head coach at Marshfield, took a team that hadn't even qualified for the state tourney a year ago all the way to the Div. 2 Eastern Mass championship final. The Rams finished with an overall record of 17-4.

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Boys and girls Lacrosse clinics

The Cohasset Recreation Department will soon be taking registrations for both boy's and girl's Lacrosse clinics.

The clinics will be held the week of Monday, July 21, through Friday, July 25, for grades 3 to 6 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Milliken Field, The fee per participant will be $75 and checks may be payable to Town of Cohasset. A few days will run longer than 10 a.m., however, we will advise you of which days.

Mr. Chuck Jaffe will direct this unique opportunity to learn and develop the basic skills and concepts of lacrosse.

Registration forms can be obtained at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall in early May.

Cohasset's Straughn to play with SSBC's Seadogs in Select Six 2003 Tourney

HINGHAM, Mass. - The South Shore Baseball Club's 16-and-Under Seadogs/AAU traveling team will host the 4th annual "Select Six 2003" tournament July 2-6 at Strong Field in East Bridgewater. Cohasset's Ted Straughn is one of 17 top local players chosen for the Seadogs.

The five incoming clubs are 2-time defending champion East Cobb Astros (Georgia), the top youth baseball program in the country according to Baseball America, Team Connecticut Bombers (Meridian), Maryland Outlaws, Virginia Junior Bombers, and Long Island Tigers (New York).

Fifteen players from teams that participated in the 2001 Select Six are today playing Division 1 college baseball or in the minor leagues. Nineteen Select Six alumni players are expected to be playing Div. 1 or pro ball this season. More than 20 players from last year's tourney, including a half-dozen potential first-round draft picks, are projected as Div. 1 or pro prospects next year.

The "Select Six 2003" features round robin action Wednesday through Saturday, July 2-6, with games played at 9 a.m., 12 noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Pairings for Sunday's championship round will be based on series results with the No. 5 & No. 6 seeds starting at 9 a.m., followed by the championship game at noon with the top two seeds, and the "Bronze" game at 3 p.m. pitting the No. 3 & No. 4 seeded clubs.

The Seadogs program is part of the South Shore Baseball Club, which been a member of the Massachusetts Association of the Amateur Athletic Union since 1994. The South Shore Baseball Club is a year round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players (boys and girls), ages five and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or the Seadogs call 1.888.749.6466/781.749.6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

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South Shore Soccer Camp Boys and Girls - ages 8 to18

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's one-week long Soccer Clinics which will be held starting Monday, July 28, through Friday, Aug. 1.

Soccer will meet each day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for and the fee for the one week session is $245 per participant with a $20 discount for second child. Please complete the application form in the brochure at be Cohasset Recreation Department office. First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited. Early registration is advised.

South Shore Soccer Camp Soccer Squirts Ages 4 and 5 and 6 and 7

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be on going at Town Hall for South Shore Soccer Camp's week long Squirts Clinic which begins Monday, July 28 through Friday Aug. 1.

Soccer ABC's for ages 4 and 5 will meet each day from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and the fee is $85 per participant. The Half Day program for ages 6 and 7 will meet each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the fee is $125 per participant. The fee includes a camp shirt and appropriate sized soccer ball for each participant, both available the first day of camp.

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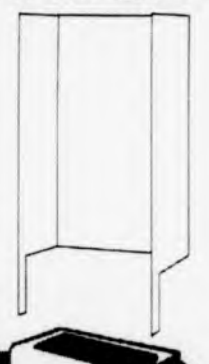

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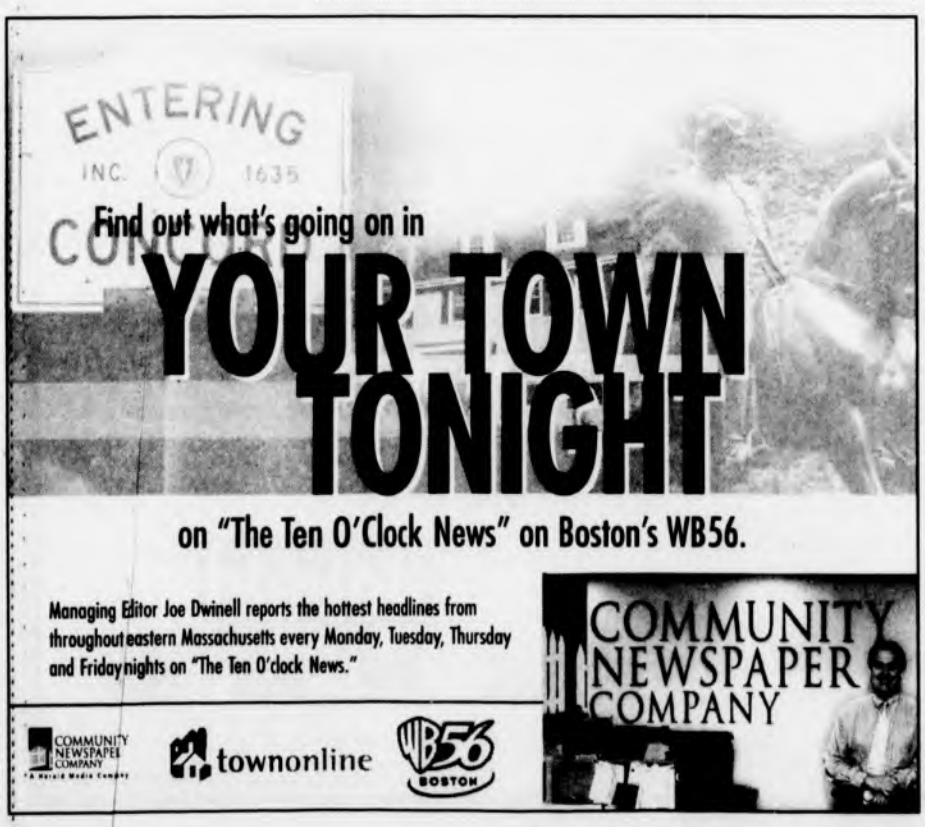

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Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

First Parish:

The First Parish Church, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.; the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

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Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. All welcome. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org

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St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service; Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

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600 Nantasket Ave. 925-0091, 925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

POLICE LOG

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

12:56 a.m. Linden Drive, noise complaint.

8:54 a.m. Clay Spring Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

11:14 a.m. Parker Ave., lost, property.

5:22 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Howe Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:44 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:01 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster rod, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:43 p.m. Hill St., family disturbance. Arrest of James Edward Lavigne, 47, of 13 Hill St., Cohasset. Charge: Assault and Battery.

11:03 p.m. Norfolk Road, property damage.

11:45 p.m. Elm St., suspicious person(s)/activity. Juvenile Arrest of a 16-year-old for possession of a Class D drug.

MONDAY, JUNE 9

7:08 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:10 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

8:54 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:56 a.m. Nichols Road, suspicious.

9:55 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.

12:37 p.m. Short St. and Ash St., fire investigation.

1:57 p.m. Arrowwood Road, lost property.

2:06 p.m. Elm St., traffic complaint.

5:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, escort.

8:13 p.m. Hillside Dr., threats, (bodily harm).

9:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:26 p.m. Forest Ave. and Fox Run, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Crocker Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:31 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

10:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

8:04 a.m. Doane St., larceny.

9:10 a.m. Beechwood St., suspicious person.

9:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:39 a.m. Norfolk Road, officer wanted.

10:09 a.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

12:25 p.m. King St., investigation.

12:33 p.m. Sohier St., officer wanted.

12:47 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle violations.

1:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

2:07 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

2:13 p.m. Pond St., disturbance gathering.

3:27 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

3:36 p.m. Stockbridge St., animal control.

3:45 p.m. Highland Ave., annoying phone calls.

4:18 p.m. First Parish St., medical aid.

4:31 p.m. Border St. disturbance gathering.

4:44 p.m. Elm St., well being check.

4:56 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

5:56 p.m. Beechwood St., parking complaint.

7:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Sanctuary Pond Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:56 p.m. Highland Ave., annoying phone calls.

8:01 p.m. South Main St., suspicious.

8:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other agency.

8:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Pond St., motor vehicle crash.

9:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

6:35 p.m. King St. and Lily Pond Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:44 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:50 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:52 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley rod, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:04 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:36 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:50 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Hull St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:58 a.m. Beechwood St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:10 a.m. Beechwood St., and Riverview Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire.

12:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

12:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

Police make drug arrest

Police arrested a 18-year-old Randolph man on marijuana charges in the wee hours of last Friday morning.

Kirwin Mikell was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

While on patrol, Officer Jeffrey Treanor observed a white male exit a black Nissan and approach the Exxon Station at the corner of Beechwood Street and Rte. 3A at about 1 a.m. The station was closed and in darkness.

Treanor investigated further, approached the vehicle and subsequently arrested the four occupants.

Laura Kelly, 17, of Randolph; Andrew Benefit, 17, of Randolph and Tania Melenduz, 18, of Randolph were charged with being minors in possession of liquor after Treanor and back-up officers Francis Yannizzi and David Cogill discovered a quantity of alcohol in the car and trunk.

Treanor also observed several plastic baggies enclosed in larger baggies containing a green leafy vegetable matter believed to be marijuana. None of the teens were able to make bail or call for money, so they spent the night in jail and were arraigned later Friday morning in Quincy District Court.

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Robert Siegelman, art instructor at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, the Art New England school at Bennington College, Tufts University and the Eliot School in Jamaica Plain, will conduct an intensive workshop exploring printmaking at the South Shore Art Center. While many printmaking classes focus on technical development, this class, for artists of all ability levels, will focus on content and image development within one's work. Students will create easily produced monoprints and monotypes, and will have the opportunity to work independently while receiving individual attention and support. Demonstrations of various techniques will be given, as well as projects designed to push creative growth and process. Experimentation is encouraged, while regular critiques and discussions will enliven the classes.

Siegelman's exhibition experience includes the Gallery NAGA, Boston, The Mills Gallery in Boston, The Fitchburg Art Museum and the Cambridge Art Association's National Prize Show.

The workshop meets Friday, Aug. 1 through Sunday Aug. 3, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., the cost is $275 ($250 for members of the South Shore Art Center). For more information visit www.ssac.org or to register call 781-383-2787.

Michigan carillonneur

The second program in the 79th season of Summer Carillon Recitals on the Cohasset Carillon will be given Sunday evening, July 6, by Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, carillonneur of Grand Valley State University, Mich. Vanden Wyngaard's program will include music originally composed for carillon, as well as arrangements and transcriptions of familiar music. The 57-bell instrument is located in the tower of St. Stephen Episcopal Church overlooking the Cohasset Common.

The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m. and is free of charge. It will take place regardless of weather conditions, and in case of rain, the bells may be heard from your parked cars. Printed programs, schedules and brochures will be distributed on the Cohasset Common and will also be available in a stand by the courtyard of St. Stephen Church on Highland Avenue extension. Listeners are invited to bring chairs, blankets and picnics to the common or the church courtyard.

Further information may be obtained by calling St. Stephen's Church, 781-383-1083; the Church Carillonneur, Sally Slade Warner, 978-475-2599; or the Assistant Carillonneur, Mary Kennedy, 781-383-9599.

Band concerts at Nantasket Beach

"Four Guys in Tuxes" will return to the Bernie King Pavilion at Nantasket Beach to kick-off the summer band concert and swing dance series. The annual event was interrupted last year because of the delayed rebuilding of the site, according to a recent announcement from the Nantasket Beach Merchants Association's longtime president and Hull Selectman, Leonard Hersch, who first organized the popular series in the 1970s.

The group will appear on Sunday, July 6 at 2 p.m. as a free, community service at what has become their traditional holiday-weekend event in Hull.

While all efforts are being made to have the M.D.C.'s facility open and ready for this popular event, according to state officials, additional concert dates are pending the final completion of the site.

Garage dance

Are you feeling hot, hot, hot in the summer sun? Cool off at a dance at the Garage, Friday, July 11, from 7-10 p.m. This dance is for current fifth-graders who will be attending sixth grade this fall and all above grades. The door charge is $5 per person and snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Garage hours

During summer vacation, the Garage will be open the following days/times:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3 to 7 p.m.; Fridays, 4 to 10 p.m.

Every first and third Saturdays, 5 to 10 p.m.

The Garage will not be open Friday, July 4, or Saturday, July 5.

'Cinderella' signups

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct Music Circus registration for "Cinderella" Tuesday, July 8, from 9 a.m.-noon and again from 5 -7 p.m. at the Recreation office at Town Hall for children in the Playground Program.

Music Circus registrations for children involved in the Playground Program will be held every Tuesday at the Recreation office from 9 a.m.-noon and from 5-7 p.m. at the Recreation office at Town Hall.

"Cinderella" will be held at the Music Circus, July 24. Children will be walked down from Playground with their counselors.

Band concerts

During the past 11 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc.

Each June the Board of Directors of the South Shore Music Circus takes under consideration the request of the Recreation Commission, for concert funding, hence, certainty of concert are not absolute until mid-June, each season. The SSMC donations are matched by a grant from the American federation of Musicians, N.Y.C.

Based upon continued SSMC funding, the schedule for the 2003 season is as follows:

Tuesday, July 15, 7:30 p.m. Town Common

Performances will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Mr. Richard P. Whitmarsh. Concerts are held on the Cohasset Common, free of charge and the public is cordially invited. It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellent is a good item to have available. You may call the Recreation office at 383-4109 to check on the status of concerts should you be in doubt as to weather conditions.

Buttonwood hosts cookbook author

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset will host cookbook author Lora Brody, "The Cape Cod Table" (Chronicle Books, $35) on Thurs., July 10, from 7-9 p.m. Topher Gudmand, manager, at Cohasset Plaza Liquors, 380 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., will join Brody and will speak about wines and pairing wines with recipes featured in Brody's book. Brody will bring an appetizer that she created, Smoked Salmon Cheesecake, which was featured by Craig Clairborne in the New York Times. Gudmand will bring wine for a tasting.

"The Cape Cod Table" is filled with recipes and pictures of the Cape and the food. The recipes begin with breakfast and continue with dishes for every meal of the day — lunch, dinner, cocktails and dessert. Brody's recipes also address the different types of Cape days. Chowders for the cold, rainy day, clambakes for hot sunny day and elegant yet simple meals for company.

Brody is a best-selling author with 22 books to her credit, including "The Kitchen Survival Guide" and "Basic Baking." Her recipes have appeared in many newspapers and books, including "The New York Times Sunday Magazine" and "The Boston Globe." She was a featured chef in the public television series "Baking With Julia, with Julia Child" and has appeared on "Good Morning America" and "The Today Show." She lives in the Boston area and spends six months of the year at Provincetown on Cape Cod. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

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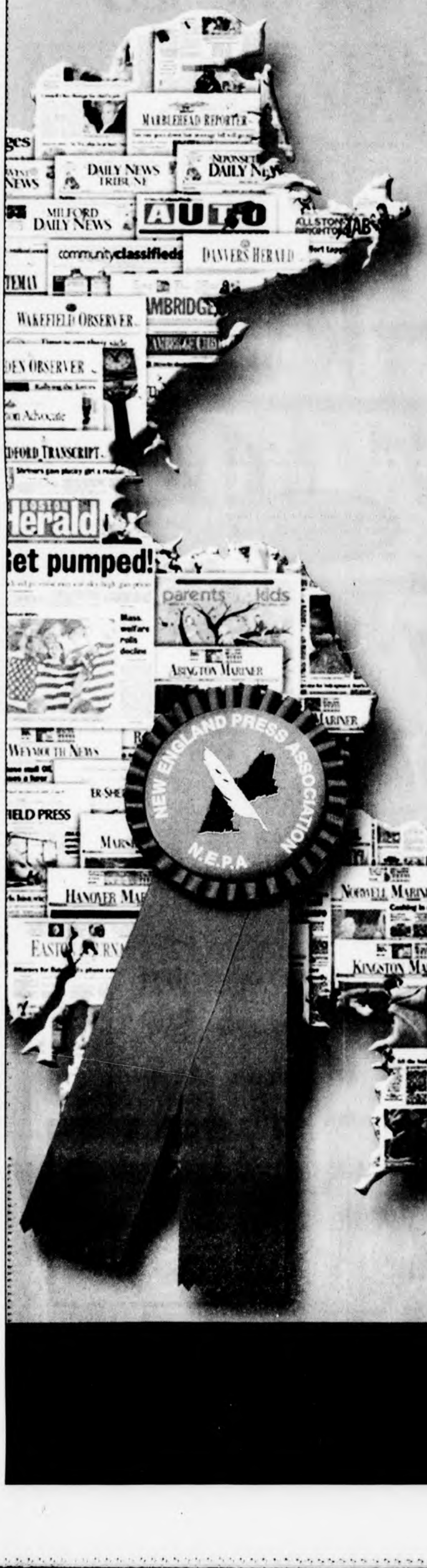

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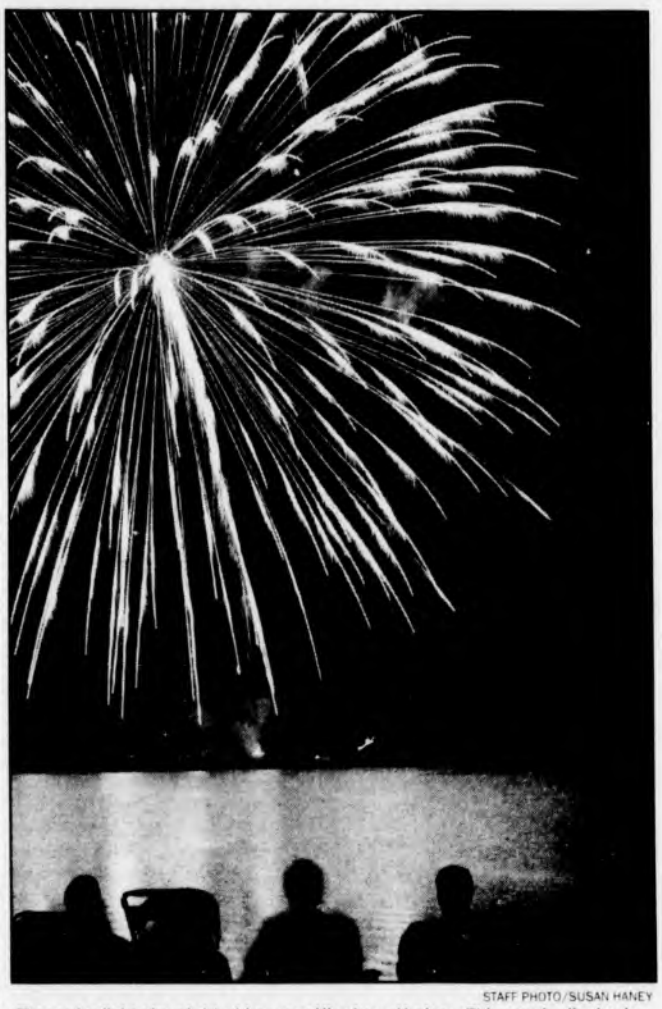

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Fireworks light the night skies over Hingham Harbor. This year's display is set to go off Saturday, July 5, at 9 p.m.

Celebrate the Fourth!

The South Shore celebrates the country's birthday in style each year with picnics, parades, carnivals and colorful fireworks displays in several communities.

Weymouth's Wessagusset Beach will be illuminated by a brilliant fireworks display Thursday, July 3. The evening's events start at 5 p.m with kiddie rides novelties food and refreshment concessions. There is free bus transportation to the beach from St. Jerome's Church Parking lot on Route 3A, from Lowe's Home Improvement at Riverway Plaza and from the Whipple Senior Citizens Center 180 Green Street.

Hingham starts off the Fourth of July off running with the annual July 4th Road Race organized by the Friends of Hingham Recreation Commission. Registration for the 4.7-mile race begins at 5 a.m. at Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main Street. Call the recreation department at (781)741-1464 for more information.

The Kiwanis Club Pancake breakfast also gets underway at 7 a.m. and goes up until the Hingham Fourth of July Parade steps off at 10 a.m. This year's parade thee is "Freedom's Trail." Hingham's celebration wraps up with a bang with the Lion's Club Fireworks Display launched from Button Island Saturday, July 5 at 9 p.m. A rock concert from 6 to 7:15, followed by other performers including the Satuit Band precedes the display. Vendors will be on hand offering sausages, fried dough, Italian slush and other refreshments. The rain date for the fireworks is Sunday, July 6.

America's Hometown pulls out all the stops on the Fourth with its colorful parade stepping off in North Plymouth and winding down to the waterfront beginning at 9:30 a.m. Plymouth also hosts a breathtaking fireworks display over the harbor at 9 p.m. The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra sets the patriotic musical mood with a free concert preceding the fireworks display at 7:30 p.m. on the Plymouth Waterfront. The rain date is Saturday, July 5 at 7:30. A carnival complete with games and rides will be held from July 2 -6 in the parking lot of the former K-Mart on Route 44. The carnival will run from 6 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, July 2 and Thursday, July 3 from 1 to 10 p.m. Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5 and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 6.

Visitors can become delegates and represent their colony in the Adams National Historical Park's reenactment of the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress. The free event has three performance times on Friday,. July 4 — 11 a..m., 2 p.m., or 7 p.m. at the Carriage House at the park, 135 Adams Street, Quincy. For information and reservations call the Adams National Historical Park Visitor Center at (617) 770-1175.

-Alice Coyle

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Hingham's popular annual Fourth of July parade steps off at 9.30 a.m. Stephanie Vento gets a view of the 2001 parade from inside a Hingham fire truck.

Painter finds her place by the sea

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Summer's here and the time is right for, among other things, going to places by the sea.

Such places are more than compatible for artistic rendering through oil on canvas, as Hingham painter Diane Scott has discovered in her various travels to locations from her hometown to Tuscany, Italy in the past seven years.

Much of the best of Scott's work produced in her journeying captures scenes of summer, giving an additional timely theme to her one-person show, *Places By the Sea*, on view at the Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery through Aug. 15. The exhibit is also the latest in the Hingham Library's ongoing gallery series showcasing artist members of Marshfield's North River Arts Society.

Scott, 52, a Toronto native and former nurse, is the winner of numerous local and regional artistic prizes, including a best oil prize in the Cape Cod Art Association's All New England show and other best oil awards. She also taught intermediate oil painting classes at NRAS until retiring from that to pursue her own painting full-time a year ago.

True to the exhibit's title, Scott's 32 works included offer a variety from beachside, dockside and bayside scenes to inland views through woodlands, meadows, townships and villages presumably not far from the oceanfront. On most of her pieces, the artist displays a rich, sensitive touch, a palpable breezy effect conveyed by scenes featuring a blue water element and even an appropriately cooling chill amidst the scattering of snow/ice-laden winter portraits.

STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

Diane Scott will display her art at the Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery through Aug. 15.

"What am I working on lately? I have been focusing on refining my compositional skills," said Scott. "The paintings must read from a distance before the viewer even knows what he is looking at."

"Also I'm trying to get more interest in the paintings I am doing lately by varying the vantage point instead of always being at eye level and looking straight on at the view. It's amazing how much more dynamic you can make an image just by climbing up a few feet to look down on something or getting low and looking up at the subject," the artist said.

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"Clear Tomorrow" *Diane Scott*

Scott's concept of experimental views is pervasive throughout her one-person show, much of which was created since 1995 and in between the places mentioned took the artist from various local spots in Scituate, Marshfield and Cohasset to Gloucester and Manchester, Massachusetts as well as the perennially

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Recipe for tranquility

By Joan Reid
SPECIAL TO LIVING

It is said that the act of gardening feeds the soul, and if that's true, then this year's Science Center Garden Tour provides you with a veritable feast. Spend an idyllic summer day nurturing your senses with the color and heady aroma of flowers in full bloom, as you are inspired with new ideas to implement in your own garden.

"Through the Garden Gate", the 22nd annual Garden Tour to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell will be held on Wednesday, July 9th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and includes seven gardens in Norwell, Hanover and Duxbury. The tour is a perennial favorite of garden lovers, because of its reputation for magnificent gardens, and this year is no exception.

One Duxbury garden stands where a 19th century shipyard once operated. With a breathtaking view overlooking Kingston Bay, this property is large, so wear your walking shoes and bring a notepad! A tea rose garden forms an arc around the lawn and overlooks the water, providing the garden's owners with dozens of fragrant roses to fill their home each day. Other highlights include a three-tiered, terraced vegetable garden that plunges down a hill to a tennis court, a monkey puzzle tree and a shade garden that boasts over twenty varieties of hostas.

Step back in time to experience an English cottage garden in Hanover. Enclosed by a stonewall with a grass swath path, a delightful assortment of old fashioned perennials, such as hollyhocks, peonies, iris, catmint, campanula, poppies, bee balm, foxglove and lilies intermingle with one another. Another highlight of this property is a brick patio bordered by a modified herb garden and pergola with climbing wisteria that combine to create a small seating area.

In Norwell, visit a home that features a formal garden crisscrossed with brick paths and enclosed with a hedge of boxwood. Bulbs, perennials and summer blooming shrubs provide a season long

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A preview of some of the gardens on this year's Through the Gate Garden Tour to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center.

Living

Food & dining

The best white cake

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

A basic white cake is as fundamental to American home cooking as a pudding is to the English – no repertoire is complete without it. Over the years, I have developed a few recipes for white cake, only to discover that there are three quite different mixing methods: creaming the butter, creaming the butter and whipping the egg whites, and mixing softened butter with the flour mixture. The question was which method produced the lightest, most tender cake.

For years, I had been using the basic "cream the butter" (the butter is beaten with sugar until it is very light and thick) method but I was aware that the texture was a bit dry and the texture slightly coarse. When I tested adding some beaten egg whites to the mixture, the resulting cake was even drier. That left me with what is often referred to as the "two-step" method: Softened butter is beaten with the dry ingredients and then the wet ingredients (including egg whites) are added. This was clearly the preferred approach since the cake was soft, moist and delicate. Now I set out to perfect the recipe.

I began with a master recipe that called for milk, large egg whites, cake flour, sugar, baking powder, vanilla, salt, and butter. I tested the quantity of milk and ended up sticking with one cup – I had no luck substituting cream, sour cream, or buttermilk for some or all of the milk. Six egg whites was just right – when I used more, the cake turned springy. As for butter, 12 tablespoons was perfect – when I added more, the cake turned dense, a bit like pound cake. I was using 3 cups of cake flour but found the cake unpleasantly floury. After a few tests, I reduced this amount to 2 1/3 cups, also testing all-purpose flour, which simply made the cake tough. I did find that many recipes use too much sugar so I reduced my starting quantity of 2 1/4 cups down to a mere 1 1/2 cups and vastly preferred the finished cake.

This recipe produces two 9-inch layers and they bake for about 25 minutes at 350 degrees. I did butter the pans and covered the bottoms with parchment paper but found that flouring the pans was unnecessary.

THE BEST WHITE CAKE EVER

This is a great recipe to use as the basis for a classic birthday cake. A simple chocolate frosting works well.

1 cup whole milk at cool room temperature
6 large egg whites at cool room temperature
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 1/3 cups cake flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
4 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
12 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened but still firm

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Grease two 9-inch cake pans with softened butter or Crisco and cover the bottom of each pan with a circle of parchment. In a medium bowl, stir together the milk, egg whites, and vanilla with a fork.

2. Place the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in the bowl of a standing mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Add the butter and 1/4 of the milk mixture and mix on low speed until dry ingredients are moistened, about 1 minute. Increase the speed to medium and mix until the batter comes together, about 30 seconds. Increase the speed to medium-high and mix for 2 minutes, stopping to scrape down the sides of the bowl once or twice. Add the remaining milk/egg white mixture to the batter in three batches, mixing for about 20 seconds after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and beat on medium-high until batter is homogeneous and light, about 30 seconds longer.

3. Transfer the batter to the prepared pans and bake until the cake is lightly colored, feels set, and a cake tester comes out clean when inserted into the center, about 26 minutes, rotating the cakes 180 degrees halfway through the baking time. (Baking time will vary depending on your oven.)

4. Remove pans to cooling rack and let rest for 5 minutes. Run a thin knife around the sides of the pans and invert the cakes one at a time onto cooling rack. Reinvert cakes so the top is facing up and let cool completely.

Makes 2 nine-inch cakes.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Painter finds her place by the sea

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favorite artists' retreat of Monhegan, Maine. There is an overall consistency of tone, with rich greens and blues dominating the New England-based shoreline and cove scenes in particular.

Monhegan-scapes such as those of the famous Island landing, Fish Beach and Lighthouse prove just as alluring in comparitively less exotic modesty as the hillside and village views from Tuscany, titled "Tuscan Vineyard," "Canale" and "Vernazza." All of Scott's titles are generally terse and matter-of-fact, such as the familiar local scenes of "Cohasset Village" and "Dry Dock, Cohasset," though the artist makes it whimsical for the snow-covered field-scape of "No Soccer Today."

Scott's work is also available at South Street Gallery in Hingham and through her studio on the second floor of the Codman Building in Rockland.

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Recipe for tranquility

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display of color in this garden. At the center is a fountain and pools of fish and water lilies, surrounded by a planting of Salvia "Blue Hill". Nestled into the hillside by the swimming pool are plantings designed to provide privacy and summertime color.

In addition, explore an organic garden, seaside garden, herb garden, Moon garden, wildflowers, lilies and more. The gardens can be visited in any order, at one's own pace, between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the day of the tour. There will be a hostess and tour guide at each garden, and labels on the different plants to help guide the way.

The Science Center's butterfly, herb, wildflower and raised sensory gardens will also be at their finest. While at the Center, enjoy some lemonade, iced tea and cookies in our air-conditioned facility. And take a chance on this year's raffle item, a gorgeous verdigris birdbath featuring a frog on a lily pad in the middle of the bath.

Tickets for the garden tour are available in advance for $25 ($20 members). Tickets the day of the tour will be $25. A box lunch can be ordered in advance for $8. Tickets may be purchased at the Science Center during normal business hours, or charged via telephone by calling (781) 659-2559. Tickets are also available at the Marshfield Hills General Store, the Westwinds Bookshop and the Studio in Duxbury. The Garden Tour ticket contains detailed descriptions of each of the gardens as well as directions to each location.

The South Shore Natural Science Center is a non-profit environmental education center serving the entire south shore, and is dependent on various fundraising efforts, grants, and program and membership fees to continue its mission. All proceeds from the Garden Tour benefit the educational programming of the Science Center. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559, or visit our Web site at www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

The Angle with 'Angels'

Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle (C)

Lurking inside this bouncy paean to shiny cars, deafeningly loud sounds, some of it actual music, most of it what some *call* music, amazingly firm gluteus maximi, and special effects up the yin-yang, is a story. Whether you'll want to figure it out, whether the intended demographic audience for this movie will be interested enough to figure it out, is a different matter. But in case you'd rather save your money and not go hunting for the story, it appears to be this: The Angels, those crime-fighting hotties guided by the disembodied voice (John Forsythe) of their boss, Charlie, are in Mongolia to rescue a guy, who turns out to be problematic. Meanwhile, Natalie (Cameron Diaz) has moved in with her beau (Luke Wilson, specializing this summer in ineffectual nice guys; viz. "Alex and Emma"), who may propose to her. Alex (Lucy Liu) has a father (John Cleese — genetics seem to have been mislaid by this flick's makers) who is clueless, though her squeeze (Matt LeBlanc) comes to water plants and winds up telling daddy all. And Dylan (Drew Barrymore) still has her keen eye for studs and spots a few at the beach, but she has a secret: She was once Helen Zass, a name that gives the other girls mini-mirthful moments.

We get minor mirthful moments as the film drags on. In addition to these little character vignettes we're beset by a disgustingly tattooed, disgustingly ill-tempered, disgustingly coifed ex-boyfriend just out of prison (Justin Theroux, novelist Paul Theroux's nephew, if you want to know) and by an ex-angel (Demi Moore, to whose personal trainer should go an Oscar for keeping this senior citizen in stupendous shape) who plays the lead character here in the John Milton "Paradise Lost" version. That was a literary reference, boys and girls. Think: Who's the most interesting character in Milton's epic poem? You are *not* the weakest link! Yes! She is an angel gone bad. So: romances, vengeances, evil, majorly significant data, good guys vs. bad.

But why even try to piece this together coherently? Lord knows the movie's makers didn't. Imagine the story conference. "So, Solly, Sean, Bobby, we got the babes, now we need a couple hunks, the comic relief but not threateningly sexy black guy — Bernie Mac'd do; he's incomprehensible and can say 'dayum' — and maybe an upcoming young white kid for the early-teens, like that boy in last month's 'Holes,' Shia LaBeouf (what kinda name is Shia LaBeouf anyhow?). Just flip 'em in anywhere, keep the Angels wiggling, use some 'Hidden Monkey, Crouching Lizard' special effects stuff like last time and like in, uh, 'Matrix Rewound' — get the girls flying through the air, fiery crashes, PG-13 deaths, crank up the volume so we don't need to hire any actual writers, just toss in sentences, nobody'll understand anyhow....a certified hit!"

This sequel, not the last of this franchise, bet the ranch on that, is harmless and brainless, and it gives everybody, of both genders, all races, all ages between 12 and 32, 33 maybe, something to gawk at. Besides, it's a testament to the benefits of flossing and tooth whitening. Bernie Mac may pose an ophthalmological query or two, but his pearly whites are truly pearly, as are the ladies' and the other good guys'. Besides Demi Moore, who also sports perfect chompers, the bad guys don't smile, so who knows about theirs? I'm a dentist's son; I pay attention to major things like this, as valid a field of interest as any, for spending time with this movie.

"Written" by John August, Cormac Wibberley and Marianne Wibberley; directed by McG. Rated PG-13

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'BEEHIVE' the 60's musical sensation at Raffael's Restaurant, has secured the exclusive rights to present "Beehive" the 60's musical sensation at The Squantum Yacht Club on Quincy Shore Drive on July 18, 19, 25, & Aug. 8, 9, 15, 22, 23, and 29, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. There will be dancing with a DJ after the second performance each night. Tickets $20 for the 7:30 performance and $22.50 for the 9:30 p.m. evening performance. Groups rates available. Call 617-786-SHOW (7469) or www.jmproductionspresents.com

'LITTLE ANGELS' JIMMY FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT, Sept. 8, at Pembroke Country Club. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start: Tee time 1:15 p.m. Scramble format. $115 per player early registration special by Aug. 15, $100 per player. Includes "Little Angels" custom golf shirt. Non-golfers welcome $35 dinner only. $20 "Little Angels" custom golf shirt if ordered by Aug. 15. Player fee includes gift bag, golf cart, greens fee, stuffed chicken breast dinner. Prizes awarded for hole in one, on the green closest to the pin, lowest foursome score. For information contact Paul McLaughlin, 781-982-8383. http://oak47.ecorp.netgolf.htm

NETWORK CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT Aug. 11, at South Shore Country Club Amateurs and Novices alike meet each year to play in the SSWBN Network Classic Golf Tournament. To receive the pre-registration price, reservations must be received no later than 24 business hours prior to the event. This includes mail, e-mail, fax, and telephone calls. At the door, walk-in registrations are always welcome. 781-749-8883 781-749-3130 Fax www.sswbn.org

THE FRIENDS OF THE NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT South Shore residents are invited to sign up for the organization's Fifth Annual Charity Golf Tournament. The event will be held on Monday, Aug. 4, at the Marshfield Country Club, 515 Moraine St., Marshfield. Registration begins at noon. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow at the Country Club, where there will also be a silent and live auction. Tickets are $175 per person, which includes five complimentary raffle tickets. Make checks payable to the Friends of the NVNA. Call the Friends of the NVNA at 781-659-2342.

HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, Oct. 7 to Nov. 1. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

BLUE HAIR TROUPE, the hilarious, new musical revue that proves it's HIP to be old will be performing July 18 - Aug. 24 at the Tremont Theatre (next to the Wang Center), 276 Tremont St., Boston. Tickets are $25 and $30 and may be purchased by calling 866-443-2248, by visiting www.bluehairtroupe.com or at the door. Wheelchair Accessible. Performances are: Thursdays at 2 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays at 3 p.m.

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Make History this July Fourth at Adams National Historical Park, play a part in one of our nation's greatest dramas, the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Members of the audience will assume the roles of delegates to the Continental Congress and represent their colonies in a debate that will determine the fate of a nation! There will be three performances 11 a.m.; 2 p.m.; or 7 p.m. Independence Hall (Carriage House at Adams National Historical Park, Old House, 135 Adams St. Quincy, Price: Life, Fortune, and Sacred Honor (Free to All Patriots)

Thurs. 3

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. July 3, **G.E. Smith Band.** 617-439-7000.

Twilight Concert at Marshfield's Historic Winslow House on July 3, 5:30 p.m. Some fine performers from Marshfield and beyond will treat us to a rousing repertoire of American music, some new and some old. Join us and bring a blanket. Free. For more info call the Historic Winslow House at 781-837-5753.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. July 3, **Legion Bud Band.**

The North River Arts Society presents **By the River** – an exhibit of original oil paintings by **Susan B. Charles** at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. The exhibit runs through July 19. Summer gallery hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to noon. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library opens a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy.** The exhibit will run through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

PHOTO ART 2

JULY 7 - 24, 2003

ANDERSON GALLERY
Bridgewater State College

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The Anderson Gallery at the Art Center at Bridgewater State College presents Photo Art 2: New Technologies in the Visual Arts from July 7 to July 24. A reception will be held July 18 from 2:30-4 p.m.

Fri. 4

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The Satuit Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on the Morrill Bandstand, Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor. This concert will have a patriotic flavor with tributes to our Armed Services. Concerts are held Friday nights, same time and place, throughout the summer.

The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at the **James Spooner Trust Fourth of July Concert** on July 4, at 7:30 p.m. on the Plymouth Waterfront. Fireworks display at 9:15 p.m. Immediately after the concert. Rain date July 5 at 7:30 p.m. Free of charge.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fat City Band.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Day Out With Thomas At Edaville USA July 3-6 - Day Out With Thomas offers fans of all ages the opportunity to take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine. There is a variety of Thomas & Friends entertainment for the whole family. Interactive children's activities include storytelling; live music; indoor and outdoor play areas; toy train sets; temporary tattoos of Island of Sodor friends and face painting; an Imagination Station; live music and more. Other event highlights are Thomas & Friends video viewing and an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Thomas the Tank Engine's firm, but kindly boss, Sir Topham Hatt. 35 minute train rides depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission $14 for ages one and up and may be purchased by calling 1-866-468-7630 and at the Edaville box office. for more information visit www.thomasthetankengine.com Edaville USA is located off of Route 58 in Carver.

Boston Harbor Hotel presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. July 4 - **Thomas Crown Affair (1968)** For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night." Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Sat. 5

22nd annual Boston Harborfest -July 1 to 6: events include concerts at City Hall Plaza featuring **The Allstonians**, July 1; **Typhoon Ferri**, July 3; **Black Sea Salsa** July 5; cast members of **Beatlemania** July 5; Children's Day July 2; **Chowderfest** July 6. In addition to headlining events, more than 200 exciting activities are being scheduled throughout Boston's waterfront and downtown districts. For more information call 617-227-1528 or visit www.bostonharborfest.com

Hanover 5k Road Race - Saturday, July 5, at 9 a.m. Sylvester Field, Route 139. Entry $15. The course is one large loop that is mostly flat with only four turns. Age groups: 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+. For more information call 781-826-1300 or email bcassidy@healthtrax.com

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury - The current exhibition, **Floating Sculptures**, which features traditional and contemporary carved New England decoys on display through Aug. 24

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **K.D. Bell Revue** on July 5. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 6

The Plymouth Antiquarian Society presents the **70th Pilgrim Breakfast** at the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House, Plymouth, on July 6 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Costumed servers will again dish up cod cakes, baked beans and corn bread, as well as scrambled eggs. 17th century music, an herb sale and bake table. Tickets $8 per adult, $5 children under 12 $22 for a family of four (two adults/two children). For more information call 508-746-0012.

Pilgrim Hall Museum presents **Bringing Up Baby: 300 Years of Childhood in the Old Colony**, now through May, 2004 a new exhibit that explores the world of the very young in the Old Plymouth Colony from its beginning to the 20th century. What was it like to be a child 1620, 1850, or 1920? What can we learn from furniture, clothing, toys, games and other objects from the children who used them? What were the beliefs and sentiments of the parents who provided for them? How do letters, journals, literature, and other writing help to tell the story of the children of the Old Colony? Who were their teachers, what kinds of knowledge were important to learn? What did they do for fun? The exhibition is free with Museum admission. Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court St. (Route 3A), Plymouth. Information: 508-746-1620; web address: www.pilgrimhall.org Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Admission: adults $5; Seniors (62+) and AAA members $4.50; Children (5-17) $3.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) $15. Residents of Plymouth, admitted free.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Irish Volunteers** on July 6, 4 to 6 p.m. . Casual dress, cover charge varies. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more

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1964-The Tribute (World's #1 Beatles Tribute show) live at the South Shore Music Circus, Saturday, July 6 4 p.m. Tickets available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6pm.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Dixieland Jazz Concert. Stan McDonald's Blue Horizon** from 5 to 8 p.m. Dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. $10 admission. Handicap accessible. Dancing.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

Mon. 7

Insight Education Center presents a workshop **How to Deal With Difficult People** at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates July 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call Insight at 781-294-8004.

The North River Arts Society in conjunction with the **Historic Winslow House** presents **Local Classics** featuring original paintings by artist members of the NRAS Board of directors, including **Marcia Ballou, Sandy Donnellan, Jack Haran, Liz-Haywood-Sullivan, Ted Polomis, Jody Regan, and Susan F. Lynch Raffa.** Wednesday hours 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

The North River Arts Society presents **Places by the Sea** oil paintings by **Diane Scott** June 21 to Aug. 15, at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Opening reception June 23 at 7 p.m.

Art on the Avenue, featuring paintings, photography and children's playbooks, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visit at 1037 Nantasket Ave. in Hull or call 781-925-5619

Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents "Under Blue Skies" featuring South Shore Artist and teacher **Richard Toomey**. The exhibit will run from July 10 through Aug. 30. Opening reception July 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. 781-934-8640

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

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The Satuit Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on the Morrill Bandstand, Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor. This concert will have a patriotic flavor with tributes to our Armed Services. Concerts are held Friday nights, same time and place, throughout the summer.

Tues. 8

Braintree Park Department 2003 Summer Concert Series held at the Sunset Lake Beachfront on Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. July 8, **Java Jive**, playing popular favorites from the 70's 80's and 90's. In the event of rain, these concerts will be moved to Braintree High School Auditorium. A sign will be posted. For more information call 781-794-8903.

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books and Toys will host two authors, **Nancy Geary** and **Jennifer Haigh**, at the Hingham Public Library on July 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. Nancy Geary is celebrating the release of her second novel "Redemption" and the return of her blue-blooded sleuth, Frances Pratt. Jennifer Haigh debuts with her first novel "Mrs. Kimble" a story that traces the lives of three women who marry the same opportunistic man. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Boston Light Sunset Cruise - July 8, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fan Pier, next to Moakley Court House Join The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands for an evening cruise to Boston Light on Little Brewster Island. Explore the island and the lighthouse museum. On our way back to Boston see the lighthouse beacon shinning across the water as it warns mariners of the treacherous shoals around the island. Dress for the weather, bring your camera and your supper as no food or water is available on the island. The Cruise leaves Fan Pier, next to the Moakley Court House, Fort Point Channel, just over the old Northern Ave. Bridge at 6 p.m. returning at 9 p.m. Prices are: Adults $17, Seniors $15, Members of FBHI $13, Children 3-12 $10. Children 2 and under free. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 5 p.m.; cash only. For more information contact 781-740-4290. You may also send a SASE and your check to FBHI, 349 Lincoln Street, Bldg. 45, Hingham, MA 02043-1601.

The South Shore Natural Science Center is pleased to present "Landscapes Near and Far", an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Hanover artist **Valerie Doran Norris**. Open from July 1 to Aug. 31, the exhibit includes a collection of local scenes and vacation spots from Cape Cod to England. Valerie's watercolor paintings are rich in color and detail. Her choice of subject matter comes from a desire to whisk you away and make you daydream. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, July 12, from 2 to 4p.m. The exhibit can be viewed (free of charge) during July and August on Monday through Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off Route 3. For more information, call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

The Producers, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre through Aug. 17. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library &Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

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The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

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Families are invited to enjoy Roger Tincknell's lively program "Imagine That" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, at the air-conditioned cafeteria of the Kingston Elementary School. "Imagine That" is a participatory program of multicultural children's songs and stories for families and kids of all ages. With his enormous energy, Roger will have kids and adults alike singing along, clapping, stomping, dancing and playing musical instruments. This program is presented as part of the "Read! Think! Create! At Your Library!" 2003 Summer Reading Program of the Kingston Public Library.

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Boston Harbor Hotel Summer Swing begins July 9, and will continue every Wednesday night until Sept. 3 starting at 6 p.m. The series will feature entertainment from big band to jazz by the **Bo Winniker Orchestra**. The Boston Harbor Hotel is located at Rowes Wharf. call 617-439-7000 or visit www.bhh.com

"Through The Garden Gate" 22nd Annual Benefit Garden Tour to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, on Wednesday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., spend the day visiting seven of the South Shore's prettiest gardens, in Norwell, Hanover and Duxbury. All proceeds from this event benefit the educational programming of the Science Center. Tickets for the garden tour are available in advance for $25 ($20 members). Tickets the day of the tour will be $25. A box lunch can be ordered in advance for $8. Tickets may be purchased at the Science Center during normal business hours, or charged via telephone by calling 781-659-2559. Visit our website at www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

Life-Writing Program for Older Adults. A five-part workshop, Between the Lines: Capturing the Experience of Life, continues on Wednesdays, July 9 to Aug. 6, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Four Seaport Drive, North Quincy (wheelchair-friendly location). Sample ways to record life experiences, discover rich inner worlds or respond to the world around you, meet interesting people, and explore dreams of writing for yourself or others. No skills are required, only curiosity and a pen. Conducted by Karen Flood in cooperation with Quincy's Department of Elder Services. Advance registration and $55 fee are required. For information and directions, call 617/376.1506 or e-mail journalguru@yahoo.com.

Plaster Play Storyhour: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. My Bear & Me Bring your favorite bear, we'll read a story and paint a bear to bring home. Ages 4+. Call 781 659-0011 to register

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month **Paul Lindstrom** will exhibit his paintings for the month of July at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Summer View: Visiting Artists - **Bert Yarborough, Lee Boynton, Peter Schroth, Carol Woodin, Jesseca Ferguson, Robert Siegelman, Peter Madden**. Dillon Gallery: **Rita Brace, Mary Callahan, Marian Carlson, Liz Haywood-Sullivan. Beverly Rippel, Faculty Feature: Margaret McWethy.**

Compass Bank Free Concert Series , Historic Plymouth Waterfront - July 9, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. **Aztec Two - Step with Bait the Hook (featuring Kathy Stebbins).**

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Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

Thurs. 10

The North River Arts Society presents **Inspirations from the Garden**, an exhibit of original watercolors by **Virginia Wilson** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St,. Marshfield Center. For more information, call 781-837-8091 or visit northriverarts@rcn.com

Weymouth Recreation presents: **Family Concerts/Movies in the Park**, 75 Middle St., Amphitheater. July 10, **Don Altobello** and **"Just Friends"** 6:30 p.m. to dusk. In the event of rain, the programs will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. For more information call 781-682-6124.

Braintree's 2003 "Parties in the Parks" will be held on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Lincoln Playground (Located on Hobart St., off Hayward Street) Free food and games and dancing as **DJ Dan Antonelli** plays musical favorites for all ages. Call 781-794-8904.

Plaster Play Playshop. 1 to 2 p.m. Paint your favorite pet to take home. Ages 4+. Call 781 659-0011 to register.

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset will host **Lora Brody** for her latest cookbook, "The Cape Cod Table" (Chronicle Books, $35.00) on July 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. **Topher Gudmand**, manager, at Cohasset Plaza Liquors, 380 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., will join Ms. Brody and will speak about wines and pairing wines with food, particularly recipes featured in Lora's book. Lora will bring an appetizer that she created, Smoked Salmon Cheesecake, which was featured by Craig Clairborne in the New York Times. Topher will bring wine for a tasting. Free and open to the public. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. July 10, **Nicole Nelson Band** 617-439-7000.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Friday Night Fights & the Big Payback** on July 10, Show start at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, cover charge varies. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 11

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. July 10, **Sounds of Yesterday.**

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, July 11, smoke-free dance, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Boston Harbor Hotel presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The ..ovie series is free of charge. July 11, **North by Northwest**. For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Swinging Steaks** on July 11,. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, cover charge varies. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

A Leo moon continues to generate an upbeat mood today. However, a lunar polarity to Neptune at 8:39 a.m. can make for a slow start this morning. After that the green light for new beginnings goes on; start new activities, make important decisions, plans or purchases. The moon and Jupiter conjoin this evening, setting the stage for parties. Gather with friends and enjoy life to the max.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

A playful Leo moon continues active travel, making this morning ideal for socializing, vacationing. At 2:06 p.m. the moon aligns with Venus and becomes inactive. A practical Virgo moon takes over at 4:16 p.m., and a lunar polarity to Uranus may disrupt the flow of the evening. Keep it light; be more easygoing and adaptable.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

Planetary influences today are better for working than they are for vacationing. The moon travels in meticulous Virgo, and forms harmonious contacts to Mercury and the sun. In addition, the sun prepares to align with Mercury. This combination is prime for analyzing situations and making practical decisions, or for focusing on jobs that require accuracy and attention to detail. On the other hand, it may be difficult to relax and mellow out. The planet Venus moves into Cancer at 1:39 p.m., remaining there until July 29. A lunar alignment to Pluto warns you to avoid late-night bickering. Know when it's time to call it a night.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

At 12:15 a.m. the Virgo moon becomes inactive until 9:20 p.m. The sun and Mercury conjoin at 6:21 a.m., 13-degrees of the sign Cancer. Plan to get old projects out of the way; clean and reorganize. Get your life in order. Sidestep worries, doubts, fears. At 9:20 p.m. the moon enters Libra, setting the stage for a social evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 6

This day tops the charts for fun and games. The Libra moon continues active travel, and Venus, the planetary ruler of Libra, aligns with Uranus. Step out of your usual routine; do something different. Impromptu get-togethers or travel will be the most successful. Lighten up, enjoy the moment. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 10:32 p.m. It signals the beginning of a full moon buildup that will culminate next Sunday, July 13.

MONDAY, JULY 7

It may be difficult to get back to work and practical matters today. The Libra moon becomes inactive at 6:23 a.m. An applying alignment of Venus and Saturn generates a serious, conservative mood. Don't create problems for yourself by worrying about situations you have no control over. Let go of fears, self-doubts, limited thinking. Prayer and meditation can help you to find peace of mind.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

Roll up your sleeves and take on a full work agenda. You can be most productive today. The moon enters Scorpio at 12:43 a.m., and forms five major alignments to planets during the day and evening. Tackle jobs that require study, research or projects that have been problematic, glitchy. You can work out the kinks, get to the bottom of things, find solutions. A lunar alignment to Neptune prompts you to relax and unwind this evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

The Scorpio moon forms a 90-degree contact to Jupiter this morning. Its influence may generate an easier, lighter mood. On the other hand, don't go overboard and make extravagant plans or promises. You can get a lot accomplished today, if you are well-organized. Plan to initiate new activities before 1:58 p.m., when the moon aligns with Mercury and becomes inactive. The remainder of the afternoon is ideal for redoing projects already begun, making repairs and remodeling.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

The moon enters ebullient Sagittarius at 2:48 a.m., remaining there today and tomorrow. There are a couple of rough spots, however. Today, the moon forms 90-degree alignments to Uranus at 6:46 a.m. and Mars at 3:56 p.m. Slow down and use caution while driving or operating machinery. Avoid taking chances or doing anything risky. The combination of a lunar contact to Neptune and applying Venus-Mars alignment makes this evening prime for social or romantic activities.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

The moon and Pluto conjoin at 8:13 a.m., warning you to wake up in a good mood. Think before you say or do something you will later regret. Fortunately, storm clouds move out quickly, and sunny astrological weather prevails during the remainder of the day. The best period for initiating new enterprises occurs between 8:30-11:53 a.m., when the Sagittarius moon aligns with Jupiter and becomes inactive. Get back in the swing of favorite sports or hobbies. Put on your party hat and let the good times roll this evening.

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Village braces for 'bump-out' trial run

Delineators to be installed

By Mary Ford
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For those who may not have noticed the dotted lines indicating "bump outs" in the village, the proposed additions to the sidewalks at several locations will soon become a lot more visible.

Selectmen asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to go forward with plans to temporarily place sandbags along the perimeter of the proposed bump outs, but that plan has subsequently been bumped in favor of installing traffic delineators — dubbed flappers — that bounce back up when hit. Barrels will be installed to delineate the bump outs at Depot Court.

Haddad recommended against installing any physical, bump-out delineators because they would eliminate parking spaces. Part of the streetscape improvements include re-lining village parking which will result in a net loss of just one space, but keeping the parking as is for the bump-out trial would eliminate more spaces.

But Selectman Fred Koed said residents cannot get a true picture of how bump outs would affect traffic flow when they can just drive over them, as is the case with painted lines.

"We need to show people

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Town gets tough on quad gates

Says MBTA violated pact

By Mary Ford
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The issue potentially puts the MBTA in violation of its mitigation agreement with the town because the Army Corps of Engineers has not rendered its decision regarding the type of gate.

Selectmen aren't happy the MBTA has apparently ignored letters from Town Hall asking that design plans for Greenbush grade crossings be put on hold until the quad-gate issue is resolved.

Greenbush towns want the MBTA to use quad gates rather than traditional grade crossings that would necessitate installing median barriers, which the towns say are unsightly and would damage the character of the communities.

But the MBTA didn't listen and continues to submit plans using the standard crossing treatment, including a packet of 60 percent design plans that arrived last week, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

"It is obvious the MBTA is not

QUAD GATES, PAGE 4

LADY LIBERTY

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Janet Fogarty of Cohasset portrays the Statue of Liberty on the Republican Town Committee float in Hingham's Fourth of July Parade. Fogarty just completed her term as chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee. The float was named Most Beautiful in the parade.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Will Thomas takes advantage of the sprinkler to cool off from sultry weather Monday during camp at the South Shore Community Center.

Has summer finally arrived?

Some seek relief from heat wave

By Samantha Brown
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New England is one place where you can always count on Mother Nature to throw a few curve balls, and just when you think spring has finally sprung, she throws us full force into the heat of summer.

This past week around town, children were riding their bikes as usual, only many were steering with one hand, while holding a Popsicle or cold drink in the other. Their destination could have been sailing or boating, as many ride with life jackets on, or a towel around their necks, and perhaps some of the older ones were on their way to take a jump off the Border Street bridge.

For seven-year-old Zack Coggins, the heat had brought a business opportunity. As a twist on the traditional lemonade stand, Zack has been selling limeade to help quench the thirst of passersby. It is his third time having a stand at his house, and he said his sales are much better when it is hot out.

Zack said he enjoys his new business venture and said, "It's better than just lying

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Demolition delay bylaw is raised

Might save historic homes

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset is a town rich with history, which many local organizations and boards continuously work to preserve year after year.

The Cohasset Historical Commission, for instance, is currently working on drafting a "Demolition Delay" bylaw, which would be similar to the bylaw in place in Hingham, which can put plans to demolish a structure on hold for six months to allow time to consider whether a building can be restored and see what other alternatives to demolition are available.

Commission Chairman, Noel Ripley believes the bylaws are necessary and is very concerned with what he sees as the town's history slowly slipping away. When older homes in town are torn down to make way for brand new ones, their history goes with them.

"If we let our history go, we'll never recapture it. Today, the land is more valuable than houses."
— Noel Ripley, Cohasset Historical Commission

"We're losing a lot of assets in this town. If we let our history go, we'll never recapture it. Today, the land is more valuable than houses," Ripley said, and added that by tearing down the older homes, it's "eroding the character of the town."

Commission member Rebecca Bates-McArthur agrees and said, "People don't see the historical value, they just see the land value."

Planning Board member Peter Pratt said the board is

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This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, July 7.

Conservation Commission, July 10, July 24, 7:30 p.m.,

Growth & Development Committee, July 10, 7:30 p.m.,

Harbor Committee, July 15, 7 p.m.

School Committee, July 10, 7 p.m., high school library

Selectmen, July 15, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, July 10, 8 p.m., King St. treatment plant

Zoning Board of Appeals, July 21 (40A), Aug. 18 (Avalon), 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Beach gate meeting

Closing the gate at the north end of the Sandy Beach parking lot (by Nichols Road) may still be an option. Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris, Police Chief Robert Jackson and members of the Sandy Beach Association will meet to discuss the issue. Selectmen have received a couple of phone calls and one letter stating closing the gate permanently would enhance safety and keep out non-residents.

McMorris said in light of the concerns raised, it was important to sit down with the Sandy Beach Association to review the process of checking cars and to see if efforts need to be beefed up.

Robin Lawrence, president of the Sandy Beach Association, told selectmen last month the association would like to lock the gate at the Nichols Road end to help keep out-of-towners from using the popular location and as a safety measure.

He related a story about two women who were the victims of a "flasher" several years ago when the north gate was locked. The suspect was apprehended quickly after police were called because there was only one way out and a lifeguard blocked the south (Sheldon Road) exit with his car.

He also explained with the north gate open it is more difficult to prevent those without resident stickers to park there. On busy days the number of out-of-towners enjoying a day on Sandy Beach can be as high as 20 percent, he said.

He noted a parking ticket at the beach is $25, which is not a lot for a carload of kids with their friends to spend for a day at the beach.

At the time, selectmen opted not to close the gate altogether as requested, but did reach a consensus to close the north gate at dusk rather than 10 p.m.

Since that decision, Justine Vanderlugt wrote to selectmen about safety concerns mothers have for their children and described an incident that occurred two years ago where a man from another town tried to lure two young girls into his truck. She urged the north gate be closed and an attendant be stationed at the main gate at all times. She also suggested police patrols be increased.

Emergency planning committee is formed

In accordance with federal law and an executive order from the state, Cohasset is establishing a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) that will include a selectman, the town manager, fire and police chiefs, superintendent of schools, chairman of the Board of Health, DPW superintendent, and emergency management director or assistant director. The LEPC will insure there are adequate, workable plans, which protect the town and its residents from potential emergencies and disasters both natural and manmade. Such plans will address the mitigation, preparedness response and recovery aspects of emergency management relating to the threat of natural, technological and national security emergencies and disasters, according to Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik.

The LEPC's charge will be to develop, revise, maintain and exercise the town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) ; to coordinate with all town departments, state and federal emergency management agencies and local and regional non-government organizations and businesses; and to assure all potential emergencies are adequately addressed in the CEMP.

The committee will file an annual report.

Charging utilities rent is OK, but...

Selectmen have learned while it would be legal to charge utility companies rent for use of the town's underground conduits in the village, the utilities could pass that cost on to their customers, including the town itself. The issue of charging rent surfaced as a potential way to help offset the cost of burying wires in the village. The village revitalization plan includes money for installing the infrastructure to bury the wires but not actually putting them underground because of the estimated $600,000 in additional cost.

A few years ago, the town explored establishing a surcharge on residents' utility bills to pay for putting the wires underground, however, the proposal was rejected by voters. But last week, selectmen said that proposal included the infrastructure costs. Selectman Michael Sullivan said the cost under the current plan might be minimal and selectmen decided to explore the issue further.

Starbucks gets OK

Selectmen are satisfied that a plan to reduce the grade of the exit ramp at the far end of Tedeschi Plaza will increase safety there once the Starbucks opens in the former Fleet bank building. A representative from Tedeschi's said the ramp would be more gradual, and the company was willing to use the curb cut as an egress only.

"We are willing to say exit only – do not enter," Terry Tedeschi said.

A new landscaped area will also prevent traffic from traveling in front of the building to use the exit. In other words, only cars using the drive-through would exit there.

Selectmen OK'd awarding Starbucks a common victualler (food) license conditioned on the company obtaining a Planning Board recommendation on the new grade of the slope. Selectmen are looking for a grade of 5-6 percent, unless the Planning Board says otherwise. The grade of the existing slope is 10-11 percent, Tedeschi said.

Starbucks hopes to start construction in August and be open by the end of September.

Snow fencing OK'ed

The Conservation Commission approved the request made by members of the Cohasset Environmental Support Group to install snow fencing along the harbor side of Atlantic Avenue. The fencing will help keep people off the dunes and allow for the natural restoration of dune grasses.

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Sun. 13	11:34	9.9	5:20	11:44	11.7	5:28
Mon. 14	——	——	6:12	12:28	10.0	6:21
Tues. 15	12:37	11.6	7:02	1:19	10.0	7:12
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Town faces an additional $99K reduction in local aid

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"We will need to come up with $99,000 by the end of next June or we'll need to cut that much out of the budget."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

Numbers from the fiscal year 2004 state budget submitted June 30 indicate Cohasset will lose an additional $99,000 in local aid, Town Manager Mark Haddad said. The town was banking on a local aid reduction of $307,000, but now faces a reduction of close to another $100,000.

Haddad said he would wait for the final numbers on the so-called "cherry sheet" from the state to see what local aid line items are impacted before he suggests spending reductions. Cherry sheets tell cities and towns what the state aid numbers will be.

"We will need to come up with $99,000 by the end of next June or we'll need to cut that much out of the budget," Haddad told selectmen.

When the town passed its $28 million FY04 operating budget at Town Meeting, officials worked on the assumption the state aid would be cut by 15 percent. The town passed a $350,000 Prop. 2-1/2 override at the ballot box to help offset the anticipated shortfall in state aid. State aid is being cut as a way to help make up a $3 billion deficit in the state budget.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, warned the cut could be as high as 20 percent. FY04 began July 1. Haddad said as it turned out, Bradley was right on target.

However, Haddad said the override number would have remained the same regardless of the state aid cut. He said selectmen, the Advisory Committee and School Committee worked together to come up with an override number palatable to the taxpayers.

The $350,000 was as high as they wanted to go, Haddad said, noting how higher overrides have been rejected by many communities across the state this spring. He said if local aid had been level-funded, selectmen would not have opted to put an override on the ballot this year.

Haddad said it is too soon to say where the town will find the $99,000. It is possible the money could come from free cash or reductions in budget line items. He explained at first glance, none of the myriad options offered by the Legislature this week that could give towns tools to recover lost state aid through increasing fees would help Cohasset.

Weir River park in the works

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset are joining together to preserve the Weir River Estuary by creating a park, including much of its remaining unprotected shoreline. The estuary features more than 100 species of birds and rare volcanic and glacial geology.

Over the past decade, the Town of Hull has drafted several plans for a Weir River Estuary Park to capitalize on its recreational and educational potential. Recently the geographic scope was broadened to include the other two towns. The state designated the estuary an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in 1986. ACEC designation provides an extra layer of protection for the area's cultural and ecological resources.

The estuary goes from the end of the fresh water portion of the Weir River at Foundry Pond Dam in Hingham to the tip of World's End and Sunset Point in Hull, where it enters Hull Bay. It also includes Strait's Pond between Hull and Cohasset, which is partially tidal and flows to the estuary through a pipe at West Corner. The river originates in Hingham and empties into the Bay.

The Weir River Estuary Committee, drawn from the three towns, is now identifying key parcels of privately owned land which could be incorporated in the park and looking into grant opportunities. The park would be created through a public-private partnership. Some Community Preservation Act funds are available for open space acquisitions in towns such as Hingham and Cohasset, which adopted the legislation calling for a tax surcharge to be set aside for historic preservation, open space, and affordable housing.

"The estuary is a hidden treasure, and we want to respect the animal habitat and nearby residential areas," said Judeth Van Hamm of Hull, who chairs the park committee. "The best way to enjoy the park is in a canoe or small kayak. The first time I visited the estuary, I felt I was in the Everglades, away from everything."

A building in Hull has been earmarked for a future educational and welcome center, serving Hull, Hingham, and Cohasset schools and visitors from many communities.

The committee's goals in creating the park include:

- preserving the wildlife habitat;
- protecting and improving water quality;
- creating an educational outreach program; and
- providing recreational access.

A tri-town Estuary Committee would be appointed to oversee the park. Volunteers from all three communities are needed to transform the vision into a reality. Dick Avery is Cohasset's representative on the committee.

By September, UMass Boston's Urban Harbors Institute is expected to release a report based on input and information gathered at a May visioning session in Hull.

The 23.4-square-mile Weir River Watershed drains to the lower Weir River estuary including Straits Pond, which lies between the three towns, although most of the Straits Pond sub-watershed is in Cohasset. The Weir River ACEC consists of 922 acres, 31 percent of which is land and 69 percent is water. Forty-two percent of the ACEC lies within Hingham, including upland areas and wetlands. Most of the land in the Hingham portion is undeveloped. The open fields and forests of World's End's located in and adjacent to the ACEC comprise the largest protected undeveloped natural landscape in the area.

New ID cards are rolled out for some town employees

By Samantha Brown
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Haddad said the town will pay a $250 design fee for the cards, as well as a $10 charge for each individual employee ID.

Some town officials will be sporting new identification badges within the month. When working around town performing assessments or other jobs that require visiting people's homes, employees will be able to present official identification, assuring residents they are who they say they are.

The new identification cards will have a photograph, similar to a driver's license, and will include the employee's personal information such as name, title and ID number, and will feature the town seal.

Town Manager, Mark Haddad said it is not definite who will receive the identification just yet, but said they are obviously intended for employees whose jobs take them to people's homes.

"We want to make sure our employees and residents are both protected," he said.

The idea was sparked by Assistant Assessor Debbie Krupczak, who along with Deputy Assessor Mary Quill, realized they were giving out a good number of business cards as a means of identification to people whose homes they were assessing. She had thought of going to Nobles to pay for an ID to be made up for herself, but once it was mentioned to Haddad, he thought it would be a good idea for everyone in a situation like hers.

"We have about 400 homes a year to get to," said Krupczak, noting there will be even more during the 2005 fiscal year due to re-evaluation, which requires a town-wide review. With so many visits, that adds up to a lot of business cards, which aren't always easily accessible.

"Sometimes people question us," said Krupczak, as many would when a stranger comes to the door, but she also said most people are pretty trusting, which she believes is because she has lived in Cohasset for the past 23 years and knows a good majority of the people in town. That, coupled with the fact that she and her boss are both women and may seem less threatening, is why she thinks they haven't had as much trouble as men in their position might.

On the other hand, student hires can also cause alarm in neighborhoods where their faces are not familiar. In previous summers Krupczak said, "people were quite suspicious" of the teenagers taking pictures for them, of which one was her son. Identification badges would "alleviate any fears [residents] have that people aren't who they say they are," she said.

The identification cards will be made by Nobles, which also provides identification cards for the Cohasset Police Department. Haddad said the town will pay a $250 design fee for the cards, as well as a $10 charge for each individual employee ID. Krupczak's ID card has already been made, with others to follow.

Haddad said the towns of Brewster and Littleton, where he formerly worked, also had identification cards similar to the ones Cohasset workers will have, which worked well. He said for Cohasset, it will definitely be an asset, so the residents can always know and not have to question whether employees are legitimate.

Wompatuck Park gains acreage

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Wompatuck State Park will soon expand by 125 acres. The added recreational space is sure to please residents, naturalists, and others who bike, jog, walk, and hike there.

The parcel to be added, a former ammunitions facility of the Cohasset Naval Annex which is currently controlled by the Army, is located at the end of Hingham's Leavitt Street. An environmental cleanup of the "Hingham Annex" was recently completed, paving the way for the property to become part of the state park system under the Department of Environmental Management (DEM). The Department of Environmental Protection will review the final documents associated with the cleanup. The property must remain parkland.

Adding the Annex property to the existing state park will provide a solid link between the watershed lands of both Hingham and Cohasset, Whitney Woods (maintained by the Trustees of Reservations), and Wompatuck, creating a 5,000-acre contiguous area of quality recreational space.

Hingham Town Administrator Charles Cristello worked with the Army Corps of Engineers and Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) office, National Guard, DEM, state environmental officials, and Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, to bring about the cleanup and perform work related to safety issues. The process has spanned a decade, involving tearing down large, dilapidated buildings still standing on the property and the removal of asbestos, underground storage tanks, and contaminated soil. In 2001, the BRAC office awarded a contract to Parsons Engineering Science to perform the clean-up.

Although some contamination remains, project engineers have determined that no harm would come to those using the parcel for bird watching, sports, hiking, horseback riding, biking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, or other activities unless they were exposed to the property for more than 60 days a year. If any further contamination attributable to the Army's presence on the property is discovered in the future, the Army is responsible for cleaning it up. Copies of the site assessment report are available at the library.

Several years ago, Hingham was designated the local redevelopment authority for the property. Hingham selectmen were charged with coming up with a redevelopment plan under the federal base closure project. A number of options for the former Hingham Annex were offered, including Habitat for Humanity housing, an elder care facility, and an aviation museum. After further consideration, however, the town decided the best use of the land was to integrate it into the existing 3,000-acre park.

The site was used to manufacture and store ammunition during World War II. The property was also used as an Army training facility and to repair vehicles. There was activity at the site during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts as well. The Annex was part of a 3,700-acre, Navy-owned parcel of land which the federal government declared surplus and began turning over to the state in the early 1960s. Most of the property has become part of Wompatuck State Park.

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Bump-out trial begins

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what will happen, dotted lines are almost oblivious," he said, adding losing a few parking spaces for a couple of weeks did not outweigh the importance of the bump-out trial.

To that end, selectmen also authorized removing the island at the top of Depot Court that also serves as a POW/MIA memorial. The DPW removed the island on Tuesday.

If installed, permanent bump outs at both sides of the crosswalk at Depot Court would necessitate removing the island so there would be enough room for two-way traffic and turns from North and South Main streets. If the bump outs at the intersection are ultimately approved, the POW/MIA memorial will be installed at a new location on the sidewalk bump out the South Main Street corner of Depot Court.

This is all part of the $1.8 million Village Revitalization Project, which has been in the works for upwards of seven years and is being paid for through grants and private donations. Officials say bump outs at crosswalks would enhance safety because they allow pedestrians to walk out beyond the length of the adjacent parked cars to check for oncoming traffic before venturing across the street. The Cohasset bump outs are larger than those in Scituate Harbor, for example, because for the most part, the village uses angled and not parallel parking.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Mia and Bianca Furtado use the crosswalk at Depot Court, one of several areas where bump outs are planned. The POW/MIA memorial island has been temporarily removed for the bump-out test.

The bump-out talk at the selectmen's meeting last week also opened the door to reconsidering the necessity for the bump out at Tedeschi's and adding bump outs at lower Depot Court, which is no longer part of the streetscape improvement plan. Selectmen will ask for comments from the board of directors at the South Shore Community Center and the South Shore Community Center Nursery School before giving design consultants, the Waterfield Group, the go ahead for the final crosswalk design at lower Depot Court. Streetscape improvements were eliminated from Depot Court and Brook Street to free up money to install conduits for underground utilities.

The money from eliminating the bump out at Tedeschi's could be used to offset the cost of the lower Depot Court crosswalk and bump outs, estimated at $27,000, selectmen said.

The bump out trial — which is expected to start today and could last two weeks — will include the proposed bump outs at Cohasset Hardware, Lilac House antiques, Really Great Pizza, Dependable Cleaners and upper Depot Court.

Demolition delay bylaw is raised

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aware of the draft bylaw and said he is personally in favor of having some kind of bylaw to protect historic structures. Using the Red Lion Inn as an example, he said, "If someone can take the oldest, most historic building in town and renovate it with no regulations, that indicates to me that some type of demolition delay law makes sense."

Knowing some people might argue about property rights, Pratt feels that at the end of the day, a demolition delay bylaw would protect the property rights of everyone by preserving the character of the town.

Town Meeting would have the final say on adoption of the bylaw that could come before voters as early as this fall's special Town Meeting, Pratt said.

Ripley is worried about the town losing its character.

"I think the reason people come to Cohasset is because people want to see a place that looks like this," he said.

Ripley knows that for a town to move forward, it is inevitable that change will take place, but believes a line has to be drawn between "good change and bad change."

For this reason, the Historical Commission has begun taking a more "proactive" role in the preservation of the town. Bates-McArthur said it is important to work on keeping the town's history alive before it is too late.

Protecting historic assets is commission's role

To help with preservation, the Cohasset Historical Commission has spent much time getting historic areas, such as the Town Common and Government Island, on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commission also was the force behind completion the replica of Minot's Light at Government Island. The iron replica depicts the top 30 feet of the lighthouse, built to scale, complete with a copper roof. The Historical Commission also rebuilt the clock at the top of the First Parish Church Meetinghouse, and initiated the Captain's Walk, which runs from the Veteran's Park to Government Island. There are 10 stations along the way where walkers can read about the town's history.

"If you can see the past, it helps you see the future," chairman Noel Ripley said.

As evidenced by last week's selectmen's meeting, there may be some confusion in town about what role the historical commission plays. Selectmen weren't sure if the Committee of Town History was usurping some of the commission's duties with its continuing involvement in ensuring the three volumes of town history are available and as it looks toward establishing a fund to pay for the next volume in 50 years.

Then there's the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission, also a town board, and the Cohasset Historical Society, a private group – all of which have different roles to play.

The members of the Cohasset Historical Commission, which has been operating for 30 years, work both with and independently from the other historical groups in town, which include the Committee on Town History, which has been working with the schools to provide materials that will bring history to life for students, the Historical Society, which has moved to its new home in the old Paul Pratt Memorial Library where its expansive collection can be displayed, and the Common Historic District Commission, which preserves the character of the common and surrounding district buildings.

The Cohasset Historical Commission operates under the Massachusetts Historical Commission, which is directed by Secretary of State William Galvin. Each individual town and city has the option of adopting a historical commission if they wish, which most do.

"At one time or another, all but five communities in Massachusetts have had historical commissions," said Brian McNiff, spokesman of secretary Galvin's office. Massachusetts has 351 cities and towns.

Town gets tough on quad gates

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(paying attention) to our request and are pressing forward," he said.

Median barriers would be required for safety reasons if standard gates are used because Greenbush is a whistle-free corridor and the medians would prevent impatient motorists from skirting around a closed gate to beat an oncoming train. Median barriers aren't needed with quad gates, which have four arms instead of two, because they block both sides of the road going in each direction.

The issue potentially puts the MBTA in violation of its mitigation agreement with the town because the Army Corps of Engineers has not rendered its decision regarding the type of gate. The Army Corps has asked the MBTA to arrange a meeting with the Federal Railroad Administration, MBTA safety experts and town officials, along with Corps staff, to review the gates issue.

Selectmen gave Haddad authorization to start the informal dispute resolution process as spelled out in the town's mitigation agreement with the MBTA. Haddad will also see if other towns want to join with Cohasset in the effort.

Two letters were sent recently to the MBTA — one from Cohasset selectmen and the other from Cohasset and four other towns — asking the transit authority not to proceed with designing grade crossings until the quad-gate issue is resolved.

"Then all of a sudden sitting on my desk are plans for six grade crossings at 60 percent design," Haddad said.

In the first stage of a dispute resolution, the MBTA and town's authorized representative (Haddad) agree to confer in good faith to resolve the dispute (in this case, quad gates) to their mutual satisfaction. If the matter cannot be resolved, the dispute could reach the second stage involving a meeting with the general manager of the MBTA, a senior official of the state Executive Office of Transportation and selectmen. If not satisfactorily resolved at that level, either party may seek legal remedies for breach of the mitigation agreement.

Construction of the 17.7-mile Greenbush line is currently on hold pending resolution of outstanding permitting and right-of-way issues. Gov. Mitt Romney has said he would also use this time to review the cost of the estimated $464 million project.

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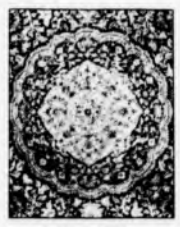

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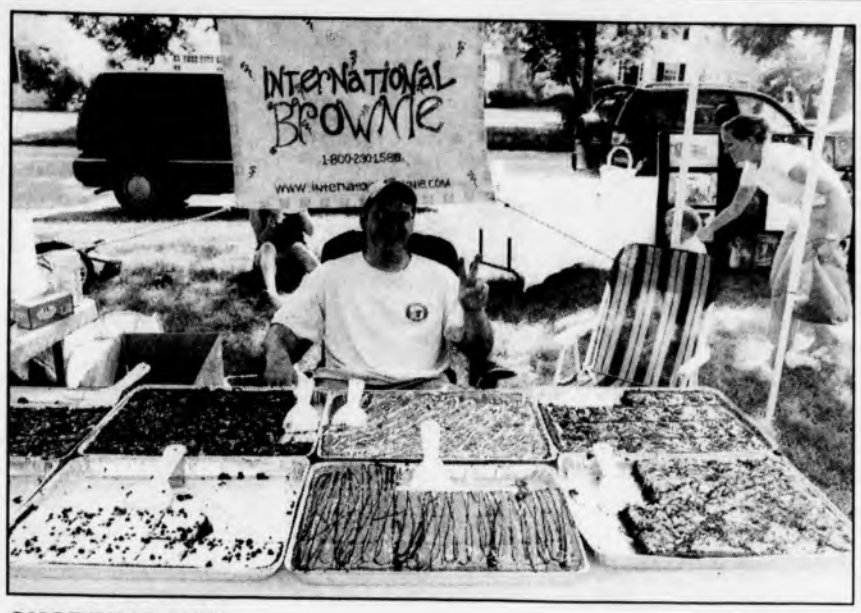

SHOPPING DAY

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Above: John Mooradian sells brownies made by International Brownie at the Farmers Market on Thursday.

Below: Children pass the time at the Farmers Market by doing the hokey-pokey. The Farmers Market is held from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays on the town common.

Party host beaten up; felony charges sought

By Mary Ford
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A group of about seven uninvited visitors at a Fourth of July holiday party allegedly caused an altercation that sent the party host to the hospital, Police Officer Rick Grassie said.

The event has resulted in Cohasset police seeking summonses for three Cohasset men and one Scituate man — who are all in their 20s — who will face felony charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Police declined to release the names of the alleged perpetrators before they are arraigned later this month at Quincy District Court. They have not been arrested because they had already left upon the arrival of police. Police are still investigating the incident; the men could face more charges, and others may also be charged, Grassie said.

Grassie said the incident actually occurred in two parts with police called to the latter.

He said several Cohasset and Scituate young adults went uninvited to a party at a house on South Main Street before midnight on the Fourth of July and were asked to leave. At that time, a physical confrontation apparently took place between several members of the uninvited group and invited guests, Grassie said. There was also a comment allegedly made that one of the uninvited individuals had a handgun in his pocket, although no handgun was ever shown.

But punches were thrown and one member of the uninvited group allegedly used a skateboard as a weapon, Grassie said. One of the guests sustained a broken tooth in the fracas.

Then the uninvited group abruptly left only to return at about 3 a.m., July 5 when "quite a brawl" occurred and police were called by a guest who said his friend was beaten up and needed help, Grassie said. The resident of the home was allegedly struck with a skateboard and punched and kicked about the face and body. He was transported to South Shore Hospital where he was treated and released. Others had minor scrapes and bruises, no one else required medical treatment.

Alcohol was not a factor in the incident, he said. It was not clear how many invited guests were in attendance at the party, police said.

Railing is approved for First Parish Meetinghouse

By Samantha Brown
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Change is taking place on Cohasset Common. The Cohasset Common Historic District Commission has given permission for one of the town's oldest buildings, the First Parish Church Meetinghouse, to add a new railing at its main door. The railing will provide safer access through the front door during Sunday services.

The building has a wrought iron railing only at its side door, making front door more challenging for those who need the support of a rail while entering the building.

The main door is currently opened only for weddings, but with the addition of new matching wrought-iron railings at the front, the main door could be opened for worship services on Sunday as well.

Any proposed changes to the buildings in the common district, need to come before the Commission for approval before they can be executed. The railings were approved by the Commission Monday.

"It's one of those things where I thought, why call a meeting because it's so appropriate?" said Commission Chairman Marian Atkinson.

The Meetinghouse is one of the few of its kind to have survived throughout the years, and is therefore a treasure to have in town. With its pitched-roof and attached square tower it reflects a style commonly seen in the 1700s.

While keeping the meetinghouse as historically accurate as possible is a goal for the Commission, there were changes made over a century ago. Built as a simple pitched-roof building in 1747, the meetinghouse acquired its entrance porch in 1768 and its square tower in 1799. As the years went on, more change took place with the installation of stoves in 1822, carpets in 1842 and the clock in 1864.

In 1992, the Parish petitioned the town for the addition of a septic system to make a lavatory available to parishioners on the premises.

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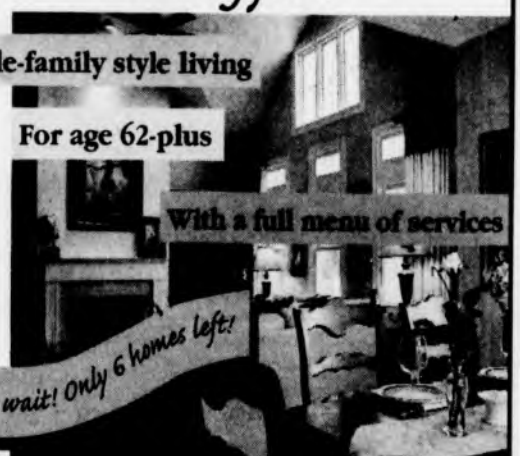

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'Missing' classmates still sought for CHS 1983 reunion

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Invitations have been sent out, but we are still missing mailing addresses for several people. Here is the list of missing classmates: **David Barrow, Joe Burke, Pam Faison, Chris Hebert, Larry Hoogeveen, Peter Madge, Barbara McDonald, Ted Patrolia, Diane Pixley, Lisa Powers, Laila Tehranian, Kerri Vallas, Tom Wright, Chris N. Wynn, Kathy Young,** and **Chris Zahnzinger** If anyone has questions or knows the whereabouts of any of the above, Please contact **Maureen** at 781-383-9125 or email her at mmccarthy@venturefsg.com

ARCHIES HONORS

Congratulations to **Meaghan Rizzotti** of Cohasset who made the honor roll for the fourth term at Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree. Meaghan, a senior, earned second honors.

NEW ARRIVAL

Happy grandparents **Marcia and Jeff Ludlow**, who were Cohasset residents for 25 years and now live in Mashpee, have some great news to report! A new grandson, **Nolan Scott Startzell**, arrived on June 10 at South Shore Hospital where he weighed in at 6 lbs., 9 oz. and measured 19 ins. in length. Nolan's proud parents are **Allison and Kennan Startzell** of Scituate. Ready to play with their younger brother are **Hayden**, 20 mos., and **Kennan Jr.**, 12. Also available for hugs are grandparents **Harry and Beverly Startzell** of Levittown, Penn. Congratulations to all and enjoy this little guy!

DEAN'S LIST

Benjamin W. Ketchum and **Jari R. Martin** have been named to the dean's list at UMass Dartmouth for the spring semester. Benjamin is majoring in psychology and Jari is a political science major. Great work!

Three Cohasset residents have been named to the dean's list at the University of Vermont. Hats off to **Lydia J. Guild,** an international studies-Latin America major; **Stephen G. Ganey**, an environmental studies major; and **Corinna E. Noering**, who is majoring in political science. All three are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at UVM.

The following Cohasset students earned dean's list status at Bryant College: **Patrick J. Murphy** (a senior, majoring in marketing); **Todd M. Bestick** (a senior finance major); and **Jeffrey R. Scribner** (a sophomore, undeclared major).

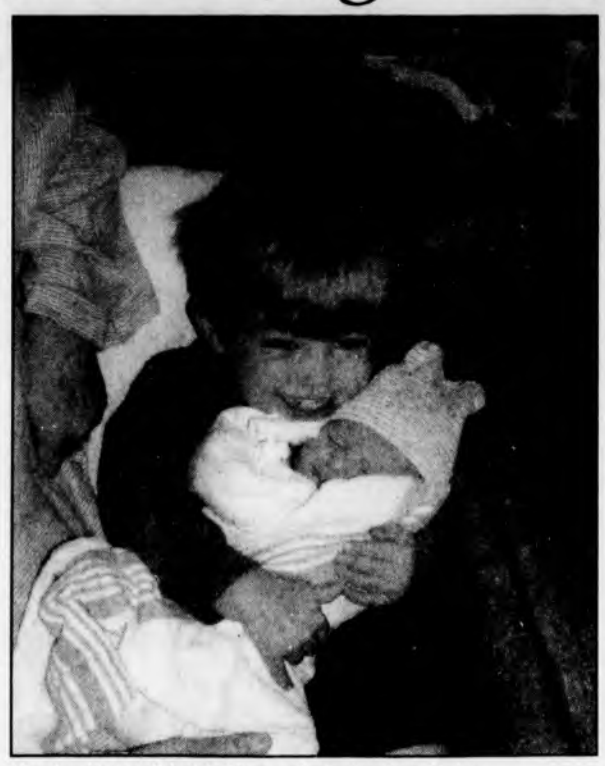
Caitlin Stansell has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Cornell University. Caitlin has completed her third year in the College of Architecture at Cornell. Caitlin is the daughter of **Robert and Moira Stansell.**

IT'S A BOY!

Another little guy has entered the world to a family filled with love. **John and Diana Kornet** of Gammons Road have a new grandchild! **Samuel Meacham Kornet** arrived June 11 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. His proud parents are **Rebecca and John Kornet** of Medfield. Also greeting Samuel are his big brother **Jack**, 5, and big sister, **Rachel**, 3. Also available for extra hugs are grandparents **Sarah Michaels** of Auburn, N.Y. and **Lee and Susan Michaels** of Skaneateles, N.Y.

BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

The annual Blueberry Festival will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church, on Thursday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m. The "all you can eat" dinner will include spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread, beverages and blueberry sundaes. Following dinner, blueberry items will be auctioned off. Dinner for adults is $8 and $4 for children. To make reservations, call 781-383-1298.



Hayden Startzell holds his new baby brother, Nolan.

HONOR ROLL

Alanna Hughes, daughter of **Lauren Souza** and **Bruce Hughes**, has been named to the Phillips Academy honor roll. Super job, Alanna.

NEW ADDITION

William Louis Loughlin joined his family on Wed June 25 at 9:02 p.m. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 14ozs, 21-1/2 ins. long. His proud daddy is **Mark** (a local builder in town) and mom, **Michelle Loughlin,** are absolutely thrilled with this beautiful new addition.

A BIG THANK YOU!

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MILTON GRADS

Dennis Reardon and **Henry Roth** were among 173 seniors graduating from Milton Academy on June 6. Former President William J. Clinton addressed the members of the Class of 2003.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Congratulations to Gregory Michael O'Connell, son of **Michael and Rosemary O'Connell**, who achieved academic honors for the year at Belmont Hill School.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR

Adam J. Haracz, son of **Christina and William Haracz** of Cohasset has been selected as a Student Ambassador and will join a group of high school students as they travel to six European countries from July 11-31. There they will meet with other members of People to People International, a program founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in the mid 1950s to help promote international understanding and friendship through educational, cultural and humanitarian activities. Adam will be visiting students and exchanging ideas in the following areas: the Swiss Alps; Freiburg, Germany; the Rhine River Valley; Rotterdam, Netherlands; Bruges, Belgium; Paris and Normandy, France; and finally, London, England. Adam will begin his junior year at Cohasset High School in the fall.

SPECIAL FUNDRAISER

In an effort to assist **Mary (Walsh),** who is suffering from an inoperable brain tumor, and **Dean Kraft** (both CHS graduates), a fundraiser will be held that is anticipated to not only help defray their expenses, but provide some much appreciated inspiration. The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15. at Mackenzie's restaurant which is located at Widow's Walk Golf Course, 250 The Driftway, Scituate. The cost is $25 per person and the event will feature a raffle, an auction, food and a cash bar. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute, please send a donation to: The Mary Kraft Fund, c/o Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, 48 South Main St., Cohasset MA 02025. All donations are considered gifts and therefore not tax deductible. If you have any questions or would like to help with the benefit, please contact **Mary Sease** (781-383-8318) or **Lisa Swain** (781-383-2953.)

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Social activities keep Harborview apartments hopping

Tenants Assoc. plans tons of fun

By Samantha Brown
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If Arlene Tuohey's enthusiasm is a gauge, then the social life at Harborview Apartments is going to put the rest of Cohasset to shame.

Tuohey, who took over the helm of the tenants' association at the 64-unit complex in May, brings a wealth of ideas that are bound to get many of the residents out of their apartments for lots of fun and socializing.

"To have [activities] generated, it gets people out," Tuohey said, noting that once people begin socializing, they are more likely to keep participating in different activities.

Joining Tuohey on the association are vice president, Grace Thompson, dual treasurers, Ken Downing and Mary Casey, who served as president before Tuohey, and secretary Janice Rosano.

Casey had many successful endeavors during her term, which led to a new rug, curtains, TV, and air conditioner for the Harborview Senior Center as well as a gas grill, donated by Joseph's Hardware. These changes in the Center will help facilitate many of the social activities Tuohey has planned.

Every month, seniors are invited to attend movie night. The last movie showing was "Field of Dreams" that turned movie night into baseball night. Those in attendance were only allowed admission if wearing a baseball cap.

During the scene with Fenway Park, movie-goers were brought peanuts straight from the roaster by "peanut vendors" shouting "get your hot peanuts," just like they do at the games.

Hot dogs were also cooked on the new grill. Casey was provided the first hot dog as a thank you for her efforts.

With the addition of the grill came the addition of a new social event, and grill night is now held every Wednesday night for residents.

The social activities planned at Harborview provide interaction for residents who might not get out too much otherwise. Tuohey said those who wish to attend and are not able to come on their own can be "picked up if they need it," so they won't miss out on the festivities. She feels the gatherings are very beneficial for residents because, "now, they have a chance to get out and see their neighbors," and can do so in a social setting.

Other gatherings at the center include a pot-luck dinner every quarter, and Tuohey said the last one "went really well." Also, what began as a Monday morning ritual of coffee and muffins in the Center to help tenants get up and out of bed to start the new week, has grown to an every morning affair.

This spring, a garden club was started for residents, of which Thompson is the head. As the former president of the Weymouth Garden Club, "Green Thumb Gracie" as she is affectionately known, began the club to spread her love of plants and flowers.

While the club is temporarily on hiatus for the summer, as all plants are in and are doing well for this season, Thompson said she is continuously working on her own garden, keeping many in their containers until she has found the perfect spot for planting.

"A garden is never finished," she said.

Thompson takes her flowers to sell at the Farmer's Market on the common every Thursday, as well as hand painted crafts.

Come this fall, the garden club will start up again, because summer plants will need to be cleared and bulbs must be planted for the coming spring. Thompson said she can't wait to help other tenants make their gardens beautiful.

Residents at Harborview held a tea last September for a retiring visiting nurse. The day was such a success that a monthly birthday tea is planned for Harborview residents celebrating their birthdays each month.

Last September's tea was "absolutely elegant," said Thompson. With patchwork quilts in pastel colors and china and flowers on the tables, it was a special treat for those in attendance.

"The pink laurels were in bloom," said Cohasset Housing Authority Director Marilyn LeBlanc, noting how well the inside and outside complemented each other that day.

"Everyone worked hard to make sure it was a great day, even Mother Nature," LeBlanc said.

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Officers of the Harborview Tenant's Association, Treasurer Mary Casey, President Arlene Tuohey, Vice President Grace Thompson, and Secretary Janice Rosano work hard to make sure the seniors have plenty of activities to keep them busy.

Along with the tea will come the beginning of a chapter of the Red Hat Society, which all Cohasset residents who are at least 50 years old are welcome to join.

The Society, which began in California and was inspired by a poem titled, "Warning" which begins, "When I am an old woman..." makes reference to wearing a purple dress with a red hat, and inspired the women to meet wearing just that for various social events. The trend caught on and chapters have spread all the way to the east coast. There are currently chapters in Scituate, Hull, Marshfield, Pembroke, and many other South Shore towns, which have been filled to capacity, so the ladies decided to begin their own.

While the Society is intended for members who are 50 or older, an exception can be made for those who are underage and would like to join. However, those who are under 50 are not entitled to wear purple and red, and must wear a lavender dress and pink hat until they have earned the right to wear the bolder colors.

LeBlanc said Harborview is subsidized by the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Tenants' Association receives $250 a year to cover business expenses. The recreational activities are not covered by this money, so fund-raisers must be held for the money needed to carry out their plans.

During movie nights, admission is $1 for anyone who attends, which covers the expenses for the night. For some of the more elaborate get-togethers, more money is obviously needed, which Tuohey said will be provided through the proceeds from their upcoming yard sale. Handmade crafts from the residents will be available at this sale as well as the Christmas Bazaar planned for this winter.

With all the activities offered at Harborview, it's no surprise that there are 26 names on the waiting list for an apartment with an average wait of between two to three years for an opening. For anyone interested in securing housing at Harborview, LeBlanc recommends, "Apply before you need it because the waiting list is long."

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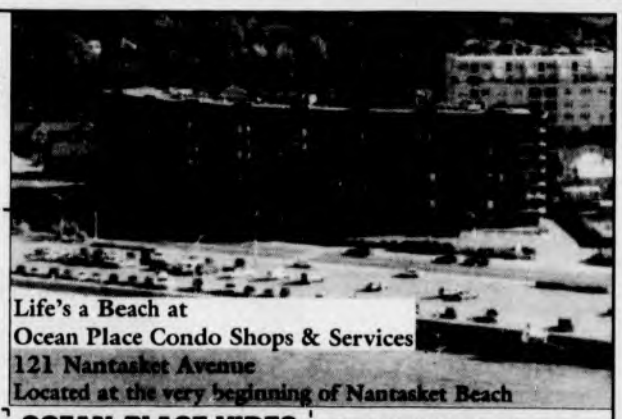
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Lou Harvey's presence helps preserve the past

By Samantha Brown
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Filled with a passion for the past, and a deep love for the town he has come to call home, Lou Harvey has taken his hobby of studying history to a new level as a member of the Committee on Town History.

After reading the opening lines of the first volume of the Narrative History of Cohasset, the King Street resident was intrigued by the prose, and was inspired to become involved in the town's preservation. In fact, the passage made such an impact, he committed it to memory and even had a copy framed for his home.

In the passage, author E. Victor Bigelow wrote, "It would be a species of impertinence to the majority of the readers of this narrative if one should tell where Cohasset is by the number of miles from some other place. Here is their home; and a long row of ancestors, born and buried here for two hundred years, establishes this as the starting point from which they locate all other places, but which itself needs no locating."

"I loved the idea of having Cohasset be the center of the universe for the people who live there," Harvey said.

Harvey loves living in Cohasset, but wasn't always familiar with the South Shore. He was born in Guatemala where he lived until the age of nine. From there, he moved with his family to Jamaica where he lived for the next 12 years, and then moved to New York, where he lived until moving to "beautiful Massachusetts" in 1991.

Hearing of the Committee in 1996, Harvey felt it was the perfect opportunity to become involved with the preservation of the town's history, and joined. He became involved with the educational aspect of the group, and is now the Chairman of the Education Subcommittee, which has worked to incorporate the volumes of the town's history into the educational system.

"The whole principle was for the volumes to not just be a book you read, put on a shelf and forget," Harvey said.

The Committee wanted to mobilize the awareness of history, and Harvey was very excited to help make the past accessible to everyone in town, especially kids.

Chairman of the Committee Wig Pierson said he "cannot say enough" about Harvey and the invaluable services he has provided to the Committee.

"He's a terrific man, both as a consummate professional and also as a dear friend," he said. "He's a very humble man and I have the highest regard for him."

Harvey's efforts, along with those of the entire subcommittee, have been rewarded with the completion of a set of six illustrated timelines, based on Cohasset's three books on town history, which will serve as a way for students to tie Cohasset's past into world events. Made up of six different colored wall panels, the timelines cover events from the town's inception to the present. The subcommittee also worked to complete large, color maps of the Cohasset to be displayed at different locations around town.

Pierson said the timelines and maps were "all a result of Lou's work," adding that Harvey is a "tremendous asset to any organization he is a part of."

Committee member Jackie Dormitzer said Harvey's creativity helps bring projects together and said that he is always good at thinking of marketing ideas, some of which utilize technology.

"He can show you something you might never have thought of before," she said.

Dormitzer, who is the author of Volume III of the town history, also said that Harvey's people skills have been an asset to the Committee, since he is "such a gentleman" and knows how to act as a mediator when a discussion is brought to the table. He can help people see the other side of the argument and is also very gracious to those who do not share his views.

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Lou Harvey, left, and Nancy Garrison show off one of the new town history timelines which are now part of the school curriculum. Harvey is chairman of the Education Subcommittee of the Committee on Town History.

Harvey's love of the past can also been seen through his membership on the Board of Trustees at Plymouth Plantation. "I was just on the Mayflower for the fourth of July," he said.

When not living in the past, Harvey runs the Dalbar company in Boston, dealing with finances on a day to day basis. He is currently researching the impact of tax cuts on 401K plans.

Another passion of Harvey's is jazz music, proving he is truly a man who wears many hats. He has created the C.P. Harvey Memorial fund in remembrance of his father Cyril Percival Harvey, which he hopes will provide the basis for a solid jazz curriculum at the school for years to come.

While Harvey has enjoyed his time on the various committees, he doesn't see himself joining other town boards any time soon. He enjoys the flexibility that comes with joining a brand new committee. "We write the rules," he said, and added a new group doesn't need to worry so much about "the politics of it all" and can concentrate more on what it wants to accomplish.

Harvey, a self-described "eternal-optimist" said he knew the subcommittee's endeavors would be successful. As residents of the town, committee members are able to have a big impact with the information they provide because they know the town intimately.

He thinks more government should be local for that very reason. Larger branches of government do not know the school system on a personal level, and he believes the schools need to be "developing people's standards beyond the hard numbers."

If education were changed in classrooms to reflect the different knowledge and cultural content, which naturally differs from school to school, he believes students would get much more out of the learning experience.

"What's happening in Cohasset wouldn't necessarily fly in Butte, Montana," he said.

But, no matter what he is involved with throughout the day, above everything else, Harvey is always very grateful life has brought him to where he is.

"I feel like I'm going on vacation every time I come home," he said.

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Has summer finally arrived?

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around watching TV."

In his first 10 minutes of business on Monday, Zack had three customers, and said he will definitely be having more stands in the future.

For larger businesses such as Victoria's Pizza, customers have been drawn in not only to find salvation in the air-conditioned restaurant, but as a convenient alternative when it seems too hot to turn on a stove. Flushed-faced mothers and children looking for food to order mingled with the normal lunch crowd of workers stopping in for a quick bite.

Owner Ramin Doorandish said he has seen a noticeable change in the customers he has been serving, with more local residents "who don't want to cook" ordering food.

Doorandish also said the types of food people are ordering has changed with the weather, and they have been selling "a lot more salad and cold subs."

For stores like Cohasset Hardware, the heat brings a surge in fan sales, which until a few weeks ago had seemed to be piling up in the aisles of many local stores.

"We sell a lot of fans when the weather this like this," said owner, James Watson on Monday who also had many fans running in his own store. "They say it's going to be even hotter tomorrow."

The Cohasset Swim Center can always count on having a steady flow of guests throughout the summer, but when the weather becomes too much to bear, their numbers tend to go up even further.

"We definitely do see a lot more people when the sun is beating down," said Aquatic Director Darlene Coetsch.

While the Center has a strong amount of patrons who are members of the pool and come on a regular basis, Coetsch said non-members are welcome and will be charged a $5 walk-in fee at the door. She also said it there is a noticeable increase in non-members on the hotter days.

For every member who comes on a regular basis, the hot days seem to bring more guests, and smiling faces of grateful friends who have found a place to cool off.

For those who sell ice cream, this weather has caused business to skyrocket. Driving down 3A on any hot summer day, there is sure to be a line of cars with people waiting for a frosty treat from JJ's Dairy Hut.

Christina Barbuto who works at JJ's said the hot weather has brought a large number of customers out for ice cream, and business has been pretty steady all summer long, even with the less than warm weather at summer's outset.

"Even with the rain we've been busy," she said, adding that as soon as the sun would come out, even more people would come by.

"We have our regulars and we love them," Barbuto said, but the numbers increase when the temperature does. Many local sports teams come by for an ice cream after a game, and Barbuto said sometimes the team sponsored by JJ's will show up. "They're so cute in their uniforms," she said.

But year after year, no matter what the weather, Barbuto said there is always one thing JJ's can count on – its patrons.

"Cohasset people have been super-nice to us. They make great customers."

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An outdoor enthusiast, Bill grew up in West Roxbury and spent summers at Green Harbor in Marshfield. Active in boating circles throughout his life, he has been a member of the Cohasset Yacht Club for 18 years. A parishioner at St. Anthony's Church, he has also been involved in youth, civic, and town government activities for over 20 years. He was appointed to the Personnel Committee in Cohasset in 1983 and elected to three five-year terms on the Cohasset Planning Board, beginning in 1989. Bill is currently the Planning Board Vice Chairman and he also serves on the town's Growth and Development Committee. Bill's in-depth knowledge of land use, zoning, planning and architectural issues, combined with his passion for the unique real estate investment that the South Shore marketplace represents, serves buyers and sellers who are looking to align their respective visions for maximizing their real estate investments.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Bump outs on trial

We urge everyone to remain calm and not besiege Town Hall with calls to bump the bump-out plan for the village until it's had a fair trial.

By now, most of you know "bump outs" are intended to be pedestrian friendly peninsulas at crosswalks to allow those on foot to venture out beyond the parked cars to see what's coming before heading across the street.

The bump outs are part of streetscape improvements central to the Village Revitalization Project.

In an effort to gauge how the traffic will flow around the proposed bump outs, the perimeters of the expanded sidewalk sections are being delineated this week with either collapsible flappers or barrels. The bump-out trial is expected to last about two weeks, after which selectmen may opt to fine-tune the plan by reducing the size of the bump outs, or even eliminating some or all of them.

A while back, an effort to determine if a one-way traffic pattern in the Village along Elm Street would work, met with such overwhelming opposition that the test was abandoned after only a few days.

We hope the bump outs aren't found guilty of generating a similar outcry and receive a death sentence before they get an adequate test. The flappers and barrels are there to see if school buses, fire trucks, police cars and all those SUVs can negotiate around them effectively. They are not meant to look good at this stage.

We need to use our imagination as to how they would blend in with a revitalized village that includes new sidewalks and curbs, re-lined parking spaces and re-paved streets. Eventually all the telephone poles will come down when the utilities go underground, and new light posts will be installed..

Revitalization of the village is important and the design plans are ready to move ahead at last. Construction that will include the infrastructure to bury utility wires could start as soon as the fall.

However, the improvements are planned to last 50 years. So before you issue your verdict, give the bump outs a chance. Keep an open mind and see if they can make a difference not only for pedestrian safety but also as a way to help make the village a more pleasant place for pedestrians, who all too often must take a back seat to motor vehicle traffic.

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POLITICAL NOTES

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Supporters of Sen. Bob Hedlund will gather to salute Gov. Mitt Romney for a reception Wednesday, July 16 from 6-8 p.m. at the South Shore Country Club, Hingham. Another highlight of the meeting will be to introduce all elected officials of Norfolk Plymouth County and potential candidates.

The reception is open to the public but reservations are required. To RSVP, call committee members: the newly elected Cohasset Chairman Kevin O'Donnell at 781-383-6113; Julie Guild, 781-383-6443 or Polly Logan at 781-383-3003.

Save the date for the annual Cohasset Cookout to be held Sunday, Aug. 17 from 4:30-8 p.m. at the seaside home of Julie Guild, 365 Jerusalem Road. Guests include former Congressman Mickey Edwards, now of Harvard Law School and the Kennedy School of Government; and State GOP Chairman Darrell W. Crate. Former Cohasset Town Committee Chairman, Janet Fogarty will also be honored for her outstanding service to the GOP.

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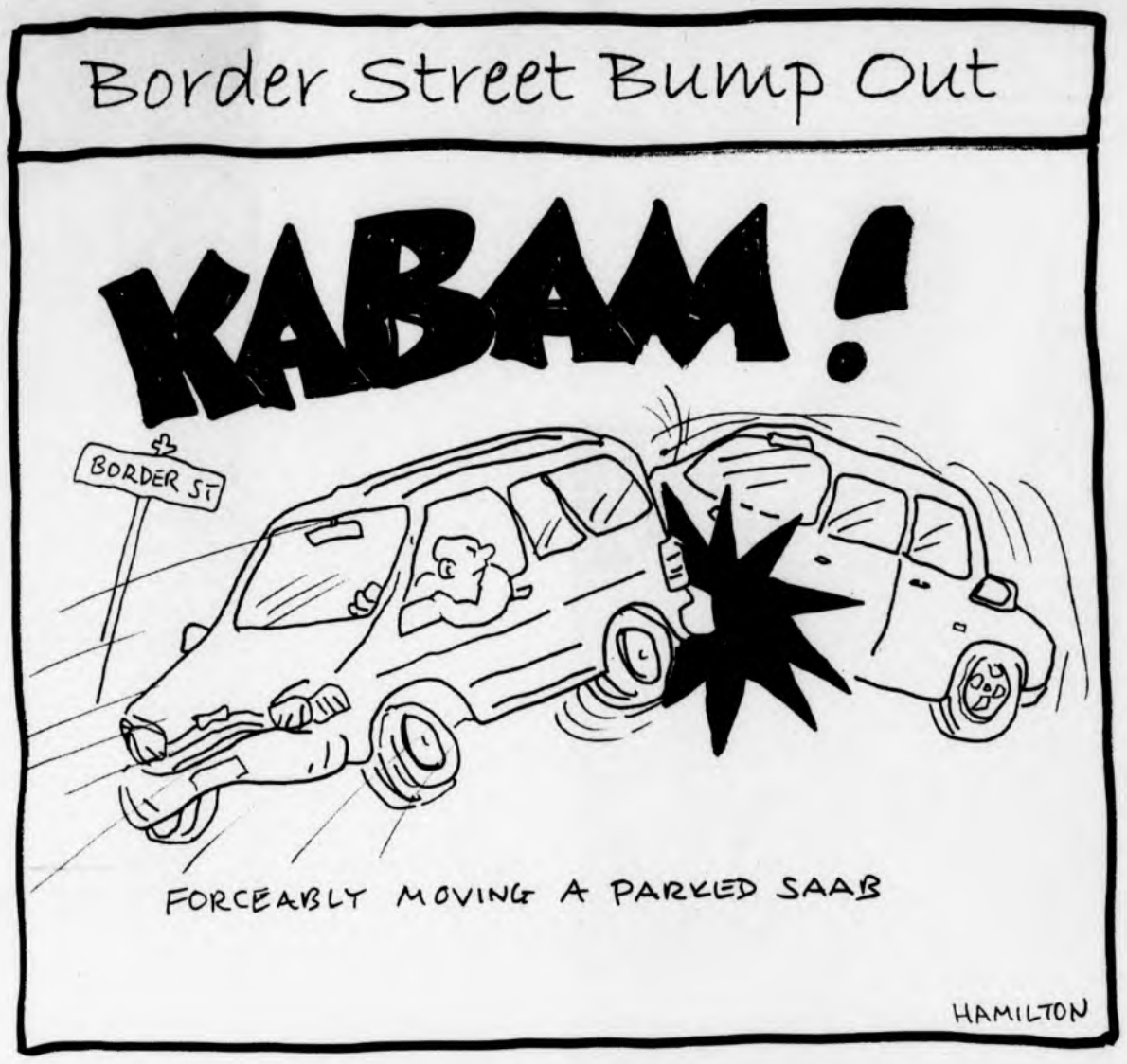

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grant appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Directors and Staff of Seaside Adventures, as well as the Board of the Center for Student Coastal Research would like to thank the South Shore Playhouse Associates for their most generous $1,000 grant. This is the first Summer for Seaside Adventures and we are pleased to report that we have enrolled more than 45 campers, from Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate in this grades 3-6 marine oriented program. We were faced with a variety of start-up and operating costs in launching this program and we couldn't have done it as professionally and thoroughly without the SSPHA's vote of confidence and support.

We do have a limited numbers of spaces available in the remaining two Seaside Adventures Sessions, so please go to our website for more information www.ccscr.org Thanks once again from the students and staff of Seaside Adventures.

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WGBH Auction

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the WGBH Auction (Channels 2 and 44), I would like to thank the following Cohasset artists and businesses for their extremely generous donations to this year's televised auction: Buttonwood Books and Toys; Flemings of Cohasset Village; John Millard; Photographer Par-Tee Indoor Miniature Golf; and Jeanne Replogle, artist.

Their donations helped WGBH raise over $1.2 million for its television and radio programming. I encourage area residents to patronize these local artists and businesses and thank them for supporting the best television on television.

Thank you again, donors!

Edith Millard
Volunteer and Area Coordinator WGBH Auction

HEALTH NOTES

Getting a handle on lawn care in town

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

We would also ask about the average frequency and weight of fertilizer now being applied, as well as their knowledge of State required pesticide regulations.

Last May, we wrote an article about lawn care proposing to use the Common as a testing ground to perform a value estimate of the various lawn-care expedients to reduce the use of chemicals on turf within the town. Now one of the wettest springs on record has turned our wetlands and waterways into an ugly brown outlook. We have no measurements which have recorded the change from clear to the dark turbidity which now meets us in every stream. We see the increase of "soap suds" (not really soap, but dead vegetable matter suspended in the water) in our waterways. And of course the insects. Mosquitoes, gnats, midges, and other flying creatures; more than ever in recent memory. The Board is hearing increased calls for spraying and revitalization of the Mosquito Control Committee.

Of course, all of these conditions are symptoms of a more difficult problem. As a recent limnology study of Lily Pond has shown, or as anyone going by it should tell from the increase of milfoil floating on the surface, or by the 'pond' water taste, we are permitting the entrance of too many nutrients into our waterways. It is no longer just a single problem of too many failed septic systems or too much lawn fertilizer, or just one more discharge of high nitrogen/phosphorous material into our aquifers and watersheds. It's part of a national culture which lavishes too many goodies on ourselves and our property. Perhaps we should call it the pink flamingo syndrome.

But the time has come to begin to think about and plan a change. Accordingly, the Board of Health, at the request of several other boards, and with much public support, has embarked on a plan. This won't cost the Town anything, a principal tenet of our thinking. But it will call for a little effort on the part of all of us. First, the Board will send Bob Jackson, our Police Chief a simple sheet giving parking instructions for all lawn-care professionals within the town. These will be given by police officers, on regular patrol, to lawn-care trucks they see parked by the side of the road. This is a helpful expedient to improve traffic. When the Officer approaches a member of the lawn cleanup crew, he will give out the advisory, and request a business card. These cards will be turned over to the Board of Health and a listing will be compiled of the lawn-care organizations working within Cohasset.

With this list in hand, the Board will prepare a questionnaire about turf management practices with questions about environmental lawn care, the American Garden Club's "American Garden" best practice guide, Integrated Pest Management, etc., things they should know about. We would also ask about the average frequency and weight of fertilizer now being applied, as well as their knowledge of State required pesticide regulations. This is a sneaky way to gather data, but it is something health management officials should know about.

With our new Board of Health list of turf management practitioners, we would then be in a position to publish information about healthy lawn-care practices and characterize the organizations in some way which would favor best turf management practice..

From there, it is only a step away from the action the Open Space Committee has requested: that the Board of Health prepare turf management material to be included in a tax bill mailing to all citizens of the Town. After that, and after extensive dialog with Carl Sestito and the DPW, we will begin to think about a best/most economical lawn-are shootout at the Common.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Cohasset residents in the armed forces

The following troops from Cohasset are on active duty:

John B. Atkinson (USMC)
Michael W. Baird (USCG)
William E. Baird (USAF)
Jarrod V. Batts (USMC)
Daniel J. Brennock (USN)
Jeffrey L. Brown (USN)
Joseph W. Carbone (US Army)
Kevin Duffy (USCG)
Grant Emde (USMC)
Andrew J. Hamilton (USMC)
Steven Harrington (USMC)
Laurence E. Hoogeveen (USAF)
Keith A. Jackson (USN)
Michael Kennedy (USMC)
Matthew Lewis (USN)
David MacDonald (USN)
Christopher J. Mahoney (USMC)
John N. Maynard (US Army)
Patrick J. O'Connor (USN)
Angela R. Parisi (US Army)
Brian Salerno (USCG)
James Smith (US Army)
Eric Snow (USMC)

If you know of someone from Cohasset who is not listed here and is on active duty, call the American Legion post at 781-383-9657 or email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com

A plague of aliens: when science fiction becomes reality

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

The way the headlines read lately, you'd think we were all part of some creepy Hollywood sci-fi movie: "Asian fish spawned a local scare," "Invasive, huge fish threaten Great Lakes," "Predator fish may be threat to naive species," "Plan urged to bar alien sea species from U.S.," "Mother Nature terrorism," "Aliens raising eco-havoc," "Nature going awry." Granted, the headline writer's stock in trade is hyperbole and his or her job is to grab our attention before we turn the page, but the spirit of many headlines is not that far off the mark. Our now global world faces any number of ecological threats from plant and animal species that have established themselves in places where a lack of natural enemies allow them to proliferate beyond any human attempts to tame and control.

In the past few columns we've talked about various alien plant species, including the multiflora rose, knotweed, honeysuckles, bittersweet, garlic mustard, loosestrife and porcelain berry, that have invaded our woodlands, open spaces and roadsides. This month, we'll meet a few of the alien creatures that are wreaking insidious havoc on the ecosystem.

There's an old saying in the birdfeeding business that "you get what you feed," and for many of us who casually toss a bit of day old bread or a stale bakery treat out onto the lawn, what we get are house sparrows (Passer domesticus), a highly adaptable bird that is now the most abundant songbird in the world.

I'm feeling a little bit sorry for the house sparrow at the moment. Intensely loyal to particular nesting boxes, they return year after year, as long as they live, and approximately half of all sparrows will survive one year to the next. They found my "bluebird" boxes several years ago and despite my efforts to shoo them away in the hopes of attracting something a bit prettier, they persisted until I finally conceded defeat. They are thriving in my backyard, what with all the food, the bird bath and a 15-year-old cat who, at this point in his life, has had his fill of house sparrow. I'm learning to appreciate them, their cheeriness, industriousness, the way they take their dirt baths in the garden, the way they swoop down and gather up my cat's fur after his brushing. Their "song" isn't so much a lullaby as it is a non-stop dialogue of gregarious chirps. I'm feeling sorry for them because I again witnessed a voracious blue jay pluck a baby bird from the house and carry it off, much to the heartbreaking (mine) distress of the mother who sat on a nearby branch for hours apparently lamenting the loss.

House sparrows, a European native (and not to be confused with our native sparrows), made their first appearance here in the New World in 1851 when they were introduced to combat the plague of inch-worms that were ravaging trees in New York's Central Park, as well as other pests that were interfering with crop production. Homesick immigrants welcomed the introduction of the sparrow, a reminder of their homeland. Within 25 years, however, the introduction had become an onslaught. Opportunistic, the sparrow took advantage of the human presence, the abundance of livestock feed, the plethora of nesting cavities and crevices in building overhangs, eaves and gutters, and the ivies and vines that tangled densely on walls and provided safe cover. In short time the sparrow - no innocent when it comes to preying upon other birds - began to wreak havoc on native song bird populations, displacing other birds, destroying eggs and killing nestlings.

Like all invasive species, plant or animal, house sparrows are habitat generalists, at home most anywhere, whether urban, suburban or rural. They are monogamous birds, pairing for the long-term and remaining bonded throughout and between breeding seasons. The male, with his black "bib" (the larger the bib the more dominant the bird), selects the nest site and builds the nest, a messy, dome-shaped collection of grasses, weeds, paper, cellophane, string, feathers and fur. He aggressively defends his territory - the nest site but not much beyond.

Four to six slightly glossy eggs, spotted with bluish gray, black or brown spots, are laid up to four times each breeding season. Both males and females incubate the eggs, though the female does the bulk of the brooding and both feed the nestlings until they fledge and are on their own about a month later.

For house sparrows, the house is very much a home and the birds will often retreat to the nest on a cold winter's night. Sociable animals, sparrows are happy nesting very close to one another; provided each minds its business and stays within its boundaries.

If the sparrow has a partner in crime it is the common starling (Sturnus vulgaris), another European immigrant whose range continues to expand wherever humans exist. The starling's introduction to America is traced to a group of Shakespeare aficionados who, in 1890, set about to bring to America all the birds mentioned in the Bard's writings. Several dozen of the birds were released in Central Park. Prolific multipliers (another characteristic of alien species), in short time the starting was everywhere — and unwanted. Some estimates put the current widespread population at more than 200 million.

Glossy black with greenish iridescence, and generally healthy and robust, starlings are about the she of a robin. They begin nesting in late February, earlier than native species, commandeering available nesting sites and devouring food resources. The male begins building the bulky nest of grass, twigs, pine needles, rootlets, feathers and fresh leaves and then engages in a wing-waving behavior that attracts a mate who completes the nest Eggs, usually four or five to a clutch, are laid not only in the starling's own nest, but also in the nests of other birds, including woodpeckers, bluebirds, swallows and martins. Considered solitary nesters, nesting apart from one another, starlings do, however, feed, roost and migrate in large flocks.

Despite their lowly status among birdwatchers, starlings do consume huge quantities of insects, including cutworms and Japanese beetles (another alien) and are, themselves, food for several raptors.

If, because birds flit in and out of our daily lives, we are unaware of the toll taken on native species by alien invaders, the same cannot be said of the alien blights that fell our majestic trees. Before our eyes, we watch, helplessly, as beloved stands of generations old elms, hemlocks and oaks die their slow death, ravaged by Dutch elm disease, the wooly adelgid and the Gypsy moth.

One of the most destructive pests of the Eastern hardwood forest, the Gypsy moth was introduced in 1869 when a Tufts University professor, crossbreeding moths in an effort to create a moth capable of producing large quantities of silk, inadvertently allowed several of his moths to escape. At the time, though the proper authorities were notified, no measures were taken to round up the escapees. No damage, it seemed, had been done. Until a generation later when caterpillars surfaced in Medford, stripping trees of their foliage and ravaging gardens and yards.

The Gypsy moth passes through four Wages, egg, larva, pupa and adult, the moth stage. Only the larvae, the caterpillar, do the damage. The eggs, buff-colored when first laid, are deposited on tree branches and trunks and hatch just as most trees are budding. The larvae, suspended on silken threads, are dispersed naturally by the wind or artificially by people and vehicles. After a series of progressive molts called instars, during which the larvae feed by night on foliage, they reach maturity between mid-June and early July. The older Gypsy moth caterpillar is easily recognized by its five pairs of raised blue spots and six pairs of raised red spots.

Pupation, which takes place under bark and in crevices, lasts from one to two weeks. Male moths emerge first and begin their search for females, heavy with eggs. Eggs are laid in July and August, close to where the female pupated, after which both the male and female adults die. A month later, embryos develop into larvae and winter over in the eggs that hatch the following spring.

Gypsy moth larvae feed on many different species of trees and shrubs though they prefer the hardwoods including oak, apple, sweet gum, basswood and birch. During periods of dense moth populations, larvae will feed on most any vegetation.

Just how much a tree will suffer, long-term, at the jaws of Gypsy moth larvae depends on the extent of the defoliation, the number of consecutive defoliations, and the overall health of the tree. Healthy trees can usually withstand one or two consecutive defoliations of more than fifty percent, but a tree weakened by drought may succumb after a single defoliation. Despite their ability to take down an entire forest, Gypsy moths do have a few natural enemies - wasps, ants, chickadees, starlings, blue jays, robins, chipmunks, mice, squirrels and raccoons, as well as several bacteria, fungi and viruses — whose populations, when healthy themselves, can assist in reducing Gypsy moth infestations.

One could go on and on with the list of aliens running amok the world over. There's the Asian longhorn beetle, ravaging maple trees in New York and Chicago. Brown tree snakes are wiping out Guam's bird populations. New England comb jellies, harmless in our waters, are decimating Black Sea anchovies. The American bullfrog, native to the East Coast, is devouring native frog species out West. The nutria, a South American rodent, is chomping away on mid-Atlantic wetlands. Asian clams are devouring phytoplankton in San Francisco Bay. The cactus moth is chewing its way through Florida. Zebra mussels, delivered in the ballast of vessels, have become a scourge throughout the Great Lakes and Mississippi regions. Mute swans, escapees from parks and estate gardens, are threatening native bird and plant populations. And, perhaps creepiest of all, the Northern snakehead fish, an Asian native with a voracious appetite and the ability to "walk" short distances on land and live out of water for up to three days, has wildlife officials bracing for an invasion in local ponds and lakes.

If it all weren't so real, it would make for riveting science fiction.

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We can all help to combat the spread of alien species:

- Do not import exotic animals or plants
- Encourage local nurseries and landscapers to carry and plant native species. Wherever possible, replace invasive species with natives
- Set out bird-specific seed such as thistle for goldfinches, peanuts for blue jays and safflower for cardinals to encourage diversity in the backyard
- Hang nesting boxes with smaller entry holes to discourage house sparrows
- Keeps trees and shrubs healthy by watering and fertilizing. Landscape with species such as ash, hickory, dogwood and conifers that are not favored by Gypsy moths

Remove flaps of bark and dead trees and branches that may harbor Gypsy moth larvae and pupae

- Destroy Gypsy moth egg masses by soaking in kerosene or burning
- Never release aquarium fish or plants or exotic pets into the wild
- Clean shoe soles, tire treads and all outdoor equipment that may collect hitchhiking seeds or eggs
- Clean boat bottoms and bilge water before transporting boats from one body of water to another

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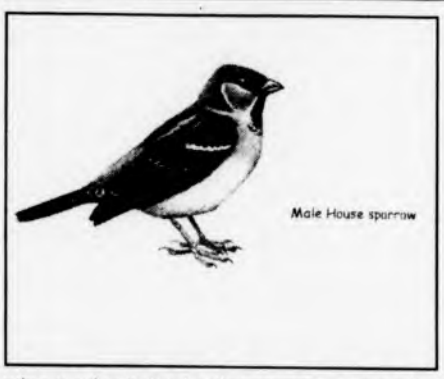
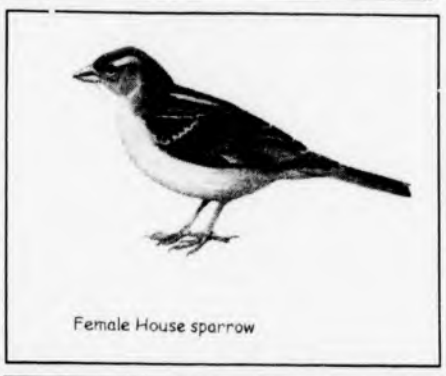
Female Gypsy moth laying eggs



Male House sparrow



Female House sparrow

Adult European starling

Lawsuits loom over fast food

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth and I found that the needle on the scales down at Liggett's Drug Store was leaning too far right, I knew just what to do.

I'd go on a diet.

I'd stop putting butter on my breakfast toast. I'd take a pass when they passed the mashed potatoes. I'd switched from sugar to saccharine, which had not yet been ruled hazardous to my health. Once I reached legal age, and sometimes before that, I'd give up beer at Cora's or Upjohn's Cozy Cafe.

If that didn't work, I'd turn to old Doc Pearlstein for some of those little pink heart-shaped pills called "dextro-amphetamine sulfates." And I'd exercise, like running down to Liggett's to get on the scale and see how much I lost that week.

Don't think the threat of legal action against the fast food people is an idle one.

The diet must have worked because I remember doing it at least a hundred times.

I tell this story because if I were overweight now — and there are those who think I am even though I explain to them that it's all muscle — if I were overweight now I'd adopt a different strategy, one that involved neither "dexies" nor a quick trip to the drug store scales.

First of all, I'd determine who is responsible for the present state of my once finely tuned body. Certainly it's not I. Is it McDonald's for putting all that animal fat in their hamburgers? Is it Wendy's for frying their fries in yucky grease? Or is it Burger King for slipping all that sugar in my cokes?

Then I'd consult with bond counsel to see who had the deepest pockets. And not just McDonald's, Wendy's or Burger King. Maybe it's the beef industry for letting their cows grow too fat. Or maybe it's the town for permitting the curb cut that let me drive in all innocence up to the take-out window.

Then I'd hire me a lawyer, probably Richard Daynard, a professor at Northeastern's School of Law, who was one of the pioneers in the legal battle against the tobacco industry that resulted in a settlement of $246 billion to be paid by Big Tobacco to the states over 25 years.

You may have read about Professor Daynard in Sunday's Globe.

He was chairman of a secret meeting, held in what was described as "a Back Bay conference room," in which a number of Northeastern School of Law and Tufts School of Medicine professors laid the groundwork for an assault on Big Food.

Don't think the threat of legal action against the fast food people is an idle one. It's already brought changes to the industry and the first lawyer has yet to submit his first bill.

Kraft Foods, which is a subsidiary of Philip Morris (now the Atria Group) and owns Oreo cookies, Ritz crackers, Post cereals and Oscar Mayer meats, already has made plans to cut the amount of sugar, fats and calories in its Oreos and some cheese products.

In order to move things along a little quicker, Law Professor John Banzhaf III of George Washington University has sent certified letters to the major fast food outlets demanding that they post warnings that fatty foods are addictive.

This, he said, is the first step toward filing a lawsuit against the fast food giants in six to nine months.

LIBRARY CORNER

Summer performer

Back by popular demand! Magician Steve Rudolph will perform his "Magic of Reading Show" at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Tuesday, July 15 at 7p.m. The show will take place in the Meeting Room and is open to all ages.

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Romney's vetoes set stage for showdown

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

An analysis and recap of the week in state government.

The final chapter of the 2003 fiscal story is in some ways the most complicated, and the plot line was developed last week.

On the face of things, events were straightforward. Gov. Mitt Romney announced $201 million in vetoes. Protesters protested. Legislators vowed to override.

But since when was politics about the face of things? While the elements of the story are simple, the politics and decision-making behind them are quite complex, because there are so many moving parts.

The fundamental question is one of perspective. Were the governor's vetoes the clumsy and compassionless abandonment of a campaign promise? Or were they the difficult but disciplined actions of a strong leader confronted with irresponsible legislative largesse?

Both sides had a claim on the truth. But one side had the votes. As always in Massachusetts – well, in the Massachusetts Statehouse – that side was the Democrats.

Legislators have to figure out which of the 372 vetoes their members want to override, and which would receive an override vote by not just a majority, but a two-thirds majority. And not just in one branch – House Speaker Thomas Finneran and Senate President Robert Travaglini had to coordinate their communications all week long, determining which vetoes could be killed in both branches. Beyond that, if the governor is correct about the overspending, legislators who put appropriations back will have to plausibly counter Romney's claim that they are throwing the budget out of balance.

So, while the initial statements out of the legislative chambers were public — Travaglini, D-E. Boston, said Romney didn't just cut to the bone, but "cut right through the bone" — they quickly retreated to their offices, and the parade of visits and phone calls began. That was the real story of the week.

In many ways, the underlying debate is about whether to raise taxes — and whether the votes would be there this fall if a tax bill were brought forward. Even here, the politics are tricky because the public mood is nuanced. As word of the layoffs and program cancellations hit home at the city and town level, some constituents have become more pro-tax than their lawmakers. In the aggregate, budget cutting moves people into the "yes" camp on raising their own taxes. At the same time, legislators know what an ominous — or impressive — percentage of their voters were ready to repeal the income tax last year.

In the end, both sides claimed to be on the side of virtue, and will

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continue to do so. But their success, and claim on power, depends on divining, as well as defining what the people want. Services or stable tax rates? Compassion or aggressive management? The answer, of course, is that the people want everything; the truth is they can't have it. The next question becomes, what do they want more of? Partly it depends on how well the politician couches his or her priorities, and whether the media plays the message as the politician intends. But in large part, it's a guessing game.

The story the week was in the details more than the bottom line.

• *Vetoes detailed, setting up reopening of budget issues* — The governor said this fiscal year's budget, after his vetoes, totals $21.1 billion and should come in $300 million below last fiscal year's spending. Critics said that spending does not account for hundreds of millions of dollars in spending pushed off budget, indicating the fight ahead. House Majority Leader Salvatore DiMasi, D-Boston, said a "significant amount" of the 372 vetoes will be overridden — but again, that's subject to the two branches' internal debate.

A summary of the veto highlights, or lowlights, depending on your perspective:

The governor vetoed $57 million more from local aid-related accounts and an infamous 65-cent per-prescription pharmacy tax. He also cancelled provisions:

— Allowing two-way bilingual education programs

— Allowing education and training to count toward the welfare work requirement;

— Permitting new MCAS appeals on behalf of special education students;

— Granting the turnpike authority oversight of Interstates 395, 84 and 291;

— Expanding the scope of the Boston Municipal Court to include all Suffolk County courts;

— Moving the ABCC under the treasurer's oversight (Romney also vetoed $940,000 in ABCC funding);

— Funding legal aid for the poor, mentally ill, and inmates.

The governor also vetoed:

— $5 million remaining in water and sewer rate relief fund;

— $7.8 million in contract assistance for drinking water projects;

— $2 million free school breakfast program in low-income districts;— $750,000 in aid for the agency that runs public zoos.

And Romney also returned, with recommendation for amendment, provisions that substantially alter the Quinn Bill education perk for police officers; all but cancel the teacher-recruitment signing bonus program; and establish a bulk-purchasing program for medications bought by state government. The complexity of the veto battle was underscored by a sub-debate that opened up over whether Romney's proposed changes in bulk purchasing would wind up denying medicine to poor Medicaid recipients.

• *Environmental changes bring worry, vow of improvement* — The administration took the battle for public opinion to the Charles River Esplanade, arguing in a press conference the merger of the Metropolitan District Commission and the Department of Environmental Management will improve the quality of parks and recreational opportunities. Environmentalists are supportive, but nervous about a cost-cutting agenda.

• *Burton says Bulger lied* — Indiana Congressman Dan Burton, who initiated the investigation into the FBI's use of informants that brought William Bulger to the witness stand, said he thought the UMass president lied in his testimony to the Government Reform Committee last month. Bulger testified he couldn't remember ever talking to the FBI about trying to convince his brother to surrender; the Boston Globe ran a story right after Bulger's testimony in which a former FBI agent said he remembers discussing the matter with Bulger. "Do I think he lied? Yes," Burton told the Globe, and he claimed the chairman of the committee is investigating the possibility Bulger may not have told the truth.

• *Romney spikes special contract for NAGE leaders* — The governor said he was ordering a halt to special work rules for 12 union officials of the National Association of Government Employees, under which they could receive full pay, and credit for pension benefits, while spending most of their work week dealing with labor and union issues. Former Gov. Paul Cellucci negotiated the special arrangements for the union leaders; NAGE supported Cellucci in his gubernatorial campaign.

• *Tougher drunk driving law signed* — Lawmakers approved legislation that defines anyone blowing a .08 or higher as intoxicated. Massachusetts was the last state in the nation where defense attorneys could argue that a given reading on the Breathalyzer wasn't necessarily proof the driver was drunk. The governor and police officials hailed the enactment of the new law as the traditionally boozy July Fourth long weekend arrived.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on one roll call from the week of June 30-July 4. This week's report also includes local representatives' and senators' votes on one roll call from prior sessions on consideration of each branch's version of a package designed to give cities and towns more fiscal and management flexibility and revenue raising options. The House and Senate have yet to agree on a compromise version of this plan that is designed to help communities make up for some of this year's local aid cuts.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE DRUNKEN DRIVING LAW (H 3929)

House 153-0, approved the conference committee version of a bill establishing a "per se" drunken driving law in Massachusetts. The legislation, approved by the Senate on a voice vote and signed into law by Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey on June 30, makes it illegal for a motorist to drive with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 percent or higher. Current law provides that a BAC of more than .08 is only one piece of evidence of intoxication and leaves it up to a court to consider all evidence when determining if a driver was legally impaired. Another provision in the bill increases the automatic license suspension period for refusal to take a Breathalyzer test from 120 days to 180 days and reduces the period from 90 days to 30 days if a driver takes the test and fails. Supporters, noting that Massachusetts was the only state without a per se law, said that 234 of the state's 477 traffic deaths in 2001 were alcohol-related and argued that the new law will save lives and decrease the number of drunken driver-related injuries. They said that the change in license suspension periods would increase the incentive for motorists to take the Breathalyzer test. Some pointed out that the state has already forfeited some $11 million in federal funds by not having a per se law and will lose millions more unless the legislation is signed into law by June 30. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS (H 4002)

House 100-53, approved an amendment allowing city and town officials to obtain criminal offender record information (CORI) from their local police chiefs rather than directly from the state's Criminal History Systems Board. Amendment supporters said local police chiefs can provide this vital information on potential school employees faster than the state which often takes several weeks to respond. They noted that a recently-approved law also requires background checks on volunteers who work in schools and argued that a school cannot wait weeks to check on a parent who volunteers to chaperone a school dance that is being held in a few days. Amendment opponents said these reports are currently only available directly from the state because the state is set up to meet the requirement to delete certain information from some offenders' raw records including juvenile incidents, non-convictions and restraining orders. They noted that police departments receive the entire raw record from the state and are not equipped to edit it to comply with state law. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment allowing police chiefs to provide a CORI report to local officials. A "Nay" vote is against allowing it).

Y

DESIGN/BUILD PROJECTS (S 2010)

Senate 7-30, rejected a "design/build" amendment allowing cities and towns to contract with a single contractor to design and construct building projects. Amendment supporters said that under current law, communities are required to select a company to design the project and then solicit bids from companies for the separate construction phase. They argued that allowing one company to design and build the entire project would save time and money and noted that Texas and Florida allow this practice and are able to complete projects more efficiently and at a lower cost than Massachusetts. Some amendment opponents said the design/build system simply does not work well and argued that communities do not have the manpower or resources to manage it. Others acknowledged that some of the state's archaic construction laws should be changed but argued that a design/build system goes too far. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment allowing a design/build system. A "Nay" vote is against allowing it).

Y

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OBITUARIES

Catherine M. Turner

Catherine M. (Cheever) Turner, 83, of Cohasset, a former office manager, died July 2, 2003, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Mrs. Turner worked at Hugo's Lighthouse restaurant in Cohasset for 30 years. She previously was an office manager at Harvard University.

She enjoyed traveling around the world with her husband after retiring in 1983.

She was born in Boston and lived in Cohasset for 52 years.

Mrs. Turner was a graduate of Dorchester High School and Boston Business School.

Wife of the late Arthur L. Turner, she leaves two daughters, Cathy J. Pryles and Elizabeth A. Venti, both of Hanover, and two grandsons.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset.

Interment was private.

Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the Animal Rescue League of Boston, 599 Washington St., Pembroke 02359.

James E. Tyeryar

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James E. Tyeryar, 70 of Cohasset and West Yarmouth, died June 26, 2003, at his home after a brief illness.

Mr. Tyeryar was a resident of Cohasset for 40 years as well as a general contractor in the South Shore area, and the original owner of the Cohasset Heights Landfill.

Originally from Frederick, Md., he worked on government projects at Camp David, Md., and Camp Detrech, Md. and did general contracting around the area. He was a member of the American Legion and VFW Posts. During the Korean War, he served as a Staff Sergeant in the Air Force, in Tule, Greenland.

He was also a member of the Board of Directors at the Pilgrim Co-op Bank for many years and was on the Finance and Building Committee. He also served as an usher at St. Anthony's Parish for many years.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, Eilleen (Mello), and his daughters, Ann E. Tyeryar of Weymouth, and Kathleen Milani of West Palm Beach, Fla.; his grandson, Andrew Henry of Boston; two brothers Charles and his wife, Gloria, of North Fort Myers, Fla. and Harry of Frederick, Md.; a sister, Mary Hubbard and her husband Bill of Reading; many in-laws, and nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Internment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Homes, One Summer St., Cohasset, Ma. 02025.

In lieu of flowers, contributions; may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Baystate Dr., P.O. Box 859060, Braintree, Ma. 02185-9060 or to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, Ma. 02115.

WORSHIP GUIDE

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First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946. 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

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Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

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Young actors prepare to take the stage in 'Jack Beanstalk'

By Samantha Brown
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This story is second in a series, outlining the process from start to finish, of producing children's theater. The Children's Drama Workshop, founded by the Deveney sisters, Beth, Grace and Sarah, is in its 15th year.

Roles have been assigned and actors are practicing their lines. There is choreography to be mastered and costumes to be made, along with jittery nerves to be calmed.

For actors playing the main roles in this summer's Children's Drama Workshop Production of "Jack Beanstalk" the task of making a character your own can bring both anticipation and butterflies in your stomach.

Ten-year-old Sam Game will play the lead character of Jack in the production. This is his fifth year working with the Deveney sisters and he feels confident that he will be able to remember all 184 of his character's lines with no problem.

"I'm probably going to try to study my lines as much as possible," he said, and knows he'll have no trouble once he takes the stage.

Eleven-year-old Betsy Crawford is also confident in her ability to learn her lines as Sally Stalker, after the experience she had last year during the production of Monsters Inc. Getting the part of narrator four days before the production, Betsy said she had to really work hard to learn her lines. However, the best reward in playing that part according to Betsy, was when her character took a break on stage and she "got to drink Coke!"

Betsy is one of three Stalker Sisters in the play, the others being Sarah, played by real-life sister Jillian Crawford who is nine years old, and Susie, which will be played by both 11-year-old Johanna Regan, and 10-year-old Kathleen Kelly. Those playing Sarah and Susie will need to study their lines carefully, as they are going to be speaking Spanish during part of the performance.

The Mexican Jumping Beans will need to work on not only some Spanish, but a Mexican accent as well. However, all three say they aren't nervous at all.

"I'm actually excited," said eight-year-old Kevin Crawford who will be playing the part of Pancho. The real life brother of Stalker Sisters Betsy and Jillian, said he will practice with them and be able to learn his lines well.

Excitement over their parts will surely be motivational in the Jumping Beans' learning their lines.

"I've never had such a big part," said Scott Wilson, 10, who will play Paco.

"Me too," said Kevin.

Jonah Atkins, 8, will play third Mexican Jumping Bean, Pablo, and said he thinks the dance scenes of the play will be the best.

For some cast members, learning their lines is all about strategy. Kate McKelvey, 8, who will be playing Jack's mother, said she has been rehearsing both her lines and Jack's.

"I say Jack's lines and mine, so I know when mine are coming up," she said.

Sisters McCauley and Micaela Braun, who are 10 and five years old respectively, said they will be practicing their lines for the parts of Snail and Rabbit together.

"My sister says some of the parts and I say some of the parts, so we say it together," said Micaela.

Luke Tedeschi, 12, who will play the Cowboy said he only has two lines, which he is not worried about. However, he may be called upon to sing a song, which could change his perspective a little.

But not everyone is so confident just yet. Trevor Schram, 8, said he is "kind of" nervous, not about learning his lines, but of the actual performance itself.

"When your part is coming up it's like — oh no, all these people are watching!" he said.

Carly Schwantner, 9, who will play the Black Baby Bear Cub gave Trevor some advice, "Just pretend you're not in front of the people."

Nine-year-old Camryn Caron, who will play the Brown Baby Bear Cub, said there is no need to be afraid, "It's just like talking to someone."

Isabel Robinson, 9, who will play the Cow, can relate to Trevor's nervousness.

"I'm not nervous now because I've done this so many times. I've gotten a lot more confident on stage. My first play was a lot harder," she said.

When it's time for the production, eleven year old Kevin O'Connell, who will play Lenny-Henny said he will take one last look at his script before going on stage, and will make sure to get their early.

Ian Porter, 11, who will play Henry J. Harp said he thought that was a good idea because he gets "nervous right before we start."

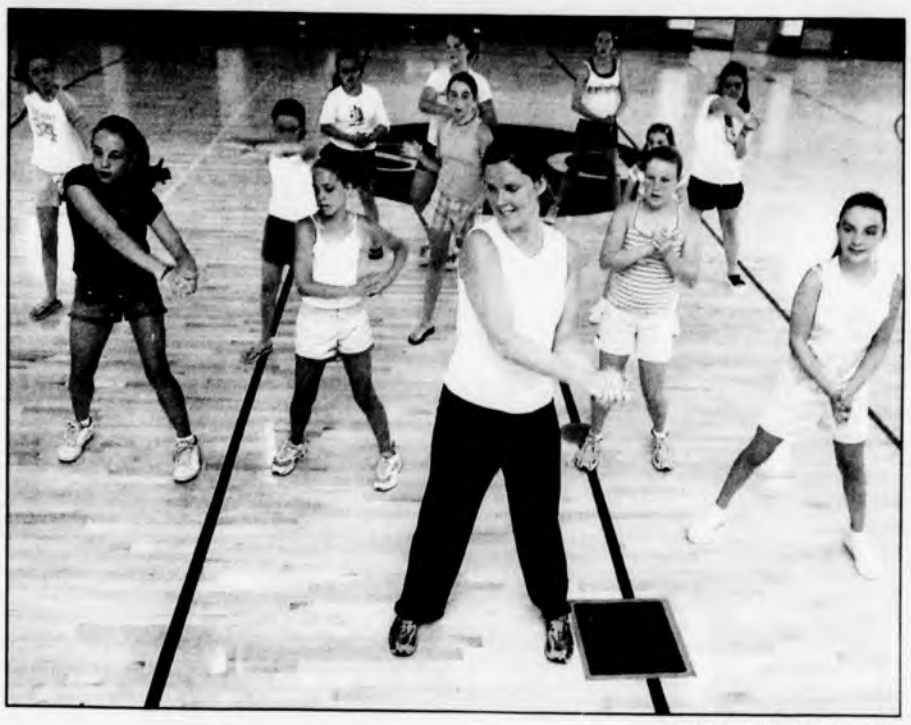
Claire Pozniak, 10, who will play Fairy Bell, said she will not be nervous at all.

"It's hard to be nervous when all of it is so hilarious," she said.

Everyone involved in the play is sure it will be a huge success, especially Terry MacCormack, 11, who will play the Giant.

"The last time [Beth] made up a play, it was Cinderella Smith, and that was really good," and from what he's seen so far, he thinks this one will be just as great.

While the play is still a work in progress, the Children's Drama Workshop wants to let the community know that they are looking for donations of all kinds of materials to use for set construction. Materials such as cardboard, foam, fabric, paint, etc. would be highly appreciated. Your trash could be their treasure! Local businesses, warehouses, homeowners, or artists may donate their goods by contacting Tyler from CDW at (917) 805-3161. The CDW thanks you in advance for helping make your community play a big hit!



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Beth Deveney leads the Arrows in their routine to point Jack in the right direction.

Sam Game as Jack, rehearses with Stalker Sisters, Betsy Crawford, Johanna Regan, and Jillian Crawford

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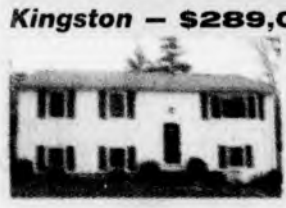
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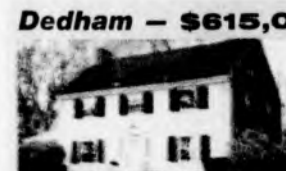
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Laxmen look to re...tool

By Mike Spellman
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Kevin Orcutt doesn't want to say he has a "rebuilding" project on his hands. Not surprising; the very word is abhorrent to most folks associated in any way with sports. But one can probably draw their own conclusion listening to the way the second year Cohasset High boys lacrosse coach repeatedly pulled up just shy of using it as he came at the subject of his team's prospects for next year from a variety of angles.

"We will have to retool somewhat," conceded Orcutt, who this year directed the Skippers to a program best 16-game win streak before they fell in the semifinals of the Div. 3 state tourney. "After all, you can't lose the type of seniors we are and not expect to take a step back,"

In all, the Skippers lost eight seniors— all of them starters, four of them All-Scholastics. Recent CHS graduates John Durkin, Nick Spirito and John Durkin will be named Mariner All-Scholastics in a few weeks, the former two for the second straight year. Matt Davis, had he not been lost to a broken collarbone nine games into the season, no doubt would have been looking at his second straight All-Mariner team.

The other four seniors — Robert Hickey, Tom Anderson, Evan Pestone and Ben Lynner— were multi-year starters.

"These eight guys have been mainstays since the day I took the job," said Orcutt. "It didn't take me long afteer I started to discover the (2001) sophomore class was the foundation of this program. Those guys all had talent, but, more than that, they all had a great work ethic, and a willingness to do whatever was necessary to win."

Orcutt pulls no punches when it comes to making comparisons between these outgoing players and the ones who'll be returning next year.

"Honestly, I don't see that same kind of desire to push themselves from a lot of the juniors and sophomores I had this year," said Orcutt. "Now, maybe that can change, and I'm hoping it does, but right now I'm not real impressed with what I've seen on the whole."

Graduation took a particularly heavy toll at the offensive end of the field. Kahn, a slick and pinpoint-shooting lefty attacker, led the Skippers in scoring each of the past two seasons and finished his career with over 200 points. Durkin and Davis were versatile midfielders who often quarterbacked the offense and were usually relied upon to start the breaks. Midfielders Hickey and Anderson were well-rounded, physical players and key performers at both ends of the field.

Thus an even larger load appears ready to fall on talented junior-to-be Jake Previte, who finished second behind Kahn in scoring this spring with 46 goals.

Senior-to-be Mike Rasmussen also flashed signs up front, according to Orcutt, and the coach likes the poten-

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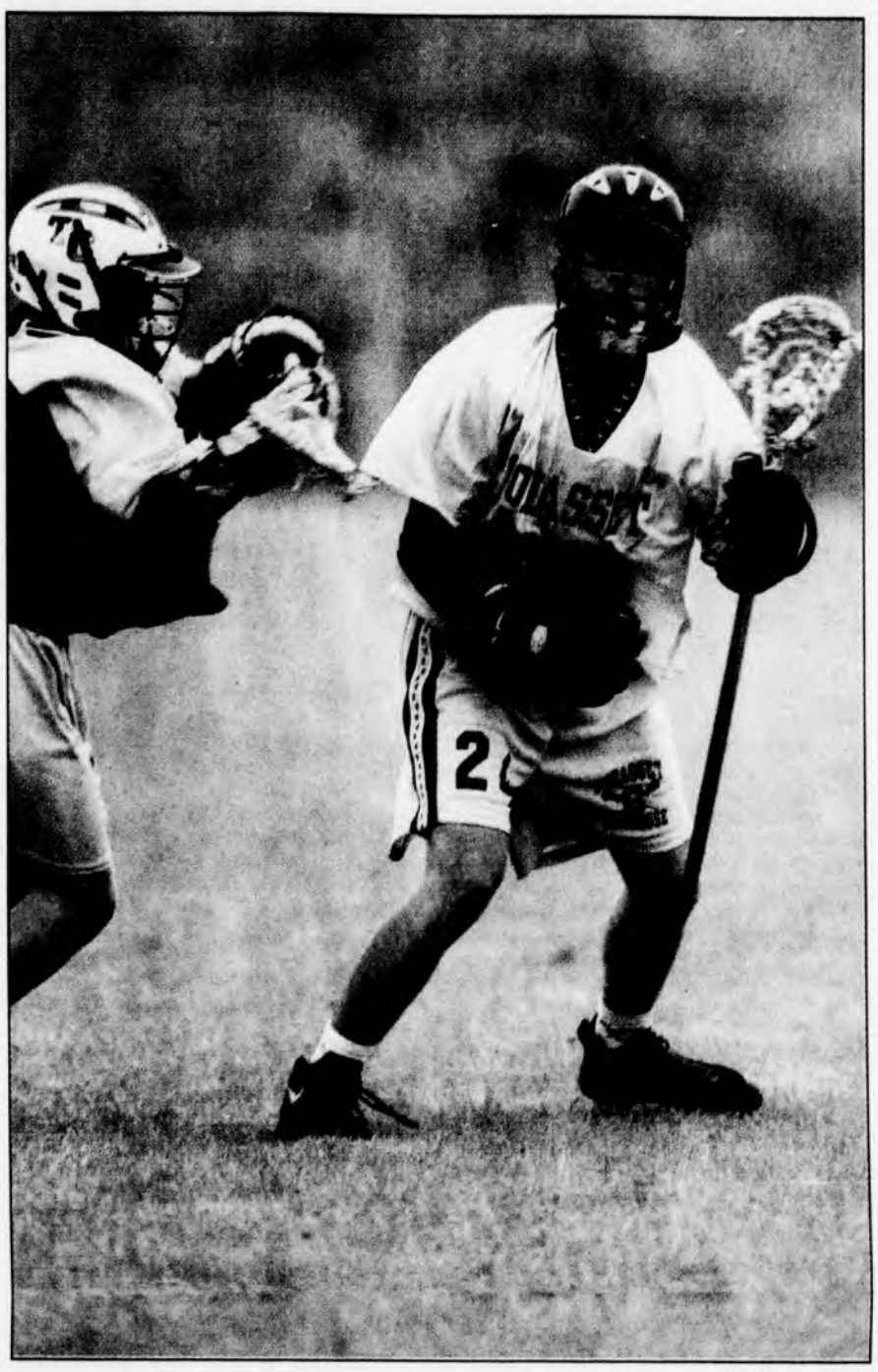

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Mark Davis (#24) is one of the laxmen who'll be looked upon to shoulder a bigger load next year.

Going for the 3-peat

Four Cohasset standouts lead defending gold medal Bay State Games laxers

Cohasset High head lacrosse coach Kevin Orcutt has announced his roster for the 2003 Bay State Games Southeast team, and it features four Cohasset residents — two Skipper standouts, an All-Catholic Conference defenseman from Boston College High and a private-school defender from St. George's of Rhode Island.

The Southeast team, two-time defending gold medallists, also boasts three players from Scituate, one from Hull, four from Weymouth, one from Norwell, and three from Milton.

"We may not have the big names we've had the past two years," said Orcutt, "but we're a scrappy team that ought to be in the hunt for a medal."

The lacrosse Bay State Games begin today, Thursday, at the Wentworth Institute in Boston, with Southeast playing at noon and again at 6 p.m.. First-round games for the team continue on Friday at noon and Saturday at noon. The medal games will be Sunday afternoon.

The two Skippers are junior goalie Nick Murphy, who started every game of Cohasset's 16-2 season, and who finished with 235 saves and a solid .625 save percentage, and soph Jake Previte, the team's second high-

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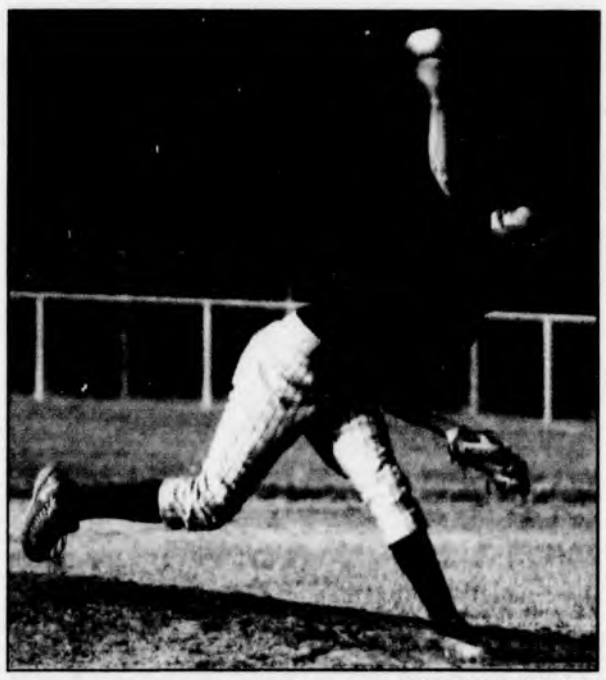

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Post 118's Greg Malley brings the heat.

It ain't over 'til it's over

Back-to-back wins keep Post 118's playoff hopes alive

By Mike Spellman
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To quote the inimitable Yoga Berra: "It ain't over til it's over."

With back-to-back wins over Morrisette and Stoughton, the Cohasset Post 118 Legion baseballers kept alive their slim hopes of a return to the postseason.

"We've still got five games left, and there are a lot of teams in the middle of the pack still fighting for the last playoff spot," said Cohasset coach Scott Arnold. "We'd have to get hot to make a move, but we did it last year. We're not ready to give up by any means."

Last year, the Post 118ers won nine of their final 10 games to secure the fifth and final postseason berth in Zone 6, and then kept going, upsetting top-seeded Norwood in the best-of-three opening round of the playoffs before falling to eventual state champ Sandwich.

Cohasset entered last night's game at Milton in ninth and final place in Zone 6 with a 4-11 record and five games left to be played. Braintree, who Cohasset beat earlier this year, was leading the way, and that team, along with Milton (10-5), Quincy (8-4-1) and Weymouth

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Angered over All-Star game...again

THE BIGGER PICTURE

DAVID INGBER

Baseball's Midsummer Classic, the July Jubilee of All-Stars, has become my favorite professional sporting event to target for a session of angry venting. It comes at a time of year when high school sports have no news to report and I'm left thirsting for story ideas.

Plus, it's such an easy target 'cuz there is just so much wrong with it.

Last year, I attacked the game itself, ending, embarrassingly, in a tie. Commissioner Bud Selig, who took much of the heat for the unsatisfying ending to the game, rectified his mistake by vowing no more ties in the All-Star game. "This year, it counts" states the Fox-aired commercials, signifying that the winning league gets home field advantage for the World Series.

OK, so I'll just have to attack something else about the game. Simple: the selection of the rosters.

Oh, where to begin. First of all, the men who start the all-star games are determined by the fans. While it's nice in theory, the truth is a small percentage of fans, namely in big markets like New York, stuff ballot boxes at stadiums, namely big stadiums like Yankee Stadium, so that undeserving players, namely Jorge Posada and Hideki Matsui, can trot onto the field ahead of clearly better players.

Matsui, like his fellow Japanese outfielder Ichiro Suzuki, was voted onto the all-star starting team in his rookie year because of the millions of baseball enthusiasts from his home country who want to root on one of their few countrymen in the major leagues. National pride is fine with me, but not when it is at the expense of knocking down Vernon Wells, who came out of nowhere (Toronto) this year to come in second in the majors thus far in the season in RBIs.

Posada was a perfect example of a player who is selected to the starting line-up only because of the large market he plays for. If Posada played for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays or the Baltimore Orioles, his .254 average would not have placed him in the top five in the voting for American League catchers. Yet, he beat the Red Sox' Jason Varitek (.297 average, with comparable home run and RBI numbers and better defensive skills) by a landslide.

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All-Scholastic boys tennis team

Cohasset's Ingber named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just eight singles players and four doubles teams, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top male tennis players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

Singles

Tim Cahill - Junior
First singles - Scituate

Tim emerged out of the shadow of big brother Ryan (SHS class of 2003) this spring to claim the top singles spot and put together a very solid 8-6 season, with all of those losses coming to All-Scholastic players... led the Sailors to a surprising 10-4 season and to the state tourney for the first time in four years...Patriot League all-star...in Patriot League play, lost twice each to Duxbury star Matt Bryson and Hingham star Brian Marsden, and once to Hanover's Pauri Pandian, all fellow PL All-Stars...has one of the best return games on the South Shore...played second singles for the Sailors the previous two years...has been named a tennis captain for next year...like Ryan, also a very

Tim Cahill

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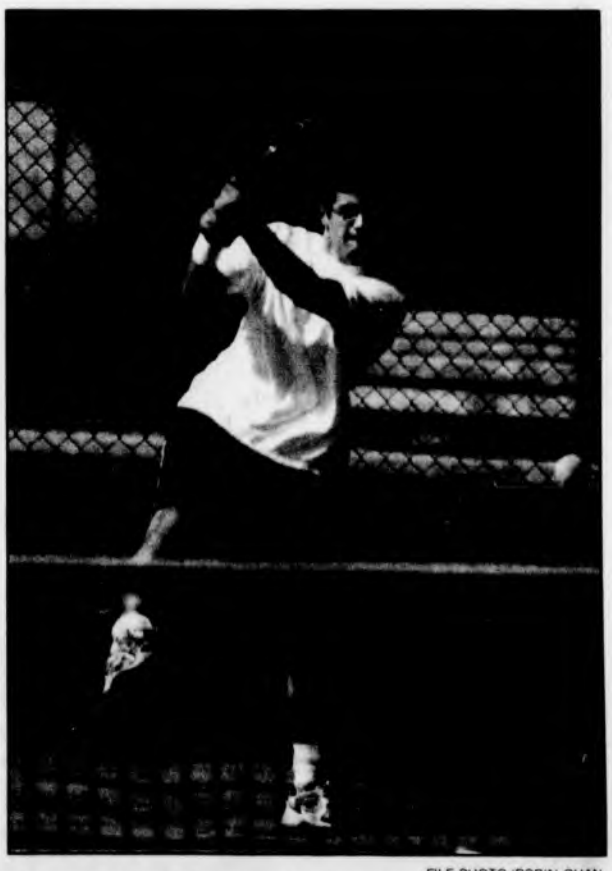

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Cohasset's Dave Ingber is now a three-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection. The recent CHS grad made our squad as half of a doubles team in 2001 and as a singles player these last two years.

Cohasset's Ingber named among area's elite

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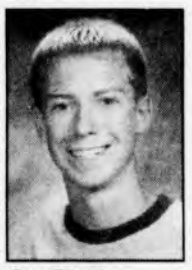
solid soccer player…made the SHS varsity soccer team last year… enjoys playing the guitar…plans to go to college and is leaning toward majoring in business…would also like to play tennis in college, even if it's at the intramural level…Scituate coach Rob Leary: "Tim was sort of a sacrificial lamb going up against some incredible number ones, but he never gave an inch, and made them all work for every point. Mental toughness is definitely his biggest asset. He's prepared mentally for every match. And playing against him is a lot like playing against a backboard. He gets to just about everything and gets it back over the net."

Brian Marsden - Senior (Capt.) First singles - Hingham

Brian Marsden

No question here… After sitting out his junior season with an injury, Marsden returned healthy and hungry this year…Marsden accomplished his career-long goal when he won the State Individual singles title earlier this month…The senior went unbeaten this season and lost only one regular-season match over his four-year career, falling to Norwell's Sam Bitetti his junior season…A four-time Patriot League All-star, Marsden helped lead his team to back-to-back appearances in the Div. 1 South Sectional finals (2000, 2001), both times falling victim to Newton North…Marsden also played hockey at HHS and was a member of the Div. 1 state championship team in 2000…He will attend Trinity College in the fall and plans to continue both his tennis and hockey careers. Hingham coach Ron Bartles: "Brian was the reason that we were able to go to the Sectional finals two years in a row. He is a full court player. He covers the entire court and he is very tough mentally. Brian won't lose his cool. He will stay with it no matter the situation."

Sam Bitetti - Junior First singles - Norwell

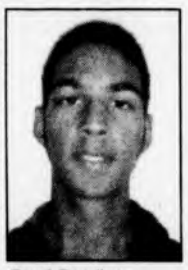

Sam Bitetti

Played a key role in extending the Clippers amazing unbeaten streak in South Shore League play to nine consecutive seasons with his sensational play at number one singles over the last four years…led Norwell to a 13-1 regular season and to the semifinals of the Div. 2 South sectionals…finished 15-2 this season, his only losses coming in non-league play to Hingham superstar Brian Marsden and Duxbury star Peter Antons…he did beat Antons, though, in the state individual tourney, and Marsden in duel match play two years ago…lost only two league matches during his entire career, both of these coming in his freshman year to then-Hanover senior Chris Dong… reached the semifinals in the state individual tourney in 2001 and 2002, falling to Newton's Luke Tedaldi each time…three-time Boston Globe and Mariner All-Scholastic ('01, '02)…four time South Shore League All-Star… currently ranked 10th in New England in the USTA under-18 division… National Honors Society member …graduated as his class Salutatorian…will continue his tennis career at either Bowdoin or Georgetown…leaning toward a major in the Sciences…also a South Shore League all-star in cross country his freshman and sophomore years, but gave up track after that to concentrate more fully on tennis…Norwell coach Jay Swartz: "A lot of players walked on the court over the years thinking they could beat Sam because he didn't have the big powerful serve or look that imposing, but they'd walk off losers pretty quickly. Sam gives you nothing to go at or pick on when you're playing against him. He's extremely well-rounded and deceptively quick. He's just so consistent and focussed and intelligent a player."

Eric Goldman - Senior (Capt.) First Singles - Abington

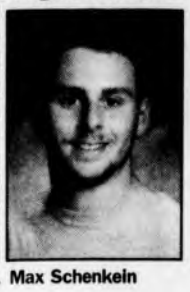
Was the driving force behind the Green Wave's stellar season, in which the team returned to the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney for the first time in years…Goldman went 10-5 this season pacing the Abington team (10-5) to a second-place finish in the South Shore League just two years after going 1-15 as a squad…A two-year South Shore League All-star at first singles, Goldman's biggest strength on the court was his patience, often outlasting his opponent with his cool, calm, and collected style of play…In the fall, Goldman plans to join the Air Force Academy where he will continue his tennis career. Abington coach Mike Mayhew: "You do not see many patient high school players and Eric uses that to his advantage. He improved this year by becoming a little more aggressive, but maintained his level head. It was a real treat to watch him develop into a successful tennis player over the past four years."

Pauri Pandian - Junior First singles - Hanover


Pauri Pandian

Despite sitting out the first six matches of the season with an ankle injury, Pandian returned in full force, pacing his team in avenging earlier-season losses to Patriot League rivals Hingham and Rockland…A Patriot League All-star, Pandian went 5-5 in matches upon his return…A member of the National Honor Society, Pandian has been an honor roll student at HHS for the last three years…He is a year round tennis player with the USTA and will be the top returning prospect to the Hanover boys team next season. Hanover coach Monika O'Hare: "Pauri is a hard worker and he sets a really good example for the rest of the team."

Max Schenkein - Junior Second singles - Norwell


Max Schenkein

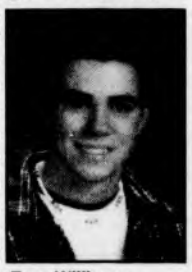
Decided to forsake baseball this spring for tennis, and quickly emerged as the Clippers second singles player… went unbeaten in South Shore League play (10-0) to play a key role in the Clippers extending their amazing run of unbeaten seasons in the SSL to nine years…finished with an overall record of 14-2, his two losses coming to Duxbury stars Peter Anton and Matt Bryson, the former loss coming in the semifinals of the Div. 2 South Sectionals, where the Clippers also fell, 4-1…South Shore League All-Star… the lefty utilizes a strong serve and a powerful backhand, which he follows to the net very effectively… also a standout for the Norwell High golf team…played baseball at Norwell High the previous two springs…High Honor Roll student…National Honors Society…loves all sports…a sportswriter this year for the NHS newspaper, the Norwell Navigator, and will be a News Editor next year…won Yale Book Award for NHS, which indicates he has a top seven GPA in his class… will be Student Body President this coming school year…plans to apply to Ivy and Small Ivy Schools…is leaning toward majoring in Political Science, and has an eye toward a career in law…Norwell coach Jay Swartz: "Getting Max to come out for the team took us from a good team to a very good team, no doubt about that. He's a very bright kid, as were my other singles players this year, so when you talked strategy with him, he just locked onto it. Max is very intense and driven, and I think he's going to work very hard this off season, and come back much better."

David Ingber - Senior (Capt.) First singles - Cohasset

David Ingber

Now a three-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection, making our squad as half of a doubles team in 2001 and as a singles player the last two years…injured his hip at the end of this season, forcing him to miss the last few regular season matches and withdraw from his second round match in the state tourney… finished the season with a 9-4 record, including 1-1 in the postseason…three-time South Shore League all-star… was the top singles player for team went 9-7 overall and 8-4 in SSL play…also a standout performer for the joint Scituate-Cohasset High swim team…very interested in drama and acting…had a lead role in the recent "Real World: Cancun" motion picture…works in the summer as a lifeguard and swim teacher at the Cohasset Swim Center…also a member of the summer Cohasset Swim Team…an academic tutor…teaches the guitar…National Honors Society member…has been a Mariner Correspondent the last four years…was Editor this past school year of the Spinnaker, the CHS newspaper…will attend Harvard University…plans to major in English or Government, and has an eye toward a future in journalism…Cohasset coach Kent Parrot: "Dave got the most out of what he had for skills. He's not a classic tennis player in terms of strokes or style of play, but his all business attitude and work ethic set him apart. He stays in every point and never gives in to anyone. He has great leadership skills, and that's something else we'll really miss."

Evan Williams - Junior (Capt.) First singles - Silver Lake


Evan Williams

Evan's year round commitment to tennis really began to shine through this year, as he went 11-2 in Old Colony League play to lead the SL boys team back to the state tourney after a year's absence…only two losses were to Quincy All-Scholastic Jirawat Anektanasap…helped the Lakers to an overall record of 11-6 (11-2 in OCL)…OCL all-star…a three-year varsity starter, playing first doubles as a freshman and second singles as a sophomore…a member of the Kingsbury tennis club in Kingston, where his father (Mark) is a club pro…was a member of the Silver Lake wrestling team the previous two years, but gave that sport up to devote more time to tennis in the winter…has been ranked previously by USTA-New England…takes Advanced Placement courses…Honor Roll student…a gifted artist who has won a Boston Globe Art Award…would like to play tennis in college…is looking at Muhlenberg College and Lafeyette College in Pennsylvania, schools with Div. 3 tennis programs… leaning toward majoring in Liberal Arts or Industrial Arts…Silver Lake coach David Rix: "Evan really has excellent skills as a tennis player, and really emerged this season as one of the best players in our league. I think we really saw his off season work pay off this spring. He hit the ground running and just kept going all year."

Doubles

Kyle Swartz/Mike Allen First Doubles - Norwell

These two juniors have played together as partners for three years now, and just keep getting better and better…the two completed their second consecutive unbeaten season together at first doubles (10-0) and went 14-3 overall, with two losses suffered to Duxbury's unbeaten top pair (Jesse Hayes, Rob Groezinger) and one to Westwood's All-Scholastic duo… overall record the last two years is 27-4…played a key role in extending the Clippers amazing unbeaten streak in South Shore League play to nine consecutive seasons… two-time South Shore League all-stars…compliment each other well, Kyle (the son of coach Jay Swartz) being the more technically sound player and Mike an extremely aggressive player by nature…Kyle also possesses a powerful forehand…Mike was also a goalie with the SSL champion Norwell High soccer team this spring…Mike is heavily involved in student government and mock trials, and is Photo Editor for the school newspaper…Kyle runs track for Norwell High… both Honor Roll students players plan to attend college…Mike is leaning toward majoring in Pre-law, and would like to attend B.C. or Stonehill…Norwell coach Jay Swartz: "Mike and Kyle were obviously the best team in the South Shore League again, and they continue to improve together. Their control of the game continues to improve."

Kyle Swartz

Mike Allen

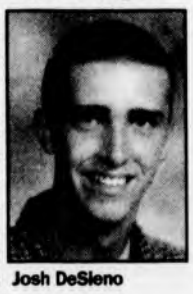
Peter Shaw/Sam Sinclair - First Doubles - Hingham

Peter Shaw

Teamed together for the first time of their careers, these seniors each held different roles before this season… A second singles player last year, Sinclair, a senior, moved to doubles to team with Shaw, also a senior… The duo was selected second in the Patriot League All-star race…Sinclair and Shaw, ranked third in his 2003 class, won their match in the preliminary round of the Div. 1 South Sectional team tourney, helping the Harbormen edge Dighton-Rehoboth 3-2 before falling to Sharon…Sinclair plans to attend college, while Shaw heads off to Washington University. Hingham coach Ron Bartles: "Sam is a very strong player. He played singles last year, but was sick before the season and we put him on a doubles team. Peter has been with us for four years. He moved up to play doubles and he is an extremely smart kid."

Sam Sinclair

Josh DeSieno/Eric Alemian - First Doubles - Abington


Josh DeSieno

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, DeSieno proved he could play with anyone, teaming with Alemian for a great doubles season…Both seniors, DeSieno and Alemian teamed midseason, helping to fuel the Green Wave's 10-5 year and second place finish in the South Shore League…The duo's play at the No. 1 spot was also instrumental in getting Abington back to the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney after a void of several years…DeSieno also played soccer and basketball at AHS…Both plan to attend college in the fall. Abington coach Mike Mayhew: "DeSieno and Alemian really enjoyed playing with each other and became a tough team to beat. It is quite an accomplishment for the seniors on this team to be able to turn things around. These guys have improved each year and grown as players on and off the court."

Sean Kane/Paul Maloney First Doubles - Silver Lake

Sean Kane

Both seniors, Maloney, a captain and second year player for Silver Lake, and Kane, a first year player, came seemingly out of nowhere to give the Lakers a sensational pairing at first doubles this season to play a key role in directing the SL boys to an 11-2 season in Old Colony League play and a return to the postseason after a one-year absence… put together a regular season record of 10-2…Maloney's strong play at the net worked well with Kane's steady baseline play…Old Colony League all-stars… both Kane and Maloney are excellent athletes, as witnessed by their success in other sports at SL — Kane in soccer and wrestling, Maloney in soccer…Maloney played for the Bay State Games soccer team last summer and plays the game year round…Maloney will be attending Wentworth Academy, where he plans to major in Architecture and hopes to play tennis…Sean, who was a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention for wrestling, has joined the Navy and will train to become a diver…Silver Lake coach David Rix: "Both Paul and Sean are excellent athletes, and that helped them come a long way quickly. Neither was quite ready for singles play but, as partners, they really gelled and their chemistry was very good."

Paul Maloney

Honorable Mention:

Singles

Rory O'Connor - Sr. - Third Singles - Norwell

Nils Sceery- Fr.- Second Singles- Cohasset

Tim Anton- Jr.- Third Singles- Cohasset

Brad Anderson- Jr.- Second singles- Scituate

Ryan Cahill- Sr. (Capt.)- third singles- Scituate

Brad Opie- Sr. (Capt.)- First Singles- Braintree

John Elstemyer- Jr.- Second Singles- Braintree

Gary Maguire - Sr. - Singles - Rockland

Kevin Grammar - Singles - Weymouth

Steve Politano - Jr. - Second Singles - Abington

Brett Duffy - Jr. - Second Singles - Marshfield

Doubles

Ross Lieb-Lappen (Sr.)/ Scott Faber (Sr.)- Cohasset

Rich Quizani/Justin DeLosh - First Doubles - Hanover

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Cohasset swim team blows Sharks, Yachters out of water

Summer is finally here and Cohasset swim team is back in the water for what will surely be another successful year. Under the "new management" of head coach Ted Hughes and assistants Blake Worrall and Casey Anderson, the season got off to a great start with a resounding win for the home team against Hanover's Sharks – 424 to 162 and, in the second meet, a comfortable win against Duxbury Yacht Club, 395 to 208.

After what seems like months of rain, June 27th turned out to be a classic swim team afternoon - cloudless skies, ninety degree temperatures and a buzz of frenetic activity. The program started with the 100 yards medley relays and, in what has become something of a tradition, the youngest team members, kicked off the meet with wins in both their races (eight and under boys: 1st: Fontaine; McCarthy; Adkins; Swain; 2nd: Berube; Green; MacCarthy; Michalowski; girls: 1st: McCunney; Buckley; Farren; Teague; 2nd: Bodner; Malerti; Carrier; Littauer; 4th: Farren; Axelson; Noble; Berube).

The ten and under boys followed closely with first and second position finishes in their events and while the girls just missed the win they were able to claim second and third places (boys: 1st: Salerno; Leahy; Mahoney; Carrier; 2nd: Faber; Buckley; Shipp; Murphy; girls: 2nd: Farren; Haber; Karski; Donohue; 3rd: Kelly; Seraikas; Murphy; Michalowski; 5th: Kucinski; Caron; Berube; Adkins). The final 100 yard medleys produced two further wins for Cohasset at the twelve and under level and the seventeen and under boys and girls finished first in both their 200 yard races (boys twelve and under: 1st: Connors; Porter; Doonan; Ulmer; 2nd: Daly; Hurley; Queenan; MacCormack; girls twelve and under: 1st: Ryan; Lehr; Mahoney; Meehan; 3rd: Costa; Kelly; McElhinny; Lehr; 4th: Mahoney; Fortin; Buckley; Hunt; boys seventeen and under: 1st: Doonan; Roach; Drybanski; Conway; 2nd: Kuppens; Kelly; Cunningham; Zappolo; 3rd: MacCarthy; Yeager; Muir; Gammon; girls seventeen and under: 1st: Daley; Durkin; Nelson; Hernan; 3rd: Sacks; Fortin; Teague; Englander; 5th: Swain; James; Regan; Hurd). With the first medleys of the season complete Cohasset had accumulated 60 points to Hanover's 24.

The ten and under boys and girls were up next in the fifty yard freestyle. Once again the home team dominated with first place finishes in both events (boys: 1st: Carrier, J.; 3rd: Salerno, J.; 4th: Buckley, T.; girls: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 5th Farren, A.; 6th Kucinski, K.).

The 100 yard individual medleys followed and the twelve and under boys and girls kept up the pace with wins in both their races (boys: 1st: Ulmer, W; 2nd: Connors, R.; 3rd: Queenan, C.; girls: 1st: Meehan, S.; 4th: Mahoney; 6th: McCarthy, C.). The fourteen and under boys followed suit with first, third and fourth places and the girls finished second, fourth and sixth (boys: 1st: Drybanski; J.; 3rd: Cunningham, C.; 4th: Porter, N.; girls: 2nd: Garber, C.; 4th: Teague, M.; 6th: Previte; M.). The event was rounded off with wins for both the seventeen and under boys and girls and a nineteen point increase in Cohasset's lead (boys: 1st: Doonan, B.; girls: 1st; Nelson, M.).

With the medleys in the bag, it was back to the younger team members, and the eight and under boys again started well with first, second and fourth places in the 25 yard freestyle (1st: Fontaine, A.; 2nd: McCarthy, M.; 4th: Michalowski, C.). The girls just missed the win, but made their own important contribution with second, third and fourth place finishes (2nd: Teague, M; 3rd: Bodner, K.; 4th: Axelson, M.). The ten and under boys and girls produced a similar pattern of results. A win for the boys and second, third and sixth position finishes for the girls (boys: 1st: Murphy, C.; 2nd: Mahoney, R.; 4th: MacCormack, P.; girls: 2nd: Donohue, M.; 3rd: Adkins, O.; 6th: Seraikas, A.).

In the 50 yard races Cohasset continued to dominate the event with wins in five of the six races (boys twelve and under: 2nd: Doonan, B.; 3rd: Porter, I.; 4th: Plante, J.; girls twelve and under: 1st: Lehr, T.; 4th: Buckley, A.; 6th: Dunn, B.; boys fourteen and under: 1st: Zappalo, N.; 2nd: Conway, C.; 4th: Porter, N.; girls fourteen and under: 1st: Heman, E.; 3rd: Teague, M.; 4th: Campbell, A.; boys seventeen and under: 1st: Roach, K.; 2nd: Kuppens, C.; 3rd: MacCarthy, E.; girls seventeen and under: 1st: Nelson, M.; 4th James, K.). The individual freestyle finished with Cohasset ahead by a margin of eighty six points.

The butterfly was up next and, once again Cohasset was off to a winning start courtesy of the eight and under boys (1st: Adkins, J.; 2nd: MacCarthy, R.; 3rd: Green, C.). The girls didn't quite make the win but finished well, claiming second, third and fifth places (2nd: Farren, N.; 3rd: Carrier, A.; 5th: Berube, B.). Cohasset won the next two races at the ten and under level (boys: 1st: Shipp, M.; 2nd Salerno, J.; 4th: MacCormack, P.; girls: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 2nd: Karski, E.; 4th: Berube, M.). The twelve and under boys were pushed back into second, third and fifth place finishes and the girls pulled back to win their race (boys: 2nd: Daly, R.; 3rd: Ulmer, W.; 5th MacCormack, T.; girls: 1st: Mahoney, C.; 2nd: Ryan, K.; 6th: McElhinny, C.).

The butterfly event finished with a win for Cohasset in all four of the fifty yard races (boys fourteen and under: 1st: Conway, C.; 2nd: Cunningham, C.; girls fourteen and under: 1st: Garber, C.; 3rd: Durkin, L.; 4th: Englander, E.; boys seventeen and under: 1st: Gammon, B.; girls seventeen and under: 1st: Nelson, M.; 2nd: Fortin, S.; 4th: Sacks, M.). Going into the next event Cohasset had established a 135 point lead.

In the breaststroke the eight and under boys once again led off with a win (1st: McCarthy, M.; 2nd: Berube, G.; 3rd: Swain, G.). The girls just missed the win but took second, third and fifth place (2nd: Farren, N.; 3rd: Chase, C.; 5th: Axelson, M.). At the ten and under level again there was a win for the boys and a third, fourth and fifth places for the girls (boys: 1st: Buckley, T.; 2nd: Leahy, S.; 4th: Faber, J.; girls: 3rd: Seraikas, A.; 4th: Murphy, O.; 5th: Axelson, M.).

At the fifty yard level Cohasset came on strong with wins in five of the six final breaststroke races ending the event with a stunning 171 point lead (boys twelve and under: 1st: Porter, I.; 2nd: Hurley, P.; 4th: Queenan, C.; girls twelve and under: 1st: Lehr, S.; 2nd: Asnault, A.; 3rd: Buckley, A.; boys fourteen and under: 1st: Zappolo, N.; 2nd: Kelly, T.; 3rd: Yeager, A.; girls fourteen and under: 2nd: Durkin, L.; 3rd: Fortin, S.; 4th: Swain, K.; boys seventeen and under: 1st: Roach, K.; 2nd: Gammon, B.; 3rd: Porter, N.; girls seventeen and under: 1st: Daley, M.; 4th: Regan, M.; 5th: Hurd, A.).

In the afternoon's last individual event - the backstroke - the home-team produced wins right across the board at all age levels. Starting with the usual plucky effort from the youngest swimmers right through to the mature performances of the seventeen and under boys and girls, the Cohasset swimmers powered home confidently in every race (boys eight and under: 1st: Fontaine, A.; 2nd: Adkins, J.; 4th: MacCarthy, R.; girls eight and under: 1st: Buckley, M.; 2nd: Bodner, K.; 5th: Farren, V.; boys ten and under: 1st: Carrier, J.; 2nd: Shipp, M.; 3rd: Mahoney, R.; girls ten and under: 1st: Haber, A.; 2nd: Karski, E.; 6th: Adkins, O.; boys twelve and under: 1st: Doonan, B.; 3rd: Connors, R.; 4th: Ofsthun, C.; girls twelve and under: 1st: Ryan, K.; 2nd: Mahoney, M.; 3rd: Costa, A.; boys fourteen and under: 1st: Drybanski, J.; 2nd: Doonan, P.; girls fourteen and under: 1st: Heman, E.; 2nd: Garber, C.; boys seventeen and under: 1st: Muir, K.; 2nd: MacCarthy, E.; girls seventeen and under: 1st: Daley, M.; 3rd: James, K.).

The afternoon rounded off with the one and two hundred yard free relays. Cohasset had already established a comfortable lead, but swimmers took off with the same determination to win. In the first two races of the event the eight and under boys and girls both swept the board with first, second and third place finishes (boys: 1st: Adkins; Swain; McCarthy; Fontaine; 2nd: Berube; McCarthy; Green; Michalowski; girls eight and under: 1st: Buckley; Teague; McCunney; Farren; 2nd: Bodner; Littauer; Malerti; Carrier; 3rd: Axelson; Berube; Chase; Farren). The ten and under boys again took first and second and places, while the girls grabbed second, third and fifth (boys: 1st: Salerno; Shipp; Mahoney; Carrier; 2nd: Buckley; Faber; Kennedy; Leahy; girls: 2nd: Axelson; Farren; Donohue; Michalowski; 3rd: Murphy; Seraikas; Haber; Karski; 5th: Adkins; Kelly; Caron; Berube).

At the twelve and under level both the boys and girls again took the win and the event finished with an unopposed win for the seventeen and under boys and a close finish for the girls who placed second, third and fourth (boys twelve and under: 1st: Porter, Connors; Ulmer; Doonan; 2nd: Daly; Hurley; Plante; Ofsthun; girls twelve and under: 1st: Ryan; Mahoney; Lehr; Meehan; 2nd: Mahoney; Kelly; Costa; Lehr; 3rd: McBride; Donohue; Fortin; Gaumer; seventeen and under boys: 1st: Drybanski; Roach; Zappallo; Conway; 2nd: Doonan; Porter; Cunningham; Kelly; 3rd: Kuppens; MacCarthy; Muir; Yeager; girls: 2nd: Garber; Englander; Durkin; Daley; 3rd: Regan; Richardson; Sacks; Tehranian; 4th: Previte; Hurd; Campbell; Swain). The day ended with Cohasset ahead by two hundred and sixty points, a resounding win.

The team raced again on Wednesday July 2nd, against Duxbury Yacht Club and wasted no time in establishing their dominance once again.

The swimmers started well with wins in seven of the eight 100 and 200 yard medley relays (boys eight and under 100 yard medley relay:1st: Fontaine; McCarthy; Adkins; Kissick; 3rd: Michalowski; Green; Swain; MacCarthy; 4th: Lund; Doonan; Berube; Brown; girls: 1st: McCunney; Buckley; Farren; Teague; 3rd: Bodner; Noble; Carrier; Littauer; 4th: Porter; Zimmerman; Berube; Farren; boys ten and under: 1st: Salerno; Durkin; Mahoney; Carrier; 2nd: Murphy; Buckley; Shipp; Durkin; 4th: Leahy; Heman; MacCormack; Kennedy; girls ten and under: 1st: Kissick; Fontaine; Murphy; Michalowski; 3rd: Farren; Seraikas; Karski; Donohue; 4th: Kelly; Kucinski; Berube; Adkins; boys twelve and under: 2nd: Ulmer; Porter; Doonan; Kissick; 3rd: Connors; MacCormack; Daly; Hurley; girls twelve and under: 1st: Ryan; Lehr; Mahoney; Meehan; 3rd: Mahoney; Kelly; Buckley; Lehr; 5th: Costa; Dunn; Baumgarten; Fortin; boys seventeen and under: 1st: Berg; Roach; Tehranian; Conway; 2nd: Doonan; Zappalo; Drybanski; Hurd; 5th: Kuppens; Kelly; Cunningham; MacCarthy; girls seventeen and under: 1st: Daley; Anderson; Garber; Heman; 2nd: Sacks; Durkin; Teague; Englander; 4th: Regan; Fortin; Swain; Richardson). By the end of the medley relays, Cohasset had accumulated 70 points, to Duxbury's 32.

In the 50 yard frees the ten and under boys and girls did not produce wins, but with second, third and fourth places, added a valuable eight points to the score (boys: 2nd: Carrier, J.; 3rd: Murphy, C.; 4th: Buckley, T.; girls: 2nd: Michalowski, A.; 3rd: Farren, A.; 4th: Kucinski, K.).

In the 100 yard individual medleys that followed, Cohasset took first place in all six races, increasing their lead by twenty three points (boys: twelve and under 100 yard individual medley: 1st: Kissick, J.; 3rd: Porter, I.; 4th: Connors, R.; girls twelve and under: 1st: Meehan, S.; 4th: Buckley, A.; 5th: Baumgarten, E.; boys fourteen and under: 1st: Drybanski, J.; 2nd: Cunningham, C.; girls fourteen and under: 1st: Garber, C.; 3rd: Teague, M.; 5th: Previte, M.; boys seventeen and under: 1st: Berg, P.; girls seventeen and under: 1st: Swain, K).

The next event was the individual freestyle, and Cohasset finished first in two of the four 25 yard races, and won four of six races at the fifty yard distance (boys eight and under 25 yard freestyle: 1st: Fontaine, A.; 2nd: Kissick, C.; 3rd: McCarthy, M.; girls eight and under: 2nd: Teague, M.; 5th: Bodner, K.; 6th: Carrier, A.; boys ten and under: 1st: Durkin, T.; 2nd: Durkin, J.; 3rd: Salerno, J.; girls ten and under: 3rd: Murphy, C.; 4th: Donohue, M.; 5th: Adkins, O.; boys twelve and under: 1st: Doonan, B.; 3rd: Porter, I.; 5th: Ulmer, W.; girls twelve and under: 3rd: Mahoney, C.; 4th: Mahoney, M.; 5th: Lehr, S.; boys fourteen and under 50 yard freestyle: 1st: Zappalo, N.; 2nd: Conway, C.; 3rd: Hunt, A.; girls fourteen and under: 1st: Durkin, L.; 2nd: Heman, E.; 5th: Campbell, A.; boys seventeen and under: 2nd: Tehranian, K.; 3rd: Roach, K.; MacCarthy, E.; girls seventeen and under: 1st: Anderson, C.; 2nd: Lehr, R.; 5th: James, K.). With the individual freestyles complete, Cohasset's score was now 158 to Duxbury's 87.

The 25 yard butterflies produced an additional four wins and the 50 yard event a further four so that by the half way point in the meet Cohasset's score stood at 216 to Duxbury's 119 (boys eight and under 25 yard butterfly: 1st: Swain, G.; 2nd: Adkins, J.; girls eight and under: 1st: Farren, N.; 2nd: Buckley, M.; 3rd: Carrier, A.; boys ten and under: 2nd: Shipp, M.; 3rd: Durkin, J.; 4th: Mahoney, R.; girls ten and under: 2nd: Murphy, C.; 3rd: Kissick, H.; 4th: Berube, M.; boys twelve and under: 1st: Doonan, B.; 4th: Ulmer, W.; 5th: MacCormack, T.; girls twelve and under: 1st: Meehan, S.; 2nd: Mahoney, C.; 3rd: Lehr, T.; boys fourteen and under 50 yard butterfly: 1st: Conway, C.; 2nd: Doonan, P.; 4th: Cunningham, C.; girls fourteen and under: 1st: Garber, C.; 2nd: Durkin, L.; 3rd: Teague, M.; boys seventeen and under: 2nd: Tehranian, K.; 3rd: Kuppens, C.; girls seventeen and under: 2nd: Lehr, R.;

In the 100 yard breaststroke event, once again Cohasset's swimmers put in a series of strong performances, winning all four of the 25 yard races, and five out of six of the 50 yard races (boys eight and under 25 yard breaststroke: 1st: MacCarthy, M.; 2nd: Adkins, J.; 3rd: Swain, G.; girls eight and under: 1st: Farren, N.; 2nd: Buckley, M.; 3rd: Carrier, A.; boys ten and under: 1st: Noble, J.; boys 50 yard breaststroke: 1st: Leahy, S.; 2nd: Durkin, J.; 3rd: Buckley, T.; girls ten and under: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 2nd: Fontaine, L.; 4th: Seraikas, A.; boys twelve and under 50 yard breaststroke: 2nd: Porter, I.; 4th: Connors, R.; 5th: Plante, J.; girls twelve and under: 1st: Lehr, S.; 3rd: Kelly, M.; 5th: Asnault, A.; boys fourteen and under: 1st: Zappalo, N.; 2nd: Kelly, T.; 3rd: Yeager, A.; girls fourteen and under: 1st: Durkin, L.; 2nd: Fortin, S.; 3rd: Swain, K.; boys seventeen and under: 1st: Roach, K.; girls seventeen and under: 1st: Anderson, C.).

Going into the last individual event, Cohasset was now 137 points ahead of Duxbury. The youngest team members started their backstroke races with three out of four wins at the 25 yard distance (boys eight and under: 1st: Fontaine, A.; 3rd: Kissick, C.; 4th: Michalowski, C.; girls eight and under: 3rd: Buckley, M.; 4th: Bodner, K.; 5th: Farren, V.; boys ten and under: 1st: Carrier, J.; 2nd: Murphy, C.; 3rd: Salerno, J.; girls ten and under 25: 1st: Fontaine, L.; 2nd: Kissick, H.; 5th: Adkins, O.). The fifty yard events produced more mixed results, but with three out of six wins, Cohasset went into the final event with a 155 point lead (boys twelve and under 50 yard backstroke: 2nd: Kissick, J.; 3rd: Ulmer, W.; 4th: Daly, R.; girls twelve and under: 2nd: Ryan, K.; 3rd: Mahoney, M.; 4th: Costa, A.; boys fourteen and under: 1st: Drybanski, J.; 2nd: Hunt, A.; 4th: Doonan, P.; girls fourteen and under: 1st: Heman, E.; 3rd: Regan, M.; boys seventeen and under: 2nd: Berg, P.; girls seventeen and under: 1st: Daley, M.).

The afternoon ended with the free relays and, although their lead was never in jeopardy, Cohasset's swimmers pushed hard to finish undefeated at both the 100 and 200 yard distances (boys eight and under 100 yard free relay: 1st: Fontaine; Swain; Adkins; Kissick; 2nd: McCarthy; MacCarthy; Green; Michalowski; 4th: Doonan; Rice; Lund; Berube; girls eight and under: 1st: Buckley; McCunney; Teague; Farren; 3rd: Bodner; Noble; Zimmerman; Carrier; 4th: Berube; Chase; Farren; Malerti; boys ten and under: 1st: Mahoney; Salerno; Durkin; Carrier; 2nd: Shipp; Murphy; Buckley; Durkin; 4th: Horrigan; Pratt; MacCormack; Kennedy; girls ten and under: 1st: Fontaine; Donohue; Michalowski; Kissick; 3rd: Murphy; Karski; Farren; Adkins; 4th: Berube; Gibbons; Kucinski; Caron; boys twelve and under: 1st: Doonan; Connors; Ulmer; Kissick; 3rd: McCormack; Plante; Ofsthun; Daly; girls twelve and under: 1st: Mahoney, Costa, Hunt; Lehr; 3rd: Mahoney, C.; Lehr; Ryan, Meehan; 4th: Libby, McBride; Salerno; Regan; boys seventeen and under 200 yard free relay; 1st: Berg; Roach; Conway; Tehranian; 2nd: Hunt; Doonan; Drybanski; Zappolo; 4th: Yeager; Cunningham; MacCarthy; Kuppens; girls seventeen and under: Anderson; Daley; Lehr; Heman; 2nd: Durkin; Teague; Englander; Garber; 5th: James; Plante; Anderson; Campbell;

It's a lot to take in, with this "two-for-one" reporting but, the bottom line is, that the Cohasset Swim team has launched the 2003 season with the same confidence and success of last year's Championship winners.

Congratulations to the team for a tremendous start to the season, and to the coaches Ted Hughes, Blake Worrall and Casey Anderson for a job well done and a special thanks to all the parents who regularly give up most of an entire day to support the meet.

Cohasset will swim again on Friday July 11th against Eel River, at Eel River Swim Club. We wish them all the best in the competition and for the rest of the season.

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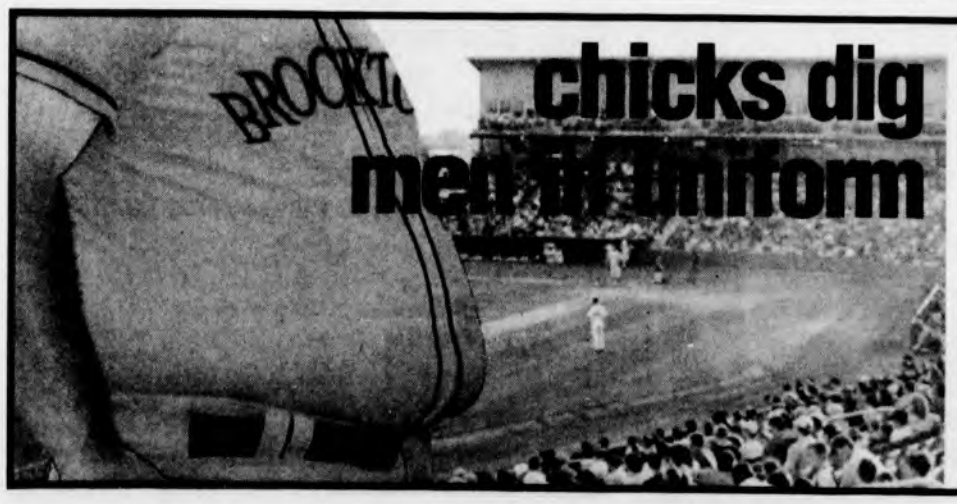

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Participants in the recent Cohasset High alumni lacrosse game.

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est scorer with 46 goals and 21 assists. Reed Smith, another Cohasset resident, will anchor the Southeast defense, after a season at BC High where he got all-league recognition. The fourth Cohasset squad member is Christy Mihos, a defenseman at St. George's.

Scituate is represented on the team by Scituate High defenseman Chris Connelly, BC High's JP Sylvester, a defenseman, and midfielder Tim Ferris.

Hull's Garrett Curran, a goalie at Tabor Academy and a gold medallist a year ago, returns to the cage, as does his father, Stu Curran, as assistant coach.

Norwell's Zac Trudeau, a Milton Academy midfielder, will see plenty of playing time, as should four Weymouth standouts, attackman Matt Murray and defenseman Andrew Keefe, both gold medallists a year ago, and defensemen Chris Luongo and Brian Fredrickson. Milton residents include Dennis Lynch and Mike McClain of Milton HS, and Kyle O'Brien of Catholic Memorial. Players from Canton, Braintree, Ashland, Medfield and King Philip HS round out the squad.

Marshfield's Nate Balboni and Medfield's Bob Aronson are also assistant coaches.

More Cohasset Lacrosse News

The annual Cohasset alumni lacrosse game, held a couple of weeks ago, was a huge success. Thirty-four players participated in the contest, held as a fundraiser for the Bourke Corcoran Memorial Scholarship

Players ranged in age from 50-something parents Hank Kucinski and Terry Kahn to five members of the just-graduated senior class. Standouts in the game included four Leahys — brothers Dave, Ken, Tom and Pat — as well as current college players Ronan Buick, Kevin DeVito and Eric Libby.

David Leahy III, Cohasset's first Division One lacrosse player and a member of the Class of 1995, received the annual Founder's Award at the annual lacrosse banquet, sponsored by the Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters.

The dinner at Atlantica attracted well over 100 players, family, and friends, with letters and awards given to both girls' and boys' varsity and JV team members. Speakers included former head coach Ken Ekberg, founding Boosters president Dave Leahy Jr, and coaches Laurel Hickey, Matt Rossi, Torin Sweeney and Kevin Orcutt.

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tial of juniors-to-be Aidan Buick and Joe Durkin (John's cousin) a lot. Mark Davis and Mike Hajjar are expected to add depth to the attack and/or midfield.

"I think up front we have potential," said Orcutt. "Jake could be as good as he wants to be. Joe Durkin is a tough kid. He's going to be a player, and so is Aidan (Buick)."

In back, senior-to-be netminder Nick Murphy is the incumbent. He played well in stretches this season and should pick up invaluable experience playing for the southeast team at the Bay State Games team this summer. However, he could see a challenge next spring from quick and athletic soon-to-be soph Ben Libby.

Spirito is an All-Eastern Mass defender who is virtually irreplaceable in the coach's opinion and Lynner provided a quality physical presence on the defensive line that will also be difficult to replace. Conor Buick and Steve Davis are two solid returning defenders, but there are a lot of questions beyond that.

Among the candidates who will likely be looked upon to step into key roles next year, said Orcutt, are Trevor Brady, John Grimm and Jeff Brown, who comes aboard from Derby Academy.

"Overall, I think our talent right now is average, but with some hard work I can see this group overachieving and maybe making a run at the postseason next year," concluded Orcutt. "Without that hard work, though, this program could fall into an abyss pretty quickly."

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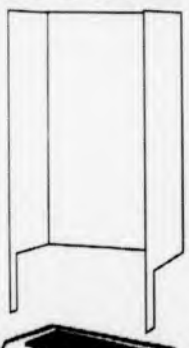

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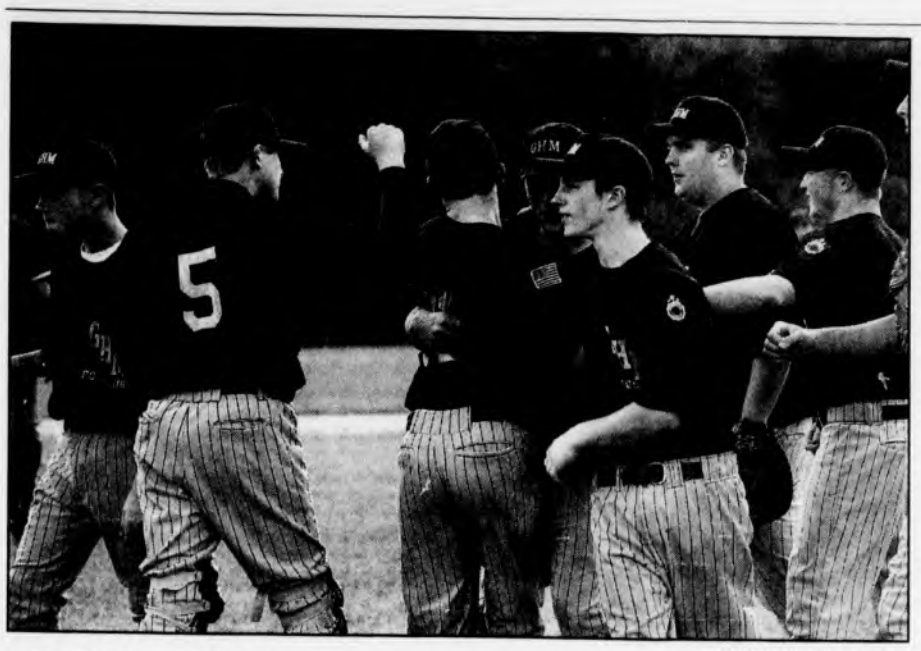

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The Post 118 fans are hoping for more sights like this one down the stretch.

It ain't over 'til it's over

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(7-5-1) appeared in pretty good shape so far as playoff hopes are concerned.

At the moment, Canton (7-7) is holding on to the fifth and final spot, but Stoughton (5-9-1), Morrisette (4-7-2), West Roxbury (4-8-1) and Cohasset were certainly within reach.

The question is can the Post 118ers heat it up again like they did 12 months ago?

"Well, we probably played our best game of the year last Tuesday, and I'd like to think we can keep it going," noted Arnold, referring to the 7-2 win over Morrisette. "Our bats came alive in that game for the first time in a while. Everybody was making good solid contact, and that's something we haven't seen consistently. And Eric Dmohowski pitched a great game."

Dmohowski, a recent graduate from B.C. High, was masterful on the mound, going the distance. The two runs against him came on solo home runs, both times with the count 0-2 in his favor.

"Yeah, Eric and I had a little talk about that," said Arnold with a chuckle. "But, overall, he was great. He really kept those hitters off balance."

Arnold credits the team's turnaround at the plate to a few recent batting practices where a pitching machine was borrowed and set to 90 miles per hour.

"We've seen a lot of hard throwers this summer, so this was something I felt we could really use," said the 10th year head coach. "It sure looks like it helped."

The bats continued to swing true on Tuesday, the Post 118ers pounding out eight hits to take a 6-2 decision.

Dmohowski again got the call on the mound, and again came up big, scattering three his and two walks while striking out six.

Both of visiting Stoughton's runs were unearned and came in the top of the third to open the scoring. Cohasset would get those runs right back, though.

After Jack O'Leary singled to open the home half of the third, shortstop Mike Gulinello followed with a blast over the fence and off the scoreboard in right center, making it a 2-2 game.

The game remained tied until the bottom of the fifth when the hosts strung together a walk and four hits to score four runs. Gulinello led off with a walk and a steal of second, and then scored on a Brian Woods base hit. Dmohowski then helped his own cause, doubling home Woods, and then scoring on a Brian Signorelli single. Signorelli then stole second and Tim Pilczak plated him with the fourth hit of the frame.

Thayer Academy junior-to-be Greg Malley was slated to get the go on the mound last night for Post 118 at Milton.

The boys will travel to Braintree tonight (5:45 p.m., Braintree High), play a doubleheader against Morrisette at Adams Field in Quincy on Saturday and then wrap up the regular season at home (Scituate High) Monday night (5:45 p.m. start). Kevin Signorelli was in line to start against Braintree, while O'Leary and Dmohowski were expected to get the nods on Saturday.

Arnold said he will likely go to Chris Carr in Monday's regular season finale, though Malley (who has two of the team's four pitching wins) could also be available.

"I honestly feel we have it in us to win four of our final five and maybe all five, and eight or nine wins may be enough to put us in (the playoffs)," concluded Arnold. "Our pitching has been pretty good on the whole. We've lost a lot of one and two run games. If our offense is set to start clicking, there's no reason I can see we can't rip off a nice little win streak to end the season.

"Either way, though, I'd like to see us go out strong. We've got a lot of younger players who'll be back next year, and you'd like to see them go out on the right note and get fired up about next year. I'd also like to see the players who won't be back, especially the ones I've had for a few years now, finish on a positive note."

Legion Notes

Among the younger players who are getting it done of late are juniors-to-be Mike Barba (Scituate High) and Ben Murphy (Xaverian). Both started the season as deep reserves. However, with a couple of veterans falling by the wayside for one reason or another, the two youngsters have gotten their chance to play virtually every day, Barba at second base and Murphy in the outfield, and both have made the most of the opportunity.

"These two guys have probably matured the equivalent of two seasons in a couple of weeks," assessed Arnold. "They were a little shaky to start, but they've both settled down and done a real nice job, and they keep getting better as their confidence increases."

Both players have done the job in the field and continue to pick up steam at the plate. Both made contact in all three of their at bats Tuesday, with Barba finishing 1-for-3 with a solid base hit. Both also had solid lineouts.

Zone 6 standings

Braintree	10-3-2	22
Milton	10-5-0	20
Quincy	8-4-1	17
Weymouth	7-5-1	15
Canton	7-7-0	14
Stoughton	5-9-1	11
Morrisette	4-7-2	10
W. Rox.	4-8-1	9
Cohasset	4-11	6

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A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday, July 21, 2003, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a Special Permit pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, David E. Lord, Jr., seeks an addition to dwelling at **19 Elm Street,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-06-20.

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ZBA/595 JERUSALEM RD.
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A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday, July 21, 2003, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a Special Permit pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, O'Connell Realty Trust, seeks an addition to dwelling at **5 Oak Street,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-06-25.

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Angered over All-Star game...again

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It almost appears as if statistics are completely overlooked when fans cast their ballots. Fans adoringly vote Troy Glaus into the starting third base position, willing to look the other way as he hits a meager .258 into mid-July. He starts every year, therefore he *must* deserve it. Boston's Bill Mueller has quietly put together a season in which his batting average is 70 points higher and, while not even a power hitter, is slugging over 100 points higher than Glaus. While Glaus will have his name announced on Tuesday at 9 p.m., Mueller won't even be invited to sit on the bench.

In addition to this starter madness, the outdated rule of naming a representative from every team simply must be stopped. This is not Little League, where we care about all the players feeling good about themselves. It's the All-Star game. Teams should be made up of, get this, players who are *all* stars in the Major Leagues.

Who is Lance Carter, you might ask? Tampa Bay's "flamethrower" who will bring to Chicago six blown saves and an ERA up over four.

And Mike Williams? Wasn't he that really good closer for Pittsburgh last year? Why, yes he was. But because the piddling, pathetic Pirates needed a representative, his 1-3 record and 6.62 ERA were apparently good enough for All-Star recognition. I could name just about anyone in Boston's abominable bullpen who have had seasons to match or surpass that gem of a statline.

Last year, I watched the game and felt depressed for about a week. This year, the game has managed to crawl underneath my skin for a depressing week before even the first pitch.

First row: Cecelia Chapman
Second row: (L to R) Elizabeth Stone, Rachel Garber, Christine Lovallo, Lindsey Kennedy, Charlotte Sida
Third row: Danielle Hajjar, Lauren Rizzotti
Fourth row: Asst. Coach John Chapman, Head Coach John Englander, Katy Bolger, Rebecca Lehr, Kate Englander, Katie James, Jenn Murray, MacKenzie Holway, Molly Ogrodnik, Asst. Coach Jamie Ross
Absent from picture: Casey Anderson, Amanda Faulkner, Emily Savage, Nicole Whitney, Molly Kirk

Girls U16 team got their kicks this spring

The Cohasset U-16 girls soccer team just completed their most successful season ever. The team won the indoor championship at the South Shore Sports Center in March, and followed that by winning the Coastal Youth Soccer League outdoor championship in June.

The outdoor championship qualified the team for the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions in Amherst, where the team finished in sixth place with a record of 1-1-1. Their only loss was a tough 1-0 contest against Sandwich, who finished first in total points in the Tournament.

On the way to winning the CYSL championship, the girls beat Hull in the semi finals, 3-0, controlling play the entire game.

In the finals, they faced the undefeated Hingham team, and again won 3-0, exploding for three goals by Elizabeth Stone, Casey Anderson, and Lauren Rizzotti. Goaltender Cecelia Chapman recorded the shutout, with the aid of the team's outstanding defense.

Coach John Englander was pleased with the overall team effort. "Many of these girls have played together for six years, and this year they really showed what they can accomplish as a team. They should be very proud of the way they played, and the way they represented their town."

The girls now look forward to the fall, where most of them hope to be playing on the High School team.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Little League camp

Cohasset Little League presents its first baseball clinic using B.A.T. (Baseball Analysis of Talent) skills and drills.

Director is former New York Yankees and Texas Rangers associate scout Lou Rettman.

Where: Cohasset Little League complex
When: Week 1- July 14-17
Week 2- July 21-24
Time: 1-3 p.m.
Ages: 6-12 years old
Cost: $200 per week
More information: call Lou Rettman at 781-659-8200 or 781-799-1852.

CHS open gym for basketball

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces an open gym for all aged youngsters and adults at the Cohasset High gym.

Open gym will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings, from 5:30-7:15 p.m. While supervision will be provided via Cohasset High faculty and the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club, youngsters under the age of 13 need to be accompanied by an adult.

The program will begin on Monday, July 14/Thursday, July 17 at the CHS gym. 143 Pond Street.

South Shore Basketball School this week

The Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor the South Shore Basketball Camp under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two camp sessions will be available starting Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 18. Boys and girls, ages 8 through 11, will have camp from 8:30 to 11:30 AM while ages 12 to 15 will be from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All sessions will be at the Cohasset High gymnasium.

The cost for both camps will be $100 per participant.

There are spots still available. Walk in registration will be offered on July 14 at the CHS gymnasium for the first session, ages 8-11, at 8 a.m., and the second session, ages 12-15, at 12 noon.

Any questions should be directed to Ron Ford (781-925-3004).

Brochures and registration forms are available at Cohasset Town Hall, Recreation Department office.

Summer Wrestling Clinic, Grades 1-12

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces registrations are being accepted for a summer wrestling clinic to be held at Cohasset High School Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25.

The clinic will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for grades 7-12 and cost $125 per wrestler. Grades 4-7 will cost $55 and meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. Grades 1-3 will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and cost $55 per wrestler.

This unique wrestling opportunity will be run by CHS wrestlign coach Torin Sweeney.

Registration forms are available at the Recreation Dept. Space is limited , so early registration is advised.

Adult tennis

The Cohasset Recreation Department will now accept telephone registrations for adult tennis lessons for beginner, intermediate and advanced beginner levels of instruction.

Sessions are four weeks in duration, with the first session will be starting based on demand, meeting one hour weekly and cost $40 for the four-week session. Those interested will be placed in it As soon as possible. (Classes will be held on either Tuesday or Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. until about 7:30 p.m.

Teaching will be Evan McCaffrey and Emilie Shea of the Recreation Department's tennis staff. To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109.

Cohasset Recreation Hit Dogs Baseball Clinic ages 5 to 12

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for Hit Dog's week long Baseball Clinic early May.

The Clinic will be held the week of Monday, Aug. 18 through Friday, Aug. 22, and will meet each day, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Barnes Field Little League Complex.

The fee for the full day clinic is $240 per player and includes a camp shirt. This unique program will be run by Hit Dogs Baseball.

Please complete the application form at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

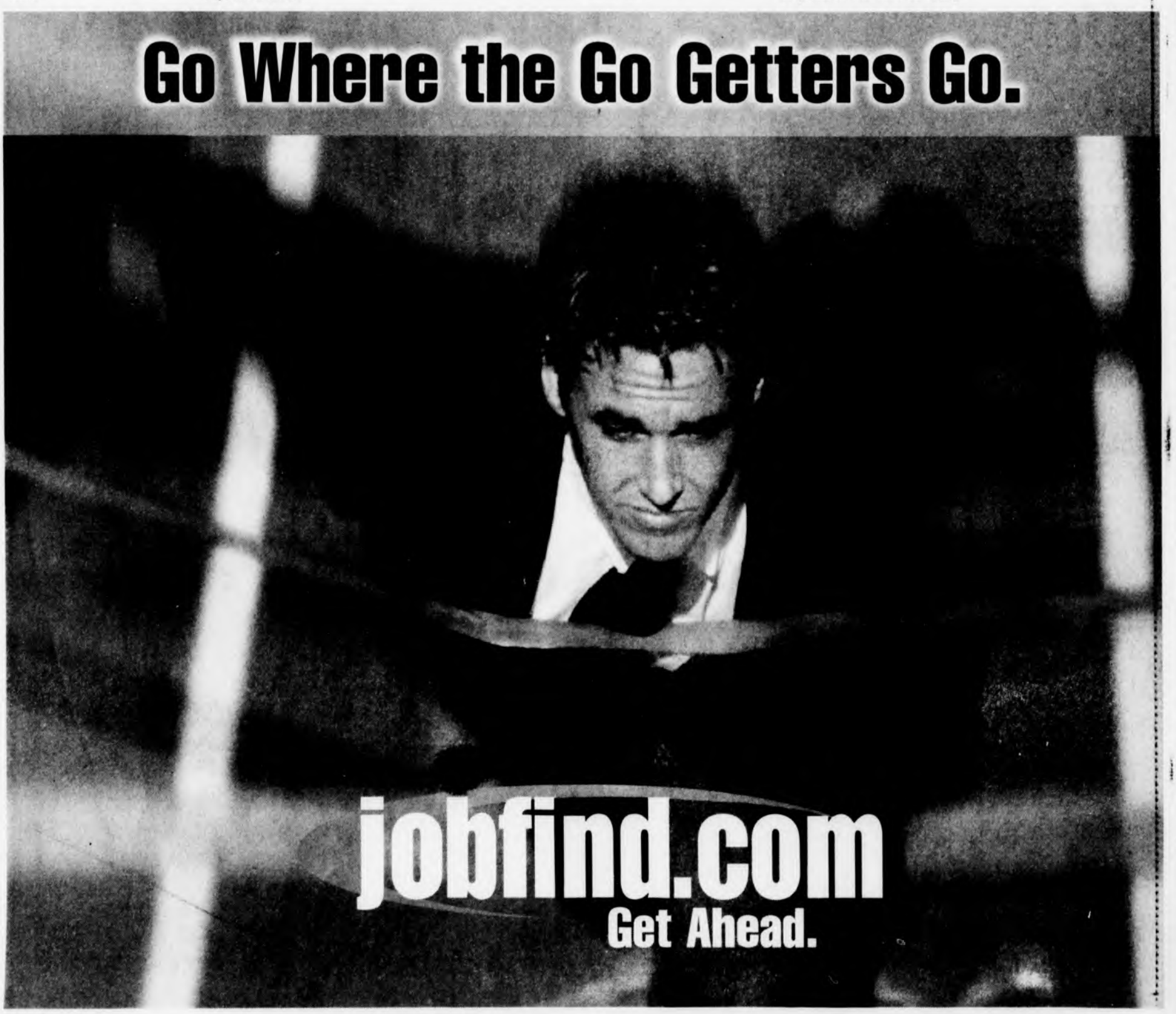
Boys and girls Lacrosse clinics

The Cohasset Recreation Department will soon be taking registrations for both boy's and girl's Lacrosse clinics.

The clinics will be held the week of Monday, July 21, through Friday, July 25, for grades 3 to 6 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Milliken Field, The fee per participant will be $75 and checks may be payable to Town of Cohasset. A few days will run longer than 10 a.m., however, we will advise you of which days.

Mr. Chuck Jaffe will direct this unique opportunity to learn and develop the basic skills and concepts of lacrosse.

Registration forms can be obtained at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall in early May.



POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

10:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:55 p.m. Norfolk Road, family disturbance. Arrest: Michelle C. Leate, 31, 6 Norfolk Road, Cohasset. Chrgs. assault and battery. Arrest: Robert E. Healy, 42, 6 Norfolk Road, Cohasset. Chrgs. assault and battery.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

12:28 a.m. Aaron river Road, suspicious auto.

1:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:42 a.m. King St., and Lily Pond Lane, motor vehicle stop,

7:26 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:35 a.m. North Main St., and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire.

8:28 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

10:01 a.m. Flintlock Ridge road, vandalism.

10:06 a.m. Spindrift Lane, suspicious auto.

10:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Rose Hill Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:29 a.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

12:59 p.m. Doane St., animal control.

1:23 p.m. North Main St., larceny by check.

2:20 p.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

2:26 p.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

3:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, transport.

4:09 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

5:06 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious.

5:52 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

6:03 p.m. North Main St., trespassing.

7:26 p.m. North Main St., annoying phone calls.

10:30 p.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

11:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire, false call.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

1:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Pond St, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:30 a.m. North Man St., suspicious auto.

7:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:44 a.m. Cedar St. and Cedar Ledge Village, motor vehicle crash.

9:12 a.m. Brook St., traffic complaint.

1:46 p.m. Atlantic Ave., investigation.

2:57 p.m. Linden Dr., suspicious.

3:17 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person.

4:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations, verbal warning.

5:15 p.m. Rust Way, suspicious person.

5:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Pond St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:28 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person.

6:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Arrest: Edward R. White IV, 797 First Parish Road, Scituate. Chrgs. assault with a dangerous weapon, negligent operation of motor vehicle, disorderly conduct.

7:11 p.m. Border St., suspicious person.

7:27 p.m. Jerusalem road and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:16 p.m. Border St., medical aid.

9:06 p.m. Highland Ave, general disturbance.

11:08 p.m. Brook St. and Elm St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

12:36 a.m. King St., disturbance.

1:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:57 a.m. White Head Road, noise complaint.

7:26 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

7:48 a.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

10:35 a.m. North Man St., missing person.

11:55 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:53 p.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

2:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, breaking and entering into motor vehicle.

4:08 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

5:38 p.m. Border St. and Lighthouse Lane, disturbance gathering.

6:04 p.m. Aaron River Road, medical aid.

6:27 p.m. Elm St., fire.

8:01 p.m. South Main St., public drinking.

8:09 p.m. elm St., parking compliant.

8:14 p.m. Border St., parking compliant.

8:32 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:27 p.m. Hill St., assist citizen.

9:59 p.m. Brewster Road, officer wanted.

11:09 p.m. Summer St., suspicious person.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

1:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, open door/window.

2:05 a.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:49 a.m. Pond St., suspicious person.

5:44 a.m. Forest Ave., and Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:12 a.m. Pond St. and Holly Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

Noon North Main St., parking conplaint.

1:28 p.m. Sohier St., officer wanted.

2:03 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

2:06 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

4:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, family, disturbance. Arrest: Philip J. Orfao, 42, 836 Beech St., Manchester, NH. Chrgs. assault and battery.

5:04 p.m. Border St., animal control.

5:55 p.m. Highland Ave., motor vehicle crash.

6:17 p.m. Border St, animal control.

9:15 p.m. Forest Ave., lost property.

10:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

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MONDAY, JUNE 16

3:49 a.m. North Main St., barking dog.

6:05 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:45 a.m. Windy Hill Road, animal call or complaint.

8:34 a.m. Deep Run, animal call or complaint.

10:03 a.m. Elm St., lost property.

10:17 p.m. Norfolk Road and Hill St., wires down.

2:05 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious person(s)/activity.

3:01 p.m. Sohier St., fire, inspections.

3:20 p.m. South Main St., traffic/motor vehicle complaint.

j3:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property found.

4:12 p.m. Diab Lane, suspicious person(s)/activity.

4:29 p.m. Howe Road, motor vehicle stop.

4:55 p.m. Border St., public drinking.

6:55 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:17 p.m. Ledgewood Drive, officer wanted.

7:24 p.m. Forest Ave., larceny.

8:33 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

9:22 p.m. Rocky Lane, soliciting.

10:30 p.m. Hillside Drive, medical aid, transported to hospital.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

12:37 a.m. Cedar St., open door/window.

1:42 a.m. HQ, assist other police department.

5:37 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:47 a.m. South Main St., medical aid.

7:02 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:42 a.m. Ripley Road, fire.

8:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property found.

9:38 a.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle, suspicious person(s)/activity.

10 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

10:14 a.m. Elm St., vandalism.

10:39 a.m. Forest Ave and Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:14 a.m. Elm St. and Elm Court, motor vehicle stop.

11:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., outside fire, extinguished.

12:42 p.m. Pond St. and King St., general services.

12:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., request for police officer/s.

2:55 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Margin St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:02 p.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:26 p.m. South Main St. and Depot Court, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:10 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

7:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity.

8:45 p.m. Lantern Lane, soliciting.

9:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., missing person, returned to home or family.

9:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle, suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle, suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

WEDESDAY, JUNE 18

12:57 a.m. King St., larceny. Arrest of Micah Aaron Boyce, 18, of 33 N Street, Hull. Charge: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Arrest of Jeffrey Kaminaga, 19, of 61 E Street, Hull. Charge: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Arrest of James C. Barkas, 17, of 238 Hull St., Hingham. Charges: person under 21 in possession of liquor; shoplifting by asportation.

Arrest of Christian R. Lavoie, 17, of 6 Olney St., Hull. Charge: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

8:29 a.m. King St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:45 a.m. Forest Ave., traffic control.

8:53 a.m. Forest Ave. and Black Rock Road, traffic control.

9:22 a.m. Ripley Road, fire.

10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:40 a.m. Atlantic Ave., vandalism.

10:56 a.m. South Main St., traffic safety inspection.

11:38 a.m. Summer St., medical aid.

1:45 p.m. Pond St., traffic control.

3:14 p.m. Jerusalem Road, wires down.

3:28 p.m. Norfolk Lane, request for police officer/s.

5:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

5:45 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

6:42 p.m. Government Island, property lost.

7:32 p.m. Rust Way, wires down.

8:38 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

8:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

9:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, assist motorist.

9:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle, suspicious person(s)/activity.

9:49 p.m. King St. and Pond St., general services, services rendered.

9:57 p.m. Nichols Road, motor vehicle accident.

10:21 p.m. Doane St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle violation/s.

11:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., vandalism.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

7:30 a.m. Beechwood St. and Doane St., animal call or complaint.

8:41 a.m. Aaron River Road, vandalism.

8:58 a.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:52 a.m. Jerusalem Road, request for police officer/s.

10:26 a.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:55 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

12:58 p.m. King St., animal call or complaint.

1:49 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident with PI, transported to hospital.

2 p.m. Beechwood St., animal call or complaint.

2:32 p.m. Clay Spring Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

3:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., counterfeiting crimes.

4:28 p.m. Depot Court, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:20 p.m. Wheelwright Park, larceny, investigated/report taken.

5:31 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:57 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

8:32 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Windy Hill Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:39 p.m. Beechwood St., soliciting.

9:32 p.m. Hull St., parking complaint.

9:33 p.m. King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., family disturbance.

9:44 p.m. Beechwood St., general disturbance.

10:57 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., general disturbance.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

1 a.m. Sohier St., open door/window secured building.

4:25 a.m. King St., larceny.

7:46 a.m. Cushing Road and Ash St., motor vehicle accident.

8:29 a.m. Doane St., request for police officer/s.

8:58 a.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

9:07 a.m. Crocker Lane, medical aid, transported to hospital.

10:08 a.m. Doane St., request for police officer/s.

11 a.m. Forest Ave., request for police officer/s.

11:25 a.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave property found.

11:35 a.m. Forest Ave., request for police officer/s.

1:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:42 p.m. Summer St., trespassing.

2:22 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle stop.

2:36 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

4:20 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, with PI, transported to hospital.

5 p.m. Carbone Lane, animal call or complaint.

5:53 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:02 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Beach St., general disturbance.

7:03 p.m. Beechwood St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:04 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general disturbance.

10:29 p.m. Pond St., suspicious person/s/activity.

10:36 p.m. Norfolk Road, general disturbance, area search negative.

10:39 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

12:45 a.m. Sohier St., public service, log entry info.

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Crossing roadways isn't a snap for local turtles

They seek dry, soft ground to lay eggs

By Mary Ford
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Snapping turtles in the mulch, snapping turtles at construction sites and snapping turtles in the roadway.

Over the past few weeks snapping turtles have been making tracks that have turned up in local police logs across the South Shore as concerned homeowners and motorists report sightings.

Here are some excerpts from the Hingham police log over the past two weeks: Free Street, caller reports large snapping turtle in driveway; Capt. Thompson Lane, resident reports large turtle stuck in soccer net; Cushing Pond Road and Cushing Street, caller reports large turtle walking in road; Kilby Street, caller reports large snapping turtle in road.

Unfortunately local roadways can be deadly for snapping turtles.

Two of the lucky ones, both females, are now in recovery at the New England Wildlife Center in Hingham while their cracked shells heal from unintended encounters with automobiles.

In fact the motor vehicle is one of the few "predators" of the adult snapping turtle, which is a successful species in the state, according the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, dubbed MassWildlife.

Over the past several weeks, the females have left the safety of ponds and streams to lay their eggs in soft, well-drained ground. The journey can take the turtles across roadways, which can pose a danger.

"They are probably one of our most common fresh-water turtles as common as the painted turtle," says William J. Davis, MassWildlife biologist. "However, they are far less visible until we get into the month of June and the nesting season."

Davis explained female snapping turtles look for well-drained soils or sand to dig a burrow and deposit their eggs. They lay 15-20 eggs in a typical clutch and leave once their eggs are laid. The time it takes for the eggs to develop is dependant on the weather. If it's dry and hot, they will develop quickly. If it's cold and damp, the babies may not emerge until the following spring.

Although the adult turtle has few predators – the eggs make a tasty meal for some birds like hawks and crows and mammals such as skunks and raccoons, which eat the vast majority of snapping turtle eggs.

"The snapping turtle is long-lived (upwards of 30 years) and the female lays hundreds of eggs in her lifetime – enough survive and maintain the population," Davis said.

Veterinarian Gregory Mertz, director of the New England Wildlife Center, carefully lifted one of the two injured snapping turtles recovering at the center onto the examining table to explain how the shell was repaired. The breaks in the shell are coated with epoxy and a metal plate holds the pieces of the shell together. Mertz said the animal control officer in Pembroke delivered one of the turtles and a citizen in Hingham brought the other turtle to the center. The two females will be released back into the wild near where they came from in a couple of weeks, he said.

"They're a hardy species," Mertz said. While other turtle species have become endangered due to diminishing habitat, the snapping turtle continues to do well. They can thrive in pure water, brackish water and stagnant water, he said.

In fact the NEWC usually sees snappers with cracked shells, but rarely treats a sick snapping turtle. Mertz explained once repaired, the cracked shells, which consist of bone with a layer of skin, will grow back and be as good as new.

Snapping turtles get their name from their ability to strike quickly in catching their prey. They are not a threat to people in water and will swim the other way, says Davis of MassWildlife.

"Only when they are out of the water and vulnerable can they get aggressive," he said. In other words they can deliver a bite. "Since they bite up toward the top of their shell, snappers should be held by the tail with their belly facing toward you."

Davis said when the snapper is out of water, it is on a mission – so should a good Samaritan wishing to help one get across the road, and it is safe to do so — he or she should make sure the turtle is put on the side of the road in the direction it wanted to go. If bitten, seek medical attention to prevent a possible infection, he said.

While permits are required to harvest snapping turtles commercially, Davis said, no license is required to hunt snapping turtles, whose meat is edible and tastes like chicken.

Despite some commercial harvesting and the danger of the roadways, Davis marvels at the snapping turtle's successful longevity on earth and its future.

"They are common and abundant. There is a snapping turtle population in every town in the Commonwealth and every water body in the state," he said. "They are well adjusted to the environment.

"If I had to say who would survive the longest – humankind or the snapping turtle – I'd say the snapping turtle would be here long after the Homo sapiens is gone," he said.

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Veterinarian Greg Mertz holds up one of two female snapping turtles recovering at the New England Wildlife Center after being run over when they tried to cross the road.

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

A female snapping turtle lays its eggs in soft dirt along the side of the road.

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A female snapping turtle at the New England Wildlife Center with epoxy and a metal plate on its shell, which will heal and be as good as new.

About the snapping turtle:

Omnivorous – they will eat almost anything they can catch and swallow.

Life expectancy – about 30 years on average in the wild.

Weight – often more than 20 pounds; state record is about 75 pounds.

Behavior – in water, they are fairly docile; on land they can be aggressive when disturbed

Beak – is sharp and horny but has no teeth. Very strong jaws.

Other features – each webbed foot has five clawed toes; long tail; hard shell ranges from brown to olive green to black to tan.

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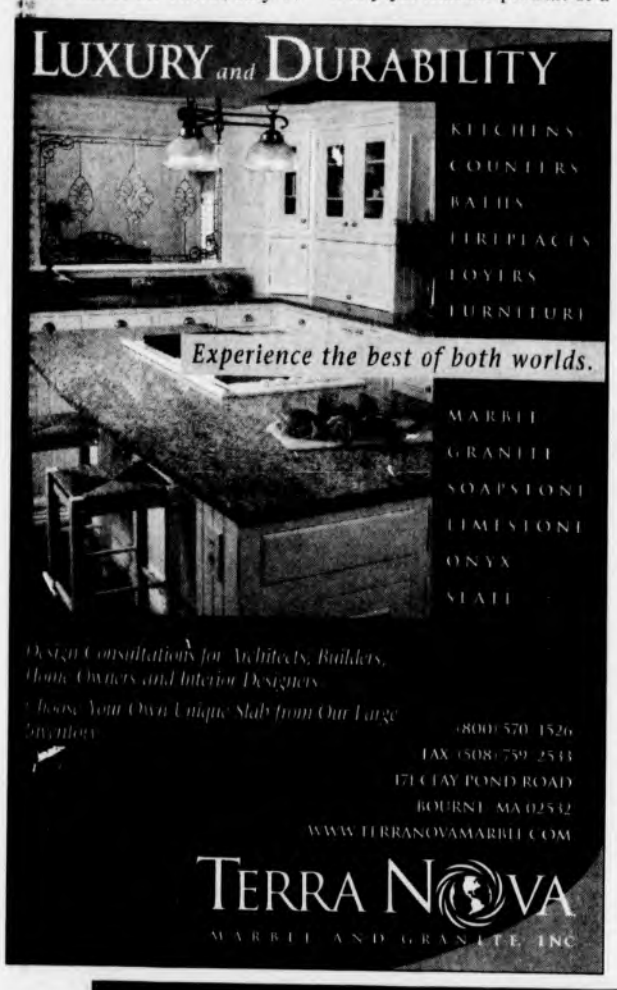
Lunch with Lipman at Buttonwood Books

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host "Lunch With Lipman" at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset on Thurs., July 17 from noon to 2 p.m.. Grapevine Caterers in Cohasset Village, will provide lunch. Elinor Lipman will discuss her latest book, "The Pursuit of Alice Thrift", a funny yet realistic portrait of a young female intern at a Boston Hospital who is aces in the learning department but deficient in social skills. Her no nonsense, direct manner alienates her associates and discomforts her patients. Other key players are Ray Russo, a fawning candy salesman with a murky past, who begins to woo Alice, and two friends from the hospital, RN Leo Frawley and fellow doctor Sylvie Schwartz. Lipman once again delights with the humor and originality that mark all her novels and creates in Alice Thrift a character who will gain the reader's affection and respect.

Lipman is the author of the novels "The Dearly Departed", "The Ladies Man", "The Inn at Lake Devine", "Isabel's Bed", "The Way Men Act" and "Then She Found Me". She has taught writing at Simmons, Hampshire, and Smith colleges, and won the 2002 New England Booksellers fiction award. Reservations are requested for planning purposes. This is a free event and the public is welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order a signed copy if unable to attend.



'Touch-A-Truck' July 20

Cohasset Call Firefighters Association presents its second annual "Touch-A-Truck" event Sunday, July 20, noon to 4 p.m. at the Cohasset Family Health Center, 223 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Route 3A.

Admission is $5 per person or $20 per family. Bring your camera.

Proceeds will go to The Cohasset Firemen's Benefit Association.

Sponsors of this event are B.E.G. Associates, Suburban Companies, Graham Waste Services Inc. and 3A Towing.

Free concert on the common

The public is invited to a free concert Tuesday, July 15, at 7:30 p.m. on the Town Common. This performance will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, inset repellent is a good item to have available. Call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109 to check on the status of concerts should you be in doubt as to weather conditions.

Garage dance

Are you feeling hot, hot, hot in the summer sun? Cool off at a dance at the Garage, Friday, July 11, from 7-10 p.m. This dance is for current fifth-graders who will be attending sixth grade this fall and all above grades. The door charge is $5 per person and snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Music Circus 'Franklin' signups

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct Music Circus registration for "Franklin" Tuesday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 5 to 7 p.m. at the recreation office in the Town Hall for children in the playground program.

Music Circus registrations for children involved in the Playground Program will be held every Tuesday at the Recreation office from 9 a.m. to noon and from 5 to 7 p.m. at the recreation office in the Town Hall.

"Franklin" will be held at the Music Circus on July 31. Children will be walked down from playground with their counselors.

Dog obedience classes

The Cohasset Recreation Department will continuously, throughout the summer, offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy Dog Training School.

Third session classes will be held on Monday evenings, on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting for Obedience with Distractions. For all classes the fee is $100 for the five week, one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs shots/inoculations up to date.

To register for the next available session, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. A new session will begin approximately every five weeks. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Garage hours

During summer vacation, the Garage will be open the following days/times:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3 to 7 p.m.; Fridays, 4 to 10 p.m.

Every first and third Saturdays, 5 to 10 p.m.

Hull concert

The popular band concert and swing dance programs at the Bernie King pavilion at Nantasket Beach will continue next Sunday, July 13, with Jim Sacchetti and the Swingers, from 2 to 4 p.m. rain or shine, according to a recent announcement from Nantasket Beach Merchants Association president, Leonard Hersch. The local merchants group has been sponsoring the summer series for several decades. All programs are free and presented as a public, community service.

The recently re-built pavilion is fully handicapped accessible. It is suggested that people bring their own folding chairs. All events are scheduled for Sunday afternoons through Labor Day weekend.

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Finally ready to rock

Tile layer finds new life with Humarockers

By Matthew Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

As a rule, rock 'n' roll — at least at the entry level — is generally considered a young person's game. But then, rock 'n' roll has also never strictly played by the rules.

With that in mind perhaps, two years ago David Burridge a Humarock tile layer, former carpenter and restaurant owner, Marshfield native and longtime fan of the Beatles, Rolling Stones and all the other classic 1960s and 70s rock he grew up on — decided to fulfill a lifelong secret ambition and began taking guitar lessons at age 48. He also began talking to some of his musically talented local area friends about the long-range plan of forming a band and performing their debut gig on his 50th birthday.

That milestone event finally happened this past March, two days early actually. Burridge and friends, appropriately dubbed the Humarockers, made their band debut at Humarock's neighborhood club The Nautical Mile on the 15th, just before the band's bass player hit the half-century mark on the 17th.

"I've always been a big fan of the music. I grew up in the classic rock era of the '60s and '70s."
Humarock resident
David Burridge

And the gig went just fine, thank you. By Burridge's own account, the Humarockers served up an energized mix of 60s/70s rock/R&B cover material and blues jamming that drew an approving crowd of more than 100 to the Mile, many of them dancing straight through until the band's closing tunes.

The response has been positive as such that the Humarockers have already booked four monthly return dates at the Nautical Mile through the summer, including the next gig scheduled for this Friday at 9 p.m. With Burridge also now doubling as the band's manager, the Humarockers have additionally landed a couple of private party dates for September.

"I've always been a big fan of the music," said Burridge at his home in Humarock. "I grew up in the classic rock era of the '60s and '70s and saw the Stones, the Who, the Doors, Ten Years After and quite a few others you'd care to name from back in the day. I wanted to learn to play myself but never really got around to it for reasons like married life and kids, etc. But I've always been kind of a closet musician and it's great to finally get out there and live the dream out."

When Burridge finally got

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The Humarockers, Ricky "King" russell, Tina Britney, Brad Britney, Jeff Forti with David Burridge (center), are ready to rock the Nautical Mile again.

The Righteous Brothers play the South Shore Music Circus July 11.

They haven't lost that lovin' feeling

Music still motivates Righteous Brothers

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

The induction earlier this year of The Righteous Brothers into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame seemed long overdue to many people, including the "Brothers" themselves — Bobby Hatfield and Bill Medley — who will bring their unique brand of blue-eyed soul and rock 'n roll to the South Shore Music Circus on Friday.

"We were ve[redacted] a long time [redacted] get in," explai[redacted]edley last week by tele[redacted] phone from his home in Newport Beach, California. "There had been a huge amount of politics at play in the past and we didn't know if it would ever happen. I knew of at least one heavyweight guy in particular who didn't want us in. We had been pretty disgusted with the whole thing for quite a while."

Artists become eligible for induction into the Hall of Fame 25 years after release of their first record, which in case of "The Righteous Brothers" was 1988. Their wait wasn't over, however, until March 10 when they joined fellow performers AC/DC, The Clash, Elvis Costello and The Attractions and The Police as honorees at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 18th annual induction ceremony at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York

"Bobby and I have always been able to trust each other when we perform together. We've always had the kind of relationship that has been based on knowing that we can rely on each other. We just do

"It was a wonderful evening which was even more special, because we shared it with our families," says Medley. "We saw some people we hadn't seen in years and we got to meet a lot of new people. It was interesting, too, to perform for this audience. We did 'Lovin' Feeling,' which we've done hundreds and hundreds of times in concert, of course, but this was still different. These were our peers and at these kinds of events the audience is really listening to see whether you've still got it. I'd like to think that they saw

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Byrne jazzes it up for annual benefit

By Matthew Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

For one Saturday afternoon each summer, there may be no better place for local area jazz fans than under the tent on a private, elegant stretch of waterfront property at Rexhame Beach in Marshfield.

That's where the annual "Jazz By the Beach" event has become a well-affixed tradition of South Shore summer entertainment since starting up in 1989. The yearly fest is an intimate but lively jazz concert featuring Norwell's own internationally known vocalist Donna Byrne, and to benefit Road To Responsibility (RTR), a Marshfield-based non-profit organization providing residential, recreational, employment and day habilitation to adults with disabilities.

Now in its 14th year, "JBTB" is back once again for its show at the Rexhame Beach estate this Saturday, 2-6 p.m.

Although still something of a well-kept secret, "JBTB" has nonetheless grown steadily in its near decade-and-a-half. Along with the concert, the event now includes a food-and-spirits buffet, a live auction, awards and raffles, and each year's show is invariably a sell-out, attracting hundreds of jazz fans and RTR supporters.

Byrne will be performing with her usual, equally acclaimed band of seasoned South Shore area jazz players, including her husband [redacted] Marshall Wood, pianist Paul [redacted] and drummer Jim Gwin, plus, the [redacted], an additional horn player and pos[redacted]ist. Two of Boston's best-known radio personalities, Ron Della Chiesa of WGBH and WPLM (Plymouth) and Jordan Rich of WBZ-radio, will serve as guest hosts and emcees.

"Jazz By the Beach is always a more upbeat and spirited show than we usually do in our typical club dates like at the Regatta Bar and elsewhere," said Byrne. "Because it's an outdoor show and in the afternoon, of course. We tend to draw from the side of our repertoire that best fits that mood and atmosphere. So there's not too many mellowed-out type ballads. It's pretty much uptempo jazz, blues and rhythmic material, sort of in a user-friendly way to the audience, since a lot of the people at this show are there mainly as supporters of RTR along with the other typical segment of devoted jazz fans."

Byrne's latest CD is "Licensed to Thrill", released last year on the independent A Records label, and featuring her regular studio band including Wood, Gwin and pianist Tim Ray, plus notable guest players Scott Hamilton (tenor saxophone) and Bucky Pizzarelli (guitar). The disc is the singer's sixth solo effort beginning with her 1990 debut "Sweet & Lovely", and her seventh overall including a 1996 collaboration with Boston-based trumpetist/bandleader Herb Pomeroy, "Walking On Air".

Musically, the latest disc offers more of Byrne's distinct, captivating vocal style that has won the singer worldwide acclaim. Like this praise from no less an advocate than Byrne's friend and past co-headliner Tony Bennett:

"It doesn't get any better than this...One of the best young jazz singers in the country today. She's the real McCoy."

Over the years, Byrne has come to believe that the Rexhame Beach site and the consistent blessing of sunny weather has been a winning combination for the "JBTB" event.

Said Byrne, "We've had really good luck with the weather for `Jazz By the Beach.' I remember the one year we did get rain just happened to be the time about five years ago we held the event at Pier 44 in Scituate instead of at Rexhame Beach. We know now that Rexhame Beach is really the only place for this show."

Internationally known vocalist Donna Byrne headlines at Jazz By the Beach Saturday, July 12.

Living

Cobb salad rediscovered

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Cobb salad, much like Buffalo chicken wings, has a storybook birth by a restaurateur (in this case Robert Cobb of Hollywood's Brown Derby) who threw together an impromptu dish only to have it become a classic. A bold combination of lettuces, hard-boiled egg, avocado, bacon, chicken, tomatoes and blue cheese, Cobb is a composed salad, one that is perfect for a summer lunch or supper. The problem is sorting out the ingredients, dressing them properly, and then combining them in the right amounts. A soggy, tired pile of ingredients just won't do on a perfect Saturday in July.

Traditionally Cobb Salad contains watercress along with other greens. The recipes I checked included red leaf, chicory, romaine, bibb and/or iceberg. Romaine was my favorite for the crunch as well as flavor. The red leaf and bib were too buttery, the chicory sharp, the iceberg stiff and lacking flavor. Watercress is listed in every recipe and works well as a supporting green with just enough spice. To one head of romaine (or two hearts) or about 8 cups of romaine, I used one bunch of watercress, which yielded about 3 cups. This ratio provided a nice balance of flavor.

For the bacon, I used 1/2 pound of thick-cut bacon since it is meatier. Instead of trying to crumble it once it is cooked, I found it much easier to cut it into matchstick pieces before frying. I used two avocados in the salad as opposed to many recipes that used only one. As for the eggs, a generous four seemed best and I quartered them instead of chopping or dicing for a cleaner presentation. The amount of cheese varied greatly. I found anywhere from one to eight ounces and finally settled on 2 ounces or 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese. Cherry or grape tomatoes are the only type with any flavor in the supermarket. I used one pint which I halved.

As for the vinaigrette, several of the recipes were heavy in ingredients like mustard, Worcestershire, and garlic. I wanted a light, bright dressing that allowed the ingredients to take center stage. I ended up with a simple recipe using white balsamic vinaigrette, shallots, a touch of mustard and olive oil. Who needs Worcestershire sauce with a salad? A composed salad is best when many of the ingredients are tossed with the dressing separately. (Tossing all the ingredients together is not much of an option since it creates an unholy mishmash of a salad.) I started with the greens, then the chicken, and then drizzled the balance of the ingredients with dressing just before serving. I also found that tossing the avocado with lemon juice added flavor and stopped discoloration.

The chicken, vinaigrette, eggs and bacon may all be prepared hours ahead of time, but the salad needs to be composed immediately before serving.

REALLY GOOD COBB SALAD

You can omit the chicken in this salad if you like - it will then accompany a chicken dish nicely. You can also make it with fried chicken if you want to go all out.

For The Vinaigrette:
1/2 teaspoon Kosher salt
2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard (optional)
1 tablespoon finely chopped shallot from one small shallot,
freshly ground pepper to taste
For the Salad:
4 split chicken breast halves (2 whole breasts with skin and bone), about 10 ounces each
4 large eggs
1/2 pound thick-cut bacon
1 head romaine lettuce or 2 hearts, washed, dried and cut into bite-sized pieces, about 8-10 cups
1 bunch watercress, washed, dried and thick stems removed, about 3 cups
1 pint cherry or grape tomatoes, each halved
2 medium avocados, ripe but still slightly firm, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese, about 2 ounces
3 tablespoons minced chives or 1/4 cup thinly sliced scallions, white and light green parts only

1. For the vinaigrette: In a small bowl combine the salt and vinegar and stir for 10 seconds to dissolve salt. Add remaining ingredients and whisk for 15 seconds or until the mixture is smooth, thickened and evenly colored. May be made a day ahead and stored airtight in the refrigerator. Remix ingredients before using.

2. For the chicken: Heat the oven to 450 degrees. Season the breast halves liberally with salt and pepper and place skin side-up in a shallow baking dish. Cook until juices run clear and the internal temperature of the thickest part of the breast reaches 160 degrees, about 20 to 25 minutes. When the chicken is cool enough to handle, peel away the skin and remove breast meat from the bone with either a small knife or your fingers. Cut the chicken into a 1/2-inch dice and set aside.

2. For the eggs: Place the eggs in a medium saucepan and cover with cold water to cover by 1 inch. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Remove from heat, cover and let sit for 10 minutes. Transfer the eggs to a bowl of cold water into which several ice cubes have been added and allow to sit for 5 minutes. Tap the entire surface of each egg on a countertop and then roll on the counter to further crack the shell. If the peeling is difficult, do it under cold running water. Half or quarter the eggs, cover and refrigerate until needed.

3. For the bacon: Cut the bacon into matchstick-sized slices and fry in a heavy duty skillet over medium heat until well browned and crisp, about 6 to 7 minutes. Drain on paper towels and set aside.

4 To finish the salad: Toss together the romaine, watercress, and 4 to 5 tablespoons vinaigrette until the greens are lightly coated and arrange them on a serving platter or large shallow bowl. Now toss the chicken with about 4 tablespoons vinaigrette until moistened and well flavored. Arrange the chicken, tomato, avocado, and eggs; separate rows on top of the greens. Drizzle vinaigrette over tomato, avocado and eggs. Sprinkle bacon, cheese and chives or scallions evenly over the salad and serve immediately.

Serves 6 as a main course.

They haven't lost that lovin' feeling

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that we still do."

Medley and Hatfield, both 62, first came together in 1962 when their respective groups — Medley's Paramours and Hatfield's Variations — joined forces. Their first gig was a college prom where they divided their $40 earnings five ways. Under the name The Paramours they released the single, "There She Goes (She's Walking Away)," on the Moonglow label in December of that year. The following spring, the act had been whittled down to just Medley and Hatfield, who got their new name after an appreciative African-American audience member described the duo's sound as righteous. Their debut single was the rocking "Little Latin Lupe Lu," written and produced by Medley.

Before long, famed record producer Phil Spector leased their Moonglow contract and added "The Righteous Brothers" to the roster of voices on his Phillies label.

"At first, we didn't know what Phil was going to do with us. We thought he would make some sort of 'Da Doo Run Run' or 'He's A Rebel' with us. Instead, he brought us in to meet Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil so they could play the song he had them write for us, "You've Lost that Lovin' Feeling.' Our mouths just about dropped open when we heard it. I remember saying, 'What a great song for the Everly Brothers,' because that's what it sounded like to me" recalls Medley.

"We gave it a try though. It had a huge range with a real high note in it, so I had to keep starting lower and lower. It really brought out my baritone for the first time. It was a very significant song, thanks in great measure to Phil Spector's work in the studio. The way he applied his 'wall of sound' (the combining of soaring orchestration and multilayered vocals) is what made 'Lovin' Feeling' an amazing song and truly a classic."

Following the mega-success of the 1964 release of "Lovin' Feeling," Spector put his grandly orchestrated style to work for the deep-voiced Medley and the high-pitched Hatfield on a string of chart-topping ballads: "Just Once In My Life," "Hung On You," and the Hatfield-voiced "Unchained Melody," which Medley produced.

In 1966, Verve Records bought "The Righteous Brothers" contract and they continued their hit-making there. Their first release for the new label was another Mann and Weill song, "(You're My) Soul and Inspiration," but with Spector out of the picture, Medley handled most of the producing duties.

In February of this year, Spector was charged with first-degree murder after a woman was found shot to death in his Los Angeles mansion. Medley has followed the widely reported story, but prefers to remember his former record producer for the professional association they once shared.

Finally ready to rock

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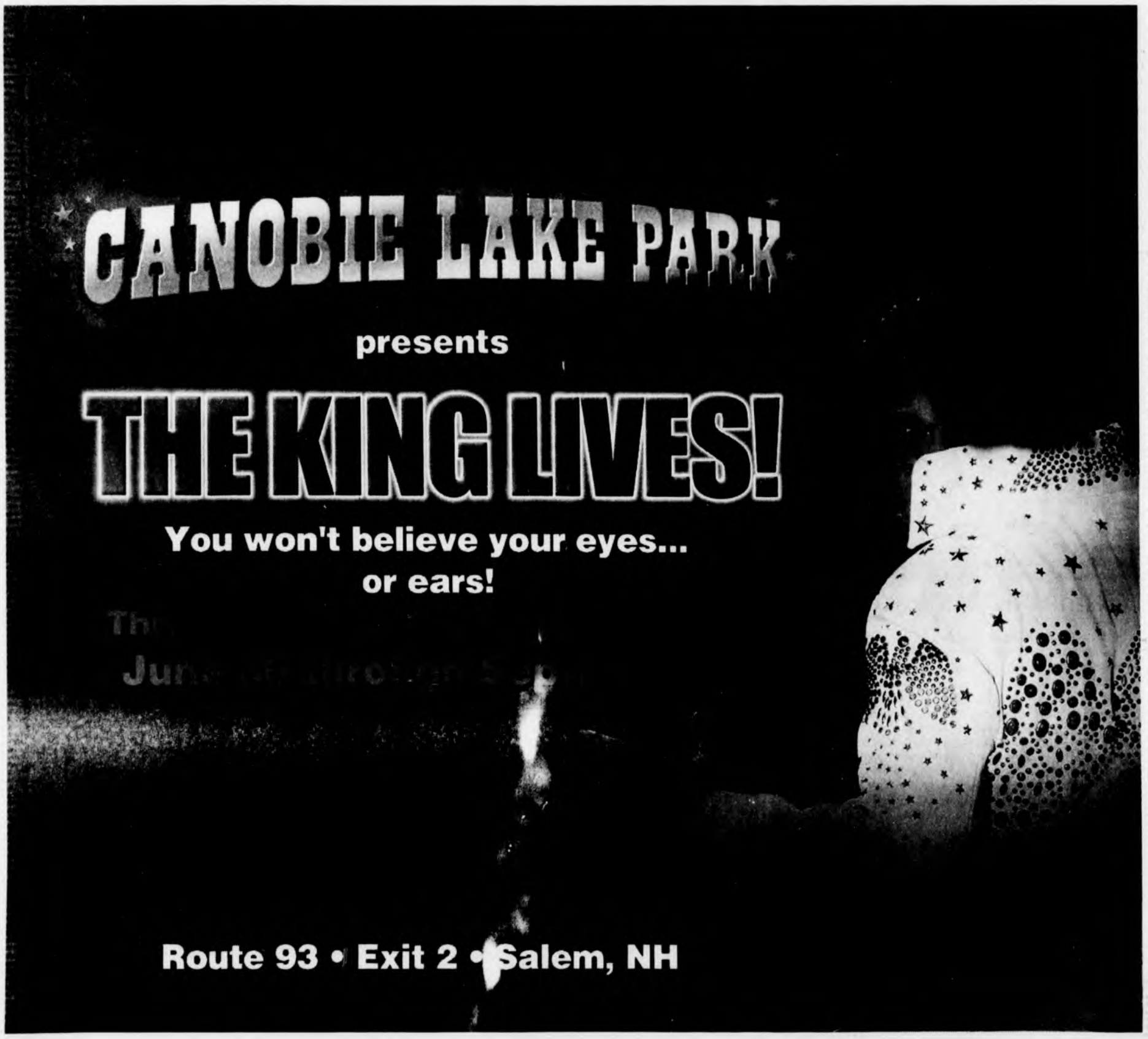
serious about music lessons, he put himself in capable hands, that of blues singer/guitarist, guitar instructor and Weymouth resident Rick Russell, who in turn has become a member of the Humarockers as well. Russell enjoys a strong Boston area following with his group The Ricky "King" Russell Band, and has been playing professionally for three decades, including regular gigs with his band at the Yard Rock in Quincy, Jamie's Pub in Marshfield and five years through the mid '90s as house band at the House of Blues in Harvard Square.

Other Humarockers include lead vocalist Tina Britney (who sang for the popular Boston band the Lowgistics during the '80s), her husband and drummer Brad Britney and keyboardist/vocalist Jeff Forti. All of these players come from, as Burridge says, "the other side of the bridge," in Marshfield.

At any given Humarockers gig, the band draws from a wide range of the revered, old-school rock-'n'roll/R&B its members are ever-nostalgic for, from the Beatles and Stones to the Dave Clark 5 and Aretha Franklin to such nuggets as "Dirty Water," "Wooly Bully," "Secret Agent Man" and many more.

Said Burridge, "Where we'd like to go with the Humarockers is we'd like to get the word out about the band and generate more venues to play in the area. By and large, I think we're better suited as a live band for private parties than for clubs."



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FIFTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. This USATF-sanc tioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. For applications visit www.brittanylambertFoundation.org, your local gym or register on-line at Active.com For more information call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187.

'LITTLE ANGELS' JIMMY FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT, Sept. 8, at Pembroke Country Club. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start: Tee time 1:15 p.m. Scramble format. $115 per player early registration special by Aug. 15, $100 per player. Includes "Little Angels" custom golf shirt. Non-golfers welcome $35 dinner only. $20 "Little Angels" custom golf shirt if ordered by Aug. 15. Player fee includes gift bag, golf cart, greens fee, stuffed chicken breast dinner. Prizes awarded for hole in one, on the green closest to the pin, lowest foursome score. For information contact Paul McLaughlin, 781-982-8383. http://oak47.ecorp.netgolf.htm

NETWORK CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT Aug. 11, at South Shore Country Club Amateurs and Novices alike meet each year to play in the SSWBN Network Classic GolfTournament. To receive the pre-registration price, reservations must be received no later than 24 business hours prior to the event. This includes mail, e-mail, fax, and telephone calls. At the door, walk-in registrations are always welcome. 781-749-8883 781-749-3130 Fax www.sswbn.org

THE FRIENDS OF THE NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT South Shore residents are invited to sign up for the organization's Fifth Annual Charity Golf Tournament. The event will be held on Monday, Aug. 4, at the Marshfield Country Club, 515 Moraine St., Marshfield. Registration begins at noon. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow at the Country Club, where there will also be a silent and live auction. Tickets are $175 per person, which includes five complimentary raffle tickets. Make checks payable to the Friends of the NVNA. Call the Friends of the NVNA at 781-659-2342.

HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, Oct. 7 to Nov. 1.Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

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Painters Tray, by Victor Spinski
The works of Victor Spinski, Daveid Brega, Phyllis Berman and others is on display through Sept. 7 in the exhibit Doubletake at The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street. Fro information and hours call (781)934-6634 or visit www.artcomplex.org.

Thurs. 10

Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents "Under Blue Skies" featuring South Shore Artist and teacher **Richard Toomey**. The exhibit will run from July 10 through Aug. 30. 781-934-8640

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. July 10, **Nicole Nelson Band** 617-439-7000.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. July 10, **Sounds of Yesterday.**

Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

Weymouth Recreation presents: **Family Concerts/Movies in the Park**, 75 Middle St., Amphitheater. July 10, **Don Altobello** and **"Just Friends"** 6:30 p.m. to dusk. In the event of rain, the programs will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. For more information call 781-682-6124.

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library opens a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy.** The exhibit will run through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Fri. 11

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, July 11, 8 p.m. **Righteous Brothers.** Tickets available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, July 11, smoke-free dance, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Boston Harbor Hotel presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. July 11, **North by Northwest**. For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Swinging Steaks** on July 11,. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, cover charge varies. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The North River Arts Society presents **Inspirations from the Garden**, an exhibit of original watercolors by **Virginia Wilson** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St,. Marshfield Center. For more information, call 781-837-8091 or visit northriverarts@rcn.com

Braintree's 2003 "Parties in the Parks" will be held on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Lincoln Playground (Located on Hobart St., off Hayward Street) Free food and games and dancing as **DJ Dan Antonelli** plays musical favorites for all ages. Call 781-794-8904.

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset will host **Lora Brody** for her latest cookbook, "The Cape Cod Table" (Chronicle Books, $35.00) on July 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. **Topher Gudmand**, manager, at Cohasset Plaza Liquors, 380 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., will join Ms. Brody and will speak about wines and pairing wines with food, particularly recipes featured in Lora's book. Lora will bring an appetizer that she created, Smoked Salmon Cheesecake, which was featured by Craig Clairborne in the New York Times. Topher will bring wine for a tasting. Free and open to the public. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Friday Night Fights & the Big Payback** on July 10, Show start at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, cover charge varies. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Satuit Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on the Morrill Bandstand, Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor. This concert will have a patriotic flavor with tributes to our Armed Services. Concerts are held Friday nights, same time and place, throughout the summer.

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The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night." Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Sat. 12

The Hull Artists Studio Connection, 217 Nantasket Ave., Hull, announces its artist open studios the weekend of July 12 and 13. Artists will show original oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings as well as sculpture, photography, drawings, pottery, greeting cards, wood turnings, hand-carved decoys, stained glass, shell art and painted furniture. www.hullartist-studioconneciton.org

The North River Arts Society presents **By the River** original oil paintings by **Susan B. Charles** through July 19, at The Little Gallery G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. 781-837-8091.

The Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce Waterfront Festival on historic Plymouth waterfront - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Duck Race for Kids, Carl Gardner & the Coasters, The Reminiscants, Avenue X, The Turntables, DJ Wayne from State of the Art Music, Crafters, food, Rami Salami, Sergie Novicov, etc. Hosted by Ed & George from WATD's "Yesterdays Memories" show.

Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held July 12, at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Beginner dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.: Couples and line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Dean Gambino. Snacks, raffles, cash bar. Smoke free. $5. For more info. 508-995-9496; 781-925-9066.

New Black Eagle Jazz Band at South Shore Conservatory's Evenings Under the Stars Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Concert starts at 7 p.m. Tickets $17 Pavilion/$10 Lawn ($20 and $15 at door). Parking at Hingham Bus Depot, 19 Fort Hill Street, with free shuttle service to and from concert venue. For tickets, call 781-749-7565, x 14, or visit South Shore Conservatory's web site, www.southshoreconservatory.org. Tickets also on sale at South Shore Conservatory, Hingham, The Ellison Center for the Arts, Duxbury, and Nobles Camera Shops in Hingham Square, Norwell and Cohasset.

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rent exhibition, **Floating Sculptures**, which features traditional and contemporary carved New England decoys on display through Aug. 24

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Violet Fane**. For more information call 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Dave Howard's High Rollers** on July 12. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 13

South Shore Conservatory presents a children's concert featuring Poulenc's The Story of Babar performed on two pianos by Stephen Deitz and Hui-Min Wang. WCRV's Ray Brown narrates the story and Building #19 artist Mat Brown provides a visual interpretation during the performance. The program begins with an introduction to the instruments of the orchestra and following the concert, children may experience music-making first hand at the instrument petting zoo. The performance takes place at the Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Concert starts at 10 a.m. Tickets $15 includes continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. For tickets, call 781-749-7565, x14, or visit South Shore Conservatory's web site, www.southshoreconservatory.org. Tickets also on sale at South Shore Conservatory, Hingham, The Ellison Center for the Arts, Duxbury, and Nobles Camera Shops in Hingham Square, Norwell and Cohasset.

Hanover Bandstand summer concert series July 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Southeast Brass** Route 139 in Hanover Center. Free and open to the public and handicap accessible. Donations gratefully accepted.

Fort Revere Summer Concert Series Fort Revere Park, Hull, - **Part-Time Lovers**, Blues on July 13, at 6 p.m.

The Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce Waterfront Festival on historic Plymouth waterfront - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Jonny Souza Band with the Leah Souza Group opening. Fish parade, DJ Wayne from State of the Art Music. Crafters, food, Rami Salami, Sergie Novicov, etc.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association will sponsor a "Full Moon" Paddle on Sunday, July 13, at 7 p.m. Boaters will leave from Scituate's Driftway Conservation area at 7 p.m. sharp, so participants must be there and ready to launch by 6:30 p.m. The group will paddle to the sandy."Spit" by the Mouth of the North River and watch the sunset as the full moon rises at 8:20 p.m. Suggested donation is $10 per boat. PFD's are required for all participants. Pre-registration by July 10 is mandatory. Call 781—659-8168 or emailpaula@nsrwa.org For more information about the NSRWA visit www.nsrwa.org

South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive. July 13, 10 a.m. Hingham: Children's Concert featuring Poulenc's **The Story of Babar –** (Continental Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Hui-Min Wang and Stephen Deitz of the Conservatory piano faculty perform The Story of Babar. Narrated by Ray Brown of WCRB, with visual interpretation by Building 19 artist Mat Brown. Children are invited to experience music-making first hand at the Instrument Petting Zoo following the concert. Proceeds benefit scholarships at South Shore Conservatory. Tickets $15 (includes continental breakfast). Call 781-749-7565, x 14, or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

Boston Light Cruise, July 13, noon until 5 p.m. Long Wharf, Boston, Aquarium T Stop Cruise with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands to Boston Light, the oldest lighthouse site in North America, climb the 76 steps for a breathtaking view of Boston Harbor. (Children must be at least 8 years old or 50 inches tall to ascend the lighthouse stairs.) Bring your own picnic lunch, beverages and snacks are available on the boat. Also your camera, binoculars, and dress for the weather. The Cruise leaves, Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf Boston, near Aquarium T stop. Adults $30, seniors $27, members of FBHI $25.00, Children 12 and under $18. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 11 a.m.; cash only. For more information 781-740-4290 You may also send a SASE and your check to FBHI, P. O. Box 690187, Quincy, MA 02269-0187.

Pilgrim Hall Museum presents **Bringing Up Baby: 300 Years of Childhood in the Old Colony**, now through May, 2004 a new exhibit that explores the world of the very young in the Old Plymouth Colony from its beginning to the 20th century. What was it like to be a child 1620, 1850, or 1920? What can we learn from furniture, clothing, toys, games and other objects from the children who used them? What were the beliefs and sentiments of the parents who provided for them? How do letters, journals, literature, and other writing help to tell the story of the children of the Old Colony? Who were their teachers, what kinds of knowledge were important to learn? What did they do for fun? The exhibition is free with Museum admission. Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court St. (Route 3A), Plymouth. Information: 508-746-1620; web address: www.pilgrimhall.org Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Admission: adults $5; Seniors (62+) and AAA members $4.50; Children (5-17) $3.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) $15. Residents of Plymouth, admitted free.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, July 13, 7:30 p.m. **Daryl Hall and John Oates.** Tickets available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6pm

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Irish Volunteers** on July 13. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mon. 14

The Scituate Art Gallery will feature how local artists have captured the beauty of the local area at a special summer exhibition featuring marine and local scenes through Aug. 31, "Marine and Local Scenes" will showcase original works by Scituate Gallery Artists. Due to construction, the exhibit will be displayed at The Welch Company at 146 Front St. Exhibit hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

The North River Arts Society in conjunction with the **Historic Winslow House** presents **Local Classics** featuring original paintings by artist members of the NRAS Board of directors, including **Marcia Ballou, Sandy Donnellan, Jack Haran, Liz-Haywood-Sullivan, Ted Polomis, Jody Regan, and Susan F. Lynch Raffa.** Wednesday hours 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

The North River Arts Society presents **Places by the Sea** oil paintings by **Diane Scott** now to Aug. 15, at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Opening reception June 23 at 7 p.m.

Art on the Avenue, featuring paintings, photography and children's playbooks, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visit at 1037 Nantasket Ave. in Hull or call 781-925-5619

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 15

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. presents **Bumpkin Island Sunset Cruise** July 15, leaving Hingham Computer Dock, Route 3A, Hingham, at 6 p.m. and returning at 9 p.m. Learn the history of this island in Hingham Bay. Bring your own picnic supper, beverages and snacks are available on boat. Also, bring camera, binoculars, and dress for the weather. Adults $17, seniors $15, members of FBHI $13, children 3 to 12 $10 children under age 2 free. Tickets may be purchased dockside only at 5 p.m.; cash only. Call 781-740-4290 for tickets or send a SASE and your check to FBHI, P.O> Box 690187, Quincy, MA 02269-0187.

Braintree Park Department 2003 Summer Concert Series held at the Sunset Lake Beachfront on Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. July 15, **The O'Reilly's.** Braintree's own George Ghiorse and his Irish band along with some Irish step dancing. In the event of rain, these concerts will be moved to Braintree High School Auditorium. A sign will be posted. For more information call 781-794-8903.

The South Shore Natural Science Center is pleased to present "Landscapes Near and Far", an exhibit of watercolor paintings,

CALENDAR, see next page

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

The Scorpio moon forms a 90-degree contact to Jupiter this morning. Its influence may generate an easier, lighter mood. On the other hand, don't go overboard and make extravagant plans or promises. You can get a lot accomplished today, if you are well-organized. Plan to initiate new activities before 1:58 p.m., when the moon aligns with Mercury and becomes inactive. The remainder of the afternoon is ideal for redoing projects already begun, making repairs and remodeling.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

The moon enters ebullient Sagittarius at 2:48 a.m., remaining there today and tomorrow. There are a couple of rough spots, however. Today, the moon forms 90-degree alignments to Uranus at 6:46 a.m. and Mars at 3:56 p.m. Slow down and use caution while driving or operating machinery. Avoid taking chances or doing anything risky. The combination of a lunar contact to Neptune and applying Venus-Mars alignment makes this evening prime for social or romantic activities.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

The moon and Pluto conjoin at 8:13 a.m., warning you to wake up in a good mood. Think before you say or do something you will later regret. Fortunately, storm clouds move out quickly, and sunny astrological weather prevails during the remainder of the day. The best period for initiating new enterprises occurs between 8:30-11:53 a.m., when the Sagittarius moon aligns with Jupiter and becomes inactive. Get back in the swing of favorite sports or hobbies. Put on your party hat and let the good times roll this evening.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

The final windup to this month's full moon begins at 4:21 a.m., when the moon enters Capricorn. The full moon will culminate tomorrow afternoon, generating high energy this weekend. Capricorn is an ambitious, business-oriented sign. That means that you can be most productive, if you have work projects to accomplish. A lunar opposition to Saturn at 12:36 p.m. prompts you to focus on commitments you have made to others and follow through. Lunar alignments to Mars and Venus this evening set the stage for social gatherings.

SUNDAY, JULY 13

Resolve to start this day with a peaceful, positive attitude. It is often difficult to sleep and get proper rest on a full moon eve; therefore, people may be grouchy and difficult to please. The planet Mercury moves into Leo at 8:10 a.m., remaining there until July 30. Hard work, self-discipline, handling responsibilities are the prominent themes of this full moon. At 3:21 p.m. the full moon culminates at 21-degrees of the sign Capricorn. At this time the moon becomes inactive for the remainder of the day.

MONDAY, JULY 14

Planetary patterns this week promise a relaxed, casual pace. Today the moon enters Aquarius at 6:38 a.m., remaining there today and tomorrow. This is a period when people are likely to reach out and network with others to achieve their goals. There is one rough spot in effect today. This occurs between 8:21-11:21 a.m., when the moon opposes Mercury. Sidestep stubborn, obstinate behavior. Be willing to compromise and understand another's point of view. The remainder of the day rates high across the board. Be more adventurous; follow your bliss.

TUESDAY, JULY 15

The Aquarius moon prompts you to be more innovative, open-minded. Influences today may spark new awareness, insights, learning experiences. The green light is on for new starts before 1:19 p.m., when the moon forms a harmonious alignment to Pluto. After that a lunar polarity to Jupiter takes over, bringing a time to slow down and think things through. There may be a tendency to act impulsively or carelessly. Give other plenty of freedom and space. This alignment culminates at 6:57 p.m., and the moon becomes inactive.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Signing contracts or making long-range plans or commitments are off limits for the remainder of the week. Take advantage of relaxing planetary energies, and take extra vacation time. The moon enters Pisces at 11:14 a.m., remaining there until Friday evening. In addition, Mercury prepares to oppose Neptune, the planetary ruler of Pisces. This combination is great for creativity, fantasy or just mellowing out and enjoying life. On the other hand, it can be most difficult if you have a lot of work to do. You must carefully organize your time and pay extra attention to details, accuracy.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The moon continues to travel in Pisces, active throughout the day. There is one pitfall in today's planetary picture, however. A lunar alignment to Pluto is in effect between 5:49-8:49 p.m. Deep feelings, hidden resentments may surface. Choose your words carefully and avoid touchy subjects in this period.

FRIDAY, JULY 18

It may be difficult to get motivated to work today. The Pisces moon continues to place an emphasis on taking it easy, following the path of least resistance. This is not a time to make long-term decisions or financial commitments. The moon enters Aries at 7:20 p.m., bringing an energy boost and making the evening prime for partying.

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by Hanover artist **Valerie Doran Norris**. Open from July 1 to Aug. 31, the exhibit includes a collection of local scenes and vacation spots from Cape Cod to England. Valerie's watercolor paintings are rich in color and detail. Her choice of subject matter comes from a desire to whisk you away and make you daydream. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, July 12, from 2 to 4p.m. The exhibit can be viewed (free of charge) during July and August on Monday through Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off Route 3. For more information, call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

The Producers, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre through Aug. 17. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library &Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to preregister and for information.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 16

Boston Harbor Hotel Summer Swing begins July 9, and will continue every Wednesday night until Sept. 3 starting at 6 p.m. The series will feature entertainment from big band to jazz by the **Bo Winniker Orchestra**. The Boston Harbor Hotel is located at Rowes Wharf. call 617-439-7000 or visit www.bhh.com

Life-Writing Program for Older Adults. A five-part workshop, Between the Lines: Capturing the Experience of Life, continues on Wednesdays, July 9 to Aug. 6, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Four Seaport Drive, North Quincy (wheelchair-friendly location). Sample ways to record life experiences, discover rich inner worlds or respond to the world around you, meet interesting people, and explore dreams of writing for yourself or others. No skills are required, only curiosity and a pen. Conducted by Karen Flood in cooperation with Quincy's Department of Elder Services. Advance registration and $55 fee are required. For information and directions, call 617/376.1506 or e-mail journalguru@yahoo.com.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month **Paul Lindstrom** will exhibit his paintings for the month of July at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Summer View: Visiting Artists - **Bert Yarborough, Lee Boynton, Peter Schroth, Carol Woodin, Jesseca Ferguson, Robert Siegelman, Peter Madden**. Dillon Gallery: **Rita Brace, Mary Callahan, Marian Carlson, Liz Haywood-Sullivan. Beverly Rippel, Faculty Feature: Margaret McWethy.**

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Thurs. 17

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, July 17, 10:30 p.m. **Sleeping Beauty.** Tickets available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Weymouth Recreation presents: **Family Concerts/Movies in the Park**, 75 Middle St., Amphitheater. July 17, **Bridgewater Antiphonal Brass** 6:30 p.m. to dusk. In the event of rain, the programs will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. For more information call 781-682-6124.

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host "Lunch With Lipman" at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset on July 17 from noon to 2 p.m. Grapevine Caterers located in Cohasset Village, will provide lunch. Elinor Lipman will discuss her latest book, "The Pursuit of Alice Thrift." Reservations are requested for planning purposes. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. July 17, **E.C. Scott and Smoke ,** 617-439-7000.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. July 17, **Lenny Vaz German Band.**

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Cardozo & Guest** on July 17. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 18

The Rick Springfield concert at the South Shore Music Circus on Friday, July 18 has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. There will be no rescheduled date, and all tickets are refundable at point of purchase. For show updates and a look at our full schedule for the summer of 2003, log on to southshoremusiccircus.org

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Summertime splendor in the sunny border

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

A tiny, fluttering green jewel hovers before my eyes as I emerge from the back of a sunny border laden with a handful of weeds.

As if dangling by a puppeteer's strings, the minute little hummingbird patiently awaits my departure so that it may continue its systematic course through the garden to sip nectar from a wide array of colorful flowers. Sunlight suddenly illuminates its iridescent red throat as the male ruby throat effortlessly glides among the slender stalks of catmint, salvias and coral-bells. Moments later, his wings a blur, the magical little creature streaks across the backyard to visit several hanging baskets of fuchsias and million bells overflowing with dangling pink and red blossoms.

Honeysuckle, nasturtiums, and flowering maples (Abutilon) prove irresistible lures with many more blooms to follow in the weeks to come to entice our smallest birds to visit my garden throughout the growing season.

Years ago, when my gardens were in their infancy, poppy red, harvest gold and avocado green were in vogue and dominated both my indoor and outdoor color schemes. Warm toned perennials in fiery oranges, yellows, reds and bright gold were prevalent throughout my borders and were ideal for attracting hummingbirds that gravitate to brightly colored tubular flowers.

Pastel colors and cool tones have become my preferred palette in recent years with pink, white, lavender, blue and lemon yellows predominant in the majority of my gardens. The hummingbirds enjoy many of these softer-colored flowers but to ensure continued visits from these special little birds, I have adopted a warm color scheme in a renovated border around my deck. Container gardens and hanging plants on the deck supplement the perennial plants in the surrounding garden and throughout the day, hummers can be seen darting among the flowers.

Our bloom season seems to be running a week or two behind due to the cold, damp springtime weather, but heat and humidity are quickly bringing the borders along to reveal their summertime splendor. For many gardeners like myself, the early summer garden is the highlight of the gardening season. The border surrounding my deck has been overflowing with spectacular color for several weeks. The showy blooms of poppies, peonies and iris have faded but have been gradually replaced by a broad expanse of electric yellow sundrops (Oenothera fruticosa).

Despite their tendency to spread rather aggressively, the glow of a multitude of 2-inch cheerful yellow flowers is worth the inconvenience of having to thin them severely every year. During the fall, their foliage becomes a lustrous reddish-bronze offering an appealing touch of color when many other perennials have declined. A cousin to the common sundrops, the Ozark primroses (O. missouriensis) exhibit huge 3-5 inch flowers on plants only 6 inches tall. Given well-drained soils, these small, clumping plants feature decorative buds, spectacular blooms and serve as a perfect edging plant that is better behaved than its wandering relative.

The family of salvias offer ideal, long blooming companions to the sundrops. Among the perennial sages, Salvia sylvestris 'May Night' is well deserving of its designation as a 'perennial plant of the year'. Dense, deep purple, two-foot spires above crinkled green foliage bloom for weeks and if removed promptly, blooming may recur. Full sun and well-drained soils produce large, husky plants. Other cultivars include S. Blue Queen and S. Blue Hill demonstrating blue-violet flowers, S. Snow Hill with lovely white spires and S. Rose Queen for shades of rose pink. Soft, hairy, wavy leaves characterize the charming Salvia verticillata cultivars. Clusters of lavender or white flowers on arching 12-inch stems bloom throughout the summer if spent flowers are removed. Look for S. Purple Rain and S. alba for a delightful display of long-lasting flowers in full sun and well-drained soil.

Certain plants have become invaluable workhorses for my sunny borders and may be seen throughout my gardens. A recent addition to this list of long bloomers is the charming Siberian catmint (Nepeta sibirica). Irresistible to hummingbirds, the two- to three-foot stems bear soft lavender-blue flowers that seem to blend with every color scheme. Sun and well-drained soils are preferred. This sturdy, upright catmint is ideal for the mixed perennial border and an excellent companion to my profusion of daylilies.

An equally appealing perennial for the front of the border is the recently introduced Geranium 'Rozanne'. Attractive lobed leaves are slightly marbled and looked great all summer. Similar to many of the larger-leafed perennial geraniums, the flowering stems gradually elongate over the season giving the appearance of knitting surrounding companion plants together. Beginning in June, dozens of saucer-shaped blossoms are produced above an expanding 20-inch mound. The pleasing, two-inch flowers continue until frost appearing deep blue with white centers during the cooler times of the day and fading to a paler shade of lavender when exposed to full sun and midday heat. These hardy plants are the perfect complement to daylilies, heliopsis, coreopsis, shasta daisies and echinacea.

My neighbor (Joan Chrusciel) and I welcome you to tour our national daylily display gardens during July to view the splendor of summertime bloom. Due to the chilly damp spring, the bloom season has been delayed and will most likely not peak until after the middle of the month. We are located on Brookwood Road in Hanover. A limited number of plants may be available for purchase later in the season.

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Train towns cross about gates' design

Mitigation dispute process may start

By Mary Ford
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Greenbush towns of Scituate, Hingham and Weymouth have joined with Cohasset in setting the stage for a potential fight with the MBTA over the type of gates to be used at grade crossings.

The towns want quad gates that employ four arms to stop traffic and the MBTA is pushing for standard crossings with median barriers or traffic channeling delineators.

The towns sent a letter on June 9 to the MBTA asking the transit authority not to send design packages showing the use of standard gates until the issue is resolved. But the MBTA continues to send along designs that depict standard grade crossings with median strips.

Quad gates use four arms to stop traffic and would therefore eliminate the need for the median barriers or traffic channeling delineators, which would be used for narrower roads. The medians and delineators are unsightly, town officials say, and could negatively impact historic neighborhoods. Because Greenbush is a whistle-free corridor — meaning whistles would only be sounded for emergencies — standard grade crossing treatment needs medians to prevent impatient motorists from skirting around a closed gate to beat an oncoming train.

The gates issue is still before

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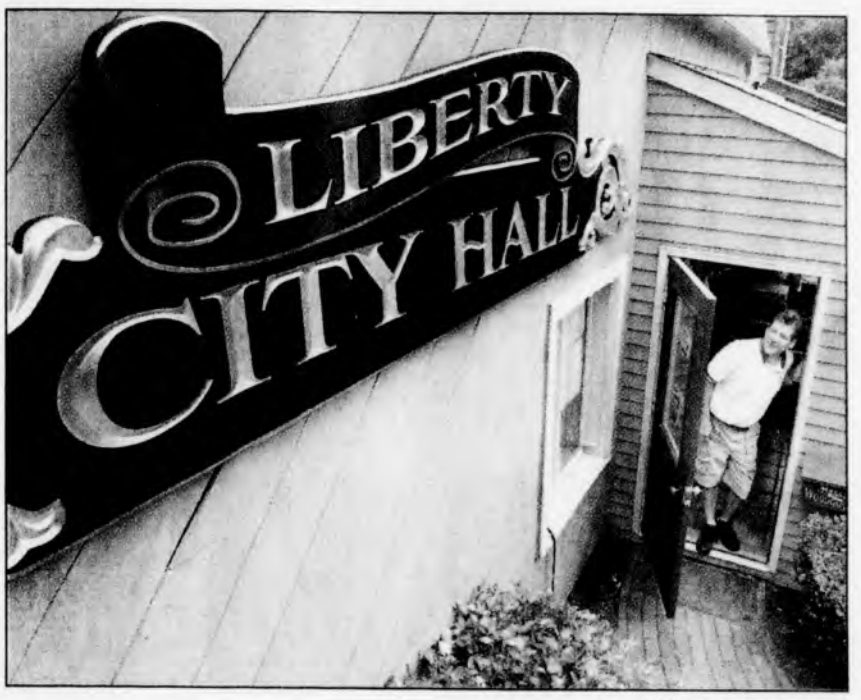

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David Hassan checks out the sign which now adorns the town hall in Liberty, Ky., which is modeled after the Paul Pratt library building.

Town leaves mark on Kentucky town

By Mary Ford
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If you happen to travel to downtown Liberty, Ky., you might think you're on South Main Street in Cohasset.

That's because the brand-new Liberty City Hall is modeled after the former Paul Pratt Memorial Library building. The building's new sign also has a familiar "look," because it was designed and made by Cohasset's Hassan Woodcarving & Sign Company.

The town hall and sign are no coincidence, but a result of Cohasset's picturesque beauty charming the Liberty mayor, Steven Sweeney, whose daughter and son-in-law lived in town.

"My wife and I flew up there and fell in love with the place."

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Former 'Garage kid' is still focused on achieving his goals

Is on staff at Our World

By Samantha Brown
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Returning home after college graduation, students may sometimes feel overwhelmed with the thought of joining the "real world." For Cohasset resident Tony Bramblett, that couldn't be farther from the truth.

Roughly one week after receiving his degree, Bramblett came on board as the development coordinator for the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum. The museum, which will be housed in the 1929 wing of the old Osgood School, is devoted to creating opportunities for children throughout the South Shore to gain global awareness through play spaces, rotating exhibits, and programming.

Bramblett's position requires orchestrating major fund-raising for the project, which he is sure to handle with ease, considering the accomplishments he has achieved so far.

"I kind of have a little bit of history in town," he said.

In 1998, Bramblett, along with friend Jaime Butman, began working on building a teen center in the old public works garage. The two had hopes of providing teens in town a place for dances and socializing, and planned to call it simply, the Garage. For having no fund-raising experience prior to this endeavor, Bramblett and Butman excelled, raising roughly $50,000 for the space. The Garage (overseen by the Cohasset Youth Resources Committee and the recreation department) continues to invite young adults in for movie night, parties and other social events, years after Bramblett and Butman have outgrown their teens.

Bramblett was not always sure of the career path he would follow. He began his studies at Bates College in Maine as a bio-chemistry major, hoping to someday become a doctor. After two years, he decided to switch to art history.

While working in the development office at school, Bramblett began to see that his love for art history could be combined with his interest in fund-raising, and might

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Tony Bramblett is the new development coordinator at the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum.

PHOTO/ANDREW DASSORI

A FedEx truck successfully negotiates the bump-out at the corner of Depot Court and South Main Street.

Stressed out about planned bump-outs

By Samantha Brown
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It may be up to voters at town meeting to decide if controversial "bump-outs" should be an added safety feature in the $1.8 million Village Revitalization project.

Bump-outs would potentially allow pedestrians better visibility at crosswalks by allowing them to stay on the curb and see past parked cars, which the selectmen believe currently poses a safety risk. The issue of bump-outs came to a head during a heated portion of Tuesday's selectmen's meeting where officials decided to consider whether votes should have the final say.

The revitalization project has been in the works for upwards of seven years and is being paid for through grants and private donations.

To give people an idea of what the proposed bump-outs would look like, Town Manager Mark Haddad said he would contact the DPW about putting up traffic delineators to mark the proposed sites, which went up Saturday. The island at the top of Depot Court was removed as part of the demonstration to make sure trucks like the large ladder engine of the fire department could make the turn.

Haddad was against installing any physical bump-out delineators because they would eliminate parking spaces. Part of the streetscape improvements include re-aligning village parking, which will result in a net loss of just one space, but keeping the parking as is for the bump-out trial would eliminate more spaces.

With the addition of the very visible markers came a petition, written by Ralph Dormitzer, a member of the Village Renaissance Committee, opposing their existence. The petition was

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This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Joint boards meet with Town Counsel, July 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, July 21 at 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, July 24, 7:30 p.m.,

Wastewater Committee, July 23, 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, July 21 (40A), Aug. 18 (Avalon), 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Hedlund hours at Town Hall

The July office hours for Sen. Robert Hedlund will be held in the Cohasset Town Hall on Thursday, July 17 from 12-1 p.m. in the 2A Vestibule.

Sen. Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with the senator. The telephone number there is 781-340-9866.

Correction on septic design

A story in the July 3 Mariner should have said the Board of Health approved a four-bedroom septic design for 3 Jerusalem Lane. The article incorrectly stated the septic design was for three bedrooms.

Keep well clinics

The Cohasset Board of Health monthly keep well clinic for July with Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N., P.H.N. and Jan Bennett, R.N. is Thursday July 24 from 1–3 p.m. Harborview senior housing off Elm Street (behind the police department).

Keep well clinics are for *all* town residents regardless of age!

New principal starts at Deer Hill

New Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley began setting up shop in his new office last Friday. Due to prior engagements he will not begin his full-time position until Aug. 1.

Supt. Edward Malvey said Gauley is "extremely excited" about his new position.

"For any administrator to walk into a brand-new building is exciting. It's rarely an opportunity you get in this field," he said.

Gauley was the former principal of the Center Elementary School in Abington.

Recreation fees

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said he, along with Supt. Edward Malvey and Recreation Department Driector Jack Worley will meet in early September to "iron out procedure and protocol" and set up rules for payment when school facilities are used for recreation programs. Flynn said this will be a good way to "protect what we have" and also allow others to have access to the new facilities. Flynn said a final decision will be made prior to the start of basketball season.

Avalon letter

School Supt. Edward Malvey sent a finalized version of the School Committee's letter to the Zoning Board regarding AvalonBay, a 200-unit apartment complex planned for Route 3A. The letter details what the School Committee thinks the project's impact on what the schools will be.

School construction

The school construction projects are all going according to plan, said Supt. Eedward Malvey. At various meetings over the last two weeks, construction officials provided Malvey with progress reports.

Malvey said he had been concerned about contractors maintaining their schedules after hearing that workers hadn't been seen on site at the Deer Hill School. After the meetings, he said his fears were allayed and everything seems to be progressing well.

"I believe the next to last week in August, we should be done," said Malvey.

Still to be completed at Deer Hill are window repairs and trim, as well as cleaning of the construction areas.

The front portion, or "E" wing, of the middle-high school is expected to be finished Aug. 20. Canopies may be needed over the doors of the two main front entrances, which may still require some finishing touches, but all barriers will be down and the main doors will be open in time for the first day of school.

The "D" wing of the school, which includes the new music room, will be completed by September, and Malvey said he has been told the new auditorium will be completed by Sept. 15, which he said is "critical."

The connecting of the middle school to the high school, and finishing the middle school itself are scheduled for completion this December.

New Osgood stage

After two years of focusing a portion of its fund-raising efforts toward the purchase of a new stage, the Osgood PSO was granted permission by the School Committee to move forward with its plans. The 24-foot stage, which collapses for easy storage, can also be moved on wheels to provide a performance space both indoors or out.

While the Osgood School was being built, plans for a stage had to be eliminated due to budget issues. The PSO has been working hard ever since to provide a stage area for the children at the school.

The stage will cost roughly $20,000 and will be paid for in its entirety by the Osgood PSO.

Beautification Committee

Selectmen are in the process of forming a program to help keep various town properties looking nice. Much like the towns of Norwell and Scituate, Cohasset would like to start a beautification committee where members would help plant flowers on islands and other small properties around town. For those interested, call Town Hall at 781-383-4105

New Stop Sign

There is a new stop sign at the end of Forest Avenue Extension, making the intersection a three-way stop.

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Sun. 20	4:46	9.4	10:57	5:16	9.3	11:26
Mon. 21	5:38	8.9	11:45	6:04	9.2	——
Tues. 22	6:32	8.5	12:20	6:54	9.2	12:35
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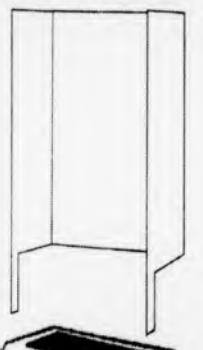
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Schools contract out for cleaning service

Will see how well it works

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After much discussion, the School Committee has voted to contract out for cleaning services on a trial basis to protect the town's investment in its new school buildings, as well as save money.

Committee members have hired the services of One Source, a company operating out of Somerville, to provide cleaning for school restrooms and locker rooms on a nightly basis, among myriad other duties, including major cleaning during school vacations and over the summer.

The school's current budget will be able to cover the cost of hiring the company, but in order to maintain a high level of cleanliness, as well as have someone in the buildings during the day, additional help is needed.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the school department was not in a financial position to add to custoidal staff to keep up with the cleaning needs of the expanding schools. The department would have had to add three more custodians to the nine it currently has just to keep up with cleaning. With that not being an option, the schools chose to outsource the work while retaining five of the nine custodians as well to perform needed chores.

Currently, custodians are being paid an average salary of $32,000 a year. With the recommended full staff of 12, the cost would be roughly $384,000 a year. By outsourcing, the town would save around $140,000, and will still be able to protect its investment by providing the level of cleaning the buildings need.

"We have increased significantly the size of the schools," said Haddad. "It's important to protect the $51 million investment the town has made."

A July 8 letter, which Haddad sent to Supt. Edward Malvey, stated One Source made a bid of $247,152 for services for one year, which includes cleaning during vacations. The current available budget for the schools is $206,020, which leaves a gap of $41,132.

"For a lot of different reasons, we have to try this at least once."
— School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn.

Haddad said because the town will be eliminating one position in the DPW, those funds would be transferred from the town budget to the school budget at the fall Special Town Meeting.

Malvey said the original bid has since dropped to $238,653, as certain aspects of the contract, which would not have a negative effect on the cleaning, were pulled.

Haddad said the school has $18,000 included in the current budget for the purchase of cleaning supplies and paper goods, which gives Malvey the flexibility to purchase products at the best deal he can, whether that be through the outsourced company or otherwise.

The town's finance office had recommended retaining four current custodians, but the School Committee decided to keep five, although members said six would be better.

During school hours, there will be one custodian at each of the schools, with one custodian working during after-school hours at the middle-high school and another sharing time between Osgood and Deer Hill.

The custodians working during after-school hours will be primarily responsible for the cleaning of various office spaces, such as the nurse and guidance offices. One Source employees will only work during after-school hours.

"For a lot of different reasons, we have to try this at least once," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn.

If the schools try the service and everything goes well, it will make sense to keep the services, if not, Flynn said they'll "go back to the drawing board."

Flynn said an assessment could be made about the new system after about five months. At that time, School Committee members would be able to tell if an additional custodian is needed.

But committee member Mark DeGiacomo asked, "Where would $32,000 in the middle of the year come from?"

School Committee members were also concerned about the issue of snow removal. Previously, custodians have been responsible for shoveling and sanding the walkways and entranceways at the schools. Having one custodian during the day at each school makes that an impossible task.

"We have to be clean, safe, clear and sanded," said Malvey.

After speaking with Haddad about the situation, Malvey said he was told the DPW will pick up the snow removal as part of its duties, but committee members are concerned in a snowstorm the DPW might be tied up elsewhere and school will have to be closed for a snow day.

Malvey said he was assured either the DPW will get the schools cleared out, or Haddad said he'll get it done somehow, to which Flynn joked, "does he have a shovel?"

Haddad said the snow removal issue will be an ongoing discussion and a solution will be found prior to this winter.

The school department has notified the custodians' union about the new cleaning program. School custodians will continue to work over the summer with a transition period when the company comes on board Sept. 1.

Custodian fears action will lead to cleaning house

Questions how outsourcing work will impact jobs, students

By Samantha Brown
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Several Cohasset custodians will find themselves out of work now that the school department has hired an outside group to take over cleaning duties at the schools.

At least one custodian sees the move as changing the way day-to-day procedures are run at the schools.

In previous years, custodians have been responsible for not only keeping the schools clean, but transporting food for lunches, setting up for special events, and being a friendly face who will open a thermos when mom has twisted the top on too tight.

When school begins this fall, only five of the nine current custodians will be returning to work.

"I don't know how it's going to work out," said Ted Holland, who has been a Deer Hill custodian for eight years.

Holland has come to know the students at Deer Hill very well over the years. He has been involved with everything from clothing drives to benefit the Lakota Sioux of Wamblee, S.D., to fishing a retainer out of the garbage when it has been accidentally thrown away.

Over the summer, he enjoys bumping into students who give him a friendly, "Hi Mr. Holland."

While Holland is lucky and will keep his job, he feels for the workers who are going to be laid off and worries about what the future could bring for his job, when the cost of outsourcing climbs next year.

"It doesn't make me feel very secure in my job," he said. "We're left in limbo."

Holland spoke at last week's school committee meeting, and asked members to consider the impact a decision on contracting an outside company will have for everyone involved with the school system.

"The current custodian staff has an approximate total of 100 years of service experience. We take great pride in our ability to facilitate a clean and safe environment," he said. "We take extra steps to provide special services to all staff members. When a special school event is being held, such as school plays and concerts, we are always there to help out. An outside contracting company will not supply this level of service."

Holland also brought up the issue of safety, and said that children who forget a book or homework and return to school after hours to retrieve it will not have the security of knowing who is in the building.

"They know the custodian at the school and feel safe entering the building. If a private company is to take over, the students' safety may become jeopardized."

Supt. Edward Malvey said he doesn't see hiring out a company as being a safety issue and that the children will come to know the new people in time, just as they came to know the current custodians. He also said the workers are subject to criminal record offense or CORI checks, which the company follows up on.

Holland wishes the town would rethink its decision, but knows "it's a little too late for that."

In preparation for what might come, Holland is considering other career options such as getting his Class Two license or going into air conditioning.

"I've already thought about what I have to do. It doesn't look good for us," he said.

HAPPENINGS

Dog obedience classes

The Cohasset Recreation Department will continuously, throughout the summer, offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy Dog Training School.

Third session classes will be held on Monday evenings, on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting for Obedience with Distractions. For all classes the fee is $100 for the five week, one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs shots/inoculations up to date.

To register for the next available session, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. A new session will begin approximately every five weeks. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Carillon concerts on the Common

The 79th Annual Series of Summer Carillon Recitals will be given to the 57-bell carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset, on eight successive Sunday evenings at 6 p.m., through Aug. 17. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers to Cohasset Common; to the courtyard off Highland Avenue extension; or to the sunken terrace in the middle of Stagecoach Way; the pedestrian walk that runs off Main Street across from the tower. Printed programs will be distributed on the Common, and may also be found in a stand by the church courtyard. In case of rain, listen from your parked cars.

These hour-long concerts are free of charge. After each program, the public is invited to tour the tower, view a demonstration of the instrument, and perhaps play a tune on the bells if they wish.

Carillonneurs for the remainder of the series are as follows: July 20, Alexander Solovov, Elena Sadina and Sergei Gratchev, three Russian carillonneurs currently living in Mechelen, Belgium will play; July 27, James Fackenthal of the University of Chicago; Aug. 3, John Agraz of the University of California at Berkeley will perform; Aug. 10, Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur of The Riverside Church in New York City; and the last concert on Aug. 17, will be performed by St. Stephen's own Head Carillonneur, the multi-talented Sally Slade Warner.

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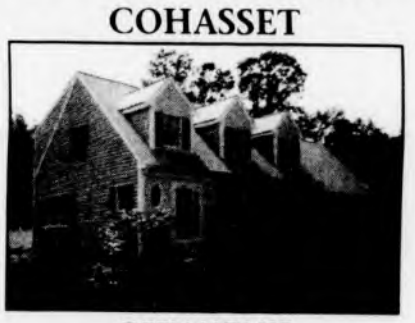
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Baby girls, Taylor and Audrey, made headlines this week

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy, Happy Birthday number *five* to Miss **Kyle Burke** from her family and friends. Kyle turned five this past Tuesday, July 15 and is so excited to be a "whole handful." We all hope you have a wonderful year Kyle and enjoy being five!

IT'S A GIRL!

Anne and Alex Marshall of Cohasset announce the birth of **Taylor Alexandra Marshall** who arrived precisely at 10:13 a.m., June 10. Taylor tipped the scales at 5 lbs., 7 oz. and measured 19 ins. in length. Available for extra hugs are grandparents **Ruth and Bent Hermansen** of Bornholm, Denmark; and **Penelope Spurr Marshall** of Biddeford Pool, Maine. Taylor is also the granddaughter of the late **Julian Howard Marshall Jr.**

BU DEGREES

The following Cohasset residents received degrees from Boston University this spring: **Christian N. Ford** (M.D. in medicine); **Ellen G. Kielmeyer** (Ed.M. in policy, planning and administration); **Robert C. Morgan** (B.S. in communication); and **Kristin L. Niessink** (M.S. in nutrition).

HONOR ROLL

David DeVito of Cohasset was named to the 12th grade honor roll for the second semester at Tilton School in Tilton, NH. Keep up the hard work, David.

Paul B. Cotter, son of **Dr. Paul and Margaret Cotter**, was named to the fourth quarter honor roll at St. Sebastian's School in Needham. Paul was a 10th grader this past year. Super work, Paul.

DEAN'S LIST

Great work to both of these students. **Elizabeth W. Anderson** and **Jason Richard Brown**, both of Cohasset, earned dean's list status at Curry College for the spring 2003 term.

Rebecca Moje has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Tufts University, an honor which requires a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Sound the trumpets! **Merle and Joan Brown** of Beechwood Street are the proud grandparents of a brand-new baby girl, **Audrey Joan Fleming**. Audrey arrived June 27 at 9:58 a.m. and tipped the scales at exactly 7 lbs. She measured 20-1/2 ins. long. Her big brother is **Christian** and her proud parents are **Marcy and Don Fleming** of Plympton. Also out shopping for pink are grandparents **Donald and Nancy Fleming** of Mattapoisett, great grandmother Blanche Bennett of Hanover, and great grandfather Peter Omilnowicz of Webster. As most of you know, grandfather Merle is a member of the Cohasset Board of Selectmen.

BLUEBERRY FEST

Yum, Yum, Yum! The annual Blueberry Festival will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church, on Thursday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m.. The "all you can eat" dinner will include pasta with meat sauce, salad, bruscetti, beverages and blueberry sundaes. Following dinner, blueberry items will be auctioned off. Dinner for adults is $8 and $4 for children. To make reservations, call 781-383-1298.

FRESHMAN MENTOR

Ashley Ulmer will serve as a junior advisor at Williams College for the incoming Class of 2007. Junior advisors live with first-year students and serve as informal mentors for them throughout the year. Ashley was selected for this position for her ability to interact with people from backgrounds different from her own, and for her enthusiasm to promote communication between people. Junior advisors must also have shown a willingness to challenge and explore new ideas and to possess the ability to motivate others.

SUMMER SCENES

STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Mary Brennock gives Isabelle Whitehouse a hug at Family Fun Camp at the South Shore Community Center while Susan Blackington, at right, makes a sandcastle.

SOCIOLOGY DEGREE

Andrew O. Laney graduated with a degree in sociology from Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire on May 17. Andrew's proud parents are **Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Laney.**

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Katherine Rose Ronan has been awarded a bachelor of science degree from the Gabelli School of Business at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.

ASSUMPTION GRAD

Jessica Elizabeth Stevens, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Stevens** of Beach Street, recently graduated from Assumption College in Worcester.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING

The Cohasset Swim Center will be offering a Lifeguard Training Course, Aug. 4-7, from 9 a .m. to 5p.m. each day. All classes are mandatory. Applicants must be a minimum of 15 years of age to participate. Certification include Lifeguard training, First Aid and CPR. If interested, please contact C.S.C. Director at 781-383-9463.

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Enjoy a casual Friday night with friends listening to the Mitchell Brothers Band at the Red Lion Inn from 7:30-11:30 p.m. July 25. Proceeds will go to Project Playground, a committee of Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum. A silent auction will benefit the museum. Tickets are $25 per person at the door. For more information, call **Logan Bernstein** at 781-383-6165.

REGIS COLLEGE

Megan Conley has received a bachelor of arts in communication from Regis College in Weston.

That is all for this week. Make sure to send in all of your summertime news, event information and celebration wishes no later than Mondays at noon.

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Cohasset Board of Health

Music plays a big role in summer production

This story is third in a series, outlining the process from start to finish, of producing children's theater. The Children's Drama Workshop, founded by the Deveney sisters, Beth, Grace and Sarah, is in its 15th year.

By Samantha Brown
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Above: "Mexican Jumping Beans" practice their dance routine to "Hot Hot Hot."

PHOTO / SAMANTHA BROWN

At right: Youngsters practice their conga line.

For actors in this year's Children's Drama Workshop production of "Jack Beanstalk," learning lines and stage cues aren't enough. This production requires rhythm, of which there is an abundance in this year's cast and crew.

This year's show has many musical numbers which the children are very excited about. With a diverse selection of music and movement, this show truly has something for everyone.

The Arrows, who will be pointing Jack along his journey in the sky, perform dance routines to the music of Michael Jackson and Beyonce Knowles.

Eleven-year-old Fiona McBride said her favorite dance is done to Beyonce Knowles' "Crazy in Love."

"It's really fast and you move around a lot," she said. She thinks having musical numbers in the show "makes the play more fun to watch," and shows a different kind of talent.

Gabrielle Rodman, who is also 11, said her favorite dance is "Crazy in Love" as well.

"These are really cool songs that Beth picked and it adds a lot to the play," she said.

Eleven-year-old Mimi Mahoney said her favorite dance is "Love at First Sight," by Kylie Minogue.

"I like the song and the dance," she said. She also thinks the show will be better with the dancing because it will make it more interesting for people to watch.

Twelve-year-old Ana Bottary, who has been studying dance and gymnastics for years, will be performing a solo at the beginning of this year's show, which will include a back handspring. She said her favorite dance is "Crazy in Love" as well, and thinks people will enjoy the dancing in the show.

Mexican Jumping Beans in the play dance to Buster Poindexter's "Hot Hot Hot."

Tucker DeSisto, 6, said he enjoys dancing to the music and said he'd heard the song on the radio before he heard it at drama. He said he likes dancing because "I like the moves and I like having exercise."

The conga line is what motivates five-year-old old Adam Game. "I like it because we spin around," he said. "I like wiggling around."

Cole Maher,7, said he likes the song 'Hot Hot Hot," because "it's awesome." He also said that when they were first learning the dance "it was hard, but then it gets really easy."

Caroline Lengyel plays a fairy who dances to "Kung-Fu Fighting." Doing Karate moves with the other fairies in her group, she said the dance and song are both "cool." She and her group are just starting to learn this new routine and while she has a great time with this dance, she said her favorite dance is still "Hot Hot Hot."

But the actors on stage aren't the only ones participating in the show who have talent. All staff members helping the Deveneys have been stars in past shows and have continued helping out each summer now that they have surpassed the age limits.

Caroline Carr has been dancing since the age of five and helps Beth come up with choreography as well as teach it to the students.

"I've known Caroline since she was five and she's 18 now," said Beth. "She puts in a lot of hours."

Melissa Crawford also helps with choreography and teaching dance numbers. While she hasn't studied for as many years as Carr, Beth said she has "a lot of natural talent," and is a great motivator to the children.

Carr played the role of Ariel in one production of "The Little Mermaid," a few summers back, and coincidentally, so did staff member Katrina Reardon.

Reardon switches between teaching singing and dancing to the children. Jared Krupczak helps with the songs as well, but is more of the motivational type.

Caitlin O'Connell also helps teach the songs to the children and Beth said she has an excellent voice as does staff member Katie Kuppens.

Angela Micciche and Christina St. Pierre both help with various tasks Beth needs help with. "There's so much running around that I give them to do. They're essential staff members," she said.

Beth has written this year's play along with sister Grace, and said music is extremely important in any show where children are the stars.

"I think it's more fun for the kids to watch other kids dance," she said.

For the staff, watching the play and dances come together brings back memories of what it was like when they were in the show. No matter what happens during practice, they all know from experience that somehow, things always manage to work themselves out by show time.

"We're amazed every year," Beth said.

While the play is still a work in progress, the Children's Drama Workshop wants to let the community know that it is looking for donations of all kinds of materials to use for set construction. Materials such as cardboard, foam, fabric, paint, etc. would be highly appreciated. Your trash could be a treasure!

Local businesses, warehouses, homeowners, or artists may donate their goods by contacting Tyler from CDW at (917) 805-3161. The CDW thanks you in advance for helping make your community play a big hit!

*The production will be staged Aug. 5, 6 at the Deer Hill School auditorium_*

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Dayna St. Peter shows off her karate moves while learning a dance to "Kung Fu Fighting."

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Former 'Garage kid' is still focused on achieving his goals

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provide job opportunities at museums. He then began to dream of one day becoming director of a large-scale art museum, such as the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

"I want Malcolm Rogers' job," he said, mentioning its current director.

To make that dream come true, Bramblett will eventually enroll in graduate school, but said, "in the interim, it was part of my career plan to get experience in development."

Linda Shropshire of the Our World museum said because of his experience at Bates, along with his knowledge of Cohasset, Bramblett will be a great person to support the museum's fundraising efforts. She said in the short time he's been with the museum, he's "Jumped right to the task," and is very enthusiastic about his position.

The experience Bramblett will receive through working with the Our World museum will be invaluable, as he is one of only two employees on the payroll at this point, and holds the only full-time position. While a large amount of work is done by volunteers and the museum Board of Trustees, Bramblett said, "I'm the only man that sits in the office every day."

Because it is still in the beginning stages, Bramblett will be responsible for many different aspects of the museum's fundraising and development. He thinks this will be an advantage for him, because working for a museum that has already been established might not have provided the opportunity to become so involved. That, coupled with Our World's being located in the town where he grew up, makes this seem like a perfect fit.

"It's definitely neat to be in your own hometown," he said.

However, after living in a town all your life, Bramblett finds that people sometimes have a hard time separating the kid who started the Garage, with the adult that is involved with the museum.

"It's definitely a challenge to get people to take you seriously when you're young," he said.

Bramblett said he sometimes finds himself dressing up a little more and jokes about not shaving for a few days before a meeting so he'll look older.

He knows firsthand what it is like to live in a small town. He believes the museum will provide a much-needed service, because many children living in small communities, which can be found all over the South Shore, are often isolated from other cultures. The museum will therefore provide a place where children can come to learn not only about the differences between cultures, but their similarities as well.

By this fall, Bramblett said the major part of the museum's construction will be over. The walls and doors will be up, and the space will be exhibit ready. Once plans for the exhibits are finalized, their construction can begin.

As a way to utilize the space before permanent exhibits are built, there will be various programs put in place such as multi-cultural cooking classes, language classes for toddlers and elementary-age children, storytelling activities, as well as theater and art programs. There will also be the option of renting out the space for birthday parties.

The museum is slated to open, complete with exhibits, in September 2004.

When not working for the museum, Bramblett expresses the artist within himself by painting and drawing. He also loves going to the beach and cooking.

He is currently living in Osterville on Cape Cod with his father, but still spends much of his free time in Cohasset.

IT'S HAPPENING

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Project Playground fundraising evening

Enjoy a casual musical evening with friends while supporting the playground to be built in conjunction with Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum. Project Playground will host the "Casual Friday" event at the Red Lion Inn from 7:30-11:30 p.m. on Friday, July 25. Listen to the Mitchell Brothers Band and participate in a silent auction to benefit the museum. Tickets are $25 per person at the door. There will be a cash bar. Call Logan Bernstein at 781-383-6165 with any questions. All proceeds support Project Playground.

Summer clearance at consignment shop

Bargains galore will attract shoppers from the area for the famous annual summer sale of the Cohasset Social Service League's consignment shop, in Tedeschi Plaza, to be held through Saturday, July 26.

Designer clothing for men, women, including items for larger women, mother of the bride, children, back-to-college attire as well as sports attire for all ages including Talbot and L.L. Bean.

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For more than five decades the proceeds from the consignment shop support the MYR of worthy programs including scholarship funds for towns of Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Cohasset. The shop is staffed by volunteers. Andi Merrill of Scituate is the shop manager.

The shop will be closed Sunday, July 27 through Sunday, Aug, 17, and Fall and winter consigning only will start Monday, Aug. 18 and Tuesday, Aug. 19 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Shop will be open at regular hours for consigning sales Wednesday, Aug. 20. For more information, call 781-383-0687.

Garage hours

During summer vacation, the Garage will be open the following days/times:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3 to 7 p.m.; Fridays, 4 to 10 p.m.

Every first and third Saturdays, 5 to 10 p.m.

Reaching out to seniors in town

CEA is only a phone call away

By Samantha Brown
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Maintaining an independent lifestyle is something that becomes increasingly difficult the more a person ages. Someone who could once hop into the car and run to the store for a loaf of bread may find that making a trip to a convenience store is suddenly not as convenient. The Council on Elder Affairs knows how important it is for seniors to feel independent, as well as safe, and are working hard to address those needs through its outreach program.

Outreach Coordinator Carol Barrett organizes a number of programs, of which many focus on providing services to seniors living at home, allowing them to remain there for as long as possible.

CEA Director Kathy Bryanton said that through her efforts, Barrett has "lent a lot of support to people in keeping them independent."

After working as a nurse administrator at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston for 25 years, Barrett has gained much experience in both assessing a patient's needs and finding solutions to any problems they might face. She said that roughly half her patients in Boston were elderly, which has given her the experience necessary to assess problems in critical situations.

"I have a lot of knowledge. It's experiential knowledge," she said, adding that each year that goes by, she is constantly learning.

Her position with the CEA is part-time, but requires a lot of planning and problem-solving on her part. "I retired," she said with a smile, as it is obvious she is still very hard at work.

"I have around 240 clients. The majority of people I see are over 85 or have some significant medical problems," she said.

"We try to be a place where people can call and ask for help," she said, and feels the CEA should be a resource seniors feel comfortable calling on for assistance with any aspect of their lives. A big part of Barrett's job is finding solutions for the challenges seniors in town face.

"We coordinate services. When we can bring services in, we do," Barrett said, and if a need cannot be met with the resources the CEA has, she will find a way to have those needs met by someone who can.

Seniors who are able to live on their own may need a helping hand where transportation is concerned. The CEA offers a van service which will travel anywhere within a 15-mile radius.

An escort shopping program is also offered, which drives shoppers over to Shaw's to pick up groceries. Barrett, along with volunteers, works with individuals, helping those who need assistance as they pick up their items. When they return home, groceries are carried inside for them.

Barrett said individuals who are house-bound can make out a shopping list, which someone will pick up before the trip, and the shopping will be done for them. Groceries will also be put away for those individuals.

For every day the CEA is open, either Barrett or a volunteer will make a check-in call to seniors on the telephone reassurance list. The list currently has 18 names, and those who participate can look forward to hearing a friendly voice on the other line each day, making sure they have everything they need.

In addition, the CEA also participates in a program called "Are you OK?" which is affiliated with the Norfolk County Sheriff's Department. From 6 a.m. to noon, 365 days a year, an automated calling service will ring the homes of those who participate. If there is no answer the first time, the computer will notify the person on duty, and that person will make a call to the home. If there is still no answer, the emergency contact for the elderly person will be called, and if they cannot be reached, a call will be made to the Cohasset police who will make a "friendly visit" to the home to check on the elderly person.

The CEA also works closely with the fire and police departments through a program called "File for Life." Members of the departments meet with CEA employees monthly to think of ways to keep senior residents safe.

Through the "File for Life" program, Barrett compiles a folder containing personal records of the senior. Their name, emergency contact, list of medications and healthcare proxy are just some of the important pieces of information contained. The file is stuck to the front of the refrigerator where those responding to an emergency know to look for it.

Because of the file, "If there's a 911 call, everything goes," said Barrett.

The CEA also provides a series of educational workshops every October featuring topics such as retirement planning, legal matters, and other financial matters. Last year's workshop was titled, "Do I have enough money to live on and will my money last?" This

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Its own worst enemy

If White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer is looking for a new PR job he might contact the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, which is in charge of the Greenbush project.

We can't speak with authority about why the MBTA is botching whatever positive public image it might have been able to engender with regard to Greenbush because all our calls are directed to spokesmen, who provide us with pat answers.

We haven't been able to talk to Andrew Brennan, who is the MBTA's director of environmental affairs, for years. And we're not allowed to talk to senior project coordinator Darrin McAuliffe

So we really can't explain why the MBTA continues to submit design packages to the affected towns showing standard grade crossing treatment with median barriers when the type of gate to be used for the project has yet to be determined.

But, nevertheless, the MBTA – which has apparently ignored a June 9, 2003 letter from four Greenbush towns stating there is disagreement over the gates issue that is still before the Army Corps of Engineers — continues to submit grade crossing designs using standard crossing treatment. There was also no response to a June 5 letter Cohasset selectmen sent to Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas on the same issue. The Army Corps is overseeing Section 106 consultations under the federal Historic Preservation Act that have not concluded. Yet the MBTA continues to submit 60 and 90 percent design plans on grade crossings, according to Cohasset Town Manager Mark Haddad. A big MBTA design package arrived at Cohasset Town Hall earlier this month, prompting Mr. Haddad to initiate a dispute resolution process with the MBTA which Scituate, Hingham and Weymouth have now joined.

The towns signed mitigation agreements with the MBTA, including a step-by-step informal dispute resolution process that details how to go about handling unresolved issues between the MBTA and towns. If Greenbush were rolling full steam ahead, then initiating a dispute resolution might not be a big deal. But with construction on hold until the MBTA resolves outstanding permitting issues, land acquisitions, and yes, mitigation matters – any more bad press cannot be a good thing.

Here's the issue regarding gates. Greenbush is slated to be a whistle-free corridor, which means no whistles will be sounded at grade crossings except for emergencies. Therefore if standard grade crossings are used, median strips are needed to prevent an impatient motorist from trying to skirt around stopped traffic to beat an oncoming train. Quad gates, however, would not require median strips because they use four arms that stop traffic on both sides of the road.

The towns are opposed to median strips and channeling traffic delineators, which would be used on narrower roads, because they're unattractive and could have a negative effect on historic neighborhoods.

We're not sure the standard crossings with medians would be any cheaper, but if quad gates are more expensive then the extra cost would certainly be short dollars in a project that is now hovering around the $470 million mark. There is no federal prohibition to the use of quad gates.

The towns are taking the issue very seriously. In the joint letter, Mr. Haddad stated:

"I cannot stress how important this issue is to Cohasset, Scituate, Hingham and Weymouth. I would hope the MBTA will afford the towns the courtesy of a response to this filing, unlike the last two requests put forward to the Secretary of Transportation and the MBTA that went unanswered."

Since Mr. Fleischer, who is stepping down from this White House job, is probably not going to come to the Bay State for work, then the MBTA might take a page from its contractor, Cashman Construction. Its community liaison Tom Carroll walks the Greenbush streets in his work boots and hard hat and mixes with the people most affected by the project. Mr. Carroll is always available and always returns calls but unfortunately, cannot speak for the MBTA.

The MBTA should remember Greenbush is a public project and needlessly upsetting the towns by not responding to a simple request is not the way to win friends.

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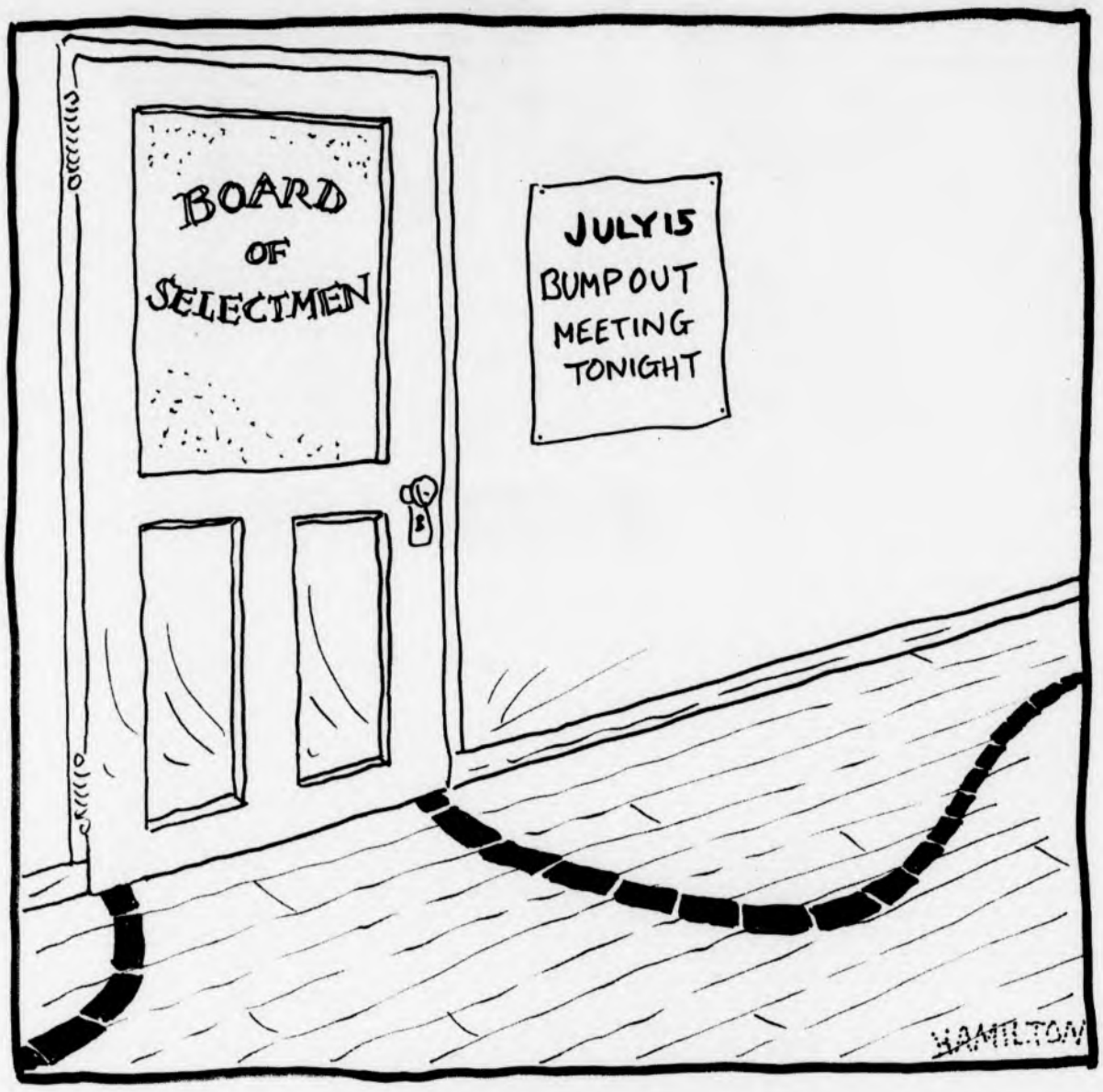

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reducing Rte. 3 rush-hour traffic

TO THE EDITOR:

Terry Fancher, speaking for the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, has said on a number of occasions that the Chamber's primary goal in supporting Greenbush is to reduce rush hour traffic congestion on Route 3. The same message was recently reiterated by a banner waver on the Derby Street bridge, urging drivers to support the Greenbush restoration. The Route 3 rush hour traffic reduction goal was also the main impetus behind Greenbush many years ago as part of the original Big Dig mitigation that led to the restoration of the Old Colony Line.

The irony for the Chamber is that if Greenbush is *not* built and the Greenbush rush hour capacity is moved to the Plymouth Line, substantially more cars will be removed from Route 3, at a tiny fraction of the cost of Greenbush. Senator Bob Hedlund recently made this same observation.

This is an alternative that makes enormous sense.

One of the Greenbush negatives has always been the small number of "new" riders it will attract. The number is small because many would-be riders are already taking other forms of mass transit on the South Shore, primarily the commuter boat. Of equal significance is the Old Colony rush hour scheduling bottleneck between Braintree and Boston. As a result, only three Greenbush rush hour trains can be run. Thus the extremely low new rider figure of 1,708 and the resulting extremely high cost per new rider of $271,000.

If the three-train capacity were moved to the Plymouth line, virtually all the riders would be new riders. And the cost per rider would be infinitesimal when compared to Greenbush, because the line is already built.

Senator Hedlund lends further credence to this alternative by pointing to the 20-year, 22 percent growth rate for the Plymouth area (compared to 3 percent for the area Greenbush would serve).

Why the MBTA planners didn't do this simple math years ago will forever remain a mystery. However, help is on the way and hope springs eternal. State transportation planners in the Romney Administration are presently reviewing Greenbush using objective criteria. One would hope they will conclude that the better long-term traffic reduction solution is the one that puts the capacity on the Plymouth Line, where the growth is. Senator Hedlund is right on target in supporting this alternative. The membership of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce would do well to follow his lead if traffic reduction is their primary goal.

Michael Weymouth
29 Water St.
Hingham

Bump-outs are a terrible idea

DEAR SELECTMEN:

The "bump-outs" currently simulated in the center of the village are among the worst ideas ever proposed for our small town. Why can't we just fix the sidewalks, install new curbs and remove the asphalt buildup from the street and call it a day? If there is money left over, just extend the sidewalk into adjacent areas.

We don't need a cutesy central village area. And, when was the last time that we had a pedestrian incident in town? Let's just get on with fixing what is wrong and spend our money wisely.

Thomas L. Gruber
8 Pratt Court

Mr. Gruber provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter.

Police beach support appreciated

TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE ROBERT JACKSON:

The Sandy Beach Association Board of Trustees wishes to thank the Cohasset Police Department for its continuing support at Sandy Beach. The response to calls is always prompt and the many difficult situations that occur are handled with speed and efficiency.

We thank the officers who provide this service at all times, and particularly wish to commend Prosecutor Rick Grassie and Sgt. John Conte for their dedication and professionalism in dealing with a recent incident.

We are indeed fortunate to be able to call upon "Cohasset's Finest" when needed.

Patricia White Murphy
for The Board of Trustees,
Sandy Beach Association

Mrs. Murphy provided the Mariner with a copy of her letter.

Dump out the bump-out

TO THE EDITOR:

There are many problems in our town that require study and change; the pedestrian crossings along Main Street are not among them. Here we are making unnecessary alterations in the town traffic and parking patterns which have more adverse than beneficial consequences.

First, there have been no minor or serious pedestrian accidents crossing sparsely-traveled Main Street in our sleepy seaside town. Narrowing the distance we walk across the street will have no further safety impact. New York City has no "bump-outs" and far more traffic!

Second, as a busy physician with an office off Main Street, we would lose several parking spots for patients including the handicapped space at the corner of Depot Court and Main. This is unacceptable, as there is no other handicapped space for wheelchairs. The spots in the town parking area require several stairs to reach Stagecoach Way.

Third, the large trucks servicing the various stores on Main Street would have less street space for turning or parking. The bump-out at the corner of Main and Depot Court would markedly narrow the corner; the bump-out across from Cohasset Hardware would remove the one straight curb area or larger trucks to discharge their loads to stores in Town.

Fourth, there would be no real aesthetic advantage to changing the streetscape with these bump-outs. If any changes are to be made, they need to address far more important street concerns: the height of Main Street (now about 18 inches higher than years ago), burying the electric wires and replacing the curbs and/or sidewalks.

Let us not make change for change's sake, but rather consider the adverse consequences of adding bump-outs to our town. I strongly advise against making these alterations to Main Street.

Ronald H. Goldenson, MD
2 Stagecoach Way

No bump-outs

Board of Selectmen

Please spare us the "bump-outs" now being outlined on several streets in the village.

I have been driving these streets for 70 years and both fail to see the need for these "bump-outs" and am concerned that they will actually increase the hazards there. These streets are narrow enough as they are and any such encroachments will only make dodging of other cars even more difficult.

As a matter of fact, the narrow streets and need for caution and slow driving are part of the charm of the small time. If anything is needed it is further visible warning to drive slowly. These are not thoroughfares and there is no need to speed through. Normal pedestrian caution seems to have worked to date.

Osborn F. Ingram
274 Beechwood St.

Mr. Ingram provided The Mariner with a copy of his letter.

Self-defense sprays

TO THE EDITOR:

The recent discovery of the remains of Molly Bish, the still unsolved murder of Christa Worthington on Cape Cod, and the countless other attacks on women all across this state should ignite an outcry against legislators who continue to defraud the public of any means of self-defense. A case in point is Chapter 180, the draconian Gun Control Act of 1998. This legislation, championed by the group Stop Handgun Violence, forces women (no matter how endangered) to go to a police station to obtain a Firearms Identification Card (FID), pay $25, and be fingerprinted and photographed — all just to be granted the right to carry mace or pepper spray! This absurd requirement creates a needless barrier that, in practice, discourages most working women from having any means to defend themselves and their children.

Representatives Tom O'Brien and Bradley Jones have filed bills (H.R. 2288 & 3380) to remove this ludicrous requirement from Massachusetts gun laws. Please contact Speaker of the House of Representatives Tom Finneran (617-722-2500) and ask him to put this life-saving legislation on the fast track for passage in the legislature. Women should be encouraged to carry non-lethal defense sprays not made helpless victims by a legislature totally oblivious to their real safety needs.

Dr. Richard F. Griffiths
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Kingston

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HEALTH NOTES

Summer protection — food allergies and exposure

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Food allergies affect 6 to 8 percent of school-age children. Recently, the board has received information about inadvertent contamination of food areas and misuse of medications used in relieving symptoms of anaphylactic reaction to foods.

In summer, when our kids are out of school, they live in a much more unstructured environment than when they're in school. It's important for parents to become more careful in protecting their children from the risks some of them are exposed to when out of school. If your kids are in summer programs for swimming, sailing, sports or other forms of recreation, it's your responsibility to ensure that these programs have the safeguards to protect the participants from dangers specific to your children about which the sponsoring organization should be told.

Talk to the sponsors and find out what safeguards are in place (or missing) which your child might need. Some agencies recommend that parents, together with providers of recreational and other services develop an individual health-care plan specific to their kids. Such plans would cover description of possible symptoms indicating an underlying condition such as allergic reaction to latex, or peanuts, etc. Discussion of action to be taken in case of an attack. Parents should provide consent to administer medication and share information, lists of who to call, etc. No child should be excluded from activities due to risk of exposure to allergens or other perceived dangers if the risks are controllable. If you have questions about preparing your children for a healthy summer, contact the public health nurse at Town Hall.

Lawn care follow-up

Last week, we talked about the forthcoming plan to do something about initiating environmentally sound lawn care in a demonstration on the common with the board of Health by asking Police Chief Bob Jackson to request his troops to collect business cards from the various lawn practitioners they encounter in town. Instead, Bob said he had enough familiarity with landscapers in town and produced a list without bothering his officers. On reflection, it's probably true that the police have more important things to do than going about town and getting the names and addresses of landscapers.

In fact, when I mentioned this to Officer Lisa Matos at the beach yesterday, she said "Sometimes we give them our card."(showing me a ticket form) Bob's and Lisa's response demonstrated the excellence of the public servants we have in Cohasset. As we speak, the landscapers' list is being modified and expanded by the Board of Health for use in our next effort which will be a questionnaire to determine the character of the turf management provided by those on the list.

Nevertheless, the Board of Health has a listing of landscapers working in Cohasset. It will be more complete and informative as time goes on. We are often asked for such a listing, and it is now available at the Board of Health in its current form.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Remember to put a bean in the bean jar for each book you read this summer! Our free Tuesday evening performances are underway thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library.

Photo exhibit

"Sandscapes" — A show of contemporary landscape photographs by Cynthia Vallino will be on display through Aug. 23 at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

The show includes photographs of the sand "spit" area off of Third Cliff in Scituate, as well as other coastal areas on the South Shore. The show also includes images from the White Sands National Monument in Alamogordo, New Mexico, an area renowned for its expansive white sand dunes.

According to Vallino, "Many of the photographs in this show are abstract images, and quite different from typical seaside landscapes. They're really a study of the wide variation in textures, colors and patterns found in coastal areas. Sand is the perfect medium for seeing the results of dynamic changes along the coast — the landscape is constantly changing."

Vallino's photographs have been selected for numerous juried exhibitions in Southern New England, and her work has received awards and honorable mention in several shows. In 2002, she was selected as a gallery artist at the South Shore Art Center. She has also served as co-chair of the juried photography show at the North River Art Association's Festival of Arts in Marshfield Hills.

Storyteller

Storyteller and author, Elisa Pearmain, will present her, "I Wonder" tales performance on Tuesday, July 22 at 7p.m. She will share folktales that will inspire us to read, to think, and to create. Elisa tells fun world explanatory tales, and then invites the audience to make and tell them with her. A book raffle will begin at 6:55 for all children. The performance will start promptly at 7p.m.

Coloring contest

"A coloring contest will be held for all children up to 9 years of age. The coloring sheets, "Read!Think!Create! at your library, are on Mrs. Moody's desk. The contest begins July 17 and ends July 31. Prizes for all ages.

Reading program

It's not too late to register for the Summer Reading Program, "Read! Think! Create! At your library". Story Hours and Puzzle Club have begun.

CMHS reading list

Students, don't wait until the last minute to do your summer reading! The Summer Reading list for Cohasset Middle/High School is located in the Young Adult Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The list is also on the school website, www.ssec.org, select school district — Cohasset. The Osgood and Deer Hill suggested lists are in the Children's Room on Mrs. Moody's desk. Don't forget, you can use the online catalog to check for the availabilty of the books and to place holds. Just go to www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Museum passes

Check out the museum passes available to you at the library, compliments of the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Reserve the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum pass. From May until October 31, 2002 the Museum is featuring a special exhibit commemorating the 50th wedding anniversary of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy. Highlights include Mrs. Kennedy's wedding dress, her engagement ring and rare color footage of the reception.

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Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! Reserve your copy in advance by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: Sheri Holman's "The Mammoth Cheese" follows the residents of Three Chimneys, Virginia, famous for the simultaneous birth of 11 babies to the Frank family, as they struggle to re-create the 1,235 pound historic "mammoth Cheese". J. A. Jance, "Exit Wounds". Sheriff Joanna Brady returns in a powerful mystery about a loner found murdered with her 17 dogs. Gene Riehl, "Quantico Rules". FBI agent Monk discovers a dark secret while investigating a candidate for the Supreme Court. Harry Turtledove, "American Empire: the Victorious Opposition". In the conclusion to the historical saga "American Empire", the Confederacy prepares for the Great Depression.

Large print books

Large print books added to the collection: "Bubbles", "Bubbles in Trouble" by Sarah Strohmeyer, "Quality of Life Report" by Meghan Daum, "Talk of the Devil" by Riccardo Orizio, " No Second Chance" by Harlan Coben, "Winterkill" by C.J. Box, "Shrink Rap" by Robert Parker, "Pattern Recognition" by William Gibson, "Lucky" by Alice Sebold and, "How to be Alone" by Jonathan Franzen.

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Politically correct television, movies

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

There is a story still making the rounds after all these years that Britt Reid, radio's crime-fighting Green Hornet, had a "faithful Japanese valet, Kato" who suddenly became Reid's "faithful Filipino valet, Kato" on Dec. 8, 1941.

The story is undoubtedly apocryphal because in the 60-some years that have passed since the Japanese behaved so badly at Pearl Harbor, a lot of researchers have pored over a lot of scripts and tapes to find it, and no one has.

I can attest to the fact that it never happened, because I rode with Britt nightly in his "sleek, super-powered Black Beauty" as he prowled the streets of the city, hunting "the biggest of all game! Public enemies who try to destroy our America."

All of which is a clever way of taking us into the subject of today's discussion — how quickly yesterday's goodies can become today's poison.

If you were busy channel-surfing for the latest Shannon Tweed epic on cable at the time, you may have missed the Fox Movie Network's cancellation of its whole summer movie festival, "Charlie Chan's Mystery Tour," due to complaints by Asian-Americans.

I was a fan of Charlie Chan at the time the movies came out in the '30s, and I couldn't see anything wrong with two white actors (Warner Oland and Sidney Toler) wearing makeup that drew the corners of their eyes up and saying "Ah so!" enough times to prove them Chinese.

Charlie was a hero to most of us. He was the best detective on the Honolulu police force who outwitted the Round Eyes at every turn while he solved crimes around the world and spouted the wisdom of Confucius — or Earl Derr Biggers, the white man who authored the Chan books.

But Eddie Wong, executive director of the National Asian-American Telecommunications Association, saw it differently.

"Charlie Chan's shuffling, subservient manner, exaggerated accent, and fortune-cookie chatter did not resemble my parents, friends, or any Chinese person I knew," he wrote to Fox. "Asian-Americans feel that Charlie Chan is a demeaning portrayal that is culturally inaccurate and 'entertaining' at our expense."

Presto! Charlie was gone.

Someday, if you want to check him out on DVD and watch him behind closed curtains, you'll find Charlie in a dark corner of American entertainment along with "Amos and Andy," a show once so popular that department stores used to pipe it in so that shoppers wouldn't miss it.

When television replaced radio, they tried Amos and Andy on the tube, but the time had passed for such African-American "humor" as made by the Mystic Knights of the Sea Lodge, the Kingfish, and Lightnin', and viewers had learned to shudder at Andy's favorite phrase, "I'se regusted!"

Why do I have the feeling that if they had remade the film "Casablanca" in the 1960s, Major Strasser, the prototypical Nazi officer, would have been Comrade Ivanov of the NKVD?

And if they made it again in 2003, he would be the Ayatollah Ding Dong, that is, if General Ting Ling of North Korea didn't get there first.

Learning about the 'other woman'

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

JEANE DALY

I glanced out the kitchen window when I heard the car pull into the driveway and laughed when I saw the two figures get out. My husband, Jack, and his buddy Larry, decked out from head-to-toe in golfing duds, were talking a mile a minute as they came into the kitchen.

"Good game?" I asked.

"Great game," they responded in unison.

After lunch, I knew enough to exit the room el pronto, or I'd never escape the never-ending discussion on stance, swings, knee, arm, and head positions.

Working outside in my garden, I could still hear their voices bantering back and forth from inside. Gradually Larry's voice grew louder and louder, then I heard him cry out, "God, she's beautiful; trim and as light as a feather. I wouldn't go anywhere without her now."

I heard my dear husband say he could hardly wait to get a peek at BB.

Now this conversation had my full attention. Who was BB?

Larry rambled on and on about her virtues; my heart sank. Was he cheating on his saintly wife? Did my husband really want to meet this home-wrecker?

I couldn't believe my ears when he said he was bringing her to the public golf course the next day to meet the guys.

"Great! All the guys have heard of her and I must say she has quite a reputation. A real hot number, I've been told," my almost ex-husband said.

The following day after golf, I asked Jack about this infamous BB.

"Larry's right. She's beautiful, she has it all. Who wouldn't want her?" he answered arduously.

"Are you crazy?" I asked dangerously.

Looking slightly puzzled by my tone of voice, he asked if I wanted to see her?

"She's out in the car," he said grinning.

"What is that tramp doing in our *family* car? Have both you and Larry gone wacko?"

Dumbstruck, I waited in the kitchen while he went to fetch the tainted damsel.

Racing back into the kitchen he thrust a golf club at me and said, "Meet BB. This is her, Big Bertha. Better known to the guys as BB."

I couldn't help but notice as he spoke his hands ran gently up and down her shaft, he was visibly trembling with joy. Endlessly, he went on about her magnificent characteristics. After two long minutes had passed, I left the room unnoticed, as he talked on and on, oblivious to the fact that I had gone.

His birthday was in a few weeks and BB would make the perfect gift. But, I would make it very clear to them, she could only have him on weekdays, he was all mine on the weekends.

Jeane Daly of Hingham is a dedicated student of humorous behavior and finds it everywhere she looks.

POLITICAL NOTES

House passes municipal aid package

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, announced passage of a compromise relief initiative for municipalities struggling to balance their budgets in the face of the Commonwealth's economic crisis.

The municipal relief legislation allows cities and towns to raise revenue through adjusted fees and fines, offers relief from restrictive state regulations and mandates, and provides the necessary tools to preserve essential local services.

The Commonwealth provides municipalities with approximately $4.49 billion in assistance each year with local school aid, additional assistance, lottery revenues and school building assistance.

Among the benefits of the Conference Committee package:

- Municipalities can transfer a percentage of funds between most city departments during the last two months of the budget year.
- Allow for local treasurers to modernize search procedures for abandoned property owners. Provide cities and towns with options for reducing their unfunded pension liability payments in FY04 and FY05.
- The legislation also offers an early retirement incentive program for employees as a tool for reducing payroll costs to cities, towns, counties, authorities and other districts in the Commonwealth.

"This legislation will provide some much needed relief to our communities in this difficult fiscal crisis" stated Bradley

Additionally, the legislation would reform the arcane Emergency Finance Board by eliminating the Board but allowing the Attorney General, State Treasurer, State Auditor and the director of accounts at the Division of Local Services to carry out many of its duties.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Bike Safety Day

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Recreation Commission and the youngsters and staff of the Summer Playground Program, I would like to express our appreciation for the Cohasset Police Department and the Cohasset Police Association for their very generous donation of time and effort and for their interest in our community.

On Friday, July 11, the Cohasset Police Department and the Cohasset Police Association organized and ran their annual Police Safety Day for the youngsters in the Playground Program. The Cohasset Police Department and Association extended themselves to our community by providing a cook-out for the youngsters attending the Playground Program and staff as well. The children and staff alike were enthralled by the many items of bona-fide police equipment that was available for them to experience.

The commissioners and staff of the Recreation Department and the youngsters involved in the Playground Program truly appreciate their continued interest in and concern for our community and its residents. I believe that I am able to speak on behalf of the residents with children in the Playground Program, thanking the Cohasset Police Department and the Cohasset Police Association.

John M. Worley, Director
Recreation Commission

Bump-outs opposed

Selectmen:

I am writing to tell you that I vehemently oppose the "bump-outs" that are proposed for downtown Cohasset.

They look like a real impediment to vehicular traffic and I can't see a safety issue that they might resolve.

I have been walking around Cohasset for more than 35 years and I have never experienced a problem with the downtown area.

Since the crosswalks have been in place, it is safer than ever. To say people need those "bump-outs" to see around the monstrous SUV's is a pretty sad reason for spoiling the Town. Let people obey the speed limit and the problem, if there is one, disappears.

Downtown Cohasset has a charm all its own. Please stop tampering with it.

Elizabeth A. Durant
119 N. Main St.

Elizabeth Durant provided The Mariner with a copy of her letter.

Exposure to political gumbo has varying effects

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

An analysis and recap of the week in state government.

Combine a scandal, conceits of skullduggery, announcement of a surplus, reversal of decision making on the most important policy disputes of the day, advancement of a bold new bid to help the economy, suggestions that the Red Cross should have to compete for your blood, and gubernatorial heroics out of "BayWatch," but with fresh water.

Oh, and a former Democratic gubernatorial candidate announcing her new career as a TV reporter.

The result: a potent concoction — political gumbo, call it — with widely varying effects on those exposed to it. The mix of events could leave a person confused, amused, enraged, anxious, excited, bored and fatigued — and all in one day, too. Some were left babbling incoherently from exposure to the combination. Of course, some in the press would suggest the Legislature would do that anyway — and some in the Legislature would suggest that's what the press does all the time.

For those inclined, or paid, to dwell on the details, it was an engrossing week. No, that's a different legislative procedure. How about if we say, the overriding topic was reversing vetoes. Over 30 of the governor's vetoes had been undone by mid-day Thursday (July 10), with more to come, and House Speaker Thomas Finneran said the override process could stretch on into the fall.

The overrides put back about $40 million in spending, and the number was climbing. The administration says every dollar added to the bottom line with an override is a dollar the budget is out of balance. The overrides are significant — restoring the Legislature's preferences on matters from full-day kindergarten grants to fees on sex offenders and the composition of the courts. And the administration signaled its objections to the Democrats' priority setting when Lt. Gov. Healey asked why $400,000 was directed to taxpayer-funded golf courses instead of rape crisis centers closed by the budget crisis.

Actually, there are those who were saying the most important topic on the minds of the powers that be — certainly in the House, though the Senate's acquiescence was needed — was reversal of a veto of a bill allowing the Speaker and Senate President to give pay raises to their leadership teams without going through the regular legislative process.

The mix of events could leave a person confused, amused, enraged, anxious, excited, bored and fatigued — and all in one day, too.

Why the Speaker was so bent on forcing through something that made the Legislature look so bad was anyone's guess, but in the end the consensus came down to something like: he wanted to be good to his people, felt it was the right thing to do, and saw a chance to increase his command over the loyalty of the members he leads by gaining more direct control over their salaries. Not to mention proving himself more powerful than the governor, and the Legislature more powerful than the executive. In the end, really, Finneran knew he didn't have much to lose — the people driven crazy by his behavior in such affairs were driven a bit crazier, but how much does that really matter? Experience has shown: not a lot.

Meanwhile, the Romneys wanted no unnecessary attention paid to their jet-ski feat — well, okay, maybe *a little* unnecessary attention. After a morning the Beacon Hill commentariat spent speculating how the Lake Winnipesaukee rescue came to enjoy screaming headlines in the Herald and no coverage whatsoever in the Globe, the governor's people called to say he'd been persuaded to overcome his extreme reluctance to make any hay out of the incident. He really didn't want to talk about it, but if anyone wanted to ask how *he and his very good looking family rescued those people*, shucks, he'd take a few questions. No one could blame him for enjoying the moment.

The State House was a kind of Six Flags for the politically minded

• *Municipal relief* — Mixed in, but distinct from, the budget vetoes was passage of a measure allowing cities and towns to raise revenues through a variety of new local option fees. The bill came out of a conference committee about the same time headlines started hitting local papers about fire stations closing and other municipal difficulties.

• *O'Brien will become consumer troubleshooter for 56* — Consumer issues such as the finance workshops she ran were probably the personable but smart former treasurer's strong suit in office, and she'll try to project that combination as she begins her new professional life as a special assignment reporter for Channel 56.

• *State actually ran surplus – sort of* — The fiscal year just ended on June 30 has closed out with a $133 million surplus, Gov. Mitt Romney's budget chief announced. But in a warning to the Legislature, he said that is only enough to run state government for 50 hours, and new spending on programs should not be undertaken. The state budget for the new fiscal year, begun July 1, Eric Kriss said, is barely in balance, provided lawmakers do not override any of Romney's $201 million in vetoes. The next fiscal year, fiscal 2005, which begins July 1, 2004, is expected to start with a $1 billion gap, assuming a "robust" economic recovery, he said.

• *Reilly will team with Lt. Gov. on crime commission* — A commission of top state officials sets out on an ambitious mission to overhaul the state's criminal justice laws and modernize its crime fighting policies. The panel – announced by Lt. Gov Kerry Healey – gained a sense of fresh urgency in the wake of rising violence in Boston and other cities.

• *State shuts down mass-lottery.org* — Emails and cellphone text messages promised recipients they had won $30,000 from the Massachusetts lottery: just visit a certain Web site, www.masslottery.org, and enter personal credit information to claim the prize. Problem was, the claim was a fraud and when the real state Lottery caught wind of the scam, they shut the website down.

• *IG calls for suspension of dep officials in emissions flap* — Inspector General Gregory Sullivan called it a "dark secret." Two officials at the Department of Environmental Protection hid problems with the state's vehicle emissions testing program for two years, allowing tens of thousands of cars to spew illegal toxins into the air. Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey asked the agency's new commissioner, Robert Golledge, Jr., to investigate the allegation before deciding whether to fire the officials.

• *Top five veto overrides* — Your list may differ, but here's five that attracted attention – and passed both branches:

1. Additional assistance to Cities and Towns
2. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission
3. Early Retirement Incentive Program
4. Full Day Kindergarten and Early Intervention Grants
5. GIC Premiums

Craig Sandler writes for the Statehouse News Service.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen
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QUESTIONS

Senator Robert L. Hedlund

Representative Garrett J. Bradley

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: BHRC records local representatives' votes on eight roll calls and local senators' votes on seven roll calls from the week of July 7-11. Most of the roll call votes are on legislative action surrounding Gov. Romney's overrides of items in the $22.1 billion fiscal 2004 state budget.

	Hedlund	Bradley
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MUNICIPAL RELIEF PACKAGE (H 3944) House 151-3, Senate 31-4, approved the conference committee version of a municipal relief package giving local cities and towns more management flexibility, fiscal choices and revenue raising options in order to compensate for this year's cuts in local aid. Provisions include an increase in the maximum fine for parking violations, failure to stop and blocking intersections, increased fees for towing, gun registration, fire department permits and auto leasing; permitting school districts to charge students in kindergarten through sixth grade for bus transportation to school; allowing communities to offer early retirement incentive programs for local workers and to reduce the next two fiscal years' unfunded pension liability payment by an amount equal to their loss in local aid; authorizing cities and towns to work with the Registry of Motor Vehicles to design and sell distinctive vehicle license plates and keep the profits and allowing communities to bid for state contracts for maintenance of public ways including snow and ice removal. Supporters said the package is a fiscally responsible one that does not raise taxes but gives local communities the tools to increase revenues and make up for the recent cuts in local aid. Opponents said the package does not offer sufficient relief to make up for deep local aid cuts, raises too many fees and does not offer the type of reforms necessary to make a real difference. Both branches later gave final approval to the measure and sent it to Gov. Romney. (A "Yea" vote is for the package. A "Nay" vote is against it).	Y	Y
$10 MILLION FOR KINDERGARTEN GRANTS (H 4004) House 141-12, Senate 36-3, overrode Gov. Romney's $10 million veto reduction (from $23 million to $13 million) for kindergarten development grants to continue improving existing full-day kindergartens and encourage the transition of half-day kindergartens to full-day ones. Override supporters said the grants are important to ensure quality kindergartens for thousands of children and to help meet the goal of making all kindergartens full-day ones. They said these children should not suffer because of the state's fiscal crisis. Override opponents said the cut is necessary to keep the budget balanced and noted that this grant program was designed to be an incentive for communities to move toward full-day kindergartens but was never intended to be funded indefinitely as a permanent subsidy program. Some noted the grants often go to large communities at the expense of smaller ones that cannot afford costly grant writers to apply for the funds. (A "Yea" vote is for the $10 million. A "Nay" vote is against the $10 million).	N	Y
STATE EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS (H 4004) House 130-23, Senate 32-6, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of language that sunsets a new law requiring state employees earning over $35,000 per year to pay 20 percent instead of the current 15 percent of their health insurance premiums. The sunset language provides that after June 30, 2005, these employees go back to only paying 15 percent. Romney's veto would require them to permanently pay 20 percent. Override supporters said the sunset provision is fair because it would save money over the next two years but then allow the legislature to revisit the issue for these hardworking state employees. Override opponents said it is not unreasonable for state workers earning over $35,000 to permanently pay 20 percent and noted many cities and towns and private employers do not pay the generous 85 percent that the state pays. (A "Yea" vote is for the sunset provision requiring these employees to pay 20 percent only until June 2005. A "Nay" vote is against the sunset provision and favors requiring these employees to permanently pay 20 percent).	N	Y
$75 SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY FEE (H 4004) House 134-22, Senate 32-7 overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a section imposing an annual $75 fee on every sex offender for as long as he is required to register with the state's sex offender registry. The fee would be waived for any offender if it is determined the payment would constitute an undue hardship on him or his family. Override supporters said the fee will help pay for the operation of the sex offender registry that informs the public of the whereabouts of these predators and helps to protect society. They said it is unfair for the legislature to raise fees on law-abiding citizens for all kinds of things and not impose a fee on these dangerous criminals. Override opponents said the fee is well intentioned but may have the unintended consequence of being a disincentive for these offenders to register. They said it is more important to encourage these offenders to register so that the public knows where they live and work. (A "Yea" vote is for the $75 fee. A "Nay" vote is against the $75 fee).	N	Y
PONKAPOAG GOLF COURSE (H 4004) House 114-42, Senate 33-6, overrode Gov. Romney's $250,000 veto reduction (from $1.1 million to $850,000) in funding for the operation of the state-owned Ponkapoag golf course in Canton. Override supporters said this course is funded by the people who pay fees to play golf and argued the reduction may result in inadequate upkeep of the course. They noted the state is studying whether to get out of the golf course business but said the courses must be maintained until a decision is made. Override opponents said it is outrageous that the state is in the golf course business when important human service programs and local aid are being cut. They argued that there is state money, not just player fees, spent on maintaining these courses and noted the state could make money by leasing operation of this golf course to a private manager. (A "Yea" vote is for the $250,000. A "Nay" vote is against the $250,000)	N	N
$23 MILLION LOCAL AID (H 4004) House 140-15, Senate 36-3, overrode Gov. Romney's $23 million veto reduction (from $379.7 million to $356.7 million) in funding for the local aid category "additional assistance." Override supporters said these funds are desperately needed by cities and towns that have already had their local aid reduced and argued the $23 million would help prevent cutbacks and layoffs of teachers, police officers and firefighters. They noted the $23 million restoration is feasible because the legislature overrode the governor's veto of a section reducing the amount the state reimburses pharmacies that fill Medicaid prescriptions for the state. Override opponents said that "additional assistance" is a unfair, special category of local aid that uses an archaic system under which some communities receive millions of dollars and others receive zero dollars. They argued the entire system should be revised and the money should be distributed equitably. (A "Yea" vote is for the $23 million. A "Nay" vote is against it).	Y	Y
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES (H 4004) House 122-33, Senate 29-5, overrode Governor Romney's veto of a section raising from $4 to $50 the amount cities and towns are required to charge for a marriage license and mandating that $46 of the $50 be turned over to the state. The section does not change the part of current state law that allows any city or town to ignore the law and set its own fee for a marriage license. Override supporters said most communities charge only between $4 and $15 and that none of that revenue goes to the state. They said the hike to $50 is reasonable and would generate much needed revenue for the state. Override opponents said the section is ambiguous, contains technical errors and would only raise revenue for the state if a community did not set its own fee and followed the state mandate to charge $50 and give $46 to the state. They noted that changing the state-mandated fee is meaningless if communities can still set their own fee at higher or lower than $50 and retain all the revenue. (A "Yea" vote is for the section raising the fee to $50 unless a city or town sets its own fee. A "Nay" vote is against the section).	N	Y
$10 FEE TO APPEAL SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS (H 4004) House 11-144, sustained Gov. Romney's veto of a section imposing a $10 fee on anyone who challenges a non-criminal traffic violation in court. Override supporters said this $10 fee is reasonable and is not much different than existing court filing fees for many types of cases. They argued that the fee would generate much needed revenue for the state. Override opponents said that people should not have to pay for an initial hearing on a speeding or traffic ticket. They said this fee goes too far and noted that it is adequate to impose a fine on anyone found guilty of the violation. There was no vote on this veto in the Senate because the House sustained the veto and a successful override is required in both branches in order to override the governor's veto. (A "Yea" vote is for the $10 fee. A "Nay" vote is against it).		N

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Train towns cross about gates' design

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the Army Corps of Engineers as part of Section 106 consultations under the national Historic Preservation Act.

The issue potentially puts the MBTA in violation of its mitigation agreements with the towns because the Army Corps has not rendered its decision regarding the type of gate. The Army Corps has asked the MBTA to arrange a meeting with the Federal Railroad Administration, MBTA safety experts and town officials, along with Corps staff, to review the gates' issue.

The towns say receiving design packages at this stage puts them at a disadvantage because they are forced to submit comments on designs that may not go forward. Cohasset Town Manager Mark Haddad explained if the towns decide not to submit comments and median barriers are used, the towns would have had no input on the final design of the most important aspect of the project, grade crossings.

Hingham Town Administrator Charles Cristello said the towns don't want to review submittals while the whole question of quadrant gates is up in the air.

"I cannot stress how important this issue is to Cohasset, Scituate, Hingham and Weymouth."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

"We want the design submittals held back until that issue is resolved," he said.

In a letter released Tuesday by Cohasset selectmen, the four towns have joined together to start the informal dispute resolution process as spelled out in their mitigation agreements with the MBTA.

"I cannot stress how important this issue is to Cohasset, Scituate, Hingham and Weymouth," Haddad wrote in the joint letter this week. "I would hope the MBTA will afford the towns the courtesy of a response to this filing, unlike the past two requests put forward to the Secretary of Transportation and MBTA that went unanswered."

MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo said nothing has changed since February when the general manager of the MBTA put the Greenbush project on hold pending resolution of outstanding permitting, land acquisition and mitigation issues.

"The project is on hold to give MBTA staff enough time to accomplish those three things," Pesaturo said.

In the first stage of a dispute resolution, the MBTA and the towns' authorized representatives agree to confer in good faith to resolve the dispute (in this case, quad gates) to their mutual satisfaction. If the matter cannot be resolved, the dispute could reach the second stage involving a meeting with the general manager of the MBTA, a senior official of the state Executive Office of Transportation and selectmen. If not satisfactorily resolved at that level, either party may seek legal remedies for breach of the mitigation agreement.

While construction of the 17.7-mile Greenbush line is on hold, Gov. Mitt Romney has said he would also use this time to review the cost of the estimated $464 million project.

Norwell resident Ralph Rivkind, chairman of Greenbush on Track, hands out a "Greenbush YES!" bumper sticker to Ken Gomer of Weymouth at the South Shore Chamber of Commerce's annual summer outing.

Greenbush backers have new website

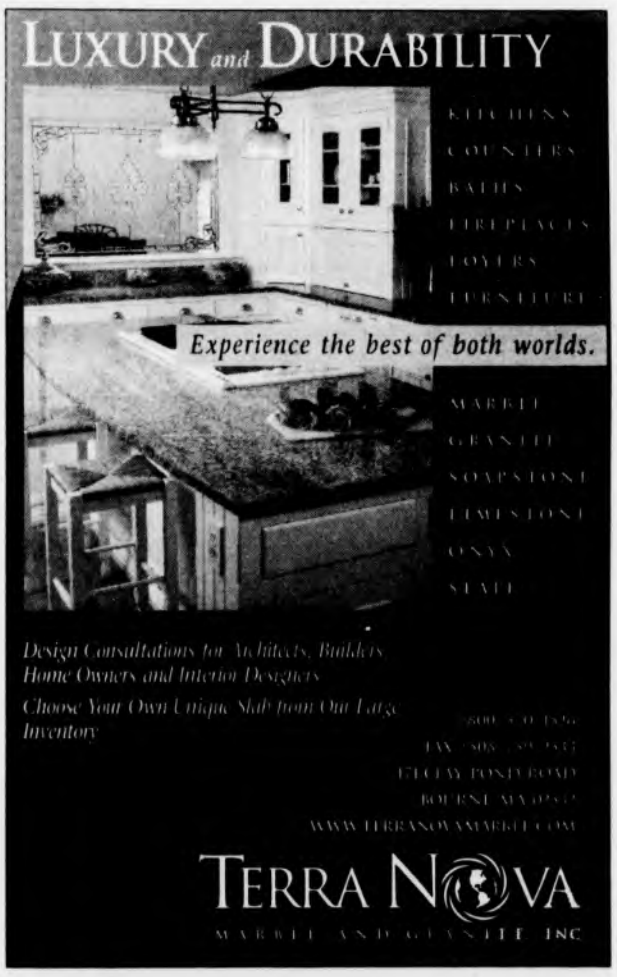
Overwhelmed by the number of people who have joined the pro-train advocacy group Greenbush on Track (GOT) since it was created two months ago, GOT's chairman unveiled a new web site to keep all members updated on the future of the commuter rail line.

GreenbushOnTrack.com features information about the plan to restore the 17.7-mile rail line along the South Shore. It explains the environmental, economic and social benefits Greenbush would bring to the region — which is the only part of Eastern or Central Massachusetts not connected to Boston by commuter rail. And the site highlights the widespread editorial support for the commuter rail project, as well as a video clip of Gov. Mitt Romney speaking about Greenbush.

"We have received so many responses that the best way to communicate with all of GOT's members is through this web site," GOT chairman Ralph Rivkind said. "Sending hundreds of emails and making hundreds of phone calls just got to be too unwieldy. Now we can keep all Greenbush supporters in the loop easily. And we hope other pro-train people join GOT, which they can do by visiting www.Greenbushontrack.com."

Citing a recent poll that revealed citizens favored restoring Greenbush service by more than three to one, Rivkind said he is confident that GOT's membership will continue to swell.

"We knew people wanted Greenbush restored, but we were blown away by how many people have volunteered their time and energy to making sure it happens," Rivkind said.



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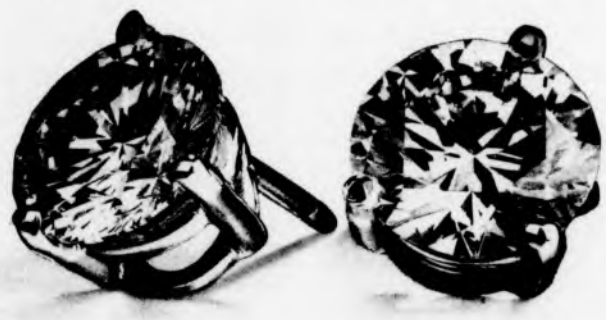

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Town leaves mark on Kentucky town

Sweeney said about Cohasset. "It is one of the most beautiful places we've seen and we loved coming up."

The old Liberty City Hall, which was built in the 1940s or earlier, had become decrepit; the city council allocated funds to build a new one and was looking at different architectural styles, Sweeney explained.

"I'm a traditionalist, I like the old style," he said.

But it was actually his daughter's suggestion that the Pratt building be used as a model. So she took pictures and emailed them to Sweeney who showed photographs of the classic Greek Revival building to the Liberty City Council.

"It is one of the most beautiful places we've seen and we loved coming up."
— Steven Sweeney, mayor of Liberty, Ky.

"They liked it a lot," Sweeney recalled, explaining the interior is laid out dramatically different than the Pratt building to facilitate a town hall use.

The Liberty City Hall, is red brick, not yellow, like the Pratt building and the cupola is not as "opulent," but otherwise the exterior looks very similar, he said.

The town hall was built for about $250,000, far less than estimates of $400,000 and up because the town did its own construction management, Sweeney said. [He noted a house in Liberty that brings $175,000-$200,000 would sell for $600,000-$700,000 in Cohasset].

"We've been in it about three months now," he says about the new town hall. "But we're waiting for the finishing touch – the David Hassan sign." (The sign, which Hassan shipped last week, went up Tuesday).

Although it is not unusual for a Hassan sign to be ordered for a building outside Cohasset [Hassan signs are in places as far away as Sweden and Wales], Hassan said he was intrigued when "a gentleman with a strong southern accent" — who turned out to be Mayor Sweeney — stopped in the shop to inquire about a sign for a town hall in Kentucky

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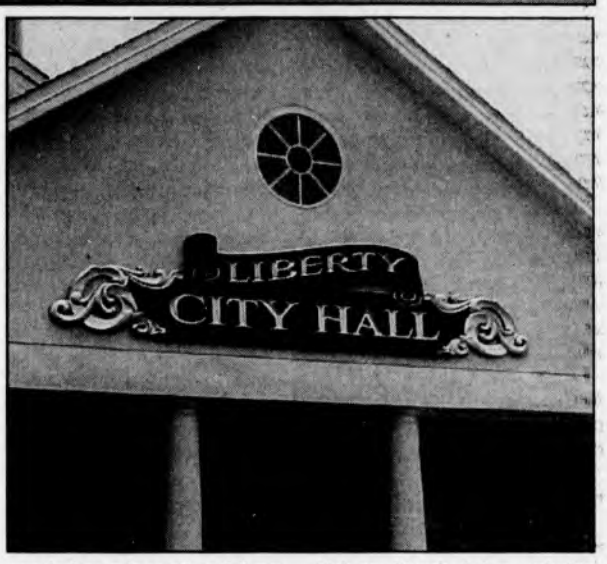
Above: The exterior of the Liberty City Hall is modeled after the Paul Pratt Memorial Library building on South Main Street.

At right: David Hassan's sign provided the finishing touch to the new Liberty City Hall.



"I gave him a pencil sketch and didn't really expect to hear from him again," Hassan said. But a couple of weeks went by and Sweeney called to say he was ready to order the sign, he recalled, and the two exchanged a series of emails.

Knowing how town government can work, Hassan said he was surprised to get the order. "It didn't take a committee of 20 to decide," he said with a laugh. The 15 ft. by 3 ft. sign is carved out of mahogany and the letters are in 14 carat gold leaf.

"I'd seen a lot of David's signs in Cohasset and he was the one and only guy I went to see to put a sign together for us," Sweeney said.

Sweeney's daughter and son-in-law, Laura (Sweeney) and Robert Johnson lived on Forest Avenue and Beach Street during their four years in town. The couple has relocated to Liberty with their child, who is the Sweeneys' first grandchild.

"We harassed her to come back," said Sweeney, who is in his fifth year as mayor of Liberty.

Liberty, which has a population of 1,850 and was founded in 1806, has another tie to the Cohasset-North Scituate area. Abraham Lincoln's ancestors came from North Scituate. The 16th president's father settled in Casey County where Liberty is located before moving to Larue County where Abe was born in a log cabin.

"I was shocked when I drove through Hingham and saw a statue of Abraham Lincoln," Sweeney said. "So I did some research and found out Lincoln's family was from up in those parts."

About Liberty, Ky.

Founded: 1806, became Casey County seat in 1808
Population: 1,850
Location: 53 miles southwest of Lexington
Median family income: $27,105
Interesting fact: The world's largest apple pie was baked in

Reaching out to seniors in town

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year's workshop will be on Social Security taxes and will be held every Wednesday for four weeks, beginning the second week in October. There will also be a light supper offered for those who attend.

But with all the helpful services the CEA provides, some are strictly social. "Celebrations," Barrett said, are held for holidays, such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, as well as at the end of the summer barbecue.

For any event the CEA holds, transportation will be provided for those who cannot come on their own.

One of the main concerns Barrett has is continuing funding for various programs the CEA offers. Some of its transportation programs to Boston have already been cut and she worries that with the way the economy is now, and the war on terrorism still in progress, more money will be continually needed to be spent on security. That money may have to come from funds previously set aside for senior programs, and she feels it is very unfortunate that the seniors who have spent their whole lives in their communities are the ones who may suffer from cuts in funding.

How to reach the CEA

- For information on any of the programs offered by Cohasset Elder Affairs, including "File for Life," "Are You OK?" or social events, call Director Kathy Bryanton, or Outreach Coordinator Carol Barrett at (781) 383-9112 or (781) 383-9116.
- To make reservations for transportation, call (781)383-0220.

Stressed out about planned bump-outs

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signed by more than 300 Cohasset residents from Saturday afternoon to around 3 p.m. Tuesday. Copies of the petitions were stationed at various downtown shops including Cohasset Hardware, French Memories, and Tedeschi's.

Before Tuesday night's meeting, Jim Watson, owner of Cohasset Hardware said, "They're going to have to listen to 300 signatures in two days."

Haddad began the bump-outs conversation with, "I will say that as of today, I have received two very positive comments."

Dormitzer was in attendance at the meeting, stating that he had complied the petition to "elicit the opinion of the people," and that there had been no advertising or any prompting to sign, just the availability of petitions around the village.

"People don't want this particular revitalization," he said, noting that many people he has spoken with have said they don't see the bump-outs as keeping in character with the historical feel of the village.

Dormitzer also said he thought there could be a simpler, more cost-effective way to provide change to the village, and said, "something just doesn't feel right," about the current plans.

Board member Michael Sullivan said once the project is done, "it won't be that much different," noting that the plans will set a better traffic flow pattern and allow more space for pedestrians to congregate.

Dormitzer did not agree. "I really do have a feeling that it's wrong," and likened the plans to providing the feel of an urban wasteland, he said.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris brought up the notion of perception and said people may see the bump-outs as being one thing, when really she feels they will help aid in the safety of pedestrians. She sees the bump-outs as being able to slow traffic and give the town back the feeling of being a small town, which has been lost over the years. With people driving fast through town to pick up something quick on their way to somewhere else, she sees the changes as slowing people down and making it a more inviting place.

Dormitzer said he "finds the town very polite," and has a very different view of what the bump-outs would bring. He did, however, acknowledge that "it wouldn't be bad to be able to see around the SUVs."

Sullivan came back to the point of making the village more accessible to pedestrians and said, "I see it as more room for pedestrians, what's wrong with that?"

Board member Tom Callahan said, "People argue, why do anything, the sky's not falling." To which Dormitzer replied, "This town is inherently safe."

"The concern should be public opinion!" said Watson from the back of the room, who was reminded by McMorris to not turn the meeting into a shouting match.

Roger Hill of Highland Avenue joined in and said, "I think it's too bad that all of a sudden we get a million and a half dollars and we're dying to spend it."

He also said if it was necessary, he would get people to sign a petition to have a special town meeting so the decision could be a collective one rather than just made by the five selectmen.

"I've been to every Waterfield meeting and not one thing the residents or merchants have said has been put on their plans," Hill said.

From there conversation turned to the proposed bump-out at Depot Court and the ability of the fire engines to make the left-hand turn. Haddad said he was out with the fire chief watching traffic patterns as well as the engine making the turn, and both were fine. The department used its largest ladder truck and were successful. With the island now removed, the road is actually larger than it was before without the bump-outs.

Members of the board stated that the Waterfield Group cannot make plans that constrict traffic, and the bump-outs will not.

The question of what is historical was raised to which board members said there is nothing historical about a gas station or a convenience store.

Callahan said if people want historical, maybe the town should go back to having dirt roads. He also brought up the common and said "if they want history, we'll put cows there."

Board member Fred Koed made the point that with the bump-outs, there will be no "breakdown lane" at the top of Depot Court, which could pose a problem for a fire truck trying to make it around the corner if a car can't move. He also said, "The Witches of Eastwick would never have been filmed here with the bump-outs," which some members disagreed with.

Watson said, "You people do not get it."

Karen Quigley of the Cohasset Environmental Support Group said she has seen many kids riding bikes on the sidewalks that pose more of a problem for pedestrians than cars. She also said it is important for selectmen to listen to the residents.

"Whatever the reason the townspeople are opposed, they are opposed and we are the town," she said.

Koed said if this project were proposed for an area such as Stop & Shop, people probably wouldn't care as much, but they do because we're dealing with a historical center.

"When you're dealing with history, people don't like change," he said.

"I think the term bump-out is causing the problem," said Sullivan.

Conversation continued and came back to McMorris who explained that the whole purpose for the plans is to provide pedestrian safety and calm traffic.

Watson proposed that the board, "be more understanding of public opinion and bring this to a vote of some sort."

Sullivan stated that "there's a total divide," to which member Merle Brown said, "we're not going out to bid until January," and suggested they make the discussion an article on the warrant at town meeting to give people the chance to vote.

Haddad said the delineators will be left up for another week or two and that no final decision will be made before this fall. Discussion will be ongoing with selectmen, and could be continued at town meeting.

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Loraine Stevens

A memorial service for Loraine Stevens will be held at the Vedanta Center, 130 Beechwood St. on Friday, July 18 at 10 a.m. Ms. Stevens died May 31, 2003 at Boston Medical Center due to complications following surgery. She was 89.

A native of Washington, D.C., she had been a puppeteer in Chicago. During World War II, she served as a WAC (Women's Army Corps) of the U.S. Army. In New York, she was involved in civil defense for the army. She was a five-year resident of the Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home.

After the war, she served as a secretary to a number of notable personalities, including authors Paul Brunton and John Steinbeck as well as actress Gloria Swanson.

A longtime member of the Vedanta Center in Massachusetts and Ananda Ashrama in La Cresenta, Calif., she served Rev. Mother Gayatri Devi who passed away in 1995. Ms. Stevens often traveled to India.

An avid animal lover, she raised many cats and dogs. She also loved to sing and had a beautiful singing voice.

She leaves her nieces, Carol-Leigh Duce and Nancy DiMaio; her nephew, Haskell Frei; and many grand and great-grandnieces/nephews. She also leaves her best friend, Ella May Damiani.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Joseph M. McMath

Joseph M. McMath, Jr. 81, of Scituate, owner of Cohasset Limousine & Taxi Service from 1980 to 2000, died July 11, 2003, at Life Care Center of the South Shore in Scituate after a long illness.

Mr. McMath also was a bartender 35 years for Arthur Roebuck Catering.

He was a Navy veteran and served in the Navy reserves.

Mr. McMath was born, raised and educated in Somerville.

He leaves his wife, Aurora (Cordo) McMath; five daughters, Theresa Colby, Elizabeth Steverman and Kathleen Field, all of Scituate, Linda Daley of Norwell and Donna Bagni of Pembroke; two sons, Michael McMath of Connecticut and Dennis McMath of Marshfield; a sister, Phyllis Curran of East Boston, 13 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary of the Nativity Church, Scituate.

Interment was in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Donations may be made to St. Mary of the Nativity Church, 1 Kent St., Scituate Harbor 02066.

Alberta Whitcomb

Alberta (Gillette) Whitcomb, 78, died Saturday in Alexandria, Va. of pneumonia and a heart ailment.

Born in Duluth, Minn., she was the daughter of Albert C. and Annie W. Gillette. She was educated in Minnesota and Florida schools and graduated from the Madeira School. She then attended the Parsons School of Design in New York.

She married the late Robert B. Whitcomb in 1943, and following the war, they moved to Cohasset where she was a well-known painter who displayed her work in numerous shows and was a member of many civic and social organizations. From 1969 to her husband's death in 1975, the couple lived in a wooded retreat on a pond in Norwell.

In 1975, Mrs. Whitcomb moved to Georgetown and in 1998, to Virginia.

She leaves her three daughters, Margaret Bandery of Annandale, Va., Anne Jacob of Manchester, N.H. and Jane B. Whitcomb of Freehold, Va.; her two sons, Robert B. Whitcomb of Providence and David M. Whitcomb of Saugatuck, Mich.; her six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was private.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Catherine M. Turner

Catherine M. (Cheever) Turner, 83, of Cohasset, died July 2, 2003, at South Shore Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary (Buckley) Cheever. She attended Dorchester High School and Boston Business School.

Mrs. Turner was employed for more than 30 years as an office manager at Hugo's Lighthouse Restaurant in Cohasset. Prior to Hugo's, she worked at Harvard University. She retired in 1983.

After retirement Mrs. Turner and her husband enjoyed traveling to Europe, Hawaii, Africa, and Jamaica.

Wife of the late Arthur L. Turner for 46 years, she leaves two daughters, Cathy and her husband, James, Pryles of Hanover and Elizabeth and her husband, Stephen, Venti of Hanover; two grandsons Michael David and Kevin James Pryles of Hanover.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was private.

The arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

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A spring to remember

Graduating CHS class certainly left its mark

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Spring, for the outgoing seniors, is the time to shine. It's the last hurrah on the field, the ultimate opportunity to boldly lead a team through a season of challenges, captain a tourney-bound, or be the emotional guide of a young and re-building team.

The 2003 CHS graduate athletes had a Senior Spring for the books, with shining success in virtually all sports.

The clearest example came, of course, from the State championship tennis team, which compiled a stunning 24-0 season, in which only one match came within a hair of anyone questioning the team's invincibility. Led by starter captains Lindsay Grossman and Julie Shea, the team was so utterly deep and dominant that their state finals win over Tantasqua was decided in 45 minutes, about a half-hour shorter than a typical opening round blowout.

The boys lacrosse team charged deep into the playoffs for the third straight year, riding the back of a core of eight tremendously dedicated and talented seniors. Whether it was the scoring of Curt Kahn, the non-stop energy of Robert Hickey, or the stop-all defense of Nick Spirito, the seniors led the way to a school record 16 lacrosse wins in a row, finishing the season with 20. Although the season was cut short in the semi-finals of the South Sectional, this senior class was largely responsible for the legacy of excellence that will continue during next year's re-tooling season.

The girls lax program, still in the process of an ascent to prominence, had another winning year behind their graduating seniors. Maura McKenney finished off a remarkable career with well over 100 goals, the benchmark akin to 1,000 points in high school basketball, while senior Gia Petrakis finished her fourth year as the Lady Laxers goalkeeper, tallying well over 500 saves during her tenure. In talking about recent successes of the team at any given point in the season, coach Torin Sweeney always made mention of the positive influences his seniors had over the team, both on and off the field.

The track program continued to hold their mantra of "quality over quantity," again with seniors leading to another excellent season, as far as individuals. The boys team failed in their bid to three-peat as SSL champs, but

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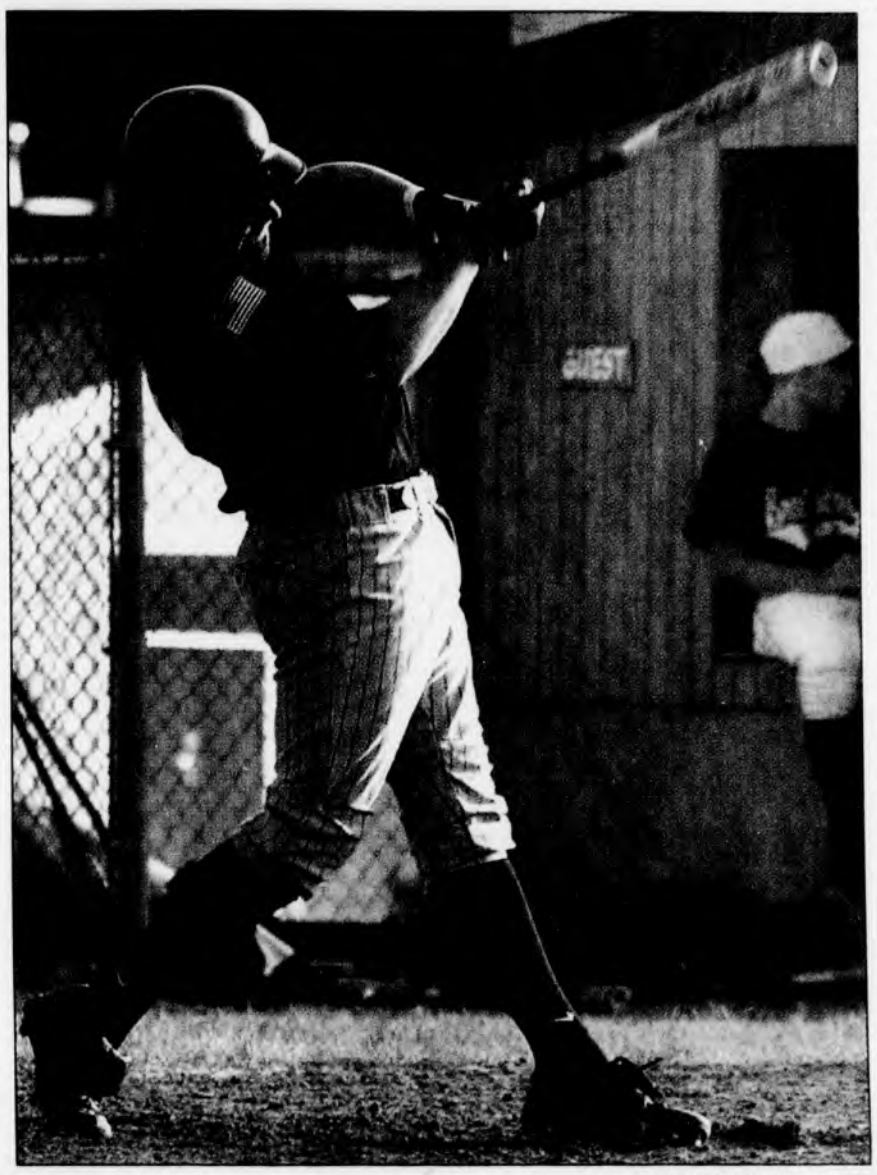

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Post 118's Eric Dmohowski connects on this high hard one.

Injury adds to insult

Things go from bad to worse in final week for Post 118 squad

By Mike Spellman
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Talk about adding insult to injury.

In a week that has featured matters going from bad to worse to nightmarish for the Cohasset Post 118 Legion team, the way Monday night's lopsided loss to Stoughton ended seemed almost apropos.

Fired up by the thought on bringing pinch runner Brendan Stella home from third base with his first run of the season, one of the Post 118 standouts momentarily lost his head when he got under a pitch and popped it up for the final out of the game, hurling the bat away in disgust as he trotted helplessly down the first baseline...and right off the ankle of team head coach Scott Arnold, resulting in a cracked bone and multiple contusions.

"Yeah, I spent the better part of the night in the hospital," said Arnold on Tuesday, a

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

CHS lacrosse coach Kevin Orcutt feels Matt Davis (pictured) was one of the top lacrosse talents in the state.

Major League champs give 'A's' plus effort

The Major League A's are the CYBSA Baseball Champions.

Capping off a terrific 13-4-1 regular season, the A's Progressed through the playoffs beating the Rangers in the first round, winning two of three against the very competitive Dodgers and meeting the Red Sox in the Finals, best of three championship series.

Rained out on Sunday June 22, the A's and the Red Sox squared up on Monday the 23rd. The A's, not having beaten the Red Sox in the regular season came to win. A strong start allowed the A's to come away victorious in the first game, easily Winning 5 to 1.

Game two was Tuesday. Again, prepared with an all or nothing mindset, the A's took an early lead in the game. Defense was the name of this game, with clutch performances by outfielders Jack Murphy, Andy McKenna and Derek Schwanter against the hard hitting Red Sox. The infield was shored up with John Maher at first, Mike Monaco at second, Mike Froio at short and David Toomey at third. Brendon Doonan turned in a solid performance behind the plate, catching for pitcher Nick Savage. Rotating in was first year player Chase Murphy in right field. On the injured list was Andrew Smith, and away on family business was first year player Jake Kissick.

The last three innings were very intense with Red Sox Jordan Berry hitting a two-run home ran off X s relief pitcher John Maher. This tied the game up at 5-5. In the top of the sixth inning, Jordan Berry stepped to the plate again. John Maher handled the pressure and got Jordan to hit a fly ball to center Field which was easily handled by Andy McKenna. The bottom of sixth inning, with the game tied, and the home team A's had their last at bat. Mike Froio got on base with a single and stole second and third. Two outs, the winning run on third, and Derek Schwanter comes to the plate. He connects for a base hit and drove in Mike Froio to win the

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Davis tries not to ask 'What if'

Former Cohasset lax star sets sites on future, not past

By Mike Spellman
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Though he starred and left an indelible impression at Cohasset High, his high school lacrosse career will forever be linked to Hingham High.

In his sophomore, junior and senior years, Matt Davis' lacrosse seasons ended with games versus the neighboring high school to the north. Two years ago, Davis' Skippers were topped in the Div. 2 state championship team by Hingham. Last year, the Harbormen again crushed the Skippers postseason dreams, this time in the semifinals. This stretched Hingham's six-year record over Pilgrim Conference rival Cohasset to whatever and zero, regular season and postseason combined.

The memories Davis carries from his final clash with Hingham will at least be bittersweet. His Skippers finally avenged their run of futility against the Harbormen by dominating them in a May 6th regular season clash, 12-10 — a game not as close as the score might indicate, as Hingham added a couple of meaningless late tallies. Davis, who finished the game with two goals and two assists, celebrated along with teammates following the final horn, though all the while he knew something wasn't quite right with him physically.

Davis' instincts were correct. Early in the third quarter, he had landed awkwardly diving for a ball that was headed out of bounds. Turned out he had broken his collarbone, an injury that ended his season.

"I was happy to finally beat Hingham, but I really couldn't enjoy it all that much," said

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All-Scholastic girls tennis team

Cohasset's Grossman, Stone and Caron-Shea team named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

Honestly, the entire starting lineup for the state champion Cohasset High team received consideration. Holly Graham was a force at third singles all season, losing just once in league play, and the second doubles team of Emilie Sullivan and Corey Evans was likewise near perfect in the regular season, and scored crucial wins in a pair of 3-2 team decisions in the postseason. All three players were deservedly awarded Honorable Mentions. The better news, as far as CHS tennis fans are concerned, is that all three are juniors, so they'll be back next spring helping the Lady Skippers try to defend their state tile and vying again for All-Scholastic honors.

In the end, we limited ourselves to a team of just 11 singles players and four doubles teams, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top female tennis players in Marinerland for this honor:

Singles

Elizabeth Stone - Sophomore
First Singles - Cohasset

Elizabeth Stone

Burst on to the varsity scene last year to give Cohasset the most frightening 1-2 punch arguably in the state (along with fellow Mariner All-Scholastic Lindsay Grossman), which paved the way a first ever state championship for the Lady Skippers this spring.... Liz went 12-0 to remain unbeaten through her first two regular seasons...has yet to drop a singles game in South Shore

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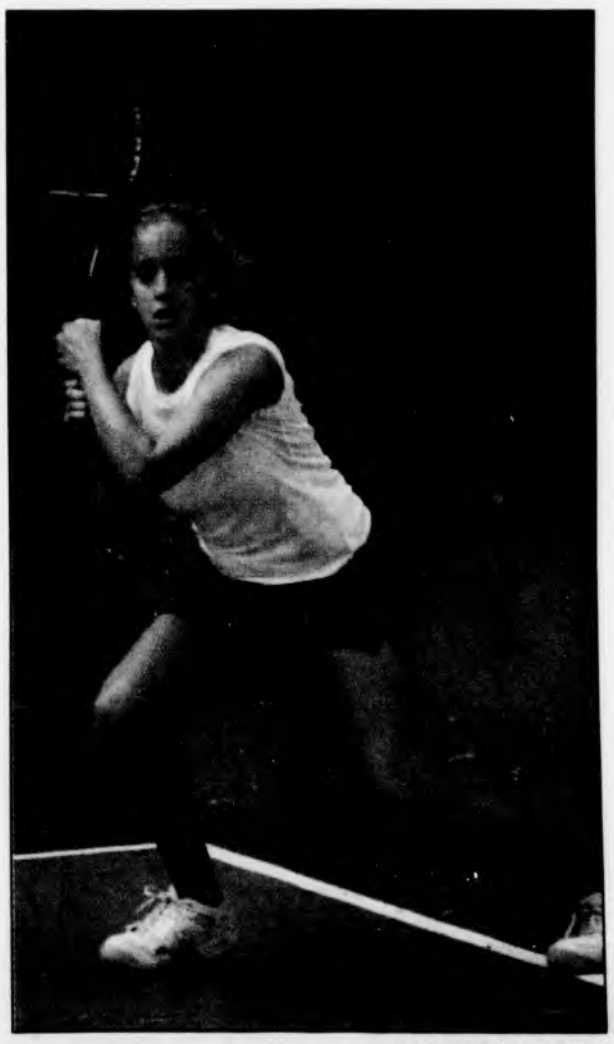

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Cohasset's Lindsay Grossman finished her stellar high school tennis career with a 51-7 record, a state championship and three Mariner All-Scholastic selections.

Grossman, Stone and Caron-Shea team named among area's elite

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League play in two years…two-time SSL all-star…went 4-2 in postseason, her two losses coming to Bourne's state individual semifinalist Sasha Sullivan and Tantasqua's Morgan Reynolds in the state championship match (though that showdown was determined by tiebreak play after Cohasset has already clinched the title)…played the postseason on a badly sprained ankle that kept her out of action the last two weeks of the regular season…has represented the USTA of New England on both the Zonal and Super National teams…the high honors student also play soccer and golf, and enjoys skiing…working as a tennis instructor this summer…sister of Kelly Stone, a 2001 Cohasset High grad, was a star doubles player.

Lindsay Grossman - Senior
Second Singles - Cohasset

Lindsay Grossman

After playing three years at first singles, Lindsay graciously agreed to move down a spot in the rotation in order to make room for sophomore sensation Elizabeth Stone…the two formed an incredible one-two punch that paved the way to a first ever state championship for the Lady Skippers…went 10-2 in South Shore League play and 15-3 overall in the regular season…only losses came playing at number one singles in place of the injured Stone to Norwell star Angie Bizzozero (twice) and Notre Dame's Ashley Hawkes…went 5-1 in the postseason, which included a 6-0, 6-0 win at second singles in the 3-2 state championship match over Tantasqua…now a three-time Mariner All-Scholastic…finished her varsity career with a 51-7 record…four-time South Shore League all-star…plays off season tennis at the Weymouth Club…also a 2002 Mariner All-Scholastic in basketball and a standout for the CHS soccer team this past fall…National Honor Society member…ranked 7th in her graduating class…an Appalachia Project volunteer…would like to continue playing tennis at Colgate University…leaning toward majoring in Biology

Lindsay Horne - Freshman
First Singles - Scituate

Lindsay Horne

Lindsay Horne burst on the scene in her freshman year, earning the number one singles nod a few days into preseason workouts and never letting go…finished with a perfect 12-0 record in Patriot League play, leading the Sailors to a 9-1 record in league and a share of the PL title with Hingham….overall record was 16-2, her losses coming to state individual semifinalist Liz Stone (Cohasset) and defending state individual champ Katrina Elder-Bush of Brookline…Patriot League All-Star…season highlights included two wins over Hingham star Meaghan Doyle and Duxbury's Jenna Kent… made it to the third round of the state individual tourney, where she again fell to Cohasset's Stone… plays tennis year round at the Scituate Tennis Club…also played soccer and basketball at SHS this year…Scituate coach Bob Beatty: "Lindsay had a remarkable first year, and she's only going to get better. She has all the skills, and she's a strong competitor too. She always gets tougher as the match goes along, especially when she's pushed."

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Courtney Caron (right) made the third partner in three years for three-time South Shore League all-star doubles player Julie Shea (left), but the pair gelled quickly, lost just one match all season and played a huge role in the Lady Skippers march to a 2003 state championship.

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Cohasset super soph Elizabeth Stone has yet to drop even a single set in two years of singles play in the South Shore League, making her an easy selection for the second time as a Mariner All-Scholastic.

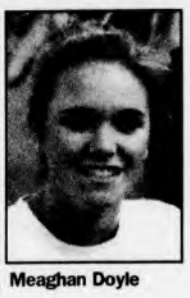
Meghan Duffy - Senior (Capt.)
First Singles - Marshfield

Meghan Duffy

This talented three-sport All-Scholastic capped her MHS career with a great season at No. 1 singles… Duffy went 15-3 this season, helping Marshfield finished third in the Old Colony League…Duffy upset the No. 3 seed in the State Individual tournament, but pulled a groin muscle in the match, effecting her play in the next round…Solid all-around play was this OCL All-star's greatest asset…Duffy played at No. 2 singles last season and doubles the year before…Also a basketball and field hockey All-Scholastic, Duffy plans to attend college in the fall. Marshfield coach Roberta Daniele: "Meghan has that athletic drive that makes the difference between a mediocre player and a top player. She had to learn a new position and she did it easily."

Meaghan Doyle - Sophomore
First Singles - Hingham

A two-year starter at the No. 1 spot for Hingham, Doyle enjoyed another solid season and received her second-straight Patriot League All-star nod…Doyle went 7-2 (8-4 overall) in limited PL action this season, as her coach opts that she don't compete against weaker opponents… Doyle's clutch play helped the Harbor-women capture a share of the PL title (11-1) and earn a berth in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney….She also played in the State Individual tournament…Just a sophomore, the two-time All-Scholastic Doyle will return to her top singles post next season. Hingham coach Deb Boles: "She had a good record this season and it could have been even better, but I don't like to play Meaghan against some of the weaker competition. I think her ability speaks for itself. She's a great player."



Meaghan Doyle

Heather Haggerty - Sophomore
First Singles - Hanover

Heather Haggerty

A third singles player and All-Scholastic last season, Haggerty jumped to the No. 1 spot and enjoyed another successful year…A two-time Patriot League All-star, Haggerty went 8-4 in league this season…Her confidence as such a young player is her greatest asset…Her play was instrumental in Hanover's return to the Div. 2 South Sectional team tourney, where they topped Abington, 4-1, before falling to top-seeded Bourne…Held her own against some of the Patriot League's best players, including taking Scituate's Lindsey Horne to three sets in a match this season…Just a sophomore, Haggerty will most-likely return to her No. 1 post next season.

Diana Trebino - Junior
Second Singles - Hingham

Was the Harbor-women's ace in the hole many times this season, consistently coming up with crucial wins… Finishing at 9-1 in league, 10-4 overall, her highly competitive nature was this Patriot League All-star's greatest asset…Her play on the court helped lock up several matches, resulting in a co-championship of the PL…Saw time at first singles this season as well…Also a talented field hockey player at HHS, Trebino will captain the girls tennis squad next season and will most-likely return to her No. 2 spot. Hingham coach Deb Boles: "Diana is a great competitor. She'll go down a set, up a set, and fight for every point to the bitter end. She doesn't live, eat, and breathe tennis, but she gives 110 percent and that's all I can ask."

Diana Trebino

Jen Sheehan - Senior (Capt.)
Second Singles - Scituate

Jen Sheehan

Talk about finishing a career with a flourish, Jen jumped from doubles to singles play this year and put together a superb overall record of 15-3 at second singles, including a 2-0 record in postseason play, helping to lead the Lady Sailors to a 9-1 league record and a Patriot League co-championship… Patriot League All-Star…split her two matches this season with Hingham star Diana Trebino, her fellow PL All-Star and Mariner All-Scholastic…came back from a first set loss to win her match at Brookline in the second round of the state tourney…played two years of field hockey for SHS before deciding to concentrate exclusively on tennis… Honor Roll student…older sister Allison, who graduated from Providence College this spring, was a former Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic tennis player…will attend Roger Williams this fall and plans to try out for the school tennis team…plans to major in Elementary Education with an eye toward becoming a school teacher…Scituate coach Bob Beatty: "Jen was a talented player and a great team captain and leader, but the thing that stands out in my mind was her refuse to lose attitude. We saw a great example of that in her final high school match against Brookline. That was all mental toughness and intestinal fortitude there."

Angie Bizzozero - Junior
First Singles - Norwell

Angie Bizzozero

Did a fantastic job moving from second to first singles this spring, replacing two-time Mariner All-Scholastic Sara Bitetti (now playing at Providence College)…the 11-5 regular season record might seem on paper something of a disappointment for Bizzozero, who lost only one match combined in her first two seasons of play, that is until one considers to whom she lost…fell twice to both state individual semifinalist Sasha Solomon and Hingham star and fellow all-scholastic selection Meaghan Doyle (though one of those losses was a default due to illness after the match was postponed to another date), and then to Liz Stone of the state champion Cohasset team in the second round of the state tourney… missed three matches midseason due to illness… did go unbeaten in South Shore League play, though, the highlights being two wins over fellow Mariner All-Scholastic Lindsay Grossman of Cohasset…three-time SSL all-star and Mariner All-Scholastic…played second singles the previous two years and now has a career record of 42-6…also played soccer at NHS her freshman and sophomore years and basketball all three years…Norwell coach Derek Sulc: "Angie is just an exceptional athlete and competitor. But even I was surprised at how well she came back after missing a good deal of time due to illness.

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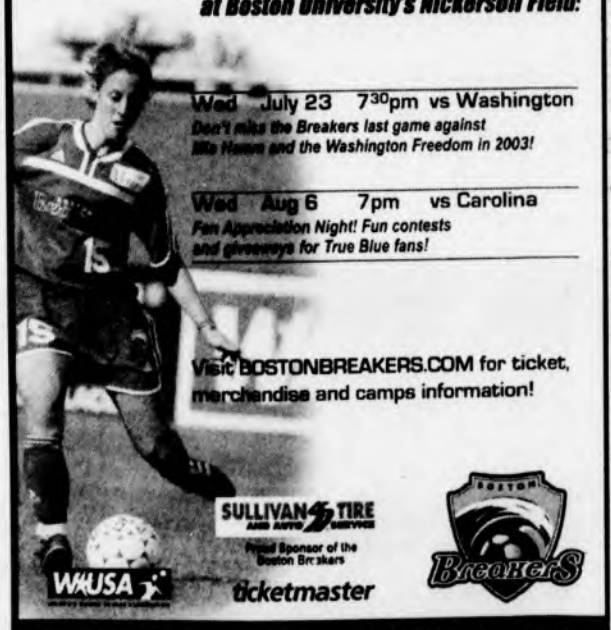

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All-Scholastic girls tennis team

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Obviously, we're expecting really big things from her next year as a senior."

Meghan Kelly - Senior (Capt.)
Second Singles - Norwell

Meaghan Kelly

Now a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection, having also been named for her play at doubles in 2002... truly one of the most pleasant surprises in South Shore this spring in making the jump from doubles play to go 14-2 at second singles...season highlights included a thriller over fellow Mariner All-Scholastic Jen Sheehan of Scituate (6-4, 1-6, 6-3) and two straight sets wins over Hingham's Diana Trebino...lost a heartbreaker to Cohasset's Lindsay Grossman — 6-7 (7-4), 4-6 – in the state tourney...two-time team captain and South Shore League all-star... pushed Scituate freshman phenom Lindsay Horne to three sets in the state individual tourney...was also a key player and captain for the NHS girls soccer team and played basketball through her junior year, making varsity her final year...Honor Roll student...plays tennis year round at the Weymouth Club...has been recruited to play tennis at Hobart College next year (a Div 3 school in New York)...plans to major in Biology and minor in education...would like to play intramural soccer in college as well...Norwell coach Derek Sulc: "Meghan knew how much the team was counting on her this year, and she just took it to the next level. She worked hard in the off-season and then battled in every single match. She never let down. We're going to miss her leadership and that example she set probably as much as her talent."

Kate Schmuttenmaer - Senior
First Singles- Silver Lake

Kate Schmuttenmaer

Kate's final record of 9-7 is deceptive, as she gave several of the top players in this region of the state a worthy battle...Old Colony League all-star...went to three sets with fellow Mariner All-Scholastic Meghan Duffy of Marshfield, unbeaten Cassie Dombrowski of Falmouth and Barnstable's Meridith Cartmell, all fellow league all-stars...played second singles the previous two seasons, but won the competition for the top spot this spring with fellow senior Tara Hostnick...highlight of the season was a three-hour three set win over North Quincy's Lauren Holt...4-6, 7-5, 7-5 (7-1)... was also captain of the Silver Lake basketball team, earning a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention this past winter, and ran cross country for the school...recipient of this year's Gurney Award as SL's outstanding female scholar-athlete...National Honors Society member...will attend the University of Richmond next year at may try to play tennis...leaning toward majoring in Business with a possible minor in Spanish... Silver Lake coach Kevin Dunn: "Kate is just a fierce competitor. She got thrown to the wolves at first singles several times, but she never gave an inch. She made several extremely talented players battle for each and every point."

Doubles

Julie Shea/Courtney Caron-
First Doubles - Cohasset

Julie Shea

Caron, a junior, made the third partner in three years for three-time South Shore League all-star doubles player Shea, a senior captain, but the pair gelled quickly and played a huge role in the Lady Skippers march to a 2003 state championship... the team went unbeaten in regular season play and then 5-1 in the state championship run, their only loss a three-setter in the state semifinals to Manchester-Essex twins Kara and Marni Powers (the pair's 70th consecutive victory)...the pair also reached the quarterfinals of the state individual championships...Julie is now a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection...Julie was also a member of the CHS soccer and swim teams, and the sister of former CHS three sport star Erik Shea (Class of 2001, soccer, basketball, tennis)...Julie will attend Colby College this fall...she is undecided on a major, and is leaning toward going out for the school tennis team...Courtney has been contacted by several college tennis coaches (Wheaton and Merrimack among them)...is also a standout field hockey player for Cohasset High.

Courtney Caron

Katie Driscoll/Shane Kelly-
First Doubles - Scituate

Katie Driscoll

First year coach Bob Beatty played with the lineups a bit early in the season, but arrived at the conclusion not too far in that this senior-freshman tandem was his best first singles pairing, and that played a big hand in the Lady Sailors march to a Patriot League co-championship... the duo went 7-1, splitting decisions in their two meetings with fellow Mariner All-Scholastics Mollie Williams and Jess Purcell (Hingham)...Patriot League All-Stars...both girls have been active in student government and other sports at Scituate High...Katie, a senior captain, was a three sport standout at SHS, captaining the girls basketball team and also playing field hockey for four years...ranked seventh in her class...National Honor Society member...will attend Boston College ... Shane, a freshman, played SHS soccer this past fall, and plans to play again this fall and also run indoor track in the winter...a Commended Honors student... Scituate coach Bob Beatty: "I mixed and matched with the pairings early on, but Shane and Katie just seemed to click. They were both very good doubles players and they developed a chemistry quickly, and complimented one another's strengths."

Shane Kelly

Jessie Norton/Erin Stanton -
First Doubles - Marshfield

Jessie Norton

Paired together for the first time this season, Norton and Stanton went 15-3 this year, helping Marshfield to a third place finish in the Old Colony League... The all-senior duo reached the quarterfinals of the State Individual tournament, topping four teams before falling to Barnstable...Norton/Stanton cruised through the competition in the Div. 1 South team tourney, winning their three matches in straight sets before falling to Brookline in the quarters...Stanton is a four-year player at doubles, while Norton has previously seen time on the singles circuit...Stanton will attend Dickinson College in the fall, while Norton heads off to UConn to major in Business. Marshfield coach Roberta Daniele: "I think their consistency is what made them successful. They volley nicely and put a good pace on the ball, which can overwhelm an opponent. They were a nice doubles team."

Erin Stanton

Mollie Williams/Jess Purcell
First Doubles - Hingham

Jess Purcell

A veteran doubles player, junior Purcell teamed with senior captain Williams for a solid season for the Patriot League co-champions (11-1, 14-2 overall)...The PL All-stars combined hard-hitting and solid serving to capture wins and helping to lead the Haborwomen to the Div. 2 South Sectional team tourney, but illness kept Purcell out of play...Williams played with fellow captain Kristin Garrity in the last three matches of the season...Purcell will return to her No. 1 doubles post next spring, while Williams heads off to college in the fall. Hingham coach Deb Boles: "Jess was a real hard-hitter, good server and had a good volley, while Mollie was the plotter of the team. They communicated very well together."

Honorable Mention

Singles

Brittany Miller- Soph.- Third Singles- Scituate

Tara Hostnik- Sr.- Second Singles- Silver Lake

Holly Graham- Jr.- Third Singles- Cohasset

Lauren Benbenek - Sr. (Capt.) - Second Singles - Marshfield

Stephanie Kimball - First Singles - Weymouth

Katheryn Cummings - Sr. (Capt.) - Second Singles - Hanover

Danielle Spencer - Sr. (Capt.) - First Singles - Abington

Michelle Connors - Jr. (Capt.) - First Singles - Rockland

Doubles

Jenna Wright (Jr.)/ Taylor Cleaves (Fr.) - First Doubles - Norwell

Emilie Sullivan (Jr.)/ Corey Evans (Jr.) - Second Doubles - Cohasset

Dee Wheeler (Sr.)/Shannon Keating (Sr. Capt.) - First Doubles - Hanover

Kristin Garrity (Sr. Capt.)/Alex Hosea (Soph.) - Second Doubles - Hingham

Davis looks ahead

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Davis, who ended his senior season with 33 points in nine games and his career with over 120 points. "After that, it really hurt just to watch the team play. I wanted to be out there with them so bad, especially in the playoffs."

The Skippers went on to win eight more games in succession without arguably their best player, extending a program best winning streak to 16, earning the team the number one seed in the Div. 3 state tourney. It all came crashing down in the semifinals again, though, as Ipswich stunned the Skippers, 11-6. It was a loss that invariably left CHS coach Kevin Orcutt asking "what if?"

"I'm not saying we would have won that game if we'd had Matt, but I do know he could have made a big difference," said the third year head coach. "Matt was our quarterback, the guy who made us go, the guy who made everyone around him better.

"Ipswich managed to stuff us and prevent us from getting the ball in our offensive end. That's where Matt really excelled. He could really work the ball upfield quickly."

The praise of Davis hardly stops here.

"Honestly, I think Matt was one of the best (high school) players in the state," said Orcutt, who has certainly seen his share of this state's cream of the crop, coaching the Southeast scholastic team to state championship at the Bay State Games in both the summer of 2001 and 2002. "In terms of talent, athleticism, desire, work ethic and the ability to blend scoring, passing and physical play, I'd put him right up there with just about any high school player I've seen."

Orcutt feels this desire he raves about was in full evidence on the play that, ironically, ended Davis' high school athletic career.

"Just about every other player would have given up on that ball that was heading out of bounds, but Matty never gave up on anything," asserted Orcutt. "He was all out all the time. It was the only way he knew how to play."

While Orcutt believes his former star has the ability to play Div. 1 lacrosse, he does not question his decision to accept an offer from Ursinus College in Pennsylvania to play at the Div. 3 level, noting "it's the right place for him right now."

Davis, a National Honors Society member who achieved a grade point average of 3.6 in his senior year, was actively recruited by lacrosse coaches from several large Div. 2 schools and even a few small Div. 1 programs, but chose Ursinus for entirely personal reasons.

"I really like everything about Ursinus," explains Davis, who plans to major in Biology, casting an eye toward studying medicine as a post graduate. "It's a small school with a good Science program. It's in a nice area and I was just comfortable there."

Clearly, academics had a great deal to do with Davis' selection, as the gaudy grade point average might suggest.

"Division 3 sports might be just about right for me," said Davis. "I don't want a situation where sports are going to be all consuming. I want a place where sports have a place, but so does study time."

So, will there be any room in there for hockey? There were, after all, more than a few college coaches interested in Davis for that sport as well.

"I figure I'll at least play intramural hockey," said Davis, a three-time South Shore League all-star on ice who finished his CHS career with over 100 points. "I've been playing hockey most of the time since I was in like the fourth grade. It would be tough to just give it up cold turkey."

In fact, Davis has played a lot more hockey than lacrosse, a sport he didn't even take up until the sixth grade, much later than most of his chums. Indeed, if it hadn't been for these chums, he might never have picked up a lacrosse stick.

"I really liked playing baseball in the spring, but most of my friends started playing lacrosse, so I finally decided to give it a try," Davis recalled.

Obviously, it's a decision he rejoices on a regular basis.

"I like a lot of sports, and love hockey, but lacrosse is my favorite by far," said Davis, who also played football for Cohasset High. "It really is a great sport. It's a lot like hockey, but you don't have to go to the rink all the time. You can just grab your stick and practice or play just about anywhere."

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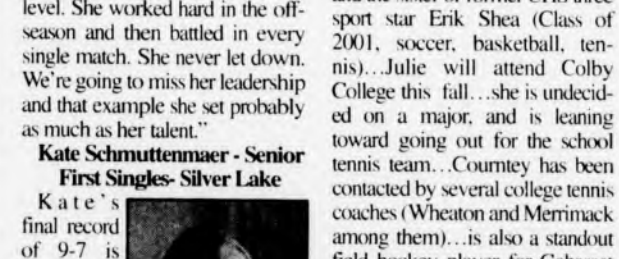

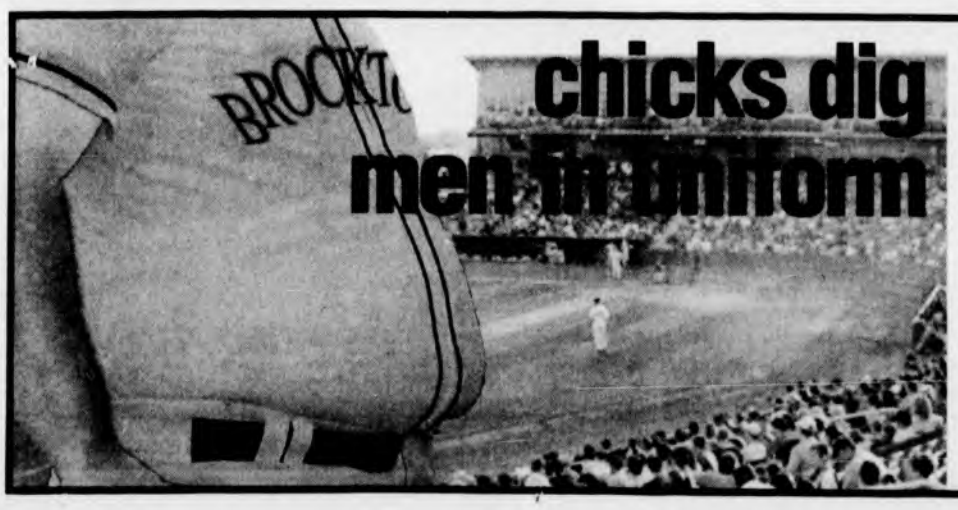

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Field hockey clinic for grades 3-9

There will be a field hockey clinic starting Tuesday, Aug. 12, through Thursday, Aug. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. The location of the clinic is still undecided.

The fee for this unique program is $85 per player. The program will be run by Debbie Bostwick, head coach of field hockey at Cohasset High School.

You may come to the Town Hall, Recreation office, for registration forms and information. Space is limited, early registration is advised. Registrations will no longer be accepted after July 17.

Cohasset Recreation Hit Dog Baseball Clinic ages 5 to 12

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for Hit Dog's week long Baseball Clinic early May.

The Clinic will be held the week of Monday, Aug. 18 through Friday, Aug. 22, and will meet each day, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Barnes Field Little League Complex.

The fee for the full day clinic is $240 per player and includes a camp shirt. This unique program will be run by Hit Dogs Baseball.

Please complete the application form at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Boys and girls Lacrosse clinics

The Cohasset Recreation Department will soon be taking registrations for both boy's and girl's Lacrosse clinics.

The clinics will be held the week of Monday, July 21, through Friday, July 25, for grades 3 to 6 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Milliken Field, The fee per participant will be $75 and checks may be payable to Town of Cohasset. A few days will run longer than 10 a.m., however, we will advise you of which days.

Mr. Chuck Jaffe will direct this unique opportunity to learn and develop the basic skills and concepts of lacrosse.

Registration forms can be obtained at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall in early May.

South Shore Soccer Camp Boys and Girls - ages 8 to18

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's one-week long Soccer Clinics which will be held starting Monday, July 28, through Friday, Aug. 1.

Soccer will meet each day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for and the fee for the one week session is $245 per participant with a $20 discount for second child. Please complete the application form in the brochure at be Cohasset Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited. Early registration is advised.

Injury adds to insult

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smile on his face clearly indicating he held no grudge against this player he's coached for several years. "The kid was beside himself. He's been calling me every five minutes seeing if there's anything I need done, offering to clean my house or watch the kids."

Under the circumstances, Arnold certainly understands the frustration that must have been present in his standout player at the time he fired away his bat.

A week ago, after back-to-back wins, the Post 118 charges had visions of repeating last year's closing run that saw them win nine of their final 10 games and steal the final playoff spot in Zone 6. However, Monday's loss made the fourth in a row for the Cohasset squad, dropping it back into the cellar in the league standings and crushing their postseason hopes.

Monday's game was already lost when Brian Woods, a 2002 Scituate High graduate, lined a two-out double off the fence in left center in what was likely his final serious at bat on Scituate High's field. Coach Arnold sent in Stella, who suffers from Cerebral Palsy and is used exclusively as a pitcher, to pinch run in order to draw some added applause for Woods.

The stir increased when Stella then advanced to third base on a passed ball, leaving him a mere 90-feet from his first run of the season. This only added to the considerable emotion that finally boiled over when the last out was made.

"We all just really wanted to see Brendan score, and I know (the player who made the last out) just lost it for a second," said Arnold. "He was disappointed in himself and the situation."

Cohasset dropped to 4-15 with Monday's loss and was scheduled to close the season this past Tuesday playing Milton at Curry College.

The disheartening week began with a 5-0 loss to Zone 6 leading Braintree on Thursday.

Braintree hurler Bill Flaherty went the distance on the mound for the shutout, striking out six while allowing base hits to only Woods, Brian Signorelli and shortstop Milke Gulinello.

Host Braintree scored all the runs it would need in the bottom of the third with the help of a couple of errant throws. The first run of the game scored on a wild pitch, the second on an overthrow of second base during an attempted steal.

Braintree would tack on a few more runs against tough luck Cohasset starter Kevin Signorelli.

The team was still reeling from this loss and it showed on Adams Field in Quincy 48 hours later when the Post 118ers simply could not get out of their own way, as they were swept decisively in the twin bill, 18-3 and 11-5.

"You can say whatever bad thing you want about our play the last few days, and you'll probably be right," said Arnold following Monday's loss. "Sloppy, lackadaisical, playing out the string: it all applies."

Legion Notes

Three or four college scouts were expected to attend Tuesday's finale against Milton at Curry College, principally to watch Gulinello play.

The star shortstop, a 2002 SHS grad, possesses a nice array of baseball tools.

"I have no doubt Gooly can play college baseball," asserted coach Arnold. "He does so many things well. He's got a great glove, a good bat and is a very strong athlete."

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Jack O'Leary, a junior-to-be at Scituate High, continued his torrid pace at the plate to finish the season. The left fielder/pitcher had yet another multi-hit game on Monday, going 3-for-4 at the plate. Though he doesn't keep the numbers, coach Arnold believes O'Leary's average on the season is now approaching the .500 mark.

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Scituate's Eric Dmohowski, the recent B.C. High grad who will be off to St. Joseph's in Philadelphia to play ball next month, was expected to get the start on the mound in Tuesday's finale.

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Post 118 head coach Scott Arnold was expected back on the sidelines for Tuesday's finale 24 hours after suffering a freak ankle break.

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Major League A's Front row left to right: Brendan Doonan, John Maher, Mike Monaco, Mike Froio, Chase Murphy, David Toomey. Back row: left to right: Assistant coach Jay Monaco, Derek Schwanter, Andy McKenna, Nick Savage. Assistant coach Ralph Froio, Head coach Rob Doonan.

Major League champs give 'A's' plus effort

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game, 6 to 5.

Head Coach Rob Doonan said "the A's are a gritty, scrappy team. They play as team and work together. They dig in when the going gets Tough". Strength and versatility were the key to the A's success. Led by Brendan Doonan who is solid behind the plate, on the mound and at shortstop, the A's made very few mental errors during the season. Strength in batting was an asset as well. Regular season home runs by Mike Froio and Brendan Doonan, were but a few highlights of the at plate performances.

Solid at bats by first year player Mike Monaco, and veterans Andy McKenna, Froio, Doonan, John Maher, Andrew Smith, David Toomey and Jack Murphy propelled the A's to their championship season.

A spring to remember

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senior captains Jared Krupczak and Ian Kidder were among several who competed at the state and all-state meets. The girls team met similar problems as the boys, with numbers so scarce, but senior LaRaine Langford led a core of underclassmen on a team that, body for body, would match up versus any team in the state division.

Senior Heather Peraino assumed captainship of a blossoming first year varsity softball program that, while gutting out difficult losses to more established teams, maintained a high-level of motivation despite a weak regular season record. This was actually the second sport Peraino was a resurrection pioneer for, as she helped lead the push to bring girls basketball back to Cohasset High School. With feeder programs at the Little League and Middle School levels, this team is looking to improve every year, and it might not be long before they are contending for a league title.

The boys tennis team, backboned by twin tower doubles players Ross Lieb-Lappen and Scott Faber, sliced its way back into the playoffs, continuing their tournament run to three years after the program had undergone a five year drought prior to 2001.

Finishing a career for a high school team is like nothing else. It's the close to a tight-knit team that may never congregate as a full group ever again. As seniors in spring, we realize the need to perform up to our potential and make our last seasons as high school athletes, for some our last seasons as participants in organized sports, special.

It is what makes the spring season the most exciting for one to watch, follow, or most importantly, compete.

Bay State Games- Cohasset participants

The annual Bay State Games Summer Games got underway last Thursday at various venues all over the state, and will conclude this coming Sunday. Five Cohasset residents are currently competing in three different events. Those interested in following these athletes should refer to www.baystategames.org.

Name	School	Age	Sport	Level
Buick, Conor	Cohasset High School	15	7x7 soccer	U18
Kehoe, Joey	Cohasset HS	15	Wrestling	Scholastic
Murphy, Nick	Cohasset High School	17	Lacrosse	Scholastic
Smith , Reed	Boston College High School	17	Lacrosse	Scholastic
Strazzulla, Phillip	Cohasset HS	17	Wrestling	Scholastic

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SATURDAY, JUNE 21

2 a.m. Beechwood St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

6:52 a.m. South Main St., well-being check.

8:54 a.m. Bancroft Road, property damage.

9:18 a.m. Elm St., traffic complaint.

9:41 a.m. Beechwood St., request for police officer/s.

9:48 a.m. Norfolk Road, property damage.

10:03 a.m. Jerusalem Road, traffic complaint.

10:22 a.m. Gammons Road, missing person.

12:24 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

2:41 p.m. North Main St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

3:03 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

3:45 p.m. Elm St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle, area search negative.

4:51 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:09 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:29 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance, gathering.

6:42 p.m. Square, general disturbance, gathering.

7:18 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

9:46 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

10:21 p.m. Doane St., general services, parking ticked issued.

10:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.

10:52 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:19 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

11:16 a.m. Howard Gleason Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

5:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

6:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle, suspicious person(s)/activity, no police service necessary.

6:37 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

8:31 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

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MONDAY, JUNE 23

2:03 a.m. Cedar St., open door/window.

8:36 a.m. Bancroft Road, parking complaint.

9:06 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, assist citizen.

9:46 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:21 a.m. Spindrift Lane, annoying phone calls.

11:06 a.m. Manhattan Ave., annoying phone calls.

11:11 a.m. Pond St., well-being check.

12:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:41 p.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., well-being check.

3:23 p.m. Summer St., parking complaint.

4:10 p.m. Elm St., vandalism.

6:55 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:05 p.m. Elm St., MV crash.

8:29 p.m. Manhatten Ave., annoying phone calls.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

3:34 a.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

5:42 a.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

5:59 a.m. Jerusalem and Howe Roads, vandalism.

6:39 a.m. Hull St., parking complaint.

7:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:58 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

10:45 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:49 a.m. Jerusalem Lane, vandalism.

1:07 p.m. Lamberts Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:09 p.m. South Main St., property lost.

3:01 p.m. Highland Ave., larceny.

3:29 p.m. Lamberts Lane, officer wanted.

3:56 p.m. King St., larceny.

4:30 p.m. Jerusalem Road, transport.

4:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint.

4:51 p.m. Mill Bridge, disturbance, gathering.

5 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

5:30 p.m. Border St., general services.

6:37 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

6:55 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

7:48 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

9:22 p.m. Elm St., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

9:46 p.m. Ripley Road, disturbance, gathering.

10:33 p.m. Beechwood and South Main sts., noise complaint.

11:09 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious auto.

11:18 p.m. Sohier St., tree down.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

1:26 a.m. North Main St., vandalism.

1:46 a.m. Norfolk and Bancroft Roads, general services.

2:18 a.m. Bailey Road, suspicious auto.

2:51 a.m. South Main St., assist other police department.

6:53 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:53 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:06 a.m. Beechwood St. and River Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:19 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:32 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:28 a.m. North Main St., vandalism.

9:08 a.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

10:06 a.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:25 a.m. Pond St., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:31 a.m. King and Sohier sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

11:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

12:15 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

12:24 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

12:45 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

1:29 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

1:50 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

2:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash.

2:18 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

2:56 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

3:20 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave., barking dog.

3:42 p.m. Highland Ave., disturbance, gathering.

4:10 p.m. Border St., disturbance.

4:30 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, fire.

5 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

5:27 p.m. North Main St. and Depot Court, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

5:46 p.m. Lamberts Lane, animal control.

6:13 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

8 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

8:31 p.m. King St., MV stop, arrest: Adam M. Zukauskas, 21, 27 Sylvester Road, Scituate. Chgs.: distributing Class D drug, town by-law public drinking, possession open container alcohol in MV.

10:30 p.m. Beechwood St., disturbance.

11:22 p.m. King St., MV stop, arrest: William S. Turpie, 34, 677 Main St., Hingham. Chgs.: OUI liquor, negligent operation of MV, drinking alcohol from open container in MV, unlicensed operation of MV, speeding, marked lanes violation.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

1:04 a.m. Hull St., fight.

1:56 a.m. James Lane, disturbance.

8:56 a.m. King St., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:25 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:51 a.m. North Main St. and Highland Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:11 a.m. North Main St. and Highland Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:21 a.m. Jerusalem Road, traffic safety inspection.

10:44 a.m. Lothrop Lane and Atlantic Ave., fire, log entry.

11:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assault, arrest: Michael Jones, 40, 120 Cornhill Lane, Marshfield. Chgs.: assault and battery to collect loan.

2:13 p.m. Stockbridge St., trespassing.

2:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

2:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, log entry.

3:11 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

4:31 p.m. Border St., disturbance.

4:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

5:19 p.m. Rose Hill Lane, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

5:41 p.m. Border St., disturbance.

6:01 p.m. Doane St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:12 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious person.

6:32 p.m. Jerusalem Lane, MV stop, verbal warning.

6:32 p.m. Old Coach Road, tree down.

7:08 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

7:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation warning.

8:04 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:06 p.m. Border St. and Parker Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:22 p.m. Brewster Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

10:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop.

10:59 p.m. South Main St., MV crash.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

12:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

12:57 a.m. Forest Ave. and Cedar Acres Drive, MV stop, verbal warning.

1:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, arrest: Kirwin L. Mikell, 18, 79 Emily Jeffers Road, Randolph. Chgs.: distribution Class D drug, person under 21 in possession liquor. Andrew T. Benefit, 17, 17 Plain St., Randolph. Chgs.: person under 21 in possession liquor. Laura Kelly, 17, 185 Pond St., Randolph. Chgs.: person under 21 in possession liquor. Tania I. Melenduz, 18, 15 Ballard St., Randolph. Chgs.: person under 21 in possession liquor.

5:57 a.m. Forest Ave., fire investigation.

7:43 a.m. Cedar St., vandalism.

8:18 a.m. Pond St., fire, log entry.

9:13 a.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:23 a.m. Highland Ave., wires down.

10:11 a.m. Old Pasture Road, medical aid.

10:19 a.m. Hull and Cedar sts., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:39 a.m. Hull and Cedar sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:44 a.m. Lamberts Lane, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:52 a.m. Hull and Cedar sts., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

11:01 a.m. Hull and Cedar sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:06 a.m. Hull St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:17 a.m. Hull St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

11:30 a.m. Hull St. and Lamberts Lane, MV stop, verbal warning.

11:50 a.m. Hull and Cedar sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

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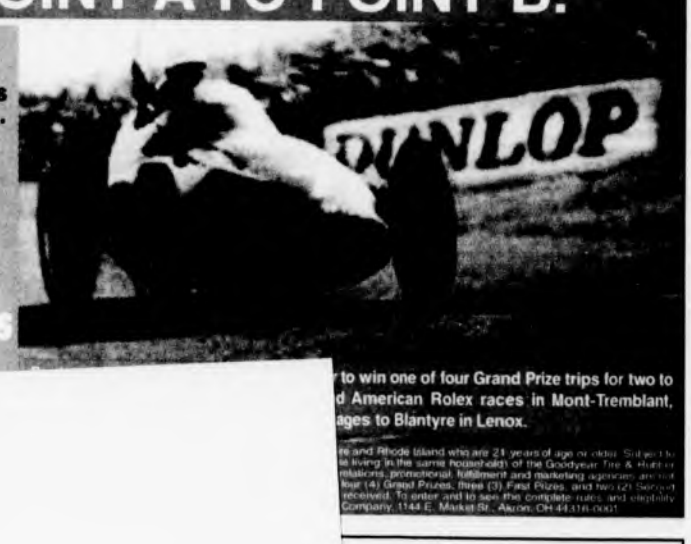

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12:06 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
12:06 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire, log entry.
12:20 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Hull St., wires down.
1:18 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
1:35 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
1:56 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
2:25 p.m. North Main St., general services.
2:35 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
3:19 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
3:29 p.m. Atlantic Ave., vandalism.
4 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
4:08 p.m. North Main and Cedar sts., general services.
4:09 p.m. North Main and Cedar sts., MV crash.
4:17 p.m. North Main St., MV stop.
4:50 p.m. Pond and King sts., assist motorist.
4:59 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
5:02 p.m. Summer St., MV stop, verbal warning.
5:08 p.m. Atlantic Ave., larceny.
5:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.
6:01 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
7:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, MV stop.
7:47 p.m. Border St., traffic complaint.
8:16 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.
8:33 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
9:37 p.m. Border St., noise complaint.
9:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash.
10:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint.
10:39 p.m. Bancroft Road, officer wanted.
10:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., general services.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

12:47 a.m. Red Fox Lane and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.
7:53 a.m. Atlantic Ave., B&E/MV.
7:58 a.m. Atlantic Ave., B&E/MV.
8:53 a.m. Hull St., fire, investigation.
9 a.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.
9:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.
9:32 a.m. Atlantic Ave., wires down.
10:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled auto.
2:01 a.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
2:04 p.m. South Main St., B&E/MV.
2:21 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
2:54 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
4:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.
4:26 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
5:25 p.m. Parker Ave., suspicious activity.
5:27 p.m. Beechwood and Doane sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.
5:50 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
9:03 p.m. Border St., parking complaint.
9:30 p.m. Border St., parking complaint, arrest: Jack Silvia, 51, 43 Border St. Chgs.: refusing to produce license, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, assault, malicious destruction of property more than $250.
11:03 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
11:22 p.m. Nantasket Ave., fire investigation.
11:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

12:18 a.m. Ripley Road, open door/window.
12:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV violations.
5:49 a.m. Pond St., vandalism.
9:10 a.m. Pond St., fire, log entry.
9:35 a.m. South Main St., barking dog.
9:50 a.m. Lamberts Lane, traffic complaint.
10:30 a.m. Church St., property damage.
12:26 p.m. King St., vandalism.
5:29 p.m. Ripley Road, MV crash.
5:37 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.
5:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.
5:54 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
6:45 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, fire, investigated.
6:50 p.m. North Main St., family disturbance.
8:47 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:32 p.m. North Main St., suspicious auto.
11:22 p.m. Briarwood Lane, suspicious activity.

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MONDAY, JUNE 30

2:34 a.m. Elm St., MV stop, protective custody, 25-year-old Scituate man.
9:07 a.m. Spring St., vandalism.
10 a.m. Dennis Ryan Pkwy., warrant arrest: Dale Silvia, 46, 43 Border St. Chgs.: A&B with dangerous weapon (two counts), A&B on police officer, disorderly conduct.
10:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and King St., MV stop, verbal warning.
11:03 a.m. Spring and South Main sts., MV violations.
11:10 a.m. Beach St., noise complaint.
11:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., motor vehicle violations.
11:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.
12:13 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, general services.
12:18 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.
12:50 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal control.
1:33 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
2:07 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.
2:48 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
3:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
3:15 p.m. Atlantic Ocean, assist citizen.
4:37 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.
4:59 p.m. Reservoir Road, notification.
5:23 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
8:03 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle violations.
8:52 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
9:23 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.
11:45 p.m. Summer St., suspicious auto.

TUESDAY, JULY 1

12:16 a.m. Beach St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
3:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person, dispersed gathering.
4:41 a.m. Sohier St., recovered MV.
6:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint.
7:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
7:19 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:36 a.m. Oak St., parking complaint.
7:52 a.m. South Main St., MV violations.
9:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash.
10:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., transport.
10:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.
10:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Crocker Lane, MV crash.
2:29 p.m. Sohier St., parking complaint.
3:11 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
4:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.
4:56 p.m. North Main St. and Red Gate Lane, MV crash.
5:15 p.m. Howe Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.
5:27 p.m. Jerusalem Road, wires down.
5:30 p.m. Church St., noise complaint.
6:25 p.m. Black Rock Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.
6:25 p.m. Surry Drive, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:45 p.m. Surry Drive, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:12 p.m. Surry Drive, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.
7:30 p.m. South Main St. and Stanton Road, suspicious person.
9:02 p.m. Highland Ave., suspicious activity.
9:42 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
9:48 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.
9:51 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity.
10:46 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.
10:53 p.m. Sohier St., tree down.
11:08 p.m. Hill St., suspicious activity.
11:20 p.m. Bancroft Road, suspicious auto.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

2:26 a.m. Hull St., suspicious activity.
2:39 a.m. Summer St., suspicious activity.
4:28 a.m. Pond St., animal control.
5:01 a.m. Pond St., barking dog, unfounded.
5:28 a.m. Pond St., barking dog, unfounded.
7:13 a.m. Doane St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
7:39 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
8:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., MV crash.

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Rockin' the Ranch House

Duke & the Drivers reunite for summer tour

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

This weekend's shows at the Ranch House in Marshfield are being billed as The Summer's Best Party. And the headliners promise to make it one of those rare occasions when you can believe the hype —particularly if you remember the names Sam Deluxe, Cadillac Jack, Mad Mississippi Buffalo, Earthquake Morton and Rhinestone Mudflaps III.

These are five of the six original madcap characters who make up Duke & the Drivers, who in their mid 1970s heyday, achieved local legendary status as New England's ultimate bar/roadhouse party band, performing a hard-driving, explosive brand of rock 'n' roll/R&B that often drew from the deepest, rootsiest, funkiest sources. The band supplemented its musical versatility with a zany stage show that engaged in amusing, off-the-wall schtick goofing on audience members as well as themselves while paying tribute to their influences.

Following a well-received 30th anniversary Christmas show at Cambridge's House of Blues last year, the five out of six original Drivers have reunited once again for a stretch of Baystate club and festival dates through the rest of this summer, beginning this weekend at the Ranch House with Friday and Saturday shows starting at 10 p.m.

Performing with Duke & the Drivers for both shows are the world-renown Uptown Horns, best known for their work with the Rolling Stones on the 1989-90 Steel Wheels tour, and the Steamers, who are another recently reunited, semi-legendary local area band of years gone by, are on hand as the opening act.

As Rhinestone Mudflaps III, the Drivers' saxophonist, harmonica player and percussionist who is Ando Hickson by birth, explains, the opportunity to play this series of dates with the Uptown Horns fulfills a long-time ambition for the band.

"Even back in the 70s," said Hickson (Mudflaps), "when Duke & the Drivers was at its peak, we always wanted to put together a full rhythm & blues and soul revue type of band, with the full horn section and even the additional guitars, keyboards and bass to fill out the rhythm section, but somehow never had enough clout or resources at our disposal to really pull off effectively. In the Uptown Horns, we have four world-class players who add a whole new dimension to the Drivers' sound, and now that we've managed to hook up with them, we believe we finally have the version of the Drivers band that we always envisioned."

70s bar band legends Duke & the Drivers return to the local club circuit this summer with a stop at Marshfield's Ranch House for two shows, Friday and Saturday night.

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The rest of the band nicknames match up with their given names as follows: Sam Deluxe — Joe Lilly, lead vocals, guitar; Cadillac Jack (AKA Counselor Ungh) — Henry Eaton, guitar, vocals, percussion; Greg "Earthquake" Morton, bass, vocals, percussion; and Mad Mississippi Buffalo — Tom Swift, vocals, keyboards. Original drummer Bob "Brockton Bobby" Chouinard passed away in 1993 from what Mudflaps these days will only describe as "hard living." Lilly's nephew, George (G-Squared) now fills the drummer's chair for the Drivers, while his son, Joe Jr. (the Petulant Prince) is added on guitar.

Save for Mudflaps, a California native, all of the original Drivers have roots in the Boston area, including the Duxbury-raised Eaton, who moved on to careers as a Boston TV-news anchorman and criminal defense lawyer following the band's late-70s breakup. Other members later became gourmet chefs, investment bankers and other career professionals.

So who is actually the Duke? Well, that brings us to another part of the whole Drivers entertainment package. The Duke is a mystical, spiritual mentor to the Drivers who never made it to any of their gigs, usually because one of his fleet of Lear jets was grounded at one of his many palatial tropical island estates around the world. Just play along.

"With this new live record, and the ensuing series of concert dates accompanied by the Uptown Horns, we as a band feel we can finally sit down and look each other in the eye, while meditating and considering the day's lessons as our Liege, the Duke always taught us, and know that we've made the record we've always wanted to make, and become the kind of band we're proud of," Mudflaps said. "We know that the Duke is pleased."

Duke & the Drivers will perform two shows at the Ranch House on Canal Street in Marshfield Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19 at 10 p.m. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased in advance by calling (781) 834-9149.

The Terminator (Arnold Schwarzenegger) returns ready to cause mayhem and bury his victims.

Ah-nold is back

By David Brudnoy
FILM CRITIC

Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (B)

We've no "Hasta La Vista, Baby" or, from another Arnold Schwarzenegger masterpiece, "You're luggage!" But we get a new one, "You're terminated," and the classic "I'm back!" is back. On his back rests this trequel, and it rests comfortably. "Terminator 3" makes no sense, but the original and its sequel were also brain-dead. The shtick is that from the future comes a cyborg, in #1 (1984) to kill the woman who will give birth to the savior of mankind — oh crimminy, here is nonsense that in worse form is given rein to bore us to death in the snore-fest of 2003, "Matrix Rewound," or whatever it's called. In #2 (1991) he returns, to save the kid, who's been born and is to be the savior. Now in #3 he is *back*, a relic as far as cyborg technology goes, to rescue him again — new actor, same character name — from the predation of a state-of-the-art cyborg, T-X, who, for perfectly valid, demographically savvy reasons, takes the form of a babe in tight duds, perfectly coifed and made up, a tough cookie.

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

The word "savior" is never used, but that's the meaning. John Connor (Nick Stahl, who manages to keep a straight face through this hokum) is scheduled to lead the humans in their final cataclysmic battle with the machines. John's living "off the grid" as he says of himself — no credit cards, permanent address, or even that instrument of the devil, the cell phone, nothing. But T-X of course finds him and also the woman, a no-nonsense veterinarian, Kate (Claire Danes), who, though neither knows it, will be his wife and second in

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Can 'Pirates' reverse the curse?

New Disney film may change the course of 50 years of flops

By Ed Symkus
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It's been 50 years since a pirate movie made money. But this week, Disney is betting $125 million that they can buck that trend.

After bombing last year with the animated pirate film "Treasure Planet," Walt Disney Pictures is taking another chance with the big-budgeted "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," based on the popular animatronic ride at Disneyland.

The film is a load of fun, featuring Johnny Depp as an inept, but charismatic pirate, Geoffrey Rush as his former sea-mate and now vicious adversary, and a rollicking story of a band of mysterious pirates who roam the Caribbean looking for a very special treasure. Staying within traditional pirate storytelling, they capture a beautiful girl, are pursued by a dashing hero — or two — and all ends happily, if strangely. But it's been a while since any movie like this has made any money on Hollywood.

Quite a few swashbucklers have been made since the genre's heyday in the 1940s and '50s, when films such as "Captain Kidd," "Against All Flags," "The Buccaneer," a remake of "The Sea Hawk" and multiple remakes of "Treasure Island" (15 times internationally to date) packed the movie houses. Audiences were yearning for adventurous sea-bound tales of derring-do, starring suave male leads like Errol Flynn and Yul Brynner, and fiery female leads, including Brenda Marshall and Maureen O'Hara.

Throughout those two decades, there were countless sequels and spin-offs — could anyone forget

Although "Cutthroat Island" and "Hook" did nothing to help the popularity of pirate movies, "Pirates of the Caribbean" could put a little swash back in the genre's buckle.

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1952's "Abbott and Costello Meet Captain Kidd?" — but it seems that no matter how hard Hollywood later tried to latch on to the successful formula pirate films once had, further hits were rare. "Long John Silver," in 1954, was the last one to make any money.

The bad luck started with the underrated and quite entertaining "Swashbuckler" (1976), in which Robert Shaw, fresh from his triumph in "Jaws" heroically sails the seas, with James Earl Jones as his pal and Peter Boyle as the villain. The film quickly vanished, probably because no one knew how to sell something as outdated as a pirate movie. When, a few years later, some not-so-bright studio executive okayed "The Pirate Movie," (1982) a musical satire of the genre, starring Christopher Atkins and Christy McNichol, the film sank without a ripple. Then Roman Polanski threw his hat in the water with "Pirates" (1986), and had an against-type Walter Matthau head up an international cast of unknowns in a comedy about greed and drunkenness. No one went. Even the Midas touch of Steven Spielberg couldn't revive the genre. "Hook" (1991) was one of his biggest flops, with an overbearing Dustin Hoffman in the title role and an overemotional Robin Williams as Peter Pan.

But the grandest pirate flop of all time was "Cutthroat Island" (1995), with a price tag of about $90 million and a box office take of about $11 million. The bold idea of making a pirate comedy with a female lead (Geena Davis) might have worked if Michael Douglas stayed on as her costar, but he left and the less-charismatic Matthew Modine came onboard. There were numerous on-set spats between Davis and her husband, the film's director, Renny Harlin. And the film's forced humor left audiences cold. It bankrupted its distributor, and made it into the "Guinness Book of World Records" as the biggest money loser ever.

The common explanation for these kinds of trends is that genre films are cyclical. Maybe it just wasn't time for pirate films to come around again.

But "Pirates of the Caribbean" may be the right film to turn the tide.

"Pirates" has lots going for it: epic adventure in a tale of mur-

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command in the war.

Don't ask, don't tell, don't think: The only way to get through this and not collapse into paroxysms of laughter, since the plot isn't worth three seconds of your time, unless of course you're a film student somewhere and are required by your nut-case professor or of your own volition to take these stupid sci-fi inanities seriously.

You want a good sci-fi flick? Try "28 Days Later," premised (though it's British) on a standard Hollywood paranoia about the way the world works, with science making a huge booboo and generating a virus of rage that leads to mayhem of unparalleled dimensions. That fine movie is well acted, written, conceptualized, and it'll give you a chill. "Terminator 3" will give you a headache if you're sitting in a theatre equipped with a deafening sound system. It'll give you a glow as you partake of the fun and a sense of "huh?" if you don't listen to me and actually try to fret about what it's "about." Pay attention! That's what I'm here for.

It's amusing in the basest way. T-X (Kristanna Loken) gets hold of bigger and better vehicles as the movie gallumphs along, at one point maneuvering a construction crane that knocks over anything in its path. The chases, in this or that machine with four or more wheels — at least Ah-nold isn't stuck on a bike like poor Harrison Ford in the unfairly dismissed "Hollywood Homicide" — are delish. Old-style cyborg versus new-style T-X: These things can repair themselves, get squashed and come right back, tattered, bent, but not broken, and carry on.

Meanwhile, as in all such movies, the maiden in distress looks alarmed, and since John is just a male version of the maiden in distress, he too is reduced to looking alarmed. The movie is all Ah-hold and this Loken hottie, who has appeared in some TV things and independent movies that nobody saw and (press kits are so droll) "was raised on an organic fruit farm." Appropriately, since the movie's fruit-cake nutty, but yummy. Ah-hold is a hoot, and unless his body has been altered via computer, he's still the best built guy who might be a governor. Early on, he ambles naked into a saloon on ladies' night, in order to grab the duds of a guy about to shuck them, and the women's eyes widen into saucers of lust, some looking down at, may I say it?, his cyborg-worthy central zone. On such scenes a film is well hung. Don't you just adore the movies? I sure do.

Written by John Brancato & Michael Ferris; directed by Jonathan Mostow. Rated R

Can 'Pirates' reverse the curse?

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derous pirates going after British ships; scenery-chewing comic acting from Depp and Rush; eye-popping (in one case that's very literal) special effects done up in old-fashioned rather than slick, contemporary style; and a litany of standard pirate movie standbys, including guns, explosions, plank-walking, rope-swinging, sword-fighting, battles at sea, abandoned islands, a parrot (and a monkey) on a shoulder, a treasure, heroic men, a strong woman.

But it also has more. It has the same thing that's going to make "Terminator 3" a huge hit: a sense of self-deprecating humor. No one in this film takes it seriously, yet everyone involved seems committed to the film. The gags come fast, but just about all of them are presented with a wink and a nod. Depp plays it swishy and wears far too much kohl under his eyes; Rush gets to spout out lines such as: "There be the chest, inside be the gold;" the parrot is the only one to say, "Shiver me timbers."

The movie is classy and offbeat, fresh and retro, true to the spirit of pirate films that have come before it and unafraid to defy convention. It seems likely to attract both young and old. It looks like a smash. The time could be right. Pirate films could be back.

"Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" is now playing.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Signing contracts or making long-range plans or commitments are off limits for the remainder of the week. Take advantage of relaxing planetary energies, and take extra vacation time. The moon enters Pisces at 11:14 a.m., remaining there until Friday evening. In addition, Mercury prepares to oppose Neptune, the planetary ruler of Pisces. This combination is great for creativity, fantasy or just mellowing out and enjoying life. On the other hand, it can be most difficult if you have a lot of work to do. You must carefully organize your time and pay extra attention to details, accuracy.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The moon continues to travel in Pisces, active throughout the day. There is one pitfall in today's planetary picture, however. A lunar alignment to Pluto is in effect between 5:49-8:49 p.m. Deep feelings, hidden resentments may surface. Choose your words carefully and avoid touchy subjects in this period.

FRIDAY, JULY 18

It may be difficult to get motivated to work today. The Pisces moon continues to place an emphasis on taking it easy, following the path of least resistance. This is not a time to make long-term decisions or financial commitments. The moon enters Aries at 7:20 p.m., bringing an energy boost and making the evening prime for partying.

SATURDAY, JULY 19

A lunar alignment to Saturn warns you to avoid morning hassles or the blues. The moon continues to travel in Aries, active throughout the day. A polarity of Mercury and Neptune takes center stage, however. Its influence can blur the lines between fact and fiction. Don't take anything or anyone too seriously. Let fun and games top your agenda.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

This day rates high across the board. If you have work projects to accomplish, you can get them out of the way in short time. The green light is on for new starts in your business or personal life. It is best to initiate new ideas before 2:30 p.m., when the Aries moon forms a harmonious contact to Jupiter. This day is also prime for enjoying favorite sports, hobbies, friends.

MONDAY, JULY 21

The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 3:01 a.m., and the Aries moon becomes inactive. A Taurus moon takes over at 6:48 a.m., setting the stage for a productive day. Take on a full work agenda. You can initiate important enterprises, sign contracts, make major changes and decisions. Pull out all the stops. Influences this evening are ideal for a family dinner or get-together.

TUESDAY, JULY 22

A 90-degree alignment of the Taurus moon to Neptune can make for a slow start to this day. However, its influence passes over by midmorning, and a harmonious alignment of Mercury and Pluto takes over. Focus on projects that need to be redone, repaired or jobs that have been troublesome and full of snags. You can get to the bottom of things and find what you need to get back on track. Plan a romantic evening with the love in your life.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

The sun enters Leo at 2:04 a.m., remaining there until August 23. At 5:14 a.m. the Taurus moon aligns with Venus and becomes inactive until 7:42 p.m. That means that new starts are off limits today. Instead, finish projects already begun, handle routine chores and errands. Planetary action turns around completely at 7:42 p.m., when the moon enters lively Gemini. Fun and games are back in the picture this evening.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

If you have a clear plan of action and stick to it, you can be most productive today. A Gemini moon suggests you handle a variety of projects, rather than one that demands mental focus and precision. This is an excellent period for offering proposals, promoting your ideas. Slow down between 1:51-4:51 p.m., when the moon forms a challenging 90-degree alignment to Mars. Sidestep impatience, irritability.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

A lunar opposition to Pluto may spark emotional thunderstorms this morning. Don't make waves. Storm clouds move out, and sunny astrological weather returns for the remainder of the day. An excellent period for initiating new enterprises and signing contracts is in effect between 8:00 a.m.-5:38 p.m. The Gemini moon aligns with Mercury and Jupiter until 5:38 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Don't be a hermit tonight. Mercury and Jupiter conjoin at 23-degrees Leo, setting the stage for a fun evening.

Summertime splendor in the sunny border

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

During the warm, humid days of early summer, our sunny perennial borders are overflowing with glorious color. Each day, the palette changes as the late springtime canvas gradually fades and a new portrait emerges. Despite the challenges of designing with the fleeting blooms of perennial plants, I would never trade their diverse flower forms and foliage textures for the continuous bloom of a flower garden dominated by annual flowers. I welcome the ever-changing appearance of the garden as the weeks go by and use annual plants to bridge the momentary gaps especially during the latter half of the growing season.

Mid-July is peak bloom in my sunny gardens. Dazzling displays of daylilies paint the landscape with riotous colors. The stunning spires of rosy purple gayfeathers (Liatris), blue veronicas, and lavender catmints (Nepeta) provide pleasing contrasts. Boisterous beebalms in vivid shades red, pink, and violet entice butterflies and hummingbirds to hover at their unique whorled flower heads.

Delightful daisies, large and small, offer colorful complements, attracting throngs of butterflies that perch on their petals while sipping nectar from the multitude of tiny flowers in the central disks. Bright gold false sunflowers (Heliopsis), pink and white coneflowers (Echinacea), gloriosa daisies (Rudbeckia), lavender Stokes asters (Stokesia), golden-yellow coreopsis and snow white shasta daisies (Leucanthemum) highlighted by yellow centers offer continuous blooms for weeks to come.

Purple coneflowers (Echinacea spp.) rank high on my list of favorite composites, blooming well into the fall if their spent flowers are removed on a regular basis. Large flowerheads up to 5-inches across are held above coarse dark green foliage and are irresistible to numerous species of butterflies. These showy daisies vary somewhat from plant to plant with large central disks ranging in color from burgundy to orange and ray florets appearing in shades of pink, purple or white which may be relatively horizontal or droop. There is often significant variation among plants propagated from seed.

Echinacea cultivars which tend to be most widely distributed in commerce include 'Magnus', 'Bravado' and 'Bright Star' with purplish-pink flowers and 'White Swan' with white petals and orange disks. Several newer introductions offer richer color, horizontal petals, or a compact habit and there is even a unique double-flowering variety featured on the cover of the Wayside Gardens catalog called 'Razzmatazz'. Echinacea 'Ruby Star' and 'Ruby Giant' both provide dramatic, deep pink flowers and horizontal petals. Ideal for the middle of the border are two recent dwarf introductions known as 'Kim's Knee-high', a compact pink coneflower, and 'Kim's Mophead', its white counterpart. These reach a height of approximately 15 to 18 inches, about half as tall as their cousins.

Grow purple coneflowers in soils enriched with ample humus, thereby offering a moisture-retentive but well-drained environment. Tolerant of partially shaded locations, they flourish in full sun. As their flowering season comes to a close during the cooler months, seed heads can be left to provide winter interest and encourage chickadees, goldfinches and tufted titmice to pluck the seeds through the winter. Seeds will scatter in the process and for those who may not be conscientious weeders, offspring will appear in subsequent seasons creating colorful patches of these showy, long-blooming beauties.

The family of tickseeds (Coreopsis spp.) is comprised of a number of attractive, long-blooming perennials, many of which lure butterflies. Coreopsis grandiflora cultivars form basal clumps with wiry stems and dozens of daisy-like single or double flowers of golden yellow that are wonderful as cut flowers. Look for Coreopsis 'Early Sunrise', 'Flying Saucers' or 'Baby Sun' which features maroon highlights around the central disk. Many of these cultivars are short-lived and the original plant may disappear after a season or two but their long season of bloom makes them valuable additions to the border. Each seedhead is packed with dozens of flat, round, brown seeds (hence the common name of tickseed) which will pop up in future years to provide new plants. Deadhead regularly to prolong blooming.

The thread-leafed tickseeds (C. verticillata spp.) are delightful, delicate, long-lived perennials which gradually spread to form bushy, airy clumps of deep green foliage topped by charming small, daisy-like flowers from late June to frost. Coreopsis 'Moonbeam' is particularly appealing with its pale, lemon-yellow blooms. Other members of this group may spread more than some gardeners would like, but are easily pulled when they encroach on other perennials. One of the most promising new perennials on the market last season was Coreopsis 'Limerock Ruby', developed in nearby Rhode Island. Dozens of 1fi-inch, ruby red, daisy-like flowers bloomed all summer long above the 20-inch foliage. Unfortunately, this charming plant did not survive the severe winter and it appears it may not be hardy but I am growing it again this season for its unique color and long season of bloom. All tickseeds perform best in full sun in well-drained, average to fertile soils. A light shearing during August will remove spent flowers, promote denser foliage and encourage a new flourish of blossoms.

Many local nurseries still have an excellent supply of colorful perennials to brighten the summertime borders. To view a spectacular display of field-grown daylilies and potted perennials, visit Tranquil Lake Nursery on Sat., July 19, for its annual Open House. A full day of activities is planned including informative lectures on perennials, flower arranging, and herbs; perennials and herbs will be available from a variety of vendors.

List your event in Living

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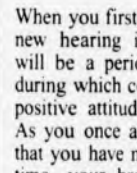

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JULY 17 - JULY 25, 2003

Thurs. 17

Local Author Elinor Lipman Comes to Duxbury Westwinds Bookshop and Duxbury Free Library Co-Host Event on Thursday July 17, award winning author Elinor Lipman will be at the library's Merry Room signing copies of her latest novel, The Pursuit of Alice Thrift. The event is being sponsored by Westwinds Bookshop in conjunction with the Duxbury Free Library. The book signing will begin at 7:30 p.m. and due to limited space, advance tickets are required. The free tickets will be available at Westwinds Bookshop starting at noon on Saturday July 12, and will be limited to two per person. The shop is located at the Duxbury Marketplace at 45 Depot St. Duxbury. Phone reservations will not be accepted

The Rugrats Return to Edaville USA The ever-unpredictable Angelica symbol 210 \f "Symbol" \s 12) and loveable Chuckie symbol 210 \f "Symbol" \s 12) will appear live at Edaville USA in Carver, July 17 to 20. There will be face painting, character pictures, games and of course, the Rugrats. symbol 228 \f "Symbol" \s 12 Edaville USA is a one of a kind family entertainment park. Enjoy over five miles of track running through 1,300 acres of cranberry plantation, picturesque lakes, and some of the most beautiful countryside in New England. Edaville USA recreates an era of true family enjoyment with authentic trains, catch and release fishing, an old fashioned carousel, a museum, children's rides and much, much more. Don't miss Edaville USA's very own mascot, K.C. McBogg. For more information, summer schedule and directions logging onto www.edaville.com or contact Edaville USA information hotline at 877-332-8455. Edaville USA is located at 7 Eda Avenue, Carver.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, July 17, 10:30 p.m. **Kaleidoscope Theatre** presents **Sleeping Beauty.** Tickets available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Moseley's "Celebrate Summer" Country Dance July 17, with DJ, Paul DeMaria. Lesson will be the line dance, Backstreet Attitude, taught at 7:30. Couples Two Step, Waltz, East and West Coast Swing, Latin and Line Dancing starts at 8 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Moseley's on the Charles 781-326-3075 is located at 50 Bridge St. in Dedham. $10. Potluck appreciated. Info. 781-925-1170 or 401-861-3114.

Weymouth Recreation presents: **Family Concerts/Movies in the Park**, 75 Middle St., Amphitheater. July 17, **Bridgewater Antiphonal Brass** 6:30 p.m. to dusk. In the event of rain, the programs will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. For more information call 781-682-6124.

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host "Lunch With Lipman" at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset on July 17 from noon to 2 p.m. Grapevine Caterers located in Cohasset Village, will provide lunch. Elinor Lipman will discuss her latest book, "The Pursuit of Alice Thrift." Reservations are requested for planning purposes. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Insight Education Center presents the following workshop **How to Deal with Difficult People** July 17, at The Blue Hill Montessori School from 7 to 9 p.m. Pre-registration is required. 781-294-8004.

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. July 17, **E.C. Scott and Smoke** , 617-439-7000.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. July 17, **Lenny Vaz German Band.**

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Cardozo & Guest** on July 17. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library opens a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy.** The exhibit will run through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

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South Shore Conservatory's Evenings Under the Stars concert series features a weekend of jazz and opera on July 19 and 20 in the Jane Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Dr., Hingham. Jazz saxophonist and virtuoso clarinetist Dick Johnson, from the Artie Shaw Band, brings his New England Jazz All Stars to the stage on Saturday, July 19, at 7 p.m. for an exciting evening of popular jazz music including upbeat swing numbers and lyrical ballads Advance sale tickets are $17 for pavilion seats and $10 for the lawn ($20 and $15 at the door) Lawn ticket holders are welcome to bring picnics. For an additional $15, concertgoers may purchase tickets to a pre-concert reception under the tent, featuring refreshments (wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres) and an introduction to the evening's program. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information and advance purchase tickets to both concerts, call 781-749-7565, x 14 or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

Braintree's 2003 "Parties in the Parks" will be held on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Lincoln Playground (Located on Hobart St., off Hayward Street) Free food and games and dancing as **DJ Dan Antonelli** plays musical favorites for all ages. Call 781-794-8904.

Fri. 18

The Rick Springfield concert at the South Shore Music Circus on Friday, July 18 has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. There will be no rescheduled date, and all tickets are refundable at point of purchase. For show updates and a look at our full schedule for the summer of 2003, log on to southshoremusiccircus.org

The Weymouth Drama Society will be performing its ninth annual summer show, **Best of the Best Broadway Remembered 2003** at 8 p.m. July 18 and 19, in the air-conditioned auditorium of Weymouth High School Commercial Street Campus, 1051 Commercial St. in East Weymouth. Admission is $8 for adults and $5 for senior citizens and children under the age of 12.

Boston Harbor Hotel presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. July 18, **The Sting**. For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Charles Ansbacher, conductor continues its summer season with the opening of ¡Ritmo Latino! Classical Sounds of Spain and Latin America on Boston Common. ¡Ritmo Latino! will include Rodrigo's most popular work, Concierto de Aranjuez featuring young, French classical guitarist Emmanuel Rossfelder free summer concert series – Friday, July 18, 7 p.m. **Beale Estate, Adams National Historical Park, Quincy**. Presented by State Street, City of Quincy, and the National Park Service

J.C. Dee's Comedy Night, Friday, July 18, - 9 p.m. Rt. 3A, 312 Bridge St., N. Weymouth. Call 781-337-1020 for reservations. Featuring **Teddy Bergeron, John Joyce, Annette Pollack, Jeff Clough, Jack Hurney** and **MaryBeth Cowan**

The Satuit Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on the Morrill Bandstand, Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor. Music for children will be featured including Teddy Bears Picnic, Under the Sea, Beauty and the Beast and others. Concerts are held Friday nights, same time and place, throughout the summer.

Blue Hair Troupe, the hilarious, new musical revue that proves it's HIP to be old will be performing July 18 to Aug. 24 at the Tremont Theatre (next to the Wang Center), 276 Tremont St., Boston. Tickets are $25 and $30 and may be purchased by calling 1-866-443-2248, by visiting www.bluehairtroupe.com or at the door. Wheelchair Accessible.

Single Executives Club Social & Singles Dance Friday, July 18, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35 years old and over. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business-casual dress is acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and www.se-4you.com http://www.se-4you.com

Commonwealth Shakespeare Company presents annual free Shakespeare on the Common - **MacBeth** July 18 through Aug. 10, Boston Common. Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common Free and open to the public of all ages. There will be an American Sign Languages interpreted performance July 19, at 8 p.m. 617-532-1212 or visit commonwealthshakespeare.org

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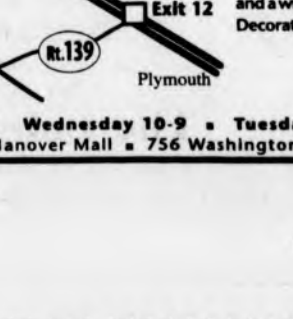
KALEIDOSCOPE - Milton Academy is offering a new arts and creativity program for children age 9 to 13 years in August. Students will rotate through four, one-hour classes in art/drawing, creative writing, theater and problem-solving daily followed by a swim. Sessions run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. starting Aug. 4 to 22; the price of tuition includes lunch and use of the pool. Milton Academy 617-898-2481 or visit www.milton.edu

RICHIE'S RUN Saturday, Aug. 2, rain or shine Scituate High School Track: 606 Chief Justice Hwy (Rte 3A) 9 a.m. to noon "Richie's Run" is a day of youth track events for children ages 2 to 18. The purpose of "Richie's Run" is not only to preserve Richie's memory, but to uphold the outstanding attributes that distinguished him. It's a day of fun and of laughs, and in the spirit of his name, all proceeds will be passed on to a special student of Scituate High School.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! comes to The Providence Performing Arts Center, Nov. 22; Tickets on Sale Monday, July 14, at 10 a.m. Beatlemania-LIVE!, the ultimate Beatles' tribute show, will be making its debut at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, – exactly 40 years after Beatlemania exploded in England. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37.50, $32.50 & $25.50. Tickets for this theatrical concert event go on sale Monday, July 14, at 10 a.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center box-office (220 Weybosset St); by phone at 401-421-2787; and online at www.ppacri.org and www.ticketmaster.com.

SUNSET AT THE ABBEY: "AMERICAN CELEBRATION" On Saturday, Aug. 23, at 4:30 p.m., enjoy the soulful piano of Jacqueline Schwab, outdoors at picturesue Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham. Known as the pianist on Ken Burns documentaries, Schwab performs American parlor and traditional music from the past two centuries. Members of the Hingham Symphony will perform American classics of their own. Bring a blanket and a picnic. Rain location: First Parish Meeting House, Cohasset Common. $10 adults, $5 youth. Call 781-740-5694.

LITTLE RIVER BAND Brings Their Classic Sound to Plymouth Memorial Hall; Aug. 23. One of New Zealand's biggest exports, the Little River Band are now on tour and making a stop at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Saturday, Aug. 23. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets for the Little River Band, priced at $37 and $32, are now on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 83 Court St. in Plymouth, MA; online at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 866-468-7619. You can also visit their website at www.plymouthmemorial-hall.com.



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Scituate Arts Gallery, a regional art gathering, presents a display of paintings by Jody Rogers on display July 19 through Sept. 13 at the Vanderee Library Gallery, Webster Street in Marshfield. An opening reception will be held Tuesday, July 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. For information call (781) 837-8091.

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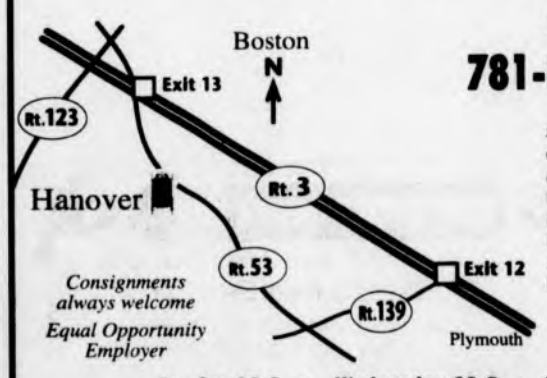

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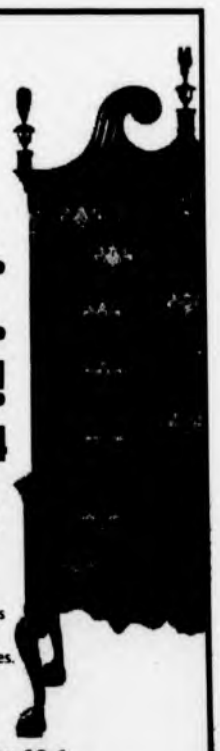

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Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Michael Troy**. For more information call 781-545-9898.

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The North River Arts Society presents **Inspirations from the Garden**, an exhibit of original watercolors by **Virginia Wilson** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St,. Marshfield Center. For more information, call 781-837-8091 or visit northriverarts@rcn.com

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night." Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Sat. 19

South Shore Conservatory's ***Evenings Under the Stars*** concert series features a weekend of jazz and opera on July 19 and 20 in the Jane Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Dr., Hingham. Jazz saxophonist and virtuoso clarinetist Dick Johnson, from the Artie Shaw Band, brings his New England Jazz All Stars to the stage on Saturday, July 19, at 7 p.m. for an exciting evening of popular jazz music including upbeat swing numbers and lyrical ballads from Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Glenn Miller and more. Performing with Johnson are Lou Columbo, trumpet, Gary Johnson, drums, Paul Schmeling, piano, and John Repucci, bass. Advance sale tickets are $17 for pavilion seats and $10 for the lawn ($20 and $15 at the door) Lawn ticket holders are welcome to bring picnics. For an additional $15, concertgoers may purchase tickets to a pre-concert reception under the tent, featuring refreshments (wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres) and an introduction to the evening's program. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information and advance purchase tickets to both concerts, call 781-749-7565, x 14 or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

Quilt National 2001 at the **Fuller Museum of Art**, 455 Oak St., Brockton. A collection of some of the best and most exciting quilts being made today. 508-588-6000 or visit www.fullermuseum.org

Quilting Symposium Weekend July 19 and 20, at the **Fuller Art Museum of Art**, 455 Oak St., Brockton. Coinciding with the exhibition "Quilt National 2001, the symposium will bring together advanced quilters and professional artists from across New England to learn, share and discuss contemporary processes and advances in the fiber arts. 508-588-6000 or visit www.fullermuseum.org

The North River Arts Society presents **By the River** original oil paintings by **Susan B. Charles** through July 19, at The Little Gallery G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. 781-837-8091.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury - The current exhibition, **Floating Sculptures**, which features traditional and contemporary carved New England decoys on display through Aug. 24

Star Creations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc. presents **Hansel and Gretel** July 19, 20, 26, and 27, at 3 p.m. and July 19 and 26 at 7 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission is $10 adult, $5 child.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, July 19, **Vince Gill** 8 p.m. Tickets available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6pm

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Matt Chase Group**. For more information call 781-545-9898.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **The Turntables**. Dinner and show $35 Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Handicap accessible. Dancing. 781-834-6505.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Sleepy La Beef** July 19. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 20

USS Salem Concert Series – July 20, **Sundays Well;** an Irish band that plays a mix of lively traditional Irish jigs and reels as well as contemporary Irish tunes. Shows held under a tent on board the USS Salem at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments available. Admission $6 per person. A tour of the ship is included for all visitors. Call 617-479-7900.

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury will present a family introduction to the **Japanese Tea ceremony** on July 20, at 2 p.m. in the Japanese garden. Free and open to the public. 781-934-6634 www.artcomplex.org

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The South Shore Natural Science Center presents "Landscapes Near and Far" traditional watercolor paintings by Hanover artist Valerie Doran Norris through Aug. 31 in the Vine Hall Gallery. The Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For hours and information call (781) 659-2559.

Sunday Morning Music features South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay performing scenes from everyone's favorite operas, including *The Marriage of Figaro, La Rondine, The Barber of Seville, Don Giovanni, Madama Butterfly, Rigoletto, Cosi fan Tutte* and *Die Fledermaus*. The concert, sponsored by Jane and Alan Carr and Hambrecht & Quist Capital Management, begins at 10 a.m., with a continental breakfast (included in the $15 ticket price) at 9:30 a.m. For more information and advance purchase tickets to both concerts, call 781-749-7565, x 14 or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org. Tickets, while they last, will be available at the door. Parking is at the Hingham Bus Depot, 19 Fort Hill Street, with free shuttle service to and from the concert venue.

Hanover Bandstand summer concert series July 20, 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Sharon Community Band**. Route 139 in Hanover Center. Free and open to the public and handicap accessible. Donations gratefully accepted.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents Dixieland jazz featuring the **Wolverine Jazz Band** with **John Clark.** Admission $10. Dinner optional beginning at 4 p.m. Music 5 to 8 p.m. Handicap accessible. Dancing. 781-834-6505.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, July 20, **"ABBA-The Music"** July 20, 7:30 p.m. Tickets available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6pm

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Irish Volunteers** on July 20. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mon. 21

Star Creations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc. presents **Wizard of Oz** an audience participation play be Stephen Hotchner on July 11, 21, 24, 25, 28, 31, and Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. General admission $5. Reservations suggested.

The North River Arts Society in conjunction with the **Historic Winslow House** presents **Local Classics** featuring original paintings by artist members of the NRAS Board of directors, including **Marcia Ballou, Sandy Donnellan, Jack Haran, Liz-Haywood-Sullivan, Ted Polomis, Jody Regan, and Susan F. Lynch Raffa.** Wednesday hours 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

The North River Arts Society presents **Places by the Sea** oil paintings by **Diane Scott** now to Aug. 15, at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Opening reception June 23 at 7 p.m.

Art on the Avenue, featuring paintings, photography and children's playbooks, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visit at 1037 Nantasket Ave. in Hull or call 781-925-5619

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 22

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. Deer Island Sunset Cruise, July 22, leaves at 6 p.m. and returns at 9 p.m. Mass Bay Lines, Rowes Wharf, Boston Harbor Hotel, Atlantic Avenue. Explore the public access at Deer Island. Learn about the Native Americans, the Irish Immigrants and other past and present uses of this island. Enjoy a beautiful sunset on your way back to Boston. Bring your own picnic supper, beverages and snacks are available on the boat. Also, your camera, bug spray, binoculars, and dress for the weather. Adults $17, Seniors $15, members of FBHI $13, children 3 to 12 $10 children under ages 2 free. Tickets may be purchased at dockside at 5 p.m. cash only. For more information call 781-740-4290.

Braintree Park Department 2003 Summer Concert Series held at the Sunset Lake Beachfront on Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. July 22, **Trax with Janelle Malafronte**. Braintree's own George Ghiorse and his Irish band along with some Irish step dancing. In the event of rain, these concerts will be moved to Braintree High School Auditorium. A sign will be posted. For more information call 781-794-8903.

The Producers, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre through Aug. 17. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library &Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

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Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 23

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month **Paul Lindstrom** will exhibit his paintings for the month of July at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Summer View: Visiting Artists - **Bert Yarborough, Lee Boynton, Peter Schroth, Carol Woodin, Jesseca Ferguson, Robert Siegelman, Peter Madden**. Dillon Gallery: **Rita Brace, Mary Callahan, Marian Carlson, Liz Haywood-Sullivan. Beverly Rippel, Faculty Feature: Margaret McWethy.**

Boston Landmarks Orchestra free summer concert series – July 23, at 10:30 a.m. and noon at the **Ruth Gordon Amphitheater, Quincy.**

The Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Summer Swing series. July 23, 6 p.m. **Satchmo: The Magic of Louis Armstrong** The theme and music, presented by the Bill and Bo Winiker Orchestra will vary each week ranging from Jazz to Latin beats. 617-439-7000 or visit www.bhh.com

Compass Bank Free Concert Series , Historic Plymouth Waterfront - July 23 , 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Local music night with **The Moonlighters** and **The Situation** (pop and rock)

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

Thurs. 24

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. July 24, **Legion Bud Band.**

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. **July 24, Jeff Pitchell,** 617-439-7000.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, July 24, 10:30 a.m. **Kaleidoscope Theatre** presents **Cinderella.** Tickets available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Weymouth Recreation presents: **Family Concerts/Movies in the Park**, 75 Middle St., Amphitheater. July 24, **The Westwood Swing Band** 6:30 p.m. to dusk. In the event of rain, the programs will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. For more information call 781-682-6124.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Level Ride & Guest** on July 24. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 25

The Family Performing Arts/Kidspot's production of **Charlotte's Web** will be held at Duxbury High School (St. George Street) on Friday and Saturday July 25, and 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for students and seniors. All seating is general admission, and tickets may be purchased at the door. If you wish to reserve tickets, or would like more information, call 781-837-8990.

The Satuit Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on the Morrill Bandstand, Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor. Old fashioned sing-a-long with lots of audience participation. Concerts are held Friday nights, same time and place, throughout the summer.

The 86th Annual Midsummer Art & Craft Show will be open to the public from July 24 to 27, at **The Ellison Center for the Arts** and is free for all. During the four-day show there will be Gallery Tours, an Emerging Artist Sale and Silent Auction featuring custom pitchers and bird baths painted by popular local artists. The Benefit Opening Reception will be held Friday evening, July 25.

Boston Harbor Hotel, Intrigue Terrace, presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. July 25, **Adam's Rib.**. For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association sponsors a Kayaking Trip to Nova Scotia a "Sea Kayaker's Paradise" The NSRWA is sponsoring a one-week paddling adventure in Eastern Nova Scotia exploring the island archipelago off of Tangier, Nova Scotia, from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. The trip includes a several nights at a campground with full facilities as well as a night or two camping on offshore islands. Beginners are welcome, and will be provided with a day-long introduction to paddling in early September to help get ready for the trip. Contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or email nsrwa@nsrwa.org for more information, and to sign up for the informational meeting July 31. For more information contact Paula Christie at the North & South Rivers Watershed Association at 781-659-8168 or paula@nsrwa.org

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Vongugenstein**. For more information call 781-545-9898.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, the **Best of Boston Comedy Night** featuring **Shane Kinney, Robbie Prince, and Rob Steen**. Admission $10, dinner optional beginning at 6:30 p.m. Show at 9 p.m. Handicap accessible. Dancing. 781-834-6505.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Wildcats** on July 25. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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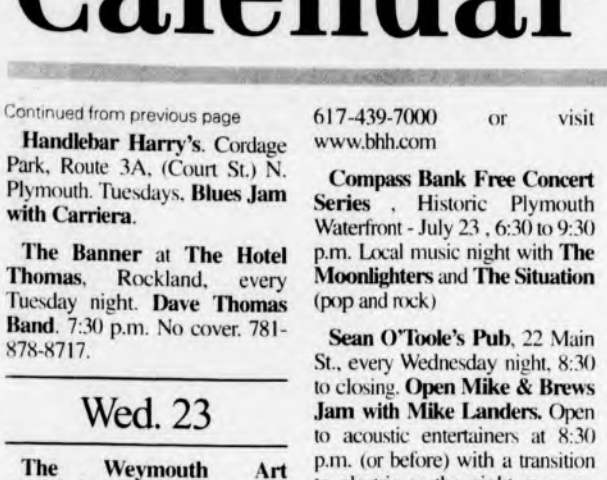
"Facing North," by Muriel Mitchell
The Sparrow House Museum invites visitors to view the New Work of artist Muriel Mitchell on display from July 19-Aug. 30. An opening reception will be held Saturday, July 19 from 6-9 p.m. The Sparrow House Museum is located at 42 Summer Street in Plymouth. For hours and information call (508) 747-1240.



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Town budget deficit soars

Charter School tuition bill adds to the problem

By Samantha Brown
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The way the Department of Revenue is billing towns for students attending charter schools has put Cohasset in a financial bind.

Until this year, the DOR has paid charter schools on a quarterly basis, billing towns for their share only during the fourth quarter. But, when the town received its state aid projections this month, tuition had been added as an up-front cost, putting a strain on an already crunched budget.

While the town had received warning of the change in billing last November, such a large amount of money to be paid up front has put an added stress on Town Manager Mark Haddad, who also has a large reduction in local aid to contend with.

To help offset the anticipated shortfall in state aid, the town passed a $350,000 Prop. 2-1/2 override at the ballot box this spring. At that time, the town was banking on a reduction in local aid of $307,000 for FY2004. But, on June 30, when the state budget came in, the numbers reflected an reduction of $99,000.

State projections now show cuts in local aid of more than $340,000 over the FY 2003 amounts for education, and roughly $98,420 in general government. Among the list of charges was a $132,000 "sending tuition" fee for the charter schools which had not been

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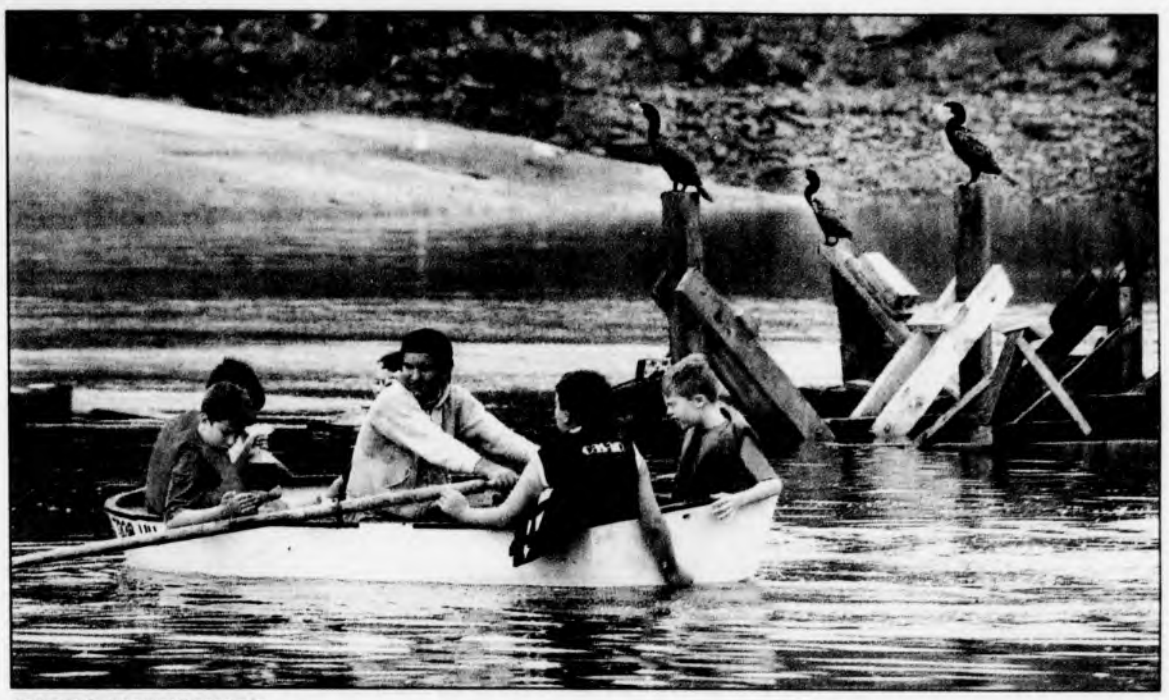

BIRDS WATCHING

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Cohasset Maritime Institute instructor John Oronte rows students in search of samples for research in the harbor beneath the gaze of cormorants. CMI is based in the boathouse at Mariners Park.

Nothnagle goes for the gold...and wins

By Samantha Brown
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Walking into Jay Nothnagle's apartment, it's easy to see he is a talented athlete. Trophies adorn every corner of his living room, and medals are displayed proudly in glass cases on the wall, commemorating his accomplishments to date.

Over two decades ago, while attending the Joseph Osgood Elementary School in Cohasset, Jay began training for what would be the first of many competitions in the Special Olympics. At the young age of eight, his parents could never have imagined he would one day be winning the gold medal at the world level for more than one event.

From June 20-29, Jay competed in the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games held in and around Dublin, Ireland. His sport of choice this time was sailing, but he has excelled in nine other sports over the years at the state and world levels. He has competed in speed skating, golf, softball, basketball, track and field, alpine skiing, bowling, aquatics, and powerlifting.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Jay Nothnagle shows off his gold medal.

Jay had never been to Ireland before, but said he thinks it's "pretty nice." On the flight over, chartered specifically for the US team through funding provided by the Knights of Columbus, the athletes had a rare and exciting experience when they were invited into the cockpit to see how the pilot flies the plane.

Upon their arrival, Jay's father Jeff said he couldn't believe how welcome the country made them feel. Throughout the entire two weeks they were there, he said the support was phenomenal.

"The whole country was so nice," Jeff said, noting that the "operating phrase" as they were walking down the street was,

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Cohasset Greenbush proponent Martha Gjesteby, left, tries to get Romney's ear, while train opponent Edythe Ford, right, also of Cohasset, listens.

Greenbush foes, fans want messages to stick on governor

Seek Romney's eye at Hingham Hedlund event

By Mary Ford
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Train critics wore stickers showing a locomotive in a circle with a red line through it — while Greenbush backers wore bright green stickers saying Greenbush YES!

In an effort to impress Governor Mitt Romney on his trip to Hingham last week, those on both sides of the Greenbush tracks conducted a subtle "sticker war" inside the Cobblestone Room at the South Shore Country Club.

But the function room was so jammed with state Sen. Robert Hedlund's supporters — who wanted to get a glimpse of the governor — the message behind the pro- and anti-train stickers sported by many may have gone unnoticed by a hurried Romney.

Train critics wore stickers showing a locomotive in a circle with a red line through it — while Greenbush backers wore bright green stickers saying Greenbush YES!

But Romney couldn't miss members of GOT (Greenbush on Track), a new group backed by the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, which held pro-train banners and signs saying "Finish the job!" at the Hingham country club entrance just a stone's throw from the tracks. GOT pickets, which numbered about 40 at one point, received as many positive honks from motorists as they did thumbs down as they waited for the governor's entourage to pull in at about 6:30 p.m.

"Here we are in the hotbed and one-half the people are giving us thumbs up," said an incredulous Bob Jackman. "I'm from Marshfield and everyone in Marshfield is in favor of Greenbush."

Dan Evarts of Hingham

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Kevin McGovern and Luke Jerome "drive" the bulldozer at Touch a Truck, an event sponsored by the Cohasset Call Firefighters Association. For more photos, see page 22.

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Gas leak reported

Construction workers hit a gas main yesterday on Oak Street, causing the surrounding houses to be evacuated. According to Sgt. John Conte of the Cohasset Police Department, a call came in at 1:25 p.m. reporting the two-inch main had been hit, sending gas everywhere.

The fire department evacuated homes in the surrounding area. Workers from Keyspan Energy were called to fix the pipe.

Conte said yesterday the workers will "repair the pipe and be on their way." Police said no one was injured in the incident.

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July 2003	High AM	- Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	- Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 24	8:23	8.1	2:10	8:35	9.3	2:17
Fri. 25	9:17	8.2	3:03	9:24	9.5	3:08
Sat. 26	10:08	8.3	3:53	10:12	9.8	3:56
Sun. 27	10:55	8.5	4:39	10:57	10.0	4:43
Mon. 28	11:39	8.8	5:23	11:41	10.3	5:28
Tues. 29	——	——	6:06	12:21	9.0	6:12
Wed. 30	12:25	10.6	6:48	1:03	9.3	6:57
Thurs. 31	1:08	10.7	7:30	1:44	9.6	7:42

Tides at all ports from Annisquam to Wellfleet are within 10 minutes of the above.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Conservation Commission, July 24, 7:30 p.m.,

Health Board, July 24, 7:30 p.m.

Selectmen, July 29, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Aug. 18, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Aug. 18 (Avalon), 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Brush chipping

Due to the condition of the town's chipping machine the following items will not be accepted on Saturday, July 26, at Brush Day:

Stumps, firewood, vines, building wood, fences or any wood with nails. Only 2 -inch to 3-inch diameter brush and branches can be chipped.

Mill River Railway assessed at $300K

Peter Roy of Margin approached the Community Preservation Committee last winter about the potential of the town using community preservation funds to buy the Mill River Marine Railway site at the harbor for $750,000, or the assessed value, whichever is higher.

But an independent assessor has determined the value to be only $300,000, CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey said last week. Ivimey planned to discuss the issue with Roy's attorney before bringing it back to the committee.

Roy, who purchased the property several years ago and hoped to save the historic Eastwick building, faced myriad environmental regulations for the waterfront property. To make the project viable, Roy planned to construct two condominiums at the site but a new town bylaw passed at last year's Town Meeting made the project more difficult because it eliminated use variances that could allow residential units in a waterfront business district.

Tearing down and removing the dilapidated structures on the parcel would cost an additional $500,000, of which Roy would pledge $250,000, according to Ivimey.

Roy also owns Atlantica, the Cohasset Harbor Inn and the Olde Salt House.

Roy envisioned a town park at the site with parking and a dock with about 10 slips for 20-foot boats. The lobster pound would be carved out of the parcel, and would be privately owned, with the stipulation that its exterior is spruced up.

Classmates sought from early 1950s

Classmates of Cohasset High School, years of 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953 are being sought.

The Reunion Committee is trying to locate the following classmates' mailing addresses and/or e-mail addresses so it can send out reunion update information. Also if any classmates have moved recently they might want to leave your new address. Call 781-383-9539 and leave your name, street address, town/city/zip and e-mail address. Also, the committee is looking for photos. Classmates who have not yet received an invitation should send along their information.

Mailing information on the following classmates are needed:

Vernice Bates, William Burkenshaw, Maureen Burns, James Brown, Walter Dow, Bernard Ferreira, Rose Emanuello Gould, John Emanuello , Thomas Guerra, George Hamilton, Charles Jason, Benjamin Livine, Rocco Sorrentino, Geoffrey Stevens. Persis Taylor, Paula Toomey, Allen Trueblood, Barbara Turner, Carol Rhodes, Jacqui Rhodes, and Forrest Robinson.

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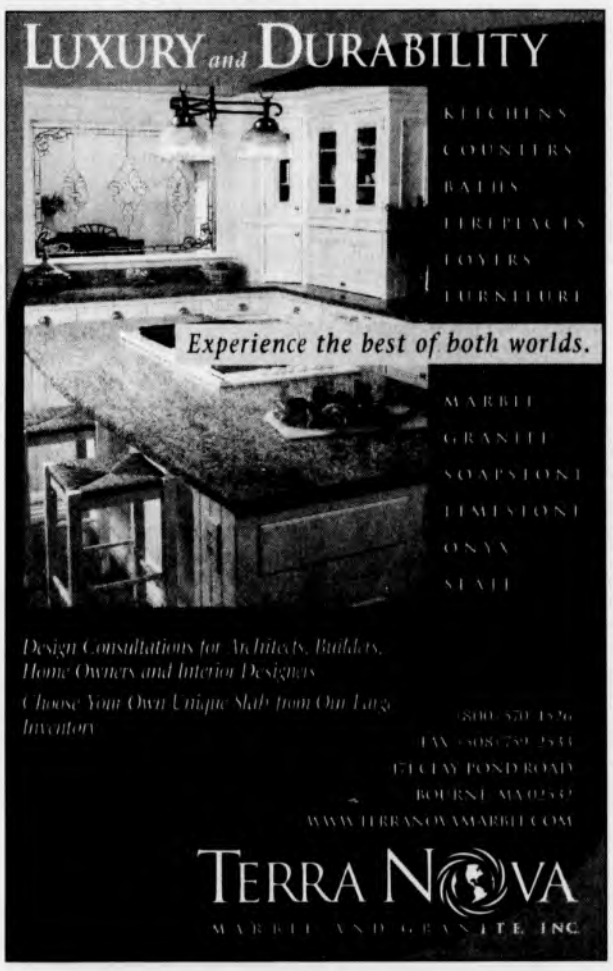

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Lunch orders

Healthier food choices sought for local schools

By Mary Ford
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The Board of Health is asking Chartwells Educational Dining Services, the company that provides food service to Cohasset schools, to provide healthier options for students.

"The Board of Health is concerned about the obesity epidemic currently sweeping the country," the board stated in a letter to Robert Levy, manager of lunch program. "The board also feels the schools are sending the wrong message to students by telling them to eat healthy and then providing foods and snacks that are far from healthy."

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— Dr. Joseph Godzik, health agent

The health board has asked the food program to do the following by the first day of school:

- provide a "junk" free lunch day at least once a week with no burgers, fries, pizza and pasta.
- put only snacks low in fat and carbohydrates in vending machines.
- replace the ice cream with Popsicles or other frozen snacks that are low in fat and carbohydrates.
- provide only water and 100 percent juice drinks in the vending machines and in the food line.

Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said the directive applies to the three schools but with particular emphasis on the middle-high school where students are offered a lot more options.

In a telephone interview, Godzik said the Board of Health has the authority to write a regulation stating what could or could not be served because the type of food served is a health issue.

"But the Board of Health would rather do it in a cooperative manner – rather than forcing it down someone's throat," he said.

Chartwells District Manager Jerry Jones said Chartwells — which has provided food service to Cohasset schools for 15 years — has always cooperated with the Board of Health and did not expect this would be any different. But he asked to reserve further comment until he had a chance to discuss the issue with the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edward Malvey.

"My inclination is we will do what the Board of Health has asked us to do," he said. "But as per our contract, we report to the superintendent and need to discuss this with him."

The health board started a town-wide effort about a year ago focusing on the problem of obesity and trying to provide more opportunities for people to exercise in town. Chairman Steve Bobo through his weekly "Health Notes" column in the Mariner has talked about the walking club, the need for sidewalks and rails to trails program, among other issues targeted toward a healthier lifestyle.

Godzik said the health board expects Chartwells' cooperation in providing healthier lunch and snack options for schoolchildren. The board is also sending out educational materials to parents.

Malvey could not be reached for comment by press time.

Red Lion roars about smoking ban

Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn, will have to go to Town Meeting if he wants to change Cohasset's smoking regulations, the Board of Health said.

In a July 10 letter to the Board of Health Ordelheide stated he would like to "reopen the discussion and at the minimum allow smoking on the porches."

"Following a request of the town, I installed a very expensive air-filtration system just three years ago," he said. At that time, Cohasset allowed variances to its smoking ban in public places.

But Town Meeting voters this past spring approved a new version of the town's smoking bylaw, making lighting up illegal in all public places and workplaces. The ban also applies in restaurant patio areas and within 20 feet of any entrance of a workplace. Three Cohasset restaurants — Koko Island, Atlantica and the Red Lion Inn — are allowed to keep their smoking variances until they expire in 2005. The town will no longer issue variances.

In responding to Ordelheide's letter, the Board of Health said the issue is not open for discussion in light of the town's new bylaw.

STAFF PHOTO/ ALAN CHAPMAN

Andi Merrill, long-time manager of the Cohasset Consignment Shop, is resigning. Her last day is Saturday.

Change afoot at Consignment Shop

Long-time manager resigns

By Mary Ford
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After 50 years on the South Shore, to describe the Cohasset Consignment Shop as an "institution" would be a gross understatement.

So would almost anything said about Andi Merrill, who's been at the helm of the popular "second-hand" store for more than two of the shop's five decades.

But the second part of the Consignment Shop equation is about to become history. Merrill, who is resigning as shop manager, leaves on Saturday.

The Social Service League, which owns the shop, and Merrill both want to part ways on a "high note" so to speak. The two have a difference of opinion on the league's involvement with the shop. Those differences could not be resolved to each other's satisfaction.

Merrill, an attractive woman with a throaty voice that exudes a confidence in what she's doing, has legions of "fans" from the volunteers to consignors to customers to people she's helped over the years.

As word spread, some sent letters to the editor stating their dissatisfaction with her departure, while others stopped by her office at the rear of the shop to wish her well.

"I've been here since 1975 when I started as a volunteer," Merrill recalls. "In 1982, (the late) Jean Cotton retired and knew I had a background in retail and asked me to run the shop."

At the time, Merrill had "retired" from a career as a fashion buyer for stores, such as Worths of Newbury Street, C. Crawford Hollidge in Boston and Grover Cronin of Waltham and running her own shop in Dedham Plaza, and was working in real estate. She soon stopped selling real estate and dove back into retailing full time.

Over the years she's also enjoyed designing the shop, which has moved several times.

"I think I helped create a consignment shop with the best reputation on the South Shore," says Merrill who moved to Scituate from Cohasset about 10 years ago.

She's particularly proud of her relationship with customers, consignors and volunteers.

"It's taken a long time to build up that rapport," she says. "I've also gained the friendship of all the loyal volunteers."

For Merrill, who is known for her thoughtful hand-written notes for all occasions including illness, the shop was a true "labor of love." She prides herself on being fair, and customers and consignors learned quickly to trust her judgment

Merrill, with the help of volunteers, has been known to visit a home to help a new widower deal with his late wife's things. "That was not unusual," she says.

She said over the years the shop has become a "family" and a provided a pleasant social environment where people felt safe.

The shop — where items such as bric-a-brac and clothing are sold on consignment with a percentage going to the owner — provides money for League programs, such as a scholarship, domestic violence prevention and the services of a social worker.

League president Amy Cutler said the organization wishes her well.

"The Board of Directors of the Social Service League of Cohasset thanks Andi for the years of care, energy and creativity that she's put into the management of the shop," Cutler said. "As a result of her leadership, the shop's foundations are stronger than ever.

"We applaud her accomplishments and wish her all the best with her future plans."

Those who will miss Merrill may not have to wait for long. She and shop treasurer Colleen Roth, who is also leaving, have some plans of their own.

"We don't plan to retire and will get back in retailing," Merrill says. "We're not going to sit on the veranda and drink mint juleps."

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Greenbush fate may come down to choice not money

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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The state has no money and the MBTA has no money for building projects, Gov. Mitt Romney said.

The key rail trunk line between Braintree and South Station is at near capacity.

The MBTA has more projects in the pipeline that can squeeze through.

The six-month moratorium on Greenbush construction, slated to end Aug. 11, may be extended due to outstanding permit and mitigation issues, such as the unresolved Weymouth Landing design.

It all comes down to time, money, and space — and choice.

Some are concerned the choice may be between constructing the Greenbush line running from Braintree to Scituate and redeveloping the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, a staunch Greenbush opponent and member of the House and Senate joint transportation committee, believes it is the capacity issue that will derail Greenbush.

"If Greenbush dies, that is what will kill it. You can't service the naval air station and Greenbush. The money issue can be addressed, the capacity issue can't," Hedlund said.

The Old Colony Rail line is made up of three branches connecting areas south of Boston with downtown Boston, the Middleboro, Plymouth, and Greenbush lines. The Plymouth branch has a stop in South Weymouth bordering the naval air station. Redevelopment of the naval air base will require additional trains to meet the increased transportation needs, according to Hedlund.

Yet others believe air base redevelopment can coexist with the restoration of the Greenbush line by measures such as adding double decker trains and creating a layover facility at the base and running trains only between Plymouth and South Weymouth. Trains would then run from South Weymouth to Boston. The idea of a layover has been a discussion dating back two years when the MBTA made a visit to the air station, according to base officials.

David S. Hall, vice president of the commercial property group of air base master developer Lennar Partners, said he sees no connection between base redevelopment and Greenbush.

"We need Greenbush," Hall said. "We are committed to finding the best multi-modal transportation for the area."

However, when asked if the rail line had the capacity to handle both base redevelopment and Greenbush, Hall had no definite answer.

"We don't know the technical answer to that. It would be a concern," Hall said.

"This is up to the governor and the MBTA," said Bill Ryan, a former Weymouth selectman who is Lennar's administrator of public outreach and government affairs. "Greenbush and air base redevelopment are separate issues. The merits of a transportation center at the base will be discussed with the community and has its own set of merits. Greenbush, whether it is a go or not, also has its own set of merits."

State Rep. Frank Hynes, a Greenbush supporter and also a member of the joint transportation committee who represents Scituate and Marshfield, believes that when Romney makes his final list of priorities, Greenbush will be at the top.

There is already $500 million in the MBTA's capital budget available for the project. The MBTA believes it can cover debt service and operating costs through 2008, as long as the rate increase now before the Legislature goes through, Hynes said.

"The MBTA has already spent $189 million on the project already and we are close to 75 percent design. We have contracts signed. At the end of the day, Greenbush will make the grade and there will be a green light for Greenbush."

However, should the project were to exceed $500 million, then Greenbush may not be able to advance due to the tight economic times, Hynes said.

Project costs now stand at $470 million. This includes $282 for the construction of the line and

"I'm very much bullish on Greenbush, the governor's recent statements notwithstanding," Hynes said.

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce has launched a pro-Greenbush effort dubbed GOT, Greenbush On Track.

Weymouth Mayor David Madden continues to pull for the construction of the Greenbush line.

"I don't know if we can afford not to," Madden said. "What do we do? We can't say we won't do anything. We need to improve transportation on the South Shore. The governor has stated he is going to do an assessment of all the MBTA projects. I'm confident Greenbush will meet any criteria they establish."

The newest controversy on Greenbush erupted when Romney was quoted in the media as saying the state could not afford to go ahead with rail line expansion projects, including Greenbush and a proposed New Bedford-Fall River commuter line, for years ahead. The comments were made at a meeting in Fall River. Hynes said he felt the intention of the governor's remarks was there was not enough money for both the Greenbush and New Bedford lines, and he was confident the Greenbush project had more compelling reasons to go forward.

The Old Colony Line was abandoned in 1959. In 1997, service was restored on the Plymouth and Middleboro branches. The Greenbush line was the last branch attempted since the project was the most complicated of the three, T officials have said.

Greenbush foes, fans want messages to stick on governor

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noted the late afternoon hour to hold the rally was a disadvantage. "Most commuters are stuck in Boston," he said.

Emily Robinson of Scituate said she's been "waiting forever for the train."

"I get lost driving to Boston," she said. "I want to go to museums and shows."

But inside the country club, Greenbush opponent Dottie Leach of Scituate said those wearing anti-train stickers hoped to give Romney the message that Greenbush money would be better spent elsewhere.

"The people don't want it," she said.

Alexander Macmillan, who coordinates Greenbush issues for the town and is a longtime opponent, said, he "would certainly not shed any tears if Romney decides to cancel the train."

At this point, Romney's remarks made earlier last Wednesday at an event in Fall River about the lack of money for Greenbush that made headlines the following day had yet not made their way to either the pro- or anti-Greenbush camps. [Romney is reviewing the financial feasibility of Greenbush, which must compete with other MBTA projects for MBTA capital dollars. The MBTA derives its revenues from the fair box, assessments on towns, and 20 percent of state sales tax. Out of all of that, debt service in one of its many expenses.]

The sultry weather outside the country club combined with guests, who paid $25 and up to attend the Hedlund fundraiser and were packed in like sardines —

created sauna-like conditions in the hall. Once Romney entered the crowded function room, it took him upwards of 15 minutes just to negotiate his way through the people to get to the podium because so many were clamoring to shake his hand.

Plymouth County District Attorney Tim Cruz said it was a thrill for a "kid from West Bridgewater to introduce the governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

Romney then began his remarks with a joke about a goat and a railroad tie, which, as it turned out, had nothing to do with Greenbush, but nevertheless held the crowd in a nervous silence just in case the punch line did.

Romney put a positive spin on recent weeks on Beacon Hill where 52 of his vetoes were overturned just that prior Monday alone. He received boisterous applause when he said the administration balanced the budget without raising taxes – an issue that nearly all those in the Republican-dominated room could agree on. He praised Hedlund, R-Weymouth, for his hard work and stressed how important it was to elect more Republicans to the Democrat-dominated Legislature. Romney stayed for only a few minutes dashing off to a theater date with his wife, Anne.

Hedlund told his supporters Romney "puts people before politicians and policy before politics."

"Sadly the majority party that controls the legislature puts patronage before reform," said Hedlund, as he went through a litany of examples. He said with all the vetoes, the budget is now out of balance with many accounts under funded – a situation that will force the governor to step in and take emergency measures later in the year.

In a telephone interview this week, Hedlund said the fundraiser, which attracted 400 people, was "significantly more successful than any he's had in terms of dollars raised." He declined to give the amount.

He wasn't surprised by the pro-train pickets at the country club gate or the "battle of the lapel stickers inside."

"People are vociferous on Greenbush," Hedlund said. "When any governor has visited this area in the past eight years or so, citizens have used the opportunity to express themselves on this issue."

Sea Chantey Concert at Lifesaving Museum

Jerry Bryant is welcomed back for the Hull Lifesaving Museum's third annual Summer Sea Chantey Concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 31 at the museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave. Bryant is a national authority on music of the sea who will play the guitar, banjo, concertina, and other acoustic instruments. His repertoire includes hundreds of traditional and contemporary folk songs, with particular interest in the music of sailors. Jerry enjoys giving audiences a glimpse of our maritime heritage through the songs he presents.

There will be a special children's afternoon concert at 2 p.m. Open to all children. Admission to the children's concert is free.

The General Audience Summer Sea Chantey Concert will be at 7 p.m. on the Museum Lawn. Bring a blanket and a picnic supper and enjoy a musical family evening to be remembered. A $5 donation is suggested.

All galleries, exhibits, and the museum store will be open for the evening. For more information please contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433.

OBITUARY

Robert V. Laney

Robert Vanderlin Laney, 86, died June 21, 2003, of complications from a stroke in Palm City, Fla.

Mr. Laney lived in Duxbury, and Palm City, Fla.

Born to Leon and Ethel Laney in 1916, he grew up in Fort Worth, Texas and graduated in 1939 from the U.S. Naval Academy. He received a Master's degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from MIT in 1944.

In 1948 Mr. Laney became an early member of the U.S. Navy's Nuclear Power Program headed by Rear Admiral Hyman George Rickover, which led to the development of the USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear powered submarine. In 1954 he was assigned by the Navy to represent the Atomic Energy Commission during construction of a reactor prototype for the production of electricity. After retiring from the Navy in 1959 with the rank of Captain, Mr. Laney became the assistant manager of the Bethlehem Steel shipyard in Quincy. In this position he supervised construction of the first two nuclear powered naval surface ships - the USS Long Beach and the USS Bainbridge. When the shipyard was sold to General Dynamics in 1962, he became the General Manage.

From 1970 to 1979 he was Director of Operations for Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago, Ill., overseeing the development of the Breeder Reactor Program. He received an MBA from the University of Chicago during this period. Following that, he became a consultant to the nuclear power industry.

In addition to his work career, Mr. Laney was a talented and well received watercolor painter, an avid tennis player and a voracious reader of history and current events.

Family was a very important part of Mr. Laney's life. He leaves his devoted wife Dorothy (Bayliss) of 61 years, his five children, Christina Rifkin, Robert B., Thomas W., Peter L., Beth Hope Laney, and his brother Thomas J. Laney of Austin, Texas. He was a loving "Ol'Da" to Robert, Hope, Joel, Rachel, Jessica, Andrew, Laura, Benjamin, Daniel, Stephen, Hope, Chloe, Schuyler, Samuel, Emory, Olivia and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Aug. 15 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 410 Washington St., Duxbury.

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It's a girl! **Jean and Randy Patterson** of Ledgewood Farm Drive announce with joy the birth of their second daughter, **Caroline Marie.** Caroline joined mommy, daddy, and big sister **Kaitlyn** on June 30 at 8:17 a.m.; weighing in at 8 lbs., 13 oz. and measuring 19-1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are **Linda and Adam Crescenzi** of Concord and New Seabury and **Don and Betsey Patterson** of Wellfleet. Enjoy your two sweet girls!

BUNDLE OF JOY

Owen Lyones McCarthy, brand new son of **Brendan L. and Melanie H. McCarthy** of Scituate was born on June 3, 2003. Owen's maternal grandparents are **Scott and Denise Hampson** of Holyoke and paternal grandparents are **Pat and Alice McCarthy** of Cohasset. Congratulations on this wonderful bundle of joy!

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Enjoy a casual Friday night with friends listening to the Mitchell Brothers Band at the Red Lion Inn from 7:30-11:30 p.m. July 25. Proceeds will go to Project Playground, a committee of Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum. A silent auction will benefit the museum. Tickets are $25 per person at the door. For more information, call Logan Bernstein at 781-383-6165.

LOVE THOSE BLUEBERRIES

Yum, Yum, Yum! The annual Blueberry Festival will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church, tonight at 6:30 P.M. The 'all you can eat' dinner will include pasta with meat sauce, salad, bruscetti, beverages and blueberry sundaes. Following dinner, blueberry items will be auctioned off. Dinner for adults is $8 and $4 for children. To make reservations, call 781-383-1298.

TRINITY GRADUATE

Morgan Sandell, son of **James and Nancy Sandell**, graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. with a bachelor of arts degree. Morgan majored in art history and was co-captain on the men's soccer team. Super news, Morgan.

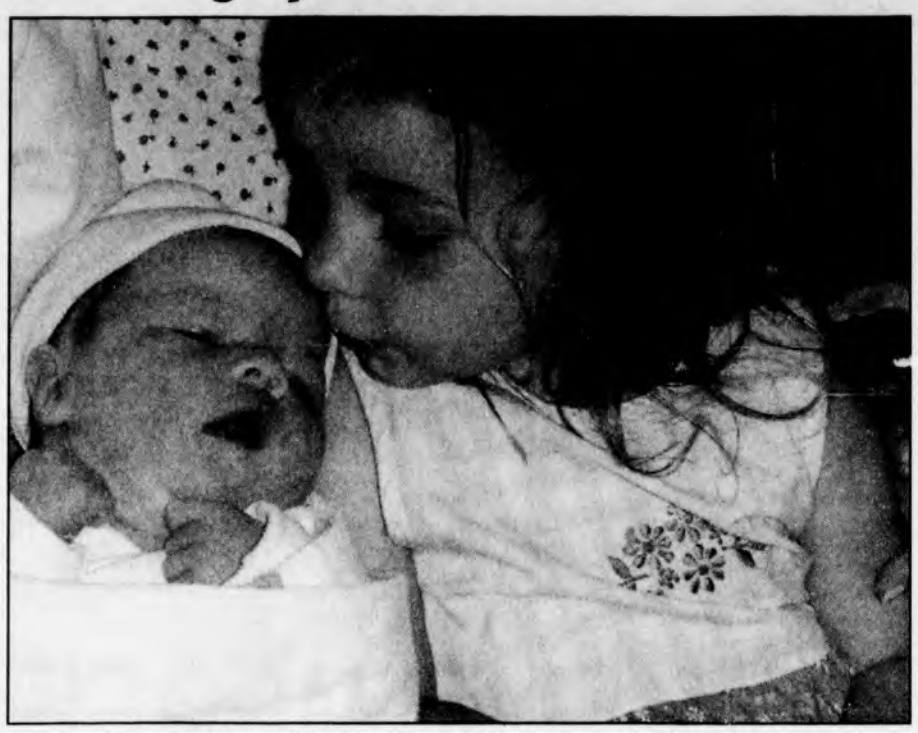
COMMENDED LIST

Zoe Murray has been named to the commended list for the second semester at Tabor Academy. Zoe is the daughter of **Richard Murray and Deborah Meehan**. Zoe had to have an overall average of 80 or above to achieve this honor. Keep up the great work next year Zoe.

MARY WALSH KRAFT FUND

The **Mary Walsh Kraft** Fund is still open and will be until Sept. 1, 2003. Mary, a CHS graduate is fighting the battle of her life with her husband **Dean** (also a CHS graduate) by her side. Mary has two young children and so many family and friends who care for her so much and prayers are being said by all. Here is a message that is being sent out to all who contributed to a fundraiser held last week in Mary's honor. "WOW! All of you should be so very proud of yourselves. Each one of you has made a difference with your contributions both private and public. It has been absolutely moving and uplifting to follow the open hearts from our town. Lots of love and sincere thanks to all that contributed to the Mary Kraft Fund. Sincerely, Mary's Friends."

Anyone who would like to donate funds can do so by sending donations to The Mary Walsh Kraft Fund, c/o Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, 48 South Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025.



Caroline Marie Patterson, with her big sister, Kaitlyn. Caroline arrived June 30.

LAW IN LONDON

Jason McCaffery, 619 Jerusalem Road, a graduate student majoring in law at Syracuse University's College of Law, participated in the "Law in London" (England) program this summer. Syracuse University offers 30 academic programs in 12 different countries each summer for undergraduate and graduate students. What a wonderful experience to have, Jason.

DEAN'S LIST

Ethan M. Begley (class of '04), son of **Mr. and Mrs. Kevin J. Begley** of 455 Beechwood St. and **Jessica E. Stevens** ('03), daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Stevens** of 86 Beach St. have been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Assumption College in Worcester.

Jared Ford and **Katherine Ronan** have been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.

DAY LILY TIME

Our observant man around town reminds us that this is "Day Lily" time and the very expendable orange blooms are gracing many yards and gardens around town. At least two notable examples are along North Main Street, one being in front of #67 and the other beside #271. And there are other big patches, one being on Jerusalem Road just before the junction with Atlantic Avenue. You'll have to hurry to enjoy them because, after all, each bloom lasts only one day!

THOREAU RETURNS TO HULL

In July 1851, famous author and naturalist, **Henry David Thoreau** visited Hull on his way to Plymouth Harbor. He wrote of his experience in his journal and in his book, "Cape Cod."

On Saturday, July 26, join Richard Smith of the Concord Museum and local Hull historians to retrace some of Thoreau's footsteps on an informative and memorable living history walk. Meet Mr. Thoreau at Pemberton Pier at noon for a walk of a 2.5-mile loop around historic Hull Village with stops at Fort Revere Park, the Hull Cemetery, Stony Beach and the Hull Public Library.

Along the way, Mr. Thoreau will offer stories of his journey, a variety of readings from his literary works and an insight to the personality that helped shape the Transcendental Movement in this country.

This program is sponsored by the Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Hull Cultural Council and the Friends of the Hull Public Library.

The program is free and everyone is welcome. For more information and directions, call the Fort Revere Park at 617-727-4468.

HARVARD GRADS

Taylor S. Devin, Justin D. Golden and **Benjamin T. Littauer** have graduated from Harvard College.

Taylor, who attended the Noble and Greenough School, is the son of **Robert P. Devin** and **Sheila Sullivan**. At Harvard, Taylor concentrated in government and graduated with a bachelor's degree.

Justin, who attended Cohasset High School, is the son of **Amy and Steven Golden, M.D.** Justin concentrated in biology and graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor's degree.

Ben, who also attended Cohasset High School, is the son of **Thomas W. and Theresa A. Littauer.** He concentrated philosophy and graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor's degree. Congratulations to all these fine students.

That is all for this week. Even though it is summer, please send in all your news about vacations, former Cohasset residents who may be visiting or who you may go see and all of those Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries that are happening. All news should get to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Aug. 8, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in Grade 6 and up is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Garage vacation hours

During summer vacation, the Garage will be open on the following days/times.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m.

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Project Playground fundraising evening

Enjoy a casual musical evening with friends while supporting the playground to be built in conjunction with Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum. Project Playground will host the "Casual Friday" event at the Red Lion Inn from 7:30-11:30 p.m. on Friday, July 25. Listen to the Mitchell Brothers Band and participate in a silent auction to benefit the museum. Tickets are $25 per person at the door. There will be a cash bar. Call Logan Bernstein at 781-383-6165 with any questions. All proceeds support Project Playground.

Concerts-by-the-Sea

The popular summer band concerts and swing dance programs at the M.D.C. Bernie King Pavilion are continuing every Sunday afternoon from 2-4 p.m. as a free community service sponsored and organized by the Nantasket Beach Merchants Association.

Sunday, July 20 will feature the Gregg Savage Band who have been longtime favorites in previous years.

The King Pavilion is handicapped accessible. For information, call 781-925-6500.

Enjoy dinner and a movie

Patty Libby, owner of the Square Café in Hingham has announced a fun summer promotion along with the Loring Hall Cinema, Hingham's treasured "small screen" movie house. According to Libby, "The dinner and a movie package is a great way to treat our guests to a casual, yet special night out "on the square." The Loring is an all time favorite Hingham tradition and we think the package is a great way to celebrate the things which make Hingham Square so special."

The dinner and a movie package is available Monday through Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. and includes a small salad, entree, movie ticket and a "tasty treat" package to go. The price is $25 per person (tax gratuity and beverages are an additional charge.)

Summer camp at Community Center

Camp for boys and girls ages 4 to 10 (children will be groups by age) with Susie O'Brien and staff at the South Shore community Center.

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Sets take center stage

By Samantha Brown
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This story is third in a series, outlining the process from start to finish, of producing children's theater. The Children's Drama Workshop, founded by the Deveney sisters, Beth, Grace and Sarah, is in its 15th year.

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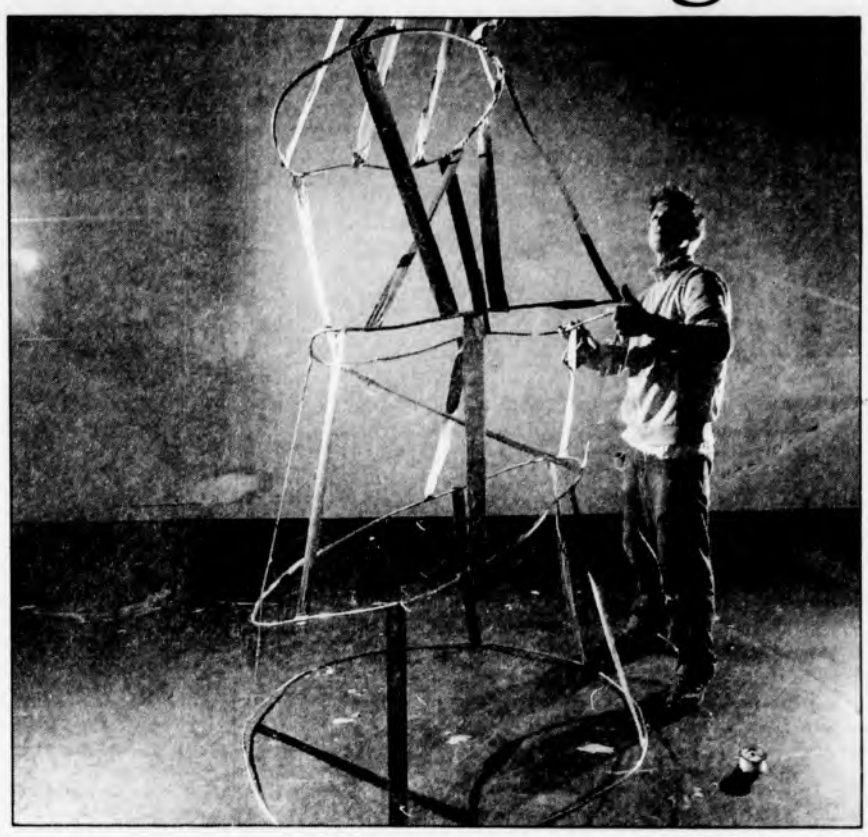

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Tyler Rosen works on the beanstalk, which is part of the set of the Children's Drama Workshop upcoming original production, "Jack Beanstalk."

One of the first things you notice when the curtain goes up on a theater production is the set. It can transport you to another world in an instant, which is what set designer Tyler Rosen hopes his design does for this year's Children's Drama Workshop production of "Jack Beanstalk."

During the 15 years the Deveney sisters have been doing summer productions, eldest sister Sarah has always filled the role of set designer, but her wedding on the Fourth of July had Beth and Grace looking elsewhere for set inspiration. Luckily, Rosen was up for the task.

The sisters met Rosen through a mutual friend last March and instantly believed he was the man for the job. For the past six years, he has been working on sets in New York City. He has served as "prop master" on various music videos, including one by rap star Jay-Z, and has also dressed the sets of "lots of feature films," but this is one of his first stage experiences.

At the beginning of the summer, Rosen met with all three Deveney sisters to come up with a rough plan for what the set would entail. Beth said she was surprised and excited to see that Sarah and Rosen had very similar ideas for the set, which is going to help carry things forward smoothly.

"Even though I'm the designer, it's really their vision," Rosen said, adding that Sarah provided many ideas for the giant beanstalk as well as other aspects of the set.

"He's very enthusiastic and excited about what he's doing, which is giving the staff good energy," Beth said. "It's worked out really well."

"He's very knowledgeable and it's interesting working with a new person," Grace said.

While working with theater sets is new to Rosen, he said he's been enjoying every minute of it.

"It's nice to be able to leave the city for a month," he said. "It's way more laid back."

He also said that working with children is very gratifying because they "get so pumped up when they see the set."

But working with children also has some challenges. Rosen has had to try making scenery and props out of lightweight materials so the children can move them easily when they need to. He has used lots of cardboard on this set, including boxes and carpet rolls.

"We have to be crafty and creative," he said.

Also, the play calls for two "worlds" because it begins in the town where Jack lives, and transitions to a world in the clouds at the top of a magic, giant beanstalk he said he "hopes will grow."

"Beth has written an ambitious play," he said.

But the sisters are completely confident in Rosen's ability to construct the perfect set for their production.

"I never have a vision for the set. It's so great to hand it over to someone else," Beth said.

As the stage manager, Grace is always trying to make sure certain props reflect the personality of the character who is using them. She said Rosen has been really great about trying to learn the characters and help design different pieces of the set accordingly. He has even redesigned props almost entirely, just to make the scene believable for the character.

Overall, Rosen said he has had a very positive experience in designing the set and has enjoyed the challenges it has presented. He is very excited for its completion and can't wait for the kids to see it.

"I think the kids are going to be totally stoked," he said.

Performances for "Jack Beanstalk" will be held Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the new air conditioned Deer Hill Auditorium. Tickets are $10. To reserve tickets in advance, please call Cohasset Town Hall at (781) 383-4109.

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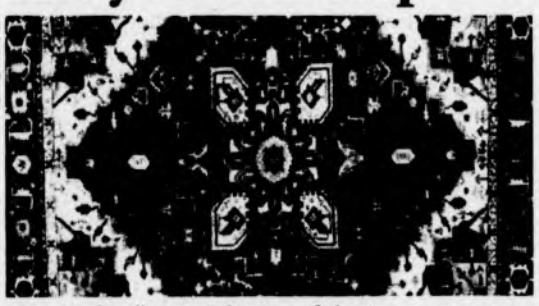

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Taking the sting out

According to the Department of Public Health, we are entering prime time for West Nile Virus. The highest risk for being exposed to the virus runs from now through September.

While there is no human vaccine for the virus, the DPH offers ways to protect yourself to keep mosquitoes from biting you and recommendations to limit mosquitoes from breeding in your backyard or neighborhood.

West Nile virus has become a growing concern here on the South Shore over the past three years. While the risk to residents in considered minimal, the DPH has taken an aggressive approach to making sure the public is informed about the disease. WNV can cause illness varying from a mild fever to more serious disease like encephalitis or meningitis. WNV grows in birds and is spread from bird to bird by infected mosquitoes. If mosquitoes infected with the virus bite horses or humans, the animal or person can become sick. Most WNV infections do not cause any symptoms. Mild WNV infections can cause fever, headache and body aches, often with a skin rash and swollen lymph glands. In a small percentage of people infected by the virus, the disease can be serious, even fatal. More severe infections can cause headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, paralysis and, sometimes, death.

The following tips are provided by the Department of Public Health to help residents protect themselves from the source — mosquitoes:

- Avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn, if possible, as this is the time of greatest mosquito activity.
- If you must be outdoors when mosquitoes are active, wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants. Use a mosquito repellent that contains DEET (the chemical N-N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) and follow the directions on the label. DEET can be poisonous if overused. Never use DEET on infants. Avoid using repellents with DEET concentrations above 10-15% for children and with concentrations above 30-35% for adults. Higher concentrations of DEET may provide protection for a longer period of time, but do not provide a higher level of protection. If you are concerned about exposures to chemicals, use the lowest concentration of DEET which provides protection for the length of time you will be exposed to mosquitoes, and wash your skin when you return indoors.
- Cream, lotion or stick formulas are best for use on skin. Avoid products with high amounts of alcohol because these may be absorbed through the skin.
- Take special care to cover up the arms and legs of children playing outdoors. When you bring a baby outdoors, cover the baby's carriage or playpen with mosquito netting.
- Fix any holes in your screens and make sure they are tightly attached to all your doors and windows.

To reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and neighborhood, the Department of Public Health offers the following suggestions:

- Get rid of any standing water that is available for mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes will begin to breed in any puddle or standing water that lasts for more than four days.
- Dispose of or regularly empty any metal cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, and other water holding containers (including trash cans) on your property.
- Pay special attention to discarded tires that may have collected on your property. Stagnant water in tires is a common place for mosquitoes to breed.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors, so that water can drain out.
- Clean clogged roof gutters; remove leaves and debris that may prevent drainage of rainwater.
- Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use.
- Do not allow water to stagnate in birdbaths; aerate ornamental ponds or stock them with fish.
- Keep swimming pools clean and properly chlorinated; remove standing water from pool covers.
- Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property.

For more information on West Nile Virus, log on to the Department of Public Health's Web site at www.state.ma.us/dph

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sailing Club

TO THE EDITOR:

Founded in 1960, the Cohasset Sailing Club is a non-profit organization, providing first-class instruction in the sport of sailing to children and adults alike. Over the past 40 years, thousands of Cohasset children and adults have participated in the many programs offered by CSC.

The club is most appreciative of the recent grant contributed by the South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc. Their continued generosity will enrich the Sailing Club's many educational programs and provide the "gift" of sailing to the children of Cohasset.

Thanks again to the South Shore Playhouse Associates and our very best wishes to the Music Circus for a very successful season.

Ann Musto
Commodore Stevens Lane

Consignment Shop

TO THE EDITOR:

I have been a volunteer at the Cohasset Consignment Shop for 40 years. I have seen the shop grow from a small one-room operation located at the old railroad station into a beautiful successful boutique.

Over the years the shop has been able to contribute generously to the operation of the Cohasset Social Service League. The financial success of the Cohasset Consignment Shop is entirely due to Andi Merrill, Colleen Roth, and the volunteers.

Andi Merrill's expertise in retail management, hard work, and dedicated interest in the shop and the volunteers has made the shop what it is today. It has been a labor of love. It is difficult for me to understand that while the Social Service League is trying to redefine its purpose for existence, why they would interfere with the successful management of the shop that has existed for 50 years. Andi and Colleen's resignation hurts!

Joan Graham
Forest Ave.

League's micro management

TO THE EDITOR

The most preposterous development in our 20 years in Cohasset happened this week when the Social Service League allowed the termination of the management team of Andrea Merrill and Colleen Roth at the Cohasset Consignment Shop. Talk about killing the goose that lays the golden eggs! Andi and Colleen and the 133 volunteers have a beautiful, productive shop and a smoothly running organization, evolved over five decades without micro-management by any league. We volunteers are stunned by the "our way or no way " attitude of the current league.

Doug and Phyl Peck
63 Windy Hill Road

Bump-out vote

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

With the controversy regarding those ridiculous "bump-outs" growing by the day, why don't you, as the governing body for the town, exercise some democracy and put the whole thing to town-wide vote! That would be the only fair way to resolve this issue.

Edwin Lincoln
17 Sohier St.

Mr. Lincoln provided The Mariner with a copy of his letter.

Merrill, Roth will be missed

TO THE EDITOR:

For 50 years, the Cohasset Consignment Shop has been in business as a non-profit organization, staffed by volunteers, with all profits going to fund the programs of the Social Service League of Cohasset. From a modest beginning, the shop has grown into a widely acclaimed operation, winning top honors in its class in the Mariner's annual readers' "Best Of" polls. Recently the president and board of directors of the Social Service League, in a misguided and short-sighted effort to fix something that is not broken, have taken steps that have led to the resignations of Andrea Merrill, the manager of the Consignment Shop, and Colleen Roth, the treasurer of the shop.

Andi has been the manager of the business for more than 20 years and had no desire to retire. She has been the mainstay of the shop and was almost single-handedly responsible for transforming it into the congenial, highly-successful, professional operation it is today. I am dismayed at the actions of the board of directors, and appalled that the president of the League has publicly announced that all efforts at mediation were rebuffed. On the contrary, no sincere attempts to resolve the situation were made, and the resignations were inevitable.

Now the Consignment Shop customers, consignors, and volunteers have lost a dedicated manager and treasurer and they are angry!

Lillian Peters
3 Gardiner Road
Scituate

POLITICAL NOTES

Republican meeting, cookout are planned

All are invited to the Cohasset Republican Town Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. on July 29 at the Lightkeeper's Cottage. This is a good opportunity to come and meet fellow Republicans and discuss events on the state and local level.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Aug. 17, for the annual Cohasset Republican Cookout which will be at the seaside home of Julie Guild from 4:30-7:30 p.m.. Special guest this year will be Mickey Edwards, the former Congressman from Oklahoma, who is currently a professor at the Kennedy School of Government and the Harvard University Law School. For reservations and further information call Heather Palmer at 781-383-3339.

Access to extremity MRI

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and State Rep. Mark J. Carron, D-Southbridge, have filed legislation and presented testimony on their plan to eliminate restrictions on what types of facilities may purchase and operate certain types of Magnetic Resonance Imagers (MRIs) in Massachusetts. If passed, this change in the law will allow access to a diagnostic tool that is available in 45 other states and has become standard practice throughout the health-care industry for a large number of injuries, yet it is prohibited in Massachusetts.

"The current regulations were implemented when MRI technology was cutting edge and extremely expensive," Hedlund said. "Due to increasing demand and improved technology, imager costs have come down significantly and it is now practical for treating physicians to offer in-house MRI services."

The legislation is endorsed by the Massachusetts Orthopedic Association and is supported by small clinic facilities, as it will enable them to purchase and operate the new, smaller MRI imagers that cost around $450,000 and are used primarily for extremities — knees, ankles, shoulders, etc.

HEALTH NOTES

Caring about the master plan process

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In May, we looked at possible build-out scenarios for the Town and their effect on the health of its citizens. At recent meetings of the Growth and Development Committee, many of the concerns of the town are being addressed. This is a brief report on the progress observed.

We have spoken of the Growth and Development Committee before and the good work that group is doing reviewing the bylaws of other towns, selecting for consideration those which seem to fit the needs of Cohasset. Numerous public meetings of this committee have been held to discuss various issues such as house size, open space, zoning, wastewater treatment, and many other issues in our changing town. But as Rick Swanborg, the chairman has said, this is a work in progress and the committee feels that it is close to having document which will answer many of the Town's concerns. The Cohasset master plan is nearing completion.

A plan is just a piece of paper and without broad understanding and review, it will wither for lack of interest.

Most Town boards have seen and commented on parts of the plan which apply to them, and descriptions of regulations and warrant articles have been published for discussion. Implementation of the parts of this plan will cover several years, eventually resulting in a coherent set of bylaws, regulations and ways of doing business which hopefully will reflect the citizens desires to enable the Town achieve the goal of preserving its character.

Regulations are elastic. A continuous stream of interpretations stretches their intent. Changing ideas alter their meaning. It's nearly impossible to alter regulations as fast as necessary to preserve their intent. It would be desirable to have a system that's as flexible as it is incorruptible. A plan is just a piece of paper and without broad understanding and review, it will wither for lack of interest. Fortunately, Cohasset's answer to this problem is a large cadre of dedicated persons for which the preservation of Cohasset's values is a mission. They almost never agree. Frequently, they're ignorant of important facts. Nevertheless, they are our salvation as a town. Growth and development's master plan containing information provided by consultants and investigations of other towns, is producing regulations and methods which promise a series of gradual changes, all discussed and, if necessary, approved by the Town to preserve Cohasset's unique character. For these people, the master plan is a roadmap of sorts which will hopefully provide solutions to the town's concerns. Learn about what this group is doing and give them your input. Change is best accomplished slowly, and in the daylight.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

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Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! Reserve your copy in advance by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: Robert Morgan, "Brave Enemies," Robert K. Tanenbaum, "Resolved," Anne Scott Beller, "Calpurnia," and, Peter Spiegelman, "Black Maps."

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Need a quiet space to study, tutor a student or meet with a small group? The library has two study rooms available. Call Judy Simons at 781 383-1348 to reserve a room.

Internet access

For your convenience, the tables in our Reference area are now cabled for Internet access from your notebook computer.

Photo exhibit

"Sandscapes" — A show of contemporary landscape photographs by Cynthia Vallino will be on display through Aug. 23 at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

The show includes photographs of the sand "spit" area off of Third Cliff in Scituate, as well as other coastal areas on the South Shore. The show also includes images from the White Sands National Monument in Alamogordo, New Mexico, an area renowned for its expansive white sand dunes.

According to Vallino, "Many of the photographs in this show are abstract images, and quite different from typical seaside landscapes. They're really a study of the wide variation in textures, colors and patterns found in coastal areas. Sand is the perfect medium for seeing the results of dynamic changes along the coast — the landscape is constantly changing."

Vallino's photographs have been selected for numerous juried exhibitions in Southern New England, and her work has received awards and honorable mention in several shows. In 2002, she was selected as a gallery artist at the South Shore Art Center. She has also served as co-chair of the juried photography show at the North River Art Association's Festival of Arts in Marshfield Hills.

CMHS reading list

Students, don't wait until the last minute to do your summer reading! The Summer Reading list for Cohasset Middle/High School is located in the Young Adult Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The list is also on the school website, www.ssec.org, select school district — Cohasset. The Osgood and Deer Hill suggested lists are in the Children's Room on Mrs. Moody's desk. Don't forget, you can use the online catalog to check for the availabilty of the books and to place holds. Just go to www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Coloring contest

"A coloring contest will be held for all children up to 9 years of age. The coloring sheets, "Read!Think!Create! at your library, are on Mrs. Moody's desk. The contest ends July 31. Prizes for all ages.

Reading program

It's not too late to register for the Summer Reading Program, "Read! Think! Create! At your library". Story Hours and Puzzle Club have begun. Remember to put a bean in the bean jar for each book you read this summer! Our free Tuesday evening performances are underway thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library.

Museum passes

Check out the museum passes available to you at the library, compliments of the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Reserve the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum pass. From May until October 31, 2002 the Museum is featuring a special exhibit commemorating the 50th wedding anniversary of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy. Highlights include Mrs. Kennedy's wedding dress, her engagement ring and rare color footage of the reception.

Reserve the Harvard Museum of Natural History pass and enter a world of 21 million specimens spanning 4.5 billion years of Earth's history. Enjoy the amazing displays of dinosaurs, exotic creatures from around the world, 3,000 glass flowers with glass insects and, more.

Call the library at 781 383-1348 for more details.

Large print books

Large print books added to the collection: "Bubbles", "Bubbles in Trouble" by Sarah Strohmeyer, "Quality of Life Report" by Meghan Daum, "Talk of the Devil" by Riccardo Orizio, " No Second Chance" by Harlan Coben, "Winterkill" by C.J. Box, "Shrink Rap" by Robert Parker, "Pattern Recognition" by William Gibson, "Lucky" by Alice Sebold and, "How to be Alone" by Jonathan Franzen.

Cohasset Mariner

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The disposing of disposable income

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I don't care how Alan Greenspan, George (43) Bush and Rush Lumbaugh try to spin it. I say we're in the midst of a depression and I can prove it.

Didn't Jack Kennedy's boxer shorts sell for only $5,000 at auction the other day?

It seems like only yesterday that Ty Cobb's false teeth went to a collector for $7,475 and Bill Veeck's wooden leg was knocked down for $15,000 at auction.

If the measure of prosperity is the amount of disposable income in the hands of the little people then the little people are disposing less of it on collecting memorabilia and more on such frivolous things as food, shelter and clothing.

At the same auction where JFK's shorts drew the $5,000 bid, several of his wife Jackie's nightgowns went for between $450 and $850 and one of her bathing suits cost a lucky bidder $750.

It wasn't that long ago that the beaded dress into which Marilyn Monroe was sewn in May, 1962, when she moaned "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" to Jack Kennedy at his Madison Square Garden birthday party was sold for $1,267,500.

I have been fascinated by the manner in which folks dispose of their disposable income ever since I caught the actor Charlie Sheen paying $92,000 for the baseball that went between Bill Buckner's legs in the sixth game of the 1986 World Series.

I sat dumfounded as the Honus Wagner baseball card, the only one of its kind, that Piedmont Cigarettes put out in 1910 went from $451,000 in 1991 to $640,500 in 1996 to $1.1 million only three years ago, a better than 100 per cent profit in less than 10 years.

I all but wept at the injustice of it all when the basketball Wilt Chamberlain used to score his 100th point in a game was sold for $551,841, then was marked down to only $67,795 after research showed that it wasn't the historic ball but one used later in the game.

I went right along when collectibles moved from the sports to the news pages.

The blue velvet dress worn by Princess Diana to a 1985 White House dinner where she danced with John Travolta was sold for a the-record $222,500. Elvis Presley's sixth grade report card went for $20,000. Jackie O's fake pearl necklace took in $211,500.

My resolve was shaken a bit when I learned that bidding on a wad of used chewing gum, masticated in the very mouth of Arizona Diamondback's shortstop Luis Gonzalez, had reached $10,000 on E-Bay before cooler heads prevailed and it was withdrawn.

Three bone chips from the pitching elbow of Seattle Mariner relief pitcher Jeff Nelson had reached $23,600 before it too was withdrawn by E-Bay as a violation of the auction firm's policy against selling body parts.

This after a promo that read: "These are the real deal. Now is your chance to own not only a piece of the game but a piece of the player."

In a way I'm rather glad that Nelson's bones and JFK's shorts have cooled my interest in memorabilia collecting.

Now if someone will put Monica's blue dress on the block . . .

Some questions — some answers, anatomical and amazing

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

Have you ever wondered why birds can stand on electrical wires without getting electrocuted? Electricity follows the path of least resistance. It is easier for electricity to continue moving along a wire than to detour through the bird's body. This situation changes dramatically if the bird touches a pole or transformer box and the wire at the same time. Then the path of least resistance changes to be through the bird's body to the ground. Once the electricity goes through the bird's body, the bird is doomed. This is more apt to happen when large birds such as hawks flap their wings while standing too close to the transformer, thus inadvertently connecting with the ground. Small birds can easily perch along the wire without touching something which is grounded.

Have you ever wondered why birds don't fall off a branch when they go to sleep? Birds look as if they are walking on feet, but in actual fact they are walking on their toes. When they land on a branch, their legs flex, or bend. As this happens, flexor tendons automatically tighten, causing the toes to close around the branch. They stay tightened until the bird extends its legs, at which point the toes open. This mechanism allows the bird to relax and sleep without fear of falling off the branch.

Have you ever wondered how birds find the seeds or acorns they have hidden? Some birds, especially jays, chickadees, titmice and nuthatches, hide seeds, acorns and nuts to be retrieved at a later date. This is known as caching. Birds that cache have a larger hippocampus in the brain than birds that do not cache. Not only that, but this caching area of the brain actually increases in size when a bird is in the process of caching. When this portion of the brain was removed in a chickadee, the chickadee could still cache seeds, but could no longer find them after they had been hidden.

Have you ever wondered why some birds start singing earlier in the morning than others? Birds sing to attract mates and to defend territory, but singing also alerts predators. Therefore birds do not want to sing until they can see well enough to spot any predators. Once it is light enough to find food, they would rather concentrate on eating than singing. Bigger eyes should provide better eyesight. So goes the theory. A recent study by some British researchers shows this theory to be true. They recorded light levels, then noted when 57 different bird species began singing in the morning, and measured the diameter of each bird's exposed eye surface. When they compared birds of the same size, the ones with bigger eyes sang earlier. They also found that small birds sing earlier than large birds. Perhaps this is because small birds cannot store as much food overnight and therefore need to find food sooner in the day.

Have you ever wondered how hawks can find prey from great heights? Birds have very large eyes, often weighing more than their brain. Humans have binocular vision, but birds have both monocular and binocular vision. Rods and cones, or receptors, are found in something called a fovea in the retina. Humans have one fovea in each eye, but some birds have two, one used in looking forward and one used in looking sideways. Because of their greater concentrations of rods and cones, birds have greater visual acuity than humans. In fact, some raptors are able to spot prey from as much as a mile away. Hawks and other raptors also have excellent "accommodation", which means that they can rapidly change focus and judge distances by changing the curvature of the eye lens as they fly swiftly or change direction abruptly.

Have you ever wondered how owls can find their prey in the dark? The eyes of owls are the largest of any bird. Owl eyes are located in the front of the head, creating a large area of binocular vision, but not very much peripheral vision. Instead the owl can rotate its head 270-1/4 (not 360-1/4 as some people think). Owl eyes also have very large concentrations of rods to increase light-gathering capabilities. When owls hunt in the dark, as most do, they rely on their ears more than their eyes. Most owls have asymmetrical ears. In other words, the ear opening on one side of its head will be higher than the ear opening on the other side. This allows the owl to triangulate on its prey. An owl's ears are not the feather tufts seen on the top of some owl heads. The ears are found behind a facial disk of feathers shaped like a satellite dish. This disk helps funnel sound to the ears for increased sound volume. Owl flight feathers are serrated on the leading edge allowing it to fly silently. Put all this together and the poor mouse does not have much chance!

PHOTO/BILL SCHMOKER

Red-tailed hawk hunting.

Have you ever wondered how woodpeckers withstand the force to their brains when they are hammering away at a tree? They use their strong chisel-shaped bills to create holes in tree trunks. According to David Juhasz in Creation magazine, each time the bill connects with the tree, it is with a force 1000 times the force of gravity, and the rate of the hammering is almost twice as fast as a submachine gun. To keep from damaging its head and brain, the woodpecker has extra bone to reinforce the cranium. It also has special sponge-like material between the beak and the skull surrounding the brain to act as a shock absorber. Its neck muscles are strong and are specially designed to keep the neck from twisting, another mechanism to help withstand the shock.

These are just a few of the interesting questions that can be asked about bird structure and behavior.

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for Project FeederWatch and International Shorebird Surveys.

Town budget deficit soars

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included on the state cherry sheet before.

At the end of the day, this leaves the town with a deficit of roughly $322,000.

While the town has always paid for students who attend the charter school, the way the bill has been paid allowed for more flexibility. "Free cash," which is funds brought in by the town in excess of what the budget estimated, was used to pay the tuition charges. However, at the beginning of the fiscal year, those funds are not available.

Haddad added because the town just paid the tuition a few months ago and is now expected to pay again, the town is essentially being charged twice in a four-month period, which is "like taking a swing at you and then hitting you when you're down."

The amount of money the town needs to come up with may seem small in comparison to what goes on at the state level, but is of great significance to a small town like Cohasset.

"It boggles my mind that people in Boston are doing this," Haddad said. "People in state government don't understand what it takes to run a municipality."

Haddad said he knew the town would have to pay the tuition fees for the charter schools eventually, and even agrees that "what they're doing makes sense, but not this year." When you cut so much funding in a year, it's hard for a town to be able to make such a huge payment so soon into the new fiscal year.

Haddad said he is aiming to find ways to tackle the $322,000 deficit by the end of July or beginning of August before the new fiscal year gets too far underway.

Although only 14 students are now slated to attend the South Shore Charter School, the town is being charged charter school tuition for 17 children. Rebecca Holmes of the Department of Education's Charter School office, said 17 reflects the school's initial estimate, given by the pre-enrollment report in April. When the actual numbers come in after the start of school, the town's payment will be changed accordingly, she said.

While the town will be eventually reimbursed for the students who don't attend, Haddad said getting a reimbursement later in the year doesn't help the town come up with the money now.

Haddad also believes the current system of making the towns pay tuition for charter schools is "inherently unfair." At a tuition rate of roughly $7,800 for each child, the town must pay more than $109,000 for the 14 that will attend – a figure that makes a dent in the budget during these tight fiscal times. But because the small number of students is spread out over the grades — if the students stayed in Cohasset schools there would be minimal impact on the school's current budget, he said.

About the charter school

The South Shore Charter School, which is housed in three buildings located on A Street, Samoset Avenue and Nantasket Avenue in Hull, was created to offer students in grades K-12 an alternative to attending town public schools.

According to the state Department of Education, charter schools were formed as a result of the 1993 Massachusetts Education Reform Act. Their purpose is to hold schools accountable for student achievement, offer parents more choices, and develop innovative school models. Teachers in charter schools must either be certified or have passed the Massachusetts educator test.

Charter schools are public and have no eligibility requirements. However, students must apply for a position in their class. Students entering grades K-7 must submit an application which includes a letter explaining their reason for applying and what the parents will do to help the education of their child, along with a one-page enrollment form. For students entering grades 8-12, the same information must be completed as well as a résumé and letter written by the student explaining why he or she is interested in attending the school.

Every February, a public enrollment lottery is held and students are given tours of the school in which they are interested. Index cards containing the names, towns, grade, and whether the child has a sibling at the particular charter school, are publicly drawn, starting with kindergarten. Siblings are given preference and drawn first.

Students from the local region are then given preference. Communities in the South Shore Charter School region include Abington, Boston, Braintree, Brockton, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Quincy, Randolph, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman.

When a student's name is drawn, he or she is provided with an intent-to-attend form, which is completed before the April pre-enrollment deadline. Those numbers are then sent to the towns as an estimate for the tuition that will have to be paid.

Initial estimates from pre-enrollment showed 17 children for the town of Cohasset would attend, but more recent figures from the SSCS show there will be 14 Cohasset residents in attendance this fall.

Information was complied from both the DOE and SSCS web sites.

Preservation money for new playground not a slam dunk

Project asks for $60K from CPF

By Samantha Brown
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Plans to start building a new playground behind the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum off Sohier Street may have to wait while the Community Preservation Committee considers whether it will recommend funding for the project.

Members of Project Playground, a committee of Our World, came before the CPC this week, and asked for $60,000 to help build a play structure, behind the museum in the area where the former Osgood Play Park stood. They are asking for $60,000 to help cover the costs and feel the project falls under the spending guidelines of the Community Preservation Act, because it is a recreational facility. [The old playground was razed in October 2001 for safety reasons].

The playground is estimated to cost $125,000, and $35,000 has been raised to date. The playground committee has three fundraising events planned over the next few months which should bring in at least $12,000, members said.

But CPC member Tom Callahan said even if money were used from the Community Preservation Fund, he was concerned about the group's ability to raise the rest of the money.

"You're asking for 50 percent of the project funding, and you haven't even completed fund raising," he said.

Callahan said he has a problem, when private groups ask for money, then try to complete fundraising and don't make the amount they expected. Groups in turn have come back to "treat us like we're a piggy-bank," when funding doesn't work out, he said.

But playground committee members see a real need for a park such as this, and believe it would be a great cause for the CPC to support.

"With everything we have in this town, this is the one thing that is missing," said committee member Suzanne Trnka.

She said many families have to go to neighboring towns to use their play structures because Cohasset doesn't have the facilities. With the South Shore Community Center playground geared toward children from ages two to five, this new playground would have something for everyone. Picnic benches, chess and checker tables as well as playground equipment would help "create a nice place for families to gather," Trnka said.

The town already has plans to fix the basketball courts which are next to the playground.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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July 14-18

Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth)

Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham)

QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: BHRC records local representatives' votes on seven roll calls and local senators' votes on four roll calls from the week of July 14-18. Many of the roll call votes are on legislative action surrounding Gov. Romney's overrides of items in the $22.1 billion fiscal 2004 state budget.

BREAST CANCER PREVENTION (H 4004)
House 142-15, Senate 39-1, override Gov. Romney's $35,678 veto reduction (from $3,029,488 to $2,993,810) in funding for an early breast cancer detection program, mammographies for the uninsured and a breast cancer detection public awareness program. Override supporters said every dollar counts when it comes to a program that can save the lives of countless women. Override opponents said the program can survive this minor cut and noted that some small cuts like this one have to be made in order to balance the budget and prevent a tax hike or cuts in other programs. (A "Yea" vote is for the $35,678. A "Nay" vote is against the $35,678).

PROSTATE CANCER PREVENTION (H 4004)
House 153-4, Senate 40-0, override Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $1 million for a prostate cancer screening, education and treatment program. Override supporters said one out of every five men will get prostate cancer and argued the $1 million will help save lives. Override opponents said the entire state budget is $200 million out of balance and argued that cuts in good programs are necessary during troubled economic times. (A "Yea" vote is for the $1 million. A "Nay" vote is against the $1 million).

SMOKING PREVENTION AND CESSATION (H 4004)
House 135-22, Senate 35-5, override Gov. Romney's $835,000 veto reduction (from $2.535 million to $1.7 million) for smoking prevention and cessation programs. Override supporters said the additional money would reduce smoking and save countless lives. They noted these programs have lead to an overall 35 percent decrease in smoking including a 50 percent decrease among pregnant women and 40 percent among eighth graders. Override opponents said the program can easily survive this minor cut. They argued that the anti-smoking lobby has created a large bureaucracy that wastes some of these funds on ineffective, expensive television ads and novelty items. (A "Yea" vote is for the $835,000. A "Nay" vote is against the $835,000).

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (H 4004)
House 137-20, Senate 38-2, override Gov. Romney's $128,235 veto reduction (from $4,929,536 to $4,801,301) in funding for the operation of and services provided by the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Override supporters said this important government agency is the chief advocate for the state's 560,000 deaf and hard of hearing Massachusetts residents. They noted the cut would hurt the commission's job of coordinating programs and regulations to provide full and equal opportunity for these residents. Override opponents said the commission can operate well with this small reduction. They argued that small cuts must be made to many good programs in order to balance the budget and prevent tax hikes or cuts in other programs. (A "Yea" vote is for the $128,235. A "Nay" vote is against the $128,235).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (H 3950)
House 143-10, gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate for action an economic development plan funded by $110 million from the state's Health Care Security Trust Fund. The trust fund includes money the state received from its settlement with tobacco companies. Provisions include providing $55 million for the Emerging Technology Fund, $25 million for the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation; $15 million for creation of the John Adams Institute for Innovation, Technology and Collaboration; and $8 million for the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund. The package also makes permanent the three percent investment tax credit. Supporters said the bill would stimulate the economy and create jobs through a multi-faceted, innovation-friendly plan designed to make one-time investments in emerging technologies through loans and grants to private sector companies. They said the package would make the state friendlier to business and be a real shot in the arm for the state's economy. Opponents said the package helps only businesses and does not include guarantees that jobs will be created. They argued that it drains money from the Health Care Security Trust Fund that was supposed to fund health and anti-tobacco programs. Some argued that the bill is anti-environment and includes a provision giving polluters like W.R. Grace and General Electric permanent liability release from future lawsuits if they quickly clean up their sites. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against the bill).

MUST PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE TO EMPLOYEES (H 3950)
House 48-104, rejected an amendment providing that grants or loans under the proposed economic development plan only go to companies that agree to provide health insurance to their employees. Amendment supporters said the economic development plan is unfairly and unwisely funded from the Health Care Trust Fund that is supposed to fund health care programs. They argued that it makes sense to at least require that any companies that receive grants or loans be responsible and caring companies that provide health insurance to their employees. Amendment opponents said the amendment is a well intentioned but misguided one. They argued it would be very difficult for many of these start-up companies to offer health insurance to all their employees. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment requiring the companies to provide health insurance. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

PERMANENT THREE PERCENT INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT (H 3950)
House 139-13, approved an amendment making permanent the current temporary three percent investment tax credit. Amendment supporters said this credit is great for the economy and creates jobs by helping to attract new companies to the state and encouraging existing ones to remain here by spurring investment in new buildings, manufacturing and research and development. They noted that the tax revenue loss would be offset by a growth in property, income and corporate excise taxes. Amendment opponents said the extension would cost millions in revenue that the state cannot afford to lose and argued these millions could be better used to fund important state programs. They argued studies have shown this tax credit has no positive effect on employment and may in fact cause unemployment by encouraging automation. (A "Yea" vote is for making permanent the three percent investment tax credit. A "Nay" vote is against making it permanent).

Y = Yes, N = No, NV = No Vote

BREAST CANCER PREVENTION (H 4004)	Y	Y
PROSTATE CANCER PREVENTION (H 4004)	Y	Y
SMOKING PREVENTION AND CESSATION (H 4004)	N	Y
DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (H 4004)	Y	Y
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (H 3950)		Y
MUST PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE TO EMPLOYEES (H 3950)		N
PERMANENT THREE PERCENT INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT (H 3950)		Y

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Preservation money for new playground not a slam dunk

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Callahan said he recalled when the museum signed its lease, part of the condition was, it would build a playground. But in a telephone interview Town Manager Mark Haddad said conditions of the lease do include the installation of a playground, as well as completion of landscaping, but said there are no limitations or guidelines for how projects might be funded.

"There's nothing in this lease that says they can't ask," Haddad said.

The CPC is also concerned spending guidelines under the Community Preservation Act don't cover building a playground.

Guidelines state funds can be used for the acquisition, preservation and rehabilitation of land for recreational use. The Little League fields, in which the CPC has invested roughly $150,000, did qualify for funding, but the playground area is not such a clear-cut case, the CPC said.

Under the Community Preservation Act, 10 percent of the monies accumulated in a town's Community Preservation Fund must go toward preserving open space, another 10 percent toward historic preservation, and 10 percent toward community housing. The remaining 70 percent can be spent for any of the above and recreation.

The town adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2001. The Cohasset Community Preservation Fund obtains its money from a 1.5 percent surcharge on real estate taxes and some level of state match, which is expected to be 100 percent again this year. The state funds are derived from a $20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Recorder of Deeds Office statewide (e.g. mortgages, deeds, homesteads, etc.). Allocations are recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and then voted on by Town Meeting. Any money in the fund that is not appropriated can be banked for future years. Borrowing is also allowed with payments for interest and principal coming out of the fund.

All CPF expenditures in Cohasset must be approved by Town Meeting.

The town expects to raise $215,000 from the 1-1/2 percent real estate surcharge this year; and anticipates receiving a 100 percent state match ($215,000) by Oct. 15, CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey said.

"You're asking for 50 percent of the project funding, and you haven't even completed fund raising."

— Tom Callahan, Community Preservation Committee

However, Ivimey also questioned whether public dollars should be spent on the playground.

He said he would take the "politically incorrect" stance by saying, "the town spends an exorbitant amount of money entertaining the children in town."

"My personal opinion is — no offense to anyone — what you're doing is great, but, this committee's money could be better spent," he said.

Callahan said the playground committee needs to break down to include minute detail, so the CPC can determine it some of the playground, such as the "wood carpet" might qualify for funding. The group was also advised to complete more fund-raising.

The CPC took the issue under advisement.

The Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, housed in the 1929 wing of the old Osgood School, is devoted to creating opportunities for children throughout the South Shore to gain global awareness through play spaces, rotating exhibits, and programming. It is slated to open in the fall of 2004.

Nothnagle goes for the gold...and wins

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"are you having a good time?"

He said there were more volunteers opening their homes to host families than were needed, and volunteers were actually turned away. Considering there are roughly 7,000 athletes in the competition, he said that speaks volumes.

Jay's brother and sister were also shown great hospitality. When checking into their hotel, the man behind the desk asked them if they were traveling on business or pleasure. When they told him they were there to see Jay compete in the Olympics, the man said he would like to have them as the hotel's personal guests.

At the opening ceremonies, the athletes covered the entire field — comparable in size to Gillette Stadium. Participants from 166 countries including Africa and Iraq, wore their country's uniforms, and some were even dressed in native garb.

"It was just incredible," Jay's mother Taffy said.

Mohammed Ali led the US delegation into the arena, and the athletes were projected onto two huge video screens for the fans to see. Nelson Mandela gave the Keynote Address.

Jay's competitions were held at the Royal St. George Yacht Club in the town of Dun Laoghaire, which is a suburb of Dublin. He participated in 19 races this year. Some of the sports at the Special Olympics, including Jay's division of sailing, are Unified sports, which means the athlete participates with a partner. Jeff is Jay's partner for sailing and said for his competition, the athlete is supposed to sail half the time, with the partner responsible for the start.

"Well, Jay skippered 100 percent of the time," he said.

One of Jay's 19 races was the celebrity race. For that, Jay's partner was the Olympic gold medal winner in sailing from Ireland, who had participated in the games held in Korea. There were 17 boats which were supposed to have celebrity skippers, but once again, Jay decided he'd like to sail, and his celebrity crew took third place. He was presented with a Waterford Crystal trophy, which is proudly displayed at his parent's house.

Taffy said throughout the competitions, Jay was sailing "all day every day." Jeff joked that Jay "was seen to be planning the race with his eyes closed on the bus."

After all the work and training, Jeff said the experience is one they will never forget. Everything about the trip was positive, with even Mother Nature showing support through beautiful weather.

"We had the best two weeks they've ever had in Ireland," Jeff said.

"From beginning to end it was one unbelievable high," he said. "There's nothing that is two weeks long that you can even compare it to."

The Special Olympics are conducted in, winter, spring, summer, August, and fall. Both Jeff and Taffy have been very involved with the Special Olympics, and Jeff currently serves on the Board of Directors. Jay has participated in the Special Olympics through the Scituate chapter.

In order to compete at the world level, an athlete must first win his or her sport at the state level, then be chosen in a lottery to receive a spot on the US team. Of the 16 people competing from Massachusetts, four were sailors.

Athletes are only allowed to compete once in a particular sport at the world level. In 1995, Jay competed in the World Games power lifting competition, held in New Haven, Conn. He was able to bench 185 pounds and dead lift 290, and came home with the gold.

"I don't come close," Jeff said.

While preparing for competition, Jay met Arnold Schwarzenegger, who had come to show support for the athletes. The Special Olympics were founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in 1968, and her family, including Schwarzenegger's wife Maria Shriver, is still very involved in showing support for the games.

It was after his powerlifting win that Jay decided to begin training for sailing, so he could participate in the World Games again. There are 26 sports an athlete can compete in, of which Taffy said, "He wants to do them all. That's his goal."

As of right now, Jay is in training for the August Games, where he will participate in golf and softball, but he said the next sport he would like to try is equestrian.

Among Jay's medals for his personal accomplishments is another gold medal honoring the work of his family.

For their work and dedication to the games, as well as his, the Nothnagles were nominated by the families in Scituate, and won a place in the Special Olympics Hall of Fame.

"It's all because of him. He made us do it," Jeff said with a smile.

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Jay Nothnagle sails in Cohasset Harbor. Jay recently won a gold medal in sailing at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Ireland.

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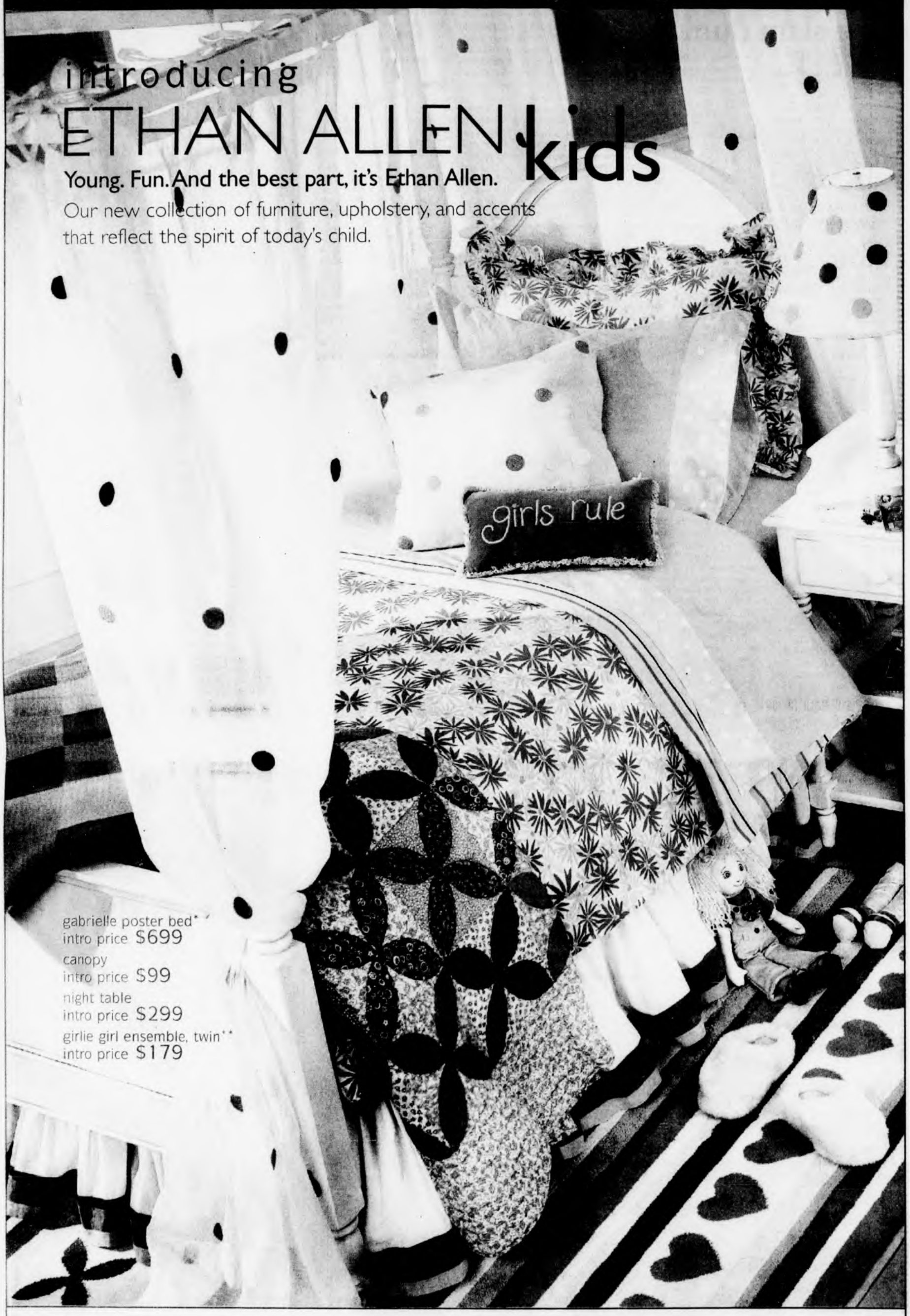

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Brian Woods (seen her connecting for a base hit) is one of just four players Post 118 loses to age limit next year, but he hopes to be back to help coach the team.

Post 118's glass more than half full

Bulk of talent to returns to Cohasset-Scituate Legion team in '04

By Mike Spellman
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Scott Arnold is clearly a glass is half full kind of guy.

The veteran coach of the Cohasset Post 118 Legion team saw his team's season come to a close with a 3-2 loss to Milton last Tuesday, wrapping things up with a 4-16 record. And there was coach Arnold with nothing but positives to throw around.

"The kids fought right to the end for every out and put it all on the line in that final game, which is all you can ask," gushed the 10th year head coach. "That speaks well for the character of the team. I'm looking forward to getting these guys back next year.

"It was a fun season. I really enjoyed this group of kids, and I'm looking forward to seeing what they can do next year."

Nine of the 13 players Arnold ended the season with last week are eligible to return next year, including college bound players Eric Dmohowski and Brian Signorelli. Dmohowski, a B.C. High graduate who is off to St. Joseph's to play ball, was a key pitcher and outfielder. Signorelli, a Thayer grad who will try to make the Vanderbilt University team as a walk-on, was the team's number one catcher. Both were among Post 118's better hitters.

Arnold definitely expects one of the two back, and hopes he gets both.

"I think the kids are happy to come back and play here after they come back from a year of college," said Arnold. "We play good baseball, but we try to have fun too. It's a good environment."

The roster this year bares out the coach's assertion. The four players the team is losing to age limitation—Chris Carr, Alex Knight, Brian Woods and Mike Gulinello—were all 2002 high school graduates. Carr (now at Duke University) from B.C. High, the latter three from Scituate High.

Woods, who will be a sophomore at Quincy College, and Gulinello, this year's sensational starting shortstop who has a couple of college baseball teams interested in his services, both plan to return next summer to help Arnold coach the team.

"Those two guys were our leaders, and they'll definitely be missed," said Arnold of Gulinello and Woods. "They were never named captains. I usually don't name captains. They just took up the responsibility. I believe that natural

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Hoops on rise again

Coach Ford's basketball camp draws record numbers

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

There has been some nervous talk over the last two years about the dwindling numbers for the Cohasset High basketball program. However, with the help of a thriving basketball summer school held by veteran CHS boys coach Ron Ford, thoughts such as this can be put to rest.

"I've always run it as part of a feeder program," noted the 13th year coach and CHS Athletic Director. "I think the numbers actually, at the high school level, are growing."

The CHS program lost five seniors to graduation. On next year's team, only two seniors and one junior will transition to next year from the 2002-03 varsity squad. But the underclass years are increasing in number, and this year's 8th grade class actually had 45 athletes come out for basketball.

Ford noted that such "peaks and valleys" are inevitable at a small school such as Cohasset. Yet that just reinforces how important his outside programs are. Possibly the most popular, The South Shore Basketball School, a one-week clinic for basketball players ages 8-13, ended last week in the biggest turnout Ford has had since he started the camp in 1992.

"I enjoy running it. It definitely helps build the program," said Ford, who ran this camp every year from 92-01, but had to miss 2002 due to school renovations. "It's basically to get a chance to meet the younger kids, develop them. But the main focus of the camp is to have fun."

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Patrick Kearney, 9, shows nice form on this jumper at the South Shore Basketball School, held this past week at Cohasset High.

Booters take Silver

Cohasset boys soccer team shines at Bay State Games

The Cohasset Boys came out on top this past weekend at the Bay State Games Under-18 Soccer 7-on-7 tourney at Ft. Devens, winning four out of five games and coming home with a Silver Medal.

The 7-on-7 format has six players and a goalkeeper playing a shortened total game of 25 minutes, with no half time on a smaller than usual field. The goals are standard size and with no off-side rule, so the play is fast and constant with lots of shots on goal. There were 16 teams from all over the state competing this year.

The games began on Saturday with Cohasset dominating their Group winning all three games: 4-2, 4-0 and 4-2.

Talent was spread throughout the field with a squad of nine players. Controlling the defense was Conor Buick, Craig Laguelle and JT Oronte. The offensive and midfield play was led by David Santiago, Chris Clark, Andrew Wise, Aidan Buick and Matt O'Connell. Jesse Brewer had an outstanding goalkeeping performance.

On Sunday, the most challenging game was the semi-final when Cohasset played Westernhook United, a team from the Great Barrington region. Cohasset was down 2-0 with nine minutes remaining when their first goal was scored by Chris Clark. Two minutes later, Aidan Buick rifled the ball in the net, making the game 2-2. With two minutes remaining, from a corner kick, Clark headed in a goal giving Cohasset the lead, 3-2, placing them in the FINAL.

Jesse Brewer made some spectacular lightening fast saves and

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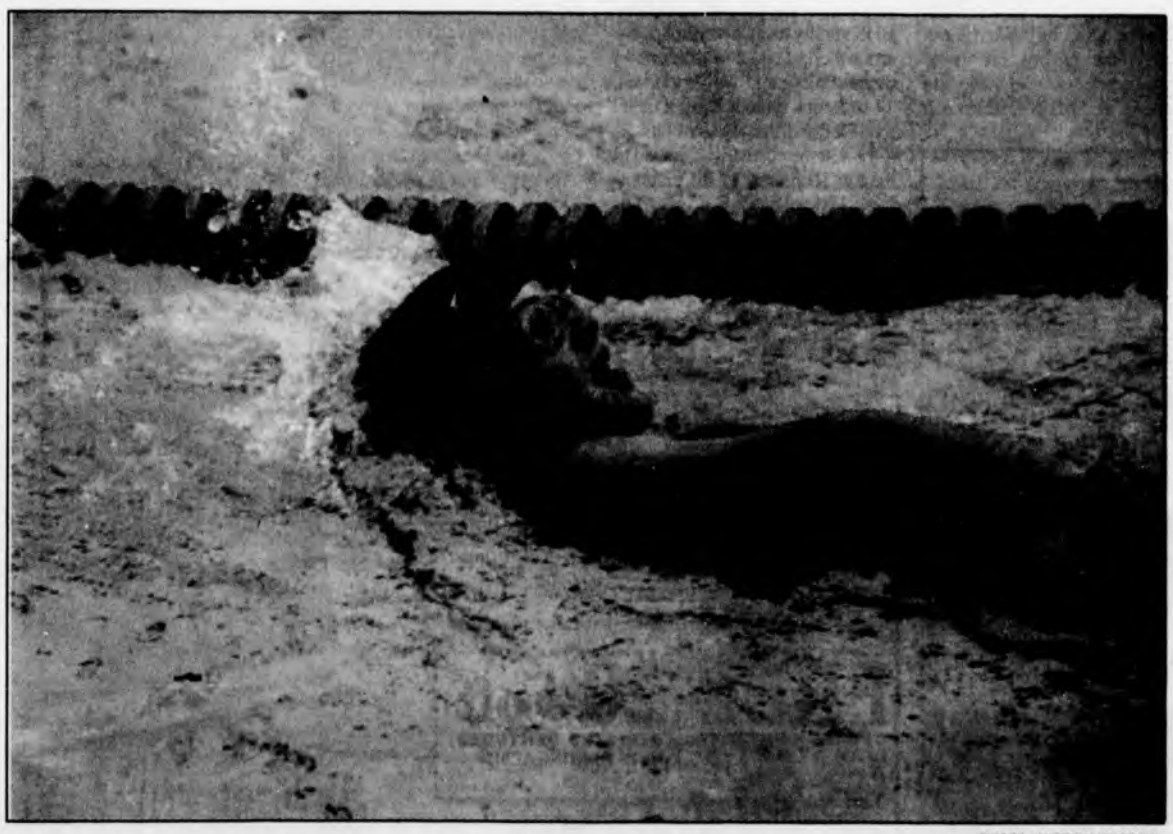

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Cohasset's Taryn Donahue races in the backstroke at Friday's showdown for the Cohasset Swim Team against the Scituate Knights of Columbus Swim Team. For Swim Team report and more photos, see page 17.

All Scholastic Baseball team

Cohasset's McKenna and Snowdale named Honorable Mentions

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

Cohasset High had a disappointing season on the diamond in terms of record (7-13), but recent graduates Chris McKenna and Mike Snowdale, the team's lone league all-star, certainly did all they could to keep the team competitive.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of 16, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top baseball players in Marinerland for this honor.

Nick DeVito - Senior (Capt.) Pitcher/Shortstop- Hingham

No question here...One of the most dominating high school players in the state, DeVito capped his career as the Patriot League's leading hitter and pitcher...The Eastern Mass. All-star and three-time PL All-star finished the season with a .582 average, 26 RBI, 10 doubles, and 5 home-runs...On the mound, DeVito was virtually unhittable, boasting a perfect 5-0 record and 0.95 ERA...His presence on the mound, at the plate, and in the field at shortstop helped lead the Harbormen (17-4) to a PL title (10-2) and quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney...DeVito spends his summers playing for the Hingham Legion team and Hingham Phillies Cranberry League team...Also a basketball All-Scholastic last winter...Was drafted last month by the Cincinnati Reds, but has elected to play for UConn. on a full

Nick DeVito

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Cohasset's McKenna and Snowdale named Honorable Mentions

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scholarship. Hingham coach Dan McHugh: "What can you say about Nick? You don't replace Nick and we won't even try. He is a once in a lifetime player."

Greg Genovese - Senior
Third baseman - Hingham

Greg Genovese

Those who chose to pitch around DeVito still had to deal with cleanup hitter Genovese and he made opposing team's pay, driving in 22 runs this season…The senior finished with a .422 average, with two home-runs, four doubles, and 20 singles, helping the Harbormen (17-4) capture the Patriot League title (10-2) and the top seed in the Div. 2 South Sectional…A grandslam was one of the four hits he racked up in a crucial match-up with Hanover, driving in six in the process…An All-Scholastic forward on Hingham's hockey team, he helped the squad reach the semifinals of the Super 8 tourney for the second-straight season…Genovese plans to attend Pomfret prep-school and continue his hockey and baseball careers.

Mike McNulty - Senior
Pitcher - Hingham

Mike McNulty

The No. 2 starter for the Harbormen, McNulty played a big role in Hingham's success this season… The Patriot League All-star went 9-2 for Hingham this season, helping the team capture the PL title (10-2) and snag the top seed in the Div. 2 South Sectional…There, McNulty went 1-1, taking the heartbreaking 5-4 quarterfinal loss to Hopkinton despite striking out five batters…McNulty tossed a no-hitter this season against a talented Marshfield squad, clinching Hingham's victory in the championship game of the Hull Tourney by a 6-0 score…Also a talented defenseman on the HHS hockey team, McNulty helped lead the Harbormen to their second-straight appearance in the semifinals of the elite Super Eight tourney last winter…McNulty will attend Pomfret prep-school where he will continue his hockey career.

Rob Schuler - Senior (Capt.)
Centerfield - Hanover

Rob Schuler

A four-year starter in the Indians' outfield, Schuler helped Hanover (16-6) win 13 of its last 16 games, including a 4-3 victory over rival Hingham, to capture a second place finish in the Patriot League (8-4)…From his leadoff spot, Schuler hit .464 for the year, scoring 27 runs and stealing 23 bases…The senior also racked up 10 RBI…Was key in the team's victory at the East Bridgewater tourney and trip to the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional…Was also a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic in soccer and basketball…A three-time PL All-star, Schuler plans to attend Bates College, where he will continue his baseball career.

Andy Hillier - Junior
Pitcher - Hanover

It was a breakout year for this promising talent, as Hillier went perfect for the Indians at 8-0…His 1.63 ERA was among the best in the competitive Patriot League, in which his Hanover team finished second overall at 8-4…Hillier struck out 59 batters this season, 10 of those K's coming in his no-hit performance against Milton…The junior also one-hit East Bridgewater in a 7-0 victory and was a key in the team's championship win a the EB tourney…Recorded the team's only win the Div. 2 South Sectional, holding off Apponequet, 2-1, to reach the quarterfinals…Spent this summer playing Legion ball and also helped lead the South's Bay State Summer Games team to silver medal earlier this month…Also a golf and basketball player at HHS, Hillier will return to the captain the baseball squad next season.

CJ Hillyer - Junior
Pitcher/First base - Abington

CJ Hillyer

Though a mid-season injury halted his stint on the mound, Hillyer continued to play first base for the South Shore League runners-up (8-4)…The three-year starter got Abington off to a hot start, going 8-0 and allowing just one in 19 innings before the injury…Hillyer pitched a pair of no-hitters against Holbrook….His 12-strikeout performance in a 7-4 victory over East Bridgewater helped Abington reach the finals of the EB tourney…Also an offensive threat, Hillyer hit .335 with 18 RBI and a pair of triples, helping the Green Wave (12-8) earn a berth in the Div. 3 South Sectional…Was voted by his Abington teammates as their MVP…A three-year SSL All-star, Hillyer hopes for a healthy return to his pitching post next season. Abington coach Steve Perakslis: "Losing C.J.'s start on the mound was a real setback. He is one of the top pitchers to come through the league in the last few years. Any team would have felt that loss."

Paul Chartier - Senior
Pitcher - Abington

With Abington's ace out for the spring, the fate of the team rested on the shoulders of Chartier and he answered his call to arms…Despite a nagging ACL injury sustained during the football season, this South Shore League All-star went 5-2 for the Green Wave, helping Abington capture second in the SSL standings (8-4)…One of his biggest wins came against SSL foe Harwich, outlasting the eventual Sectional finalists, 4-3, in a regular-season victory…Also a defensive back on the AHS football team, Chartier helped lead the Green Wave to an SSL title and Div. 5 Super Bowl crown last fall…Chartier plans to attend college. Abington coach Steve Perakslis: "Paul had a tremendous year for us. He was still sore coming off his injury from last football season, so he did not play the field for us. Paul was more valuable to our success this year than anyone realizes. He transferred his raw ability this year and became a pitcher."

Chris McDonough - Senior
Pitcher - Weymouth

Was the key to his Wildcats team's surprising run in the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney, pitching his 10-10, 25th seeded squad to a 3-2 stunner over top-seeded Norwood to reach the semifinals…The dominating lefthander finished the year with an 8-2 record and 1.17 ERA, and was tops in the Bay State Carey (0.45, 7-1)…The BSC and Eastern Mass. All-star's incredible 126 strikeouts this season were a result of his recording double-digit K's in all 10 of his starts, leading to 245 for his career…Teammates voted McDonough the MVP of the squad this season…He also played football at WHS and spends his summer playing on the Weymouth Legion squad…McDonough plans to attend Wheaton College, where he will continue his baseball career.

Tim Bonham - Junior
Pitcher - Marshfield

Tim Bonham

This talented hurler was nearly perfect this season, going 6-1 with an almost untouchable 0.86 ERA…His most notable pitching performance came in a 1-0 victory over Old Colony League rival and eventual Div. 1 South Sectional champion Bridgewater-Raynham…Helped fuel his team's late-season run, in which the Rams 11 of its last 14 games to finish 14-6 overall, 10-4 in the OCL, good for second…Also a talented goalie on the MHS hockey squad, Bonham made our All-Scholastic team last winter after posting a 2.45 goals against average and three shutouts…Played for the Southeast team in the Bay State Summer Games and made 12 saves in net, leading the team to a gold medal…Bonham spends his summers playing Legion baseball with the Duxbury squad…He will be one of the top returnees on both squads next season.

Joe Belmosto - Senior (Capt.)
Catcher - Marshfield

Joe Belmosto

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Belmosto capped his high school career as the Old Colony League's leading hitter at .464 and led the OCL in RBI with 21…One of the OCL's better defensive catchers, Belmosto threw out 9-of-13 attempted base-stealers…At the plate, Belmosto racked up six doubles and scored 17 runs for Marshfield (14-5)…Went a perfect 5-for-5 with a handful of RBI and two stolen bases in a 16-2 regular-season victory over North Quincy, resulting in a second-place finish in the OCL (10-4) and berth in the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney, where his Rams were stunned by Cinderella Weymouth squad in the prelims…A three-year starter, he was also a talented wrestler at MHS…Belmosto spends his summers playing for the Duxbury Legion squad and fueled a third-game victory over Hingham to reach the second round of the playoffs, smacking a pair of two-run doubles…Belmosto plans to continue his baseball career at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

Derek Landry - Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher - Rockland

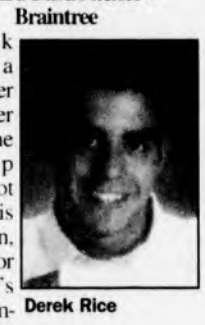
This three-year starter rebounded from a slow start to fuel his team's late comeback, in which Rockland went 8-6 in their last 14 games…Landry, after an 0-3 start, was on the hill to win seven of the Bulldogs' eight victories this season, falling just short of a tourney berth (8-11)…Landry's efforts didn't go unnoticed by the league as he was named a Patriot League All-star…Ended his RHS campaign with a 7-4 record and a 3.46 ERA…Struck out 73 batters this season…Played third base when not on the mound for Rockland…Also a wrestler at RHS, Landry plans to attend Bridgewater State College and continue his baseball career. Rockland coach Rick Fredericks: "Derek is just the ultimate competitor. To watch him battle in some of those games when de did not have his best stuff was very impressive. I think the rest of the team fed off of that."

Bob Osgood - Senior
Outfield - Braintree

Bob Osgood

Speedster helped make Braintree's offense go this season, stealing a team best 12 bases and hitting .314 out of the second spot in the batting order…first team Bay State Conference All-star…has played for the Braintree Post 86 Legion baseball team the last three years…three year member of the BHS varsity team…hit .474 during the Wamps march to the Div. 1 state championship game in 2002…previously played JV basketball for the school as well before deciding to settle exclusively on baseball…National Honors Society member…graduated with a 3.4 GPA and ranked top 40 in his class of 350…will play Club baseball at UNH, which lost it's Div. 1 baseball program as a result of Title 9…leaning toward a major in Business.

Derek Rice - Senior
Third Base/Pitcher - Braintree


Derek Rice

Derek Rice was a key pitcher and hitter for the Wamp squad not only this past season, but also for last year's state champion finalist team…hit a team best .402 as a senior while batting out of the lead off spot…had six doubles and 11 stolen bases… first team Bay State Conference All-star…has played for the Braintree Post 86 Legion baseball team the last three years…t hree year member of the BHS varsity team, a starting pitcher for the last two…season's most memorable game was a one-hit, 14-strikeout shutout against BSC rival Dedham that also saw him go 4-for-4 at the plate…was ranked in the top 10 percent of his graduating class…Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic…also played soccer and gymnastics for BHS before deciding to concentrate solely on baseball…Honor Roll student who posted a GPA of 3.8 as a senior…will play baseball at Rollins College, a lauded Div. 2 program in Florida…plans to major in Political Science with an eye toward a career in law

Matt Greenberg - Sophomore
Catcher/Pitcher - Norwell

Matt Greenberg

A sensational defensive catcher who also found his swing in his first full year of high school baseball…batted a team best .396 for the Clippers…also led team in doubles, RBIs and on base percentage (over .500)…hit well against several of the South Shore League's top pitchers, including MLB draftee Cody Crowell…earned starting catcher job as a freshman, but then missed all but the first two games due to Colitis…South Shore League all-star…Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic Honorable Mention…has previously played AAU baseball for the South Shore Seadogs and Atlantic Coast Badgers…presently playing for the Hanover Legion baseball team…a starting forward for the NHS hockey team the last two years, but plans to skip this season in order to concentrate more fully on baseball…a good student…Norwell coach Tom Jacobs: "Matt is a very good hitter, but defense is where he really stands out. He might be the best I've ever seen at this level at blocking balls in the dirt, and he threw the ball extremely well too. I didn't keep statistics on it, but I'd be willing bet the number of stolen bases on him was one of the lowest in the area."

Scott Carroll - Junior
Shortstop - Scituate

Scott Carroll

The junior emerged this season as not only a top notch defensive shortstop, but also a big bat for a team that desperately needed an offensive infusion after the heavy toll taken by graduation 2002…Carroll wound up leading the Sailors in batting (.483) and gave recent Cincinatti Reds draft pick Nick DeVito (Hingham) a run for the Patriot League batting title for much of the season…his average nearly hit .600 eight games into the season…Patriot League all-star…has played fall baseball in the Hit Dog League the last few years…also played varsity basketball for Scituate High this past winter…plays drum in a few bands…National Honors Society member…winner of Bausch and Lomb Science Award…looking at Holy Cross, Providence, Bates and Bowdoin…would like to play college baseball, but only for a Div. 2 or 3 program…Scituate coach Kevin Greer: "Scott really had it going for a while there at the bat just about as well as anyone I've coached. He's a good hitter. He also staked his claim on that shortstop position that was up in the air early in the season. He solidified that spot and made two of the most outstanding defensive plays I've ever seen at that spot."

Joe Duggan - Senior
Pitcher/First Base - Scituate

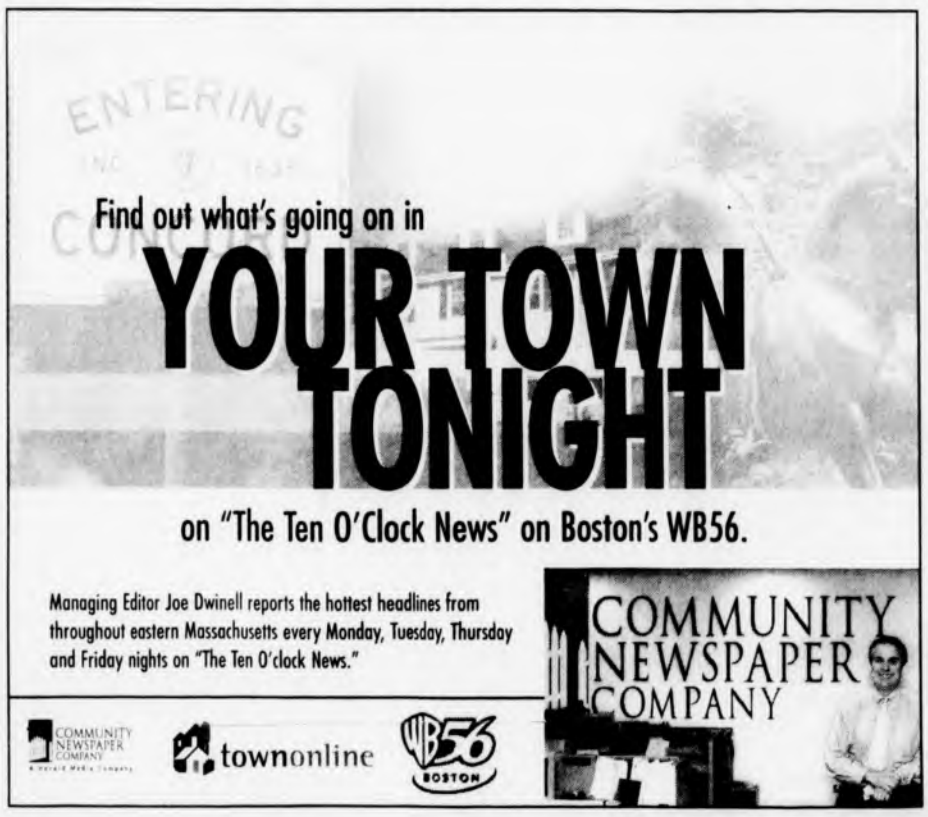
Joe Duggan

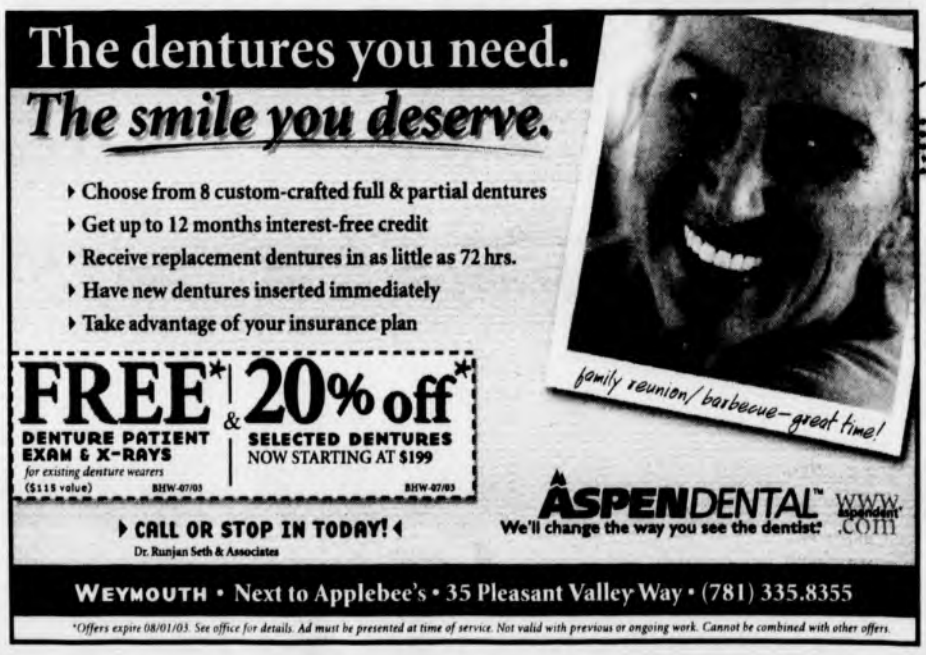
Joe was a leader who helped keep a young Sailors team together in what was an extremely frustrating season (seven one-run losses)…was the Sailors top pitcher and finished second in the team batting race with a .333 average… was the starting second baseman on last year's Div. 2 sectional finalist team…Joe's graduation signals the end of an era in Scituate High sports, as he is the last of five Duggan brothers to star for and captain both the school's hockey and baseball teams…also a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic goalie who helped direct the Sailors to a 17-4-1 season this past winter…will attend Mass. Maritime, where he will play baseball and major in law enforcement…would like to continue playing hockey, possibly at the Club level…eyeing a career as an environmental police officer…Scituate coach Kevin Greer: "Joe, just like all of his brothers, was a great kid to coach and a great leader. He worked extremely hard to become the player he is. We had a lot of tough luck losses this season, but Joe really helped us hold things together both in the field and off it."

Honorable Mention:

John Haggerty - Sr. - Second base - Hingham
Mark Winter - Jr. - Closer - Hingham
John Zuccaro - Sr. - Pitcher - Hanover
Adam Pardo - Sr. - Shortstop - Hanover
Brian Libby - Jr. - Pitcher - Abington
Adam Bowser - Sr. - Shortstop - Abington
Pete Wilson - Jr. - Marshfield
Kevin Botelho - Sr. - Centerfield - Rockland
Rob Kintz - Sr. - Catcher - Weymouth
Chris Breton - Sr. - Shortstop - Weymouth
Matt O'Donnell - Sr.- First Base - Norwell
Rob Weber - Jr. - Shortstop - Norwell
Dave Liffers- Soph.- Pitcher - Norwell
Ryan Nicotri- Sr. - Shortstop - Silver Lake
Nick Botelho - Sr. - Pitcher/Outfield - Silver Lake
Chris McKenna - Sr. - Outfield - Cohasset
Mike Snowdale - Sr.- Outfield - Cohasset
Bill Flaherty- Sr. - Outfield - Braintree
Justin O'Connor - Sr. – Pitcher - Braintree

Recent CHS graduates Chris McKenna (above) and Mike Snowdale (below) did all they could to keep the team competitive, earning Honorable Mention acknowledgements for their efforts.





Cohasset swimmers stunned

Eel River team escapes with win in rain shortened meet

The weather has played havoc with this year's swim program. The Eel River event, on July 11, was rained out at the half way point and last Friday's meet against Scituate's Knights of Columbus was brought to an early conclusion when thunder and lightening sent the teams running for cover.

So where are we up to in the season so far? The first two meets went well with wins for Cohasset against Scituate's Sharks and Duxbury Yacht Club. And then it came to Eel River. The third meet of the season, this scaled down event has generally produced a comfortable win for Cohasset. But this year, and perhaps we can blame the miserable weather, Cohasset's turnout was down and, from the offing, it was clear that they would struggle to keep up with their enthusiastic competitors.

The eight and under boys got the meet off to a good start in the medley relays with first and third place finishes (1st: Brown; McCarthy; MacCarthy; Swain; 3rd: Green; Rice; Berube; Lund) and although the girls struggled in their event, their third place finish claimed a useful four points (3rd: Zimmerman; Chase; Berube; McGowan). The ten and under boys produced a strong performance claiming first and third places (1st: Salerno; Buckley; Shipp; Carpenter; 3rd: Horrigan; Kennedy; McCormack; Pratt) and the girls pushed Cohasset just ahead with a win in their race (1st: Murphy; Seraikas; Musto; Karski; 2nd: Haber; Healy; Berube; Axelson). But the real problems started at the twelve and under level. Not lack of skill or stamina, just lack of swimmers. With no one available at in this age group, Eel River swam unopposed to take eight significant points and tie the score. The twelve and under girls pulled back a little with second, fifth and sixth place finishes (2nd: Libby; Asnault; Buckley; Gaumer; 5th: McElhinny; Sullivan; Baumgarten; Meikleham; 6th: McBride; Salerno; Regan; Dunn) and the seventeen and unders' rounded the event off with a second place for the boys and a second and fifth place for the girls (boys: 2nd: Gammon; MacCarthy; Muir; Kuppens; girls: 2nd: Englander; Anderson; Sacks; Anderson), but by the end of the medley relays Eel River was twelve points ahead of Cohasset.

The ten and under boys and girls gave the score a boost in the 50 yard freestyle finishing first in both events (boys: 1st: Buckley, T.; 4th: Horrigan, B.; girls: 1st: Karski, E.; 3rd: Berube, M.; 4th: Haber, A.) and allowing Cohasset to reduce Eel River's lead by four points.

In the freestyles races, Conor Ofsthun put in a brave performance as the sole representative of the twelve and under boys, finishing in second place, and the girls finished third, fourth and sixth (3rd: Baumgarten, E.; 4th: Buckley, A.; 6th: McElhinny,C.). At the fourteen and under level the boys managed a "DQ" and a fourth place finish (4th: MacCarthy, E.) and the girls were also out by "DQ". With no one swimming at the boys seventeen and under level and a second place finish (Anderson, M.), the individual medleys finished with Cohasset behind by 34 points.

Spirits were improved again with the usual plucky performance from the eight and under boys in the 25 yard freestyles (1st: Swain, G.; 2nd: MacCarthy, R.; 4th: McCarthy, M.). The girls fought hard but were held to third, fifth and sixth places (3rd: Buckley, M.; 5th: Axelson, M.; 6th: Zimmerman, E.). At the ten and under level both the boys and girls claimed a win (boys: 1st: Salerno, J.; 3rd: Carpenter, C.; 5th: Kennedy, V.; girls: 1st: Murphy, O.; 4th: Seraikas, A.) and by the end of the 25 yard event Cohasset had taken seven points off Eel River's lead. At the 50 yard level Conor Ofsthun added another win for Cohasset and the twelve and under girls hit the right note with second, third and fourth place finishes (2nd: Meikleham, A.; 3rd: McBride, F.; 4th tie: Sullivan, O.). The fourteen and under boys and girls also put in a great performance and with wins in both the seventeen and under races, Cohasset had now accumulated 108 points to Eel River's 133 (boys, 14 and under: 1st: Musto, C.; 2nd: Shipp, A.; 3rd: Gammon, B.; girls, 14 and under: 2nd: Richardson, L.; 4th: Campbell, A.; 6th: Guinee, A.; boys, 17 and under: 1st: Roach, K.; girls, 17 and under: 1st: Anderson, C.; 2nd: Ogrodnik, M.).

The sky had been dark and dreary throughout the morning, but, going into the butterfly event it was clear that a storm was building. The races kept going, children shivered on the starting blocks, but there was a real hope that we could escape the rain and get this one finished.

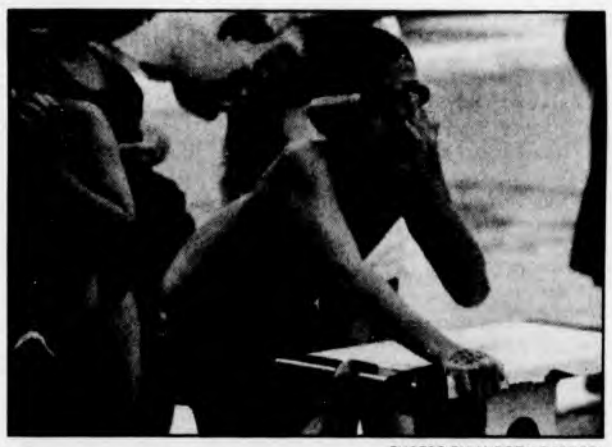
The eight and under boys threw themselves into the butterfly event and thanks to another great performance by Geoff Swain, they took first place (1st (tie): Swain, G.; 3rd: MacCarthy, R.; 4th: Berube, G.). The girls just missed the win, but took second, third and sixth places (2nd: Malerti, H.; 3rd: Axelson, M.; 6th: Berube, B.), and at the ten and under level both the boys and girls won their races (boys: 1st: Shipp, M.; 2nd: McCormack, P.; 3rd: Kennedy, V.; girls: 1st: Musto, E.; 2nd: Karski, E.; 3rd: Berube, M.). Cohasset had now closed Eel River's lead to nine points, and the twelve and under races were up next.

The boys race was another "no swim" for Cohasset, but the girls fielded three strong swimmers, finishing second, fourth and sixth (2nd: Libby, S.; 4th: Baumgarten, E.; 6th: McElhinny, C.). The score was now 155 for Eel River and 138 for Cohasset.

And then the thunder came. Everyone stopped to listen. What had previously just been far off rumblings was now right over head and the meet had to be abandoned. We had made it to event 32, exactly half way through the meet, and although we hadn't finished all heats of that event, and although there would be much discussion about the final decision, it had to be accepted. The meet was over, and Eel River had beaten Cohasset by seventeen points.

This was not a pleasant outing. It was cold and grey and the conclusion was disappointing on many levels. It was a brave performance from those who turned up, especially those tiny eight and unders whose teeth chattered as they lined up to compete. But it was a messy meet with an unsatisfactory ending and it breaks Cohasset's undefeated record for this season.

But enough of despondency! The team will swim again this week. First, against Scituate's Knights of Columbus on Wednesday, completing a meet that was also abandoned in a thunder storm and, again, on Friday, against the powerful Mask squad. We look forward to a strong showing at both meets and let's hope the weather holds.



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Cohasset's Ben Rice climbs onto the block to get ready for his leg of the medley relay at Friday's showdown against the Scituate Knights of Columbus Swim Team.

Cohasset's Sue Dickinson gets into the ready position.

The members of the Cohasset 7-on-7 team show off their Bay State Games silver medals. Front row: Jesse Brewer, David Santiago, Aidan Buick and Matt O'Connell. Back row: Chris Clark, Craig Laugelle, Andrew Wise, Conor Buick and JT Oronte.

Cohasset boys soccer team shines at Bay State Games

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the defense enabled Cohasset to stay competitive in the game and keep the lead. In the final game, Cohasset lost to a very talented team comprised of club players.

The Cohasset Boys' are looking to secure the divisional title this year with nine returning seniors, a new coach in Rob Leary, the former Rockland High head coach, and a strong desire to win. Captains this year are Conor Buick, David Santiago and Chris Clark.

Captain's practices will be beginning the end of July and will be posted on the cohasset-soccer.com web site.

Hoops on rise again

PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

The entire South Shore Basketball School gang.

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As part of the camp, all athletes competed in a "mini-Olympics" during the course of the week, a variety of basketball-related contests including knockout, dribble knockout, and elbow shooting.

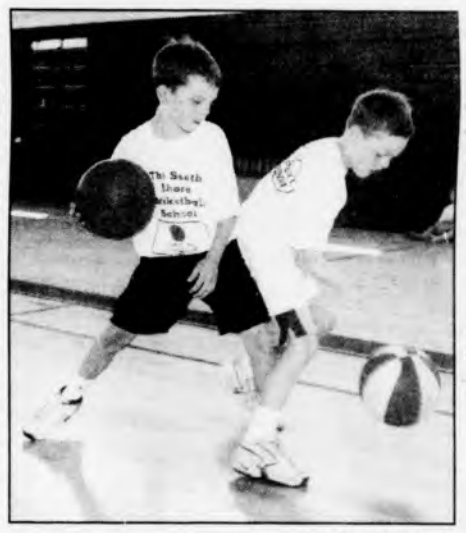
The contest winners in their respective age groups were Conor O'Brien, 8, Michael Waters, 9, Robert Jones, 10, and best overall for the 8-11 age group was John Maher, 11. The top overall girl performer was Katie French, 9, while the contest winner at the upper age group was Evan Deutsch, who scored the highest in the combination of all the events. These winners were awarded basketballs as prizes, donated by the camp's sponsor, GoodSport.

"The talent of these kids was remarkable," said Jared Krupczak, co-captain of this past year's team. "I honestly believe that they could be state champs some day."

Krupczak, along with teammates (co-captain) Ian Kidder, Sean Connolley, and DJ Silvial, as well as coach Tim Owens, helped Ford run smoothly through camp. The players and coaches led the players through a vast array of technical workouts and drills, most of which are actually used in practices at the high school level.

"[Kidder and Krupczak] came through as campers in 92," remembered Ford. "Having those two guys come full circle, that's great. It's gratifying to see kids give back to a program."

At the end of the week, Ford gave every camper a description of all the workouts and techniques they had done during the week. The objective, naturally, is to encourage the athletes to practice on their own, and better their games over the summer and fall to prepare for the winter season.



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Conor O'Brien (left), 8, tries to knock Ryan McGovern, 8, off his dribble during a drill.

"That's the whole point," said Ford. "Like I always say, 'the most important day of camp is the day after.'"

In a further attempt to promote development and appreciation for the game at the younger ages, Ford holds an open gym on Monday and Thursday nights, where anyone can come and play in some scrimmages.

In addition, the Clark Chatterton Fund and the Cohasset Basketball Boosters club have combined their efforts to give new basketball facilities to the outdoor playground at the Deer Hill School.

So while the numbers may be scarce for next year, the efforts of Ford and many others in this town ensure that Cohasset basketball will consistently be able to put a competitive team on the floor.

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Cohasset Little League camp

Cohasset Little League presents its first baseball clinic using B.A.T. (Baseball Analysis of Talent) skills and drills.

Director is former New York Yankees and Texas Rangers associate scout Lou Rettman.

Where: Cohasset Little League complex
When: Week 2- July 21-24
Time: 1-3 p.m.
Ages: 6-12 years old
Cost: $200 per week
More information: call Lou Rettman at 781-659-8200 or 781-799-1852.

Field hockey clinic for grades 3-9

There will be a field hockey clinic starting Tuesday, Aug. 12, through Thursday, Aug. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. The location of the clinic is still undecided.

The fee for this unique program is $85 per player. The program will be run by Debbie Bostwick, head coach of field hockey at Cohasset High School.

You may come to the Town Hall, Recreation office, for registration forms and information. Space is limited, early registration is advised. Registrations will no longer be accepted after July 17.\

Cohasset Recreation Hit Dog Baseball Clinic ages 5 to 12

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for Hit Dog's week long Baseball Clinic early May.

The Clinic will be held the week of Monday, Aug. 18 through Friday, Aug. 22, and will meet each day, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Barnes Field Little League Complex.

The fee for the full day clinic is $240 per player and includes a camp shirt. This unique program will be run by Hit Dogs Baseball.

Please complete the application form at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Boys and girls Lacrosse clinics

The Cohasset Recreation Department will soon be taking registrations for both boy's and girl's Lacrosse clinics.

The clinics will be held the week of Monday, July 21, through Friday, July 25, for grades 3 to 6 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Milliken Field, The fee per participant will be $75 and checks may be payable to Town of Cohasset. A few days will run longer than 10 a.m., however, we will advise you of which days.

Mr. Chuck Jaffe will direct this unique opportunity to learn and develop the basic skills and concepts of lacrosse.

Registration forms can be obtained at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall in early May.

CHS open gym for basketball

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces an open gym for all aged youngsters and adults at the Cohasset High gym.

Open gym will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings, from 5:30-7:15 p.m. While supervision will be provided via Cohasset High faculty and the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club, youngsters under the age of 13 need to be accompanied by an adult.

The program will begin on Monday, July 14/Thursday, July 17 at the CHS gym. 143 Pond Street.

Jade Forest to offer 24 move Tai Chi

On July 26 and 27, Jade Forest will conduct its annual summer forms camp. This year Jade Forest will offer an open-to-the-public Tai Chi component, featuring special guest instructor, Lin Lin Choy. A former professional dancer trained by the Royal Ballet, Ms. Choy also trained at Tai Chi in mainland China. Now she teaches Tai Chi in the U.S., and specializes in the 24 move Tai Chi set. The 24 move form is a shortened and simplified version of the Yang family form, requiring a mere 3 to 5 minutes of practice time. This form is appropriate for all ages and levels of experience, including beginners.

The 24 move seminar will run on Saturday and Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. Cost is $100. Contact Jade Forest at 781-383-6822 for further information or to preregister, or e-mail to jadeforest@comcast.net.

South Shore Soccer Camp Soccer Squirts

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be on going at Town Hall for South Shore Soccer Camp's week long Squirts Clinic which begins Monday, July 28 through Friday Aug. 1.

Soccer ABC's for ages 4 and 5 will meet each day from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and the fee is $85 per participant. The Half Day program for ages 6 and 7 will meet each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the fee is $125 per participant. The fee includes a camp shirt and appropriate sized soccer ball for each participant, both available the first day of camp.

Please complete the application form at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, First Floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Summer Wrestling Clinic, Grades 1-12

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces registrations are being accepted for a summer wrestling clinic to be held at Cohasset High School Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25.

The clinic will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for grades 7-12 and cost $125 per wrestler. Grades 4-7 will cost $55 and meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. Grades 1-3 will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and cost $55 per wrestler.

This unique wrestling opportunity will be run by CHS wrestlign coach Torin Sweeney. .

Registration forms are available at the Recreation Dept. Space is limited , so early registration is advised.

Adult tennis

The Cohasset Recreation Department will now accept telephone registrations for adult tennis lessons for beginner, intermediate and advanced beginner levels of instruction.

Sessions are four weeks in duration, with the first session will be starting based on demand, meeting one hour weekly and cost $40 for the four-week session. Those interested will be placed in it As soon as possible. (Classes will be held on either Tuesday or Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. until about 7:30 p.m.

Teaching will be Evan McCaffrey and Emilie Shea of the Recreation Department's tennis staff. To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109.

Congratulations 2003 Girls Major League Softball Champions

Hail to the Phillies, champions of the Cohasset Softball Major League. Coached by Matt Salerno, Chris Haggerty and Jay Monaco, the Phillies completed their regular season with 12 wins and two losses, while battling three other teams in the very competitive league.

Prior to the season, the coaches felt strongly that they would have a good sound team, judging from the list of athletes from the previous year. Last season, this group of returning sixth-graders made it all the way to the championship round and always felt that they could have been and should have been the champions in 2002. The core of that team knew right then and there that they would not be denied when they returned the following year. These girls would share the leadership of the team. The coaches knew they could count on strong pitching from Alyssa Mullin and Carly Salerno, who pitched the previous year as fifth graders. To handle the pitchers were the two veteran catchers who always kept the team's collective head in the game: Lesen Haracz and Kristin Monaco. Sure-handed Maggie McGoldrick, fleet-footed Jo-Jo Brophy, versatile Jenny Cahill and power-house Margaret Goodwin rounded out the returning nucleus of a very fundamentally sound softball team.

Filling in the gaps was a group of dynamite fifth-grade girls who complimented and supported their older teammates. Carli Haggerty, Maddy Altholtz, Paige Collins, Grace Curry, Rebecca Dickenson, Izzy Franklin, Sarah Libby and Johanna Regan practiced hard, listened to the coaches, played their position, but most importantly, they all learned the TEAM CHEERS!! All of them... loudly. ("I see a HOLE out there, so hit the BALL out there... ")

Back row: coach Jay Monaco, Margaret Goodwin, Carli Haggerty, Maggie McGoldrick, Carly Salerno, Alyssa Mullin, Lesen Haracz, Johanna Brophy, coach Chris Haggerty.
Front row: Heidi Salerno, Leila Altholtz, Gracie Curry, Kristin Monaco, Jenny Cahill, Maddy Altholtz, Izzy Franklin, coach Matt Salerno. Not pictured Johanna Regan, Paige Collins, Rebecca Dickenson, Sarah Libby

Because the Phillies finished first in the league, they needed to play the Astros in the first round. However, this was tougher than the team thought. The Phillies were victorious in the first game, but the Astros and the Phillies battled through a defensive struggle with the 'Stros outscoring the Phils. In the decisive game three, the Phillies took a commanding lead, but needed some courage and determination to hold off the feisty Astros to win the game and move into the Championship round.

Their next opponent were the Blue Jays, who also had played three tough games against the Devil Rays, winning a close game three contest. But the Phillies prevailed and even Mother Nature's rain couldn't prevent the Phillies from eventually accomplishing their goal that they set at the beginning of the season, to become the 2003 Girls Major League Softball Champions of Cohasset.

Last challenge as a team... running hand-in-hand into the cold waters at Sandy Beach after the championship game. Next challenge...riding the Cohasset Fire Truck in the Little League Parade before next season starts.

Post 118's glass more than half full

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leaders aren't named; they emerge to lead, and that's just what Mike and Brian did."

The other seven players who toiled to the end for the Post 118ers all have at least two years of eligibility remaining, and most played key roles for the team this year.

- Jack O'Leary, a Scituate High junior-to be, wound up the team's leading hitter, finishing with a batting average in the mid-.400s. He also provided solid outfield play, and worked on the mound in relief a few times.

- Mike Barba, a Scituate High sophomore-to-be, took over at second base when Knight went down with a season-ending injury early on, and improved at an amazing rate, according to Arnold. "Mike matured about three years as a player in about three weeks," lauded the coach.

- Greg Malley, a Thayer Academy junior-to-be, won a spot in the starting pitching rotation and earned two of the team's pitching wins. He also played some solid outfield toward the end of the season.

- Ben Murphy, a Xaverian junior-to be and a catcher by trade, became an every day corner outfielder when a couple of veterans left for extended AAU ball play, acquitting himself quite well, according to Arnold.

- Tim Pilczak, a Cohasset High junior-to-be, was the team's jack-of all-trades, playing every position but shortstop and pitcher this season.

- Kevin Signorelli (the younger brother of Kevin), a Thayer Academy junior-to-be, played every inning of every game for Post 118 at either third base or on the mound.

- Brandon Stella was an occasional reliever and full-time source of inspiration for the team. The Scituate High junior-to-be suffers from Cerebral Palsy and has limited use of his right arm. He saw limited action but, according to Arnold. "was the first player to the field and the last one to leave it. No one worked harder, and he earned his spot on this team."

"We might not be as good next year as the 2002 team," concluded Arnold, referring to the team that made it to the second round of the state playoffs before falling to eventual state champion Sandwich, "but I guarantee we'll be better next year than we were this year, and I'd be willing to bet we're even better than that the year after that.

"This is how it seems to work for us. It goes in cycles. Right now, we've got a real good cast of younger players who should come into their own together. It's exciting to look at that potential spread out over the next few years."

POLICE LOG

THURSDAY, JULY 3

10:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

11:15 p.m. Hill St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:49 p.m. King St., officer wanted, arrest: Gary F. Garland, 28, 140 Atlantic Ave., Hull. Chgs.: possession Class B drug.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

12:34 a.m. Summer St., suspicious person, juvenile arrest. Sixteen-year-old arrested for minor in possession liquor.

12:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, arrest: John C. Duggan, 24, 7 Greenfield Lane, Scituate. Chgs.: operating under influence liquor, drinking alcohol from open container in MV, marked lanes violation, unregistered MV.

2:25 a.m. Border St., disturbance.

3:21 a.m. Brewster Road and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, arrest: Michael R. Alden, 39, 685 Moraine St., Marshfield. Chgs.: operating under influence liquor, second offense; operating MV with registration suspended; uninsured MV; marked lanes violation.

6:45 a.m. South Main St., fire, investigation.

7:56 a.m. South Main St., fire, investigation.

8:07 a.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity.

8:09 a.m. Jerusalem Road Drive, animal control.

10:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

12:42 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity.

1:18 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

2:16 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

2:29 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

2:32 p.m. Jerusalem Road, parking violation.

2:41 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

2:59 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

4:30 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

4:50 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:05 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:54 p.m. Summer St., assist motorist.

7:28 p.m. Hull and Cedar sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:09 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:02 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

10:02 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

10:02 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:14 p.m. South Main St., noise complaint.

10:38 p.m. Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

10:53 p.m. King St., MV stop, verbal warning.

11:25 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

11:32 p.m. Forest Ave., disturbance, gathering.

11:52 p.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

12:11 a.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint.

12:18 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

12:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

12:35 p.m. Briarwood Lane, officer wanted.

12:38 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

12:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, MV stop, arrest: Peter F. Crowell, 51, 27 Allen St., Scituate. Chgs.: operating under influence liquor, marked lanes violation, speeding in violation special regulation.

1 a.m. Depot Court, MV stop.

1:15 a.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

1:36 a.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

1:51 a.m. Assist other police department, arrest: Jan E. Silvia, 47, 29 Weymouth St., Holbrook. Chgs.: courtesy booking Scituate Police.

2:28 a.m. South Main St., MV stop.

3:23 a.m. South Main St., disturbance, removed to hospital.

4:23 a.m. Riverview Drive, assist citizen.

4:25 a.m. South Main St., disturbance.

4:52 a.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

5:04 a.m. Headquarters, officer wanted.

5:39 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

5:39 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

10:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, MV stop.

10:30 a.m. King St., investigation.

10:41 a.m. King St., assist other police department, area search negative.

10:51 a.m. Riverview Drive, suspicious activity.

12:53 p.m. Parker Ave., well-being check.

1:03 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

1:28 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

1:47 p.m. Lothrop Lane, power outage.

1:58 p.m. Doane St., illegal dumping.

2:20 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

2:35 p.m. South Main St., investigation.

3:18 p.m. Lamberts Lane, well-being check.

4:25 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

4:56 p.m. Seaver St., annoying phone calls.

5:39 p.m. Porrazzo Road, lost property.

5:46 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:53 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:52 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:40 p.m. Town lot, general services.

9:49 p.m. Town lot, MV stop, verbal warning.

11:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, JULY 6

5:44 a.m. Doane St., general services.

8:43 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:16 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, fire, investigation, fire extinguished.

11:47 a.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

12:02 p.m. Elm St., property damage.

2:53 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

3:20 p.m. Parker Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

3:20 p.m. Elm St., MV stop, verbal warning.

3:36 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

3:44 p.m. Atlantic Ave., disturbance, gathering.

3:50 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

3:58 p.m. Pleasant St., MV crash.

4:22 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

6:27 p.m. King and Pond sts., MV stop.

7:11 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

7:30 p.m. Border St., officer wanted.

8:09 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

9:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:15 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:15 p.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

9:34 p.m. Beechwood St., officer wanted.

10:14 p.m. Depot Court, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:32 p.m. Pleasant St. and Cushing Road, tree down.

MONDAY, JULY 7

3:29 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

6:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:03 a.m. HQ, fire, entry in log.

7:20 a.m. Sohier St., vandalism.

7:38 a.m. Bancroft Road, vandalism.

8:55 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., breaking and entering a motor vehicle.

9:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

9:33 a.m. Forest Ave., request for police officer/s.

9:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle fire, extinguished.

10:34, Beechwood St., animal call or complaint.

1:07 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle, suspicious person(s)/activity.

1:43 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

4 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property lost.

4:02 p.m. Beechwood St. and King St., soliciting.

4:22 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

4:34 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:58 p.m. Doane St., illegal dumping.

8:08 p.m. Jerusalem Road Drive, family disturbance, peace restored.

8:09 p.m. Highland Ave., general disturbance, gathering.

8:18 p.m. Beechwood St. and King St., fire, investigation.

8:38 p.m. Jerusalem Road, well-being check.

9:06 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident, transported to hospital.

9:37 p.m. Cedar St., open door/window.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

12:16 a.m. HQ, fire, entry into log.

12:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:07 a.m. Jerusalem Road, vandalism.

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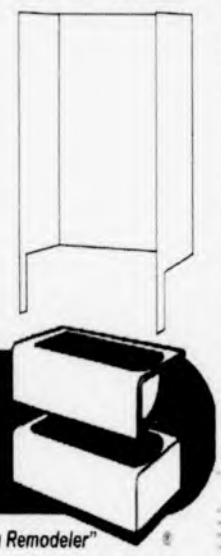

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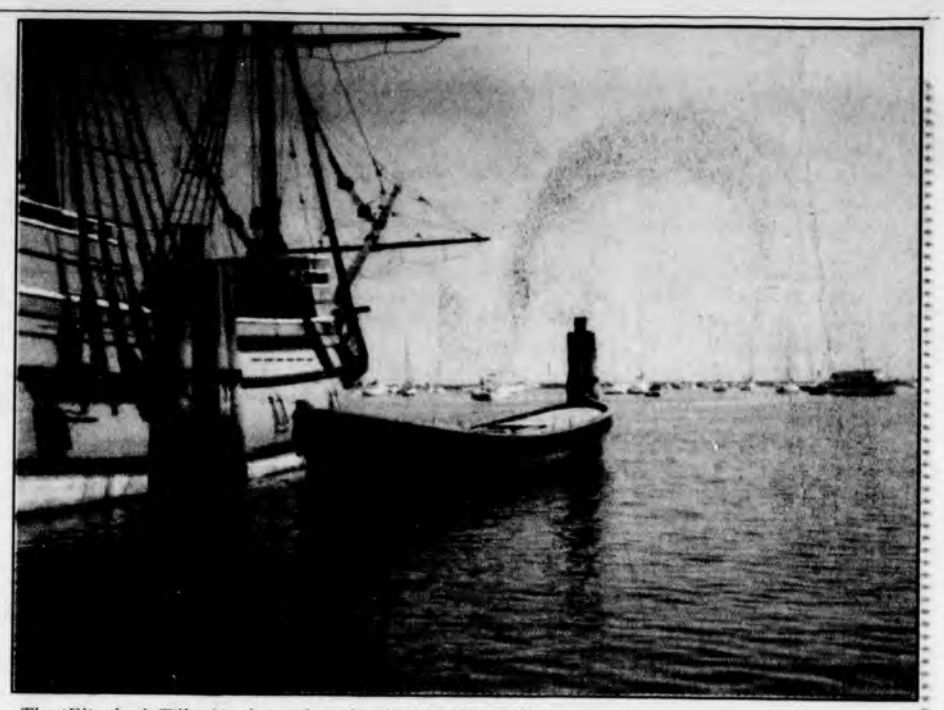

The 'Elizabeth Tilley' is shown here by the Mayflower II.

Shallop's maiden voyage to make Cohasset stop

Two years ago, the shallop was commissioned by The Pilgrim John Howland Society to be built at Plimoth Plantation.

On Monday, July 28, the replica of the original Pilgrim shallop is schedule to arrive in Cohasset on the first leg of her maiden voyage to the trading post of Old Fort Western on the Kennebec River in Maine. The vessel, which is named the "Elizabeth Tilley" (after Pilgrim John Howland's wife) is the culmination of a two-year project by members of Plimoth Plantation's Marine Artisans Department led by department manager, Peter Arenstam with help from volunteers and interns.

A shallop is defined as a "small open boat fitted with oars or sails, or both, and used primarily in shallow water." In the 17th century, this type of boat was generally taken aboard larger vessels, such as the Mayflower during long voyages. It could be taken apart, stored below decks and then reassembled when needed for coast exploration.

The original shallop traded corn for beaver pelts to be sent back to England. Two years ago, the shallop was commissioned by The Pilgrim John Howland Society to be built at Plimoth Plantation. The boat is built of oak by artisans using 17th-century tools as it would have been built 380 years ago. The "Elizabeth Tilley" is 38 feet long with a beam of 10 feet, four inches, and a depth admidships of four feet, six inches, based on measurements from 17th-century shipbuilding texts. The Howland shallop will have a crew of 12 and is scheduled to arrive in Augusta, Maine in 11 days.

When the shallop leaves Plymouth, it will make an approximately 200-mile journey up the coast of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine then up the Kennebec River. It will make several stops, including Cohasset on July 28; Rockport, July 29; Isle o' Shoals, N.H., July 30; Kennebunkport, Maine, July 31; Portland, Maine, Aug. 2; Fort Popham, Maine (Phippsburg Town Landing) on Aug. 4; Bath, Maine (Maine Maritime Museum), Aug. 5; and Richmond and Swan Island on Aug. 6 before reaching its destination of Old Fort Western in Augusta, Maine on Aug. 7. There will be costumed interpreters from the John Howland Society on board at the public viewings of the vessel in both Kennebunkport and Portland, Maine, in addition to private receptions at these stops.

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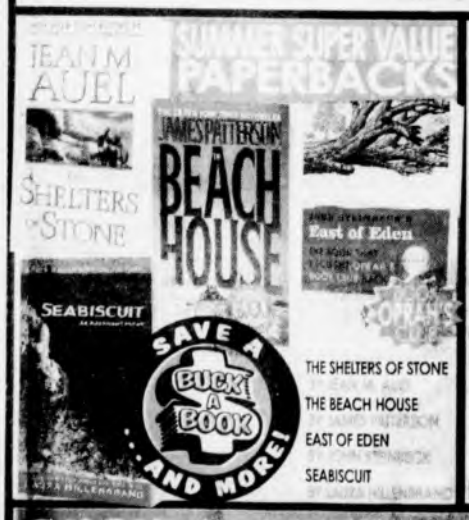

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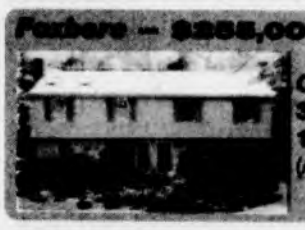
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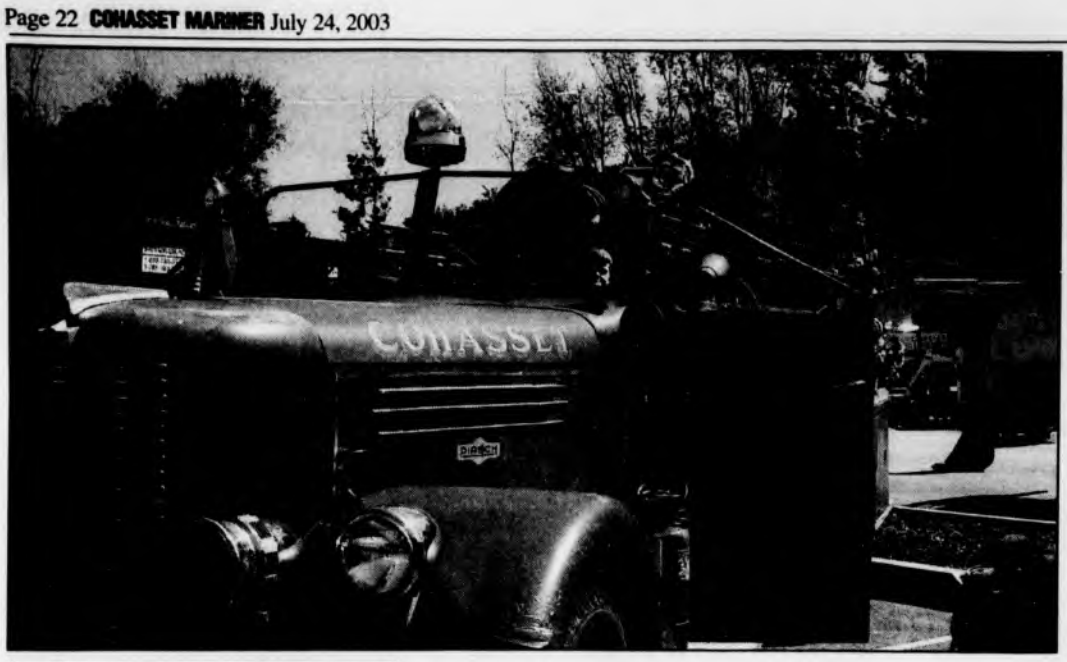

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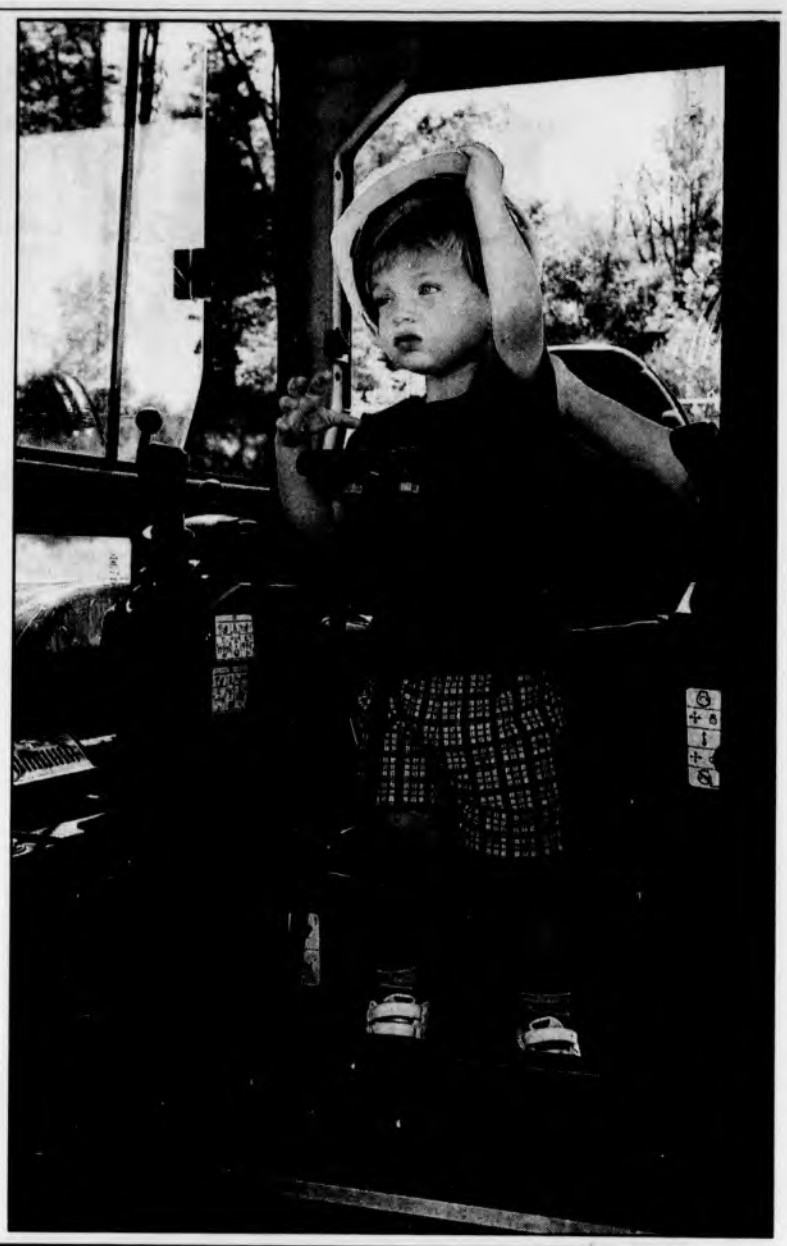

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Music on menu at Mount Blue benefit

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Bassist Jeff Thomas of the Joe Leary band entertains the crowd gathered under the tent at last year's benefit.

Boston-based band, The Swinging Steaks will perform at the Mount Blue benefit Monday. The band's music is a mix of rock and country.

Entertainment big draw for annual charity event

By Mark Skala
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The Mount Blue annual summer charity gala has become a don't-miss South Shore event thanks in large part to the outstanding entertainment. And this year is no exception

Music, food, good company and entertainment are the perfect ingredients for the annual gala with this year's celebration set for Monday, July 28, at the restaurant. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity organization. Co-owner Jayne Bowe couldn't be more excited about this year's entertainment lineup featuring the Norwell restaurant's most popular attractions — the Joe Leary Band and the

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PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Joe Leary of the Joe Leary Band belts out a tune at last year's gala. Joe and his band will perform again this year, with music beginning about 7 p.m. on Monday.

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A silent and live auction are part of the entertainment and fundraising at the annual Mount Blue soiree. Here, Norwell resident Ed Boyle auctions off items such as Aerosmith concert tickets.

A liberal dose of country

Mary Chapin Carpenter makes tour stop at Music Circus

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

From the beginning, Mary Chapin Carpenter was never your typical country music performer.

New Jersey-born and Yale-educated with a degree in English Literature, these two bio facts alone set Carpenter apart from pretty much everything that's ever been seen or heard in country music nation, Nashville or otherwise.

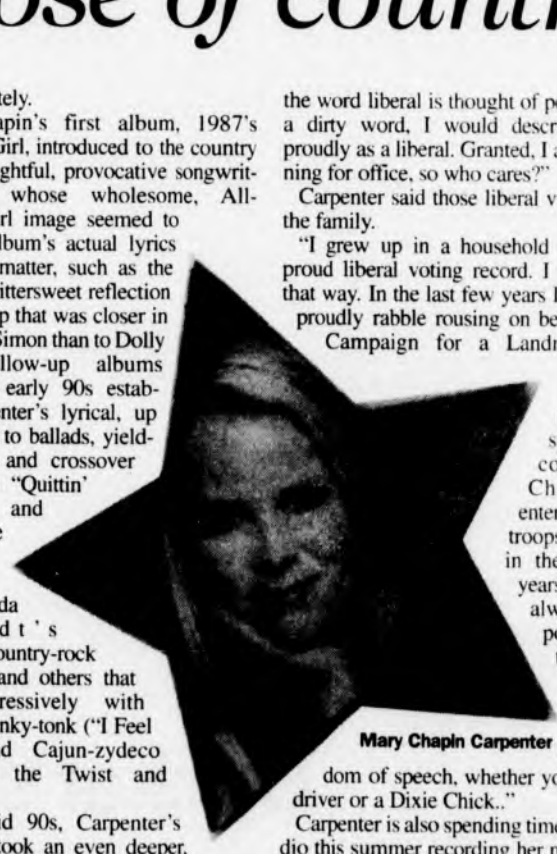
But Mary Chapin first gained national fame as part of country's wave of literate, reflective women singer/songwriters arising in the mid 1980s, among others such as Nanci Griffith and Roseanne Cash. And even within that realm, she's often proven to be more than meets the eye.

On tour nationally this summer for the first time after a few years' hiatus, Mary Chapin Carpenter makes a local stop in concert at the South Shore Music Circus this Saturday, July 26 at 8 p.m. Opening for Carpenter at the Music Circus is another similarly lyrical, folk-influenced country singer/songwriter Eliza Gilkyson.

"I have always supported the troops and our right to exercise our freedom of speech, whether you're a taxi driver or a Dixie Chick."
Mary Chapin Carpenter

"For the last few years I have been concentrating on writing songs for the next record, getting married (no, that didn't take two years but I did take time off to enjoy married life) and basically just taking time to have something of a more home-based life, rather than spending most of my time on the road," said Carpenter about where she's been lately.

Mary Chapin's first album, 1987's Hometown Girl, introduced to the country scene a thoughtful, provocative songwriting talent whose wholesome, All-American-Girl image seemed to betray the album's actual lyrics and subject matter, such as the title tune, a bittersweet reflection of growing up that was closer in tone to Paul Simon than to Dolly Parton. Follow-up albums through the early 90s established Carpenter's lyrical, up tempo songs to ballads, yielding country and crossover hits such as "Quittin' Time" and "Passionate Kisses" that recalled Linda Ronstadt's California country-rock of the 70s, and others that flirted impressively with styles like honky-tonk ("I Feel Lucky") and Cajun-zydeco ("Down at the Twist and Shout").



Mary Chapin Carpenter

By the mid 90s, Carpenter's songwriting took an even deeper, contemplative turn, while she began mixing country more freely with folk and even world music influences. The singer's latest disc, 2001's symbolically-themed Time*Sex*Love, delved further into experimentation, mixing elements such as mandola, clavinger bass, electric sitar and subtle synth orchestrations into an overall style that was nearly unrecognizable perhaps as country music but no less pleasing to Carpenter's many fans.

In between more than 12 million in album sales, five Grammies and several Top Female Vocalist country music awards over her career, Carpenter has found generous amounts of her time to donate to various charity and activist work, typically for causes of literacy, the environment and social change.

"I add my name to those organizations or causes that I believe in, that I hope will make a difference, large or small, in our lives," she said. "In this day and age where the word liberal is thought of politically as a dirty word, I would describe myself proudly as a liberal. Granted, I am not running for office, so who cares?"

Carpenter said those liberal views ran in the family.

"I grew up in a household that had a proud liberal voting record. I was raised that way. In the last few years I have been proudly rabble rousing on behalf of the Campaign for a Landmine Free World, among others. I spent three consecutive Christmases entertaining the troops overseas in the last few years. I have always supported the troops and our right to exercise our freedom of speech, whether you're a taxi driver or a Dixie Chick.."

Carpenter is also spending time in the studio this summer recording her next album, expected for release this fall. At this point, she tells her fans expect almost anything from the new disc.

"I won't really know until we get in there and start messing around. I have much affection for the new songs, which is so important a feeling to have at the beginning, as opposed to having a doubting or questioning feeling. I may drop one or two, but it will be with regret and apology to those songs, as they have been bridges artistically to get me to the writing of the ones that came after them. Anyway, I do know that it will be a lot of fun to make this record as I will be getting together with some old friends and making music with some new friends as well. How can we go wrong with that?

Mary Chapin Carpenter plays the South Shore Music Circus Saturday, July 26. For tickets and information call the SSMC at (781) 383-9850

Joe Cocker

Cocker's still rockin'

Legendary performer takes Music Circus stage Aug. 1

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Like the classic bottle of fine wine, raspy voiced rocker Joe Cocker seems to improve with age. The 59-year-old got his first taste of fame in his native England in 1963 when he shared a bill with other young rock artists known then — and now — as The Rolling Stones. In those early days, Cocker earned a living as a gas fitter while moonlighting as singer "Vance Arnold" with a group called The Avengers which often performed covers by Cocker's idol, Ray Charles. By 1964, Cocker was 20 years old and the time came to leave his civil service job and start to perform under his own name — something he'll do again next week when he comes to the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset.

Throughout the rest of the 1960s, Cocker saw his career through several fits and starts before coming into his own at the end of the decade with memorable appearances on The Ed Sullivan Show and

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Living

Quick summer pasta

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

One of the many benefits of summer is a quick pasta dish based on fresh garden vegetables. One ideal combination is angel hair pasta and peas since they are both quick-cooking, and delicate. The problem with this recipe is mostly one of timing, producing both perfectly cooked pasta and peas and also managing to use a light hand in the flavor department, ignoring such common additions as pancetta, cream, cheese, or a tomato sauce. I wanted something fast, light and fresh-tasting.

Angel hair pasta is a mostly forgotten shape in most American home kitchens, but it has a unique texture and since each thin strand becomes coated with sauce, it is also quite flavorful. The problem is that it readily clumps together and the solution, one I have used with other types of pasta, is to reserve some of the cooking water (a half-cup in this case) to moisten the pasta once cooked and to thin the sauce. Now I had the perfect texture. In addition, I used 6 tablespoons of high-quality olive oil (DaVinci is my preferred supermarket olive oil and Columela is my favorite expensive brand).

Garlic was going to be key to this recipe and I quickly settled on pressed garlic (using a garlic press) rather than smashed cloves or diced garlic. I wanted very fine crushed pieces to evenly distribute throughout the sauce. I settled on three large cloves, which equals about 4 teaspoons. To prevent the garlic from clumping together, I tossed it with the olive oil before cooking.

For the peas, I found that I needed 1 1/4 pounds of garden peas to yield the 1 1/2 cups shelled peas I wanted for the dish. The peas cook in about three minutes and I found it easiest to throw them in with the pasta. Since the angel hair cooks in four minutes I just dumped them in once the pasta had boiled for one minute. That solved the problem of using two separate pots and also resolved the issue of timing.

As for cheese, true Italians might not use any at all in this sort of dish, but a healthy dose of good-quality grated Parmesan sprinkled on each serving did add a lot of flavor. Any sort of melting cheese simply turned the angel hair into something out of the musical "Hairspray." Better to keep it simple. Other ingredients include a tablespoon of lemon juice to brighten the flavor. I tried wine and vermouth and both added an unwelcome element of heat. As for some chopped herbs I tried parsley, basil, mint, and thyme. I preferred parsley or basil — 2 tablespoons of chopped parsley or 1/4 cup thinly sliced basil leaves. A nice addition was a couple of cups of cherry or grape tomatoes halved and tossed in at the last minute. Also, I liked the addition of a couple of cups of sliced white mushrooms. I sautéed them in a small amount of oil, and though it takes a few extra minutes, the added flavor is worth the effort.

ANGEL HAIR PASTA WITH FRESH PEAS

Angel hair and peas don't actually combine well; one is a long thread and one is a tiny orb. The pasta becomes coated with the sauce and the peas end up in a pool at the bottom of the pan. Once the pasta is doled out, the peas can be spooned over the top of each portion. A small inconvenience for a quick, flavorful summer dish.

1 pound angel hair pasta

1 1/2 cups shelled peas from about 1 1/4 pounds pods

6 tablespoons best-quality olive oil

1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon pressed or minced garlic from about 4 large cloves

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons chopped flat leaf parsley or 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil leaves

Freshly ground black pepper

Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1. Bring 4 quarts of water to a rolling boil in a large pot. Add pasta and 1 tablespoon salt and cook according to al dente package instructions, about 4 minutes. Once the pasta has cooked for 1 minute, throw in the peas. Drain pasta and peas, reserving 1/2 cup pasta cooking water.

2. Meanwhile, stir together 3 tablespoons of olive oil and the pressed garlic. Heat a large heavy-duty skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic/olive oil mixture and cook until very fragrant and the garlic has turned from translucent to white with a slight touch of blond. Turn off burner. Add the lemon juice, salt, parsley or basil, remaining olive oil, pasta, peas and about half of the reserved pasta water. Toss to coat the pasta adding the remaining pasta cooking water a little at a time if necessary to adequately moisten the angel hair. Transfer to warm platter or individual bowls and serve immediately with freshly ground black pepper to taste. Sprinkle individual servings with freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

Serves 4.

MUSHROOM VARIATION

Place one tablespoon each of olive oil and butter in the skillet over medium-high heat. Once the butter has stopped foaming, add 2 cups sliced white mushrooms and a generous pinch of salt. Sauté, stirring occasionally, until most of the liquid released from the mushrooms has evaporated. Transfer the mushrooms to a small bowl, cover to keep warm, and begin the above recipe. Add the mushrooms back to the skillet in step 2 along with the pasta and peas.

CHERRY TOMATO VARIATION

Add 2 cups halved cherry or grape tomatoes to the skillet along with the pasta and peas in step 2.

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Music on menu at Mount Blue benefit

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Swinging Steaks.

"They both have such big followings here and know how to get the crowd going," said Bowe. "I'm thrilled they both will be performing. The Swinging Steaks are like the all-time favorite band at Mount Blue."

In pulling together this event each year Bowe said finding the right entertainment is a key component, in addition to having a deserving charity. She said there are so many choices in musical entertainment, but decided these two bands stood out. The two bands were also incredibly willing to help out, she said.

"I wanted something local, something fun," she said. "And they both deserve to be seen by an appreciative audience."

The Joe Leary Band, featuring Scituate's own Joe Leary, performed at last year's event and earned rave reviews from partygoers. The band's mix of songs, from old Beatles tunes to its own music, had the crowd in a festive mood under the white tent on the grounds of the restaurant co-owned by Aerosmith legends Steven Tyler and Joe Perry. The band heated up an already steamy summer night with its blend of rock and traditional music.

As Bowe acknowledged, people are able to get in the spirit of the evening because the band has such a great time.

"Joe and his group just love to perform and that comes across very easily," she said. "People pour in the door to hear them."

Leary said he couldn't be happier playing the annual gala. He says the cause is important and he also respects the relationship with the folks at Mount Blue.

"The people at Mount Blue are great, they treat their musicians better than any other place and the cause makes a huge difference," he said. "We are just happy to be associated with it."

The band has been together about three years, but most band members have 25 years or more each performing. Leary loves the setup at the event and called the crowd "electric." He described the event as "first-class all the way."

His band will be performing a number of original songs as well as "staple" rock tunes. In describing his band's sound, Leary said, "it's rock and roll, no matter how you slice. We may have some country in there, but it's all rock."

The band is currently working on a CD, titled "Fade to Blue" which is due out in September. It will feature original material from the band.

As for the Swinging Steaks, get ready to get down with some more rock and country alternative music. CREEM magazine called Swinging Steaks "the best country-rock out of Boston since Harvard student Gram Parsons put together his International Submarine Band." Swinging Steaks is a five-man band out of Boston, fueled by dual singers/songwriters Jamie Walker and Tim Giovanniello.

The band has produced seven album's so far, including "Southside of the Sky" and its latest "Sunday Best". The Steaks have appeared with John Fogerty, the Black Crowes, The Band and Hank Williams, Jr., to name a few. On Sunday, July 6, the band opened for Leonard Skynnard at a show in New Hampshire.

Swinging Steaks can be seen regularly at Mount Blue, with an upcoming performance on Thursday, Aug. 8.

"They're just fabulous," gushes Bowe. "Their country/rock sound has a wide appeal. And they are so willing to support this cause."

The entertainment doesn't end with the music, either. Guests at the annual bash will be treated to another silent auction as well as a live auction. More than 100 items had been donated as of late last week, with all proceeds assisting Habitat for Humanity's effort to build a home in Norwell. Karen Kane of Norwell has been orchestrating the auction and Bowe promises some interesting items up for bid.

Items for the silent auction include restaurant gift certificates, original art, spa sessions and much more. "There's everything you can think of up for grabs," added Bowe. The live auction will again this year include several donated and signed items from Aerosmith. The band donated a drum head with signatures from all the members, a signed copy of the band's new book "Walk This Way", as well as Mount Blue T-shirts signed by Joe Perry and Steven Tyler. Bowe says the two have been very supportive of the cause.

"They're excited about the cause," she said. "Steven is completely behind the cause and they have been very involved in the decision."

While she couldn't say for sure, guests might be able to spot the legendary band members at the event, something they have attended numerous times in the past. As in past years, Bowe expects the gala to sell out, attracting more than 600 people. That's good news for the Habitat group.

"This will mark our largest fundraising effort," said Colleen Cimini, public relations chairman for the Habitat project in Norwell. "The Mount Blue annual party is always a great success and this one is sure to be as well."

Tickets at $50 per person are still available and can be purchased in advance at Mount Blue in Norwell Center or by mailing a check for the number of reservations you want, sent to Mount Blue, P.O.Box 916, Norwell, 02061. Include your reservation number, address and name with the mailed check.

Heavenly hydrangeas shrubs provide long-lasting summer blooms

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As a nearly perfect summer weekend came to a close, I took a quick stroll through the garden to admire the beauty of the early evening landscape.

Throughout the gardens and the adjoining meadow, tiny beacons of light flickered high and low as fireflies flashed their familiar signals rekindling fond memories of my childhood. In those carefree summer days gone by, we would spend hours running barefoot across the lawn capturing the little glow worms and gently place them in grass-lined jars, piercing holes in the metal lids to ensure their survival. All through the night I could barely sleep, as I lay mesmerized by the mysterious blinking of these little treasures on my bedside table. The following morning, I would release the luminescent jewels, which were much less appealing during the daylight hours, and recapture the magic when the veil of darkness returned.

Dusk transforms the vivid hues and distinct forms of the colorful July perennial border into a muted watercolor of blended tones and hazy, blurred silhouettes. The evening landscape possesses a unique and captivating serenity that enables even the most critical gardener to temporarily view the landscape as a whole. For a fleeting moment, weeds and imperfections are forgotten as the lawn, gardens and surrounding woodlands become a unified panorama.

Only the palest colors can be discerned as darkness falls, with white flowers, foliage and structures having the greatest impact. For those who are often obligated to view their gardens only as twilight descends, plants that feature pastel flowers or variegated foliage may offer the greatest enjoyment. The trunks of white birch trees, the stunning variegated leaves of red-and yellow-twigged dogwoods, the large, pristine heads of white phlox "David", and clusters of "Becky" shasta daisies glow in the fading light of the July landscape.

Perhaps the most dramatic and impressive evening blooms are provided by Hydrangea arborescens "Annabelle", an improved cultivar of a native shrub and a hardy, reliable bloomer. Massive, symmetrical clusters of sparkling white flowers, slightly tinted green, appear in July and persist well into late summer. The enormous blossoms, which may be up to a foot across, are held erect above the large leaves on stems 3 to 4 feet in height. To promote sturdy stems laden with giant blooms, cut the shrub essentially to the ground in early spring. Snowball hydrangeas, as they are commonly called, bloom on new wood and this severe pruning, in conjunction with fertilizer and plentiful moisture, will encourage larger leaves and flowerheads. Grow "Annabelle" in a rich, moist, well-drained soil in sun or partial shade and be sure to irrigate during periods of drought.

The "PeeGee'" Hydrangea, so-named as an abbreviation for the botanical name H. paniculata "grandiflora", boasts attractive pyramidal clusters that provide lasting color from midsummer through autumn. Arching branches produce coarse foliage and present a rounded form that may reach 15 feet or more at maturity. The mostly sterile florets open creamy white and gradually fade to mauve pink as the season progresses. At the end of the growing season, the flower clusters turn soft beige offering excellent winter interest. Once the flowers have fully opened, they may be cut and dried for long-lasting indoor decorations.

Often pruned to a single trunk creating a small, handsome, ornamental tree, this hydrangea grows well in sun or partial shade. As one of the hardiest and longest-lived members of the family, this heavy feeding shrub is best provided with rich, organic soil when planted and it welcomes an annual application of fertilizer and mulch. Selective pruning need only be done in early March to thin or rejuvenate an overgrown specimen but plants do bloom on new wood so even a hard pruning will not compromise the abundant summer blooms and will promote larger leaves and flowers.

Another cultivar of the panicle hydrangea, H. paniculata "Tardiva" blooms even later in the season as a 6- to 8-foot shrub. White pyramidal flowerheads are a mix of sterile ray florets and starry fertile flowers and appear in late August and early September. This compact cultivar has also become available in tree-form in recent years and demonstrates especially deep green, lustrous foliage.

My personal favorite member of the Hydrangea family is the oakleaf hydrangea (H. quercifolia), which displays 10-inch conical blossoms in late July with a mixture of fertile and sterile flowers. An advocate for plants that offer multiple seasons of interest, I love this somewhat coarse but appealing shrub which exhibits distinctive, large lobed leaves that are fuzzy as they emerge in the spring and change to a rich lustrous bronze in autumn. New stem growth is a soft, peachy tan and reminds me of velvety antlers. Older suckering twigs are cinnamon in color and exfoliate to provide marvelous textural interest during the winter months. Reaching a height of 6 feet and a width of up to 10 feet across, this handsome shrub is ideal for the woodland edge as it thrives in semishade but will flourish in brighter settings given moisture-retentive, well-drained soil. Selected cultivars, including "Snow Queen" and "Alice", have showy, predominantly sterile flowers and "Snowflake" presents double white flowers.

These deciduous, hardy members of the Hydrangea family offer reliable summer blooms that positively glow in the evening landscape. Add one or more varieties to your garden and enjoy their luxuriant blooms as you chase fireflies at twilight across a soft velvety lawn.

Cocker's still rockin'

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before a half-million people at Woodstock. In 1970, Joe sold $3 million worth of records in America alone. His first three albums went platinum and Playboy voted him number one vocalist in their annual jazz and rock poll. At the height of his fame, Cocker toured non-stop until he was almost literally and figuratively worn out. He continued making albums and songs like "Guilty," "The Moons A Harsh Mistress" and "You Are So Beautiful." Songs that have become Cocker classics, all dating from the darkest days, back in the mid 1970s.

As the 1980s dawned, Cocker was invited by The Crusaders to join them on a song they had written exclusively for him — "I'm So Glad I'm Standing Here Today." The lyrics said it best and Joe received a hero's welcome when he performed the song at the Grammy Awards in February of 1982. His duet with Jennifer Warnes on "Up Where We Belong", the theme from the feature film "An Officer And A Gentleman," brought an appearance at the 1983 Academy Awards and a hit worldwide, including his first to go to number one on the American charts.

Since then, Cocker has sung theme songs for movies "9 1/2 Weeks," "Harry and The Hendersons," "Bull Durham," and "An Innocent Man." In 1991, he recorded "Sorry Seems To Be The Hardest Word" on the Elton John/Bernie Taupin tribute album, "Two Rooms," which has sold over three million copies to date.

His old songs continue to find new listeners while also remaining popular with earlier generations. His concert performances are often legendary. Unlike many aging stars who tend to slow their pace and lyrically go on about losing a step or dying, Joe's songs are chock full of optimism, fun and good memories. New mixes of great old tunes like "Summer in The City" are now imbued with a contemporary funky Reggae edge.

(Joe Cocker appears in concert at the South Shore Music Circus, Sohier Street, Cohasset, on Friday, Aug. 1. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787 or visit www. southshoremusic-circus.org).

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KALEIDOSCOPE - Milton Academy is offering a new arts and creativity program for children age 9 to 13 years in August. Students will rotate through four, one-hour classes in art/drawing, creative writing, theater and problem-solving daily followed by a swim. Sessions run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. starting Aug. 4 to 22; the price of tuition includes lunch and use of the pool. Milton Academy 617-898-2481 or visit www.milton.edu

RICHIE'S RUN Saturday, Aug. 2, rain or shine Scituate High School Track: 606 Chief Justice Hwy (Rte 3A) 9 a.m. to noon "Richie's Run" is a day of youth track events for children ages 2 to 18. The purpose of "Richie's Run" is not only to preserve Richie's memory, but to uphold the outstanding attributes that distinguished him. It's a day of fun and of laughs, and in the spirit of his name, all proceeds will be passed on to a special student of Scituate High School.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! comes to The Providence Performing Arts Center, Nov. 22; Tickets on Sale Monday, July 14, at 10 a.m. Beatlemania-LIVE!, the ultimate Beatles' tribute show, will be making its debut at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, – exactly 40 years after Beatlemania exploded in England. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37.50, $32.50 & $25.50. Tickets for this theatrical concert event go on sale Monday, July 14, at 10 a.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center box-office (220 Weybosset St); by phone at 401-421-2787; and online at www.ppacri.org and www.ticketmaster.com.

SUNSET AT THE ABBEY: "AMERICAN CELEBRATION" On Saturday, Aug. 23, at 4:30 p.m., enjoy the soulful piano of Jacqueline Schwab, outdoors at picturesue Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham. Known as the pianist on Ken Burns documentaries, Schwab performs American parlor and traditional music from the past two centuries. Members of the Hingham Symphony will perform American classics of their own. Bring a blanket and a picnic. Rain location: First Parish Meeting House, Cohasset Common. $10 adults, $5 youth. Call 781-740-5694.

LITTLE RIVER BAND Brings Their Classic Sound to Plymouth Memorial Hall; Aug. 23. One of New Zealand's biggest exports, the Little River Band are now on tour and making a stop at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Saturday, Aug. 23. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets for the Little River Band, priced at $37 and $32, are now on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 83 Court St. in Plymouth, MA; online at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 866-468-7619. You can also visit their website at www.plymouthmemorialhall.com.

FIFTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. This USATF-sanc tioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. For applications visit www.brittanylambertFoundation.org, your local gym or register on-line at Active.com For more information call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187.

'LITTLE ANGELS' JIMMY FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT, Sept. 8, at Pembroke Country Club. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start: Tee time 1:15 p.m. Scramble format. $115 per player early registration special by Aug. 15, $100 per player. Includes "Little Angels" custom golf shirt. Non-golfers welcome $35 dinner only. $20 "Little Angels" custom golf shirt if ordered by Aug. 15. Player fee includes gift bag, golf cart, greens fee, stuffed chicken breast dinner. Prizes awarded for hole in one, on the green closest to the pin, lowest foursome score. For information contact Paul McLaughlin, 781-982-8383. http://oak47.ecorp.netgolf.htm

NETWORK CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT Aug. 11, at South Shore Country Club Amateurs and Novices alike meet each year to play in the SSWBN Network Classic GolfTournament. To receive the pre-registration price, reservations must be received no later than 24 business hours prior to the event. This includes mail, e-mail, fax, and telephone calls. At the door, walk-in registrations are always welcome. 781-749-8883 781-749-3130 Fax www.sswbn.org

THE FRIENDS OF THE NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT South Shore residents are invited to sign up for the organization's Fifth Annual Charity Golf Tournament. The event will be held on Monday, Aug. 4, at the Marshfield Country Club, 515 Moraine St., Marshfield. Registration begins at noon. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow at the Country Club, where there will also be a silent and live auction. Tickets are $175 per person, which includes five complimentary raffle tickets. Make checks payable to the Friends of the NVNA. Call the Friends of the NVNA at 781-659-2342.

HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, Oct. 7 to Nov. 1. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

Thurs. 24

The Duxbury Art Association announces the judges for the **86th Annual Midsummer Art & Craft show**, July 24 to 27. This year's distinguished panel of artists includes watercolor painter, Andrew Kusmin; photographer, Anne Henning; sculptor, Holly Hutchison and children's illustrator, Judith Moffatt. Jurors' works will be on display in the Bengtz & Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center from July 24 through Sept. 19.

James Library and Center for the Arts will host **Twilight Tales,** a 45-minute story time featuring stories, fingerplays and participatory songs July 24. Space is limited. To register call 781-659-7100.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. July 24, **Legion Bud Band.**

Braintree's 2003 "Parties in the Parks" will be held on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Lincoln Playground (Located on Hobart St., off Hayward Street) Free food and games and dancing as **DJ Dan Antonelli** plays musical favorites for all ages. Call 781-794-8904.

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. **July 24, Jeff Pitchell,** 617-439-7000.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, July 24, 10:30 a.m. **Kaleidoscope Theatre** presents **Cinderella.** Tickets available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Weymouth Recreation presents: **Family Concerts/Movies in the Park**, 75 Middle St., Amphitheater. July 24, **The Westwood Swing Band** 6:30 p.m. to dusk. In the event of rain, the programs will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. For more information call 781-682-6124.

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St. Plymouth. **Martini Night with Streamline** 8 to 11 p.m. Free.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Level Ride & Guest** on July 24. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 25

The Family Performing Arts/Kidspot's production of **Charlotte's Web** will be held at Duxbury High School (St. George Street) on Friday and Saturday July 25, and 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for students and seniors. All seating is general admission, and tickets may be purchased at the door. If you wish to reserve tickets, or would like more information, call 781-837-8990.

50th Anniversary of the Korean War July 25, 26, and 27, Abington Old Town Post #5737 Veterans of Foreign Wars, 30 Central St., Abington. July 25, 50's Dance with **D.J. John Bourne** 7 to 11 p.m. July 26, dance with band **The Emanons** 8 p.m. to midnight, July 27, 1 p.m. ceremony. For more information call 781-982-0056.

The Satuit Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on the Morrill Bandstand, Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor. Old fashioned sing-a-long with lots of audience participation. Concerts are held Friday nights, same time and place, throughout the summer.

The 86th Annual Midsummer Art & Craft Show will be open to the public from July 24 to 27, at **The Ellison Center for the Arts** and is free for all. During the four-day show there will be Gallery Tours, an Emerging Artist Sale and Silent Auction featuring custom pitchers and bird baths painted by popular local artists. The benefit opening reception will be held Friday evening, July 25.

Boston Harbor Hotel, Intrigue Terrace, presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. July 25, **Adam's Rib**.. For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association sponsors a Kayaking Trip to Nova Scotia a "Sea Kayaker's Paradise" The NSRWA is sponsoring a one-week paddling adventure in Eastern Nova Scotia exploring the island archipelago off of Tangier, Nova Scotia, from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. The trip includes a several nights at a campground with full facilities as well as a night or two camping on offshore islands. Beginners are welcome, and will be provided with a day-long introduction to paddling in early September to help get ready for the trip. Contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or email nsrwa@nsrwa.org for more information, and to sign up for the informational meeting July 31. For more information contact Paula Christie at the North & South Rivers Watershed Association at 781-659-8168 or paula@nsrwa.org

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Dillingers, 21 Home Depot Dr., Long Pond Road, Plymouth. **The David James Duo** 8 p.m.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, the **Best of Boston Comedy Night** featuring **Shane Kinney, Robbie Prince, and Rob Steen**. Admission $10, dinner optional beginning at 6:30 p.m. Show at 9 p.m. Handicap accessible. Dancing. 781-834-6505.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Wildcats** on July 25. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night." Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Sat. 26

Evenings Under The Stars Festival Orchestra will perform at Carr Amphitheater, **South Shore Conservatory**, One Conservatory Dr., Hingham. Hingham native **Nicholas Palmer** returns to the

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A Walk With Thoreau, Pemberton Pier, Hull, July 26, at noon. Join Richard Smith of the Concord Museum and local Hull historians as we retrace some of Thoreau's footsteps on a memorable living history walk. Walk a 2.5 mile loop around historic Hull Village with stops at Fort Revere Park, the Hull Cemetery, Stony Beach and the Hull Public Library. Call 617-727-4468.

The South Shore's Oceans of Love Committee will hold its first annual gala on July 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Gail Forrest in Duxbury. **All proceeds benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association's ALS division.** Clam bake dinner including lobster and filet mignon, wine tasting, silent auction, entertainment by **Wild Cat Bog Stompers**, a bluegrass band. Individual tickets $100 per person. Call 508-947-2929 or 781-934-6796.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury - The current exhibition, **Floating Sculptures**, which features traditional and contemporary carved New England decoys on display through Aug. 24

Plymouth Family Fair, Nelson Park (corner of Nelson and Water sts.) July 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donation $2 Children under 18 free

Star Creations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc. presents **Hansel and Gretel** July 26, and 27, at 3 p.m. and July 19 and 26 at 7 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission is $10 adult, $5 child.

USS Salem Concert Series – July 26, 2 to 6 p.m. **Yesterday's Memories with Ed and George of WATD 95.9 FM.** Shows held under a tent on board the USS Salem at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. Refreshments available. Admission $6 per person. A tour of the ship is included for all visitors. Call 617-479-7900.

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Mary Chapin Carpenter,** 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6pm.

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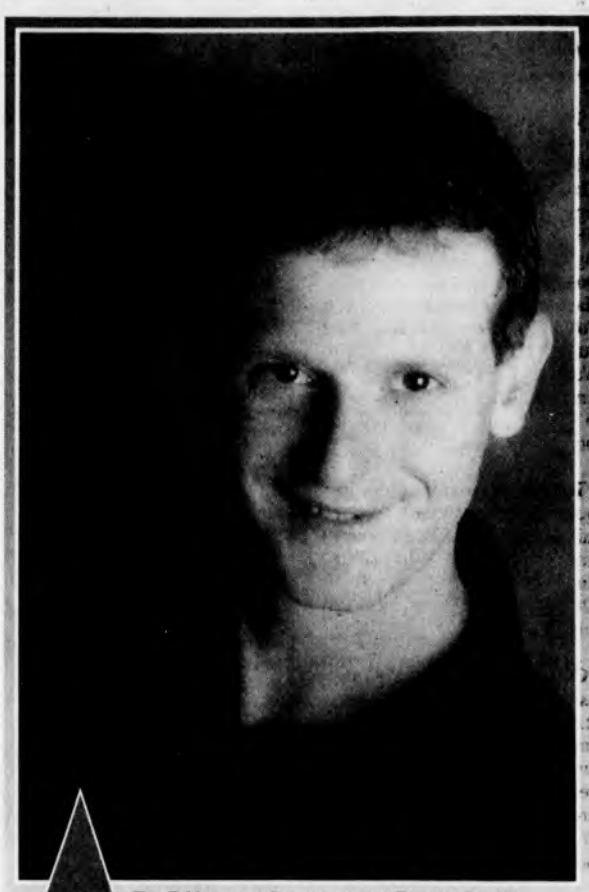

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The Bridgewaye Inn presents a Best of Boston Comedy Night at the inn's Waterfront Theatre Friday, July 25 featuring, Shane Kinney, Robbie Printz and Rob Steen. The show begins at 9 p.m. Dinner is optional beginning at 7 p.m. Admission for the show is $10. The Bridgewaye is located at 1265 Ferry Street in Marshfield adjacent to Humarock Beach. For more information or reservations call the Bridgewaye at (781) 834-6505.

Sun. 27

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury. The second in a series of **Japanese Tea Ceremonies** will be presented on July 27 at 2 p.m. Free but seating is limited and available on a first come first serve basis. Visit www.artcomplex.org

Hanover Bandstand summer concert series July 27, 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Crossroads Blues Project**, Route 139 in Hanover Center. Free and open to the public and handicap accessible. Donations gratefully accepted.

The North River Arts Society presents **The Magic Moment,** original oil paintings by **Jody Regan** through Sept. 13, Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center.

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Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. Plymouth Lighthouse Expedition, July 27, leaves at 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The cruise leaves Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf, Boston, near Aquarium T stop at 9:30 a.m. returning 5 p.m. Drinks and snacks are available on the boat. A cruise to get up close to a number of lighthouses, including Boston Light, Minot's and many other. In Plymouth you will have 1 1/2 hours to enjoy lunch or explore the waterfront. Profits from the cruise sponsor the volunteer program on the Boston Harbor Islands. Adults $38, seniors $36, members of FBHI $34, children 3 to 12 $20 Children 2 and under free. Tickets may be purchased at dockside at 5 p.m. cash only. For more information call 781-740-4290.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset – **Loretta LaRoche** 7 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6pm.

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Star Creations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc. presents **Wizard of Oz** an audience participation play be Stephen Hotchner on July 28, 31, and Aug. 1, at 2

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p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. General admission $5. Reservations suggested.

The North River Arts Society in conjunction with the **Historic Winslow House** presents **Local Classics** featuring original paintings by artist members of the NRAS Board of directors, including **Marcia Ballou, Sandy Donnellan, Jack Haran, Liz-Haywood-Sullivan, Ted Polomis, Jody Regan, and Susan F. Lynch Raffa.** Wednesday hours 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Call 781-837-8091 for more information.

The North River Arts Society presents **Places by the Sea** oil paintings by **Diane Scott** now to Aug. 15, at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Opening reception June 23 at 7 p.m.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 29

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. Deer Island Sunset Cruise, July 22, leaves at 6 p.m. and returns at 9 p.m. Mass Bay Lines, Rowes Wharf, Boston Harbor Hotel, Atlantic Avenue. Explore the public access at Deer Island. Learn about the Native Americans, the Irish Immigrants and other past and present uses of this island. Enjoy a beautiful sunset on your way back to Boston. Bring your own picnic supper, beverages and snacks are available on the boat. Also, your camera, bug spray, binoculars, and dress for the weather. Adults $17, Seniors $15, members of FBHI $13, children 3 to 12 $10 children under ages 2 free. Tickets may be purchased at dockside at 5 p.m. cash only. For more information call 781-740-4290.

The Producers, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre through Aug. 17. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library &Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 30

Siros WaterClub on Marina Bay, .319 Victory Rd. Quincy July 30, 9 p.m. **Comedy Show** featuring . **Paul Nardizzi, Annette Pollack, Larry Lee Lewis, Chris Tabb and Stephen Leach**. D.J. and Dancing after the show. Call 617-328-6500 for reservations.

Helen's Café, Weymouth Landing,16 Commercial St., Braintree, **Comedy Show** featuring **Ace Aceto, Annette Pollack, Lou Winz, Mike Whitman, Vince Martin and P.J. Abruzzese**. Call 781-356-4311 for reservations. Visit www.annettepollack.com

South Shore Science Center, Rainforest Reptiles Show, July 30, 1:30 p.m. $5 members/$6 non-members. Meet professional herpetologist Michael K. Ralbovsky, and his amazing menagerie of reptiles, including turtles, lizards, a Burmese python and an American alligator in cool air-conditioned Vine Hall at the South Shore Natural Science Center. Ages three and up, accompanied by an adult, advance ticket sales only. No infant strollers, food or drink allowed. Call the Center at 781-659-2559 for more information.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands for the only **Sunset Cruise to Great Brewster Island**. Great Brewster is one of the outer islands. These are fund raising cruises to help support the 24 year old Volunteer Program for the Harbor Islands. A tour of the Island and the Harbor. Bring your own picnic supper, beverage, and snacks, as no food or beverage is available on the island. Also your camera, binoculars, and dress for the weather. The Cruise leaves Fan Pier, next to the Moakley Court House, fort Point Channel, just over the old Northern Avenue Bridge at 6 p.m. and returns at 9 p.m. Parking available at lot next to the Court House. Prices are Adults $17, Seniors $15, Members of FBHI $13, Children 3-12 $10; Children 2 and under free. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 5 p.m. on the 29; cash only. You may also send a SASE and your check to FBHI, P.O. Box 690187, Quincy, MA 02269-0187. For more information contact 781-740-4290.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Summer View: Visiting Artists - **Bert Yarborough, Lee Boynton, Peter Schroth, Carol Woodin, Jesseca Ferguson, Robert Siegelman, Peter Madden**. Dillon Gallery: **Rita Brace, Mary Callahan, Marian Carlson, Liz Haywood-Sullivan, Beverly Rippel, Faculty Feature: Margaret McWethy.**

The Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Summer Swing series. July 23, 6 p.m. **Satchmo: The Magic of Louis Armstrong** The theme and music, presented by the Bill and Bo Winiker Orchestra will vary each week ranging from Jazz to Latin beats. 617-439-7000 or visit www.bhh.com

Compass Bank Free Concert Series , Historic Plymouth Waterfront - July 30 , 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. **Reggae Night with Cheech & the Reggae Bubblers and Vern Mon**.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

The sun enters Leo at 2:04 a.m., remaining there until August 23. At 5:14 a.m. the Taurus moon aligns with Venus and becomes inactive until 7:42 p.m. That means that new starts are off limits today. Instead, finish projects already begun, handle routine chores and errands. Planetary action turns around completely at 7:42 p.m., when the moon enters lively Gemini. Fun and games are back in the picture this evening.

THURSDAY, JULY 24

If you have a clear plan of action and stick to it, you can be most productive today. A Gemini moon suggests you handle a variety of projects, rather than one that demands mental focus and precision. This is an excellent period for offering proposals, promoting your ideas. Slow down between 1:51-4:51 p.m., when the moon forms a challenging 90-degree alignment to Mars. Sidestep impatience, irritability.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

A lunar opposition to Pluto may spark emotional thunderstorms this morning. Don't make waves. Storm clouds move out, and sunny astrological weather returns for the remainder of the day. An excellent period for initiating new enterprises and signing contracts is in effect between 8:00 a.m.-5:38 p.m. The Gemini moon aligns with Mercury and Jupiter until 5:38 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Don't be a hermit tonight. Mercury and Jupiter conjoin at 23-degrees Leo, setting the stage for a fun evening.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

The moon enters the sign Cancer at 7:23 a.m., bringing a focus on home, family matters this weekend. Give extra attention to children, pets. Be more nurturing and sensitive to the needs of loved ones. Tackle projects you have been putting off, especially jobs that need to be done in and around your home. A lunar alignment to Saturn makes for a quiet evening. Follow through on promises you have made to others.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The moon continues active travel in the sign Cancer. Influences are prime for a family picnic. It's also a good day for puttering around the house and taking care of odds and ends of things. If you have been experiencing problems with another, now is the time to clear the air. Let go of past hurts, resentments; forgive, forget and start anew.

MONDAY, JULY 28

Be sure to start this day in a good mood. The dark side of a new moon is in full force and effect. In addition, the moon travels in emotional Cancer. Others may be grouchy, irritable. Don't rock the boat. Channel your energy constructively. Make up a list of things to do and stick to it. The Cancer moon aligns with Venus at 3:25 p.m. and becomes inactive. At 4:17 p.m. the final windup to the new moon begins, when the moon enters Leo. Plan a quiet evening. Prayer and meditation will help you to find peace of mind.

TUESDAY, JULY 29

The new moon culminates at 2:53 a.m., when the sun and moon conjoin at 6-degrees of Leo. The planet Venus enters Leo at 12:25 a.m., remaining there until August 22. However, the planet Mars takes center stage. Mars, standing at 10-degrees of the sign Pisces, begins retrograde travel at 3:37 a.m. Mars will turn direct on September 27. Mars represents action, energy, motivation, desire. This is a period to slow down, back up, reconsider, think things through.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

The Leo moon aligns with Jupiter, generating an upbeat mood this morning. Projects should come together easily. Mercury moves into Virgo at 10:06 a.m., remaining there until October 6. Mercury will travel in retrograde motion when it reaches 26-degrees of Virgo on August 28. It is best to initiate new activities between 10:06-11:46 a.m., when the Leo moon becomes inactive. At 10:27 p.m. a Virgo moon takes over.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

Gear up for a hectic day. Expect the unexpected. Avoid making rigid plans or placing yourself in high stress situations. Don't act on impulse or make important decisions. The moon travels in Virgo, and forms a challenging 180-degree alignment to Mars at 4:13 p.m. In addition, Mercury, the planetary ruler of Virgo, opposes Uranus. A good way to let off steam is to spend extra time working out with exercise routines. Eat light foods and avoid stimulants.

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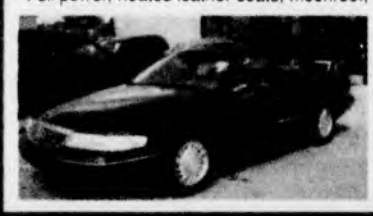

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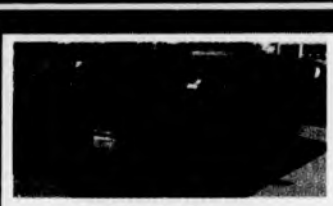

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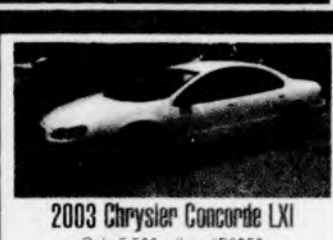

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Board curbs bump outs

By Samantha Brown
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Selectmen have decided the controversy has gone on long enough and the bump-outs saga is over. In a 3-1 vote Tuesday, the bump-outs met their fate, and will no longer be a feature of the village plans.

Ralph Dormitzer, along with members of the Committee on Town History, didn't even take their seats before standing side by side, petitions in hand, ready to make bump-outs another chapter in the town's history.

"What is it going to take from the citizens that will convince you we don't want the bump-outs?" said Wig Pierson. "We don't want the bump-outs."

While Dormitzer said the petitions displayed a "very large cross section" of residents in town, selectmen said names on the first petition, which were researched by the town clerk, showed a good deal to be those of children or young teens.

"I am appalled that more than one-third aren't registered voters," said Selectman Tom Callahan.

However, Dormitzer said the current signatures were not

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

The Howland shallop, which is named after Pilgrim John Howland's wife Elizabeth Tilley, arrives in Cohasset Harbor after sailing up from Plymouth on Monday. The shallop continued on its 200-mile voyage up the coast Tuesday and will arrive in Augusta, Maine on Aug. 11.

Pilgrim shallop spends night

By Samantha Brown
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Among a sea of crisp white boats.. the antiquated "Elizabeth Tilley" made a grand entrance as she glided into Cohasset Harbor on the first stop of her maiden voyage Monday.

On her way up the coast to the trading post of Old Fort Western on the Kennebec River in Maine, Cohasset is one of only a few lucky towns to receive her as a guest.

The vessel is the culmination of a two-year project by members of Plimoth Plantation's Marine Artisans Department.

Crew dressed in period clothing said they "rowed and were towed" throughout their journey up from Plymouth because they didn't have adequate wind to carry their sails. Barbara Dillon, who was asked to coordinate the Cohasset leg of the

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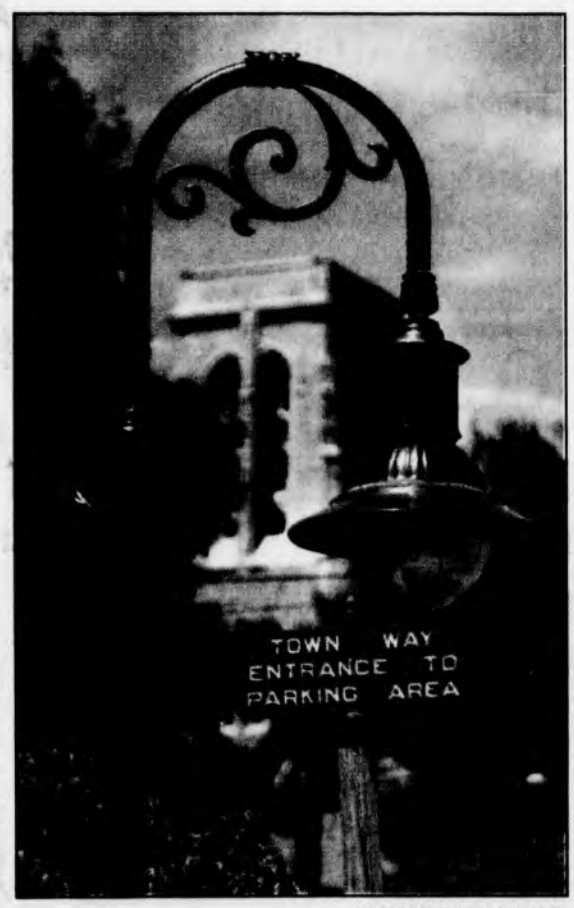

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Old-style lights along the James Brook Walkway are just one of the projects orchestrated by the Village Renaissance Committee.

Village people

Renaissance group continues to care about downtown area

By Samantha Brown
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With plans for revitalizing the village taking center stage and talk of a town beautification committee – many may not be aware of a group in town that has quietly gone about caring for the village "look" for more than a decade.

The Village Renaissance Committee, whose roots date back to 1990, not only keeps many of the window boxes full of flowers for many downtown merchants and businesses, but it is also responsible for improvements to the James Brook Walkway that runs from the parking lot to South Main Street, the town pump in front of Cohasset Hardware and the pocket park next to

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PHOTO/MARY FORD

A tow-truck worker, left, watches as the 1976 Mercedes that crashed into Tedeschi's on Tuesday is turned around.

Mercedes crashes into Tedeschi's

Accident cause is under investigation

By Mary Ford
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George Roukounakis, owner of the Citgo Station in the village, thought the sound of screeching brakes he heard Tuesday afternoon was due to teenagers showing off behind the wheel until he heard a crash and saw a car inside the front door of Tedeschi's.

Roukounakis, who reached the scene first along with a passerby, said the driver of the gray Mercedes 450SL convertible was crying and bleeding from cuts on her face and knees and was badly shaken up.

Cohasset police are investigating the series of events that led Shirley Marten, 71, of 78 Nichols Road to completely back out of one of the angled parking spaces in front of the popular convenience store on South Main Street so fast the car left skid marks, only then drive right back in like a bullet and through the plate glass front door.

Matthew Ogrodnik, 19, of 55

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Pilgrim shallop spends night

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journey, said it's hard to imagine the way the men did the voyage many years ago, not knowing what the weather would be.

Crew members were invited to spend the night at volunteers' homes in town in order to get adequate rest for the next day's voyage. Dillon said she hosted two crew members who, "Went to bed fairly early. It was quite a trip!"

The captain and a few other crew members slept on board under the deck.

The vessel, which is named after Pilgrim John Howland's wife is the culmination of a two-year project by members of Plimoth Plantation's Marine Artisans Department led by department manager, Peter Arenstam with help from volunteers and interns.

A shallop is defined as a "small open boat fitted with oars or sails, or both, and used primarily in shallow water." In the 17th century, this type of boat was generally taken aboard larger vessels, such as the Mayflower during long voyages. It could be taken apart, stored below decks and then reassembled when needed for coast exploration.

The original shallop traded corn for beaver pelts to be sent back to England. Two years ago, the shallop was commissioned by The Pilgrim John Howland Society to be built at Plimoth Plantation. The boat is built of oak by artisans using 17th-century tools as it would have been built 380 years ago. The "Elizabeth Tilley" is 38 feet long with a beam of 10 feet, four inches, and a depth admidships of four feet, six inches, based on measurements from 17th-century shipbuilding texts. The Howland shallop has a crew of 12 and is scheduled to arrive in Augusta, Maine on Aug. 11.

This week in COHASSET

New bistro on S. Main Street

Selectmen voted Tuesday to grant a transfer of liquor license as well as appointment of a new manager for the owners the Celtic Bistro Corporation, dba Bia Bistro & Bar, at the RGP site, 35 South Main St. The new manager is Tristen Houlihan, who will run the restaurant with her husband, chef Brian Houlihan. A beer and wine license was granted, which includes the ability to serve on the outside patio. All liquor must be served with food, selectmen said. Plans for the Mediterranean style bistro will include still a grilled pizzas. Hours for the restaurant, which has a seating capacity of 35 should open in September or October, will be from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Sundays.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Aug. 6, 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m.,

Paul Pratt Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Aug. 13, 7 p.m., at the library

Planning Board, Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Selectmen, July 29, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Aug. 18, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Aug. 7, 8 p.m., 339 King St.

Zoning Advisory Committee, Aug. 5, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Aug. 18 & 25, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Tax bills due, OK to pay online

The Town of Cohasset has issued Fiscal Year 2004's first-quarter tax bills, due this Friday, Aug. 1. Anyone who has not received their tax bill should contact the Board of Assessors at 781-383-4114 to confirm their correct mailing address or the Treasurer-Collector at 781-383-4102 for a copy of the tax bill.

The Town of Cohasset now offers residents the option of paying their real estate tax bills via the Internet. The eBill system takes the town's billing data and posts it on the Metropolitan Communications (MCC) Web site, which allows residents to view and pay their real estate tax bills. At 25-cents-per-transaction, the new payment option costs residents less than a postage stamp.

Residents can arrange for bill payments to be automatically withdrawn from their checking or savings account, and eBill will be accepting credit card payments shortly.

Currently, residents are able to pay their real estate tax bills with eBill. Next month, residents will also be able to pay motor vehicle excise taxes and water/sewer bills using the eBill system.

To find out more information, or to make a payment, please visit the eBill web site at www.mcc.net.

Keep well clinics

The Cohasset Board of Health monthly keep well clinics for August with Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N., P.H.N. and Jan Bennett, R.N. are Thursday Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. during the Senior Center luncheon and Thursday Aug. 28 from 1–3 p.m. Harborview senior housing off Elm Street (behind the police department).

Save the date for the Cohasset Health Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Second Congregational Church (next to Cohasset Town Hall).

Keep well clinics are for *all* town residents regardless of age!

Flag depository at American Legion

The American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 in Cohasset has a way for the public to be able to bring them their tattered and worn flags so they may be properly and ceremoniously destroyed. The Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag. This solid metal Flag Depository protects the flags until they are removed for storage and kept until the time of the desecration ceremony. The Herb Chambers Automobile Dealerships made this service possible through a donation to the post. Everyone is invited to bring his or her retired flags to the depository.

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Sun. 3	3:28	10.5	9:45	3:59	10.4	10:12
Mon. 4	4:21	10.2	10:34	4:49	10.6	11:08
Tues. 5	5:17	9.8	11:27	5:43	10.6	——
Wed. 6	6:18	9.5	12:07	6:41	10.7	12:24
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Police stunned by training incident in less-lethal munitions

By Mary Ford
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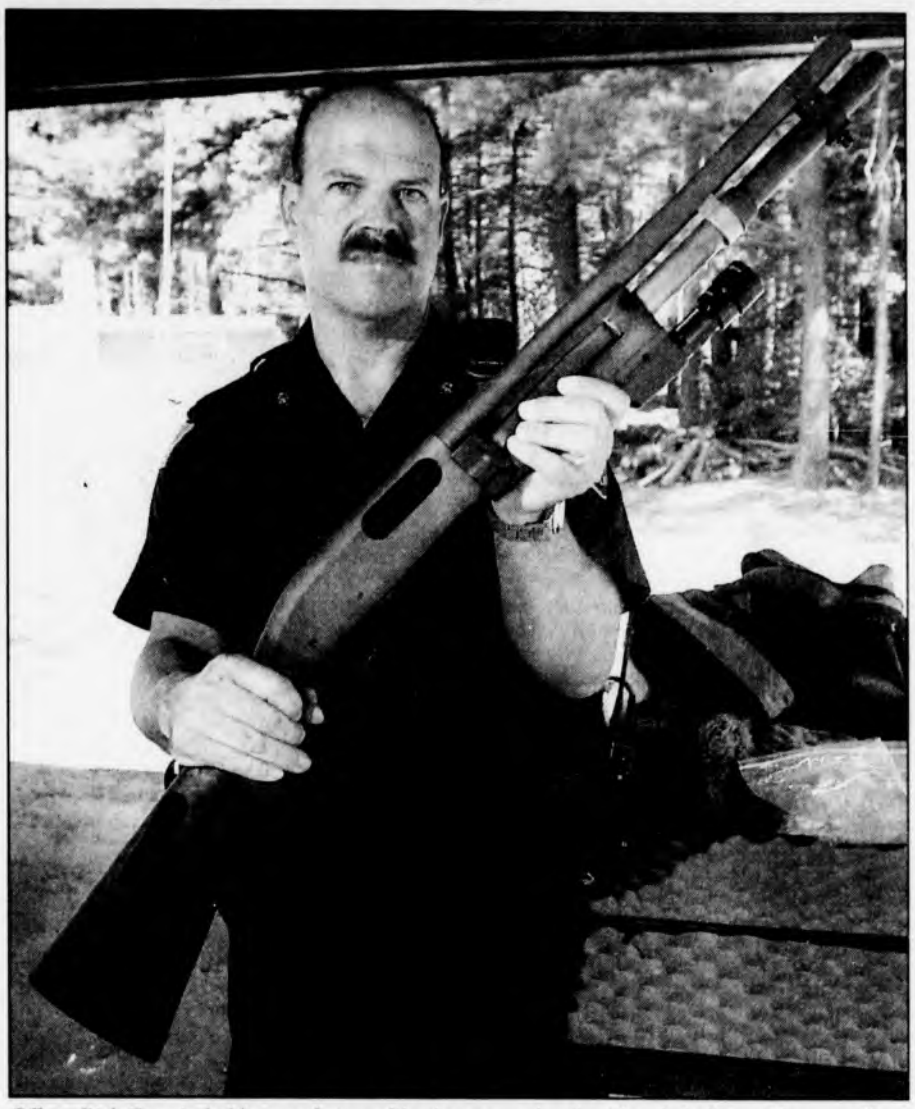
Cohasset police aren't laughing about a training incident in the use of "less lethal" weaponry which left two officers with 9-inch diameter, severe bruises on their buttocks and out of work for several days.

"Less lethal" weapons provide officers with another tool in handling a dangerous suspect, who might be wielding a knife, for example. In this case, officers could disarm a perpetrator by using a 12-gauge shotgun to fire a small beanbag loaded with lead shot or liquid-filled "hydro-impact round" stunning him.

Three officers — who would serve as instructors on the weaponry for the rest of the department — attended a training session last week with the blessing of the police chief. But what they didn't expect was to be asked to test the impact of the projectiles themselves.

Two Cohasset officers were in the first group of about 10 who were told to line up to see how it feels to be shot, according to Officer Rick Grassie, who also attended the workshop. Grassie and others at the training session, who were in the second group, declined to participate in the demonstration after they saw a Boston cop's injury. The Boston police officer's pants were torn on impact, exposing a bleeding wound. When Grassie saw the Cohasset officers' bruises, which were the size of a Frisbee, he told them to report the incident to the chief.



Officer Rick Grassie holds up a shotgun, like the one used to fire "less lethal" munitions at officers during a training workshop.

PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

This photo shows an empty shotgun shell and the contents of the "bean bag" munitions. The bag does not break on impact but was torn open and emptied to show the lead shot it contained.

Police Chief Robert Jackson sent the officers to South Shore Hospital where they were treated and released and received tetanus shots. The officers, whom the chief declined to identify, were out of work for several days while the wounds healed, costing the town about $1,200 in overtime. The course cost $750 for each participant.

The incident has caused the department some embarrassment when Craig D. Carone, president of New Millennium Products, Inc., which conducted the session, was quoted in a published report comparing the impact with being hit by a paintball. Callers subsequently have made jokes and police have been the subject of taunts in town describing them as "wimps."

In a telephone interview, Carone said the rounds that hit the officers were filled with liquid, like paint balls, but have more impact.

That proved to be the case in a demonstration at the Scituate Rod & Gun Club, a shooting range off Route 3A this week, in which Grassie showed the difference between the impact of a paintball fired from a paintball gun and the type of weapon used at the training seminar. The "non-lethal" rounds went right through the target which had a backing equivalent to drywall used in construction, while the paint balls did not.

Grassie said the officers stood on the three-yard line at the range on Moon Island, were shot from about 12 feet away, although Carone disputes the distance saying the officers were shot from 21 feet away. The officers were shot with a "hydro-round" that travels at 625 feet per second with 61 pounds of energy. Depending on the gun, paintballs travel at 200-400 feet per second, he said. The officers were not provided protective suits as shown on the video in the company CD.

Carone, who explained that less-lethal munitions can kill, said the officers were wearing BDUs (which are made of heavy duty material) and the shots were aimed at their buttocks. Rubberized suits would not have given the officers the opportunity "to feel like what it is to be a subject on the street," he said.

Carone said about 75 percent of those who take the company's classes around the country "opt to take the hit." He explained the officers attended a full day of class on the first day in which they studied case law, statistics, operating procedures and the affect of bean-bag rounds; they were also shown pictures, videos and graphs of what happens to those shot with the less-lethal munitions.

Grassie said the initial group of officers took part in the demonstration because they inherently trusted the trainer. "We relied on his training and relied on his knowledge," he said. Grassie said it wasn't a case of "not being able to take it.

"Neither officer came crying," he said, but it was department policy to report the incident.

"Needless to say we'll never enroll in that company's classes again," Grassie said.

Maritime Museum open for summer

The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum at 4 Elm St., Cohasset Village is open for its summer season. Currently the museum is open weekdays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., excluding Mondays. The Maritime Museum is an 18th-century ship chandlery, originally located on Border Street at Cohasset Harbor.

Since 1960, the Maritime Museum, the historical name for which is "Bates Ship Chandlery," has featured exhibits portraying Cohasset's long maritime history. Exhibits include ship models, 19th-century fishing gear, navigation instruments, charts, illustrations, shipwright's tools, relics from shipwrecks. Other exhibits show the history of lifesaving and of Minot's Ledge Lighthouse. On the second floor, there is a general collection of historical artifacts from early Cohasset, including cordwainer's tools, housewright's tools, old school chairs and desks, a "village apothecary" and a selection of artifacts from Tower Bros. Store and chandlery, once also located on Tower's Wharf at the harbor. Come in to see the society's historian or other volunteers, afternoons at the Cohasset Maritime Museum.

For more information, call 781-383-1434; and the Cohasset Historical Society's mailing address is P.O. Box 627, Cohasset 02025.

Snow fence distance becomes an issue

Dune protection is goal of group

By Samantha Brown
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The fledgling dunes along Atlantic Avenue across from Sandy Beach may soon be protected by snow fencing if details about how close the fencing can be placed to the roadway are worked out.

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen Police Chief Robert Jackson was concerned about public safety and said the fencing would need to be five feet from the street to allow for adequate plowing in the winter.

Jim Shipsky, a member of the Cohasset Environmental Support Group behind the project, said that would defeat the purpose of the fencing, because there would still be room for people to pull their cars up onto the side of the road and damage the dunes. The project has the OK from the Conservation Commission.

Selectman Merle Brown suggested the fencing be placed at the 2-1/2-foot mark, parallel with the telephone poles which are stationary and do not interfere with plowing.

Haddad said he would find a time where he and the police chief could meet with Shipsky to finalize the particulars. Haddad also said he would like DPW Supt. Carl Sestito to be involved with the decision, but will have to wait until he returns from vacation.

Members of the environmental group said the fragile dunes have been destroyed by people walking and driving over them. The two-foot high wooden slats of snow fencing would serve as a physical reminder to help keep people off the dunes, allowing Mother Nature the opportunity to take over and repair the dune grass that has been damaged on its own, Shipsky said. Over time, it is expected that the dunes would bury the fence so it would be completely out of sight.

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Tedeschi's accident attracts several Boston TV channels

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Reservoir Road, was standing just five feet from the front door of Tedeschi's when the accident occurred about 4:15 p.m. and witnessed the entire incident. He thinks there was something wrong with the car because the engine sounded revved up.

"She got in the car and must have kept her foot on the brake all the time going in reverse because the car was going so fast," he said, explaining when she put the car into drive it shot forward from whence it came and into the front of the store.

Less than half an hour after the accident, TV crews from Boston stations descended on the scene when word of that an older driver was involved in the mishap. An 86-year-old man from California recently made headlines across the country when he apparently pressed the gas pedal instead of the brake, killing 10 people at a farmer's market and injuring many others. The incident has heightened debate about whether the elderly need to pass a driving test.

However, it is not clear if Marten's age was a factor. Police have cited her with operating negligently. No airbags deployed because the Mercedes is a 1976 model, police said. No one was seriously injured in Tuesday's accident. Marten and 15-year-old, Katy Jenkins of Spring Street, who was looking at the gum near the check out at Tedeschi's and was cut by broken glass, were both transported to hospital. Marten, who had lacerations on her knees, was treated and released, police said. Katy's injuries were apparently minor; she could be seen on TV giving interviews that evening.

" She got in the car and must have kept her foot on the brake all the time going in reverse because the car was going so fast."

— Matthew Ogrodnik, eye witness

Marten's Mercedes crushed a small bicycle frightening many witnesses that a child may have been trapped under the car, including Roukounakis, who saw the bike and immediately started looking under the car for a youngster.

"I looked under the car to make sure no kid was under there," he said.

However, the bike's owner, Dana Ducharme, 14, of 62 Spring St. whose cousin was the girl hurt inside the store, emerged from Tedeschi's and said he and his girlfriend were looking at the soda at the back of Tedeschi's when they heard the crash.

Fifth-grader Robert Jones, 10, was driving by with his mother Jacky Kurtz, when the incident occurred. He said the driver "backed up really fast."

Kurtz said the woman "pulled out of there with speed and then headed right for the front door of the building." Kurtz drove immediately to the police station on Elm Street, but police were already responding to the incident.

Richard Hall, store manager, said he was waiting on a customer at the time of the accident. There were about 15 people in the store at the time, he said.

"I heard the crash and looked to my left. The girl (Katy Jenkins) was screaming mostly out of shock," he said.

John Gurney, director of store services for the Tedeschi chain, who was on site Wednesday morning along with Building Inspector Bob Egan, said the damage was mostly cosmetic and the store opened for business at 7 a.m.

"The structural integrity is in tact," he said.

"It's not as pretty as it used to be," Gurney said about the plywood in place of one of the front windows. "But we hope we can bring that back." He expected repairs to be completed by Monday. Tedeschi's shares the building with its landlord, Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, which is next door.

Gurney said company wide, Tedeschi's experiences "one or two" accidents a year in which drivers hit the front of stores. It's usually due to the driver pressing down on the gas instead of the brake pedal, he said. When Tedeschi's redesigns parking lots, the company adds Jersey-type barriers or horseshoe-shaped metal bollards to prevent accidents, he said.

Investigating Officer Brian Curran pointed out the village is full of children and the accident could have been much worse. "It could have been really bad," he said.

This was not the first time a car drove into a village storefront.

In October 1994, a driver pressed the gas pedal instead of the brake and drove into the front window at Cohasset News nearly hitting a man at the photocopier.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

A Cohasset woman, 71, accidentally drove her Mercedes into the front door of Tedeschi's on Tuesday afternoon.

An older observer said Tuesday, people have been driving into storefronts in the village for years, and said two occurred years ago at Dependable Cleaners.

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GOD BLESS AMERICA

History committee lobbies to ditch the bump outs

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advertised and with "a little bit of outreach, I would expect we could double or triple the numbers."

Lou Harvey, who was there to show support for Dormitzer, said selectmen were right in saying the petitions should include as many of the town's voters as possible and acknowledges that "signatures collected in this way are not fully reliable." However, he also urged selectmen to take the issue seriously and said, "it's not so much the fact that the bump-outs are a good idea or a bad idea, but the fact that they are a big deal and we ought to treat them like they're a big deal."

Noting that selectmen are in favor of the plans because they see pedestrian safety as an issue that can be addressed through bump-outs, Pierson said, "Name the date, year and time of the last pedestrian accident in town. No one has any idea because it's a figment of people's imagination," he said.

"We were very lucky tonight," said Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris, in reference to the car accident at Tedeschi's that happened hours before.

Selectman Fred Koed said that it would make sense for a decision to be made because residents could either force them to decide, or selectmen "could use their better judgement and do it now."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said because the Waterfield Group was directed to go ahead with village plans, there would be a cost to the town if told it needed to redirect, which selectmen said they were fully aware of.

However, in the end, any plans made could be subject to change, depending on whether the Greenbush line moves forward. Currently, the project is on hold, pending a decision by the governor, and could be postponed indefinitely, which would greatly impact what needs to be done to the village because the MBTA planned to fix up the town parking lot..

"The whole package is going to have to be looked at," said McMorris.

Callahan couldn't be swayed in his decision and said, "I have yet to hear one articulate reason against them. All we've had is a shouting match."

"Why don't you listen to the people who voted you in for once," said Peter Pratt from the second row.

Koed said he thought the board should take the petitions into consideration and take out the bump-outs. He also said the board should vote on each individual bump-out proposed in the future.

The topic of much discussion, bump-outs are part of the plans designed by the Waterfield Group for the town's $1.8 million Village Revitalization Project. Officials say bump outs at crosswalks would enhance safety because they allow pedestrians to walk out beyond the length of the adjacent parked cars to check for oncoming traffic before venturing across the street.

After attending a village walk around with members of the Waterfield Group, selectmen had a better idea of what the group's plans entailed. Painted markings on the streets showed the bump-outs, and traffic tests were conducted to make sure they would work.

After the walk around, Haddad asked DPW workers to place traffic delineators on the street markings to give residents a better feel for how bump-outs would affect the village. With the addition of the very visible markers came a petition, written by Dormitzer, opposing their existence. The petition was signed by more than 300 Cohasset residents. Copies of the petitions were stationed at various downtown shops including Cohasset Hardware, French Memories, and Tedeschi's.

The petitions were first brought before selectmen two weeks ago, which resulted in the decision to possibly include the bump-outs as an item at town meeting. But many residents didn't think that was good enough.

Coming back for round two, Dormitzer had more than doubled the number of signatures collected, with a new total of 771. The figure included previous signatures, and the total must have been the magic number to make the selectmen reconsider.

In a 3-1 vote, with Callahan opposed, selectmen decided to remove the bump-outs from the plan and that any future bump-outs drawn by the Waterfield Group would need to be voted on an individual basis. They also decided to postpone any definite plans until they receive a decision from the governor about plans for the train.

The proposed bump-out in front of Dependable Cleaners may could still be a part of the plans because it would provide handicapped access to the sidewalk.

The traffic delineators marking the proposed bump-outs will be removed and the island at the top of Depot Court will be put back, restoring the village to its pre-bump-out state.

Renaissance group continues to care about downtown area

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Tedeschi's.

In 1990, Jackie Dormitzer, along with Elizabeth Christoffel, volunteered to coordinate the committee as a way for merchants and townspeople to work together to beautify and invigorate the village. Philip H. Smith, who used to own Designer's Creations on Ripley Road, and is currently an independent interior designer, conceived the idea and declared 1990 as the year of the village's renaissance.

Seeing tattered awnings, peeling paint, dirty sidewalks, and empty storefronts Dormitzer and Christoffel remembered better years for the village.

One of the biggest projects the committee has had to date, is the replication of the old town pump, which was installed in the spring of 1991. The committee took Noel Ripley's creative idea and brought it before selectmen in the fall of 1990 and after much help from the community, the project was completed in the spring of 1991.

At the suggestion of merchants in the area, the committee also orchestrated changes to the James Brook Walkway that runs between the gas station and Cards and Shards.

"It used to be a neglected walkway," said Dormitzer, adding that it now serves as a nice-looking and safe pathway from the town parking lot to the village.

With the help of the highway department, old asphalt was torn up and new pavement was put down, as well as the addition of a new stockade fence and wooden posts. Bamboo grass that used to invade the path was torn up, and flowers and hedges were planted. The finishing touches of wooden signs and street lamps made way for a ribbon cutting ceremony in 1993.

Under the direction of committee member Ann Whelan, the group was also responsible for the transformation of the pocket park between Tedeschi's and French Memories.

"That was great fun," Whelan said.

Working with students from the high school who volunteered their time and painted murals on the walls, the park was transformed. The park now serves as an attractive walkway between Elm and South Main streets.

As the Village Revitalization Project and its proposed bump-outs move forward, Dormitzer isn't so sure all the proposed changes are good for the village. (Bump-outs are expanded portions of the sidewalk, which would allow pedestrians better visibility at crosswalks by allowing them to stay on the curb and see past parked cars. The selectmen believe the current crosswalks pose a safety issue because they force pedestrians onto the street in order to check for oncoming traffic before crossing).

Dormitzer thinks the town is proposing too much change too quickly.

She said any changes the committee has made, "have been slow. We don't try to impose a lot of change at once," which she thinks is part of the problem the town is seeing now.

"With so much uncertainty downtown, we do things one project at a time," she said.

Whelan agrees and thinks things should be relatively left alone in the village.

"That little village serves its purpose for the people who live there," she said.

Years ago, Dormitzer said the committee had an idea to try to fix up the sidewalks in the village, and were going to ask individual merchants to build a brick entranceway to their stores to help with the overall look of the streetscape. Whelan said the committee feels very strongly that "brick would look nicer," as part of the revitalization project.

Recently, the Board of Selectmen proposed the town try to start up a beautification committee, which would be responsible for the upkeep of islands and other small parcels of property in town. While the Renaissance Committee is not town appointed, Whelan thinks another committee working on the same kinds of projects directed by the town isn't necessary.

"We have a committee that's already in place and we've already made changes in the village," she said. "We feel we have quite a bit of knowledge and we could be used."

Being a member of the committee, Whelan said what she has enjoyed the most is getting to know all the people downtown over the years.

"It's been a fun thing to be a part of," she said.

Dormitzer said the committee's work is ongoing and it welcomes suggestions from anyone who has an idea. Plans for exposing a granite ledge behind Hub Shipping and possibly the addition of a "lollypop" clock at the end of the James Brook Walkway are being discussed.

The group is always looking for new ideas and will continue their efforts wherever help is needed.

"We keep our eyes open," Whelan said.

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Pavie	RP 100	$3,300
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Bellefont-Belcier	RP 90	$456
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Chasse-Spleen *"1st Rate, Well-Balanced"*	WS 91	$492
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Fonreaud *"Medium Body, Rustic, Tasty"*	WS 88	$168

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Giscours *"Great Fruit & Concentration"*	WS 93	$540
Kirwan	WS 92	$696
Lascombes *(RP's Sleeper of the Vintage)*	RP 90	$600
Margaux	RP 100	$6,600
Monbrison *(RP's Sleeper of the Vintage)*	WS 91	$420
Palmer	WS 97	$2,700
Pavillon Rouge de Chateaux Margaux	WS 94	$960
Prieure-Lichine	WS 91	$456
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La Tour de Mons, Cru Bourgeois	RP 89	$288
Martinens, Cru Bourgeois OWS***	WS91	$288
ST.-JULIEN		
Beychevelle *"RP - Beautifully Rich, Finest Since 1989"*	WS 92	$600
Amiral de Beychevelle (Beychevelle 2nd) OWS***	WS 87	$270
Branaire	RP 93+	$696
Clos du Marquis (Las-Cases 2nd) OWS*** *"Super"*	WS 94	$480
Ducru-Beaucaillou	WS 95	$1,800
Gloria	WS 90	$444
Gruaud-Larose	WS 95	$1,800
Langoa-Barton *"Great, Delicious - Mini Leoville-Barton"*	WS 94	$720
Leoville-Barton	WS 97	$2,220
Leoville-Las Cases	WS 100	$3,000
Leoville-Poyferre	RP 95	$1,080
Talbot *"RP...Velvety, succulent and delicious"*	WS 93	$600
Terrey-Gros-Cailloux, Cru Bourgeois *"Great Buy"*		$240
Lagrange	RP 93	$660

Mouton-Rothschild - single bottle 750ml $375

Chateaux by Appellation	Ratings	Case Price
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Carruades de Lafite *(Lafite-Rothschild 2nd Wine)* OWS***	WS 93	$660
Clerc-Milon	RP 92+	$780
Duhart-Milon	RP 90	$480
Fonbadet *"Big Pauillac - Great Value"*	RP 87	$276
Les Forts de Latour	WS 93	$960
Grand-Puy-Ducasse OWS*** *"Dense, Dark and Long"*	RP 88	$336
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TOP CADET

Cadet **Alexander Schmidt** of Cohasset has been named to the president's list at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy on Cape Cod. The president's list is the highest achievement a cadet can earn at the academy. To be named to the list, a cadet must maintain a grade-point average of more than 3.5 during the semester. Amazing work Alexander.

WILLIAMS GRADUATE

Stefanie H. Noering, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Noering** of Cohasset, received a bachelor of arts degree from Williams College June 8. Stefanie majored in political science and was captain of the varsity field hockey team. She was a four-year member of both the varsity field hockey and lacrosse teams at Williams. Congratulations Stefanie.

NEW CENTENARIAN

Happy Birthday wishes to Olive Wisenfluh on her 100th birthday. Olive, who is a resident at Cohasset Knoll, celebrated her special day with family and friends on July 23.

TRINITY SOCCER STAR

What a talented young man. Trinity College senior co-captain forward **Morgan Sandell** of Cohasset played in the annual New England Intercollegiate Soccer League Senior All-Star Game at Gillette Stadium in May. The Trinity men's soccer team posted a 7-7-1 overall record and a 4-4-1 mark in the league, qualifying for its first NESCAC Championship Tournament. The Bantams lost in the tournament first round, 5-1, at Middlebury. Morgan started all 13 games in which he played, leading the team and finishing second in the NESCAC in scoring with 10 goals and eight assists (0.62 per game was 14th in the nation) for 28 points (2.15 points per game was 28th in the nation). A first team All-NESCAC selection in 2000 and 2001, as well as 2001 and 2002 second team All-New England honoree, Morgan notched 31 goals and 18 assists for 80 points, including five game-winning goals, in his career. He is also a graduate of Noble & Greenough School.

THE BIG FISH

Patrick Holyway, 6, of 212 S. Main St., won the 16-and-under Junior Division of the annual Cohasset Yacht Club Fishing Tournament July 12. Patrick was the youngest of six crew members aboard Uncle **Dave Holway's** boat "Retrieve," a 32-foot Contender. Patrick and his brother, **Conor**, 14, have been fishing with Uncle Dave since they were old enough to hold a fishing rod. Patrick is shown in the photo with his fish, a 16-1/2 lb., 36 in. striped bass. Patrick fought hard to reel this big fish in. He's also pictured with his brother Conor, a former winner of junior division CYC tournaments.

UMASS DEAN'S LIST

The following Cohasset residents have been named to the dean's list at UMass Amherst for the spring 2003 semester. In order to qualify, an undergraduate must receive a 3.5 grade point average or better on a four-point scale. Hats off to **Susan M. Dane**, **Kayleen Devine**, **Elizabeth N. Hassan**, **William P. Kearney**, **Ashley E. Koed**, and **Taylor A. Toth**. Wow, great job to all of you on a wonderful spring.

COLLEGE HONORS

Meghan O'Sullivan, a sophomore and psychology major at American University in Washington, D.C., has been named to the spring 2003 dean's list. To earn this distinction, Meghan had to obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Fantastic job Meghan.

HIGH HONORS

I heard some wonderful news about **Kristen James** of Cohasset who had another successful semester at South Shore Vo- Tech in Hanover. Kristen made high honors for the last semester and the year. A great way to get started for her senior year. Way to go Kristen!

JUMPING FOR JOY

PHOTO/ANDREW DASSORI

Josef Protulis of Cohasset has a ball on the trampoline at Summerfest in Hingham Square on Saturday.

NEW ADDITION

Four-year-old **Madeline Rose Ronzoni** has a new baby brother whom she would like to add to her doll collection, or so she might tell you. **Merrick Raymond Ronzoni** was born on June 25 to proud, happy parents, **Michael and Irene Ronzoni** of Cohasset. At birth, Merrick weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19.5 inches. Overjoyed grandparents are **Maureen Gagnon** of Plymouth, and **Ronald and Janice Ronzoni** of Manhasset, N.Y. Congratulations to your wonderful new addition to the family.

TOP WRESTLERS

Congratulations go out to two Cohasset wrestlers at the Bay State Games at U Mass in Boston: **Philip Strazzula**,17, wrestling at 152lbs. took fifth and **Joey Kehoe**, 15, wrestling at 140lbs. took third place at the games. They both received medals and jackets. Great job by both.

Tournament winner Patrick Holway, 6, stands by his 16-1/2 lb., 36 in. striped bass. His brother, Conor, 14, is at left.

AMATEUR GARDENERS

On Tuesday of last week, the Amateur Gardeners of Cohasset met at **Doris Flint's** lovely garden for tea and a meeting to plan next year's program. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested in joining should call **Shelly Donze** at (781) 383-9734.

PSO CALENDAR DEADLINE

Ok, Cohasset! Here is the final call for the 2003-2004 PSO Calendar in terms of dates, contacts and entries. If you have something from a nursery school, organization, group information, anything related to a Boosters club within the schools or any other important information that you would like to see in the PSO calendar, *now is the deadline!* Please forward any and all information to psocalendar@yahoo.com or send it to me, **Jen Piepenbrink** at 622 CJC Highway, Cohasset MA, 02025. If you send items that need a contact name, phone number and/or email, make sure to include that information as well.

That is all for this week. Make sure to keep the information coming and get it in no later than Mondays at noon.

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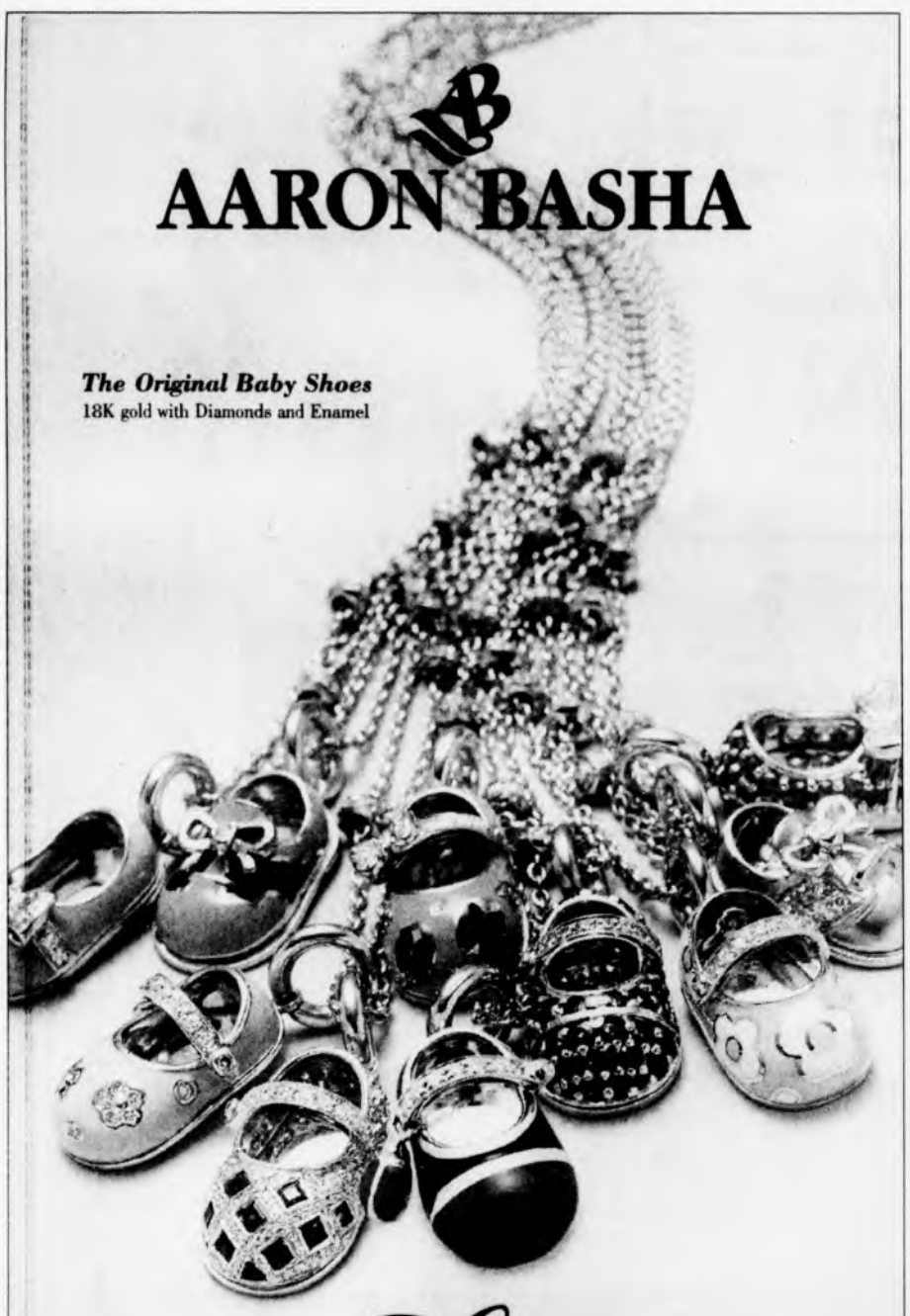

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Young farmers dig organic gardening at Holly Hill

By Samantha Brown
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Haley Foye, 11, and Michael Hegarty, 12, head to the fields at Holly Hill Farm.

For children participating in the Holly Hill Farm young farmers program, eating their vegetables is something they will gladly do. In fact, as part of the program, they not only get to eat vegetables they've harvested with their own two hands, they learn the importance of organic farming and letting nature be their guide.

Throughout the summer, Holly Hill offers week-long courses for children entering grades seven through nine on the premises at 236 Jerusalem Road.

"We still meet people who say, 'There's a farm on Jerusalem road?'" said Kate Sullivan, educational director for the farm.

From 8:30 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday, "young farmers" participate in a wide variety of tasks, helping the farm run smoothly, while making good friends and enjoying fresh air.

Young farmers assist with the harvesting of many different organic vegetables, such as carrots, radishes, garlic, broccoli and peas. They also harvest a variety of culinary herbs as well as organic flowers.

"He just ripped that out of the ground about an hour ago," said 11-year-old Haley Foye of a giant garlic bulb harvested by Michael Hegarty, 12.

Haley, who is visiting her grandmother in Cohasset for the summer, has already learned some very valuable information while at the farm. She is able to identify many weeds along the trails, including one that you "chew up and spit out" onto yourself after receiving any kind of poisonous sting. When the plant reacts with your own saliva, it helps take the itch out and relieve the bite.

While Haley participated in the third, and final week of the course, Michael, who lives in Scituate, participated in both the first and third weeks of the session.

"It's awesome being out all day. I'd probably be at home on the computer or watching TV," he said.

During his first week, Michael helped plant beans that have sprouted very well since then. He is careful to explain that while they look as if they've been planted in rows, they have actually been planted in special triangular patterns next to each other.

The farm was awarded its organic certification in 2000 for following the guidelines provided by the National Organic Program of the USDA. This means it promises not to use any synthetic fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides, and guarantees the farm to be free of genetically modified organisms.

There are other chores to be done along with the harvesting, which the young farmers help with as well, such as transplanting, weeding, and building compost piles. Farmers on staff say the program is truly a work experience, and young farmers even receive a stipend at the end of the week.

"It's awesome being out all day. I'd probably be at home on the computer or watching TV."
— Michael Hegarty

Sullivan said she loves being able to work with the children and pass along what she has learned.

"They get a sense of connection to the land and understand where their food comes from and the importance of having farms in the community," she said. "They enjoy the work and the outdoors and learn skills that will help them throughout their lives."

However, time spent at the farm is not completely devoted to work. Young farmers spend some time each day exploring the farm's fields and woods, learning to identify trees, weeds, insects and birds.

Haley and Michael have also spent time working on bat houses to be placed around the farm to encourage the "insect-controlling friends" to take up residence.

Haley explained that they nailed planks of wood together, straight from the mill so the wood will be rough and give the bats "something to hang onto."

Michael said he has learned that a small brown bat can eat 1200 insects in an hour, which helps control pests without using any chemicals.

On the last day of the program, young farmers harvest and prepare a meal for family members, made from the fresh vegetables and herbs grown on the farm. A menu is carefully planned to incorporate as many delicious recipes as the children can come up with. On the menu for Haley's and Mike's families are pizza with herbs, vegetable dip, a big salad, and for dessert, mint and black raspberry ice cream.

"If tomatoes were in season, we could make sauce," Haley said.

While the young farmers program is over for this year, the Holly Hill Farm, owned by Frank and Jean White, is very active all year long. In the summer, you can find produce at the Farmer's Market Thursdays on the Common from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., as well as at their Farm Stand, which is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Their "Honor Stand" is open every day except Monday, with varying in-season produce available.

There are also walking trails around the property covering 130 acres of woods which are open throughout the year. The woods bordering Wheelwright Park are owned by various members of the White family, which has owned and operated the farm for five generations, and are therefore known as the "Cornelia and Richardson White Woods," in memory of the farm's previous owners.

During the spring, the farm sells organic vegetable, herb, and flower seedlings including hard-to-find varieties.

Local restaurants such as Bernard's Bridgeman's, Riva, Saporito's, Pleasant Street Parfait, Circe's Grotto and the Red Lion Inn also serve in-season vegetables harvested at the farm.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Bye bye bump outs

We have to admit, we'll miss the village bump outs. They've provided us with lots of editorial copy and fodder for local cartoons.

With the economy in a slump, the efforts to wage peace in Iraq among other local, national and world issues — bump outs, if nothing else, have offered some comic relief.

The theory behind the bump outs, which ended up being an unpopular proposal for the village, had the best of intentions. Improving pedestrian safety and making the village more pedestrian friendly are good goals.

Maybe bump outs aren't the way to accomplish "pedestrian-ization" because they appear to be a radical departure from the status quo. No one wants to see the ambiance of the village hurt by upgrades when there are alternatives, such as better delineation of crosswalks.

But please don't confuse the bump out experiment with the overall village revitalization project, which has been in the works for the better part of a decade.

Take a good look at the village —- especially the condition of the sidewalks — and it should be clear revitalization of what is a town treasure should move forward

Some of you will no doubt say the village is OK just the way it is because your eyes have become accustomed to the imperfections.

We believe new sidewalks and underground utilities would make a huge difference, the same way repainting, redecorating and new furniture can in your home. How often have you said, "wow — what a difference that new couch or window treatment makes!"

Sadly a new wrinkle that is jeopardizing the scope of village revitalization is the delay on the Greenbush project.

As selectmen discussed Tuesday, the lack of clarity on whether the Greenbush will move forward in a timely fashion is going to have a direct impact on the village because the MBTA has agreed to redo the town parking lot and help with the James Brook flood control project. Those promises are on hold while Gov. Mitt Romney reviews Greenbush.

If Greenbush is put on hold for the foreseeable future, some of the grant money for village revitalization would have to be used for the parking lot and flood control.

But whatever happens with the train, let's continue to support village revitalization even if that just ends up including new sidewalks and lowering South Main and Elm streets.

The village is the heart of Cohasset and needs more TLC so it continues to thrive.

— Mary Ford
mford@cnc.com

Republican cookout is planned August 17

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Aug. 17, for the annual Cohasset Republican Cookout which will be at the seaside home of Julie Guild from 4:30-7:30 p.m.. Special guest this year will be Mickey Edwards, the former Congressman from Oklahoma, who is currently a professor at the Kennedy School of Government and the Harvard University Law School. For reservations and further information call Heather Palmer at 781-383-3339.

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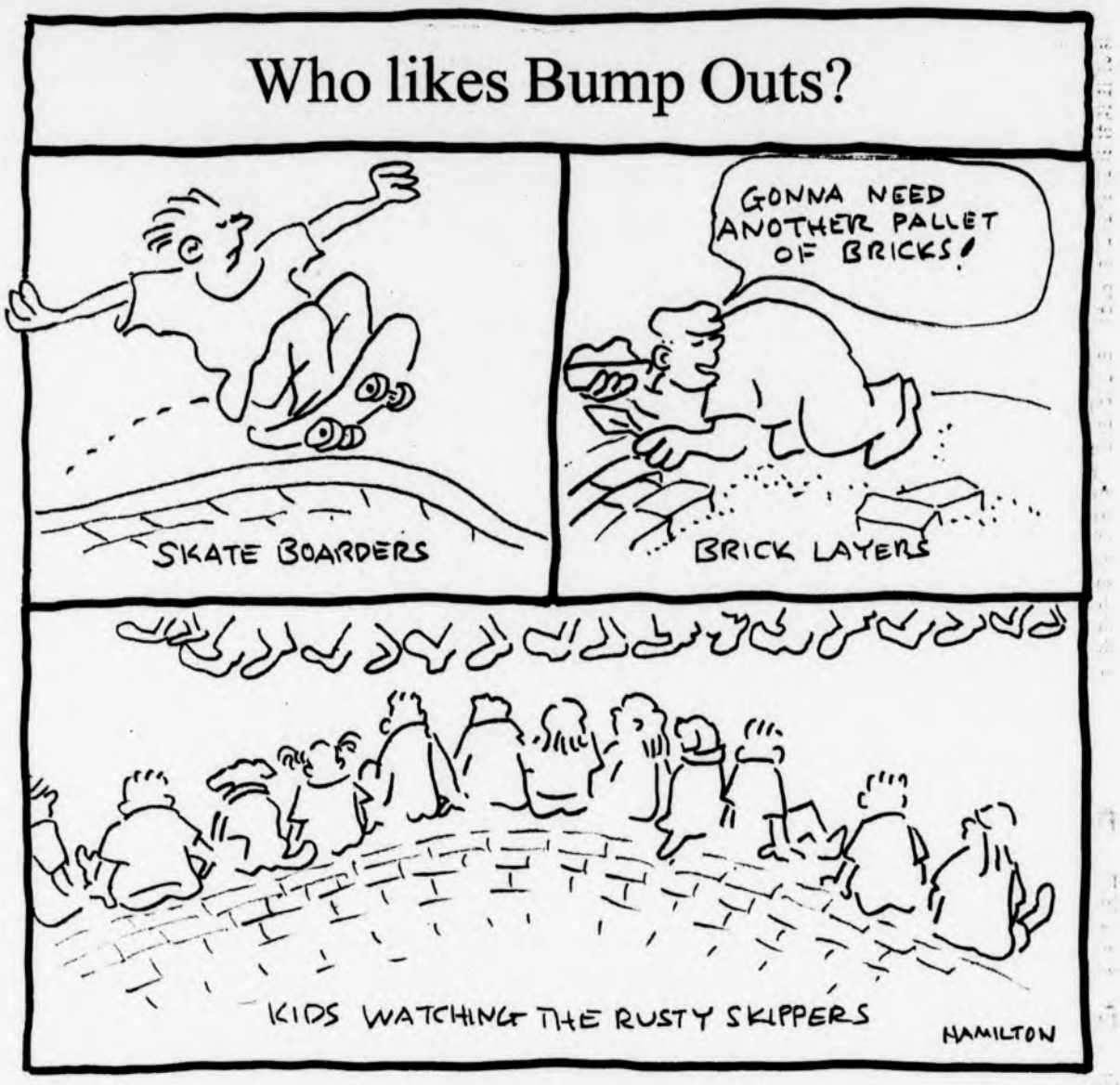

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blames League for Merrill's departure

TO THE EDITOR:

It has been my pleasure to work as a volunteer with Andi Merrill at the Cohasset Consignment Shop for more than 10 years.

I have observed her amazing ability to utilize human resources to achieve her fundamental responsibility to manage the shop and support the Social Service League of Cohasset.

Andi's daily contacts with the volunteers and her effect on the satisfaction they derive from their tasks make her a key individual in the lives of many, many people. Consignors and customers return year after year and are old friends to all of us.

Managers usually have minimal voice in top management decisions and have little control over the climate in which they must function. Not infrequently, managers are blamed for top management errors in long term planning.

The Social Service League letter dated July 17, 2003 sent "To the Volunteers of the Social Service League of Cohasset" stated the fact that "the Board feels that they have worked very hard for the past year to resolve key issues." One year does not appear to have been adequate time for long-range planning or developing negotiable changes in a stumbling economy.

I wish to thank Andi and Colleen for the great experience of having worked with them.

My Consignment Shop key was returned to the Shop on July 26, 2003.

Phyllis M. Atkinson
36 Hillside Drive

Pedestrian safety should come first

TO: THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bumpouts are about pedestrian safety, as I understand it. The mockup experiment, I thought, was to see if traffic works despite proposed changes in the curbing, as indicated by yellow floppies and orange barrels. It looks to me as if traffic has proceeded as usual in the village, although the yellow and orange markers look ridiculous, thus eliciting a lot of negative reaction.

I believe that your decision should be to insure maximum pedestrian safety, if indeed traffic has worked. I hope you will not take too seriously the to-be-expected negative reactions to change, and misunderstanding about the whole idea. I am impressed that other towns have successfully used bumpouts for the protection of their citizens.

Sheila S. Evans
72 N. Main St.

Mrs. Evans provided the Mariner with a copy of her letter.

League plans for the future

TO THE EDITOR:

The Board of Directors of the Social Service League of Cohasset wants to thank the volunteers who attended a meeting at the Cohasset Consignment Shop Monday, July 28. Concerns were addressed; plans for the future were discussed. The league will remain focused on community service and trusts that individual differences of opinion will be seen in their proper perspective. Growth involves change that can be painful.

The resignation of Andrea Merrill defines a time of service alongside that of previous managers Messrs. Megathlin, Beaman and Cotton. As we celebrate the past we look forward to another new beginning where there can be a closer connection between the Social Service League and its consignment shop. The reputation of the shop is its greatest asset. Service to the community is its highest priority. The mission of the social Service League is "…to identify the most important and least served social services problems and to create, develop and support ongoing programs which can have significant positive impact."

The Cohasset Consignment Shop is not a stand-alone business but for 50 years has been a charitable support to the mission of the league. We want to express our appreciation to all the volunteers who make this possible.

League President Amy Cutler
for the Board of Directors

Making sense of train economics

TO THE EDITOR:

It is time to get real about the Greenbush line. The work has started ... concrete has been placed ... temporary fencing is up. The field offices are in place. Permits are in hand. The design is almost complete. Materials and equipment have been ordered ... lots have been delivered to the site. Construction equipment has been rented; contracts have been signed, sealed and delivered.

If the project is stopped now, the lawyers will move in. It could cost $500 million in delay related damages if we stop now.

And ... let's take a hard look at the project economics. It is really a public works welfare project. The funds pay for jobs ... architects, engineers, contractors, equipment operators, construction workers. Most of these folks are local. Take a look at your pay stub from your job; look at the State and Federal taxes paid by you. This is what happens to all those employed by the Greenbush project. The Greenbush staff pays taxes ... the State and Federal Governments get money back. What is not paid to the Government by the workers, goes to savings accounts, mortgages, insurance, food stores, clothing stores, colleges, universities, little corner stores, big 'box' stores, car payments, car repairs, home repairs, water bills, power bills, sewer bills, State and Local fees (yup ! ... fees not taxes). Some free cash also goes to vacations and weekend trips. This is how the economy works. And guess what?

Workers employed in the mortgage, insurance, big box, small store, car ... etc. businesses also pay taxes and fees. The Government gets more money back.

Eventually, Government gets all the funding back due to personal income taxes, except for a little leakage overseas and into the underground economies of the region.

The bottom line is: what is all the 'ragtime' talk about stopping Greenbush ... let's get on with it. Just like the Central Artery / Tunnel, the Deer Island Sewer Plant / Boston Harbor Cleanup, Logan Airport Expansions.

We in New England and in Metro-Boston are very good at getting our share of Federal and State funds for our job creating projects...we probably get more than we pay in. Take a look at your pay stub ... visualize thousands just like it from workers on these public works projects. Take away the projects, and you take away the pay stubs. No pay stubs means no revenues for car dealerships, big 'box' stores, little stores, mortgage bankers, bankers, lawyers, dentists, doctors, engineers, architects, CPAs, and the rest of our fellow workers in the local economy.

And just think: our region will have boats and trains to take us to those jobs that will be created in South Boston and in Boston when the city is expanded over the next 10 or so years. Yup ... high tech, biotech, banking, finance, insurance, college, university, medical, other high end jobs will be created by the thousands in and around Boston over the next 10 or so years. And ... what about housing prices in and around Hingham? What about affordable housing in the area? This is subject matter for another letter ... the forecast is good for current owners of real estate; not good for young families moving into the region to take some of those metro-Boston, Cambridge jobs ... not good at all. Housing and the high cost of living in metro – Boston is an issue; a big issue for future growth in the region.

Richard (Rick) Herbold
152 Main St.
Hingham

Self-defense sprays

TO THE EDITOR:

The recent discovery of the remains of Molly Bish, the still unsolved murder of Christa Worthington on Cape Cod, and the countless other attacks on women all across this state should ignite an outcry against legislators who continue to defraud the public of any means of self-defense. A case in point is Chapter 180, the draconian Gun Control Act of 1998. This legislation, championed by the group Stop Handgun Violence, forces women (no matter how endangered) to go to a police station to obtain a Firearms Identification Card (FID), pay $25, and be fingerprinted and photographed — all just to be granted the right to carry mace or pepper spray! This absurd requirement creates a needless barrier that, in practice, discourages most working women from having any means to defend themselves and their children.

Representatives Tom O'Brien and Bradley Jones have filed bills (H.R. 2288 & 3380) to remove this ludicrous requirement from Massachusetts gun laws. Please contact Speaker of the House of Representatives Tom Finneran (617-722-2500) and ask him to put this life-saving legislation on the fast track for passage in the legislature. Women should be encouraged to carry non-lethal defense sprays not made helpless victims by a legislature totally oblivious to their real safety needs.

Dr. Richard F. Griffiths
Kingston

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HEALTH NOTES

Tune-up time at August clinics

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

If your house gets termites, or the oil burner smokes, you consult an expert and have it fixed. Same with your car. You wouldn't run it without proper lubrication or care. Similarly you owe it to yourself to consult an expert occasionally to get a checkup. August is a good time to consider whether your body is telling you something needs looking at. On Aug. 14, Jan Bennet, our new registered nurse will be joining Judy Fitzimmons the town public health nurse at the Senior Center Luncheon at 11 a.m. for the first of two get-well clinics. The second will be on Aug. 28 from 1- 3 p.m. at Harborview Senior Housing on Elm street (Behind the police department).

These clinics and the Cohasset Health Fair coming up on Tuesday Sept. 9 at the Second Congregational Church (Next to Cohasset Town Hall) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. are a good time to become familiar with health services available to town citizens.

Health screenings such as the ones described above are of considerable value for several reasons: First, public health nurses are aware of most of the various illnesses which are prevalent in towns in which they provide services. They should be your first line of defense in sorting out those ailments which could be dangerous and those which are more rumor than substance. Also, they are familiar with a great variety of symptoms and can provide the opportunity for early diagnosis of many common problems. Finally, they are able to give you accurate information about referrals and where to go for appropriate care of problems. It's important to become familiar with the town's health care services because they are the easiest, most economical to get a first look at any problems you may be having. Contact Judy Fitzimmons or Jan Bennet at 781 383-2210.

West Nile Virus update

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) announced West Nile Virus (WNV) was detected in a pool of Culex pipiens mosquitoes collected June 29 in Westfield. The isolation of West Nile virus in mosquitoes from Westfield is the first detection of WNV in mosquitoes in Massachusetts this season. MDPH announced June 20 that a dead bird found in Springfield tested positive for WNV.

The MDPH has increased collections of mosquitoes in areas of western Massachusetts in order to estimate the prevalence of West Nile virus and provide further updates to the public. In addition, testing of dead birds was increased in Hampden County by requesting submission of all bird species, not just crows and blue jays, for a few weeks (until about the end of July) to determine if virus is spreading among the bird populations. Only crows and blue jays are being tested throughout the rest of Massachusetts because these species are known to be most vulnerable to West Nile Virus infection.

MDPH reminds residents of Massachusetts that human infections with West Nile virus transmitted by mosquitoes may occur from July through October, with the period of highest risk in August and September. West Nile virus activity has been found at low levels in western Massachusetts this year and therefore there is some risk of human infection. Even if WNV is not detected in an area, there is some small chance of infection and therefore prevention measures should be practiced anywhere where there is exposure to mosquitoes. Most human infections with West Nile virus do not result in serious illness, and the risk of a serious illness increases with age.

Remember, you can reduce your risk of infection by taking simple precautions throughout the summer season:

- Remove standing water near homes, clean gutters and drains, change water in birdbaths frequently and properly maintain swimming pools
- If you remain outdoors while mosquitoes are biting, wear clothing that provides more coverage of your skin (such as long sleeve shirts and pants)
- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET. Repellents should not be used on infants.
- Use mosquito netting to cover carriages and playpens
- Check window and door screens to assure they are in good repair.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Pinocchio

The Drawbridge Puppet Theater will be performing a marionette show of "Pinocchio" in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 7p.m. All ages are invited. A book raffle will be held promptly at 6:55p.m.

Coloring contest

"The Read! Think! Create! @your library" coloring contest ends on Thursday, July 31 at 9p.m. Winners will be contacted the following week.

Summer reading

Students, don't wait until the last minute to do your summer reading! The Summer Reading list for Cohasset Middle/High School is located in the Young Adult Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The list is also on the school website, www.ssec.org, select school district — Cohasset. The Osgood and Deer Hill suggested lists are in the Children's Room on Mrs. Moody's desk. Don't forget, you can use the online catalog to check for the availability of the books and to place holds. Just go to www.cohassetlibrary.org."

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Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! Reserve your copy in advance by calling the library or by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: Joy Fielding's "Lost", is an intriguing novel about the disappearance of a young actress, and a mother whose life is thrown into turmoil as a result. Elizabeth George, "A Place of Hiding." Series regulars, Deborah and Simon St. John, return in this mystery to save a friend accused of murdering a wealthy landowner in the Channel Islands. Greg Iles, "The Footprints of God." A doctor and his psychiatrist are in danger because they know too much about a dangerous technology. Faye Kellerman, Street Dreams." Police officer Cindy Decker sets out to find the mother of an abandoned newborn.

PHOTO/ANDREW DASSORI

Suzie Montgomery with her son Sam, lower right, and Scott Whelan, left, enjoy magician Steve Rudolph and his "The Magic of Reading Show" at the library.

Books on CD

New additions to the audio collection: "Leap of Faith," by Queen Noor, "Balzac and the Little Chinese seamstress," by Sijie Dai, "All he ever wanted," by Anita Shreve and, "The Crisis of Islam," by Bernard Lewis.

Travel DVD's

Travel DVD'S from the World Odysseys series have just arrived. Explore different parts of the world through these gorgeously photographed programs.

Computer help

Do you need help using the library's computers? Would you like to learn how to search the online catalog or reference databases? Sign up for a one-on-one tutorial with our Reference Librarian Judy Simons. Call the library to schedule a session.

Convicting Kobe Bryant

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Well, now that we've convicted Kobe Bryant of whatever it was he did in that hotel room in Edwards, Colo., where do we go from here?

The young lady in question, who is known by name only to radio talk show fans on the West Coast and several thousands more on the Internet, says he did, Kobe says he didn't, and some 250 million Americans have already chosen up sides.

A trial before his peers? Who needs it?

It all began the night of June 30 when Kobe checked into the Lodge & Spa at Cordillera and sent down to room service for something to eat. It being late at night, there was no one to bring it to his room but the young woman concierge, whom we shall call Miss X.

Curse the luck! Every time I ordered room service in a strange hotel, it was brought by a waiter of the male persuasion, and the only thing he was interested in was a tip, preferably the kind you can fold and put away in your wallet.

But I digress . . .

The next day, Kobe trotted off to nearby Vail to have his knee operated on, and Miss X trotted off to the County Sheriff's office to tell The Man how the celebrated basketball player raped her — and maybe operate herself on his $45 million Nike contract.

A trial before his peers? Who needs it?

Of course, in the old days, when I was young and ice covered most of the earth, there was no such thing as rape. It was "criminal assault."

Once I asked an editor to explain the difference between criminal and non-criminal assault. "Shut up," he explained, in the immortal words of Ring Lardner.

But again I digress . . .

A couple of weeks later, after much "soul-searching," the DA filed felony sexual assault charges against Kobe and the first hearing date was set for Aug. 6 — which meant that the trial would begin at once on television and radio and in the papers.

Kobe, in the presence of his wife and before a nationwide TV audience, tearfully confessed to having sex with Miss X but said that it was entirely consensual, which half the country (mostly the female half) found hard to believe once Miss X's dossier was made public.

She was 19 years old, a former high school cheerleader, now a college student and a talented musician who had auditioned for the Fox Channel's "American Idol" last year. And, although it was mentioned only in hushed tones, Miss X is also white.

Then Kobe's defenders (the other half of the nation) dragged out their big guns. Miss X was a mental basket case who had once tried to commit suicide. Days after the meeting with Kobe, she was at a party describing in glowing terms certain parts of Kobe's anatomy. It was said she is only after money or publicity, and so it goes . . .

Does anyone see a trial coming on Court TV that will eclipse those of O. J. Simpson and William Kennedy Smith?

State legislature continues to stick to its old ways

THE HEDLUND REPORT

BOB HEDLUND

At the outset of the budget process this year I was optimistic that the more than $3 billion dollar deficit the state was facing would force the Legislature to abandon the politics of patronage and enact true reforms in the budget. Early on, the Legislative leadership seemed honestly supportive of reforms to government and the elimination of patronage; however, when it came time for action, the legislative leadership made protecting waste and patronage their priority. While, through threats of a veto, Governor Romney was able to force certain reforms and was able to force the legislature to submit a budget with increasing taxes on working men and women, this budget is a far cry from the reforms that the taxpayers of Massachusetts deserve.

Even though the Governor vetoed many of the legislature's more ridiculous actions, the Legislature has readily overridden them at the whim of the legislative leadership. In a sad example of the current state of our Government on Beacon Hill, the legislative leadership has made it a priority to overturn as many of the Governor's vetoes as possible. And, as happens far too often, the rank and file members of the Legislature blindly vote with the leadership again and again and vote against the interests of Massachusetts voters and citizens again and again. Already, the House has overridden over 225, or 60 percent, of the Governor's vetoes accounting for more than $150 million of the $201 million the Governor was forced to veto when the legislature sent him a budget that was $200 million out of balance, and more veto overrides are expected to be taken up in the fall. According to the most recent figures, these vetoes have pushed the budget out of balance by more than $282 million and will set the Governor up to make hard budget adjustment decisions later this fiscal year.

Below are just a few examples of the leadership's efforts to put politics and patronage before reform:

- Boston Municipal Court — With administrative and management costs of $1.18 million, the Boston Municipal Court (BMC) spends more money on overhead costs than the entire statewide District Court System. In addition, the district courts of Springfield and Worcester have combined larger caseloads than the BMC, yet collectively receive half the funding of the BMC. With these facts, it's clear that the BMC is over funded and teeming with waste and patronage. However, the Legislature ignored the Governor's reforms and even expanded the BMCs reach. For years, the legislature has created a surplus of high paying, patronage assistant clerk magistrate positions in the courts, and nowhere is this more prevalent than at the BMC.

The rank and file members of the Legislature blindly vote with the leadership again and again and vote against the interests of Massachusetts voters and citizens again and again.

- Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission — The legislature went to extraordinary lengths with the Alcoholic Beverage and Control Commission (ABCC) in order to protect, and in some cases rehire, the patronage jobs that the Governor has been trying to eliminate since he took office in January. Back in February, a reform plan was announced that would have transferred the enforcement function of the ABCC to state and local police in order to produce significant cost savings for the Commonwealth. Unfortunately for the taxpayers of the Commonwealth, many of the inspectors charged with that function at the ABCC have significant political ties, and the Legislative leadership quickly came to their rescue. In order to save the jobs of the current inspectors and to rehire those inspectors laid off earlier this year, the Legislature took the unusual step of transferring the function of the ABCC from the Governor to the Treasurer.
- Metropolitan District Commission — Much has been said about the "success" of the legislature's efforts to enact reforms that eliminate the patronage laden and waste filled Metropolitan District Commission (MDC). Unfortunately, upon further review of the plan the Legislature passed it is clear that the MDC has been eliminated in name only. It has not been eliminated or consolidated into the Department of Environmental Management as I was hoping would occur, but has been replaced by a new Division of Urban Parks and Recreation. This is a major missed opportunity for reform and the elimination of waste in our budget, and is basically a hoax perpetrated upon the taxpayers.
- English Immersion — The overwhelming will of the voters was ignored when the Legislature significantly watered down the provisions of the English Immersion ballot question to change our failed bilingual education programs. Ignoring successes of English Immersion in other states, the legislature included five riders to the budget designed to water down the law as passed by the voters before it was even given the opportunity to be implemented.
- Mass Turnpike Authority — Much like with the BMC, the legislature was faced with hard facts about the inefficiencies of the Mass Turnpike Authority and took a step that was contrary to common sense. With the knowledge that the MTA expends nearly three times more dollars per mile to maintain its roadways than the Mass Highway Department, and as a deliberate tweak to the Governor, the legislature decided to expand the maintenance functions of the MTA and take some roadways away from the more efficient Mass Highway. It's absolutely inexcusable in these times of budget deficits that the legislature has decided to expand wasteful departments at the expense of more efficient ones.
- Rape Crisis Centers — While many quality programs are going to be facing a lack of funds this year due to the political machinations of legislative leadership, none provide quite the example of the callous political decision-making employed during this cycle than Rape Crisis Centers. These crisis centers provide an invaluable service to those most at need, operate with a very small budget, and are renown for their fiscal efficiency. However, the legislative leadership decided to not reduce, but nearly eliminate the funding for these centers. This will result in closures across the Commonwealth; all while making sure that funding for patronage havens such as the BMC and the ABCC is increased.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund represents the Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, Scituate, Marshfield, Norwell and Duxbury.

Hill hits lull after overturning 232 budget vetoes

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL LEVENSON

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

After a week in which lawmakers couldn't cram enough hours into the day, the Statehouse hit a summer lull. Lawmakers all but exchanged their briefcases for boogie boards.

Two weeks ago, Senate Democrats were so busy steamrolling Gov. Mitt Romney's budget vetoes that the Senate's clerks moved to calling the roll with just lawmakers' last names. It was a small change intended to save time, and larynges.

Hour after hour, Democrats used their huge numerical advantage to overturn 232 of the governor's vetoes, restoring $150 million to programs and making significant changes in bilingual education law, and early retirement programs. Exhausted, House members quit that Thursday at 11:49 p.m., Senators at midnight.

Last week, with the weather damp and hot, the marble hallways in the Statehouse fell quiet, the lobbyists and legislators had mostly vanished, and the Boy Scouts took center stage, at least in the official business of the House and Senate. Last Monday, House lawmakers met for six minutes, to approve one local bill to crack down on drag racing in Springfield, and pass a single congratulatory resolution. The Senate, for its part, convened for nine minutes, to name a field in Lowell and pass resolutions congratulating local Boy Scouts for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

House Speaker Thomas Finneran found time to host an AM radio show. The governor, a week after denouncing lawmakers for "unfathomable arrogance," for making changes to the voter-approved bilingual education law, filled his public schedule with less hard-hitting events.

The former CEO called state agency officials together for a company meeting of sorts. The idea was to keep open lines of communication. "What's significant," Romney's lawyer, Daniel Winslow, said, "is the act of reaching out to managers and acknowledging that we appreciate our managers."

What truly broke the summer lull, and reverberated across the US, was the report from Attorney General Thomas Reilly detailing his 16-month investigation into the sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church. Reilly called the abuse the worst tragedy to befall children in the state's history, involving probably more than 1,000 victims and 250 perpetrators since 1940. Within the state, the report appeared to broaden the public understanding of the number of victims of abuse, and focus attention on matters of serious policy: child protection laws and church abuse procedures that Reilly says are still insufficient to guarantee the safety of children.

Nationally, the report places blame for allowing the abuse to occur on a number of top aides to Cardinal Bernard Law who have gone on to become bishops in other cities. Among the church leaders who are now answering questions in light of the report are Bishops Thomas Daily of Brooklyn, N.Y., and John McCormack of Manchester, N.H. Other bishops implicated in the report now head diocese in Green Bay, Wis., and New Orleans, La.

House Speaker Thomas Finneran found time to host an AM radio show.

Other events making news include:

• *UMASS trustees plan to hike fees by $750* — The University of Massachusetts finance committee unveiled a plan to hike student fees by $750 for the second semester next year. The increase, which must still be approved by the full board, will raise $21 million to offset state budget cuts. Trustee James Karam said the university budget was cut by $80 million and spending reductions would make up the rest of the cut.

• *Romney aide says state should create panel to tackle zoning* — Gov. Mitt Romney's planning expert, Douglas Foy, asked lawmakers to set up a task force with the administration to recommend changes in the state's zoning laws. The task force, patterned after one that has recommended changes to the anti-snob zoning laws, would be a way to "come to resolution" on zoning law changes, and bills backed by powerful construction, union, and environmental interests, Foy told the Natural Resources Committee.

• *Police tell immigrant activists to move press conference* — A union-backed press conference to demand broader rights for immigrants turned into a showdown over rights, after activists were told by Boston Police they could not assemble outside Faneuil Hall "without a permit." After a standoff, the activists moved to union headquarters blocks away, but not before several said the event made their point: that rights are still trampled in the US. "It's our constitutional right to assemble," Elena Letona, executive director of Centro Presente, said after arguing with police. "How soon they forget that their parents and grandparents were immigrants, too."

• *Romney says he will draft plan to cut co2 emissions* — Gov. Mitt Romney said he would work with the governors of Northeast and mid-Atlantic states on a plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power plants, which have been linked to global warming. "I concur that climate change is beginning to (have an) effect on our natural resources and that now is the time to take action towards climate protection," Romney wrote in a letter to New York Gov. George Pataki. Pataki asked the governors to work toward ""meaningful reductions in carbon dioxide emissions." Romney said he would work to devise within two years a "flexible market-based regional cap and trade system." Pataki wants a plan in two years.

• *Romney administration opens drug plan for one month* — The Romney administration announced it would open enrollment in the state's prescription drug insurance program for seniors for one month, in August, disappointing advocates who said the window was too short to get the word out to seniors. AARP, Senior Action Council and other groups are pressing Romney to open the plan for two months. "There's a question of fairness," Rep. Deborah Blumer, D-Framingham, told the Globe.

Michael Levenson writes for the State House News Service.

POLITICAL NOTES

Open enrollment for prescription program

Senator Robert L. Hedlund has announced the drug insurance plan for seniors, known as Prescription Advantage, will hold an open enrollment period from Aug. 1-31. During that time, non-Medicaid recipients aged 66 or older and those aged 65 or under with disabilities will be able to be enrolled into the program that currently serves more than 80,000 people.

"This coverage is critical to the health and fiscal well-being of our seniors," Hedlund said. "I hope that every eligible senior takes advantage of the quality coverage provided by Prescription Advantage."

During the budget process, the Senate led the effort to retain and fully fund the Prescription Advantage program after it was initially not included in the House budget. The Senate prevailed during the conference negotiations, and the program was funded at $96.3 million.

"Since the Senate spearheaded the creation of Prescription Advantage in 2001, I have fought hard to see that it is fully funded and open to as many seniors as possible," Hedlund said.

Massachusetts developed the first national prescription drug insurance program in 2001. Applications and plan information may be obtained by calling Prescription Advantage Customer Service at 1-800-AGE-INFO. They are also available through local Councils on Aging, SHINE offices or by writing to Prescription Advantage, P.O. Box 15153, Worcester, MA 01615-0153.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS (H 4004)

House 105-49, Senate 28-9, override Gov. Romney's veto of a section allowing non-English-speaking kindergarten students the option to be taught in mainstream classrooms with "assistance in English language acquisition including but not limited to English as a second language." The voter-approved law only allows these students to be taught in sheltered English immersion classes. Override supporters said the change would give parents an additional option and allow a kindergarten child to sit in a classroom next to his English-speaking friends and learn to speak English. They said the change would enhance the voter-approved law that only allows kindergartners to be taught in a segregated classroom that consists of many children speaking different languages and only a teacher speaking fluent English. Override opponents said the change goes against the will of the voters who approved a law requiring that these students be taught only in sheltered English immersion classes. They noted the change is loosely worded and would be counterproductive if it was interpreted to allow an aide to regularly assist these students in their native tongues. (A "Yea" vote is for the change in the law. A "Nay" vote is against the change).

Senator Hedlund: N — Representative Bradley: N

TWO-WAY BILINGUAL PROGRAMS (H 4004)

House 110-44, Senate 28-9, override Gov. Romney's veto of a section allowing schools to continue to offer two-way bilingual programs for non-English speaking children of all ages. Two-way bilingual programs consist of English-speaking and non-English-speaking students sharing a classroom and alternately learning each other's language. The voter-approved law does not allow children under age ten in these programs but does permit them for children over age ten who apply for and are granted a waiver. Override supporters said these programs are currently offered in only a few communities but are very successful and should be allowed to continue. They argued that these programs not only help non-English-speaking students to learn English but have the added advantage of assisting English-speaking students to learn a foreign language. Override opponents said the change goes against the will of the voters who clearly voted to prohibit these programs for children under ten and allow them for children over ten only with a special waiver. They argued that this change could lead to many school instituting two-way bilingual programs in order to circumvent the voter-approved law requiring students to be taught in sheltered English immersion classes. (A "Yea" vote is for the change allowing the continuation of two-way bilingual programs. A "Nay" vote is against the change).

Senator Hedlund: N — Representative Bradley: N

ACCOUNTABILITY OF PROGRAMS (H 4004)

House 115-39, Senate 28-9, override Gov. Romney's veto of a section requiring that non-English-speaking students be taught to the same academic standards and curriculum frameworks as all other students. The section also requires districts to regularly assess whether this requirement is being met and to provide parents with report cards and progress reports on each student's progress in learning English. Another provision mandates that these reports be in a language that to the maximum extent possible is understood by the parents. Override supporters said this change would mandate increased accountability and ensure that non-English-speaking students are not only learning how to speak English but are also meeting the same academic standard that all other students are required to meet in all their courses. Override opponents said this requirement is already mandated by federal law and is redundant. (A "Yea" vote is for the new requirements. A "Nay" vote is against the new requirements).

Senator Hedlund: N — Representative Bradley: N

ON-SITE EVALUATION VISITS (H 4004)

House 116-38, Senate 28-9, override Gov. Romney's veto of a section requiring the state's Office of Educational Quality and Accountability to conduct on-site visits to school districts at least once every five years to evaluate the effectiveness of programs serving non-English-speaking students. The section also provides that if a district is failing to adequately improve educational outcomes for these students, any school within the district can eventually be designated as an underperforming school. Underperforming schools are subject to strict regulations and requirements by the state and can eventually be taken over by a receiver appointed by the Board of Education. Override supporters said this section would provide strict accountability and ensure that action is taken if the new voter-approved law does not help non-English-speaking students. Override opponents said the change goes against the will of the voters and argued the section goes too far. (A "Yea" vote is for the new requirements. A "Nay" vote is against the new requirements).

Senator Hedlund: N — Representative Bradley: N

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Merrill, Roth will be missed

TO THE EDITOR,

As a volunteer at the Cohasset Consignment Shop for approximately eight years, I was disappointed and perplexed by the premature departure of Andrea Merrill and Colleen Roth as manager and treasurer, respectively. Andi has done a wonderful job managing shop for 22 years. For her, the shop was more than just a retail venture.

I met many interesting people during my tenure there. Andi, Colleen, my fellow volunteers, and customers were always supportive during the really difficult times of my life. We had many customers who would just stop by and chat. Everyone was welcome

I thank Andi and Colleen for giving me the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people and to have the chance to contribute to a worthwhile cause.

I will miss everyone, and should Andi and/or Colleen choose to embark on other endeavors, I hope that there would be an opportunity for me to once again offer my services.

Thank you Andi and Colleen

Joy E. Toronto
Scituate

Jet pollution council appreciates support

TO THE EDITOR:

The South Shore Jet Pollution Council's Quiet Skies Art Exhibit and Silent Auction were a great success thanks to Regina Burke and the Fort Revere Park & Preservation Society, Susan Oberg the event organizer, and Matt Tobin, the Site Supervisor, Fort Revere Park.

The SSJPC would also to like to recognize and thank the following artists and supporters for their generosity:

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Thanks also to everyone who attended the Art Festival and all who helped behind the scenes. Thank you all for helping us work to protect the South Shore. With your support, moving air traffic out over the ocean and away from our homes is an attainable goal.

Don Levi and Harold Lincoln,
Co-Chairmen, South Shore Jet Pollution Council
Kim Basile, Event Coordinator

Open barnyard at Weir River Farm

The Trustees of Reservations has opened the barnyard at Weir River Farm for the season. Visit the farm on weekends this summer and meet the horses, llamas, sheep, lambs, goats, piglets, chickens and rabbits.

Farm staff is on-hand to lead informal tours and answer questions. Pack a lunch and enjoy our picnic area.

Members of The Trustees of Reservations are free and non-members are $3/person.

The farm is open on the following dates and times: Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parking for Weir River Farm is at the end of Turkey Hill Lane in Hingham. For more information, call 781-740-7233.

Greenbush backers have new website

Greenbush on Track (GOT) has a website: GreenbushOnTrack.com that features information about the plan to restore the 17.7-mile rail line along the South Shore. It explains the environmental, economic and social benefits Greenbush would bring to the region — which is the only part of Eastern or Central Massachusetts not connected to Boston by commuter rail. And the site highlights the widespread editorial support for the commuter rail project, as well as a video clip of Gov. Mitt Romney speaking about Greenbush.

This is a press release from GOT.

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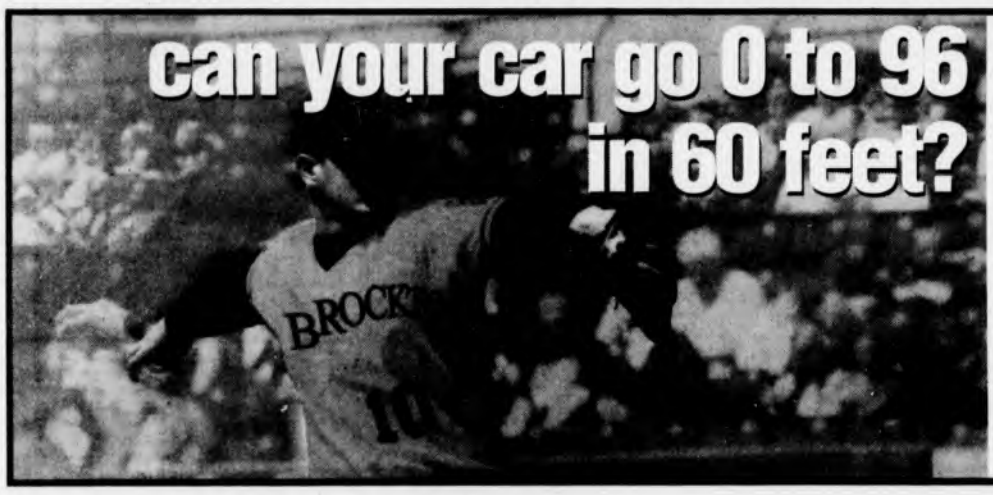

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Food Fest to help Father Bill's

By Carol Britton Meyer
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To help in the fight against homelessness, Jim Wells, former owner of Abbadessa's Restaurant on Lincoln Street in Hingham, now the Cove, is once again organizing a Food Fest and Auction to raise money for Father Bill's Place, a homeless shelter in neighboring Quincy.

Father Bill's, operated by Quincy Interfaith Sheltering Coalition, serves more than 1,000 clients annually, mainly from Quincy and the South Shore, including Hingham, Cohasset, Weymouth, Braintree, Milton, and Hull. The shelter, which is funded by state and federal grants and private donations, provides a temporary place to live and other services to the homeless. *(See sidebar.)*

"People from all walks of life have a wonderful time at the event, with more than 1,000 people gathering for an evening of fun, food, auctions, and music," Wells said. "Participating restaurants and bakeries do an unbelievable job, outdoing themselves for a wonderful cause."

"Father Bill's is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the homeless population is not going down," said Wells, noting that the economy and the increasing difficulty in finding affordable housing are key factors. "Many of our residents are working two jobs and still can't make ends meet. It's difficult to find a studio apartment for under $1,000 and equally difficult for people in communities like Hingham, Weymouth, Cohasset, and Hull to buy a house."

For the sixth year, Wells is chairing the Ninth Annual Food Fest & Auction to benefit Father Bill's. On Wed., Aug. 6, from 6 to 10 p.m., Hingham and other South Shore residents will have an opportunity to sample tasty food and sip fine wine to the music of the I-Land Rokkerz steel band and watch ice sculptures in the making at WaterWorks at Marina Bay, Quincy. Hingham's Scott Wahle, WBZ-TV Morning News anchor, is the honorary chairperson. More than $600,000 was raised during the past five years.

WaterWorks owner Ed Kane of Eat Well Inc., the parent company of Stars, Tosca, and Casa Del Rey in Hingham, is donating the space for the evening's events.

Volunteers play an important role in ensuring the shelter's continuation, including fund raising. "If we didn't have people to step up to the plate we would have many more homeless people out on the street," Well said.

The Food Fest features delicacies prepared by chefs from many of the finest South Shore restaurants and wine from local distributors. Participants include Eat Well Catering, Stars Hingham, Tosca, Casa del Rey, Nona's Homemade Ice Cream, 99 Restaurant & Pub, Brian's Fine Desserts, Captain Fishbones at Marina Bay, Ginger Betty's Bakery, Jake's Seafoods Restaurant & Market, Joe's American Bar & Grill, Konditor Meister, Inc., Lantana, Montilio's Cake Shoppe, Old Hitching Post Restaurant, Reggio Italian Ristorante, Roche Brothers Catering, Rock Bottom Restaurant, The Catered Affair, The Common Market Restaurants, The Four's Restaurant, and This Takes the Cake.

The auction, with Wells serving as auctioneer, features items donated by many local businesses, including vacations, sports memorabilia, entertainment packages, and tickets to popular sporting events.

Fund raising always plays an important part, but this year in particular due to state budget cuts, which amounted to a $250,000 loss for the shelter last year.

"We're so appreciative of those who make this fund raiser possible in our mission against homelessness," said John Yazwinski, Executive Director of Father Bill's. "Eventually we'd like to be able to take down our sign!"

Food Fest tickets are available for $75 per person and may be obtained by mail, telephone, or by visiting www.fatherbillsplace.org with a charge card. Tickets are also available at the door. For further information or to donate auction items, call Janice Whalen, Erin Anderson, or John Yazwinski at (617) 376-2255. All proceeds benefit Father Bill's.

"We're always looking for unique items — trips, a ride on a yacht, vacations, rentals, or hot air balloon rides," Wells said.

About Father Bill's

Name: Father Bill's Place
Services provided: homeless shelter and programs linking the homeless to appropriate housing and services leading to independent living.
Communities served: Quincy, Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, Braintree, Weymouth, and others, mainly on the South Shore.
Number seeking shelter or services annually: More than 1,000 individuals.
Funding: state and federal funds, private donations, fund raising.
Next fund raiser: Annual Food Fest & Auction, Aug. 6, 6 to 10 p.m. at WaterWorks, Marina Bay, Quincy.

Putting a face on homelessness

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While many Hingham and other South Shore residents are enjoying vacations or activities offered in their hometowns, some who are less fortunate are struggling to find jobs and a place to live.

Homelessness, which knows no boundaries, can be attributed to a number of factors, including a lack of affordable housing, unemployment or underemployment, mental health issues, substance abuse, and the inability to access appropriate services.

"Homelessness isn't just the poor, sad soul on the side of the road, although that's part of it," said Jim Wells, former owner of Abbadessa's restaurant in Hingham and chairperson for an upcoming fund raiser to benefit Father Bill's Place, a homeless shelter in Quincy. "It's about not being able to make ends meet. A number of young people who once lived with their parents are finding they can't afford homes of their own, and with the current job situation, some people with six-figure incomes have all of a sudden found themselves out of a job with drastic things happening."

A number of Hingham and other South Shore restaurants and wine distributors are participating in the Aug. 6 Food Fest & Auction.

The shelter serves residents from Quincy and the South Shore, including Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, Weymouth, Braintree, Marshfield, and Milton by providing temporary housing and other services. Father Bill's now has separate men's and women's shelters.

Father Bill's goal is to link homeless individuals to the appropriate housing and services needed to live independently and to steer them towards treatment, housing, employment, and self-reliance.

"We like to see the results," said Wells. "Father Bill's provides not just a bed and a meal but also a restructuring of our clients' lives to get them back on their feet and help them solve their problems, including veterans issues, mental instabilities, and substance abuse."

According to John Yazwinski, Executive Director of Father Bill's, the number of people using the shelter has increased. "We've seen a big jump in the number of Weymouth residents, for example, so much so that the mayor committed some community development block grant money to Father Bill's," Yazwinski said, noting that the shelter served more than 200 Weymouth residents last year. The majority of calls came from working-class people facing homelessness, many because their pay raises weren't keeping up with increasing rents. Some were single parents with one or two children.

A single mother from Hingham sought shelter at Father Bill's a few months ago after finding temporary shelter for her children with nearby family members. "She was a full-time waitress in a Hingham restaurant whose rent went from $600 to $900 overnight," Yazwinski said. "She kept her job but needed to use our shelter temporarily" until she worked things out.

There's also been an increase in the number of Hingham residents seeking help or advice when faced with the possibility of homelessness. Last year, Father Bill's received more than 100 calls from Hingham, Hull, and Weymouth residents looking for rental assistance. The shelter has some funds available for that purpose on a temporary basis.

"We work with landlords to help families work out payment plans with their landlords," Yazwinski said. "We've served almost a dozen Hingham residents or individuals with relatives in Hingham during the past year in one way or another who were perhaps struggling with mental health issues, substance abuse, or difficulties in accessing programs offered by local state hospitals."

Some elderly people from various communities who are having trouble handling now-adult children with mental disabilities due to scaled-back state services have also contacted Father Bill's for help, along with young people who are no longer in the state foster care system because they are too old to access those services.

The shelter has provided help to 50 Hull residents so far this year. "A lot of rents go up for the summer season, pushing the working class out," Yazwinski said. "There is a real lack of affordable housing in many communities."

It's not only the working-class population that's been hard hit.

"We've seen some well-off people," too," said Yazwinski. "Those include young people from communities like Hingham, Cohasset, and Marshfield who are struggling with drug and alcohol-related problems who are no longer living with their parents or don't know who to turn to. We've also seen affluent adults struggling with alcohol who eventually lose their support network."

Domestic violence against women living on the South Shore is on the rise, according to Yazwinski. "We want a vibrant community here at Father Bill's to help people deal with drug and alcohol problems, domestic violence, and other issues," he said. "With the combination of state budget cuts and the economy, we're seeing more violence in the community, perhaps due in part to a lack of access to substance abuse programs and the fact that some mentally ill who used to be in residential programs are now roaming the streets of our communities" due to cut-backs in related services.

"People in need are always welcome to come to our emergency shelters," Yazwinski said.

Father Bill's is working with Quincy Interfaith Housing to buy a 15-room house in Hull to "help move people out of homelessness," said Wells.

To learn more about Father Bill's or volunteer opportunities, visit www.fatherbillsplace.org.

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Health board has a plan to stop storm-water pollution

By Samantha Brown
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Many Cohasset residents take pride in having lush, green lawns. But what they may not realize, is one night of heavy rainfall can carry harmful pollutants from certain lawn fertilizers directly into local water bodies.

Rain can also wash litter, oil from roads and driveways, and even animal waste from wildlife into catch basins and storm drains.

Preventing pollution in water bodies is an important health issue. So to that end, the Cohasset Board of Health is working on a plan to not only spark awareness and educate people in town about the different pollutants that can contaminate the water supply – but involve them in the solution.

Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik met with consultant to the Water Commission Mark Bartlett of the Norfolk Ram Group last week, to go over the Storm Water Management Plan, which will provide useful information for residents and town officials on the state of the water supply, as well as a game plan to reduce pollution.

"Storm water can have a serious impact on other water bodies," Godzik said.

Storm water is rainwater and anything it takes with it into gutters and drains, such as fertilizers washed off lawns, as well as pollutants and debris from the streets. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, unlike sewage wastewater, storm water is not treated, and goes directly from the source out into various waterways. This means in just one day, water containing chemical pollutants could flow down a driveway, into the storm drain, and out into the wetlands, ultimately effecting wildlife living there.

With heavy amounts of rainfall, there is also the tendency for litter to get caught up in the current and sent out to sea, causing even more trouble for animals living in and around the water's edge.

"This is a plan to show how the town will mitigate storm waters to improve water quality," Godzik said.

Cohasset's Storm Water Management Plan includes six objectives, which will be carried out over the next five years:

- public education and outreach;
- public participation and involvement;
- illicit discharge detection and elimination;
- construction site runoff control;
- post construction runoff control;
- pollution prevention and good housekeeping.

As part of the public education objective, the Board will continue to provide the Health Notes column for the Cohasset Mariner, provide public service announcements on local cable stations, and hold various other public information sessions.

Students at the Center for Student Coastal Research on Parker Avenue will help fulfill the public participation component through their various water quality testing projects. Godzik hopes that more adult volunteers will begin to help as well, so testing can continue at a steady pace even during the school year.

To help control illicit discharge into waterways, the plan calls for the development of a regulation as well as the beginning of connectivity mapping. The DPW will use the storm drain maps created last summer as a template. Regulations or bylaws will also be developed for construction site runoff and post construction runoff control.

"This is a plan to show how the town will mitigate storm waters to improve water quality."

— Dr. Joseph Godzik, Health Agent

Under the Clean Water Act, which was enacted in 1973, urbanized, rural communities such as Cohasset, are required to meet standards put forth by the EPA. Not all suburban towns must comply, only those that meet certain statistical measures. The surrounding towns of Scituate, Hingham, and Hull, as well as many other South Shore communities, are held to the same measures as Cohasset.

Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo said that in the near future, the town will be setting up a plan for a storm drain incident reporting system, which will involve the Department of Public Works as well as allow the opportunity for concerned residents to report problems. The program will be centered around incident reporting of storm events during the "first flush," which is the very beginning of rainfall, and will equip DPW workers with forms for describing conditions at discrete catch basins.

Bobo said experts say the first flush is the time when most of the pollution from roads and surface water is washed into catch basins, and from there into streams and waterways.

If a citizen calls the town to report a problem, they will be referred to the DPW that will record the complaint and then decide whether the issue is pressing and should be addressed at once, or if it can wait for later examination.

Bobo also said DPW trucks will have clipboards with forms attached, so that "any DPW personnel responding will have the phone report and the form for completion at the site."

Records will be coordinated and organized so the caller can be notified about any action taken.

In addition to reporting problems they notice around town, residents can help keep the town's water safe by paying close attention to anything their households might be doing to contribute to problems. Bobo said lawn chemicals cause pollution when they enter the town's ground and surface water, and urges residents to look into the lawn care initiative, which will be put forth by the Board of Health along with the Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee.

The groups will be sending out a town-wide mailing about lawn care, and are currently working on a listing of environmentally conscious landscapers, which will be available at the Board of Health and Conservation Commission in the near future.

'Shootout' on Common

Along with the mailing, there is a planned "shootout" on the Common, where two landscapers will apply their all- natural methods to the lawn, and be judged by experts who will determine which is the most environmentally sound practice.

Bobo said the Board of Health also has information for households regarding septic system maintenance, although aside from periodic cleaning every few years, "current site systems require very little maintenance."

Included with the information is a list of materials such as bleach and paint products which should not be flushed into toilets.

Bobo thinks that with the town's involvement in the plans, water supplies will stay safe.

"There is a more widespread consciousness about environmental issues than was present even four years ago," he said. "I am optimistic about the way citizens are beginning to understand the relationships between health and environmentally sound practices in and around their homes."

Funding for the project has been provided largely by grants, with a first year budget of $95,000. Any additional funding comes from Town Meeting. The total five year budget is estimated to be $850,000.

No matter what the cost, Godzik believes this program will provide an invaluable service to the town.

"Water is critical. We can't continue to throw pollutants into our water supply," he said. "Water plays an important role on the whole ecosystem, and when you play around with that, and start to mess around with the ecosystem, that isn't good."

The Storm Water Management Plan will continue to be a "work in progress," but Godzik said a final draft should be ready this week.

Cohasset residents in the armed forces

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Summer baseball not for everyone

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

What could be better than summer youth baseball?

Depends on whom you talk to.

I, like a lot of my fellow coaches, can't get enough of summer ball. You go from being a teacher to a true coach once the all-star season starts, and experience vicariously the thrill the kids have playing against the best other teams have to offer. Many of my fellow proud parents feel the same way.

The answer to that question, according to my wife and many of her friends, though, is everything from root canal on up the pleasure scale.

I guess I can see her point. We have one son on a traveling 12-year old team and another on a traveling 11-year old team. I'm head coach of one team and help coach the other one on nights there are no conflicts. Right now, I'm in the middle of a stretch of 12 games in 10 days. And then there are all those other times the boys and I "have to" spend at the field for one reason or another.

On most game days, I get to go straight from work to the games, while my wife is forced to curtail her daily plans early to feed the kids, make sure they've got all their required gear (we couldn't expect them to remember, after all) and then drive them out to their assorted destinations.

For 180 days a year, moms fight the battle of getting kids out the door in time for school, getting the house back into some semblance of order before the kids arrive home, then getting them home, and, in scant little time, making sure the homework is done, they're well fed, clean and off to bed at a reasonable hour so they'll have the energy to fight the battle another day. Finally, they get a well deserved break of 2-1/2 months, just to see one plan after anoth-

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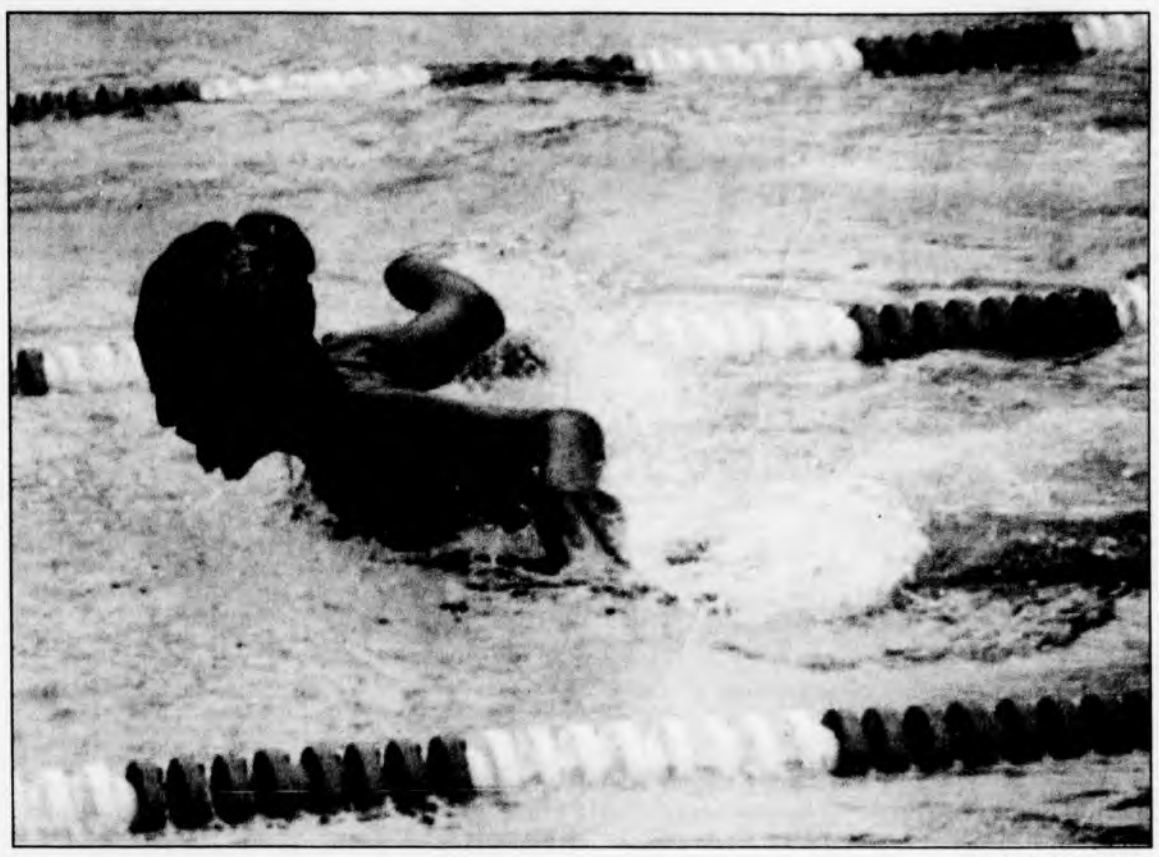

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Caren Garber, seen here in the butterfly race, delivered three second place finishes and a third place finish for the Cohasset Swim Team in last week's big win over the Scituate Knight's of Columbus. For Swim Team Report, see page 17.

Shea still getting his kicks

Former CHS soccer star has enjoyed two solid seasons at Bowdoin

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Flash, if you can, all the way back to the fall of 2000. The boys soccer team is parading through the State playoffs, rattling off one upset after another, including wins over two of the top three seeded teams in the tournament.

The team is solid up-front, but the winning run is anchored by swarming defense which is anchored by senior Erik Shea.

Back to the present. What's Shea been up to anyway?

He is in very different surroundings, but doing much of the same: winning at soccer. Playing a key role off the bench for the Bowdoin Polar Bears, Shea, a sophomore, was a contributing member of the team that won the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) regular season.

Earning the top seed going into the NESCAC tournament, the team did fall in the semi-finals to rival Amherst College, as the at-large NCAA bid went to Williams College. However, Shea was proud of the effort both he, and his teammates, put forth last fall.

"We had a really strong team this year," noted Shea, who came off the bench in his freshman year as well. "Its probably the highest level D3 soccer in the country."

Shea attributed some of the team's great success this past fall to the strong freshman class brought in, a class that included the 2002 Massachusetts High School Player of the Year, Andrew Russo of Weymouth. However, he also noted the stark contrasts in coaching and playing styles he has witnessed and experienced since becoming a college athlete.

"The thing that surprised me was that [college soccer] is less skill oriented and more about strength and pounding the ball," said Shea. "Conditioning is big, and you have to be very aggressive, willing to bang around."

Shea's four year run as a starter at Cohasset High School

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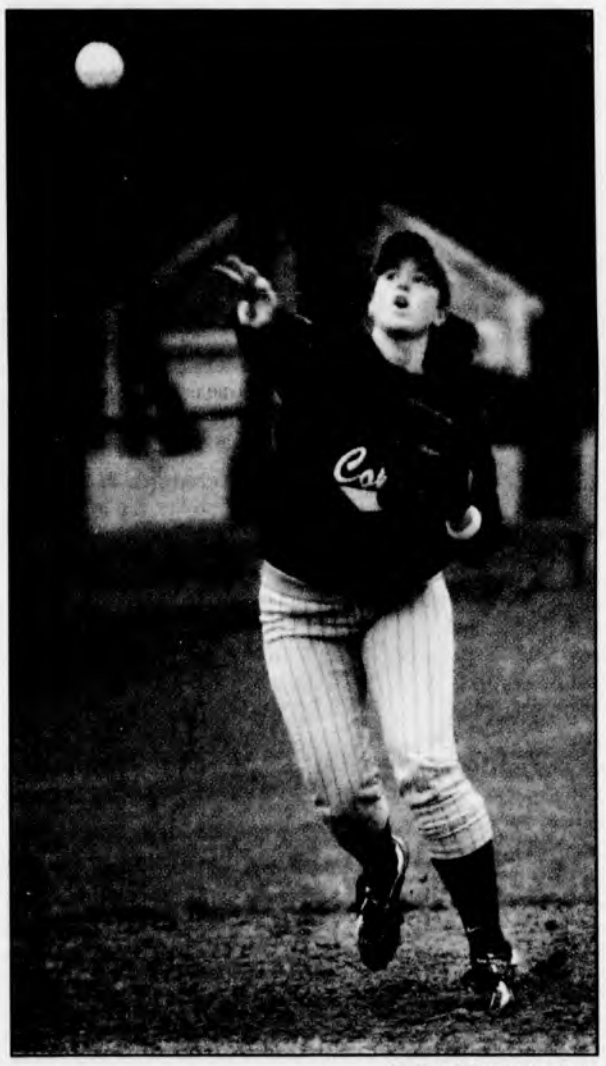

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Shortstop Danielle Pinkus was a rock in the Lady Skippers infield this season, earning her an Honorable Mention nod.

All-Scholastic softball team

Cohasset's Pinkus and Peraino named Honorable Mentions

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

Recent Cohasset High graduate Heather Peraino (the team's lone South Shore League all-star selectee) and junior shortstop Danielle Pinkus were both given consideration for their noteworthy contributions in the Lady Skippers return to varsity play after an eight year hiatus.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 16 girls, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top softball players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

Devon Hitchcock - Senior (Capt.) Centerfield - Abington

Devon Hitchcock

Was one of the best hitters in Eastern Mass. this season, boasting a .618 average from the No. 9 spot to lead the South Shore League...Reached as high hitting .700 in the first half of the season, pacing her team to a second-straight SSL title (12-0, 20-3)...The three-year starter went 42-for-68 this season, racking up four doubles and 19 RBI...A SSL All-star, Hitchcock went 2-for-3 against Dighton-Rehoboth in the Div. 2 South Sectional semifinals...Also very strong defensively in centerfield, Hitchcock recorded only one

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Cohasset 11's prove a formidable nine

On the glorious weekend of July 19 to 20, the CYBSA hosted its first tournament at the New Barnes Complex. The boys 11-year-old travel team hosted players from Norwell, Scituate and Braintree.

Organized by Bob McCunney, coach of the boys 11 year old team, this event was a two day affair, culminating in the championship game played on Monday July 21. Tremendous communication and coordination between the guest teams, the CYBSA, and Coach McCunney allowed the event to run smoothly.

The Cohasset boys won all four of their weekend games, soundly defeating Norwell and Braintree and coming from behind to beat Scituate in an exciting bottom of sixth inning rally. Center fielder John Giuggio, with two outs, drove in John Maher for the winning run with a perfect base hit. Cohasset faced Norwell in the championship game Monday Night and won an impressive victory, 9-3.

According to Coach McCunney "all of the boys contributed to the win."

The strength of the team is evident in some pretty impressive statistics compiled throughout the five game tournament. Cohasset scored 41 runs while holding their opponents to 16 runs.

Catcher John Kearney crossed the plate eight times for the home town team and led the team with seven hits. Pitchers Robby McCunney and Thomas Buckley struck out a combined 32 batters, with the entire Cohasset team striking out only 13 times. Brendan Doonan and John Maher led the team with eight and six RBIs respectively. Defensively, Graham Stevenson, John Giuggio, Andy McKenna, Chris Walsh and Justin Yeager contributed eight putouts and seven assists, holding their opponents on base.

The first round of the individual competitions took place on Saturday with the final rounds on Sunday. All of the boys from each team participated in each event on Saturday, hoping to make it to the finals.

The first round of the hitting contest was highlighted by Cohasset slugger Robby McCunney scoring a whopping 62 points, with two home runs.

Cohasset sent several players to the final rounds of the individual competitions, but the Norwell and Scituate boys dominated the events. Norwell took first second and third place in the race around the bases, first in the hitting contest and second in the golden arm competition. Scituate scored first and third in the golden arm, and second and

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Cohasset's 11-year old all-stars take a warm up sprint prior to game at Barnes Field last week.

Cohasset's Pinkus and Peraino named Honorable Mentions

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error this season...Hitchcock plans to attend Westfield State College and continue her softball career. Abington coach Steve Kingman: "We've been fortunate to have good outfielders and Devon is one of them. She's a terrific player who did everything right for us."

Michelle Leines - Junior (Capt.) Pitcher - Abington

Michelle Leines

A three-year starter on the hill, this talented lefty notched another solid season for the South Shore League champions (12-0)...Her 1.48 ERA and 8-1 record helped Abington (20-3) reach the semi-finals of the Div. 2 South Sectional...Also no-hit two SSL opponents this season...Leines also hit .460 and drove in 36 runs from the lead-off spot...Provided the perfect one-two punch with fellow All-Scholastic and AnnMarie Murphy, who were both unbeaten in league play and split MVP honors...When she wasn't pitching, Leines put her strong arm to work in rightfield and was rarely scored on...Smashed the game-winning triple in an extra-innings 1-0 victory over rival Hanover...Spends her summers playing Jr. Olympics and pitched this year's Bay State Summer Games' Southeast team to a silver medal...The three-time SSL All-star will return to captain the AHS squad next season. Abington coach Steve Kingman: "Michelle is a great competitor. She plays all summer and has been pumping iron. She pitches her heart out."

AnnMarie Murphy - Sophomore Pitcher - Abington

With two quality starters last year, Murphy didn't see much time, but in her first starting year, she showed her prowess...The sophomore was the South Shore League's leading hurler with a nearly untouchable 0.63 ERA and unblemished record for the champion Green Wave...Went 10-2 overall (66 K's) this season, her only two losses coming against Case and Dighton-Rehoboth in the semis of the Div. 2 South Sectional...Returned the favor in the opening round of the tourney, holding Case to just three hits in a 7-0 victory...Has already hurled two perfect games, the first coming in her only start last season...Also a solid hitter, Murphy recorded a .375 average with 13 RBI, and a homerun...Was named co-MVP of the team with Leines...Murphy also runs cross country and plays basketball at AHS...She spends her summers playing with the Drifters' Under-16 program...She will return to the starting rotation next spring. Abington coach Steve Kingman: "Most coaches would kill to have either one (Murphy/Leines) of these kids. AnnMarie had a tremendous sophomore season."

Alex Hitchcock - Sophomore Shortstop - Abington

Alex Hitchcock

Having to fill the void left by one of the most talented athletes that ever played at AHS, Hitchcock responded loudly...The sophomore recorded only a pair of errors from the heavily active shortstop position, ably filling the shoes of 2002 grad Brittany Cheney... Hitchcock also hit a respectable .394 from the No. 5 spot in the lineup and notched several clutch hits in games this season...A starting second baseman last season, Hitchcock is smooth, graceful, and steady in the infield, according to her coach...She will return to the AHS roster next season. Abington coach Steve Kingman: "We were asking her to replace a world class kid and she did it seamlessly. She's got a great arm and is really going to be a force for us the next two years."

Nicole Messina - Senior (Capt.) Pitcher - Hanover

Nicole Messina

A three-time All-star (twice with the Patriot League, once in the South Shore League), Messina capped her season as one of Hanover's winningest pitchers...Won 11 games this season for the Patriot League co-champion Lady Indians (9-3, 15-7 overall)...With a share of the title on the line, Messina hurled a no-hitter in a must-win 3-0 victory over East Bridgewater...Also outlasted Milton standout Tracey Cidlevich in a 4-3 non-league win...Not overpowering, Messina relies primarily on her smarts, beating batters with her clever pitch placement...A three-time All-Scholastic, Messina spent her summer playing in softball tourneys and with the South Shore Night League...She will attend Curry College and tryout for the softball team. Hanover coach Matt Plummer: "Nikki's like Greg Maddux. She doesn't blow pitches by people, but she works the count. She does her homework and knows her opponents very well."

Lindsey Arria - Sophomore Shortstop - Hanover

Just a sophomore, this two-time Patriot League All-star and All-Scholastic is already playing well beyond her years...Was among the team leaders in hitting from the lead-off spot with a .342, stolen bases, runs scored (27), and on base percentage...At shortstop, Arria committed only two errors this season, helping Hanover (15-6) tie EB for the PL title (9-3) and quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional...An extremely confident and dedicated player, Arria's quickness and good decision making ability are among her greatest assets...Also a forward on the HHS soccer team and point-guard on the basketball team, Arria made our All-Scholastic squads in each sport...She will be among the top returning players to the squad next season. Hanover coach Matt Plummer: "She is an extremely solid player. She's just so consistent and does a lot to help out. She's awesome; better than Nomar."

Lindsey Arria

Taryn Sullivan - Junior Second base - Hanover

Taryn Sullivan

While her average wasn't quite as high as last season (.502), Sullivan more than did her part for the Patriot League co-champions, hitting .400 from the No. 3 spot in the order...The two-time PL All-star led the team in extra-base hits, notching nine doubles and three triples for the Lady Indians (15-6, 9-3 PL)...Also a solid second baseman, Sullivan's play in field and at the plate helped land Hanover in the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional...Sullivan is a two-time softball All-Scholastic...Also a talented soccer player at HHS, Sullivan will return to captain both teams next season. Hanover coach Matt Plummer: "Taryn can really crush the ball. She really hits all of our opponents' pitchers very well. She's a tough kid and a good player."

Rachelle Kulak - Senior (Capt.) Pitcher - Hingham

Rachelle Kulak

The "heart and soul" of the Harbor-women squad throughout her career, Kulak more than left her mark on the sport...Revered by opposing Patriot League coaches, Kulak's hard-hitting, hard-throwing play and fun-loving attitude made her an undeniable presence...The three-time PL All-star led the team again in hitting with a .553 average, with 16 RBI...On the hill, Kulak struck out an incredible 166 batters, starting every game this season...She hurled a no-hitter in a 1-0 victory over Rockland and struck out 23 batters in an extra-inning win over Scituate...Kulak helped lead her team to the tourney her sophomore year...Kulak spends her summers playing Jr. Olympic softball...She has not yet decided on future plans. Hingham coach Joe Cotton: "For years, we've relied so heavily on Rachelle because she was what we had. She lives and dies softball. She's been the glue that has held this team together for four years."

Ally O'Toole - Senior (Capt.) Catcher - Weymouth

Ally O'Toole

Was the second overall pick on the Bay State Carey All-star team, following a highly successful senior campaign...The two-year captain was the Lady Wildcats' (10-10) and BSC's leading hitter this season, despite missing four games...O'Toole hit .449 and had an on-base percentage of .550...The three-time BSC All-star also scored 11 runs, drove in 6, and stole 6 bases...O'Toole went 4-for-4 in a 7-6 stunner over Braintree and had key hits in a 7-5 victory over BSC champs Framingham...Behind the plate, O'Toole was one of the league's best as base-stealers rarely found success, throwing out 11-of-14 in non-first and third situations...Won her team's MVP award the last two years and was the runner-up for league MVP...O'Toole plans to attend UMass Amherst in the fall. Weymouth coach Kate Daley: "Behind the plate, she was like a wall for us. The accolades just kept on coming for her."

Sarah Taylor - Senior (Capt.) Third base - Marshfield

Sarah Taylor

A two-year captain on the Marshfield squad, Taylor was the leading hitter on the team for the second-straight season...Taylor hit .375 and racked up 21 RBI...Playing in the highly-competitive Old Colony League, home to Div. 1 state champs, Taunton, Taylor's solid play at the plate and in the field at third base helped Marshfield capture a 7-7 record in league...Their 11-9 mark qualified the team for post-season play for the first time in years...The OCL All-star also caught eight games this season for the Lady Rams...Also a volleyball All-Scholastic, Taylor was the squad's starting setter...She competed for the gymnastics team in the winter...Taylor plans to attend Tufts University in the fall. Marshfield coach Mike Barrett: "She's the one player that we're really going to miss next year. She did everything for us. She stepped in at catcher and threw out one of the league's best runners. She's just a great all-around student/athlete."

Jessica MacNeil - Junior (Capt.) Shortstop - Holbrook

Jessy has been the Lady Bulldogs starting shortstop since seventh grade...she played a big part in her team's 15-2 regular season in both the field and the plate...hit a team best .518, hit three home runs, led the team in runs scored and finished second in RBI...hit third in the batting order...is also a standout soccer and basketball at Holbrook High, earning Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mentions this year for both sports...has been a starting guard for the hoops team since her eighth grade season...has played varsity soccer since her eighth grade season, and this past fall moved from the frontline to the all-important sweeper position...will serve as a captain for all three teams next year as a senior...Honor Roll student...serves as an instructor at youth soccer camps in the summer...plays with group of high school teammates soccer in Rockland...plans to attend college, and would like to play at least one sport, with soccer or basketball being her top preference at the moment...Holbrook coach Sharon Farrell: "Jessy is a talented athlete, obviously, but she's also very committed to whatever sport she's doing and she's a leader on three different teams."

Jessica MacNeil

Linsey Vacchino - Senior (Capt.) Third base - Silver Lake

Linsey Vacchino

A sensational defensive third baseman who is being named to her second consecutive Mariner All-Scholastic team...three year varsity starter who really blossomed at the plate the last two seasons, hitting .470 as junior and .480 this spring with two homers and 21 RBI...made just two errors all season at one of the busiest spots on the diamond for the 15-5 Lady Lakers...two time Old Colony League all-star... had two hits against Taunton's Katlyn Mallette, one of the state's top pitchers...also had two hits in 5-3 loss to Quincy in the first round of the state tourney... plays softball year round, moving to the Bridgewater Sports Dome in the winter... used to pitch at youth level...Patriot Ledger all-scholastic...voted her "Gym Class Hero" for the Class of 2003...also plays basketball at Silver Lake...ran fall cross country as an underclassman, but gave that up to manage the SL volleyball team last year...Kingston resident... National Society member...Honor Roll student...graduated top 50 in her class of 350...is headed to Ithaca College, where she plans to try out for the 2002 Div. 3 national championship softball team...also to play plenty of intramurals, including basketball, tennis and possibly badminton...will major in Sports Management...Silver Lake coach Mike Brennan: "Linsey is without a doubt the best defensive third baseman I've ever coached in my 14 years. She has excellent instincts and reflexes. She makes unbelievable plays. Her improved hitting over the last two years was just an added bonus."

Korey Graney - Senior (Capt.) Pitcher - Silver Lake

Became Silver Lake's all-time winningest pitcher this spring with 28 wins (the old record was 22)...in her second season as the team's top pitcher, Korey posted a record of 15-5...most impressive wins were a no-hitter against OCL rival North Quincy and a three-hitter versus arch rival B-R in a key late season showdown...the tall righthander struck out 86 and walked 29 in 137 innings for the 15-5 Lady Lakers...had an impressive ERA of 1.39... Enterprise All-Scholastic...Old Colony League all-star...plays summer baseball for home town Pembroke team... a youth softball pitching instructor...will be attending Massasoit Community College and plans to continue playing softball...will likely be used as an outfielder and backup pitcher in her first collegiate season... Silver Lake coach Mike Brennan: "Korey is a grinder. She goes out like a horse every game, and she's never hurt. She would keep us in every game. I could count on her pitching four or five games a week. She's real tough. At one point, she had a foot injury but she still played."

Korey Graney

Andrea Gardner - Junior Catcher - Silver Lake

Moved from California to Kingston for one school year and wound up being named to two Mariner All-Scholastic teams (volleyball was the other)...a sensational athlete who quickly established her self as one of the area's premier defensive catchers...also hit around .300 for the 15-5 Lady Lakers...Old Colony League All-Star..." Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic Honorable Mention...also ran winter track for SL...High Honors student...gifted 5-foot-8 athlete has vertical leap of 28 inches...Silver Lake coach Mike Brennan: "We're going to really miss Andrea next year. She came in here, and just made us a different team with her work behind the plate. A really good catcher can make a huge difference for a team, and she did just that for us."

Andrea Gardner

Emily Bularzik - Sophomore Pitcher - Braintree

Posted a 12-5 record for the surprising Lady Wamps team (14-5) in what was supposed to be a rebuilding year... started 17 of 20 games, and allowed one run or fewer in 14 of 18 appearances...the 5-foot-2 righty utilized pinpoint control to strike out 104 batters, while walking just nine in 128 innings of work...finished the season with an ERA of 1.15... had a string of 27 consecutive scoreless innings in one stretch...season highlights include a 2-0 win over BSC rival Milton, in which she surrendered just three hits and only one ball reached the outfield... Bay State Conference first team all-star...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...went 5-5 on the mound as a freshman... plays AAU softball for the Bay State Strikers...tied for top rank in her class of 347...co-captain of the BHS debate team...member of the math team...French

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Emily Bularzik

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All-Scholastic softball team

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National Honor Society member… a serious violin player who has been invited to play in the Senior Southeastern Mass. School Bandmaster Association Music Festival… member of the "Buddy Program", a volunteer program that team's students as peers with Special Education students…Braintree coach Mike Goldman: "Control was Emily's thing on the mound. It was really remarkable for someone so young. She also has an outstanding attitude for softball.

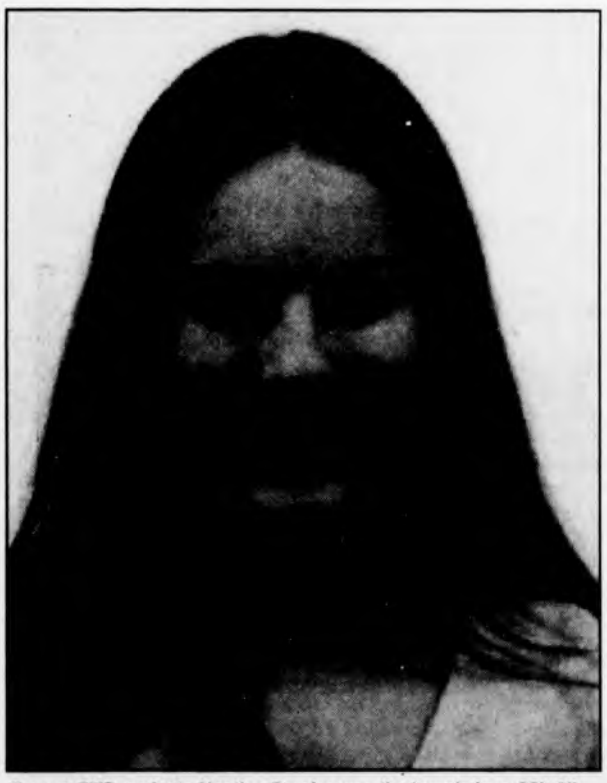
Lindsey Souza - Senior (Capt.)
Shortstop - Braintree

Lindsey Souza

Lindsey is a sensational defensive player who manned the BHS varsity shortstop position the last three years…made only two errors all season…has great range and possesses a strong arm…hit .350 this season and .400 as a junior…two-time Bay State League-second team all-star…was the only senior starter on surprising 14-5 Lady Wamps squad…team MVP…also a superb field hockey player, earning BSC all-star and Mariner All-Scholastic honors for that sport as well this past fall…was also a team captain and named team MVP for this sport…played for the BHS girls hockey team as well, which will jump from JV to varsity competition this year…plays softball year round, playing indoors at the Bridgewater Sports Dome in the winter…Honor Roll student…member of the Spanish National Honor Society...was chosen to travel to Spain this spring with high school group…member of the "Buddy Program", a volunteer program that team's students as peers with Special Education students… President of BHS's Environmental Club… member of the KEY Club…will attend Franklin Pierce College, where she hopes to play softball…undecided on a major…Braintree coach Mike Goldman: "Lindsey is a very competitive person, and she really helped this younger team come together this season, really much better than I anticipated. She really is a fantastic shortstop defensively. She'll be tough to replace, no doubt about that."

Honorable Mention:

Kristen Grabowski - Soph. - Third base - Abington
Kim Lynch - Soph. - First base - Abington
Heather Peraino - Sr. (Capt.)- Outfield/Pitcher - Cohasset
Danielle Pinkus - Jr. - Shortstop - Cohasset
Liz Marvelle - Sr. (Capt.) - First base - Hanover
Caroyln King - Sr. (Capt.) - Catcher - Hanover
Melaina Genovese - Sr. - Rightfield - Hingham
Haleigh Baxter - Sr. (Capt.) - Third base - Hingham
Kristina Lowe- Soph.- Catcher- Holbrook
Amy Breen- Jr.- Pitcher- Holbrook
Jill Lawrence - Sr. (Capt.) - Infield - Marshfield
Rosie Snow - Jr. - Pitcher - Marshfield
Courtney Berquist - Jr. - Third base- Norwell
Holly Guastalli- Fr.- Shortstop- Norwell
Krista Regan - Sr. - Second base - Rockland
Cheryl Fraser- Sr. - Centerfield- Scituate
Lindsay Bonnano- Sr.- Second base- Scituate
Christina Obert- Sr.- Catcher- Scituate
Christina Sullivan - Sr. - Shortstop - Weymouth
Christine Madden - Sr. - Centerfield - Weymouth


Recent CHS graduate Heather Peraino was the team's lone SSL All-Star selecteee, and received a well-eamed Honorable Mention from us as well.

Cohasset swimmers wash under K of C squad

It was a busy week for Cohasset swim team with the addition of an extra mid-week competition against Scituate's Knights of Columbus. The previous Friday meet had fallen victim to yet another thunderstorm and now it was time to catch up and get back on schedule. Cohasset had already accumulated 129 points to K of C's 102 before rain stopped play, but K of C's swimmers have always been tough competitors and although Cohasset has won in the past, the margin of victory has, at times, been slim. In the end, however, the home team prevailed and Cohasset won this critical meet by a comfortable 42 point margin.

The afternoon kicked off with the 100 yard medley relays, and the eight and under boys and girls got things off to good start with first place finishes in both their races (boys: 1st: Fontaine; McCarthy; Adkins; Kissick; 2nd: Brown; Michalowski; Swain; Berube; 4th: Green; Doonan; McCarthy; Rice; girls: 1st: Buckley; Carrier; Farren; Teague; 4th: Malerti; Bodner; Zimmerman; McCunney; 5th: McGowan; Noble; Berube; Farren). The ten and under boys just missed the win but took second and third places and the girls pushed back to claim first place in their race (boys: 2nd: Salerno; Durkin, T.; Mahoney; Durkin, J.; 3rd: Murphy; McCormack; Shipp; Buckley; 6th: Kennedy; Pratt; Murphy; Leahy; girls: 1st: Fontaine; Michalowski; Kissick; Donohue; 3rd: Adkins; Seraikas; Murphy; Karski; 4th: Axelson; Gibbons; Berube; Haber).

At the twelve and under level, the boys finished second and fifth while the girls claimed a win (boys: 2nd: Kissick; Porter; Doonan; Ulmer; 5th: Queenan; Plante; McCormack; Hurley; girls: 1st: Ryan; Meikleham; Mahoney, C.; Mahoney, M.; 4th: Costa; Sullivan; Buckley; Kelly; 5th: Gibbons; Asnault; Salerno; Teague).

The medleys ended with the seventeen and under 200 yard races and although the competition was fierce and Cohasset was denied the win in both races, the second place finishes gave the home team enough to push ahead by four critical points (boys: 2nd: Bilton; Zappalo; Tehranian; Conway; 3rd: Doonan; Musto; Drybanski; Hunt; 4th: Muir; Kelly; Cunningham; Shipp; girls: 2nd: Nelson; Anderson; Garber; Durkin; 5th: Harrington, B.; James; Harrington, K.; Ogrodnik).

The ten and under 50 yard freestyle was next and the boys and girls really pushed the pace, with wins in both their races (boys: 1st: Durkin, T.; 4th: Salerno, J.; 6th: Buckley, T.; girls: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 2nd: Karski, E.; 4th: Adkins, O.). Cohasset now had 61 points to K of C's 57.

In the individual medleys the twelve and under boys started well with a comfortable win (1st: Kissick, J.; 5th: Hurley, P.; 6th: Ofsthun, C.) and the girls, just a split second from a first place finish, claimed second (2nd: Ryan, K.; 5th: Buckley, A.; 6th: McElhinny, C.). At the fourteen and under level the boys, once again, just missed the win, while the girls finished first (boys: 2nd: Drybanski, J.; 4th: Cunningham, C.; 5th: Shipp, A.; girls: 1st: Durkin, L.; 2nd: Garber, C.; 4th: Teague, M.). The individual medleys rounded off with a second place finish for the boys in the seventeen and under level, and a first and fourth place finish for the girls (boys: 2nd: Bilton, B.; girls: 1st: Nelson, M.; 4th: Ogrodnik, M.).

The sky looked threatening and there was some concern that another meet would be rained out, but swimmers continued to line up, determined to get to their races.

Going into the freestyle event, Cohasset's lead had improved, though marginally, to 8 points, and, once again, the eight and unders set the pace with a win in both their races (boys: 1st: Kissick, C.; 2nd: Swain, G.; 4th: Green, C.; girls: 1st: Teague, M.; 3rd: Bodner, K.; 5th: McCunney, K.). The ten and under boys fell back a little into second, fourth and fifth place and the girls pushed ahead again, with a clean sweep – first, second and third places (boys: 2nd: Durkin, J.; 4th: Carpenter, C.; 5th: Mahoney, R.; girls: 1st: Fontaine, E.; 2nd: Murphy, O.; 3rd: Donohue, M.). The twelve and under boys and girls were both denied the win, but took second and third places (boys: 2nd: Doonan, B.; 3rd: Porter, I.; 6th: Ulmer, W.; girls: 2nd: Mahoney, C.; 3rd: Mahoney, M.; 5th: Sullivan, O.).

The fourteen and unders were up next, but by this time the wind was swirling, the skies were black and it was clear a storm was on the way. Still, the boys took their places and Colin Conway powered home to win the race, followed closely by Alexander Hunt and Nick Zappalo (1st: Conway, C.; 2nd: Hunt, A.; 3rd: Zappalo, N.) - and then the sound of thunder, a crack of lightening and a total downpour. The pool was cleared in what seemed like seconds and the meet was over for the day.

We had reached event 23 of 64. It was not the best end to the day, but the meet would be re-scheduled, and at least this time Cohasset would be returning to the competition having already established a 27 point lead.

And now we fast forward a few days to Wednesday, July 23rd, and the swim meet can resume.

The races began where they had left off the week before, and the fourteen and under girls were first up, in the 50 yard freestyle. They placed second and fourth (2nd: Teague, M.; 4th: Campbell, A.). The seventeen and under boys followed with a win from Kayvon Tehranian, and the girls took third and fourth places (boys: 1st: Tehranian, K.; 4th: MacCarthy, E.; girls: 3rd: Anderson, C.; 4th: Ogrodnik, M.). The score was now 138 for Cohasset and 120 for K of C.

In the butterfly we saw some wonderful performances, not least from the eight and under boys who got the event off to a great start with a win in their race (1st: Adkins, J.; 2nd: Swain, G.). The girls didn't quite make the win, but secured second and third places (2nd: Buckley, M.; 3rd: Teague, M.), as did the ten and under boys and girls (boys: 2nd: Carrier, J.; 3rd: Mahoney, R.; girls: 2nd: Kissick, H.; 3rd: Karski, E.). The twelve and under boys also claimed first place, courtesy of Jake Kissick and the girls put up a great fight against tough competition, and finished second and third (boys: 1st: Kissick, J.; 4th: Queenan, C.; girls: 2nd: Mahoney, C.; 3rd: Meikleham, A.).

At the 50 yard distance, the fourteen and under boys and girls followed their younger team mates with second and third place finishes, as did the seventeen and under boys (boys: 2nd: Conway, C.; 3rd: Shipp, A.; girls: 2nd: Garber, C.; 3rd: Fortin, S.; boys, 17 and under: 2nd: Tehranian, K.; 3rd: Cunningham, C.). The seventeen and under girls rounded off the event with second and fourth places (2nd: Daley, M.; 4th: Harrington, B.). As the butterfly came to an end Cohasset's lead had slipped back from 18 to 15 points.

In the breaststroke event Cohasset started strong, heading home first in all four 25 yard races (boys, 8 and under: 1st: McCarthy, M.; 3rd: Fontaine, A.; girls, 8 and under: 1st: Carrier, A.; 2nd: Farren, N.; boys, 10 and under: 1st: Durkin, T.; 2nd: Carrier, J.; girls, 10 and under: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 4th: Farren, A.).

At the 50 yard distance the twelve and under boys were held to third and fourth places, while the girls took first and second (boys: 3rd: Porter, I.; 4th: Queenan, C.; girls: 1st: Meikleham, A.; 2nd: Kelly, M.). The fourteen and under boys also put in a great performance to finish first and second (boys, 14 and under: 1st: Hunt, A.; 2nd: Zappolo, N.). The fourteen and under girls just missed the win, but took second and third and the event rounded off with a win for the seventeen and under boys and a second place finish for the girls (girls, 14 and under: 2nd: Durkin, L.; 4th: Teague, M.; boys, 17 and under: 1st: Roach, K.; 3rd: Kelly, T.; girls, 17 and under: 2nd: Anderson, C.). Cohasset was now 34 points ahead of K of C.

The backstroke was next and once again Cohasset put in some great performances to claim wins in three of the four 25 yard races (boys, eight and under: 1st: Fontaine, A.; 2nd: Adkins, J.; girls, eight and under: 1st: McCunney, K.; 2nd: Farren, N.; boys, ten and under: 2nd: Salerno, J.; 4th: Murphy, J.; girls, ten and under: 1st: Fontaine, E.; 3rd: Kissick, H.).

At the 50 yard distance the twelve and under boys and girls pushed hard but were denied the win (boys: 2nd: Doonan, B.; 4th: Plante, J.; girls: 2nd: Mahoney, M.; 3rd: Ryan, K.). The fourteen and under boys pulled back with first and second places, while the girls finished second and fourth (boys: 1st: Drybanski, J.; 2nd: Doonan, P.; girls: 2nd: Fortin, S.; 4th: Tehranian, R.). The event finished on a high with a win for the seventeen and under boys and girls (boys: 1st: Tehranian, K.; girls: 1st: Daley, M.; 4th: Harrington, B.). Going into the final event Cohasset had established a 50 point lead over K of C.

The final free relays are always an exciting spectacle and even with a comfortable lead they are a critical part of the meet. As always it is a delight to see the tiny eight and unders swim with such focus and technique and, as usual, they gave the event a great start with wins in both their races (boys: 1st: Fontaine; Swain; Adkins; Kissick; 2nd: McCarthy; Brown; Berube; Michalowski; girls: 1st: Teague; Carrier; Buckley; Farren; 3rd: Bodner; Noble; Malerti; McCunney). The ten and under swimmers also did well with second and third places for the boys and first and third places for the girls (boys: 2nd: Mahoney; Salerno; Durkin, J.; Durkin, T.; 3rd: Leahy; Carrier; Faber; Buckley; girls: 1st: Fontaine; Donohue; Kissick; Michalowski; 3rd: Adkins; Kucinski; Farren; Karski).

At the twelve and under level the boys finished in second place and the girls took second and third places to add a further eight points to Cohasset's score (boys: 2nd: Doonan; Connors; Porter; Kissick; girls: 2nd: Meikleham; Mahoney, M.; Ryan; Mahoney, C). Finally the event rounded off with second and fourth places for the seventeen and under boys and third and fourth for the girls (boys: 2nd: Zappolo; Drybanski; Hunt; Conway; 4th: Doonan; Shipp; Cunningham; Roach; girls: 3rd: Durkin; Teague; Garber; Anderson; 4th: Ogrodnik; James; Tehranian; Harrington). Cohasset now had 333 points to K of C's 291.

It was another great afternoon for Cohasset's Swim Team. It is not easy to restart an abandoned competition, but that is exactly what these young swimmers did – picking up where they had left off and staying in front right to the end of the afternoon. Congratulations on another successful outing to Ted Hughes and his assistants Casey Anderson and Blake Worrall. The schedule is back on track and so is the team.

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Cohasset 11's prove a formidable nine

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third in the hitting contest.

Coach McCunney said "although our Cohasset players didn't win any awards in the individual competitions, they went undefeated in the games, ultimately winning the championship game. That effort is the epitome of true teamwork."

Cohasset players Chris Walsh and John Kearney both said "the individual skills competitions were very fun."

Walsh added: "It was great that we could play in so many games."

When asked, Brendan Doonan commented: "I think the bobblehead trophies are the best!"

Thanks to the efforts of Coach McCunney, CYBSA president Mike Kearney and several parents and fans, the tournament was a success, and hopefully the beginning of a great tradition in Cohasset youth baseball.

The Cohasset 11-year old team shows off their championship trophies.
Front: Bat Boy Martin Buckley
Middle row (L-R): John Maher, Chris Walsh, Andy McKenna
Back Row (L-R): assistant coaches Steve Giuggio and Mike Maher, John Giuggio, John Kearney, Tom Buckley, Brendan Doonan, Robbie McCunney, Graham Stephenson, head coach Bob McCunney.

Shea still getting his kicks

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gave him a good foundation of soccer knowledge and experience. But it was his tenure with the South Shore Crusaders, a club team out of Marshfield, that prepared him for the brutalities of playing past high school.

The Bowdoin squad is coached by Brian Ainscough, an "intense Irish coach who grew up in the hard-knock way of life coaching," according to Shea. The coach is known to have his players up at 5:30 the morning after a loss for an extra session of sprints.

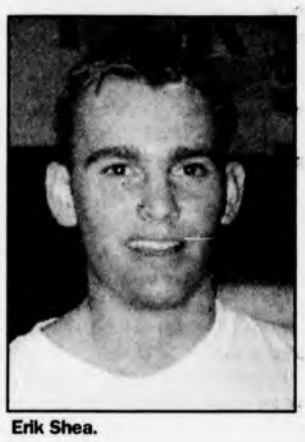
"He's not afraid to yell, and he's not afraid to really really push us," said Shea, who was actually quite complimentary of Ainscough's hardened approach to coaching. "But it definitely wears on you."

But Shea will not have to worry about such a maniacal practice schedule for his junior year, as he plans to spend the full year studying in Barcelona, Spain. While he plans to play club soccer during his study abroad, he is unsure of whether or not he will play upon his return for his senior season.

This freedom to decide whether or not to play was one of the factors that contributed to Shea's choice of Bowdoin. At a bigger school, or in a different division, he might have been obligated to play all four years.

At Bowdoin, Shea has the right to pursue the dream he began last year: defending the C-League Intramural Hockey League Championship with a 10-man team of skaters from Texas, California and Hawaii.

Shea admits he is "leaning towards" playing Bowdoin soccer again. Nevertheless, Skipper fans can rest assured that one of their own will be utilizing his athletic talents wisely.



Erik Shea.

Summer baseball not for everyone

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er to "do something fun" go up in smoke because of the constantly changing summer baseball schedule.

I bring this up — dads, coaches and young ballplayers – in the hopes you'll cut mom a little slack when the summer season finally ends, and not only do the things she wants to do, but do them with a smile.

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It used to be such a treat to see my sons pop on SportsCenter first thing every morning…like father, like son.

That is until the "All Kobe, all the time" programming began, prompting my subtle suggestions for alternative viewing.

On that matter, let me just say this: whether Kobe is found guilty, completely exonerated, or anything in between, he has already been convicted and found guilty of phoniness.

Yet more proof of why we should never idolize pro athletes. Admire what they do in their chosen sport, sure, but hold them up as role models, never.

The star athletes of today all have handlers who, in the pursuit of insanely profitable endorsement deals, paint impossible-to-live-up-to perfect pictures of their clients. This is why, when the falls come, they are so long and devastating.

Charles Barkley, though he was widely criticized when he said that athletes were not cut out to be role models, hit it right on the head.

People were annoyed at Chuck for a bit, just as many were downright upset for a short time with Allen Iverson, Latrell Sprewell and Chris Webber when they went through their legal entanglements, but most people got past those feelings in relatively short order.

Kobe, however, should not count on the public having a similarly short memory. The reason: Allen, Latrell and Chris never allowed themselves to be portrayed as the personifications of morality. They may not be nice guys, but at least they're not phonies. Kobe has already been tried, convicted and forever labeled for that crime in the court of public opinion. The public has a tough time forgiving that. Just ask Michael Jackson.

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I hope there's no truth to the bulk of the Red Sox trade rumors floating around these days. I've said it before and I'll say it again: the Red Sox braintrust would be foolish to trade Trot Nixon for anything short of a proven top notch number one or two pitcher. True, Trot is not a star, and nothing he does on the field is invaluable. But the combination of what he does on it and off it is extremely underrated and would, it says here, prove extremely difficult to replace.

It's become popular in recent months to call Jason Varitek the heart and soul of the Sox, but Trot is clearly cut from the same bolt of cloth. He's a true team-first guy and plays the game and works at the game as hard as anyone. Unlike most of his teammates, he's also not afraid to speak his mind or state the hard truth when it is called for.

I applauded the decision to trade Shea Hillenbrand for a B.H. Kim. I would have railed against the move, however, if it had been Trot going to Arizona even though I freely concede Hillenbrand may have more baseball talent.

Yes, character can make a whole lot of difference, as the entire baseball world witnessed last fall when the Angels won the World Series.

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Finally, a sporting spectacle that lived up to its hype. This past weekend's three game set with the Yankees was as good as it gets in athletic circles, and I'd be saying that even if there had been late developments that cost the Sox wins on Saturday and Sunday. Of course, I might not have been as motivated to actually write about it.

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Snaring stud Scott Williamson from the Reds for a minor leaguer (Single-A left-hander Phillip Dumatrait?) who wasn't even listed among the Sox top 20 prospects was a pleasant surprise, but the real treat came the morning after when King George flew his entire baseball management team down to Tampa Bay for "an emergency meeting."

As Theo Epstein said on WEEI, that's five hours in the air inside the final 30 hours before the trading deadline that no one is manning the phones.

As if that wasn't enough to make the corn flakes taste a little crunchier Wednesday morning, late word arrived that the Evil Empire cut its losses with disgruntled rightfielder Raul Mondesi, shipping him to Arizona for David Delucci and two minor leaguers—three guys who will have virtually no impact in this year's stretch run.

The guess here is the Sox will acquire a pitcher who knocks Wakefield down to number four in the rotation and sends Mendoza (hopefully with his confidence restored) back to the pen. Really, what else does this team need beyond that?

So why haven't the Yankees been unable to make scores in the trade market comparable to the Sox acquisitions of Sauerbeck or Williamson? One observer's thought: owners all around baseball — angered over Steinbrenner's resistance of the luxury tax, followed by his utter disregard for it once the compromise was worked — are intent not to help him.

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For registration and details, call 781-383-4109.

Field hockey clinic for grades 3-9

There will be a field hockey clinic starting Tuesday, Aug. 12, through Thursday, Aug. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. The location of the clinic is still undecided.

The fee for this unique program is $85 per player. The program will be run by Debbie Bostwick, head coach of field hockey at Cohasset High School.

You may come to the Town Hall, Recreation office, for registration forms and information. Space is limited, early registration is advised. Registrations will no longer be accepted after July 17.

POLICE LOG

THUSDAY, JULY 10

12:27 a.m. Forest Ave., general disturbance, peace restored.

6:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation/s.

10:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

11:01 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:29 a.m. Sohier St., missing person.

11:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

12:05 p.m. Hull St., assist citizen.

12:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., traffic complaint.

3:15 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle accident, traffic citation issued.

5:17 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle accident, transported to hospital.

5:57 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

7:32 p.m. Meadow Lane, request for police officer/s, advised civil action.

8:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property found, returned.

10:03 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering. Arrest of Joshua R. Silverman, 22, of 168 Elmwood Ave., Quincy. Charge: Public drinking, town by-law.

Arrest of Gregg Kyller, 24, of 530 Willard St., #409, Quincy. Charge: Public drinking, town by-law.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

12:22 a.m. Teen Center, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

1:18 a.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

4:45 a.m. South Main St., vandalism.

4:50 a.m. South Main St., vandalism.

8:41 a.m. Pleasant St., vandalism.

8:42 a.m. Pleasant St., assist citizen.

9:54 a.m. Bancroft Road, medical aid.

11:16 a.m. Mill Lane, medical aid, transported to hospital.

11:39 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, medical aid, transported to hospital.

2:55 p.m. South Main St., traffic complaint.

6:29 p.m. Cole Parkway, assist other police department, services rendered.

7:02 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire, investigation.

7:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general disturbance.

7:21 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

9:13 p.m. Elm St., larceny.

10:07 p.m. River Road, suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

10:29 p.m. Howe Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

11:06 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

1 a.m. Sohier St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

1:16 a.m. Beechwood St., threats.

7:21 a.m. HQ, animal call or complaint.

8:20 a.m. Meadow Lane, disorderly conduct, peace restored.

9:38 a.m. Elm St., runaway.

9:59 a.m. Highland Ave. and North Main St., runaway, brought to station.

10:21 a.m. Ripley Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

12:14 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

12:24 p.m. Border St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

2:27 p.m. Howe Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

2:42 p.m. Beechwood St., threats to do bodily harm.

3:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

3:47 p.m. Hillside Drive, medical aid, transported to hospital.

4:49 p.m. King St. and Beechwood St., general services.

5:23 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

5:30 p.m. Martin St., request for police officer/s.

5:55 p.m. Hull St. and Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:37 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

7:45 p.m. Beechwood St., general services.

7:52 p.m. Cedar Lane, wires down.

8:43 p.m. Linden Drive, animal call or complaint.

9:50 p.m. Cedar Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:05 p.m. Hull St. and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:11 p.m. Cohasset Harbor, general services.

10:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity.

10:28 p.m. King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:58 p.m. Windy Hill Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:25 p.m. Hillside Drive, request for police officer/s.

11:28 p.m. Windy Hill Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

SUNDAY, JULY 13

12:17 a.m. HQ, family disturbance.

12:25 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:39 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. Juvenile Arrest of a 16-year-old. Charge: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Juvenile Arrest of a 15-year-old. Charges: Possession of a Class D drug; person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Arrest of Michael Thomas Calorio, 18, of 177 Hull St., Cohasset. Charges: Possession of a Class D drug; person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Arrest of José A. Cabral, 18, of 786 Blue Hill Ave., Dorchester. Charge: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Arrest of Matthew M. Corry, 18, of 81 Pleasant St., Cohasset. Charges: Possession of a Class D drug—subsequent offense; person under 21 in possession of liquor—subsequent offense; marked lanes violation.

4:04 a.m. Cedar St., general disturbance.

4:13 a.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle, suspicious person(s)/activity. Arrest of Adao P. Silva, 30, of 75 Donald St., #4, Weymouth. Charges: WMS warrant; unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

4:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:14 a.m. Ripley Road, vandalism.

9:21 a.m. Beechwood St., animal call or complaint.

11:43 a.m. Jerusalem Road, larceny.

1:09 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave., parking complaint.

1:29 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

2:54 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

4:04 p.m. Oak St., fire, investigation.

4:13 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

4:43 p.m. James Lane, traffic complaint.

5:33 p.m. Hull St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

8:10 p.m. Parker Ave., disabled motor vehicle.

9:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

9:15 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:14 p.m. Aaron River Road, notification.

MONDAY, JULY 14

1:29 a.m. King St., general services.

6:33 a.m. Hull St., assist citizen.

6:55 a.m. James Lane, medical aid, transported to hospital.

7:01 a.m. Elm Court, vandalism.

8:55 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

10:30 a.m. Atlantic Ave., wires down.

10:50 a.m. South Main St., request for police officer/s.

4 p.m. South Main St., property found.

5:22 p.m. Stanton Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

5:22 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:10 p.m. Hull St., vandalism.

TUESDAY, JULY 15

8:30 a.m. Border St., fire.

9:59 a.m. Ripley Road, fire investigation.

1:18 p.m. Church St., fire, investigation.

1:52 p.m. Pleasant St., parking complaint.

2:04 p.m. Pleasant St., parking complaint.

4:38 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

4:39 p.m. Elm St., general services.

6:10 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

6:41 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

9:26 p.m. South Main St., general services.

9:59 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

7:22 a.m. Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:34 a.m. Sohier St., animal call or complaint.

8:28 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle accident.

8:30 a.m. South Main St., fire, investigation.

8:44 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle violation(s).

9:03 a.m. Pleasant St., parking complaint.

9:29 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, fire, investigation.

11:06 a.m. Pleasant St., parking complaint.

11:55 a.m. Mill Lane, medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., power outage.

2:06 p.m. Border St. and Otis Ave., wires down.

2:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

3:22 p.m. Border St. and Otis Ave., motor vehicle accident.

3:45 p.m. North Main St., property found.

4:49 p.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

5:31 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:57 p.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

8:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

9:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:04 p.m. Clay Spring Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

12:13 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:40 a.m. Border St. and Parker Ave., general disturbance. Arrest of Edward Tullos, 21, of 110 Busey St., Dedham. Charge: Warrant.

12:42 a.m. Border St. and Parker Ave., general disturbance.

1:09 a.m. Border St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

2:35 a.m. HQ, assist motorist.

2:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

6:41 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

9 a.m. Pleasant St., parking complaint.

9:29 a.m. Pleasant St., parking complaint.

9:51 a.m. Linden Drive, fire, investigation.

10:14 a.m. Border St., general services.

10:49 a.m. Border St., property lost.

12 p.m. Diab Lane, larceny.

12:19 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:26 p.m. South Main St., general services.

3:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., vandalism.

3:59 p.m. Elm St., trespassing.

4:09 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

6:14 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

7:58 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

9:19 p.m. North Main St., suspicious person(s)/activity, good intent call.

9:33 p.m. Highland Court, suspicious person(s)/activity.

FRIDAY, JULY 18

8:27 a.m. Hobart Lane, fire, investigation.

8:49 a.m. North Main St., property lost.

9:02 a.m. Elm St., property lost.

9:48 a.m. Pond St., larceny.

10:07 a.m. Atlantic Ave., fire.

10:16 a.m. Beechwood St., fire, inspections.

11:02 a.m. Brewster Road, served 209A restraining order in hand.

11:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

12:30 p.m. Elm St., message delivery.

2:20 p.m. Cushing Road, fire, structure.

2:27 p.m. Jerusalem Road, tree down.

2:41 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle accident.

3 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

5:09 p.m. Stagecoach Way, suspicious person(s)/activity, services rendered.

8 p.m. Highland Ave., property found.

11:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

SATURDAY, JULY 19

12:40 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:14 a.m. Pond St., animal call or complaint.

10:03 a.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

10:45 a.m. Cushing St. and Pleasant St., parking complaint.

11:13 a.m. James Lane, disorderly conduct.

1:34 p.m. Forest Ave., vandalism.

4:48 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

5:40 p.m. Lower King St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Matthew Paul Delaney, 17, of 490 Cushing St., Hingham. Charges: Possession of a Class D drug; operating an uninsured motor vehicle; unregistered motor vehicle; number plate violation to conceal ID.

Juvenile Arrest of a 16-year-old. Charge: Possession of a Class D drug.

7:38 p.m. Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:59 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

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Carillon concert

John Agraz of Berkeley, Calif. will give a recital in the continuing series of concerts on the Cohasset Carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset on Sunday, Aug. 4. Mr. Agraz plays the carillon in Sather Tower at the University of California at Berkeley.

The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m. and is free of charge. It will take place, rain or shine; in case of rain, please listen from your cars. Printed programs, brochures and schedules will be available in a stand near the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension and will also be distributed on Cohasset Common. Listeners are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083 between 9 a.m. and noon; or the Carillonneur, Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599; or Assistant Carillonneur, Mary Kennedy at 781-383-9599.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Aug. 8, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in Grade 6 and up is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

American Legion raffles Vespa motor scooters

The George H. Mealy Post of the American Legion in Cohasset is sponsoring a most unusual raffle for the benefit of its Christine Burke scholarship fund. The lucky winner will drive away with two Vespa ET2 motor scooters or $5,000. The choice is theirs. The Vespa motor scooters have a retail value of $3,295 each. They don't require a special drivers license nor do they need to be registered. The winner may have their choice of any available colors. An anonymous friend of the Legion and Herb Chambers who, along with 25 automobile dealerships, owns Vespa of Boston donated the Vespa motor scooters. Chances for the raffle are $10 each and only 1,000 will be sold. They may be purchased at the Legion post at 98 Summer St. at 781-383-9657. The drawing will be held at the Legion's annual clambake on Sandy Beach on Sept. 6 or 7 (rain date). The Christine Burke scholarships are awarded to deserving high school seniors on the South Shore who are going on to a higher education. In 2003, $14,000 in scholarships were awarded.

Hawaiian Luau Aug. 27

South Shore Elder Services, Inc. invites all seniors to attend its 11th annual picnic at Pageant Field, One Merrymount Parkway, Quincy.

A Hawaiian Luau luncheon consisting of Hawaiian Chicken Breast, Polynesian rice, vegetable medley, dinner roll, strawberry peach upside down cake, and slush punch will be served at noon. The cost is $3. Entertainment will be provided by Bob Riley's "Legends of Music."

Dress for the weather. Wear light clothing, sun block, sunglasses, hat bring a sweater and bring a chair.

Reservations must be made by Aug. 20, at your senior center or by calling 781-848-3910 ext. 315

Enjoy dinner and a movie

Patty Libby, owner of the Square Café in Hingham has announced a fun summer promotion along with the Loring Hall Cinema, Hingham's treasured "small screen" movie house. According to Libby, "The dinner and a movie package is a great way to treat our guests to a casual, yet special night out "on the square." The Loring is an all time favorite Hingham tradition and we think the package is a great way to celebrate the things which make Hingham Square so special."

The dinner and a movie package is available Monday through Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. and includes a small salad, entree, movie ticket and a "tasty treat" package to go. The price is $25 per person (tax gratuity and beverages are an additional charge.)

ARC golf outing was a big hit

The 16th annual South Shore ARC Lou Bailey Golf Outing raised more than $23,600 in support of children and adults with mental retardation, cognitive, physical and/or developmental disabilities. On June 24, more than 100 golfers played Lakeville Country Club in support of this annual fund-raising event.

Kathleen Bailey of Cohasset and Bob Gramm of Norwell served as co-chairs of the golf outing, and Jim Lagrotteria of Cohasset served as volunteer auctioneer. Event sponsors included South Shore Savings Bank, Fallon Ambulance, Mass Knights of Columbus, Braintree Cooperative Bank, South Shore Buick, Elizabeth and David Potter, and Streetwear Consultants Inc. More than 40 area business donated items to raffle and/or auction off raising $6,000. According to David Calhoun, executive director of South Shore ARC, "We are very thankful to all those who support this annual event. The funds raised help sustain the services that so many individuals and families depend on us for."

South Shore ARC is a private not-for-profit agency dedicated to providing the highest quality services and advocacy for children and adults with mental retardation, cognitive, physical or developmental disabilities. For more information or to become a member of South Shore ARC, call Mary Ann Walsh at 781-335-3023, Ext. 2230.

Garage vacation hours

During summer vacation, the Garage will be open on the following days/times.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Friday 4 to 10 p.m.

Every first and third Saturday 5 to 10 p.m.

Kids don creative costumes for Beanstalk dress rehearsal

By Samantha Brown
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This story is fifth in a series, outlining the process from start to finish, of producing children's theater. The Children's Drama Workshop, founded by the Deveney sisters, Beth, Grace and Sarah, is in its 15th year.

There are sure to be many mothers and mothers helpers around Cohasset with sore fingers, as children in this year's Children's Drama Workshop production of "Jack Beanstalk" came to rehearsal this week wearing full costumes. All actors are given a costume guide to follow, but the final masterpiece is created at home.

Beth Deveney, who has been running the workshop every summer for the past 15 years with her sister Grace, said she is always impressed with the costumes children make each year, and this group is no exception.

"The costumes are incredible. The parents did an amazing job," she said.

Sister Grace couldn't agree more. "I love them, but I knew I would," she said.

For many children, costumes can be fashioned from items found at home. For Luke Tedeschi, who plays a Mexican Jumping Bean, finding a sombrero was an easy task. His black and silver Mexican hat was purchased six years ago when he visited Tijuana.

Claire Pozniak, who plays Fairybell, said her pink tutu was from a past dance recital, as were many of the other fairies' tutus.

Ian Porter's Henry J. Harp costume was not as simple, and he is quick to credit his mother for his shiny gold ensemble.

"She worked for two days on it," he said. "Her machine broke, so she had to do most of it by hand."

With gold pants and a matching shirt as well as a gold cardboard harp, her efforts are sure to be noticed when Ian takes the stage.

The three Stalker Sisters, played by Betsy and Jillian Crawford as well as Johanna Regan and Kathleen Kelly who will share the role of Susie Stalker, can thank the Crawford's mother for outfitting them so well. All three Stalker Sisters will wear matching long green dresses with a hoop bottom for their performances.

"I'm not sure how long it took her [to make the costumes]. It didn't take that long for the dress, but she made the rest up as she went along," Betsy said.

McCauley Braun, who will play Sammy the Snail, said she had help from both her mother an d her babysitter to create her metallic green snail costume. She said it took about two days to make the costume in full, including the rolled foam snail shell, which she carries on her back.

"I helped pick out the cloth and I made the headband," she said, which has plastic "google eyes" attached to the top of long antennae.

But for little sister Micaela, who plays Bunny Rabbit, McCauley said they had to turn to their mother's very crafty friend to sew a bunny costume. Out of just a fleece blanket, she fashioned a bunny suit and hat, complete with floppy ears and a big, fluffy bunny tail.

Of the costumes, Grace said it's easy to see how much effort and imagination were put into their creation.

"People are really talented," she said.

She also said it's so nice to see people come together to help collaborate on the children's costumes, and in the end, they add a lot to the show.

But, what people might not know is just how important the costume design is to the overall feeling of the show. Beth said that colors for the scene are decided based on costume ideas and even the lighting takes into consideration the colors the actors will be wearing. Seeing everything come together during dress rehearsals, she couldn't be happier.

"They're the finishing touch," she said.

Performances for "Jack Beanstalk" will be held Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the new air conditioned Deer Hill Auditorium. Tickets are $10. To reserve tickets in advance, please call Cohasset Town Hall at (781) 383-4109.

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In the Matter Of EUNICE ANN POPE
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON

To EUNICE ANN POPE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, his/her spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said EUNICE ANN POPE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is physically incapacitated and praying that GEORGE D. POPE of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve with personal surety, of the person and property.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **AUGUST 27, 2003.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, July 15, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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ZBA/19 PARKER AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
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A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday, August 18, 2003, at 7:30 P.M.,** to hear and act upon an application for a Special Permit pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Robert A. Pattison, Sr.,** seeks to construct addition at **19 Parker Ave.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-07-28.

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AD#283147
Cohasset Mariner 7/31, 8/7/03

ZBA/45 OAK ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
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To place your legal notice call Mary Joyce Waite at 781-433-7902

Curtain to rise on 'Jack Beanstalk'

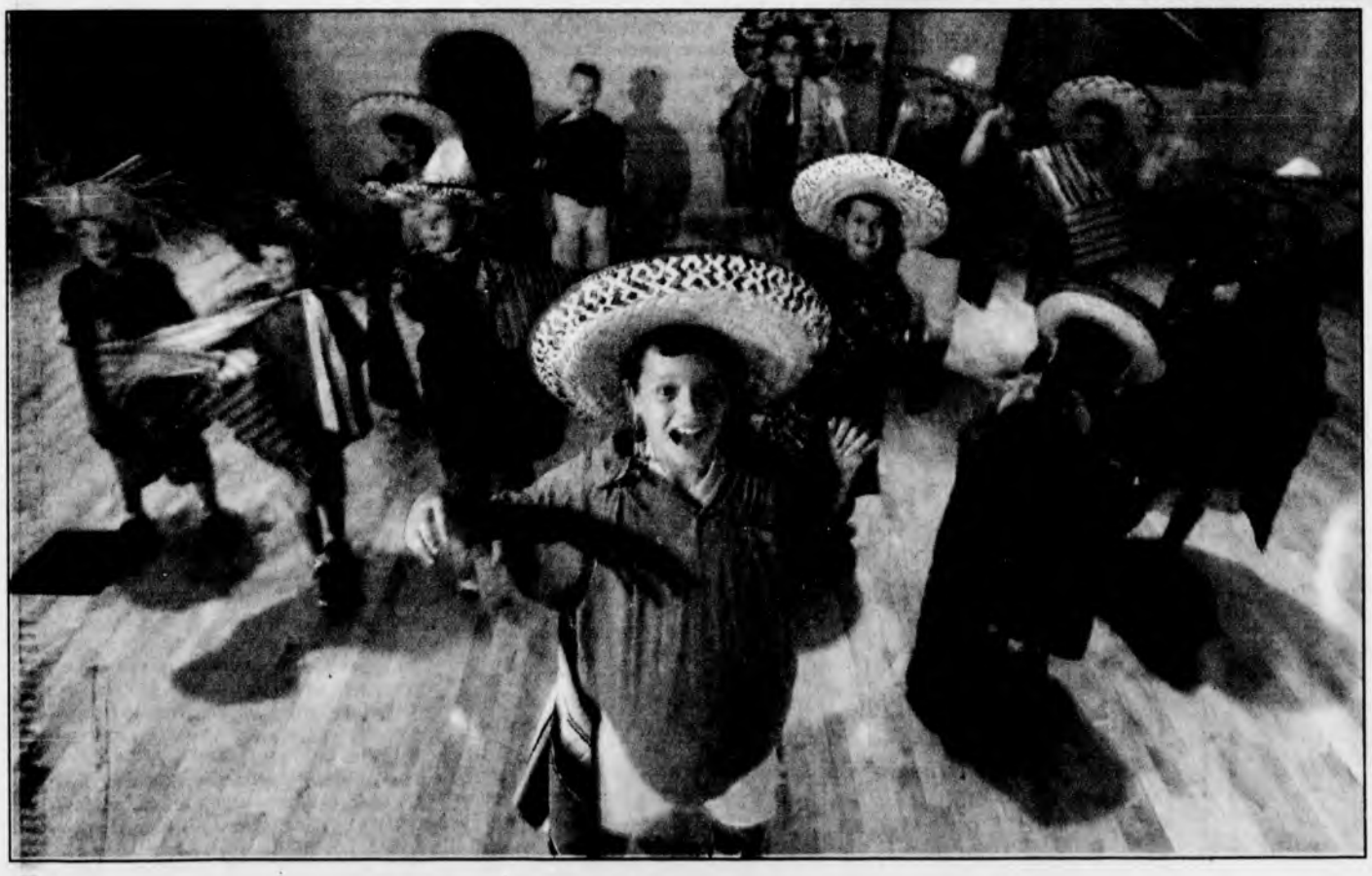
Original children's production debuts

Above: Olivia Adkins, Amy Costa, Paige DeSisto, Olivia Murphy and Madeleine Vayda portray the Flower Children in the production on stage Aug. 5 & 6. (Names are not necessarily in order).

At right: Mimi Mahoney (Old Man) and the Arrows rehearse for 'Jack Beanstalk' which is on stage next week.

The Fairies are bound to captivate "Jack Beanstalk" audiences. "Jack Beanstalk" tells the story of a boy named Jack who sells the family cow to a man of the woods in exchange for magic beans. A beanstalk grows and Jack ascends to a new world where he befriends a slew of quirky characters determined to help him stay the Giant and win the great treasure in the sky.

McCauley Braun (Sammy the Snail), Micaela Braun (Bunny Rabbit) and Isabel Robinson (Mad Cow) are featured in the show produced by the Deveney sisters.



Above: The Stalker Sisters (Johanna Regan, Kathleen Kelly, Betsy Crawford and Jillian Crawford) get into their roles. The Cohasset Children's Drama Workshop will celebrate its 15-year anniversary with two performances of "Jack Beanstalk" Aug. 5 and 6 at the new, air-conditioned Deer Hill School auditorium.

STAFF PHOTOS BY ALAN CHAPMAN

At left: Paco Bean (Scott Wilson) and the Mexican Jumping Beans show off their colorful costumes. Tickets for the show are $10. To reserve tickets in advance, please call Cohasset Town Hall at (781) 383-4109.

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OCT Massachusetts TAG bags
The Spirit of America

Recycled pocket books give fashion minded a license to thrill

PHOTO/ALICE COYLE

A Euro Cyclone made from an Ireland license plate is displayed along with a collection of license plate photo albums at Essentials boutique in Hanover.

By Alice Coyle
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Ever wonder what becomes of that license plate you turned in to the Registry of Motor Vehicles?

Don't be surprised if your old red, white and blue "Spirit of Massachusetts" tag winds up in someone else's hands — literally.

Recycled license plate handbags are racing out of trendy Essentials Boutique at Hanover's Merchant Row Mall at high speed, and store manager Patricia Happel said ladies of all ages are driving up sales.

The quirky and unique purses are made entirely from recycled materials, most of them from cars and trucks. The body of each bag is made from the license plates riveted together in a cylindrical shape. The sides are constructed through the use of gleaming baby moon hub caps, and the straps — in shoulder or hand bag lengths — are made of rubber from truck inner tubes. The purse opens on a hinge with a recycled bottle top from beer or vintage soda companies serving as the clasp. The purses also have rubber feet on the bottom that allow them to sit upright perfect for outdoor venues like that next trip to Fenway Park.

But be prepared to draw some attention, cautions Happel, who loves her purse, but noted her husband doesn't share the fondness for this funky fashion accessory.

"Quite frankly, my husband hates it," said Happel, noting that whenever she carries the bag, wherever they go they are inundated with questions and comments about the purse. "He tells me to leave that purse at home, when we go out."

When she straps her cyclone purse with her initials on the plate over her shoulder, Lauretta Chouinard finds similar reactions, but says her husband, Bill gets a kick out of all the attention. When a woman seated next to them at Bellas one evening inquired about the purse, Bill informed them he made it during his time in prison, Chouinard recalls with a laugh.

Seventeen-year-old Nicole Carlson doesn't mind the attention a bit. A collector of handbags, the Hanover High School senior said her Massachusetts tag bag with a Coca Cola bottle top clasp is her favorite, and the one that brings the most compliments, especially from the boys.

"They want to pick it up and find out how it was made," she said.

Nicole said she jokes to those curious about the origins of her handbag that she made it herself, after removing the license plate from their car the night before.

Happel's Massachusetts license plate purse — the Super Cyclone model — has her initials and she waited for one to come in with a P and H together. She said several customers have done the same. Chouinard bought a license plate purse for her daughter-in-law, Patty, when she found one with the initials P C, and coincidentally the year she got married — 1989 — on that particular bag. A week later, another license plate purse with her own initials and the year of her graduation came into the store, and Chouinard had to have it, Happel said.

While any state's plate can be special ordered, Happel primarily carries Massachusetts and New York tags, although last week's display included a super cyclone model from the sunshine state with its familiar juicy orange smack dab in the center. The Euro Cyclone line featuring license plates from foreign cars is popular with world traveler types or those proud of their heritage, be it Italian, Irish or German. Although, Happel did note the Euro Cyclones from France weren't big sellers when they carried them during the spring.

PHOTO/ALICE COYLE

Each license plate bag is felt-lined with a lip stick holder in the cover and a vintage bottle top used for the clasp. The sides are made of baby moon hubcaps which serve as a perfect mirror for makeup touch ups.

The Pittsburgh, PA. company Littlearth Productions constructs the handbags along with several other recycled accessory lines — including beer bottle cap belts and date books made out of street signs. The company can also custom-make purses from old tags you have stored in the shed, some perhaps with sentimental value, others that may spark nostalgic memories of your first time behind the wheel. Vanity plates or vintage tags with designs and slogans long ago discontinued are very much in demand, said Littlearth owner Ava DeMarco.

After her father-in-law passed away 10 years ago, Kingston resident Jo-Ann Graziano hung onto the 1959 commercial tags from his car for sentimental reasons. When she spotted the license plate purse display at Essentials while shopping one afternoon, she finally figured out what to do with those tags. She had matching cyclone handbags made from the two old plates that read CAR 28 and gave the other one to her sister-in-law Anne Graziano for her birthday — a cherished gift with great sentimental value for both ladies.

Some people like them shiny and new so they can put their own dents in them, and others like license plates with a little

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PHOTO/MARIEL REED

Jo-Ann Graziano holds up her custom license plate handbag made of her father-in-law, Joseph Graziano's 1959 commercial tags which read CAR 28. Her father-in-law's photograph is reflected in the baby moon hub caps on the sides of the purse.

PHOTO/MARIEL REED

Jo-Ann Graziano and her sister-in-law Anne Graziano model their custom license plate handbags made from 1959 commercial tags once on their father-in-law's car.

Love still having 'fun, fun, fun'

Beach Boys hit the South Shore Saturday

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

The music of The Beach Boys may be the classic rock and roll soundtrack for the American summer, but the group's appeal has long been worldwide.

"There is no way that our international fans can really understand all of our lyrics, but they still love our beat and rhythm," founding member Mike Love explained by telephone last week from Zurich, a stop on the European leg of the group's current concert tour. "And they certainly love rock and roll."

And they're not afraid to show it. "We just played a

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The Beach Boys perform two South Shore Music Circus shows at 5 and 9 p.m. Saturday Aug. 2.

Honky Tonk Tailgate in America's Hometown

Country quartet play Memorial Hall

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Country music and tailgate parties — they go together like say, rock 'n' roll and Lollapalooza.

That's sort of what Jeff Carson and a few of his country singing cohorts had in mind just over two years ago when they launched the Honky Tonk Tailgate Party, a special concert-tour package showcasing multiple artists for the price of one, and decked out with its countrified title theme and atmosphere much as Lollapalooza complements modern rock 'n' roll.

Carson's original 2001 co-founders and touring mates were singers Rhett Akins and Daryle Singletary, who, like Carson, are full-fledged, hit-making country artists in their own right. After sitting out last year's Tailgate Party tour due to other concert commitments and circumstances, Carson is back with the travelling show once again for 2003. And this time, the Honky Tonk Tailgaters are now four, with country crooner Chad Brock joining originals Carson, Akins and Singletary.

The quartet rolls into Plymouth Thursday, Aug. 7 for the opening date of Memorial Hall's 2003 summer-fall concert series. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

"The three of us who started this touring package had a few things in common at that point about two years ago," said Carson. "All of us had first appeared on the country scene and released our first albums around the same time in the mid 90s. And we'd all had our tops and valleys of success so far in the business. We thought that the concept of

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Grilled pizza

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Although grilled pizza sounds like some Wolfgang Puck plaything, it turns out that grilling pizza is a lot easier than baking it and it turns out great appetizers or even main courses with a minimum of work. I was looking for a food processor recipe to avoid kneading and a solution for the toppings since the rapid cooking time makes it difficult to melt cheese.

I revisited a quick pizza dough recipe that I developed 10 years ago and found that it still worked well, although I reduced the sugar and added a tablespoon of olive oil. Using rapid-rise yeast and a food processor, I could make the dough in just 3 minutes and then let it rise in a warm oven for just 40 minutes. With almost no hands-on work and less than an hour of total time, I had pizza dough ready for shaping.

Many grilled pizza recipes suggest rolling out thin rounds of dough. I find this process difficult for all but the most experienced home bakers and therefore decided to make 4 small pizzas out of my dough recipe instead of 2 large ones. Not only were the rolling and shaping easier, but also getting the dough on and off the grill is much simpler with a smaller, thicker round. I stretched each ball of dough into a 9-inch circle, which is about 1/8 inch thick. (If the dough gets much thinner the resulting pizza is almost cracker-like. Thicker crust grills up to a doughy focaccia-like bread—not bad, but not exactly what I was looking for.) The dough is soft and pliable and I found it easier to stretch the dough than roll it. Instead of stretching the dough on a floured surface, I found that an oiled surface worked best, allowing the dough to stretch much farther.

In terms of grilling, there are three basic methods: Use a hot fire for both sides; use a hot fire for one side and then finish cooking the pizza using lower heat, either by moving it to a cooler part of the grill (or adjusting the gas) or by removing the pizzas until the fire cools down; or use a hot fire for both sides and finish the pizzas, with toppings, under a broiler. I finally settled on my basic method – high heat for both sides – since it is much simpler. Also, if you have to grill four pizzas, you need as much surface area as you can get, which precludes building a two-level fire. I finally decided to top the pizzas off the grill, which meant that the toppings had to be simple and not in need of cooking.

My favorite and also the simplest topping is a minced garlic/olive oil mixture plus salt and a few sprinkled fresh herbs. For more substantive toppings, I tried grilling onions, peppers, fennel, radicchio, and zucchini. I found the radicchio and fennel wedges to be too much for the pizza but other vegetables worked well. Onion slices, zucchini slices and pepper sections cooked quickly and were delicious. I found it easiest to grill the vegetables first and set them aside while the pizza cooks. They should all be brushed lightly with olive oil and sprinkled with salt. The onions should be cut crosswise (forming rings) into 1/4-inch slices, which can be held together with toothpicks for easy turning. The zucchini should be cut into 1/4-inch slices on the bias. The bell pepper should be halved and seeded. The top and bottom should be trimmed off and the remaining rectangular strip should be cut (parallel to the ribs) into 1-inch sections. The zucchini takes about 2 to 3 minutes per side to acquire grill marks and begin to soften. The onion and pepper take about 5 minutes.

As for a mixed greens topping I really liked a mesclun mix with a basic vinaigrette. To the greens I added a few tablespoons of coarsely chopped parsley, basil, chives or scallions, oregano, or mint and tossed the mixture with the dressing. I used about 1 1/2 cups of greens per pizza. A few slices of garden tomatoes would not be out of place either.

QUICK GRILLED PIZZA WITH SIMPLE TOPPINGS

A long pair of tongs makes it easy to move the pizzas around on the grill. I often serve grilled pizzas as appetizers before I grill the main course. I often grill pizzas one or two at a time so that they are hot from the grill when they are eaten. For other toppings, see the article above for instructions.

For the dough:

1 cup warm water (about 120 degrees)

1 package rapid-rise yeast

Pinch sugar

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt

3 cups all purpose flour

To finish the pizza:

1/2 cup best quality olive oil

1 tablespoon pressed or minced garlic from 2 large cloves

Salt to taste

1/4 cup coarsely chopped basil, parsley, chives, oregano,

or

2 tablespoons finely chopped thyme

or

1 tablespoon finely chopped rosemary

Freshly grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

1. Heat oven to 200 degrees and turn off after ten minutes. Put the water in the bowl of a food processor fitted with either the metal or plastic blade and sprinkle in the yeast and sugar. Pulse to dissolve yeast. Add the olive oil, salt and flour and process until the mixture forms a cohesive mass. The dough should not feel sticky (if so, add 2 tablespoons of flour and pulse briefly), nor should it be crumbly (add 1 tablespoon water and pulse). Let sit for 2 minutes. Process for another 30 seconds.

2. Remove dough from food processor and knead until smooth, about 1 minute. You shouldn't need to add much (if any) flour. Place in a very lightly oiled bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Place in oven and let rise until doubled in size, about 40 minutes. Deflate dough; divide into 4 equal pieces. Shape each piece into a ball and let rest for 10 minutes.

3. Lightly coat a work surface or an inverted baking sheet with oil. Working with one piece of dough at a time, spread and flatten into O.K. – you will simply end up with a thicker grilled pizza.) Do not make a lip. The shape of the dough is unimportant (round, oval, whatever) but you should try and maintain even thickness. Set aside on a cookie sheet or tray for easy transport to the grill. Repeat with three remaining dough balls. The flattened dough can overlap a bit as you set them aside — as their surface is oiled they will not stick to each other.

4. To finish the pizza: Meanwhile ignite grill. Combine olive oil and garlic in a measuring cup or small bowl and set aside. When fire is medium-hot (you can hold your hand five inches above fire for 3 to 4 seconds) place dough rounds on the grill and cook until dark brown grill lines appear, about 2 minutes. Lift them to check for even "brawniness"; you may need to rotate them for even cooking. Using tongs, flip over and cook until second side has dark grill lines, about 2 minutes longer. Remove from grill and brush with garlic olive oil mixture and sprinkle with salt, herbs and optional grated Parmesan to taste. Serve immediately.

Love still having 'fun, fun, fun'

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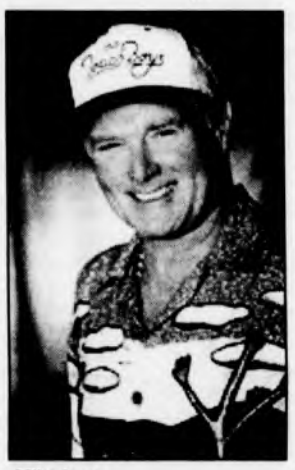
rock festival in Munich and the kids showed up in Beach Boys T-shirts just like they do at our shows in the US"

Mike Love hasn't had a summer off in 40 years. As lead singer of "The Beach Boys," Love performs some 150 concerts annually — heading up the seminal rock band he helped form in 1961 with cousins Brian, Dennis and Carl Wilson and also Al Jardine. Love is not only the voice of the group, but he also co-wrote — along with Brian Wilson — 11 of their top 10 singles including "Surfin'," "Fun, Fun, Fun," "I Get Around," "Help Me Rhonda," "California Girls," and "Good Vibrations."

The Beach Boys will bring their Southern California sound to the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset in two performances Saturday, Aug 2 at 5 and 9 p.m. and to the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis on Sunday, Aug. 3 at 5 and 9 p.m. As the only original "Beach Boy" still touring under the group's moniker, Love has seen it all —from the physical and mental health issues that led to Brian Wilson's early retirement from touring, the 1983 accidental drowning of Dennis Wilson, and the 1998 death from lung cancer of Carl Wilson, to the many other lesser tumults and travails that have marked the band's legendary history. According to Love, lifestyle choices have helped him to stay the course and steer clear of most of the trouble.

"I never got involved with drugs. I meditate for about two hours every day, and I also do yoga," says Love. "Brian smoked pot, took acid and did just about everything else you can imagine. Brian's musical contributions to this group are huge. He is a genius, but people have always pandered to him and let him do whatever he wanted and that hasn't made his life easier. As for Dennis, he was stoned right through to the end of his life. At one point, years ago, we even traveled by two separate charter planes — one for smokers and one for nonsmokers. You don't even want to know what went on in the smoking plane."



Mike Love

Earlier this year, Brother Records, owner of the rights to The Beach Boys' name, filed suit against former Beach Boys singer-guitarist and original member Al Jardine for using the band's name when he tours.

"'The Beach Boys' is a name that is licensed to me," according to Love. "Al is well aware of that, but he hasn't wanted to conform to the standards of that deal. The whole matter is very unfortunate. It makes it tough to maintain any kind of personal relationship." Love also admits he rarely sees Brian Wilson. He believes, however, that there may be hope in the future for better relations between the surviving original members.

"I think it was Ian Fleming or maybe Sean Connery who taught us a long time ago to never say never. All doors remain open as far as I am concerned."

In the meantime, Love and longtime keyboardist Bruce Johnston, who replaced Brian Wilson on the road in 1964, will see to it that the seemingly eternal summer continues for The Beach Boys who hold the record as the rock band that has performed more concerts than any other. That is far from their only distinction. The Beach Boys have also sold more than 100 million records worldwide and have received 32 Gold and Platinum records. They were 1988 inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and received a 2001 Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award.

The period between "Good Vibrations" (1966) and The Beach Boys' biggest selling hit "Kokomo" (1988) is one of the longest spans between number one records in history. Actor John Stamos ("General Hospital," "Full House") played percussion and sang back-up on the recording of "Kokomo" and has appeared in concert with The Beach Boys on and off since 1985. For the first time in eight years, Stamos will perform with the group at this weekend's shows as well as other stops on the tour. Love will be glad to have Stamos back, but it's not who is on-stage with him that has sustained the Los Angeles native all these years.

"The thing that makes all this worthwhile is the audience response — it is still euphoric even after all these years," says Love. "The Beach Boys have always evoked happiness and positivity, and as long as I'm around we always will."

(The Beach Boys will perform two shows on Saturday at the South Shore Music Circus in

Heavenly Hydrangeas provide long-lasting summer blooms

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

A beautiful tiger swallowtail butterfly floats gracefully through the garden on a steamy afternoon in late July. As it approaches a bed of multicolored daylilies, it smoothly descends, folding its large, delicate, yellow-and black-striped wings over its back as it nearly disappears into the large trumpets in search of the sweet reward within. Throughout the borders, numerous species of "fluttering flowers," as Robert Frost described these ethereal creatures, drift from flower to flower, attracted by bold displays of coneflowers, daylilies and phlox. July and August are butterfly heaven in the perennial border.

As the month of August approaches, even the most dedicated gardeners often lose interest in the everyday maintenance of beds and borders but due to our cool, damp spring and delayed bloom period, the gardens seem more inviting this year. Enthusiastic gardeners are scouring local nurseries for jumbo pots of colorful annuals and perennials to fill spaces in their borders as daffodil foliage finally disappears and oriental poppies enter midsummer dormancy.

As I wander through the garden looking for places to tuck in my newest acquisitions, I pause to examine the luxuriant leaves of my blue, mophead hydrangeas (Hydrangea macrophylla). Regrettably, another season will pass without the stunning blue flowers so many of us yearn for during the height of summer. Perhaps the most asked question at our local nurseries is how to promote bloom from these reluctant deciduous shrubs. I often recommend that the best solution is to move to the Cape where they seem to thrive every summer. As much as gardeners love the massive, colorful blooms of the pink and blue hydrangeas, these showy shrubs can be temperamental and produce scant bloom unless just the proper blend of conditions is provided.

The bigleaf hydrangeas (H. macrophylla) include two groups of shrubs recognized by their distinctive blooms. The hortensias or mophead types produce large, globular, flowerheads primarily composed of showy, sterile ray florets in pink, red, blue or purple. The lacecaps bear flat, feathery blooms, which tend to be more delicate in appearance, the flowerhead comprised of many tiny fertile flowers interspersed with a few ray florets.

Hydrangea macrophylla prefers a rich, well-drained, moisture-retentive soil. Although these hydrangeas are tolerant of full sun, they seem to perform their best when grown in areas protected from the hot midday and afternoon sun. County Extension Agent, Deborah Swanson, recommends planting these popular shrubs in locations that receive morning sun and dappled shade the remainder of the day or in environments that offer high shade throughout the day beneath tall deciduous trees. Supplemental moisture should be provided during the latter half of the growing season, especially during periods of drought.

Flower color in the bigleaf hydrangeas will vary depending on the pH of the soil in which they are grown, a plant litmus paper of sorts. In our typically acidic, New England soils, the flowers tend to be blue but as the pH of the soil becomes more alkaline, flowers acquire a mauve tinge and in sweet soils become pink. The variation in pH affects the plant's ability to absorb aluminum, which is responsible for the blue coloration. The addition of aluminum sulfate to the soil will promote the stunning blue color; lime worked in around the base of the shrubs will give rise to pink flowers.

Pink and blue hydrangeas bloom on 'old wood', meaning that their flower buds are set on the previous year's stems, usually near the tips of the branches. In cold winters or exposed locations, these buds may be subject to winterkill and while the shrub may produce fantastic new foliage from the base, few flowers may appear. Do not prune the bare woody stems in spring until the plant has fully leafed out or you may eliminate the flower buds. Pruning to reduce the size or improve the shape of the plant is best done while the plants are in bloom or as they finish flowering. Winter protection may be warranted in cold pockets or exposed areas; place a burlap barrier around the shrubs to block desiccating winds. If your shrubs have never bloomed, you may want to transplant them while they are dormant in early spring to a protected northern or eastern exposure. Southern or western exposures may cause premature opening of the leaf buds and subsequent frosts may damage future flowers. Avoid high nitrogen fertilizers as these often promote lush foliage and fewer flowers. For reluctant bloomers, an application of superphosphate worked into the surrounding soil during the spring or summer months may help to generate better flower production next season.

The showy florist's hydrangeas available at Easter and Mother's Day are cultivars of H. macrophylla but many of these tend to be varieties that are tender in our area. If planted outdoors, they may produce foliage year after year but never bloom due to the yearly winterkill of the flower buds. Select container-grown or balled and burlaped nursery stock for best success. The cultivar 'Nikko Blue' is perhaps the most widely available, hardy blue-flowering mophead hydrangea and 'All Summer Beauty' has received positive reviews as a sky-blue tinted variety. Hydrangea 'Glowing Embers' produces stunning reddish-pink flowers. Hydrangea 'Endless Summer' is being promoted as the hot new cultivar to seek out as it is reported to bloom on both old and new wood and although limited this season, should be more readily available next spring.

Honky Tonk Tailgate

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a joint-effort tour would work for us as artists and where we were at in our careers."

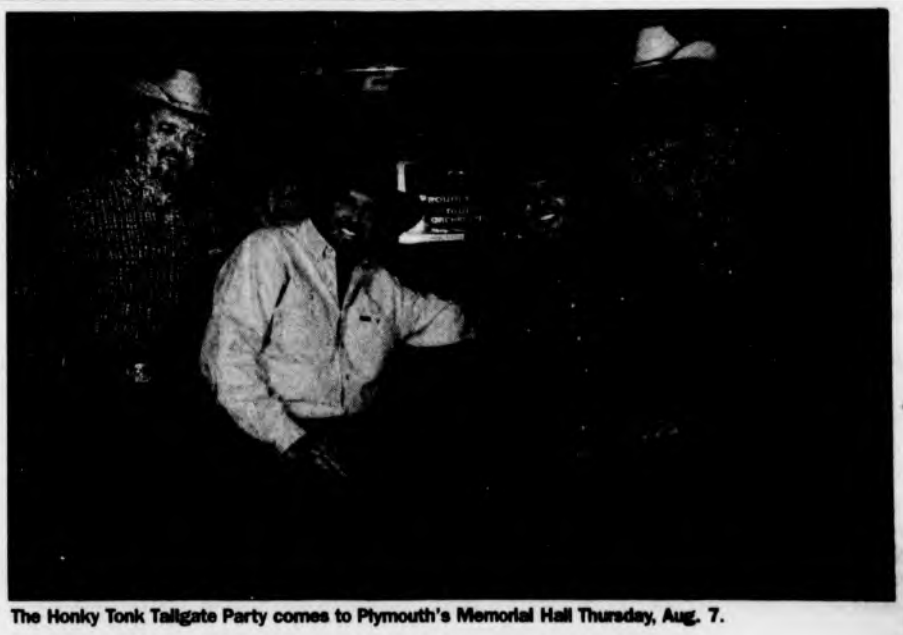
"Economically and production-wise, it certainly made a lot of sense. The four of us would be performing and touring with the same backing band as well as splitting the cost. And each one would play about a 30-minute individual set and join onstage for a big finale jam at the end. We believe this sort of format really keeps the music flowing and gives the country music fans their money's worth altogether," Carson said.

Carson was voted Billboard Magazine's "Top New Country Artist" after releasing his debut album on Curb Records in 1995. The Arkansas-raised singer has followed that initial success with a string of top-selling country albums yielding two #1 singles - "Not On Your Love" and "The Car" - and two more in the Top Five - "Holding Onto Something" and "Real Life." The singer is best-known for a crooning, heart-rending ballad style typified by the aforementioned hits and numerous other tracks. 2003 is something of a comeback year for Carson also. The singer's absence from last year's Tailgate Party Tour was a result of his then current single, "Real Life," doing well on the charts and putting him in demand for solo concert dates. But also, Carson spent part of 2002 hospitalized with a severed neck, resulting from crushed vertebrae behind his left shoulder sustained in a tree-collision while sledding with his family on vacation. The injury sidelined the singer for four months. Carson's latest record release is the ballad single, "I Can Only Imagine," his first issuing under the newly merged Curb/Asylum label.

Other Tailgaters Akins and Singletary hail from Georgia and Brock from Florida and all have distinct individual styles from roadhouse country-rockers to downhome ballads.

"The four of us have found that we mutually benefit together on this package tour," Carson said. "Each of us has gained fans from the others who fans come out to see and we end up with four times the audiences that we normally have."

The Honky Tonk Tailgate Party gets started at Plymouth Memorial Hall Thursday, Aug. 7 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and information call



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KALEIDOSCOPE - Milton Academy is offering a new arts and creativity program for children age 9 to 13 years in August. Students will rotate through four, one-hour classes in art/drawing, creative writing, theater and problem-solving daily followed by a swim. Sessions run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. starting Aug. 4 to 22; the price of tuition includes lunch and use of the pool. Milton Academy 617-898-2481 or visit www.milton.edu

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! comes to The Providence Performing Arts Center, Nov. 22; Tickets on Sale Monday, July 14, at 10 a.m. Beatlemania-LIVE!, the ultimate Beatles' tribute show,.will be making its debut at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 22. – exactly 40 years after Beatlemania exploded in England. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37.50, $32.50 & $25.50. Tickets for this theatrical concert event go on sale Monday, July 14, at 10 a.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center box-office (220 Weybosset St); by phone at 401-421-2787; and online at www.ppacri.org and www.ticketmaster.com.

SUNSET AT THE ABBEY: "AMERICAN CELEBRATION" On Saturday, Aug. 23, at 4:30 p.m., enjoy the soulful piano of Jacqueline Schwab, outdoors at picturesue Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham. Known as the pianist on Ken Burns documentaries, Schwab performs American parlor and traditional music from the past two centuries. Members of the Hingham Symphony will perform American classics of their own. Bring a blanket and a picnic. Rain location: First Parish Meeting House, Cohasset Common. $10 adults, $5 youth. Call 781-740-5694.

LITTLE RIVER BAND Brings Their Classic Sound to Plymouth Memorial Hall; Aug. 23. One of New Zealand's biggest exports, the Little River Band are now on tour and making a stop at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Saturday, Aug. 23. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets for the Little River Band, priced at $37 and $32, are now on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 83 Court St. in Plymouth, MA; online at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 866-468-7619. You can also visit their website at www.plymouthmemorialhall.com.

FIFTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. This USATF-sanc tioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. For applications visit www.brittanylambertFoundation.org, your local gym or register on-line at Active.com For more information call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187.

'LITTLE ANGELS' JIMMY FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT, Sept. 8, at Pembroke Country Club. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start: Tee time 1:15 p.m. Scramble format. $115 per player early registration special by Aug. 15, $100 per player. Includes "Little Angels" custom golf shirt. Non-golfers welcome $35 dinner only. $20 "Little Angels" custom golf shirt if ordered by Aug. 15. Player fee includes gift bag, golf cart, greens fee, stuffed chicken breast dinner. Prizes awarded for hole in one, on the green closest to the pin, lowest foursome score. For information contact Paul McLaughlin, 781-982-8383. http://oak47.ecorp.netgolf.htm

NETWORK CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT Aug. 11, at South Shore Country Club Amateurs and Novices alike meet each year to play in the SSWBN Network Classic Golf Tournament. To receive the pre-registration price, reservations must be received no later than 24 business hours prior to the event. This includes mail, e-mail, fax, and telephone calls. At the door, walk-in registrations are always welcome. 781-749-8883 781-749-3130 Fax www.sswbn.org

HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, Oct. 7 to Nov. 1. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

Thurs. 31

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Franklin's Turtle's Class Concert** (as seen on Nickelodeon) July 31, (two shows) 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Summer Sea Chantey Concert featuring **Jerry Bryant** - at Hull Life Saving Museum Children's Concert 2 p.m. free. General audience concert 7 p.m. $5 suggested donation. Bring a blanket and a picnic supper. For more information call 781-925-5433.

Braintree Park Department 2003 "Parties in the Parks" July 31, Highland's Playground (Located on Wildwood Ave. behind the Highland School) **Free food, games, dancing as DJ Dan Antonelli** plays musical favorites for all ages. All are welcome. For more information call 781-794-8903.

Weymouth Recreation presents: **Family Concerts/Movies in the Park**, 75 Middle St., Amphitheater. July 31, **Quintessential Brass** 6:30 p.m. to dusk. In the event of rain, the programs will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. For more information call 781-682-6124.

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. **July 31, Anson Funderburgh and Sam Myers with the Rockets**. 617-439-7000.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. July 31, **Sounds of Yesterday.**

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St. Plymouth. **Martini Night with The John Parseley Group** 8 to 11 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Hurricane Cruizers** on July 31. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 1

The Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Charles Ansbacher, conductor, continues its summer season with Romantics in the Park. Friday, Aug. 1, 7 p.m. Adams National Historical Park, Quincy. Presented by State Street, City of Quincy, and the National Park Service.

Boston Harbor Hotel, Intrigue Terrace, presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. Aug. 1 **Guys and Dolls**. For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The Satuit Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on the Morrill Bandstand, Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor. **Another Broadway Night with the addition of music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and from the movies**. Concerts are held Friday nights, same time and place, throughout the summer.

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Joe Cocker** Aug. 1, 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

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The 36th Annual Pembroke Arts Festival will be held on the Town Green, Route 14 in Pembroke on Aug. 2 and 3. Admission is free and information is available by calling 781-294-4135. Free Entertainment: Saturday, Aug. 2 at 12 noon, the Centre Stage Dance Co. will perform; 1 p.m. KLS Tae Kwan Do demonstration; 2 p.m. Pembroke School of Performing Arts; 3 p.m., Girls with Guitars; 4 p.m., Silver Lake Revue (high school performers); 5 p.m., The Harry Jones Trio (classic rock); 6 p.m., Dennis & Dennis (father-son bluegrass duo); and at 7 p.m., the featured entertainment is a concert with Full Moon Revue (acoustic newgrass music) and Avenue X (a capella doowop). On Sunday, Aug, 3: at 12 noon, the Centre Stage Dance Co.; 1 p.m., Ilene Springer (singer-songwriter); 2 p.m., the Pembroke School of Performing Arts; and at 3 p.m., Red White & Blues (original rock & roll).

Star Creations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc. presents **Wizard of Oz** an audience participation play be Stephen Hotchner on Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. General admission $5. Reservations suggested.

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St. Plymouth. **Tom Glenn and Dina** (Midi-pop and cover) Free.

Dillingers, 21 Home Depot Dr., Long Pond Road, Plymouth. **The Gina Cochetti Duo** (acoustic pop and cover) 8 to 11 p.m.

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The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Blue Hair Troupe, the hilarious, new musical revue that proves it's HIP to be old will be performing through Aug. 24 at the Tremont Theatre (next to the Wang Center), 276 Tremont St., Boston. Tickets are $25 and $30 and may be purchased by calling 1-866-443-2248, by visiting www.bluehairtroupe.com or at the door. Wheelchair Accessible.

Commonwealth Shakespeare Company presents annual free Shakespeare on the Common - **MacBeth** through Aug. 10, Boston Common. Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common Free and open to the public of all ages. There will be an American Sign Languages interpreted performance July 19, at 8 p.m. 617-532-1212 or visit commonwealthshakespeare.org

BEEHIVE the 60's musical sensation at Raffael's Restaurant, has secured the exclusive rights to present "Beehive" the 60's musical sensation at The Squantum Yacht Club on Quincy Shore Drive and Aug. 2, 8, 9, 15, 22, 23, and 29, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. There will be dancing with a DJ after the second performance each night. Tickets $20 for the 7:30 performance and $22.50 for the 9:30 p.m. evening performance. Groups rates available. Call 617-786-SHOW (7469) or www.jmproductionspresents.com

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association sponsors a Kayaking Trip to Nova Scotia a "Sea Kayaker's Paradise" The NSRWA is sponsoring a one-week paddling adventure in Eastern Nova Scotia exploring the island archipelago off of Tangier, Nova Scotia, from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. The trip includes a several nights at a campground with full facilities as well as a night or two camping on offshore islands.

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NSRWA's 13th Annual Great River Race Saturday, Aug. 2, 2 p.m. All skill levels, from novice to racer, are invited to participate. Non-motorized vessels including canoes, kayaks, rowboats, and rafts participate in the race piloted by people of all ages. (Participants 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.). Spectators are encouraged to cheer the racers on at the starting line at the Union St. Bridge, and at the finish line at the old Washington St. Bridge. After the races, an Awards Celebration will be held from 4 - 5:30 p.m. at Luddam's Ford Park, a short walk from the Hanover Canoe Launch take out area. Drinks and snacks will be available. Pre-Registration Fees: Fee is per craft and includes one T-Shirt -$20 entry fee per craft for NSRWA members-$25 entry fee per craft for non-members Pre-registration is strongly encouraged! Registration on the race day will be $30, regardless of membership status. Non-registered boaters must arrive by 1:30 p.m. to ensure participation in the race. For registration forms, contact the North & South Rivers Watershed Association at 781-659-8168 or e-mail at paula@nsrwa.org For more information check the NSRWA website at www.nsrwa.org

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Marj Bates Studio, 28 Rebecca Road, Scituate. Ninth Annual Open Studio and Sale Glass Beadmaking demos Aug. 2 and 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.glassthings.com

Eighth Annual Arts Affair on the Boardwalk at Marina Bay, 500 Victory Road from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 3 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 300 pieces of art will be on display by professional and amateur artists who are members of the loca art associations.

The Silver Ribbon - American Crafts & Art Gallery will be holding an open house to celebrate their 15th Anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be a gift certificate drawing. Handicap accessible. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 781-826-1525.

Discover Boating Day This event has been designed for the landlubber who is curious about boating. In celebration of National Marina Week, free boat rides will be offered at Marina Bay in North Quincy. Guests will be invited to board a wide variety of boats for 30-minute trips, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Activities include art exhibits and entertainment. Pre-registration is not required. This event is sponsored by Offshore magazine and the Massachusetts Trades Association. Contact: Marina Bay North Quincy 617-847-1800; www.marinabayboston.com.

Richie's Run Saturday, Aug. 2, rain or shine - Scituate High School Track: 606 Chief Justice Hwy (Rte 3A) 9 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., opening ceremony at 9 a.m. "Richie's Run" is a day of youth track events for children ages 2 to 18. It's a day of fun and of laughs, and in the spirit of his name, all proceeds will be passed on to a special student of Scituate High School. A donation of $5 per child or $10 per family is suggested

Front Street Music Festival during the annual **Heritage Days** celebration in Scituate. 10 a.m. TBA; 11 a.m. Bald Walter; 12:15 p.m. Than Smith R & B Band; 1:30 p.m. Bellevue Cadillac; 3:30 p.m. Leon Russell. The event is free and sponsored by Scituate Music Co. on Front Street. For information call 545-9800.

Helen's Café Weymouth Landing,16 Commercial St., Braintree, Comedy night featuring **Ace Aceto, Annette Pollack, Lou Winz, Mike Whitman, Vince Martin and P.J. Abruzzese** Aug. 2, at 8:30 p.m. 781-356-4311 for reservations

The Art of Music Chamber Players performs Aug. 2, at 8 p.m. in the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Performing artists are Piotr Buczek violin, Timothy Roberts cello and Olivia Garnier piano. Reception follows concert. The Ellison Center is air-conditioned with free parking.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury - The current exhibition, **Floating Sculptures**, which features traditional and contemporary carved New England decoys on display through Aug. 24

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St. Plymouth. **The Gina Cochetti Duo** 9 p.m. to midnight

Dillingers, 21 Home Depot Dr., Long Pond Road, Plymouth. **The David James Duo** (acoustic pop and cover) 8 p.m.

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **The Beach Boys** Aug. 2, two shows 5 p.m./9 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

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Marj Bates Studio, 28 Rebecca Road, Scituate. Ninth Annual Open Studio and Sale Glass Beadmaking demos Aug. 2 and 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.glassthings.com

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Sun. 3

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Franz Schubert and Sergei Rachmaninoff featured by Duxbury native, pianist **Thomas Hansen** Aug. 3, at 4 p.m. Open to all. Call 781-934-6634 or visit www.artcomplex.org for more information.

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Mitch Woods and His Rocket 88's** Aug. 2. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Chamber Music Society of Easton and **the Sharon Music Academy** sponsor a benefit **concert** to support the concert season of the **Bristol Chamber Orchestra. Sunday, Aug. 3, at 4 p.m.** Sharon Academy of Music South Main St., Sharon. Student: $5 Seniors: $8 and adults $10. Contact Tanya to purchase your ticket in advance at 781-784-6079.

Weymouth Recreation Division will offer **Great Esker Day-**Aug. 3, from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. on Elva Road, N. Weymouth; live animals (Trailside Museum, New England Aquarium and Bill LaCroix's Reptiles and Amphibians); live music by the Corvairs; trolley and walking tours of the park; kayaking (sit-on-tops); canoeing, children's crafts, food and much more…

Wiffle ball players will have a chance to compete in the first annual Youth Wiffle Ball Series on Aug. 3, at Sampson Park in Sharon. The event is for players between the ages of 11 and 14, and is hosted by the New England Wiffle Association (NEWA). Teams consist of two to six players, and can sign up online at www.newazone.com. The tournament entry fee is $80 for a team of three, plus $5 for each additional player. Fee includes bats, balls and t-shirts, a minimum of three full games and unlimited Home Run

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USS Salem Concert Series – Aug. 3, 2 to 4 p.m. **John Lincoln Wright and the Sourmash Boys**. Shows held under a tent on board the USS Salem at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. Refreshments available. Admission $6 per person. A tour of the ship is included for all visitors. Call 617-479-7900.

Front Street Music Festival during the annual **Heritage Days** celebration in Scituate. 10 a.m. Mixed Company (10 piece jazz group) 11:30 a.m. Bruce Katz Band with Tony Lynn Washington; 1:15 p.m. Fat City Band; 3:30 p.m.. Eric Burdon and The Animals. The event is free and sponsored by Scituate Music Co. on Front Street. For information call 545-9800.

Hanover Bandstand summer concert series Aug. 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Four guys in Tuxes** Route 139 in Hanover Center. Free and open to the public and handicap accessible. Donations gratefully accepted.

The North River Arts Society presents **The Magic Moment**, original oil paintings by **Jody Regan** through Sept. 13, Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center.

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset –**The Robert Cray Band/John Hiatt & the Goners** Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. Plymouth Lighthouse Expedition, July 27, leaves at 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The cruise leaves Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf, Boston, near Aquarium T stop at 9:30 a.m. returning 5 p.m. Drinks and snacks are available on the boat. A cruise to get up close to a number of lighthouses, including Boston Light, Minot's and many other. In Plymouth you will have 1 1/2 hours to enjoy lunch or explore the waterfront. Profits from the cruise sponsor the volunteer program on the Boston Harbor Islands. Adults $38, seniors $36, members of FBHI $34, children 3 to 12 $20 Children 2 and under free. Tickets may be purchased at dockside at 5 p.m. cash only. For more information call 781-740-4290.

Singles Executive Club - Sunday Romance Singles Dance Sunday, Aug. 3, 7 to 11 p.m. Pembroke Country Club, 94 W. Elm St., Pembroke. 781-446-0234. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and free door prizes. For singles 35+ y.o. Proper business casual dress is acceptable. Cost is $10. Sponsored by the Single Executives Club and the Single Golfers of New England, www.se-4you.com <http://www.se-4you.com>.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Cornerstone Reggae** 5 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 3. Casual dress, cover charge varies. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mon. 4

South Shore Women's Business Network - Braintree luncheon Jimbo's Fish Shanty Braintree Five Corners, 781-848-0300. To pre-register call 781-749-8883. www.ssbwn.org

The Friends of The Norwell Visiting Nurse Association Golf Tournament South Shore residents are invited to sign up for the organization's Fifth Annual Charity Golf Tournament. The event will be held on Aug. 4, at the Marshfield Country Club, 515 Moraine St., Marshfield. Registration begins at noon. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow at the Country Club, where there will also be a silent and live auction. Tickets are $175 per person, which includes five complimentary raffle tickets. Make checks payable to the Friends of the NVNA. Call the Friends of the NVNA at 781-659-2342.

The North River Arts Society presents **Places by the Sea** oil paintings by **Diane Scott** now to Aug. 15, at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Opening reception June 23 at 7 p.m.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 5

Braintree Park Department 2003 Summer Concert Series held at the Sunset Lake Beachfront on Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 5, John Penny Band with Jilly Martin. A country-western hoe down with this five-piece band and the incredible voice of the 15 year old Ms. Martin. In the event of rain, these concerts will be moved to Braintree High School Auditorium. A sign will be posted. For more information call 781-794-8903.

Grape Island Sunset Cruise, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Hingham Computer Dock, Route 3A, Hingham. Treat yourself to an evening escape with Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands. Learn the history of this beautiful Island in Hingham Bay. These are fund raising cruises to help support our 24-year-old Volunteer Program for the Harbor Islands. After touring the Island cruise around and watch the sunset. Bring your own picnic supper, beverages and snacks are available on the boat. Also your camera, bug spray, binoculars, and dress for the weather. The Cruise leaves, Hingham Computer Dock, Route 3A, Hingham at 6 p.m. returning at 9 p.m. Prices are Adults $17, Seniors $15, Members of FBHI $13, Children 3-12 $10. Children 2 and under free. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 5 p.m.; cash only. For more information call 781-740-4290. You may also send a SASE and your check to FBHI, P. O. Box 690187, Quincy, MA 02269-0187

The Producers, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre through Aug. 17. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

Family Story time resumes at **James Library &Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., (off Rte. 123) Norwell Center. Preschool age children are invited to attend family story time at 10 a.m. Monthly story times for families are free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 to pre-register and for information.

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Bruce Katz Band with Tony Lynn Washington; 1:15 p.m. Fat City Band; 3:30 p.m..Eric Burdon and The Animals. The event is free and sponsored by Scituate Music Co. on Front Street. For information call 545-9800.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 6

Nathan Gallery, 152 Rockland St., Hanover, presents **Works of Tamara Orlowski** as well as a few other local artists through Aug. 15. Open to the public. Gallery hours Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 781-826-6500.

Father Bill's Place Ninth Annual Food Fest and Auction Aug. 6, 6 to 10 p.m. WaterWorks, Marina Bay, Quincy. The Food Fest will feature delicacies prepared by chefs from many restaurants on the South Shore. Local wine distributors will be on hand with a selection of wines to sample and enjoy. Tickets $75 per person may be obtained by mail, telephone at the door and web site www.fatherbillsplace.org 617-376-2255.

The original oil paintings of **Armando Enriquez** will be on display during the month of August in the gallery of the Kingston Public Library. The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday 1 to 8 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The Art of Music Chamber Players performs Aug. 2, at 8 p.m. in the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Performing artists are Piotr Buczek violin, Timothy Roberts cello and Olivia Gamier piano. Reception follows concert. Tickets are $20, $15 for seniors, $5 for students. For more information call (781) 837-2705. The Ellison Center is air-conditioned with free parking.

Compass Bank Free Concert Series, Historic Plymouth Waterfront - Aug. 6, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. **Trax w/Janelle Malafronte**

The Animal Rescue League of Boston presents **Building the Bonds of Trust With Your Animal** Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. at its Pembroke branch, 599 Washington St., Pembroke. (Route 53) Fee $10. For more information call 671-426-9170.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome.

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7 to 10. For more information visit www.edaville.com or call 877-332-8455.

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Alice In Wonderland** Aug. 7, 10:30 a.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Jeff Carson, will be taking center stage at the Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, Thursday, Aug. 7 as part of the Honky Tonk Tailgate Party tour.

Jimbos South Restaurant, 405 Franklin Street, Braintree, 02184 Aug. 7, at 8:30 p.m. Featuring: **Kevin Knox, Annette Pollack, Chris Tabb, Jeff Clough, Adam Pearlman, Corey Manning, Jan Davidson & Mike Hanlon.** Admission $10 Reservations recommended. Call 781- 848-0300 for details. Wheelchair Accessible.

Weymouth Recreation presents: **Family Concerts/Movies in the Park**, 75 Middle St., Amphitheater. Aug. 7, **Snow White**, 6:30 p.m. to dusk. In the event of rain, the programs will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. For more information call 781-682-6124.

Raffael's Restaurant of Quincy presents **Connie, Patsy, Brenda & Me** a musical revue. All matinees begin at 1 p.m. with lunch starting at noon. Aug. 6*, 7**, 13* and 14**. The evening performances begin at 8 p.m. with the dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets $35 for matinees and $45 for evening performances. Price includes dinner, tax, gratuity & show. * matinee only; ** matinee and evening performances. Call 617-328-1600 for information or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 7, **Michelle Wilson and the Evil Gal Festival Orchestra**.. 617-439-7000.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. Aug. 7, Legion Bud Band.

Honky Tonk Tailgate Party, featuring **Jeff Carson, Chad Brock, Rhett Akins** and **Daryle Singletary** Thursday, Aug. 7, 8 p.m. Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, Tickets 866-468-7619 and www.ticketweb.com

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset –**Huey Lewis & The News** - two shows Aug. 7, and 8, both shows at 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Friday Night Fights** Aug. 7. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 8

Boston Landmarks Orchestra presents **South Pacific** conducted by Charles Ansbacher, directed by Patricia-Maria Weinmann. Aug. 8, 9, 10 at dusk (approx. 8L15 p.m.) Three shows performed free fully staged in the open air, at USS Cassin Young in the Charlestown Navy yard. Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic. Visit www.operaboston.org

Boston Harbor Hotel, Intrigue Terrace, presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. Aug. 8, **Cool Hand Luke**. For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The Satuit Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on the Morrill Bandstand, Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor. Patriotic songs and favorite marches will salute our country.

20th Annual Easter Seal Softball Marathon to benefit children and adults with disabilities. The annual event — a 24 hour long softball game - will be played on Aug. 9 and Aug. 10 at the Duxbury Train Field off Alden St. in Duxbury. The game will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9 and end at 10 a.m. on Aug.10. (Few people play the entire 24 hours anymore but you're welcome to try!) We're looking for players and teams who want to register to play. Each player must raise $50 in sponsorships by game time. All the money raised from this event goes directly to the Easter Seal Society of Massachusetts. Those who don't want to play are encouraged to drop by to cheer (or jeer) their friends. Donations are welcome. All donations are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law Any donations should be made out to "The Easter Seal Society" and mailed c/o me, Jim Cantwell, 40 Huntington Avenue, South Weymouth, MA. 02190. For more information call 781-837-1960 or home 781-335-0121.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Friday, Aug. 8, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington, Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info: 781-331-0021 Web site: "http://www.southshoresingles.org" http://www.southshoresingles.org

Sociable Singles presents its **Midsummer's Eve Dance**, BayPointe Country Club, Onset, Aug. 8 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Dance to the music of our popular DJ Terri Christopher $7 members $10 non-members. Hors D'Oeuvres, coffee and mini desserts, door prizes 50/50 raffle All single adults welcome. Proper dress required. No jean.

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mileage on them, noted Happel, who first started carrying the bags at Essentials last summer. But problems getting the plates from the Massachusetts DMV slowed shipments for a few months. Fortunately, the problem seems to have been cleared up, but Happel said there are some plate requests that they still have trouble filling.

"We can't get the Cape and Islands plates," she said. The Maine Vacation land plate with the lobster is another tag in demand, which Happel has trouble delivering.

The company deals with state registries of motor vehicles, license plate dealers, auto dealers and junk yards and gets what it can get when it comes to tags, explained DeMarco. "We can't guarantee certain plates."

"Some states are harder to get than others," she said. "West Virginia is very hard to get. It really depends what the state does with old plates."

PHOTO/ALICE COYLE

Essentials store manager Patricia Happel has a Massachusetts license plate handbag which coincidentally has her initials.

Littearth takes special requests, but when after three months of waiting to get a discontinued "You've got a friend in Pennsylvania" license plate in, DeMarco said the company informed the customer they were out of luck.

But disappointments like those haven't slowed growth for the company celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Last year alone, Littlearth's Web site boasts having actively recycled "more than 30 tons of rubber, 40,000 license plates and a quarter million bottle caps."

The environmentally conscious company with plans to design creative, unique products using all recycled materials was founded by DeMarco and Rob Brandegee in 1993. The two started out in DeMarco's basement but as the business took off and their suburban yard took on the look of a junk yard piled high with truck inner tubes, it became clear they'd need a little more room for Littleearth — leading them to set up shop in Pittsburgh's Hill District. Over the last decade, DeMarco said many new product lines have been started and others have had a tune up or two.

"When we first decided to make license plates into hand bags, we folded them and rolled them and then used empty tuna cans for the sides," DeMarco recalled. "They looked a little crude and smelled a little fishy, but people liked them any way." The baby moon hubcaps that replaced the tuna cans, and which Happel pointed out serve as perfect mirrors for touching up your lipstick, were a big product improvement. And others are in the works, DeMarco said. Following last fall's release of the square model bag, a new high-end line of license plate purses dressed up for evening wear will feature Swarovski crystals along the plate's numbers and letters.

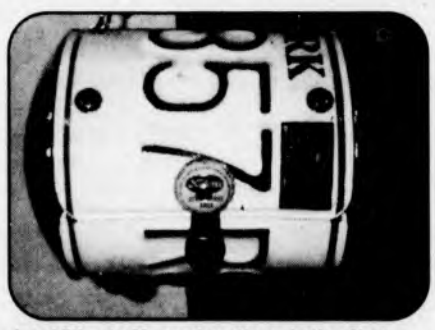
Featured on Oprah! and CNN Littlearth's products have been worn by a host of celebrities including Brook Shields, Jay Leno and Chelsea Clinton.

Essentials, which also carries license plate photo albums, is just one of more than 1,000 retailers who sell Littlearth product lines all over the country. The bags retail in the range of $60 to about $80 depending on the size and style. There is an additional $20 charge for custom plates and customers must sign a waiver stating the company is not responsible for any damage to the plates in their conversion to a pocketbook, said Happel, who estimates she sells at least two bags per week. Several of her employees have their own bags and sales associate Mary Ruddick has her eye on the Euro Cyclone — the perfect size for her, she declares.

And what could be a more perfect style handbag for Jennifer Sukanek, who works as a receptionist at Sullivan Brothers car dealership in Kingston? Sukanek said a customer came in carrying one of the license plate purses and the very next day she had bought one of her own.

"I bring it everywhere and always to work," she said. "It's a conversation piece."

For more information on the license plate handbags or any of Littlearth's products go to the Web site at littlearth.com or call or stop by Essentials at the Merchant Row Mall in Hanover at (781) 871-7727.



In addition to Massachusetts and other New England states, Essentials carries and sells many New York license plate handbags with the familiar Statue of Liberty.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

The Leo moon aligns with Jupiter, generating an upbeat mood this morning. Projects should come together easily. Mercury moves into Virgo at 10:06 a.m., remaining there until October 6. Mercury will travel in retrograde motion when it reaches 26-degrees of Virgo on August 28. It is best to initiate new activities between 10:06-11:46 a.m., when the Leo moon becomes inactive. At 10:27 p.m. a Virgo moon takes over.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

Gear up for a hectic day. Expect the unexpected. Avoid making rigid plans or placing yourself in high stress situations. Don't act on impulse or make important decisions. The moon travels in Virgo, and forms a challenging 180-degree alignment to Mars at 4:13 p.m. In addition, Mercury, the planetary ruler of Virgo, opposes Uranus. A good way to let off steam is to spend extra time working out with exercise routines. Eat light foods and avoid stimulants.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2003

The first half of August is prime for vacationing. Planetary action turns around completely during the last week, when a barrage of planetary activity arrives.

Today the Virgo moon becomes inactive at 5:01 a.m. After that no major planetary activity occurs. If you have work projects to accomplish, finish old business, clean up and get rid of the clutter.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

A Libra moon and an applying sun-Neptune opposition set the stage for a fun, social weekend. At 2:48 a.m. the moon enters Libra. There is one rough spot, however, in effect between 1:50-4:50 p.m., when the moon aligns with Saturn. This may bring a down period; there may be delays or obstacles. Keep it light; go with the flow. The remainder of the day rates high for social and romantic activities.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Yesterday's planetary patterns are in effect today as well. The Libra moon forms flowing 60-degree contacts to Pluto in the morning and Jupiter at 9:33 p.m., when it becomes inactive. The sun prepares to oppose Neptune, generating an easygoing, upbeat mood. This is a wonderful day to relax, enjoy favorite pastimes and friends.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

The moon enters serious Scorpio at 6:12 a.m., remaining there today and tomorrow. However, it may take a while for the morning fog to burn off. A sun-Neptune opposition culminates at 10:01 a.m. Others may be sleepy, forgetful, distracted. You can make up for lost time this afternoon and evening, because influences turn around completely. A harmonious alignment of Mercury and Saturn prompts you to take on a big work project and stick to it. You can be most productive. Tackle jobs that need problem-solving, mental precision.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

The first quarter phase of the moon occurs 3:28 a.m., signaling the buildup to a full moon that culminates next Tuesday, August 12. The moon continues to travel in Scorpio today, prompting you to keep your nose to the grindstone. Get major work projects out of the way. An applying polarity of Mercury and Mars warns against getting caught up in negative feelings, behaviors. Others may be moody, difficult to please. Take quiet time out for yourself; maintain a peaceful, mellow demeanor.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Gear up for a challenging, fast-paced day. The Scorpio moon aligns with Jupiter at 1:22 a.m. and becomes inactive. At 9:11 a.m. the moon enters fiery Sagittarius, and the Mercury-Mars polarity culminates at 9:13 a.m. However, the Sagittarius moon will interact with Mercury and Mars, extending its influence throughout the day and evening. Take it slow and easy. Sidestep arguments, conflicts with others. Don't take chances or do anything risky. If you are working, it is better to handle a variety of jobs rather than one that demands focus and concentration.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

A polarity of Venus and Neptune takes center stage. Its influence enhances creativity and artistic sensitivity. On the other hand, it is not favorable for making important decisions, purchases or long-term commitments. Keep it light and avoid touchy subjects between 12:353:35 p.m., when the moon and Pluto conjoin. The remainder of the afternoon and evening rates high for enjoying favorite pastimes and friends.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

It may be difficult to get motivated to work this morning. The Sagittarius moon aligns with Jupiter at 5:01 a.m. and becomes inactive. Influences turn around completely at 12:02 p.m., when the moon enters ambitious Capricorn. Roll up your sleeves and plan to get a lot accomplished. Zero in on jobs that you have been putting off. You can get them out of the way now. A lunar opposition to Saturn sets the stage for a quiet evening. Repay debts, follow through on promises you have made to others.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Kraft

Mary Kraft of Ridgway, Colo., 41, a registered nurse, died July 26, 2003.

Born in Boston, Mrs. Kraft grew up in Cohasset, a place she held dear to her heart. After graduating from Cohasset High School, she earned a bachelor of science in veterinary technology from Mt. Ida College and later a bachelor of science in nursing from Mesa State University in Grand Junction, Colo.

She worked as a registered nurse with Montrose County Health and Human Services and was devoted to helping others. Her love for people transcended all aspects of her life. Her main passion was healthy parenting and helping the families she worked with by educating them about parenting and children's needs.

Her other interests included outdoor recreation such as camping, hiking, mountain biking and skiing.

Mrs. Kraft will be remembered for her ability to bring others together in friendship and celebration.

She leaves her husband Dean and their two sons, Colin and Tyler; her mother, Virginia (Gavin) Walsh; three sisters, Patricia, Karen and Cathy; two brothers, Peter and Richard; and five nieces.

A memorial celebration will be held Aug. 3 in Ridgway.

Arrangements were by the Crippin Funeral Home/Crematory in Montrose, Colo.

Loraine Stevens

A memorial service for Loraine Stevens was held at the Vedanta Center, 130 Beechwood St. on July 18. Ms. Stevens died May 31, 2003 at Boston Medical Center due to complications following surgery. She was 89.

A native of Washington, D.C., she had been a puppeteer in Chicago. During World War II, she served as a WAC (Women's Army Corps) of the U.S. Army. In New York, she was involved in civil defense for the army. She was a five-year resident of the Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home.

After the war, she served as a secretary to a number of notable personalities, including authors Paul Brunton and John Steinbeck as well as actress Gloria Swanson.

A longtime member of the Vedanta Center in Massachusetts and Ananda Ashrama in La Cresenta, Calif., she served Rev. Mother Gayatri Devi who passed away in 1995. Ms. Stevens often traveled to India.

An avid animal lover, she raised many cats and dogs. She also loved to sing and had a beautiful singing voice.

She leaves her nieces, Carol-Leigh Duce and Nancy DiMaio; her nephew, Haskell Frei; and many grand and great-grand-nieces/nephews. She also leaves her best friend, Ella May Damiani.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Catherine M. Turner

Catherine M. (Cheever) Turner, 83, of Cohasset, died July 2, 2003, at South Shore Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary (Buckley) Cheever. She attended Dorchester High School and Boston Business School.

Mrs. Turner was employed for more than 30 years as an office manager at Hugo's Lighthouse Restaurant in Cohasset. Prior to Hugo's, she worked at Harvard University. She retired in 1983.

After retirement Mrs. Turner and her husband enjoyed traveling to Europe, Hawaii, Africa, and Jamaica.

Wife of the late Arthur L. Turner for 46 years, she leaves two daughters, Cathy and her husband, James, Pryles of Hanover and Elizabeth and her husband, Stephen, Venti of Hanover; two grandsons Michael David and Kevin James Pryles of Hanover.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was private.

The arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

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Minot Ledge Light provides the perfect backdrop for the Cohasset Sailing Club fleet as it returns to port after a day of sailing on the harbor.

Town wants train ruling

Asks Romney for a decision

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset selectmen are urging Gov. Mitt Romney to make a final decision sooner rather than later on whether the Greenbush Line will become a reality.

In an Aug. 5 letter to the governor, Town Manager Mark Haddad stated the "Board of Selectmen is very concerned with the delay in the decision to either move forward or abandon the project" and asked him to make a final decision as soon as possible.

Downtown revitalization, reconstruction of the town parking lot, and improvements

TRAIN RULING, PAGE 4

Plans unveiled for a 105-unit, 55-plus project

Slated for 41 acres off Beechwood St.

By Mary Ford
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Plans are moving forward for an upscale "55-plus" condominium project on the former 41-acre Hayes estate off Beechwood Street on the east side of Rte. 3A.

If the 105-unit developement, dubbed "Cedarmere," passes muster with town boards, it would be the first built under Cohasset's Senior Overlay District, established at Town Meeting last fall, which allows higher density development than the residential district permits to encourage more local housing for senior citizens.

"It's designed to look as if it's always been there."
— Kelli Calhoun, King Taylor Cohasset LLC

"It's designed to look as if it's always been there," Kelli Calhoun said about the shingle-style architecture and the fact the buildings would blend with the topography of the site. Kelli and David Calhoun of Sheldon Road and Tom Ragno of Lexington are principals with King Taylor Cohasset LLC, the developer, which bought the property for $3.85 million in June.

The Planning Board held a public hearing on Cedarmere last night after the Mariner went to press.

Fourteen market-rate units would be included in a new grand manor house near the center of the site that would also include an underground parking garage. Plans also include 23 single-family residences and 18 two-family residences in clusters around courtyards to preserve open space. A barn on site would also be renovated into a single-family residence. All market-rate units would be 2,400 square feet and have two bedrooms. They would start at $650,000, the developers say.

Twenty-nine affordable, one- and two-bedroom units are planned for a building to be constructed near Rte. 3A with parking for 50 cars. A cabin at the western end of the site would be renovated into two additional affordable units. The 31affordable units put the development over the minimum 26 (or 25 percent), required under the Senior Overlay District.

It is not clear if the affordable units would be sold as condominiums or rented as apartments. But their purchase price or rent would conform to state guidelines in order to be afford-

PROJECT, PAGE 5

Klimko pleads guilty, keeps job

Works as school business manager

By Samantha Brown
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Sitting on the hard, wooden benches of the Hingham District Court, Ivan Klimko took a few deep breaths as his long-awaited trial finally came to a close Tuesday, bringing some good news for the 56-year-old Cohasset School Department business manager. He won't have to serve jail time for assault and battery of his wife during a domestic dispute, and he will keep his job.

"He's done a quality job for us. We're going to keep the two matters separate."
— Edward Malvey, Superintendent of Schools

"He's been a valuable employee here," said Supt. Edward Malvey, who was present at the trial. "He's done a quality job for us. We're going to keep the two matters separate."

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn shares Malvey's view and said any professional dealings he has had with Klimko have been very impressive.

"Anything professional he's done for us has been very well done," he said. "He's a valuable employee and I don't really have a comment on the personal side."

ALAN CHAPMAN PHOTO

Ivan Klimko, left, is advised by attorney Jeffrey C. LaPointe on Tuesday at Hingham District Court.

Klimko was originally charged with attempted murder last November because his wife told police that during the altercation he said he was going to kill her. At that time, he was suspended from his job, and was reinstated when that charge was dropped due to insufficient evidence last December.

Klimko stood before the microphone at the front of the courtroom Tuesday and was addressed by Judge Ronald Moynahan.

"Did you do what the Commonwealth says?" he asked.

"Yes," replied Klimko.

Flanked on both sides by her Russian interpreter and School Committee member Pat Martin, Klimko's wife looked on as her attorney, Russ Eonas, presented Moynahan with photos from injuries she sustained on the night of the incident. Martin, who works at Wellspring in Hull and is a domestic violence intervention specialist, accompanied Klimko's wife to the trial in a show of support. Martin said she has been legally recused from all School Committee discussion involving Klimko since November, so as not to create a conflict of interest.

Klimko sat silently as his wife made her victim's impact statement, expressing how much that night has affected her life.

"I have lost faith in people. It's very difficult to live," she said. "This event has affected me physically and emotionally."

She said that by his actions,

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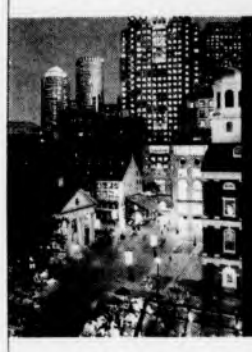

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Conservation Commission, Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m.,

Harbor Committee, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Aug. 13, 7 p.m., at the library

Selectmen, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Aug. 21, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Aug. 18, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Aug. 18 (40A) & Aug. 25 40B-Avalon), 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Keep well clinics

The Cohasset Board of Health monthly keep well clinics for August with Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N., P.H.N. and Jan Bennett, R.N. are Thursday Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. during the Senior Center luncheon and Thursday Aug. 28 from 1–3 p.m. Harborview senior housing off Elm Street (behind the police department).

Save the date for the Cohasset Health Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Second Congregational Church (next to Cohasset Town Hall).

Keep well clinics are for *all* town residents regardless of age!

Nichols Road beach gate closed for good

Beach-goers no doubt have noticed the gate at the Nichols Road end of the Sandy Beach parking lot is closed permanently. Town Manager Mark Haddad ordered it closed in late July to enhance safety and keep out non-residents.

Sandy Beach Association president Robin Lawrence also told selectmen the association would like the gate closed to keep out-of-towners from using the popular location. On busy days in the summer, up to 20 percent of the cars there don't have resident stickers, he said.

While the beach is owned by the Sandy Beach Association, the town owns and maintains the parking lot.

Haddad said there is a greater police presence in the parking lot; on a recent sunny, weekend police issued 71 parking tickets, most of which were for Sandy Beach, he said. Parking tickets carry a $25 fine.

A part-time town employee is also monitoring stickers on the weekends.

"While this is a short-term solution for the summer, it should address concerns raised by residents," Haddad said.

Selectman Michael Sullivan's suggestion of constructing a safer, new entrance-exit, at about the midway point along the parking lot on Atlantic Avenue, will go forward in the fall, said Haddad, who gave a "ballpark" estimate of $5,000 for the work, which would be performed by the Department of Public Works. The strip of sand between the parking lot and Atlantic Avenue would have to be scooped up and put back on the beach, Haddad said. A new gate may also be needed, and the parking lot could be relined. The new central gate would serve as single access-egress point for the parking lot.

Bradley office hours

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, will hold district office hours Monday Aug. 11, in Cohasset. He will be available at the Cohasset Town Hall from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

Jet Pollution Council meets again Aug. 12

The next South Shore Jet Pollution Council General Meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug. 12 from 7-9 p.m. at the Hingham Library on Leavitt Street to formulate strategies to address current and future air-traffic problems. Volunteer opportunities for small and large projects are available.

Money needed for harbor seawall work

The town hopes the state will ante up with substantial funds to help repair the dilapidated, 311 linear feet of seawall between Atlantica and the Mill River Marine Railway along Border Street.

Consultants Vine Associates of Hingham estimate it will cost $522,500 to completely remove and replace the existing stonewall, pedestrian railing and walkway. The estimate includes design and construction.

A second, and less preferred alternative, would be to just fill the cracks and redo the sidewalk at an estimated cost of $187,500, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Haddad has sent a letter to state Secretary of Environmental Affairs Ellen Roy Herzfelder seeking her assistance in obtaining funds for the seawall repair. In the letter, he stated the existing sidewalk and seawall are "in terrible condition and need immediate repair.

"This is a heavily traveled vehicular and pedestrian area in Cohasset and the town needs to address the problem immediately," he said.

Haddad researched 1994 legislation that included $10 million for financial assistance on a 50-50 basis, with the town and state each paying half, to coastal communities for shoreline protection. He thinks there may still be money available. "The town is extremely interested in this potential funding source," he wrote to Roy Herzfelder.

Haddad has also asked state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, to contact US Rep. William Delahunt to see if there is any federal grant money available for the project.

The seawall near Lawrence Wharf at the harbor could use some touching up but is in far better shape, Haddad said.

Train crossing designs on hold

The MBTA will not submit any further Greenbush railroad grade crossing design plans to Cohasset until the Army Corps of Engineers holds its meeting on grade crossing treatments expected sometime this month.

Cohasset, along with Hingham, Scituate and Weymouth, started the informal dispute resolution process with the MBTA last month, as laid out in the towns' mitigation agreements, because they said the MBTA continued to submit grade crossing design plans showing standard grade crossing treatments, when the towns have asked for four-quadrant gates. The informal dispute process involves both sides talking about areas of disagreement.

Town Manager Mark Haddad, who received the July 31 MBTA letter with the news, said he was pleased the informal dispute resolution process worked. He explained the type of grade crossing used will ultimately be up to the MBTA. However, the Army Corps will issue a recommendation to the MBTA on the type of gate, he said.

The towns prefer four-quadrant gates which do not require construction of median strips. Because Greenbush is a whistle-free corridor (meaning train whistles would only be sounded in emergencies), if standard grade crossing treatment is used, median strips are needed to keep impatient motorists from skirting around a closed gate to beat an oncoming train. Four-quadrant use four arms, not two, at crossings, therefore stopping traffic on both sides of the road.

Cohasset's mitigation agreement specifies the MBTA's consideration of four-quadrant gates does not apply to the North Main Street grade crossing, so the MBTA will submit designs for that crossing this month. Haddad explained the North Main Street crossing, which is between Woodside Cemetery and the Cohasset Golf Club, is at a 45-degree angle and would not be suitable for four-quad gates. There are also no residential abutters who would object to the median barriers at that location, he said.

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Sun. 10	10:27	9.4	4:12	10:39	11.2	4:21
Mon. 11	11:22	9.7	5:06	11:32	11.2	5:15
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Outsider to review the way Cohasset government is run

By Mary Ford
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"We can always look at ways to improve the way we deliver services and an outside set of eyes is probably the best way to do this."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

Can Cohasset be run better? Selectmen plan to find out and have commissioned a review of the "Town Manager Form of Administration," which the town adopted six years ago.

Selectmen are quick to point out this study to be conducted by MMA Consulting Group, Inc. of Boston is not intended to be a performance review of Town Manager Mark Haddad, but a look at the governmental system itself to see if more efficiencies can be realized.

Haddad stressed the review is looking at the town manager *form* of government.

"It is not looking to see if the town manager is doing his job – that's up for the selectmen to decide," he said.

In fact Haddad urged the board not to wait until this fall's Special Town Meeting to appropriate the money for the survey, which is expected to take three to four months, so any proposals could be put on the warrant in time for the spring's Annual Town Meeting.

"I think a review of the structure of government is always a good thing," Haddad said. "Cohasset doesn't have the corner on government.

"We can always look at ways to improve the way we deliver services and an outside set of eyes is probably the best way to do this," he said.

The impetus for the review came out of the town-wide forum on the "way we do business" held last spring, Haddad said.

Selectmen opted to pay the $16,100 for the report through available funds in their budget.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said it was important to create the most cost-effective environment possible.

According to MMA Consulting Group the review will include:

- Duties of the town manager in relation to town departments and elected and appointed boards;
- Policy and administrative relationship between selectmen and the town manager;
- Internal administrative structure and coordination of town government;
- Relationship between elected and appointed offices, and the town manager's relationship with elected offices;
- Evaluate internal management and communication and evaluate administrative systems.

To accomplish these goals, MMA Consulting will conduct interviews with the town manager, department heads, as well as the police and fire chiefs, DPW and water department superintendents; and meet with and interview major boards. It will also review reports and internal procedures, including budgeting, procurement and human resources.

MMA will repair a report which will include an overview of the current situation, findings, recommendations and an implementation plan.

MMA Consulting Group has provided consulting services to local governments across the United States for the past 16 years, company officials said.

A handle on budget deficit

Haddad says town can absorb aid cuts

By Mary Ford
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Fiscal year 2004 is turning out to be a big headache for cities and towns across Massachusetts. Thanks to and estimated $3 billion state budget deficit and a legislature with a penchant for overriding the governor's vetoes – what will happen to local aid as the year progresses is anybody's guess.

Local aid is money the state sends back to municipalities for everything from road repair to school assistance.

Although many towns, like Cohasset, braced for a 15 percent cut in aid over last year's levels – they weren't prepared for a decrease in the 20 percent range. This year Cohasset's local aid receipts are estimated to drop about $439,250 to $2.39 million.

At this juncture, however, Cohasset is faring better than most, thanks for a $350,000 override in the spring.

So despite a new wrinkle in the way the state Department of Revenue charging towns for charter school tuition, the town should be able to cope without layoffs, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

The state is deducting $132,000 in charter school tuition up front from the town's local aid "cherry sheet." In previous years, the money was deducted from the town's fourth quarter local aid payment – so in essence, the town is being charged twice within just a few months.

Haddad said the town can make up the charter school tuition gap by raising estimated receipts that include revenue from building permits and motor vehicle excise taxes. "It won't impact the operating budget," he said. Also, it appears fewer students will be attending the South Shore Charter School than the state estimated, so there could be an adjustment from the state Department of Revenue in the fall.

Haddad said the $106,000 snow and ice removal deficit from last winter will likely be covered through a transfer from the stabilization fund, which is similar to a savings account. The state allows towns to deficit spend their snow removal accounts, because they want the streets clear for safety reasons, he explained.

That still leaves about a $99,000 deficit due to the 20 percent cut in local aid. (rather than 15 percent, the town planned for). Haddad said he would present a plan to cover that figure when he gets the final numbers for new growth that includes new construction and other increases in the property tax base.

Walgreen's shoots Common commercials

By Samantha Brown
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Autumn leaves and pumpkins adorned the Common while skeletons walked freely in the "Town of Perfect," last Wednesday and Thursday. No, Halloween did not come early this year and Cohasset has not changed its name, but the town once again had a brush with fame. This time Cohasset provided the location for a series of new television commercials for Walgreens.

Commercials for both the Halloween and Christmas seasons were shot, with views of the First Parish Meeting House, Second Congregational Church, and Town Hall in the background.

Town Hall auditorium was also transformed for the occasion, with a fireplace mantle erected for the Christmas spot.

Friendly snowmen and marching soldiers were included in the Christmas scenes, which sparked the need for artificial snow. The Common was blanketed in the fluffy, white stuff, which was actually white cotton blankets and a special non-toxic foam which does not harm vegetation.

"I love it when people want to come use the Common," said Town Manager Mark Haddad, noting that this is not the first time the town has been featured in a production. In his six years as town manager, Haddad has approved two movie scenes and five commercials, two of which were also for Walgreens.

Jeff MacLean, Walgreen's location manager for commercials, said working with the town on this project and others has been a wonderful experience. He also said Haddad has been a great help in coordinating the projects and he believes that with this recent shoot, his crew "got some great looking stuff."

While filming was taking place, five police officers were on duty to help direct traffic, which was shut down on Highland Avenue and Jason and Long roads. The Farmers Market was also asked to relocate to another part of the Common on Thursday. North Main Street was open for traffic as usual.

"One day of inconvenience on a stretch of road a tenth of a mile long is worth it to be able to showcase the Common," Haddad said, adding that he sees the Common as one of Cohasset's prized possessions and any time the opportunity arises, it should be shown off.

From start to finish, Haddad said the experience was a good one. With the amazing transformation that happened, he said it's hard to believe everything is back to normal again so soon.

"If you were to drive by right now, you'd never know they shot a commercial," he said.

Walgreens gave the town $2500 that will be put into the Common Gift Fund. Police details were paid by Walgreens, which also covered the cost of the clean-up.

Bassing Beach fails the test

No swimming due to bacteria count

By Mary Ford
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In what may seek like a case of déjà vu, Bassing Beach is closed to swimming until further notice due to high bacteria counts.

At almost the same time last year, health officials closed the popular swimming spot due to a consistently high presence of enterococci, a group of bacteria that shows the presence of fecal matter.

Bassing Beach, which was closed to swimming last Thursday, is the only beach in town to fail the test. The five-week average at Bassing Beach was 47.15 parts per 100 milliliters. According to Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik beaches can be closed to swimming in two ways. If tests reveal a one-time "spike" of more than 104 colonies of enterococci per 100 milliliters of water is one way. Also if tests over a five-week period reveal a "mean" that is higher than 34 colonies of enteroccocci per 100 milliliters of water.

"Bassing Beach was not closed due to one particular high count," Godzik explained.

Health effects related to swimming in polluted waters could include ear infections, conjunctivitis and rashes. The most common ailment is gastrointestinal disorders, stemming from swimmers swallowing polluted water.

Godzik said the high bacteria counts could come from a number of sources including storm water that could carry animal waste into the harbor. The sewer treatment plant also discharges into the harbor, but Godzik said the chances of that being a contributor are low because the wastewater is treated.

The only other location to register higher than allowed enterococci levels is the yacht club.

"The general idea is to avoid the harbor for swimming," Godzik said.

Testing will continue, but it is unlikely that a low count at Bassing Beach would bring the "mean" down below 35, which would allow the beach to reopen. Godzik said the beach may be closed for the rest of the summer.

The Cohasset Sailing Club and harbormaster are both flying yellow flags to warn boaters about the swimming ban. The sailing club has also posted a no-swimming sign.

Testing for enterococci started three years ago after tests determined the bacteria group was a better indicator of health risks than fecal coliform.

For more about beach closings, see Health Notes, page 9.

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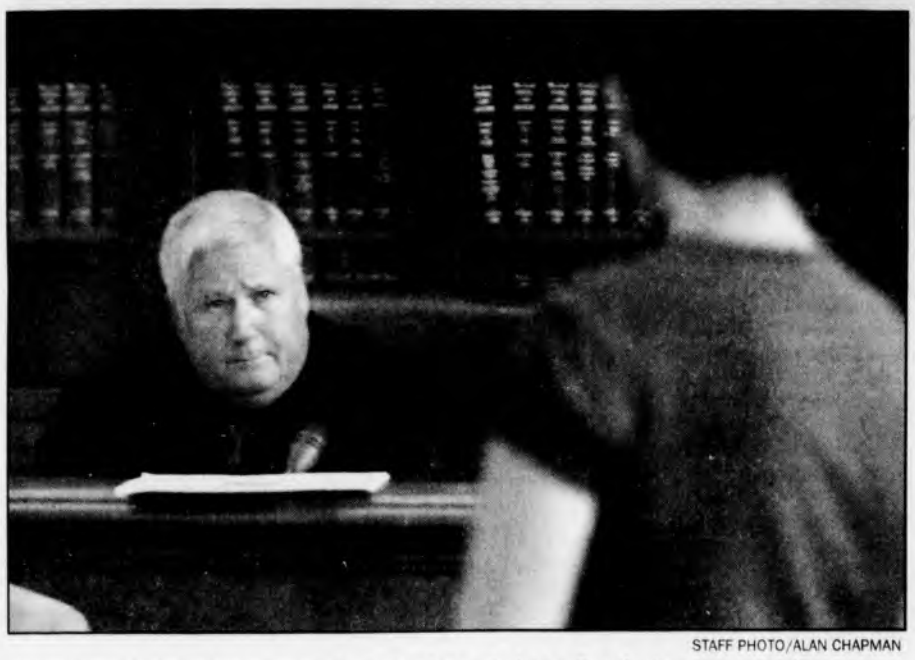

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Judge Ronald Moynahan questions Ivan Klimko's wife during Tuesday's court proceeding.

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Klimko made her feel guilty about the incident, and that she is experiencing financial hardship by having to pay for a divorce lawyer.

But when asked what she would like to see happen as a result of the trial, she said she wanted to see Klimko serve time in jail, as well as receive mental counseling.

"You want to see him go to jail?" asked Moynahan.

"Yes," she said.

Klimko then sat only one bench away from his wife as defense attorney Jeffrey C. LaPointe spoke on his behalf.

"Up until now, [Klimko] had never been arrested in any state. On this particular evening, an unfortunate incident took place," he said.

According to police reports, Klimko was arrested without incident last Nov. 4 after having an altercation with his wife in their condominium in Hull. They had only been married for five months when the altercation took place. Klimko's wife said he strangled her and pushed her head to the floor, telling her he was going to kill her. After escaping once, she said Klimko caught her and tried to strangle her again. She escaped again and ran, wearing only her bathrobe and slippers, out to the road for help, where four teenage boys picked her up and drove her to the Hull Police Department.

La Pointe said Klimko told him he had grabbed his wife then realized what he was doing and let go. He said the incident only lasted a moment and was an isolated case, and that he did not chase her in any way.

Sitting in the last row of the court room was Klimko's sister, whom LaPointe made reference to and said she was there to show support for her brother. She had told LaPointe that everything being said about Klimko seemed out of character from the brother she knows.

LaPointe went on to say, that in his years of legal experience, he has become very familiar with domestic violence cases and said, "The fact is, she didn't receive medical treatment."

Police reports confirm that while his wife showed signs of an altercation, including fresh scratches and red marks on her neck and throat, when the fire department was called to make an assessment, it was determined that she did not need to go to the hospital. His wife took out a restraining order days later.

LaPointe said there have been no problems since the restraining order was put into place. Moynahan asked if Klimko's wife had been contacted at any point by Klimko to which she said he had called her a couple of times and contacted some of her friends during the holidays, but nothing of a threatening nature.

Moynahan said he was "surprised" to hear Klimko's wife say in her victim impact statement that the incident has caused a financial hardship. Per order of the probate court, Klimko, who makes roughly $80,000 a year, has been paying both support and her health insurance. For this reason, Moynahan said he was concerned about how she would fare financially if Klimko were sentenced to serve time.

"If I put him in jail, what happens?" he said.

"If you put him in jail, his life will be ruined. He's not a threat, he's never been a threat," said LaPointe. "They don't hire you to work in a school system without an adequate background check."

LaPointe asked the judge to give Klimko "this one chance" and "let him keep his job."

Moynahan needed time to think things over and came back with a verdict later Tuesday afternoon.

"He does hold a responsible position in the community," said Moynahan, adding that by losing his job, neither Klimko nor his wife would benefit.

Klimko was sentenced to two and a half years of supervised probation, and will also be required to participate in a batterer's program. He will continue to pay support and health insurance for his wife and must continue to respect the restraining order. In addition to his sentence, he will pay a probation fee of $65 a month and a $350 fee for the batterer's program.

Town wants train ruling

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to the James Brook drainage system are tied to restoration of the Greenbush line through the town's mitigation agreement with the MBTA, Haddad said.

"While the MBTA is responsible for the reimbursement of some of this work, the town has committed other funds to these projects as well," Haddad said, adding that money may have to be reallocated depending on the fate of Greenbush.

The scope of the Village Revitalization Project, which is being paid for through a state grant and private donations, may have to be changed if Greenbush is abandoned and the MBTA doesn't rebuild the parking lot.

Selectmen are now in the position of putting these projects on hold until Romney rules on Greenbush, Haddad said.

The board became alarmed when reading published reports that Romney's decision due this month might be pushed off until later in the fall. Haddad said selectmen are not advocating a position for or against Greenbush.

"The Board needs to make decisions on the future of Cohasset that are solely dependant on your decision," Haddad wrote to Romney. "It is important that you make this decision in a timely fashion."

Plans to reconstruct the 17-mile Greenbush line have been in the works for 20 years. Design is underway, but construction is on hold pending the resolution of permitting and right-of-way issues, and Romney's review of the economic feasibility of the $470 million project.

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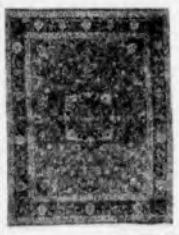

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Plans unveiled for a 105-unit, 55-plus project

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able for someone making 80 percent of the area median income.

All buildings would comply with height and dimensional requirements, so no zoning relief would be necessary, developers say. The project, which is before the Planning Board, also needs Conservation Commission approval due to some limited wetlands crossings.

Also involved in the development are Cohasset resident and architect Jim Sandell of Carr Lynch Sandell + Denig, Inc., and engineer Neil Murphy of Neil J. Murphy Associates of Cohasset.

Existing curb cuts on Rte. 3A and the section of Beechwood Street off Norman Todd Road would provide access and lead to a small network of private ways within the development. Traffic impacts would be negligible, the developer says. It is expected the project would generate a total of 728 vehicle trips on a weekday, but only 56 during the morning peak hour and 76 in the evening peak hour.

Ideally developers would like to tie the project into the town's sewer system, whose line is 1,800 feet from the site. Consultants for the developer visited the Cohasset Water Treatment Plant along with a consultant from the Sewer Commission to determine the feasibility of the plant being able to absorb the project.

Sewer Commissioner Sean Cunning said while the board did not close the door — it was unlikely there would be capacity for the project, which is outside the Central Sewer District. The issue will be discussed at the commission's Aug. 18 meeting, he said.

David Calhoun said the development would generate about 14,000 gallons of wastewater per day.

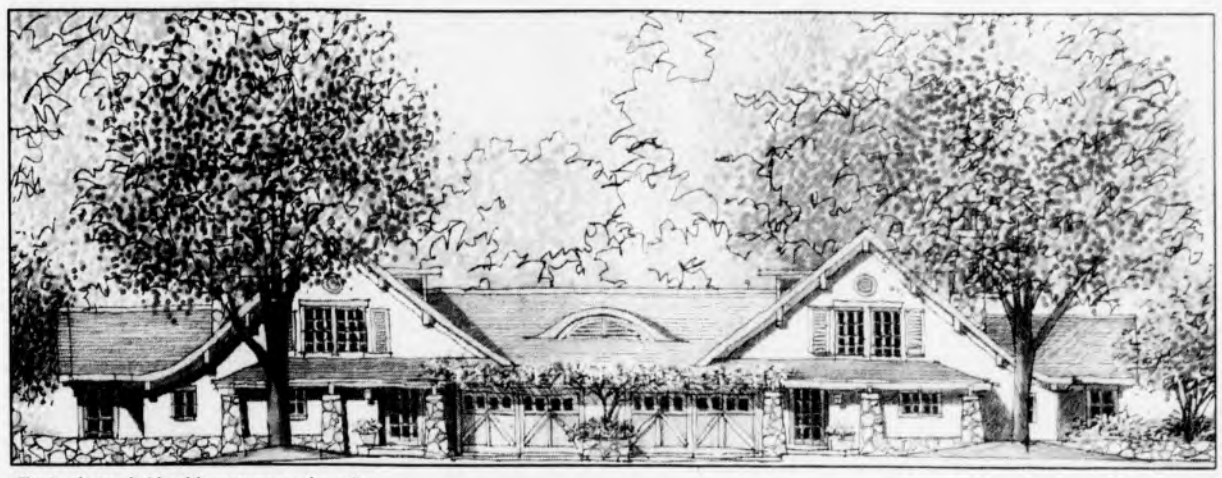
"We put the engineers together and if they can come up with a creative plan, we'll listen to it," Cunning said, adding the Sewer Commission might even be willing to help with a satellite treatment plant for the project in the Beechwood area that also could hook up other homes and businesses.

Kelli Calhoun said when fully occupied, the project would generate about $750,000 a year in property taxes for the town and because it is geared to empty-nesters and retirees, would have no impact on the schools.

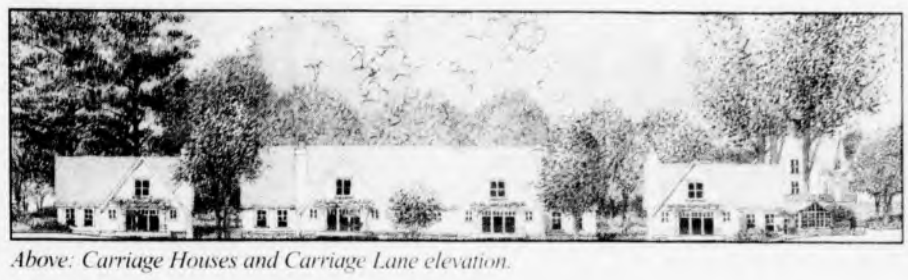
"It's a win-win," she said. The developers want to move aggressively and are optimistic they can break ground by October. They say about 35 people have already expressed interest in living at Cedarmere.

A year from now, they hope people can start moving in.

Carr Lynch Sandell + Denig's rendering of the Manor House that will include 14 units and an underground parking garage



Typical single/double cottages elevation.



Above: Carriage Houses and Carriage Lane elevation.

At left: Manor, carriage houses and barn aerial view.

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U.S. STUDENT AMBASSADOR

Welcome back to Cohasset, **Reed Dickinson**!

Reed, who is going into ninth grade at Cohasset Middle School represented the United States as a member of the Massachusetts delegation of the People-to-People Ambassador Program. He spent one week in New Zealand, including a two-day home stay with a New Zealand family. He then continued to the "land down under," Australia, for another two weeks. While in Australia, Reed snorkeled in the Great Barrier Reef, which is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and went sand tobogganing down a sand dune with a vertical height of 150 meters, traveling at 50 mph. Reed got to hug kangaroos, cuddle koala bears and even view a wombat.

People-to-People was started in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to improve relations between students in the United States and students in Russia. Since then, the program has expanded its reach to other countries. It has become an opportunity for U.S. students to share their culture and experience with people of other countries.

MASTER'S DEGREE

Julia A. Sechen of Cohasset was awarded a master of science degree from the College of Engineering at Northeastern University on June 14. Commencement was held at the Fleet Center in Boston and honored some 1,400 graduate students who earned master's and doctoral degrees. Great job, Julia. Good luck in your future endeavors.

HELPING YOUNG GOLFERS

Cohasset resident **Robbie McVey** of the Cohasset Golf Club played in the Ouimet Fund's Golf Marathon XI at Stow Acres Country Club Aug. 6. The "marathon" is a fund-raising event in which golfers, clubs and organizations attempt to play 100 holes or more in one day. They solicit pledges for per hole or flat contributions in support of their efforts. Proceeds benefit the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund, which has awarded more than $12.6 million in need-based scholarships helping more than 3,900 students over the years who have served as caddies, helpers in pro shops or course superintendent operations at Massachusetts courses. The fund was founded in 1949; last year 43 golf clubs, individuals and organizations raised $280,000, which was the highest ever for the fund.

IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

Speaking about golf, I have to brag a little about my son **Daniel** and my mom, former Cohasset resident, **Joann Egan.** Daniel and my mom played in a tournament at the Rockland Golf Course and came in first place winning them both a trophy and recognition. Then, my mom played in a tournament shortly after that and was the champion in her age group (of course we all know that is the 29-plus age group, hee, hee) Anyway, I am very proud of both of them for these accomplishments.

NEW ARRIVAL!

Shannon Turner and Joel Cruz announce the birth of their son, **Dylan Joel Turner**, who arrived at 3:26 a.m., July 2. Grandparents are **Mike and Jude Turner** of Scituate and **Oscar Cruz** of Florida and **Gloria M. Rodriguez** of Puerto Rico. Super news on this happy, bouncing baby boy.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Cohasset's **Rachel McElroy**, a 2003 graduate of Notre Dame Academy, will be a member of American University's freshman class. Classes begin Monday, Aug. 25. Rachel has been accepted to the honors program and has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to freshmen applicants who demonstrate outstanding academic excellence through high school grades, test scores, rank in class, community involvement, and service. American University is in Washington, D.C. Enjoy your freshman year Rachel and make sure to keep us all updated on any news you have to share.

Reed Dickinson spent one week in New Zealand through the People-to-People Ambassador Program. Reed is shown here holding a Kuala bear.

SEMESTER ABROAD

Eileen Ridge, a Cohasset resident was a student abroad in Ireland for the spring 2003 semester. A senior at Connecticut College, Eileen was part of the School for International Training Ireland program, which focuses on peace and conflict studies in Ireland. The program is based in Dublin and includes a homestay, a peace and conflict studies seminar, guest lecturers, and educational excursions. Eileen is a 2000 graduate of Cohasset High School and is the daughter of Kathleen Ridge. Eileen, this was a great piece for me to place in the paper. Good luck with all of your future plans.

FARMER'S MARKET

Don't forget to head down to Cohasset Common on Thursday afternoons from 2:30-6:30 p.m. to the Farmers Market. This is a great way to purchase fresh produce, flowers and yummy other treats. Also, their are many children's activities and a whole lot of time to socialize in a fun and festive surrounding.

RIVERSIDE CHURCH CARILLONNEUR

Want to spend a relaxing Sunday evening right here in Cohasset? Then you won't want to miss the seventh Summer Series concert on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon Sunday evening, Aug. 10, by **Dionisio Lind,** Carillonneur of the Riverside Church in New York City. Mr. Lind will play a varied program of interest to all listeners, including music for carillon by Lefevere, Allard, Van Ooik, Van Balkom and Franco, folksong arrangements from England, Ireland and Wales, and transcriptions of music by MacDowell, Liadov, Engelmann and Gershwin.

The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m. and is free of charge. It will take place rain or shine; in case of rain, listen from your parked cars. Printed programs, brochures and schedules will be distributed on Cohasset Common, and will also be available in a stand near the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension. Listeners are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers to the Common or the church courtyard.

For further information, telephone St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083, or the Church Carillonneur, **Sally Slade Warner** at 978-475-2599, or the Assistant Carillonneur, **Mary Kennedy** at 781-383-9599.

HULLAPOLOOZA!

Hull's summer music festival, Hullapalooza, returns Saturday night, Aug. 9, to the Red Parrot on Nantasket Avenue. Five of the areas bands will play from 7 p.m. to midnight during this benefit event organized by Hullonians **Steve West** and **Colleen MacDonald**. All proceeds from the concert will benefit the Hull Lifesaving Museum and its youth programs.

The bands include Rob and Tim (folk, blues, and Celtic), Brook and Katie (Americana - not folk!), Freeda Rome and the Lost Boys (country twang), Cat Basket (rock 'n roll from the 60's onward), and the Pemberton All-Stars (rockin◊ blues and the best covers ever).

Tickets are $10 apiece, available in advance at the Lifesaving Museum or at the door. The Red Parrot's full menu will be available during the performance. Families are welcome. With any questions, please call **Vicki Stevens** at the museum at 781-925-5433.

SUNSET AT THE ABBEY CONCERT

Hingham Symphony Chamber Players present An American Celebration, full of good old-fashioned summertime music, at their annual outdoor concert on the lawn at Glastonbury Abbey, Saturday, Aug. 23 at 4:30 pm.

Featured soloist is pianist **Jacqueline Schwab**, known for her piano improvisations on the soundtracks of Ken Burns' PBS documentaries. She will perform American parlor and traditional folk music from Mark Twain's age and beyond: Stephen Foster and Civil War songs, vintage ballroom dances, hymns and spirituals, ragtime, tango and blues ballads.

HSO Chamber Players, all principals with the symphony, include oboist **Andrew Price**, trumpeter **Misha Grandel**, and **Jobey Wilson** on tuba. Each will play a solo set of American classics, and combine for some jazzy improvs.

Bring a blanket or beach chair and a picnic; refreshments will also be available to purchase. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to picturesque First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common. Tickets $10 adults, $5 through age 18; available in advance at Hingham Public Library, Noble's Hingham Square, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, or call 781-740-5694. The concert is sponsored by Serono, Inc. in Rockland, a member of HSO's Corporate Advisory Council.

That is all the news for this week. Make sure to send in all information to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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Lawyer hopes small-town practice will really rock

Gives up city for hometown

By Samantha Brown
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Hearing the word "lawyer" can bring to mind a host of preconceived terminology. "Rocker" is probably not one of them. But for Howie Altholtz his interest in music began a law career that is anything but ordinary.

Although now in private practice with an office on Elm Street overlooking Cohasset Harbor, there was a time when his view consisted of city lights and city streets, judging from the photos on his office walls. There are also pictures of Altholtz with legendary rockers, Ringo Starr and Steven Tyler, as well as pop star, Willa Ford, showing he hobnobs with chart toppers – not the usual acquaintances for a typical attorney.

"Things are growing. Progress has been really good."
— Howie Altholtz

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Howie Altholtz sits by the window in his office on Elm Street across from Veterans Memorial Park at the harbor.

For 11 years, Altholtz worked at Nickson Peabody, a law firm in Boston. Wearing "two hats", he helped regulate the business side as well as the legal side of the firm. It was there he began seeing clients involved with the music industry. Having been in a band himself for years, it was easy for him to relate.

The majority of Altholtz's work with entertainers focused on contracts, licensing agreements, and copyright and trademark issues, but no matter how many clients he saw, there were always business matters to deal with on the company end.

"I was part of the administration as well as a lawyer," he said.

Working for such a large firm provided many perks other companies may not have had. Altholtz had not only a personal secretary, but access to pools and a company chef as well.

But in 1999, when the company went through a merger, Altholtz began having second thoughts about continuing his career in a firm that had skyrocketed to roughly 500 lawyers. He ultimately decided a firm that size was just too big.

Looking for alternatives to his situation, Altholtz came across an Internet startup company in desperate need of strong management. The DotClick Corporation, an online music service site provider, hired Altholtz as its vice president of business and legal affairs, through which he took charge of all legal matters for the company. Both inside and outside legal matters went through Altholtz, meaning he handled everything from matters dealing with the lease of the building to negotiating with vendors.

Joining the company at the height of the Internet boom, Altholtz said it seemed like a secure business venture with a lot of opportunities. Because DotClick was a much smaller company, so many of the perks he had become used to weren't available anymore. However, the experience he gained there was invaluable. As the in-house counsel for the company, Altholtz became very experienced in many different facets of the law, which he had not had a chance to practice in-depth before, because everyone at Nickson Peabody had been so specialized.

"It was a great way to hone my legal skills," he said.

For two years, his job remained secure, until the Internet economy began to collapse and "DotClick took a hit," he said.

While the company tried to "wind the business down," Altholtz made an agreement to stay on part time in order to help the business close on a better note. It was then that he "set up shop in Cohasset," just behind the town parking lot, to give him a space to work while planning his next business move.

Altholtz has been living in Cohasset for five years now, and his new business venture is one-year-old. He has since moved from his office in the village to one across from the Cohasset Harbor Inn. He continues to provide the wide range of legal assistance that he gained while at DotClick and is adjusting well to life in the slow lane.

"Things are growing. Progress has been really good," he said.

Starting a business can be risky. But after some thought, Altholtz decided it was the best route to take.

"I thought it was the best alternative. It just made sense," he said. "With the economy so bad, and with no one hiring, this seemed to be the best for me and my family."

For Altholtz, an added bonus to working from his hometown is that he has much more available time to spend with daughters Madeline, 11 and Colette, 10. "My kids are very important to me," he said.

But working for himself has caused some added pressure. He said that every day, he not only has to concentrate on his work, but also has to hustle for business, where at a firm, the business always comes to you. But Altholtz is confident that by his doing "good work for people in an honest way," that will build his reputation as well as client list.

He said there are many advantages to having his own practice, mainly that now he doesn't have to deal with the politics that go along with being a part of a large firm. He also said that with all the resources available to him at the larger level, he didn't get the chance to use all of his legal skills the way he does now.

"The Internet world was crazy. It was a think by the seat-of-your-pants operation." Which he said, "Positioned me perfectly for where I am now."

Of course, the location provides a much easier commute, but Altholtz said he finds himself spending more time at the office that he might otherwise.

"You have to spend extra time when you build a business," he said, and notes that because he lives so close, it's easy to be home for dinner, then shoot back over to the office later that evening because "it's so close and easy." With a firm in Boston, that isn't an option. However, he realizes the importance of budgeting his time so other aspects of his life aren't neglected.

"It's important to strike a proper balance between your financial interests and being a father. It's important to maintain that balance and this business gives me that opportunity," he said.

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EDITORIAL

Expel school junk food

Childhood obesity has reached epidemic proportions in the United States. In 1982, 4 percent of U.S. children were obese. That percentage rose to 16 percent by 2001, and the numbers are climbing.

The Center for Disease Control points to three factors that contribute to the increasing number of overweight children (and adults, too):

• Behavior — eating too many calories while not getting enough physical activity;

• Environment — home, work, school, or community can provide barriers to or opportunities for an active lifestyle;

• Genetics — heredity plays a large role in determining how susceptible people are to overweight and obesity. Genes also influence how the body burns calories for energy or stores fat.

Why would the CDC be involved in the weighty problem of obesity? Because obesity leads to a number of life-threatening conditions including diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

In 1990, the number of childhood cases of Type II diabetes — it used to be called adult onset diabetes — was 4 percent. That percentage is now 20, and 85 percent of those children are obese.

Actions must be taken on many levels to turn the tide. At the state level, legislation has been filed that would prohibit the selling of candy, soft drinks and other forms of "junk food" on school grounds during school hours.

Cohasset is a step ahead of many towns. Concerned about the obesity epidemic sweeping the country, the Cohasset Board of Health recently directed Chartwells Educational Dining Services, the company that provides school lunches to Cohasset schools, to provide healthier options for students.

Students leaving a health education class where nutrition is part of the curriculum should not be given the option of a Snickers bar and Coke as a snack between classes.

The proposed bill doesn't entirely ban the sugary, fatty snacks craved by most of us at one time or another. It just restricts the time a student has access to the fat-building foods by putting a lock on the offending vending machines until school ends. Hungry students might then be pointed toward healthier options.

However, as the Cohasset Board of Health has asked, school vending machines should offer apples, yogurt and other healthy snacks that are low in fat and carbohydrates.

It's not clear when this legislation will make it to the floor of the House of Representatives and Senate for discussion. But it's opened the door to dialogue on an issue that has serious implications for every child in this state.

Legislators should do all they can to make sure the bill doesn't become one of the many legislative proposals to die in committee due to a lack of interest.

POLITICAL NOTES

Republicans appoint nominating committee

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee has appointed David Farrag, Martha Gjesteby, Julie Guild, Polly Logan, Kevin O'Donnell and Nathaniel Palmer to the Nominating Committee. This group will work over the next few months to fill the slate of 35 members to file with the State Committee by Nov. 7. Registered Republicans interested in taking a more active role in Republican politics and becoming a member of the Town Committee are invited to contact any member of the committee for further details.

Sunday, Aug.17 is the annual Cohasset Republican Town Committee Cookout at the seaside home of Julie Guild from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.. Special guest this year is Mickey Edwards, the former congressman from Oklahoma who is currently a professor at the Kennedy School of Government and Harvard University Law School. For reservations and further information call Heather Palmer at 781-383-3339.

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Merrill, Roth thank volunteers

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank all the generous folks who volunteered at the Cohasset Consignment Shop and have worked with us over the years. There are many of you who taught us what volunteerism really means.

It is the unique combination of professionalism, dedication, and camaraderie that we shared that made the Shop the success it was. Many of you worked for more than one shift and were always quick to cover for sick or vacationing friends; your hours be it three or more a week allowed the Cohasset Consignment Shop to succeed like no other consignment shop around.

While we may never be able to compute your total number of hours of volunteering we can tell you that from 1989 your hours have produced over $622,000 of profit payments to the Social Service League. The amount of money although staggering is peanuts compared to the many hours needed to accomplish this feat.

As impressive as all of this may be, what is truly amazing is the camaraderie and extended family relationships that has evolved from this whole volunteer process. While we say thank you for those results we want you to know what we truly cherish are all those naturally evolving relationships that made volunteering fun for everyone at the Shop. While we will miss the fancy store and it's location it can never compare to the daily interaction that we've shared with all of you.

You folks have included us with your dates, divorces, marriages, deaths, grandchildren, vacations, etc.; you have made us part of your lives. Thank you, thank you, thank you, or as Bob Hope would have said, "Thanks for the memories...till we meet again."

Andi Merrill
522 First Parish Road, Scituate
Colleen Roth
33 Riverview Dr.., Cohasset

Nothing compares to life here in Cohasset

TO THE EDITOR:

It was another quiet week in East Woebegone, where new houses are humongous, children and taxes are above average, and some adults querulous.

To nearly everyone's delight, the Selectmen yielded to popular outrage expressed by petition and in person, and deep-sixed the bumpouts, but not without some pointless quibbling that some signatures were by minors. Early next morning all evidence had disappeared except some painted dotted lines on the pavement.

The venerable Consignment Shop received a severe set-back with the resignation of the manager and several volunteer workers.

A mechanical malfunction created a duel between a classic convertible and Tedeschi's store window, and attracted the attention of at least three TV stations.

A few days earlier another good citizen in an inattentive moment whacked a parked truck, destroyed both vehicles, attracted the attention of the RMV, but no TV stations.

A replica of the shallop Elizabeth Tilley, which was brought to the New World disassembled and used for trading along the coast by the Pilgrims, visited our harbor on its way to the trading post they had established on the Kennebec River, now the city of Augusta. The replica was built with the tools and methods of the era at Plymouth Plantation, commissioned by the John Howland Society. (Howland was one of the Pilgrims, husband of Elizabeth Tilley).

It was autumn and winter on the common, so camouflaged in order to film two commercials for Walgreens. We had been judged "the perfect town" by the producer!

The grass is greener, plants more vigorous, and weeding more frequent, than usual this time of year, thanks to the frequent rains.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Volunteer resigns

TO THE EDITOR:

I am shocked by the action of the Board of the Social Service League of Cohasset with regard to Andi Merrill, Colleen Roth and the Cohasset Consignment Shop. The shop was the brainchild of four women (the late Jean Cotton being one of them), all of them members of the Social Service League, with the express purpose of raising money to support the services the league offered. For the past 50 years, with the exception of the past two or three years, the shop and the league have shared a very happy, autonomous and mutually beneficial association. That amicable relationship has ended with the board's takeover of the shop, done without any knowledge of the multiple facets or experience needed to run a successful enterprise and without any of the members ever having even volunteered in the shop.

Because I believe the board has been grossly unjust, I am resigning after 40 years as a volunteer. I am going to miss my Tuesday afternoons at the shop and the volunteers I worked with and the customers we served. I believe my feelings are shared by the more than 100 volunteers who have worked with loyalty and devotion.

This whole unhappy situation brings to mind the following lines from the poem, "The Invitation" by Oriah Mountain Dreamer (a Native American elder):

"I want to know what sustains you from the inside

When all else falls away.

I want to know if you can be alone with yourself,

And if you truly like the company you keep in empty moments."

Locke Tousley
14 Stoneleigh Road

GOT gives pro-Greenbush petitions to gov

In a press release Greenbush On Track, an advocacy group that seeks restoration of the Greenbush commuter rail line, has announced it delivered petitions signed by more than 1,200 South Shore residents to Gov. Mitt Romney, urging his administration to "finish work on the Greenbush commuter rail line project."

"The restoration of Greenbush is a vital project for the South Shore — the only region in Greater Boston without sensible, reliable public transportation service. In 1991, the state promised to restore Greenbush. We urge you to fulfill that pledge," the petition reads.

In February, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority placed a six-month moratorium on the Greenbush project to study permitting and right-of-way issues associated with construction. The moratorium Aug. 11. In the interim, contractors continue with planning, designs, land takings and pre-construction work. To date, the MBTA has spent more than $130 million on Greenbush restoration, including the purchase of new trains for the line.

The MBTA's Greenbush commuter rail service between Braintree and Scituate, which will be 18 miles long and have seven stations, is expected to attract a total of 4,200 riders each way on weekdays and remove 3,100 vehicles from local roads, including Route 3. For more information go to www.GreenbushOnTrack.com.

Our photo reprint policy

If you would like to purchase a glossy photo, please write a note to the respective photographer listed in the photo caption, care of the Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham, 02043. Do not include payment. A photographer will call you back to make arrangements.

If the photographer is Alan Chapman, he may be reached by calling 781-837-4570. Leave a detailed message and he will return your call as soon as possible.

If you have questions about the Mariner reprint policy or if you would like to schedule a photographer for your event or happening please call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933.

HEALTH NOTES

The facts behind beach closings

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As a result of water quality sampling, the Board of Health has closed Bassing Beach to swimming until further notice because of high bacteria counts. As you know, the Board of Health regularly (every Tuesday morning) samples the water at selected sites around the Town. Bassings beach is closed if enterococci reach a geometric mean value of 35 colonies per 100 milliliters of the sample. Enterococci (EC) is a better measure of the presence of human waste than fecal coliform which has been used as a criterion for beach closings for many years. Actually, according to state requirements, the measurements must be averaged over five samples taken on different days. The EC level of *one* sample, must reach 104 colonies per 100 ml for a beach closing. Bassing has had high counts for over six weeks, and also have reached 104 colonies at least once.

The actual sampling is now being done by volunteers at the Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR; the former Hagerty Building) and brought to the Board of Health for analysis by a professional lab. Students take water samples at six locations in town: the Sailing Club dock, the Yacht Club, Sandy Beach, just inside Cunningham Bridge at Little Harbor, Sandy Cove, and Black Rock Beach. Notification of beach closing is given by the Board of Health when levels reach the trigger point. We close Bassing Beach if the Sailing Club readings are too high. Levels are posted at the Board of Health, and the Harbormaster is informed, as is the Yacht Club, The Sailing Club, and the Center for Student Coastal Research. The Harbormaster flies a yellow flag at the Harbormaster's shack as does the Sailing Club. The Board is considering purchasing warning signs to place at selected locations at Bassing Beach. We have tried wooden signs, but they are removed almost at once. Budgetary restrictions prevent us from obtaining more permanent signs.

Notification of beach closing is given by the Board of Health when levels reach the trigger point. We close Bassing Beach if the Sailing Club readings are too high.

The cause of the high readings is unknown, except in a general way. Generally, during rainy weather, storm-water runoff of surface water from catch basins and storm drains will give high readings. This condition was found in a 1999 study of Little Harbor by Camp Dresser McKee. But other things may cause the increase. For the Town, fecal coliform readings have been correlated with business activity. That is, the fecal coliform levels in Little Harbor were higher in the 1980s during the business boom, and lower in the early 90s when the economy sank. The Gulf has been assailed by ever increasing fecal coliform levels in recent years. This year, student volunteers at the CSCR have been regularly getting fecal coliform levels with the notation TNTC (too numerous to count). Also, the geometric mean at the Yacht Club is greater than 35 (Geomean 38). The board has not assessed these data yet, but we will begin requesting split comparison samples with one part of the student's samples going to a professional lab for analysis, and the rest being used by the students for their regular analysis.

The heavy plant growth over the wet spring may have aided wildlife by providing food for larger litters of rabbits, other animals and birds, all of which contribute to surface water pollution with their droppings. For example, Whale Meadow at the left of the channel on the way out of the harbor, has shown high bacteria counts for years. Studies of this problem lead us to believe that its pollution comes from wildlife. In other areas, high levels of building and construction also add to contaminated runoff.

According to experts, so called 'non point source' pollution is the source of about half of the pollution entering our waters. Such pollution is an enigma and a challenge to an ever more densely populated environment. The next steps in this battle with our environmental threats are now being planned and implemented by the Sewer Commission, the Board of Health, and the Water Commission. Other boards and committees in town have coordinated programs to identify and cope with the most active threats to our environment. Clearly, it's not going to be a back to nature proposition, but a long-term and expensive battle against the persistent factors which degrade our way of living.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

'Stories from stuff'

Carolyn Martino is back by popular demand! Carolyn will perform, "Stories from Stuff", on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 7p.m. She will be our final performer of the summer season. A book raffle will be held promptly at 6:55. The winners of the coloring contest will be announced after the book raffle. Winners that are present will receive their prizes before the performance."

Summer reading program to end

The READ! THINK! CREATE! @your library summer reading program will end on Aug. 18. All participants who have successfully completed their summer reading goal should bring their reading logs to Mrs. Moody in the Children's Room to receive their book bag. Congratulations to the 238 students who participated in the summer reading program. What a success!

Museum passes

Check out the museum passes available to you at the library, compliments of the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Visit the Museum of Fine Arts this summer on Friday evenings from 5:30 – 9:30 until Aug. 29 for " mfasummerfridays". Enjoy art, live music, and summer cocktails free with your museum pass.

Fill out customer satisfaction survey

Our library staff wants to meet your needs. Please take a moment to answer some brief questions and let us know how we are doing. Questionnaires are available at the circulation and reference desks.

PHOTO/ANDREW DASSORI

Evelyn and Peter Alex get a kick out of magician Steve Rudolph during a recent library program.

Placing a hold

TO PLACE A HOLD from home, start at our website www.cohassetlibrary.org. Go to CATALOG and search for the item you want. Click on HOLD. Enter your user ID from your library card (no spaces), your PIN (OCLN) and specify PICKUP LOCATION as Cohasset. Press HOLD. We will notify you when the book is available.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! Reserve your copy in advance by calling the library or by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "Madam Secretary: a Memoir," by Madeleine Albright and "Rumsfeld: a Personal Portrait," by Midge Decter.

Contributions from foreign authors include "The Storyteller's Daughter," by British-born Shah Saira. Saira provides a personal account of her life as an Afghan woman caught between Western and Eastern culture, religion, politics and tradition. Bestselling Canadian authors Ann-Marie MacDonald and Frances Itani return with new novels. "The Way the Crow Flies," MacDonald's latest, takes us back to a post-war world where Madeleine McCarthy learns about the ambiguity of human mortality. "Deafening," is Itani's World War I story of a young deaf woman and her husband, a stretcher-bearer at the Western Front. Forthcoming are bestsellers "The Wedding," by Nicholas Sparks and, "The Sinner," by Tess Gerritsen.

Anne Rivers Siddons returns with a new novel, "Islands." Ann's promise to live with her husband's family in old age rather than enter an assisted-living facility, becomes a painful challenge.

Books on CD

New additions to the audio collection: "Leap of Faith," by Queen Noor, "Balzac and the Little Chinese seamstress," by Sijie Dai, "All he ever wanted," by Anita Shreve and, "The Crisis of Islam," by Bernard Lewis.

Travel DVD's

Travel DVD'S from the World Odysseys series have just arrived. Explore different parts of the world through these gorgeously photographed programs.

Computer help

Do you need help using the library's computers? Would you like to learn how to search the online catalog or reference databases? Sign up for a one-on-one tutorial with our Reference Librarian Judy Simons. Call the library to schedule a session.

Study rooms

Need a quiet space to study, tutor a student or meet with a small group? The library has two study rooms available. Call Judy Simons at 781 383-1348 to reserve a room.

In the name of security

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I tell you this USA Patriot Act is starting to make me nervous.

The Act, as it was passed by Congress in the wake of Nine-Eleven, gives the FBI the right to check out who checks out what books from the library and who buys what books from a bookseller for reasons known only to the successors of J. Edgar Hoover.

The last time I looked, the FBI itself was being checked out to find out how come a fellow named Joe Salvati and his friends were sent up the river for 30 years or more for a killing the FBI was well aware was done by someone else.

I haven't found it necessary to check a book out of the library since Grove Press started selling "Lady Chatterley's Lover" and "Fanny Hill" direct to the readers, and in the years since the ice melted I have amassed a personal library of several thousand volumes.

This is mostly because I never throw anything away, but I digress . . .

What is the FBI going to do in the name of security once it runs out of public libraries to keep under surveillance?

The thing that worries me is this: What is the FBI going to do in the name of security once it runs out of public libraries to keep under surveillance? Will it then turn to private libraries in an effort to root out the sleeper cells among us?

I'll probably get into trouble for confessing this but I have in my possession two books that helped to change the course of Western Civilization, and not for the best — an English translation of "Mein Kampf" and Thomas Dixon's "The Clansman."

I also have a copy of Erskine Caldwell's "God's Little Acre," and, boy, the things that Will Thompson does to Darling Jill just aren't to be believed. But again I digress . . .

"Mein Kampf," you'll recall, details the struggle of a young German (or Austrian) artist in his efforts to conquer most of the known world years before Osama Ben Laden or Saddam Hussein were even a blip on the FBI's radar.

"The Clansman," you'll also recall, recounts how a band of young Southerners donned white robes and masks to save the shrinking maidens of Dixie from misogyny. D. W. Griffith made it into a classic early day silent movie, 'The Birth of a Nation."

The theory that one can tell a lot about a man — even a terrorist — from his taste in books and pictures reached full flower during the hearings into Clarence Thomas' appointment to the Supreme Court when it was discovered he once borrowed the tape to "Long Dong Silver."

He was confirmed in spite of it.

Supporters of the "damn the privacy, full security ahead" theory of government defend their position by assuring us that they would never nose around our library records or test our taste in reading unless they have good reasons to be suspicious.

And how will they find those good reasons for suspicion?

Why, by checking into what we read, of course.

SENIOR SCENE

The following events, programs and classes are upcoming at Cohasset Elder Affairs this summer. Please call the CEA office at 781-383-9112 to reserve your space.

EVENTS

Tuesday, Aug. 19, Marshfield Fair Senior Day: 1 to 3 p.m. Transportation provided. Leave from St. Anthony's parking lot at 12:30.

Wednesday, Aug. 20, Thomas Gainsborough's Life and Times Exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts: Cost of $14 includes transportation in and out of Boston. Van leaves from St. Anthony's parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Please reserve by Aug. 5.

Wednesday, Aug. 27, South Shore Elder Services 11th annual picnic held at Pageant Field in Quincy, noon – 2 p.m. A Hawaiian Luau will be the theme with entertainment by Legends of Music. Transportation provided. Cost: Free of charge. Please make reservations to CEA office by Aug. 15.

PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

Firming and Toning to Music: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Invigorating workout to great music. Increase cardiovascular, flexibility and muscular strength with hand-held weights and an aerobic workout to music. Instructor, Gloria White. Held at the senior center, 3 North Main St. $3.50 per class.

Chair Yoga New!: Thursdays 1 p.m. Starting June 5 and running weekly. Yoga is an ancient system of relaxation and rejuvenation that originated about 6,000 years ago. The postures strengthen and tone every part of the body, including the internal organs. In Chair Yoga, we will modify the traditional postures to make them accessible to everyone in the class. Enjoy soothing music, gentle and calming movement, and a relaxing guided meditation. No charge for this class.

Walking Club: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3 p.m. Join Joe McElroy and the group at Cohasset High School. More than half the U.S. population is overweight. Call Joe at 781-383-9112.

Foot Care: Wednesday, Aug. 13, by appointment only. CEA hosts a low-cost foot care service the second Wednesday of the month. Open to all South Shore residents. Cost is $25. Fills up quickly. Call to reserve, 781 383-9112.

OWLS — Older Women Life Skills: Announcing the formation of a support and skills group for women age 70 and older who are coping with depression and anxiety. This group will build on each women's life experience and personal strengths to help meet the challenges of this stage of life. Psychologist Nancy Cherico, Ph.D. of Hingham will run the program. Limited to seven participants, the group will meet once a week for 10 weeks. The fee is $50 per session, covered by Medicare and most other insurers. Day and time of meetings will be arranged for the convenience of members. For more information, contact Dr. Cherico at 781-749-9689.

Escorted Grocery Shopping New!: Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m. Please call if you would like a shopping companion. This new program provides an escort to help you with your grocery shopping. Or, if unable to shop, a volunteer will take your list, return and put away the groceries. 781-383-9112.

TRANSPORTATION

The first Monday of the month, the CEA will provide transportation "around town" only. We will discontinue the trip to the South Shore Mall that first Monday of the month, the reason being there has not been sufficient interest to continue this service.

Monday trips to the Stop and Shop will be at 1:30 p.m. instead of 9:30 a.m.

The last change will be on Thursdays. The 9:30 a.m. service will be for downtown (Cohasset Village) only. The van will then bring you to the center for lunch, after which you will be taken home.

This revised schedule is on a trial basis. The CEA trusts these modifications to its van schedules will continue to be helpful to you.

LUNCH

Cohasset Elder Affairs serves lunch at the senior center, 3 North Main Street, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. All Cohasset residents over 60 are welcome to join the group. Transportation provided to and from your home upon request. The cost is $2. per meal. Must make reservation at least 24 hours in advance, 781-383-9112.

MENU FOR AUGUST

Thursday, Aug. 7: Turkey Tetrazzini with noodles, chopped broccoli, light rye bread, pineapple chunks.

Tuesday, Aug. 12: Chicken veggie soup, savory baked chicken, whipped potato, dark rye roll and banana.

Wednesday, Aug. 13: BBQ beef ribs, O'Brien potato, peas, Parker House roll, tapioca pudding or diet pudding.

Thursday, Aug. 14: Roast pork with gravy, oven roasted potato, Harvard beets, multigrain roll, brownie or graham cracker.

Tuesday, Aug. 19: Salmon boat with lemon dill sauce, confetti rice, zucchini and tomato, apple muffin, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, Aug. 20: Minestrone soup, BBQ chicken, vegetarian beans, rye bread, fresh orange.

Thursday, Aug. 21: Meatloaf with gravy, whipped potato, carrot coins, whole wheat roll, chocolate fudge cake or graham cracker.

Tuesday, Aug. 26: Ziti with meat sauce, Genoa-blend veggies, Scali bread, Mandarin oranges.

Wednesday, Aug. 27: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. South Shore Elder Services 11th Annual Picnic held at Pageant Field, 1 Merrymount Parkway in Quincy. Hawaiian Luau consisting of Hawaiian chicken breast, Polynesian rice, vegetable medley, dinner roll, strawberry peach upside-down cake, slush and fruit punch. Entertainment provided by Legends of Music. Cost: $3. All reservations must be made by Monday, Aug. 20. Open to Cohasset residents and non- residents.

Thursday, Aug. 28: Salisbury steak with gravy, garlic mashed.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Cohasset Elder Affairs is looking for volunteers for the following:

Students who are interested in community service and might wish to investigate careers in nursing and gerontology. All are welcome to apply.

Summer volunteers for office coverage and kitchen helpers.

Van Drivers for one- to three-hour shifts, once a month, morning or afternoon. Trips involve picking up seniors and taking them to local stores, banks, town hall, library, etc. and returning them to their homes.

If you enjoy working with people and are interested in helping the seniors in your community, this is the opportunity for you. Please call the CEA office at 781-383-9112, if interested in these opportunities.

Tired of Verizon Cable Prices?

Executive raises may not sit well with state workers

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The politics of personnel wound up dominating the week inside the Statehouse.

Personnel matters are always at the center of the radar screen for state employees anyway — not because they're state employees, particularly, but because they're employees. While some cyber-columnist will no doubt be making a easy living in 3003 poking fun at public-sector workers for being underworked and overpaid, the reality is less nefarious than the bulk of the inked insinuation. Obsession with payrolls and pensions, rank and retirement, is simply immutable organizational behavior, and the Commonwealth is the largest single organization in New England, with 70,000 workers.

That said, decision making around administering the government and its payroll is shot through with even more political nuance than other workplaces. That's why the head-turning stories of the week — personnel cuts likely in the Senate and the awarding of pay raises to state managers in Mitt Romney's Executive Branch — possessed so much value as fodder for gossip and rhetoric.

Former Senate President Thomas Birmingham appears to have gone on quite a spending spree in the last months of his tenure. According to the Boston Globe, though he'd floated a budget for the Senate that cut spending, his actual spending ran at clip well beyond the appropriated amount — so much so that the Legislature had to transfer money and dip into reserves to pay the Senate's bills. Among the items were charges such as a $2,000 bar tab at the 21st Amendment and $13,000 for carpeting. All legal, and all unpalatable, to say the least, for legislative staffers and other state workers now bracing for layoff notices as fallout from the budget tightening of the last year hits the rank and file.

A number of elements added to the intrigue that gave the problem a prominence well out of proportion to the $1.2 million dollar amount. For one, the governor vetoed a budget item that would have covered that shortfall —and the House did not take it upon itself to override the item when a record 232 vetoes were being overridden three weeks ago. For another, it turned out that current Senate President Robert Travaglini did some hiring that did not look good when printed in the Globe.

The anger and anxiety generated by an emergency Senate internal-budget caucus mingled later in the week with a general feeling of outrage on the part of the Democrats when the Globe reported on raises approved by the governor for about 2,700 state managers.

Obsession with payrolls and pensions, rank and retirement, is simply immutable organizational behavior, and the Commonwealth is the largest single organization in New England, with 70,000 workers.

At a time when 1,200 state workers have already been laid off, more seem likely to lose their jobs, and people and families dependent on state services are losing their benefits, Romney granted a 2 percent pay hike for managers in state agencies. The raises add to a 2.7 percent cost of living hike received July 1.

Democrats have not appreciated being told they're behind "the mess on Beacon Hill," in Romney's catcall. If he goes forward with the raises, the purported mess makers are likely to raise the "managers vs. Medicaid" issue approximately one billion times between now and the next election.

Also, legislative leaders have a way of waiting for a chance to pay back what they perceive as ill treatment, and when payback comes, effect is commonly untraceable to effect. If Romney doesn't know by now that quiet on the legislative front from can be ominous, he's likely to learn it — at a time of the Legislature's choosing. The Senate problem might still be solved with an override in the fall. Most Democrats are thinking of ways to add to, not solve, Romney's problems.

July merged with August and the pace slowed down but there was still plenty going.

• *Dems: we can't wait to nominate the next president* — A big political rally at the Old South Meeting House gave a taste of what's to come, as US Sen. Edward Kennedy, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino and everyone who's anyone in the Democratic Party unveiled the branding for the 2004 Democratic National Convention. The convention, to be held at the Fleet Center, will be the first national political event held since the 9/11 attacks. The Massachusetts political establishment is also hoping it serve as the coronation of US Sen. John Kerry as standard bearer against President Bush in the general election.

• *Sec says Kerasiotes and turnpike misled investors, won't be punished* — The US Securities and Exchange Commission found former Turnpike Authority Chairman James Kerasiotes negligently misrepresented the financial status of the Big Dig project in 1999. Kerasiotes agreed to the release of the order without admitting or denying any of the findings. It settles the SEC investigation into the billion-dollar-plus coverup of Big Dig overruns that led to Kerasiotes' firing.

• *Project will have a window of completion* — At the same meeting where they discussed the Kerasiotes findings, Turnpike Authority officials said that the project will be complete not by a specific deadline, as announced earlier, but rather in a "window." The deadline had been May 2005. The window is May 2005 to November 2005.

• *Healey signs teacher bonus amendment, holds line on MCAS* — Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey signed a budget amendment restoring $4 million to the teacher bonus program. Healey also said the administration will not "back off" its commitment to holding special education students to high standards on the MCAS exam. Asked about another matter, the lieutenant governor — acting governor last week — said Attorney General Thomas Reilly's findings in the Boston Archdiocese scandal were the "final word," but the governor's chief legal counsel, Daniel Winslow, will look into what "legal loopholes" may be preventing any indictments of Catholic Church officials.

• *Acting Gov. Healey signs muni relief* — After a great deal of lobbying, procedural adjustment and angst, acting Gov. Kerry Healey signed the municipal relief bill, putting it immediately into effect. The bill allows cities and towns to hike fees, delay pension payments, charge for school busing, and adopt a local early retirement incentive system. The new flexible management options are intended to help towns cope with cuts in state aid.

• *Healey: no decision made on Greenbush* — The lieutenant governor told the South Shore Chamber of Commerce that, newspaper reports to the contrary, the governor nor his administration has made a final decision on the controversial Greenbush line through Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate. Romney suggested all big transit projects are going to be tough for finance for a long time coming, but Healey said that doesn't mean the project's been cancelled. Opponents say the new line is superfluous and expensive and will degrade the quality of communities already served by water transit to Boston. Proponents say the public wants the line because it will take more cars off the roads, provide another transit option, and help the environment.

• *Parkland conversion will face new hurdle* — What's been a routine matter in the Legislature is about to get more complicated, but the administration say it's for a good reason. From now on, Lt. Gov. Healey said, the Romney administration intends to veto bills authorizing new uses for protected parklands unless proponents can prove there's been a thorough environmental review process and a rigorous exploration of alternate sites. She gave the details in a letter. The veto threat may hamper future efforts to build schools on parklands.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for over 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' and senators' votes on four roll calls from earlier July sessions. All of the roll call votes are on legislative action surrounding Gov. Romney's overrides of items in the $22.1 billion fiscal 2004 state budget.

WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR WELFARE RECIPIENTS (H 4004)

House 105-51, Senate 31-9, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget section allowing able-bodied welfare recipients with children between the ages of two and six to substitute 20 weekly hours of education and/or job training as an alternative to the recently-approved law requiring that they work 20 hours per week. Override supporters said that Massachusetts is the only state in the nation that does not allow the education and training option. They noted the cost of these options is a worthwhile investment because the strict work requirement often prevents many recipients from getting basic education and job training and dooms them to a life of low-paying jobs, poverty and continued support by taxpayers. Override opponents said that weakening the work requirement is a step backwards in welfare reform and argued the state-funded training option would cost millions of dollars that the state cannot afford. They noted they support welfare recipients who want to voluntarily get an education or job training as long as they also work while pursuing these other alternatives. (A "Yea" vote is for allowing substitution of 20 weekly hours of education and/or job training. A "Nay" vote is against allowing the substitution).

ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND (H 4004)

House 140-12, Senate 36-4, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $870,557 in funding for the administration of the Children's Trust Fund (CTF). The CTF is a public-private partnership that was created by the state in 1988 with a mission to establish community-based educational and service programs designed to reduce the occurrence of child abuse and neglect. Override supporters said the funding is necessary for the CTF to properly administer its many programs that help children and families across the state. Override opponents said the CTF is a public-private partnership that is allowed to raise money privately and should do so during the state's fiscal crisis. (A "Yea" vote is for the $870,557. A "Nay" vote is against the $870,557).

PARENTS OF AT-RISK NEWBORNS (H 4004)

House 129-22, Senate 38-2, overrode Gov. Romney's $6,677,891 veto reduction (from $12,238,703 to $5,560,812) in funding for neonatal and postnatal home parenting education and home visiting programs for at-risk newborns. Override supporters said these programs, focused on first-time parents under 21, have been very successful in educating many teen parents about taking care of babies and raising them. They argued that the programs have resulted in increased health for the children, harmony for the families and reduced subsequent pregnancies for the teenage mothers. Some override opponents said it is not pleasant to reduce funding for good programs but argued that $5,560,812 is all the state can afford during this fiscal crisis. Others said there is poor oversight of this program's contracts and administration and argued the additional money would be of more help to high-risk children if it funded agencies like the Department of Social Services. (A "Yea" vote is for the $6,677,891 A "Nay" vote is against the $6,677,891).

ABCC TO TREASURER'S OFFICE (H 4004)

House 131-19, Senate 27-8 overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget section transferring the control and operation of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) from the governor's administration to the office of State Treasurer Tim Cahill. The ABCC enforces the state's liquor laws and regulations related to manufacturing, importing, exporting, storing, transporting and selling alcoholic beverages. Override supporters said the governor has irresponsibly fired many ABCC investigators and is continuing to dismantle the agency in order to allow liquor laws to be enforced on the local level. They said local officials are already reeling from budget cuts and cannot assume this responsibility. Override opponents said the transfer to the Democratic treasurer's office is a blatant political move to wrest control of the ABCC away from the governor who has cleaned house at the commission and fired employees with deep Democratic political ties. They said the ABCC has been a patronage haven that the Democratic leadership is trying to rescue. (A "Yea" vote is for transferring the ABCC from the governor's administration to the treasurer's office. A "Nay" vote is against the transfer).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MUNICIPAL RELIEF PACKAGE (H 3944)- Acting Gov. Kerry Healey signed into law a municipal relief package giving local cities and towns more management flexibility, fiscal choices and revenue raising options in order to compensate for this year's cuts in local aid. Provisions include an increase in the maximum fine for parking violations, failure to stop and blocking intersections; increased fees for towing, gun registration, fire department permits and auto leasing; permitting school districts to charge students in kindergarten through sixth grade for bus transportation to school; allowing communities to offer early retirement incentive programs for local workers and to reduce the next two fiscal years' unfunded pension liability payment by an amount equal to their loss in local aid; authorizing cities and towns to work with the Registry of Motor Vehicles to design and sell distinctive vehicle license plates and keep the profits and allowing communities to bid for state contracts for maintenance of public ways including snow and ice removal.

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ZBA denies permit for Rosano triangle

Leaves door open for modified plan

The proposal would have to include less lot coverage, less signage, and comply with setbacks, Chittick said.

By Mary Ford
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The 27,000 square foot "Rosano triangle" at the corner of lower King Street and Rte. 3A, which is best known for its dirt piles and construction equipment may continue to have that distinction for some time to come.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has decided not to grant owner Joseph Rosano the zoning relief necessary for a commercial-residential use at the site that would include a colonial-style building with office space, and two one-bedroom apartments. Plans also included parking for 26 vehicles.

Rosano sought a special permit allowing the commercial-residential use but the ZBA determined he also needed sign and parking variances, and a variance for lot coverage.

Back in 1992, the ZBA granted a special permit for Rosano to construct a building that would have included a doctor's office and one residential apartment because such a profession is allowed in an owner occupied single-family home. The special permit was conditioned on the structure meeting all setback requirements for a residential dwelling in that district. The ZBA did not grant signage and parking variances for the project, which ultimately fell through when the doctor decided not to go forward with the purchase of the premises.

In the spring of 2000, Rosano was also unsuccessful in obtaining zoning relief to build a house on the site that would include office space and two apartments. Rosano planned to house his motor vehicle sales company in a small office on the first floor.

At the June 16 hearing, Rosano attorney William Ohrenberger argued the parcel is in a residential zone and is currently used as commercial property, and therefore the current proposal would not be substantially different in character or more detrimental to the neighborhood — two tests that must be met under the zoning bylaw before a special permit can be granted.

But ZBA chairman Woody Chittick said in denying Rosano's application, the board was leaving the door open for a "greatly modified proposal that was more in keeping with a residential district." The proposal would have to include less lot coverage, less signage, and comply with setbacks, he said.

Less trash, more recycling saves town tons of money

Pay As You Throw is deemed a success

By Samantha Brown
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In these tight fiscal times, the town's Pay-As-You-Throw trash disposal system is a good news story.

Since the program's inception in July 2001, more residents are recycling —which has translated into less trash to haul to SEMASS — resulting in savings for the town, officials say.

"I think it's going very well," said Selectman Merle Brown, who also sits on the Recycling Committee.

In the first year alone, the town saved $116,000 on the cost of tonnage going to SEMASS, the incinerator in Rochester, Mass.

According to Director of Finance Mike Buckley, the town spent $351,000 in fiscal year 2001 on solid waste disposal and $266,000 in fiscal year 2003, which ended June 30 – a drop of about 25 percent. He also said because hauling rates have increased by about 8 percent, the town saved even more.

As a result of the savings, the town has been able to reduce sticker fees a little more each year the program is in place. Before the program started, RTF stickers cost $85, which was reduced to $50 the first year of the program, and $35 last year. This year, which is the third year of PAYT, stickers cost $30 ($15 for senior citizens). Residents also pay $1 for a 30-gallon trash bag or 50 cents for a 15-gallon bag..

The Municipal Recycling Incentive Program, run by the state Department of Environmental Protection, has taken notice of Cohasset's participation and provided the town with a grant of $4,200 in light of its recycling efforts. Towns can apply for the grants each year, and this is not the first time Cohasset has received funding. In previous years, money has gone toward not only maintenance of the RTF, but toward the purchase of a new container for glass recyclables, as well as for covering the costs of sending informational mailings to residents.

"I would estimate that probably 90 to 95 percent of the people do a good job [recycling]," Brown said. And the figures can attest to what Brown says.

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— Selectman Merle Brown, Recycling Committee

Although the cost of recycling has gone from $41,000 in FY '01 to $54,000 in FY '03, recycling cuts down the tonnage to SEMASS, which is more expensive than paying for some recyclables. Currently, the town pays roughly $85 per ton. The town does not charge residents to recycle.

One of the grant's criteria is to track material the town buys so the items contain some recycled material. The town and schools buy photocopying paper, toner for copiers, paper towels, and toilet paper, as well as some cleaners that contain recycled materials, Brown says.

However, there are still people who try to cheat the system. Brown thinks in general, Cohasset residents abide by the rules. But that has not been the case next door in Scituate, where enough residents are using regular trash bags rather than the PAYT bags, to force the town to seek ways to curb cheating.

Brown surmises the regular trash bags spotted in Cohasset have actually tumbled out of the blue PAYT bags. He said some residents are disposing of their trash in smaller bags and then putting those in the larger PAYT bags. He added RTF employees monitor activity closely, and haven't seen many people breaking the rules.

Currently, there are three full-time employees during the week and one part-time employee who helps throughout the weekend. Workers check for stickers as well as the use of blue bags, and also make sure people are throwing other waste items, such as construction and demolition debris into the right receptacles.

Workers write down the license plate number of anyone they see breaking the rules, and the offender is sent a letter warning that the vehicle's all-facilities sticker could be revoked if he or she is caught breaking the rules again.

PAYT bags are available at Joseph's Hardware on Route 3A, Fiori's Exxon, Stop and Shop, Mobil Mart, Cohasset Food Mart in Jonathan Livingston Seagull Square off Route 3A, Tedeschi's near Hingham in the west corner, Cohasset Hardware in the village, and Hingham Lumber.

Bags are also available at the RTF and DPW during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Bags are sold in rolls of 10 and cost $10 a roll for 32 gallon bags, and $5 a roll for the 16 gallon bags.

Brown said the schools need to be more involved in recycling.

"The lower grades do a fairly decent job on recycling," Brown said, but a lack of recycling is a big problem at the middle-high school. Brown said the Recycling Committee plans to work with the school to institute more recycling there.

Tax bills due, it's OK to pay online

Residents can arrange for bill payments to be automatically withdrawn from their checking or savings account, and eBill will be accepting credit card payments shortly.

The Town of Cohasset has issued Fiscal Year 2004's first-quarter tax bills, were due last Friday, Aug. 1. Anyone did not receive their tax bill should contact the Board of Assessors at 781-383-4114 to confirm their correct mailing address or the Treasurer-Collector at 781-383-4102 for a copy of the tax bill.

The Town of Cohasset now offers residents the option of paying their real estate tax bills via the Internet. The eBill system takes the town's billing data and posts it on the Metropolitan Communications (MCC) Web site, which allows residents to view and pay their real estate tax bills. At 25-cents-per-transaction, the new payment option costs residents less than a postage stamp.

Residents can arrange for bill payments to be automatically withdrawn from their checking or savings account, and eBill will be accepting credit card payments shortly.

Currently, residents are able to pay their real estate tax bills with eBill. Soon, residents will also be able to pay motor vehicle excise taxes and water/sewer bills using the eBill system.

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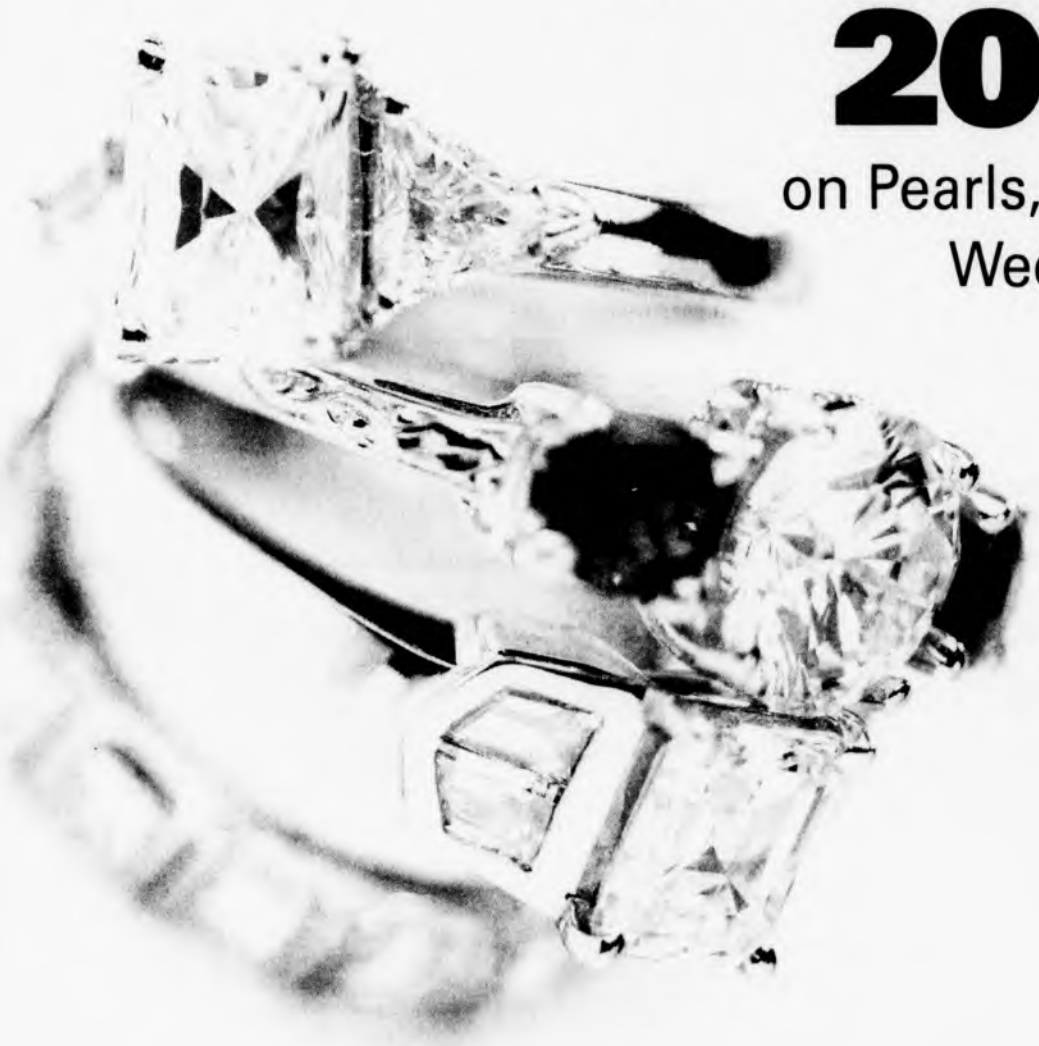

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Sisters Elizabeth and Grace Deveney are surrounded by the cast of their original production "Jack Beanstalk" which was on stage this week at the Deer Hill School auditorium.

Rave reviews for 'Jack Beanstalk' on opening night

By Samantha Brown
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This story is the last of a series, outlining the process from start to finish, of producing children's theater. The Children's Drama Workshop, founded by the Deveney sisters, Beth, Grace and Sarah, is in its 15th year.

There must have been 65 children with "broken legs" in Cohasset Tuesday night if the old actor's saying is true. After weeks of hard work and long hours of rehearsals, the children participating in this year's Children's Drama Workshop production of "Jack Beanstalk" finally took the stage, with delighted friends and family members in the audience.

The line outside the Deer Hill Auditorium stretched down the halls of the school as many eager theater-goers waited to enter. Posted on the walls were many clippings of newspaper articles spanning the successes of the last 15 years of the program, of which this performance is no exception.

Just over one month ago, many timid children were introducing themselves to one another, hoping to impress the judges, while trying to calm the jittery nerves that auditions can bring. However, to look at the actors performing on stage, it's almost hard to tell it's the same group.

Once shy little girls, many fairies took the stage and threw karate punches with the confidence of seasoned veterans. Mexican Jumping Beans "jammed" to the music, more so on stage than they ever had in rehearsals. The solo performances were done with tons of energy, drawing the audience in. Everyone involved, without exception, took their parts very seriously and delivered performances they can all be very proud of.

In addition to the talent of the children involved, there is a wealth of support behind the scenes, which includes the Deveney sisters, who began the program 15 years ago in their parent's garage. Sisters Beth, Grace, and Sarah, who was recently married and not able to participate as much in this year's performance, have worked together over the years to help encourage not only a love for performing, but the opportunity to meet new friends, making the performance a memorable experience for everyone involved — and it shows.

From beginning to end, actors delivered lines with ease, performed dance routines and sang their hearts out with smiles on their faces the entire time. For anyone in the audience, it was plain to see how much the children enjoyed being a part of the production.

This year's play was written by Beth, whose clever wit added a wonderful touch of humor, especially appreciated by adults in the audience. From Fairy Bell asking a fairy helper to retrieve a "how to slay the Giant informational packet" from her office, to Chip Munk looking for a "Singles for Singles" meeting, the story line appealed to a wide audience.

Not to go unnoticed were the sets, created by Tyler Rosen. With a magic, growing beanstalk and rising sun, as well as houses and scenery which fit exactly with the characters, the sets provided a backdrop which was the perfect compliment to a great show.

Sisters Grace and Beth are still considering whether they should continue the program next year without Sarah. While they will surely be missed if they don't return, this show could not have been a better note to end on. Congratulations to everyone involved for a job well done!

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Runaway reptile is star of the show

Lizard lounging in bog lands career in education

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Over the years, Lydia Mathias has seen a lot of wildlife wandering around her cranberry bogs, from deer and skunks to raccoons, coyotes and even wild turkeys. But last week the owner of Bog Hollow Farm saw something she had never seen amid her cranberry crop or anywhere else — a 3-foot-long Nile monitor lizard.

The runaway reptile, most likely someone's exotic pet that either escaped or was released, had apparently been on the lam for several days before getting bogged down at Mathias' Wapping Road property.

Mathias said one of her seasonal workers alerted her to the lizard's presence July 23, but she was dubious about the reptile report at first.

"I said 'a big lizard? Yeah, sure.' " But sure enough when she went to check it out there he was lying on cranberry vines in a ditch near one of the sprinklers. "I almost fell over when I saw him," Mathias said. "I knew it sure wasn't from around here."

Mathias' first call was to the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, which then referred her to the New England Wildlife Center in Hingham. When the wildlife center said it didn't handle lizards, Mathias' next call was to the Pembroke office of Animal Rescue League of Boston.

"They couldn't have been nicer," said Mathias. "They came right over."

It wasn't the first call the league had received about the lizard. On July 21, the rescue league got a call from the Kingston Police Department reporting a large iguana was on the loose along South Street.

"As soon as our driver saw it, we knew it wasn't an iguana," said Animal Rescue League shelter agent Adam Page. With its long snout and tail, Page said the reptile looked more like a cross between an alligator and an iguana.

Before they could make a positive identification, the large lizard made an escape into some wetlands. Two days later the rescue league was back on its trail at Bog Hollow Farm. But the elusive lizard continued to confound by slipping into a ditch and disappearing before the rescue league even arrived.

By the next day, the lizard was back exactly where Mathias had first found him, lounging on some cranberry vines and appearing as if it had just enjoyed a snack — perhaps a field mouse or frog. This time the rescue league was able to noose the reptile. After it had slipped into a pipe between the pond and the bog, rescue league workers waited at the end of the culvert pipe and when the large lizard emerged caught him in the net.

"It seemed to be in pretty good health," said Page, noting that the facility — which opened last June — had never rescued an animal as exotic as a lizard. "We get a lot of cats and dogs around her here, nothing like this."

Although clearly not equipped to care for exotic lizards, the rescue league staff did what they could to keep it comfortable.

"The first thing we did was to set up some heat lamps because it was very cold," said Animal Rescue League assistant manager Ed Doyle "These are desert creatures, they like it hot."

A call to the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife helped identify the reptile as the Nile monitor lizard, indigenous to Northeast Africa in the region of the Nile River. The department also helped connect the rescue league with the Beverly-based Rainforest Reptile Shows where the 2-3-year-old male Nile monitor lizard has become an instant star.

"He's done three shows with us in the last two days," said Rainforest Reptile Shows herpetologist Michael Ralbovsky, Tuesday. The lizard was transferred to him Saturday and by Monday, Ralbovsky had worked the reptile into his routine, educating children in preschools and summer recreation programs.

On Wednesday, the lizard which Ralbovsky is considering naming "Cranberry" based on his rescue from Bog Hollow Farm, made his debut at the South Shore Natural Science Center.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Michael Ralbovsky of Rainforest Reptile Shows introduces "Cranberry" a three-foot-long Nile monitor lizard to the young audience during last Wednesday's performance at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. The lizard was found lounging last week in Lydia Mathias cranberry bogs at Bog Hollow Farm.

Ralbovsky said he's delighted to have "Cranberry" on staff and noted that for a Nile monitor lizard he's pretty mild-mannered. "Nile monitors have a reputation for being aggressive," he said. "This one's dog-tame."

"He seems to be very intelligent and is not afraid of an audience."

He is also in very good health. "Whoever owned him took good care of him," said Ralbovsky.

Cousins to the Komodo dragon, Nile monitor lizards are carnivores, and opportunistic feeders like alligators, Ralbovsky said. In the wild they eat small mammals, crocodile eggs, birds, carcasses of dead animals, whatever they come across, he said. While in the bog "Cranberry" most likely enjoyed a diet of frogs, field mice, salamanders — whatever small wildlife that crossed his path, Ralbovsky surmised. Nile monitors have teeth to tear their food, and a long tail they use for defense against other animals. But contrary to popular opinion, the lizards don't use their tails to whack their prey, he said. "That's just a myth."

Due to their long tails, mature Nile monitor lizards can grow to six feet in length, although Ralbovsky said he's never seen one get that big. And they can live as long as 30 years.

It is likely that whoever owned the lizard hasn't come forward because they were keeping it unlawfully. To keep a Monitor lizard in the state of Massachusetts you have to have a permit, but because they are available in the pet trade in nearby states and some people think, "It's cool to have a big lizard" many of them are kept illegally in the Commonwealth, Ralbovsky said. Some are released, some escape and others are confiscated by the state department of fisheries and wildlife, with many turned over to Ralbovsky's company. Ralbovsky estimates about half of the "couple hundred animals of 50-60 different species" came to Rainforest Reptile Shows through confiscations.

"We have the largest collection of crocodilians in New England," boasts Ralbovsky. "Cranberry" is one of a dozen Monitor lizards, but the only Nile in Ralbovsky's group. "He's a beautiful animal," he said.

On Wednesday, "Cranberry" shared the show with a giant tortoise, an American and a Chinese alligator, and a rare Argentinean boa, the most endangered of all the world's boa constrictors. His schedule will be a busy one, but Ralbovsky said the lizard will work a few days and then rest a few days. "We don't ever stress an animal."

Should his attitude change or should he become less docile or grow too big for Rainforest Reptile Shows to handle, "Cranberry will be turned over to a zoo or a facility where he'll be taken care of," Ralbovsky said.

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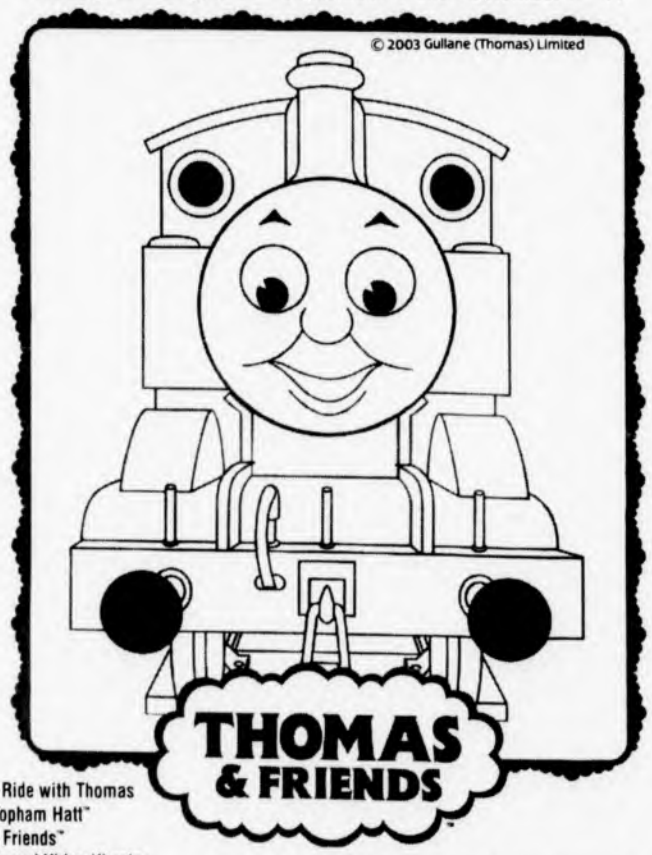

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OBITUARIES

Peter A. Sullivan

Peter A. Sullivan, 33, of Marshfield formerly of Hingham, an engineer, died July 29, 2003, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Born in Bethesda, Md., Mr. Sullivan grew up in Hingham and graduated from Hingham High School. He also graduated from Tulane University in New Orleans with a bachelor's degree in engineering.

He was employed for 11 years by Promethian in New Hampshire.

Mr. Sullivan enjoyed scuba diving and was an avid fisherman and devoted father.

He leaves his wife, Christine (McGannon) Sullivan; two children, Joshua and Kelly Sullivan of Marshfield; his father, Albert Sullivan MD of Cohasset; his mother, Marjorie (Nichols) Sullivan of Hull; a sister, Denise Brown of West Chester, Pa.; nephews and nieces, Peyton and Troy Brown and Henry McGannon; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was brother of the late Christopher Sullivan.

A funeral service was held at First Baptist Church in Hingham. Interment was private.

Arrangements were by the F.n. Keohane Funeral Home in Hingham.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Sullivan Children's Fund, c/o Hingham Institution for Savings, Main Street, Hingham, 02043.

Alberta Whitcomb

Alberta (Gillette) Whitcomb, 78, died Saturday in Alexandria, Va. of pneumonia and a heart ailment.

Born in Duluth, Minn., she was the daughter of Albert C. and Annie W. Gillette. She was educated in Minnesota and Florida schools and graduated from the Madeira School. She then attended the Parsons School of Design in New York.

She married the late Robert B. Whitcomb in 1943, and following the war, they moved to Cohasset where she was a well-known painter who displayed her work in numerous shows and was a member of many civic and social organizations. From 1969 to her husband's death in 1975, the couple lived in a wooded retreat on a pond in Norwell.

In 1975, Mrs. Whitcomb moved to Georgetown and in 1998, to Virginia.

She leaves her three daughters, Margaret Bandery of Annandale, Va., Anne Jacob of Manchester, N.H. and Jane B. Whitcomb of Freehold, Va.; her two sons, Robert B. Whitcomb of Providence and David M. Whitcomb of Saugatuck, Mich.; her six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was private.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Joseph M. McMath

Joseph M. McMath, Jr. 81, of Scituate, owner of Cohasset Limousine & Taxi Service from 1980 to 2000, died July 11, 2003, at Life Care Center of the South Shore in Scituate after a long illness.

Mr. McMath also was a bartender 35 years for Arthur Roebuck Catering.

He was a Navy veteran and served in the Navy reserves.

Mr. McMath was born, raised and educated in Somerville.

He leaves his wife, Aurora (Cordo) McMath; five daughters, Theresa Colby, Elizabeth Steverman and Kathleen Field, all of Scituate, Linda Daley of Norwell and Donna Bagni of Pembroke; two sons, Michael McMath of Connecticut and Dennis McMath of Marshfield; a sister, Phyllis Curran of East Boston, 13 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary of the Nativity Church, Scituate.

Interment was in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Donations may be made to St. Mary of the Nativity Church, 1 Kent St., Scituate Harbor 02066.

Flag depository at American Legion

The American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 in Cohasset has a way for the public to be able to bring them their tattered and worn flags so they may be properly and ceremoniously destroyed. The Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag. This solid metal Flag Depository protects the flags until they are removed for storage and kept until the time of the desecration ceremony. The Herb Chambers Automobile Dealerships made this service possible through a donation to the post. Everyone is invited to bring his or her retired flags to the depository.

The Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom:

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. (781)-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantorial Soloist: Abby Gostein. Friday evening and Saturday morning worship. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. Visit www.shaaray.org for specific times and details.

Second Congregational Church:

The Second Congregational Church located at 43 Highland Ave. offers a quieter, more liturgical style of worship with communion at 8 a.m. on Sundays in the chapel. Our traditional service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. For further information please contact us at (781) 383 - 0345 or visit us on line at www.second-congregationalchurch.com.

Beechwood Congregational Church:

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First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. All welcome. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org

In the scripture lessons for the ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Moses reminds the people of their responsibility to keep the Lord's commandments. In the reading from Ephesians, Christians are urged to conform to a new way of life which is pleasing to the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus continues to teach that he is the true bread who will bring all who have faith in him to eternal life. Preacher: The Very Rev. E. Clifford Cutler.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

First Parish:

The First Parish Church, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

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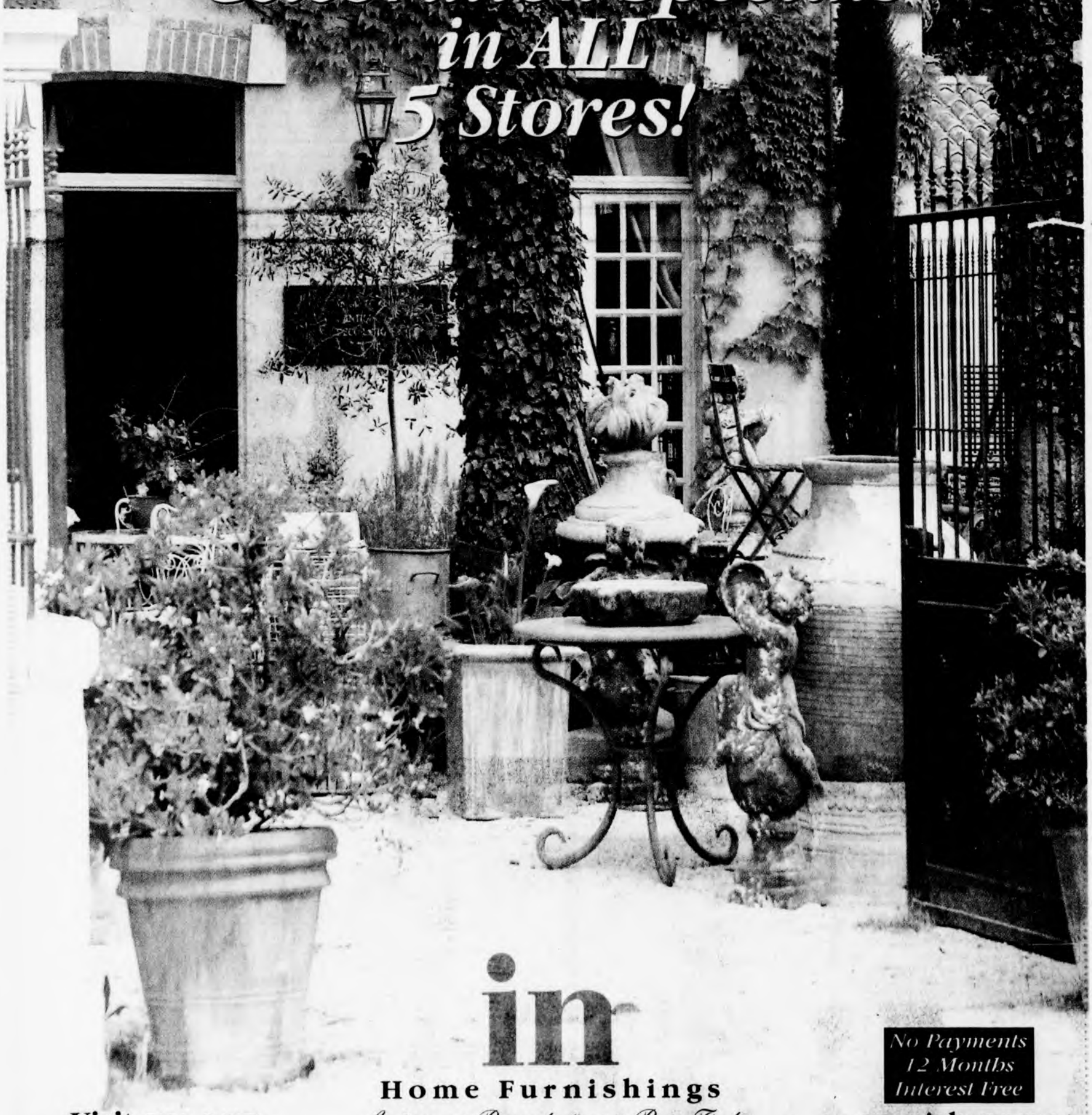

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SPORTS

High School fall sports physicals

Free physicals for Cohasset High fall athletes will be offered by Dr. Stephen Goldman in the school Nurse's Office at Cohasset High this coming Wednesday, Aug 13, at 1 p.m. All prospective fall athletes must have a physical before the first practice by their own doctor or the school, and a signed note clearign them for athletic activity.

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On the South Shore
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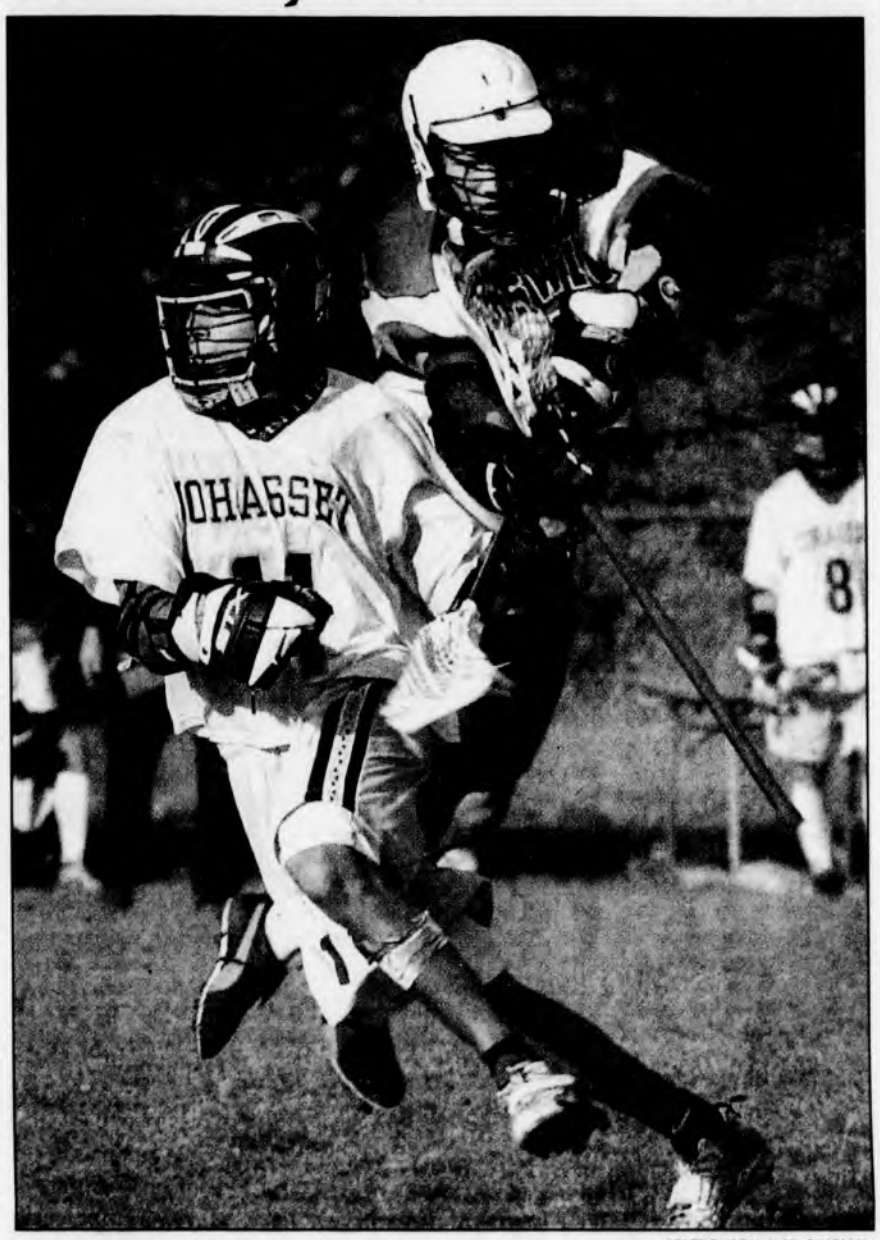
All-Scholastic boys lacrosse team

Cohasset's Davis, Durkin, Kahn and Spirito named among area's elite



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Cohasset's Curt Kahn (#11) finished his sensational career with 227 points and two Mariner All-Scholastic selections.

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 21 and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top male lacrosse players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

Curt Kahn - Senior
Attack - Cohasset

Curt Kahn

The lefty sniper became the first CHS player to ever post back-to-back 50-plus goal seasons and finished his high school career with 227 career points...with 52 goals and 32 assists, was the top scorer on a Skippers team that posted a school best 16-game winning streak, and finished 16-2 overall, including a loss in the state finals to Ipswich...scored three goals with less than five minutes to play to break open a 7-7 tie versus Scituate...had four goals and two assists in 11-10 win over Sandwich, and created the winning goal in this game when he intercepted a goalie clear with only seconds left in the game...had six goals vs Hopkinton (a 12-5 win), and four (of team's six) vs. Ipswich in the state semis....Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...two-time Mariner All-Scholastic...two-time member of Bay State Games gold medal winning lacrosse team...National Honors Society member...President of his senior class...also a three-year varsity soccer player who moved from forward to starting goalie this past season, and helped lead team to sectional semifinals...was named soccer team MVP and a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention...for has been recruited to play lacrosse at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. next year...brother Eli played lacrosse at Harvard and sister Jaclyn plays soccer at Swathmore College...Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt: "Curt is just so talented. He could be just about as good as he wants to be. He's worked hard on his game. When Matt (Davis) got hurt this year, he stepped it up quite a bit."

Matt Davis - Senior
Midfield - Cohasset

Matt Davis

Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt feels his team might well have won a state championship if Davis had not been lost mid-season to a broken collarbone...ended his senior season with 33 points (20 goals, 13 assists) in nine games and his career with over 120 points...also named a Mariner All-Scholastic as a junior, which he finished with 24 goals and 28 assists...a fine athlete and gritty competitor...excellent two-way performer...two-time member of Bay State Games gold medal winning lacrosse team... also stood out in hockey and football at CHS...named a Mariner All-Scholastic for hockey, finishing with 15 goals and 19 assists to help lead the Skippers to their second straight league title...won Norm Delaney Student Athlete Award for having hockey team's top GPA...National Honors Society member who achieved a grade point average of 3.6 in his senior year ...was recruited by several schools with nationally regarded lacrosse programs, but chose to attend Ursinus College (Penn) and play Div. 3 lacrosse...plans to major in Biology, casting an eye toward studying medicine as a post graduate...Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt: "Honestly, I think Matt was one of the best players in the state. In terms of talent, athleticism, desire, work ethic and the ability to blend scoring, passing and physical play, I'd put him right up there with just about any high school player I've seen."

John Durkin - Senior
Midfield - Cohasset

John Durkin

Not bad considering lacrosse is his second favorite sport (hockey is number one)... emerged as a force in the midfield for the Skippers this season, par-

ALL STARS, PAGE 18

Building from the ground up

SHS gridders lend hand to youth football hopefuls

By Mike Spellman
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Arguably, there is no sports program required to be constructed from the ground up to the same degree as football.

This is precisely why it is not surprising to see hard-driving third year Scituate High head football coach Steve Maguire stepping up his involvement with the town's youth football program this summer. Maguire, his entire coaching staff and many of his returning players are presently conducting a five week long football camp on Tuesday nights at SHS for all interested players in the Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football program.

"I think it's important I think that we get all the football players in the town on the same page," said Maguire, a former Burlington High star quarterback. "This is how you start to build a football program."

Many of the drills Maguire and staff will run at the camp are the same ones the high school team uses, though a few will be watered down somewhat.

"It's an introduction to our system, and an introduction to

FOOTBALL, PAGE 22

Ben's dream takes shape

Training regimen helps former CHS grid star realize dream of playing college football

By Mike Spellman
MSPELLMAN@CNC.COM

Ben Lynner knew it was make or break time. As he looked ahead last summer to his senior year at Cohasset High, Ben realized his dream of playing college football could be slipping away and made the decision to do everything he could to fight for it.

Through his sophomore and junior years, Ben was recognized as one of the more natural and versatile athletes at CHS — playing key roles on the varsity football, basketball and lacrosse teams – but perhaps not collegiate caliber in any of them.

LYNNER, PAGE 22

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Whether it was on the gridiron or lacrosse field, you could always count on Ben Lynner (#3) to play it physically.

STAFF PHOTO/ANDREW DASSORI

Cohasset Swim Team member Emily Mulcahey cheers on teammates at recent meet versus Knight's of Columbus. For Swim Team reports and more photos, see pages 20 and 21.

A 'Gul' on the diamond

Post 118's Gulinello eyes opportunities to play baseball at the next level

By Mike Spellman
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It was not unusual for Scott Arnold to get a knock on his door early in the afternoon these last few summers on game day.

When he heard the rapping and walked to the door, it got to the point that the veteran Cohasset Post 118 Legion coach came to expect to see star shortstop Mike Gulinello (pronounced Jewel-inello) standing there with a few buddies, asking if he could borrow the equipment bag in order to take a few extra hours of batting and infield practice.

During the dog days of summer, Arnold sometimes had a tough time convincing some of his players to take the time even to loosen up properly prior to game action. Obviously, that was the least of his concerns with Gulinello, who completed his third and final season with the Post 118 team last week, batting a robust .350 for the season to go along with team bests in RBI (20) and stolen bases (18) and his first ever home run over the fence at Scituate High School.

"Mike is one of those kids who just lives and breathes baseball," said Arnold. "He has a ball playing. He's always looking to get better."

And now this work ethic and commitment is beginning to pay dividends for the 2002 Scituate High graduate.

Mike has been recruited by a few area colleges for baseball,

GULINELO, PAGE 21

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Matt Davis (#4) made our All-Scholastic team for the second time despite missing the second half of the season with a broken collarbone.

All-Scholastic boys lacrosse team

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ticularly after star middie Matt Davis was lost to a broken collarbone...plays much tougher and stronger than his slender 5-foot-9 frame might imply...finished with 29 goals and 13 assists...had five goals and 10 assists as a junior, his first year of high school lacrosse...an exceptionally quick and fluid athlete...season highlights included a phenomenal two-way effort in Skippers first win over arch-rival Hingham in many years, a four goals-three assist outing against Canton and a hat trick vs. Norwell...also a Mariner All-Scholastic hockey player...led South Shore League in scoring this winter with 42 points (22 goals, 20 assists) to pace the Skippers to a 10-6-4 record and a second straight SSL championship...also a standout wideout and defensive back for the CHS football team...will try to improve college prospects by prepping a year at Pomfret Academy, where he'll play lacrosse and hockey...Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt: "John really came out of nowhere to play a huge role with us this year. He was huge after Matt (Davis) got hurt. He just never wanted to come off the field, and, to be honest, it was tough a lot of times to take him off the field. It seemed like he could run all day and never let up."

Nick Spirito - Senior (Capt.)
Defense - Cohasset

Nick Spiritto

Nick has made himself into a top flight lacrosse player through a strong year-round dedication to the sport...lauded as one of the toughest defenders in the state...the only Cohasset player ever chosen to play in consecutive Eastern Mass. All-Star games...two-time Mariner All-Scholastic...two-time member of Bay State Games gold medal winning lacrosse team...Pilgrim Conference All-Star...a top face-off man...almost always assigned to cover top opposing scorer...was assigned straight up on Marshfield scoring star Pete Collins in Skippers win that saw Rams score just two times through three quarters...had a pair of assists this season...a four year starter...played high school football in his senior year after playing soccer the three previous falls...coaches youth lacrosse...Honor Roll student this past semester...has been recruited to play for Nazareth College (Rochester, N.Y.), a top Div. 3 lacrosse school...leaning toward majoring in Business...Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt: "Nick got a little overshadowed sometimes by flashier players, but he was one of the toughest defenders in this league, no doubt about it, and he was a great leader."

Todd Faiella - Junior
Goalie - Marshfield

Todd Faiella

No question here...This All-American goaltender was rarely scored upon this season, boasting a 66.4 save percentage and 5.4 goals against average...His work in the net helped land Marshfield (17-4) in the Div. 2 Eastern Mass. Finals, where they lost to eventual state champs, Needham...Faiella allowed only 16 goals in three tourney games...Shut out two-time Div. 2 state champs Hingham (7-0) and came up big in a 10-9 OT win over Div. 1 power, Braintree...Aggressiveness is one of his greatest assets, often coming out of the crease to take away scoring opportunities...Quick hands and great anticipation gave him the advantage in one-on-ones...Also had the ability to clear the ball almost the entire length of the field...Was named the defensive MVP at the Top Gun Fighting Clams Summer Camp in Maryland...Also an All-star linebacker on the MHS football team, Faiella will return to captain both squads next season. Marshfield coach Nate Balboni: "At the camp were about 70 of the best programs in the country and the coaches said Fai was the best they'd ever seen. Inside the net, he's very poised, but he's also very aggressive and doesn't have a problem coming out to intercept a pass. He's not shy about issuing a hit either. Just a great athlete."

Pete Collins - Senior
Attack - Marshfield

Pete Collins

One of the main reasons why the Rams reached the Div. 2 Eastern Mass. Final this season was Collins' grace under pressure, scoring several late-game goals in comeback wins over Wellesley and Winchester, drilling the game-winner in a 7-6 rally win in the Div. 2 Eastern Mass. semis...Led the team in scoring, netting 80 points this season for Marshfield (17-4)...Bigger than your average lax player, Collins' extra muscle and aggressiveness made him a force in front of the net...Scored a hat trick in the team's heartbreaking loss to Needham in the Eastern Mass. Final...Collins plans to attend Mary Washington College and continue his lacrosse career. Marshfield coach Nate Balboni: "He was the heart of our offense. He didn't play that quick, dodge style, rather he was a crease man. He's a big, strong kid and was tough to move off the ball. He has great field sense and is just one of those hard working guys."

Shea Coakley -
Senior (Capt.)
Attack - Marshfield

Shea Coakley

A two-time All-Scholastic, Coakley enjoyed another solid offensive season for the Cinderella Rams team (17-4)...Not too aggressive, Coakley's style helped pace the offense to look for the best play as opposed to the quickest...Was the second leading scorer on the Marshfield squad, netting 70 points this season...His work in the offensive end helped land the Rams in the Div. 2 Eastern Mass. final, where the fell to eventual state champs, Needham...Coakley scored a hat trick in the team's 7-6 rally win over Winchester in the Eastern Mass. semis, two of which came in the second half...He also scored a crucial tying goal in the team's quarterfinal victory over Wellesley...Coakley plans to attend Mary Washington College where he will continue his lacrosse career. Marshfield coach Nate Balboni: "He's a very disciplined offensive player. In the past, we've tried to push the ball to the net, but the most important thing Shea did was pace the offense with great ball control. He didn't force the play."

Steve Curtis - Junior
Defenseman - Marshfield

Talk about peaking at exactly the right time, Curtis' confidence defensively helped shut down some of the area's best attackers in the Rams' (17-4) memorable tourney run...Most notably in the Div. 2 Eastern Mass. semifinals, Curtis put a strangle-hold on Winchester's Brad Khuen, who scored a first-half hat trick, but was held scoreless in the second half resulting in a 7-6 win...His play was equally admirable in the team's heartbreaking loss to eventual state champs Needham in the Eastern Mass. final, doing his best to contain All-American Matt Chadwick...Was the team's leader in ground ball pickups...An undeniable long stick presence in the backfield, Curtis more than made the most of his 6-foot, 4-inch frame...Was voted the team MVP at the Top Gun Fighting Clams Summer Camp, which featured 70 of the country's best lax programs...He will return to captain the MHS squad next season. Marshfield coach Nate Balboni: "He's one of the best athletes on this team. He plays a very smart defensive game. He's not overly aggressive or physical but has great field sense. He's a very coachable kid."

Drew Sowyrda - Senior
Attack - Hingham

Drew Sowyrda

A two-year starter on the Hingham squad, Sowyrda played a crucial role on the Harbormen's two-time Div. 2 state championship teams (2001, 2002)...Sowyrda helped pace Hingham in this year's Div. 2 Eastern Mass. tourney, netting five goals in a tough semifinal loss to Needham, the eventual state champs...Sowyrda led a well-balanced offense in scoring this season with an estimated 40 points (around 28 of which were goals)...A great cutter in front of the net, Sowyrda more than made the most of his 6'2" frame...Also a captain on the HHS basketball squad, Sowyrda plans to attend the University of Colorado at Boulder where he will play club lacrosse. Hingham coach John Todd: "He's a big, strong kid and is a great finisher. His fluidity in front of the net comes from his basketball background, as far as hand/eye coordination and lateral movement."

John Ferrante - Senior
Defenseman - Hingham

Referred to by his coach as being the "Total Package", Ferrante played several roles for Hingham this season...Ferrante played every position but goalie in games this season, making him the team's own utility man...Where he fit best, however, was in the defensive midfield where his strength and persistence frustrated some of the area's best attackers...Ferrante also took several face-offs, most of which came down the stretch and helped the Harbormen land in the Div. 2 Eastern Mass. semifinals...There, he took a hard hit in a game against Needham, but quickly returned to play...A two-year starter, Ferrante was a member of Hingham's state title teams in 2001 and 2002...Also a talented wrestler at HHS, Ferrante plans to attend . Hingham coach John Todd: "He's they type of athlete you love to have because he can do anything. We had him do everything from short-stick defender to manups and we never worried about missing a beat. His reliability on the field was astronomical. He's impossible to replace."

Ben Prime - Senior (Capt.)
Attack - Hingham

Perhaps better known for his soccer skills, Prime was certainly no slouch on the lacrosse field...A three-year starter on the Harbormen squad, this speedy attackman has been among the leading scorers the last three seasons...

Ben Prime

Prime tallied about 30 points this season, second on a well-balanced offensive attack that prides itself on getting goals from a variety of players...Scored the biggest goal of his career in his junior season, netting the game-tying score in the state title game against Winchester, pushing the contest to OT and an eventual victory...He was also a member of the 2001 state title team...Also a multiple soccer All-Scholastic, Prime plans to attend Deerfield Academy in the fall. Hingham coach John Todd: "His ability to change directions is unbelievable and it made it difficult for defenders to stick with him. His speed and quickness made him a dominant player in soccer and lacrosse. He has a great work ethic and is extremely dedicated. He'll go down as one of the best."

Derek Losi - Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Weymouth

Derek Losi

A solid contributor to both the offensive and defensive midfields, Losi's presence on the field was undeniable... His play helped lead Weymouth to a respectable finish in the competitive Bay State League and to the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney...Losi played key roles in the Wildcats' regular-season victories over Div. 2 Eastern Mass. semifinalist, Winchester (10-4), as well as Div. 2 state champs, Needham (10-9)...Also a soccer All-Scholastic and first-team BSC All-star, Losi plans to attend Babson College where he will continue his soccer career.

Matt Murray - Junior
Attacker - Weymouth

One of the older players on Weymouth's young attack, Murray was a natural leader...The Bay State Carey first-team All-star was the Wildcats' leading goal scorer this season with 50...Quick and aggressive on a break, Murray was a tough player for opposing defenses to stop... Scored a hat trick in a 10-4 victory over Eastern Mass. semifinalist Winchester and also played well in a 10-9 win over Div. 2 state champs, Needham...Murray took part in a productive summer in which he played for the Southeast team in the Bay State Summer Games and tallied 9 goals, 1 assist en route to a silver medal...Also a football player at WHS, Murray will return to both squads next season.

Brendan Mulligan - Junior
Defenseman - Hanover

A standout player on the five-year-old Hanover lacrosse squad, Mulligan's play has been praised by several area coaches...A Pilgrim Conference All-star, Mulligan always drew the task of defending the opposing team's best player and did it well...Not exactly the biggest kid on the field, Mulligan's long stick defensive skills, quickness and field sense make him a tough player to beat...An Honorable Mention to the All-Scholastic squad, Mulligan is making his first appearance on our team...Spent the summer participating in lacrosse camps...Mulligan will return to captain the HHS lax squad next season.

Ryan Grant - Senior (Capt.)
Attack - Braintree

Ryan Grant

Top scorer on 19-3 Wamp team that surprised many by making it to the state Div. 1 semifinals in its third year as a varsity program...a gifted athlete who finished his three year lacrosse career with 264 points, including 117 this season (90 goals, 27 assists)...much stronger and quicker than 5-foot-9, 140 pound frame might suggest...instincts, along with soft hands and quick wrists set him apart...three time Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...three-time Bay State Conference all-star and two-time first team All Eastern Mass selection...also a Mariner All-Scholastic hockey player this past year, as he led the 9-7-4 BHS squad in scoring this season and finished his hockey career with over 150 points...a solid B student...member of SADD...teaches youth lacrosse and youth hockey...will try to improve college prospects by attending a prep school this year and play both hockey and lacrosse...has choice narrowed down to Kent Hill or Brewster Academy...five-time Patriot Ledger all-scholastic, three times for lacrosse, twice for hockey...Braintree coach Andrew Curran: "Ryan just has a knack for scoring that you can't teach. You saw it in hockey too. He's in the right place at the right time, and he's just so smart and instinctive. His hands are incredible. He catches the ball anywhere near the cage, and that shot is off in a heartbeat, and usually right on net."

Pat Lynch - Senior (Capt.)
Attack - Braintree

Pat Lynch

Though sometimes overshadowed by Ryan Grant and All-American Mike Aylward, Lynch certainly did more than his share for the state semifinalist Wamp team (19-3)...finished season with 105 points (68 goals, 37 assists)...first team Bay State Conference All-Star...first team

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

John Durkin emerged as a much needed midfield force for the Skippers after star middie Matt Davis was lost to injury.

Davis, Durkin, Kahn and Spirito named among area's elite

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Nick Spirito (#2) made himself into one of the top defenders in the state through a strong year-round dedication to lacrosse.

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Eastern Mass all-star…Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic…a very well rounded and mature player…also a standout basketball player at BHS…got to play both varsity lacrosse and basketball this year with younger brother Matthew and cousin (and fellow all-scholastic) Tim Lynch…an excellent student who graduated with a 3.5 GPA and in his class' top 10 percent…National Honors Society and Spanish National Honors Society member…earned a Dean's Scholarship from UNH…was recruited by a few college lacrosse programs, but chose to attend UNH and play club lacrosse…will major in Liberal Arts…Braintree coach Andrew Curran: "Pat was probably my best rounded attacker. He could score or dish and was very team oriented. He's a terrific athlete who got better every year. I think he's going to have an incredible amount of success at UNH."

Tim Lynch - Senior (Capt.)
Attack - Braintree

Natural athlete wound up quarterbacking one of the state's premier attacks, finishing with a team best 58 assists for the 19-3 state semifinalist Wamps…also had 36 goals to finish with 94 points…had 97 points as a junior…Bay State Conference All-Star…second team Eastern Mass selection…took naturally to the "point guard" role, carrying over several of the skills that made him a league all-star point guard for the BHS basketball team…an extremely tough-minded competitor…also a Mariner All-Scholastic for basketball and a very good golfer…will major in Business next year at the Isenberg School of Management at UMass-Amherst, where he also hopes to play Div. 1 collegiate lacrosse…Braintree coach Andrew Curran: "Tim plays lacrosse the same way he plays basketball: he thought assist first, goal second, and with the great scorers we had on this team, that was huge…He was a coach on the field. I always listened to him when he had suggestions."

Tim Lynch

Mike Aylward - Senior
Midfielder - Braintree

Arguably the top player on what turned out to be one of the state's top teams…the All-American is a self-made player…excellent two-way talent who finished the season with 45 goals and 41 assists, outstanding numbers for a midfielder…fell in love with lacrosse in junior high and devoted an incredible amount of energy into improving his game over the next several years…became the first BHS laxer to earn a Div. 1 athletic scholarship when he accepted Sienna's offer…will major in Business…a Boston Globe, Boston Herald and Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic selection…two-time Bay State Conference all-star…two-time Eastern Mass all-star… Honor Roll student the last two years…coaches youth lacrosse camps…also played football at BHS…Braintree coach Andrew Curran: "Mike is role model for anyone who wants to make it in lacrosse. He made himself into an All-American lacrosse player by going to every camp he could find and by just constantly working to improve."

Mike Aylward

Frank Granara - Junior
Midfield - Norwell

Though it was a difficult year for the Clippers, Frank enjoyed a breakthrough campaign…broke Norwell High's all-time scoring record with 71 points (39 goals, 32 assists), outstanding totals for a midfielder…a strong and fluid athlete with deceptive quickness…well-rounded lacrosse player…took most face-offs for the Clippers and won 75.2 percent of them…Pilgrim Conference All-Star…second team All Eastern Mass selection…also a standout football and basketball player for Norwell High…a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention in football last fall as a linebacker/wingback…has been named a football captain for 2003…High Honors student…Peer Educator…3.70 GPA…National Honor Society…would like to play college lacrosse, and is eyeing a few NESCAC schools…leaning toward majoring in Business… Norwell Coach Frank Granara, Sr.: "It's tough to talk about your own son, but Frankie really did have a very nice year. He's got nice quickness and he sees the field well and has a good shot. He's well rounded and he's improved his play defensively too."

Jason Grier - Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Norwell

Now a four-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection (two times each for lacrosse and soccer)…was often a marked man for the Clippers this season, but still finished third in the team scoring race with over 40 points…an exceptional athlete with excellent instincts in the open field…second team All Eastern Mass selection…toyed for a while with the idea of playing two sports in college, but has now accepted a Div. 2 soccer scholarship from Franklin Pierce (N.H.) and will play that sport exclusively…High Honors…was also a top wrestler at NHS in his junior year…brother Adam (Class of 2002) is now playing lacrosse at Roger Williams…Norwell coach Frank Granara: "Jason is a real talented player and athlete. He's fast, he's strong and he can really shoot. If he'd stuck with lacrosse, I'm sure he'd have done quite well in college."

Jarrett Dawson - Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Scituate

Graduates as the all-time leading scorer in the three year history of Scituate lacrosse…finished second on the team in scoring (to sophomore attacker Ben Brigham) with 16 goals and 18 assists despite playing both ends of the field and often being marked by the opponent's top defender in the offensive end…was the team's top face-off man…often played longstick defense in man-down situations…three year starter…Eastern Mass all-star-second team…played for Bay State Games gold medal southeast team in 2002…well rounded athlete…also two-year starter for SHS football team at split end and cornerback…Honor Roll student…will attend UMass-Amherst and may try out for the lacrosse team as a walk-on…undecided on a major, but is leaning toward Business…Scituate coach Chris Weber: "Jarrett did so many things to make us go. He was a good leader and played hard all the time even though he was a marked man most of the time. Other teams figured they contain him and they do a pretty good job containing us, and sometimes that's the way it turned out."

Honorable Mention:

Tom Kennedy - Sr. (Capt.) - Defenseman - Marshfield
Andy Morrison - Sr. (Capt.) - Midfielder - Marshfield
Nate Hammond - Sr. - Goalie - Hingham
Greg Paul - Sr. - Attacker - Hingham
Jo Jo Camillo - Sr. - Midfielder - Weymouth
Tony Lefebvre - Sr. - Goalie - Weymouth
Matt Miner- Jr.- Goalie- Scituate
Jay Dulka- Sr. - Defense- Scituate
Ben Brigham- Soph- Attack- Scituate
Justin Jenkins - Jr.- Defense - Scituate
Tom Anderson- Sr.- Defense- Cohasset
Nick Murphy- Jr.- Goalie- Cohasset
Jake Previte- Soph- Attack- Cohasset
Dave Webster- Sr.- Midfield- Braintree
Joe Shea- Sr.- Defense- Braintree
Kris Tedeschi- Jr.- Attack- Norwell
John Chappell- Sr. (Capt.)-

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Goalie Nick Murphy (above) and middie Tom Anderson (below) were deservedly named Honorable Mentions for their noteworthy contributions to the Skippers 16-2 season.

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Cohasset swim team tops Marshfield Area Swim Klub

By Eileen McBride
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The last couple of weeks have been something of a challenge for Cohasset's swimmers. There was the confusion and disappointment at Eel River and then the false start/re-scheduling of the Knights of Columbus meet. But, on Friday afternoon, with the program back on track and the weather finally cooperating, it felt like Cohasset was ready to take on one of their most intimidating rivals, the MASK (Marshfield Area Swim Klub) squad.

Competition has always been fierce between these teams and margins have always been tight, but on this bright sunny afternoon, Cohasset was able to come up with the goods and pull off their fourth win of the season, finishing the afternoon with 349 points to Mask's 270.

The meet started well with wins for both the eight and under boys and girls in the 100 yard medley relay and for the ten and under boys and girls in their races (boys, eight and under: 1st: Fontaine; McCarthy; Adkins; Kissick; 3rd: Brown; Michalowski; Swain; Berube; 5th: Green; Doonan; MacCarthy; Rice; girls, eight and under: 1st: Farren; Carrier; Buckley; Teague; 5th: Malerti; Bodner; Zimmerman; McCunney; 6th: McGowan; Noble; Berube; Farren; boys, ten and under: 1st: Salerno; Durkin; Mahoney; Carrier; 2nd: Murphy; Leahy; McCormack; Kennedy; Murphy; Faber; Buckley; Durkin (DQ); girls, ten and under: 1st: Fontaine; Michalowski; Kissick; Donohue; 4th: Adkins; Seraikas; Karski; Farren; 5th: Kelly; Gibbons; Musto; Berube). The twelve and under boys were held to a second place finish, while the girls claimed another first (boys: 2nd: Connors; Porter; Doonan; Ofsthun; girls: 1st: Ryan; Lehr; Mahoney, C.; Meehan; 3rd: Mahoney; Sullivan; Meikleham; Lehr; 5th: Costa; Kelly; Buckley; Libby).

The medley relays rounded off with the 200 yard races and second, third and fifth place finishes for the seventeen and under boys, and second, fourth and sixth place finishes for the girls (boys: 2nd: Tehranian; Roach; Conway; Bilton; 3rd: Doonan; Zappolo; Drybanski; Hunt; 5th: Kuppens; Kelly; Shipp; MacCarthy; girls: 2nd: Hernan; Anderson; Garber; Durkin; 4th: Regan; Faber; Ogrodnik; Lehr; 6th: Teague; Fortin; Swain; Campbell). With the first event completed, Cohasset had accumulated 52 points to Mask's 44.

In the ten and under 50 yard freestyles, the boys put in an impressive performance to finish first, second and fourth (1st: Carrier, J.; 2nd: Salerno, J.; 4th: Buckley, T.) and the girls followed suit with first, fifth and sixth places (1st: Fontaine, E.; 5th: Adkins, O.; 6th: Murphy, O.).

The individual medleys were up next and the twelve and under boys started with second and fourth places, while the girls took second, fourth and sixth (boys: 2nd: Porter, I.; 4th: Ofsthun, C.; girls: 2nd: Meehan, S.; 4th: Meikleham, A.; 6th: Gibbons, L.). At the fourteen and under level the boys took a win and the girls finished second and fifth. The event finished with a win from Brian Bilton, at the seventeen and under level and a third and fourth place finish for the girls (boys fourteen and under: 1st: Drybanski, J.; 3rd: Zappolo, N.; 4th: Cunningham, C.; girls fourteen and under: 2nd: Garber, C.; 5th: Tehranian, R.; Teague, M – DQ; boys seventeen and under: 1st: Bilton, B.; girls seventeen and under: 3rd: Fortin, S.; 4th: Ogrodnik, M.; Harrington, B. – DQ). Going into the freestyle event, Cohasset was still holding on to an eight point lead.

The freestyles kicked off with great performances from the eight and under boys and girls, who won both their races (boys: 1st: Kissick, C.; 2nd: Michalowski, C.; 3rd: Swain, G.; girls: 1st: Buckley, M.; 3rd: Teague, M.; 5th: McCunney, K.). The ten and under boys and girls had similar success in their event, also securing first place finishes (boys: 1st: Durkin, T.; 2nd: Durkin, J.; 4th: Mahoney, R.; girls: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 3rd: Karski, E.; 6th: Donohue, M.).

At the 50 yard distance the twelve and under boys kept up the pace with a first place finish and the girls missed the win, but took second and third (boys: 1st: Connors, R.; 4th: Plante, J.; 5th: McCormack, T.; girls: 2nd: Meehan, S.; 3rd: Lehr, T.; 5th: Libby, S.). The fourteen and under boys also claimed second and third places and the girls finished second, fourth and fifth (boys: 2nd: Conway, C.; 3rd: Hunt, A.; 5th: Doonan, P.; girls: 2nd: Durkin, L.; 4th: Teague, M.; 5th: Previte, M.). The event rounded off with a win for the seventeen and under boys and second third and fourth place finishes for the girls (boys: 1st: Tehranian, K.; 3rd: Roach, K.; 5th: Musto, C.; girls: 2nd: Regan, D.; 3rd: Anderson, C.; 4th: Lehr, R.). Cohasset was now 26 points ahead of Mask.

In the butterfly the youngest team members once again did a great job, with second, third and fourth places for the boys and first, second and fourth for the girls (boys, eight and under: 2nd: Brown, M.; 3rd: Adkins, J.; 4th: Swain, G.; girls: 1st: Buckley, M.; 2nd: Teague, M.; 4th: Malerti, H.). The ten and under boys also claimed a win and although the girls were held to third, fifth and sixth places they still added another critical point to Cohasset's score (boys: 1st: Mahoney, R.; 2nd: Murphy, J.; 4th: Buckley, T.; girls: 3rd: Kissick, H.; 5th: Musto, E.; 6th: Karski, E.). In the final 25 yard races Cohasset dominated once again, with wins for both the boys and girls at the twelve and under level (boys: 1st: Doonan, B.; 5th: Queenan, C.; girls: 1st: Mahoney, C.; 4th: Ryan, K.; 5th: Baumgarten, E.).

In the 50 yard butterflies the fourteen and under boys started well with first, third and fourth place finishes, and the girls just missed the win to finish, second and third (boys: 1st: Conway, C.; 3rd: Cunningham, C.; 4th: Shipp, A.; girls: 2nd: Garber, C.; 3rd: Swain, K.; Tehranian, R.; DQ).

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Ben Rice, of the Cohasset Swim Team, checks his goggles as he climbs onto the block for his race at recent swim meet.

The seventeen and under boys took second place and the girls finished second and third (boys: 2nd: Tehranian, K.; girls: 2nd: Ogrodnik, M.; 3rd: Harrington, B.). Now, just over half way through the meet, Cohasset had 188 points to Mask's 150.

The breaststroke was up next and the eight and unders got going with second, third and fifth places for the boys and second, fourth and fifth places for the girls (boys: 1st: Leahy, S.; 2nd: Durkin, T.; 5th: Faber, J.; girls: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 2nd: Kissick, H.; 5th: Farren, A.).

At the 50 yard level, the twelve and under boys just missed the win, but took second, third and fifth places, while the girls finished first in their race (boys: 2nd: Porter, I.; 3rd: Queenan, C.; 5th: McCormack, T.; girls: 1st: Lehr, S.; 3rd: Kelly, M.; 5th: Sullivan, O.). The fourteen and unders followed a similar pattern with second, third and sixth places for the boys and a first for the girls (boys: 2nd: Hunt, A.; 3rd: Zappolo, N.; 5th: Musto, C.; girls: 1st: Durkin, L.; 5th: Fortin, S.; 6th: Anderson, M.). And the seventeen and unders again followed suit with second and third places for the boys and first, third and fifth for the girls (boys: 2nd: Roach, K.; 3rd: Kelly, T.; 4th: Gammon, B.; girls: 1st: Anderson, C.; 3rd: Faber, A.; 5th: James, K.). It was clearly a winning formula, because Cohasset now had a 47 point lead.

The backstroke was the final individual event of the afternoon, and the eight and under boys and girls got things started with wins in both their races (boys: 1st: Fontaine, A.; 2nd: Brown, M.; 3rd: Adkins, J.; girls: 1st: Bodner, K.; 3rd: McCunney, K.; 4th: Farren, N.). The ten and unders were right there with them, again claiming first place in each of their races (boys: 1st: Carrier, J.; 2nd: Murphy, J.; 3rd: Salerno, J.; girls: 1st: Fontaine, E.; 4th: Musto, E.; 5th: Murphy, O.).

In the 50 yard event, the twelve and under boys just missed the win, finishing second, third and sixth, while the girls claimed second, third and fourth places (boys: 2nd: Doonan, B.; 3rd: Connors, R.; 6th: Plante, J.; girls: 2nd: Ryan, K.; 3rd: Mahoney, M.; 4th: Costa, A.). The fourteen and under boys and girls pushed ahead to win both their races and the seventeen and under boys also claimed a first (boys, fourteen and under: 1st: Drybanski, J.; 4th: Doonan, P.; 5th: Kuppens, C.; girls, fourteen and under: 1st: Hernan, E.; 5th: Regan, M.; 6th: Plante, V.; boys, seventeen and under: 1st: Bilton, B.). The final individual event finished with second, fourth and fifth place finishes for the seventeen and under girls (2nd: Regan, D.; 4th: Harrington, B.; 5th: Lehr, R.). Going into the final event of the afternoon, Cohasset had established a sixty point lead.

The free relays are always a high point of the meet and Friday's were no exception. Mask swimmers' are enormously competitive and well prepared and each race becomes a high stake competition in the final countdown of the afternoon.

The 100 yard races were first up and the home team won five out of six of these races. The eight and under boys stormed home in first, third and fifth places and the girls took first, third and fourth (boys: 1st: Swain; Adkins; Fontaine; Kissick; 3rd: McCarthy; Brown; Berube; Michalowski; 5th: Doonan; Lund; Rice; MacCarthy; girls: 1st: Farren, N.; Carrier; Buckley; Teague; 3rd: McCunney; Noble; Malerti; Bodner; 4th: Chase; McGowan; Axelson; Farren, V.). The ten and under boys built on the success of their younger team mates to take first, second and fourth and the girls were right with them in first, third and fifth (boys: 1st: Durkin, T.; Salerno; Mahoney; Carrier; 2nd: Buckley; Faber; Leahy; Durkin, J.; 4th: Carpenter; Kennedy; McCormack; Pratt; girls: 1st: Fontaine; Donohue; Kissick; Michalowski; 3rd: Adkins; Murphy; Farren; Karski; 5th: Axelson; Caron; Haber; Kucinski). At the twelve and

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GO! Cohasset's Cole Kissick (left) gets a slight jump on Scituate's Chris Carpenter at last week's swim meet.

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End of Season Celebrations for Cohasset Swim Team

By Eileen McBride
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cohasset Swim Team celebrated another successful summer season last Friday with their Awards Ceremony and ice cream party.

In a summer of thunderstorms and interrupted meets, Cohasset managed to win six out of seven competitions, and are heading into the Championships with high hopes for a repeat of last year's success.

The season started with substantial wins against Hanover's Sharks and Duxbury Yacht Club, with margins of 260 and 187 points. The third meet turned out to be something of an aberration in the record of a team that has consistently beaten some of the best competitors in the South Shore League.

Swimming against Eel River, Cohasset dropped behind early in the meet and were denied the possibility of a rally when rain stopped play, precisely at the half way point. Discussions followed, rule books were consulted and, a week later, the meet was called and Cohasset had to accept the defeat.

But morale remained high and, with encouragement and instruction from Ted Hughes and his coaching team, Cohasset was back on course the following week with comfortable wins against the powerful Knights of Columbus and Mask squads. The season finished with two further conclusive wins against the newly emerged Kingsbury Club and Scituate Harbor Yacht Club.

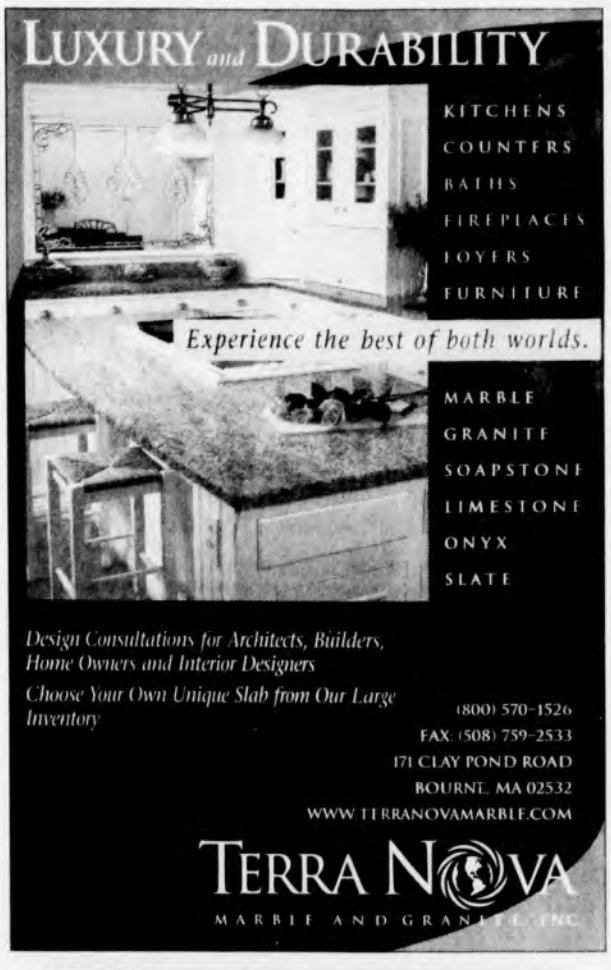
PHOTO/ANDREW DASSORI

Cohasset's Wes Ulmer gets set to hit the water.

On Friday, Cohasset will send its starting line up to the South Shore Championships at the Duxbury Yacht Club, and, Eel River or no Eel River, there is a strong feeling that they have an excellent chance of bringing home another victory. Anyone wanting to see some terrific swimming by the fine youth on the South Shore should come on Friday morning. The swimming is finished with a 1:00 PM start to the spectacular diving championships.

Thanks should go out to all the individuals involved in making Cohasset Swim Team such a successful endeavor. The coaches, Ted Hughes, Casey Anderson and Blake Worrall, have done a great job in their first season without Alison Hughes' strong leadership. The Steering Committee members have successfully coordinated the efforts of more than fifty volunteers, over seven competitions. And the volunteers themselves have coped with the demands of judging places, distributing ribbons, keeping score, running concessions and managing unruly groups of random children who need to be at the block in the right heat and at the right time.

But the stand outs, as always, are the more than one hundred and sixty children who come to practice four times a week, who climb up on those scary blocks and "take their places" with such focus, who shiver in the rain, swim alone on the fourth heat of their most detested stroke, finish the race in the full knowledge that they have already been lapped, and always, always end the meet by cheering the other team. Thanks to them for a great season.



A 'Gul' on the diamond

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and appears to have settled for now on Massasoit, which has one of the premier junior college programs in the country. His plan right now is to attend the Brockton school for one year, and then transfer to a four-year college. The UMass-Dartmouth coach, for one, has expressed a good deal of interest.

Of course, if a pro baseball offer should come along, that plan could be altered. Mike recently flashed his wares at an open tryout for the Philadelphia Phillies in Lowell, and he's also had a phone call from the Brockton Rox expressing interest.

"It's pretty exciting that I'm getting some opportunities," said Gulinello, who is leaning toward a major in Media Arts. "Whichever way it goes, I'll be playing baseball, and that's the big thing for me."

Mike was the starting third baseman and fixture in the middle of the batting order for the 2002 Scituate High team that advanced to the sectional finals of the Div. 2 state tourney. He held down the same responsibilities with the Post 118 team that made it to the second round of the state Legion championships a few months later, falling there to eventual state champ Sandwich.

A star shortstop right up through the youth baseball ranks, Mike was moved to third as a senior at SHS, with fellow seniors Jason Connelly and Jesse Cole (both now playing college baseball at Western New England and Wofford College, respectively) flip-flopping between shortstop and pitcher. This provided the Sailors with one of the "best left sides of the infield in the state", according to SHS coach Kevin Greer.

"Mike was also a big-time clutch hitter for us, and he might have been our best hitter down the stretch that season," added Greer of the Mariner All-Scholastic-Honorable Mention selection.

Mike moved back to the more familiar shortstop position this summer for Post 118, and provided coach Arnold with everything he expected defensively and more.

"Mike made the sensational plays and the routine plays for us," said Arnold. "He was our rock in the infield, no doubt about that."

Coach Arnold pretty much echoed those sentiments when the subject turned to Mike's off the field contributions.

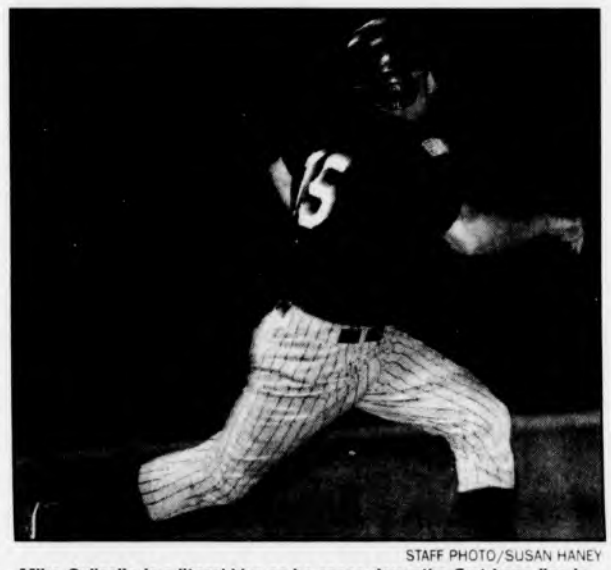
"Mike and Brian were our leaders, and they'll definitely be missed," said Arnold of Gulinello and his fellow final year player Brian Woods. "They were never named captains. I usually don't name captains. They just took up the responsibility. I believe that natural leaders aren't named; they emerge to lead, and that's just what Mike and Brian did."

Of course, the extremely young Post 118 team struggled this season, finishing well off the 2002 pace with a 5-15 record. However, for Gulinello, whose been working over the last year trying to earn money for college and just playing pickup ball wherever and whenever he could, the season reaffirmed his love of the game and opened a few doors for him to play it at the next level.

"I loved getting back into the swing of things, playing competitive baseball," said Gulinello. "It really made me want to keep playing. Hopefully, I'll make the most of my opportunities."

Coach Arnold, for one, feels certain he'll do just that.

"Mike is a baby to the game in a lot of ways," said the longtime Post 118 coach who's seen many ex-players move on to play college and pro ball. "He has loads of untapped potential and he never gets tired of playing the game. Put him in the right situation, and I think you'll see him really blossom as a player."



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Mike Gulinello is a literal blur as he races dow nthe first base line in Legion action this past season.

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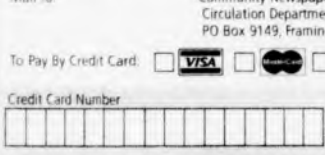

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us too, personally," continued Maguire, 29. "This gives us a chance to meet the kids and them a chance to meet us. Hopefully, we'll help keep the kids wanting to play football and play football for us."

This camp also serves as a nice tune-up for the Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football season, with official workouts beginning next month.

Scituate High cheerleaders coach Tara Powers is also running a cheerleading camp in conjunction with coach McGuire's camp.

Maguire actually started the camp last year and had 83 grid hopefuls. The overall number is down to 67 this year, which the SHS coach writes off to a greater number of summer baseball programs in Cohasset and Scituate this year. Still, he sounds pleased with the caliber of talent he's seen.

A few of last year's campers will be entering Scituate High as freshman this year, and coach M is clearly looking forward to getting them on the field.

"We're establishing a continuity here," offered Maguire. "You only have so much team to get kids ready for the football season. These kids who have worked with us in camp should be able to hit the ground running a little bit faster than kids have the last few years."

Maguire also feels his returning players will benefit from familiarity with the system. The Sailors finished with a record of 4-6-1 last fall, ending a streak of three consecutive .500 seasons. From the tone of his remarks, though, it would appear he's expecting to start a new streak.

"Our guys have been working hard in the off season, and I really think it's night and day in a lot of ways between what we had last year," said Magurie. "Our seniors appear to be extremely committed to the program, and the underclassmen are falling in line with that."

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Cohasset and Scituate Youth Football campers are run through a shuffle drill by Coach Maguire and staff on Tuesday night at Scituate High School.

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football Equipment Handout:

Football Equipment for Registered Football Players for the upcoming Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football Season will be handed out by Grade/Team on:

Aug 2	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	8th Grade - "A" Sharks
Aug 2	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	7th Grade - "A" Stingrays
Aug 9	9:00 am - 10:00 am	6th Grade - "B" Sharks
Aug 9	10:00 am - 11:00 am	5th Grade - "B" Stingrays
Aug 9	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	4th Grade - "C" Sharks
Aug 9	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	3rd Grade - "C" Stingrays

A $100.00 refundable deposit is required at the time of equipment pick up. All equipment will be handed out at the Equipment Shed located at the back of Scituate High School. For further information on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleading, please go to www.scicohfootball.com

Ben's dream takes shape

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Football had always been Ben's favorite sport, and the one he was determined to play at the next level. He was a league all-star defensive end for the Skippers as a junior. However, at 6-feet tall and 230-pounds, he was simply not big enough to play that position in college. He realized his best shot at playing college ball was to move back to linebacker, but for that to become a reality he knew he must become quicker and better conditioned.

"I love football, and I hated the thought of it all just ending with my final high school game," he said. "To play in college, though, I knew there were some areas I'd really need to work on."

It wasn't that Ben was not in decent shape. He carried his weight well on the football field at 230-pounds, but the difference between high school defensive end and college linebacker is like night and day when it comes to requirements of endurance and quickness.

"I needed to turn some of my body fat into muscle, and I needed to get lighter on my feet," noted Lynner matter-of-factly. "I really started working hard on that near the end of my junior year, and I keep working hard on it, running and lifting weight just about every day, and I feel pretty good right now."

And he looks pretty good too. To put it plainly, he doesn't even look like the same person he did a year ago when you see him in shorts and a tank top. Ben's once slightly rolly-polly 6-foot frame is now a chiseled 215 pound block of granite.

The commitment to a personal improvement began when Ben signed on with personal trainer Joe Hayes — a former Scituate High football and track superstar who now owns and operates Hayes Sports Performance in Cohasset Village — following the course traveled by 2002 CHS star Jason Brown, a sophomore gridder to be at St. Anselms. The exercise regimen, as it turned out, was only half of the body makeover formula.

"Joe Hayes really showed me so many things I needed to do better or differently," said Ben. "He showed me a few non-traditional ways of lifting weights that really worked out for me, and a lot of other things like how often to run and eating habits."

Ben, who now works out at Fitness First in Cohasset, continues to employ these training methods and approaches on a daily basis

No doubt, these are habits that should help ensure a better quality of life for Ben for many years to come. For now, though, Lynner is more appreciative of the immediate payoff: the realization of his dream to play college football.

Coming off a second consecutive South Shore League all-star season this past fall, Lynner drew a good deal of interest from several colleges with Div. 2 and 3 football program, among them Springfield, Western New England, Norwich and St. Anselms.

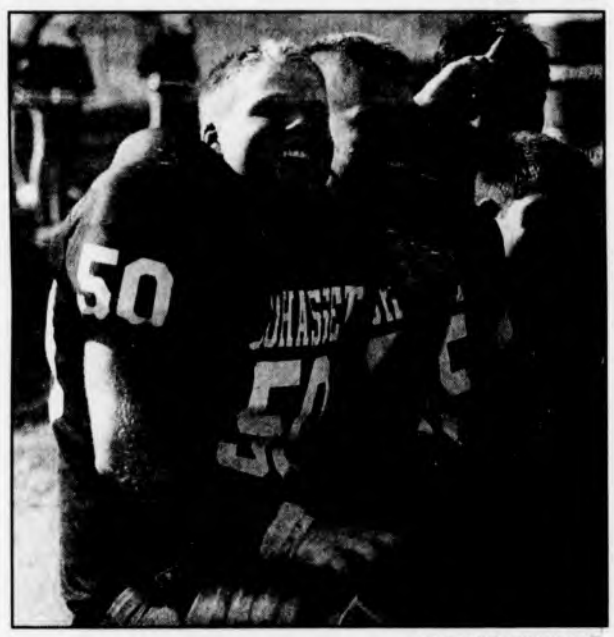
He wound up electing to travel a little further, though, as he chose Ohio-Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. The choice was made, he noted, in deference to academic considerations. Of course, it also didn't hurt that both of his parents attended OWU.

"It just seemed like a good fit for me, athletically and academically," explained Ben, who is leaning toward a major in Business. "My parents both had good things to say about the school, and it looks like they play good football out there."

Ben concedes he may still be a little on the small side to play college linebacker, even at the D3 level, but figures he should be able to add another 10-15 pounds of muscle over the next several months without losing speed or quickness.

"I'm thinking I might not play much as a freshman, but maybe I'll get a shot at some special teams play, and then maybe build on that," he said. "If I keep working hard in the weight room, and get a little stronger and a little bigger, like I think I should, hopefully I'll get a chance to do more and more."

One dream at a time, though. Ben Lynner has realized his first one, the big one: he's playing college football. This puts him ahead of most who ever shared this dream.



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Ben Lynner (#50) enjoys a laugh with CHS teammates during the Skippers homecoming blowout this past October.

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under level, the boys just missed the win, but secured second place while the girls bounced back with first, third and fifth places (boys: 2nd: Porter; Ofsthun; Connors; Doonan; girls: 1st: Ryan; Lehr, S.; Mahoney, C.; Meehan; 3rd: Meikleham; Libby; Lehr, T.; Mahoney, M.; 5th: Dickenson, R.; Dunn, B.; Masotta, A.; McBride, F.).

The event ended with the 200 yard relays and, in a tight finish, the seventeen and under boys headed home first and the girls took second, fifth and sixth (boys: 1st: Conway; Roach; Bilton; Tehranian; 3rd: Hunt; Doonan; Drybanski; Zappolo; 5th: Cunningham; Yeager; Gammon; MacCarthy; girls: 2nd: Durkin; Garber; Anderson; Hernan; 5th: Swain; Campbell; Regan; Previte; 6th: Harrington, B.; James; Plante; Harrington, K.).

The meet was finished and with a pause for the final calculation and checking of scores, Cohasset was declared the winner, with 349 points to Mask's 270. It was a conclusive win and a well deserved end to the disruption of the last two weeks.

Congratulations to all our swimmers on an impressive end to a very competitive meet and, of course, to the coaches, Ted, Casey and Blake, who are doing a great job preparing the team for these events.

IT'S HAPPENING

Open barnyard at Weir River Farm

The Trustees of Reservations has opened the barnyard at Weir River Farm for the season. Visit the farm on weekends this summer and meet the horses, llamas, sheep, lambs, goats, piglets, chickens and rabbits.

Farm staff is on-hand to lead informal tours and answer questions. Pack a lunch and enjoy our picnic area.

Members of The Trustees of Reservations are free and non-members are $3/person.

The farm is open on the following dates and times: Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parking for Weir River Farm is at the end of Turkey Hill Lane in Hingham. For more information, call 781-740-7233.

Summer camp at Community Center

Camp for boys and girls ages 4 to 10 (children will be groups by age) with Susie O'Brien and staff at the South Shore community Center.

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Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Aug. 8, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in Grade 6 and up is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Garage vacation hours

During summer vacation, the Garage will be open on the following days/times.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m.
Friday 4 to 10 p.m.
Every first and third Saturday 5 to 10 p.m.

Hawaiian Luau Aug. 27

South Shore Elder Services, Inc. invites all seniors to attend its 11th annual picnic at Pageant Field, One Merrymount Parkway, Quincy.

A Hawaiian Luau luncheon consisting of Hawaiian Chicken Breast, Polynesian rice, vegetable medley, dinner roll, strawberry peach upside down cake, and slush punch will be served at noon. The cost is $3. Entertainment will be provided by Bob Riley's "Legends of Music."

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Reservations must be made by Aug. 20, at your senior center or by calling 781-848-3910 ext. 315

Shop volunteers to honor Merrill, Roth

Volunteers of the Cohasset Consignment Shop will gather to honor former manager, Andi Merrill of Scituate and treasurer, Colleen Roth of Cohasset for their many years of dedicated service to the shop on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Red Parrot Restaurant, Nantasket Beach. Merrill has headed the Cohasset Consignment Shop for more than two decades.

Reservations for the brunch are required so please RSVP by Monday, Aug. 11 to one of the following: Joan Graham at 781-383-0270; Locke Tousley at 781-383-0988; Polly Logan at 781-383-0031; or Charlene Jackson, 781-383-0146.

American Legion raffles Vespa motor scooters

The George H. Mealy Post of the American Legion in Cohasset is sponsoring a most unusual raffle for the benefit of its Christine Burke scholarship fund. The lucky winner will drive away with two Vespa ET2 motor scooters or $5,000. The choice is theirs. The Vespa motor scooters have a retail value of $3,295 each. They don't require a special drivers license nor do they need to be registered. The winner may have their choice of any available colors. An anonymous friend of the Legion and Herb Chambers who, along with 25 automobile dealerships, owns Vespa of Boston donated the Vespa motor scooters. Chances for the raffle are $10 each and only 1,000 will be sold. They may be purchased at the Legion post at 98 Summer St. at 781-383-9657. The drawing will be held at the Legion's annual clambake on Sandy Beach on Sept. 6 or 7 (rain date). The Christine Burke scholarships are awarded to deserving high school seniors on the South Shore who are going on to a higher education. In 2003, $14,000 in scholarships were awarded.

Sunset at the Abbey concert is on Aug. 23

Hingham Symphony Chamber Players present An American Celebration, full of good old-fashioned summertime music, at their annual outdoor concert on the lawn at Glastonbury Abbey, Saturday, Aug. 23 at 4:30 pm.

Featured soloist is pianist Jacqueline Schwab, known for her piano improvisations on the soundtracks of Ken Burns' PBS documentaries. She will perform American parlor and traditional folk music from Mark Twain's age and beyond: Stephen Foster and Civil War songs, vintage ballroom dances, hymns and spirituals, ragtime, tango and blues ballads.

HSO Chamber Players, all principals with the symphony, include oboist Andrew Price, trumpeter Misha Grandel, and Jobey Wilson on tuba. Each will play a solo set of American classics, and combine for some jazzy improvs.

Bring a blanket or beach chair and a picnic; refreshments will also be available to purchase. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to picturesque First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common. Tickets $10 adults, $5 through age 18; available in advance at Hingham Public Library, Noble's Hingham Square, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, or call 781-740-5694. The concert is sponsored by Serono, Inc. in Rockland, a member of HSO's Corporate Advisory Council.

Skinner appraisal day at Lifesaving Museum

Do you have a family heirloom passed down through the generations? Maybe a great flea market find that might be a real treasure? Would you like to know what it is worth? Bring those special items you have been wondering about to the Skinner Antiques Appraisal Day at the Hull Lifesaving Museum on Saturday Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. –3 p.m.

Stuart Whitehurst, director of books and manuscripts, English and Continental furniture and decorative arts specialist and senior appraiser with Jim Callahan, director of Asian art and general appraiser, will provide verbal appraisals on a first-come, first-serve basis. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Appraisals will begin at 10 a.m. The cost will be a single appraisal for $10 museum members/$15 non-members or three items for $25 members/$30 non-members. All proceeds benefit the Hull Lifesaving Museum educational programs. Please limit your objects to three items. Good quality photographs may be substituted for large or fragile objects (Please exclude coins and stamps).

Skinner Auctioneers and Appraisers of Boston and Bolton have been conducting appraisal days for more than 25 years and appear frequently on the popular PBS series "Chubb's Antiques Roadshow." Parking is free at the museum. Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

Hullapolooza is on Saturday night

Hull's summer music festival, Hullapalooza, returns Saturday night, Aug. 9, to the Red Parrot on Nantasket Avenue. Five of the areas bands will play from 7 p.m. to midnight during this benefit event organized by Hullonians Steve West and Colleen MacDonald. All proceeds from the concert will benefit the Hull Lifesaving Museum and its youth programs.

The bands include Rob and Tim (folk, blues, and Celtic), Brook and Katie (Americana - not folk!), Freeda Rome and the Lost Boys (country twang), Cat Basket (rock 'n roll from the 60's onward), and the Pemberton All-Stars (rockin' blues and the best covers ever).

Tickets are $10 apiece, available in advance at the Lifesaving Museum or at the door. The Red Parrot's full menu will be available during the performance. Families are welcome. With any questions, please call Vicki Stevens at the museum at 781-925-5433.

SUMMERTIME FUN

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Cohasset resident Hannah Newhall on the swing at Meadowcroft Day Camp in Norwell.

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How about some dinner and a movie?

Square Café, Loring team up

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Hingham's classic theater and one of its newest restaurants have joined to offer dinner and a movie at a reasonable price within walking distance of each other.

The Square Café and the Loring Hall Theatre, Hingham's popular "small screen" movie house located just around the corner, have come up with the dinner-movie package for a special night out "on the Square."

"People love the idea of someone else planning an evening out for them – and at a reasonable price. It really helps them relax," said Square Café owner Patti Libby. "People are busy and life is expensive. Over the past year or two, the cost of running a business has gone up and consumers feel it on their end, too."

A couple of weeks ago, a party of 19 took advantage of the offer. Another week, a party of two enjoyed the dinner-movie combination. "We've been surprised at the number of responses we've had overall," Libby said.

The special offer is available Monday through Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. and includes a small salad, choice of entrees, and a non-alcoholic beverage from the Square Café menu, a movie ticket, and a tasty snack to nibble on during the show for $25 per person (excluding tax, gratuity, and additional beverages). Dinner must be eaten between 5 and 7 p.m., but diners may go to either the early or late movie at the Loring.

Courtney Mayer and Brian Pinch head to the Square Café for dinner to be followed by a movie.

The Square Café and Loring Hall, shown here, have teamed up to provide a nice night out.

The current "tasty treat" is honey peppered pecans and spicy wasabi. "It's a delicious combination," Libby said. Of course, many moviegoers also enjoy the Loring's hot buttered popcorn.

Theater manager Steve Young said the summer promotion has been good for both businesses. "It gets people involved in the Hingham scene and community, and it's convenient because the cinema is right down the street from the Square Café."

The cozy Loring offers a variety of foreign and general release movies, ranging from "Chocolat" and "Life is Beautiful" to "Seabiscuit" and "Legally Blonde 2."

"People seem to come here regardless of the movie, but we strive to show films that people will like – ones that are a little off the beaten path that suit the atmosphere of this quaint (movie hall). It's like a breath of fresh air from 10-screen theaters."

Going to the movies at the Loring is a tradition for many Hingham families. "We try to offer movies you can bring a family to, especially during the summer," Young said.

At the Square Café, quick service is the order of the day to allow diners to "get in and out" in a short time to avoid feeling rushed.

"We offer a one-dimensional meal and a nice walk to the theater. People can also stop at Nona's for ice cream on the way to or back from the movie," said Libby. "Ordinarily, considering the economy, it would seem outrageous to consider dinner and a movie in one night, because it's usually so expensive. We wanted to offer a little bit of a break."

The bigger focus, though, is networking in the Square area to encourage business owners to "develop a close relationship with one another," she said. "This is the first step."

Sometime in the future, the Square Café will team up with Beauty and Main, a cosmetics boutique in downtown Hingham, to provide a "Girls' Night Out," according to Libby. "For example, a bridal party could sit down together for cosmopolitans and a nice dinner together after they've finished their business at Beauty and Main."

Other ideas are in the works to build business in the downtown area.

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POLICE LOG

SATURDAY, JULY 19

10:25 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:47 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:49 p.m. Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:51 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:23 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:41 p.m. Bancroft Road, motor vehicle, suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:55 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, assist other agency. Arrest of Maura Lynn Callis, 19, of 13 Nelson Road, Scituate. Charge: Person under 21 in possession of alcohol.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

12:51 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop.

1:07 a.m. North Main St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

1:17 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Henry D. Desmarais, 60, of 22 Madison Road, Waltham. Charges: OUI, liquor—2and offense; marked lanes violation.

1:30 a.m. King St., assist citizen.

3:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

3:43 a.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Andrew T. Walsh, 19, of 39 Cedar St., Waltham. Charges: OUI, liquor; possession of a Class D drug; marked lanes violation.

Arrest of Jason P. Moore, 19, of 193 Sohier St., Cohasset. Charge: Possession of a Class D drug.

7:11 a.m. Sohier St., vandalism.

7:39 a.m. Pond St. and Lantern Lane, medical aid, transported to hospital.

10:38 a.m. Hull St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:41 a.m. King St., general services.

12:30 a.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

1:03 p.m. Norfolk Road, general services.

1:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:39 p.m. Spindrift Lane, parking complaint.

3:15 p.m. Black Horse Lane, assist citizen, patient sign off.

3:16 p.m. Elm St., property found.

3:55 p.m. Border St., parking violation, ticket issued.

3:57 p.m. Border St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

4:12 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

7:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:43 p.m. North Main St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

MONDAY, JULY 21

1:18 a.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:15 a.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

6:12 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

7:03 a.m. Beechwood St. and Doane St., animal call or complaint.

7:55 a.m. Atlantic Ave., request for police officer/s.

12:57 p.m. South Main and Stanton Road, fire, investigation.

1:11 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle violation(s), traffic citation issued.

1:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation(s), parking ticket issued.

2:24 p.m. Doane St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:20 p.m. Beechwood St., animal call or complaint.

7:32 p.m. Parker Ave., motor vehicle violation(s), verbal warning.

10:08 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

10:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:47 p.m. Jerusalem Road, vandalism.

TUESDAY, JULY 22

12:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglary, B & E, investigated.

5:44 a.m. North Main and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:15 a.m. Hull St., general disturbance, transported to hospital.

9:33 a.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

9:46 a.m. Black Horse Lane, larceny.

11:26 a.m. Brewster road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

12:53 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

2:04 p.m. Bates Lane, fire, investigation.

2:23 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:27 p.m. Grace Drive, animal call or complaint.

6:56 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:18 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

11:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, verbal warning.

11:33 p.m. Elm St., well-being check.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

7:09 a.m. Howe Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

7:35 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

10:17 a.m. King St., found property.

10:37 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire.

12:03 p.m. Woodland Drive, general services.

1:25 p.m. Oak St., fire, investigation.

4:42 p.m. King St., lost property.

4:55 p.m. Woodland Drive, request for police officer/s.

6:56 p.m. Hill St., fire, investigation.

8:17 p.m. Norman Todd Road, suspicious person(s)/activity, peace restored.

9:26 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general disturbance.

THURSDAY, JULY 24

4:30 a.m. Highland Ave., noise complaint.

8:28 a.m. Sohier St., fight, advised legal help.

9:38 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:54 a.m. Elm Court, parking complaint.

12:22 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

12:35 p.m. Riverview Drive, vandalism.

1:57 p.m. Elm St., investigation.

4:43 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:30 p.m. Elm St., vandalism.

5:49 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:20 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

7:22 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

8:09 p.m. HQ, property found.

8:13 p.m. HQ, general services.

8:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

9:38 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

9:55 p.m. Atlantic Ave., noise complaint.

10:07 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

1:53 a.m. Martin St. and Stockbridge St., general disturbance; 17-year-old Wellesley female taken into protective custody.

A 17-year-old taken Maryland female taken into protective custody.

A 20-year-old Wellesley female taken into protective custody.

2:06 p.m. Stockbridge St., assist citizen.

3 a.m. Cedar St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

5:24 a.m. Cushing Road, medical aid. Arrest of a 15-year-old juvenile. Charges: Possession of a Class D Drug—subsequent offence.

5:28 a.m. Cushing Road, assist citizen.

6:52 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

8:49 a.m. Forest Ave., well-being check.

9:28 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

9:45 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

9:59 a.m. Reservoir Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:47 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

12:49 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance.

1:12 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

2:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., road rage incident.

3:47 p.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

4:50 p.m. Hammond Ave., annoying/harassing phone calls.

5:51 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

5:57 p.m. Beechwood and Wheelwright Farm, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:50 p.m. Rose Hill Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:23 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

8:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

9:36 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:55 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:08 p.m. Elm St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

10:30 p.m. North Main and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:10 p.m. South Main St., noise complaint.

11:13 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Deep Run, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:24 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

1:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity.

7:10 a.m. Cedar St., vandalism.

9:42 a.m. North Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

1:46 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

2:18 p.m. Parker Ave., parking complaint, ticket issued.

3:25 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, transported to hospital.

4:50 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire.

5:17 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident. Arrest of Susan M. Costa, 45, of 121 Nantasket Ave., 608, Hull. Charges: Possession of a Class D drug—subsequent offence; possession of a Class C drug; operating motor vehicle with registration suspended; uninsured motor vehicle; following too closely on state highway; expired registration sticker.

8:13 p.m. King St., recovered property.

9:45 p.m. North Main and Joy Place, suspicious person(s)/activity.

9:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

10:37 p.m. Atlantic Ave., noise complaint.

11:44 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire, investigation.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

2:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

12:39 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:47 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

2:01 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Linden Drive, parking complaint.

2:25 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

3:39 p.m. Elm St., assault.

5:32 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

6:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

9:36 p.m. Newport, R.I., 209A restraining order served.

11:06 p.m. Bassins Beach, general disturbance, gathering.

MONDAY, JULY 28

6:16 a.m. Todd Lane, threats to do bodily harm.

7:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property found.

8:50 a.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

9:14 a.m. Beechwood St., tree down.

11:33 a.m. Stagecoach Way, medical aid, transported to hospital.

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A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday, August 18, 2003, at 7:30 P.M.,** to hear and act upon an application for a Special Permit pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Robert A. Pattison, Sr.,** seeks to construct addition at **19 Parker Ave.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-07-28.

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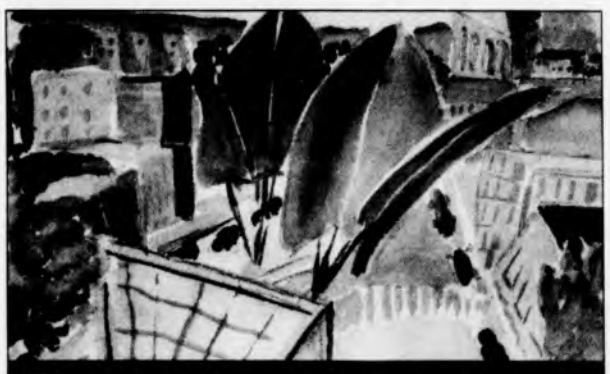

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Paula Markowicz plays Mother in the show.

Michael Hammond as the immigrant Tateh.

The curtain went up Friday on the Company Theatre's production of "Ragtime." The Tony Award-winning musical runs through Aug. 24 and features a multi-racial cast of 65 who tell the story of three separate groups of people — affluent residents of New Rochelle, NY, Jewish immigrants, and blacks from Harlem — at the turn of the last century. Directed by Zoe Bradford and Jordie Saucerman, the local production features some of the sets used in the national tour and hundreds of costumes. For tickets and information visit the Company Theatre box office at 30 Accord Park, Norwell or call (781) 871-2787.

Singer Engelbert Humperdinck will perform the hits that have made him famous Friday, Aug. 15 at the South Shore Music Circus and Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Cape Cod Melody Tent.

At home on the stage

Legendary performer loves a crowd

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

A little thing like a language barrier isn't going to keep Engelbert Humperdinck from connecting with an audience.

"When I played Russia for the first time recently, I had an interpreter on-stage with me translating my spoken words," Humperdinck explained by telephone last week from Los Angeles. "The music, however, they knew. Many of them even sang along."

With perhaps the largest fan club of any performer in the world — numbering 250 chapters and some 8 million members — Humperdinck should not have been surprised by the responsive Kremlin crowd.

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Engelbert Humperdinck

If history is any indication, the singer — who has sold more than 130 million records — can count on another appreciative audience when he pays return visits to the South Shore Music Circus on Friday, Aug. 15, and the Cape Cod Melody Tent on Saturday, Aug. 16.

"People have been very good to me over the years. I'm very proud of my fans for sticking by me. They're the ones who have given me my longevity as a performer," says Humperdinck. They've also been known to give him some other things, including hotel room keys offered up in mid-performance. "Every so often, someone will throw a pair of knickers on-stage. These days, though, I think it is done in a lighthearted way and more for fun than anything else."

Humperdinck, born Arnold George Dorsey 66 years ago in Madras, India, the son of a British army officer, had his earliest foray into the music busi-

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It's hip to be Huey

'80s rocker headlines at South Shore Music Circus

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

One of the biggest hits for Huey Lewis and the News during the band's mid-1980s heyday was "Back In Time," a bouncy pop-rocker from the Back to the Future movie soundtrack. And going back to the future is just what a revamped Huey Lewis and the News is doing these days as the band tours on into the 21st century.

The first millenium album release from Lewis and the News, 2001's Plan B, was a record marking the band's expansion from a sextet to a nine-piece including a three-man horn section, plus its attempt to move away from the slick, MTV pop-rock that made the band 80s megastars and more toward what Lewis and his mates believe are the band's true rock 'n' roll and R&B roots.

Huey Lewis and the News

"Plan B is the record we would have made if Plan A hadn't worked so well for 24 years," the singer has quipped in interviews. Lewis and the News have kept right on taking their fans along for the ride, both into

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Idol worship

Local singer pays tribute to Connie, Patsy and Brenda

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

In "Connie, Patsy, Brenda and Me," a new musical revue currently being presented by JM Productions Dinner Theater at Raffael's in North Quincy, singer Sheila Fahey pays tribute not only to her girlhood idol, Connie Francis, but also to legendary country singers Patsy Cline and Brenda Lee.

"When I was growing up in Dorchester, my girlfriends and I would have "Connie-offs," where we competed to see which one of us could sing more Connie Francis songs. I knew even then, when I was maybe 14 years old, that I could do Connie's music," Fahey explained by telephone recently from her Neponset home.

"Over the years, I've come to believe that these three women have been forgotten. There have been a few tribute shows to Patsy, but you seldom hear anything anymore about either Connie or Brenda," Fahey says of the three women who scored their biggest hits in the 1950s and '60s.

Thanks in part to appearances

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Living

Blueberry clafouti

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

It is not an exaggeration to say that clafouti is most often a disappointing dessert. A mixture of fruit and batter that is then baked, it is either too wet and rubbery or one gets a nice light top layer which masks a soggy bottom underneath. The joy of clafouti is that it is simple to make – throw together a few common ingredients and pop it into the oven. But I wanted a great dessert as well, one that embraces qualities of a pudding, a custard, and a popover.

I started by making recipes from a host of classic French cookbooks plus "The Joy of Cooking" and the "Chez Panisse Café Cookbook." The surprise is that they had little in common. Some used a mere 2 tablespoons while others used a half-cup. Some used 2 eggs; one recipe called for 4 whole eggs plus 2 yolks. None of them were great. So I began with the basic ingredients (a pint of blueberries, flour, sugar, salt, eggs, milk and vanilla).

I decided to use one pint of berries for this recipe since they fit nicely into a 9-inch pie dish and also started with an even cup of milk (light cream and half and half turned out to be good substitutes). The eggs give the clafouti its lift as well as adding richness in both the texture and flavor. I tested two, three and four eggs and settled on three large. If I used fewer eggs the clafouti was limp and wet and more eggs made it rubbery. Finally, I tried beating the whites into soft peaks and folding the whites into the yolk/sugar/milk/flour mixture. Inevitably the whites rose to the top of the clafouti and the wet ingredients sunk to the bottom, producing a wet cake topped with a dry meringuelike layer.

For the sugar, I used 1/3 cup since the blueberries in my testing were not particularly sweet. For the flour, I tested as little as 1/4-cup flour and as much as 3/4-cup and finally settled on a half cup. I felt this amount allowed the clafouti to maintain a moist puddinglike texture and have enough body to hold its shape. To finish off the recipe, I added a pinch of salt and 1 1/2 teaspoons of vanilla. I tried baking the clafouti in both a 350- and 375-degree oven and preferred the cooler temperature and the longer baking time, which allowed the berries to cook longer, breaking down slightly and exuding juice. I tried the recipe in individual ramekins or custard cups and they take only 30 minutes and make a substantially more sophisticated presentation.

BLUEBERRY CLAFOUTI

This recipe can also be made in individual ramekins – see the variation below. Half and half or light cream makes this dessert a bit richer and, in my opinion, a bit better.

1 pint blueberries, about 12 ounces
3 large eggs
1/3 cup sugar
1 cup whole milk, half and half, or light cream
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
Pinch salt
1/2 cup all purpose flour

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees and adjust a rack to upper position. Lightly butter a 9-inch pie dish and arrange berries in an even layer.

2. Whisk the eggs and sugar in a medium bowl until lemon-colored and slightly thickened, about 1 minute. Add the milk, vanilla and salt and whisk to combine. Sprinkle the flour over the mixture and whisk until smooth. Pour the batter over the berries and bake until puffed and nicely browned around the edges, about 45 to 50 minutes. Once removed from the oven, the clafouti will deflate as it cools. Serve warm with a sprinkling of confectioner's sugar.

Serves 6 to 8

INDIVIDUAL CLAFOUTIS

Lightly butter eight 1-cup ramekins or custard cups and place on a rimmed baking sheet. Evenly distribute the berries and then the batter into the cups. Bake until puffed and browned, about 30 minutes.

RASPBERRY VARIATION

Substitute one pint of raspberries for the blueberries in the above recipe.

CHERRY VARIATION

Substitute about 3 cups of sweet or sour cherries (enough to cover the bottom of the pie plate with a generous single layer) for the blueberries. Traditionally the cherries are not pitted but you may do so if you prefer.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to www.cooksillustrated.com . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to www.americastestkitchen. com

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on the television program "American Bandstand," Francis first gained national attention in the late 1950s and went on to record many million-selling songs including "Who's Sorry Now," "Lipstick On Your Collar," "Stupid Cupid," and, of course, "Where The Boys Are." These days her recording career is mostly behind her, but Francis continues to headline in both Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

Long known as "Little Miss Dynamite," Brenda Lee topped the charts with "I'm Sorry" and 'Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree." Lee has the distinction of being both a country singer well-known for her appearances at the fabled Grand Old Opry and also a recent inductee into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. She continues to make concert appearances around the country. Patsy Cline's renderings of songs like "Crazy" and "I Fall To Pieces" earned her a place in country music history that she has held firmly since her tragic death in a Tennessee plane crash forty years ago.

The Me, of course, is Fahey who — in addition to presenting music associated with the three famed recording artists — will also perform some of her own favorite songs.

"My voice is certainly deeper than most female vocalists so my own set will include songs I love that were made famous by everyone from Elvis Presley to Simon and Garfunkel and Frank Sinatra."

Long a fixture on the South Shore Community Theater scene, Fahey has appeared in productions of "Mame," "Nunsense" and "Annie" with the now-defunct Neponset Players and also with earlier incarnations of JM Productions, including the Quincy Community Theater. Fahey may be best-known to Raffael's audiences for her acclaimed work in JM Productions annual holiday offering, "What Christmas Means To Me."

Singer Sheila Fahey, pictured with music director Mark Donahue, pays tribute to three of her musical idols Connie Francis, Patsy Cline and Brenda Lee in the musical revue, "Connie, Patsy, Brenda and Me" playing at Raffael's through Aug. 14.

This time around, Fahey will be joined by Accompanist and Music Director Mark Donahue of Milton and a quartet of back-up singers which includes her daughter, Jennifer Fahey of Neponset; niece Patty Lee of Braintree; and longtime friends Kathy Teevans of Milton and Mary Ellen Anson, also of Braintree.

"This is the first time that I've done anything quite like this, and I'm loving it. It's my first one-woman show," says Fahey who says she is also pleased to be backed by a team she can count on.

"The four women singing back-up for me are natural born "harmonizers." I've known these women for at least 15 years, but this is the first time we've all appeared on-stage together. They're fun to work with, because they are serious enough to do what it takes to make the show work while still not being so serious that we can't all enjoy ourselves. We're really having a great time with this show."

As the group's most senior member, it has fallen to the elder Fahey to help the other women truly appreciate the legends who've inspired this particular tribute show.

"The young women have really fallen in love with Connie, Brenda and Patsy's music," says Fahey. "These three incredibly talented ladies may have sung songs with mostly simple lyrics, but they were also making a point with their stories of meeting boys, dating, and getting married. Even today, their music sends powerful messages."

"Connie, Patsy, Brenda and Me" will be at Raffael's Restaurant through Aug. 14. For tickets and information -including menu selections — call 617/328-1600 or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com

At home on the stage

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ness as a saxophone player in London pubs where he was billed by his birth name. At age 17, he entered a singing contest where his dead-on impersonation of Jerry Lewis led early fans to call him Gerry Dorsey. He remained popular on the UK music circuit until he contracted tuberculosis which silenced him for six months.

Upon his recovery, he set out to restart his career with a new manager who suggested the new moniker. Taking the name Engelbert Humperdinck from an Austrian classical composer, he became an international sensation when his recording of "Release Me" went to number one in 1967. The single stayed on the charts for 56 weeks and even kept the Beatles' "Strawberry Fields Forever/Penny Lane" from the top spot. "I never imagined I'd get to the stage I am at now, especially since it all started with that one big hit."

In four decades in show business, Humperdinck has also managed to maintain a healthy family life. Married for 41 years to wife, Patricia, they have four adult children, Louise, Scott, Bradley and Jason. Career and family are sure to be two of the main subjects of Humperdinck's as-yet-unnamed upcoming autobiography.

"I plan to take readers through some very interesting experiences in my professional life and the difficulties you can have as a performer when the people who manage you also rob you," he says. "In the early years, I was making a fortune while at the same time getting ripped off by the people who were supposed to be helping me."

The romantic balladeer who has had hits with songs like "A Man Without Love," "Cuando, Cuando, Cuando," and "After the Lovin'," promises an honest presentation of his life story. Those interested in juicy and sensationalized personal details, however, may want to stick with the supermarket tabloids.

"In order for an autobiography to be a reality, you have to speak the truth. I will, of course, be addressing all the rumors of paternity and other such things. I'm not a kiss and tell person, though, so the personal stories about me can get boring."

With a US concert tour underway and appearances planned for Australia later this year, Humperdinck will have to fit the writing in around the singing. "I never get tired of the road, because I keep my show very contemporary and up to date. I make sure I do all the hits, too. You have to do your hits and that's fine, you never get bored with the songs that made it happen for you. You just change the interpretations over the years," he points out.

A friend of the late Elvis Presley from the days when both were both headlining in Las Vegas in the early 1970s, the "King of Romance" still finds value in lessons he learned from the "King of Rock and Roll."

"We socialized after each other's shows. We'd get together and chat. And, you know, he stole the sideburns from me. I was wearing them before everyone else, including Elvis. I still think of Elvis as just about the greatest entertainer who ever lived. He was also a wonderful man. He didn't take his image too seriously, he even mocked it a little bit. I thought that was wonderful coming from someone like him. I do the same thing. I fool around with the image a little bit." In addition to his friend, Elvis, Humperdinck also looks to more contemporary artists for inspiration these days.

"I enjoy people like Sting and Jon Bon Jovi. When you listen to younger people you admire, they help keep you up with the times."

His own fans will have something new to listen to with the upcoming release of Humperdinck's just-completed first gospel album. "I grew up with church music and I'm very happy to have had the chance to finally record both gospel standards like my personal favorite, 'Rugged Cross,' along with new material."

While he spends a fair amount of time in the recording studio and on the golf course, Humperdinck freely admits he is happiest in front of an audience. "More than anything, I love to perform. If God takes me while I'm on-stage, that will be fine by me. That's the way I want to go."

(Engelbert Humperdinck will perform at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset Aug. 15, and at the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis Aug. 16. For tickets, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.musiccircus.com. For more information about Humperdinck, visit www.engelbert.com.)

Maintaining the August landscape

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

With clippers, tarp and cultivator in hand, I ventured forth into the jungle that surrounds my home on another damp, overcast summer morning. The August landscape has never looked so lush and spring-like. In recent years, dragging hoses and complaining about heat and drought were the typical topics of conversation for gardeners during the latter half of the summer. This growing season will be remembered as the year of an everlasting spring, when mold, mildew, diseases, rot, bugs, slugs and mosquitoes prevailed.

Weeds seem to thrive no matter what Mother Nature offers in the way of heat and moisture but a week of damp weather has enabled a bumper crop of crabgrass and weeds to germinate and flourish. Many of my gardens that appeared weed-free a week ago are overrun by weedy sprouts, particularly along the front of the borders that were recently edged but regretfully not mulched.

In dry summers, weeds seem more obvious, flourishing while our preferred plants suffer from lack of moisture, making it easy to identify and remove the intruders. During moist summers, many of these weeds are remarkably sneaky, closely resembling their desirable neighbors in the appearance of their foliage, fooling us into believing they might be seedlings or something we planted but neglected to label. Although they are easier to extricate from the soft, damp soil, these invaders often escape detection until they disperse plentiful quantities of offspring. Carefully scrutinize each garden for these misplaced wildflower intruders, uprooting as many as possible. A huge stack of weeds and a freshly cultivated border are one of the most gratifying aspects of maintaining a garden.

Once I complete weeding each border this week, I have vowed to spread mulch before continuing to the next garden. Even a thin layer of shredded pine bark reduces the germination of unsightly newcomers in addition to highlighting perennials and shrubs and covering the stones, pebbles and imperfections that constantly rise to the surface throughout the growing season.

As I wander through the garden on weed patrol, I pause to remove faded blooms and flower stalks, a practice commonly referred to as 'deadheading'. Gardening, like any hobby, has its own language, a jargon that an experienced dirt-digger sometimes takes for granted. Pinch, prune, thin, mulch, harden off, compost, and deadhead are just a few of the almost barbaric-sounding terms gardeners use and novice gardeners may not find familiar.

The routine practice of deadheading to eliminate spent flowers and seedpods is essential for creating a tidy, ever-blooming garden. One primary reason to deadhead is purely aesthetic. Shriveled blooms and dead flower stalks are usually unsightly, spoiling the appearance of plants that are still in bloom. A few moments spent snipping withered flowers vastly improves the appearance of every plant. Perhaps an even more important reason to deadhead is to prevent the formation of seedpods. The removal of faded flowers is essential to prolong the bloom of most plants, especially the ever-blooming annuals. If annuals are allowed to produce numerous seedpods, they tend to bloom less or may even cease to bloom entirely, as their mission to recreate themselves in a single growing season has been accomplished. Continuous deadheading encourages the plants to keep bearing flowers in a never-ending effort to produce seed.

If possible, try to deadhead annuals every few days to keep plants neat and to make the process less of a chore. Each day, as I water my container gardens, I pick off the spent flowers of geraniums, petunias and daisies. Other annuals that respond to a routine deadheading include marigolds, zinnias, cosmos, verbena, salvia, snapdragons and dahlias. Petunias may be one of the more labor-intensive annuals but the rewards of removing shriveled flowers and seedpods are worth the effort. Pulling off the withered flowers will not prevent the formation of seedpods so it is essential to snip or pinch off the entire seed capsule at the stem. Periodically, it may be advisable to cutback entire stems that have become leggy and less productive. If one-third of the stems are pinched back each week, plants will continue to blossom but will remain compact and bushy rather than long and spindly. It should be noted that many of the more recently introduced cascading petunias and million bells require minimal deadheading but respond beautifully to an occasional trim. Impatiens and begonias are equally low maintenance annuals requiring little more attention than water and an occasional feeding.

Another reason to eliminate seedpods is to reduce random scattering of seeds and the potential for unwanted offspring. Some cultivated plants may actually become nuisance weeds when allowed to disperse their seed capsules. This is especially true of many biennial plants including foxgloves or forget-me-nots, which produce incredible quantities of seed. Many of my gardens are overrun with these exuberant biennials and although some seedlings should be tolerated to ensure future colonies of these flowers, their numbers may become overwhelming, not to mention they always seem to pop up at the front of the border or in all the wrong places. I prefer to collect the seeds of desirable biennials, annual poppies, cleome and a few choice salvias and scatter them in specific locations or save them for sowing the following season.

If your time is limited, select a small patch to weed or even a singular plant to deadhead. The tidy result will inspire even the most reluctant gardener to continue the process during the coming weeks.

It's hip to be Huey

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the future with a rootsier, horn-driven sound and "back in time" with prime-era News hits such a "Workin' for a Livin'," "I Want a New Drug," "Heart of Rock and Roll" and numerous others.

The band is back in the local area once again for two shows at the South Shore Music Circus this Thursday and Friday, Aug. 7 and 8.

"Plan B was a different sort of album for us in the sense that in regard to current trends, it's anachronistic," said Lewis, whose real name is Hugh Cregg. "The idea for the album was to write the songs as they came to us, rehearse them, play them on the road, then, when there were 12, take them into the studio. We saw it as that's how all our favorite R&B records of the 60s were created, long before all the overdubs, samples and studio tricks that most records are made from today."

"Altogether, the making of the album used few microphones than we'd ever had before and no special effects, with almost all of the vocals and instruments live in the studio. We actually overdubbed the horn section, an occasional backup vocal and maybe a tambourine here and there. But everything else was laid down just like you hear it on the record," Lewis said.

Back in the 80s, when most of the rock/pop music scene was a notoriously trendy circus of freaky-styley haircuts and fashion, androgyny and post-punk rage, Huey Lewis and the News hit it big by being — off all things — normal. Lewis and his bandmates — who were originally called American Express — looked like nothing more or less than everyday, fun-loving, friends-from-college types and the band played straight-out, bar-band rock with catchy, pop-friendly songs about 9-5 jobs and sports.

Lewis and the News' roots as a band actually go back to the early 70s and the singer's first major band, Clover. This Bay Area sextet included several future News members as well as guitarist John McFee, later with the Doobie Brothers. At a mid-70s L.A. club date, Clover caught the eye and ear of British pop-rocker Nick Lowe, who convinced the band to tour Britain with him. But Clover was not successful in Britain, arriving just when their folk-rock sound (known as pub-rock in Britain) was being swept aside by the exploding punk-rock scene.

Lewis returned to the States while the rest of Clover backed Elvis Costello on his debut My Aim is True album. These days, Lewis, now 53, and his mates are most concerned about exploring the roots of their sound and continuing to deliver the News live, which is where the band has always been at its best.

"Today when were on the road we're not touring as hard as we used to for most of the 80s," Lewis said. "There's a lot less pressure to meet commercial demands and a lot more freedom to relax and just play and have fun onstage. It's sort of like falling in love all over again. And musically as a band, I honestly think we sound better than ever."

Huey Lewis and the News plays the South Shore Music Circus Thursday and Friday, Aug. 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. For Tickets and information call (781) 383-9850.

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9TH ANNUAL FOLK & FUR FEST 2003 Standish Humane Society's Benefit Walk for Animals Sept. 21 (rain or shine) Wompatuck State Park, Hingham.. Registration 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 781-834-4663 or visit www.standishhumanesociety.com for more information.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! comes to The Providence Performing Arts Center, Nov. 22; Tickets on Sale Monday, July 14, at 10 a.m. Beatlemania-LIVE!, the ultimate Beatles' tribute show, will be making its debut at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, – exactly 40 years after Beatlemania exploded in England. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37.50, $32.50 & $25.50. Tickets for this theatrical concert event go on sale Monday, July 14, at 10 a.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center box-office (220 Weybosset St); by phone at 401-421-2787; and online at www.ppacri.org and www.ticketmaster.com.

SUNSET AT THE ABBEY: "AMERICAN CELEBRATION" On Saturday, Aug. 23, at 4:30 p.m., enjoy the soulful piano of Jacqueline Schwab, outdoors at picturesque Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham. Known as the pianist on Ken Burns documentaries, Schwab performs American parlor and traditional music from the past two centuries. Members of the Hingham Symphony will perform American classics of their own. Bring a blanket and a picnic. Rain location: First Parish Meeting House, Cohasset Common. $10 adults, $5 youth. Call 781-740-5694.

LITTLE RIVER BAND Brings Their Classic Sound to Plymouth Memorial Hall; Aug. 23. One of New Zealand's biggest exports, the Little River Band are now on tour and making a stop at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Saturday, Aug. 23. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets for the Little River Band, priced at $37 and $32, are now on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 83 Court St. in Plymouth, MA; online at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 866-468-7619. You can also visit their website at www.plymouthmemorialhall.com.

FIFTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. For applications visit www.brittanylambertFoundation.org, your local gym or register on-line at Active.com For more information call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187.

'LITTLE ANGELS' JIMMY FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT, Sept. 8, at Pembroke Country Club. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start: Tee time 1:15 p.m. Scramble format. $115 per player early registration special by Aug. 15, $100 per player. Includes "Little Angels" custom golf shirt. Non-golfers welcome $35 dinner only. $20 "Little Angels" custom golf shirt if ordered by Aug. 15. Player fee includes gift bag, golf cart, greens fee, stuffed chicken breast dinner. Prizes awarded for hole in one, on the green closest to the pin, lowest foursome score. For information contact Paul McLaughlin, 781-982-8383. oak47.ecorp.netgolf.htm

HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, Oct. 7 to Nov. 1. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

Thurs. 7

Edaville Railroad USA is one of a kind family entertainment park. Enjoy more than five miles of track running through 1.300 acres of cranberry plantation, Marvel Comics Super Hero meet and greet **Spider-Man** weaves a web of fun at Edaville USA Aug. 7 to 10. For more information visit www.edaville.com or call 877-332-8455.

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Alice In Wonderland** Aug. 7, 10:30 a.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Jeff Carson, will be taking center stage at the **Plymouth Memorial Hall** in Plymouth, Thursday, Aug. 7 as part of the Honky Tonk Tailgate Party tour.

Jimbos South Restaurant, 405 Franklin Street, Braintree, Aug. 7, at 8:30 p.m. Featuring: **Kevin Knox, Annette Pollack, Chris Tabb, Jeff Clough, Adam Pearlman, Corey Manning, Jan Davidson & Mike Hanlon.** Admission $10 Reservations recommended. Call 781- 848-0300 for details. Wheelchair Accessible.

Weymouth Recreation presents: **Family Concerts/Movies in the Park**, 75 Middle St., Amphitheater. Aug. 7, **Snow White**, 6:30 p.m. to dusk. In the event of rain, the programs will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. For more information call 781-682-6124.

Raffael's Restaurant of Quincy presents **Connie, Patsy, Brenda & Me** a musical revue. All matinees begin at 1 p.m. with lunch starting at noon. Aug. 6*, 7**, 13* and 14**. The evening performances begin at 8 p.m. with the dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets $35 for matinees and $45 for evening performances. Price includes dinner, tax, gratuity & show. * matinee only; ** matinee and evening performances. Call 617-328-1600 for information or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 7, **Michelle Wilson and the Evil Gal Festival Orchestra**.. 617-439-7000.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. Aug. 7, **Legion Bud Band.**

Honky Tonk Tailgate Party, featuring **Jeff Carson, Chad Brock, Rhett Akins** and **Daryle Singletary** Thursday, Aug. 7, 8 p.m. Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, Tickets 866-468-7619 and www.ticketweb.com

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset –**Huey Lewis & The News** - two shows Aug. 7, and 8, both shows at 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Friday Night Fights** Aug. 7. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 8

Boston Landmarks Orchestra presents **South Pacific** conducted by Charles Ansbacher, directed by Patricia-Maria Weinmann. Aug. 8, 9, 10 at dusk (approx. 8L15 p.m.) Three shows performed free fully staged in the open air, at USS Cassin Young in the Charlestown Navy yard. Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic. Visit www.operaboston.org

Boston Harbor Hotel, Intrigue Terrace, presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. Aug. 8, **Cool Hand Luke**. For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The Satuit Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on the Morrill Bandstand, Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor. Patriotic songs and favorite marches will salute our country.

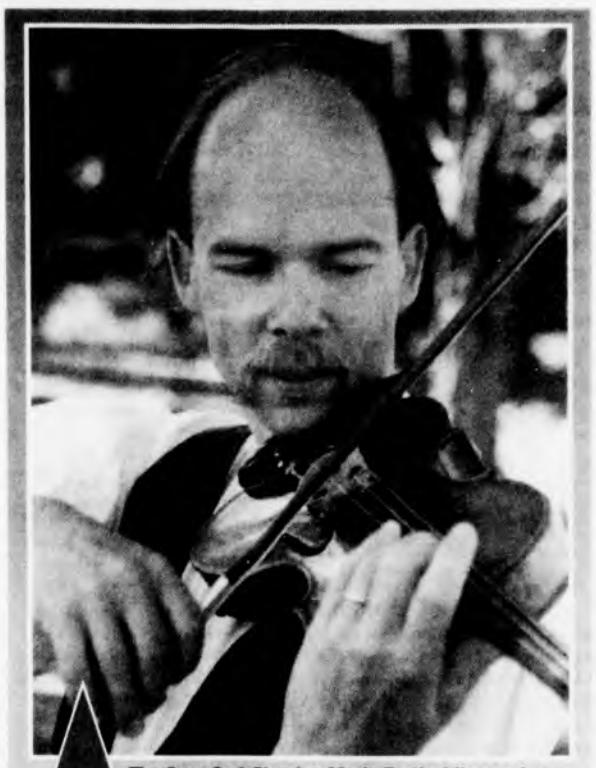
20th Annual Easter Seal Softball Marathon to benefit children and adults with disabilities. The annual event — a 24 hour long softball game - will be played on Aug. 9 and Aug. 10 at the Duxbury Train Field off Alden St. in Duxbury. The game will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9 and end at 10 a.m. on Aug.10. (Few people play the entire 24 hours anymore but you're welcome to try!) We're looking for players and teams who want to register to play. Each player must raise $50 in sponsorships by game time. All the money raised from this event goes directly to the Easter Seal Society of Massachusetts. Those who don't want to play are encouraged to drop by to cheer (or jeer) their friends. Donations are welcome. All donations are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law Any donations should be made out to "The Easter Seal Society" and mailed c/o me, Jim Cantwell, 40 Huntington Avenue, South Weymouth, MA. 02190. For more information call 781-837-1960 or home 781-335-0121.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Friday, Aug. 8, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington, Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info: 781-331-0021 Web site: "http://www.southshoresingles.org" www.southshoresingles.org

Sociable Singles presents its **Midsummer's Eve Dance**, BayPointe Country Club, Onset, Aug. 8 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Dance to the music of our popular DJ Terri Christopher $7 members $10 non-members, Hors D'Oeuvres, coffee and mini desserts, door prizes 50/50 raffle All single adults welcome. Proper dress required. No jean.

Jamie's Grille & Pub, Route 139 Marshfield - **Trax w/Janelle Malafronte**. 9:30 p.m.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Justin Beech** Aug. 8. For more information call 781-545-9898.



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The Cape Cod Chamber Music Festival (happening from August 5 - 24), in partnership with the National Marine Life Center, proudly present an evening of music, storytelling and natural history with a very special performance of Steve Schuch's "A Symphony of Whales" on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Mashpee High School, 500 Old Barnstable Road. Schuch will perform "WhaleTrilogy," a solo violin piece he wrote, as well as read from his book, "A Symphony of Whales." Following the performance, Mr. Schuch will be available for book signings. The presentation is based upon the author's own real life rescue experience involving thousands of Beluga whales trapped in the ice flows off the coast of Siberia and faced certain death, until resourceful villagers played classical music to lure them to freedom. Tickets are $12 for adults, children under 12 are free with adult. For more information call 800.818.0608 or visit www.capecodchambermusic.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Tom Hambridge Band** (FM Nashville) Aug. 8. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night." Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Blue Hair Troupe he hilarious, new musical revue that proves it's HIP to be old will be performing through Aug. 24 at the Tremont Theatre (next to the Wang Center), 276 Tremont St., Boston. Tickets are $25 and $30 and may be purchased by calling 1-866-443-2248, by visiting www.bluehairtroupe.com or at the door. Wheelchair Accessible.

Commonwealth Shakespeare Company presents annual free Shakespeare on the Common - **MacBeth** through Aug. 10, Boston Common. Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common Free and open to the public of all ages. 617-532-1212 or visit commonwealthshakespeare.org

BEEHIVE the 60's musical sensation at Raffael's Restaurant, has secured the exclusive rights to present "Beehive" the 60's musical sensation at The Squantum Yacht Club on Quincy Shore Drive and Aug. 8, 9, 15, 22, 23, and 29, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. There will be dancing with a DJ after the second performance each night. Tickets $20 for the 7:30 performance and $22.50 for the 9:30 p.m. evening performance. Groups rates available. Call 617-786-SHOW (7469) or www.jmproductionspresents.com

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association sponsors a Kayaking Trip to Nova Scotia a "Sea Kayaker's Paradise" The NSRWA is sponsoring a one-week paddling adventure in Eastern Nova Scotia exploring the island archipelago off of Tangier, Nova Scotia, from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. The trip includes a several nights at a campground with full facilities as well as a night or two camping on offshore islands. Beginners are welcome, and will be provided with a day-long introduction to paddling in early September to help get ready for the trip. Contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or email nsrwa@nsrwa.org for more information, and to sign up for the informational meeting July 31. For more information contact Paula Christie at the North & South Rivers Watershed Association at 781-659-8168 or paula@nsrwa.org

Sat. 9

Finding Inner Peace, 988 Bedford St. Abington, 781-878-0115 **Ear Candling Certification** Aug. 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee: $75 Learn this ancient practice which removes impacted, old ear wax, opens the ear canal, increases the stimulation of the cilia which carry sound waves.

Benefit on the Block Fund Raiser Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Move of the Southeast Lighthouse hosted by **New England Lighthouse Lovers** (NELL) Saturday, Aug. 9, from 11 a.m. to 3p.m. at the lighthouse, Block Island, R.I. Featuring a barbecue lunch, benefit drawings, auctions, Southeast Light Limited Edition Items, Student's Art Contest Winners, special guests and more. For more information visit www.NELL.cc

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury - The current exhibition, **Floating Sculptures**, which features traditional and contemporary carved New England decoys on display through Aug. 24.

Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held Aug. 9, at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Beginner dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Paul DeMaria. Snacks, raffles, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. For more info. 508-995-9496; 781-925-9066.

8minuteDating Aug. 9, at **The Red Parrot** in Hull,. Single Professionals 25-36 and 37-49 Please note there are two events taking place at the same time and you'll be able to meet and interact with everyone at both events. Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Enter and receive your matches after the event. Set-up another date soon after. Advanced registration required. For more information and to sign up, visit www.8minutedating.com

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South Shore Music Circus Cohasset –**Kenny Rogers** Aug. 9, 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Jeff Pitchell & Texas Flood** Aug. 9. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 10

Sunday Cruises to Cuttyhunk Sundays, July through October, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org for a day-long excursion to Cuttyhunk. The cruise departs from either Fairhaven or Woods Hole at 9 a.m. and spend four hours on Cuttyhunk. Participants will have a choice of a short, medium, or long guided walk, with commentary. People may bring a picnic lunch or buy a lunch on Cuttyhunk. Fees for the program are $50 for adults,$45 for members, seniors, and $40 for children 16 and under. To register and for information, and directions, call 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org

Finding Inner Peace, 988 Bedford St. Abington, 781-878-0115 **AURA Imaging Videography and Complementary Day Spa** Aug. 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Experience several complementary Therapies and Aura Imaging. Ear candling, chair massage, tuning fork session, Cymtron Sound Table, angel Card Reading will be available for a reduced fee. Call the center to schedule appointment.

Hanover Bandstand summer concert series Aug. 10, 7 to 8:30 p.m. **O'Reilly's**. Route 139 in Hanover Center. Free and open to the public and handicap accessible. Donations gratefully accepted.

Fort River Concert series at Fort River Park, Hull presents **Moonglow Jazz Ensemble** at 6 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Irish Throwdown** with live music by the **Irish Volunteers** 5 to 9 p.m. No cover.. Handicap accessible.

The North River Arts Society presents **The Magic Moment**, original oil paintings by **Jody Regan** through Sept. 13, Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Cornerstone Reggae** from 5 to 9 p.m. Aug. 10. Casual dress, cover charge varies. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

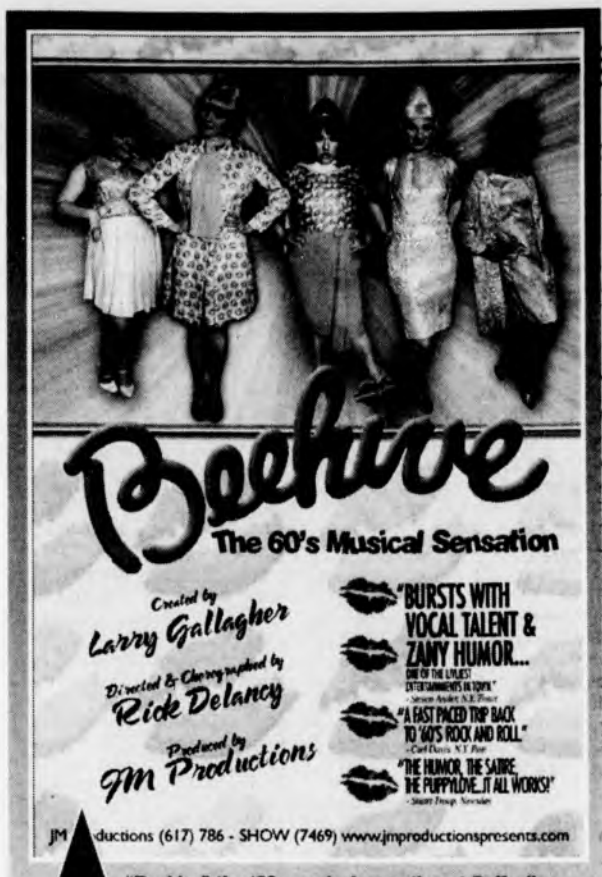
Mon. 11

Network Classic Golf Tournament Aug. 11, at South Shore Country Club Amateurs and Novices alike meet each year to play in the SSWBN Network Classic Golf Tournament. To receive the pre-registration price, reservations must be received no later than 24 business hours prior to the event. This includes mail, e-mail, fax, and telephone calls. At the door, walk-in registrations are always welcome. 781-749-8883 781-749-3130 Fax www.sswbn.org

The North River Arts Society presents **Places by the Sea** oil paintings by **Diane Scott** now to Aug. 15, at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Opening reception June 23 at 7 p.m.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**



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Tues. 12

Lily's Apothecary, 6 Main St, extension, Plymouth 508-747-SKIN (7546) presents **Bumble & bumble** stylist **Eric Hauck** and **Annemarie Börlind of Germany** skin consultant Agu. 13 from 4 to 9 p.m. Call to schedule appointment. Visit www.lilysapothecary.com for more information.

8minuteDating Aug. 12, at Raffael's, North Quincy: Active/Athletic Singles Ages 26-40; also Aug. 12 at Raffael's, North Quincy: Single Professionals Ages 46-59 (W46-56/M46-59) [Sold Out For Women Unless Recruiting a Man]. Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Enter and receive your matches after the event. Set-up another date soon after. Advanced registration required. For more information and to sign up, visit www.8minutedating.com

The Producers, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre through Aug. 17. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

The Olde Kids On The Block, a 20-piece orchestra will be at the Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday beginning Sept. 17 through Aug. 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person, all are welcome, no smoking, wheelchair-accessible.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

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Open Captioned Showing of '2 Fast 2 Furious,' at Showcase Cinema Randolph, Route 139, 73 Mazzeo Drive, Randolph, for deaf and hard of hearing audiences and for hearing friends and family as well. Call 781-963-9473 for showtimes or visit Web site: showcasecinemas.com.

Wed. 13

Nathan Gallery, 152 Rockland St., Hanover, presents **Works of Tamara Orlowski** as well as a few other local artists through Aug. 15. Open to the public. Gallery hours Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 781-826-6500.

The original oil paintings of **Armando Enriquez** will be on display during the month of August in the gallery of the Kingston Public Library. The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday 1 to 8 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Compass Bank Free Concert Series, Historic Plymouth Waterfront - Aug. 9, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. **Jonathan Edwards** with **Tex, Mad Dog & the Cat** and **The David James Duo.**

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 14

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. Aug. 14, **Sounds of Yesterday**.

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 14, **Sandra Hall**. 617-439-7000.

Weymouth Recreation presents: **Family Concerts/Movies in the Park**, 75 Middle St., Amphitheater. Aug. 14, **Monsters Inc.**, 8:30 p.m. to dusk. In the event of rain, the programs will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. For more information call 781-682-6124.

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South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Kaleidoscope Theatre** presents **Snow White**, Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset –**Jimmy Cliff**, Aug. 14, 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Country Dance Promotions Dance at Moseley's, Thursday, Aug. 14, with DJ, Artie Maggiore. Dance lesson at 7:30. Couples and Line Dancing starts at 8 to 11:30 p.m. Two-step, Waltz, East and West Coast Swing, Hustle, Latin, Nightclub Two-step and Line dancing at Moseley's on the Charles (781-326-3075), 50 Bridge St., Dedham. $10. Potluck snacks, cash bar. For further informatin-call 781-925-1170, 508-653-7937, 401-861-3114.

Fri. 15

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay is presenting the popular holiday classic ***Amahl & the Night Visitors*** on Saturday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium in Hingham, and on Saturday, Dec. 13, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. This traditional family presentation draws audiences from all over New England. Singers interested in principal roles should plan to audition on Friday evening, September 5, at the Ellison Center. **Auditions** run from 6 to 10 p.m., and are prescheduled. To set up an audition time, singers must call 781-934-2731, ext. 20. Singers of all ages interested in choral opportunities may contact Artistic Director Beth MacLeod at 781-934-2731, ext. 20. No audition is necessary for chorus members.

Finding Inner Peace, 988 Bedford St., Abington - **Yoga Methodology** - 20 hour course Aug. 15-17 Fee: $175 Call 781-878-0115 for more information.

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Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Orange Monkey**, Aug. 15. For more information call 781-545-9898.

"Single Executives Club" Social & Singles Dance, Aug. 15, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35+ years old. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business-casual dress is acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and www.se-4you.com <http://www.se-4you.com>.

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset –**Engelbert Humperdinck**, Aug. 15, 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

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Comedy Show, J.C. Dee's, Route 3A, 312 Bridge St., No. Weymouth, **Dave Russo, Annette Pollack, Vernon Harrison, P.J. Abruzzese, Dave Rattigan and Joe Cronin.** Call 781-337-1020

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Gear up for a challenging, fast-paced day. The Scorpio moon aligns with Jupiter at 1:22 a.m. and becomes inactive. At 9:11 a.m. the moon enters fiery Sagittarius, and the Mercury-Mars polarity culminates at 9:13 a.m. However, the Sagittarius moon will interact with Mercury and Mars, extending its influence throughout the day and evening. Take it slow and easy. Sidestep arguments, conflicts with others. Don't take chances or do anything risky. If you are working, it is better to handle a variety of jobs rather than one that demands focus and concentration.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

A polarity of Venus and Neptune takes center stage. Its influence enhances creativity and artistic sensitivity. On the other hand, it is not favorable for making important decisions, purchases or long-term commitments. Keep it light and avoid touchy subjects between 12:353:35 p.m., when the moon and Pluto conjoin. The remainder of the afternoon and evening rates high for enjoying favorite pastimes and friends.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

It may be difficult to get motivated to work this morning. The Sagittarius moon aligns with Jupiter at 5:01 a.m. and becomes inactive. Influences turn around completely at 12:02 p.m., when the moon enters ambitious Capricorn. Roll up your sleeves and plan to get a lot accomplished. Zero in on jobs that you have been putting off. You can get them out of the way now. A lunar opposition to Saturn sets the stage for a quiet evening. Repay debts, follow through on promises you have made to others.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

You can start new activities before 10:57 a.m., when the Capricorn moon aligns with Mercury and becomes inactive until tomorrow afternoon. After that plan to finish projects already begun, tie up loose ends. A sun-Pluto alignment and a full moon buildup intensify emotions and generate high energy this weekend. This combination may bring to the surface hidden feelings, resentments. It offers an opportunity to free yourself from negative, unhealthy situations. Open your mind to new possibilities.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The sun and Pluto align at 4:39 a.m. The Capricorn moon continues inactive travel until 3:23 p.m. Spend time alone. Important insights will come, if you take the time to listen. The final windup to a full moon begins at 3:23 p.m., when the moon enters Aquarius. This is an evening that can go either way. Maintain a positive, easygoing attitude. Don't take risks.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Gear up for a hectic day. The full moon continues to build until tomorrow morning. In addition, Venus and Mercury prepare to align with Pluto, and Mars to Saturn. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days. Avoid signing contracts or launching important enterprises. Instead, plan to finish projects already begun, review and redo. Take extra quiet time out for yourself; meditate for inner peace and vision.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

The backside of a full moon is in force and effect, making for a hectic day. Stop, look and listen. Don't act on impulse. At 12:48 a.m. the full moon culminates, 19-degrees Aquarius. Venus aligns with Pluto at 1:17 a.m. The moon continues active travel in Aquarius until 2:35 p.m., when it opposes Jupiter. Tackle jobs that have been left hanging, tie up loose ends. The moon enters Pisces at 8:19 p.m. Mars aligns with Saturn at 10:56 p.m., and Mercury with Pluto at 11:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

You can get a lot accomplished this morning, if you make up a list of things to do and stick to it. It is okay to initiate new activities until 12:19 p.m., when the moon forms a harmonious contact to Saturn. Projects that require your imagination and creativity are highlighted.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

The Pisces moon forms challenging contacts to Pluto at 4:01 a.m. and Mercury at 6:29 a.m., when it becomes inactive. After that no major planetary activity occurs, and the inactive moon travels at the tail end of the zodiac. That means that this day is prime for vacationing, relaxing, veging out, recharging your batteries.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Planetary action turns around completely at 4:00 a.m., when the moon enters energetic Aries. Follow through on commitments you have made or jobs that are tedious and labor intensive. You can get them out of the way today. Sports and physical activities get the green light. A lunar alignment to Saturn may generate delays, reversals this evening. Keep it light and go with the flow.

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Not sold on plans for Hayes Estate

Neighbors express their concerns to Planning Board

By Samantha Brown
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Water runoff and increased traffic were at the top of the list of issues concerning abutters to the 105-unit, upscale "Cedarmere" condominium project for the 55-and-older set proposed off Beechwood Street on the east side of Rte. 3A.

About 30 concerned citizens packed an upstairs meeting room at Town Hall last week for the Planning Board hearing on what could end up being the first development approved under the town's new Senior Overlay District, adopted at Town Meeting last fall. Due to the size of the crowd, the meeting had to be moved into a larger room in the basement. (The Cedarmere group came before the Planning Board again last night (Wednesday) after the Mariner went to press).

Last week's hearing was preliminary so the Planning Board could only give a sense of how it felt about the project and did not make any final decisions. During preliminary hearings, abutters do not need to be notified, but were included out of courtesy by the town so that residents are involved in every step of the process.

"What you see tonight is not necessarily what you're going to get, what you see tonight is what's being proposed," said Planning Board Vice Chairman Bill Good, who conducted the meeting in Chairman Al Moore's absence.

"All issues you bring to the table are important to us," he told the abutters, who were quick to provide myriad concerns following the 45 minute presentation by the developers, King Taylor Cohasset LLC.

King Taylor, whose principals are Kelli and David Calhoun of Sheldon Road and Tom Ragno of Lexington, said they came to listen and would take any concerns under consideration.

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Cohasset isn't so taxing, study says

By Mary Ford
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Despite its penchant for passing Prop. 2-1/2overrides and average property tax bill of nearly $7,000 a year — Cohasset did not make the list of seven top, high-tax towns in a new study by the Beacon Hill Institute at Suffolk University.

That's because while Cohasseters, in general, don't seem to mind paying high taxes close to home, they're not wild about state taxes.

The institute looked at the voting records of all Massachusetts' 351 cities and towns on seven major state tax referenda since 1980 and looked at the number of Prop. 2-1/2 overrides since 1983.

While Cohasset has passed some 27 overrides — including general overrides for the operating budget and debt exclusions for large capital projects since Prop. 2-1/2 became law — it has a mixed record on state efforts to either limit or increase taxes.

Along with most voters in other towns, Cohasset voted overwhelmingly to pass Prop. 2-1/2 back in 1980. Prop. 2-1/2 limits the amount a community

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Traffic island is a blacktop oasis

Volunteer keeps it looking beautiful

By Samantha Brown
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At the end of a long, winding lavender stoned driveway is a gardener's dream. Patches of black eyed susans and old fashioned day lilies complement the overflowing trumpet vines on the workshop roof, as a black cat in the green grass keeps close watch.

For Maryanne Cushing and her husband Dana, working the land at their Beechwood Street home is a passion which began almost 11 years ago, "and we haven't stopped working it."

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Maryanne Cushing works in the garden she created in the traffic island at Beechwood and King streets.

she said. "When you drive in, you get a sense that nature's really happy here."

With many bountiful flowering gardens on the property, it's easy to see how much work and care has been put into their home's surrounding landscape. But the work doesn't stop there. Just up the road, passersby can enjoy Cushing's work as she has taken it upon herself to share the beauty of her flowers by "adopting" the island at the intersection of Beechwood and King streets.

With violets, yarrow, Siberian and bearded irises, spilling over the sides, mixing with coreopsis and evening primrose — Cushing has created a beautiful oasis in the middle of a plain streetscape. Most of the flowers she plants on the island are annuals and will only last one season, and a good number of the plants have been transported from her own yard.

"It's a challenge to know what plants to keep in there," she said, noting that it's important to plan the garden ahead, so something is always in bloom.

Cushing said the island project was started a few years ago by one of her neighbors, Amy Roebuck, because the town had plans to pave over the area Rather than lose the island, Roebuck decided to cover it with flowers and make it a beautiful neighborhood centerpiece. When Roebuck moved out of Cohasset, the island was "up for grabs," which is when Cushing took over.

"I love gardening and I love plants. I love the calmness," she said.

One of the challenges of taking care of an island garden is keeping it watered. Cushing said there has been a good amount of rain this season, so the plants have held up well, but problems can arise when there's a drought. She said one of her neighbors, who lives across from the island, has let her borrow the hose to give the plants a drink on a hot summer day. But generally, Cushing tries to incorporate hardy, drought-resistant plants into the garden.

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CLOWNING AROUND

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Maureen Kent works on her clown coloring project during this week's Circus Camp at the South Shore Community Center.

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The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Harbor Committee, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.

School Committee, Aug. 21, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Aug. 18, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Aug. 18 (40A) & Aug. 25 (40B-Avalon), 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Hedlund backs seawall request

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, is going to bat for the town in its request for financial help to restore the section of seawall and sidewalk along Border Street from Atlantica to the Mill River Marine Railway. The project is estimated to cost about $600,000.

In a letter to state Secretary of Environmental Affairs Ellen Roy Herzfelder, Hedlund described the heavily traveled area as being in "dangerous condition."

"The importance of this project cannot be understated," he said.

Hedlund requested the Division of State Parks and Recreation (formerly the Department of Environmental Management) provide 50 percent in matching funds for the seawall reconstruction project.

"This would be consistent with the funding for other seawall projects in my district over the years," said Hedlund, whose district includes Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Weymouth, Norwell, Scituate, Marshfield and Duxbury.

Vo-Tech requests quarterly payment

Cohasset's assessment for the South Shore Regional Vocational High School in Hanover is $89,393 or $12,770 per student. The town sent seven students to Vo-Tech last year, and the current assessment is based on the number of students enrolled as of Oct. 1 last year.

"It lags a year," explained Robert J. Kelley, Jr., treasurer of the South Shore Regional School District. There are eight towns in the district, including Cohasset.

The school bills its towns quarterly, so Cohasset's current payment is $22,348.25.

Kelley explained Vo-Tech is more expensive than a regular high school because it provides various shops, such as auto shop, in addition to books, paper and other supplies. The school is also run "like a town," he said, in that it provides its own snow plowing, and retirement contributions and health insurance premiums for its staff. The school is also paying off a bond issue for an addition built 10 years ago.

Cohasset, along with Norwell, are assessed more per student than other towns in the district because they are considered more affluent by state standards, he said. The assessments are computed in accordance with a state formula established under the Education Reform Act.

Cleaning service for the Town Hall

The town has contracted with Rockland-based Contract Cleaning Collaborative, Inc. to provide janitorial services for Town Hall, the police-fire station and the public lavatories at Mariners Park (in the former Hagerty building).

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the company provided the lowest price, $22,000 annually for the town buildings. The company is already providing janitorial services for the library for $13,000 a year, he said.

One Source of Somerville, whose bid was less expensive than Contract Cleaning for the schools, was recently awarded the contract to clean the schools

Selectmen support Leicester's efforts

Selectmen voted to write a letter of support to the Town of Leicester for its efforts to force the state to present a unified balanced budget that is ratified by the House, Senate and governor by April 1. If not, the House budget would take effect and any state recall of money would be prohibited.

In the letter, Leicester selectmen stated the state budget practices are "irresponsible and unfair.

"The law demands the cities and towns pass balanced budgets no later than June 30 annually, yet we are forced to project revenues that are consistently different in each branch and are changed without noticed. This makes our task to be law-abiding impossible."

BEACHCOMBERS

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Patrick Holway and Martin Buckley looks for seashells along Sandy Beach. The Walter Gropius House, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, is in the background.

Under-ground meeting

A subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen consisting of Fred Koed and Merle Brown, along with Town Manager Mark Haddad, will meet with affected village businesses and the Waterfield Group to discuss any surface infrastructure such as covers that are needed for underground utilities. Preliminary design for burying the utilities is moving ahead, although progress on other village design improvements is on hold pending a decision on whether the Greenbush line will move forward. Haddad said some easements on private property would be required for the wires' project. Selectman Michael Sullivan stressed that those affected should be presented with plans that describe exactly what any impacts would be.

"It would be terrible to go forward when someone expects this and gets that," he said.

The Waterfield Group is the town consultant hired to design the village streetscape improvements that are being paid for with a state grant and private donations. If plans for Greenbush line are halted permanently, the scope of the plans might have to be changed because the MBTA, which is building the train, was going to pay for improvements to the municipal parking lot as part of the town's mitigation package.

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Mon. 18	4:09	9.1	10:15	4:30	9.4	10:46
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School board has opening

Pescatore resigns to take CHS post

By Mary Ford
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Jane Pescatore is still going to be a familiar face in Cohasset Schools but it won't be from across the School Committee desk. The 56-year-old Lantern Lane resident has resigned from the School Committee to accept the position as middle-high school secretary for Principal Michael Jones.

A homemaker, Pescatore, who ran unopposed for an open seat on the School Committee in April 2002, is a former president of the Cohasset PSO.

"It was a difficult decision," Pescatore said. "But I had to go back to work full-time."

She explained she found out about the job, which pays about $34,000 a year, when she saw the advertisement in the Globe. She called Supt. Edward Malvey, sent in her résumé, and was interviewed by Jones, who made the decision to hire her.

Pescatore, whose resignation was effective Aug. 1, said remaining on the School Committee would have been a conflict of interest.

"I will certainly miss it," she said. "It was a very personal decision."

Pescatore said the secretarial position presented an opportunity for her to bring her school background to the job. She had been active in the PSO for seven years before being elected to the School Committee.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said while he is sorry to see Pescatore leave the School Committee, he is happy she will remain in the school system.

Jane Pescatore is stepping down from the School Committee.

"She's always been a great supporter of the schools during her work with the PSO and then stepping up to the School Committee," Flynn said. "She's a great person and will bring a lot to the position she's going into."

Selectmen and the remaining members of the School Committee will hold a joint meeting in which they will vote for a replacement to fill the seat until the town election next spring.

At that time, there will be three School Committee seats up for grabs. The election will include the year remaining on Pescatore's unexpired term, plus two three-year terms for the seats currently held by members Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin, who both may seek reelection.

It's not clear how many candidates would be interested in serving out the remainder of this election year. Adrienne MacCarthy, current PSO president, said she may put her hat into the ring. MacCarthy finished just two votes behind Martin in the April 2001 Town Election, in a three-way race for two seats. At the time, Martin and DeGiacomo were seeking reelection for their second terms.

"I haven't ruled it out, I asked (Town Manager) Mark Haddad about the process today," MacCarthy said Tuesday.

The last time a School Committee member stepped down before finishing his term was Joe McElroy, who resigned in April 1999. McElroy, who announced his intention to resign that January to give interested candidates time to take out nomination papers, had one year left on his term. Betsy Connolly of Lily Pond Lane was elected to fill McElroy's open seat.

Pescatore is married with three sons. She holds a bachelor's degree from Ohio State and had extensive business experience before raising a family.

Interested candidates for the Pescatore's School Committee seat should submit a letter of interest that includes their motivation for serving on the School Committee and background to either the selectmen or School Committee. The joint meeting, whose date has not been set at this time, will be advertised at least a week in advance, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Olde Salt House seating expansion sunk, for now

ZBA says parking plan is inadequate

By Mary Ford
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The Olde Salt House at the harbor won't be increasing its seating capacity area anytime soon. The Zoning Board of Appeals has denied issuing parking variances for the popular, seasonal restaurant which would have allowed it to expand its occupancy from 52 to 99 patrons.

The ZBA decision is no doubt a welcome reprieve for the restaurant's residential neighbors, who have flooded a succession of hearings over the past three years to protest any increase in capacity because they said any expansion would exacerbate an already congested parking situation along Border Street. They are not surprised, however, that the Olde Salt House is appealing the ZBA denial to Superior Court.

"We'll see what happens next," said Dick Karoff, 19 Border St.

Sam Knox, 23 Border St., of the citizens' group "Friends of Cohasset Harbor," said in light of the appeal, the group is in the process of reviewing "the best avenue for preserving the quality of life at the harbor."

Attorney Charles Humphreys — who represents Peter Roy's company, Cohasset Cove LLC, owner of the Olde Salt House — filed the appeal Aug. 8. Roy also owns Atlantica, the Cohasset Harbor Inn (formerly Kimball's) and the Mill River Marine Railway, all at the harbor. [Roy bought the restaurant back in 1999; in May 2000 the ZBA limited occupancy at the Olde Salt House to 52 seats until a parking plan is approved; the restaurant initially sought seating for 124].

This past April, the Olde Salt House presented a scaled-back plan for 99 seats; the hearing was continued to May and then June. To comply with the bylaw that requires one space for every three seats, with a capacity of 99 — the Olde Salt House would need 33 parking spaces. The Olde Salt House, which has 13 parking spaces, needs variances to create at least 20 additional spaces because spaces were more than 500 feet away from the restaurant and they were undersized, ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick said.

The restaurant proposed to reconfigure the existing valet parking at 127 Elm St. and reconfigure a portion of the parking area at the Cohasset Harbor Inn. In a brief to the ZBA, Humphreys stated the proposed valet parking plan would provide an efficient way for customers to access the restaurant, which offers the only outside dining at the harbor.

But in its July 23, 2003 decision, the ZBA didn't buy the applicant's new plan to provide adequate off-street parking saying the "additional" spaces subtract from "already inadequate on-site parking" at the Cohasset Harbor Inn and use "undersized" valet spaces in the Elm Street lot.

The ZBA stated it will not reduce the restaurant's current capacity below 52 because it would "create uneconomic operating conditions." The ZBA also said it seemed implausible that the Elm Street lot could accommodate enough spaces unless the lot was made off limits for Atlantica parking, which was exacerbate Atlantica's parking shortfall.

"...without the creation of additional parking, expansion of the Olde Salt House would incontrovertibly add to congestion in the district," the ZBA decision states.

In its decision, the ZBA reduced the number of handicapped spaces required at the Olde Salt House from three to one.

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Selectmen hope no Keno at DiNero's is a sure bet

By Mary Ford
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Selectmen are continuing to object to a Keno license at DiNero's restaurant on Hull Street near West Corner. In a letter to the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission, Town Manager Mark Haddad stated selectmen object to the license on the grounds it would not be in the public interest. Haddad said residential abutters are opposed as well as the Greek Church, which is within 500 feet of the establishment. Selectmen also have concerns about parking, which is already congested. Haddad said the current bar is overcrowded and only seats 11 patrons.

"The board believes that the addition of the Keno license at this establishment would not benefit either the town or the lottery commission," Haddad stated. "The area proposed for Keno and the anticipated revenues do not merit the issuance of this license." The board made its case at a hearing before the lottery commission on May 28 and followed up, as the commission requested, with the Aug. 6 letter.

Selectmen voted in June 2002 to object to DiNero's request for a Keno license. The request then went before the lottery commission, which has the authority to issue the license. At the time, Gregory Sullivan, the attorney for DiNero's, estimated the game would generate about $2,000 a week for the restaurant.

Keno is a game akin to Bingo. Players are given a sheet of numbers and asked to mark anywhere from one to 12 spots and can wager up to $20 on each sheet. The winning numbers are then displayed on a screen and prizes are given out based on the number of picks the player picked correctly. A new game is displayed on the Keno screen every five minutes.

There is currently one Keno screen in town located at the Cohasset Food Mart on 3A.

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Health board worried about Cedarmere's water runoff

But likes the overall proposal

By Samantha Brown
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The proposed 105-unit Cedarmere development is a hot topic all over town, and the Board of Health is no exception.

While giving the concept high marks, the Board of Health has concerns about possible storm-water runoff as well as what the development would mean to the current sewer situation in town.

If approved, Cedarmere would be an upscale condominium project for the 55-and-older set, on the 41-acre Hayes estate off Beechwood Street on the east side of Rte. 3A. It would be the first development of its kind to be built under the town's new Senior Overlay District.

"I like the whole concept of the plans for the Hayes Estate," said Chairman Steve Bobo.

"I like the whole concept of the plans for the Hayes Estate."
— Steve Bobo, Health Board chairman

However, he said he is concerned about storm water runoff. But at this stage of the process, the developers are not required to have plans outlining any water runoff or sewer systems, he said.

Bobo and Town Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said the impact additional homes could have on drainage could be considerable. They hope the developers will come up with a plan the board can stand behind.

While examining a map of the area at Monday's health board meeting, Godzik and Bobo said they believe the most favorable route for directing storm water from the site would be into Bound Brook which ultimately leads to the Gulf River.

"I would favor a storm-water plan from Cedarmere to Bound Brook," Bobo said.

The board also mentioned the potential of the development seeking to connect to the town sewer and what that could mean for Little Harbor, which, member Peggy Chapman, thought had priority.

The Sewer Commission has Cedarmere on its Monday, Aug. 18 agenda. The Planning Board meet with the Cedarmere developers last night after the Mariner went to press. Look for coverage of both meetings in next week's Mariner.

Neighbors are not sold on plans for Hayes Estate

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Abutters are worried about increased traffic along Beechwood Street generated by residents of the 41-acre development. Proposed are two entranceways – one off Beechwood Street (the section that runs nearly parallel to Norman Todd Road) and the other off Rte 3A (near Mendel Road).

Fire Capt. Mark Trask said the fire department is concerned about access. While the current driveway from the Beechwood entrance is nice and woodsy, "We need to be able to get into Sherwood Forest," he said.

The current access road off Beechwood Street does not provide adequate accessibility because it is only a one-way path, he said, adding it would have to be expanded to two lanes. "Our trucks aren't getting any smaller," Trask said. On-site maneuverability for fire trucks that need wide turnarounds is another concern, he said.

Some abutters, like Dave Johnson, 147 Beechwood St., said the project would exacerbate the current problem they have of pulling out of their driveways to get to work in the morning.

However, the developers say many of the residents would be retired and would not be leaving the complex during peak times. Their traffic study estimates only 56 vehicle trips during the morning peak hour; and expects 60 percent of vehicle trips will exit via Rte. 3A.

But Laurie Hegarty,143 Beechwood St., said the traffic study was done around the Fourth of July, when people were out of town, and may not reflect the actual traffic patterns that occur on a daily basis.

In a telephone interview after the meeting, Ragno said that from past experience, developments such as the one proposed for Cohasset have a small impact on traffic patterns. He also said that much of the evidence given by abutters was anecdotal, and the traffic consultant uses science to predict the outcome. In their opinion, the traffic will remain the same in the development's bordering areas, he said.

The Planning Board said Police Chief Robert Jackson surveyed the proposed Rte. 3A access-egress and recommended it serve as a right-turn only exit point, which abutters say would cause more exiting traffic at the Beechwood entrance. Member Peter Pratt said the traffic study also doesn't take into consideration what happens if Greenbush, Avalon, or any major change happens in the next 50 or so years.

Dave Martell, 29 Hammond Ave., said the volume of trucks coming in and out of the property during construction would also have an impact.

Water problems

Residents said many area houses experience basement flooding on a regular basis, as well as low water pressure and bad water quality.

John Kennedy,115 Beechwood St., said he has been living in his home for the last 33 years and that "there have been seasons when the water is just running down the driveway."

Dave Johnson,147 Beechwood St., also has a flooding basement and said that currently, he is not able to drink the water out of his faucet because the water quality is so bad, even though he lives in a brand new home with brand new pipes. His new dishwasher has been ruined from the water, and on top of that, he has very low water pressure.

"[Water quality] is really poor — and that's an understatement — and it really has interesting colors," said John Kenney, 53 Beechwood St.

Some have had to redo their septic systems at a huge cost because the ground conditions are so bad.

"I have a worry that my system could be damaged," said Catherine Baker, 33 Hammond Ave.. Because her land was surveyed with the current situation in mind, she worries her system might not be able to handle the extra runoff water that could come her way.

By taking the trees out for the development, Baker said, "It's going to take the root system that holds drainage and it's going to make matters worse."

But after the meeting, Ragno said a drainage system has not been drafted yet, and concerns about water runoff needn't be an issue. He said any proposed system needs to comply with set standards, and a system will not be approved that makes matters worse.

"We know those rules and we have to comply," he said.

Abutters are also worried about their quality of life post development.

Velma Begley, 455 Beechwood St., said with blasting and bulldozers, wildlife might leave and never come back. She also worries about whether the peace and quiet she and many neighbors originally bought their houses to enjoy, will still exist when the building is complete.

"We're not rich people and we'd like to stay there. We've had years invested in the area and we can't drop $1 million on a house," she said.

Begley also noted the project wants to hook up to town sewer, perhaps edging out existing homes. "I'd hate to see another area of town who'd like to hook up be delayed even further," she said.

Capt. Trask, who said the department is spread thin and response time to a second call is sometimes delayed, also urged that sprinklers be installed in each unit.

Members from the Cedarmere group have a good feeling about the outcome of the meeting. Kelli Calhoun said she wasn't surprised about concerns stated, as many had already been expressed at the on-site open house held Saturday Aug. 2.

"We want to make sure we hear each and every one," she said. "They have every right to be concerned."

The developers will be taking the concerns into consideration, but feel that overall, their project is something the town would benefit from.

"I didn't hear anything that would make me think our project isn't a great project for the town," Ragno said.

The Senior Overlay District, which was created to encourage housing for senior citizens, allows for higher density housing than is usually allowed in the residential district, if the development meets the requirements of the new bylaw established at Town Meeting last fall.

"It's absolutely what I envisioned when I was voting yea," said Good, the acting Planning Board Chairman.

Plans include 14 units in a new grand manor house near the center of the site that would also include an underground parking garage; 23 single-family residences, and 18 two-family residences in clusters around courtyards to preserve open space. A barn on site would also be renovated into a single-family residence. All market-rate units would be 2,400 square feet, have two bedrooms, and would start at $650,000.

Twenty-nine affordable, one- and two-bedroom units are planned for a building to be constructed near Rte. 3A with parking for 50 cars. A cabin at the western end of the site would be renovated into two additional affordable units. The 31 affordable units put the development over the minimum 26 (or 25 percent), required under the Senior Overlay District.

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Water pipe upgrades are a sign of the times

Let residents know what is happening

By Samantha Brown
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New signs are popping up on the streets of Cohasset, and they have nothing to do with traffic. As part of a major overhaul to the town's water system, the Cohasset Water Department has gone the extra mile to ensure residents are aware of the water improvement projects under construction around town.

Water commissioner Glenn Pratt said since 1996 the water commission has been on the "fast track" to rebuild the water system, which includes the replacement of roughly 36 miles of pipe. However, in the 53 years the water department has been in service, this is the first time signs have been used to specify who is working on a project.

The signs, which were designed and made by David Hassan of Hassan Wood Carving and Sign Co., say "Continuing to improve your water system," and are rippled at the top like ocean waves. Names of the water commissioners are featured at the bottom.

Currently, construction is underway on South Main Street from Beechwood Street to the Scituate border, with old pipe being replaced with brand new 12-inch water mains. Projects are also under construction on Rte. 3A by the Scituate border, as well as the "hillside" area of town, which includes Bancroft Road and Oak Street. Roughly four or five streets "off the beaten path" have also been worked on, which Pratt said had pipes which were in dire need of being replaced.

Water Commission Chairman John McNabb said the signs were put up on the construction projects for two reasons. First, when driving by sites where the road is torn up, it's hard to tell whether the project involves sewer, water, or drainage systems. When residents see the Water Department signs, they know who is responsible. The signs also help raise awareness that the problems being faced by many residents regarding water quality are being addressed, one at a time.

"It's important that people know it is a water project to improve their systems," McNabb said.

Pratt also said it's a way for people to know that the money allocated for these projects is "going down into the ground," and progress is being made. Currently, the town is spending around $2 million a year on water quality improvements, he said.

Knowing who is responsible for the project also gives residents someone to contact if they have questions, concerns, or want to report an incident if something doesn't look right at a work site.

"If something goes wrong, we'd rather hear about it," Pratt said.

The ultimate goal of the town is to improve water quality for its residents and Pratt believes. "Every time you replace pipes, you get better water."

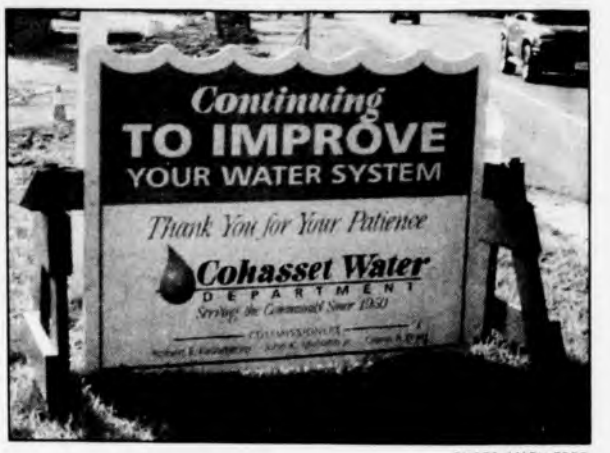
"When water leaves the treatment plant, it's crystal clear," he said, but went on to explain that some of Cohasset's pipes are more than 100 years old. Over all those years, pipes which once had a 10-inch diameter can shrink down to a three or four inch opening as buildup collects on the pipe's inner walls. As water travels along the miles of pipes, it picks up a variety of materials from the buildup, before coming into a house.

Because water quality is so important for everyone in town, projects need to be prioritized. Pratt said the most urgent cases involve fire safety, and pipes at hydrant sites are always first to be replaced.

"They have to be able to deliver enough to put out a fire," he said.

Hydrants are constantly being tested to make sure they have adequate water flow for fire-fighting purposes. After hydrants, the older pipes in town take priority, while other less urgent cases must wait.

At last week's Cedarmere hearing before the Planning Board, many residents from the Beechwood Street area said they were concerned the proposed 105-unit development would make their already taxing water situation even worse. Many residents complained of strange odors and colors in their tap water and some even said their water is ruining new bathroom fixtures and kitchen appliances.



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New signs, like this one on Rte. 3A by the former South Shore Chevy Geo site, are alerting residents to water system improvements.

"I'm not surprised to hear that," Pratt said, noting that the town is well aware of the situation in that part of town. He said because the town does have a list of priorities, those homes are roughly on the "three-year out" list.

Projects in the works include Parker Avenue, for which construction will begin after Labor Day so as not to interfere with boating season. Next year, construction will begin for the entire length of South and North Main streets, which Pratt said is "a main feeder artery."

ZBA to tackle hot decision on 3 Jerusalem Lane Monday

Will deliberate during meeting

By Mary Ford
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The Zoning Board of Appeals has a weighty agenda Monday with a handful of hearings and deliberations scheduled.

But none are as controversial as the impending ZBA decision on the Ayer house at 3 Jerusalem Lane.

ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick said the board would tackle the series of hearings first. Deliberations on 3 Jerusalem Lane would not start before 8 p.m., he said.

If the prior hearings on 3 Jerusalem Lane are a gauge then the ZBA can expect a crowd that includes lawyers representing Phil and Mary Anne Ayer and lawyers for some of the neighbors, who object to the house they say is out of step with the neighborhood.

What's at stake is a homeowner's right to build a new home with spectacular ocean views for which he was issued a building permit, over the objections of some neighbors, who say the house blocks their views and doesn't fit the neighborhood.

The zoning board's decision to uphold the neighbors' appeal of the building inspector's issuance of a building permit for 3 Jerusalem Lane has set the stage for recent hearings and the upcoming decision.

The zoning board agrees with the neighbors the building permit should not have been issued without the owner first obtaining a special permit because the lot the house sits on is undersized under the current zoning bylaw. The ZBA said because the lot is nonconforming, the Ayers should have applied for a special permit, unless they planned to stick with the exterior dimensions of the preexisting ranch-style home.

The zoning board must now decide whether to issue a special permit for the house. A decision to deny would mean the house is "substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood" [the standard in the bylaw]. The board must then determine how the house — which meets setback, height and lot-coverage requirements — increases the nonconformity and what aspect of that nonconformity is detrimental to the neighborhood.

Also at issue, is if the bylaw only protects vacant undersized lots that predate zoning. In other words, if the lot had been vacant when the Ayers bought the property, the neighbors would not have a case. But since there was an existing house that was razed, the neighborhood may have had the right to expect an existing home to remain essentially the same, or at least to have had the opportunity to be heard before the ZBA, the neighbors' lawyers argue.

Whatever happens the decision is likely to be precedent setting. Oversized homes on undersized lots are not uncommon in town. Lawyers for the Ayers found half a dozen building permits issued for new homes over the past few years on undersized lots that weren't required to seek special permits. However, the ZBA said the Ayers did not have standing to appeal those building permits.

Chittick said he hopes the ZBA will reach a consensus on Monday, so the decision can be written and voted on the following Monday before the Avalon hearing resumes on Aug. 25.

The Ayers were told last January to stop work on the home — nearly 80 percent complete at that point — after it was determined Building Inspector Bob Egan erred in issuing them a building permit. Neighbors had fought to stop construction on the property since August of last year, but Egan stuck to what he thought was a widely held, longstanding interpretation of the bylaw that replacing a smaller home with a larger one on a non-conforming lot was OK as long as the new home met all dimensional requirements.

Cohasset isn't so taxing, study says

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can raise its property taxes from year to year. A majority of Cohasset voters also sought to repeal the state income tax surcharge in 1986 and roll back the personal income tax in 2000, both of which were successful statewide. They voted to abolish the personal income tax in 2002, which failed. They also voted against instituting a graduated income tax in 1994, which also failed.

However, Cohasset voters didn't agree with the effort to roll back the personal income tax rate back to 4.25 percent in 1990, which failed; and they supported raising the cigarette tax in 1992, which passed.

In the top seven "pro-tax" communities, a majority of voters opted for increased taxation on every major statewide voter referendum, the institute said. Those communities are Amherst, Conway, Leverett, Pelham, Shutesbury, Wendell and Williamstown — all of which are west of 495.

The seven towns that always voted for lower taxes and were less willing to raise them locally are Berkley, Billerica, Carver, Halifax, Plympton, West Bridgewater and Whitman, the institute said.

The Beacon Hill analysis is based on the premise that "like minded people like to congregate" and that people who don't mind paying high taxes for more goods and services such as schools, open space and local amenities will find towns to accommodate those needs. While those who don't like high taxes will move to communities that have lower taxes and fewer services.

"That some prefer high taxes while others prefer low taxes does not reflect negatively on either choice but shows how diverse communities accommodate people with diverse tastes," says David G. Tuerck, BHI executive director.

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Pierson heads to Hampshire College

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday wishes are being sent out to Miss **Melinda Dignam** who turned 9 years old on Tuesday, Aug. 12. Hope your day was as fun and as special as you are.

HONOR ROLL

Katrina Reardon, who will be a sophomore in the fall, has been named to the honor roll for the fourth quarter at Sacred Heart High School in Kingston. Great job Katrina!

HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE

Carrie Pierson, who is the daughter of **Wigmore Pierson** of Atlantic Avenue and **Janet Pierson** of Tuscon, Ariz., will be attending Hampshire College in the fall. She is a graduate of Miss Porter's School. Carrie, make sure to keep us all updated on your activities and accomplishments.

PUZZLE CLUB

A big thank you from staff and friends at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library to **Marjie Murphy** for hosting Puzzle Club again this year.

ART CLASSES

The South Shore Art Center is running a number of classes of special interest to teenagers. The Fall course lineup includes Portfolio 101: for High School Artists. This course is designed for high school students considering pursuing an art career or including a portfolio with their school admissions packets. Drawing, painting and printmaking techniques will be explored as well as photographing the art portfolio. The course allows high school artists the opportunity to enhance and supplement artwork to be used for admission to art school or college. Oil Painting for Teens will introduce the basics of oil painting while providing a supporting environment for self-expression and exploration of the oil paint medium. Challenging studio work will be a part of the series. Both classes will meet on weekends enabling busy high school students to participate.

An Introduction to Black and While Darkroom course will show students how to process their own film and how to make prints on variable contrast resin-coated paper. After ten weeks, students will have a foundation for further exploration of the darkroom. Students must have a 35 mm camera. This class will meet on Thursday afternoons. For information about these classes or other autumn offerings at the South Shore Art Center call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

This sounds like a great way to work and develop those artistic talents in you.

ALS BENEFIT RACE

Despite a gray day, the recent sixth annual Jimmy Kennedy Memorial Race for ALS, a/k/a the Squirrel Run, in Quincy, was a tremendous success, raising more than $50,000 for the Angel Fund, a non-profit organization dedicated to funding ALS research at Massachusetts General Hospital. The race/walk is a tribute to **Jimmy Kennedy**, who lost his courageous battle with ALS, the disease better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, in 1997 at the age of 31.

According to event organizer **Rich Kennedy** of Cohasset, the five-mile race attracted 480 runners of all ages and abilities, with course records set by both male and female runners. Taking top honors for the men was Kevin Gray of Walpole at 24 minutes, 46 seconds, followed by Chris Fitzgerald of Quincy and Brian Hamill of Watertown. Coming in at first for the women, with a course record of 29 minutes, 29 seconds, was Holly Madden of Scituate, followed by Tracey Timmons of Quincy, and Amy Wallace of Allston.

"The success of the event can be attributed to the many people who helped coordinate the activities, as well as the runners, walkers, friends and sponsors," Rich Kennedy added. "We also received tremendous support from Mayor William Phelan and his staff."

Kennedy extended special thanks to the following sponsors: New Balance, donors of shirts, water bottles, and prizes; Cohasset Cycle, donors of a bicycle for the raffle; South Shore Volvo for providing the pace car each year; Stop & Shop; Boston Athletic Club; Dominos Pizza of Quincy; and Tennessee Gas Pipeline – El Paso.

"This was a great event for a wonderful cause. All proceeds benefit the Angel Fund, an independent non-profit organization dedicated to finding a cure for this fatal disease," he said.

For information about the Angel Fund, call Fund Administrator Lisa Courtenay, at (781) 245-4545, or visit the website site at www.theangelfund.org.

Please make sure to send in all of your mid-summer activities and event information no later than Mondays at noon.

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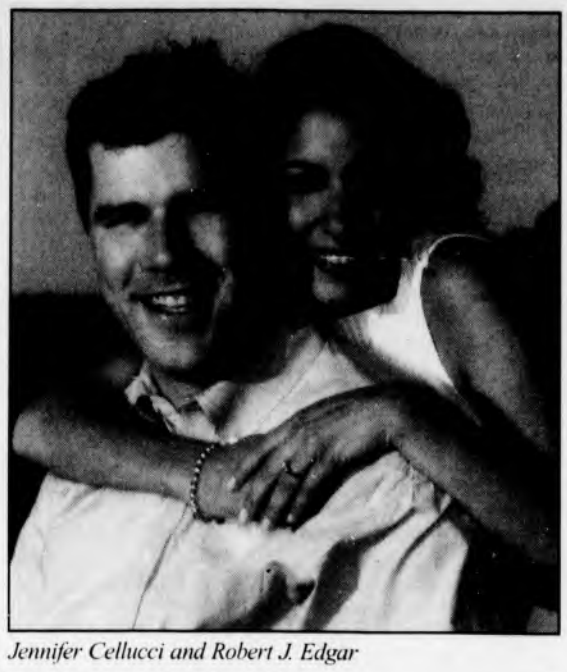


Jennifer Cellucci and Robert J. Edgar

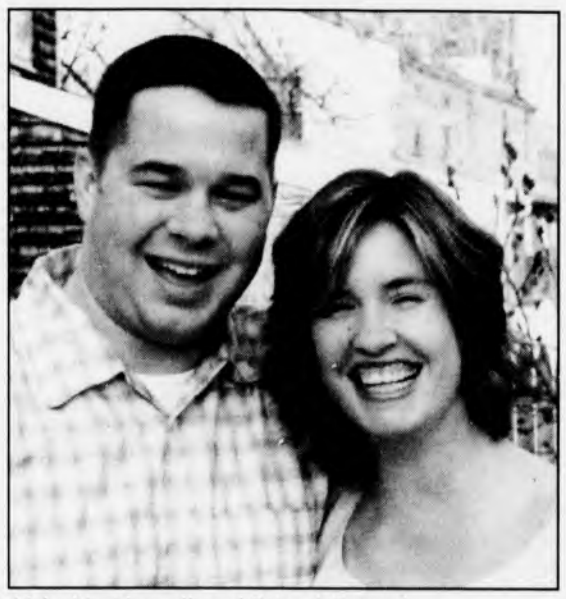
Cellucci - Edgar

Daniel and Judith Cellucci of Cohasset, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer to Robert J. Edgar, III, the son of Robert and Patricia Edgar, of Hanover.

The bride is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy and Fairfield University. She is employed at Chadwick's of Boston.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Xaverian Brothers High School and Auburn University. He is employed at Guardian Investment Services.

A July 4, 2004 wedding is planned.



Meka-Mari Laugelle and Orion J. Carmody

Laugelle - Carmody

Meka-Mari Laugelle and Orion J. Carmody announce their engagement. Meka-Mari is the daughter of Rocco F. Laugelle and the late Margaret J. Laugelle of Cohasset. Orion is the son of Captain and Mrs. James S. Carmody of Scituate.

Meka-Mari is a graduate of Cohasset High School, and continued on to graduate from Quinnipiac College with a degree in sociology. Currently she is pursuing a masters degree of education in counseling psychology at Cambridge College. She is currently a social worker.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Scituate High School and continued on to graduate from New England College with a degree in Criminal Justice. He is currently a Branch Manager with Hertz Local Edition.

An October wedding will be held in St. Lucia and a reception will be held in Cohasset, May 2004.

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Helping new museum open a window to the world

Dupuis has lots of creative ideas

By Samantha Brown
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The dust is starting to settle as construction of the Our World Global Children's Museum winds down and plans for permanent exhibits begin to take shape. But thanks to new Programming Coordinator Michele Dupuis, families won't need to wait for the museum's completion to take part in fun learning activities.

Under Dupuis' direction, the museum, which is housed in the 1929 wing of the old Osgood School, will begin utilizing its space the first week of October by offering "themed" birthday parties, playgroups, and movement classes. The museum is devoted to creating opportunities for children throughout the South Shore to gain global awareness through play spaces, rotating exhibits, and programming.

Having much experience working with children in a museum setting, Dupuis is confident these initial programs will be a success.

"I love working with children and I'm really excited about the concept of the programs," she said.

Birthday parties will provide hands-on activities, led by a museum instructor. Parties will be geared toward children from the ages of four to eight, but Dupuis said programs can also be developed with age-appropriate activities for older children.

Children can choose from predetermined party themes, which coordinate with the themes and missions of the museum, but Dupuis said she is open to any idea parents may want to implement.

The museum will also hold playgroups for toddlers. The first two themes will be French and Spanish introductions to early language for infants through four years. Age-appropriate activities will be centered around story time, free play, songs, and arts and crafts projects. An added bonus to this program is children with younger siblings can participate and mothers can work with the younger child in their group at the same time.

Movement classes featuring yoga, tai chi, step dancing and karate, will be held in two-week sessions to give children a taste of what each discipline is about. Dupuis said the classes will "Fit in with the theme of exploring the world." The common thread of fitness will show children how similar they are to children in other countries and celebrate the variations.

Dupuis said the programs provide children the opportunity to "learn how much we are the same. We share so much."

She also said the programs will allow children to experience different cultures in a very comfortable, safe environment. "I'm thrilled to be a part of it," she said.

"I love working with children and I'm really excited about the concept of the programs."

— Michele Dupuis, programming coordinator

Dupuis' interest in museum work began while she was still in college. While attending Westfield State College she held a full-time job in the Human Services office, as well as various part-time jobs.

"I certainly learned to juggle many things at once," she said..

One part-time job she held was at the Springfield Science Museum where led the live-animals program, during which she would introduce various critters to children including hissing cockroaches, lizards, and a nine foot boa constrictor. While studying to receive her degree in biology as well as minors in both education and chemistry, working with children at the museum was a perfect fit.

With the goal of one day becoming a teacher, Dupuis said she never would have guessed her career path would include museum work.

"I didn't expect to fall into it, then you fall in love with it and don't want to leave it," she said.

After graduating in 1997, Dupuis continued working for the Springfield Science Museum and one day saw a posting for a museum camping coordinator. Through this job, she coordinated over-night camping trips at the museum for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The position had been part time, and Dupuis was just the person to help turn it into a full-time endeavor. Through the program, she developed a network of camp-in programs throughout Massachusetts.

"It's nice knowing what everyone else is doing," she said.

Another project she worked on in conjunction with the camp-ins, was a science program for girls. Most of the children she saw were urban youth, of which some were from low-income families. She set up programs with guest speakers, including a woman scientist, to come speak to the girls and open their eyes to the world of possibilities their lives could hold.

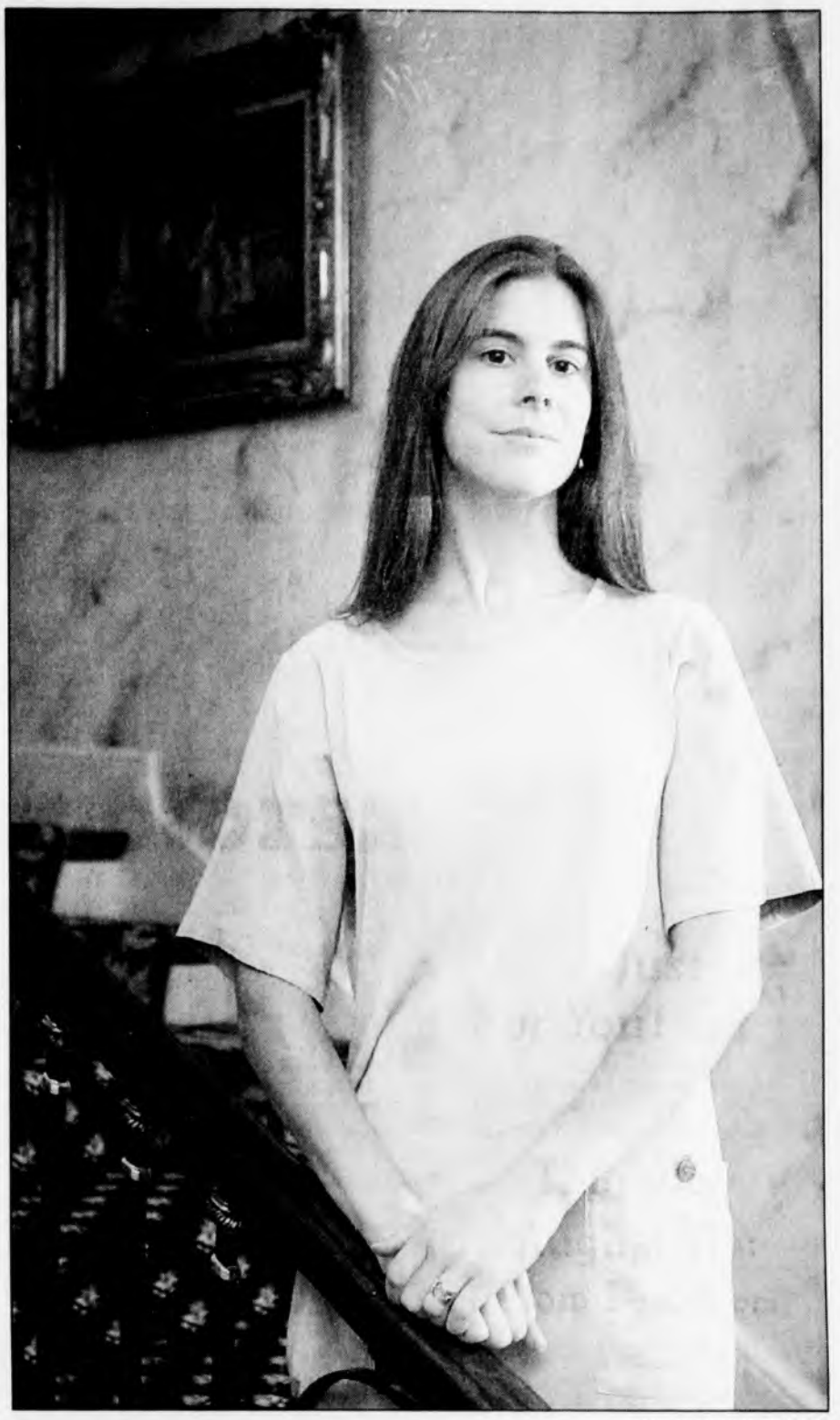
"The big thing was being able to see women that looked like them," she said, adding that for the girls to be able to meet a successful, African American scientist, really made an impression.

Once the museum is up and running, Dupuis' position will develop into a full-time role, which she can't wait for. A self-proclaimed workaholic, she said she really enjoys becoming immersed in her work and has a high level of dedication to the programs she runs.

After working with children in an urban setting, she is looking forward to working with the children in Cohasset who might not have as much experience with diversity. She believes the museum will provide the perfect outlet for parents to talk to their children about the subject of diversity, which can sometimes be hard to broach.

"I think it serves a need and an opportunity for families to come together in a good way," she said.

Dupuis also said she would "love to hear feedback about what people would like to see for future programs," opening the door for anyone in the community to become involved.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Keeping Cohasset beautiful

Volunteers add so much to our town. The efforts of these folks run the gamut from serving in elected or appointed office — to ensuring that a traffic island or other public space is lovely to look at.

In the weeks ahead, we'd like to highlight the efforts of the latter group. In a story by staff reporter Samantha Brown in this week's issue, we feature the efforts of Maryanne Cushing of Beechwood Street, who has taken over the care of the island at Beechwood and King streets from a former neighbor Amy Roebuck.

Thanks to Maryanne's efforts, motorists, joggers, cyclists and pedestrians alike can enjoy a small oasis of blooming color and fragrant scents in what otherwise might be just another intersection.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris suggested we write a series of stories about efforts like Maryanne's to help keep Cohasset synonymous with beauty, by focusing on people that take the time to keep it that way.

Last month Samantha Brown wrote about the efforts of the Village Renaissance Committee that has orchestrated all kinds of village improvements from refurbishing the James Brook Walkway to the beautifying pocket park next to Tedeschi's.

Selectmen recently asked for volunteers to serve on a town Beautification Commission like the town of Scituate has. (For a feast for your eyes, check out the traffic islands at the light in North Scituate and by Ronnie Shone's on Country Way and First Parish Road — which are the work of the commission). We think establishing a beautification commission can be a good idea but may not be necessary if enough citizens adopt public places near their homes or businesses by tidying up, pulling a few weeds, and planting some flowers.

It can be a lot of work and should be a labor of love. As Mrs. Cushing says, "It's one way I can serve the community."

If you know of a friend or neighbor, or of a local group, that is providing a beautification effort, please contact Samantha at 781-741-2935 or at sambrown@cnc.com

— Mary Ford
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Sewer smoke testing to start

New England Pipe Cleaning Company Division, Heitkamp, Inc. will conduct a sewer system study for the Town of Cohasset to determine where storm water may be entering the sanitary sewer system.

Storm water, sometimes referred to as "inflow," can enter the system during periods of wet weather through many sources, including catch basins, damaged manholes, roof leaders, sump pumps, and basement drains. When present I excessive amounts, inflow increases the cost to operate the sewer system resulting in flooded basements and raw sewage overflows.

Smoke testing of the sanitary sewers will help to locate these sources of storm-water inflow to the system.

The smoke testing operations will be concentrated in the town center, Cohasset Cove and the harbor areas. The work involves blowing smoke into the sanitary sewer system to locate leaks and possible defective piping.

The smoke is non-toxic, non-staining and does not leave a residue. More than likely, the smoke will not enter a building unless the plumbing is defective. If the smoke does enter the building, do not be alarmed, open all windows to aid in the evacuation of the smoke and notify the field crew outside who will be in the general area. Caution must be used if smoke does enter a building, however, since all smoke can irritate breathing passages without respiratory protection.

Cooperation during this smoke-testing program will expedite the work effort. This work is scheduled to be performed Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 18 and 19 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., weather permitting.

The town manager, as well as the fire, police and the public works departments are aware of the work and will be available to assist if necessary.

All residents connected to the sanitary sewers will be notified with a hand-delivered notice at least 48 hours before the testing begins.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerns about cigarette smoke

TO THE EDITOR:

I am perplexed and concerned. Being a non-smoker whose system at times becomes nauseous around cigarette smoke, I am thankful for the rules in restaurants, bars, etc., prohibiting cigarette smoking. I can also empathize a bit with those folks who greatly enjoy smoking and have lost many privileges.

At this time, my deep-hearted concern on the smoking subject goes to the elderly housing in Cohasset. I have a friend who has chronic health challenges that are aggravated by cigarette smoke. She lives in the Town of Cohasset Elderly Housing complex. She is thankful for the provision to live in such a good facility at a price she can afford. The frustrating and dangerous part of her living situation is the fact that she has had to live among cigarette smoke for approximately four years. The last year, with a new housing complex neighbor, the atmosphere has been less-plagued by cigarette smoking; yet it is enough to make her health condition become intensified and making her most uncomfortable at times.

I believe and hope there could be a way the state could make a law that would provide for a section, separate from the rest, in elderly housing whereby smokers could live and enjoy the remainder of their lives smoking. At the same time, I believe separate facilities should be designated where non-smokers could enjoy the remainder of their lives free of cigarette smoke filtering into their units and the health problems and discomforts that issue from such an atmosphere.

Karen Ford
575 Jerusalem Rd.

Pesticide spraying

TO THE EDITOR:

Massachusetts Highway has announced it will spray herbicides to "manage" vegetation under guard rails in 113 cities and towns very soon.

The Town Manager from Marshfield, Angus Jennings wrote in the Boston Globe Aug. 10, 2003 that the Mass. Highway is reversing its five-year decision of zero tolerance of not using pesticides. He expresses his concern most persuasively.

Five years ago, I was fighting the use of herbicides on roadways by the state when the state responded to public concern and announced a temporary suspension of herbicide spraying. I was quoted in the Hingham Journal on March 18, 1999 and said that despite the victory, "as a concerned citizen, I'm going to stay on my toes." Oh, do my toes hurt—but I am glad I stayed on them for so many years.

In 1999, I took a ride to South Hingham and realized how close to the highway the houses on Gardner Street, Mallard Run and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints are. They are particularly susceptible to drift spray.

A major concern is Hingham's drinking water supply—Accord Pond. While I am writing this as a Hingham resident, I am concerned with all communities. *Drift and water contamination knows no boundaries.* All of the harmful substances we are exposed to are accumulative in our bodies. Very often, children are most susceptible.

If citizens' concerns were heard five years ago and stopped a dangerous practice, why can't we do it now? Please express your objections by calling Secretary Grabauskas at the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction at 617-973-7000; Gov. Romney at 617-725-4005; and local officials.

Pat Granahan
Hingham

HEALTH NOTES

Getting back on your feet

Rehabilitation is a necessity

There are more than 200 web pages listed dealing with various forms of rehabilitation therapy in seven separate rehabilitation disciplines.

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Most of you probably have a routine which involves some form of exercise. It need not involve the sport jock's cardio-blast-tendon challenge, but it's something. And when you fail to do it for a day or two, you feel out of sorts, maybe down, guilty, wrong..... At least *I* do.

Well, that may be nature's way of sounding the alarm. One seems to lose the fine tuning very rapidly if it's not used. And, many times it's not our fault. Obligations frequently interfere with our best intentions. The fact is that if we slack off, even for a few days, we start to become physically less than we were a few days ago. Now, think about what happens when something *really* goes wrong. pulled tendon; fall; accident,....stroke?

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If you experience symptoms, call 9-1-1 immediately.

In many cases, individuals experience Transient Ischemic Anomalies or TIA. Which are brief symptoms similar to those above, but which occur and then go away. However, it's important for people not to ignore temporary symptoms like those above. They should seek advice from a professional.

But if a stroke occurs, survival to enjoy a reasonable quality of life depends on rehabilitation. Even without a stroke or some major trauma, rehabilitation therapy may greatly shorten periods of pain and discomfort.

One of the larger health care industries in this country is rehabilitation. In the National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC) data base which collects and disseminates the results of federally funded research projects to anyone who is interested, there are more than 200 web pages listed dealing with various forms of rehabilitation therapy in seven separate rehabilitation disciplines. Literally billions are spent from fixing pulled muscles in athletic sports rehab therapy to major reconstructive therapy after trauma surgery and stroke.

Rehabilitation therapy is more than an available resource, it is a necessity. For those who have stopped running or playing sports, or are even just becoming less active, it's necessary for your health to substitute a minimum amount of some form of physical activity for any lost ability to exercise. Frequently this calls for rehabilitation therapy. Discussion of your activity routine with your physician or health care provider and see what they recommend.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

The wild sand roses of olde Cape Cod

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

I'm recently back from my annual pilgrimage to the tip of Cape Cod where the dwindling blooms of the wild sand roses tell me that we have turned the corner on another summer. I casually mention such to my Dad who reminds me that summer doesn't officially end until deep into September. Nonetheless, the rose, as well as hints in thin August air say something else. I remember it from childhood when, by mid-August, an indefinable melancholy tiptoed into Provincetown and settled quietly, a reminder that the bliss we had known for so many long and lazy weeks was coming to an end.

Our forebears, who lived close to the land, used nature's events as their clock and perhaps, like me, the blooming of the wild sand roses was one of their timepieces. Though I'm learning not to give up on summer come Labor Day, once the profusion of exuberant blooms is gone from the *Rosa rugosa*, my mindset changes. Each summer day thereafter, I know, is a gift.

Rosa rugosa is an alien species, native to Asia, which arrived on our shores by way of a shipwreck some century and a half ago. The rose's seed pods, called hips, are rich in vitamin C and were carried on ships to prevent scurvy. Cast onto the back beach of the Cape, the hips seeded themselves and began reaching their extensive root system throughout the Capes sandy soil.

At the time of the *rugosa's* arrival, the native salt spray rose, *Rose virginiana*, scrambled across the Cape landscape. The beachcomber Henry David Thoreau thought enough of the native rose to write eloquently of it in the journals that became his Cape Cod travelogue:

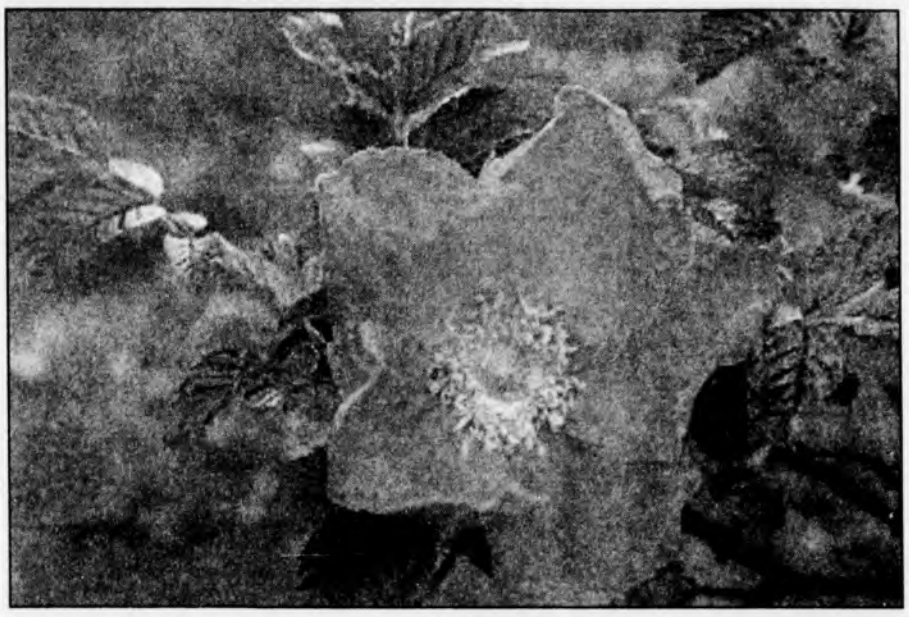
"When the roses were in bloom, these patches in the midst of sand displayed such a profusion of blossoms, mingled with the aroma of the bayberry, that no Italian or other artificial rose garden could equal them. They were perfectly Elysian, and realized my idea of an oasis in the desert."

I've often reflected on his words when I see the Rosa rugosa in bloom and I am certain that Thoreau would have enjoyed the *rugosa* - now more widespread than the native rose - as much as he did the *Rose virginiana*. Alien though the *rugosa* may be, there comes a time when even washashores have been amongst us long enough to be accorded some kind of native status — at least honorary. I can't imagine the Cape without the *rugosa*, its single, crepe-like carmine or white blossoms tossing against a backdrop of deep blue ocean and sky, and I for one would happily cast my vote to call it one of our own.

Today's *rugosa's* blossoms and fruits, progeny of those first washashores, have become, for me, a poetic symbol of the old Cape Codders themselves — unassuming idiosyncratic, informal of habit, self-made, stalwart - but also a symbol of permanence in a place that is rapidly changing and becoming like every where else. Every blush of it simple blooms and every draught of its pure perfume speaks to a bygone way of life. The ever-resourceful Cape Codder found a number of uses for the *rugosa* rose, boiling and mashing the hips into a tasty jam or tart filling, and steeping the hips to make a satisfying tea. The fragrant petals were used in a potpourri.

But, today, fewer and fewer Cape Codders are devoted to the rose the way their parents and grandparents were. And, even if they were, they would find the rose missing from too many places on the Cape, eradicated - like the blueberry, cranberry and beach plum — not by Mother Nature's blights but by commercial and residential development. So, too, have the ritual of harvesting wild fruits, and the making of things by hand, from scratch, lost their place in our modern society.

Some years ago I bought two *Rosa rugosa* plants, one white, the other pink, tucked comfortably into gallon containers. I planted them in my yard, hoping as so many people do when assembling their world, to recreate something I knew as a child. More than a decade later my roses scramble and thrive and perfume my yard with their unforgettable redolence, an unhybridized fragrance, the whiff of wildness, that has seeped so deep into my memory that every swallow sends me back to my own olde Cape Cod.



Rosa rugosa

Like the roses on Cape Cod, my roses are a calendar and these past few days they tell me that summer is winding down. Spent petals litter the ground and from where they fell the once-green hips are swelling and reddening. A handful of blossoms keep the bees busy and a few last buds — a gift this time of the season — packed and twisted into delicate points, are ready to bloom with the next burst of nourishing sun.

There is, of course, much more still to bloom in the garden and my Dad is right, there is plenty of summer still to come. The Rose of Sharon, the hibiscus, the sunflowers, the vegetables and the grapes are all just coming into their own. Still, I'll miss the cheery blossoms of the *rugosa* when the last petals drop. I'll miss the perfume of a flower that cannot be improved upon by human hands, the smell of wildness that is too often lost in our tamed, manicured and hybridized world.

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Diversity of candidates

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I tell you I'm moving to California, that's what.

It's the diversity of the candidates for governor that gets me.

Where else can I cast a vote for an Austrian-born muscleman, a Republican married to a Kennedy whose father was the chief of the Nazi military police in Belgium during World War II and whose best known reference in Bartlett's is "I'll be back?"

Or for a 4-foot-7 midget, a former child TV star, who tells one and all that "I'm probably the least qualified for the job," who promises to "drill for oil in every national park," and whose contribution to Bartlett's is the phrase "Whatchu talkin' 'bout?"

Or for a wheelchair-bound pornographer whose magazine is so raunchy that Playboy's Hugh Hefner won't allow it in the house where his bunnies and airbrushed centerfolds might see it?

Or for a Greek-born columnist who calls everyone "dahlink" and dumped her rich husband after he dumped $30 million on an unsuccessful run for senator and an environmentalist who claims to differ from Arnold by "the cars we drive — it's the hybrid vs. the Hummer?"

Or maybe my vote could go to a billboard model named Angelyne or to a bald-headed comedian who, for some reason, can make people laugh by smashing pumpkins and watermelons, or to any one of 500 potential candidates who have filed 65 signatures and a $3,500 entry fee?

Don't laugh.

Remember, they laughed in 1966 when an actor they called "Dutch," who co-starred with a chimp in his best remembered role, decided to run for governor. Movie stars have been lusting for political roles ever since a tap dancer named Murphy was elected senator in the '60s.

And remember Sonny Bono, too.

He played the caboose in the duo of Sonny and Cher until Cher dumped him and he cast about himself for something to do. Of course, he ran for Congress in 1994 and won. When he died in a skiing mishap four years later, his widow, Mary, won his seat.

Mary Bono, a Tae Kwan Do instructor by trade, had to beat a TV actor, Ralph Waite, better known as "Pop" Walton on "The Waltons." Ralph was handicapped in the race since he was committed to play Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman" six times a week.

Jesse Ventura, the pro wrestler who became governor of Minnesota, was also lesser known as an actor; in fact, he played alongside Arnold in the movie "Predator" and even had a speaking role, to wit, "I ain't got time to bleed."

Incidentally, Jesse's legal name is still James George Janos; he picked his stage name from a map of California. But I digress . . .

Fred Grandy, who played "Gopher" on the long-running TV series "The Love Boat" and roomed with David Eisenhower in prep school, was elected to Congress from Iowa, and Ben Jones, the mechanic "Cooter" on TV's popular "The Dukes of Hazzard," was a congressman from Georgia.

And who knows? Maybe someday an actor will be president of the Uni . . .

LIBRARY CORNER

YA get together

Come join us for our next Young Adult get together. We will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 7-8:30p.m. Pizza and soda will be served in the Community Room from 7-7:30p.m. and lively book talks will take place in the YA Room from 7:30-8:30p.m. Come let us know what you have been doing and reading this summer. This get together is open to all Cohasset Middle/High School students. Call and reserve your space now!

Contest winners

Congratulations to the following coloring contest winners: Caroline Ranney, Anya Gruber, Annie Robinson, Brett Dooley, Sarah Gruber, Henry Hobson Dormitzer, Sophia Pitts. Prizes were awarded at the final family performance on Aug. 12. The art work will be on display in the Children's Room.

Summer reading

The statewide summer reading program will end on Sunday, Aug. 17. All students who have successfully completed their goal should come see Mrs. Moody to receive their book bag. Thank you to all the students who participated and thank you to all the families who attended our Tuesday evening family performances. Your continued support and participation made this summer program a huge success.

We had more than 900 people participate in events during the month of July! Many thanks!

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! Reserve your copy in advance by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "The Fifth Book of Peace," Maxine Hong Kingston's long-awaited new book, opens as Maxine Hong Kingston arrives home after her father's funeral, to discover her neighborhood and home destroyed by fire. When all of her possessions are lost, including her novel in progress, she attempts to re-create her book and rebuild her life. "Brick Lane," Monica Ali's debut novel, similar to Zadie Smith's "White Teeth," explores the immigrant world of a woman born in a Bangladeshi village and transported to London to her arranged marriage. "Love Me," by Garrison Keillor. When Larry Wyler loses both his job at the New York Times and his wife, he returns home to Minnesota to write a lonely-hearts column.

Large print books

Large print books added to the collection: "Brunelleschi's Dome," by Ross King, "Bubbles Ablaze," by Sarah Strohmeyer, "The Photograph," by Penelope Lively, "Plain Language," by Barbara Wright and, "Jarhead," by Anthony Swofford.

Study rooms

Need a quiet space to study, tutor a student or meet with a small group? The library has two study rooms available. Call Judy Simons at 781 383-1348 to reserve a room.

Museum passes

Check out the museum passes available to you at the library, compliments of the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Visit the Museum of Fine Arts this summer on Friday evenings from 5:30 – 9:30 until Aug. 29 for " mfasummerfridays". Enjoy art, live music, and summer cocktails free with your museum pass.

Fill out customer satisfaction survey

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Placing a hold

TO PLACE A HOLD from home, start at our website www.cohassetlibrary.org. Go to CATALOG and search for the item you want. Click on HOLD. Enter your user ID from your library card (no spaces), your PIN (OCLN) and specify PICK-UP LOCATION as Cohasset. Press HOLD. We will notify you when the book is available.

Books on CD

New additions to the audio collection: "Leap of Faith," by Queen Noor, "Balzac and the Little Chinese seamstress," by Sijie Dai, "All he ever wanted," by Anita Shreve and, "The Crisis of Islam," by Bernard Lewis.

Travel DVD's

Travel DVD'S from the World Odysseys series have just arrived. Explore different parts of the world through these gorgeously photographed programs.

Computer help

Do you need help using the library's computers? Would you like to learn how to search the online catalog or reference databases? Sign up for a one-on-one tutorial with our Reference Librarian Judy Simons. Call the library to schedule a session.

SENIOR SCENE

The following events, programs and classes are upcoming at Cohasset Elder Affairs this summer. Please call the CEA office at 781-383-9112 to reserve your space.

EVENTS

Tuesday, Aug. 19, Marshfield Fair Senior Day: 1 to 3 p.m. Transportation provided. Leave from St. Anthony's parking lot at 12:30.

Wednesday, Aug. 20, Thomas Gainsborough's Life and Times Exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts: Cost of $14 includes transportation in and out of Boston. Van leaves from St. Anthony's parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Please reserve by Aug. 5.

Wednesday, Aug. 27, South Shore Elder Services 11th annual picnic held at Pageant Field in Quincy, noon – 2 p.m. A Hawaiian Luau will be the theme with entertainment by Legends of Music. Transportation provided. Cost: Free of charge. Please make reservations to CEA office by Aug. 15.

PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

Firming and Toning to Music: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Invigorating workout to great music. Increase cardiovascular, flexibility and muscular strength with hand-held weights and an aerobic workout to music. Instructor, Gloria White. Held at the senior center, 3 North Main St. $3.50 per class.

Chair Yoga New!: Thursdays 1 p.m. Starting June 5 and running weekly. Yoga is an ancient system of relaxation and rejuvenation that originated about 6,000 years ago. The postures strengthen and tone every part of the body, including the internal organs. In Chair Yoga, we will modify the traditional postures to make them accessible to everyone in the class. Enjoy soothing music, gentle and calming movement, and a relaxing guided meditation. No charge for this class.

Walking Club: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3 p.m. Join Joe McElroy and the group at Cohasset High School. More than half the U.S. population is overweight. Call Joe at 781-383-9112.

Foot Care: Wednesday, Aug. 13, by appointment only. CEA hosts a low-cost foot care service the second Wednesday of the month. Open to all South Shore residents. Cost is $25. Fills up quickly. Call to reserve, 781 383-9112.

Romney can count Bulger's resignation as a victory

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

William Bulger made an amazing number of friends and enemies in 42 years, but the way he'll probably be remembered by the public can best be captured by going to Mass.gov and entering "Bulger" in the search box. The first search result delivers not William's name, but Whitey's.

Bulger's resignation as president of UMass played in the press as a victory of one strong political personality over another, and that's valid. At the same time, larger issues and forces contributed to the resignation, the major development of the week on Beacon Hill.

Bulger's departure was seen as Romney's biggest win since taking office. In some ways it resembled the governor's initial victory, back in November. That win certainly didn't come because Romney ran a brilliant campaign; pros agreed it was tied with Shannon O'Brien's for "mediocre." But in campaigns adjudged roughly even in message and tactics, in Massachusetts, the Democrat always wins. She lost – because the voting base has shifted, to suburban, more affluent, and more conservative.

That dynamic repeated when the Democratic power establishment closed ranks to defend Bulger against Romney, to no avail. Bulger had the votes in the short term, but in the long run support was running Romney's way. His base approved the message Romney was delivering about Bulger, as embodiment of the urban politics whose time has passed, where backs are for scratching or stabbing.

The governor's appeal to the voters who rejected the Democrats and put him in the StateHouse is based on reform. This spring, he somehow managed to have dozens of his proposals for reform adopted in the Legislature, while simultaneously selling the message, "they won't let me change things!"

In a way, it was the opposite with the Bulger situation: Romney's actual proposals for change in the UMass organization and leadership structure failed to impress almost anyone, including his business allies. But his message – "we need change, and it starts with Bulger" – got through. He lost several battles over Bulger, and UMass, but won the war. Bulger blamed politics for the outcome, but it was more than that.

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All his life, and certainly after 40 years in the business, Bulger understood the most important resource a politician has is votes, and his were shifting away. The trustees at UMass were prepared to continue supporting him. But the US House Committee on Government Reform continued looking at the FBI's use of informants like Bulger's notorious brother, James, and whether William Bulger misstated the truth in any way when he testified in June. Trustees increasingly were signaling their discomfort with the president's continued presence. They were hearing from their constituents that the situation with Bulger was damaging the school's image, and knew Bulger could not have his full-time attention on the school. They also knew Romney was not going to relent in his Bulger-quest.

The institution is the biggest of the big issues overhanging the flashy drama now concluding. Romney made his point, and proved it, and looks potent doing so. But now Bulger's gone, and the bigger substantive problems remain — restoring UMass, getting it better funded and better managed, delivering a higher-quality education and linking it to the economic needs of the state. It's fascinating: by taking out Bulger, Romney's made those his problems.

Much of the wrangling over Bulger had to do with Election 2004; that approaching vote was in the news in other ways as well.

• *Groups file 14 proposals covering seven topics for ballot questions* — Attorney General Thomas Reilly received 14 petitions for potential ballot questions — both initiative petitions and constitutional amendments — by the 5 p.m. deadline. A list of topics can be found at www.02133.org under "2003-04 Ballot Questions."

• *Finneran scores health care proposal* — It didn't take long for House Speaker Thomas Finneran to weigh in on one of the proposals submitted last week. Sitting in as a guest host on WRKO-AM the next morning, Finneran said any state that adopts universal health care would be bankrupt within 14 months. Finneran said he laughed when he learned later health care access would be a constitutional right under a proposed constitutional amendment.

• *Committee will give death penalty another month* — The Criminal Justice Committee put off action on death penalty bills last week, saying it wanted to give Romney more time to move on his commission to examine death penalty legislation in Massachusetts. Romney announced he planned to form the commission June 18, but no product has been announced. Those most familiar with the issue say the votes are not there in the Legislature to advance capital punishment.

• *Romney backs lawrence school chief in language flap*— Lawrence school Superintendent Wilfredo Laboy failed a mandatory test of his English proficiency, but Gov. Romney and Board of Education Chairman James Peyser said Laboy should have the chance to retake the test. He suspended 24 teachers in Lawrence recently for their failure to pass the proficiency test they took.

• *Romney will cut back emergency assistance benefit* — Leslie Lawrence, associate director of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, decried the news that the Department of Transitional Assistance plans to reduce the emergency assistance benefit for disabled and elderly welfare recipients to $268 a month, from $303. The program was underfunded in this year's budget. "I didn't see it coming," said Lawrence. "This program has had a lot of support in the past from the Legislature. This is the first year that the Legislature has cut this program. I would suspect that there will be a great deal of concern when people come back from their vacations and find that another 11 percent cut has been proposed." Lawrence said program recipients also recently lost a $35 monthly rent stipend.

• *Mass. Borrowers will share $13.4m settlement* — Attorney General Reilly announced that about 13,000 defrauded borrowers in Massachusetts will split $13.4 million to settle allegations of predatory lending practices and fraud against Household Finance Corp. and Beneficial. The payments are part of a nationwide package under which the companies will pay $484 million.

• *Court officer charged with check theft* — Kevin O'Brien, a longtime House court officer, was charged with embezzlement in Boston Municipal Court. He allegedly cashed the paychecks of another worker who had inadvertently been left on the payroll after leaving her job as a page.

• *Groups push to get out the word about prescription plan* — With just a month to sign up seniors for Prescription Advantage, groups like the AARP were doing all they can to get the word out about the open enrollment period. Press releases and radio spots abounded. The program was saved with federal help and budget maneuvering this spring and summer.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' and senators' votes on three roll calls from earlier July sessions. All of the roll call votes are on legislative action surrounding Gov. Romney's overrides of items in the $22.1 billion fiscal 2004 state budget.

COMMONWEALTH COLLEGE (H 4004)

House 143-11, Senate 33-6, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $1,715,000 funding for the operation of the Commonwealth College honors program at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Commonwealth College currently enrolls some 2500 students who must meet high academic standards including a 3.4 high school grade point average, 1300 combined SAT score and a class ranking in the top ten percent of their graduating class. Override supporters said this innovative college for gifted students boasts a class size of less than 25 students per class, offers many unique opportunities for its students and attracts some of the state's brightest learners to a state college. They argued that Romney's veto is politically motivated and is directed at UMass President William Bulger who played a key role in establishing the program. Override opponents said they did not necessarily oppose the program but noted it should be funded out of the overall UMass budget. They argued that the funds would be available from the UMass budget if appropriate cuts and reforms were made in the UMass President's Office. (A "Yea" vote is for the $1,715,000. A "Nay" vote is against the $1,715,000).

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS (H 4004)

House 138-15, Senate 33-6, overrode Governor Romney's $2,100,004 million veto reduction (from 3,892,994 to $1,792,990) in funding for the John Silber early literacy grant program to promote school-wide literacy education and literacy among children from kindergarten through third grade. Override supporters said these grants are used to promote literacy through many avenues including the funding of salaries of reading specialists. They argued the program is important to cities and towns and would help ensure that children in primary schools across the state can read and learn. Some override opponents said it is an unpleasant necessity to reduce funding for good programs but argued that the state cannot afford the additional $2,100,004 during this fiscal crisis. Other override opponents said the grants are often unfairly awarded to large cities at the expense of many smaller communities that could use the money but cannot afford to hire professional grant writers to apply for it. (A "Yea" vote is for the $2,100,004. A "Nay" vote is against the $2,100,004).

COMPULSIVE GAMBLERS' TREATMENT (H 4004)

House 131-25, Senate 34-5, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $654,942 in funding for a compulsive gamblers' treatment program. The program is funded by money from unclaimed Massachusetts State Lottery prizes and from a state law that requires one-half of one percent of Massachusetts' net revenue from the multi-state Big Game Mega Millions lottery to go to a gamblers' treatment program. Override supporters said this program is important and argued that if the state is operating a gambling business, it should also take responsibility for the damage it causes. They noted that the funds pay for private contracts with groups including the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling. Some override opponents questioned how many people are actually served and helped by these treatment programs and noted the anonymous component of these programs makes it difficult to determine if they are effective or are even being used by a lot of people. Other override opponents argued that the state simply does not have sufficient money to fund these programs during the fiscal crisis. (A "Yea" vote is for the $654,942. A "Nay" vote is against the $654,942).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

FALSE EMERGENCY CALLS (H 1636)- The Criminal Justice Committee gave a favorable report to a bill imposing up to a 2.5 year prison sentence and/or $10,000 fine on anyone who knowingly makes a false call about an alleged emergency situation that threatens the life or safety of persons.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY ON A CHILD (S 163)- The Criminal Justice Committee gave a favorable report to legislation increasing from five to 20 years the maximum jail sentence for assault and battery that causes bodily injury to a child under the age of 14. The measure also expands the definition of bodily injury to include internal injuries resulting from the offender giving drugs or alcohol to the child.

DEATH PENALTY BILLS- The Criminal Justice Committee did not take action at its executive session last week on several bills, aired at a public hearing in March, to reinstate the death penalty in Massachusetts. The committee decided to hold the proposals and will likely have another public hearing next month in order to allow the Romney administration to testify. Members of the administration did not testify at the March hearing.

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Crocker sails to first place at Pan American Games

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For most children who begin sailing at the Cohasset Yacht Club, dreams of winning competitions and taking a trip to the Olympics rarely come to fruition. But for Davenport Crocker, that dream is coming true.

Thirty-five year old Crocker left to compete in the Pan American games held Aug. 1-17 in the Dominican Republic, and will return home a gold medal winner.

"We're absolutely not believing this. It's quite exciting," said his mother, Jane.

Davenport, who currently lives on Beacon Hill, has sailed in Cohasset virtually all his life, and is one apple that didn't fall far from the family tree, as his grandparents, parents, brother and sister all sail as well.

"He loved it from day one," Jane said.

Davenport sailed and competed throughout high school, but took a break from the sport while attending college. After landing a job at Waterline Systems in Newport R.I., he began sailing on a regular basis as part of his job requirements.

Davenport and his teammates, skipper Tim Healy, Newport, and crew members Nick Judson, Nantucket, and Gordon Borges, Newport, all met through the sailing community while in Rhode Island. They qualified to compete in the Pan American Games in January and have been planning for the race ever since.

Davenport and his team raced as part of the USA's 13-member Pan American Team-Sailing in the J/24 class. But this is not the first victory the team has shared. Together, they won second place at the 2002 J/24 Worlds, and also won the J/24 North American Championship in 2000 and 2001. The team also won the J/24 Mid-Winter Championships in both 2001 and 2002, proving they are the perfect balance for success.

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The Pan American Games, which have been held every four years since their inception in 1951, are held every four years during the summer preceding the Olympics. They are attended by athletes from 42 nations in North, Central and South America as well as the Caribbean, who compete in 288 events encompassing 36 sports, of which 28 are Olympic.

For Davenport, the training and preparation that went into sailing in the Pan American Games will hopefully help him accomplish his next sailing goal — competing in next year's Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Cohasset's Davenport Crocker

But racing sailboats is not all Davenport has been planning for. Shortly after qualifying for the race, he became engaged and has been planning for his wedding, which will be held Aug. 23.

Jane said that his current victory is thrilling and a wonderful accomplishment to have just before his wedding.

"[Sailing] is the love of his life, except his bride to be," she said.

But even with all the glory of winning the race, Jane said her son is just happy to be able to participate.

"He said, win, lose, or draw, it's such a treat and an honor to be representing his country."

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One exception, however, is the purple loosestrife that is usually found in wetlands and has taken up residence on the island.

"I don't know how it survives because it likes to have its feet wet," Cushing said.

Cushing said when choosing plants for the island, she is careful to incorporate many different varieties with different shapes and colors, to represent the different kinds of people living in her neighborhood. She said her neighborhood has everyone from surgeons to skilled laborers, who each have their own distinct strength and beauty. She wanted her island garden to celebrate the differences and be symbolic for anyone entering the neighborhood.

"Sometimes it's beautiful and sometimes it looks like a weed patch," she said, noting people often do as well.

"It's one way I can serve the community."
— Maryanne Cushing, Beechwood Street

As a school psychologist, Cushing has the summers off and said "it's a real shift to be a gardener."

Because of her busy fall schedule, which includes not only work, but tending to her two children, Cushing said she wouldn't be able to serve on a committee or other town position. However, by keeping up the island, "It's one way I can serve the community," she said.

Cushing said her love of gardening is probably a result of the influence of her father who passed away a couple of years ago. Her father, a gardener of German heritage, said he would always leave a place he lived more beautiful than it was. Cushing said his words have really been an inspiration for her and have instilled in her a strong value of nurturing the land.

"We only live on the earth for so long. We're all caretakers," she said.

Last month, the Mariner featured the Village Renaissance Committee and this week, Mary Anne Cushing. If you know an individual, group or organization that volunteers to help keep Cohasset looking beautiful, please contact Samantha Brown at (781) 741-2935 or via e-mail at sambrown@cnc.com.

IT'S HAPPENING

Consignment shop

The Cohasset Consignment Shop at Tedeschi Plaza in Cohasset will be opening for fall and winter consignment after Labor Day. Please look for future announcements in the newspapers regarding the exact date and hours.

Keep well clinics

The Cohasset Board of Health monthly keep well clinics for August with Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N., P.H.N. and Jan Bennett, R.N. are Thursday Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. during the Senior Center luncheon and Thursday Aug. 28 from 1–3 p.m. Harborview senior housing off Elm Street (behind the police department).

Save the date for the Cohasset Health Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Second Congregational Church (next to Cohasset Town Hall).

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Hawaiian Luau August 27

South Shore Elder Services, Inc. invites all seniors to attend its 11th annual picnic at Pageant Field, One Merrymount Parkway, Quincy.

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Historical society celebration is planned

This year, the Cohasset Historical Society is celebrating its 75th anniversary in the Paul Pratt Building which has been a building of major importance to the town for 100 years. Even though not all the boxes, nor all the gowns will have been unpacked, the Society is going to throw the signature event of the year to commemorate these achievements. The event, which will highlight the town's maritime history, is in the planning stages. Save the dates Oct. 2, 3 & 4 for "At the Edge of the Sea," a three-day art show/fund-raiser. Anyone who would like to volunteer or share ideas for this celebration, call 781-383-1168.

SSCC yard sale seeks donations

The South Shore Community Center will hold its annual yard sale on Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at the SSCC located at 3 Main St., Cohasset. The SSCC is seeking donations (no clothing please), which are tax deductible, for the yard sale with all proceeds going to support the center. Donators can drop off items at the SSCC from Sept. 8-12 between 9 a.m. and noon each day. For questions, contact the SSCC at 781-383-0088.

Senior citizen picnic

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is hosting the Annual Senior Citizen Picnic on Thursday, Aug. 21 at 12 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall on Route 3A and Kilby Street.

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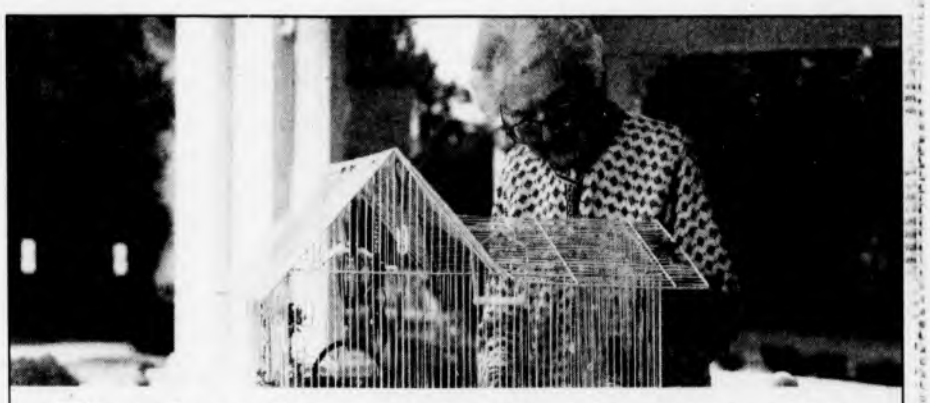

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The Open Space Committee will be featuring properties in Cohasset that practice organic land care. If you would like to participate in the program, please call Mary Michel at 781-383-0450.

This is the first in a series of photos of organic gardens and lawns around Cohasset. The Board of Health and the Open Space Committee have teamed up to raise awareness of the importance of proper lawn care on our health and the environment. This garden was created by Mary Michel and Eric Richter at 77 Jerusalem Road.

ART CENTER CLASSES

The South Shore Art Center at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset announces the following fall classes:

Fall Children's and Teens' Art Courses

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Most classes are eight weeks long and will begin the week of Sept. 22. For more information, visit www.ssac.org; or to register, call 781-383-2787.

Fall Adult Art Courses

The Basics of Drawing; Intermediate Drawing—The Next Steps; Drawing and Painting for the Petrified; Botanical Drawing and Painting; Pastels—Still Life to Landscape; Pastel Painting Thursdays; Beginner-Intermediate Watercolor; Watercolor for the Absolute Beginner; Beginning Watercolor, Part II; Intermediate Watercolor: Chinese Brush Painting: Flowers and Birds; Chinese Brush Painting: The Landscape; Oil Painting; Landscaping; The Nature of Portraiture; Beginning Acrylic Painting; Intermediate Acrylic Painting; Life Drawing and Painting Studio; Calligraphy: The Italic Hand; Beginning-Intermediate Monoprinting; Advanced Monoprinting; Clay Work; Clay for Adults; Introduction to Photography; Introduction to Black and White Darkroom; Beyond the Basics: Black and White Darkroom; Color Theory; Decorative Painting.

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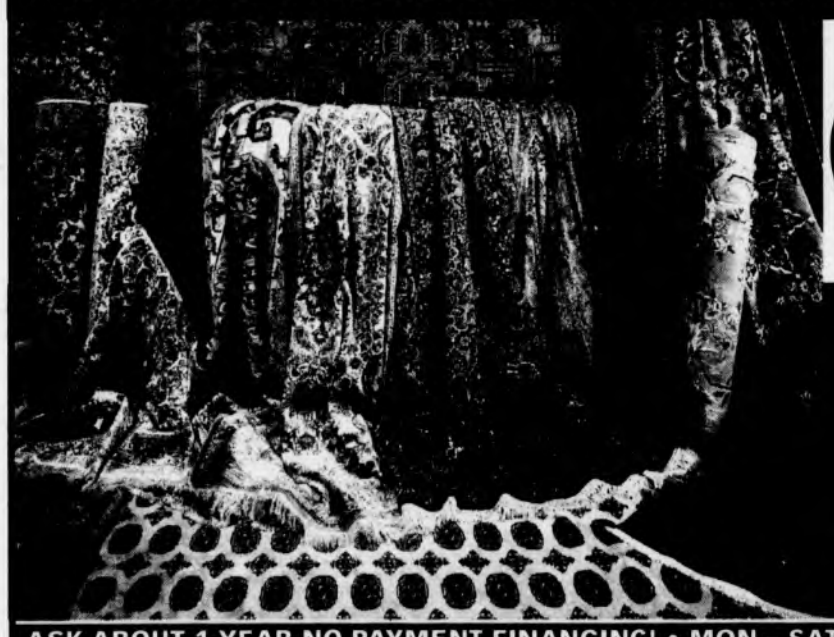

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Partnership could design welcome mat for affordable housing

By Samantha Brown
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It's no secret that Cohasset is an expensive place to live. According to the housing section of the Cohasset Master Plan, which is still in draft form, the median price of a single family house in town doubled to $617,000 from 1990 to 2001.

The 2000 US Census shows Cohasset has fewer young adults than other towns in the 20-34 age category, which could be a reflection of the town's "limited housing options for young families and singles," the Master Plan states.

Cohasset also has a higher percentage of seniors over 65 than average and as their numbers grow, the demand for smaller homes or dedicated housing for seniors could go up. How to keep some level of affordability in town — so Cohasset doesn't become solely a haven for the rich — is a challenge acknowledged by the Growth and Development Committee whose draft of the Master Plan includes an "Affordable Housing Plan."

To help meet that challenge, selectmen are establishing a Cohasset Housing Partnership which would help facilitate the development of affordable and senior housing. The Partnership will have a seven members, which appointed by selectmen. It will also include a selectman, member of the Planning Board, and the Cohasset Housing Authority. Members would be assisted by a part-time salaried expert in state and federal housing matters.

"We need superstars on this committee."
— Peter Pratt, Growth and Development Committee

The Master Plan is being drafted to serve as a blueprint for the direction the town could take with proper planning, and will address land use, economic development, open space, and other various town initiatives.

Through the Affordable Housing Plan component of the Master Plan, the Partnership would work with all public and private local interests, developers, land trusts, and other state and federal organizations, to take a "town-driven" approach to housing development which adheres with the goals of the Master Plan.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt, who also sits on the Growth and Development Committee, said he thinks the Partnership will provide a way for the town to create alternatives for affordable housing.

"Avalon is a wake-up call for the town. Clearly, the town hasn't been proactive in that area," Pratt said.

Because there is such a need for affordable housing in town, projects like Avalon could help eliminate the shortage. However, with many members of the community against 40B projects, the Partnership could help devise other alternatives.

Avalon, a 200-unit luxury apartment complex proposed off Route 3A with 25 percent of the units set aside as affordable, would help the town meet its 10 percent affordable housing threshold. Currently, the town only has 76 affordable units, or roughly 3 percent. By filing under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, Avalon's developers are allowed to skirt some local zoning laws. And residents are worried the development would put too much demand on town services.

Members for the Partnership have not been selected yet, but Pratt hopes volunteers will step up to the plate.

"We need superstars on this committee," said Pratt, adding that people who are knowledgeable in construction and development, law and government, as well as finances would all be good candidates for the positions.

The Partnership will be working with not only the Housing Authority and Senior Housing Committee, but the major land boards in town, including the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Conservation Commission.

"It's a huge job," Pratt said, but he feels the Partnership will provide a much needed service for the town.

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Kayvnon Tehranian, 17, races to a second place finish in the butterfly at this past Friday's South Shore Swim League championships, helping his Cohasset Swim Team to yet another league title.

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Samantha Lehr, 12, took home a first place finish for her efforts here in the 50-yard breaststroke.

Swimmers wash away all comers

Cohasset Swim Team repeats at SSSL champions

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It appears that things are back to normal in the South Shore Swim League. Cohasset is back on top.

After a hard-contested back-and forth battle between the Cohasset Swim Team, the Scituate Knights of Columbus team and MASK (Marshfield Area Swim Klub) at Friday's SSSL championships, the locals finally pulled ahead at the end to take first place for the second year in a row with a total of 594 points. The Scituate K of C squad took a close second with 546, and Marshfield Area Swim Club was third with 530 points.

The 150-member aquatic army from the Cohasset Swim Center won the Swimmer's Cup for seven consecutive years in the 1990's, warding off any and all teams who emerged as the year's top contender to unseat CSC. The Aqua-Dux of Duxbury began recruiting Gators, the Marshfield Area Swim Klub (MASK) coaches managed to acquire year round MASK swimmers as ringers for the big meets, and the Scituate Knights of Columbus (K of C) simply built up a program in much the same way Cohasset had a decade earlier: more swimmers translates into more talented swimmers. They still have the largest team in the league.

"With the amount of US Swimmers K of C had, and all the amazing year-round swimmers on MASK, I thought the only way we would win championships would be if every one on our side swam their absolute best. The fact that we pulled it out just speaks volumes for the hard work of the kids."

CST swimmer/assistant coach Meredith Nelson

But each year during the incredible run of titles, by far the longest in the league's 30-plus year history, Cohasset managed to come out on top. Finally, the team's streak halted in 2000, as MASK simply became too powerful, presenting a championships line-up consisting almost exclusively of winter-swimming phenoms.

In 2001, Scituate K of C swimmers rejoiced upon winning their first SSSL title in the club's history, taking their final step towards acknowledgement as one of the legitimate forces on the south shore.

Yet Cohasset took back the Cup last year, thanks to a re-doubled effort fueled by the losses the previous two years. And this year, the team won once again (after another undefeated dual meet season), a sign that the two year absence of the Cup on Sohier Street was nothing more than a hiccup in a streak that could and should continue for many more years.

"With the amount of US Swimmers K of C had, and all the amazing year-round swimmers on MASK, I thought the only way we would win championships would be if every one on our side swam their absolute best," noted CSC swimmer/assistant coach Meredith Nelson, a converted MASK superstar. "The fact that we pulled it out just speaks volumes for the hard work of the kids."

The meet, held for the second straight year at the gorgeous facilities of the Duxbury Yacht Club, was held last Friday. For years, the meet was held at Wheaton College in Norton,

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Up to the challenge

Hard work helps Krupczak make smooth transition to college track

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The switch from high school sports to college athletics can be one of the most shocking transitions an athlete can undergo. One who may have dominated the field all through his high school years may find himself struggling simply to land a spot on an NCAA squad.

Not Brian Krupczak.

Krupczak, CHS class of 2001, was in a class by himself during his athletic career in Blue. A two-time state champion 200 meter sprinter and a football tailback who compiled 1,500 yards and 14 touchdowns his senior year, Krupczak is still at the top of his game, now competing at Virginia's Washington and Lee University.

Krupczak now competes in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC), a league as intense about athletics as it is about academics, where he has emerged as the top sprinter on

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Gunners quick on the draw

Cohasset booters take second in Plymouth Summer League

The boys from Cohasset have what it takes to compete with the best. The Plymouth Summer League, held at the Plymouth Sports Dome, consists of 6 v 6 play, with 10 teams entered consisting mainly of high school players preparing for their fall season.

The Gunners were ranked third when it came down to the semifinals, with Division II Silver Lake Regional School second with no losses and Division I Nauset High School first with no losses.

Entering into the semifinal, the Gunners held the disadvantage of having no substitutes and their goalie away on vacation. The Gunners were down by several points before the end of the first half when their hearts and soles kicked in and they started scoring. Silver Lake,

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All-Scholastic girls lacrosse team

Cohasset's McKenney named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

Cohasset junior Nicole Turgiss, an Honorable Mention, was a particularly difficult omission. She actually wound up edging All-Scholastic teammate Maura McKenney for the team goal-scoring race with 42. The good news, though, is she gets another shot at All-Scholastic honors next spring. Recent CHS grads Julie Lordan and Catherine Coyne, both defensive stalwarts these last four years for the Lady Skippers, likewise received some genuine consideration.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 12 and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top female lacrosse players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

Maura McKenney - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Cohasset

This two-time Mariner All-Scholastic finished up her career with 118 goals, including 41 this season to go along with 15 assists...helped the Lady Skippers to their second consecutive postseason berth...tallied two goals and two assists in state tourney loss to Milton...a very athletic and well rounded player who worked hard at both ends of the field...two-time team MVP...Pilgrim Conference All-Star...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...had 54 goals and 22 assists as a junior...also a standout for the Cohasset High soccer and ski teams...was Class Treasurer...will attend UMass-Amherst, which has a Div. 1 lacrosse program, and may try to make the team as a walk-on in her sophomore year...has not declared a major, but is considering journalism...Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "Maura really came on as an unbelievably strong scorer the last two seasons. You can tell how hard she worked on her game, and she seemed to take it to another level against better competition. She's a phenomenal defensive player too."

Maura McKenney

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Cohasset's Maura McKenney ended her high school lacrosse career with 118 goals and two Mariner All-Scholastic honorings.

Hilary Lynch - Senior (Capt.)
Goalie - Hingham

Hilary Lynch

No question here...Lynch was one of the best goalies in the state and beyond this season, earning an Honorable Mention to the All-American team...Was nearly untouchable, allowing just 88 goals in 17 games for a 5.18 goals against average...After splitting time with 2002 grad Ashley Baxter, Lynch got the full-time role this season and proved immense...The senior captain and Pilgrim Conference All-star consistently came up with big saves against some of the area's best attackers, helping to lead the Harborwomen (13-5) to their 11th straight PC title and to the quarterfinals of the South Sectional tourney...There, they fell to rival and eventual state

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Cohasset's McKenney named among area's elite

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champs, Westwood…Lynch was in the net in the second half of the Harborwomen's state championship win over Winchester in 2001…Lynch received the team MVP award…A three-sport athlete at HHS, Lynch captained the soccer and basketball teams, earning All-Scholastic honors for each. Lynch will continue her lacrosse career on scholarship at the University of California at Berkeley. Hingham coach Kristin Aylward: "Opposing teams always knew they'd have to play tougher with her in the net. She's an outstanding player and leader. I feel lucky to have been her coach."

Colleen Lenhart - Senior (Capt.) Midfield - Hingham

Colleen Lenhart

A midfielder her sophomore and junior year, this Pilgrim Conference All-star's talents were a bit overshadowed by a pair of standout attackers, but this season, Lenhart shined…The recent grad was the team's leading scorer this season with 68 points on 34 goals, 34 assists…Cited by her coach as the "fastest player on the team", Lenhart's quickness proved deadly on a fast break, yet her patience in the offensive zone helped control the pace of the game…Her skills offensively helped Hingham capture its 11th-straight Pilgrim Conference title and brief run in the South Sectional tourney…Also a soccer player at HHS, Lenhart was president of her senior class, a member of the National Honor Society, Latin Club, and student council…Teammates voted her the Best Midfielder…The PC All-star plans to attend the University of Florida in the fall and play club lacrosse. Hingham coach Kristin Aylward: "She was very coachable; always wanting to know how to get better. She's a very experienced and smart player. She knows how to slow the offense down and move the ball around."

Lauren Murphy - Senior (Capt.) Third man - Hingham

Lauren Murphy

A three-sport standout at HHS, Murphy had a nose for defense… A stalwart on the soccer field and basketball court, Murphy was also one of the best defenders around on the lacrosse field…Aggressive, but never too much so, this Pilgrim Conference All-star caused fits for several of the area's best, including a high-scoring sophomore pair from Duxbury, resulting in a 9-4 win and 11th straight PC title…Also scored 6 goals, three assists…A captain on the HHS team, Murphy's confidence in the backfield helped lead Hingham (13-5) to the South Sectional quarterfinals…She was a member of the Harborwomen's 2001 state title team…An All-Scholastic in soccer and basketball, Murphy plans to continue her lacrosse career at Tufts University. Hingham coach Kristin Aylward: "Lauren has no fear. We always put her on the opponents' best attacker and she'd take them on. She has the speed in the midfield to shut down opponents' transition game and always knows exactly where she has to be."

Margot Spatola - Sophomore Attack - Hingham

Margot Spatola

After seeing limited time last season, Spatola got a starting gig this year and proved she deserved it…This speedy attacker was the second leading scorer on the Harborwomen squad, netting 50 points on 33 goals, 17 assists…Her small frame made her a terror to defend and her trademark cuts and rolls made her legendary amongst her teammates…Deadly on a fast break, Spatola's play helped Hingham capture its 11th-straight Pilgrim Conference title and reach the quarterfinals of the South Sectional tourney…Spatola was named the "Best Offensive Player" by her teammates…A PC All-star, she plays for the Mass. Elite lacrosse team…A standout on the HHS soccer team and a basketball player to boot, Spatola will return to all three teams next season. Hingham coach Kristin Aylward: "She can really play any position. She has moves, great dodges, perfect rolls. We were stunned by what she could do on the field. Some people have the moves but don't have the quickness to blow by a defender. She does. She's awesome."

Lauren Jentzen - Junior Attack - Marshfield

Lauren Jentzen

Racked up an impressive 74 points on 53 goals and 21 assists to lead the team and rank fifth among the Pilgrim Conference…Her quickness and confidence were among her greatest assets this season, in which Marshfield won the most games in its program's history…The Lady Rams went 5-10-1 this season after winning just a single game in each of its previous two…Jentzen's performance this season landed her on the PC All-star team…A standout forward on the MHS soccer team, Jentzen was made our All-Scholastic squad…She also plays basketball at MHS…Jentzen will return to captain the soccer and lacrosse squads next season. Marshfield coach Sue Collins: "She's tenacious after the ball, but is also an unselfish player. She recognizes when she needs to pass. She's very competitive."

Erica Murphy - Sr. (Capt.) Midfield - Weymouth

Erica Murphy

Was a standout attacker on the young, five-year-old Lady Wildcats squad… Playing in the competitive Bay State League (home to five-time state champs Needham), Murphy received an All-star nod for the second-straight season…Was the second-leading scorer on the team netting 30 goals for the Lady Wildcats…A quick and aggressive player, Murphy played equally well in the offensive and defensive midfield…Murphy was a four-year varsity player for Weymouth and two-year captain on the team…Also a basketball All-Scholastic last winter, Murphy plans to continue her hoop career at Western Kentucky. Weymouth coach Chris Dion: "Erica was very goal oriented. She was certainly a very strong and aggressive player both offensively and defensively. She was very quick, which enabled her to get back on defense. She was very knowledgeable of where she had to go and covered a lot of ground for us."

Lisa Thomas - Senior Third home - Weymouth

Lisa Thomas

Worked hand-in-hand with fellow All-Scholastic Erica Murphy in providing the bulk of the offense on the young Weymouth lax team…Thomas was the Lady Wildcats' leading scorer this season, scoring 32 goals…Her slick stick skills were her greatest attribute on the field, effortlessly switching from right to left in the cradle…Had the ability to score multiple goals in several games this season, including a six-goal effort against Walpole…A good motivator on and off the field, Thomas got her teammates to participate on an indoor lacrosse team during the preseason…A Bay State League All-star this season, Thomas plans to attend Springfield College. Weymouth coach Chris Dion: "She and Erica worked very well together. They always knew where the other would be. She was a very effective offensive player and was a great motivator."

Minnie Doherty - Senior (Capt.) Midfield - Norwell

Minnie Doherty

This is Minnie's second Mariner All-Scholastic selection for lacrosse, and third overall by the Mariner… tallied 58 goals and 38 assists to lead the Lady Clippers lacrosse team to an 11-7 record and its third consecutive postseason berth…after scoring only a handful of goals last season, she picked it up dramatically this spring, helping to fill the shoes of all-time Lady Clippers scorer Liz Ghilardi…this well-rounded athlete has devoted more and more attention to lacrosse the last few years, and has quickly developed in to one of the most versatile players in the area…two-time Pilgrim Conference all-star…moved back and forth between defense and midfield this season, depending on match-ups…also a standout in soccer and basketball at Norwell High… for soccer this past fall, she was named a Mariner All-Scholastic, MVP of the South Shore League and an Eastern Mass. All-Star…active in Student Government…a volunteer with "Best Buddies", a program that pairs core curriculum students up with Special Needs students…has accepted a partial scholarship from Northwestern University to play lacrosse…also plays ice hockey in her spare time (what there is of it, anyway)… Norwell coach Jen Kent: "Minnie was probably our top athlete. We needed her to become more of an offensive force this year, and she responded unbelievably. She was already a force out there, but she became an offensive force too. She was very dependable and a great team leader. She's been with me since the beginning, and we'll really miss her next year."

Colby Tallman - Junior Attack Wing - Norwell

Colby Tallman

Wound up the Lady Clippers top scorer with 103 points (67 goals, 36 assists), playing a huge role in their 11-7 season and third consecutive postseason berth…finished top five in the state in scoring… scored three goals and added an assist in state tourney loss to Needham, 11-6, pushing her points total over 100 for the season…possesses great quickness and a hard, accurate shot…a member of the gold medal winning Southeast team at this summer's Bay State Games… has played for the Mass Elite lacrosse team the past two years…also a basketball and soccer standout at NHS…was President of her junior high class…Honor Roll student with a 3.4 GPA…working as a counselor at a youth basketball camp in Hingham this summer…has also coached youth soccer…has already received letters of interest from more than 20 college lacrosse coaches, among them Holy Cross, Connecticut College and Washington Lee…would like to study either sports medicine or sports management in college…Norwell coach Jen Kent: "Colby is a phenomenal lacrosse players, really, I think, one of the best in the state. She's played in some major competition this summer. Obviously, we're expecting some really big things from her next season."

Lauren Glancy - Senior (Capt.) Attack - Scituate

Lauren Glancy

Bounced back from a serious knee injury (torn ACL) suffered in the fall soccer season to score a team best 55 goals for the Lady Sailors this season and earn her second straight Mariner All-Scholastic selection…after missing all of the winter ski season due to the injury, Lauren was forced to wear a heavy knee brace and started the spring season slow, but came on strong at the end to help the Lady Sailors win eight of their final nine games after they'd lost their first eight…scored 19 of her goals during a late season three game winning streak over New Bedford, Barnstable and Marshfield… this phenomenal sharp shooter set a school record for goals scored with 73 as a junior, helping the Lady Sailors to their first ever state tourney berth that season…a three-time member of the Bay State Games South lacrosse team…also a standout for Scituate High's soccer and ski teams, and was a captain in those two sports as well this year…Honor Roll Student…teaches tennis…was heavily recruited by several colleges before the knee injury…will attend St. Amselms, where she will major in nursing and play lacrosse…Scituate coach Paula Evans: "Lauren worked hard to develop in to a more complete player this year. She's a force on the attack, and she held her own on defense too. She really concentrated on that part of her game."

Suzanne Belmont - Senior (Capt.) Center Defense - Scituate

Suzanne Belmont

Suzanne emerged as a major force this spring with a defensive unit that had been hit hard by graduation… played a key role in developing several first year varsity players around her, as well as in the Lady Sailors late season charge to win eight of their final nine games, falling just one win shy of postseason qualification…won the team's Sportsmanship Award…Pilgrim Conference All-Star…tallied 12 goals and seven assists this season despite playing a primarily defensive role…lead the team in ground ball pickups…an extremely aggressive player…plays indoor lacrosse in the off season…also a varsity basketball standout at SHS…a Student Counsel member… involved heavily in art and singing…was a member of the SHS jazz choir and chorus…a high honors student and National Honors Society member…will attend Hamilton College in Connecticut, and hopes to play varsity lacrosse…undecided on a major

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Cohasset's Julie Lordan, an Honorable Mention selection, received serious consideration for All-Scholastic honors after turning in four years of sensational defense for the Lady Skippers.

Honorable Mention:

Katy Perry - Sr. (Capt.) - Midfielder - Hingham

Emma Ross - Sr. - Midfielder - Hingham

Leah Barilaro - Sr. (Capt.) - Attacker - Marshfield

Nicole Turgiss- Jr.- Midfield- Cohasset

Catherine Coyne- Sr.- Third Man- Cohasset

Julie Lordan- Sr.- Cover Point- Cohasset

Lauren Strazzulla- Soph- Attack- Norwell

Laura Good- Sr.- Goalie- Norwell

Caitlin Jackson- Soph- Defense- Norwell

Alyse Kennedy- Soph- Attack- Scituate

Jacklyn Lapsley- Soph.- Defense- Scituate

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The Cohasset Gunners.

Gunners quick on the draw

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having not lost a game yet, was in shock over the change of events as the Gunners rode to a 9-6 win.

With a 10 minute break between games, the Gunners caught their breath and prepared to play Nauset, who has won the league title for the past three years. Earlier in the week with a full roster, the Gunners played Nauset in a very challenging game that could be described only as ugly resulting in a 7-1 loss.

The Gunners were not going to have a repeat performance of their most recent game with Nauset and took the high road. There were no stars on the team this day, but a constellation of teammates supporting one another and giving 110%. As the Nauset team came off the field winded between their full lineup substitutions, the Gunners continued to play their best right through to the end of the 5-3 loss.

The Gunners consist of varsity captains Conor Buick, David Santiago and Chris Clark. Also on the team is Craig Laugelle, Jesse Brewer, Andrew Wise, Jon Andrade, John Oronte, Aidan Buick, Matt O'Connell and Ben Libby.

SPORTS NOTES

CHS fall sports tryouts kick off

First tryouts/practices will be held for all Cohasset High fall sports next week.

On Monday, Aug. 18, the CHS football team will have a "conditioning only" workout at 5:30 at Milliken Field. Regular practices will begin on Thursday.

The first field hockey practice will be on Thursday, Aug. 21, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Deerhill School.

The first girls soccer practices will be doubles sessions on Thursday, Aug. 21, from 9-111 a.m. and 2-4 p.m., both at Milliken Field.

The first boys soccer practice will be on Thursday, Aug. 21, from 10 a.m. to12 noon at Milliken Field.

Golf coach Torin Sweeney has elected to break up his tryouts at the Cohasset Country Club. Seniors and juniors should report the next two Thursdays, Aug. 21 and 28, 3:30 p.m., at the Cohasset Golf Club. Freshmen and sophomores should report next Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug 26 and 27, to the Cohasset Golf Club at 3:30 p.m..

Any golf team questions should be directed to coach Torin Sweeney (781-545-3678).

All prospective fall athletes must have a physical before the first practice by their own doctor or the school, and a signed note clearing them for athletic activity.

Bass, blue fish for kids and adults

The Cohasset Recreation Department is pleased to announce a unique opportunity for fishing for bass and blue fish on Friday, Sept. 5. The program will begin at 6:55 p.m. at Duxbury Beach and the cost is $36 per participant. Paul Bruce will conduct this exclusive clinic. Equipment and bait will be provided, or you may bring your own.

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Swimmers wash away all comers

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MA, but shifted in 2002. The switch was slightly inconvenient, for the 6-lane pool meant that all races would be run in double heats.

Still, it is a fast pool, and one that Cohasset has a winning streak competing in that dates back to the early 80s.

The way the league is structured, with two teams in Marshfield, Duxbury and Scituate, and one team from Cohasset, Kingston, Plymouth and Hanover each, the teams play a nine meet head-to-head schedule. The season culminates in an all-league championships, and the winner of that meet takes home the title.

While this structure lends little importance to the dual meets, it is still rather impressive that Cohasset has not lost a full regular season competition in the eight years that a Hughes has been the head coach.

Allison Hughes won five championships in her seven years as the head coach, while her younger brother Roger E. Hughes, of Norwell, took over this summer.

So the CSC all-stars proved last week that it matters not who is coaching, who the competition is, or how the meet is run. A tradition of excellence is now entrenched in any Cohasset swimmer. That type of legacy is not likely to run thin any time soon.

The Cohasset team took 13 first place finishes in the 64 events, along with 16 seconds and 13 seconds.

Here's a partial list of the Cohasset standouts:

Solo events

Erin Fontaine G10U- 1st 25-yd backstroke, 1irst 25-yard freestyle

Hope Kissick Girls 10U- 1st 50-yard freestyle

Jake Kissick Boys 12U- 1st 100 Yard intermediate medley

Meredith Nelson W17U- 1st 100 yard IM

Samantha Lehr G12U- 1st 50-yd breaststroke

Alex Hunt B14U- 1st 50-yd breaststroke

Terence Durkin- B10U 1st 25-yd breaststroke, 3rd 25 yard freestyle

Cole Kissick- B8U- 2nd 25-yard freestyle

Colin Conway- B14U- 2nd 50-yd freestyle, second 50-yd butterfly

Anna Michaelowski- G10U- 2nd 25-yd butterfly, 2nd 25-yd breaststroke

Caitlin Mahoney G12U- 2nd 25-yd butterfly

Jonathan Drybinski B14U- 2nd 50-yd backstroke

Lindsay Durkin- 2nd G14U 50-yd breaststroke

Kevin Roach- 2nd M17U 50-yd breaststroke

Casey Anderson- W17U- 2nd 50-yd breaststroke

Morgan McCarthy- B8U- 2nd 25-yd breaststroke

Andrew Fontaine B8U- 2nd 25-yd backstroke

Emma Hernan G14U- 2nd 50-yd backstroke, 3rd 50-yd freestyle

Kayvon Tehranian- M17U 2nd 50-yd butterfly, 3rd 50-yd freestyle.

Sally Meehan G12U- 3rd 50 yard freestyle

Jonah Adkins B8U- 3rd 25-yd butterfly

Jake Kissick B12U- 3rd 25-yd butterfly

Jack Carrier B10U- 3rd 25-yd backstroke

Patrick Doonan M17U- 3rd 50-yd backstroke

Relay teams

First Place

Boys 8U 100 yard medley (Andrew Fontaine, Morgan McCarthy, Jonah Adkins and Cole Kissick).

Girls 12U 100-yd medley (Katelyn Ryan, Samantha Behr, Caitlin Mahoney, Sally Meehan)

Boys 8U 100 yard freestyle relay (Andrew Fontaine, Geoff Swain, Jonah Adkins, Cole Kissick)

Girls 10U 100-yd freestyle (Erin Fontaine, Moira Donohue, Hope Kissick and Anna Michalowski)

Boys 12U 100-yd freestyle (Brendan Doonan, Wes Ulmer, Ian Porter, Jake Kissick)

Second Place

Boys 10 U 100-yd medley (Jack Carrier, Terence Durkin, Robert Mahoney, Jake Durkin).

Boys 10U 100 yard freestyle (Terence Durkin, Jay Salerno, Jake Durkin, Jack Carrier)

Girls 12U 100 yd freestyle (Samantha Lehr, Victoria Lehr, Caitlin Mahoney, Sally Meehan)

Third Place

Girls 10U 100-yd medley (Erin Fontaine, Anna Michaelowski, Hope Kissick, Moira Donohue)

Boys 12U 100 yd medley (Brendan Doonan, Ian Porter, Jake Kissick, Wesley Ulmer)

Men 17U 200-yard medley (Jon Drybanski, Kevin Roach, Kayvon Tehranian, Colin Conway)

Women 17U 200-yard medley (Meredith Nelson, Casey Anderson, Caren Garber, Emma Hernan)

Men 17U 200-yard freestyle (Colin Conway, Nick Zappolo, Jon Drybanski and Kayvnon Tehranian)

Women 17U 200-yard freestyle (Casey Anderson, Emma Hernan, Lindsay Durkin, Meredith Nelson).

Mike Spellman contributed to this report.

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his team, and one of the top in the area. Still, the competition he finds is fierce, in ODAC dual meets and beyond. Whereas Krupczak could effortlessly waltz to victory in high school, he has lifted his training regimen (which anyone who knew him in high school can tell you was maniacal) to new heights.

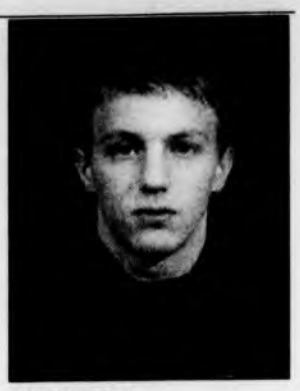
"There's no meet where you are guaranteed a win," noted the college junior. "Every meet we go to, there is always someone pushing you to do your best."

At the All-Conference meet, comparable to an invitational or elites meet in high school, Krupczak was one of his school's top performers. He finished seventh in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.48, and took 11th in the 200 meters with 23.88. However, his major contribution to his team's point total came in the field, with Krupczak taking fourth in the long jump with a leap over 21 and a half feet.

Krupczak finished third in the 200 meter dash (22.57) and second in the long jump (6.28 meters) at the EMU Royal Invitational in March, recording the season's top performances for himself, and for anyone on the team. His season best in the 100 came during dual meet competition, when Krupczak came through with a 11.02 to win the race. However, breaking 11 seconds remains his intangible foe.

"That's definitely one of my goals," Krupczak affirms of getting within 10+ range. "It is something that makes me work harder during the offseason."

Although a hurt hamstring hampered Krupczak's freshman year, he was not phased. Krupczak had experience dealing with a similar injury during his senior year of high school, a time when any athlete would wish for the opportunity to stay with the team. Yet he manages to chalk it up to standard procedure for a trackster.



Brian Krupczak.

"It was a little frustrating," Krupczak says of both injured spells. "It's one of those things. If you're a track athlete, you always have something. I tried to come back a little too early [senior year]. I just worked really hard over the summer."

While injuries were his downfall freshman year, however, they actually helped Krupczak explode onto the Div III track circuit. Another hamstring tweak to a Washington and Lee sprint specialist, this one to highly touted Chris Sullivan of San Antonio, this past spring left Krupczak alone as the top short distance man on the team.

Needless to say, he made the most of it, earning the title of W&L's Athlete of the Week for March 24-31 and the respect of many surrounding coaches.

"Several coaches actually came up to me and remarked about how much I've improved," mentioned Krupczak. "I just try to do what I can to stay in shape."

His main focus for the next two years will be getting the always-elusive bid to the nationals competition. As of now, he must add about eight inches to his long jump. With his steady improvement in the event, that may be very attainable. Taking off the mere tenths it would take in the sprints to qualify may prove to be far more difficult.

Oh, and by the way, Krupczak also played tailback during the fall of his sophomore year for the 5-5 Washington and Lee football team, and made Dean's list, the top academic standing.

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The third annual event will benefit the new community center of the historic Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church on Jerusalem Road in Cohasset. The church was built in 1895-1900 by Col. Alfred Pope, in memory of his son Alexander, and is designed in the Richardson style (like Trinity Church in Copley Square, Boston). The new community center, designed by Gaffney Associates of Dennis will complement the original church.

In 1980, the church became the place of worship for a parish of now more than 200 Greek Orthodox families, now under the guidance of Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras of Scituate. The tournament's name, "Panagia" is Greek for "Most Holy One," and refers to the Virgin Mary.

We've broken ground and have all the necessary plans and permits," said tournament director Gerry Leneweaver of Scituate, "and we're eager to begin construction of our new community center which will accommodate the ever-increasing needs of our growing parish."

Golfers at the Panagia Tournament will shoot in five hole-in-one contests on all of Widow's Walk's par threes. Hole-in-one prizes will include, among other significant prizes, a 28-foot Four Winds Cruiser, compliments of 3A Marine Service of Hingham. In a closest-to-the-pin shootout, golfers will have a chance to win $100,000 in cash and $2,500 in a f0-foot putting contest.

"We expect another sellout," Leneweaver said. "At our past two tournaments, we had players who traveled from as far as Pennsylvania and New York."

Tournament fees must be paid by Aug. 15 and are $135 per golfer and $500 per foursome, and includes luncheon at Barker Tavern. To register and for information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Gerry Leneweaver at 781-544-7704; or email him at gleneweaver@groundround.com.

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON

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OBITUARIES

John C. Raccuia

John C. Raccuia, age 82, of Rockland, died Aug. 4, 2003 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Born in New Haven, Conn., he had lived the past year in Rockland and previously had made his home in Hingham for the past 38 years.

He graduated from Northeastern University where he earned his master's degree in education. He was a teacher in the Cohasset Public Schools system for 38 years. He was a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association and the Retired Teachers' Association.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He traveled a lot and especially loved to spend time in London and France. He enjoyed tending his garden, history, and especially spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Raccuia leaves his devoted children, John C. Raccuia, Jr. of Weymouth, Gerard P. Raccuia of Connecticut and Frances Trudeau of Rockland; his sisters and brother, Josephine Shaw of Illinois, Bernard Raccuia of Connecticut, and Esther Studley of Cohasset; his three beloved grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held in Holy Family Church in Rockland.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Magoun-Biggins Funeral Home of Rockland.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Massachusetts Brain Injury Association, 484 Main St., #325, Worcester 01608.

Edward 'Ronnie' Dooley

Edward Ronald "Ronnie" Dooley, age 68 of Doane Street died Aug. 10, 2003 at Jewish Memorial Hospital in Boston following a long illness.

Born he Boston, he was the son of the late William F. and Margaret E. (Burke) Dooley. He attended Boston Schools.

Mr. Dooley was a kitchen worker for 35 years with several well-known Boston restaurants. He retired in 2000.

He leaves his sisters, Mary M. Fitzsimmons of Cohasset, Rita Keohane of Stoughton, Catherine Harrington of West Roxbury, Elizabeth White of Canton and Harriet Zambella of California; his brothers, Sgt. William F. Dooley, Jr. of Boston, Joseph R. Dooley of Cape Code and Cohasset, and John Dooley of Cotuit and Dedham.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date. Visitation and interment were private.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Louis H. Conklin

Louis H. Conklin of Bremen, Maine and formerly of Cohasset, died Wednesday morning, Aug. 6, 2003 at Midcoast Hospital in Brunswick, Maine following a long battle with leukemia.

A graduate of Ohio State University, Mr. Conklin also earned a degree in engineering from Northeastern University. For many years he worked as a structural engineer at Stone & Webster in Boston.

He leaves his wife, Gretchen; his brother, Charles W. Conklin of Glenville, N.Y.; his two daughters, Cynthia Bugwadia of New York City, Elizabeth Zander of Dickerson, Md.; his two stepsons, Robert Stone of Boston and Ellery Stone of Hingham. He was predeceased by his first wife, Sandra Lewis of Boston.

All funeral services were private. Funeral arrangements were made by the Strong Funeral Home of Damariscotta, Maine.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Owl's Head Transportation Museum, P.O. Box 277, Owl's Head, Maine 04854.

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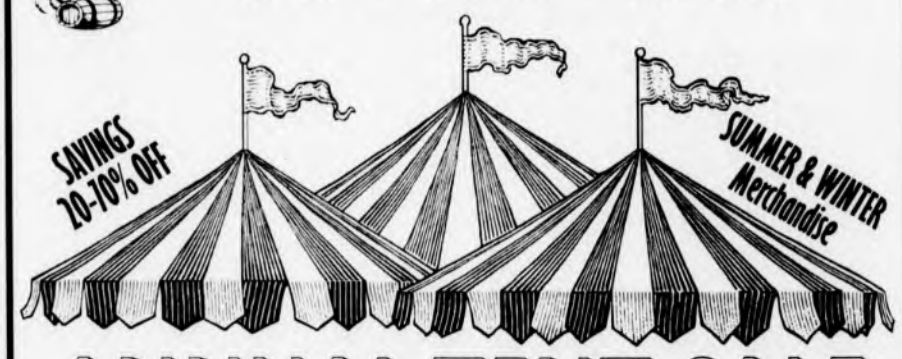

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Cohasset police made 29 arrests last month

July was another very busy month for the Cohasset Police Department, Police Chief Robert Jackson said. There were 29 arrests, 11 for violation of controlled substance act, four for minor in possession of liquor, six for operating under the influence of liquor, two for public drinking, two for outstanding warrants, one courtesy booking for the Town of Scituate and three for protective custody, Jackson said.

During the month of July, the police department investigated 19 motor vehicle accidents, seven of which resulted in personal injury. There were 135 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $2,785 in fines. Additionally, there were 405 parking tickets issued for $9,475 in fines.

Also in July the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,298 calls for police services, of those, 209 were emergency 9-1-1 calls.

In the month of July, there was one breaking and entering of a business. Additionally, there were 14 criminal complaints issued for the month, Jackson said.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, JULY 28

11:58 a.m. Elm St., 209A restraining order served.

12:23 p.m. Forest Ave., wires down.

1:32 p.m. Norman Todd Lane, general services.

3:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

3:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., well-being check.

5:32 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

6:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

6:15 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:26 p.m. Border St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

7:48 p.m. Highland Court, family disturbance.

8:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:36 p.m. Border St., disorderly conduct.

TUESDAY, JULY 29

12:32 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:09 a.m. Atlantic Ave. Arrest of Frank Donald Magee, 20, of 123 Storrs Ave., Braintree. Charges: Possession of a Class D drug—subsequent offense; possession of a Class C drug.

Arrest of Elizabeth R. Splaine, 20, of 62 Clarendon Ave., Cambridge. Charge: Possession of a Class D drug.

7:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:11 a.m. Hill St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

2:44 p.m. Norman Todd Road, fire, investigation.

3:13 p.m. Border St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

4:14 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident.

6:33 p.m. Forest Ave., well-being check.

7:26 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

7:47 p.m. Nichols Road, motor vehicle, suspicious person(s)/activity.

8:12 p.m. Elm St., recovered property.

9:10 p.m. Nichols Road, well-being check.

9:14 p.m. Joy Place, suspicious person(s)/activity.

10:16 p.m. Border St., well-being check.

11:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

6:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:19 a.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

9:53 a.m. Atlantic Ave., wires down.

11:19 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

2:59 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

5:13 p.m. Hull St., officer wanted.

6:24 p.m. Rustic Drive, medical aid, transported to hospital.

6:40 p.m. Ash St., 209A restraining order served.

7:20 p.m. Deep Run, general services.

7:26 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop.

9:30 p.m. South Main St., request for police officer/s, peace restored.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

3:44 a.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle accident.

7:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

12:32 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking complaint.

1:10 p.m. South Main St., request for police officer/s, peace restored.

1:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

4:57 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

5:38 p.m. Cushing Road, missing person.

6:19 p.m. Hull St. and Lamberts Lane, assault.

6:38 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

9:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:44 p.m. Beechwood St., assist other police department.

FRIDAY, AUG. 1

8:17 a.m. North Main St. and Red Gate Lane, public service.

12:05 p.m. Stagecoach Way, parking complaint.

12:30 p.m. Elm St., vandalism.

3:16 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

3:28 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, patient sign-off.

3:37 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

4:33 p.m. South Main St., larceny.

5:16 p.m. Lamberts Lane, fire, investigation.

5:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. Arrest of Richard P. Roberson, 43, of 817 Country Way, #1, Scituate. Charge: Shoplifting by price tag tampering, more than $100.

8:56 p.m. Spring St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:33 p.m. Schier St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

10:00 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:12 p.m. Elm St., property found.

11:16 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

SATURDAY, AUG. 2

7:18 a.m. Cushing Road and Oak St., tree down.

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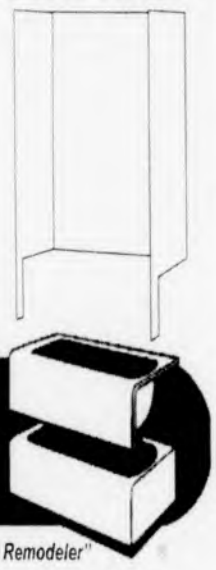

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10:57 a.m. Forest Ave., credit card fraud.

11:21 a.m. Beechwood St., tree down.

12:29 p.m. Lamberts Lane, suspicious person(s)/activity.

12:45 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

1:36 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

4:32 p.m. Border St., request for police officer/s.

5:51 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:47 p.m. HQ, family disturbance, 209A restraining order served in hand.

7:44 p.m. Sohier St., 209A restraining order served in hand.

10:12 p.m. Sohier St., fight. A 44-year old Cohasset male taken into Protective Custody.

A 41-year old Hull male taken into Protective Custody.

10:22 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

SUNDAY, AUG. 3

1:12 a.m. Sohier St., open door/window.

1:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle. Arrest of Peter C. Wilkinson, 42, of 100 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Charges: Possession of a Class D drug—subsequent offense; larceny under $250.

11:42 a.m. Nichols Road, animal call or complaint.

11:48 a.m. Doane St., suspicious person(s)/activity, investigated.

12:18 p.m. King St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

12:29 p.m. Nichols Road, animal call or complaint.

12:32 p.m. Fernway, fire, investigation.

1:19 p.m. Stockbridge St., parking complaint.

1:42 p.m. Brook St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

2:41 p.m. Border St., trespassing.

2:43 p.m. North Main St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

2:51 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, parking complaint, ticket issued.

4:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

4:17 p.m. Border St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

5:39 p.m. Mill Lane, family disturbance. Arrest of Catherine Jullarine, 35, of 15 Mill Lane, Cohasset. Charges: Assault and battery; fugitive form justice on court warrant; arrestee furnished false name and social security number.

6:58 p.m. Reservoir Road, medical aid.

8:23 p.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

9:25 p.m. Summer St., request for police officer/s.

11:01 p.m. Sohier St. A 47-year-old Clinton male taken into Protective Custody.

11:53 p.m. HQ, prisoner transport.

MONDAY, AUG. 4

1:19 a.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., general services.

7 a.m. HQ, prisoner transport.

7:17 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, log entry.

7:47 a.m. South Main St., fire, log entry.

8:52 a.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle accident.

11:28 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

4:35 p.m. Sohier St., fire, investigation.

6:12 p.m. Elm St., property found.

6:49 p.m. South Main St., suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

8:16 a.m. King St., suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

9:13 p.m. Spring St., officer wanted.

9:51 p.m. Fernway, general disturbance, peace restored.

10:31 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:43 p.m. Beechwood St., assist municipal agency(ies).

TUESDAY, AUG. 5

1:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., car, suspicious person(s)/activity.

2:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:48 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, log entry.

6:52 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:06 a.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:14 a.m. Mill Lane, medical aid, transported to hospital.

9:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., fire, investigation.

11:33 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:04 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:48 p.m. Mill Lane, larceny.

3:26 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

7:03 p.m. Ash St., annoying/harassing phone calls.

4:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

4:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

4:59 p.m. Cushing Road, general services.

5:04 p.m. Spring St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

5:18 p.m. Cohasset, suspicious person(s)/activity.

5:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, patient sign off.

6:05 p.m. James Lane, vandalism.

6:18 p.m. Cohasset Harbor, investigation.

8:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6

7:17 a.m. South Main St., fire, log entry.

7:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, auto.

10:30 a.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

1:42 p.m. North Main St., larceny.

4:11 p.m. Cushing Road, well-being check.

5:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:20 p.m. Bancroft Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

8:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:44 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:57 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

11:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

THURSDAY, AUG. 7

12:02 a.m. Hull St., request for police officer/s.

6:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., tree down.

6:55 a.m. King St., medical aid, patient sign off.

9:21 a.m. Beechwood St., annoying/harassing phone calls.

10:47 a.m. King St., fire, investigation.

11:47 a.m. School St., motor vehicle violation(s).

11:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation(s).

12:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

2:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

3:14 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

5:06 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Howard Gleason Road, motor vehicle violation(s).

5:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:47 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

FRIDAY, AUG. 8

1:13 a.m. King St., assist motorist.

1:36 a.m. Sestito Lane, power outage.

1:48 a.m. South Main St., tree down.

7:14 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

8:30 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, suspicious person(s)/activity.

8:30 a.m. Sohier St., animal call or complaint.

9:51 a.m. Wheelwright Park, auto, suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:45 a.m. Bates Lane, assist citizen.

11:50 a.m. Border St., general services.

12:22 p.m. Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

7:31 p.m. Beach St., trespassing.

4:11 p.m. Pleasant St., animal call or complaint.

5:43 p.m. Norfolk Road and Short St., wires down.

7:12 p.m. Border St., animal call or complaint.

8:32 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:46 p.m. North Main St., auto, suspicious person(s)/activity.

9:09 p.m. North Main St., general disturbance, departmental action.

9:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:28 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious person(s)/activity.

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Painting daydreams

Hanover artist captures 'Landscapes Near and Far' in Science Center show

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

In her own words, Hanover artist Valerie Doran Norris paints "from a desire to whisk you away and make you daydream."

To this motive, Norris's choice of subject matter in her landscape watercolors is the stuff that would whisk away more than a few folks into a daydream. Historic and elegant locations from Cape Cod to England, with stops from Scituate to Bermuda to the British Virgin Islands along the way, are highlighted in her work.

Working from photographs, Norris faithfully recreates scenes of islands, beaches, gardens, valleys and rivers with the occasional cathedral or other manmade landmark in her various travels.

The best of the painter's travel-snapshot pieces are on view in her first one-woman show, "Landscapes Near and Far," at Norwell's South Shore Natural Science Center through Aug. 29. Working from photographs, Norris faithfully recreates scenes of islands, beaches, gardens, valleys and rivers with the occasional cathedral or other manmade landmark in her various travels.

"I find these scenes calming and relaxing," said Norris. "I enjoy looking at them when I get to travel to these locations."Norris, 40, moved to Hanover in 1967 from Michigan and has lived there for 36 years. She currently resides there with her husband, two daughters and their dog while working part-time at Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center in Norwell as a Massage Therapist.

For her arts background, Norris has a B.A. in Fine Arts from Westfield State College, with a minor concentration in Graphic Design. She worked in the Graphic Arts Field for 13 years, including catalogue work for companies like Vermont Castings and Fetco International and freelance illustration work for Offshore Magazine for three years. Local shows where Norris's art work has been shown include The Chase Gallery in Provincetown, The 2nd Parish Church of Hingham Arts Festival, The Silver Ribbon Gallery in

See next page

"Virgin Gorda II" is one of Valerie Doran Norris' several works evoking daydreams on display at the South Shore Natural Science Center.

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"Landscapes Near and Far" includes Norris' rendering of Stonehenge.

At left: One of the "nearer" landscapes Norris' captures is Scituate Lighthouse.

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By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Like many other veteran rockers from the 1960s and 70s, Rick Derringer has never stopped touring and recording, whether on the performing, writing or production end.

But this summer's tour will be a good time to catch the seasoned rock/blues singer/guitarist live, particularly for those fans from the 70s hit-making days of "Rock and Roll Hoochie Koo" who may not have been following his more recent career.

Derringer is essentially wearing two hats on the road these days — one as the old-school blues/rock guitar-slinger, playing the old hits and other like-minded, high-energy jams for some concert dates — the other in the guitarist's newly emerging Smooth Jazz personage in promotion of his recent Smooth Jazz CD. "Rick Derringer Free Ride" has done surprisingly well on the national jazz-based charts. Many gigs have also featured some overlapping of the musical duality.

Some of the old-school rockin' dates have additionally been double-bills with Derringer's old friend and frequent collaborator, singer/multi-instrumentalist Edgar Winter. The two will be sharing the stage once again with a tour stop at Plymouth Memorial Hall this Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Rick Derringer and Edgar Winter play Plymouth's Memorial Hall Saturday night.

"Our Plymouth show will be mostly classic, guitar-jamming rock, covering pretty much all of that side of my career including my solo albums, different band projects with Edgar (Winter) over the years and so on," said Derringer. "We'll be doing all the old hits between Edgar and myself, like `Hoochie Koo,' `Frankenstein' and others, plus one song from the jazz CD, the title tune, which, yes, that's our new jazz remake of the hit `Free Ride.' But altogether, we're going to hit on stuff from throughout both our careers, with the emphasis on high-energy rock and blues."

Derringer, 54, who was born Rick Zehringer, first tasted the national spotlight at age 16 when his band The McCoys hit #1 with their 1965 frat-rock smash "Hang On Sloopy," then rocked even harder later that year with their Top Ten follow-up, a cover of the Peggy Lee hit "Fever." By the end of the '60s, Derringer was jamming with the Winter brothers, Edgar and singer/guitarist Johnny, and he and the McCoys became the "And" of the high-powered Johnny Winter And blues/rock band projects as well as part of Edgar's White Trash rock/R&B/soul revue.

Even with the McCoys, Derringer had already wielded a distinct and energized guitar style that lived up to the gun-maker connotation of his adopted stage name. In the '70s, he hit the Top Twenty with his own version of "Rock and Roll Hoochie Koo," which he'd previously penned for Johnny Winter, and continued

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Julio's back

Seasoned performer has new songs to share on tour

By R. Scott Reedy
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These days, it may be Enrique Iglesias who is filling stadiums with his concert appearances.

But proud father Julio Iglesias is giving his heartthrob son a run for his money, with his own concert tour which brings him to the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset on Saturday, Aug. 16, and Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis on Sunday, Aug. 17.

Indeed, the elder Iglesias ranks as one of the most successful international recording artists in pop music history — having recorded 77 albums which have sold a total of more than 250 million copies worldwide. Were it not for a twist of fate, however, Julio Iglesias may have found himself competing with the likes of Pele and David Beckham for fame and adulation instead of Tom Jones and Johnny Mathis.

Born in 1943 in Madrid, Iglesias studied law with hopes of becoming a career diplomat and dreamed of a life in professional soccer. A remarkable athlete, Iglesias even landed his ideal job as a goalkeeper with the professional soccer team, Real Madrid. His dreams, however, were shattered when a near-fatal car accident left him partially paralyzed and unable to walk for almost two years.

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Julio Iglesias performs Saturday, Aug. 16 at the South Shore Music Circus and Sunday, Aug. 17 at the Cape Cod Melody Tent.

During his lengthy hospitalization in Madrid, Iglesias spent time listening to the radio and writing, poems, many of which contained melancholy verses questioning man's mission in life. Strumming away on an old guitar given to him to use as therapy and exercise for his fingers, Iglesias soon added music to his poems and found himself immersed in a new passion.

With his recovery progressing, Julio soon surprised everyone by winning the most prestigious song festival in Spain, the Benidorm, with his own composition, "La Vida Sigue Igual"

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Food & dining

Maque Choux

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Maque Choux is a Cajun mixture of corn, bell pepper, onion, celery, tomato, herbs, and spice. It may also contain chicken, shrimp, crawfish, ham, tasso, bacon, or sausage. ("Maque" means corn and "choux" refers to cabbage.) I wanted a one-dish supper, not just a vegetable side dish, so I settled on chicken since it is ubiquitous. What I did not want was an overcooked slurry of a dish, the sort of things where each element loses its personality. I wanted something bright, summery, and fresh.

I started with the corn, using six medium ears, cutting the kernels off the cob and scraping the cobs as well (this added extra flavor). For the chicken, I went with thighs (they are hard to overcook and stay juicy when breast meat turns dry). I found that the dish tasted best if the thighs were well-browned to start and seasoned with salt and pepper.

Many savory Cajun recipes start with bell pepper, celery, onion, and garlic. After testing, I eliminated the garlic (tasted odd with corn) and the celery, the latter not adding much flavor. I used two medium onions which added a nice sweetness to the dish. I also settled on half a pepper each of green and red, a bit of extravagance I admit, but I liked the combination of flavors. (You can use one whole green or red pepper if you like.) Fresh cherry tomatoes added brightness and they do not need to be seeded or skinned, just halved.

In terms of meat, I tested bacon and ham but they did not add much more than a salty taste. Chorizo was a little greasy and I finally settled on Italian sausage, either sweet or hot. (Tasso, a classic Cajun sausage, is great but not available in most supermarkets.) Fresh thyme worked well as did either basil or parsley added at the end of cooking. A pinch of red pepper flakes added a touch of heat and complexity.

Some Maque Choux recipes call for additional liquid (cream, milk, water, or stock) but my recipe did not seem to need it. (The corn and onions release a fair amount of liquid.) The dish takes about 45 minutes to prepare and makes a simple but hearty summer supper.

SUMMER CORN STEW WITH CHICKEN AND SAUSAGE

You can use either one whole green or red pepper if you like. Adjust the heat of this dish by choosing sweet or hot sausage and adding red pepper flakes to taste.

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 pound sweet or hot Italian sausage, cut into 3/4-inch lengths
8 bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed and excess fat trimmed
Salt and pepper
2 medium onions, cut into 1/2-inch dice, about 2 cups
1/2 red bell pepper, cut into 1/2-inch dice, about 3/4 cup
1/2 green bell pepper, cut into 1/2-inch dice, about 3/4 cup
4 to 5 sprigs fresh thyme
Pinch to 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes or to taste
6 ears corn, kernels cut from cob and cobs scraped clean, juices reserved
3 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil or 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
Cooked rice for serving

1. Heat a large, heavy-duty sauté pan with a lid or a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the olive oil and swirl to coat the bottom. Add the sausage pieces and brown well. Remove from pan and set aside. Season chicken thighs liberally with salt and pepper. Brown well on all sides, in batches if necessary. Remove from pan and set aside.

2. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon of fat and lower the heat to medium. Add the onions, bell pepper, thyme, and red pepper flakes. Sauté, stirring frequently until the vegetables have softened but not browned, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add the corn and tomatoes and stir to combine. Bring to a simmer and add back the chicken and sausage pieces, submerging them in the corn mixture as much as possible. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally for about 30 minutes or until the thighs reach 165 degrees (use an instant-read thermometer) and the corn and tomatoes have cooked down to a well-bodied sauce. You may increase the heat and simmer uncovered for 2 to 3 minutes to thicken the sauce if necessary. Stir in the basil or parsley and taste for seasonings, adjusting for salt and pepper as necessary. Serve immediately over rice.

Serves 4 to 6.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook_s Illustrated, log on to www.cooksillustrated.com. For recipes from Mr. Kimball_s public television cooking show, go to www.americastestkitchen.com.

'Rock and Roll Hoochie Koo'

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to work as both a sideman and producer for both the Winter brothers while spreading his session player and production work to artists such as Alice Cooper, Todd Rundgren and Steely Dan. He further diversified in the '80s, working with Cyndi Lauper, Barbara Streisand, Kiss and others.

Derringer calls his simultaneous and sometimes interacting rock and smooth jazz tours separate entities. His Derringer Free Ride smooth jazz album has been riding the jazz charts since last October and in the Top Twenty on most of them for the last 16 weeks.

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Rick Derringer

"I think my music has grown with my audience, and vice versa, over the years," said Derringer. "The main difference between playing live now and back in the 60s and 70s is the audience is less naive now, they're more into pure musical content than a lot of wild antics onstage. And although a lot of aspects of playing the music are still the same, the audience is still the judge, and you can't cheat them."

Rick Derringer and Edgar Winter play Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street in Plymouth Saturday, Aug. 16 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and information call 866-408-7619 or visit www.ticketweb.com

Maintaining the August landscape

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As dusk approached on a misty summer evening, I paused by the side of my little fishpond to enjoy the peaceful, soothing sounds of the gurgling fountain. To my delight, I was greeted by the friendly croaking of a new speckled green frog floating among the lily pads. Recent invasions by unknown intruders have reduced my goldfish population and a longtime resident frog has been among the missing for nearly a month. Raccoons, hawks, blue herons, a handsome white egret and a variety of felines including my own, have been seen lurking around the pool in recent weeks, any of whom might be guilty of pilfering its inhabitants. Fortunately, our continuing moist conditions have been ideal for amphibian relocations and to my surprise, my plump, oversized frog has returned, apparently inviting several friends to accompany him to his domain. Two tiny frogs sat perched on lily pads in addition to his singing comrade. As filtered moonlight shimmered through a veil of passing clouds, I reluctantly retreated from the garden, comforted by the discovery of these newest additions to my garden menagerie.

Every growing season has its joys and disappointments. Twenty-five years of dirt digging have taught me to expect and accept yearly extremes; too cold, too hot, too wet, or too dry and rarely, if ever, the ideal growing conditions in any given season for all those delectable plants we passionate gardeners endeavor to cultivate. Many plants entered the fall and winter months severely stressed and weakened by drought. Early and persistent snowcover, desiccating winds and prolonged dampness during the spring resulted in innumerable losses of marginally hardy plants and even established stalwart specimens that were unable to withstand the combination of weather extremes Mother Nature offered over the past year.

While it would be impossible to anticipate all the environmental fluctuations from year to year and equally difficult to prepare our landscapes to cope with these variations, this summer's prolonged dampness has provided valuable insight into adjustments that might be helpful in future growing seasons. The importance of good drainage has become increasingly obvious as torrential downpours have continuously flooded many lawns and gardens, drowning our perennials and rotting vegetables and annuals. Make note of low spots and areas of poor drainage throughout your landscape and consider filling these in later this season or create mounded or raised bed gardens to ensure drainage. In extreme cases, regrading the terrain may be necessary to redirect runoff.

Compacted soils or those that are high in clay content should be lightened with organic amendments in the weeks to come. Heavy, clay soils are dense due to tiny clay particles that cling together and drain slowly, which may prevent critical air molecules from reaching plant roots. This often leads to rot during periods of dampness or during the winter months when plants are not actively growing and thereby unable to diffuse excess moisture through their leaves. The addition of organic matter to clay soils improves drainage and airflow and allows the soil to warm up more rapidly in spring.

Organic additives are equally valuable for sandy soils, which contain large particles that drain rapidly. Although plants grown in sandy soils have probably fared better this season, these porous soils tend to demand constant irrigation during dry spells and plants usually suffer during years of drought. In addition, nutrients are quickly swept away each time plants are watered and this year's torrential downpours have surely depleted the mineral content of every soil type. The presence of organic matter or humus provides beneficial microorganisms that convert nutrients in the organic matter to inorganic nutrients that our plants can use. Even soils that are properly prepared when plantings are initially introduced require regular replenishment of these organic materials. Compost, well-decomposed manure, peat moss, or shredded leaves can be worked into the soil or applied as a top dressing in the fall.

Equally evident during this wet growing season are those plants that flourish given copious quantities of moisture. Although both daylilies and hostas are extremely drought-tolerant, meaning that they will survive and multiply in the driest years, they thrive given bountiful moisture and have never been so luxuriant. Unfortunately, with perpetual dampness comes the propensity for slug and snail infestations and these slimy pests are enjoying a banner season. Many of my prized hosta specimens have become riddled with holes as these voracious creatures devour everything in sight. Although slugs and snails usually creep along under the cover of darkness, the moist conditions and continuous cloud cover have prompted nearly a constant feeding frenzy. It should be noted that many of the effective products on the market are toxic to pets and wildlife. Shallow saucers of beer, diatomaceous earth, crushed eggshells, coarse sand, and wood ashes are just a few of the commonly recommended alternatives to chemicals. Slug baits, including Escargo and Sluggo, that contain iron phosphate, which naturally exists in our soils, appear to be fairly safe and helpful in reducing mollusk populations. Even wooden shingles strategically placed around the gardens can be used to attract the creatures. During the day, slugs will congregate beneath the shingles and periodic collections with a trowel will yield vast numbers that can be eliminated.

Sunshine and drier conditions are in our forecast for the coming week. There are weeds to pull, flopping plants to stake, grass to mow and perhaps a few moments to enjoy my singing frogs and the lavish blooms of this tropical-growing season.

Painting daydreams

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Pembroke, The Duxbury Art Association's Winter Juried Show and the South Shore Art Center Art Festival, Cohasset. Norris's watercolors favor a personal style of tight, well-defined lines and pastel-like colors.

Titles and subject locations of her pieces are mostly self-descriptive, including several series items such as the five-part "Woodford Valley, Wiltshire," the three-part "Virgin Gorda" and the two-part "Menauhunt," plus single pieces like "Scituate Light," "Kensington Garden, London," "South Cape Beach," "Stonehenge" and "River Avon with Salisbury Cathedral" among others. For Norris, the show at the SSNSC is "the most intense amount of painting I've done since college. Up to last fall I was probably doing maybe one or two paintings a year."

"My mother tells me that since I was three I was telling people I was going to be an artist when I grew up," Norris said. "I think having people around you that can recognize your talents and nurture those talent is always good. And to have great teachers at an early age makes a big difference. I remember both my art teachers from elementary school and my high school art teacher being very supportive and nurturing. I remember one of my college professors used to tell us 'To draw, is to draw, is to draw.' And I think, what he was trying to get into our heads is that if you want to succeed or be good at something, you have to do it."

Valerie Doran Norris' exhibit "Lanscapes Near and Far" is on display through Aug. 29 at the South Shore Natural Science Center's Vine Hall Gallery. The Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For hours and information call (781) 659-2559.

Performer has new songs to share on tour

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(Life Goes On) in 1968. With that festival appearance, Iglesias embarked on a performing career that has been flourishing ever since. Thanks to his own prolific songwriting, the Spanish superstar won't lack for material at either of his local appearances. In 1983, Iglesias received the first and only Diamond Record Award ever given to a performer by the Guinness Book of World Records, for selling more records in more languages than any other musical artist in history.

After an almost 20 year hiatus from composing, Iglesias collaborated with the respected young record producer, Estefano, on his latest recording. Entitled "Noche de Cuatro Lunes,", the album contains 15 tracks — 10 of which Iglesias co-wrote with Estefano. Additional songs on the album were produced by Ruben Blades, Alejandro Sanz, and Robi Rosa, composer of several of Ricky Martin's hit singles including "Livin' La Vida Loca.". *(Julio Iglesias will appear in concert at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset on Saturday, August 16 and at the Cape Cod Melody Tent on Sunday, Aug. 17. Tickets call 617-931-2787 or visit www.musiccircus.com.)*

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BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! comes to The Providence Performing Arts Center, Nov. 22; Tickets on Sale Monday, July 14, at 10 a.m. Beatlemania-LIVE!, the ultimate Beatles' tribute show, will be making its debut at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, – exactly 40 years after Beatlemania exploded in England. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37.50, $32.50 & $25.50. Tickets for this theatrical concert event go on sale Monday, July 14, at 10 a.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center box-office (220 Weybosset St); by phone at 401-421-2787; and online at www.ppacri.org and www.ticketmaster.com.

SUNSET AT THE ABBEY: "AMERICAN CELEBRATION" On Saturday, Aug. 23, at 4:30 p.m., enjoy the soulful piano of Jacqueline Schwab, outdoors at picturesque Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham. Known as the pianist on Ken Burns documentaries, Schwab performs American parlor and traditional music from the past two centuries. Members of the Hingham Symphony will perform American classics of their own. Bring a blanket and a picnic. Rain location: First Parish Meeting House, Cohasset Common. $10 adults, $5 youth. Call 781-740-5694.

LITTLE RIVER BAND Brings Their Classic Sound to Plymouth Memorial Hall; Aug. 23. One of New Zealand's biggest exports, the Little River Band are now on tour and making a stop at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Saturday, Aug. 23. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets for the Little River Band, priced at $37 and $32, are now on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 83 Court St. in Plymouth, MA; online at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 866-468-7619. You can also visit their website at www.plymouthmemorialhall.com.

FIFTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. For applications visit www.brittanylambertFoundation.org, your local gym or register on-line at Active.com For more information call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187.

'LITTLE ANGELS' JIMMY FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT, Sept. 8, at Pembroke Country Club. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start: Tee time 1:15 p.m. Scramble format. $115 per player early registration special by Aug. 15, $100 per player. Includes "Little Angels" custom golf shirt. Non-golfers welcome $35 dinner only. $20 "Little Angels" custom golf shirt if ordered by Aug. 15. Player fee includes gift bag, golf cart, greens fee, stuffed chicken breast dinner. Prizes awarded for hole in one, on the green closest to the pin, lowest foursome score. For information contact Paul McLaughlin, 781-982-8383. http://oak47.ecorp.netgolf.htm

HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, Oct. 7 to Nov. 1. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

You can get a lot accomplished this morning, if you make up a list of things to do and stick to it. It is okay to initiate new activities until 12:19 p.m., when the moon forms a harmonious contact to Saturn. Projects that require your imagination and creativity are highlighted.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

The Pisces moon forms challenging contacts to Pluto at 4:01 a.m. and Mercury at 6:29 a.m., when it becomes inactive. After that no major planetary activity occurs, and the inactive moon travels at the tail end of the zodiac. That means that this day is prime for vacationing, relaxing, veging out, recharging your batteries.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Planetary action turns around completely at 4:00 a.m., when the moon enters energetic Aries. Follow through on commitments you have made or jobs that are tedious and labor intensive. You can get them out of the way today. Sports and physical activities get the green light. A lunar alignment to Saturn may generate delays, reversals this evening. Keep it light and go with the flow.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

The green light is on for new beginnings across the board. Pull out all the stops. You can cut through obstacles and break new ground at home or work. The Aries moon forms easy contacts to Venus and the sun, making this evening prime for socializing, partying.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Fair and sunny astrological weather prevails today. The Aries moon forms a harmonious contact to Jupiter at 10:36 a.m., when it becomes inactive. A Taurus moon takes over at 2:52 p.m., and forms a flowing 60-degree contact to Uranus at 5:05 p.m. Social and romantic activities are highlighted. Kick back, enjoy favorite pastimes and friends.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

This is a wonderful day for vacationing. The moon continues its travel in Taurus, and Venus, the planetary ruler of Taurus, aligns with the sun. If you are working, projects should come together easily. Be sure to launch important enterprises before 9:40 a.m., when the moon interacts with Saturn. A lunar alignment to Neptune brings a lull period between 11:54 a.m.-2:54 p.m. Enjoy a leisurely lunch with friends or colleagues.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

The moon continues its travel in Taurus, setting a relaxed pace. Planetary influences continue to rate high for work or pleasure. The green light for new starts remains on. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 8:48 p.m. This moon is decreasing in light, and a new moon will culminate next Wednesday, August 27. Lunar alignments to Venus and Jupiter make this evening prime for romance.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

The Taurus moon becomes inactive at 12:29 a.m. until 3:41 a.m., when it enters Gemini. The Gemini moon forms challenging 90-degree contacts to Uranus in the morning and Mars in the evening. It may be difficult to get a lot accomplished today. If you are working, handle a variety of projects, tie up loose ends. Stay alert and use common sense. On the other hand, influences rate high for socializing and vacationing. Be sure to take extra time out for fun and games.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Venus and Jupiter conjoin at 6:23 a.m., and the sun prepares to align with Jupiter, generating an upbeat, social mood. The moon continues to travel in loquacious Gemini. However, there is one pitfall in today's planetary picture, in effect between 12:29-3:29 p.m., when the moon and Pluto oppose. Choose your words carefully. Careless or indiscreet remarks may come back to haunt you. Fortunately, this influence passes over quickly and the remainder of the day rates high for relaxing and enjoying life.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Yesterday's planetary influences affect this morning as well. The alignment of the sun and Jupiter culminates at 6:08 a.m., and the moon continues active travel in Gemini until 2:15 p.m. Go with your adventurous side; be more spontaneous. If you are working, you can make progress developing projects that need support or input from others. Venus enters Virgo at 7:36 a.m., remaining there until September 15. The moon enters Cancer at 3:44 p.m. and aligns with Venus and Uranus. In addition, a polarity of Venus and Uranus may spark romantic passions this evening.

Thurs. 14

The Company Theatre presents **Ragtime** through Aug. 24, and features a multi-racial cast of 65 who tell the story of three separate groups of people - affluent residents of New Rochelle, NY, Jewish immigrants, and blacks from Harlem - at the turn of the last century and the way their lives intertwine. Directed by Zoe Bradford and Jordie Saucerman, the local production features some of the sets used in the national tour and hundreds of costumes. For tickets and information visit the Company Theatre box office at 30 Accord Park, Norwell or call (781) 871-2787.

Nathan Gallery, 152 Rockland St., Hanover, presents **Works of Tamara Orlowski** as well as a few other local artists through Aug. 15. Open to the public. Gallery hours Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 781-826-6500.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. Aug. 14, **Sounds of Yesterday**.

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 14, **Sandra Hall**. 617-439-7000.

Weymouth Recreation presents: **Family Concerts/Movies in the Park**, 75 Middle St., Amphitheater. Aug. 14, **Monsters Inc.**, 8:30 p.m. to dusk. In the event of rain, the programs will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. For more information call 781-682-6124.

Cape Cod Chamber Music Festival presents an evening of music, storytelling and natural history with a performance of **Steve Schuch's Symphony of Whales** on Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Mashpee High School, 500 Old Barnstable Road, Mashpee. Tickets $12 adults; children under 12 free with adult. For information call 800-818-0608 or visit www.capecodchambermusic.org

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Kaleidoscope Theatre** presents **Snow White**. Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

BEST BET

Shawn Colvin will perform Sunday, Aug. 17, at the Summer Music Festival At Stonehill's Clock Farm, Washington St, Easton, at 6:30 p.m. in a benefit for the Natural Resources Trust of Easton. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults- $30, VIP Seating-$50, VIP Seating with meet and greet the artists and a private party with food from the Capital Grill - $150. Children-$5. To charge tickets or for more information call 508-238-6049. Parking lots open at 4 p.m., gates open at 5 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at any local Strawberries location. Also performing are Bill Staines and Rebecca Correia.

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Jimmy Cliff**, Aug. 14, 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Pemberton All Stars** Aug. 14. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Raffael's Restaurant of Quincy presents **Connie, Patsy, Brenda & Me** a musical revue. All matinees begin at 1 p.m. with lunch starting at noon. Aug. 13* and 14**. The evening performances begin at 8 p.m. with the dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets $35 for matinees and $45 for evening performances. Price includes dinner, tax, gratuity & show. * matinee only; ** matinee and evening performances. Call 617-328-1600 for information or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com

Country Dance Promotions Dance at Moseley's, Thursday, Aug. 14, with DJ, Artie Maggiore. Dance lesson at 7:30. Couples and Line Dancing starts at 8 to 11:30 p.m. Two-step, Waltz, East and West Coast Swing, Hustle, Latin, Nightclub Two-step and Line dancing at Moseley's on the Charles (781-326-3075), 50 Bridge St., Dedham. $10. Potluck snacks, cash bar. For further information call 781-925-1170, 508-653-7937, 401-861-3114.

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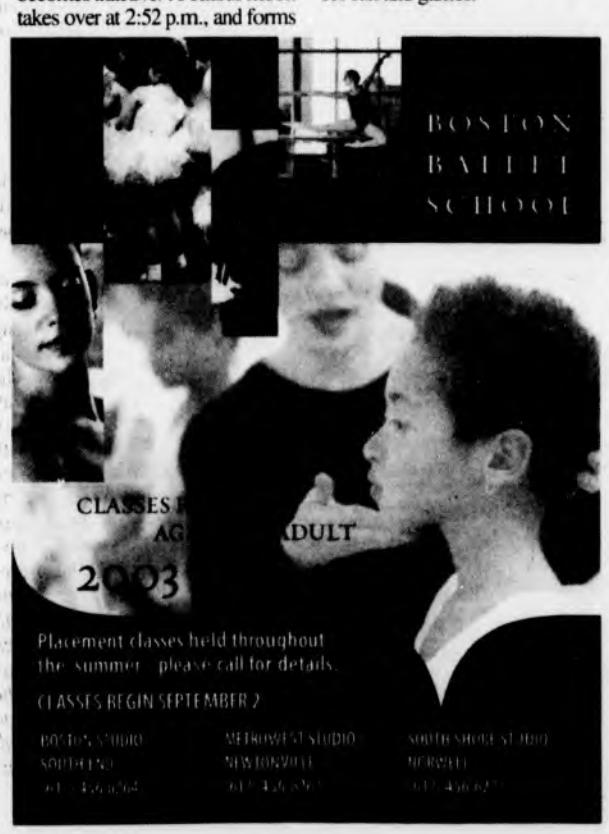

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Fri. 15

Marshfield Fair, Route 3A - Special admission price for Marshfield residents noon to 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Demolition Derby. More information available at www.marshfieldfair.org

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay will hold **auditions** for holiday classic ***Amahl & the Night Visitors.*** Singers interested in principal roles should plan to audition on Friday evening, Sept. 5, at the Ellison Center. **Auditions** run from 6 to 10 p.m., and are prescheduled. To set up an audition time, singers must call 781-934-2731, ext. 20. Singers of all ages interested in choral opportunities may contact Artistic Director Beth MacLeod at 781-934-2731, ext. 20. No audition is necessary for chorus members. Performance dates are Saturday, Dec. 6, at 3 and 7 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium in Hingham, and on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. This traditional family presentation draws audiences from all over New England.

Finding Inner Peace, 988 Bedford St., Abington - **Yoga Methodology** - 20 hour course Aug. 15-17 Fee: $175 Call 781-878-0115 for more information.

Boston Harbor Hotel, Intrigue Terrace, presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. Aug. 15, **Shane**. For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The Satuit Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on the Morrill Bandstand, Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor. This children's concert will feature Waltzing Cat, Muppets Show, the Simpson's and others.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Orange Monkey**, Aug. 15. For more information call 781-545-9898.

"Single Executives Club" Social & Singles Dance, Aug. 15, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35+ years old. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business-casual dress is acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and www.se-4you.com.

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset –**Engelbert Humperdinck**, Aug. 15, 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Fat City Band** Aug. 15. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Producers, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre through Aug. 17. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Blue Hair Troupe the hilarious, new musical revue that proves it's HIP to be old will be performing through Aug. 24 at the Tremont Theatre (next to the Wang Center), 276 Tremont St., Boston. Tickets are $25 and $30 and may be purchased by calling 1-866-443-2248, by visiting www.bluehairtroupe.com or at the door. Wheelchair Accessible.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association sponsors a Kayaking Trip to Nova Scotia a "Sea Kayaker's Paradise" The NSRWA is sponsoring a one-week paddling adventure in Eastern Nova Scotia exploring the island archipelago off of Tangier, Nova Scotia, from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. The trip includes a several nights at a campground with full facilities as well as a night or two camping on offshore islands. Beginners are welcome, and will be provided with a day-long introduction to paddling in early September to help get ready for the trip. Contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or email nsrwa@nsrwa.org for more information, and to sign up for the informational meeting July 31. For more information contact Paula Christie at the North & South Rivers Watershed Association at 781-659-8168 or paula@nsrwa.org

Comedy Show, J.C. Dee's, Route 3A, 312 Bridge St., No. Weymouth, **Dave Russo, Annette Pollack, Vernon Harrison, P.J. Abruzzese, Dave Rattigan and Joe Cronin.** Call 781-337-1020 for information or reservations.

Sat. 16

Marshfield Fair, Route 3A - **Oldies Show with WATD's Ed & George** music featuring Charlie Thomas' Drifters, Richie Lee, Wheels & Brookstreet (Family stage area). 2 p.m. More information available at www.marshfieldfair.org

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Comedy Night featuring Marshfield's Tommy Dunham with Annette Pollack, Bill Ford and John Joyce**. Show at 9 p.m. $10 admission. Handicap accessible.

"Hawaiian Romance" Singles Dance and Harbor Cruise Aug. 16, Gate C, Rowes Wharf, Atlantic Ave., Boston, 8 to 11 p.m. Bon Voyage Party, with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cruise and dancing on ship 8 to11 p.m., with complimentary food and desserts provided onboard. Music will be provided by Bruno. Limited to 375 single professionals, age 35and over. Island or casual attire. Cost is $40. Call 781-283-0400 for reservations. Sponsored by The Singles Executives Club and The Young Professionals Club, www.se-4you.com

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Julio Iglesias,** Aug. 16, 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Edgar Winter Band and Rick Derringer at **Plymouth Memorial Hall** in Plymouth, on Aug. 16, at 8 p.m. Tickets for, priced at $32 & $27, are now on sale at the Plymouth Memorial box-office located at 83 Court St. in Plymouth, online at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 866-468-7619.

BEEHIVE the 60's musical sensation at Raffael's Restaurant, has secured the exclusive rights to present "Beehive" the 60's musical sensation at The Squantum Yacht Club on Quincy Shore Drive and Aug. 15, 22, 23, and 29, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. There will be dancing with a DJ after the second performance each night. Tickets $20 for the 7:30 performance and $22.50 for the 9:30 p.m. evening performance. Groups rates available. Call 617-786-SHOW (7469) or www.jmproductionspresents.com

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury - The current exhibition, **Floating Sculptures**, which features traditional and contemporary carved New England decoys on display through Aug. 24.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate. **Orrjazzm** Aug. 16. For more information call 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **L'il Brian** and **The Zydeco Travelers** Aug. 16. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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The 2003 Marion Antiques Show will take place Aug. 16 and 17 at the new air conditioned exhibition hall at Tabor Academy, Marion. Tickets are $7 per person and show hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For more information call 508-748-1116.

Sun. 17

Marshfield Fair, Route 3A - **8th Annual North River Blues Festival** featuring **Shemekia Copeland, Smokin' Joe Kubek & Bnois King, Nicole Nelson Band, Basic Black Chris Fitz and the J Place Band**. Noon to 7:30 p.m. More information available at www.marshfieldfair.org

Shawn Colvin will perform Sunday, Aug. 17, at the **Summer Music Festival At Stonehill's Clock Farm**, Washington St, Easton, at 6:30 p.m. in a benefit for the Natural Resources Trust of Easton. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults- $30, VIP Seating-$50, VIP Seating with meet and greet the artists and a private party with food from the Capital Grill - $150. Children- $5. To charge tickets or for more information call 508-238-6049. Parking lots open at 4 p.m., gates open at 5 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at any local Strawberries location. Also performing are **Bill Staines** and **Rebecca Correia.**

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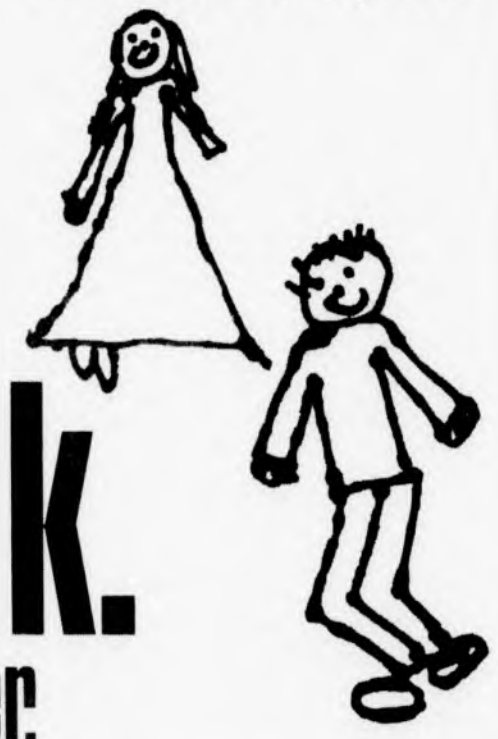

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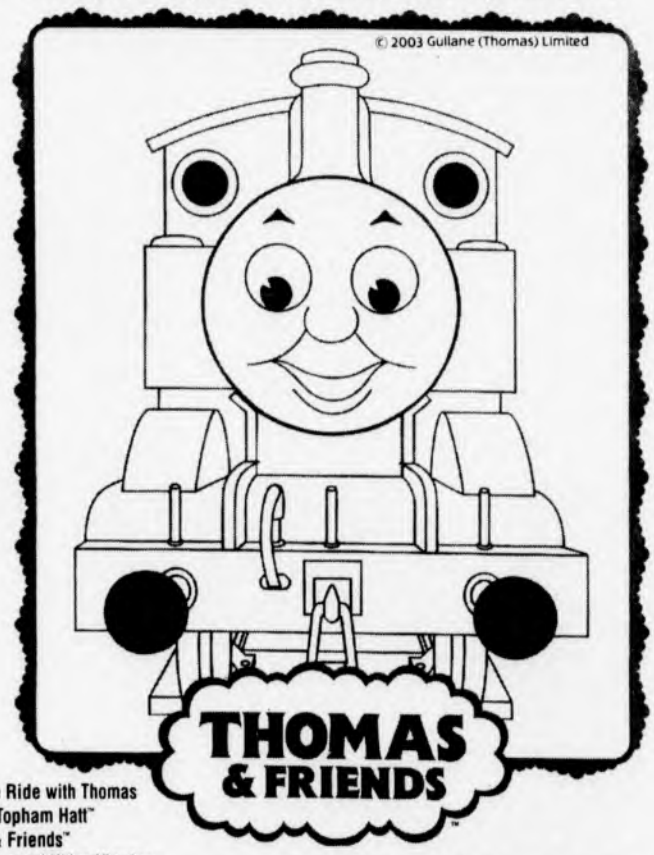

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Sunday Cruises to Cuttyhunk Sundays, July through October, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org for a day-long excursion to Cuttyhunk. The cruise departs from either Fairhaven or Woods Hole at 9 a.m. and spend four hours on Cuttyhunk. Participants will have a choice of a short, medium, or long guided walk, with commentary. People may bring a picnic lunch or buy a lunch on Cuttyhunk. Fees for the program are $50 for adults,$45 for members, seniors, and $40 for children 16 and under. To register and for information, and directions, call 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org

Hanover Bandstand summer concert series Aug. 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Bruce Pettersen Orchestra**. Route 139 in Hanover Center. Free and open to the public and handicap accessible. Donations gratefully accepted.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Dixieland Jazz Concert** featuring Pete Collins and Jimmy Massey from 5 to 8 p.m. Dinner optional beginning at 4 p.m. $10 admission. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

2003 Marion Antiques Show will take place Aug. 16 and 17 at the new air conditioned exhibition hall at Tabor Academy, Marion. Tickets $7 per person and show hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For more information call 508-748-1116.

The North River Arts Society presents **The Magic Moment**, original oil paintings by **Jody Regan** through Sept. 13, Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Cornerstone Reggae** Aug. 17 from 5 to 9 p.m. Aug. 10. Casual dress, cover charge varies. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Victory Day - A Family Celebration at the **USS Constitution Museum**, Charlestown Navy Yard, Sunday, Aug. 17, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.

Mon. 18

Marshfield Fair, Route 3A - **Battle of the Bands** 5 to 9 p.m. More information available at www.marshfieldfair.org

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 19

Marshfield Fair, Route 3A - **Senior Citizen Day** (65 and older) admitted free. Special activities all afternoon. 2 p.m. Live entertainment/variety show /five acts. More information available at www.marshfield-fair.org

The Olde Kids On The Block, a 20-piece orchestra will be at the Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday beginning Sept. 17 through Aug. 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person, all are welcome, no smoking, wheelchair-accessible.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Ani DiFranco**, Aug. 19, 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Wed. 20

Marshfield Fair, Route 3A - **Children's Day** Ages 12 and under admitted free. Noon to 4 p.m. **"Zoom" from PBS/WBGH**. Noon to 4 p.m. **Child Identification Program** (free videotape/fingerprinting and tooth prints.) 5 to 9 p.m. **Battle of the Bands.** More information available at www.marshfield-fair.org

The original oil paintings of **Armando Enriquez** will be on display during the month of August in the gallery of the Kingston Public Library. The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday 1 to 8 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Compass Bank Free Concert Series, Historic Plymouth Waterfront - **Tribute to W.C. Handy with Roy Book Binder, Del Rey and Steve James, Chuck Ochs** to open.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 21

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Landis & Company's "World of Magic,"** Aug. 21, 10:30 a.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Marshfield Fair, Route 3A **4-H Agricultural Awareness Day.** 4-H members admitted free with 4-H uniform/ID. **Battle of the Bands** 5 to 9 p.m. **Demolition Derby** 6:30 p.m. More information available at www.marshfield-fair.org

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. Aug. 21, **Legion Bud Band**

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Wayne Brady**, Aug. 21 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 21, **Toni Lynn Washington**. 617-439-7000.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Level Ride** Aug. 21. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 22

Marshfield Fair, Route 3A - Special admission price for Marshfield residents noon to 6 p.m. **Battle of the Bands** (Finals) 6:30 p.m. **Demolition Derby** finals. More information available at www.marshfield-fair.org

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – Aimee Mann, Aug. 22, 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Aug. 22, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info: 781-331-0021 Web site: http://www.southshoresingles.org" http://www.southshoresingles.org

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Stout** Aug. 22. For more information call 781-545-9898.

The Satuit Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on the Morrill Bandstand, Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor. International night returns with more selections from overseas.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St..) Plymouth, presents **Tex, Mad Dog & the Cat**. Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Boston Harbor Hotel, Intrigue Terrace, presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. Aug. 22, **The Great Escape**. For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Zachariah** (reunion of original band) Aug. 22. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Children's Museum in Easton, celebrates **World Music Day,** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22. Ricardo Frota from Sound Play will perform at 11 a.m. Many other musical activities throughout the day. Admission $5 per person, members and children under 1 free. For more information, call the museum at 508-230-3789.

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The Helen Bumpus Gallery at the Duxbury Free Library features the watercolor paintings by T. Nickolas Phakos through Sept. 30. An opening reception will be held Thursday Aug. 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Merrry Meeting Room. The library is located at 77 Alden Street. For hours and information call (781) 934-2721.

Ongoing Events

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library opens a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy.** The exhibit will run through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

The Scituate Art Gallery will feature how local artists have captured the beauty of the local area at a special summer exhibition featuring marine and local scenes through Aug. 31. "Marine and Local Scenes" will showcase original works by Scituate Gallery Artists. Due to construction, the exhibit will be displayed at The Welch Company at 146 Front St. Exhibit hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

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The band PINK VOYD will perform a tribute to PINK FLOYD on Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Stoughton Theater Cinema Pub and on Aug. 23 at Six Flags in Agawam. The Aug. 16 performance is a benefit for Cathy Sagesta, a single mother of two children and a local survivor of the Station House Fire.
Pink Voyd was chosen to host the 30th anniversary Premier Showing of the new DVD release of the Dark Side of the Moon. Sneak Preview at 7 p.m. Concert at 8 p.m. Ticket for Aug. 16 will be sold at Stoughton Theater Box office 781-344-4566 Or any Strawberries Location.
Tickets for Six Flags in Springfield are $29.99 and include entrance to both the Water Park and the Amusement Park with concert starting at 7 p.m. tickets can be purchased at Six Flags or on the website www.sixflags.com/parks /newengland

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The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents a Comedy Night featuring Marshfield's Tommy Dunham with Annette Pollack, Bill Ford and John Joyce. Show at 9 p.m. $10 admission. The Bridgwaye is handicapped accessible. For information call (781) 834-6505.

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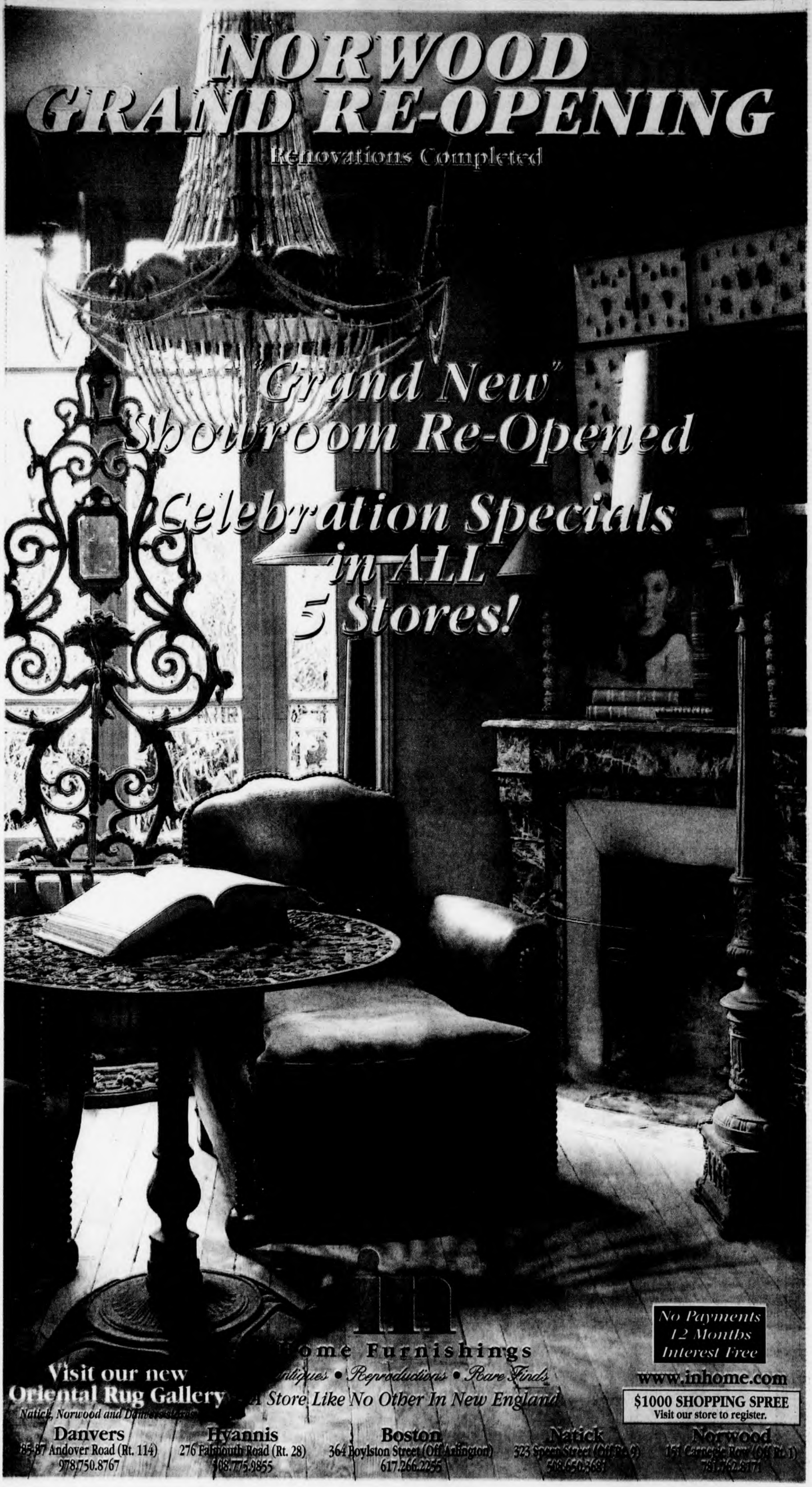
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Cedarmere's affordable component takes center stage

Units segregated from market-rate condominiums

By Samantha Brown
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While the Planning Board continues to give the proposed 105-unit Cedarmere project off Beechwood Street and Rte. 3A high marks – some questions about the development's affordable units have surfaced.

"I just want to say I think the developers have done a great job," said Wayne Sawchuk, 432 Beechwood St., to which Dave Calhoun, one of the principals of the development corporation, King Taylor Cohasset LLC, clapped his hands and said, "Thank you, Wayne."

But at last week's Planning Board meeting, during which abutters peppered the developers with worries about traffic, drainage and other impacts — Sawchuk said he was concerned about the affordable portion of the proposal.

"This is not a second-rate project and this is not a 40B project."
— David Calhoun, Cedarmere

"It seems you're creating something separate from everything," he said, adding that he preferred to see more affordable housing scattered throughout the development.

Plans for Cedarmere, which would be restricted to those 55-and-older, include a total of 74 market-rate condominiums, which are expected to start at $650,000. Fourteen of those are slated for the new "grand manor house" that would also include common areas; 56 would be either single or two-family residences in courtyard settings, and an existing barn at the site will be renovated into a single-family residence.

Twenty-nine affordable units would be in a separate building nearer Rte. 3A. It's not clear if the affordable units would be rentals or condominiums. An existing cabin near the western end of the site would be renovated to house two additional affordable units.

"This is not a second-rate project and this is not a 40B project," Calhoun said, adding the design of the affordable housing ties in with the design of the

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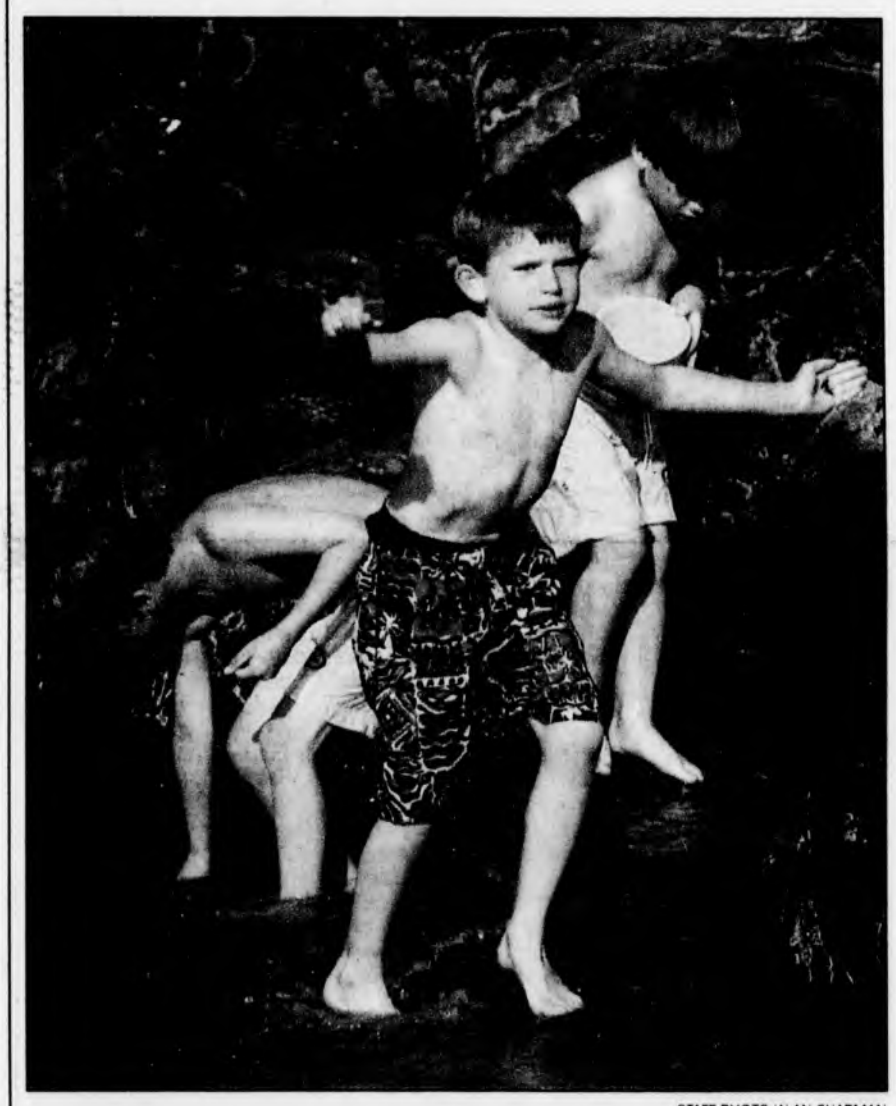

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OCEAN DISCOVERY
Owen Doherty celebrates finding a slimy sea creature while Alex and Claudio Valez continue to search for more critters.

ZBA ruling may spell relief for 3 Jerusalem Lane home

But homeowner still disillusioned

By Mary Ford
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Phil Ayer, who built 3 Jerusalem Lane, was subdued when the Zoning Board of Appeals appeared to reach a consensus this week that his new house could qualify for a special permit after all.

After tackling other matters on its packed agenda, the board deliberated for upwards of an hour Monday night on what will likely go down as a precedent-setting decision for Cohasset.

Although sitting members Woody Chittick, Ben Lacy and Anson Wheeller won't vote on the final draft of the decision until this Monday at the earliest – they were not able to determine the house is "substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood" — the standard in the bylaw used to deny relief. To be substantially more detrimental, the enlargement of Ayers' house, which about triples the prior home at the site, would have to be "injurious or dangerous to the public health or hazardous because of traffic congestion or other reason."

"I think if anyone thinks about it, how would they feel? How would they feel if someone was trying to take their home away?"
— Phil Ayer, homeowner

"Obstruction of views doesn't matter and that's not even on the table," ZBA Chairman Chittick said. The Ayers' home sits on a promontory with spectacular ocean views and the size of the home has affected the views of some of the abutters.

Whealler said there was no

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Stormy forecast is predicted

Could be an 'above-average' year for hurricanes

By Seth Jacobson
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Bob. Gloria. Donna. Carol. Remember them? They're not your next-door neighbors, they're names of memorable hurricanes that swept through New England over the years. And according to weather experts, we could be adding to that list of names this year.

According to emergency operations managers in different South Shore towns, it's going to be an active season for hurricanes.

Predictions are saying it's going to be an above-average year for hurricanes," said Mark Duff, emergency management director for Hingham. "And it's never too early to prepare,"

"The National Weather Service have said there looks like there's greater-than-average activity this hurricane season," said Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) spokesperson Peter Judge.

"Those are dirty words in this town," said Arthur Lehr, emergency management director for Cohasset.

Officials say preparation is the name of the game when it comes to hurricanes. Recently, MEMA sponsored Hurricane Awareness Week, from July 20-26. During that time, local officials had the opportunity to attend a workshop sponsored by the state to prepare for hurricane season, as well as take part in a two-day exercise where communications systems were tested.

While the state does take the brunt of responsibility when it comes to bringing hurricane awareness to individual com-

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From the sands of Iraq to Cohasset's Sandy Beach

Police officer is back on local beat

By Samantha Brown
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The heat and humidity of a New England summer can seem unbearable at times, but for Brian Peebles the conditions are a more than welcome change.

For the past five months, the Cohasset special summer police officer was on active duty in Nasiriyah, as a hospital corpsman in the US Naval Reserve. Nasiriyah is outside Al Basra in southeastern Iraq.

This summer is Peebles' second summer in Cohasset. He also works full-time as a firefighter and first responder for Weymouth. He has been in the reserves for 15 years as a member of F Company 2nd Battalion 25th Marine Regiment. This was his second trip to the Middle East; he was also deployed for Desert Storm in 1991.

"There were certain times when I was scared," Peebles said about his recent mission, adding with the absence of local police, there was a lot of chaos in the city when his company arrived. Iraqi troops had abandoned their weapons everywhere, with grenades and various weapons easily accessible.

"Everyone had an AK- 47," he said.

One of Peebles' jobs was to patrol the streets of Nasiriyah, a huge change from his patrol duties in Cohasset. While most Iraqis gave the American soldiers no trouble, he said a handful would sometimes throw rocks at them and occasionally

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Brian Peebles, who is a part-time special police officer in Cohasset, issues a parking ticket in the parking lot at Sandy Beach, which is a long way from the Iraq desert.

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SHALLOW END

Lily Smith, Caelin McDonald and Jenny Wolfe explore the shallow waters at Sandy Beach.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Health, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m.,

Conservation Commission, Aug. 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Harbor Committee, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., at the library

Selectmen, Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Aug. 21, 7 p.m.

Water Commission, Aug. 21, 8 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Aug. 25 (40B-Avalon), 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Water Commission seeks $20M loan

The Water Commission has applied for a $20 million low interest loan from the state to continue its water systems improvement program.

"If we are successful in getting this 2 percent low-interest loan from the state," said Water Commission Chairman John McNabb, "we could save $6 million in reduced interest payments over the next 20 years, which would allow us to continue our aggressive system improvements program with the least impact to our ratepayers."

The low-interest loans sought by the Water Commission are offered by the state Department of Environmental Protection Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program on a competitive basis each year.

"This funding would be used to replace about 9.5 miles of old and undersized water mains in our distribution system, which will continue our program of improving fire protection and water service throughout Cohasset," McNabb said.

"This project would also include the installation of 90 new fire hydrants, the replacement of about 35 lead water service lines, the looping of dead ends to improve low flows and pressure, and the installation of pumps to improve water pressure in existing low pressure areas," he said.

The application also includes improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, including replacement of the filter media, replacing the flow and pressure transmitters, replacing the rapid mix motors, drive shafts and motors, installation of adjustable frequency drives for the raw water pumps, and replacing the generator automatic transfer switch.

No one is hurt in lobster boat mishap

A Cohasset lobster boat hit the rocks off Strawberry Point at 11:20 a.m. Tuesday morning and began taking on water. According to Coast Guard spokeswoman Lauren Smith, the 38-foot "Margie," owned by Cohasset lobsterman Bob Figueiredo, began taking on water after the mishap. The harbormaster was notified and called Point Allerton Coast Guard station, which dispatched three rescue boats to the scene. As the Coast Guard looked on, other lobster boats in the area helped tow "Margie" to shallow waters where the boat could be repaired at low tide. Figueiredo and his granddaughter were the only two on board and were not injured, Smith said.

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Water commission wants ZBA to reject AvalonBay

Hearing starts at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 25

The Water Commissioners have again requested the Zoning Board of Appeals to deny the comprehensive permit application submitted by Avalon Bay for a 200-plus unit housing development in Cohasset.

"Avalon's new wastewater disposal plan, to dispose of 40,000 gallons per day in a subsurface disposal facility on Scituate Hill, does not work," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "Earlier this year we showed that their surface water discharge plan for wastewater was illegal and would not protect Lily Pond. Well, their new plan also fails."

"At the ZBA's meeting on Aug. 25, the Water Commission will yet again ask them to deny the Avalon Bay permit application," said McNabb. "Based on the expert opinion of our wastewater engineer, AvalonBay cannot demonstrate that their subsurface discharge plan will work or that it will not contaminate the watershed for Lily Pond, our public drinking water supply."

"AvalonBay proposes to dispose of 40,000 gallons per day of treated wastewater in the Lily Pond watershed, even though the most recent percolation tests taken in the last year were not witnessed by the Board of Health and the ones that were witnessed were taken in 1983, 20 years ago," said McNabb.

"Besides, as anyone living in Cohasset knows, the soils in that area are poor, there is lots of ledge, and there are high levels of groundwater – such that any wastewater discharged underground in Scituate Hill is likely to soon bubble to the surface," said McNabb. "Simply put, AvalonBay has not proven that the area is suitable for the proposed wastewater disposal, and it is doubtful that anyone could ever prove that this area is suitable."

"The ZBA should deny this application outright so AvalonBay can go back to the drawing board and see if they can come up with a wastewater disposal plan that will work," said McNabb.

This is a press release from the Water Commission.

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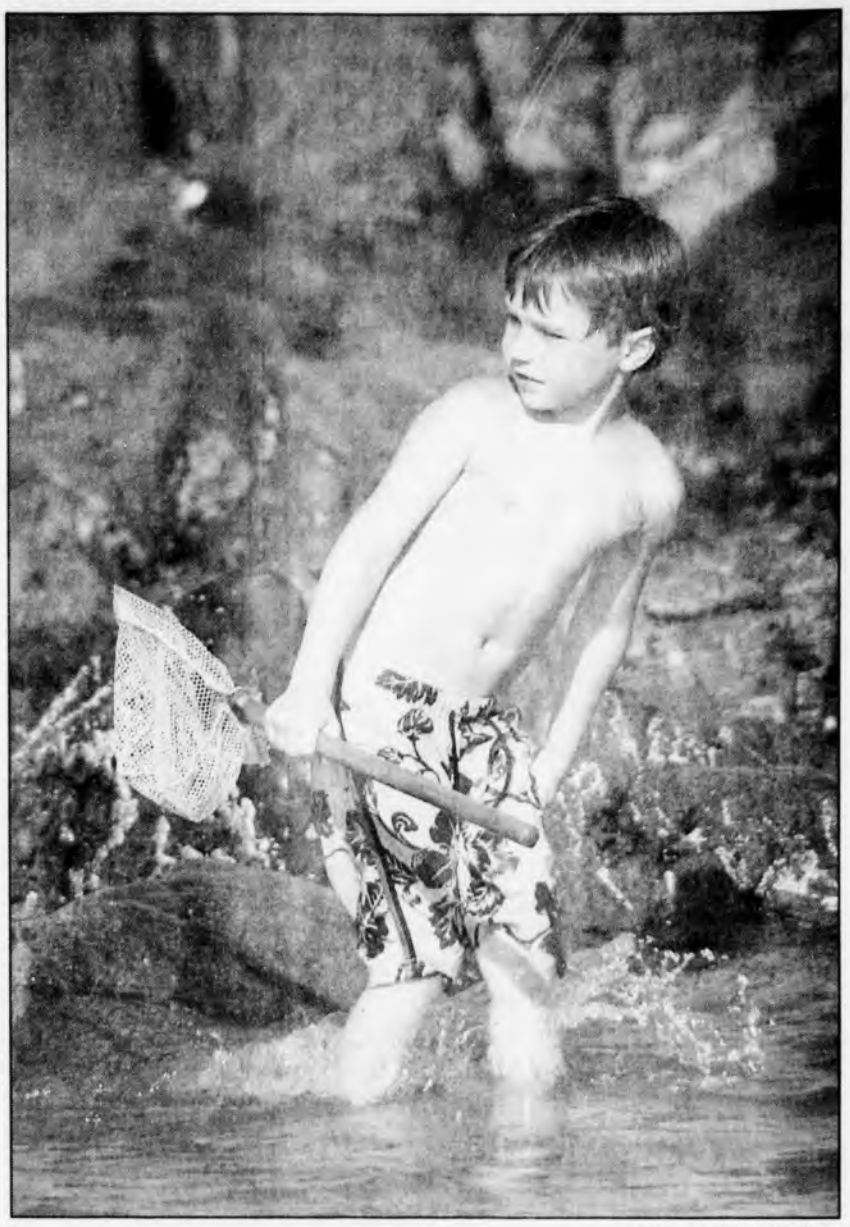

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Christopher Flanders searches for hermit crabs near the rocks at Sandy Beach.

Water quality issues addressed

Complaints are responded to

By Samantha Brown
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The Water Commission is looking into complaints voiced by some residents of the Beechwood Street area near the proposed Cedarmere project regarding water quality. At a Planning Board meeting two weeks ago, residents said they were experiencing very poor water quality as well as water pressure problems.

At the subsequent meeting, Planning Board member Peter Pratt said he had spoken with his cousin, Glenn Pratt, who sits on the Water Commission, and would provide him with names and addresses of everyone experiencing problems.

"We're responsible for the water main from their property line to the street."
— Glenn Pratt, Water Commission

Glenn Pratt said each home on the list was visited to determine the cause of the problem and in most cases there was a problem on the homeowner's end.

"We're responsible for the water main from their property line to the street," Glenn Pratt said. After inspection, the pipes on the town's end are in good working order, he said.

The Beechwood area that is in question is on the town's to-do list for pipe replacement, but that could be as many as five years out because older pipes in town have a greater priority. Glenn Pratt said most of the pipes inspected in the area were installed in the last 40 years ago by the town and are in fine working order, where most of the pipes to the homes are much older than that.

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ZBA ruling may spell relief for 3 Jerusalem Lane home

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language in the bylaw that "gives the board anything to hang its hat on" in terms of the house – which meets setback and height requirements – qualifying as substantially more detrimental.

The board also dismissed the neighbors' argument that the home reduced their property values, citing conflicting reports from a Realtor and an appraiser.

What being issued a special permit at this stage means is Ayer won't have to tear his house down, although it's unlikely he would have agreed to that without a court fight.

But for Ayer, who was accompanied by his lawyer Roberta Sawyer, it may be a Pyrrhic victory. Months of anguish, a court case and thousands of dollars in legal fees have dampened his enthusiasm for the town.

"I think if anyone thinks about it, how would they feel?" he asked. "How would they feel if someone was trying to take their home away?

"We feel we've been singled out and this has caused a lot of anguish and cost a great deal of money," Ayer said. "It is very disillusioning for someone who loved the town."

Mark DeGiacomo, an attorney for some of the neighbors, was also very low key after the deliberations. DeGiacomo still holds out hope the board will deny the special permit.

"The decision is next week," he said. "Hopefully the board will think about it and decide the house is substantially more detrimental."

Sawyer, Ayer's attorney, didn't mince words. The Ayers are in court fighting the ZBA decision that determined they needed a special permit.

"It's not a question of whether it's a victory or not," she said. "It's a matter of applying the law and the board did not properly apply the law."

The Ayers were told last January to stop work on the home – nearly 80 percent complete at that point – after the ZBA upheld the neighbors' appeal of the building inspector's issuance of a building permit. The board said the house needed a special permit because it is on an undersized lot and was larger than the preexisting home at the site. The neighbors had fought to stop construction since August of last year, but Building Inspector Bob Egan stuck to what he thought was a widely held, long-standing interpretation of the bylaw that replacing a smaller home with a larger one on a non-conforming lot was OK as long as the new home met all dimensional requirements.

Oversized homes on undersized lots are not uncommon in town. Ayer's lawyer found half a dozen building permits for new homes on nonconforming lots that were issued over the past several years that weren't required to obtain special permits. However, the ZBA said the Ayers did not have standing to appeal those special permits because they didn't have a direct impact on 3 Jerusalem Lane.

Chittick said if the ZBA decides to grant the special permit it may condition that on Ayer removing a roof deck and staircase to the roof. The board feels the roof deck where people can look down on the neighbors may impact privacy which could be an "issue of detrimentality." The ZBA did not think the staircase and deck were materially more detrimental, however.

The board hopes to vote on its decision at 7 p.m. Monday, before the continuation of the hearing at 7:30 p.m. with AvalonBay, the proposed 200-unit apartment complex off Rte. 3A.

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"The Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Worcester is a beautiful, fitting tribute to the fallen Massachusetts soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines of the Vietnam War," said Cohasset resident and Vietnam veteran Timothy Sullivan. "The funds we receive through efforts such as this raffle help us to maintain the site and keep it open to the general public as a place to reflect on the war and remember those that gave their lives in service to their country,"

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The Committee will use all proceeds from the raffle for the perpetual care and upkeep of the official state memorial for Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans who were killed in action. Tucked away in a serene, the Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans Memorial occupies four-acre section of Green Hill Park in Worcester. The $1.4 million memorial offers visitors a quiet place to sit by a duck pond or stroll on landscaped or wooded paths.

The memorial is comprised of three "places" — the Place of Flags, the Place of Words and the Place of Names. Etched into the blocks at the Place of Names is an alphabetical listing of the 1,536 Massachusetts dead and missing servicemen and one woman in Southeast Asia. Etched into the blocks at the Place of Words are excerpts from letters sent home to loved ones by some of those Massachusetts servicemen.

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From the sands of Iraq to Cohasset's Sandy Beach

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fire shots.

Peebles said it is a common occurrence to hear shots fired in celebration in Iraq. The locals would shoot their guns off at weddings, or even to celebrate the electricity coming back on, so he and others patrolling the streets were constantly looking over their shoulders to make sure the shots weren't being fired at them.

"If you don't have bits of concrete hitting your face, you're probably OK," he said.

"It's an indescribable heat. I thought I knew what hot was."

— Brian Peebles

Brian Peebles at the city center of Nasiriyah, Iraq – which is along way from Sandy Beach.

Because he is a hospital corpsman, Peebles took care of the sick and wounded. He treated some Iraqis that had been shot or stabbed, as well as some with diseases, but mainly treated American Marines who were very sick from the water. Nasiriyah had no running water or electricity when the troops arrived, and Peebles said once water did begin to flow again, it wasn't fit for drinking. However, because of the unbearable heat, it is necessary to drink water constantly.

"It's an indescribable heat," he said. "I thought I knew what hot was."

Even having spent time in the desert before, Peebles said conditions seemed worse this time around as far as the heat is concerned. The heat was so intense, that while riding in the back of a pickup truck in the desert, the wind felt like the heat of a hair dryer, he said. There were also two men in his unit, who had clipped thermometers typically used by hikers and skiers, to their uniforms. The maximum temperature the thermometers could register was 120 degrees, so they exploded in the heat.

When the troops arrived, there was no designated area for them to set up camp and Peebles said they were basically living in dirt holes in the ground. As their mission progressed, he said they were able to move into an abandoned building so they would at least have walls and a roof over their heads. Toward the end of his stay, his unit spent time in Kuwait, where he said the conditions were much better and included barracks with some air conditioning.

But there was no electricity in the desert of Iraq, and air conditioning was a far off dream during most of his stay. Not only was there no way for soldiers to keep cool, there was no way to keep their food or drinks cold either. Peebles said after leaving a bottle of water out in the sun, he went back to have a drink only to burn his mouth like he would have on a hot cup of coffee.

The weather did have one positive aspect — the soldiers were able to use the heat of the sun to cook their food. Peebles said many soldiers would have care packages sent to them with Ramen noodle packets inside. By adding water and leaving the bowl out in the sun, the noodles were cooked and ready to eat in a matter of minutes.

Even with the harsh conditions, Peebles said by the time he left, it was apparent that real progress had been made as far as retaining order and cleaning up the city.

"It's not perfect, but I'm sure even our harshest critics would say that about Nasiriyah," he said.

He also said the conditions aren't discouraging the soldiers, whose spirits remain high.

"We knew we had something to do," said Peebles, who believes all soldiers take their job seriously and will stay as long as they need to get the job done.

While Peebles doesn't know what the future holds militarily speaking, for now he's just happy to be back at home with his wife, Jennifer, and his four-year-old son, Billy. There is always the possibility that he will be called to duty again and said, "I hope not, but if they need us, we'll go."

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Officer Brian Peebles, who works part-time in the summer for the Cohasset police and is a firefighter in Weymouth, just returned from duty in Iraq with the US Naval Reserve.

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Cedarmere's affordable component takes center stage

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entire project and is meant to fit in with the landscape just as much as any other design feature.

Cedarmere is the first project proposed under the town's Senior Overlay District, adopted at Town Meeting last fall to encourage more housing for senior citizens. Under the bylaw, the project, which is planned for the 41-acre former Hayes Estate off Beechwood Street could have as many as 330 units. Cedarmere will also offer 30 percent affordable units, which is more than the 25 percent required by the bylaw. But after seeking input from town boards, the Cedarmere development team decided to keep the density down, Calhoun said.

Under 40B, the state affordable housing law, Cohasset is vulnerable to the comprehensive permit process because the town has so little housing deemed affordable by state standards. Comprehensive permits allow developers to build higher density than the town bylaws allow. But 40B requires affordable housing to be "invisible" within a development, meaning affordable units look the same as the market-rate ones. AvalonBay, which is proposing 200 apartments on 62 acres off Rte. 3A, is a 40B project.

The affordable component of Cedarmere would have to qualify as a state Local Initiative Project for the affordable units to "count" in the town's affordable housing inventory. It is not clear under the LIP program if the Cedarmere affordable units will "count" since, as proposed, they are separate and different from the market-rate ones. Cohasset has less than 3 percent of its total housing stock deemed affordable by state standards and needs 10 percent to no longer be vulnerable to 40B projects.

In a telephone interview, Phil Hailer, spokesman for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) said he could only speak hypothetically because the DHCD does not have the Cedarmere application before it.

"If there were a large disparity between the market-rate and affordable units in all likelihood, we would turn the plan down," Hailer said. "Under LIP we insist the affordable units be comparable in size and amenities to the market-rate units."

Under state guidelines, the affordable apartments could rent for as much as $1300 a month; and affordable condos could sell for as much as $170,000.

At last week's meeting, Planning Board member Peter Pratt said the state will have the final signoff on the integration of all units.

Nevertheless, the Planning Board is enthusiastic about the entire project and likes the way the affordable component is being handled.

Board member Bill Good said that he thinks the affordable housing is a "first class" building. "I say bravo," he said.

"We want this to be a showplace when it's done," Calhoun said.

Members of the Cedarmere team that includes principals David and Kelli Calhoun of Cohasset and Tom Ragno of Lexington, architect Jim Sandell and engineer Neil Murphy, both of Cohasset, said the Senior Overlay District passed muster at Town Meeting as a way to keep people in Cohasset that might have otherwise had to move somewhere else.

But at least one abutter thinks Cedarmere is too expensive to achieve that goal.

"What fraction of those people could afford to live there?" said Catherine Baker, 30 Hammond Ave. "They're not for us, you've built this for wealthy people."

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said the quality of the project should be good news for the neighborhood.

"The applicant is building some very high quality housing," he said. "The people who are going to buy them are going to demand quality, and that bodes well for abutters."

The Planning Board approved Cedarmere's preliminary plans conditioned on approval from other boards, such as the sewer and conservation commissions.

Overall, the plans seem to fit the expectations of the members of the Planning Board.

"The quality of the presentation and the attention to detail and effort made to date for a preliminary proposal has been extraordinary. I really feel good about the proposal," Good said.

"All tolled, I think we have a real superlative project in front of us," Pratt said.

Cedarmere will be back before the Planning Board on Sept. 24.

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A bird's eye view of the Cedarmere development plan. The Grand Manor House is near the center of the site. The building that will house either affordable apartments or condominiums is at the far, lower left, near Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

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Sewering Cedarmere won't be a waste, developers say

But Commission skeptical about available capacity

By Samantha Brown
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The proposed Cedarmere development on the former Hayes estate may have hit a bump in the road over its plans to hookup to the town's sewer system.

Although the Sewer Commission hasn't shut the door on the 105-unit condominium complex gaining sewer access – it's a long way from a done deal, commissioners say.

At the crux of what might best be described as a misunderstanding, David Calhoun one of the principals with King Taylor Cohasset LLC, developers for the project, held up a draft of the Housing Section of the Cohasset Master Plan at Monday's Sewer Commission meeting.

With the document in hand, Calhoun read aloud from a passage about the town working with developers to help create affordable housing for seniors. It states a project like his would be given permission to tie in because it fits the objectives of what the town wants.

"The Sewer Commission has agreed to provide sewer capacity to the Senior Housing Committee project and would have to extend capacity to the other projects as well if they were to be approved," he read.

But Sewer Commission Chairman Ray Kasperowicz pointed out the Master Plan is still in draft form and is not a binding document.

Selectman Tom Callahan, who also sits on the Growth and Development Committee that has been working on the Master Plan, thinks the draft should not have been brought into the discussion at all. He said the final draft should be ready this fall before Town Meeting, to allow time for articles to be included on the warrant. The overall plan would serve as a roadmap for the town.

"There's a lot of wiggle room on these numbers."
— Ray Kasperowicz, Sewer Commission

Cedarmere developers are under pressure to get a sewer hookup finalized because the Planning Board's approval of the project – voted last week – was conditional on approval of other boards like the Sewer Commission. If allowed to tie in, they will be responsible for laying the pipes up Rte. 3A to the development, which will then provide neighbors access to tie in as well.

"We're looking to tie in people on Hammond Avenue. It's not just Cedarmere that will benefit from it," Calhoun said.

Cedarmere developers assured the commission statistics compiled by their consultants prove there is sufficient capacity for the project. Cedarmere would generate 150 gallons per day per unit for a total of 15,700 gallons, they said, adding the plant has a design capacity for 300,000 gallons and is only using two-thirds of that. Also, once the plant is upgraded, there would be sufficient capacity to hook up the Little Harbor area, Atlantic Avenue, Jerusalem Road and Jerusalem Road Extension, as well as Old Coach Road.

But Kasperowicz wasn't so sure.

"There's a lot of wiggle room on these numbers," he said, adding that he would feel much more comfortable approving a development after the planned areas of town had been hooked up for a year or two and data had been collected. "If this were two years out, I'd have a different opinion. I can't feel rushed to answer future unknowns," he said.

Calhoun also said the project will bring an estimated additional tax revenue of roughly $600,000 to the town, which could be used to help areas such as Little Harbor tie in.

"Without a project like ours, they're going to be delayed because you don't have the resources to do it," he said.

But Nichols Road resident Lisa Lojacono of CEES (Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions) that is working toward getting the Little Harbor area tied in, worries the Cedarmere project would push that project back.

"Unless your project is going to dig the holes and lay the pipes, how will your project help us?" she asked.

Cedarmere is also outside the Central Sewer District. Town Meeting approval could be needed to expand the district. In the past, a few homes outside the district that proved there was no other alternative because the land cannot support an on-site system, have been granted tie-in privileges on an emergency basis.

"I don't like to mislead people, this may require a Town Meeting vote," Kasperowicz said.

Calhoun stressed the sooner his project comes on line, the sooner the town can begin to achieve the goals of the Master Plan. That way, when 40B developers come knocking, "we can tell them thank you Avalon, but you can come back later," he said. "If we can do this, we can fight the 40B players." Cedarmere would set aside 30 units for affordable housing (*see related story*).

But Gary Vanderweil, who serves as an associate member for the Sewer Commission, wonders if allowing the Cedarmere group access to the sewer is legally feasible at all.

"I don't see how we can put this ahead of Avalon," he said.

Because Avalon was told two years ago there wasn't enough capacity to tie in to the sewer, they were "sent away to find alternate solutions," Vanderweil said. He suggested the commission speak to town counsel regarding what could happen if Cedarmere were granted the hookup when Avalon was not.

Calhoun pointed out that the situations are not the same because of the difference in size of the projects.

"The capacity we're looking for is a drop in the bucket compared to other projects," he said.

Cedarmere agreed to submit its proposal to the Sewer Commission in writing.

Abutters hope Cedarmere complex is a good neighbor

Concerned about traffic, other issues

By Samantha Brown
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The 105-unit, high-end Cedarmere senior housing project isn't winning any popularity contests with abutters, who packed last week's Planning Board meeting for the second week in a row to air their concerns about traffic, drainage and other possible impacts.

Traffic consultants tried to allay abutters' concerns over the impact a new development could have on congestion, especially near the development's access points. The proposed development would have two driveways, one off the quiet section of Beechwood Street that runs nearly parallel to Norman Todd Road, and the other on Rte. 3A near Mendel Road.

Tim Wagner of Fay Spofford and Thorndike presented data regarding traffic patterns and safety, collected from various intersections surrounding the property, including the proposed driveways and the traffic light at Beechwood Street and Rte. 3A.

Using figures from the Mass Highway Department, an average, mid-week traffic calculation was figured which would provide statistics comparable for any average day of the year. Calculations from the Avalon developers were also considered because they estimate virtually all vehicles that leave Avalon and head south will travel past the 3A access. [Avalon's driveway would be across from Atlantic Bagel].

"We've accounted for more than enough trips than these units are going to generate," Wagner said.

But Jim Watts, 670 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, said because the traffic study was done in July, he doesn't agree with the findings. In the fall, Watts said he waits at the end of his driveway for a significant amount of time just to get out in the morning.

Wagner said that in his opinion, this study shows the worst-case scenarios for the proposed site, including school traffic, winter weather conditions, and any other likely event that would have an effect on traffic.

Laurie Hegarty, 143 Beechwood St., asked if the study takes into consideration that the police as well as ambulance and fire trucks often use the road.

Neighbors also said people drive too fast up and down Beechwood, and with the added volume of cars, it could pose a safety issue.

John Flores 133 Beechwood St., asked if any kind of growth on the border of Cohasset and Scituate has been considered because a new racquet club is slated to be built.

"The numbers are based on expected land changes from 2003 to 2008. They have everything factored in — not specifically the racquet club, but those types of things are included in the study," Wagner said.

Drainage issues

Cedarmere engineer Neil Murphy tried to tackle drainage concerns in his presentation.

"Our job is to collect drainage and make sure conditions stay the way they are," Murphy said.

But neighbors are worried about what could happen should something go wrong in the future after the developers have sold all the housing units.

"On every plan this board approves, drainage plays a pivotal role," Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said.

Murphy estimated a complete drainage study will be ready for the board sometime next week.

Landscaping, lighting

Architect Jim Sandell said because of the relatively low density of the project, a lot of open space is being preserved. He said "beautiful tree specimens" on the site will be a feature of the plan.

Sandell said there will be a minimum 50-foot boundary in all areas where there are abutters.

David Calhoun, one of the developers, said any wires for lighting would be underground.

Laurie Hegarty said she was concerned about the additional light from street lights and headlights, and suggested adding hedges to help block the glow when the leaves have fallen off the trees in the winter.

BUSINESS NOTES

UPS Store to host grand its opening

On Aug. 23, the UPS Store, 759 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. in Cohasset will hold its grand opening with an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Owner Gary Powell of Duxbury is inviting the Cohasset and Scituate residents to join him and his staff. The UPS show truck will be on-site for the occasion.

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Powell sensed that local residents were excited about The UPS Store coming to town when he had customers coming in weeks prior to the store's June 2 opening. Having always wanted to own his own business, Powell researched various options and decided The UPS Store would be the perfect fit, not only for him as an entrepreneur, but also for the community.

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Alec Livingstone hits them out of the park in HR derby

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

SCHOOL TO START

The end of the summer is drawing closer and children(parents too) are getting ready for the first day back to school. Make sure to enjoy the last days with your kids and let them know how much you love them. Just a note to all families in the Cohasset school system, that the PSO calendars will be in the mail and at your doors sometime during the first week of school. Changes, additions, deletions and new information flows in the last two weeks of August, making it down to the wire in terms of printing and mailing time. The most important date for all of you to know for that first week is that yes, school does really start on Wednesday, Sept. 3 for grades 1-12. The first full day for kindergarten is on Friday, Sept. 5.

TOP READERS

If you see a student in Cohasset wearing a lime green book bag, congratulations are in order. These are the students that successfully reached their summer reading goal. Each participant set a personal goal that involved reading everyday or a specific number of books to be completed in the seven week program. As a community we should be proud of the number of successful participants. Great job to all students involved. Keep on reading!

HOLE IN ONE!

Tucker, Ashley, and **Keegan Antico** would like to congratulate their mom, **Muffy "Ace" Antico**, for her recent *hole in one*! The rare golf accomplishment was achieved on the 131-yard, Par 3, second hole of the Cohasset Golf Club during the annual Montessori Community School fund raiser on Monday, Aug. 11, and was struck with a "vintage" Dynatour 5 iron (proving that the clubs do *not* make the golfer). The children are very proud of their mother, but really miss their father, **Paul**, who has been playing 24 hours a day ever since, refusing to come home until he too scores an ace.

BOYS OF SUMMER

Cohasset White played in the Braintree Friendship League for eight-year-olds during the month of July. Cohasset White fielded a team of seven- and eight-year-olds and finished 4 - 4, making it to the first round of the playoffs against Braintree American. Fantastic job to a great group of boys! Hats off to coaches **Kevin O'Brien, Kevin Dooley** and **Paul Davis**, and the players **Connor O'Brien, Mickey Barry, Christian Davis, Teddy Patsos, Michael O'Brien, Conor Dooley, Stephen Maher, Trevor Schramn, Tommy O'Brien, Zach Coggins, Terrance Doonan, Ryan MacKeon, Colin Gideon-Murphy, Foster Eymer, Will Golden** and **Brendan O'Connell.**

Alec Livingstone is the Home Run Derby Champion.

HOMERUN KING

Twelve-year-old **Alec Livingstone** was named Cohasset Little League's 2003 "All-Star Home Run Derby Champion" during the annual baseball and softball cookout held at Barnes Field earlier this summer.

The day-long event – sponsored by the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association – includes the annual all-star baseball team competitions played among Cohasset's top Little League players.

Alec was chosen as one of 32 all-star players selected from seven teams that form the town's Little League program. Alec walked away as Home Run Derby Champion after competing in a hitting contest where each contestant gets six chances to hit the ball out of Barnes Field for a homerun. Alec hit two balls out of the park and impressed fans with the greatest number of hits near the fence.

Adam Berger came in second place and third place was held by **Brendan Doonan.** Congratulations to all!

That is all for this week. Get all of your information to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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Alzheimer's support group meets Sept. 17

Dr. Sanford Auerbach will present "New Developments in Diagnosis effecting Patient and Family" at the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St.

Auerbach is a behavioral neurologist, Assistant Director of Neurology at Boston Medical Center and past president and member of the Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee of the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Chapter. A long-time advocate for Alzheimer's issues, Auerbach will provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions on all aspects of Alzheimer's disease and care of Alzheimer's patients.

This meeting is open to the public. For more information, and for outreach services of ADSGSS, call Ruth Scully at 781-749-2426 or JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417.

Her green thumb blooms in so many different ways

Harborview tenant with a lot of flower power

By Samantha Brown
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Red-rubber boots sit under a birdhouse in the corner of her garden, begonias spilling over their tops. Bright ceramic pots hold geraniums with little pansies at their feet. Gold high-heeled shoes placed under a tree serve as a quirky planter, adding a touch of the unexpected to Gracie Thompson's garden.

Visitors are greeted by a garden full of character, as they walk up the path to her home at the Harborview apartments. Watering cans sprouting with greens and a white-porcelain cat add another unique touch.

"I like to make it a little whimsical so it puts a smile on someone's face," Thompson said.

This may be the first year "Green thumb Gracie," has been working on the garden at her new apartment, but this is by no means her first gardening experience. Before moving to Cohasset, Thompson lived in Weymouth and was president of the Weymouth Garden Club. She is currently vice president of the Tenants Association at Harborview where she has started a gardening club, which is on a break for the summer. She can't wait until fall when the club will start up again, and she can help others with their gardens.

But for now, with plantings in the ground for the summer months, her main focus is laying down mulch, in a process she calls, "lasagna gardening." A layer of mulch tops a layer of old papers which covers the grass below. This way, Thompson can save herself the back-breaking work of tearing up old grass.

Thompson's garden is a continuing work in progress and enjoys every minute of it. She said it's the type of work that calms the nerves. In the end, the beautiful flowers she grows provide all the reward she needs for her hours of labor. "It takes time for magic," she said.

Thompson's love of the earth and flair for flowers began around the age of 12. While living in California, her family grew various fruits and vegetables, which introduced her to working the land. Eventually, her next door neighbor, a flower grower, sparked an interest that would follow Thompson throughout her entire life.

"I've always had a passion for flowers," she said, which is an interest she is eager to share.

Thompson's granddaughter, Briegh McLelland, takes advantage of her grandmother's knowledge, and is learning about gardens, one flower at a time.

Every week, Thompson and her granddaughter gather bunches of flowers from Thompson's garden to sell at the Farmer's Market on the Common. Briegh eagerly anticipates the Thursday ritual, and arranges her own small bouquets in vases on a special table.

Briegh's mother, who is Gracie's daughter, Shiloh Melanson, said Briegh has the same creative vision Thompson does.

While choosing flowers for her arrangements, Briegh found a snail on one of the leaves, which she excitedly showed to her grandmother..

"Oh, you never know what you'll find," Thompson said. "It's a new visitor to 'flowerland.'"

The flowers Thompson sells at the Farmers Market vary from week to week depending on what's blooming in the garden. This time of year, hydrangeas are abundant but a little wilted from the heat.

"If they don't make it, I can always use them to make a wreath," she said.

It is that kind of creative ability that has Thompson making more than just flower arrangements.

"You can actually do anything with flowers." She has the project to prove it. For this year's Marshfield Fair, Thompson created a giant rainbow trout out of flowers, to be exhibited in the agricultural center's door-decorating contest. "I wanted it to be kind of striking," she said.

Thompson mounted oasis, a soft green spongy material which holds water and is used by florists in arrangements, on a wooden fish she carved herself. She then arranged her flowers to look like the scales and colors of a real rainbow trout. While she said it is a challenge to pick the right flowers and greens for the effect she wanted, the most important part was getting the vision in her mind.

While she didn't win first place at the fair, she did receive an honorable mention. "I guess it was honorable enough to receive mention," she joked.

But Thompson isn't phased by the competition.

"I do things for the fun of it," she said, not to mention that she already has a first-place ribbon from the Flower Show held at the Bayside Expo Center for a scene she created titled, "The Doorway to Paradise."

Thompson been able to use flowers in a range of creations since childhood. As a girl, she helped her neighbor decorate two floats with flowers for the Rose Bowl Parade.

Because Thompson has such talent with flowers, it is no surprise that her children have turned to her to provide floral arrangements for their weddings. She recently made the arrangements for her daughter Shiloh's wedding and will arrange flowers for one of her son's wedding this winter.

"It's at the Red Lion Inn and it's in December, so I have to start planning now," she said.

But before that happens, Thompson will be taking a trip to Florida to help share her decorating and arrangement skills at a friend's home.

"It's a little gift God gave me, or who knows," she said, about her knack with flowers.

PHOTO/ANDREW DASSORI

Gracie Thompson, shown here with her granddaughter, Briegh McLelland, is a familiar figure at the Farmers Marker where she sells flowers from her garden at Harborview apartments.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Calm before the storm

All may be quiet off the Atlantic seaboard, but according to weather experts this could be a stormy couple of months for those of us who live along the East Coast, as well as those living along the Gulf of Mexico.

Although the hurricane season in New England officially runs from June 1 to Nov. 30, 75 percent of the 40 tropical systems that have impacted New England in the past century have struck during the months of August and September. So be prepared to batten down the hatches.

While hurricane season has got off to a somewhat slow start, with three named storms already in the bank, predictions are calling for an above-average number of hurricanes. Ana, Bill and Claudette have already made their appearances and all eyes are on the tropics for the likes of Danny, Fabian, Mindy, or God forbid — Wanda.

If we get to Wanda… it will truly be a hurricane season like no other.

Ana, Bill and Claudette have already made their appearances and all eyes are on the tropics for the likes of Danny, Fabian, Mindy, or God forbid — Wanda.

Since 1953, Atlantic tropical storms have been named from lists originated by the National Hurricane Center and now maintained and updated by an international committee of the World Meteorological Organization. The lists featured only women's names until 1979, when men's and women's names were alternated. Six lists are used in rotation, except for a few names that have been "retired."

A name is removed from the alternating list if a storm is so deadly or costly that the future use of its name on a different storm would be inappropriate for reasons of sensitivity. If that occurs, the offending name is stricken from the list and another name is selected to replace it.

Several names have been changed since the lists were last used. Four names from the 1995 list have been retired. On the 2001 list, Lorenzo has replaced Luis, Michelle has replaced Marilyn, Olga has replaced Opal, and Rebekah has replaced Roxanne.

Three names from the 1996 list have been retired. On the 2002 list, Cristobal has replaced Cesar, Fay has replaced Fran, and Hanna has replaced Hortense. Two names from the 1998 list have been retired. On the 2004 list, Gaston has replaced Georges and Matthew has replaced Mitch. On the 2006 list, Kirk has replaced Keith. Got that? There will be a test later.

As for the names this year, several of them have the makings to produce not only memorable storms, but memorable headlines. Here's a sneak preview of some suggested headline you might find on these pages if one of these name storms make their way here:

Danny — "Danny is uncanny"
Erika — "Erika — How Swede it is"
Fabian — "Fabian is idle"
Grace — "Saving Grace" or "Grace shows mercy"
Henri — Au revoir, Henri
Isabel — "Isabel rings true"
Juan — "Juan Gone", the nickname given to Texas Rangers slugger Juan Gonzalez.
Kate — "A date with Kate"
Larry — "Larry Legend"
Mindy — "Windy Mindy"
Nicholas — "Nicholas Caged"
Odette — "Bet on Odette"
Peter — "Peter Peters Out"
Rose — "Rose a late bloomer"
Sam — "Sam, I am"
Teresa — "Mother Teresa"
Victor — "To the Victor"
Wanda — "A Storm Called Wanda"

The last severe hurricane to hit Massachusetts was Hurricane Bob in Aug. 1991. Bob, a Category 2 Hurricane, with winds between 91 and 110 mph, caused almost $1 billion in damage. More recently, Hurricanes Edouard (1996) and Bonnie (1998) threatened the Bay State, but veered out into the Atlantic as they traveled up the coast.

In 1999, Hurricane Floyd, although weakened to a tropical storm prior to its arrival in the Commonwealth, demonstrated that these storms are not merely "coastal events". Most of that storm's damage was rain and flood related, causing severe damage as far west as the Berkshires. In fact, some of the most devastating flooding associated with these storms has occurred in Central and Western Massachusetts, according to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. Up to 17 inches of rain fell in association with the 1938 Hurricane and 25 inches of rain fell over a five-day period in August 1995 from Tropical Storms Connie and Diane. The city of Westfield received 13.15 inches in a single day.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lost confidence in Supt. Malvey

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to express my outrage at Superintendent Malvey's irresponsible decision to retain confessed wife beater Ivan Klimko in a position in the Cohasset Public Schools. Malvey's tolerance for Klimko, the school business manager who admits to trying to strangle his wife, reveals a dangerous defect in the superintendent's judgment. This revelation requires we citizens of Cohasset to reevaluate Malvey's fitness for the job of superintendent, a job in which resides the power to hire and fire throughout the school system. I no longer trust Malvey to make personnel decisions that so intimately affect the safety and well being of my children. I call on the School Committee to initiate formal and open proceedings to conduct this reevaluation.

As to Klimko, he has demonstrated his unfitness to work in our schools and must be immediately dismissed. We do not tolerate domestic abuse in this community. We would not hire a convicted criminal to work in our schools; it is inconceivable that we would retain one who committed assault while in our school district's employ.

Just to cast this atrocity in perspective, recall how the larger community reacted to Red Sox player Wilfredo Cordero's alleged spousal abuse. It became very clear very quickly that Cordero was no longer welcome in our state. Recall Patriots draft pick Christian Latner, and Sox slugger Jose Canseco. Abuse allegations ended their careers in New England sports. These high profile examples demonstrate that although Superintendent Malvey may not, our community does maintain a zero tolerance attitude towards abusers. Are we as a society more concerned about the behavior of athletes whom we'll likely never meet, or individuals who will work in the buildings in which our children spend their days?

Malvey's position in this case may result from an ethical incompetency – at the very least it is unrepresentative of our community. I feel that it is no longer in our interest in Cohasset to entrust our schools to a superintendent whose judgment is at best suspect. I hope that the School Committee will do its duty to the town and to our schoolchildren and take steps to assure that our schools are entrusted to one whose judgment we can trust.

Scott O'Grady
115 Sohier St.

Iraq war zone is no place for civilians

TO THE EDITOR:

I am truly sorry that a journalist has died in the course of covering the conflict in Iraq.

It's beyond time that these daredevils realize that a war zone is no place for civilians.

Daily the U.K. & U.S. Military face opposition from those who are loyal to Saddam Hussein. It's not fair to the military to be aiming a camera in an area where shoulder fired weapons are likely to be used.

The journalists are getting too close to the action, and putting our side at a disadvantage.

U.S. and U.K. soldiers expose themselves to heightened dangers, so that journalists can be accommodated and that's clearly unfair and is irresponsible.

Peter Guild
119 North Main St.

Rec. is grateful for all the support

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Recreation Department will soon conclude another summer of services for children and adults.

The Recreation Department and staff wish to thank the many individuals and families who participated in a multitude of programs, events and activities during the summer as well as over the past years.

We are also indebted to many other town departments and individuals who have lent their time, effort and experience in support of our services. Without their day to day help, the success of our programs would be severely compromised.

Thank you to Mark Haddad, Town Manager, Carl Sestito, Superintendent, DPW, Derek Lincoln, Maintenance Division, Andy Swanson, Tree, Park and Cemetery Division, DPW, Steve Wigmore, Electrical Inspector, Cohasset School Department, Dr. Ted Malvey, Superintendent and the administrative and custodial staffs of the School Department.

Our very sincere thanks to the Cohasset Police Department, Bob Jackson, Chief of Police, and the Cohasset Police Association, for their magnamous efforts and donations keeping our summer safe, as well as fun. Thanks also to the Cohasset Fire Department, Roger Lincoln, Fire Chief for their support and involvements with the children and programs.

David Wadsworth, curator of Museums is thanked for providing our Playground Program youngsters with tours of our Maritime Museum.

In addition, thank you to Cohasset Plaza Liquors, Shaw's and a special thank you to Stop & Shop Supermarkets for their donations to the Playground Program's annual barbecue.

At risk of missing anyone who has supported our efforts, as the list is long each year, we offer bother apology and gratitude.

John M. Worley, director
Cohasset Recreation Commission

Hedlund thanked

STATE SENATOR ROBERT L. HEDLUND:

We were overwhelmed by the recognition of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that we received today. This unexpected honor is a truly humbling experience.

The official citation is the crowning event on the outpouring of support that we have received from the local community.

While we accept this recognition with great pride we cannot do so without ensuring that credit is also given to the more than one hundred loyal volunteers that made the success of the consignment shop possible.

On behalf of the Volunteer Team we thank you.

Andrea Merrill
522 First Parish Road, Scituate
Colleen Roth
33 Riverview Dr., Cohasset
Merrill and Roth provided the Mariner with a copy of this letter.

The Famine Ship: Jeanie Johnston

TO THE EDITOR:

I was disappointed by the lack of coverage by the media given to the replica of the Irish famine ship, the Jeanie Johnston, on its recent visit to Boston.

Traveling in disease-ridden ships similar to the Jeanie Johnston,100,000 starving Irish many of them with scars on their backs from being whipped by English landlords, fled their homes during the Irish famine (1846 - 1851) to Massachusetts's ports. That they survived the harrowing journey at all is a testimony to their grit, faith and daring.

Tragically, the media's lack of attention to the arrival of the Jeanie Johnston in a state in which 23 percent of its residents trace their ancestry to Ireland mirrors a similar lack of attention by the Massachusetts public school system to the experiences and contributions of the Irish in America. Tens of thousands of young children descended from famine immigrants in Massachusetts are taught a considerable amount — as they should be —regarding the Holocaust in Europe, the injustices inflicted on American Indians, and the heroic struggle of African Americans out of slavery, yet they are taught very little about their own journey to freedom.

This is especially ironic given Gustave de Beaumont's observation of living conditions in Ireland in the 1830s: "I have seen the Indian in his forests and the negro in his chains, and thought, as I contemplated their pitiable condition, that I saw the very extreme of human wretchedness; but I did not then know the condition of unfortunate Ireland."

Irish history should be more than a toast on St. Patrick's Day. It is an epic story of a people who fought their way out of slavery and then devoted their lives to freeing other peoples from their chains all around the world. It is a powerful story, and it is time it was told in our schools and in our homes to all our children.

Dr. Richard F. Griffiths
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HEALTH NOTES

Taking charge of your health may include different choices

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Whenever the Board has a Health Fair, we include a number of practitioners of unconventional therapies; below is the listing for a recent Fair.

Acupuncture & Massage
Therapy Herbal Therapy
Cataract & Glaucoma
Magnet Therapy
Cholesterol & Glucose Screening
Oral Cancer Screening
Chiropractic Care
Osteoporosis - Bone Mineral Density
Blood Pressure Screening
REIKI & Polarity Therapy
Hearing Van

Many of these therapies are conventional and within the mainstream of medical practice. Others such as aromatherapy and magnet therapy are considered 'alternative medicine'. The principal difference between conventional medicine and alternative medicine is the method of assessment of the results of applying the procedure.

Proof of success in conventional medicine must meet rigorous requirements: first, identical procedures must be used for every patient. This requires a written "protocol" or instruction sheet which must be rigorously followed by the practitioner who, by the way, must have credentials accepted by any judging body which is carrying out the evaluation. Next, the evaluators review the procedure for consistency and conformance to practice. Finally, the results must be analyzed and assessed by qualified personnel and reported in a standard manner.

If all of this work has been done with an acceptable level of accuracy, the results are evaluated using statistical procedures. Most such statistical evaluations are done using double blind techniques. That is, approximately an equal number of patients being evaluated are given therapy, medication or treatment, and other patients with the same condition are given other therapy, a placebo

When enthusiastic people who have gotten well using 'alternative' therapy talk to the press, it may sound very different from the published results of a double blind experiment using conventional therapy.

(medication containing none of the 'active' ingredient) or not given anything.

Using statistical methods, the evaluators can then determine the probability of success of a given procedure. The use of statistical methods is an arcane science, because, at some point, the numbers have to become words so that the results can be published. As they say: "figures don't lie, but liars can..." and when the press gets hold of words precisely conveying a scientific conclusion even the best intentioned reporting can go sadly off course.

Now, when enthusiastic people who have gotten well using 'alternative' therapy talk to the press, it may sound very different from the published results of a double blind experiment using conventional therapy. Here is the quandary for those who are trying to make a decision about what to do about their ailments; listen to the earnest, but maybe unscientific reports from someone who doesn't have enough data to satisfy the scientific community, or go for the less thrilling hard road of some known treatment such as chemotherapy.

It's never an easy decision, and doctors are as helpless in giving the right advice as anyone else. Doctors, being, in the main, sensible persons, would prescribe alternative therapy if they were sure: one that it might do some good without doing harm; and two, that it might be better than the more conventional alternative for a patient whose symptoms indicate such a choice.

Because of the rigor involved in a statistical assessment, to be absolutely certain, say 95 percent, requires enormous amounts of data and many patients. Moreover, the large number of variables in medical statistics leaves even the best work with many questions. Every drug sold is accompanied by a listing of known side effects. This is merely a listing of variable performance on human patients. You look at the list, and take the pill or not, depending on how you feel about what might happen. With so many factors affecting the success of a therapy or drug, there is a growing trend toward the use of alternative medical treatment.

Enter a new branch of medicine: Holistic Medicine. Holistic Medicine is defined by the American Holistic Medical Association (AHMA) as "the art and science of healing that addresses the whole person, body mind and spirit. .... Disease is understood to be the result of physical, emotional spiritual, social and environmental factors. .... The holistic practitioner may choose from both conventional and alternative treatments and therapies."

For further information about holistic medicine, contact the AHMA, 12101 Menaul Blvd., NE Suite C, Albuquerque, NM 87112, Ph: 505-292-7788, Fax: 505-293-7580, or visit their web page; www.holisticmedicine.org

The important thing to remember is that after you obtain all the information and advice you need, stay current with the medication you use, understand the therapy and treatment being used. You are the best person to oversee your own health and welfare. If you no longer feel competent to do so, select someone you know and trust to make such decisions. If you have any questions, contact Judy Fitzsimmons, the public health nurse at the Board of Health.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

If not Greenbush, then what?

GREENBUSH VIEW

MARTHA A. R. BEWICK

AfTA has long proposed a set of transit alternatives and improvements that serves commuters in the Greenbush corridor at far less cost, and allows the state to put its scarce transit dollars where they belong.

Just one month ago, Governor Romney questioned whether the Commonwealth could afford to build the Fall River-New Bedford and Greenbush rail lines, and indicated that the MBTA couldn't afford to maintain them properly even if they were built. Since then, Greenbush advocates have been outdoors waving the flag for the train, while Greenbush opponents have been indoors, deeply immersed in litigation. There are several suits pending at the Department of Environmental Protection, all dealing with challenges to permit variances. Foot-high collections of affidavits, assembled by AfTA, have been circulating through DEP and MBTA offices, in support of its challenges.

While all this activity is going on, Advocates for Transportation Alternatives believes that the Governor must cancel Greenbush, once his administration finishes measuring the project against "objective criteria."

The criteria being used to evaluate major transportation projects are reported to be due by the first of September.

Assuming that Greenbush doesn't make the cut, what would cancellation of the Greenbush rail mega-project mean? The five towns through which the rail line would run, most of which have strongly opposed the project for years, will be able to get on with their lives. Scarce transit money can be redirected to more cost-effective urban transit projects, which are eligible for federal matching dollars. Low cost transit alternatives can be crafted in the Greenbush Corridor to meet Central Artery mandates, and provide a wider mix of transit options. Increased transit capacity can be opened on the Plymouth Branch of the Old Colony to support smart growth at the South Weymouth Naval Air Station and Cordage Park.

The opposition will come to an end. Local opposition to Greenbush, which goes back almost 20 years, generated the largest town meeting in Massachusetts history when Scituate voters turned out in record numbers to vote "no train" in 1995. That same year, Hingham voted unanimously against the train in another record-sized town meeting, and Cohasset voters also rejected rail — albeit by a narrower margin. Thousands of signatures have been submitted to Governors over the years, and thousands of letters written in opposition to this project. All that energy can be refocused in new and exciting directions.

The lengthy and expensive "mitigation" meetings will come to an end. These negotiations have represented the communities' intense efforts to minimize the noise and vibration impacts, safety concerns, damage to twenty-two National Register historic districts, and other adverse effects readily acknowledged by the MBTA in its environmental documents.

Thousands of homeowners along the track will regain full value of their properties, which has dropped in some instances by $100,000. Business districts bisected by the train will get parking and service entrances back, and small retail shops will be relieved of two years of disruptive construction, and have a better chance of economic survival.

Because of the single track Braintree bottleneck on the Main Line to Boston, limited transit capacity on the Old Colony commuter rail lines, which would have been exhausted by Greenbush, can now be opened for the Plymouth and Middleborough branches. Smart growth development for the South Weymouth Naval Air Station is requiring expanded commuter rail service on the Plymouth branch of the Old Colony; this can now be planned. Plymouth planners want expanded commuter rail service and improved schedules to the Cordage Park development site in Plymouth; this will now be feasible.

Advocates for Transportation Alternatives (AfTA) has long pointed out that cancellation of the $464 million (in state dollars only) Greenbush diesel rail project will free up scarce transportation funds. Projects such as the Urban Ring, where the shortage of MBTA funds has slowed planning and investment in construction, can move forward.

Taxpayers who would have to pay bond interest, and also subsidize diesel rail service, for a transit project with limited ridership, will benefit as scarce transportation investment funds are redirected to projects which are also eligible for federal fund matching money. In the cities, the transit projects will meet economic development and environmental justice needs. In these two areas, Greenbush clearly flunks the cost-benefit test. Even the new Program for Mass Transportation gives Greenbush a goose egg in these two categories.

AfTA has long proposed a set of transit alternatives and improvements that serves commuters in the Greenbush corridor at far less cost, and allows the state to put its scarce transit dollars where they belong. We will continue to push for transportation improvements in the coastal corridor, both as Central Artery consent order substitutions and as low impact, low cost transit services for the region. A combined set of intermodal alternatives includes: ferry systems — with better parking, terminal design, greater vessel frequency and utilization of clean air technologies; restoration and improvement of express bus service, parking and terminals; feeder buses serving the Boston terminus of the ferry routes; expediting of the Red Line capacity investments in planned parking, signalization upgrade, and train expansion; and a transfer of commuter rail capacity to the Plymouth branch of the Old Colony.

State funds which have been spent to date on the project can be substantially recouped where investments have been made in real estate and equipment. Since a notice to proceed on construction is not scheduled until 2004, and federal and state wetlands and endangered species permits are not yet in hand, we believe the Governor will call a halt before more good taxpayers' Massachusetts money is thrown after a bad investment.

Martha A. R. Bewick is a member of Advocates for Transportation Alternatives, and has been submitting affidavits and rebuttal affidavits to the Department of Environmental Protection recently, outlining why Greenbush does not serve an "overriding public purpose.

LIBRARY CORNER

Reading incentives

Read! Think! Create! at your library has ended. All participants who have successfully completed their summer reading goal should bring their reading logs to Mrs. Moody in the Children's Room to receive their book bag. Mrs. Moody's hours this week are: Thursday, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Tuesday, 12-7:30 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Congratulations to all!

Required reading

Students, it's crunch time! The Summer list for Cohasset Middle/High School is located in the Young Adult Room. The list is also available on the C.M.H.S. website at www.ssec.org, select school district — Cohasset. Grade 12, level 1 and A.P. has changed. Make sure you have the updated list. The Osgood, Deer Hill, Derby Academy, Montessori Community School, and St. Paul lists are on Mrs. Moody's desk. Don't forget, you can use the online catalog to check for the availability of books and to place holds. Just go to www.cohassetlibrary.org. Remember to put in your library card number without spaces, our pin is ocln, and specify pick up location.

Large print books

Large print books added to the collection: "Brunelleschi's Dome," by Ross King, "Bubbles Ablaze," by Sarah Strohmeyer, "The Photograph," by Penelope Lively, "Plain Language," by Barbara Wright and, "Jarhead," by Anthony Swofford.

Fill out customer satisfaction survey

Our library staff wants to meet your needs. Please take a moment to answer some brief questions and let us know how we are doing. Questionnaires are available at the circulation and reference desks.

Study rooms

Need a quiet space to study, tutor a student or meet with a small group? The library has two study rooms available. Call Judy Simons at 781 383-1348 to reserve a room.

Museum passes

Check out the museum passes available to you at the library, compliments of the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Visit the Museum of Fine Arts this summer on Friday evenings from 5:30 – 9:30 until Aug. 29 for " mfasummerfridays". Enjoy art, live music, and summer cocktails free with your museum pass.

The curse of Aunt Rachel

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

It's a story they used to tell where fishermen gathered in Duxbury before the coupon-clippers came and they laid out Washington Street to divide the riff from the raff.

Aunt Rachel once lived by herself in an old run-down fishing shack on the Duxbury shore, an old hag (there is no other word) who dressed in rags and tatters.

Some said she was a widow, that her husband had perished at sea and maybe that was so because her knowledge of the sea and the weather was second to none.

She liked to wander the coast alone at night, pausing to stare out to sea, or sometimes roaming far inland in her lonely search for . . . what? No one knew.

The respectable folk of Duxbury avoided her for she swore like a sailor and didn't care who knew it although sometimes even ministers were known to consult her about a journey.

But the fishermen of the town were Aunt Rachel's firm friends for she summoned up her vast knowledge of the sea and storm to advise them when and where they should launch their boats and voyages.

And when they returned from the sea, the fisher folk left a choice fish for Aunt Rachel's larder. It was a nice arrangement that went on for years and years.

Then one day (the year is never given) a cargo boat from Boston, the Betsy, put into the harbor to avoid a rough spell at sea and a group of strange sailors came ashore.

They met Aunt Rachel and taunted her and pretended to ask her advice but she sensed their insincerity and called them "moon cussers," folks who faked beacons to draw ships ashore to be wrecked.

She cursed their boat and warned them not to sail and when they didn't listen she cursed the men themselves "from hell to high water."

The next morning, before they sailed, they got even with the old lady. They set her hut afire and rushed back to the Betsy, shouting their taunts at her.

Townspeople rushing to the fire found Aunt Rachel standing on a rock, wrapped in an old sailcloth, her arms extended seaward "howling in the most distressing accents."

She watched as the crew boarded the Betsy and hauled in the anchor and put to sea, the crew still shouting imprecations from under billowing sails and she threw another curse upon them.

Whereupon the Betsy struck a reef and sank with all its cargo. The crew was rescued by the townsfolk, all except one man who drowned — the sailor who had touched the fire to Aunt Rachel's hut.

When the excitement died down and Duxbury was quiet again, they went to see to Aunt Rachel. They found the old lady collapsed on the rock, lifeless. They buried her where her hut had been.

And the reef on which the Betsy struck was known as Rachel's Curse.

That's the way it was told to me, anyhow.

POLITICAL NOTES

Democrats award annual scholarship

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee will hold a special, summer meeting on tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the Historical Room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, to award the 2003 John F. Walsh, III Memorial Scholarship to James E. French, son of Donna and Jim French and brother of Kate French. The Cohasset Democrats have awarded the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship to graduating high school seniors since 1978.

A short business meeting will follow.

Two-quotes would help eliminate waste

State Sen. Robert Hedlund,R-Weymouth, has co-sponsored legislation, which will require state departments to solicit at least two quotes for state-funded private contracts and contract renewals prior to awarding them. This bill is being introduced as a means of providing a system of checks and balances to ensure taxpayer money is not being wasted.

"By making certain that we are receiving the best possible price on goods and services purchased, this legislation is a common sense approach to saving taxpayer dollars," Hedlund said. "If passed, this bill has the potential to eliminate thousands of dollars worth of waste in state government."

This legislation will only apply to contracts in excess of $50,000, and is currently in the House Committee on Rules.

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UMass presidency, a test of Romney's leadership

STATEHOUSE ROUND UP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Leadership made up both a good part, and *the* good part, of the news on Beacon Hill.

After a fractious drama around the resignation of William Bulger as president of the University of Massachusetts, different elements of which seemed to leave the whole state unhappy, most of the developments the week were positive. And the central issue was leadership.

There was the technical question of who should take the CEO position to run the public university system with campuses in Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell and Worcester. Some of the most successful people ever to attend UMass agreed to Bulger's request to serve on the search committee: Jack Welch, the past GE chairman and American business hero, and John Smith, the former head of General Motors.

Philosophically, there was more to it than that. Gov. Mitt Romney approached the UMass situation in a way that caused his opponents to question his leadership. But Grace Fey, his most visible adversary in the Battle of the Bulger, displayed a good deal of equanimity — an important quality in important people, the ranks of whom she's lately ascended.

Romney continued to put forth a proposition that sounds as if he's taking the lead: he said the new president should adopt as a key goal the re-creation of UMass-Amherst, the flagship campus, into a institution on par with the nation's best, such as North Carolina/Chapel Hill. And he said the very best talent should be sought out to lead the whole system to a new level of excellence that could vivify the Massachusetts economy.

Leadership, or lip service? You know what the skeptics said. Players like Sen. Stanley Rosenberg, the Democrat who's represented Amherst in the Legislature since 1987, raised his eyebrows on behalf of his party, to question why Romney is now seeking a powerful president after going to a lot of (televised) lengths to say the president's office is wasteful.

Committed to blocking tax hikes and with 100 other constituencies clamoring for dollars and attention, Romney now has asked the public to judge him by his fulfillment of an extremely ambitious and expensive goal. That would be a test of leadership anyway — a test of whether he can organize people to agree on a goal and then motivate them to accomplish it. After his switch of stance on whether the president's office is necessary, a good many of those people are distrustful as well. So Romney's task of leadership on the UMass problem is even harder than it would be without the trust issue — which is to say, harder than really, really hard.

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A striking number of people have something at stake: About 59,000 students, 80 percent of them from Massachusetts. About 300,000 alumni, 200,000 of whom live or work in the Bay State. Around 14,000 employees, 4,500 of them faculty. Those faculty members bring in $250 million annually in federal research grants. The school will award 10,000 degrees this academic year. Romney's going to have quite an audience.

To begin with, he'll need Fey as an ally, and he got to work on that in a well-publicized face-to-face last week, which Fey characterized as "terrific." The governor promised her that his appointments to three coming vacancies on the UMass board will be substantive, not politically guided. He'd threatened to deliberately appoint notoriously anti-Bulger people. For her part Fey told the press she and Romney are off to a new start. By letting go of her past resentment and returning the focus to her public mission, Fey displayed a quality nearly always associated with leaders, and too rarely with politicians.

• *Romney will survey business chiefs* — The administration is posting a survey online for business people to provide input as to what factors are most important to them in business planning and operations. The goal is for state government to respond to the most urgently felt needs by finding out what those needs are, the governor said. The survey was created by the Cambridge-based Monitor Group in collaboration with Professor Michael Porter and the Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness at Harvard Business School.

• *Galvin: too much testosterone at Morgan Stanley*— A sales-motivation program at the Boston office of Morgan Stanley put the greed of brokers and the firm ahead of the interests of customers, Secretary of State William Galvin charged in an administrative complaint. Galvin oversees the state securities division. The Morgan Stanley culture included terms like "conquer and destroy" as managers urged brokers to sell the firm's own funds more aggressively than others, Galvin alleges.

• *SOS hasn't made required ethics appointment* — Secretary of State Galvin should have appointed someone to fill a vacancy on the state Ethics Commission seven months ago under state law, and his failure to do so is bothering the four members now serving. Galvin says he's flouting the law because it's so difficult to find qualified people to serve on the commission; members have to agree to have nothing to with politics while on the board and for a year afterwards. "I'm not interested in just filling a vacancy. I want a high quality person there who is going to perform the job correctly," Galvin told the News Service.

• Samaritan vans yielding to commerce after lull — In the 1980s and 90s the CVS Good Samaritan van was a familiar sight on Massachusetts highways. But the company stopped most of its support for the highway assistance program in 2000. Another business stepped forward to take up the slack: Commerce Insurance will provide 22 tow trucks and vans to help stuck motorists during rush hour, company officials said. The Commerce contribution will save the state $400,000.

• *Bill to add new state ship-pilot rules slows down* — An April 27 oil spill in Buzzards Bay lent new momentum to legislation requiring ship pilots to win special state certification to ply coastal waterways such as the Cape Cod Canal. But that progress appears to have stalled: the bill has been reported out of the Natural Resources Committee and to the Homeland Security and Federal Affairs Committee, which doesn't plan to take it up until fall. Massachusetts is the only coastal state without a requirement that pilots prove to the state that they know the local waters when piloting big ships.

• *Prices moderate, condo sales at all-time high* — The Massachusetts Realtors Association reported that home prices in the second quarter of 2003 were 6.5 percent higher than Q2 2002. More condos were sold last quarter than any other since records have been kept. The realtors said a combination of low interest rates and a larger inventory are keeping sales relatively brisk despite the lackluster economy; the effects of that economy drove sales down 4.9 percent from Q2 '02. The average home price in Massachusetts stood at $375,196 in the second quarter.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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August 15, 2003

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Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) (617) 722-2120 Room 472

QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' and senators' votes on three roll calls from earlier July sessions. All of the roll call votes are on legislative action surrounding Gov. Romney's overrides of items in the $22.1 billion fiscal 2004 state budget. On all three roll calls, the governor was unable to muster any legislative support and both the House and Senate unanimously overrode his veto.

VETERANS' OUTREACH CENTERS (H 4004)

House 154-0, Senate 40-0, overrode Gov. Romney's $165,000 veto reduction (from $1,018,615 to $853,615) in funding for services to veterans including the maintenance and operation of outreach centers. Override supporters said it is outrageous to cut funding for these important centers for people who risked their lives to protect the freedom of the nation. They noted the centers play a crucial role in helping veterans and their families by offering a myriad of services including food, shelter, counseling and career and education services. In his budget veto message, Gov. Romney said he reduced the funding to an amount consistent with his original budget recommendation. (A "Yea" vote is for the $165,000).

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BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER TREATMENT (H 4004)

House 157-0, Senate 40-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $2,784,551 in funding for the treatment of breast and cervical cancer in low-income, uninsured women. Override supporters said the funding would ensure that these women are treated for these diseases and noted that early treatment would save and prolong many lives. They argued that the federal government offers a 65 percent federal match under this program and noted that unless the governor's veto is overridden, Massachusetts would be the only state in the nation that has not implemented this critical program. In his budget veto message, Gov. Romney said he eliminated the funding because it is not consistent with his original budget recommendation. (A "Yea" vote is for the $2,784,551).

Y Y

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDS (H 4004)

House 157-0, Senate 40-0, overrode Gov. Romney's $6.5 million veto (from $121,600,262 to $115,100,262) in funding for a program that reimburses cities and towns for "extraordinary" costs of special education. Prior to passage of a new state law in 2001, the state only paid communities 50 percent of the cost for the costliest students--the ones in residential schools. Under the new law and formula, the state is required to reimburse communities 75 percent of the cost above approximately $28,000 per student regardless of whether the student is placed in a residential school or in a day school setting. The veto also strikes language that earmarks $400,000 for the costs of borrowing audio taped textbooks by special needs students with disabilities including blindness, visual impairments, dyslexia, cerebral palsy and for an outreach program for special education teachers, students and parents. Override supporters said that full funding is necessary in order to adequately reimburse cities and towns under the new law and argued that these reimbursements are crucial in light of this year's budget cuts in education aid and local aid. They noted that full funding of the new law would also remove the financial incentive for communities to needlessly place students in residential facilities. In his veto message, Gov. Romney said he reduced the funding to an amount consistent with his original budget recommendation. He also noted that he struck the $400,000 earmark because it imposes legislative controls on executive branch management decisions. (A "Yea" vote is for the $6.5 million).

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Stormy forecast is predicted

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munities, most towns are expected to take care of themselves by means of emergency operations managers. The state does assist towns during hurricanes if need be, but many of the operations managers say they feel like they will be able to handle any situation.

Judge said before a hurricane hits, he is typically on the phone with coastal communities telling them about the weather system so those communities can have the opportunity to pre-position equipment and secure shelters. He noted during a hurricane, there are usually about 80 people or so working at MEMA while it happens, functioning as "the people's 911."

"I don't think there's a broad-brush way to handle a hurricane because every community has its own plan," Judge said. "It's up to us to supply communities with information and have assets available to them if the event exceeds their capability."

In Cohasset, the fire department begins to take action in the days prior to an expected storm. Fire Capt. Mark Trask said the department takes the time to check all the apparatus to make sure it is in good working order, and gets extra fuel in case the pumps are out during the storm.

"We make sure the apparatus is at the top of its operational existence," he said.

Once a warning is issued for the area, emergency crews begin to assess the need for extra help. Trask said that once a storm hits, extra staff is called in so that there are three or four people on each vehicle.

When a hurricane hits, "it becomes a different operation," he said. With flooding hazards and the potential for flying debris, Trask said it is extremely important that response times don't suffer.

"Depending on the intensity and what damage expected," sometimes extra police officers are called into the station, said Police Chief Robert Jackson.

Jackson said the low level areas of town are watched carefully during the outset of a storm to make sure any areas of potential flooding are given adequate notice in case evacuation becomes necessary.

In the event of evacuation, local schools can be used as shelters, Lehr said. If the area of evacuation is small, he said the Second Congregational Church can be used because it has a kitchen and would provide a place for families to stay until their homes are safe.

Lehr said it's a great solution for families that live near the coast that can "return back home when the tide goes down."

"Are You Ready," written by the people at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) describing how best to survive any natural disaster, including hurricanes is available. Duff, Hingham's emergency management director, said he recommends it highly to anyone who has concerns about hurricanes.

"It's absolutely the best book for people who want to learn more about what to do during a hurricane," Duff said.

During Hurricane Bob in 1991, Cohasset had to call the National Guard out of the Armory in Hingham for backup.

"The National Guard has the trucks," Lehr said, which can provide help during rough conditions. The guard can also provide security on the streets during road blocks.

Duff said there are five types of hurricane categories. Such storms are rated 1-5, one being the weakest type and five being the most severe. He added there hasn't been a Category 3 hurricane on the South Shore since August 1954 with Hurricane Carol. The most recent hurricanes to reach New England, Gloria in Sept. 1985 and Bob in Aug. 91, were Category 2s.

A Category 1 hurricane has winds ranging from 74-95 miles per hour, Category 2 is between 96-110, Category 3 between 111-130, Category 4 between 131-155 and a Category 5 hurricane has winds over 155 mph.

"The chances of getting a Category 3 or Category 4 storm are very slim but again, it's never too early to prepare," he said. "You should be prepared to help yourself and help your neighbors if they need it."

Judge said there are certain steps people can take to ride-out a hurricane. A MEMA "hurricane supply list" details the items people should have on hand which includes canned foods, dried fruit, bottled water, manual can openers, any prescription medications, pet food, first aid kits, duct tape, battery-operated radios, flashlights, matches, battery-operated clocks, work gloves, plastic sheeting and a few others.

"One of the most important things for people is to stay on top of what's happening," Judge of MEMA said. "Monitor the media, if you have power. When you're preparing, think of what you would need if you were going to be isolated for two to three days without power. Everyone has different needs and different creature comforts.

"The fact is, hurricanes can cause a lot of damage. Some people forget how horrendous these situations can actually be. From a human-safety perspective, the actual loss of life should not be huge. The loss of property on the South Shore, on the other hand, will probably be an issue. One of the most important things people need to remember is to take your local officials' advice seriously."

For more information on hurricanes log onto www.mass.gov/mema. To order the "Are You Ready" book, call (800) 480-2520.

Cohasset residents in the armed forces

The following troops from Cohasset are on active duty:

John B. Atkinson (USMC)
Michael W. Baird (USCG)
William E. Baird (USAF)
Jarrod V. Batts (USMC)
Allison M. Berg (USN)
Daniel J. Brennock (USN)
Jeffrey L. Brown (USN)
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Keith A. Jackson (USN)
Michael Kennedy (USMC)
Matthew Lewis (USN)
David MacDonald (USN)
Christopher J. Mahoney (USMC)
John N. Maynard (US Army)
Patrick J. O'Connor (USN)
Angela R. Parisi (US Army)
Brian Salerno (USCG)
James Smith (US Army)
Eric Snow (USMC)

If you know of someone from Cohasset who is not listed here and is on active duty, call the American Legion post at 781-383-9657 or email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com

Flag depository at American Legion

The American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 in Cohasset has a way for the public to be able to bring them their tattered and worn flags so they may be properly and ceremoniously destroyed. The Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag. This solid metal Flag Depository protects the flags until they are removed for storage and kept until the time of the desecration ceremony. The Herb Chambers Automobile Dealerships made this service possible through a donation to the post. Everyone is invited to bring his or her retired flags to the depository.

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Building hopes around the world through Habitat for Humanity

By Samantha Brown
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Traveling to exotic lands is one of Anne Sexton's favorite things to do. Her office has many different African artifacts, from ebony elephants, to photographs, to a map of the country. She has pictures of her family posing all over the world on her desk, but not one of those trips has been a relaxing vacation.

Anne and her family have been participating in various Habitat for Humanity projects for many years. Peter, Anne's husband, has participated for seven, Anne has for four, and daughter Alissa, a student at Trinity College in Connecticut, recently became involved through a program at school.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit program, which seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Through the program, volunteers come together in partnership with families in need to help build a home for them to live in.

Over the years Anne and Peter have traveled to various countries, including Malawi, Tanzania, South Africa, and Botswana, and have returned to some on numerous occasions. This summer they went to Bolivia.

"It's really amazing and you meet the nicest people," Anne said.

Anne and Peter have lived in Cohasset for 14 years, but neither one was involved with Habitat for Humanity before moving here.

"I don't know how that happened, it just happened," she said.

Through Habitat for Humanity, the Sextons, along with various groups of volunteers, have traveled to countries in need of housing. Over the course of two weeks, group members begin construction on a home for a family in their designated area.

Anne said that sometimes a foundation will be poured before the group's arrival, which was the case on their last trip to Bolivia. By the time their two week stay was over, Anne said her group had started what was sure to be a welcoming home.

"It's really amazing and you meet the nicest people."
— Anne Sexton

Because volunteers only stay for a few weeks, there has to be local support to finish the job upon their departure. Anne said the family the house is built for, as well as many other members of the community helped build the brick house in Bolivia, making it a real community effort. Typically, homes can be finished in about three months.

But in order to participate in any Habitat for Humanity project, the group must be assembled, which over the years has caused Peter to take on the role of leader to his group.

As a leader, Peter is responsible for writing to the Habitat headquarters in Georgia, to make contact with the Global Village program of Habitat for Humanity. Through the Global program, his group can become connected with a Habitat affiliate in the host country. All trips must be planned to countries with an affiliate.

The Habitat affiliate sends Peter applications of people who are interested in participating, and he chooses those he thinks will make a nice group and work together well. After much interviewing, most of which is done over the phone, a team of around 17 is assembled for the trip.

"We've never been disappointed with a group," Anne said.

Once chosen for the program, the participants come at their own expense. For their most recent trip to Bolivia, everyone involved also donated $400 each to a local charity for building supplies.

While participating in the program, volunteers work five days a week, so Peter plans outings for the weekend, Anne said. Usually, trips include travel to the outskirts of the city they visit, and the local people who work on the project are invited to come along as well.

But for all the positive experiences the trips bring, the conditions of the area are not always pleasant.

"For two weeks, it can be a real hardship," Anne said.

During her most recent trip to Bolivia, it was their winter and the hotel her group stayed at had no central heating. However, Anne is quick to point out that volunteers don't go on these trips to "live in luxury," they are there to provide help to people who need it.

Along with being prepared for the weather, certain health precautions need to be taken, including proper shots. Also, being careful about what they eat and drink is imperative for volunteers. But for the Sextons, the potential for sickness doesn't outweigh the valuable service they are providing.

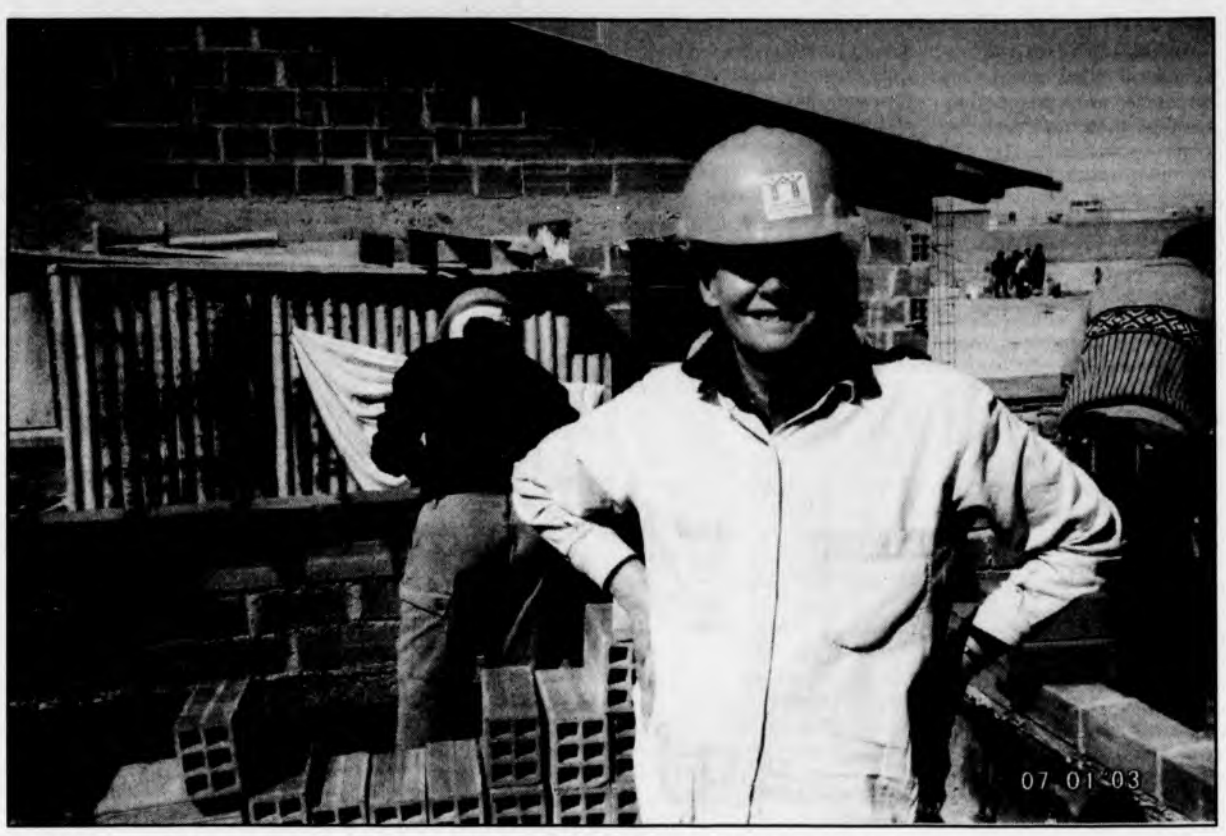
"These are risks that you take," Anne said.

In addition to the Sextons' group involvement in Habitat for Humanity, Peter participates very frequently in Jimmy Carter's Habitat for Humanity Projects. Anne said Peter travels with Carter and has visited many countries including the Philippines and Korea. By lending his name to the cause, Carter helps spark the interest of many volunteers.

"When he goes, it's a blitz build," Anne said, with roughly 100 homes built during each one-week time frame.

Perhaps because of the success of her different trips, Anne said she and Peter are already planning their next Habitat for Humanity trip and are looking at Chile as their next destination. However, she said she has a place for Africa in her heart that may require another trip, even though they've already been three times.

"I love Africa. It gets into your blood."



Anne Sexton of Cohasset takes a break from building a Habitat for Humanity home in Bolivia.

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Wakeman nominated for women's sports hall of fame

By Samantha Brown
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Frannie Wakeman has fond memories of sailing the waters of the Atlantic seaboard, its salty ocean air filling the tall canvas sails. For many years, the 89-year-old Cohasset resident sailed competitively and became a certified judge for the sport, which has landed her a nomination into the New England Women's Sports Hall of Fame, or NewFund.

"This happened a long time ago, so it's history to me," she said.

But the modest Wakeman has a history of very prestigious awards spanning the length of her career. She is a four-time winner of the Adams Cup, winning from 1935 to 1938. She also served as a Trustee of the Cup from 1947 to 2001. Because of her accomplishments and dedication to the sport, the US Sailing National Championship Sportsmanship Trophy, the New England Women's Junior Single Handed trophy, and the Massachusetts Bay Women's Championship Trophy are all named in her honor.

Of her many accomplishments, Wakeman just smiled and said, "I had a good crew."

Wakeman started he career on the waters of Cohasset. Living on Beacon Hill, she and her family spent summers on the coast, and at the age of 12, she began to sail.

Years ago, Wakeman said sailing was much different than it is now, especially with the change in boats. She said today, boats are much lighter than they used to be and the crew doesn't need to be as physically strong to keep control of the boat.

"Today, it's a different ball game," she said.

One other major change to the sport is the number of women who now compete. In Wakeman's racing days, there weren't nearly as many women in the competitions.

"There are a lot more women sailors now than there were then. Now, there's a lot of competition, and this girl has done very well," she said, looking over at granddaughter, Whitney Davis.

It seems the sailing genes have been passed on to 17-year-old Davis, who recently won the Mass. Bay Sailing Junior Regatta at the USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival, held in Hull. Serving as skipper on a 420, she competed against 89 other boats, which all started at the same time

"That is the most amazing thing I've ever heard," Wakeman said, adding that when she used to race, there would be around six boats at the start.

Since winning the Jr. Olympic Festival, Davis has qualified for a national regatta, but that will be the last race she'll compete in at the junior level. She'll then move on to bigger regattas and compete against sailors with more experience, but she said she's up for the challenge.

"It's wonderful my granddaughter has done so well," Wakeman said.

But not only does Wakeman have sailing experience, she has judging experience as well. After finishing her competitive sailing career, Wakeman became a certified judge of women's sailing in the late 1980s and traveled all over the United States for competitions. She judged in many states from Texas, to California, to Washington.

"That was a wonderful experience. That's one of the things sailing led me to," she said.

During her travels, Wakeman made many friends all over the country and said she still keeps in contact with friends in Texas.

"The contacts you make through sailing you don't forget," she said.

A reception for the nominees will be held Oct. 2 at the Sheraton in Boston to recognize New England women who have excelled and often pioneered in competitive sports. To cast a vote for Wakeman, please visit the NewFund web site at www.newfund.org.

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Frannie Wakeman, who started sailing at the age of 12 during summers in Cohasset, poses with her granddaughter, Whitney Davis, who is also an accomplished sailor.

Historical society celebration is planned

This year, the Cohasset Historical Society is celebrating its 75th anniversary in the Paul Pratt Building which has been a building of major importance to the town for 100 years. Even though not all the boxes, nor all the gowns will have been unpacked, the Society is going to throw the signature event of the year to commemorate these achievements. The event, which will highlight the town's maritime history, is in the planning stages. Save the dates Oct. 2, 3 & 4 for "At the Edge of the Sea," a three-day art show/fundraiser. Anyone who would like to volunteer or share ideas for this celebration, call 781-383-1168.

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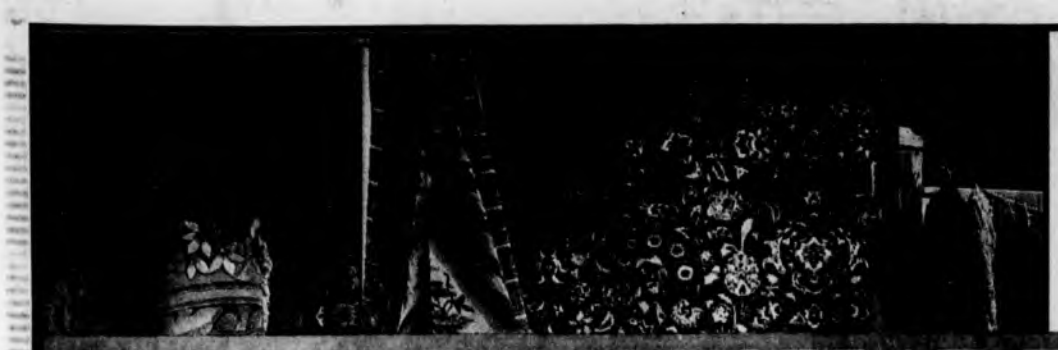

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It used to be their playground, and is again

South Shore Senior Softball League continues to grow and flourish

By Jim Logan
CORRESPONDENT

I gotta be honest. When I was handed the assignment to write a piece on the South Shore Senior League last summer, it was *kind of* strategically set up to be a series of quick-hitting phone interviews with a few of the guys.

I did venture out to the Scituate ballfield, to at least this time put some faces to the names. What I ended up getting was so much more.

Guess it's time to eat some of that humble pie.

First of all, the South Shore Senior League is the furthest thing from a small handful of broken down, grumpy old men. Instead, what the SSSL is made of is a vibrant, ever growing legion of 55+ years young ballplayers, playing a schedule guys and ladies half their age would have a hard time keeping up with. What started out as a 15 or so man pickup game four years ago has since blossomed into a formidable 125-man league

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"I love it because it gives you the chance to play ball again. And that's great for somebody like me, because I lived on the field as a kid."
Scituate's Dave Hockman, 60

While the story did have a nice human interest ring to it: I figured It'd be more likely falling off than sitting on the edge of my Central Park seat at 9AM on a Sunday, muddling through the seemingly endless ticks of the clock watching, as a group of "seasoned veterans" rekindled their Glory Days flames.

This time around, however,

PHOTO/ANDREW DASSORI

Scituate's Lou Chien (red shirt) is poised to race home from third base on contact in recent senior league action.

Rox win a wild one over Jackals

Brockton wins series opener to remain just two games behind Quebec

Little Falls, NJ- The Brockton Rox erased two four-run deficits and beat the New Jersey Jackals 9-7 Monday in the opener of a three-game series at Yogi Berra Stadium. The win kept the Rox (19-15) two games behind first-place Quebec (20-12) in the North Division second-half standings with 12 games remaining in the regular season.

Jake Daubert's RBI single in the top of the seventh inning broke a 6-6 tie and gave Brockton the lead for good. The hit, which came against Jackals reliever Chris Keelin (2-4), scored Mel Rosario from third base, who had doubled one batter earlier. Abner Arroyo delivered an RBI double two hitters later to score Daubert to make the score 8-6.

After the Rox scored an insurance run in the eighth on an RBI hit by Mike Torres, the Jackals cut the lead to 9-7 on a run-scoring single by Joe Kerrigan with two outs in the bottom of the inning. Conor Brooks then was called in from the bullpen, and he recorded the final four outs to notch his league-leading 17th save in his league-leading 38th appearance this season.

Brooks faced danger in the ninth when Kevin Grijak led off with a single and advanced to second on an error by Torres in right field. The next batter Travis Bailey hit a blast to center field that seemed destined for extra bases, but Brockton's Darren Blakely made a leaping catch in front of the fence for the first out. Brooks then retired Scott Samuels on strikes and Carlos Pagan on a pop-out to end the game.

Trailing 4-0 after two innings and 6-2 after three, the Rox rallied to tie the game with four runs in the top of the fourth against New Jersey starter Trevor Marcotte. With two outs, Saul Bustos reached on an infield single that Marcotte threw into right field, allowing Rosario to score and Daubert to advance to third.

Blakely followed with an RBI infield single that scored Daubert to cut the deficit to 6-4. Then with two aboard, Craig Lewis drilled a triple scoring both Bustos and Blakely, tying the game and chasing Marcotte from the mound. Marcotte, who had beaten Brockton in each of his previous three appearances against them this season, allowed six runs (five earned) in 3 2/3 innings.

The Jackals had built the lead against Brockton starter Joey Baker, who gave up six earned runs and nine hits in four innings pitched, including a three-run home run to Chris Rowan and a two-run dinger to Carlos Pagan. Baker was relieved by newly-acquired right-hander Kevin Lynn with the score tied 6-6 and the bases loaded with no outs in the fifth inning. Lynn proceeded to get out of the jam without any runs scoring, setting the stage for Brockton's late inning rallies.

Lynn (1-0) pitched 3 2/3 innings of solid relief to earn a win in his first appearance with Brockton this season. He allowed only one run on two hits, hours after joining the team for the bus ride to New

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HOLE IN ONE

Muffy Antico of Cohasset holds up her winning shot after scoring a hole-in-one during the annual tournament to benefit the Montessori Community School in Scituate. On hand to witness the prize-winning shot were (L-R) Kim Marcia of Hingham, Valia Marsden of Hingham and Beth O'Kelly of Marshfield.

The natural

Dave Ingber will truly be missed in these pages

EXTRA POINTS
MIKE SPELLMAN

He was a two sport standout at Cohasset High and a three-time Mariner All-Scholastic honoree. He's a National Honors Society member who ranked top five in his graduating class this spring and was editor of his school paper. He's also an extremely serious actor who has already landed a lead role in a major motion picture, and in a couple of weeks, he'll begin his college education at Harvard University.

For the purpose of this story I wish to tell about Dave Ingber, however, those are all matters of secondary import.

Dave, as any regular visitor to these pages already knows, has been the voice of Cohasset High sports for the last four years, pre-dating the beginning of my support role by better than a year. Let me save you from doing the math: Dave has been

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Morgan McCarthy, 7,swims the 25-yard breaststroke at last week's South Shore Swim League championships. Morgan took second place in this race to help the Cohasset Swim Team win its second consecutive league championship.

Senior softball continues to grow and flourish

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that takes to the field on a three game-per-week summertime calendar (the SSSL also has a travel team, headed by Coach Bob Taylor).

And while that might seem like a grueling agenda for anybody, let alone a corps of seniors, it is far from that for these diehards.

Cohasset's Larry Shultz, who retired last June after teaching for 35 years at the Deer Hill School, had been looking for outlets to help him remain active when he first heard of the SSSSL this winter. He wintered in Florida for the first time this past winter, and joined a softball league while he was there. He was only too happy to continue playing the game of his youth when he returned north.

"I went there looking to play ball and stay in shape, and I'm having a lot of fun," said Shultz, 58, who also referees high school soccer and runs a summer youth soccer camp in Cohasset. "This league is more about fun than competition, but they've got some great players down there too. It's good softball."

As one of the younger players on the team, Ron, to no surprise, has been used primarily as an outfielder.

"Yeah, they've got me running all over the place out there, but I've got no problem with that."

"I look forward to getting out here [each time] and playing," says 58-year old Peter Andrew of Duxbury.

Dave Hockman of Scituate agrees. "I love it because it gives you the chance to play ball again," the 60-year old says. "And that's great for somebody like me, because I lived on the field as a kid."

SSSL 1, Logan 0.

Secondly, what any cynic (speaking from experience) will find out within thirty seconds of catching a South Shore Senior League contest is these ballplayers wipe out any foolish myth the guys have lost *game* over the years. From the warm-ups to the first pitch to the final out: if you need that strong-cup-of-coffee version of America's Pastime to justify your trek to the park first thing on a weekend morning, the SSSL is that double espresso.

In the course of three innings between the #1 and #2 teams, there were a number of ESPN-esque highlight plays jolting a fans' nervous system (including a sweet frozen-rope takedown by the #2 team pitcher), making one all but forget these guys were in their quote-unquote "sunset years" of life.

"Oh yeah, we can still play the game at a very high level," said 68-year old Jim Hyde of Scituate, one of the founding members of the senior league. One case in point is the 4-year, unbeaten streak of 70-year old Humarock's Joe Dominico, who has yet to taste defeat as the SSSL's star hurler.

"That's not too bad (an accomplishment) for an old guy," Dominico laughed.

South Shore Seniors shutting out Logan, 2-0.

Finally, and maybe most importantly, for anyone who simply loves the overall game played with the bat and ball (its traditions, stories and camaraderie): if one thinks the voices heard on the field will resonate nothing more than aches and pains dialogue coming from a bunch of old timers who can't wait to call it a day and hit the couch to recoup again, the players of the SSSL prove you wrong.

While they do, every now and then, manage to make you laugh with a comedic reference to their mortality ("I'm a walking Alleve commercial," jokes 58-year old Peter Andrew of Duxbury), instead, what you're more likely to hear is hearty laughter and the stories of yesteryear from a group of guys who manage to whimsically bring a young whippersnapper back in time with them.

There's the tale of the one-time ace of the Cape Cod League. There's the ditty of the former batboy to Teddy " Ballgame" Williams. There's that first trip to a Major League ballpark to see the old Boston Braves lace 'em up at Braves Field (now Boston University's Nickerson Field). If for no other reason (although that's selling these guys very, very short), the lore and fun alone makes it worth catching a South Shore Seniors game.

"It's a good bunch of guys that come down here. We really do have a lot of fun," says 64-year old Pat Thompson of Marshfield.

Dominico adds: "We have a great time together. The companionship is wonderful."

George Bernard Shaw once told us that youth is wasted on the young. He also said that even the youngest of us may be wrong sometimes. On both counts, the men of the South Shore Senior League proved his writings to be true.

If they could somehow bottle up the energy that a teenager has in his or her possession but chooses to waste on sleep and video games, then the #1 and #2 teams are still at Central Field today, playing themselves one intense game that's deep, deep into extra innings.

As far as youth needing time to acquire wisdom? I think that was validated 365 days ago, when it was thought Ma Bell would be just as good a way to interview the men of the South Shore Senior League.

Final score. SSSL blanks Logan, 3-zilch.

PHOTO/ANDREW DASSORI

Scituate's Dave Hockman makes a throw to first base after stopping grounder at his shortstop position in league action at Scituate's Central Field.

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Scituate's Donald Young lines a base hit.

Rox win a wild one over Jackals

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Jersey Monday morning.

Blakely, playing against his former team for the first time since joining the Rox last week, went 2-3 with two RBI and two runs scored. Daubert had three hits and a walk and two runs scored. Kerrigan paced New Jersey by going 3-5 with an RBI and a run scored.

The Rox and Jackals continued the series Tuesday in Little Falls. After concluding the current six-game road trip last night, the Rox return home for their final home stand of the season beginning Friday August 22nd against the Bangor Lumberjacks. Tickets are still available for all remaining home games at the Rox box office, via the web-site (Brockton Rox.com), or by calling (508) 559-7070.

News and Notes

Nestor Smith missed his first game of the season Friday night, after re-aggravating a groin injury in Thursday's game. Smith, who has been battling the injury since late June, is not expected to return until Monday in New Jersey at the earliest. Smith's streak of hitting safely in 15 consecutive road games came to an end Thursday night, as he went 0-for-1 before leaving the game in the second inning. The streak, which dated back to July 9th, matched the longest road hitting streak in the league this season (New Jersey's John Anderson also hit safely in 15 straight road contests)....Three Rox were ejected from Friday's game: Saul Bustos, Bobby Brown and Ed Nottle. This came one night after Mike Davis was tossed from Thursday night's ball game....The Rox purchased the contract of All-Star outfielder Darren Blakely Wednesday from the New Jersey Jackals, in return for cash and two players to be named later. Blakely, who was hitting .307 in 71 games with New Jersey coming this season, has gone 3-for-8 with a home run and a stolen base in his first two games with the team. Brockton is still playing with 21 out of a possible 22 men on the active roster, with Sunday being the league deadline to add a playoff-eligible player....The Rox are hitting .284 on the road this season in 37 games, but only .256 in 38 home games. Overall, the Rox team batting average now stands at .270 for the season, tied for second-highest in the league with New Jersey, behind Elmira (.286)....The Rox will return to Brockton following tonight's game, then have a day off Sunday before opening a three-game series in New Jersey on Monday night. Brockton is scheduled to start Joey Baker, Mike Marchesano and Greg Salvevold in the series versus the Jackals.

Wild Rox?

Should North Shore or New Jersey repeat as a division champion this half, a wildcard team would be selected to complete this season's Northeast League playoffs. The spot would go to the team with the best overall record that failed to win its division in either half. Here are the current wildcard standings (with North Shore and New Jersey already eliminated as first-half winners):

Team	Record	games back
Brockton	40-35	——
Quebec*	40-35	——
Elmira*	39-35	0.5
Bangor	36-41	5.0
Berkshire	33-44	8.0
Allentown	28-48	12.5

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the main sports guy for a major weekly paper since his freshman year of high school — a paper which, mind you, has been nominated for General Excellence by the New England Press Association in all four of those years.

What were you doing when you were a freshman in high school? More to the point, what were you writing? Speaking personally, I was pleased as punch when any of my original compositions scored me anything over a C grade.

Speaking on a more personal level, Dave has been my rock. I do not exaggerate when I say this job as Sports Editor of seven papers could have been a nightmare if I didn't know that — come rain or shine, hell or high water—there would be at least a couple of timely, relevant and extremely well written articles coming from Dave on time, week in and week out. I'm already panicking about the thought of starting the fall sports previews in a few weeks without him.

And that was probably the most amazing aspect of the job Dave has done for the Mariner. In my three-plus year tenure with CNC, I have gone through dozens of stringers and reporters, including a handful of high schoolers who (like Dave) professed a real love of journalism and several adults who said they were interested in pursuing journalism professionally.

While most of them fell by the wayside, daunted by things such as deadlines and the need to work a story to its logical conclusion, Dave has never failed me. If a coach didn't return his numerous calls, he'd track down a member of the team. If a story would fall completely through, he'd go in search of another that would suit our purposes and interest our readership.

In short, by the time he was a young teenager Dave had already exhibited journalistic instincts that far surpassed many of the "professional journalists" I've come across who were twice or more his age.

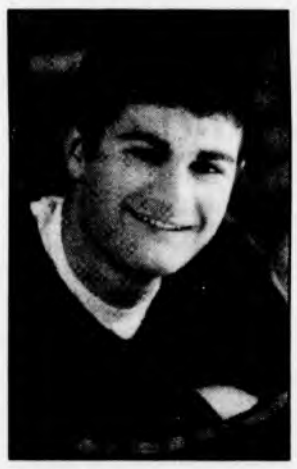
As I got to know Dave better over the years, however, this eventually stopped surprising me. First off, as most of you have probably already surmised, Dave is mature beyond his years. The greater factor, however, at least so far as this job is concerned, is his genuine passion for journalism.

It was this passion that has pushed him to never miss a deadline and never give anything less than his full attention to a story. It was this passion that drove him to lobby hard for the creation of a school newspaper, and then putting his money where his mouth was when that effort paid off by applying for and then being asked to serve as Editor of "The Spinnaker" for its maiden voyage this past school year. And it is this passion which has inspired him to major in English in college with an eye toward a career in journalism.

Dave, as his high school resume bares out, could pursue virtually any career to which he felt inclined, and many, many with far more lucrative possibilities than journalism. Plus, for crying out loud, he's going to Harvard. With his God-given gifts and abilities, there's no telling how many big doors might swing open before him in any number of high paying fields.

And don't think I've kept these thoughts to myself with him.

But Dave just smiles when I bring it up and replies: "This is what I love doing."



Dave Ingber

"Since I was about five years old, the first thing I do every morning is look at the newspaper," said Dave, who last week penned his 300th article for the Mariner. "It started out with box scores and standings, moved over to sports articles, then to columns.

"And now I actually read the whole thing," he added with a laugh.

Clearly, this morning ritual gave Dave a deep appreciation for not only the power of the press, but also the responsibility that goes along with that power.

"There's just something extremely satisfying about giving a mass of people information," he said. "I like covering events and seeing the way it develops and then thinking about how my story should take shape. It's also nice to know I might be the one who recognizes that unsung hero that might not get any press if not for me."

Of course, taking the Mariner Sports Correspondent's job at such a young age was not without its daunting episodes. Having to interview and then write about coaches who were also his teachers and the school's upperclass sports stars could be, he admitted, "real intimidating."

"Fortunately, the first interview I had was with (football coach) Tony Rolfe, and he was just great," recalled Dave with a laugh. "I had this long list of prepared questions. He could probably tell I was nervous, but he put me at ease and was real patient with me. That was a great way to start things off."

He did add, though: "there were a few interviews in that first year or two that weren't that easy."

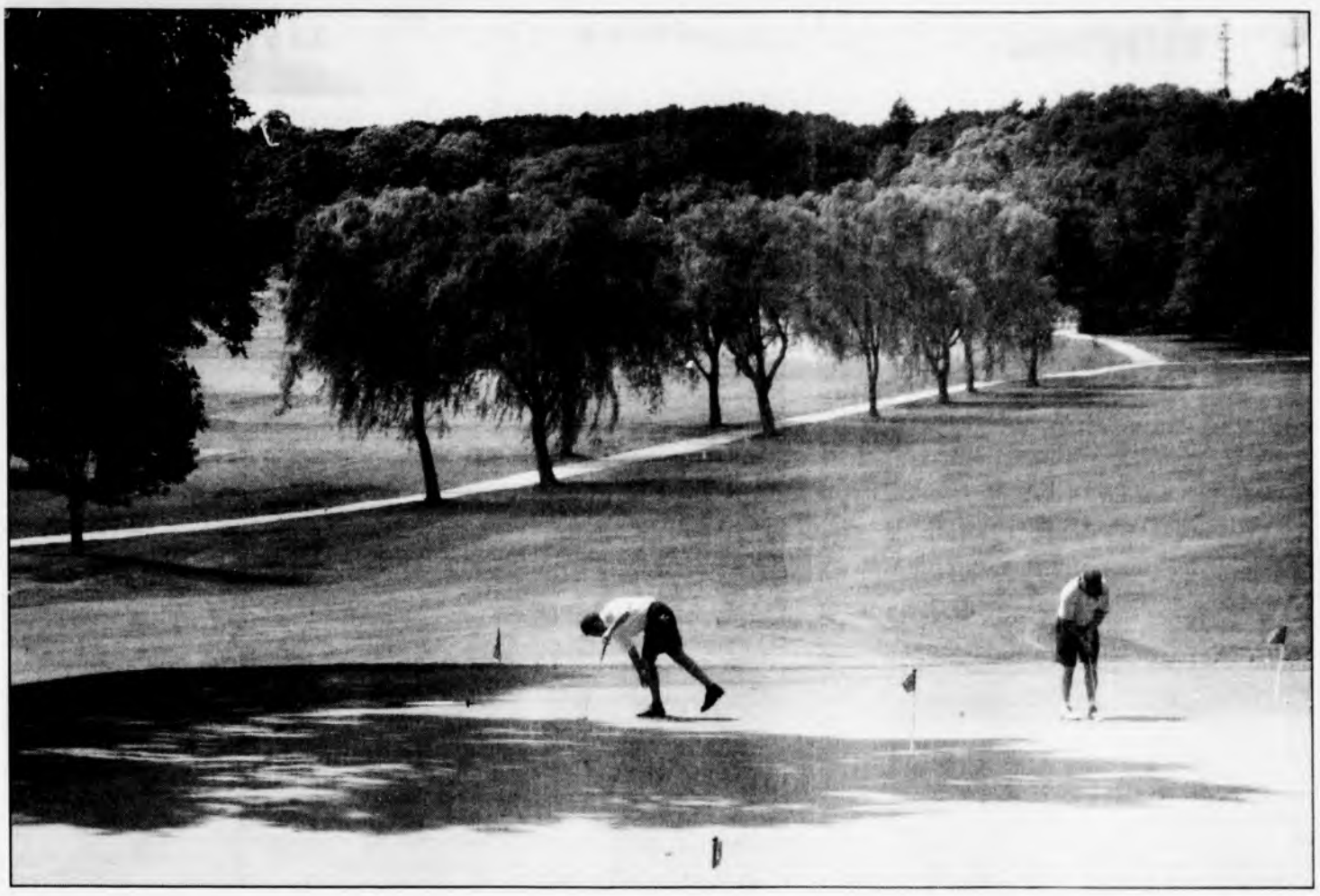
Another challenge was presented when Dave was asked to cover sports he actually played. Reporting on the varsity basketball team when he was a member of the JV squad as a freshman and sophomore proved somewhat awkward at times, but that was nothing compared to covering the swim and tennis teams, especially when he was a star performer for both teams by his junior year. Dave adopted a pen name for a while, but soon gave that up, noting "it seemed everyone knew it was me anyway, so it got kind of silly."

"I usually struggled with when and how to mention myself in a story," said Dave, who earned Mariner All-Scholastic honors for tennis each of the last three years (for doubles play as a sophomore, and first singles play the past two). "If I won a big match in tennis, I didn't really want to run it too big, but then I'd start thinking it was a big win for the team too, and maybe I should say more about it. That's one part of the job I won't miss."

In the end, Dave worked through this journalistic conundrum, it says here, with perhaps a bit too much modesty. Then again, I didn't have to walk the same corridors he did. Of course, Dave is pretty modest by nature. I could tell right off, for example, he was far from crazy about the idea of this little piece.

But he worked through the embarrassment and honored my request for an interview, just as he worked through all the other difficulties that might have proved too daunting for many others attempting to make a go of it in this profession.

Of course, I wasn't the least bit surprised. After all, he'd never let me down before.



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A perfect day for golf at Cohasset Country Club as golfers warm up for the putting contest at the annual tournament to benefit the Montessori Community School of Scituate.

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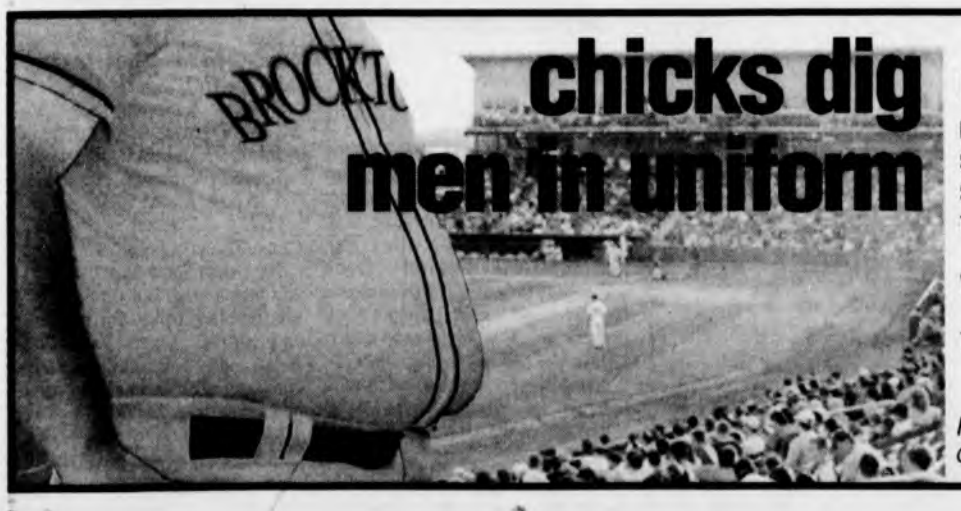

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TOUCHING ALL BASES

LOU MOLINARI

Odds and ends, bits and pieces, and just wondering why the town wasn't named Ducksbury, instead of Duxbury? Is it possible somebody didn't know how to spell Duck and used an x in place of ck?

While on the subject, how come Marshfield wasn't named Marshrock or Marshland or Marshmallow. The rock worked for Brant and of course, Rock worked for land and of course, at that time, nobody really knew what to do with mallows until a kid discovered them in 1889 during a campfire, much too late to name the town.

Don't forget the town of Pembroke. Did the founding fathers have a premonition of what would happen to the town's finances in the 2000s? Was the town really supposed to be called Pembrook?

Before I go broke, it's time to earn a check or at least make an attempt at earning one.

Odds and ends

Remember when the Marshfield Fair was synonymous with horse racing. The good old days and the tote boards that resembled sundials. Who cared how they looked. The horse numbers were recorded and the bets were made. It got the job done.

The horses are history and the motorhead action keeps moving forward. Bettencourt Honda/Suzuki of West Bridgewater sponsored the SuperX event at the Marshfield Fair Tuesday night.

Among the drivers entered in the race were Pembroke's Keith Johnson and Tony Lorusso of Randolph, among others. The race had a posted purse of $4,500. Also on the Tuesday night schedule was an exhibition motox event.

The Fair also has a Demo Derby set for Friday at 6:30 p.m. Figure 8 events are scheduled for Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Charlie Belknap's Hollywood Stunt Show will be held twice on Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m.

A long way from the days of the oatburners to the current days of the gasburners.

More strange names

Talk about a visionary. How did one of our founding fathers have the foresight to know that someday the country would have a machine, a fax machine, that would send messages over a yet to be discovered apparatus called the telephone. Of course, the name of the town, Halifax. From the words Hail as to greet and fax as in fax.

And how did the founders come up with the name Whitman, and not Whitwoman? Was it that people back then just didn't give a whit about women?

Is it true that after a night of much celebrating at Ye Olde Mutton and Boar Pub, a group of the revelers came up with such a hangover, they decided to rename the town Hangover. One reveler was said to say, "Gee, never again." So the "g" was dropped.

One more like that and guess who will be dropped.

Bits and pieces

What a difference the opening of Pembroke High School in the fall of 2004 will make for high school sports in the area. For one thing, when the school opens a year from now, Pembroke will join the Patriot League, which means Hanover has a new team to face.

Geography-wise, it's going to be a lot more comfortable and cheaper to make the trip. Last year the Hanover High football team had to journey to Newburyport for a game and this fall the Hanover team will be at Dennis-Yarmouth.

The new school also gives East Bridgewater High a Thanksgiving Day rival. EBHS went several years of searching for a Thanksgiving Day foe, going without a game last year when Bellingham moved to the Tri-Valley League.

Along with the new school and the enlarging of the Patriot League, Hanover hockey also returns to league action. Hanover had been an independent in hockey for the past couple of years. The Indians will now have a home.

All it took was a whole bunch of millions of dollars to create the new high school. It's going to be interesting to see what happens to Silver Lake Regional High when the Pembroke kids have a home of their own.

Will the Atlantic Coast League figure large in the Silver Lake plans? Some teams in the Old Colony League will be a lot bigger than Silver Lake.

Can you just imagine the chit-chat (arguing) among athletic directors as they stake out their territory?

Have you noticed how many veteran athletic directors decided to hang it up over the last couple of years?

Another strange name

What if there was a collaborative school? Say for instance, Sandwich High, Hamilton High and Rye, N.Y. High.

Would the collaborative be called the Ham and Rye Sandwich? I'm not crazy about Rye. Too bad, Wheaton College couldn't be used in the mix.

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SPORTS NOTES

Fall Crew Program

High School students interested in joining CMI's Fall crew team should sign up now. Call or email CMI coach Jack Buckley at 383 8261, or jackbuckley@rowcmi.org Fall rowing is free for current CMI members; $75.00 fee for non-members. Crews will be training for competition in the Head of the Weir, Oct 25, a 5 mile open race from the river head to the Windmill Pt Boathouse operated by the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Crews will also train for Head of the Quinnipiac, a 7 mile race sponored by the Sound School in New Haven, CT. The Head of the Quinnipiac will be held Nov 8. Only 12 athletes will be selected for training with CMI, so interested athletes should register immediately.

Cohasset Soccer Club Fall signups/schedule

The Cohasset Soccer Club's 2003 - 2004 registration is now underway. Information describing the various programs available and registration forms are available at the Town Hall to register all players for the upcoming Fall /Spring Season. Players must be at least 4 years of age by August 31, 2003 to play this season, with the Fall season including players up through the 6th grade. Players in the Under-14 age groups and older will register for the Spring season during the Fall.

The tentative start dates for the Fall Season are the weekend of September 12/13 for the Under-12 players (5th and 6th grade) and the weekend of September 20 for the remainder of the program.

In addition, coaching clinics for all new and returning coaches are tentatively scheduled for the weekends of September 6th and 12th.

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The annual TK O'Malley Race in Scituate has been scheduled for Oct. 5.

All proceeds from this year's race will go to the Scituate Council on Aging and the Friends of Scituate Recreation.

The event features a walk starting at 8:30 p.m. a Fun Run starting at 11:30 a.m. and the featured 10K race at 1 p.m.. Pre-registration for the 10K race is $15, with race day registration $20. Registration for the walk is $5 in advance or $10 on the day of the race. T-Shirts will cost an extra $5 for all registrants.

All questions should be directed to Howie Ardolino (781-545-1463)

2004 Seadogs/AAU baseball clinic/tryouts on deck

Starts Aug. 23-24 in Braintree & E. Bridgewater

HINGHAM – The South Shore Baseball Club has announced its clinic/tryouts schedule, starting August 23-24 in Braintree and East Bridgewater, for the Seadogs/AAU Travel Team Baseball Program's 2004 season.

The Seadogs will field seven teams in 2004 — 10-and-under through and including 16-and-under. Players are selected from a series of clinic/tryouts held throughout the ssummer, fall and winter.

"Members of our Seadogs program will have an opportunity to experience a unique vacation with family members, meet new friends, and have lasting memories," SSBC president/director Frank Niles, Jr. said. "They'll also benefit from skill development, quality coaching, and tournament experienced, national competition."

The Seadogs program is part of the South Shore Baseball Club, which has been a member of the Massachusetts Association of the Amateur Athletic Union since 1994. The Seadogs compete against other Massachusetts AAU teams for the right to qualify for the AAU National Baseball Championships held all across the country. The Seadogs program is intended to supplement, rather than replace, local Little League, Babe Ruth, or American Legion baseball programs.

The Seadogs/AAU clinic/tryouts schedule for Team 2004 will be on the following dates with respective times (July 31, 2004 is cut-off day to determine proper age group) and sites:

2004 Seadogs Clinic/Tryouts Schedule:

10U, 11U & 12U

Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 23-24, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

at Hollingsworth Park, Braintree

Saturday & Sunday, September 6-7, 9 a.m-11:30 a.m., Hollingsworth Park

TBA, Winter Indoor Clinic/Tryout at SSBC, Hingham

13U

Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 23-24, 1-3:00 p.m.

Strong Field, East Bridgewater

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 6-7, 1-3:00 p.m., Strong Field

TBA, Winter Indoor Clinic/Tryout at SSBC, Hingham

14U

Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 23-24, 4:30-6 p.m.

Strong Field, East Bridgewater

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 6-7, 4:30-6 p.m., Strong Field

TBA, Winter Indoor Clinic/Tryout at SSBC, Hingham

15U & 16U

Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 23-24, 3-4:30 p.m.

Strong Field, East Bridgewater

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 6-7, 3-4:30 p.m., Strong Field

TBA, Winter Indoor Clinic/Tryout at SSBC, Hingham

The South Shore Baseball Club is a year round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players (boys and girls), ages five and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or the Seadogs call 1-888-749-6466/(781) 749-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, AUG. 9

12:51 a.m. Hillside Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:34 a.m. King St., property found.

8:47 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:35 a.m. Brook St., auto, suspicious person(s)/activity.

9:58 a.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

10:12 a.m. Pond St., assist citizen.

10:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:28 a.m. Jerusalem Road, request for police officer/s.

12:50 p.m. Stockbridge St., medical aid.

1:32 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, request for police officer/s.

2:51 p.m. Buttonwood Lane, medical aid, transported to hospital.

3:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., general services.

4:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, auto.

4:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire investigation.

5:39 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

7:36 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:46 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:27 p.m. Brewster Road, fire investigation.

9:08 p.m. Church St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

9:47 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid, patient sign off.

10:39 p.m. Hull St., well-being check.

SUNDAY, AUG. 10

2:46 a.m. Beach St., fire investigation.

8:42 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

10:40 a.m. Atlantic Ave., request for police officer/s.

11:04 a.m. Cedar St., tree down.

11:19 p.m. Border St., assist motorist.

1:25 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

1:40 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, patient sign off.

3:57 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, patient sign off.

9:29 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:21 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, AUG. 11

5:40 a.m. Holly Lane, suspicious activity.

7:45 a.m. Jerusalem Road, vandalism.

8:11 a.m. Nichols Road, fire investigation.

10:23 a.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

12:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.

12:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

2 p.m. North Main St., traffic complaint.

2:08 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

6:30 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:54 p.m. Pond St., investigation.

9:36 p.m. Jerusalem Road, disturbance, gathering., area search negative.

TUESDAY, AUG. 12

6:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:08 a.m. Highland Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:38 a.m. North Main St. and Highland Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:50 a.m. Pond St., fire, investigation.

10:49 a.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

11:23 a.m. Norman Todd Road and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:20 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:34 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:06 p.m. Stanton Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:22 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

4:05 p.m. Ash St., officer wanted.

5:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., transport.

6:29 p.m. Bancroft Road and Bancroft Way, fire, referred to other agency.

6:54 p.m. Norman Todd Lane, larceny.

8:03 p.m. Lamberts Lane, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

8:51 p.m. Beechwood St., fire investigation, area search negative.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13

1:08 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious auto.

1:55 a.m. Lamberts Lane, fire investigation, no fire service necessary.

2:17 a.m. King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:17 a.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:51 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:06 a.m. Forest Ave., assist citizen.

9:10 a.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:59 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:35 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:51 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

2:35 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

3:01 p.m. Pleasant St., officer wanted.

3:20 p.m. Border St., disturbance, dispersed gathering.

6:41 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

7:29 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

8:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:37 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

THURSDAY, AUG. 14

3:40 a.m. Elm St., assist other police department.

6:13 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:14 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, lost property.

11:43 a.m. Border St., disturbance.

12:41 p.m. Brook St., MV crash.

1:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

1:10 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, 209A served in hand.

2:27 p.m. Border St., disturbance, dispersed gathering.

3 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash.

3:32 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

4:15 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

4:44 p.m. North Side sectors, assist other agency.

5:48 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, medical aid.

6:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., general services.

7:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

7:17 p.m. Cedar St., power outage.

7:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

8:23 p.m. Sohier St., public drinking, dispersed gathering.

8:31 p.m. Atlantic Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:32 p.m. Sohier St., public drinking, dispersed gathering.

8:34 p.m. North Main St., suspicious auto.

8:55 p.m. Highland Ave. and South Main St., MV violations.

9:32 p.m. Sohier St., officer wanted.

10:39 p.m. Sohier St., MV violations.

10:44 p.m. Sohier St., officer wanted.

10:58 p.m. Sohier St., public drinking, dispersed gathering.

11:26 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

11:30 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity.

FRIDAY, AUG. 15

12:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

5:56 a.m. Ripley Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

6:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:27 a.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:55 a.m. Norfolk Road, found property.

9:24 a.m. Red Gate Lane, annoying phone calls.

10:33 a.m. Bancroft Road, well-being check.

10:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., shoplifting, arrest: William P. Fitzgibbons, 50, 18 Hazel Ave., Scituate. Chgs.: shoplifting by asportation, second offense.

1:54 p.m. Elm St., transport.

2:17 p.m. Ripley Road, medical aid, patient sign off.

4:15 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious person.

5:56 p.m. Forest Ave., burglary, breaking and entering.

7:49 p.m. Beechwood St., disturbance, family, area search negative.

8:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

8:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., assist motorist, no police service necessary.

10:05 p.m. King St., suspicious activity, area search negative.

10:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, verbal warning.

11:22 p.m. Border St., disturbance, arrest: Kathleen A. Hurley, 17, 136 Border St. Chgs.: person under 21 possessing liquor.

SATURDAY, AUG. 16

12:29 a.m. Old Pasture Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:08 a.m. Sohier St., open door/window, secured building.

3:15 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:15 a.m. Lamberts Lane, vandalism.

10 a.m. Rustic Drive, larceny.

10:22 a.m. Norfolk Road, vandalism.

10:48 a.m. Margin St., MV crash.

11:37 a.m. Parker Ave., traffic complaint, parking ticket issued.

12:54 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

1:02 p.m. Pleasant St., animal control.

1:09 p.m. Ox Pasture Lane, general services.

3:05 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

5:44 p.m. Brewster Road, family disturbance.

6 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

6:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Lane, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:11 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, patient sign off.

10:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:17 p.m. South Main St., public drinking.

SUNDAY, AUG. 17

1:11 a.m. Sohier St., open door/window.

7:18 a.m. Howard Gleason Road, reported death.

8:26 a.m. Sheldon Road, parking complaint.

10:30 a.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

12:17 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal control.

2:17 p.m. Summer and South Main sts., officer wanted.

2:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:11 p.m. King St., assist other police department.

7:27 a.m. Highland Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:40 p.m. Arrowwood and Tupelo roads, disturbance, area search negative.

9:59 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

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Congregation Sha'aray Shalom:

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Second Congregational Church:

The Second Congregational Church located at 43 Highland Ave. offers a quieter, more liturgical style of worship with communion at 8 a.m. on Sundays in the chapel. Our traditional service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. For further information please contact us at (781) 383 - 0345 or visit us on line at www.secondcongregationalchurch.com.

Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Parish:

The First Parish Church, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. All welcome. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICES

PERKINSON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P19333P

In the Estate of EVELYN R. PERKINSON AKA EVELYN RUTH PERKINSON

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death July 21, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **SEPTEMBER 24, 2003.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, August 13, 2003.

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Join CEA Tuesday, Sept. 9, for a tour at the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Lecture on the unique and fascinating history. Currently the Museum has an outstanding display of photos and news clips from the Blizzard of 1978. Plan to bring a sandwich – dessert and cold beverages will be supplied. Cost: $4 per person. Transportation available.

The following events, programs and classes are upcoming at Cohasset Elder Affairs this fall. Please call the CEA office at 781-383-9112 to reserve your space.

PROGRAMS AND CLASSES – FALL 2003

Retirement: Ready for the Golden Years *Four Wednesday evenings in October. 5:30-6:00 P.M. - Light Supper. 6:00-7:30 P.M. – Presentation* A series of four consecutive Wednesday evenings in October will address issues of retirement. People 55 and over should begin thinking about what it will take to retire: income, medical coverage, health and life insurance, leisure plans and where to live. Join the CEA for a light supper and two-hour lecture by various speakers. Charge of $3 per session or $10 for the series. Call the Cohasset Elder Affairs office to sign up. 781-383-9112.

Wed., Oct. 8 *Basics of Life Planning and Prevention of Financial Abuse after Retiring.* Presenter: Brian Barriera, Elder Law Attorney. Subject matter will include: Should I set up a Trust?; What about annuities? Do I need Long Term Care Insurance?

Wed. Oct. 15 *Social Security and Retirement.* What is the Windfall Elimination Provision? (Affects government agency employees and an employee in another country.) What is the maximum taxable Earnings amount? What is the Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts.

Wed., Oct. 22 *Financial Security after Retirement*: Do I Have enough money? Will my money last as long as I do? Should I continue to live in my present home?

Wed., Oct. 29 *Living a Healthy and Active Life after Retirement*. Should I take vitamin E and selenium? What about a daily vitamin? What about high protein diets? What type of exercise is recommended for retirees? What preventative measures should I take?

Firming & Toning to Music *Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:30 – 8:15 A.M.* Invigorating workout to great music. Increase cardiovascular, flexibility and muscular strength with hand-held weights and an aerobic workout to music. Instructor, Gloria White. Held at the senior center, 3 North Main St. $3.50/class.

Stretch & Flexibility for 50+ *Tuesdays 8:30 A.M.* Feel and look great with this new simple exercise designed to tone and shape muscle groups, strengthen bones, increasing flexibility and improve alignment. Instructor, Gloria White. Held at the senior center, 3 North Main St. $3.50/class.

New! **Chair Yoga** *Wednesdays 1:15-2 P.M.* Yoga is an ancient system of relaxation and rejuvenation that originated about 6,000 years ago. The postures strengthen and tone every part of the body, including the internal organs. In Chair Yoga, the traditional postures are modified to make them accessible to everyone in the class. Workout includes: range of motion exercises, muscle conditioning, stretches and relaxation techniques. Certified by Arthritis Foundation. $3/class. Instructor, Nina Constantinides.

Tai Chi Names are being taken for interest in Tai Chi - the classical system of Chinese exercise, which promotes health, balance, relaxation and flexibility through slow, fluid movements. Let the CEA know if there is an interest in this class. 781 383-9112

Walking Club *Mon., Wed., & Fri. - 3 P.M.* Great new program. Join Joe McElroy and the group at Cohasset High School. To sign up call the senior center at 781 383-9112 or Joe McElroy, 781-383-0505.

Book Club *Second Friday of each month 11 A.M. – 1* P.M. Come and share in the lively discussions. Coffee and camaraderie, too. Held at the senior center, 3 North Main St. Call Addie McGrath at 781-383-0952 or Mary Londergan 781-383-1813 to sign up.

Bonsai *Friday, Sept. 12* Bill Wennerberg, CEA bridge director, is also an avid bonsai enthusiast. His talk last season was fun, informative and very well received. He brings some of his collection and offers tips on bonsai care and maintenance. He will take a tree from the nursery pot and trim, wire and place in a dish to start it on its way to becoming a full bonsai. In addition, as last time, everyone will have the opportunity to take the finished bonsai home with him or her. Names go into a hat and one lucky person will take the "little tree" home. Charge is $5. Please sign up by early September.

Bridge *Three different games, three different days*

- Learn to Play Bridge Fridays 9:30 A.M. Our bridge director, Bill Wennerberg, will be teaching the bidding and beginner bridge series. This series is the first of the Audrey Grant lessons and will run for 8 consecutive Fridays. Learn the game from the beginning and the right way! Cost is $79 and your book is included. This game is held at the senior center, 3 North Main Street. For more information, contact Bill at 508-746-8715 or call the CEA office at 781-383-9112.
- Mon. Bridge Game 12:15 P.M. Refreshments starting at 11:45 A.M. ACBL-sanctioned game with stratified scoring so the less experienced can play and score against peers. Everyone is welcome to come and play. Partners will always be available and master's points will be awarded. This game is held at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Call Bill at 508-746-8715, if interested.
- Wed. Bridge Game *1:00 P.M.* Drop-in Wednesday group is open to the public and all are welcome. Held at the CEA Senior Center, 3 N. Main Street. Advance notice is not necessary.

Chanticleers Wednesdays 8:30 A.M. Breakfast Club just for men! No dues, no charges, just the cost of breakfast or other events, such as day trips, evening dining and overnights, room and meals. Transportation available. Meets at the Red Parrot Restaurant in Hull. Please call co-coordinator Win Merrill to sign up. 781-545-0695.

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YOUNG AUDIENCE

Linda O'Brien holds her daughter, Ainsley, while listening to performances during Arbor Day festivities at the Osgood School last spring. Stay tuned to the Mariner for lots of school news this fall.

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Encampment at Ft. Revere in Hull is this weekend

IT'S HAPPENING

Fort Revere Park celebrates the 225th anniversary of the arrival of Adm. D'Estaing's Royal Marines at Ft. Independence with a two-day encampment featuring British ("His Majesty's First Regt. of Foot Guards"), American (Hingham Militia and Billerica Minutemen), and French troops (Fort Revere French Marines and Regiments Saintonge and Bourbonnois) this weekend.

Encampment visitors will see demonstrations of 18th century camp-life, medical practices and weaponry. Troops will be drilling, cannons will be fired and a sneak attack by the British will make things lively. "This is a really special opportunity for re-enactors" says Fred Hills, a re-enactor from Hingham. "It's truly unique to commemorate an historic event on its 225th anniversary on the actual site that the history was made."

The Fort Revere Revolutionary War Encampment will be held from 10a.m. to 4:30p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday and will be free to the public. An actor portraying Susanna Haswell Rowson, who cared for a dying British Royal Marine and then buried his body in her Hull Village garden yard after a battle at Boston Light in 1775, will make a special appearance at the Hull Public Library at 3p.m..

Fred Hills of Hingham, left, chats with other Colonial reenactors at last year's encampment at Ft. Revere in Hull.

Those who may be interested in the Living History hobby are invited to attend the encampment, as members of the various re-enactor units will be actively recruiting new members and will be available to provide details except "when called to duty". As Hills points out, "There are many opportunities to participate in 225th anniversaries of Revolutionary War battles until October 2006."

Skinner appraisal day at Lifesaving Museum

Do you have a family heirloom passed down through the generations? Maybe a great flea market find that might be a real treasure? Would you like to know what it is worth? Bring those special items you have been wondering about to the Skinner Antiques Appraisal Day at the Hull Lifesaving Museum on Saturday Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. –3 p.m.

Stuart Whitehurst, director of books and manuscripts, English and Continental furniture and decorative arts specialist and senior appraiser with Jim Callahan, director of Asian art and general appraiser, will provide verbal appraisals on a first-come, first-serve basis. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Appraisals will begin at 10 a.m. The cost will be a single appraisal for $10 museum members/$15 non-members or three items for $25 members/$30 non-members. All proceeds benefit the Hull Lifesaving Museum educational programs. Please limit your objects to three items. Good quality photographs may be substituted for large or fragile objects (Please exclude coins and stamps).

Skinner Auctioneers and Appraisers of Boston and Bolton have been conducting appraisal days for more than 25 years and appear frequently on the popular PBS series "Chubb's Antiques Roadshow." Parking is free at the museum. Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

SSCC yard sale seeks donations

The South Shore Community Center will hold its annual yard sale on Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at the SSCC located at 3 Main St., Cohasset. The SSCC is seeking donations (no clothing please), which are tax deductible, for the yard sale with all proceeds going to support the center. Donators can drop off items at the SSCC from Sept. 8-12 between 9 a.m. and noon each day. For questions, contact the SSCC at 781-383-0088.

Sunset at the Abbey concert is on Aug. 23

Hingham Symphony Chamber Players present An American Celebration, full of good old-fashioned summertime music, at their annual outdoor concert on the lawn at Glastonbury Abbey, Saturday, Aug. 23 at 4:30 pm.

Featured soloist is pianist Jacqueline Schwab, known for her piano improvisations on the soundtracks of Ken Burns' PBS documentaries. She will perform American parlor and traditional folk music from Mark Twain's age and beyond: Stephen Foster and Civil War songs, vintage ballroom dances, hymns and spirituals, ragtime, tango and blues ballads.

HSO Chamber Players, all principals with the symphony, include oboist Andrew Price, trumpeter Misha Grandel, and Jobey Wilson on tuba. Each will play a solo set of American classics, and combine for some jazzy improvs.

Bring a blanket or beach chair and a picnic; refreshments will also be available to purchase. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to picturesque First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common. Tickets $10 adults, $5 through age 18; available in advance at Hingham Public Library, Noble's Hingham Square, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, or call 781-740-5694. The concert is sponsored by Serono, Inc. in Rockland, a member of HSO's Corporate Advisory Council.

Keep well clinic

The Cohasset Board of Health monthly keep well clinic for August with Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N., P.H.N. and Jan Bennett, R.N. is Thursday Aug. 28 from 1–3 p.m. Harborview senior housing off Elm Street (behind the police department).

Save the date for the Cohasset Health Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Second Congregational Church (next to Cohasset Town Hall).

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The no hassle way to pedal in Wompatuck State Park

Shop provides bicycles to rent

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Even visitors who leave their bikes at home for one reason or another can enjoy the biking opportunities at Wompatuck State Park – at least on the weekends.

That's because, weather permitting, 1-2-3 Bikes of Hanover rents adult and children's bicycles Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the parking lot across from the Visitor Center.

"When you get on a bike it's up to you to get it to go," said 1-2-3 owner Norman Griswold of Scituate. "There's a very nice feeling of independence."

"When you visit Wompatuck, you see how undisturbed much of the land is. It's glorious."
—Norman Griswold, 1-2-3 owner

No one is more familiar with the pleasures — and challenges — of pedaling than Griswold, who rode his bike to Florida in 1989. "It was quite an experience, taking a month to accomplish," he said. "I left in November so the weather was cold for most of the ride."

In 1990, Griswold began using his bike more and his van less. He found he enjoyed the nine-mile ride from his home in Scituate to the bike shop.

Riders may rent a bike at Wompatuck for the flat fee of $10 for up to an entire day. Group rentals are available by prior arrangement, with a $100 minimum charge. When not in use, the bikes are kept in a 40-foot storage container at the site.

A number of groups from Boston, averaging 10 to 15 bicyclists, enjoy biking in the park as do many residents of Hingham and other South Shore communities. Biking families are a common sight, as are "visitors on the go from another state or country who didn't bring their bikes, people from the city who don't own a bike because they can't fit one in their apartment, or campers who want to try biking but didn't bring theirs along," Griswold said. "When you visit Wompatuck, you see how undisturbed much of the land is. It's glorious."

One of the benefits of biking, he notes, is that bikers often are having such a good time enjoying the scenery that they forget biking is also good for their health. "They don't think of it as exercise until they come to a hill," Griswold said with a laugh. "Besides, biking changes a person psychologically. You can go from being uptight and nervous to feeling much more relaxed."

1-2-3 Bikes has rented bicycles at the park for the past nine years, ever since the Department of Environmental Management — which oversees the park — sought a business willing to rent bikes there.

Griswold thought it was a good idea and responded to the request. The rest is history. The bikes he rents are the same brands he sells in the shop — Iron Horse and Fuji. Griswold also rents a couple of state-supplied hand-powered cycles for handicapped individuals at the same price. There are also a few mountain bikes (with full suspension) for the more daring at $20. He also has children's bike seats and covered trailers.

There's no extra charge to borrow a helmet from the wide variety offered.

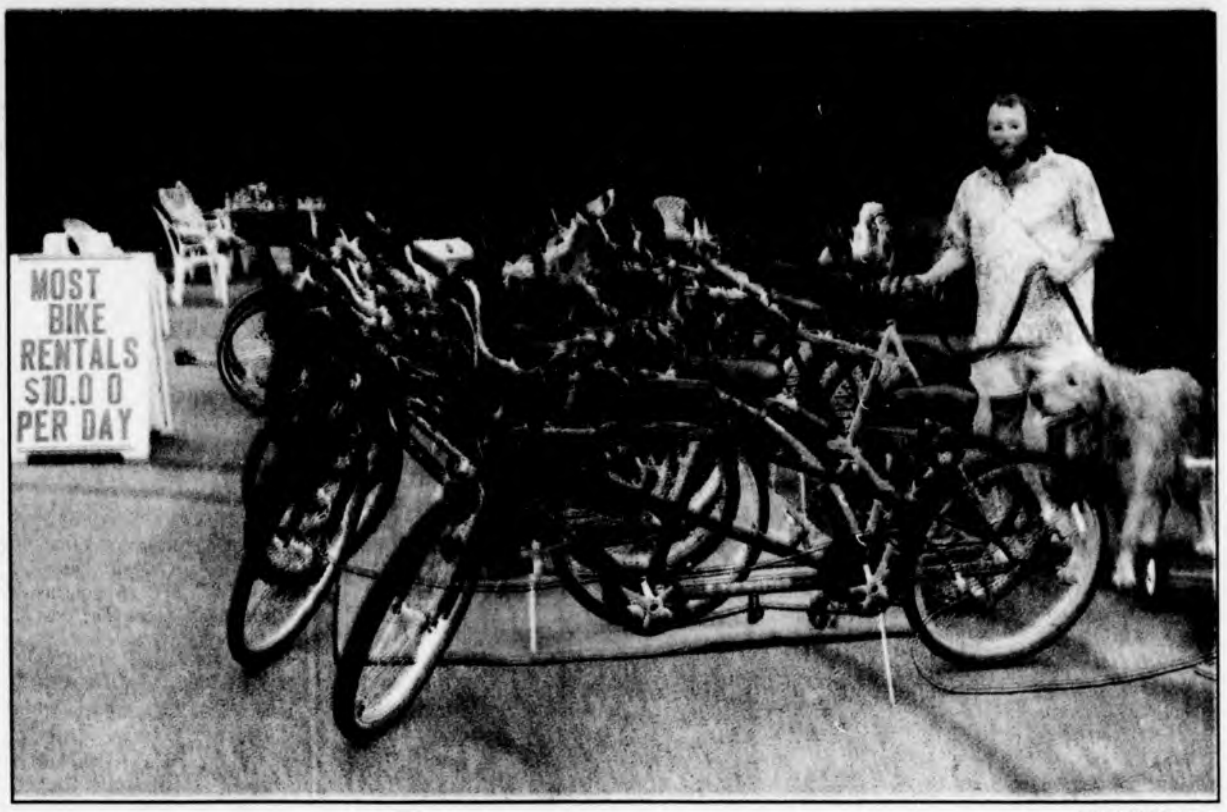
"It's important to wear one because you can be pedaling lightly only to find yourself reaching 20 m.p.h.," Griswold said. "You have to expect the unexpected, and when that happens, you better be wearing a helmet." State law requires helmets on children 12 and under, but Griswold wants everyone to wear one no matter what their age. "It's like a small security you have out there. Biking isn't like being inside a big car," he said.

Overall, biking is easier today than ever before, according to Griswold. "Shifting is easier and the brakes work better. Each year bike experts discover new ways to improve the biking experience and make it more comfortable."

In good weather, an average of eight to 10 individuals, sometimes in groups, rent bikes during the weekend. But even when business is slow, Griswold has no complaints. "It's like a hobby for me. I like to go to Wompatuck anyway with my golden retriever, Teddy Bear, who loves meeting everyone there," he said. "He's very sociable."

The service operates from around Memorial Day until the end of October. "Fall is a good time to ride at Wompatuck. We also get a more consistent crowd," Griswold said. "The foliage should be great this year because of all the rain."

His father, Perley Griswold, started his bike business in Hanover in 1966. The younger Griswold worked at the shop for many years as he "learned the ropes." He managed the shop for his father from 1979-1989 and then agreed to take it over. Griswold remembers the bike boom of the late 1970s, "when biking began to be taken more seriously. It caught on as a viable form of transportation, too. Afterall, autos burn gas – which is a total luxury," he said. "What I like about biking is its potential. We can have a cleaner environment riding on our own power. Besides, it builds up your muscles and lungs and you arrive at your destination with more peace of mind than when you're driving a car."



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Norman Griswald of Fun Time Bicycle Rental in Wompatuck State Park stands with his dog Teddy and an array of bikes for rent.

For further information about bike rentals at Wompatuck, call 1-2-3 Bikes at 781-878-0210 or stop by the shop, located at the junction of Routes 123 and 53 in Hanover. Hours are Wednesday through Friday from noon to 8 p.m.

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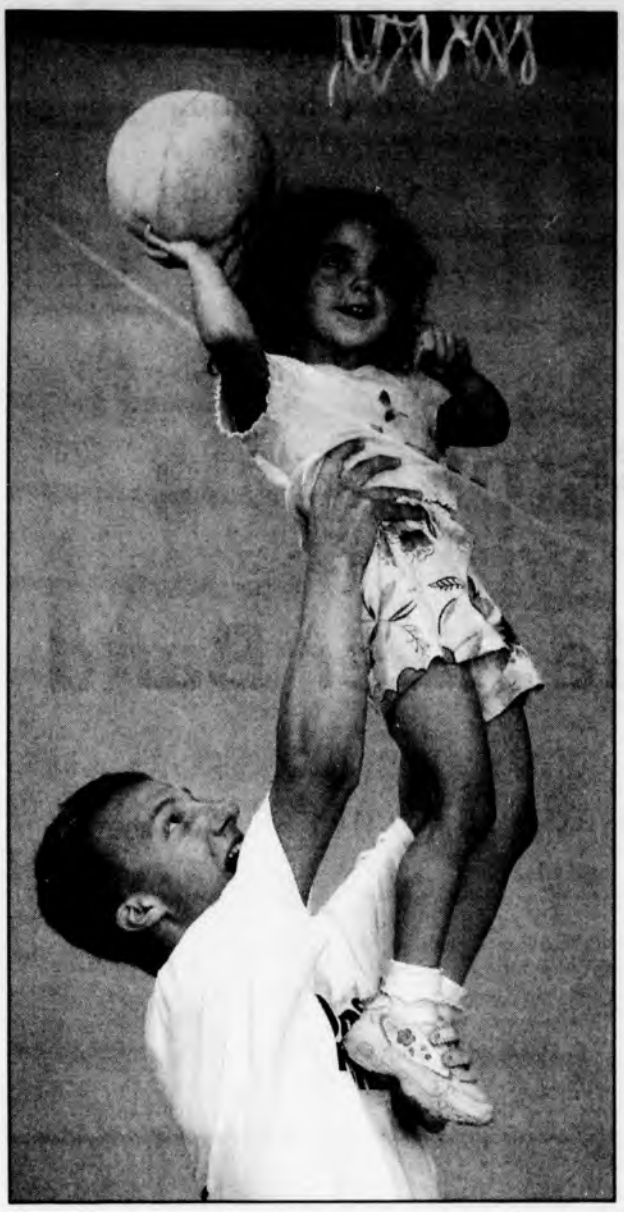

Summers at the Rec spell fun

(Above left) Caroline O'Brien gets a lift from counselor Jared Kupczak during Summer Playground sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Department.

(Above center) Matty Montefusco takes a bite out of the hot dog cooked up by the Cohasset Police Department during public safety day.

(Above right) Andrew Kuppens gets ready to savor a Doritos chip.

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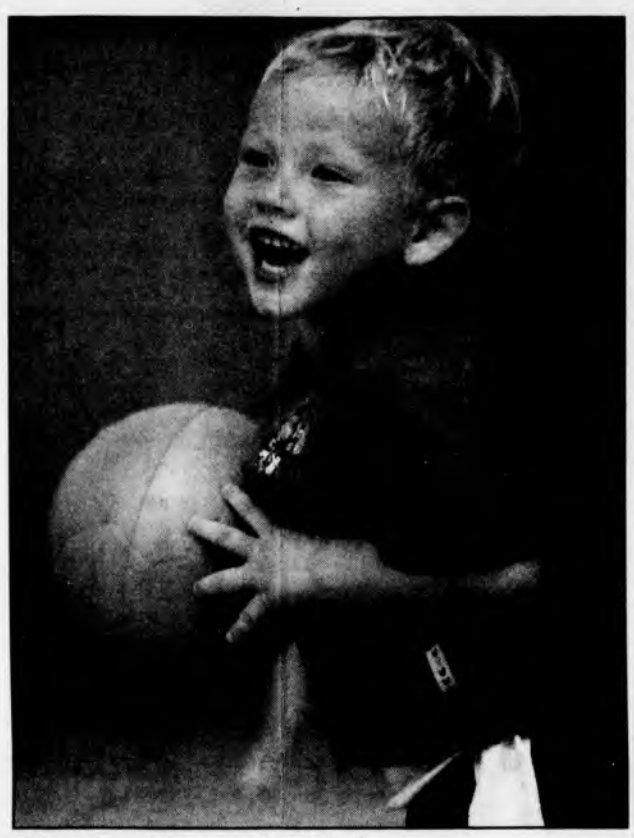

Zakary Purcell has control of the ball.

Brittany Tedeschi shows off a man she made out of clay in arts and crafts.

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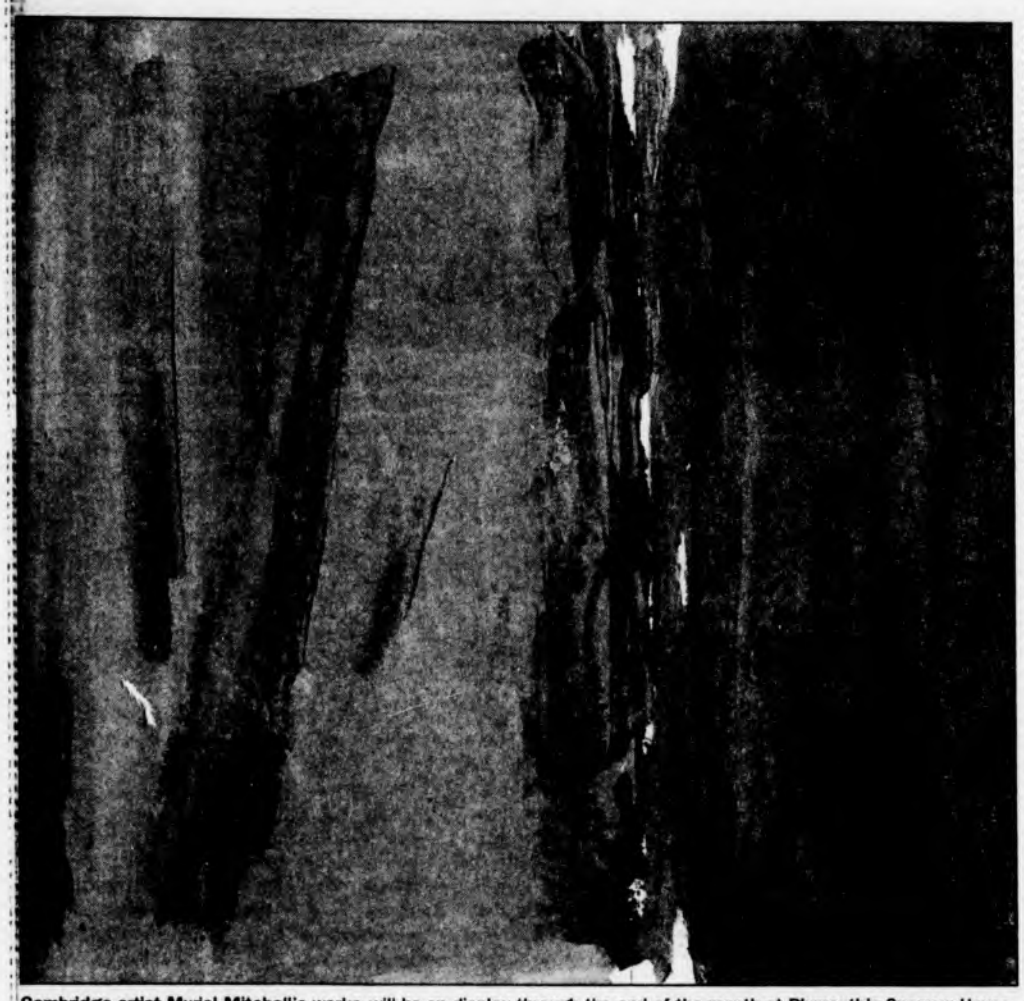


Cambridge artist Muriel Mitchell's works will be on display through the end of the month at Plymouth's Sparrow House Museum.

Abstract Ireland

Cambridge artist shows works at Plymouth's Sparrow House

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Ireland is well regarded as, among other things, a land of bold, striking colors. Particularly its various shades of green, blue and gray, evoking the various shades of land, water and granite respectively.

Countless artists of all media have attempted to capture this spectrum in images of concrete, representational form with varying degrees of success. But a relative few have tried while working in the abstract form, which on some equally abstract levels might even have a more universal or openly interpretive appeal.

One artist offering interpretations of Irish land and seascapes through an abstract eye is Cambridge oil painter Muriel Mitchell, whose exhibition of stylized canvases, simply titled New Works, is on view in the gallery space at Plymouth's Sparrow House Museum through Aug. 30.

"My work evokes the memory of growing up in Ireland surrounded by a landscape dominated by the color green," said Mitchell. "Whether it is the soft hills of Dublin, the small harbors where the sea meets the land in a space that is defined by the gray-blue of the sea, the darker gray of the granite walls or the myriad greens of the hills...it all comes together in this interpretation of a landscape remembered and transformed by time."

Born in Ireland, Mitchell attended the National College of Art in Dublin before moving to Massachusetts in 1965. She earned degrees in English Literature and Psychology in addition to her art studies and also studied at the New England School of Photography. This led to a long-running, earlier photography career which included teaching for six years at the DeCordova Museum School in Lincoln, MA, and then at the Danforth Museum School in Framingham. She also exhibited her photography in Ireland and the U.S.

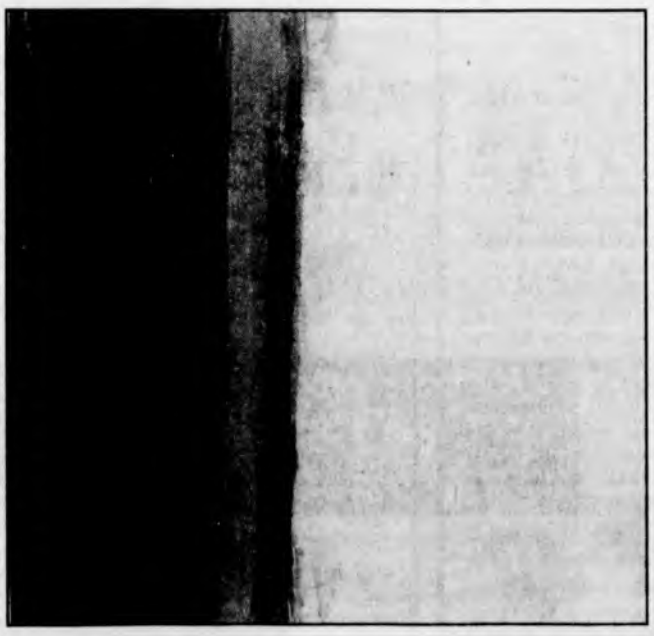
Titles such as "Wicklow Hills," "Dalkey," "Dublin Bay" and "Lough Darg" among Mitchell's small and medium-sized canvases, paperworks and monoprints leave no doubt of her show's Irish theme and focus.

Mitchell began extending her talents to prints and painting in the mid 1980s, and was exhibiting frequently in juried group and one-person shows in Boston and Ireland by the middle of the following decade. Some of the Boston-based venues have included The First Impressions Gallery, Cambridge Art Association, 125 High Street Gallery and the Bromfield Gallery.

Titles such as "Wicklow Hills," "Dalkey," "Dublin Bay" and "Lough Darg" among Mitchell's small and medium-sized canvases, paperworks and monoprints leave no doubt of her show's Irish theme and focus. Bold color patterns such as pastoral greens, oceanic blues, granite grays and haystack yellows play off each other among the pieces in two- and three-panel designs oddly similar to Web site frame sets.

But everything here is organically based in subject and strictly handmade. The artist describes that everything is covert in the pieces' imaginary landscapes bordering greens and haystacks, fields and stonework, water and land and nearly every other combination of these elements.

"Ireland as a land is very verdant," said Mitchell. "There are lots of greens, very lush and almost tropical, amidst the blues of nearby water or the grays of granite from old, abandoned buildings. Most of these places are very solitary now, but you get a strong sense of history being there, that people have been there before and lived and died in dramatic ways."



Muriel Mitchell will exhibit her works at the Sparrow House Museum, 42 Summer Street in Plymouth through Aug. 30. For more information call (508) 747-1240.

Reminiscing with the Little River Band

Reinvented group takes stage Saturday at Memorial Hall

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Wayne Nelson, lead vocalist and bassist for the Little River Band, would like fans to know that LRB is still the Real Thing.

This despite the fact that the Australian-bred quintet is long past its late 1970s/early 80s hit making heyday and the current incarnation of LRB contains none of the original members who launched the band in the Down Under clubs of Melbourne in 1975.

But Nelson and current lead guitarist Stephen Housden are genuine, if not wholly original, River Band alumni from that prime era of two decades back, thus the two are the longest-running members in a band history that has seen its fair share of personnel reshuffling. Nelson notes that he and his bandmate aren't the only authentic ties to LRB as we know them.

The Little River Band will get a chance to prove its continuing genuineness to local fans onstage when the band appears in concert at Plymouth Memorial Hall this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Opening the show are the South Shore's own pop/oldies a cappella "harmony-masters" Avenue X.

For the record, the nucleus of LRB's essential founding lineup was main songwriter and guitarist Graham Goble and lead vocalist Glenn Shurrock, whose velvety Aussie tenor is heard on such 70s hits as "Happy Anniversary," "Help Is On the Way," "Reminiscing" and "Cool Change." But after Nelson joined the band in 1979,

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The Little River Band performs in concert Saturday, Aug. 23 at Plymouth Memorial Hall.

Ronan Tynan is Renaissance man

Irish Tenor sings at Music Circus Saturday

By R. Scott Reedy
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As one of the world-famous Irish Tenors, Ronan Tynan is known for his stirring performances.

What may be less well-known, however, than his beautiful singing voice is that Tynan — who appears in concert this Saturday at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset — has beaten tremendous odds to achieve his professional success.

From his childhood in Kilkenny, Ireland, to his present day status as a respected physician and entertainer, Tenor Tynan has faced, head on, seemingly insurmountable obstacles and triumphantly overcome them. Tynan, a twin, whose brother died at the age of 11 months, was afflicted with lower leg problems in his early years. After an accident, his lower limbs were amputated when he was just 20 years old.

Within 12 months, Tynan began winning medals at disabled games. Between 1981 and 1990, he amassed 18 gold medals and 14 world records in international track and field events. He then went on to become the first disabled person ever admitted to the National College of Physical Education in Limerick. That was followed by training in medicine at Trinity College, Dublin, leading to his current position as a doctor of sports medicine.

When Tynan turned 30, he started taking voice lessons and, again, his natural talent emerged. In 1992, he won the John McCormack Cup for Tenor Voice which helped lead to master classes with the famous Italian tenor, Ugo Benelli, in Genoa. While studying as a medical student in 1994, he rose to stardom after winning the BBC talent competition "Go For It," securing maximum points from the judging panel in the final.

In 1996, Tynan won the prestigious "Marmande" singing competition in France and was invited to be part of the famous Pavarotti School. His rapid rise to prominence led to Sony Music offering him a recording contract. His first Album, My Life Belongs to You, was released in August 1998 and jumped straight into the charts at number five and was certified gold.

Irish Tenor Ronan Tynan performs at The South Shore Music Circus Aug. 23.

As if medicine and music were not already enough, Tynan added to his list of achievements by authoring his first book. In January 2002, Simon & Schuster released his memoir, Halfway Home: My Life 'Til Now.

(Ronan Tynan will perform at the South Shore Music Circus, Sohier Street, Cohasset, on Saturday, August 23. Tickets may be purchased in person at the SSMC box-office or by calling 617/931-2787. For more information, visit www.musiccircus.com.)

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Improving iced tea

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

The tea favored at covered dish suppers in our small town in Vermont is inevitably made from a powdered mix and is served up in a gigantic coffee urn. It is sweet enough to make your teeth ache and the flavor of the tea itself is mostly absent. I wanted to start with a good basic recipe for iced tea but then add a bit of subtle flavoring, to transform this plain Jane of a beverage into something with more pizzazz.

First, I went back to take a fresh look at how to make iced tea. Unfortunately, most tap water does add an unpleasant flavor, so either good well water, filtered water, or bottled water is recommended. Iced tea is usually made from black tea (as opposed to white, green or oolong). Grocery stores are packed with countless brands and blends but I prefer a full-bodied tea such as Assam or Darjeeling. For purposes of this recipe, however, I limited myself to bagged grocery-store tea, the type most folks have in their cupboards. I preferred tea made with water that was just off the boiling point since it produced no harshness or medicinal taste and I wanted the tea to be as strong as possible without turning the corner to bitter. For black tea the limit was 4 minutes. (For hot tea using a premium leaf, most experts would put the proper time in the 2 fi- to 3- minute range.) If you are not sure about the timing, you should taste the tea at one-minute intervals. I decided to make the iced tea in quart batches and used five tea bags. I put the water in a nonreactive saucepan and set it over high heat. Once it boiled, I removed it from the heat source and waited 30 seconds, adding the teabags and letting them steep for 4 minutes. I then removed the bags and poured the tea into another container for speedy cooling. This method produced clear, clean-tasting, full-bodied tea every time. When kept overnight in the refrigerator, the flavor was compromised, so make the tea on the day you wish to serve it.

To sweeten the quart of iced tea, I added 1/4-cup of sugar. Be sure to add the sugar while the tea is still warm — it will dissolve much more quickly in warm rather than cold tea. Honey obscured the flavor of the tea. However, an infusion of fruit flavor did work well. For each quart of tea I took half a lemon thinly sliced and the 1/4-cup of sugar. Using a potato masher or a wooden spoon I mashed the slices into the sugar until the sugar was dissolved and the lemon exuded oils and juice resulting in thick, intensely flavored syrup. To this, I added the still- warm tea and steeped the mixture for 15 minutes. For orange-flavored tea I substituted an orange for the half lemon. Other fruits, including lime, were not successful.

Next, I moved onto tea with fruit juice. My first and most obvious addition was lemonade. (If you purchase store-bought lemonade, Odwalla is pretty good.) I found for each cup of tea about 1/4 cup of lemonade worked well when added to the sweetened tea or the orange-infused tea. (Don't add lemonade to lemon-infused tea.) Two other juices that worked well were white cranberry juice and peach nectar. I don't recommend blending the juice and tea ahead of time. They don't keep well — the tea becomes cloudy and the flavors get muddy.

REALLY GOOD ICED TEA

For fresh tasting iced tea plan to serve it the same day.

1 quart spring or filtered water

5 tea bags of your choice (black tea such as Darjeeling or Assam preferred)

1/4 cup granulated sugar

Place the water in a nonreactive saucepan over high heat. Bring to a boil, remove from heat and wait 30 seconds. Place the teabags in the water and steep (covered) for 3 to 5 minutes depending on the tea and your personal preference. (Taste every minute starting at 2 minutes.) Remove tea bags and stir in the sugar until dissolved. Transfer to a pitcher or carafe and cool until room temperature before serving. Serve in tall, ice-filled glasses with a lemon slice or mint sprig.

Makes 1 quart.

LEMON-INFUSED ICED TEA

Omit the sugar from the above recipe. Thinly slice 1/2 lemon and place in a medium bowl with /-cup sugar. Using a potato masher or wooden spoon, crush the fruit and sugar together until the sugar is dissolved and you have a puddle of syrup at the bottom of the bowl. Pour the hot tea over the lemon/sugar mixture and let sit for 15 minutes. Strain and cool to room temperature before serving.

Reminiscing with the Little River Band

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he soon began sharing the lead-vocal spotlight with Shurrock, dueting with the LRB frontman on another hit, "Take It Easy On Me," and taking the lead all the way on the later River Band chartbuster, 1981's "Night Owls."

"We've actually always had three or four members singing lead with the Little River Band for as long as I've been with them," said Nelson by phone from Minnesota. "That includes the days with Glenn (Shurrock), both before he left for a solo career and then came back in the 80s. All of the original members of LRB, in fact, have quit at least once. Stephen (Housden) and I have now been in the band for 23 years and all the other current members five years. The ironic thing is this current lineup, with no original members, is the most stable LRB lineup ever."

What also might be ironic is that Nelson is the only American in what has otherwise been a perennially Aussie-membered band. But musically, LRB has always leaned toward America, blending Eagles-like, country-rock vocal harmonies with Allman Brothers-derived dual guitar leads along with a number of other Stateside rock and pop influences. Naturally, this style went over big in the U.S. as LRB notched ten Top Ten hits on the American charts from 1977 to '85.

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Little River Band vocalist Wayne Nelson

Nelson was raised in Illinois but "grew up musically in Chicago." He first met LRB just before joining the band in 1979, when he was playing in the Jim Messina Band and the two groups crossed paths on tour in Chicago. LRB, said the singer/bassist, "was looking for a bass player who could sing."

Along with his own original vocal spots, Nelson is handling the lead on most of the other LRB hits, thereby stepping into the shoes of former lead voice Shurrock. And with those smooth harmonies and doubled-up guitar lines still intact, Nelson assures fans that the current River Band — also including guitarist Greg Hind, keyboardist Glenn Reither and drummer Kevin Murphy — is no imitation.

"Stephen and I are very conscientious of making sure the band remains authentic and that our sound maintains its integrity," Nelson said. "All of our members essentially grew up listening to and playing LRB songs and know the music well. So people who come to our shows hear the songs and the band they way they remember. Not to take anything away from Glenn (Shurrock) or Graham (Goble), of course, because they're the ones who created LRB and are part of the band's heritage. But on tour with this current band, fans have been coming to us after nearly every show and telling us 'you sound better than ever.'"

The Little River Band plays Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Saturday, Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and information call 866-468-7619 or visit www.ticketweb.com.

Colorful blooms for the late summer landscape

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the month of August progresses, many landscapes lose their appeal with fewer blooms to add color to our perennial borders and foundation plantings. Although this year's bloom season continues to lag behind, extending the flowering of many midseason star performers, there has been a noticeable ebb in my garden this past week as many perennial blossoms begin to fade. During more typical growing seasons, plantings of annuals usually offer colorful continuity, reaching their maximum impact during August and September, but this summer's perpetual dampness and relative lack of warmth and sunshine has taken its toll on some of these multicolored additions. A panorama of primarily monochromatic green foliage has resulted for many landscapes, although this is admittedly a welcome change from the basic beige palette we endured during last year's drought.

There are many attractive trees and shrubs that offer glorious color for the late summer and fall landscape. Unfortunately, many of these plants are overlooked at our nurseries during the spring planting season and once they come into bloom they are often difficult to find. Notable woody plants that reach peak color by summer's end include the butterfly bushes (Buddleia), mallows and Rose-of-Sharon (Hibiscus spp.), sweet pepperbush (Clethra), blue mist shrub (Caryopteris) and a variety of hydrangeas.

Butterfly bushes, appropriately nicknamed summer lilacs, are available in a wide range of flower colors including pink, lavender, blue, purple and white. Irresistible to butterflies, hummingbirds and the fascinating hummingbird moth, they tolerate a wide range of soil and light conditions, blooming prolifically from late July until frost. Remove spent flowers to encourage side shoots to bloom. As they bloom on new wood, these shrubs should be pruned drastically in early spring to a foot or two in height to promote denser growth and more flowers and to help keep them a manageable size. During this particularly harsh winter, some of these shrubs succumbed or died to the ground, but many sprouted new growth from the base and are covered with fragrant blooms in recent weeks.

Few plants rival the showy blooms of the flamboyant rose mallow (Hibiscus moscheutos). Perhaps more correctly categorized as a woody-based perennial rather than a shrub, established clumps produce woody canes 5-feet high by 5-feet wide. Broad, circular blooms may reach dramatic proportions of up to 10 inches across in shades of pink, red and white, many of which display a contrasting red eye. Provide these tropical-looking plants a moisture-retentive, well-drained soil in full sun to which lime has been added for a more neutral pH. Patience is required each spring as new growth rarely appears until late May or early June from the base of the plant. Old canes will not produce flowers or foliage in subsequent years and can be cut down in autumn but are sometimes best left until spring to mark the plant's location.

The hardy Rose-of-Sharon (Hibiscus syriacus) provides weeks of nonstop blooms when few other trees or shrubs are flowering. Rose-of-Sharon has been grown since colonial times and like its cousin, the mallow, it is late to break dormancy in the spring. Flowers may be single or double in shades of pink, red, white, red, purple or blue. Many selections exhibit contrasting-colored eyes. Each flower lasts only a day, but an established shrub will continue to produce innumerable elegant blooms from late July until frost. The colorful blossoms are irresistible to hummingbirds.

Reaching a height of up to 15 feet at maturity, Rose-of-Sharon are available as multi-stemmed shrubs or may be trained to produce a small tree and will readily adapt to a wide range of growing conditions including part shade, city pollution, and seashore environments. Spring pruning is preferable as plants bloom on new wood. Moisture-retentive soils should be provided, particularly for the double-flowering forms.

One of our loveliest, late-blooming native shrubs is the sweet pepperbush which can be found growing in moist woodlands or wetland habitats. This underused shrub exhibits handsome, glossy, deep green leaves and produces 6-inch spikes of feathery white or pink flowers. Deliciously fragrant, the blossoms entice hummingbirds and butterflies. Although these attractive shrubs thrive in moist, partial shade, they are adaptable to a wide range of growing conditions. They reach a mature size of eight feet, expanding yearly by suckers and appreciate renewal pruning to remove older shoots in early spring. Several lovely cultivars are available. 'C. 'Hummingbird' is a compact grower reaching a height of only four feet with a multitude of white spires; pink-flowering varieties include 'Pink Spires' and 'Ruby Spice'.

The blue mist shrub (Caryopteris) has been a personal favorite since my mother introduced it to me more than 20 years ago. This compact, 3-foot shrub has survived, thrived and seeded itself around my garden for years, although it may succumb in a particularly harsh winter. An ideal specimen for a mixed perennial or shrub border, it displays silvery gray, aromatic foliage highlighted by clusters of delicate, fluffy blue flowers in late summer and early autumn. Best grown in well-drained soils in full sun to light shade, pruning should be performed in early spring as these shrubs bloom on new wood. Cultivars that are currently offered at our local nurseries include 'Dark Knight' and 'Longwood Blue', both of which exhibit particularly deep blue flowers, and 'Worcester Gold', which provides soft, yellow-green foliage and lavender-blue flowers.

Visit your local nurseries and add one or more of these great late-summer bloomers to your landscape for years of colorful flowers.

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CHERISH THE LADIES will be performing at The Company Theatre in Norwell, on Friday, Sept. 19. Showtime is 8 p.m. Though initially the group won recognition as the first and only all-women traditional Irish band, they soon established themselves as musicians and performers without peer and have won many thousands of listeners and fans of their music. Tickets priced at $28 are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. You can also get more information at www.companytheatre.com

THE 7TH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN for the Jimmy Fund is scheduled for Oct. 18, at Peggotty Beach. This family fun event which has raised $111,000 for the Jimmy Fund since its inception in 1996, has a new fall date and is expected to be bigger and better than ever. The event schedule is as follows: Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m., 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. and the 4 Mile Road Race at 10 a.m. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Peggotty Beach. A Kids Entertainment tent will include face painting, balloons and a clown. Pre-registration is available when a completed entry form and fee are sent to Esther Volpone Blacker, 35 Common Street, Scituate, MA 02066. Pre-registration fees are $18 for the 4 Mile or 2 Mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. Race day registration fees are $20 for the 4 Mile or 2 Mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. All event proceeds are donated to the Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. For further information call 781.545.4642 or email bblacker@comcast.net or see www.joshuasrun.com

9TH ANNUAL FOLK & FUR FEST 2003 Standish Humane Society's Benefit Walk for Animals Sept. 21 (rain or shine) Wompatuck State Park, Hingham.. Registration 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 781-834-4663 or visit www.standishhumanesociety.com for more information.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! comes to The Providence Performing Arts Center, Nov. 22; Tickets on Sale Monday, July 14, at 10 a.m. Beatlemania-LIVE!, the ultimate Beatles' tribute show, will be making its debut at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, – exactly 40 years after Beatlemania exploded in England. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37.50, $32.50 & $25.50. Tickets for this theatrical concert went on sale July 14, at 10 a.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center box-office (220 Weybosset St); by phone at 401-421-2787; and online at www.ppacri.org and www.ticketmaster.com.

FIFTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. For applications visit www.brittanylambertFoundation.org, your local gym or register on-line at Active.com For more information call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187.

'LITTLE ANGELS' JIMMY FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT, Sept. 8, at Pembroke Country Club. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start: Tee time 1:15 p.m. Scramble format. $115 per player early registration special by Aug. 15, $100 per player. Includes "Little Angels" custom golf shirt. Non-golfers welcome $35 dinner only. $20 "Little Angels" custom golf shirt if ordered by Aug. 15. Player fee includes gift bag, golf cart, greens fee, stuffed chicken breast dinner. Prizes awarded for hole in one, on the green closest to the pin, lowest foursome score. For information contact Paul McLaughlin, 781-982-8383. http://oak47ecorp.netgolf.htm

HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, Oct. 7 to Nov. 1. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

BEST BET

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center presents the musical "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" Aug. 23 at 3 and 7 p.m. and Aug. 24 at 3 p.m. at Plymouth's Cordage Park Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission is $10 adult, $5 child. For more information call (508) 747-1234.

Thurs. 21

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Landis & Company's "World of Magic,"** Aug. 21, 10:30 a.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Marshfield Fair, Route 3A **4-H Agricultural Awareness Day.** 4-H members admitted free with 4-H uniform/ID. **Battle of the Bands** 5 to 9 p.m. **Demolition Derby** 6:30 p.m. More information available at www.marshfieldfair.org

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. Aug. 21, **Legion Bud Band**

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Wayne Brady**, Aug. 21 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 21, **Toni Lynn Washington**. 617-439-7000.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Level Ride** Aug. 21. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 22

Blood Drive at **South Shore Hospital** on Aug. 22, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age and weight more that 110 pounds and be in good health. Walk-in welcome and appointments are also available. Call 1-800-Give-Life to schedule an appointment.

Marshfield Fair, Route 3A - Special admission price for Marshfield residents noon to 6 p.m. **Battle of the Bands** (Finals) 6:30 p.m. **Demolition Derby** finals. More information available at www.marshfieldfair.org

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Aimee Mann**, Aug. 22, 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Aug. 22, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington, Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info: 781-331-0021 Web site: http://www.southshoresingles.org" http://www.southshoresingles.org

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Stout** Aug. 22. For more information call 781-545-9898.

The Satuit Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on the Morrill Bandstand, Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor. International night returns with more selections from overseas.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Tex, Mad Dog & the Cat**. Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Boston Harbor Hotel, Intrigue Terrace, presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. Aug. 22, **The Great Escape**. For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Zachariah** (reunion of original band) Aug. 22. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Children's Museum in Easton, celebrates **World Music Day,** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22. Ricardo Frota from Sound Play will perform at 11 a.m. Many other musical activities throughout the day. Admission $5 per person, members and children under 1 free. For more information, call the museum at 508-230-3789.

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay will hold **auditions** for holiday classic **Amahl & the Night Visitors.** Singers interested in principal roles should plan to audition on Friday evening, Sept. 5, at the Ellison Center. **Auditions** run from 6 to 10 p.m., and are prescheduled. To set up an audition time, singers must call 781-934-2731, ext. 20. Singers of all ages interested in choral opportunities may contact Artistic Director Beth MacLeod at 781-934-2731, ext. 20. No audition is necessary for chorus members. Performance dates are Saturday, Dec. 6, at 3 and 7 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium in Hingham, and on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. This traditional family presentation draws audiences from all over New England.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Blue Hair Troupe, the hilarious, new musical revue that proves it's HIP to be old will be performing through Aug. 24 at the Tremont Theatre (next to the Wang Center), 276 Tremont St., Boston. Tickets are $25 and $30 and may be purchased by calling 1-866-443-2248, by visiting www.bluehairtroupe.com or at the door. Wheelchair Accessible.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association sponsors a Kayaking Trip to Nova Scotia a "Sea Kayaker's Paradise" The NSRWA is sponsoring a one-week paddling adventure in Eastern Nova Scotia exploring the island archipelago off of Tangier, Nova Scotia, from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. The trip includes a several nights at a campground with full facilities as well as a night or two camping on offshore islands. Beginners are welcome, and will be provided with a day-long introduction to paddling in early September to help get ready for the trip. Contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or email nsrwa@nsrwa.org for more information, and to sign up for the informational meeting July 31. For more information contact Paula Christie at the North & South Rivers Watershed Association at 781-659-8168 or paula@nsrwa.org

BEST BET

Sea Studio Gallery in Tenants Harbor, ME will exhibit paintings by well-known artists Mary Lizotte of St. George, ME and Norwell, MA and Deborah Winship of Rockland, ME from September 4 through 11, 2003. Titled "Maine and More," the show will feature original works painted in coastal Maine, Massachusetts, overseas, and along the New England coast from Cape Cod to Nova Scotia. Mary and Deborah share a common love of landscapes and florals and both paint with color, exuberance, and experimentation. Sea Studio Gallery is located on Route 131 in Tenants Harbor. For more information, please call 207-594-5321.

Sat. 23

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Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Clutch Grabwell**. He brings his show and rock band beginning at 7 p.m. Show starts at 9 p.m. Admission $5 Handicap accessible. Dancing.

The Hanover Mall kicks will host a back to school event geared towards teens, preteens and their parents. Admission is free. Activities include Kiss 108 DJ Joe Public from 2 to 4 p.m., hair demonstrations, Friendly's make your own sundaes from 2:30 to 3 p.m., pizza provided by Pizzeria Uno from 5 to 6 p.m.

The Thrift Shop at Wellspring Inc., 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, will hold a summer clearance sale through Aug. 23. Any clothing appropriate for the upcoming chilly weather can be left during regular business hours, Tuesay through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Marshfield Fair, Route 3A - **Oldies Show with WATD's Ed & George** music featuring Shirley Alston Reeves Jack Scott, Lonesome Jukebox and Brookstreet (Family stage area). 1 and 7 p.m. More information available at www.marshfield-fair.org

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Ronan Tynan (of the Irish Tenors)**, Aug. 23, 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticket-master.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

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Girly Junk is having a **back to school open house** on Aug. 23, featuring free makeovers by appointment, shoulder massages, and customized bookmarks, keychains, and bracelets made of handblown glass beads by April. Assorted back to school items and drinks and munchies will be served from noon until 4pm.

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset will host author and former ship fitter, **David E. Drummond,** for his book, "The Shipyard: Will It Float?" on Sat. Aug. 23 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. "THE SHIPYARD: Will It Float?" is the story of Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, told by a yardbird (worker), whose family worked there for three generations. Drummond's journal of funny and sad, but always factual stories is a book that starts with his early years growing up near the yard and continues through his years as a ship builder. Included are stories of unforgettable characters, photos, descriptions of unique accomplishments, and complete Fore River production records going back to 1884. Drummond is a former resident of the South Shore and began writing this book as a personal history for his children. When the shipyard closed in 1986 Drummond expanded his memoir to present a more complete record. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Little River Band brings their classic sound to Plymouth Memorial Hall; Aug. 23. One of New Zealand's biggest exports, the Little River Band are now on tour and making a stop at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Saturday, Aug. 23. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets for the Little River Band, priced at $37 and $32, are now on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 83 Court St. in Plymouth, MA; online at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 866-468-7619 or visit their website at www.plymouthmemorialhall.com.

Finding Inner Peace, 988 Bedford St., Abington – **Reiki Level I Certification** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee: $95

Old Chitonville Antiques Festival will be held on meetinghouse grounds, 6 River St., Plymouth Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain or shine. Luncheon, baked goods, raffle, 35 antique dealers. Admission $4.50.

Ground Round Route 1, 475 Providence Hwy, Norwood - Comedy night featuring **Jim Lauletta, Annette Pollack, Todd Andrews & Mary Beth Cowan**. Call 781-769-8087 for reservations.

BEEHIVE the 60's musical sensation at Raffael's Restaurant, has secured the exclusive rights to present "Beehive" the 60's musical sensation at The Squantum Yacht Club on Quincy Shore Drive and Aug. 22, 23. Aug. 29,(sold out) at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. There will be dancing with a DJ after the second performance each night. Tickets $20 for the 7:30 performance and $22.50 for the 9:30 p.m. evening performance. Groups rates available. Call 617-786-SHOW (7469) or www.jmproductionspresents.com

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury - The current exhibition, **Floating Sculptures**, which features traditional and contemporary carved New England decoys on display through Aug. 24.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **JohnnyB** Aug. 23. For more information call 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Barrence Whitfield** Aug. 23. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

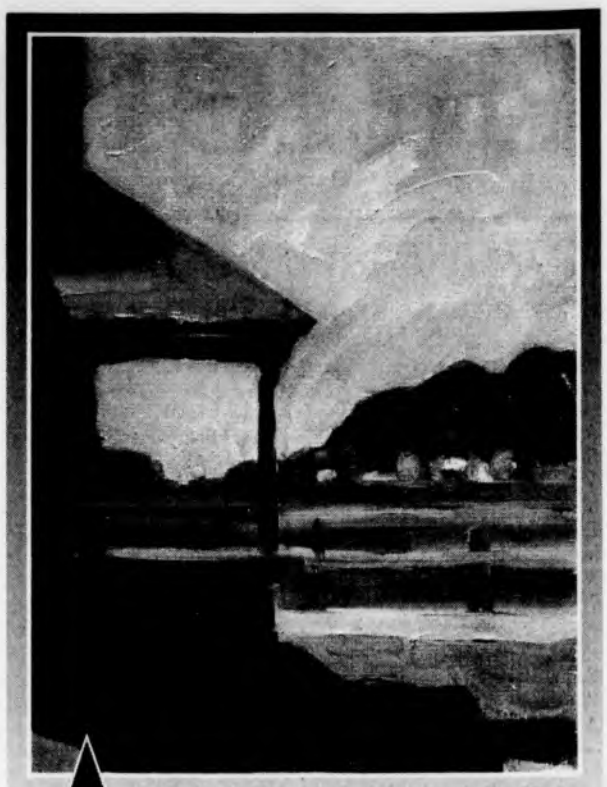
Sun. 24

USS Salem Concert Series – Aug. 24, **Caribbean Band Island Breeze** calypso music. Shows held under a tent on board the USS Salem at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments available. Admission $6 per person. A tour of the ship is included for all visitors. Call 617-479-7900.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands host **The Annual Edward Rowe Snow Day**. On Aug. 24, there will be a gathering on George's Island for long-time friends of the late Edward Rowe Snow, harbor ramblers and readers of his works to commemorate his birthday. He played the role of "Flying Santa" bringing Christmas cheer to lighthouse keepers and their families along the New England coast. There will be storytellers, shared memories and a birthday cake. All are welcome. To reach George's Island take the Boston Harbor Curises ferry from Long Wharf, Boston at 10 or 11 a.m. or from Hingham Shipyard at 10 a.m. Ferry tickets cost $8 adults and $7 for seniors and $6 for children (4 to 12).

Sunday Cruises to Cuttyhunk Sundays, July through October, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org for a day-long excursion to Cuttyhunk. The cruise departs from either Fairhaven or Woods Hole at 9 a.m. and spend four hours on Cuttyhunk. Participants will have a choice of a short, medium, or long guided walk, with commentary. People may bring a picnic lunch or buy a lunch on Cuttyhunk. Fees for the program are $50 for adults,$45 for members, seniors, and $40 for children 16 and under. To register and for information, and directions, call 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Wyonna**, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.



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The North River Arts Society presents The Magic Moment, original oil paintings by Jody Regan through Sept. 13, Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. For more information call (781) 837-8091.

Hanover Bandstand summer concert series Aug. 24, 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Infractions**.. Route 139 in Hanover Center. Free and open to the public and handicap accessible. Donations gratefully accepted.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Dixieland Jazz Concert** featuring Pete Collins and Jimmy Massey from 5 to 8 p.m. Dinner optional beginning at 4 p.m. $10 admission. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

Marshfield Fair, Route 3A - **Seventh Annual Green Harbor R & B Festival** noon to 7:30 p.m. featuring **Roomful of Blues, Fat City Band, Sugarfoot, Boston Horns, Liz Lannon Band** and **Rampage Trio** with host **Liz Raven** of WATD-FM. More information available at www.marshfield-fair.org

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Finding Inner Peace, 988 Bedford St., Abington – **Reiki Level II Certification** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee: $175.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

Mon. 25

Annual Panagia Golf Classic Aug. 25, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, at Widow's Walk Golf Course, Scituate. The third annual event will benefit the new community center of the historic Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset. Call 781-544-7704 for information.

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Farms – an exhibit of original pastel paintings by **Liz-Haywood-Sullivan** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. The show runs through Oct. 11.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 26

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull – **Open House/Cook out**. Learn about Temple Membership. For information call 781-925-0091.

George's Island Sunset Cruise Aug. 26. Treat yourself to an evening escape. As you explore Fort Warren, with an experienced volunteer, listen to many "Ghost Stories" and "Gross Stories" as the shadows lengthen on the granite walls and the whisper of ghostly vapors cool your skin. Bring your own picnic supper, beverages and snacks are available on the boat. Dress for the weather as we go rain or shine. Fund raising cruises support the 24-year-old Volunteer Program on the Boston Harbor Islands. The Cruise leaves: Mass Bay Lines, Rowes Wharf at the Boston Harbor Hotel on Atlantic Ave. at 6 p.m. returning at 9 p.m. Prices are: Adults $17, Seniors $15, Members of FBHI $13, Children 3-12 $10 Children 2 and under free. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 6 p.m.; cash only. For information call 781-740-4290. You may also send a SASE and your check to FBHI, P. O. Box 690187, Quincy, MA 02269-0187.

The Olde Kids On The Block, a 20-piece orchestra will be at the Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday beginning Sept. 17 through Aug. 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person, all are welcome, no smoking, wheelchair-accessible.

Handlebar Harry's, Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 27

The original oil paintings of **Armando Enriquez** will be on display during the month of August in the gallery of the Kingston Public Library. The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday 1 to 8 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Compass Bank Free Concert Series, Historic Plymouth Waterfront - **Livingston Taylor with Nicole McKenna also, Tall Richards' Almanac (Tall Richard with Kid Bangham)**

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thomas the Tank Engine returns to Carver, at Edaville USA, Aug. 27 to 31 and Sept. 5 to 7. **This is a real steam engine that has been converted into Thomas**. The lead release is below, and images are available for download at www.hitnewsonline.com <http://www.hitnewsonline.com>. The 35-minute train ride with Thomas the Tank Engine will depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine, between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. This event is expected to sell out, so advance purchase is recommended to ensure a choice of dates and times. Tickets for a **Day Out With Thomas** are $14 for ages one and up.

Thurs. 28

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. Aug. 28, **Sounds of Yesterday.**

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset –**Kaleidoscope Theatre** presents **Rumpelstiltskin**, Aug. 28, at 10:30 a.m., Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Jimbos Restaurant Braintree 5 Corners Aug. 28, 8:30 p.m. Comedy night featuring **Mark Riley, Annette Pollack, Troy Diamond, Mike Flynn, Joe Holden, Gail Lerner, John Moses and Nancy Bender** Call 781-848-0300 for reservations or visit www.annettepollack.com

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 28, **Debbie Davies.** Call 617-439-7000 for more information..

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. **Core Element** Aug. 28, from 5 to 9 p.m. Casual dress, cover charge varies. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 29

Boston Harbor Hotel, Intrigue Terrace, presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. Aug. 29, **Rear Window**. For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

Brockton Symphony Orchestra Audition Notice Auditions for the Brockton Symphony Orchestra concert season will be held Sunday, Sept 7, 12pm at New England Conservatory of Music. All instrumentalists who have not been recently seen by Music Director/Conductor Jonathan Cohler welcome. Prepare a fast and slow solo selection, and three to five excerpts from any symphony/s. You must have an appointment to audition. Concerts are: Nov. 16, Dec. 10, Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Mar. 21, and April 4. BrSO Musicians April 18 - opportunity to showcase your solo/ensemble talents!(optional) Repertoire includes Beethoven, Handel, Marquez, Revuletas, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Wagner and more. Openings in sections have not been announced. Auditions are for paid and non-paid positions. No auditions for singers at this time. Building/room numbers will be posted at NEC Jordan Hall's main entrance on the day of audition. Call 508-588-3841 or email exec.dir @brockton-symphony.org

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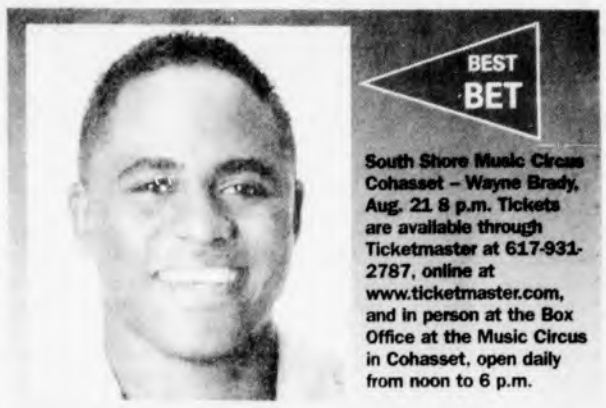


Ongoing Events

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library opens a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy.** The exhibit will run through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WED., AUGUST 20

The Taurus moon becomes inactive at 12:29 a.m. until 3:41 a.m., when it enters Gemini. The Gemini moon forms challenging 90-degree contacts to Uranus in the morning and Mars in the evening. It may be difficult to get a lot accomplished today. If you are working, handle a variety of projects, tie up loose ends. Stay alert and use common sense. On the other hand, influences rate high for socializing and vacationing. Be sure to take extra time out for fun and games.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Venus and Jupiter conjoin at 6:23 a.m., and the sun prepares to align with Jupiter, generating an upbeat, social mood. The moon continues to travel in loquacious Gemini. However, there is one pitfall in today's planetary picture, in effect between 12:29-3:29 p.m., when the moon and Pluto oppose. Choose your words carefully. Careless or indiscreet remarks may come back to haunt you. Fortunately, this influence passes over quickly and the remainder of the day rates high for relaxing and enjoying life.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Yesterday's planetary influences affect this morning as well. The alignment of the sun and Jupiter culminates at 6:08 a.m., and the moon continues active travel in Gemini until 2:15 p.m. Go with your adventurous side, be more spontaneous. If you are working, you can make progress developing projects that need support or input from others. Venus enters Virgo at 7:36 a.m., remaining there until September 15. The moon enters Cancer at 3:44 p.m. and aligns with Venus and Uranus. In addition, a polarity of Venus and Uranus may spark romantic passions this evening.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

The moon travels in Cancer this weekend, making it prime for family get-togethers. This is also a perfect time for tackling projects in and around your home. A lunar alignment to Saturn this morning urges you to follow through on promises you have made to others. The sun enters Virgo at 9:08 a.m., and prepares to oppose Uranus. Its influence warns you to avoid making rigid plans. Expect the unexpected; go with the flow of things.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

This is a wonderful day to relax and spend quality time with loved ones. A polarity of the sun and Uranus occurs this morning, prompting you to do something different. Step out of your usual routine and be open to new experiences. The moon continues to travel in family-oriented Cancer, and becomes inactive at 4:51 p.m., when it aligns with Mercury.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

The moon enters Leo at 12:48 a.m., generating an upbeat, easygoing mood. However, as this week progresses, planetary action becomes more intense and challenging. Tackle projects you've been putting off and get them out of the way now. A lunar polarity to Neptune makes this an evening to mellow out completely.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

The Leo moon aligns with Pluto at 8:00 a.m. and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. A new moon will culminate tomorrow. Plan to finish old business and handle routine chores today. A polarity of Venus and Mars prompts you to seek a creative or romantic outlet for your energies this evening.

WED., AUGUST 27

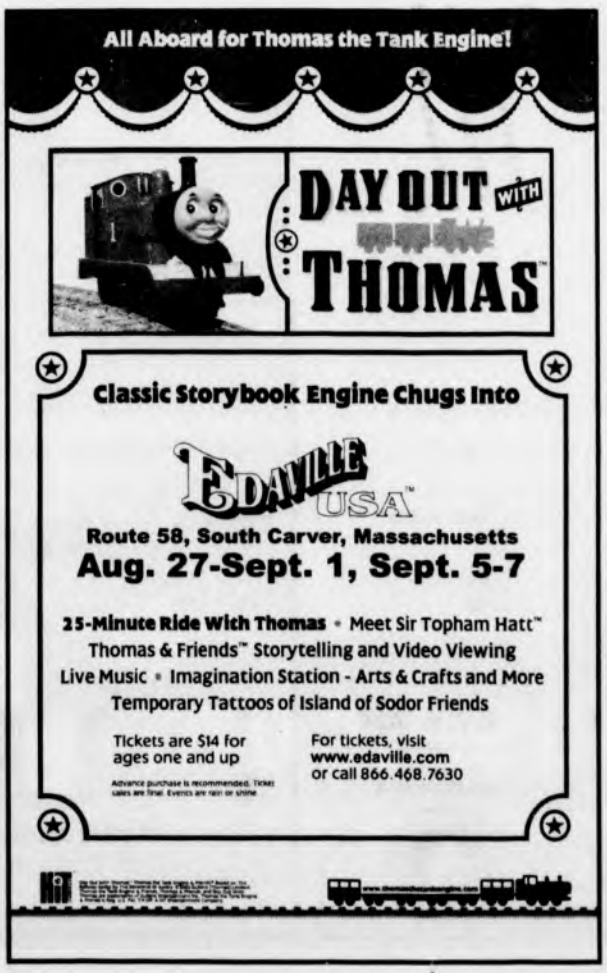
A barrage of planetary activity occurs during the next few days. Today the giant planet Jupiter enters Virgo at 5:27 a.m., remaining there until September 2004. In addition, Jupiter prepares to oppose Uranus, making this a period when unexpected opportunities or obstacles may suddenly surface. The moon enters Virgo at 6:27 a.m. and interacts with Jupiter and Uranus this morning. At 1:26 p.m. the sun and moon align at 4-degrees Virgo, and the new moon culminates. A lunar opposition to Mars at 3:35 p.m. warns you to slow down and use extra caution when driving or operating machinery.

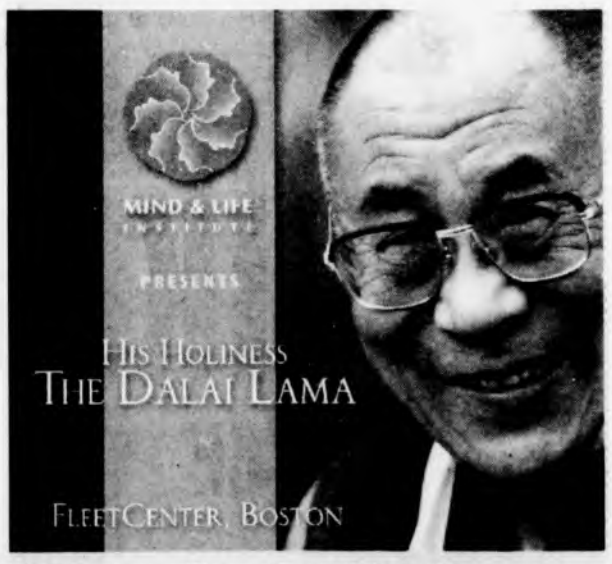
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Be sure to start this day with a peaceful, positive attitude. Pursue activities that help you to relax and maintain perspective. The moon travels in Virgo all day. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Virgo, begins retrograde travel at 9:42 a.m. Mercury will travel in retrograde motion until September 20, bringing a period to focus on inner, personal growth rather than your external, professional life. A polarity of the sun and Mars warns against taking risks or acting on impulse. The planet Pluto, standing at 17-degrees of Sagittarius, turns direct at 11:34 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

The Virgo moon aligns with Mercury at 3:26 a.m. and becomes inactive. A Libra moon takes over at 9:41 a.m., bringing a focus on key relationships. Although this is not a time to begin new partnerships, it is ideal for repairing and rebuilding relationships that have broken down. Be willing to forgive and forget past hurts. Open your heart to higher visions.





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Water board: Avalon septic system stinks

Level of design detail is at issue

By Mary Ford
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AvalonBay knows how it wants to dispose of the estimated 40,000 gallons per day of wastewater generated by the 200 apartments it plans to build, but it's not clear if those preliminary plans are sufficient for the Zoning Board of Appeals to issue the controversial project a comprehensive permit.

The Water Commission is adamant the ZBA doesn't have enough detail on how the on-site treatment system would work and has urged the board to deny the permit. The Water Commission is taking a zero-tolerance stance on the issue because the Avalon site, which is on the west side of Route 3A, ultimately drains to Lily Pond, the town's drinking water supply.

"We're saying it's location, location,

SEPTIC SYSTEM, PAGE 6

3 Jerusalem Lane is still a lofty topic

Permit conditions include review of height calculations

By Mary Ford
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No one can argue the Zoning Board of Appeals decision on what to do about 3 Jerusalem Lane is a tall issue.

Case in point is the ZBA decision to issue a special permit this week that essentially says the house that about triples the size of its predecessor on the small cul de sac off Jerusalem Road is OK. But whether the decision voted Monday — saying the house is a conforming structure on a non-conforming lot — will pass muster with homeowner Phil Ayer may turn on how the ZBA

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Amanda Thompson, 14, has penned her first novel before starting high school.

Cohasset's own 'Millennium Girl'

Amanda Thompson to hold book signing

By Samantha Brown
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Sitting in her living room, a kitten in her lap and a completed manuscript on the coffee table, Amanda Thompson can breathe a sigh of relief knowing her first novel is off to be printed and a book signing has already been scheduled.

But promotional appearances will have to be limited to weekends, as the 14-year-old author will begin ninth grade at Cohasset Middle High School with the rest of her classmates next week.

"I'm already working on the sequel," said Amanda, who will have to try to fit in writing between homework and her piano and guitar lessons — not to mention hanging out with friends.

But even though Amanda, who is starting her career so young, has time on her side — she's a girl who sets a goal and gets it done.

In the winter of 2000, when Amanda was in the sixth grade, she set out to write "Millennium Girl," knowing only she wanted

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SUMMER'S END

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Kate Krumsick washes the sand off her feet as her son James stands by.

School bells will ring on Wednesday, Sept. 3

By Samantha Brown
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"There is always an excitement in the air this time of year."
— Janet Sheehan, Osgood principal

After months of fun in the sun, students will trade in their beach bags for backpacks as Sept. 3 marks the first day of school.

For the little ones just heading off to school for the first time, kindergarten orientation will be held at the Osgood School Sept. 3 and Sept. 4. Students and parents will be invited to meet in small groups to spend an hour in their new classroom to meet their new teacher and classmates. Parents have been notified of their orientation day and time.

Osgood Principal, Janet Sheehan said she is "absolutely" looking forward to this school year.

"There is always an excitement in the air this time of year," she said.

For students in grades one through three, school begins Sept. 3 at 9:05 a.m. Bus students will arrive between 8:55 a.m. and 9:05 a.m. and the school asks that parents who will drive their children not drop them off before 8:55 a.m. as there is no supervision available until then. School will end at 3:05 p.m.

Kindergarten hours will be 9:05-11:50 a.m. for the morning session and 12:20 to 3:05 p.m. for the afternoon session.

For students buying lunch, hot and cold meals are available for $2.25. Milk may be purchased for children bringing lunch for 40 cents. A prepaid meals ticket program is also available.

Sheehan said she is very excited about the two new third grade teachers hired this year. She said that Emily Fortin and Kathleen Hepp both came to

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School board seat draws interest

By Mary Ford
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So far three citizens have formally expressed interest in letters to Selectmen or the School Committee in filling the School Committee seat vacated by Jane Pescatore, who stepped down earlier this month to accept a position at middle-high school secretary.

Former School Committee member Betsy Connolly, 1 Lily Pond Lane, said she would be interested in being a member of the school board for the remainder of this year and for the following year, if elected.

Connolly, who has been in the education field for 30 years, is employed by the Hingham Public Schools. She was elected to fill the remaining year of former school board member Joe McElroy's unexpired term in 1999. She did not seek reelection the following year due to a possible conflict of interest.

Scott F. O'Grady, 115 Sohier St., who has three children enrolled in schools (one each at Osgood, Deer Hill and the middle-high school) stated he is therefore "particularly motivated to offer my best efforts in support of our school system, to ensure every child in Cohasset receives the best possible education."

O'Grady, who is currently working on his master's degree, has worked as an English teacher in the Weymouth and Plymouth public schools.

Rory Winters, 107 Forest Ave., has also thrown her hat into the ring. A life-long Cohasset resident and a product of the Cohasset school system, Winters feels she would have excellent insight into School Committee matters.

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Lobster boat will float again

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Bob Figueiredo makes repairs on his boat after a rock punctured holes in the hull last week.

By Samantha Brown
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Sitting in the driveway among lobster traps and buoys, Bob Figueiredo's lobster boat, "the Margie," has returned to land to get some repairs after an accident punctured the hull of the boat last week.

Figueiredo, 73, and a third generation lobsterman, was out near Minot's Light when his boat hit a rock usually covered even at the lowest tide.

"My father knows [that area] better than anyone," said Figueiredo's son Paul, who is also a lobsterman and dropped everything to come help his father when he heard the call to the harbormaster on his radio. He also said 10 other lobster boats were on the scene within 10 minutes.

"They can all hear it," said Bob's wife Margaret who said all the boats have radios and can keep tabs on each other. She said when she and Bob were first married, Bob's father would be out on the ocean and the two used to call each other if anything ever went wrong.

Because the Margie was towed to shallow water after the accident in order to minimize water damage and make repairs easier when the tide is low, they had to wait until the tide was just right again to try to lift her out of the water.

"A lot of people don't realize the work they have to do," said Margaret, who added that Bob and some helpers worked from 10 o'clock Tuesday night until 4:30 Wednesday morning to keep the boat from sustaining more damage. "It takes a lot of people and it takes a lot of work," she said.

The Margie needed some help getting back to the harbor, so Paul and a friend of the Figueiredo's tied her to their boats to help keep her afloat. Once in the harbor, the Margie was lifted up by a crane, water draining out her hull all the while.

Once the boat was lifted out, she had to be lifted again once the truck and trailer arrived to take her to the Figueiredos' home on Pond Street.

"It was really something to see," said Margaret, who was there when the boat was lifted out of the water.

Currently, Bob and many helpers have been working on repairs to the boat, and a friend, Bob Butman Sr., has been helping on the engine.

"I'll have the engine going this week," Butman said.

While progress will depend on many factors, including the weather, the Figueiredos hope to have the Margie back in the water in a few weeks.

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Sept. 9, 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Aug. 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Harbor Committee, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., at the library

Selectmen, Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Open seat on School Committee

Applications for the open seat on the School Committee are being accepted both at both the superintendent's and selectmen' offices until Sept. 15. The position became available when Jane Pescatore resigned to accept the position as secretary to CMHS Principal Mike Jones.

Pescatore's replacement will be appointed in a joint meeting by both the Board of Selectmen and School Committee. Whoever is appointed will serve until the April Town Election. This spring, there will be three school committee positions up for grabs, two for three-year terms and one to fill the remaining year of Pescatore's term.

Interested candidates should forward a letter stating why they would like to fill the position, to the Chairman of the School Committee Rick Flynn via Superintendent Edward Malvey, or the Board of Selectmen via Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Drug testing for bus drivers

Cohasset schools are reviewing the state policies regarding random drug testing of bus drivers for the public schools. While there have been no incidents regarding drivers under the influence, Business Manager Ivan Klimko, who has been very involved with the school busing program said, "It's the right thing to do," and a necessary action because of liability issues.

Supt. Edward Malvey said busing coordinator Peggy Litchfield has been reviewing the process at the state level and will make arrangements to begin a testing program.

Currently, the town has six drivers, five of which drive school buses and one for the special needs van.

Senior citizens at school lunches

Members of the School Committee have discussed the possibility of starting a program at the middle-high school that would invite Senior Citizens from the community to have lunch at the school. Supt. Edward Malvey said there have been successful programs at the other schools, including a reading program at Osgood, where seniors come into the classroom and read to the children. The program is only an idea at this point, but would provide an opportunity for various age groups of the community to mingle with each other, he said.

September clinics

Keep well clinics

Thursday, Sept. 11 at 11 a.m. at Senior Center Luncheon

Thursday, Sept. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Harborview Senior Housing

Thursday, Oct. 9, at 11 a.m. at Senior Center Luncheon

Thursday, Oct. 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Harborview Senior Housing

The Health Fair is Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

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Police officers Rick Grassie, left, and Christy Tarantino show Aly Belz and Devon Smith, how to shoot a handgun during a demonstration in firearm safety at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club. Aly and Devon are members of the Student Police Academy Class. The students wore bullet-proof vests and eye and ear protection.

Student police academy takes aim at mutual respect

Builds rapport as kids learn the ropes

By Mary Ford
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A handful of Cohasset High School students are getting a first-hand look at the job of being a police officer.

The CPD is offering the town's first "Student Police Academy" and mid-way through the five-week course, both students and police are giving the course high marks.

"It's certainly refreshing to see teenagers wanting to get more actively involved with the department," Police Chief Robert Jackson said. "And it's a good opportunity for use to build a bridge with the young people in the community."

Last week, participants — who all had signed parental permission slips — had the chance to learn about firearm safety at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club, under the close eye of police firearm instructors, officers Rick Grassie and Christy Tarantino.

Sgt. William Quigley, who worked with then CHS junior Erik Belz to develop the course, hopes a little awareness can go a long way.

"What we're trying to do is make kids aware if they ever find a gun or come in contact with a gun, how to handle it so no one gets hurt," said Quigley, adding participants also received an overview of the gun laws.

In addition to firearm safety, the course includes overviews of patrol procedures, search and seizure, makeup and organization of the police department, and crime scene investigation. Students, who had their parents' permission, were also invited on ride-alongs.

The course had its roots in CHS teacher Jack Buckley's "Street Law" class last spring during when Quigley gave a 90-minute presentation on criminal law and what it's like to be a police officer. The course was a big success, prompting Belz — who couldn't fit the street law class in due to his schedule — to contact Quigley via the department's web site about starting a student police academy.

Quigley and Belz worked together adapting the syllabus from the Hingham Student Police Academy to fit Cohasset.

The course is intended to be a two-way educational experience enhancing and promoting the relationship between young adults and the CPD – resulting in a better understanding, Quigley said. The relationship between Cohasset youth and local police officers has at times been strained especially in the summer months when partying teens are arrested for underage drinking.

About 90 percent of the officers' time to teach the course was donated, Quigley said, while others were "on shift while participating in the Student Police Academy. The police department covered the cost of photocopies for class materials and ammunition for the firing range. The library provided the classroom free of charge.

Twelve students are participating in the course, which has an equal number of boys and girls enrolled and meets on Monday night for five weeks.

"It will be really interesting to see what the kids have to say – what their perceptions were when they started and what those will be when it's all over," Quigley said.

From the police perspective, Quigley said "it's been nice to get to know some of the kids by their first names and not to know them through some type of infraction."

He said the students have gotten to know some of the department's younger officers and they've realized the officers are not any different from them.

"I'm not sure they appreciated that before," he said. "Some people don't realize under that uniform is a person."

Belz said the class has lived up to his expectations.

"It's a really good class and gives you a lot of insight into the lives of police officers," he said, adding seeing his fellow students' response to the class has been very rewarding.

Belz's sister Aly, a junior, is also enrolled.

"I've learned a lot and had no clue what a police officer did," she said.

Students receive an official CPD T-shirt and a certificate of completion after finishing the course.

Erik Belz checks out one of the bullet-proof vests that police officers wear, as Andrew Musto (center) and Malcolm Stansell listen intently to the officers during a field trip to the Scituate Rod and Gun Club.

Schools to provide lunches in-house

Private service ran at a deficit

By Samantha Brown
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"We believe we're going to have savings by not having some of the overhead of private management companies."
— Supt. Edward Malvey

In an effort to help balance the books, Cohasset schools will implement a new in-house food service program as well as raise lunch prices this fall.

For the last 15 years, the schools have relied on Chartwells Educational Dining Services, a company that provides food service to more than 500 school districts in the United States, serving over 1.5 million meals daily.

When the Chartwells contract expired, Supt. Edward Malvey had to make the decision of whether to keep the company for another year and possibly risk losing more money, or seek other alternatives.

"We need to try something different," Malvey said, adding that right now, "money is tight," and from a business standpoint, he can't justify keeping the service in the schools when it has consistently lost money over the years, even though the relationship between the two has always been a positive one.

According to Business Manager Ivan Klimko, the deficit for the school lunch fund is one that has spanned "many years with varied causes." He said the schools were advised by the town auditor to keep $10,000 in an account for a potential deficit. Because of delays to the opening of the Deer Hill cafeteria due to construction, expected food sales were cut way back, which led to a higher deficit than the budgeted money could handle. In addition to the $10,000 set aside for this purpose, the $4,000 profit from sales for the other schools and an additional $17,000 transfer from the general fund were needed to cover the cost.

This year, Malvey said he doesn't have the wiggle room to cover that kind of a deficit, should it happen again.

Klimko said the school lunch fund should be self-balancing, which is what Malvey hopes will happen with the new arrangement.

"We believe we're going to have savings by not having some of the overhead of private management companies," said Malvey, adding that any profits earned through school lunches could be turned back into the school's lunch fund.

But even with the change of bringing the service in-house, there will be many similarities. Cafeteria workers will continue to be employees of the school district. Bob Levy, who formerly worked for Chartwells and was Cohasset's Food Service Director through the company, will continue in the same role as an employee of the school department.

In addition to providing its own food service, the price of school lunches is going up. There will be an additional 10 cents charged to each lunch purchased this school year. Elementary school lunches will now be $2.25 and high school lunches will be $2.50. Teacher lunches will be $3.50.

In both the fall of 2001 and 2002, schools lunches went up by 15 cents.

In addition to the change in food service, School Committee Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts said the Board of Health has been actively pursuing getting healthier food choices into the schools, and said she "doesn't know if it will be an easier to do," with the service in-house. But she hopes the schools will take the lead on this project and start implementing changes right away.

Costly lunches in Cohasset

In relation to other area schools, Cohasset students pay more for their school lunches. Prices this year are $2.25 at the Deer Hill and Osgood schools and $2.50 at the middle-high school.

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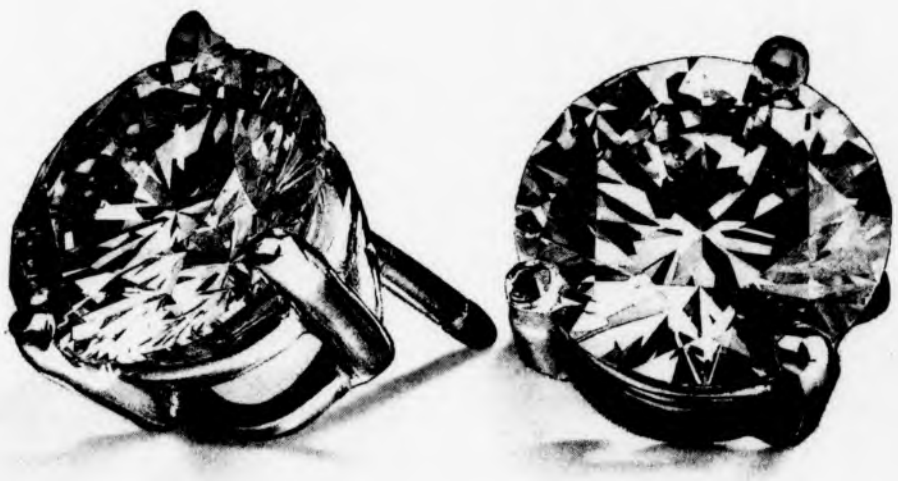

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School board backs Malvey's decision on business manager

Says personal, professional matters should be separate

By Samantha Brown
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The School Committee is in full support of Supt. Edward Malvey's decision to keep Business Manager Ivan Klimko on the payroll, after he pled guilty last month at Hingham District Court to charges of assault and battery on his wife in an incident that occurred last November.

Chairman Rick Flynn said the committee will continue to follow Malvey's lead and keep Klimko's business life separate from his personal life. Klimko has always "done a great job," on the business end, and in regards to the personal side, Flynn said, "certain things we're not privy to."

The school board's remarks were in response to a letter in the Aug. 21 Cohasset Mariner criticizing Malvey's decision to continue to employ Klimko.

Saying the school department should have zero tolerance for domestic abuse, Scott O'Grady, 115 Sohier St. stated he was outraged "at Superintendent Malvey's irresponsible decision to retain confessed wife beater Ivan Klimko in a position in the Cohasset Public Schools."

Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts referred to the letter at last Thursday's School Committee meeting after which the board members each publicly stated their support of Malvey's decision.

"I do support the Superintendent's decision," said Tebbetts, noting the issue is very complex. "There are never any simple decisions," she said, but added she thinks the correct decision was made.

Member Mark DeGiacomo said he was "in full support" of Malvey's decision as well.

Committee member Pat Martin, who was not present at the meeting, has been recused from all discussion regarding the Klimko case because of her position as a domestic violence intervention specialist at Wellspring in Hull.

Jane Pescatore recently resigned from the School Committee to accept a position as school secretary at the middle-high school.

Malvey said he sought legal counsel regarding the matter and did not elaborate on the specifics of those discussions.

"When your school attorney gives you advice, you should take it," he said.

Klimko, who was initially charged with attempted murder, was placed on an administrative leave without pay for a period of time, but resumed his duties at the school department when that charge was dropped due to insufficient evidence.

At court proceedings last month, Klimko, who has worked for the school system for more than two years, was sentenced to two and a half years of supervised probation. He is also required to participate in a batterer's program.

South Shore Charter School moving from Hull to Norwell

By Justin Graeber
CORRESPONDENT

"We've outgrown Hull."
— Michael Munhall, South Shore Charter School.

On Tuesday morning, the State Board of Education voted to approve the South Shore Charter School's request to relocate their facilities from Hull to 100 Longwater Circle in Norwell. The proposed move has been subject of controversy, provoking responses from the Norwell School Department as well as officials from Marshfield.

The South Shore Charter School has been located in Hull for the last nine years. For that time, the school was spread over several buildings — a former bank, a former hotel, and a former aquarium.

"We've outgrown Hull," Michael Munhall, said Executive Director for South Shore Charter School. The school's board of trustees has been looking for an alternative location for the school since its inception. The timetable for the move is to have the high school student move in this fall, and the rest of the school will follow next year.

In a letter to the Massachusetts Department of Education, Munhall outlined the school's reasons for relocating. The school is losing its lease on the high school building in Hull to a municipal redevelopment project. Having students of all ages working together, one of the school's goals, has never been completely achieved due to the space between the current buildings. Also, the current Hull location is not central to the school's 22 sending communities, and the Norwell location would cut down on transportation time for parents. The school services an area from Boston to Plymouth, and from Brockton to Hull.

Norwell School Superintendent Dr. Donald Beaudette, who was present at Tuesday's meeting, had several objections to the move, which he and the Norwell School Committee put in writing to the Board of Education. He cited the fact that Norwell receives $8,000 in state aid for each student that attends the public school system. If 10 students from Norwell decided to attend the school, it could result in the loss of $80,000 for Norwell.

"That's two teachers," Beaudette said, "and 10 kids from all grade levels aren't going to make our class sizes go down."

In addition, selling the Longwater property, which is located in the Assinippi Industrial Park that runs adjacent to Route 3 South, to a non-profit agency could result in $80,000 in lost property taxes for the town, $44,000 directly to the schools.

"We would either have to reduce the budget or raise taxes to make up the difference," Beaudette said

He also said that while he supports the idea of charter schools and the people who run them, moving the facility to Norwell would be contrary to the school's ideals.

"It's supposed to provide an alternative in areas with low-performing schools," Beaudette said, noting that South Shore Charter School students have not performed well on the MCAS exam.

"What can the charter schools offer that the other schools [Norwell, Cohasset, Scituate, Hingham] cannot?" he asked.

Beaudette also believes that the charter school has "grossly underestimated the cost of renovation" at the Longwater facility. South Shore gave an estimate of $2 million to refurbish the building for educational purposes. The former occupant was the corporate headquarters of a pharmaceutical company. He cited the example of a recent office building outfitted for school use by the North River Education Collaborative. The estimate for that job was $85 a square foot, nearly twice the estimate being offered by South Shore Charter School.

Marshfield Selectman Michael Maresco also co-authored a written response to the charter school's relocation proposal.

"It's important to let the state know what the concerns of cities and towns are," he said. He said that unlike cities and towns, charter schools are not required to provide education to children with discipline problem, or special education students.

"They just look to take the cream of the crop," he said. "It's not really a level playing field."

Munhall praised the Longwater facility as being an improvement of "light years" over the current buildings. He said the goal of the school was to find a building that needed "minimal work," citing classrooms and safety as the top priority. "Adding all the bells and whistles will take time," he said.

In terms of funding, Munhall pointed out that until it fell under the budget knife last year, there was a subsidy for towns that sent students to the charter school.

"The towns were getting paid to not educate," he said. However, he did admit that the way the schools are funded can be problematic.

"I understand that's a problem," he said. "The state does need to address it in some fashion."

He also noted that SSCS pays the rent on its buildings out of its per pupil funds, while cities and towns that own their buildings only pay the maintenance costs.

Munhall is not concerned about the school losing its core base of students from Hull in the move. There are 179 students that came from Hull last year, with the next highest being 36 from Weymouth.

"We don't anticipate any groups jumping ship," Munhall said. "We've received no negative feedback [from Hull families]."

The letter to the Department of Education included several letter of endorsement from parents of South Shore Charter School students.

"SSCS offers an academically challenging and culturally enriching experience for its students," wrote David Kellem of Hull. "Our children have thrived there...The new location will allow the school to become even better."

Much of the debate is now moot, since the move was approved by the state.

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Water board says Avalon septic system stinks

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location," said attorney Paul DeRensis, who is serving as counsel for the Water Commission. "Look at this site – our motive is to protect the water supply. This is the wrong location. There is too much risk."

But Avalon's consultants say the comprehensive permit would be contingent on the project obtaining a ground-water discharge permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which would provide a tough review and protect the town. They say it is unreasonable for a developer to absorb the expense and go through all the time-consuming and detailed engineering required for final plans without having a permit in hand.

Avalon has also agreed to allow the town to conduct a "peer review" of the DEP process to insure its interests are protected.

The issue raised Monday is part of ongoing ZBA hearings with Avalon that is seeking a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law. Under 40B, developers can skirt a town's zoning regulations in exchange for providing some affordable housing. Twenty-five percent of Avalon's 200 units would be affordable. In the Avalon case, for example, a comprehensive permit would allow a high-density development on commercially zoned land.

Avalon hydrologist John J. Donohue of ENSR International conceded the next step of the process is a "a big step." However, he explained the key aspect of the treatment system is the "hydrology piece" which would be worked out in detail through the DEP process.

But Water Commission Chairman John McNabb said the town shouldn't leave it up to the DEP which uses a check-off list and doesn't necessarily do all its own analyses.

"I don't have too much confidence in the DEP in that regard," he said.

DeRensis said the town doesn't want to have its head on the chopping block.

"The town is being asked to put its head on the chopping block with a guillotine over it," he said. "They're saying the guillotine will be held with a thick rope.

"But our head is on the chopping block and if the engineering doesn't work, we all lose," DeRensis said.

Avalon attorney Steven Schwartz of the Boston law firm Goulston and Storrs said under 40B final plans do not have to be submitted before the comprehensive permit is issued. He explained case law is clear that only preliminary plans are required at this juncture.

Schwartz stressed, however, that the DEP has an "extremely rigorous process in place at the state level."

"It's not as if we're saying, 'trust us guys, issue your approval and you'll be fine.'"

The ZBA took the matter under advisement. The Avalon hearing will continue on Sept. 8, when the selectmen are expected to present their concerns. The ZBA said the hearing could wrap up on Sept. 8. If so, the hearing would finish almost exactly a year after it started on Sept. 16, 2002.

Cohasset's own 'Millennium Girl' pens her first novel

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her main character to be a "girl who moved," and she wanted to be published by the time she was 14 years old.

"I just shaved by," said Amanda, whose birthday was Aug. 27.

"I wanted her to have to go through a huge change," she said, and decided her main character Carolyn would move from Alaska to California to experience not only the change in climate, but culture as well.

After working on the story for a solid year, she finally came to her mother with what she thought was a publishable copy.

"When it was done, I realized she'd written a real novel," said Amanda's mother Sue, who added this was not the first time Amanda had started writing a novel, but the first time she had actually finished.

When Amanda decided getting the book published was something she really wanted to pursue, Sue was very supportive, but made sure Amanda knew getting published would take a lot of work and persistence. Amanda had do it mostly on her own.

"I wanted her to know how to do it for real," Sue said.

Amanda first set out to find an editor for her novel, and found one through Talcott Notch Literary Services. From there, Amanda sent her draft out to many different publishing houses, and received many positive responses, but unfortunately, none of the companies were willing to take on her book. Amanda describes the publishing process as a "Catch-22" situation, where it's almost impossible to get published without an agent, and even harder to get an agent if you haven't been published.

"I'm already working on the sequel."

— Amanda Thompson, 14

But after all the responses, Sue was even more convinced that Amanda's story was worth the effort. The publishing houses were all responding with personal notes saying how talented they thought Amanda was, and Sue said she remembers thinking, "she must have something here."

Amanda's book was eventually published by 1st Books Publishing, which is a company Amanda found on the Internet. As the title suggests, this company helps aspiring writers get their projects off the ground, which was exactly what Amanda needed.

Because Amanda chose 1st Books Publishing, her manuscript was available as an e-book first, meaning visitors were able to pay to download a digital copy of her book, before the hard copies were available.

Sue said the cost to have the book printed is comparable to what it would have cost to send Amanda to a summer writing course and "to me, it was so much more worthwhile," to have her daughter accomplish such a huge goal.

It's taken a lot of hard work and dedication, as well as years of practice for Amanda to get where she is today. At the age of four, she started reading and took up writing shortly after. With her little notebook attached to her belt, she was always ready to write, Sue said.

At the age of seven, Amanda read an issue of the Emerald Mirror, a bimonthly 16-page magazine featuring stories, puzzles, contests and information related to the Wizard of Oz, and decided to enter a piece of writing for one of its contests, and won. That story became her first piece of published fiction.

But being published isn't the only reward to writing well. After hearing from one of her teachers that a good essay on "Why I want a telescope" would be rewarded with a telescope, Amanda decided to give it a try. The telescope is currently positioned in her kitchen, pointed out the large glass doors, with the perfect placement to see Mars while it's close to Earth.

Along the way, Amanda has had not only the support of her family, but her friends as well. While going through the editing process, Amanda said she had one especially helpful friend to whom she dedicates her book.

The story of "Millennium Girl," tells the familiar agonizing tales of adolescence. The main character Carolyn is forced to move to an unfamiliar town, and has to make new friends. She struggles with bullies and first crushes, as well as finding the hidden talents of her true self.

Amanda will hold a book signing at Buttonwood Books and Toys on Rte. 3A in the Shaw's Plaza in Cohasset, Sept. 21 from 2-4 p.m., and at Storybook Cove at 2053 Washington St. in Hanover, Oct. 5 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Open school board seat draws interest

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With education in political science and public administration and experience in city and state government, Winters says she would be an asset to the board.

"I believe that I can bring a young, fresh perspective to the Committee; a voice that represents residents who are dedicated to education and the town's youth — despite the fact they may not have children currently in the school system."

Adrienne MacCarthy, who is president of the PSO and a seven-year member of the School Facilities Committee, said she is also applying for Pescatore's seat. MacCarthy, who finished just two votes behind Pat Martin in a three-way race for two seats on the School Committee in April 2001, is in the process of writing her letter of interest.

"I believe I've demonstrated a commitment to the schools by working diligently on the School Facilities Committee," MacCarthy said in a telephone interview. "Also through the PSO, I've worked to fill needs of the schools.

"I've put my heart into helping the schools along."

At their Aug. 12 meeting, selectmen asked that all interested candidates notify them or the School Committee by letter.

Selectmen and the remaining members of the School Committee will meet in joint session at a date yet to be determined to vote to fill Pescatore's open seat until the April town election. At that time, the one-year remaining of Pescatore's term would be filled by whomever wins the seat at the ballot box.

The School Committee said last week it would accept letters from potential candidates until Sept. 15. The joint hearing with the School Committee and Board of Selectmen will be advertised at least a week in advance, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

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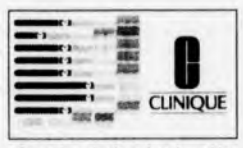

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3 Jerusalem Lane is still a lofty topic

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says the height of the structure should be measured.

So while the ZBA decision to be filed with the Town Clerk this week ends a chapter in an ongoing saga that has pitted neighbors with Ayer – the book on the case is not closed.

For one thing, Ayer's appeal of the ZBA decision last January stating he needed a special permit is still in court with a hearing before a judge slated for late September.

"We're not giving up our position that we were not required to get a special permit in the first place," said Ayer's attorney, Roberta Sawyer. [Ayer, who had obtained a building permit, was ordered to stop work on the home – 80 percent complete at that point – when the ZBA agreed with the neighbors that Building Inspector Robert Egan had erred in issuing the building permit without Ayer first obtaining a special permit.]

Ayer also contends the ZBA has violated his civil rights by singling him out when it required him to obtain a special permit when other houses built under similar circumstances were not required to do so. But whether Ayer will pursue the civil rights issue has not been clearly determined, according to Sawyer.

And it's not clear if Ayer will accept the conditions of the special permit voted Monday that may include a new way of measuring height of the structure. The neighbors also have the right to appeal the ZBA's issuance of the special permit.

Sitting ZBA members on this precedent-setting case — Chairman Woody Chittick, Ben Lacy and Anson Whealler — hammered out changes in Chittick's draft decision Monday that included Ayer submitting a set of as-built plans and requiring a consultant be hired to ascertain all height, setback and lot coverage measurements. If any nonconformities are found they must be corrected before an occupancy permit is issued.

But the way that height is measured is the crux of the issue. Traditionally homeowners have been allowed to use the method of measuring height at any point from the foundation out 10 feet. A consistent point is selected – in Ayer's case, it was the outer face of the foundation wall — to establish a perimeter line, and then the ground elevation is averaged to determine the mean grade around the building.

However, the traditional way used to determine height has come under fire during the 3 Jerusalem Lane hearing process. Whealler said the method does not determine a height "unique" to a structure because it leaves where the perimeter line is placed up to the homeowner. In other words, measurements taken from either at the foundation or anywhere within10 feet of the foundation can come up with different "heights." For example, if the ground elevation drops off five feet away and the five-foot perimeter line is used measurement is used, the "height" of the building would be less than when measured at the foundation.

Whealler said two different people measuring a building should not come up with two different numbers.

But the zoning regulations — which say height is determined "above the mean level of the ground within 10 feet of the outside walls of the structure" — do not spell out how to use the more complicated method discussed by the board. That would determine the average grade around the entire area of the building by using a series of profile points no further than 10 feet out.

"The bylaw doesn't specify two points or 200," Chittick said in a telephone interview.

[Structures in Cohasset are limited to 35 feet, but not to the peak of the roof. The town measures height halfway between the plate line and the peak of the roof.]

Even Whealler said at the June 19 continuation of the hearing, he was willing to accept the method used for 3 Jerusalem Lane, which sits on a promontory and therefore looks much higher, because "you got it from the building inspector, and that's what's been used in the past."

But it appeared this week, the ZBA may be leaning toward changing the way height is measured. Chittick said the board may try to use the new way of determining height and the results could be the same. As currently calculated the height of the house is about 33-1/2 feet.

After Monday's meeting, Sawyer, who will wait to analyze the decision, said while it's OK to change the rules going forward, it is not fair to make changes retroactive.

"They have not said what their new interpretation of height definition is," Sawyer said. "They may be changing the way it's been done in the past."

In addition to a final set of as-built plans and height measurements, ZBA also conditioned the special permit prohibiting a large outcropping of ledge at the front of the house from being removed or demolished.

The board said in the house is not a danger to health and safety, and is not as obtrusive to the Jerusalem Lane neighborhood as it first appeared. Therefore, it is not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood, the standard in the bylaw used for determining whether a special permit should be granted.

"It's a big house and I wish it had not been so big," Chittick said. "But is it bigger by far than anything else in the neighborhood? No."

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AT COAST GUARD ACADEMY

Michael and Michelle Hubley recently visited their son **Cosimo Cambi** on the Coast Guard Barque "Eagle" in Philadelphia. He was on the crew that sailed the Eagle from Annapolis to Philadelphia. Cosimo was accepted to the US Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. and reported to the Academy at the end of June, a few weeks after graduation from CHS.

The week on the Eagle signaled the end of an intensive and demanding six-week Swab summer training. classes, football and the official beginning of his Cadet career began this week and so far, so good! Needless to say, Michelle and Michael are very proud of him, as are his grandparents, **Mike and Anna Abbruzzese**. So exciting to hear, Cosimo. Best of luck in the future.

TURNING TWO

Happy Birthday number two to sweet **Bridget Burke** from her mommy and daddy, sister **Kyle,** brother **David** and so many family members and friends. Bridget turns two today, Aug. 28 and we know she is being showered with love and happy birthday wishes. Enjoy the fun day Miss Bridgie!

PLAYGROUND WORKERS

Looking for volunteers to help landscape the new playground at the South Shore Community Center! On Saturday, Aug. 30 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. there will be a volunteer effort to complete the final aesthetics of the playground! If you are interested in planting plants and spreading loom please call **Trish Hart** at 781-383-9209 to confirm your spot! It should be fun!

Cosimo Cambi, who is a cadet at the Coast Guard Academy, sailed aboard the "Eagle" from Annapolis to Philadelphia.

IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations go to **Michael and Darlene Sullivan** who had a bouncing baby boy on Aug. 24. **Brendan Robert Sullivan** weighed in at 9-1/2 lbs. and was 20 ins. long. Brendan has one very proud grandpa, **Hot Sullivan** and an extremely proud aunt, **Maureen Harold**. Best wishes to all on the addition of Brendan to your family.

SCHOOL STARTS

Get ready for the start of school next Wednesday, here in Cohasset but make sure to enjoy the Labor Day weekend first. The buses will start rolling on Wednesday morning picking up the incoming seventh-grade students only for a 7:20 am start at the Middle/High School. Deer Hill and Osgood students are on their same schedule as last year and the remainder of the Middle/High School students, grades 8-12 will start at 9:20 am.

The first official day of AM/PM kindergarten will be on Friday, Sept. 5. Make sure to read all information that comes to you from the schools for more detailed information.

That is it for this week. Happy Labor Day weekend to all and make sure to stay safe while having fun. Please send in all news and event information to me no later than Monday at noon. Any photos that are sent should be emailed to mford@cnc.com with a note in the subject line in regards to which written piece it belongs to. If you wish, you may also drop off a copy at Cohasset News downtown on Brook Street. Put the photo in an envelope marked "Cohasset Mariner, Around Town" and it will be picked up as long as you have it there no later than Monday mornings.

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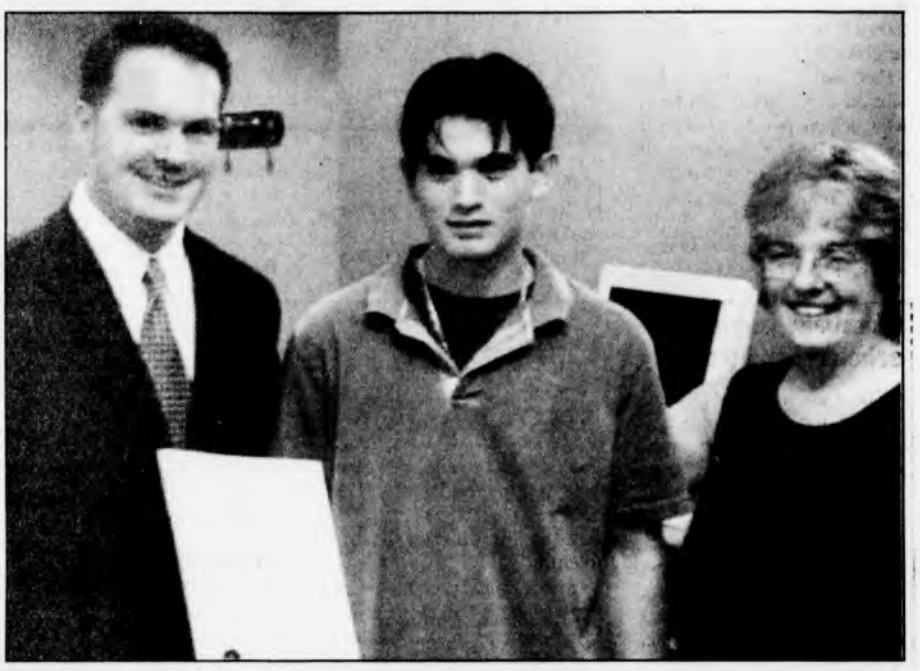
DEMOCRATS AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

At right: James E. French (center), the 2003 recipient of the John F. Walsh, III Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded annually by the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, is congratulated by Massachusetts Rep. Garrett Bradley and Agnes McCann, chairman of the Democratic Town Committee. Representative Bradley also presented Jim with a state proclamation honoring his achievement.

BOYS OF SUMMER

Cohasset White played in the Braintree Friendship League for eight-year-olds during the month of July. Cohasset White fielded a team of seven- and eight-year-olds and finished 4 - 4, making it to the first round of the playoffs against Braintree American. Fantastic job to a great group of boys! Hats off to coaches Kevin O'Brien, Kevin Dooley and Paul Davis, and the players Connor O'Brien, Mickey Barry, Christian Davis, Teddy Patsos, Michael O'Brien, Conor Dooley, Stephen Maher, Trevor Schramn, Tommy O'Brien, Zach Coggins, Terrance Doonan, Ryan MacKeon, Colin Gideon-Murphy, Foster Eymer, Will Golden and Brendan O'Connell.



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Cohasset folk help find lost canine

Badger is back home in Scituate

By Mary Ford
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Badger Barbuto has been grounded. But unlike most nine-year-olds, Badger isn't being punished for staying up too late, watching too much TV or playing too many computer games.

He's being kept close to home after having wandered off from his Scituate home and being lost for a week – circumstances that sent his "mom" Jo Barbuto into overdrive trying to locate the Jack Russell terrier.

"He was very quiet and subdued and Jack Russells aren't quiet and subdued."
— Jo Barbuto, Scituate

"It was the worst week of my life," Barbuto says about the frantic effort she made to find her beloved dog.

But thanks to several people in Cohasset, who spotted Badger in town, the roaming canine is back at his Edgar Road home again.

After Barbuto posted flyers around the area, the owner at Dad's Variety Store on Hatherly Road told her a customer thought he'd seen the dog in neighboring Cohasset.

Barbuto contacted Tina Watson at Cohasset Hardware, who helped put the word out, and soon Barbuto was receiving calls about Badger sightings.

The following Saturday, a house painter along Parker Avenue tried to nab Badger, who had been missing a week at that point, and who was tired, hungry and confused. A man walking along Border Street also spotted the dog.

"He was completely lost and frightened," Barbuto said about Badger, who has been home a little more than two weeks now.

Later that Saturday, Watson jumped in her pickup and found Barbuto along Summer Street to let her know Badger had been corralled at the ramp in the harbor near the Cohasset Harbor Inn (formerly Kimball's).

"I'd been searching for three or four hours at that point and I was hot and crying," Barbuto recalled.

At the ramp Diane Silvia of Border Street tried to catch Badger, who was so upset at this point he bit her on the finger, said Barbuto.

"I felt terrible, Badger had never bitten anyone before," she said. "But he was lost, hungry and scared."

The police were there and a man on a boat also tried to entice Badger out with some water to no avail.

Once Barbuto arrived she went down the ramp and retrieved Badger, who "was absolutely rigid," she said.

Barbuto, whose front fence is down due to work being done on her home, thinks once Badger got out with all the rain, he lost his scent and just kept wandering.

Badger, who is on antibiotics for his paws that sustained burns from walking hours on the asphalt, has become more like himself over the past few days.

"He was very quiet and subdued and Jack Russells aren't quiet and subdued," she said.

Barbuto wants to thank everyone in Scituate and Cohasset who helped locate Badger, with special thanks to Steve at Dad's Variety, Watson and Silvia.

"We dog people are a breed of our own," she said. "And there are a lot of dog people around."

Badger wandered off from his Scituate home and was found safe in Cohasset a week later.

Clambake benefits scholarship fund

The George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion will sponsor its 21st annual Christine Burke Scholarship Fund Clambake on Saturday Sept. 6 from noon to sunset at Sandy Beach in Cohasset. Proceeds from the event will once again benefit worthy graduating South Shore high school students seeking higher education. For tickets or more information contact the American Legion Post at 781-383-9657 or John Covell at 781-383-0178. Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 7. Tickets are $35 for adults. Children not eating the clambake are free and there will be plenty of complimentary hot dogs and watermelon for them to enjoy.

In additional to a traditional New England Clambake featuring lobster, steamed clams, chowder, barbecued chicken, beverages and more; this year's event will include live entertainment by The Irish Volunteers and DJ Jay Flori. There will lots of events and crafts for the kids. Raffles for great gifts donated by local merchants round out the event.

Chamber golf tourney

The first annual Tri-Chamber Golf Outing will take place on Thursday Sept. 25 at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. This event is sponsored by the Cohasset, Marshfield and Scituate Chambers of Commerce. The event is a nine-hole Florida scramble with a shotgun start at 4 p.m.. Golf will be followed by dinner at the Scituate Country Club. Golf, dinner and networking is $75per person (early bird fee of $65per person if registered by Friday, Sept. 5. Others may take part in the networking and dinner only for $25 per person. For more information or an entry form call 781-545-4000.

WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dalton Miller

Henderson - Miller

Emily Elizabeth Blehr Henderson, the daughter of Richard and Linda Henderson of Cohasset, married Andrew Dalton Miller, the son of Jason Miller of Boston and Mrs. John Tickner of Wakefield, R.I. on June 21, 2003. The double ring ceremony was performed by The Rev. Robert Edson, at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. Sarah Miller, the groom's sister, of Brookline, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Bronwyn Tickner, Kathryn Fontaine, Julie King, Reece Spinney, Taylor Strecker and Paige Strecker. Flower girls were Deven and Karlee Koswick of Cohasset. Zachary Strecker of Cohasset, was the ring bearer. Jared Miller, twin brother of the groom, of Washington, D.C., served as best man. Ushers included William Van Dorn, Benjamin Tickner, William Tickner, and brother of the bride, Christopher Henderson.

The bride is a graduate of Wheaton College in Norton. She is employed as a first grade teacher at Derby Academy in Hingham. Her husband is also a graduate of Wheaton College. He is employed as a fund accountant at State Street in Boston.

A wedding reception was held at Old Derby Academy in Hingham. After a wedding trip to St. Martin and St. Barts, the couple reside in Boston.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Bittersweet time

The Staples' TV commercial in which a Dad is positively gleeful as he buys back-to-school supplies for his two glum children is good for a laugh.

It's true that hurried parents, especially those who work full-time and are faced with daycare issues in the summer, are happy to see September roll around again.

While others, who enjoyed two-plus months of lazy days with no set schedule, must readjust to hectic mornings, alarm clocks, after-school activities and homework.

In either case, while our children are school-aged we don't always appreciate that those days are numbered. We get caught up in going here and there, and everywhere — often compressing as much into our available time as possible. That's especially true for those of us who can't be stay-at-home Moms or Dads, and must pack all the homework help, youth sports and music lessons into our "free time."

Then seemingly before we know it, we're attending our last high school or college graduation and we start communicating with our children by email. The only contact we have with school buses is when we're stuck behind one on our way to work.

The summers come and go, and the patter of little feet, smelly ice hockey bags, and sandy Mickey Mouse beach towels are all gone. When we see Moms with coffee cups in hand, waiting at the end of the street for the school bus until it collects their first-grader or Kindergartner, we're a little envious.

Where did the years go? Did we do it right? Did we spend enough time just kicking up our heels with our kids? Did we lie down on the grass together and figure out which clouds looked like dinosaurs or elephants? Did we play cards at night as a family? Or, was it all one big blur?

We always thought of September as the "beginning" of the year for our family. The new school year provided a time to reassess, plan and prioritize. With new teachers, new schedules and new interests — it was an exciting time. Still, those elementary, middle school, high school and college years, all went by much too fast.

So as the pace picks up, try to keep everything in perspective. Enjoy these moments while you can and make some happy memories.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Junior volunteers

A big thank you to the girls that volunteered in the Children's Room this summer, Kerry McCabe, Sydney Fortin, Dominique Rioux, and Paige Collins cleaned the covers of all the picture books and the covers of all the holiday picture books. It was an incredible task! They also helped prepare materials for story hour, set up the Story Hour Room, and cleaned up after story hour. They were instrumental in the success of the summer programs.

Estimate

Time to estimate the jar of beans. The children in Cohasset have been putting one bean in the jar for each book they have read this summer. The jar is full! It is now time to estimate how many books we have read this summer.

Book bags

Mrs. Moody will be on vacation from Aug. 30, through Sept. 9. Successfully completed logs can be left in the basket under the clock for her to find when she returns or, you can wait and see her in person. Remember all participants in the summer reading program that have successfully complete their goal has earned a certificate and a book bag. Congratulations to the children who have already received their reward.

Large print books

Large print books added to the collection: "Brunelleschi's Dome," by Ross King, "Bubbles Ablaze," by Sarah Strohmeyer, "The Photograph," by Penelope Lively, "Plain Language," by Barbara Wright and, "Jarhead," by Anthony Swofford.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Neighbors gear up to fight Cedarmere

TO THE EDITOR:

As the mid-August wind blows sand, partially obscuring remnants left on the beach from the day's activities, so too does the Planning Board's preliminary approval of the Cedarmere Residence Development leave many untended issues on a field that has been swept over by a Board unabashed in its support for the project.

Abutters and residents in the immediate area were originally shown preliminary site plans and schematic drawings of the buildings at a meeting at the former Hayes Estate on Saturday, Aug. 2. We were invited by the Town's Planning Board to attend the developer's presentation to the board on Wednesday, Aug. 6 and provided an opportunity to comment on the plans. Most of us expressed serious concerns about the project's density and its potential adverse impact on traffic, pedestrian safety, surface water drainage, septic systems, and the environment and noise levels in the immediate neighborhood. We also requested some assurances that the development would embody the level of landscaping and quality of construction materials depicted in the drawings.

Given the sheer number of questions and issues raised during the meeting, the board wisely opted to defer all answers and to reconvene on the following Wednesday to address the issues. The Vice-Chairman (Bill Good) did, however, seize the moment to expound upon his support of the project in the face of the overwhelming level of concern expressed by the immediate neighborhood. This left us feeling that we had been steamrollered by a board that had made up its mind and was merely "paying lip service" to our legitimate concerns.

The Planning Board met again on Wednesday, Aug.13 and the Cedarmere sponsors attempted to answer some of the concerns which were raised the week before. These concerns have still not been adequately addressed. The board then granted preliminary approval to this project which will increase Cohasset's housing stock by approximately 5 percent (the largest single development in the history of the town).

On Monday, Aug. 18 the Cedarmere sponsors met with the Sewer Commission and asked that their project be granted a connection to town sewer *ahead of all of us (eg: little harbor, et al) who have been waiting and hoping for the ability to connect for years.* Thankfully the Sewer Commission did not give in to the pressure of the Cedarmere sponsors and deferred any action until definitive plans are submitted.

At the beach, you cannot bury sharp or hard objects since they will come back to injure you or some other unwitting beachgoer as a cut foot, stubbed toe or some other environmental hazard. In planning you cannot avoid the difficult issues associated with development by burying them in someone else's backyard. One hundred plus units with more than 200-plus cars will generate water running through hundreds of showers, toilets, washing machines and garden hoses that must be discharged into the local ecosystem. Someone will get hurt either physically or economically as a result of this development unless a more thoughtful, responsible approach is undertaken.

While some falsely believe the 105-unit development will have limited impact upon the schools, they are wrong. Many of the targeted buyers are older Cohasset residents who will sell their homes to young families with children. In addition the proposed units are reportedly, relatively large (2,400 s.f.), and could accommodate school-age grandchildren with or without a single parent.

It is our understanding that Cedarmere represents the first application submitted under the recently created "Senior Multi-Family Residence Overlay District". Accordingly, each step of the permitting process should be fully scrutinized to ensure full compliance with the intent of this new bylaw. While we laud the merits of the initiative and believe it could provide attractive options for seniors, the level of density that it allows is absurd. The practical implementation of the program as currently conceived at the former Hayes Estate will transform a single-family residential neighborhood into a dense multi-family project. The neighborhood is opposed, has organized and will fight the development. Please listen.

John and Linda Campbell
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Train cost disputed

TO THE EDITOR:

I take issue with the recent news articles concerning the costs of the restoration of the Greenbush Line. In a letter dated June 16, 2003 and addressed to Andrew Brennan, the director of Environmental Affairs for the MBTA, the Army Corps of Engineers stated they would require further consultations on the seven outstanding design issues. It further stated that: No work within their jurisdiction may be started until the MBTA receives a permit signed by their district engineer. None of these issues have been resolved as of this date.

This project cannot go forward without the permits from the Army Corps of Engineers. Additionally, we expect the MBTA and the state to honor the mitigation agreements that they signed with the affected towns.

Until these issues are resolved, it is impossible for the MBTA to put forth a credible figure for the final costs of the project. To represent a final cost figure of $479 million is misleading and a disservice to the taxpayers of Massachusetts.

Melissa Tully
Hingham Selectman
Central Street

Train figures

TO THE EDITOR:

Martha A.R. Bewick, member of Advocates for Transportation Alternatives, makes the following statement in a widely distributed and published anti-Greenbush article: "That same year (1995), Hingham voted unanimously against the train in another record-sized town meeting and Cohasset voters also rejected rail — albeit by a narrower margin."

The Cohasset Mariner of May 18, 1995, shows the opposite to be true of Cohasset with its headline, "Railroad prevails in photo finish." The front page story about the Cohasset train referendum reports as follows: "The question asking if voters favor restoration of the train passed by the narrowest of margins with 1,383 saying yes and 1,380 saying no. However, 1,329 voters said they'd use the train to commute if such a service was available. That's about four times the number the MBTA has projected for Cohasset."

The erroneous statement by Ms. Bewick, whether careless mistake or deliberate distortion, can't help but cast doubt on other claims and tactics of this persistently obstructionist group.

Actually, up-to-date figures show many more people in the Greenbush corridor want the train than object to it. Latest figures by a professional survey team show approval totaling 63 percent versus disapproval at 19 percent. In April of this year The South Shore Chamber of Commerce announced results of a survey by the independent firm, Atlantic Marketing and Research of Boston. The firm used nationally accepted polling techniques to survey the four most affected towns, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate, and three abutting towns, Hull, Marshfield and Norwell. With a 5-percent margin for error, the results were as follows: "Approved or strongly approved Greenbush restoration": Weymouth 60 percent, Cohasset, 59 percent, Hingham 40 percent, Scituate 66 percent. In the abutting towns, approval ratings were even higher: Hull 75 percent, Marshfield 76 percent and Norwell 73 percent.

It is obvious to many and to us that the existing right of way in the Greenbush corridor makes restoration of the train the most logical, feasible and effective transportation alternative.

Sheila S. Evans
Polly Logan
Jacqueline Whipple
Cohasset

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HEALTH NOTES

Idle thoughts about auto emissions

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Has anyone looked at a car idling at the post office and thought about the small thoughtless ways people pollute? None of the old reasons for letting a car run are valid anymore: It doesn't save time or money, it's worse for the life of the engine, the air conditioning will cool the car off immediately. And if it's a SUV or truck, the reasons are compelling for turning the car off; it's giving off harmful emissions. The Board has recently received complaints about big trucks remaining idling for long periods of time on work sites. This is not only unhealthy; it's against the law. Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90 section 16A says that *no* vehicle can remain idling for more than five minutes except in specially defined exceptional cases, under penalty of a fine of $100 for the first offense or $500 for each succeeding offence.

According to a recent state report, Massachusetts has just had the worst air quality summer on record.

According to a recent state report, Massachusetts has just had the worst air quality summer on record. There's a brown haze over Mass Bay; asthma rates are higher than ever, and according to the American Lung Association, asthma is one of the nation's most common and costly diseases, having a substantial impact on health, quality of life, and the economy, and resulting in approximately 5,000 deaths annually. That impact is especially serious for young children, as evidenced by the fact that for children under the age of five, asthma rates increased more than 74 percent between 1980 and 1996 (American Lung Association). Recent studies now confirm that vehicle exhaust emissions cause lung disorders.

If you're interested in seeing the text of the Vehicle Idling law or what the EPA says about the problems idling cause for large vehicles, stop by the Board of Health and pick up a copy.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

No one could tell it like Ken Coleman

COMMENTARY

JEFF CUTLER

Sound isn't just a sense. It's a signal to the body that something is about to happen, or a trigger to a memory deep in your subconscious.

If you're unclear on this concept, think about how your heart still quickens when you hear the first peals of music from the ice-cream man on a hot May afternoon, or how scared you feel for a screeching cat at 1 a.m., or how comforted you feel when you hear a familiar voice.

Sometimes the absence of sound can be just as powerful. When a familiar sound is silenced, the mind tries to recreate the experience but can't quite do it.

It's a feeling of anger, frustration and loss.

Ken Coleman, whose voice was familiar and friendly to hundreds of thousands of baseball fans regionally, took his sound with him last week when he died at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth. And while I hadn't heard his voice on radio for many years, I'm now sitting at my desk straining at the silence.

In my youth, Ken Coleman was baseball. We watched hundreds of games at home with the television turned down and the radio on. Coleman painted pictures with his words that were more vivid than the action on the screen. And these were images you could take with you in a little box wherever you went during the summer.

For me, Nantasket Beach was a patchwork of sound on the weekends. Amid the rock music and squealing of kids, you'd hear Coleman's distinctive voice puncturing the air. Often, the only reason I'd get up from my beach chair was to walk closer to a radio that had the Sox on. And if the Sox were on, so was Coleman.

Ken Coleman was more than baseball. According to his lengthy résumé at a local speakers' bureau, he had other announcing credits including: more than a dozen years with the NFL (he's known in Cleveland for announcing every single touchdown that Jim Brown scored), half a dozen with college football, 12 years doing television news, some college and professional basketball, and multiple narration projects. Coleman was also an author, a father and a grandfather.

Ken Coleman had a familiar voice that gave me comfort, made me think and made me smile.

It's now an August day in the middle of another pennant race. As usual, the Red Sox are still in it.

And while the collection of sounds from Fenway Park is a familiar cacophony of vendors, children, balls on gloves and bats, and even announcers, it's not complete. The symphony is missing a player. So are we.

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Birding for all — old and young, on foot or by wheelchair!

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

Most birders (and bird hike leaders) starting down a trail are more focused on listening and looking for birds than on exactly how uneven or how steep the path will be. But what about the person who must get around in a wheelchair? Or the person whose arthritis makes walking difficult? Or the person who is temporarily on crutches due to a broken ankle? Or the person with knees prone to giving out? Or the person with heart or breathing problems who needs a place to sit periodically? These people may be just as eager to go birding, but need to know what lies ahead in order to prevent getting into a situation where they need help. Birding from a car window works in some places, but has its limitations.

It is not just people who have trouble moving around that need help. People who are deaf and blind would also like to be able to enjoy birding.

Until recently not much thought has gone into making parks, nature preserves and sanctuaries user-friendly for people with disabilities. On April 1, 2000, a man named Bo Beolens from the United Kingdom founded Disabled Birders Association International. This group has well over 300 members, both disabled and able-bodied. An American chapter of Disabled Birder's Association (DBA) was formed in 2002. The goal of these groups is to promote universal access to all facilities, services and resources for birdwatchers without jeopardizing the needs of birds and other wildlife.

Parks, refuges, sanctuaries and other open space areas need to provide more boardwalk trails. These trails must not be blocked by gates denying access to the very people they are trying to help. (This has been known to happen.) More places to sit, either benches or just convenient tree stumps at the edge of paths, would be helpful. Better signage describing the length and condition of trails would save people from encountering unexpected obstacles. Bird blinds with ramp access need viewing slots at appropriate levels for children and people in wheelchairs.

The "site guide" on the DBA USA website thus far lists only one wheelchair accessible birding area, and it is in Texas! There does not seem to be a satisfactory list of accessible areas in Massachusetts. The Parker River National Wildlife Refuge includes a 6.3 mile road down Plum Island in Newburyport and is a premier birding area in Massachusetts. Several observation points and one short boardwalk trail are described as wheelchair accessible. Unfortunately the map showing trails and parking areas does not include "accessible by wheelchair" in its legend.

It is not just people who have trouble moving around that need help. People who are deaf and blind would also like to be able to enjoy birding. Blind people with good hearing can learn to identify birds by their calls. We all know that birds are usually heard before they are seen. In fact many that are heard singing are never seen at all. Deaf people probably won't find as many birds, but can train themselves to be more alert to even the tiniest movement.

John V. Dennis, noted ornithologist and author of several books, including "Complete Guide to Bird Feeding" lost vision in one eye due to a tumor late in his life. Before his death in 2002, he wrote this advice in the January/February '03 issue of "Bird Watcher's Digest" for people with similar handicaps: "Choose a species that's easy to find, relatively tame, easy to watch, present year-round and scrappy enough not to be cowed at the feeder. I find that the mourning dove meets all these requirements. Not a day goes by that I don't hear this dove's mournful cooing or see one or more in my backyard. Let the bird of your choice help you through an illness or make a handicap easier to live with. It's been a great help to me."

Birding can easily be enjoyed by people of all ages. Exposing children to this activity at a young age encourages them to enjoy the wonders of nature and may make them more concerned about the environment when they become adults. Children are naturally curious and learn quickly. There are ways to make their early experiences more enjoyable and less frustrating.

Start with large birds that are easy to see. Egrets and herons are beautiful, a little exotic, and tend to stay in one place long enough to identify and enjoy before they fly away. Ducks are also good "beginning" birds to look for if you have a pond nearby. In Hingham, it is possible to get fairly close to gulls at the bathing beach.

Backyard birds and feeder birds allow close-up views and a chance to observe behavior. For young children there is the added advantage of not having to drive a distance, and when they have had enough, they can easily go do something else. Brightly colored birds such as goldfinches and cardinals are easy to see. As children become more adept at using binoculars, they can go on longer walks and look for small birds in the bushes. Speaking of binoculars, it helps if they have some reasonably good ones. Equipment that does not work well is a recipe for disappointment. Some organized bird walks and trips are geared toward beginners and welcome children. It is worth checking out activities sponsored by Massachusetts Audubon Society, The Trustees of Reservations, and the South Shore Natural Science Center.

PHOTO BY BILL HILTON JR.

Bird Feeding Station at Hilton Pond Center for Piedmont Natural History in York, S.C. (www.hiltonpond.org)

Although there are records of use of animals in therapy going back as far as 1792, the term "pet therapy" was not coined until 1964. At that time Boris Levinson, an American child psychiatrist, began using dogs to help severely withdrawn children to talk. Writing up his results in scientific journals led to other studies by more scientists showing the benefits of animals for psychiatric patients, nursing home residents, and even prisoners. It is no longer just cats and dogs that are being used, but many nursing homes are acquiring caged birds and putting up wild bird feeding stations. This seems to result in patients becoming less depressed and more interested in their surroundings. It also helps stimulate conversation when family or friends visit. For patients who were active birders in their younger years, monitoring a bird feeder helps to maintain a lifelong hobby.

Birding should be an activity that anyone can enjoy. Let us hope we can continue to make progress toward reaching that goal.

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for Project FeederWatch and International Shorebird Surveys.

Right out of Britney's closet

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Have you seen the latest lines of clothing they're selling to the kids as they head back to school?

Do they really wear pajamas to class now?

Like the junior miss on Page 5 of the Bob's Stores catalogue that came with your Sunday papers this week, the one with the pale lilac velour zip jacket and pants with a drawstring that . . . well, you'll just have to see for yourself.

I could be wrong, of course. These may not be back to school clothes at all. But why would they been selling beachwear when the targets of it all are going back to the classroom in a week or so?

But enough of these Britney Spears clothing lines have been showing up in the neighborhood school house to lead the Braintree School Committee to ban tank tops and other revealing items of clothing.

The problem is showing signs of spreading from the back to the front of the classroom.

Hey, that's my old school and that sounds alarmingly like a dress code, too.

By coincidence, just the other day I ran into a classmate who graduated with me at a time when ice covered most of the earth and, of course, the meeting forced me to get out my high school yearbook for a dose of nostalgia.

There was no dress code that I can recall yet it seemed from the pictures in the yearbook that the girls all wore blouses and skirts that ended below the knee and the boys wore shirts and more than likely a tie too.

But whining about student dress and debating dress codes is old stuff. The problem is showing signs of spreading from the back to the front of the classroom.

A lot of schools have found that they not only have to draw up dress codes for students but for teachers, too, particularly for those just out of college.

Nearly a third of the 70 teachers at Hamilton School in Bridgewater, N. J., had to be cautioned not to come to school in anything out of Britney's closet.

"Who are they dressing to impress?" asked Lorraine Lotowycz, the principal. "Certainly not a 5- 6- 7-year-old child."

A number of schools have drawn up lists of no-nos for new teachers. They include: Shorts or skirts shorter than fingertips when arms are extended toward the knees, exposed tattoos, naked navels, piercings other than earrings, flip-flops, tube tops, halter tops or spaghetti-strap tops.

Juli Kwikkel, the principal of East and West Elementary Schools in conservative Storm Lake, Iowa, was interviewing a teaching-assistant candidate one day when she noticed something unusual about her.

She had a pierced tongue and her tattoo peeked out of her V-necked shirt.

"I thought, 'Oh, my Lord, we're at a new plateau here,'" said Juli.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Common sense urged

Dear Mark and the Board:

Something is not right here - we, the town of Cohasset - the village of Cohasset - have very limited space for driving and parking in the Village - it's the way the Town grew up - and yet here we are cutting down the corners and widths of some streets when we should be looking for ways to provide as much parking as possible and make it easy for vehicles to move through the village. We're doing the exact opposite.

I'm aware of the pedestrian activity in the Village - there's a lot of people walking, (that's good) - there's a lot of people driving, (that's good) and these two elements work together. There is courtesy between the two. Vehicles do stop for people - go downtown and watch.

Please let's cut down on the limited space that we have. Use your judgement - use your common sense - leave the area/space we have alone - just redo the sidewalks and roadway.

Hamilton T. Tewksbury
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Mr. Tewksbury provided The Mariner with a copy of his letter.

Greenbush, yes!

DEAR GOVERNOR ROMNEY:

Although the opponents seem to make the most noise, it's clear to me that the great majority favor the project and are heartily sick of the opposition.

In time the initial cost (whatever it turns out to be) will prove insignificant relative to the advantages of reestablishing the line and thus providing a basis for upgrading its capacity as it becomes ever more heavily used. In a few years it will be recognized unquestionably as the *life-line* of the South Shore, and hopefully those who made it happen will be remembered with gratitude.

The alternatives proposed by the opponents of Greenbush illustrate wishful thinking rather than quantitative and realistic analysis.

Obviously, effective public transportation with the potential for huge capacity eventually must be provided for the South Shore, and further delay of the inevitable only increases the cost. *The time to start is now!*

R. Murray Campbell
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Mr. Campbell provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter.

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MBTA gets OK to hike T fares despite declining ridership

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL C. LEVENSON

I was amazed," said Sarah Glatt, one of the protesters outside the State House last week. "It's just so unfair."

On a hot summer day, with few people paying attention to Beacon Hill and fewer lawmakers attending legislative sessions, House and Senate leaders slipped two controversial environmental measures into an unrelated spending bill, and shipped it to Gov. Mitt Romney's desk in about six hours.

No public hearing. No debate. Certainly no press releases.

The Democratic leaders of the House and Senate decided a sparsely attended informal session last week, where only noncontroversial matters are supposed to be handled, was the time to rubber stamp a measure protecting an upscale East Boston condo development from public access and environmental lawsuits and another measure making it easier for the MBTA to ignore declining ridership and move ahead with a fare hike Jan. 1. Any one member could stop the bill but no one objected. Most of the public and the Legislature learned about the provisions in the following morning's papers. By then, it was left to the Conservation Law Foundation and other watchdog groups to beseech Romney to veto the provisions out of the spending bill. As of midday last Thursday, the Governor hadn't said what he would do.

Stealth lawmaking has become common practice in the Legislature, and it undoubtedly helped propel Romney into office on a pledge to "clean up the mess on Beacon Hill." Political observers have long said that voters like the idea of a Republican in the Corner Office who will serve as a check on the excesses of a Democratic Legislature. Romney dodged questions about whether he would veto the provisions. "I don't have a direction for you yet as to how we'll come out," he told reporters. But by later that afternoon, a response had come. The Governor signed the fare hike provision into law, saying the measure recognizes that there is "no means" by which the MBTA can accurately track ridership data.

The assertion came about an hour after Joseph Pesaturo, MBTA spokesman, said the Central Transportation Planning Staff, a group of analysts within the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization, were "doing the analysis" on ridership data. "CTPS is tracking the ridership data," Pesaturo said. "They're doing the analysis and are going to provide the data the statute requires."

Romney directed the MBTA to rid the system of inefficiencies, conduct a review of its finances, reach out to the public, and make efforts to increase the number of people who use the T before putting in place any fare increase.

Shawn Feddeman, Romney's spokeswoman, said, "They don't have an accurate or precise enough mechanism without a margin of error." Pesaturo said later, "Because of the antiquated fare collection systems, it makes it difficult to put a precise number on ridership. For now, we have to rely on planning models that CTPS develops."

In January, subway fares are now set to rise from $1 to $1.25, even if ridership plummets. Romney, as he signed the measure into law, also directed the MBTA to rid the system of inefficiencies, conduct a review of its finances, reach out to the public, and make efforts to increase the number of people who use the T before putting in place any fare increase.

The East Boston provision was sent back to the Legislature with recommended amendments to narrow its scope. As written, Romney warned it "may have unintended consequences" on the Public Waterfront Act, which environmentalists say can be used to force developers to make concessions for public access. The ball is back in the Legislature's court.

Out on the steps of the Statehouse, Glatt, 22, of Chelmsford, and about 75 protesters organized by Alternatives for Community and Environment and the T Riders Union had just arrived after marching from Washington Street, chanting in opposition to the fare hike and expressing outrage at the quick pace of change and lack of public input. "What do we want?" the protesters chanted. "Public process!"

• *A victory for Cape Wind* — Cape Wind executives won a legal battle in their quest to build the nation's first offshore wind farm in Nantucket Sound. A federal judge in Boston ruled the state had no authority to stop construction of a data collection tower that Cape Wind Associates erected last spring.

• *Bill proposed to toughen securities law* — Democratic lawmakers proposed toughening state securities law to make it easier to jail violators for fraud. Sens. Jarrett Barrios of Cambridge and Andrea Nuciforo of Pittsfield proposed the bill a day after the Globe reported that that a Lehman Brothers analyst had issued a higher rating for stock in a California electronics company in 2000, yielding to pressure from someone at a company that was financed by Bain Capital, Gov. Romney's former firm.

• *Dorchester food company honored* — A fledgling company that caters events featuring healthy ethnic food was honored by Gov. Romney. City Fresh Foods of Dorchester, which employs 38 people, received the Inner City Investment Award in a West Lawn ceremony that's part of Romney's "Jobs First" initiative. The nine-year-old firm delivers its organic food in an electric-powered truck.

• *Attorneys protest lack of pay, prod action on budget bill* — Private attorneys who defend indigent clients began refusing cases, saying they had not been paid $15 million owed them by the state. The House and Senate hastily passed a budget bill and Romney signed it into law last Thursday. "The prospect of our criminal court sessions grinding to a halt poses a potential threat to our public safety, which is a primary responsibility of government," Romney said.

• *Good news for the economy* — The Massachusetts Port Authority reported during the first seven months of this year cargo containers ships moved 14 percent more goods in and out of Boston's port. The Associated Industries of Massachusetts also reported that Massachusetts exported $9 billion worth of merchandise during the first half of this year — an increase of 14 percent over the same period in 2002, and well above the national average of 2.7 percent growth.

• *Test scores up* — Massachusetts students scored nearly two points higher than the national average in every category on the national American College Test, a college entrance exam similar to the SAT, the Education Department reported. The news seemed to continue a trend of Massachusetts students outperforming their counterparts in most states.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' and senators' votes on three roll calls from earlier July sessions. All of the roll call votes are on legislative action surrounding Gov. Romney's overrides of items in the $22.1 billion fiscal 2004 state budget.

LEGAL SERVICES FOR INDIGENT (H 4004)

House 147-10, Senate 35-5, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $7,564,142 in funding for the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (MLAC). The MLAC provides legal representation for indigent and disadvantaged residents. Override supporters said these services ensure equal access to the justice system for thousands of below-poverty level Massachusetts residents including accused criminals, the poor, the elderly, battered women, tenants and Medicaid recipients. They argued that the program actually saves the state money because it helps many people secure various federal benefits. Override opponents said the MLAC often wastes money by representing people who bring frivolous lawsuits against the state. They argued that the state should not fund this account while cutting back human service programs and said more lawyers should offer free services to the indigent until the state's economy improves. (A "Yea" vote is for the $7,564,142. A "Nay" vote is against the $7,564,142).

Senator Hedlund: **N** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

$250,000 FOR READING TO THE BLIND (H 4004)

House 141-15, Senate 38-2, overrode Gov. Romney's $250,000 veto reduction (from $500,000 to $250,000) in funding for the Talking Information Center-- a non-profit service that helps the blind and disabled by providing the reading of daily newspapers, magazines, books and other materials on seven radio stations across Massachusetts. Override supporters said this service is invaluable to 20,000 blind people and noted the $500,000 cut represents about two-thirds of the Talking Information Center's entire budget and would almost wipe out the service. Override opponents said no one likes to cut good programs but argued this is one of those necessary cuts that must be implemented in order to balance the budget, prevent cuts in other programs and avoid new taxes. (A "Yea" vote is for the additional $250,000. A "Nay" vote is against the additional $250,000).

Senator Hedlund: **Y** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

$125,000 FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION (H 4004)

House 132-24, Senate 39-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $125,000 for statewide and community-based suicide prevention, intervention and surveillance activities and the implementation of a statewide suicide prevention program. Override supporters said this money is essential to fund this important battle against a major public health problem. They noted that suicide results in an average of 500 deaths annually, exceeds the number of motor vehicle-related deaths and occurs twice as often as homicides. Override opponents said it is an unpleasant necessity to reduce funding for good programs but argued that the state cannot afford the $125,000 during this fiscal crisis. They said that continued overrides of the governor's vetoes will result in an unbalanced budget, cuts to other programs and/or tax hikes. (A "Yea" vote is for the $125,000. A "Nay" vote is against the $125,000).

Senator Hedlund: **Y** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

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Whopping water quality improvement grant awarded

The Water Commission has been awarded a $255,000 state grant to pay 60 percent of a four-year $425,000 project designed to reduce non-point source pollution and improve the water quality of Lily Pond, the town's primary drinking water supply.

"This is a very significant project, which will reduce nutrient loading into Lily Pond by over 50 percent," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "This grant will help improve drinking water quality and better protect public health in Cohasset."

The major water quality problem with Lily Pond is too much nutrients — phosphorus and nitrates — which come from runoff from lawns, septic systems, driveways, streets, and from storm-water drainage, McNabb explained. This excess nutrient loading increases the growth of algae and weeds and contributes to the generation of taste and odor problems and to potentially harmful "disinfection" byproducts in the drinking water.

"The project also includes the installation of a spill control facility at the intersection of Pond Street and Route 3A to protect Lily Pond from any pollution which may result from an accident at that intersection which could flow into Peppermint Brook and then right into the Pond, he said.

McNabb said in this project,the Water Commission will design and construct storm-water control and treatment systems which will utilize structural best management practices (BMP's) and incorporate low impact development (LID) strategies wherever possible to contain and minimize off-site flows and pollutant loading into Lily Pond. Structural BMP improvement options to be considered will include; hooded catchbasins, bioretention facilities, Rain Gardens, roadside swales with biofilters and spill containment facilities.

The project will also incorporate pre- and post-construction environmental monitoring, on-going operation and maintenance and a public education program that will invite residents in the Lily Pond tributary to participate in reducing non-point source pollutants through the use of slow release and no/low phosphorus lawn fertilizers and through individual or neighborhood scale use of low-impact development innovative technologies designed to promote on-site retention and treatment of storm water.

The grant came from the 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant Program administered by the state Department of Environmental Protection and the EPA. The grant pays for 60 percent, or $255,000 of the total $425,000 cost of the project. The remaining $170,000 will be funded by the Water Commission out of funds appropriated at the March 29, 2003 Annual Town Meeting.

McNabb said the need for this project has been established by two recent environmental studies prepared for the Water Commission – the "Surface Water Supply Protection Plan," by Norfolk Ram, and the "Lily Pond Limnology and Waters Edge Study," by EBSR. Each of these studies were funded by $45,000 state grants, he said.

Retiring custodians to stay awhile

Cleaning duties for the schools will be handled by an outside company this fall, leaving four of the current nine custodians out of a job. However, because two of the custodians were nearing retirement, Supt. Edward Malvey asked School Committee members to make an exception and keep the two on until their dates of retirement in the next few months.

One of the custodians was planning on retirement, effective Nov. 1 and will be kept on in the schools until then. The second is considering taking an early retirement package and will tentatively retire in either December or January, depending on his acceptance of the package offered.

Malvey said the schools are able to pay for the extra help because custodians were kept on during the summer while the details were being worked out with the cleaning service, which saved the schools money on the outside service. He also said the cleaning service is going to be taking over on the purchase of supplies, which will free up money in the school's budget as well.

In the future, Malvey said he would like to have a fifth custodian on full-time who would be able to fill in when someone was out for the day, or provide additional help when needed.

"It makes sense to have a swing person," Malvey said.

In the event the second custodian does not accept the early retirement package, Malvey said he would be a likely candidate for the fifth custodial position, should it work out.

The two custodians who will not be returning this fall have found employment elsewhere. Malvey said he wishes them well.

For student research center, bacteria studies lead the list

Wins competitive grant for program

By Samantha Brown
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"It was great to be there and see professional scientists at work."
— Jack Buckley

The Center for Student Coastal Research has been awarded a $3,800 grant by the Gulf of Maine Council, which provides funding for CSCR staff and students to receive training by professional bacteriologists.

Through the Action Plan Grants Program of the Gulf of Maine Council, funding is awarded to groups of citizens and community organizations that support the goals of the Council's "Action Plan." The CSCR was awarded funding for professional development for monitoring bacteria in Cohasset Harbor.

"It puts us in a position to advance the work we've been doing," said CSCR president Jack Buckley, adding the grant application process was a competitive one, open to any eastern states with shoreline on the Gulf of Maine.

Located in Mariners Park, the Center works with local schools to provide a facility to help educate and raise awareness about marine and coastal ecosystems in Cohasset, and provides programs that will not only teach children about sea life, but will benefit the town as well. Participants gather data on the various coastal watersheds, which can be built upon each year, and used as a resource by the town.

With the funds received by the grant, CSCR students and staff traveled to the Department of Environmental Protection lab in Lawrence, Mass. to meet with Dr. Oscar Pancorbo, director of the Senator William X. Wall Experiment Station, for a bacteriology training session. Along with Buckley, who is also a teacher at the middle-high school, teachers Pattie McGrail and Lisa Mullen, and students Dan Allen and Laura Genello learned valuable information from Pancorbo.

"It was phenomenal. He's one of the leading authorities on bacteria," Buckley said.

Pancorbo provided the group with much information on various microbiological studies, including information on sources of contamination, indicators of contamination, standards and sampling, spending the most time discussing Environmental Protection Agency lab methods for testing for Escherichia coli, and enterococci in recreational waters. There were also hands-on experiments to participate in.

"It was great to be there and see professional scientists at work," Buckley said.

Because of the wonderful experience at the lab, Buckley sent a letter to Environmental Secretary Ellen Roy Herzfelder, encouraging her to visit Dr. Pancorbo's lab. In the letter, he said the group was "deeply impressed by the variety of critical environmental work that takes place under Dr. Pancorbo," and were equally impressed by his enthusiasm for sharing his expertise.

In addition to the work being done with this new bacterial information, Buckley said the CSCR has been having much success with its other summer programs.

"The initial feedback is that it was highly successful," said Buckley in regards to the Seaside Adventure programs for students in grades four through six.

However, with school back in session next week, the obstacle still remains of what the best way is to continue on with research while the weather is still warm.

"Somehow, everyone will fit it into their schedules," Buckley said, while students try to juggle academics, sports, and extra-curricular activities. He said hopefully, work can still be done on the weekends.

"We still have a couple of months of opportunity," he said, adding that when the weather gets colder, bacteria will naturally die off.

The CSCR has scheduled an open house for Sunday, Sept. 28 from 1-3 p.m. to display this summer's student research into assessing the health of Cohasset's coastal environment, to be held at CSCR research facilities in the former Hagerty building off Parker Avenue.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Planning board must rethink Cedarmere

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm sure that I was not alone among my fellow residents in being incredulous at the article in the Cohasset Mariner last week in which a state official was quoted as saying that the affordable housing units in the 29-unit apartment building of the proposed Cedarmere project will not count toward our 40B inventory because they are segregated and too dissimilar from the luxury, market-rate townhouse units elsewhere in the complex.

One of the primary purposes of the Senior Overlay District — to increase our inventory of affordable housing units in order to ward off 40B developments — will have been totally defeated if Cedarmere's affordable units are not allowed to be counted by the state.

In addition, the other primary goal of the Senior Overlay District — to create both affordable housing and housing which most Cohasset residents can afford — has been given short shrift in the Planning Board discussion.

Planning Board member Good was quoted in the paper at a previous meeting as describing Cedarmere as "just the sort of project I envisioned when I voted" for the zoning change for the Senior Overlay District. I don't know what Town Meeting Mr. Good attended, but it certainly was not the one I was at last fall, when at no time did any of the proponents of the Senior Overlay District tell us, "Oh, and by the way, we need to approve this zoning change to permit developments of which three-quarters will be luxury residences of 2,400 sq. ft. starting at $650,000."

To the contrary, the Senior Overlay District was pitched to us by both the Senior Housing Committee and the Planning Board members themselves as a means for providing housing for *all* Cohasset senior citizens who, we were told, predominantly are in need of moderately-priced housing units in order to remain in Cohasset after they sell their homes. The Senior Housing Committee told us that they had a project which was both imminent and which would offer affordable housing for all levels of income for our seniors.

But the most striking aspect of the Cedarmere project in this context is that there is nothing for the typical middle-class Cohasset senior citizen who may not qualify by reason of income or assets for so-called affordable housing, but who certainly cannot afford to plunk down $650,000 for a 2,400 sq. ft., luxury condo with a huge tax bill (about $8,000 per year, plus a big monthly condo fee).

A special advertising section in the Globe this Sunday for over-55 developments revealed that most of these projects offer units of 2,000 sq. ft. starting in the mid-$300,000 range. This price range would permit the average Cohasset over-55 couple to sell their home for $600,000; use that cash to buy a condo while keeping some money from that sale in the bank; and reduce their tax bill by almost half. But from what I have read in the Mariner, there is nothing like that at Cedarmere — the choices are either a $650,000 home or a small condo unit in the 29-unit segregated structure near the noise of 3A starting at $170,000.

Another troubling aspect of the way in which the Planning Board has handled the Cedarmere project is that it has placed the proverbial cart before the horse in giving Cedarmere conditional approval prior to the developers having gone before the Sewer Commission. The Planning Board process stands in stark contrast to the Appeals Board hearings on Avalon. Avalon went to the Sewer Commission first — and got turned down — and then tried to buy into Hull's sewage system — and got turned down there — and then had to come up with its own waste treatment plan prior to the hearing process with the Appeals Board. In other words, the Appeals Board had a finished plan before they began their hearing process. But the Planning Board has gone full-steam ahead even though a number of issues are still up in the air.

This process also unfairly has placed the Sewer Commission in the role of bad guy. When the Sewer Commissioners didn't loudly proclaim, "Bravo!" and shower Cedarmere with comments of "Superlative!" from their lips as the Planning Board members did, the developers complained to the Sewer Commission that "you've left us chasing the rabbit." But it was the Planning Board that placed the developers in that position by sending the developers off to the Sewer Commission with virtually no chance of getting permission to hook up to the town waste treatment plant because of the well-known lack of capacity in the plant and the legal and moral imperative for the town to clean up our local public cesspool first (a/k/a Little Harbor) before allowing other sections of the town to hook up.

Moreover, if the Sewer Commission were to hand out a hook-up to Cedarmere because it was determined that the treatment plant has enough capacity for both Cedarmere and Little Harbor as the Cedarmere developers contend, will there be any capacity left for the Senior Housing Committee project? As far as I know, no one is suggesting that our treatment plant can handle Cedarmere, Little Harbor, and a Senior Housing Committee project.

If the Sewer Commissioners are to be taken at their word that they would not consider creating a new sewer district without Town Meeting approval because Town Meeting created the sewer districts in the first place, the town should offer whatever capacity is left after Little Harbor to a development which appeals to the majority of our townspeople, not merely the ultra-wealthy, whether that be the Senior Housing Committee project or a revised Cedarmere project.

The Planning Board is absolutely correct that Cedarmere is a first-class project. We are fortunate that the developers are first-rate people and clearly not the sort of fly-by-night developers who have plagued nearby communities. Moreover, it is highly preferable that a first-class, private developer such as Cedarmere's King Taylor fulfill our community's housing needs than for a town committee to embark on such a complex undertaking. But the Planning Board should insist that it be a development with a large number of mid-priced units of the sort which truly was envisioned when the Senior Overlay District was approved by Town Meeting.

Andrew Quigley
38 Jerusalem Road

No fun at Sandy Beach

Dear Sandy Beach Association:

Since becoming residents five years ago, my family and I have been frequent summer visitors to Sandy Beach. During a recent visit to the beach, I was surprised to see the enforcement of new restrictions on certain beach activities there were not apparent in prior seasons.

On a windy Sunday morning two weeks ago, I visited the beach with my three young children and my son's small kite, which we have flown on the beach for the past three years since his second birthday. To my chagrin and amazement, the lifeguard told me that kite flying was not allowed on the beach as instructed by the Sandy Beach Association. As a habitual visitor to numerous New England beaches over the past four decades, I have never heard of such a ruling anywhere else. Some nearby bystanders who happened to overhear the bewildering new restriction also were shocked to learn of this policy. I asked the lifeguard for an explanation but she could not offer me one; since that day I have been speculating.

My guess is that the Association has restricted kite flying due to environmental protection or safety reasons. I am not aware that Sandy Beach is officially deemed wildlife or bird protected sanctuary where a flying kite may impinge upon the local natural habitats. Therefore, I have concluded that reasons of safety lie behind forbidding onshore beach kite flying. What puzzles me is why kite flying is deemed more hazardous that any other sporting activities which are not restricted on the beach.

Based on frequency and probability of injury, I find that kite flying is minimally hazardous. While it is possible to see a kite land out of control in gusty winds, there is a greater chance of encountering batted balls from informal baseball games, errantly overthrown footballs or off-target Frisbees hurled unintentionally at passers-by or near-by sun worshippers. And if you are concerned about dangerous objects on the beach, the most prominent is the beach umbrella. How often on windy days have you seen unattended beach umbrellas bent at 45 degrees, ready to launch themselves downwind.

The intent of this letter is to not to suggest that other sporting activities be restricted. Nor am I proposing that beach umbrellas be eliminated. But when determining "risks" of all these objects and their frequency, I find kite flying to among the least dangerous.

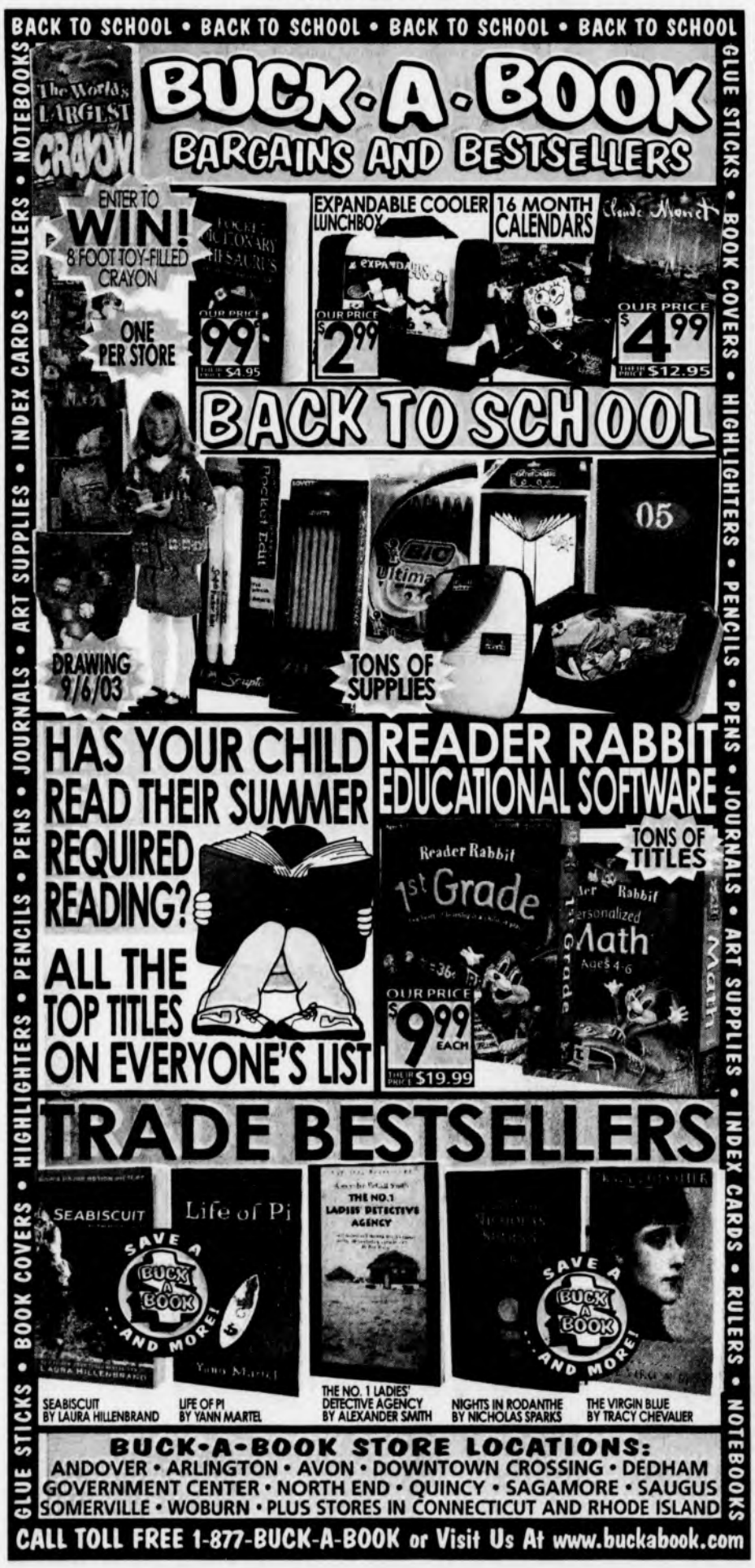
Kite flying is a memorable and thoroughly enjoyable family activity. It is a shame that since kite flying has been banned on Sandy Beach there is no other place in town for families to enjoy this event. While there are open spaces at various schools and soccer fields, these locations are not conducive to kite flying since the field (situated well below the tree line) inhibit kites from launching adequately.

I was also surprised to hear discussion of prohibiting boogie boards on the beach. My question on this new decision is not nearly as strong as the one on kite flying because any offshore-related activity does bring in a new element of safety concerns. I am aware of the dangers of true floatation devices, specifically those that are air inflated, and I share concern about untrained swimmers venturing too far from shore with a flotation device and possibly encountering difficulties in such a situation. However, boogie boards are too unstable to become a floatation device for any child older than a toddler. You often see parents towing toddlers along the water's edge. a toddler alone is much too uncoordinated to maintain balance long enough get too far from shore. However, children who are preschoolers or older are sufficiently big and heavy that they cannot stay afloat for more than a second even it they so intended.

If I make one further suggestion: it would be useful to clearly outline the rules of the beach regarding policies during the summer months on activities both offshore and onshore, pets, etc. As a regular donor to the association, I would appreciate seeing this outlined in the annual campaign letter or posted by the entrance to the gate, since not everyone visits the bathhouse.

Jeffrey Moy
33 Ledgewood Drive

Mr. Moy provided The Mariner with a copy of his letter.



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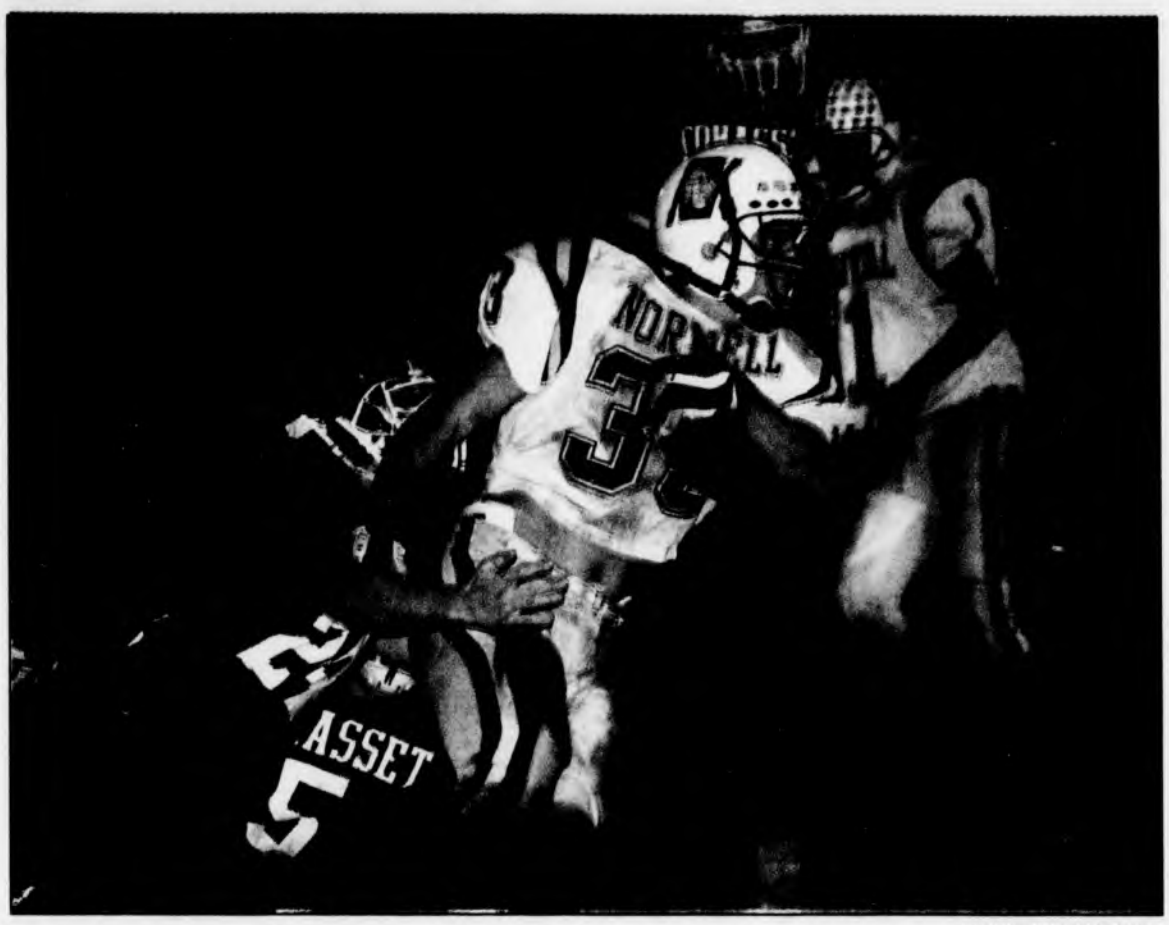

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Mike Dooley (#24), seen here trying to drag down Norwell's Frank Granara from behind, makes the jump from defensive back to starting quarterback this fall.

All's well for Norwell gridders

Abington, Cohasset and Carver expected to challenge favored Clippers in SSL

By TJ Byrne
CORRESPONDENT

There are usually pluses and minuses to each decision and move that is made. For the first time in over two years, the South Shore League has remained in structure from the previous season. With the high school football season rumbling towards it's first weekend, the South Shore League coaches, players and fans are looking forward to the benefits of a stable league structure, as well as revamped and rejuvenated league rivalries.

Over the course of the past two seasons, the South Shore League has said good bye to traditional members Hanover and Norton and welcomed in newcomer Mashpee. The cutting down from eight members to six has forced the remaining schools to look outside the area to fill vacant spots in their schedules. In some cases, teams have not been able to fill a ten game schedule.

With a year of experience under their belts, the South Shore League teams has been able to adjust and fill their schedule with a compliment of ten opponents. Carver has even been able to add an eleventh game to its schedule this year, something Norwell has also managed to continue doing. What is left standing for the Division 5 South Shore League after seasons of maneuvering is a wide open and competitive race for this year's league title.

The reason for such optimism is the same reason most people were against the changes to the league. Although a six team league makes it more difficult to fill out the schedule, it also means teams are playing in only five league games to determine a first place finisher. With a reduced number of league games, each team feels it has a legitimate chance at the title.

South Shore League Final 2002 Standings

	SSL	Overall
Abington	5-0	11-1
Cohasset	3-2	8-2
Norwell	3-2	7-4
Hull	3-2	6-4
Carver	1-4	2-8

"I don't think most of the teams are happy with just five league games," said Abington head coach Jim Keliher. "You would like your league to have some more opponents

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Farewell Skippers

BIGGER PICTURE

DAVID INGBER

It was about this time of year, in 1999, that I set out to become the Next Jimmy O. I was stepping into the journalistic gym shoes of a star baseball player, accomplished actor, Homecoming King, class president, and CHS graduate admired by the entire town.

It didn't take long before I realized how ridiculous my pursuit was.

I discovered there was no point in trying to emulate a legend. From then until the present, I have been striving to create my own voice. Not necessarily better or worse than Jimmy's, but my own.

Here I stand in 2003, ironically enough, in the exact same situation:

Eagerly counting down the nanoseconds until my freshman year starts, beading sweat at the thought of trying to get onto the permanent staff of a renowned publication.

In 1999, it was the freshman year of high school and an award-winning town weekly. In 2003, it is the freshman year of college and an award-winning college daily.

The main difference? Thanks to a harem of helping hands, I now feel my voice is ready to be seen in a new setting.

I'd like to, first off, thank my editor, Mike Spellman. I did not, as many joked to me over the past week, pay him to write the column about me in last Thursday's issue. However, he has always given me the proper balance of freedom and creative control in my stories and advice and critiques to improve my work. For three years, he has guided me, starting me off in the abyssal world of journalism with a professional eye.

(While on the editorial note, thank you to Mark Skala, Mary Ford, Andy Mahoney and Brian Brennan for taking a chance on a young kid with no credentials or experience, just a squeaky voice, a mouth full of metal and typing skills comparable to a those of a man wearing boxing gloves.)

I would also like to thank the coaches of Cohasset High School, for never once complaining about my late night, beat-the-deadline house calls, desperate for one final interview before Tuesday at midnight came around.

Tony Rolfe, Ellen Carr, Torin Sweeney, Dave Nigro, Deb Beal and Dennis Walsh were always particularly accommodating in honoring my requests for an interview, and providing me with enough game details so that I could type an adequate piece, sometimes without ever having witnessed the game or match.

Thanks especially to Ron Ford, who wasted many a lunch-break humoring me on the details of any and all things Cohasset sports.

Several student athletes come to mind for much the same reason, always aiding my search for quotes from the players about a variety of Skipper sports. Heather Peraino, Ian Kidder, Jared Krupczak, Ross Lieb-Lappen, Maura O'Brien: Thank you for enabling me to write articles without having A) seen the game itself and/or B) talked to a coach. These students, among others, bailed me out of many journalistic jams with team insights and insider views.

I applaud my parents, mostly for refusing to sugarcoat what they felt about my articles, con-

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Rox close in on playoffs

Wild card lead increases to six as Brockton win streak hits five

Nine errors combined was not expected, but a Brockton Rox 9-6 victory over the Elmira Pioneers is exactly what the 2,868 fans in attendance cheered for.

The Berkshire Black Bears dominated the New Jersey Jackals in a 10-1 rout, keeping the Jackals (20-20) 1.5 games ahead of Elmira (18-21) in the race for first place in the South Division. The Rox succeeded, though, in keeping the Pioneers from making up ground in the South Division.

The Quebec Capitales (24-14) also won, so the Rox remain one game behind in the North Division.

If the Jackals win the south division in the second half, a wildcard team would be selected based on best overall record. The Rox lead the wildcard race by six games over the Pioneers.

Rox starter Mike Marchesano wasn't sharp, he gave up eight hits and six runs, only one of which was earned and got his eighth victory of the season.

Leadoff hitter Cleatus Davidson reached on a single, stole second base and reached third on a rare errant throw from Mel Rosario. Two batters later, Rafael Alvarez grounded out to first which scored Davidson.

Brockton tied it in the second inning on a Jake Daubert RBI single, which extended his hitting streak to 12 games. In the third, the first five batters reached base safely and the Pioneers commited three errors in the inning, en route to six Rox runs.

Tony Stutz and Conor Brooks added perfect innings to close the game. Brooks struck out one and got his league-leading nineteenth save.

From the third through fifth innings, the Pioneers committed five errors, which led to five runs.

Elmira starter Hatuey Mendoza was chased from the game after five innings, he allowed eight runs on eight hits and let loose on two wild pitches. With the loss, Mendoza has dropped three straight decisions.

Rox outfielder Darren Blakely underwent a minor surgical procedure to drain his left knee of fluid, which was successful. Blakely was hit by two pitches and walked in an 0-for-2 night with one run scored.

Mel Rosario added his sixth home run of the season to cap the Rox scoring in the seventh.

Craig Lewis, who started at his third different position in the last three games, continued his hot hitting, he went 2-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored.

Nestor Smith, Francisco Matos, and Jake Daubert contributed with muti-hit games.

The Rox and Pioneers resumed their series in game two last night, with the finale set

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More league shuffling on deck?

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

Almost since news of the break to independence of the Atlantic Coast League and the subsequent disbanding of the Pilgrim Conference came down, it's been heavily speculated and even widely assumed in some circles that Silver Lake would be leaving the Old Colony League next fall to join the newly formed ACL.

Well, you know what they say about folks who assume…

Word on the street now has Silver Lake positioning itself to join the Patriot League in the fall of 2004, when roughly 45 percent of that school's student body will be lost to de-regionalization, i.e. the brand new Pembroke High School. If this does indeed happen, don't be surprised to see a trickle down effect to the South Shore League.

The Pembroke split will reduce Silver Lake's student body to an estimated 1,000 students. Pembroke High will open its doors next fall with approximately 900 students, though word is that number could climb, as Pembroke parents who had problems with the regional school system may now consider switching from private to the public schools.

Informally, Pembroke High has already been accepted by the Patriot League, and Silver Lake may well be looking to follow that lead. In 2004, Silver Lake would likely be among the larger schools (by student population) in the Patriot League or one of the smaller schools in the ACL. Middleboro is currently the largest school in the Patriot League with right around 1,000 students enrolled. SL coaches seem to feel smaller would be better considering their project-

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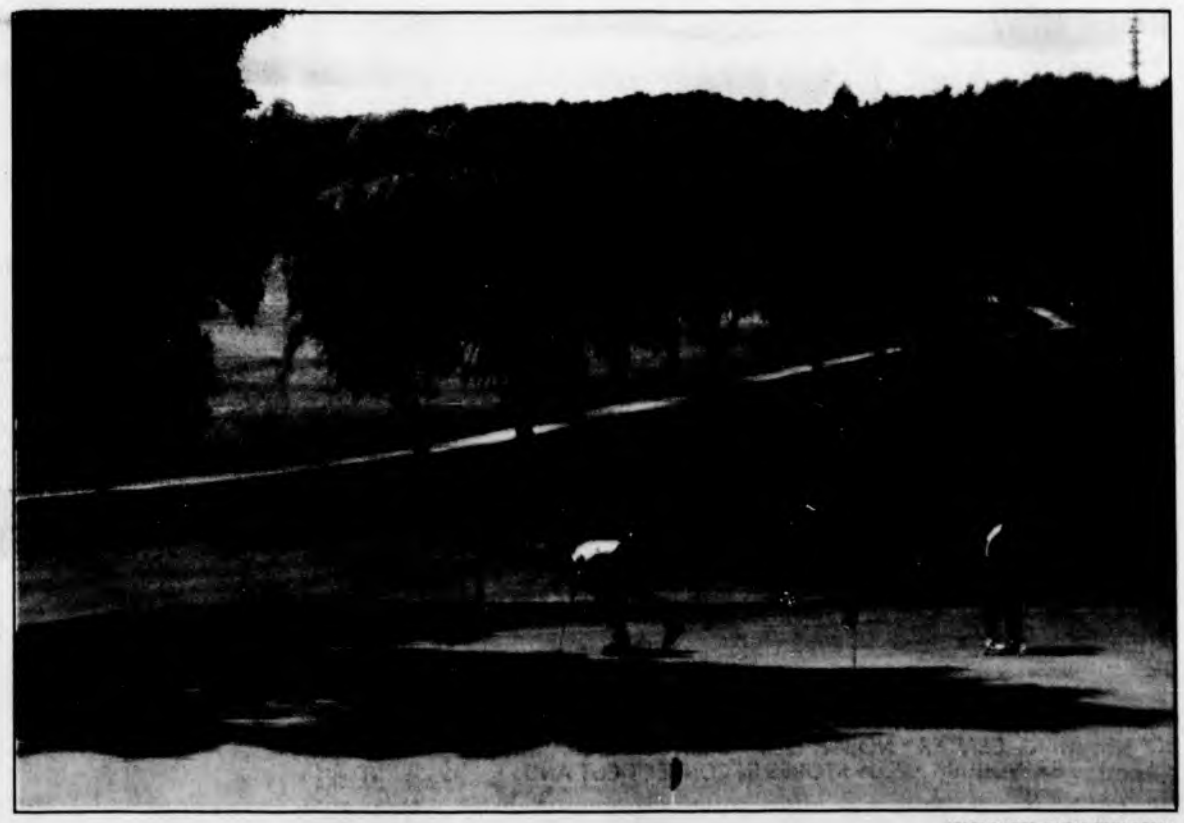

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Golfers warm up at the Cohasset Country Club for the putting contest at the annual golf tourney to benefit Montessori Community School of Scituate.

All's well for Norwell gridders

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involved, but it also means that most teams will be in the hunt each year."

Abington

No other team in the league this year may benefit more from the new league structure than Abington. Coming off an incredible season in which the Green Wave won its second straight league title and won its first ever Super Bowl championship, Abington enters the 2003 season looking to replace nine starters on offense and 10 on defense.

"We are certainly not at the level we were last year," noted Keliher. "However, we play some tough games early, which should be good preparation when we play the teams in our league. The one thing that has carried over for us is the work ethic of the players we have on this team. They work hard everyday and want to get better and improve."

The one area Abington will not have to improve on is at the quarterback position and senior Brian McSharry. McSharry leads an inexperienced, but very talented group of skill position players. Seniors Jeremy Russell, Brian Libby and Chris Kenny, along with juniors Jeremy Iaccobucci and Devin Davis, will all be asked to step in and contribute.

Much of the focus for Abington will fall on the rebuilding of their offensive and defensive line. Returning are seniors Corey Taylor and Joe Hall, but Keliher must find the remaining three or four player to compliment his seniors.

" The one thing we have is good depth with our lineman," acknowledged Keliher. " I feel good about the guys we have in camp and how they are developing with each practice."

The Green Wave and South Shore League's highlight game of the season should fall on week seven when the league favorite Norwell travels to Abington.

Norwell

Of the four schools that finished atop the standings in the South Shore League – league/Super Bowl champion Abington and Hull, Norwell and Cohasset finishing in a second place tie – only Norwell (7-4 overall) has not been decimated by graduation. Abington has lost 15 players from its Super Bowl team to the caps and gowns, including seven of its league high eight all-stars. Hull loses 16, including all five of its all-stars, and Cohasset nine, including all five of its all-stars. The Clippers, conversely, have lost only one all-star among the eight graduating seniors, and will return three league all-stars along with most of their starting lineup on both sides of the ball.

"Norwell definitely looks like they'll have the team to beat in our league next year," conceded Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe. "On paper, they look awfully tough."

Veteran Norwell head coach Jim Sullivan, not surprisingly, is playing things a little closer to the vest. He asserts that a void will be left by each of the eight outgoing seniors, including standouts captains John Chappell (two-time SSL all-star lineman), Matt O'Donnell, Joe Doyle Steve Sullivan (co-starting quarterback).

He also notes: "Winning begets winning. I'm expecting a balanced league, with Abington, Cohasset and Carver all putting good teams on the field again. Once you establish a consistent winning program, like those teams have, kids seem to think they can do almost anything together. It becomes almost self-perpetuating."

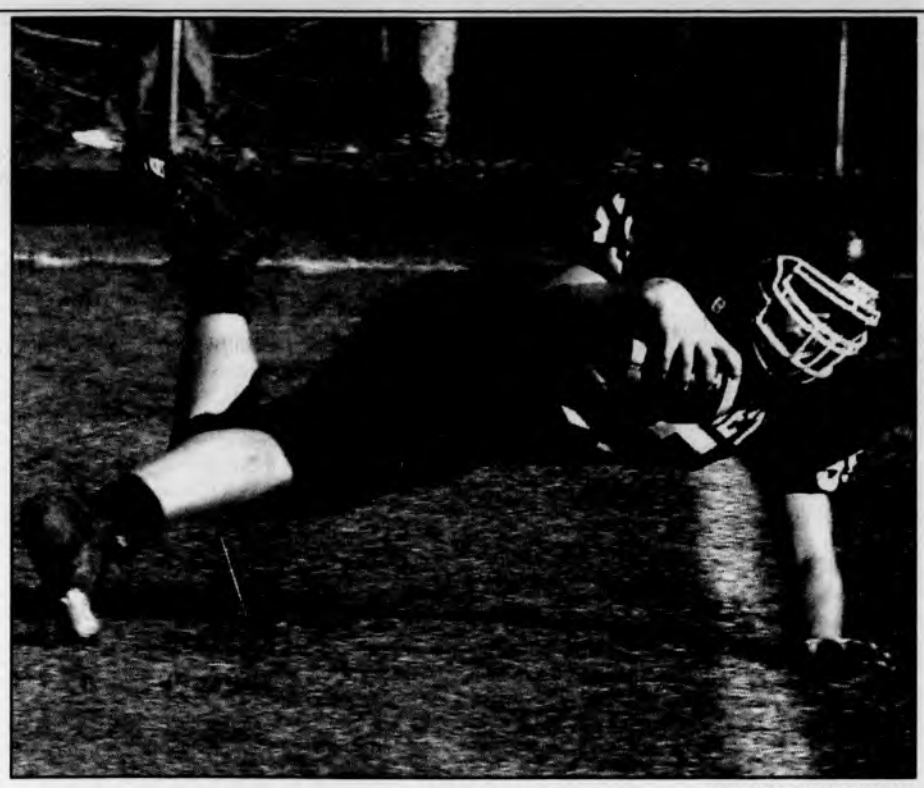
But even the ever-conservative coach can't deny what he's got coming back for talent.

Three very big pieces will show up in the form of Andrew Farinick, Frank Granara and John Mohan, all South Shore League all-stars, all vital contributors last fall on both sides of the ball. Farinick rushed for approximately 1,400 yards and was the team's leading tackler from his linebacker position. Granara finished third on the team in tackles from his linebacker spot and was a key contributor offensively, whether he lined up as a wingback or split end. Mohan earned the all-star nod with his work at safety, but he will likely make his greatest impact as the team's full-time quarterback. He split the duty the previous two years with Sullivan, but it's now this gifted athlete's job entirely.

Rounding out the backfield will be bruising sophomore fullback Christian Comeau and slick and speedy junior Greg Thornton.

Though there are some huge shoes to fill up front, senior Dan Dooley (6-1/230) appears ready to shoulder big loads on both sides of the line of scrimmage. Seniors Brian Ware and Andrew Dawson, and junior Adam Nogueira are among those who should compete for expanded roles up front.

Competing for wideout spots will be seniors Terence Bohan, Nick McDonough, Marc Bowman and Sam Chase. All four are quick and athletic. The addition of 6-foot-7 Bowman (returning to the gridiron after concentrating exclusively on basketball last year) adds a dimension the offense lacked a year ago: a natural possession/goal line receiver.



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Senior captain Stephen Davis is expected to anchor the Skippers up front this fall.

The Clippers featured one of the top defenses in the South Shore League last year, holding 11 opponents to just 79 points, and Sullivan believes this unit could be even better in 2003.

Ware and Comeau provided a scary preview to SSL rivals of a long term one-two punch at defensive end for the Clippers. Dooley is a lock in the middle, while Dawson and Nogueira will likely vie for time there. The graduations of Doyle and O'Donnell leave holes to fill at linebacker, but Granara and Farinick will be back in the middle to act as principal run stuffers. Bohan and Mohan, who earned a reputation as one of the SSL's hardest open field hitters, will also reprise their roles in the secondary.

The kicking game is, likewise, in good hands (feet?) for the next few years, with Nogueira emerged to do a solid job with the kicking, placekicking and punting duties this fall.

Cohasset

A record of 17-3 over the last two years is something any football program would happily boast, but maybe that's a bit more the case for a school like Cohasset High, which is by far the smallest (in terms of student population) in the South Shore League. The Skippers lost nine players to graduation, all started. This would be a heavy toll on any football program but, again, clearly more so for a school the size of CHS.

Of course, these sound an awful lot like excuses, and Cohasset High head coach Tony Rolfe doesn't like excuses.

"This is something you have to get used to going through as a high school coach," noted the fifth year CHS head man. "Our goal is not to fall off the face of the earth, and still be competitive in every game, and we expect to do that."

While Rolfe concedes that Norwell, given the low number of key graduates, deserves to be viewed as the SSL's favorite this fall, he does assert his team will be getting more than enough back to remain "quite competitive," noting: "We get back 80 percent of our starting offensive line and three starting linebackers Those are two vital areas on both sides of the ball, and there are a lot of teams that won't have that kind of advantage next year."

Two-way starter Cosimo Cambi is the only offensive lineman being lost to the caps and gowns. Returning this fall are junior Matt Casey, sophomore Nick Arment senior Dan Tarpey and senior captain Steve Davis The other captains are quarterback Mike Dooley, lineman Tony Truglia and wideout/cornerback Chris Bilodeau.

Unfortunately, the only incumbent returning behind this offensive line will be sophomore fullback Ted Straughn, and there's no way to sugarcoat the losses of his backfield mates — two-time South Shore League all-star quarterback Mike Snowdale or tailback Braun Goodson, who rushed for over 1,500 yards and 20 touchdowns last season. Straughn (6-1, 195 pounds) ran the ball well in limited opportunities this year, and will likely see that ball carrying role expand significantly next year, possibly even following in the footsteps of Goodson (who converted from fullback to tailback as a senior). At this point, though, it appears there could be several candidates to lug the rock next year.

The quarterback job, though, would appear to rest in the capable hands of Dooley, who led the Skippers to a win in his lone career start as a sophomore in 2001, playing in place of the injured Snowdale. Last year, he started in the defensive backfield, exhibiting athleticism Rolfe sounds excited about bringing to his offensive backfield.

Unfortunately for Dooley he won't have two of Snowdale's top three targets this season. Graduation also claimed wideout John Durkin and SSL all-star tight end Tom Anderson. The situation at receiver may not be quite as dire as it might first appear. Sophomore DJ Silvia emerged as a reliable pass catcher in his first year of football. He'll line up next year opposite 2001 SSL all-star wideout Bilodeau, who was lost all of last season to a broken hand. The favorite to take over Anderson's job at tight end is junior Sean Connelly, a returning starter at defensive end. At 6-foot-4, 200 pounds, he certainly has the size to play the position, and, as witnessed by his play with the varsity basketball team the last two years, he also appears to have the hands necessary for the job.

Though Connelly will be back on the defensive line as well, the Skippers do take a pretty good hit there with the graduations of league all-stars Ben Lynner and Cambi, as well as Nick Spirito. Rolfe generally prefers to keep his number of two-way players to a minimum, but starting offensive linemen Arment, Tarpey and Davis will likely be among the candidates to fill those holes along the D-line next fall.

The return of Bilodeau also helps in the defensive backfield, where Silvia and sophomores Joe Durkin and Joe Kehoe will also vie for time.

Fortunately, the Skippers do get back three players who saw extensive time in the middle of the defense this year in linebackers Truglia, Casey and Straughn.

Carver

Carver is looking to get back to its 2000 season peak, where the Crusaders won the league title and advanced to the Super Bowl. The past two seasons have seen Carver match a 2-8 record, but eight year coach Mike Fraccalossi likes the direction and attitude he sees in his young squad.

"We have a real good nucleus of seniors and juniors returning this year. The guys have come back really focused and are looking to get back into the hunt. Our theme is to work together this year and everyone in the program has embraced that attitude."

The Crusaders will be dumping their traditional wishbone offense this season and introducing the wing-T. Junior quarterback Matt Costello and sophomore running backs Mike Grant and Jeremy Paladino will all be first year starters, but have looked outstanding in practice. Joining them in the backfield will be senior Rob Maltaif and juniors Kurt Peterson and Jordan Fernandes.

"We will be thin on the line if we sustain any injuries, but talent wise we are equal with any team in the league," added Fraccalossi. " I think the league is equal across the board with a good mix of very talented teams."

"Carver is a team that scares the heck out of me," offered Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe. "They return a whole lot of good looking young athletes there. If they can put it all together, they could really be a team to watch out for." something."

Hull

This is expected to be a rebuilding year for the Pirates after the loss of 22 players from last year's 6-4 team, including all five of its league all-stars. In addition, the Pirates lost respected veteran coach John Anderson to retirement. Longtime assistant coach Jerry McGrath takes over, though, so the transition should be relatively seamless.

"I don't think you can ever write Hull off," asserted Cohasset's Rolfe, who has coached his Skippers in five hard fought Thanksgiving Day showdowns versus the Pirates now. "They're just a tough team, always. They were real close in the games they lost last year, so they should be hungry."

Among the few returning starters are linebacker Andrew Riley, deepback Rob D'Angelo and two-way lineman Pat Marron.

Mashpee

Mashpee also gets a new coach, and hopefully that will signal a change in direction for this long moribund program. Falmouth's Steve Femino takes over what was a young, but relatively talented Falcons team in 2002.

Josh Weik (OT), Dan Holt (LB), Shane McDougall (DB) and Mike Field (DB/SE) are returning multiyear starters.

Rox close in on playoffs

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for tonight (first pitch, 7:11 p.m.) Select seats are still available at the Rox box office, via the website or by calling (508) 559-7000. Playoff 5-Game Ticket packages are now available at Campanelli Stadium, any games not played will be refunded.

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SPORTS NOTES

Fall Crew Program

High School students interested in joining CMI's Fall crew team should sign up now. Call or email CMI coach Jack Buckley at 383 8261, or jackbuckley@rowcmi.org Fall rowing is free for current CMI members; $75.00 fee for non-members. Crews will be training for competition in the Head of the Weir, Oct 25, a 5 mile open race from the river head to the Windmill Pt Boathouse operated by the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Crews will also train for Head of the Quinnipiac, a 7 mile race sponored by the Sound School in New Haven, CT. The Head of the Quinnipiac will be held Nov 8. Only 12 athletes will be selected for training with CMI, so interested athletes should register immediately.

Bass, blue fish for kids and adults

The Cohasset Recreation Department is pleased to announce a unique opportunity for fishing for bass and blue fish on Friday, Sept. 5. The program will begin at 6:55 p.m. at Duxbury Beach and the cost is $36 per participant. Paul Bruce will conduct this exclusive clinic. Equipment and bait will be provided, or you may bring your own.
For registration and details, call 781-383-4109.

Aerobics class

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces an ongoing registration for adult fitness classes, based upon six-week sessions. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer Charles Palmer will conduct the class. This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kick-boxing, and muscle conditioning. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Town Hall auditorium from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The cost for the 12-class session is $100 per participant. Step equipment will be provided for up to 20 participants; however, 2 to 5 lb. hand weights should be brought to class for the muscle conditioning segment of the training. Call the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 to register.

Cohasset Soccer Club Fall signups/schedule

The Cohasset Soccer Club's 2003 - 2004 registration is now underway. Information describing the various programs available and registration forms are available at the Town Hall to register all players for the upcoming Fall /Spring Season. Players must be at least 4 years of age by August 31, 2003 to play this season, with the Fall season including players up through the 6th grade. Players in the Under-14 age groups and older will register for the Spring season during the Fall.
The tentative start dates for the Fall Season are the weekend of September 12/13 for the Under-12 players (5th and 6th grade) and the weekend of September 20 for the remainder of the program.
In addition, coaching clinics for all new and returning coaches are tentatively scheduled for the weekends of September 6th and 12th.
If you have any questions or require any additional information please check the Club's website www.cohassetsoccer.com or contact Wallace St. John (781-383-2552) or Mark Richardson (781-383-0998).

Fall/Winter Adult hockey leagues

Fall/Winter adult ice hockey leagues start in Sept/October 2003. Players and teams are needed for all levels of play and ages at various south of Boston locations. Anyone interested, call for a brochure: 1-888-45-NESHL (888-456-3745), or e-mail: adulthockeyneshl@aol.com.

Mark Gratta, Sr. Memorial Golf Tourney Sept. 15

The Mark S. Gratta Sr. 2003 Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sept. 15 at the South Shore Country Club, Hingham with an AM star. $100 entry fee includes greens fees, cart, dinner and gifts. Limited to the first 144 players registered by Aug.15. Information: Douglas Pagnani, (781)447-7119, E-mail Aces2aces@Comcast.net.

Farewell Skippers

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verse to the way I would routinely drench a devastating 12-2 loss with caramel akin to a "solid effort by a rebuilding squad."

Without my parents' constructive views on which journalistic techniques, alliterative phrases, and risky methods were and were not working in particular situations, I am reasonably confident that my writing skills would never have progressed at all similarly to the way (I'm hoping) they did.

Four years. It would be so easy to say "it all flew by so quickly," but that would be lying. There has been more action, athletic achievements, anomalies and oddities over this past quadrennial passing-of-the-journalist ceremony than I could ever have imagined.

I've seen a starting line-up of 11 seniors march deep into the uncharted territory known as playoffs for field hockey. I've also seen a team without any seniors resurrect and pioneer a previously dormant varsity basketball program.

I have witnessed the girls tennis team stomp out their counterparts from Western Mass in the state championship match, and I have cringed as the CHS girls soccer team absorbed its third consecutive season in the SSL basement, then rattle off 10 wins en route to the postseason the next year.

The hockey team set a team record with 22 wins, lost its top seven players to graduations and transfers, and won 22 more the next year.

The football team topped an unbeaten Abington squad to head to its first Super Bowl under Rolfe, only to have the coach meaningfully say he knew the team would reach the pinnacle of the sport, it was just a matter of when.

The wrestling program won the league (6-0 PL) with a sub-500 record (10-11)! Then, they came back in '03 to set a school record for most wins in a regular season (23).

I saw a sophomore pitch a no-hitter in his second varsity start, and a senior pitch a no-no in his second-to-last varsity start within three weeks of each other.

An underclassman led the CHS football team in touchdowns and yardage every year from in 1998-2000; a different senior has rushed for at least 1,400 yards and 12 touchdowns in every year since.

More than my editors, coaches, friends, co-athletes, teammates and family members, muchas gracias Cohasset for this opportunity. Thanks to the small, safe haven provided me in this town, I have seen hundreds of sporting events, written hundreds of articles, and even got to give preferential coverage to my best friends. I now take my leave, prepared to submit my first article to The Crimson within a few weeks, hoping that some ambitious post-Middle Schooler will step up and send that initial, career-altering email to the Mariner.

It's a lot of work, but worth it every step of the way.

More league shuffling on deck?

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ed numbers on athletes.

One consideration raised by Silver Lake football coach Dana Battista is that his school has its own vocational program, and students in these programs tend not to engage in team sports.

Whether Silver Lake joins the PL or ACL, or even remains in the OCL, it seems unlikely the six-year Thanksgiving rivalry with perennial OCL champion and Div. 1 Super Bowl contender Bridgewater-Raynham will survive much longer. B-R, which has a student body well in excess of 1,500, has won not only all six Turkey Day showdowns with Silver Lake, but all 22 previous meetings.

Pembroke-Silver Lake seems a natural rivalry given the sizes of the schools, proximity and mutual history. So what would Bridgewater-Raynham do? How's about talking to the folks at East Bridgewater, a school which has not had a Thanksgiving opponent the last several years.

The addition of SL and Pembroke would increase the Patriot League to nine schools. Meanwhile, the PL's old Pilgrim Conference partner league, the smaller South Shore League, has just six schools, with Norton having exited for the Tri-Valley League following the 2001-'02 school year.

Could things be evened up a bit between these two leagues? The two smallest schools in the Patriot League currently, Hanover and East Bridgewater, were both SSL members for many years.

We sure know the folks in Hanover were pretty unhappy about being forced out of the South Shore League when the Pilgrim Conference realigned in 2001, and not just because of their many great longtime rivalries with various Norwell High teams.

Speaking as a fan, it sure would be great to see those always tremendously spirited Thanksgiving games between the Clippers and Indians re-gain the potential to represent more than simple bragging rights. Folks around here have lost count of how many of those 37 classics decided league championships and Super Bowl bids.

Given the recent behavior by several members of our *beloved* Sox, is it any wonder local ratings were so high for ESPN telecasts of the Saugus Little League team in its run through the Little League World Series?

Amazing how many folks tuned out the Sox, both literally and figuratively, in last Friday's vital showdown with the A's in order to tune into Saugus' instant classic extra innings win over Richmond, Texas, 14-13.

Think Pedro, Todd Jones and Kevin Millar shut up long enough to take note? ...Me neither.

I feel almost silly acknowledging something as obvious as the fact that a professional athlete should never ever complain about his or her hometown fans. Crimminy, even the most pampered, self-entitled of these blessed individuals should realize this.

Hell, what's more basic than not biting the hand that feeds you? How about not champing down on the cash pipeline that keeps you living better than most oil sheiks.

Fans pay outrageous sums for tickets, drop gobs of cash on cheap and virtually useless items simply because it is stamped with their favorite team's logo or favorite athlete's number. I'm guessing, though, that most of said fans don't do so for the honor of being called a dope by said favorite athlete.

As good as these athletes have it, though, too many of them simply can't handle it if the God-like adoration comes with... gulp... expectations.

So, we're too negative, eh Pedro, Kevin and Todd? Well tough...noogies.

Good job, fans. It says here that we booed these millionaires out of their lethargy. Those losses to Oakland last week were two of the most frustrating setbacks in this franchises recent history. And, coming on the heels of poor showings versus Baltimore and Seattle, it further says here the boos and relentless griping were not only your right, but your responsibility as supporters of the team.

And, hey, look at that: it worked out pretty well. The Sox have won five in a row. Looks like these guys can play some pretty good ball when they're PO'd.

So cheer 'em now folks. Don't ever be shy about letting them know exactly how you feel.

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School bells ring Wednesday, Sept. 3

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Cohasset with previous experience as well as master's degrees, and are both "very enthusiastic" about becoming members of the Osgood community.

She said the two teachers also participated in a mentoring program with curriculum coordinator Ruth Fennessey.

Over the years, Sheehan said she is continually impressed by the amount of volunteerism shown by parents.

"We have parents offer all the time," said Sheehan, who added that even over the summer, parents would drop their children off for an activity at the school, and would swing by the office to help in any way they can. Sheehan is sure that same spirit will carry over into the school year.

Sheehan said to ensure a smooth year, communication is essential. "We all try to encourage parents to call," she said, noting that communication is necessary at the onset of a problem, rather than later, to try to find a solution as soon as possible. She said parents have been very open with communication to date and the school tries to keep parents as informed as they can through weekly newsletters and their web site.

SCHOOL WORK STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Third-grade teacher Kristin O'Sullivan sorts through old books while getting ready for opening day at Osgood School.

Deer Hill

Students at Deer Hill can expect to see a new face in the halls as Principal Keith Gauley joins the staff. Gauley, who had been serving as principal of the Center Elementary School in Abington for the past five years, holds a bachelor of science in human service studies from Cornell University, a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Massachusetts, and principal certification from Bridgewater State College.

In the short time Gauley has been with the school, he has already made revisions to the handbook and sent out a letter to the Deer Hill staff to help all members of the Deer Hill community work collaboratively to make the school a better place. He feels the school should have a common vision that everyone can be involved with and looks forward to meeting with the staff to hear their thoughts.

Arrival time for Deer Hill students is from 8:10-8:20 a.m. The school recommends students be ready at their bus stops around 7:50 a.m. for the first few days as the bus schedule may vary. When the bell rings at 8:35 a.m., students are allowed to enter the building.

A typical day at Deer Hill begins with taking attendance at 8:40, followed by a moment of silence, the pledge of allegiance, and morning announcements. Classes begins at 8:45.

For students buying lunch, hot and cold meals are available for $2.50. Milk may be purchased for children bringing lunch for 40 cents.

CMHS

The beginning of this school year at the middle-senior high school will hold not only a new beginning on the academic calendar, but new facilities and teachers as well.

Principal Michael Jones said he is very excited about what the new year holds for the estimated 580 students who will attend the middle-senior high school.

"We have an excellent program of academic and extracurricular opportunities, a new facility, and a first-rate faculty. I'm looking forward to a year of continued growth in learning." he said.

For students at the middle senior high school, school will begin Wednesday, Sept. 3. Seventh grade students should report to school at 7:20 for a two-hour orientation program. All other students should report to school by 9:20. Buses will begin to run for grade seven students at 6:45, and 8:45 for grades eight through 12. School ends at 2:06.

In light of the construction, students and parents are being asked to follow traffic directions. The student bus drop-off will again be at the rear of the building. Student drop-off by parents will continue in front of the building. Parents should enter on the right side of the driveway in the front, drop off at the top of the driveway and exit down the opposite side. All students dropped off in the front of the building will enter through the main entrance, which is adjacent to the main office.

Among the faces in the halls will be many new faculty members. In the high school, David Ames will teach science and mathematics, Megan Farias will teach Latin and Spanish, and Amy Trask will teach English. In the middle school, Carrie Aronson will be the new guidance counselor; and Jacquelyn Gruosso will teach French and Spanish. In addition, the new middle school instructional aides will be Alexandra Williams and Denise Lopata. Jane Pescatore will be the new secretary to the principal.

Jones said he thinks the strengths of CMHS include the high quality of instruction, the personal attention students receive, and the strong academic curriculum. However, with all the positive aspects of the school, he said the budget is posing many problems, including a need for volunteers.

"We could use parent volunteers to help out in the library," he said.

Despite the tight budget, Jones said there will be some exciting programs happening during the school year, including a two-day Camp Marist retreat for the freshmen class.

School lunch menu

It's back to school time — welcome back! The September menu for Cohasset Elementary Schools follows. Whole or low-fat, white or chocolate milk available at each meal; or fruit juice. The menu is subject to change without notice; questions and information can be obtained by calling Food Service Director, Bob Levy at 781-383-6107.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 4
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 5
Cheese or pepperoni pizza; or ham and cheese pocket; garden salad, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8
Chicken patty on a bun; or bologna and cheese sandwich; veggie rice, fruit, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9
Meatball sub, parmesan cheese; or chicken salad pocket; corn, pudding.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10
Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll; or turkey sub; mixed veggies, sliced apples.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 12
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CMHS
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BUS 3

A.M. Bus 6: Cedar St./Cedar Ledge Ln., P.M. Bus 3

A.M. Bus 6: Cedar St. #32, P.M. Bus 3

Cedar St. #276; Lamberts Ln. #41, #176; Hull St. #149, #173; Hull/Grace Dr.; Jerusalem/Howe Rd.; Jerusalem/Windy Hill; Forest/Forest Notch; Forest/Surrey Dr.; Forest/Heather Dr.; Forest/Cedar Acres Dr.; and Sanctuary Rd. #30.

BUS 4

So. Main/Summer St.; Summer St., (Kimball's Motel); Atlantic Ave. Howard Gleason; Atlantic Ave./White Head;

Atlantic/Beach St.; Beach St. #100, #59, #10; Sohier/Ripley Rd.; and Fair Oaks/Sohier St.

BUS 5

King/Pond St.; King/Schofield Rd.; Beechwood/Mill Ln.; Beechwood/Riverview Dr.; Beechwood/Hillside Dr.;

Beechwood/Doane St. (4-Way stop sign); Church/Flint Locke Ridge Rd.; Aaron River Rd./Flint Locke Rd.;

Beechwood/Kendall Village; and Route 3A/Mendell.

BUS 6

A.M. Bus 6: Cedar St./Cedar Ledge Ln., P.M. Bus 3

A.M. Bus 6: Cedar St. #32, P.M. Bus 3

A.M. Bus 6: North Main St. #376, Bus 2

A.M. Bus 6: North Main St. #354, Bus 2

A.M. Bus 6: North Main/Rocky Ln. #219, P.M. Bus 2

A.M. Bus 6: North Main/Rocky Ln. #23, P.M. Bus 2

South Main St. #207, #363, #431, #302; Beechwood St. #49; Norman Todd Rd./Norman Todd Ln.; Brewster/Ledgewood.

DEER HILL SCHOOL
Grades 4-6
7:45-8:15 A.M./2:35-3:05 P.M.

BUS 2

Sanctuary Pond Rd. #30; Forest/Cedar Acres Ln.; Forest/Heather Dr.; Forest/Old Coach Rd.; Forest Ave. #263; Linden Dr.

#18; Linden Dr./Linden Cir.; Jerusalem/Deep Run; Jerusalem/Jerusalem Rd. Dr.; Jerusalem Rd. #322; Jerusalem Rd. #268;

Nichols Rd. #32, #85; Nichols/Caravel Cove; Nichols Rd. #150; Atlantic Ave. #430; Jerusalem/Red Gate Ln.; and Jerusalem Rd. #11.

BUS 3

Hull St. #49, #81; Lamberts Ln. #176, #158, #14; Hull St. #117, #173; Hull/Grace Dr.; Jerusalem Rd. #790; #730;

Jerusalem/Howe Rd.; Jerusalem/Windy Hill; Jerusalem Rd. #580; Forest Ave. #348; Forest/Black Rock Rd.; Forest Ave.

#260; Forest/Surrey Dr.; Forest/Fox Run; Forest Ave. #78, #30; N. Main/Rocky Ln.; and N. Main/Red Gate Ln.

BUS 4

Pond/Woodland Dr.; Pond/Holly Ln.; Bancroft/Pond St.; Virginia Ln./Pond St.; Lantern Ln./Pond St.; St. Anthony's Church;

Summer/Black Horse Ln.; Border St. #31; Border/Parker Ave.; Parker St. #26; Border/Summer St.; Margin St. #30;

Margin/Howard Gleason Rd.; Atlantic Ave. #17; Atlantic Ave./White Head Rd.; Atlantic Ave. #95; Atlantic Ave./Beach St.;

Beach St. #59, #10; Highland Ave./Unitarian Church; Ripley/Pratt Cir.

BUS 5

King/Whitney Woods Ln.; King/Pond St.; King/Lilly Pond Ln.; King/Schofield Ln. #487; Beechwood St. #271; Beechwood/Bound Brook Ln.; Beechwood/Riverview Ln.; Beechwood/Hillside Dr.; Beechwood/Doane St.; Aaron River/Flint

Locke Ln.; Church/Carbone Ln.; Doane/Bates; Beechwood/Mill Ln.; Beechwood St. #380; and Route 3A/Mendell.

BUS 6

Clay Spring/Old Pasture Rd.; Pleasant/Cushing Rd.; Cushing/Norfolk Rd.; Cushing/Ash St.; Cushing/Oak St.; Spring St. #7; S.

Main St. #184; So. Main St./West Gate Ln.; So. Main St. #392; Beechwood St. #16; Beechwood St./Hammond Ave.;

Norman Todd/Talarico Ln.; and Brewster/Ledgewood Dr.

OSGOOD SCHOOL
Grades K-3
8:20-8:55 a.m./3:05-3:45 p.m.

BUS 2

Elm St. #37; Elm St./Elm Ct.; Margin/Howard Gleason/Atlantic Ave.; Atlantic Ave. #17, #38, #95; Atlantic/Beach St.;

Atlantic/Sheldon Rd.; Atlantic/Nichols Rd.; Caravel Cove/Nichols Rd.; Nichols Rd. #111, #91, #85, #68, #48 and #14;

Jerusalem Rd. #268, #278, #492; Linden Dr. #18; Linden Dr./Linden Cir.; Linden Dr./Rustic Dr.; Jerusalem/Rust Way;

Jerusalem Rd./Deep Run; Jerusalem/Jerusalem Rd. Dr.; Atlantic Ave. #374; Nichols/Atlantic Ave.; Bow St. #31; Jerusalem Rd. #82; Jerusalem Rd./Red Gate Ln.; Jerusalem Rd. #56, #38; Sohier St. #179.

BUS 3

Cedar St. #28, #32; Cedar St./Cedar Ledge Ln.; Cedar St./Hull St.; Cedar St. #81; Lamberts Ln., #176, #136, #14; Hull St.

#117, #151; Hull/Grace Dr.; Jerusalem Rd. #790, 730; Jerusalem/Howe Rd.; Jerusalem Rd. #685; Jerusalem/Windy Hill;

Jerusalem/Black Rock Rd.; Jerusalem Rd. #572, #550; Forest Ave./Forest Notch; Forest Ave./Black Rock Rd.; Forest Ave.

#260; Forest Ave./Surrey Dr.; Forest Ave./Fox Run; Forest Ave. #124, #98; Heather Dr. #19; Forest Ave. #78; Cedar Acres Dr. #20; Forest Ave. #30, #1; No. Main St. #409.

BUS 4

Border St. #17, #43; Otis Ave./Border St.; Border St. #134; Summer St. #83, #60, #27; Spring St. #66; Lantern Ln./Pond St.; Pond St. #35, #73; Holly Ln./Pond St.; Woodland/Pond St.; Pond St. #142, #164; Clay Spring Rd./Bayberry Ln.; Clay

Spring/Arrow Wood; Old Pasture Rd. #16; Old Pasture/Evergreen; Old Pasture #63; Pleasant #96, #82, #70, #53;

Cushing/James Ln.; Norfolk Rd./Norfolk Terr.; Norfolk/Bancroft Rd.; Hill St. #40; Oak St. #49; Cushing Rd./Smith Place; Ripley/Pratt Ct.; Sohier St. #79, #87, #115.

BUS 5

King/Whitney Woods Ln.; King St. #288; King/Lily Pond Ln.; King St. #487; King/Beechwood St.; Beechwood St. #297,

#321, #389; Beechwood/Riverview Ln.; Beechwood St. #457; Doane St. #85, 125, 150, 106; Beechwood/Church St.;

Church St. #125; Aaron River/Flint Locke Ridge Rd.; Church/Carbone Rd.; Church St. #46; Doane/Bates Ln.; Beechwood

St. #478; Beechwood St./Hillside; Beechwood St. #400; Beechwood/Mill Ln.; Beechwood St. #276; Brewster/Ledge Way;

Ledgewood Farm Dr. #6; Ledgewood/Brewster; Route 3A/Mendell; Chief Justice Cushing Way #516; Red Fox Ln. #31; and Sohier St./Fair Oaks Ln.

BUS 6

Sanctuary Pond Rd. #29; Rose Hill #2; No. Main St. #362; Rocky Ln./N. Main St.; No. Main St. #315, #280, #256, #209,

#186; Highland Ave/Beach St.; Highland Ave./Unitarian Church; So. Main St. #95, #171, #211, #259, #299, #325, #363 and

#411; So. Main St./River Rd.; Stanton St./So. Main St.; So. Main St. #302; Beechwood St. #175; Beechwood St./Kendall

Village; Beechwood St. #235; King St./Schofield Rd.; King St. #434, #370; Pond St. #245; Norman Todd Rd./Norman Todd

Ln.; Norman Todd Rd./Talarico Ln.; So. Main St. #278; So. Main St./West Gate; So. Main St. #184; Sohier St. #42, #63.

Safety tips for school kids

- Students working out a safe route to school with their parents.
- Stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields, and other places where there aren't many people round.
- Walk to and from school with a friend, neighbor, or sibling whenever possible.
- Students should know their home telephone numbers including area code, and their address, parents' work numbers, and the telephone number of another trusted adult.
- Wear a helmet when biking or skating to school, locking bicycles with sturdy locks when leaving them unattended.
- Never talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from them.
- Students who are home alone after school should check in with a parent or neighbor as soon as he or she walks inside the door.
- Students should let parents and friends know if they're staying late after school.
- Avoid long strings on jackets or backpacks which could get caught on something. Yellow raincoats are discouraged because they are the same color as school buses.
- Cross at crosswalks, looking in all directions before crossing. At signalized crosswalks, cross only on a proper signal, watching out for cars. Avoid crossing between parked cars.
- When there is no sidewalk and it's necessary to walk in the roadway, walk on the left side, facing the traffic.

School bus safety reminders

- Leave home early enough to arrive at the bus stop ahead of time.
- Wait for the bus in a safe place, well off the road. Before walking towards the roadway, wait for the bus to stop and the doors to open.
- Enter the bus in an orderly manner and take a seat quickly, keeping the aisles clear at all times.
- Remain seated when the bus is in motion and act in a quiet and orderly manner.
- Keep hands, arms, and heads inside the bus.
- Listen to and follow directions from the bus driver.
- Exit the bus carefully, using the handrail.
- Then schoolchildren should Look!, checking for traffic in all directions.
- Children should never go back to pick up dropped or forgotten items without asking the bus driver first.
- Be courteous to the bus driver and fellow passengers.
- Take the bus and walk to the bus stop to avoid extra traffic resulting from parents driving their children there.

IT'S HAPPENING

Noted historian, author at historical society October 2 event

Keynote speaker for At the Edge of the Sea, the Cohasset Historical Society's art show/fund raiser is Dr. Edward T. O'Donnell, a professional historian, speaker, professor at Holy Cross, and author of several books including his most recent "Ship Ablaze: The Tragedy of the Steamboat General Slocum." He has long studied and written about Irish history (see his previous book "1001 Things Everyone Should Know About Irish American History"). He has been a commentator on PBS, on ABC, MSG Metro Channels, on radio, and in museums. An historian, a consultant and an author – O'Donnell brings to the society's maritime history event Oct. 2-5 an expertise seldom matched and eagerly awaited.

O'Donnell will speak at the opening reception/dinner on the evening of Oct. 2.

"This is such an exciting time in the Society's history: to have accomplished so much over this past year and to top off the year celebrating 100 years of the Pratt Building, 75 years of the Society, and commemorating the Irish famine ship, the brig St. John. We couldn't pass up this opportunity to launch our inaugural charitable event, even though there is much work still to be done within the Pratt building," said co-president Kathy O'Malley.

"We are both honored and excited to bring together a fabulous speaker and a renowned artist," added co-president Paula Kozol. "We thank Dr. O'Donnell and W. K. Gilbert for distinguishing our signature event."

The dinner/reception will be by invitation only as space is very limited. Tickets are $75 per individual. Call 781-383-1168 to make reservations the Oct. 2 dinner and opening reception.

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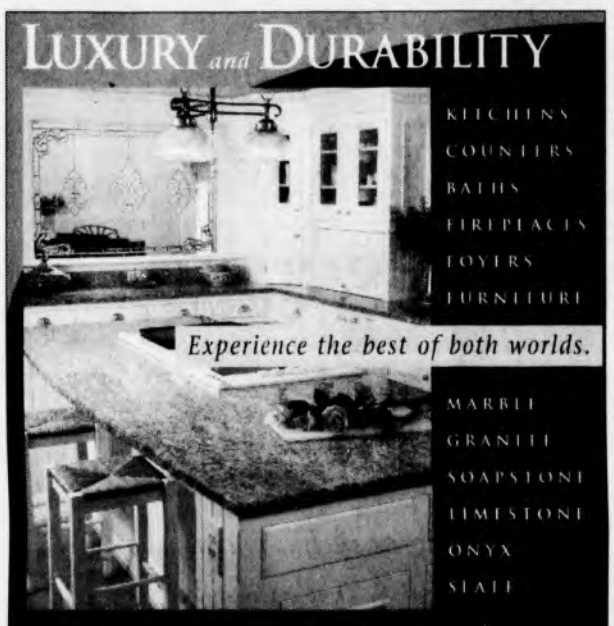

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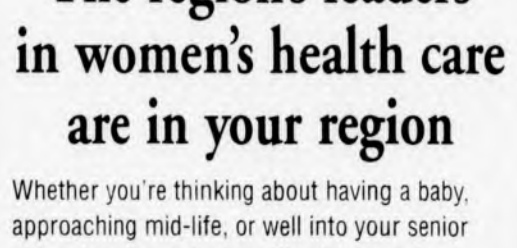

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OBITUARIES

Ken Coleman

Voice of the Boston Red Sox

Kenneth Coleman, of Plymouth and formerly of Cohasset and Quincy, who was the voice of the Boston Red Sox on TV and radio broadcasts for two decades, died Aug. 21, 2003 at Jordan Hospital, Plymouth. He was 78.

Mr. Coleman was inducted into the Red Sox Hall of Fame in 2000 for his role in bringing game after game to Sox fans throughout New England. After retiring in 1989, Mr. Coleman wrote five books.

He grew up in North Quincy and played baseball for North Quincy High School before breaking into TV and radio. He was a broadcaster for the Cleveland Browns from 1962 to 1964 and the Cincinnati Reds from 1975 to 1978 before returning to Boston and the South Shore, taking his place with the Red Sox.

He lived in Cohasset for several years before moving to Plymouth nine years ago.

Mr. Coleman was a past chairman of the Norfolk County United Fund, a trustee for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and a consultant for the Jimmy Fund.

He leaves his former wife, Ellen (Veader) Coleman of Cleveland, Ohio; his two sons, Casey Coleman of Cleveland and William Coleman of Abington; his three daughters, Kerry Coleman of Cleveland, Kathleen and Susan Coleman, both of Rockland; and his three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, Aug. 25 at St. Bonaventure Church in Plymouth. Interment was in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Richard Davis Funeral Home of Plymouth.

Donations may be made in his memory to The Jimmy Fund, 44 Binney St., Boston 02215.

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Angeline C. McCann

Angeline C. McCann, 83, of Manchester, NH, died Aug. 8, 2003, after a period of declining health.

Born in Manchester, NH, she raised her children in Needham and West Roxbury after moving back to Manchester forty years ago.

In her earlier years, she worked for the War Department as administrative assistant to General Marshall and General Searles. After her move back to Manchester she was a legal secretary for Judge Nomand Capistran and Judge Raymond Cloutier before her retirement in 1983.

Mrs. McCann was predeceased by her husband Robert C. McCann and a son, Robert P. McCann.

She will be remembered as a loving and devoted mother to her seven children including Janet M. Mahoney of Cohasset and as a loving and devoted grandmother to her eleven grandchildren including Erica, Elizabeth and Richard Mahoney, also of Cohasset.

Melville 'Mel' Shutt

Melville L. "Mel" Shutt, age 86, of Scituate and formerly of Hingham, died Aug. 20, 2003 at Life Care Center of Plymouth.

Mr. Shutt was born in Newark, N.J. and graduated from Hingham High School. He was a resident of Scituate for 29 years.

Mr. Shutt worked as a plumber for 30 years at MacNeil Plumbing in Hingham and retired in 1977. He served in the U.S. Army in 1945-46.

He was an avid hockey fan and played on the Cohasset Senior Citizen League.

He leaves his wife, Ellen (Johnson) Shutt. He was the husband of the late Mary (Osborn) Shutt. He also leaves his children, Dorothy L. Lally of Fayetteville, Ga., John M. Shutt of Scituate, Donald Shutt of North Granby, Conn.; his stepsons, Stephen and Daniel Hurley, both of Hingham; a sister, Lorraine Thomas of California; his six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

He was the brother of the late William Shutt, the late Mildred Kimball and the late Evelyn Rowell.

A funeral service was held at the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home in Hingham on Aug 25. Interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery in Hingham.

Donations may be made in Mel's memory to the Parkinson Disease Association, 720 Harrison Ave., Boston 02118.

Kenneth S. Rowell, Sr.

Kenneth S. Rowell, Sr., age 57, of Rockland and a Hingham resident for 42 years, died at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston on Aug. 23, 2003.

Born in Cohasset, he was the son of the late Edward and Esther (Springer) Rowell. He was a graduate of Hingham High School, Class of 1963.

He worked as a project manager for Landmark Structure Corp. in Stoneham.

He served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Rowell was a former member of the Masonic Lodge in Hingham and a member of the Hingham Sons of Italy. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and spending time with his family.

Mr. Rowell leaves his beloved wife, Pamela Jean (Gratta) Rowell; his loving children, Kerri (Rowell Ford) of Buzzards Bay, Scott M. Rowell and Kenneth S. Rowell III, both of Hingham, and Mark J. Rowell of Pembroke; a sister, Elizabeth Leaman of Braintree and two brothers, Edward Rowell of Plant City, Fla. and David Rowell of Easton; his four beloved grandsons; and many nieces and nephews. He was the father of the late Kenneth S. Rowell, Jr.

A funeral service was held at the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home in Hingham. Interment was in Saint Paul's Cemetery, Hingham.

Donations may be made in Mr. Rowell's memory to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, sixth floor, Brookline 02445-7226.

LEGAL NOTICES

ZBA/207 NORTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday, September 15, 2003, at 7:30 P.M.,** to hear and act upon an application for a Special Permit pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **AnneMarie & Todd H. Whilton,** seek to construct addition at **297 North Main St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-08-26.

AD#306757
Cohasset Mariner 8/28, 9/4/03

ZBA/457 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday, September 15, 2003, at 7:30 P.M.,** to hear and act upon an application for an Appeal pursuant to 12 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Ann P.B. Fitzgerald,** seeks to appeal the issuance of a Building Permit for **457 Jerusalem Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-08-14.

AD#306759
Cohasset Mariner 8/28, 9/4/03

ZBA/55 SOUTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday, September 15, 2003, at 7:30 P.M.,** to hear and act upon an application for an Appeal pursuant to 12 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **George K. Ronkounakis,** seeks to appeal Building Inspector denial for fence permit for **55 South Main St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-08-06.

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First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

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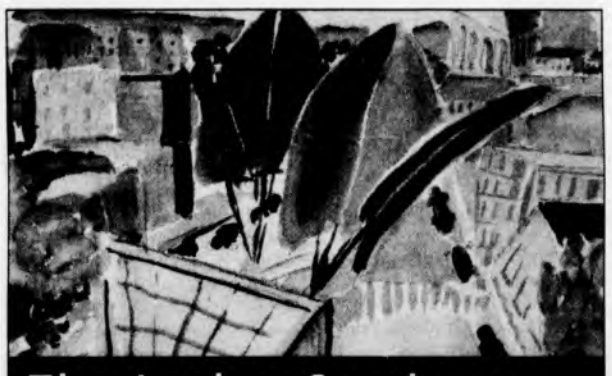

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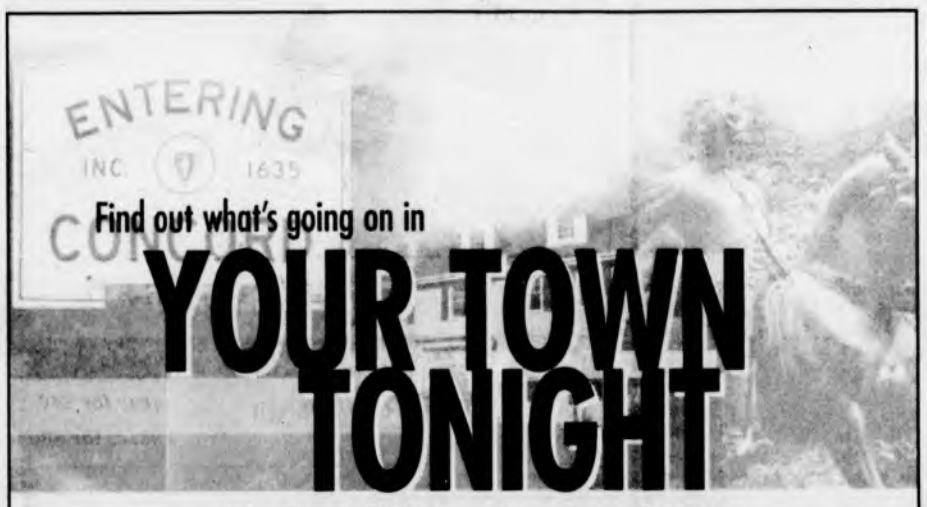

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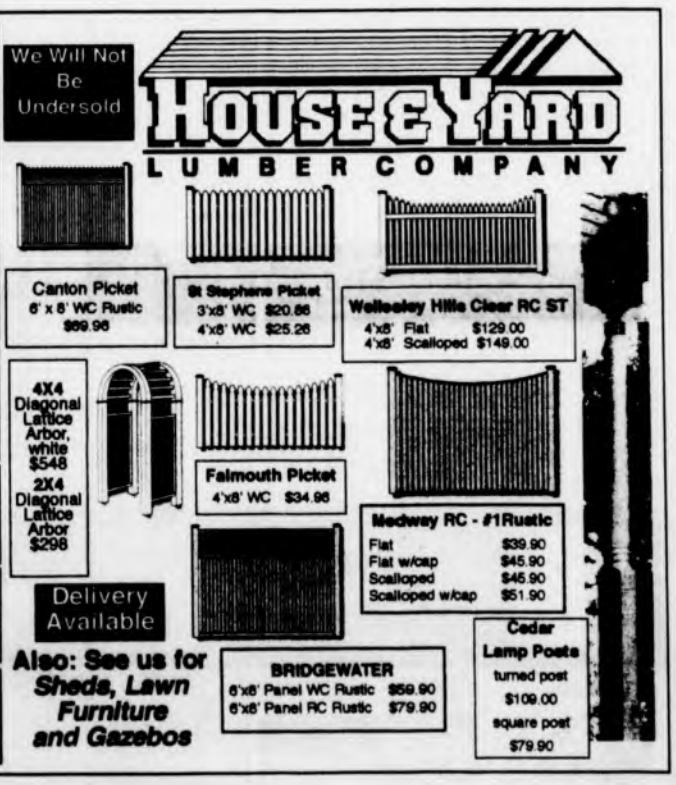

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MONDAY, AUG. 18

4:21 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

7:14 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:20 a.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:23 a.m. Hull St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

8:03 a.m. Old Pasture Road, animal call or complaint.

9:47 a.m. Margin St., fire, good intent call.

11:05 a.m. Jerusalem Road, assist municipal agency(ies).

1:24 p.m. Highland Ave., animal call or complaint.

1:46 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general disturbance.

2:25 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, vandalism.

3:17 p.m. Cushing Road, missing person.

4:15 p.m. Beach St. and Atlantic Ave., request for police officer/s.

5:43 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general disturbance, gathering.

7:18 p.m. Summer St., general disturbance.

11:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, 209A restraining order served in hand.

11:21 p.m. Elm St., road rage.

TUESDAY, AUG. 19

12:14 a.m. Atlantic Ave., noise complaint.

1:02 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.

2:01 a.m. Norfolk Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

6:53 a.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:29 a.m. Beechwood St. and Wheelwright Farm, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:59 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general disturbance.

9:03 a.m. Beach St., fire, investigation.

9:24 a.m. South Main St., missing person.

9:30 a.m. Summer St., fire, inspections.

9:32 a.m. Cushing Road, missing person.

9:39 a.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

10 a.m. Spindrift Lane, fire, inspections.

10:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police dept.

11:08 a.m. Border St., animal call or complaint.

12:04 a.m. Sohier St., fire, investigation.

12:23 p.m. South Main St., fire, investigation.

2:16 p.m. Norfolk Road, animal call or complaint.

3:08 p.m. Bancroft Road, fire, investigation.

3:37 p.m. Margin St., fire, investigation.

4:35 p.m. Hugh Strain Road, medical aid, patient sign off.

4:58 p.m. Cushing Road, family disturbance, transported to hospital.

5:37 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

5:54 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

9:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

10:11 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, general disturbance, gathering. Juvenile Arrest of a 16-year-old. Charges: Assault and battery; person under 21 in possession of liquor; public drinking/town by-law violation.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20

12:18 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:46 a.m. Forest Ave., public service, other.

10:25 a.m. South Main St., request for police officer/s, no police service necessary.

10:38 a.m. HQ, animal call or complaint.

10:48 a.m. Hobart Lane, fire, no fire service necessary.

11:03 a.m. Wampatuck State Park, drug/narcotics violations.

11:19 a.m. Doane St., drug/narcotics violations, investigated, report taken.

11:27 a.m. Atlantic Ave., parking violation.

11:28 a.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

11:52 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, patient sign off.

12:52 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

2:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, patient sign off.

2:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, patient sign off.

3:34 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and White Head Road, animal call or complaint.

2:48 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

3:25 p.m. Border St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

4:07 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

6:15 p.m. Cushing Road, training.

6:29 p.m. Pond St., training.

7:54 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:14 p.m. Bassings Beach, general disturbance.

8:23 p.m. Border St., general services.

9:40 p.m. Parkingway, suspicious person(s)/activity.

10:02 p.m. Oak St., investigation.

THURSDAY, AUG. 21

1:22 a.m. Woodland Drive, suspicious person(s)/activity.

2:15 a.m. Border St., general disturbance.

8:30 a.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

9:50 a.m. Pond St., fire.

9:54 a.m. Ox Pasture Lane, fire, inspections.

10 a.m. North Main St., property found.

10:30 a.m. Summer St., fire, inspections.

11:06 a.m. South Main St., request for police officer/s.

12:03 p.m. Bancroft Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:36 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist motorist.

1:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

2 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

2:57 p.m. Elm St., property found.

4:11 p.m. James Lane, annoying/harassing phone calls.

6:29 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

6:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:20 p.m. Parker Ave., medical aid, transported to hospital.

FRIDAY, AUG. 22

12:47 a.m. Highland Ave., open door/window.

4:09 a.m. Bancroft Road, general services.

6:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., general services.

8:35 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:49 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:05 a.m. North Main St., vandalism.

9:43 a.m. South Main St., medical aid.

10:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

Cohasset receives child passenger safety grant

The Cohasset Police Department received a $1,000 grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau (GHSB) for its child passenger safety (CPS) program. The GHSB, an agency of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety, awarded 70 CPS grants totaling $116,000 to Massachusetts communities as part of its efforts to educate parents and caregivers about how to protect children through the proper use of safety belts, booster seats and child safety seats in motor vehicles.

"With this GHSB grant, the Cohasset Police Department can better help parents and caregivers protect children from motor vehicle-related fatalities and injuries through the proper use of safety belts, booster seats and child safety seats," said Chief Robert Jackson. "It will also help us to get the word out that the safest place for children 12 and under is properly restrained in the back seat away from air bags."

"Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death nationwide for children ages two to 13. There were nine fatalities and approximately 5,000 injuries involving children 12 and under in Massachusetts in 2001.

"Car seats, when properly installed, reduce the risk of death by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers," said Edward A. Flynn, Secretary of Public Safety. "Unfortunately, approximately 95 percent of all child safety seats are installed incorrectly. The Romney-Healey Administrations is please to provide this grant to the Cohasset Police Department to support its efforts to protect children by ensuring they are always properly buckled-up while on the road."

Here is a summary of the Massachusetts CPS Law:

- Children under five years old, *and* weighting 40 pounds or less, must ride in a federally-approved child safety seat
- Children under five weighing more than 40 pounds must ride in a booster seat
- Children five and older, *and* weighing more than 40 pounds, must wear a properly-adjusted safety belt. For maximum safety, children 40-80 pounds *and* under 4' 9 ", should use a booster seat with a safety belt
- This is a primary enforcement law: a police officer may stop a motor vehicle if one or more children are riding improperly restrained. A driver will be fined $25 for each improperly-restrained child.

The Cohasset Police Department wants to remind the public that the Massachusetts Safety Belt Law requires everyone to buckle-up. A 2003 GHSB survey found only a 62 percent safety belt use-rate among front seat occupants of all ages in Massachusetts. "We all need to set a good example for children," said GHSB Executive Director, Nancy J. Luther, "because it's much harder to convince younger people to buckle up when they see so many adults are not using safety belts."

For more information on child safety—including a list of child passenger safety technicians across Massachusetts—please go to www.mass.gov/ghsb.

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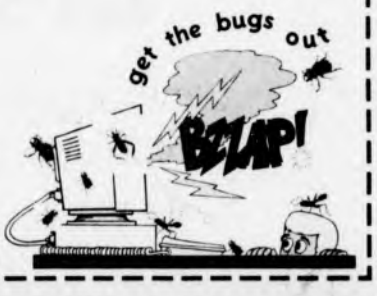

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The Gin Blossoms will perform Sept. 12 at Plymouth Memorial Hall.

Reunited and Ready to Rock

Gin Blossoms make tour stop in Plymouth

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The Gin Blossoms are often described as the "happy" or "upbeat" side of the last decade's alternative rock scene.

True, while musically the Gin Blossoms' distinct alt-rock style — combining Byrds-influenced, ringing, melodic guitars with punk-like energy — might seem a lot less dark and gloom-ridden than say, Nirvana or Alice In Chains, those who've followed the band since the early 1990s know that its personal history has not always been a model of happy times.

We're playing some new songs that we have coming out on a new CD later this year. But mostly over this year's tour and last, we're playing the hits, the songs that put us on the map and people know us for. That's the stuff the people pay to hear."

Gin Blossoms Guitarist Jesse Venezuela

The 1992 breakthrough success of the Blossoms' major-label debut New Miserable Experience CD was tainted a year later by the suicide death of original guitarist and key songwriter Doug Hopkins, whose bouts with severe alcoholism and depression had caused him to leave the band before the album was completed. Perhaps the title of the Blossoms' follow up disc, 1996's Congratulations I'm Sorry, was meant to reflect the band's bittersweet fortunes of the time.

However, the new millennium has brought about a confident reunion for the Tempe, Arizona quintet. A tentative series of New Year's Eve and other occa-

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Creating a wham BMA time

New organizers want to roll out red carpet for music awards

By Josh B. Wardrop
STAFF WRITER

Now that the Boston Music Awards are under his auspices, new CEO Chip Rives isn't shy about revealing his grand vision for what the awards should be. "I really feel that the Boston Music Awards should be the local equivalent of the Grammys," says Rives. "They should be a red-carpet event that celebrates the best and brightest of the Boston music scene."

Rives, who made his name in the field of sports management with high profile companies like IMG and Arnold Communications, took ownership of the BMAs and the NEMO Music Showcase and Conference in March from previous organizer Candace Avery. In the five months since then, he and a board of advisors — including industry bigwigs such as Don Law of Clear Channel Entertainment, WBCN Program Director Oedipus and Josiah Spaulding Jr., president and CEO of the Wang Center — have been working to make the BMAs, now in their 16th year of celebrating the best in local and Boston-connected national music, an event to shout about again.

South Shore-based performers The Dave Foley Band and Susan Tedeschi have been nominated for Boston Music Awards. The Dave Foley Band has been nominated as Best Country Act, while Tedeschi is up for Best Blues Act, Best Female Vocalist and her album Walt For Me is up for Best Blues Album and Album of the Year.

"Getting the support of the community and the city behind the BMAs again was key," says Rives. "Now we've got a lot of great people involved with shaping the events, and we moved away from having one radio station sponsoring the event, so it's been opened up to the whole media community."

Rives engineered one major change for the BMAs right off the bat: a change of venue. Instead of the Orpheum, where the awards had been staged for many years, the ceremony will be held at the opulent Wang Theater. "It was really one of the biggest statements we could make," says Rives. "Not that the Orpheum isn't a great venue, but for an event like the BMAs, I really think the Wang is the place."

It won't be the first time the Wang was home to the BMAs. In 1987, the second year of the Awards' existence, original organizers Peter Gold and Avery were approached by Spaulding about holding the event there. "I can remember coming to see all the great performers at the Wang when I was growing up," says Spaulding. "I thought the Awards should be held at a venue that speaks to what Boston is all about — and that's the Wang." Thus began a four-year stint at the Wang, which ended in 1990.

Presenters at this year's ceremony will include hard-rock heroes Godsmack, former Extreme/Van Halen frontman Gary Cherone, Boston Celtics star Walter McCarty and Boston rock legends Charlie Farren and Jon Butcher, with more to be announced. Scheduled performers at the event include Roxbury-born hip-hop artist EDO.G, neo-cabaret duo The Dresden Dolls, bluesman James Montgomery, guitarist Johnny A., rockers Bleu and Rubyhorse, Blue Man Group with guest Tracy Bonham, and a Taylor Family Tribute, featuring appearances by Livingston Taylor, Kate Taylor and The Ben Taylor Band.

Nominees this year include longtime stalwarts such as Aerosmith and James Taylor, young hitmakers like Staind and John Mayer, and rising local bands including Damone, The Gentlemen and Chauncey.

Rives promises some intriguing new visual elements at this year's show, which is being directed by Ron Cameron. "There are going to be lots of video elements, including a film showing a history of the Boston music scene in all its diversity," says Rives. "I think the awards themselves will be a better production than in past years — a little slicker."

Another new development for the Boston Music

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Respecting the legacy

Cornell Gunter's Coasters stay true to the originals

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

The Coasters are best-known for songs like "Yakety Yak," "Poison Ivy," "Charlie Brown" and "Love Potion #9," but in these uncertain times the comedians of rock and roll are performing not only those classic doo wop numbers, but also some more serious music in their live shows.

"Not too long ago, we were invited to appear at the official Korean War Anniversary event in Washington, DC and we performed a new number I wrote for the occasion called "Stand Up America," explained Dave Revels, leader of Cornell Gunter's The Coasters by telephone last week.

"I wrote the song to express my point of view on what our country means to me. It expresses a clear belief in freedom, equality and human rights. When it comes right down to it, we're all brothers and we need to leave prejudice and hate behind."

The original anthem will be on the song list when Cornell Gunter's The Coasters are joined by The Platters and Elsbeary Hobbs' The Drifters for concerts Friday, Aug. 30 at the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis and Saturday, Aug. 31 at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset.

"All three groups come together for a Patriotic finale featuring this song when we perform on the same bill," explains Revels. "It is our way of paying tribute to what America is all about."

What the Coasters have been about since recording their first song "Down to Mexico" in 1956 is the successful blending of catchy music and timeless humor. According to Revels, it is the comedy connection that has kept the Coasters alive on the concert circuit through the departures and deaths of most of the group's founding members.

'With comedy, you can't sleepwalk through the show. You have to know your audience. What we do is more than just a concert. It is really like a party with a lot of audience interaction."

As the group's original members drifted apart, various new incarnations began touring

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THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Potato salad is subject to a great deal of abuse at the hands of home cooks. Second-rate potatoes are slathered in mayonnaise and sprinkled with sweet pickles to produce a summer side dish that is ashamed of the potatoes themselves. French potato salad, or potatoes dressed with a simple mustard vinaigrette, takes a modest hands-off approach, allowing the true flavor of the potatoes themselves to shine. The trick is to get the ingredients just right to produce the perfect balance of earthy, sour, salt, sharp and sweet.

There was little surprise when I determined that small red potatoes were best for this recipe. (Russet, all-purpose and Yukon Gold don't hold up as well and I did not like their flavor for this application.) I started with small red potatoes (about the size of golf balls) and tried both boiling and steaming them in slices as well as in wedges. I ended up boiling the potatoes after slicing them into 1/4-inch pieces. By adding 1 tablespoon of salt to six cups of water, boiling allowed me to season the potatoes during cooking, which turned out to be vastly better than simply sprinkling them with salt later (as one would have to do if steaming them).

As for the vinaigrette, I prefer using white balsamic vinegar (now available in most grocery stores) or you can substitute regular white wine vinegar. I kept the ratio of oil to vinegar at about two-and-a-half, a higher ratio that I would use on a green salad. The reason? Potatoes absorb vinegar readily and therefore the higher acidity is fine. The other ingredients worked out to be just a 1/4 teaspoon of Dijon mustard (many recipes use a whopping tablespoon which I find overpowering), a couple of minced shallots, parsley, chives and chervil, basil, tarragon. The key was to pour the vinaigrette over hot potatoes, folding them in with the vinaigrette. The shallots and herbs are added just before serving along with salt and pepper to taste.

FRENCH POTATO SALAD

Cooked potatoes are a good medium for the growth of bacteria, so even though this recipe does not use mayonnaise, do not let the salad sit at room temperature for more than a couple of hours.

2 pounds new red potatoes, about the size of golf balls, scrubbed and cut into 1/4-inch slices

1 tablespoon plus 1/8 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons white wine or white balsamic vinegar

5 tablespoons best quality olive oil

1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

2 medium or 1 large shallot, finely chopped, about 3 tablespoons

4 teaspoons finely chopped flat leaf parsley

4 teaspoons finely chopped chives

1 teaspoon finely chopped chervil, basil, or tarragon

Place potatoes and 6 cups of water in a large saucepan over high heat. Add 1 tablespoon salt, reduce heat to maintain a lively simmer, and cook until just tender, about 5 minutes. Drain. Meanwhile, combine remaining 1/4-teaspoon salt and vinegar and whisk briefly to dissolve. Add olive oil, mustard, and pepper and whisk until thick and uniformly colored. Pour over hot potatoes. Using a rubber spatula, gently fold the potatoes and dressing to evenly coat the potatoes. Let potatoes cool slightly to warm or room temperature, folding occasionally. Just before serving, fold in the shallot and herbs. Taste for seasoning, adding salt and pepper as needed.

Serves 4 to 6 as a side dish

GREEN BEAN VARIATION

Substitute 1/2-pound trimmed green beans for 1/2-pound of the potatoes. Cook them along with the potatoes.

CHERRY TOMATO VARIATION

Reduce potatoes to 1 1/2 pounds and add two cups halved grape or cherry tomatoes along with the herbs.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Respecting the legacy

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under the name. The group appearing locally this week carries the name of the late Cornell Gunter who joined The Coasters two years after their debut. With the original group until 1961, Gunter created his own touring troupe of Coasters which continues to this day. In 1990, Gunter was shot to death while sitting in his car outside the Lady Luck Casino in Las Vegas where he had been attempting a comeback. The murder has never been solved. Carl Gardner, original lead singer of the first vocal group ever inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, still regularly performs with the only fully sanctioned version of The Coasters. Gardner is not associated with any current or past Gunter incarnations.

Revels is well aware of the legitimacy questions and frequent litigation that have surrounded groups like Cornell Gunter's The Coasters for years.

"I was very fortunate to be able to work with Cornell Gunter for a short time just prior to his death," says Revels who has been performing with his current group for 15 years and was previously with one of the many incarnations of The Drifters. "The key thing to remember is that the original members of most of these groups disbanded early on."

"Whatever the situation and whatever the make up of the group may be, the focus should be on the music, according to Revels. "

You have to be respectful of the legacy. We work very hard to maintain a sound that is respectful of the integrity of The Coasters. The music by Jerry Lieber and Mike Stoller, producers of many of Elvis Presley's biggest hits, is what really matters. We also adhere to the original concept for the group which was comedy. We do everything possible to maintain the sound and format of the original group. We also do several unique new songs, some of which I've written, including "Love Potion #10," which takes up the where the original song left off."

The newer songs may help the performers to stay interested during their 150 live dates each year, but Revels knows that the old hits are what keeps audiences coming back.

"The Coasters have a great song catalogue and that's why we're still in demand. The lyrics are simple, charming, funny and timeless. The music endures, because it tells very simple human stories with great humor."

(The Platters, Elsbeary Hobbs' The Drifters and Cornell Gunter's The Coasters will be at the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis Aug. 29 and the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset Aug. 30. For tickets and information call 617/931-2787 or visit www.musiccircus.com)

Reunited and ready to rock

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sion dates on the band's home turf finally led to back-to-back, 60-date, national summer tours in 2002 and '03, both of which have generated strong critical and public reviews. Plus, the Blossoms are celebrating the decade anniversary of Experience with a new, expanded 2-CD reissue of the album including bonus tracks, session outtakes and live cuts.

The Gin Blossoms' current summer trek rolls into this vicinity for a concert at Plymouth Memorial Hall Friday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. The show is presented by local music promoter, Brian Stratton, also a singer and keyboardist whose band, The Infractions with the Happening Horns, has even stepped in to fill the spot as opening act.

Guitarist Jesse Venezuela is another original Blossoms member who, along with lead singer Robin Wilson, has also figured heavily in the band's songwriting from the beginning.

"After we played the reunion shows in 2000 and 2001, we felt as a band that we really liked the way we were clicking onstage. That's when we decided to reunite full-time. We're playing some new songs that we have coming out on a new CD later this year. But mostly over this year's tour and last, we're playing the hits, the songs that put us on the map and people know us for. That's the stuff the people pay to hear," Valenzuela said.

Some of those hits include "Hey Jealousy," "Found Out About You" and "Alison Road" from Experience, "Follow You Down" from Congratulations, and the No. 1 "Til I Hear It From You," penned by Valenzuela and originally issued on the soundtrack of the otherwise forgettable Empire Records movie.

The Blossoms are justly proud of the expanded reissue of Experience, which a decade ago launched the band as one of the first to crossover from the alternative college radio market into the mainstream. Velenzuela also commented on what serious Blossoms fans or record-bin browsers might have noticed over the ten years, that the album has been issued in two different jacket-covers. The most commonly seen one shows a photo of the band members inside a car windshield, the other is adorned with a painting of tall cacti in a desert.

"That was actually the original cover, and I always liked that one better personally," said Valenzuela. "I think it was finally decided at a marketing meeting at our record company to release a few copies of the album in that form. As far as the new expanded reissue material goes, we're happy to finally have that stuff out there for listeners to hear. It was an interesting process to go back and remember some of things that went on behind the scenes in making that album. I really enjoyed it."

(The Gin Blossoms play Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street Saturday, Aug. 12 beginning at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and information call 866-468-7619 or visit ticketweb.com.)

Creating a wham BMA time

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Awards is the establishment of a scholarship fund to be maintained by the proceeds from the ceremony itself. "We're starting a scholarship that will fall under the banner of the 'Young at Art' program at the Wang," says Rives. "Awards will go to aspiring young musicians who are looking to further their musical education. It's important to us that the BMAs be able to give back to the music community in some way."

Even with all the effort and glamour associated with the BMAs, real music junkies might even be more enthusiastic about the accompanying NEMO showcases, which will bring together more than 200 local and national acts for a week of shows and workshops. Rives himself confesses that building up NEMO may be the prospect that excites him the most.

"I've been a huge music fan all my life, to the extent that I've been going down to South by Southwest for 10 years without ever attending a single workshop," laughs Rives, referring to the nationally-renowned week-long music conference/industry showcase that he regards as a blueprint for NEMO. "This year, we've got 23 venues participating in NEMO, and the showcases are going to feature everyone from local acts like Bleu and The Dresden Dolls to national people like Jill Sobule and Glenn Tilbrook.

"The goal, with NEMO, is to make it better for everyone," adds Rives. "For the bands, that means bringing in more industry people to check them out and bigger audiences to play to. To provide better panels with better topics that are really interesting and useful. And for the fans... these are the people who know how great this music community is. We want to give them an eclectic mix of music and an experience that they just won't see every night."

The Boston Music Awards take place Thursday, Sept. 4, at 8 p.m., at the Wang Theater, 270 Tremont St., Boston. Tickets are $28, $43, $48, $63 and $100, and are available through Telecharge at 800-447-7400. The NEMO showcases take place Sept. 5 and 6 at 22 venues in and around Boston and Cambridge — for a complete schedule of performers and venues, visit www.nemoboston.com.

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CHERISH THE LADIES will be performing at The Company Theatre in Norwell, on Friday, Sept. 19. Showtime is 8 p.m. Though initially the group won recognition as the first and only all-women traditional Irish band, they soon established themselves as musicians and performers without peer and have won many thousands of listeners and fans of their music. Tickets priced at $28 are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. You can also get more information at www.companytheatre.com

THE 7TH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN for the Jimmy Fund is scheduled for Oct. 18, at Peggotty Beach. This family fun event which has raised $111,000 for the Jimmy Fund since its inception in 1996, has a new fall date and is expected to be bigger and better than ever. The event schedule is as follows: Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m., 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. and the 4 Mile Road Race at 10 a.m. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Peggotty Beach. A Kids Entertainment tent will include face painting, balloons and a clown. Pre-registration is available when a completed entry form and fee are sent to Esther Volpone Blacker, 35 Common Street, Scituate, MA 02066. Pre-registration fees are $18 for the 4 Mile or 2 Mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. Race day registration fees are $20 for the 4 Mile or 2 Mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. All event proceeds are donated to the Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. For further information call 781.545.4642 or email bblacker@comcast.net or see www.joshuasrun.com

9TH ANNUAL FOLK & FUR FEST 2003 Standish Humane Society's Benefit Walk for Animals Sept. 21 (rain or shine) Wompatuck State Park, Hingham.. Registration 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 781-834-4663 or visit www.standishhumanesociety.com for more information.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! comes to The Providence Performing Arts Center, Nov. 22; Tickets on Sale Monday, July 14, at 10 a.m. Beatlemania-LIVE!, the ultimate Beatles' tribute show, will be making its debut at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, — exactly 40 years after Beatlemania exploded in England. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37.50, $32.50 & $25.50. Tickets for this theatrical concert went on sale July 14, at 10 a.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center box-office (220 Weybosset St); by phone at 401-421-2787; and online at www.ppacri.org and www.ticketmaster.com.

FIFTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. For applications visit www.brittanylambertFoundation.org, your local gym or register on-line at Active.com For more information call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187.

'LITTLE ANGELS' JIMMY FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT, Sept. 8, at Pembroke Country Club. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start: Tee time 1:15 p.m. Scramble format. $115 per player early registration special by Aug. 15, $100 per player. Includes "Little Angels" custom golf shirt. Non-golfers welcome $35 dinner only. $20 "Little Angels" custom golf shirt if ordered by Aug. 15. Player fee includes gift bag, golf cart, greens fee, stuffed chicken breast dinner. Prizes awarded for hole in one, on the green closest to the pin, lowest foursome score. For information contact Paul McLaughlin, 781-982-8383. http://oak47.ecorp.netgolf.htm

HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, Oct. 7 to Nov. 1. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

Thurs. 28

Thomas the Tank Engine returns to Carver, at Edaville USA, Aug. 27 to 31 and Sept. 5 to 7. **This is a real steam engine that has been converted into Thomas**: The lead release is below, and images are available for download at www.hitnewsonline.com <http://www.hitnewsonline.com>. The 35-minute train ride with Thomas the Tank Engine will depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine, between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. This event is expected to sell out, so advance purchase is recommended to ensure a choice of dates and times. Tickets for a **Day Out With Thomas** are $14 for ages one and up.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. **Sounds of Yesterday.**

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset –**Kaleidoscope Theatre** presents **Rumpelstiltskin**, Aug. 28, at 10:30 a.m., Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Jimbos Restaurant Braintree 5 Corners Aug. 28, 8:30 p.m. Comedy night featuring **Mark Riley, Annette Pollack, Troy Diamond, Mike Flynn, Joe Holden, Gail Lerner, John Moses and Nancy Bender** Call 781-848-0300 for reservations or visit www.annettepollack.com

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 28, **Debbie Davies.** Call 617-439-7000 for more information..

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Core Element** Aug. 28, from 5 to 9 p.m. Casual dress, cover charge varies. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 29

Boston Harbor Hotel, Intrigue Terrace, presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. Aug. 29, **Rear Window**. For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

Brockton Symphony Orchestra Audition Notice Auditions for the Brockton Symphony Orchestra concert season will be held Sunday, Sept 7, 12pm at New England Conservatory of Music. All instrumentalists who have not been recently seen by Music Director/Conductor Jonathan Cohler welcome. Prepare a fast and slow solo selection, and three to five excerpts from any symphony/s. You must have an appointment to audition. Concerts are: Nov. 16, Dec. 10, Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Mar. 21, and April 4. BrSO Musicians April 18 - opportunity to showcase your solo/ensemble talents!(optional) Repertoire includes Beethoven, Handel, Marquez, Revuletas, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Wagner and more. Openings in sections have not been announced. Auditions are for paid and non-paid positions. No auditions for singers at this time. Building/room numbers will be posted at NEC Jordan Hall's main entrance on the day of audition. Call 508-588-3841 or email exec.dir@brocktonsymphony.org

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Benny Mann** Aug. 29. For more information call 781-545-9898.

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **Dave Chappelle**, Aug. 29, at 8 p.m., Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Chris Fitz Band**, Aug. 29, from 5 to 9 p.m. Casual dress, cover charge varies. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay will hold **auditions** for holiday classic **Amahl & the Night Visitors.** Singers interested in principal roles should plan to audition on Friday evening, Sept. 5, at the Ellison Center. **Auditions** run from 6 to 10 p.m., and are prescheduled. To set up an audition time, singers must call 781-934-2731, ext. 20. Singers of all ages interested in choral opportunities may contact Artistic Director Beth MacLeod at 781-934-2731, ext. 20. No audition is necessary for chorus members. Performance dates are Saturday, Dec. 6, at 3 and 7 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium in Hingham, and on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. This traditional family presentation draws audiences from all over New England.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association sponsors a Kayaking Trip to Nova Scotia a "Sea Kayaker's Paradise" The NSRWA is sponsoring a one-week paddling adventure in Eastern Nova Scotia exploring the island archipelago off of Tangier, Nova Scotia, from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. The trip includes a several nights at a campground with full facilities as well as a night or two camping on offshore islands. Beginners are welcome, and will be provided with a day-long introduction to paddling in early September to help get ready for the trip. Contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or email nsrwa@nsrwa.org for more information, and to sign up for the informational meeting July 31. For more information contact Paula Christie at the North & South Rivers Watershed Association at 781-659-8168 or paula@nsrwa.org

Women's Baroque Orchestra led by violinist **Dana Maiben** will perform at **The Church of the Messiah**, 13 Church St., Woods Hole, Aug. 29, at 8 p.m. General admission tickets are $15, $10, and $5. For more information call 401-273-7308.

Sat. 30

King Richard's Faire, Route 58, South Carver. Enter the magical 16th century marketplace where the King himself will meet you at the gate. Entertainment included magicians, musicians, stilt walkers, bawdy wenches, dancers, jugglers, fire eaters, puppeteers, swordsmen and soothsayers. Throughout the forest encounter his majesties merchants displaying their fine array of unique hand-made wares. Test your skills at various games, or enjoy human driven rides for children of all ages. Aug. 30 to Oct. 19 including Labor Day and Columbus Day 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adults $22, children 5 to 12 $11, under 5 free. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net

Harlow Old Fort House in Plymouth will host a **Colonial Artisan's Fair** on Aug. 30, featuring traditional crafts, a children's book signing, and a Pilgrim puppet show all free and open to the public. The fair will be held rain or shine at the historic homestead, 119 Sandwich St. Refreshments available for purchase. Call 508-746-0012 for more information.

BEST BET

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury presents "Photography" three artists working in the field of alternative photography on display from Aug. 31 to Nov. 2. The exhibit features the work of Walter Crump, Susan Hess and Laura Blacklow. A reception will be held Sunday, Sept. 28 from 1:30—3:30 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For hours and information call the museum at (781) 934-6634.

Seaconke Wampanoag tribe to host **Annual PowWow** Aug. 30 and 31. Event to Feature Native American Dancing, Drumming and Singing, Storytelling, Native Crafts, Food and Fun. Reenacting a tradition whose roots may well date back thousands of years, the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe will host their seventh annual Powwow on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 30 and 31., at Francis Farm, Route 118, Rehoboth. Gates open at 10 a.m. with a Grand Entry at noon. Featured will be native dancing, singing, and drumming, a wide selection of Native American crafts, food, and games for children. Donation is $3 for adults, children under 16 admitted free. For additional information contact the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe, 412 Taunton Ave., Seekonk, MA 02771, or call Ed Lincoln at 401-723-156

South Shore Music Circus Cohasset – **The Platters/Elsbeary Hobbs' The Drifters/Cornell Gunter's The Coasters**, Aug. 30, 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Box Office at the Music Circus in Cohasset, open daily from noon to 6 p.m.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Keepin the Groove**, Aug. 30. For more information, call 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **The Love Dogs** Aug. 30. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 31

Plymouth Fun Day at Plymouth Airport, Aug. 31. Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of controlled, powered flight, this Fun Day will feature aerobatics, parachute drops, exhibitions, helicopters rides a copy of the Wright Flyer, Model Aircraft, and War Birds as well as kid's rides and food concessions, flea market and craft tables. Activities start at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Rain Day, Sept. 1.

Sunday Cruises to Cuttyhunk Sundays, July through October, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org for a day-long excursion to Cuttyhunk. The cruise departs from either Fairhaven or Woods Hole at 9 a.m. and spend four hours on Cuttyhunk. Participants will have a choice of a short, medium, or long guided walk, with commentary. People may bring a picnic lunch or buy a lunch on Cuttyhunk. Fees for the program are $50 for adults,$45 for members, seniors, and $40 for children 16 and under. To register and for information, and directions, call 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org

The North River Arts Society presents **The Magic Moment**, original oil paintings by **Jody Regan** through Sept. 13, Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **"Monster" Mike Welch**, Aug. 31. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Braintree Art Association member **William Sawyer** will display his paintings for the month of September at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St, Braintree.

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Weymouth Art Association member **Allan Chambers** will exhibit paintings for the month of September at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513.

2003 Summer Concert Series, near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Every Thursday night. Free and open to the public. Sept. 1, **Sounds of Yesterday.**

The Satuit Band will present a concert at the Bandstand, Route 139 in Hanover at 6 p.m. Patriotic songs and favorite marches will be featured.

Hanson Rod & Gun Club, Davis Road, Hanson, is conducting a Basic Hunter Education course on Sept. 1, 2, 5, 8, and 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. Preregistration is required by calling 508-792-7434. For more information visit www.masswildlife.org or call 508-792-7434.

The North River Arts Society presents **Fields and Farms** – an exhibit of original pastel paintings by **Liz-Haywood-Sullivan** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. The show runs through Oct. 11.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 2

The Olde Kids On The Block, a 20-piece orchestra will be at the Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday beginning Sept. 17 through Aug. 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person, all are welcome, no smoking, wheelchair-accessible.

Handlebar Harry's, Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 3

The original oil paintings of **Armando Enriquez** will be on display during the month of August in the gallery of the Kingston Public Library. The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday 1 to 8 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome. Free.

"At The Movies" musical review arrives at **Raffael's Restaurant** - Quincy, Sept. 3 to 11, "At The Movies" musical revue arrives at Raffael's Restaurant in North Quincy, MA on September *3, **4, *10 & **11. The musical revue will be presented for 6 performances only. All matinees will begin at 1 pm with lunch starting at 12 noon sharp. The evening performances begin at 8 pm with the dinner starting at 6:30 sharp. Tickets are $35.00 for our matinees and $45.00 for the evening performances. The ticket price includes dinner, tax, gratuity & show. Groups of 20 or more may contact us for special group rates. For tickets or additional information call (617) 328 ~ 1600 or visit us on the web at jmproductionspresents.com *= Matinee only **= matinee and evening performances.

Thurs. 4

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 4, **Moe Jones Revue.** Call 617-439-7000 for more information..

Sea Studio Gallery in Tenants Harbor, Maine, will exhibit paintings by well-known artists **Mary Lizotte** of St. George, ME and Norwell, MA and Deborah Winship of Rockland, Maine, from Sept. 4 through 11. Titled "Maine and More," the show will feature original works painted in coastal Maine, Massachusetts, overseas, and along the New England coast from Cape Cod to Nova Scotia. Mary and Deborah share a common love of landscapes and florals and both paint with color, exuberance, and experimentation. Sea Studio Gallery is located on Route 131 in Tenants Harbor. For more information, please call 207-594-5321

Fri. 5

The James Library and Center for the Arts presents **"Opening the Book"** a show of artist's books by **Bryson Dean** Sept. 5 to Oct. 1. An opening reception will be held Sept. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday and Sat. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

27th Corn Festival at the South Shore Natural Science Center Corn Festival Pie Contest Do people rave about your pies? Are yours the first to disappear at a holiday dinner? Enter the Corn Festival's Pie Contest and win bragging rights for your culinary skills! To enter, you'll need to bake two minipies (4" pie pans will be provided). One will be sold at the Kernel's Kitchenbake table at the on Saturday, Sep. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the other will be entered into the competition. Judging will be done by a panel of pie-loving judges, with ribbons awarded, and the overall winner receiving a prize. To enter, call 781-659-2559 for a registration form, or stop by the Center at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell to pick up your pie pans. Highlights of this year's festival include traditional craft demonstrations and vendors with handcrafted items for sale, children's crafts and games, musical performers Mixed Company and Chris Nordstrom, a mouth-watering lunch grilled up by the Outback Steakhouse, home baked goodies from the Kernel's Kitchen, our famous corn chowder, antique tractors and farm gadgets, johnnycake demonstrations, farm animals, hayrides and more! For a great family activity, enter our Scarecrow contest!

Thomas the Tank Engine returns to Carver, at Edaville USA, Aug. 27 to 31 and Sept. 5 to 7. **This is a real steam engine that has been converted into Thomas**. The lead release is below, and images are available for download at www.hitnewsonline.com <http://www.hitnewsonline.com>, The 35-minute train ride with Thomas the Tank Engine will depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine, between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. This event is expected to sell out, so advance purchase is recommended to ensure a choice of dates and times. Tickets for a **Day Out With Thomas** are $14 for ages one and up.

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The South Shore Folk Music Club will start a year long celebration of their 25th anniversary season with a concert featuring the popular celtic band **Pendragon** on Friday, Sept. 5, at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, MA. Doors open at 7:30, and the concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, $12 for members and $14 for non-members. Refreshments will be available. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. For more information, call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org <http://www.ssfmc.org>.

Boston Harbor Hotel, Intrigue Terrace, presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. Sept. 5, **GiGi.** For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Nicole Nelson Band,** Sept. 5. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Michael Troy**, Sept. 5. For more information, call 781-545-9898.

Ongoing Events

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library opens a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy.** The exhibit will run through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

The South Shore Natural Science Center is pleased to present "Landscapes Near and Far", an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Hanover artist **Valerie Doran Norris**. Open through Aug. 31, the exhibit includes a collection of local scenes and vacation spots from Cape Cod to England. Valerie's watercolor paintings are rich in color and detail. Her choice of subject matter comes from a desire to whisk you away and make you daydream. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, July 12, from 2 to 4p.m. The exhibit can be viewed (free of charge) during July and August on Monday through Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off Route 3. For more information, call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

The Scituate Art Gallery will feature how local artists have captured the beauty of the local area at a special summer exhibition featuring marine and local scenes through Aug. 31, "Marine and Local Scenes" will showcase original works by Scituate Gallery Artists. Due to construction, the exhibit will be displayed at The Welch Company at 146 Front St. Exhibit hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

Pilgrim Hall Museum presents **Bringing Up Baby: 300 Years of Childhood in the Old Colony**, now through May, 2004 a new exhibit that explores the world of the very young in the Old Plymouth Colony from

CALENDAR, see next page

Talent Search

SNUG HARBOR COMMUNITY CHORUS Have you been interested in joining a choral group? We rehearse Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury. The first rehearsal is Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Call 781-934-6492 for additional information..

THE BRAINTREE CHORAL SOCIETY- will begin rehearsals for their fall concert season at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 9 at the Braintree High School music room. Auditions are not required except for voice placement only. For more information call 508-583-5662.

HARBOUR CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY - Rehearsals begin on Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hanover, Route 123 and Main St. Call 781-749-1812.

THE FINEARTS CHORALE, under the direction of Libor Dudas is actively seeking singers in preparation for a Nov. 2, performance of the Mozart "Requiem." Rehearsals will begin on Sept. 3, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old south Union Church, 25 Columbian St., South Weymouth. All voice parts welcome. No auditions required.

THE MASSASOIT THEATRE CO.. open auditions for dancers, singers and actors, age 16 and up for the musical, Cabaret, Thursday and Friday Sept. 4 and 5, at 7 p.m.; call backs, Sept. 7, at 5 p.m. in the Buckley Performing Arts Center, fine Arts Bldg., Massasoit Community College, off Rt. 27, Brockton. Production dates Nov. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 2 and 23. Parts are for 12 women, 12 men, plus a sizable chorus of women and men. Looking for all various types, sizes and ages, 16 and older. Several non-dancing roles for older men and women. Prepare one song that demonstrates your vocal range and quality; bring sheet music, a pianist will be provided. Wear appropriate clothes for dance audition. Call 508-427-1234 or email mpevzner@massasoit.mass.edu

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S OPERA BY THE BAY is presenting the popular holiday classic ***Amahl & the Night Visitors*** This traditional family presentation draws audiences from all over New England. Singers interested in principal roles should plan to audition on Friday evening, Sept. 5, at the Ellison Center. Auditions run from 6 to 10 p.m., and are prescheduled. To set up an audition time, singers must call 781-934-2731, ext. 20. on Saturday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium in Hingham, and on Saturday, Dec. 13, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. Singers of all ages interested in choral opportunities may contact Artistic Director Beth MacLeod at 781-934-2731, ext. 20. No audition is necessary for chorus members.

THE NORTH RIVER THEATRE announces auditions for its November production, 'Over the River and through the Woods," a light comedy by Joe DePietro, on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 14 and 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the theatre, 513 River St., Norwell. Roles are available for two women and two men, ages 60 to 75, and for one man and one woman, ages 25 to 35. Call 781-659-2573 for information.

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its beginning to the 20th century. What was it like to be a child 1620, 1850, or 1920? What can we learn from furniture, clothing, toys, games and other objects from the children who used them? What were the beliefs and sentiments of the parents who provided for them? How do letters, journals, literature, and other writing help to tell the story of the children of the Old Colony? Who were their teachers, what kinds of knowledge were important to learn? What did they do for fun? The exhibition is free with Museum admission. Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court St. (Route 3A), Plymouth. Information: 508-746-1620; web address: www.pilgrimhall.org Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Admission: adults $5; Seniors (62+) and AAA members $4.50; Children (5-17) $3.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) $15. Residents of Plymouth, admitted free.

Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents "Under Blue Skies" featuring South Shore Artist and teacher **Richard Toomey**. The exhibit will run from through Aug. 30. 781-934-8640

The fifth season for South Shore Quests opened May 1. Quests are a fun way to get the kids out in nature and a great way to learn of new hiking trails in the area. Clues lead the hiker along a trail in search of the treasure (a stamp and stamp pad). Quest books, which contain directions, maps and the clues for 19 Quests on the South Shore, are available at the Bookport in Hingham, Hingham public library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for $4. If you have any questions contact Kim Juric at 781 749-6121 or kjuric@attbi.com <mailto:kjuric@attbi.com>

Walk 'n Mass: Walk Quincy -"The City of Presidents." Walk Quincy, and explore the "City of Presidents" The 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) walk route passes historic landmarks including the Adams National Historical Park and the Dorothy Quincy home. Walkers will also be able to view Quincy's coastline and natural beauty. The walk is seasonal and runs through Nov. 10. The start point the Visitor Center (Galleria at Presidents Place) 1250 Hancock St, Quincy. Start times are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The walk is easy suitable for strollers but not for wheel chairs. Quincy may be reached by public transportation (MBTA) and parking is available at the Presidents Place parking Garage. For more information, call 781-834-8952.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

The Gallery Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Rt. 18), East Bridgewater, presents **Monday Night Hand Drumming Circle** on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. The event is free and no experience is necessary. For more information and directions call 508-378-1584.

After The Bell Recreation Program Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive, So. Weymouth. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, 3 to 6 p.m. for youngsters 6-12 years of age. Energetic and exciting non-competitive sports and games designed to motivate, challenge, and build confidence. Time and quiet space also available for study and homework. Three, one-hour sessions each day. Members $8 per session, non-members, $10. Registration and information 781-337.4600 x111.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

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Sonny Landreth & the Goners, and Brave Combo are just two of the acts performing this weekend during the Rhythm & Roots festival Labor Day Weekend Aug. 29-31 at Ninigret Park, Charlestown, Rhode Island.The festival features dancing, live entertainment, ethnic and regional foods, vendors and children and family activities. For more information on the festival call 888-855-6940 or visit www.RhythmAndRoots.com.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WED., AUGUST 27

A barrage of planetary activity occurs during the next few days. Today the giant planet Jupiter enters Virgo at 5:27 a.m., remaining there until September 2004. In addition, Jupiter prepares to oppose Uranus, making this a period when unexpected opportunities or obstacles may suddenly surface. The moon enters Virgo at 6:27 a.m. and interacts with Jupiter and Uranus this morning. At 1:26 p.m. the sun and moon align at 4-degrees Virgo, and the new moon culminates. A lunar opposition to Mars at 3:35 p.m. warns you to slow down and use extra caution when driving or operating machinery.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Be sure to start this day with a peaceful, positive attitude. Pursue activities that help you to relax and maintain perspective. The moon travels in Virgo all day. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Virgo, begins retrograde travel at 9:42 a.m. Mercury will travel in retrograde motion until September 20, bringing a period to focus on inner, personal growth rather than your external, professional life. A polarity of the sun and Mars warns against taking risks or acting on impulse. The planet Pluto, standing at 17-degrees of Sagittarius, turns direct at 11:34 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

The Virgo moon aligns with Mercury at 3:26 a.m. and becomes inactive. A Libra moon takes over at 9:41 a.m., bringing a focus on key relationships. Although this is not a time to begin new partnerships, it is ideal for repairing and rebuilding relationships that have broken down. Be willing to forgive and forget past hurts. Open your heart to higher visions.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Jupiter opposes Uranus at 12:38 a.m., at the first degree of Virgo/Pisces. The moon continues to travel in Libra, active until 2:37 p.m. A harmonious alignment of Venus to Saturn is a major plus in today's planetary picture. Its influence helps to neutralize the intense energies of the past few days and offers an opportunity to unwind. Spend time with loved ones. Appreciate the positives in your life; friends and family.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

An inactive Libra moon can make for a slow start to this day. Relax and enjoy favorite pastimes. Influences begin to turn around at 12:00 p.m., when a passionate Scorpio moon arrives. Lunar alignments to Jupiter and Mars highlight sports and physical activities. Keep it light and go for the good times.

MON., SEPTEMBER 1

Mars and Mercury continue retrograde travel until the end of September. That means that this is a time to pursue personal goals instead of trying to initiate change in your outer, external life. There are likely to be more delays, breakdowns than usual. Sleep on new ideas and don't sign important contracts or make long-term commitments this month.

The moon continues its travel in Scorpio today. People may be quiet, pensive, sensitive. Spend time alone. Nurture your spirit through time spent in meditation, listening to music or enjoying nature.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

It may be difficult to get back to business today. Don't get caught up in morning hassles or the blues. The Scorpio moon becomes inactive at 6:18 a.m., when it aligns with Mercury. A Sagittarius moon arrives at 2:32 p.m., bringing a lighter, brighter mood. However, ninety-degree alignments of the moon to Jupiter and Mars warn you to use common sense and avoid acting on impulse. Take it slow and easy.

WED.., SEPTEMBER 3

The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 8:34 a.m. A full moon is building up and will culminate next Wednesday, September 10. Get an early start to this day. You can get a lot accomplished in the morning and early afternoon. Make up a list of things to do and stick to it. The moon continues to travel in optimistic Sagittarius, and the sun forms a harmonious 60-degree alignment to Saturn at 2:48 p.m. There is one rough spot in effect between 5:55-8:55 p.m., when the moon and Pluto align. Keep it light and avoid touchy subjects in this period.

THURS., SEPTEMBER 4

This is a great day for vacationing. If you are working, you must carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan. People may be talkative and easily distracted from practical matters. The Sagittarius moon aligns with retrograde Mercury at 7:23 a.m. and becomes inactive. You can make up for lost time after 5:51 p.m., when the moon enters business-oriented Capricorn and forms easy contacts to Uranus, Jupiter and Mars.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Challenging alignments of Venus to Pluto and the Capricorn moon to Saturn can make for a rough start to this day. Stop worrying about situations you have no control over. Instead, keep your hands and mind busy with practical matters. Zero in on responsibilities you have take on, promises you have made and follow through. Keep your nose to the grindstone; you can be most productive.

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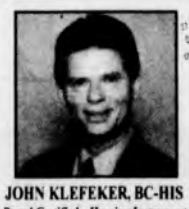

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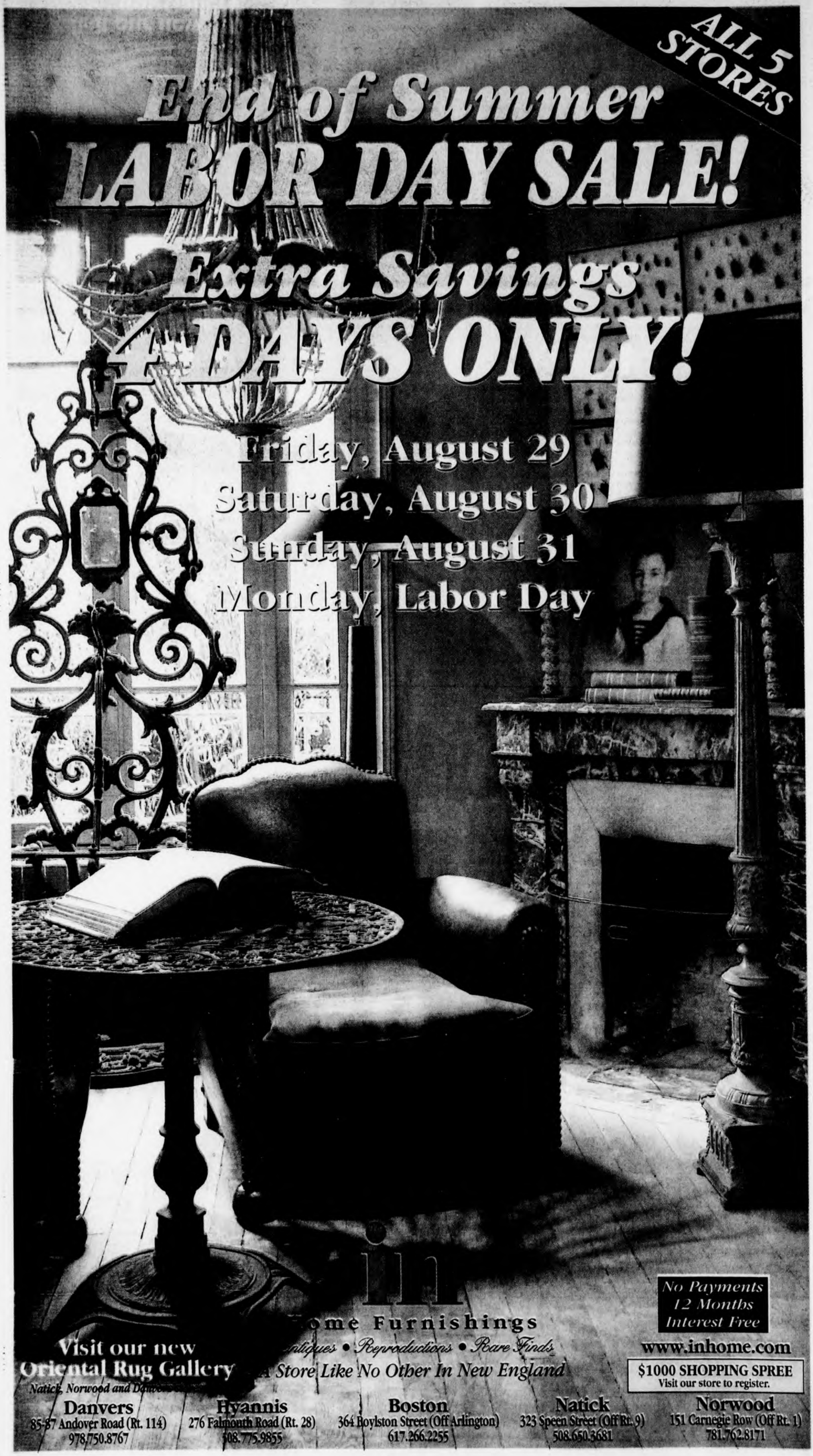
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Selectmen want Avalon figures

By Samantha Brown
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Selectmen are slated to come before the Zoning Board of Appeals Monday to give their recommendations on the Avalon project, but whether the board will have a recommendation in time is still open for discussion.

As part of the hearing process, the major boards in town have been asked to give their opinions as to whether they think the ZBA should grant or deny a comprehensive permit to the builders of Avalon.

Saying they would like to review more financial information before giving their opinion, Selectmen have asked the ZBA to get as much information as possible for review before Monday's meeting. Selectmen will hold a special meeting of their own Monday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. before the ZBA hearing, waiting until the 11th hour to decide what their ultimate recommendation will be.

While the decision whether to issue a comprehensive permit is up to the ZBA, Town Manager Mark Haddad said he thinks the Selectmen's recommendation should hold some weight and Selectmen are taking the matter very seriously.

While Selectmen had previously drafted a list of suggestions and findings regarding the Avalon development, the draft makes no mention of its having too little financial information. Only during the past few weeks has the issue come to the forefront. In light of discussion at the most recent meetings, the

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HERE COMES THE BUS!

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While schoolchildren line up on Forest Avenue on the first day of school, third-grader Charlotte Barszewski jumps at the first sight of the school bus.

Still the million-dollar king in sale of expensive homes

Though Scituate home fetches highest price

By Mary Ford
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When it comes to the Cohasset housing market – 1997 seems like the Dark Ages.

That year only one home sold for more than $1 million in Cohasset.

And although Cohasset doesn't hold the distinction of having the top-priced, single-family home sold in the area in 2003 — that credit goes to neighboring Scituate with a $2.8-million home sale — so far in this year, 13 single-family homes sold in town have topped the $1-million-mark.

With 60 single-family houses currently on the market at an average listing of $1,011,281 — there's reason to believe Cohasset's million-dollar home sales will top the benchmark of 19 set in 2002.

"Cohasset has always been the highest-priced town in the area," says David Drinkwater, owner of Grand Gables Realty Group, based in North Scituate. "So much of the market there is high priced and with the size of Cohasset, as a percentage of the market — million-dollar homes are a significant piece of the pie."

The 60 Cohasset homes currently on the market range in asking price from $359,000 for a 1,300 square foot house at 23 Hull St. to a 4,700-square-foot shingle-style Victorian on 1.25 acres at 184 Atlantic Ave. for $3.795 million "that needs renovation," Drinkwater says.

Eileen Corbett of Coldwell Banker says million-dollar homes used to be the exception.

"We used to roll our eyes at $1/2 million," she says. "Now we're *not* rolling our eyes at $1 million."

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Harbor garden

Club digs Lightkeepers

By Samantha Brown
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On a ledge overlooking beautiful Cohasset Harbor, keeping watch over boats passing by, stands the Lightkeepers Residence in all its glory. Surrounded by flowering gardens on every side, the house itself competes with the seascape below.

Soft silvery-green lamb's ear grows low and wide at the feet of light pink roses. Tall lavender Russian sage blows around in the ocean breeze, in contrast to the bright yellow petals of the black eyed susans.

But the gardens wouldn't look as lovely as they do, if it weren't for the help of many volunteers, which include members of the Community Garden Club, who take the time every week to maintain their plantings on the grounds of the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island.

"I garden more here than I do at home," said club co-chairman Barbara Dillon, who has been a member of the club since around 1959 when it began..

"If I could show you pictures of what this looked like before," she said, of grounds that were once overgrown with bamboo, brambles and poison ivy. "It was pretty bad."

But today, through volunteers like Dillon as well as other garden groups in the community, including the Cohasset Garden Club and the Amateur Garden Club, the grounds of the his-

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Angie Kelly, Martha Gjesteby, Barbara Dillon, Phyllis Peck, Lee Drew, Maureen Byrne and Judy Dickstein work in the Lightkeepers garden.

Music Circus poses a tricky case for new smoking bylaw

By Samantha Brown
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There's nothing ordinary about the South Shore Music Circus – the theater-in-the-round under a big top — has drawn thousands of patrons from the South Shore and beyond for more than 50 years.

In fact, the popular venue started when the dangerous health effects of smoking were unknown and the habit was promoted in feature films by Hollywood stars, some of whom graced the Cohasset stage.

So it should come as no surprise that the Board of Health and officials at the Music Circus are willing to work together to come up with a regulation within the town's tough new smoking bylaw that will suit the unique outdoor situation at the popular location.

Last spring, voters approved a new version of the town's smoking bylaw, making lighting up illegal in all public places and workplaces. The ban also makes it illegal to smoke on restaurant patio areas and within 20 feet of any entrance of a workplace.

"We'll craft a regulation which satisfies both the Music Circus and the Board of Health,"

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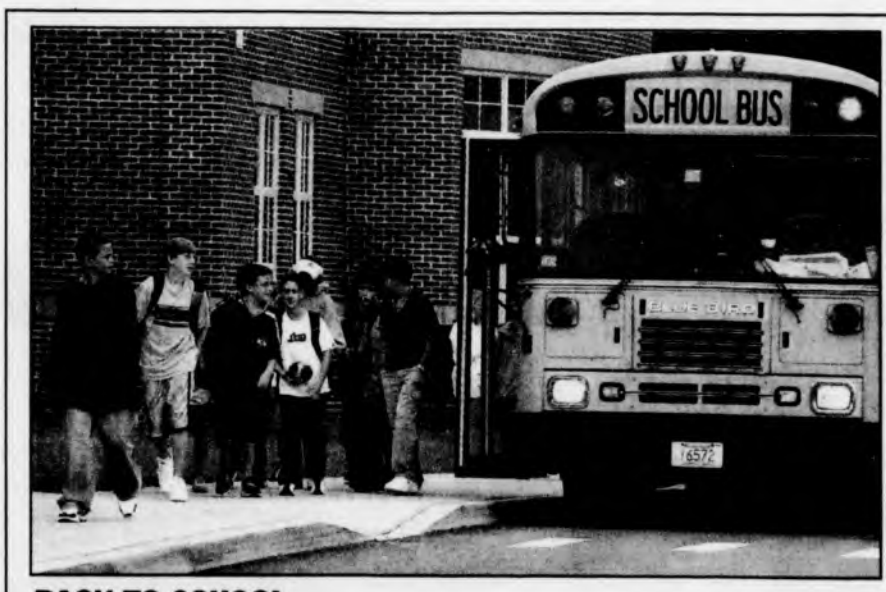

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This week in # COHASSET

Open seat on School Committee

Applications for the open seat on the School Committee are being accepted both at both the superintendent's and selectmen's offices until Sept. 16 at 4:30 p.m.. The position became available when Jane Pescatore resigned to accept the position as secretary to CMHS Principal Mike Jones.

Pescatore's replacement will be appointed in a joint meeting by both the Board of Selectmen and School Committee, which will be held Sept. 25 in the Selectmen's meeting room at the Town Hall. Members of the boards have not decided on an interviewing process as of yet, and are waiting to see the number of responses they receive. Members of the Board of Selectmen said they would like to see individual interviews for each applicant, while they said the School Committee seems to be favoring a quicker decision-making process.

Whoever is appointed will serve until the April Town Election. This spring, there will be three school committee positions up for grabs, two for three-year terms and one to fill the remaining year of Pescatore's term.

Interested candidates should forward a letter stating why they would like to fill the position, to the Chairman of the School Committee Rick Flynn via Superintendent Edward Malvey, or the Board of Selectmen via Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Beach issues to be discussed

Issues surrounding Sandy Beach were a hot topic all summer, especially regarding beach stickers. Now that the beach season is coming to a close, Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she, along with Town Manager Mark Haddad and President of the Sandy Beach Association Robin Lawrence, will meet to discuss the many suggestions that have been pouring in from residents throughout the course of the summer.

"We certainly have had a lot," McMorris said of the responses.

Most recently, the issue of beach stickers for visitors has come to the forefront, with residents asking for day passes during extenuating circumstances. Natalie DiMeo-Brandt sent a letter to the selectmen, asking that day passes be made available for residents who have registered cars in Cohasset, and even offered to do the job, should they need someone to handle the paperwork.

Recently, DiMeo-Brandt could have used day passes for relatives visiting from Pennsylvania during their family reunion. Other family members that live in the surrounding area always take turns hosting the out-of-town members at their local beaches, but when it's DiMeo-Brandt's turn, she has no choice but to make two or three trips back and forth to pick up relatives because they can't take the extra cars.

"I get really steamed every year for all the other beaches we visit allow day passes and there is *no* drama for the day," she said in her letter.

"It seems like a reasonable request," McMorris said, noting that this will be one of the topics discussed at the meeting.

Another request was made by Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn, who asked that he be able to purchase a sticker that could be used by guests so they would not have to pay parking fines when going to the beach.

Red Lion Inn patron has ticket complaint

Judith Cellucci, 21 Bates Lane, wrote a letter to Gerd Ordelheide, because she thought he should be notified of what had happened while she was enjoying a meal at his restaurant. She said she found a police officer's "attitude appalling and offensive," after giving her a ticket while she ate dinner with her family.

"Unbeknownst to me while I was relaxing on a Saturday night, one of 'Cohasset's finest' was on a rampage in quiet little Cohasset village. Instead of apprehending criminals he was monitoring the 15-minute parking limit where I had left my car."

She went on to say that her husband saw the officer from the porch of the restaurant and immediately ran over to approach him, so he could move the car, but was told he was too late, there is a 15-minute limit and next, the car would be towed.

Cellucci also said the officer ticketed the cars next to hers, as well as several cars that were not parked correctly, even though they were in spaces and not obstructing other potential vehicles.

"It's not the ticket, it's the attitude," Selectman Tom Callahan said in response to the letter.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he has forwarded the letter to Police Chief Robert Jackson.

Veterans memorial won't be replaced soon

The POW/MIA memorial on the island at the top of Depot Court, which was removed for testing of the proposed bump-outs as part of the revitalization effort of the downtown area, will not be replaced as soon as Selectmen had previously thought. Town Manager Mark Haddad said because it would have to be removed again when the renovations begin, he sees no reason to spend the money now.

"When you do the downtown renovations, it'll go back," he said.

Until the permanent POW/MIA memorial can be built, a temporary one will be installed at the World War I memorial on the Common near St. Stephen's Church.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Sept. 9, 4 p.m.

Growth & Development Committee, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Harbor Committee, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., at the library

School Committee, Sept. 4, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Sept. 16, 6 p.m.

Zoning Advisory Committee, Sept. 9, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m. (Avalon)

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

September clinics

Keep well clinics

Thursday, Sept. 11 at 11 a.m. at Senior Center Luncheon

Thursday, Sept. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Harborview Senior Housing

Thursday, Oct. 9, at 11 a.m. at Senior Center Luncheon

Thursday, Oct. 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Harborview Senior Housing

The Health Fair is Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

Screenings will include: cholesterol, glucose, osteoporosis, chiropractic hypertension, oral and skin cancer, vision and hearing.

Alternative therapy and holistic health information and demonstrations will be offered.

All services are free of charge and for all age groups

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Water bills easier to read

The Water Commission has changed the format of their water bills that should make them easier to read.

"The new bill format clearly shows how much water you used in gallons, and how much you used for each quarter for the previous year," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission. "This makes it easier to compare how much water you used in this quarter, and how much you used in the same quarter the previous year."

"This format is a tool to help people reduce their water bill, since it will make it easier to see how the amount of water they use affects the amount of their bill," said Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt. "The first line at the top of the bill shows when readings were taken of the water meter, how much was used in cubic feet and in gallons, and the amount of the bill that was based on the amount of water that was used."

The Water Department sends out Sewer Department bills as well, because sewer bills are based on water consumption. The bills show the water rates and the sewer rates and what the charge is for water consumption and for the quarterly charges for water and sewer, so customers can see the different components of the charges for the bill.

Cohasset water and sewer bills may also be paid electronically, said McNabb, by going to the web site www.mcc.net.

"This new bill format was developed because of comments made by customers and in response to the questions that usually are asked about the bills," said McNabb. "While we offer more information on our bills, we also make it easy for people who just want to know how much they owe and when it is due – that information is highlighted on the bill so it is easier to find."

The bills also include useful information about water conservation (on the back), and the Water Department's one page quarterly newsletter "*Your Water Department.*"

"Let us know if there is any way to further improve these bills," said McNabb. "Call the Water Department at 383-0057 if you have any questions or comments about the new water and sewer bills."

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Mon. 8	10:16	9.4	3:59	10:30	10.7	4:10
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Smoking isn't neighborly at senior housing complex

Second-hand smoke seeps through walls

By Samantha Brown
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The Board of Health thinks a volunteer-effort might be a way to solve the smoking dilemma at Harborview apartments off Elm Street, a public housing complex that is run by the Cohasset Housing Authority.

Second-hand smoke coming through the porous walls of a unit has resulted in a lawsuit launched by an adversely affected tenant, the particulars of which the housing authority is not able to discuss.

However, the larger issue of how to protect all tenants from second-hand smoke is one the health board wants to vigorously pursue.

Health Board Chairman Steve Bobo, explained the walls are so permeable in the complex that smoke comes right through, and said "mechanical solutions" are on the table.

"But trying to do something like that would be very expensive," he said. "We might have to get volunteers akin to the ASP program to tighten up those units.

"We could apply for grant money for that," Bobo said. [The Appalachia Service Project is a home building ministry through which Cohasset residents travel south to help with construction efforts].

Judging from a tough new anti-smoking bylaw passed at Town Meeting, Cohasset is doing all it can to become a "smoke-free" town and as Bobo notes – the board wants to protect everyone from the dangerous health effects of second-hand smoke.

Karen Ford, 575 Jerusalem Road, got the ball rolling, so to speak, at Harborview with a letter to the editor in the Aug. 14 Cohasset Mariner. Ford stated she was deeply concerned about a friend who lives in Harborview and hopes "there could be a way the state could make a law that would provide for a section, separate from the rest," so her friend, who has chronic health challenges aggravated by cigarette smoke, wouldn't have to live with it.

After reading the letter, Bobo said the board became concerned about the problem. The board will address the issue with the Cohasset Housing Authority at its Sept. 23 meeting, he said.

"We want to meet to discuss the whole issue and find out what's possible and what's not possible," Bobo said.

Another idea would be to group the smoking apartments together in one cluster. Because apartments are arranged in clusters, it would be easy to delineate which were for smoking and which were not. While it might be an inconvenience for current residents to switch apartments, Bobo thinks those who live next to smokers and have health problems will be much more inconvenienced if nothing is done.

"Even if there's just a little, it stinks," Bobo said about second-hand smoke.

However, attorney for the Housing Authority, Maureen Reilly, who was not able to comment specifically on the lawsuit, said grouping apartments together could be considered an act of discrimination and could potentially cause more legal problems.

That's because the tenants rent the apartments on a first-come, first-served basis, Bobo explained.

"We have to be careful not to violate people's rights," he said.

Whether the smoke from a neighboring unit filters in just a little or a lot is not the issue, Bobo said. At a minimum, he said the smoke creates "a nuisance" for those who do not smoke, that they shouldn't be subjected to.

However, even with the complaint, smoking has not been a huge issue at the complex.

"We've got about four, maybe five out of 64 who smoke," housing authority director Marilyn LeBlanc said. "For the most part, there aren't any."

Cohasset Housing Authority Chairman Nancy Barrett declined to comment, citing the lawsuit.

But long-time member John D. Muncey said the housing authority has installed fans and sealed openings between apartments in an effort to solve the problem.

"We'll be interested in hearing what solutions the Board of Health comes up with," he said.

Free screenings can be an important first step

Health fair has a lot to offer

By Samantha Brown
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"All adults could take advantage."
— Judy Fitzsimmons, public health nurse

When getting a regular check-up at the doctor's office, it's routine practice to have blood pressure, vision and hearing tested. But alternative medical practices are taking off and community health departments are taking notice.

On Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Cohasset, Scituate, and Hull boards of health will team up to provide local residents with free health screenings and special demonstrations at the annual Health Fair at the Second Congregational Church next to Cohasset Town Hall on Highland Avenue.

Cohasset public health nurse Judy Fitzsimmons, RN, said the fair has been an annual event for more than 15 years in town, but this will be the first year it will provide services to a wider area. Scituate health nurse Eileen Scottie and Hull health nurse Joyce Sullivan will join Fitzsimmons at the fair.

She said over the years the range of information and services offered has greatly expanded to include "natural healing" alternatives and medical innovations.

Because the fair is held during the day, Fitzsimmons said it is geared toward seniors but is open to everyone.

"All adults could take advantage," she said.

One of the many tests residents can participate in is the skin analyzer, which is a device that — when held up to the skin — gauges the amount of sun damage.

"It's very simple and painless," Fitzsimmons said.

She said last year, analyzers were brought to the local pool and beach so people could look at skin damage on their faces.

"Some were quite good," Fitzsimmons said, adding that regular use of sun block can dramatically help reduce damage to skin. However, many mothers were shocked to find that their children, when tested, already showed signs of skin damage, she said.

Back again this year, the Nikkon Company will conduct demonstrations of magnet therapy. Fitzsimmons said magnet therapy was a bit hit at last year's fair.

Representatives from the Nantasket Therapeutic Massage and Wellness Association will also be on hand to provide massage therapy demonstrations and Scituate chiropractor Dr. Nico Afanasenko of Lewis Family Chiropractic will demonstrate chiropractic techniques.

Cohasset dentist, Dr. Robert Thompson, will provide screenings for oral cancer and nutritionist, Pat Messing, will provide nutritional information and demonstrate water purification methods.

Cohasset resident and avid walker Joe McElroy will also provide information on the health benefits of walking as well as where to find walking trails and other walking activities taking place in the area.

Other screenings will include blood pressure, vision and hearing, cholesterol and blood sugar — all funded by the Cohasset and Scituate Rotary clubs and the Hull Lions Club. The Norwell Visiting Nurses Association will conduct bone mineral density screenings.

Fitzsimmons said the tests are only screenings and do not provide complete information, but can spot something out of the ordinary. The tests can provide the first step, but it is up to the patient to contact their doctor should anything unusual be found, she said..

"This is what health screening is all about," Fitzsimmons said.

All services throughout the day are free, including refreshments provided by Atlantic Bagel, Starbucks, Stop and Shop, and Dunkin' Donuts.

For more information contact Fitzsimmons at 781-383-2210.

Music Circus poses a tricky case for new smoking bylaw

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said Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo, who added the Music Circus approached the board about the new bylaw.

At the Music Circus no smoking is allowed in the tent.

However, a series of aisles with runways surround the tent and there are also several concession stands, which could leave only the parking lot as a legal place to smoke under the bylaw.

"Obviously we want to protect everyone from second-hand smoke," Bobo said, including workers at the concession stands and those patrons having food or beverage. "But we don't want to arbitrarily make everyone go out into the parking lot.

"I believe we can find locations within the perimeter where smoking can be allowed," he said.

Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik explained the town's new bylaw is still awaiting the Attorney General's OK and it won't technically go into effect until approval is granted.

"It'll be next season before we see anything," Godzik said, noting the Music Circus has come to the end of its performance season.

"I believe we can find locations within the perimeter where smoking can be allowed."
— Steve Bobo, Board of Health

Godzik said he will return to the Board of Health with a plan after he meets with the general manager, Vince Longo.

"I'm going to meet with Vince Longo and go over some possibilities in terms of what could or could not be done," he said.

Before the bylaw was changed, smoking had been allowed in designated, enclosed areas at workplaces, and enabled restaurants to apply for variances if they could prove banning smoking would be "financially impractical."

Area restaurants such as Atlantica, Koko Island, and the Red Lion Inn applied for variances, and were granted smoking privileges in their bar areas that had special ventilation systems installed. Under the new bylaw, those restaurants will no longer be able to keep their smoking areas once their variances expire in 2005.

The new ordinance has not sat well with Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn, who has complained to the Board of Health about not being able to allow smoking in the pool area and porches of his establishment.

Repeated efforts to contact Longo were unsuccessful. He could not be reached for comment by press time.

Volunteer at senior center

The Community Volunteer Program focuses on helping elders remain independent and remain in their homes. The volunteers of all ages help the Cohasset Elder Affairs with a variety of tasks from friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, van escort service and luncheon hostess. The program is designed to match the volunteer to the task and bring pleasure and companionship to both parties.

The volunteers have the ability to meet with, report to, and talk with the Outreach Coordinator, both on a regularly-scheduled basis and at times of the volunteer's choosing.

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Club digs Lightkeepers

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toric structure are looking great.

Every other Wednesday during prime gardening months, members from the Community Garden Club work on the gardens.

"Then, we go out to lunch, dirty clothes and all," Dillon said. Because the summer months are usually very busy, every other week is a schedule that seems to work for the group, although Dillon comes more often.

"There's always something that needs to be done," she said, whether it's watering, dead-heading flowers or weeding.

Dillon explained all the plants in her club's gardens are chosen carefully to make sure something is always blooming and there is colorful foliage, even during the fall and winter months. She also said the plants need to be hardy to be able to stand up to the various weather conditions that can occur in a coastal environment.

"They are all plants that you can plant near the seaside," she said.

But the plants aren't all just for show either. Because the house sits on a ledge, many plants help stabilize the bank and keep erosion to a minimum. In the "Seaside Garden" which rambles from the front to the sides of the building, wintergreen vine helps hold the soil in place. Under the shade of a giant oak tree, lily of the valley, which started off as a small planting from Dillon's garden at home, has spread far and wide, making a delicate flowering carpet with lush green leaves. Tall, flowing heather reed grass lines the driveway at the bottom of the garden, giving an added dimension of movement and sound to the landscape while anchoring it in place.

In the "Native Plant Garden" in one of the side-yards of the Lightkeepers Residence, more flowers and shrubbery grow abundantly. Purple coneflowers grow near a sassafras tree which will change from green to dark red foliage as autumn progresses. Asters and hybridized golden rod will begin their flowering season in another week or so, just as many other flowers begin to die down.

But the gardens aren't the only projects the club works on. In 1993, members coordinated the building of a stone wall and terrace at the front of the residence, which many guests of Bancroft Hall enjoy during functions. The club also had brick walkways installed around the property.

In addition to their work at the Lightkeepers Residence, the club also volunteers its time at Constitution Park between the Community Center and the Post Office. The club also conducts a house tour during the Christmas season to help raise funds for other projects throughout the year.

This is one in a series of stories on individuals and groups that help keep Cohasset looking beautiful. If you have a suggestion for a story, contact Samantha Brown at (781) 741-2935 or via e-mail at sambrown@cnc.com.

COOL BRICKS
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ALAN CHAPMAN

Brendan St. John installs inscribed bricks at the South Shore Community Center Playground. St. John donated his masonry contracting services to the volunteer project. The 45-foot walkway has more than 250 bricks and pavers leading into the playground. The "brick sale" raised upwards of $25,000 and is still going strong. Call Trish Hart at 781-383-9209 for information. The new playground hosted a landscaping day on Saturday. For more photos see page 22

CPC to hold forum

On Monday Sept. 15at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall the Cohasset Community Preservation Committee will hold a public informational hearing to consider the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources.

All persons and entities desiring to express an opinion and/or suggestion on these topics are encouraged to attend the meeting. This meeting will be held pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 44B section 5(b)(1). Anyone having questions may call the committee Chairman, Stuart Ivimey, at 383-2604.

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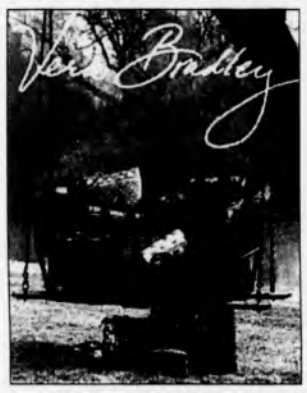

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Selectmen to Avalon: Show us the money

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draft is being amended to include new concerns.

The draft originally said Selectmen had many problems with the proposed development of 200 apartments off Rte. 3A, including the fact that there has not been safe cleanup of hazardous waste on the property; there is inadequate water flow for fire protection purposes; and there should be a larger portion of affordable housing in the development.

Because Avalon is seeking a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, it would be able to skirt the town's zoning regulations in exchange for providing some affordable housing.

"Affordable housing for seniors and otherwise is a major need in the community," the draft reads, adding Selectmen believe a larger portion of affordable housing should be designated for seniors.

The draft also states that "of utmost concern to the Selectmen are the issues of an inadequate wastewater disposal plan and negative fiscal impacts and loss of commercial land, of which the latter two go hand-in-hand."

But members now say the financial information is the most important factor to be addressed in order for them to make their decision, and the Department of Environmental Protection will ultimately make the ruling on the wastewater component, although it is still a concern for the board.

Once it has access to financial information, the board will be able to use it as a negotiating tool, and wonder if the figures they find would allow for developers to build less units on the property, while still remaining a financially feasible endeavor. At this point in time, the board has no concrete financial information to go on, and therefore have no way of knowing exactly how much developers spent to purchase the land, what it will cost for them to build, and how much of a profit will be made.

As someone who works in real estate financial management, Jack Creighton, 23 Cushing Road, said it is the town's responsibility to go over all financial information with a fine tooth comb.

"This is a financial homerun. It's unbelievable how lucrative this would be for them."

— Jack Creighton, 23 Cushing Road

"We've got to get every tiny advantage. We have to be real pain in the neck nit-pickers," he said.

Creighton said developers are going to make a huge profit from the Avalon project and it is in the town's best interest to make sure money spent goes toward what the town wants and needs.

"This is a financial homerun. It's unbelievable how lucrative this would be for them," he said, and it needs to be a positive project for the town as well.

"There's no way they'll do 100 units," said Selectman Tom Callahan, who thinks it is unrealistic to believe the developers would consider down-sizing the project.

"I think we need to take a strong stance," Callahan said, adding he feels any and all information should be made available to the town. "Show us what you've got if you've got nothing to hide."

However, Haddad said members of the Avalon team are "absolutely right" when they say during this stage of the process, they don't need to provide as detailed information as they would during a more final stage and have provided all the required information.

Water quality

Selectmen said they were very concerned about how they could make a recommendation on such an important issue without feeling they have all the facts, and brought up the issue of water quality again, citing the Water Commission's recommendation to deny the plans.

"The Water Commission says you can't build a system that complies," said Fred Koed.

"I recommend we make a motion to deny it based on the wastewater plan," said Merle Brown.

The Water Commission was adamant that the ZBA doesn't have enough detail on how the on-site treatment system would work, and urged the board to deny the permit. The Water Commission is taking a zero-tolerance stance on the issue because the Avalon site, which is on the west side of Route 3A, ultimately drains into Lily Pond, the town's drinking water supply.

"Picture 40,000 gallons a day. If anything goes wrong, it'll all go into Lily Pond," Brown said.

"The water commission has denied it. I don't see that the ZBA has any option other than to deny," said Chairman Ronnie McMorris.

However, Mike Sullivan said he doesn't think the board has enough overall information to make an informed decision and said he would like to confer with counsel to see if the board could ask for a continuation in order to obtain more facts, and have the time for not only the board to look it over, but a professional as well. He worries that making a recommendation to deny the plans would in turn cause the ZBA to deny the plans, which could possibly send Avalon developers running to the state Housing Appeals Committee. When taken to the state level, he worries negotiations between the town and developers could be cut off completely. He said it's possible the Avalon group could provide more information in the future and thinks it's taking a risk to recommend denial.

"Once this leaves the town's hands, there is no incentive or need for Avalon to negotiate with us anymore," said Koed.

"I don't think you can put this off any longer," said Haddad, who said the Avalon developers have made it clear they feel they have provided enough information.

Selectmen will make their final decision Monday, Sept. 8 during their meeting which begins at 7 p.m. and will present their new finalized draft of recommendations to the ZBA at 8:30 p.m. After the presentations, the ZBA will decide to either continue or close the Avalon hearing.

Still the million-dollar king in sale of expensive homes

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Hamilton says the million-dollar market isn't just along the Gold Coast, but has spread inland. Four homes selling for more than $1.2 million are under agreement on Ox Pasture Lane; and there are million-plus sales on Cedar Street.

"The perception is Cohasset is *the* place to live on the South Shore," says Hamilton, whose company has 13 listings currently for over $1.1 million.

The top-priced, single-family home sold so far this year in Cohasset is a 4,100-square-foot home built in the '20s on 1.8 acres at 194 Atlantic Ave. overlooking Little Harbor that fetched $2,525,000.

A total of 68 homes have sold so far this year in Cohasset at an average price of $815,000 – which is more than twice the state average. Homes sold in Massachusetts in July fetched an average price of $387,629, according to the Massachusetts Association of Realtors.

Last year, at $3.1 million, the highest-priced home sold in Cohasset was a 6,300-square-foot house at 169 Border St. with a view of the Gulf River. Of a total 105 sales in 2002, 19 houses in town sold for more than $1 million. The average sales price was $756,000.

In 2001, 13 homes sold in excess of $1 million out of a total of 82 single-family home sales that year. At $2.1 million, the highest price home was a 2,800-square-foot contemporary at 357 Atlantic Ave. with ocean views. The average sales price in Cohasset that year was $742,000.

In 2000, 11 homes topped the $1-million-mark with nine of those selling for $1.3 million or higher. And 1998 and 1999 there were eight and 11 million-dollar sales, respectively.

So just what makes Cohasset so desirable and pricey?

It's more than location, location, location, says Drinkwater, although the rocky coastline and ocean vistas are a big factor.

"Cohasset is a fabulous place to live," he says. "It has a great school system and a relatively low tax rate and a mix in the population groups.

"It's a forward-thinking community as well," Drinkwater adds, pointing to the town's effort to develop more housing for senior citizens.

With the return of the Greenbush line, towns like Cohasset will be even more desirable for those who commute to Boston but want to live in a town that is "like a resort," he says.

"There are tremendous recreational activities in the Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate area," Drinkwater says.

Corbett sees the job market generated by South Shore Hospital and the redevelopment of the South Weymouth Naval Air Station as keeping Cohasset attractive. She says the lack of buildable land also makes tear downs and additions appealing.

The location is also key, she says.

"It's a wonderful family environment that offers lots of recreation and it's a great place to entertain."

Hamilton says Cohasset's reputation for having a "wonderful sense of community" goes far beyond the South Shore.

"I have clients from the UK and Australia who feel very welcome here," she says.

By the way, the $2.8 million Scituate sale at 20 Wood Island Road has a Cohasset connection. The 5,300-square-foot shingle-style house built in 1996 on six-plus acres sold to a Cohasset couple. It was on the market only two days, Drinkwater said. [The house was briefly rumored to have caught the eye of Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck, who ended up buying a home in Georgia.].

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Sadly, summer has come to a quick close although we should see some pretty days in September.(I hope!) I hope the first day of school went well for everyone and that those jitters have all been jittered away for both kids and parents. As you will see from today's column, news, information and events have all been on summer vacation as well. Please make sure to send me in all of your information no later than Mondays at noon and lets get into the swing of fall.

DEAN'S LIST

Cohasset resident **Elizabeth Farnham**, a Northeastern University student majoring in criminal justice, was recently named to the university's dean list for the spring quarter, 2003, which ended in June.

Elizabeth needed to maintain a quality grade point average of 3.25 or greater to earn this distinction.

FARMER'S MARKET

Don't forget to head down to the Farmers Market this afternoon. This wonderful event is held every Thursday afternoon on the Cohasset Common and a great time is had by all, children and adults alike.

Above: The Community Garden Club won first place at the Marshfield fair for this vignette.

At right: Fran O'Toole of the Community Garden Club made this prize-winning door design.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The tryout for the 2004 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20at Barnes Field at 1:30 p.m.. All boys and girls turning 10, 11 or 12 prior to Aug. 1, 2004 wishing to play Little League major league division baseball and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try out. Although all eligible 12-year-olds are automatically assigned to major league teams, their attendance is mandatory at this try-out. Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 1 p.m.. This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date for this try-out will be Saturday, Sept. 27. Questions regarding this try-out may be directed to either **Matt Salerno** at 781-383-2230 or **Nancy Froio** at 781-383-1897.

PAINTING THE TOWN!

South Shore Art Center Gallery artists and other invited artists will be capturing the beauty of the South Shore as they participate in a Paint the Towns plein air painting event. The "paint out" takes place Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6 & 7 as artists fan out along the coastal towns of the South Shore to work on location. The works will be on display, available for silent bidding, in the galleries of the Art Center from Sept. 10-13.

Artists participating include: **Kimberlee Alemian**, **Janet Blagdon**, **Rita Brace**, **Joan Brancale**, **Maureen Brookfiled**, **Mary Callahan**, **Irma Cerese**, **JoAnne Chittick**, **Nancy Colella**, **Jack Dickerson**, **Sandra Donnellan**, **Ros Farbush**, **Patricia Gray**, **Wendy Hale**, **Nancy Sargent Howell**, **Brooks Kelly**, **Susan Kilmartin**, **Lisa Marder**, **Patricia McCarthy**, **Margaret McWethy**, **Judith Mehring**, **Dianne Panarelli Miller**, **Mary Mirabito**, **Jeanne Replogle**, **Heather Risley**, **Donna Rossetti-Bailey**, **Lenore Schneider**, **Ruthe Sholler**, **Judy St. Peter**, **Frank Strazzulla, Jr.**, **Vcevy Strekalovsky**, **Bill Ternes**, **Valerie Forte Vitali**, **Tina Watson**, and **Michael Weymouth**

A Paint the Towns Party culminates the week with a wine soiree and silent auction to be held at the South Shore Art Center-Saturday, Sept. 13, from 6-8 p.m. The silent auction will afford guests the opportunity to purchase fresh, original paintings of local scenes while at the same time supporting the exhibition and education programs of this regional center for the visual arts. Guests will also enjoy the chance to meet many of the artists who spent their weekend painting the towns of the South Shore!

Tickets for this fundraising event are $60 ($50 for members of the South Shore Art Center. For reservations or more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

FIRST PRIZE

Hat's off to the Cohasset Community Garden Club on winning first prize at the Marshfield Fair for its vignette "Sitting on the Porch". The club also received the Designers Choice Award **Tina Watson** and **Meg Moore** designed the window. **Fran O'Toole** received first prize for her door design. Congratulations all!

Come on Cohasset and send me in all your exciting event news, photos, and other happenings information so that we can fill this column with it all.

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A hair raising experience

Scituate boy makes donation to Locks of Love

By Matthew J. Gill
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It wasn't your average back-to-school haircut.

On Tuesday, the day before Nathaniel Norton headed back to class, he went under the scissors for the first time in three years. And it was for a very good cause.

Nathaniel decided to have his long hair cut short and donate it to Locks of Love. It was a decision several years in the making.

The Wampatuck fifth grader, who loves baseball and playing the drums, decided at age 7 to let his hair grow and grow. Through hot summers, wet winters and even baseball games, he kept his blond hair flowing.

This week he kept an appointment at Cohasset's Hair Imports, and had his personal stylist Tara Hayes cut more than 10 inches of his golden mane.

It was the first time a boy had his hair cut for the cause at Hair Imports, Hayes said.

The hair will go directly to the non-profit Locks of Love organization which makes custom-fitted wigs and hairpieces free or at a low-cost to children under 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

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Locks of Love requires that each hair-donation be a minimum of ten inches tip-to-tip, and fashioned in a braid or a ponytail. That was no problem for Nathaniel, who learned off the organization from Hayes, who has been cutting his hair since he was six.

When asked why he decided to donate his hair, Nathaniel's answer was quite simple.

"It's for a good cause," he said.

Nathaniel's mother Linda Norton, said this is typical behavior for her son.

"He's an extraordinary little guy," said Linda. "but he's got a big heart."

The appointment was originally scheduled to take place last week, but Hayes, was away on vacation.

Because Tara is the only one allowed to cut Nathaniel's hair, they simply waited for her to come back.

Last year, Nathaniel attended the Hatherly School, but because of the town-wide redistricting due to the opening of the Jenkins School, Nathaniel now attends the Wampatuck school, where he began the fifth grade this week.

Now that his hair has been cut, it will be sent off to Locks of Love's manufacturing plant in Lake Worth, Florida where each hair-piece is individually assembled out of scores of hair donations. The process can take up to four months to assemble one hair piece.

Since the organization began in 1997, thousands of children have been helped.

For more information on Locks of Love, visit the organization's Web site www.locksoflove.org.

PHOTOS/ MATTHEW J. GILL

Above right: Nathaniel Norton's stylist Tara Hayes at Hair Imports in Cohasset gets ready to snip off his long blond hair.

At left: Fifth grader Nathaniel Norton had his long hair cut Tuesday and donated it to Locks of Love.

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Jane has joined forces this year with her son, Davenport Crocker. Although Davenport has had a very successful real estate career in Annapolis, Maryland, he and his bride, Kendra, have chosen to relocate to the Boston area. With Jane's current success, and Davenport's innovative marketing ideas, they have formed one dynamic team, focusing on the needs of their customer's," Erica Rice, Manager.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Getting back in gear

While news never takes a hiatus — the quantity of news slows down somewhat over the summer months. That should not be surprising given that town boards don't meet as often, schools are out, and lots of residents go away for a week or two. Other townspeople just like to kick back and relax and not think about "issues" or having to take the kids to dance lessons or hockey practice.

But with September here, that's all about to change.

The town budget season looms on the horizon, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts meet, houses of worship resume their regular schedules, youth sports get into full swing along with myriad other activities for Cohasseters of all ages.

Here at the Mariner, we're pleased to be the vehicle through which our readers either "get the word out" or "find out about" everything from who's on the dean's list to what is the latest news about Greenbush.

But if you're on the delivery end of the news — in other words you want your club announcement or letter-to-the-editor in the paper — there are some simple "rules to follow."

We accept letters, news items and happenings by email, which is one of the most efficient ways to send your news. However, thanks to the recent "worm" when we were up to 1700 emails a day, it's not a bad idea to follow your email up with a telephone call, just to make sure your message arrived safely and wasn't inadvertently deleted. Or better yet, just ask us to hit the reply button — so you'll get the message that we received your email on your computer. Attachments should be saved as word documents; photographs should be sent as jpeg attachments.

We still accept news by fax and the old fashioned way, through the US mail, or dropped off here at the Cohasset Mariner office, 73 South St., in Hingham Square.

News items should be as concise as possible and written in a narrative form. In other words, please write your news items in a "mini-story format" using complete sentences. Try not to send us flyers, which have to be completely reworded.

Here's the scoop on how to get your news in the Journal:

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In person: at the Cohasset Mariner office, 73 South St., above From the Hart

Mail: The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham, MA 02043

Sports news email: mspellman@cnc.com

Try to have your news to the Mariner by noon, Monday for that week's issue. We accept obituaries and letters to the editor until noon, Tuesday.

We have forms available for wedding and engagement announcements with complete instructions at the Mariner office.

We welcome news tips and story ideas anytime.

Call Mary Ford, editor, at 781-741-2933; or staff reporter Samantha Brown, at 781-741-2935.

We couldn't do our job without help from the community. So let us hear from you!

A sports tradition

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, we've been lucky to have two outstanding CMHS sports reporters over the years. Jim O'Sullivan started writing for us when he was in the middle school and continued until his "retirement" when he went off to college. Jim's successor was Dave Ingber, who also did a superb job for us. Dave has now "retired" from our sports columns as he moves on to Harvard.

The time has come for us to do some recruiting for a new high school sports writer. The pay isn't as great as the intrinsic reward of knowing you've provided some scrapbook material for student athletes.

So if you can write, enjoy sports, are dependable and have access to email — please give sports editor Mike Spellman a call at 781-837-4577 or email him at mspellman@cnc.com

While Jim's and Dave's shoes are hard to fill – we know there is a student or students out there willing to give it a try.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More questions than answers

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to the School Committee for responding quickly and publicly to my request that they evaluate the issues surrounding confessed wife-beater Ivan Klimko's continued employment by the Cohasset Public Schools (School Board Backs Malvey's Decision on Business Manager, Aug. 28). As a citizen and parent I am gratified by this demonstration that our town's representatives on the School Committee are responsive to the concerns of their constituents. I am also, however, disappointed by the board's support of a decision that I believe is harmful to our town, our schools, and most importantly, our schoolchildren.

I am puzzled by Chairman Rick Flynn's allusion to "certain things we're not privy to." Massachusetts court rooms are public venues; we are privy to everything that went on Aug. 5 in Hingham District Court where Klimko publicly pled guilty to assault and battery. We are privy to the photographs of the marks Klimko left on his wife's neck and throat. We are privy to Klimko's wife's public testimony that she is physically and emotionally affected by the incident, and that she wants to see him go to jail. Like Flynn, I am uninterested in Klimko's private life. Strangling one's wife, however, is a matter of public concern. Spousal abuse until very recently was mishandled by our society because of the mistaken notion that it was the personal business of a husband whether he beat his wife or not. We know better than that now. We are not prying into issues of Klimko's personal life. We are debating his fitness to serve in our public schools based on his public confession to the crime of assault and battery.

Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts, to whom I am grateful for bringing the matter before the board, notes that the issue is complex in her support of the Superintendent's decision to not fire Klimko. I agree that the issue was complex before Aug. 5, when Klimko's guilt or innocence remained in question. I don't envy the board its responsibility during that time – to protect our schoolchildren from a suspected violent criminal, at perhaps the cost of an innocent man's livelihood and reputation. I feel that they handled that situation well. Klimko's confession simplifies the situation. We have a violent criminal in close proximity to our schoolchildren. There is only one decision.

While I respectfully disagree with Chairman Flynn and Vice Chairman Tebbetts on their reasons for supporting the superintendent's decision in this case, I appreciate and commend their contributing to the debate by offering their reasons. I would like to hear more from member Mark DiGiacomo than the statement of "full support" reported in the Mariner. I would also like to hear from member Pat Martin, who is a professional in the area of domestic violence. Rather than grounds for recusal from this debate, I feel that Martin's expertise would make her the logical spokesperson for the board on this issue.

School Superintendent Malvey also remained effectively silent on the issue. He commented, as reported in the Mariner: "When your school attorney gives you advice, you should take it." This cryptic comment, without elaboration as to the specifics of the attorney's advice, casts more darkness than light on the issues of the debate. Why would an attorney advise a school district to retain a convicted criminal in its employ? What reason could possibly suffice to keep Klimko in our schools' employ, when his conviction on this charge of assault would have made it impossible to hire him in the first place?

Please don't consider this issue closed. I, both as a parent concerned for the safety and well being of my children and as a taxpayer paying for the school attorney's advice, need answers to at least those two questions.

Scott O'Grady
115 Sohier St.

Airplane noise

TO THE EDITOR:

For the past several nights at just after 4 a.m., we have been awakened by airplane noise. A quick look at Massport's airspace monitoring site www4.passur.com/bos.html told me it was an Airbus operated by UPS and that it was flying over Hingham at just over 2000 feet. This is well below FAA standards. Several of our members called the Massport Complaint Line (617-561-3333) as well as the FAA's Regional Noise Complaint Line (Terry Flieger at 781-238-7524) to express their concerns.

Massport has informed the South Shore Jet Pollution Council through Senator Bob Hedlund's office that they get practically no complaints about noise from South Shore communities. While we know this isn't the case, we would like to keep our own records of calls and ask that any citizen who lodges a complaint also inform the Council (SSJPC@comcast.net). Our records will be passed back to Massport and other agencies to demonstrate our concern regarding the noise situation as well as the legitimacy of Massport's figures.

We need every concerned citizen to get involved — it *will* make a difference.

Harold Lincoln
Co-Chairman
South Shore Jet Pollution Council
5 Ringbolt Road
Hingham

Trish Hart thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the parents, teachers, administrators and especially the children of the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, we would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Trish Hart, who, during the course of the last two years, has worked tirelessly in the development and execution of the new nursery school playground. The new playground, now finished and installed, is beautiful and will provide the children of our community a safe and nurturing environment to play.

Many people in our community deserve thanks as well for their contribution to the development of the playground. However, Trish's initiative, leadership, energy and dedication were the foundation to its success. As a volunteer herself, she dedicated endless hours to organizing individuals, most of whom were volunteers, soliciting funds and managing the installation process.

When you see Trish around town, please give her the warm thanks she deserves for helping to build a terrific new playground for our children! Additionally if you have not yet visited the new playground at the Community Center, please take the time to stop by and enjoy the beautiful new park.

Nancy Whelan, Kari O'Donnell and the
Playground Building Committee

ZBA should deny Avalon

TO THE EDITOR:

Were there ever any question before, over the last 10 months it has become quite clear that the 200-plus unit AvalonBay project will change the quality of life in Cohasset for the worse. AvalonBay is seeking an exemption from virtually every zoning bylaw Cohasset has ever passed, laws put in place to protect the character and safety of our town.

This has led both the Water Commission and Planning Board to officially request that the ZBA deny the project on grounds of health, safety and environmental concerns. The School Board as well has expressed their concern, as well as the Police and Fire Department who weighed on various matters of public safety and the inadequate town infrastructure for the proposed project's size and location.

Last week AvalonBay presented to the ZBA its latest idea to address the project's sewage problems, with what can only be described as a half-baked plan based on tests conducted 20 years ago. Upon review the Water Commission has again firmly requested a denial, and as of its September 2nd meeting the Board of Selectmen will also be submitting a letter to the ZBA in support of that denial.

With all this evidence that AvalonBay is the wrong way for Cohasset to get the affordable housing it so desperately needs, it was shocking to read in the Globe this past weekend that the ZBA was siding with AvalonBay's attorney against the Water Commission, Cohasset's own town counsel and the many town boards requesting a denial.

It is important to all of us and to the future of Cohasset that we protect our water, our health and safety and our right to build the affordable and senior housing we truly need.

Please join us all for the final ZBA hearing on this project on Monday night, September 8th at Town Hall and let the ZBA and AvalonBay know that this is not the project Cohasset needs!

Nathaniel Palmer
9 Little Harbor Road

HEALTH NOTES

Health fair is for one and all

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

For the first time, following a plan to work more closely with our adjoining towns, the Cohasset, Hull and Scituate Boards of Health will offer free health screenings to the residents of the three towns at the annual Health Fair on Tuesday Sept. 9 from 10 am – 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church next to the Cohasset Town Hall in Cohasset Village.

This program, sponsored by the Cohasset Board of Health, is an effort for the towns to work more closely to address our mutual health concerns.

This year, in addition to our regular therapies, we are promoting the ultimate therapy; walking. Walking at least two miles a day has well recognized health benefits, and it makes you feel great. Whether you're competitive walker or just a conversational stroller, come down to the Second Congregational Church and talk to Joe McElroy and other fellow walkers about the benefits of walking and, while you're there, pick up some information about walking trails and other walking initiatives in our area.

As discussed in previous Health Notes articles, the screenings include not only conventional medical assessment, but the opportunity to look at other therapies, sometimes defined as accessory or alternative treatment. These treatments are grouped under the title of Holistic *medicine* or *treatment* depending on the credentials of the therapist. Many of these techniques will be at the fair. Screenings will include blood pressure, vision and hearing, cholesterol and blood sugar (funded by the Cohasset and Scituate Rotary Clubs and the Hull Lions Club), oral cancer, osteoporosis (bone mineral density) chiropractic and skin analyzer. There will be demonstrations of magnet and massage therapy, holistic health methods including acupuncture, nutrition and water purification methods.

In this time of economic pressure on our health system, boards of health also feel the pinch. The cost of adult vaccine originally paid for by the state, is now partly supported by local boards of health. One reason we have been able to do this is that we receive donations from those who receive the immunizations. The Board of Health has a public health nursing donation fund which we use for health programs and to pay for additional immunizations. The Rotary Club in the past has supported the cholesterol and glucose screenings at our annual health fair. All of the other screenings are provided by the vendors free of charge for the community.

If you would like to consider a gift to the public health nursing donation fund, could be sent to he board of health. If you are inclined to help us in this *valuable* work, we would welcome your donation to the Public Health Nursing Donation Fund, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Refreshments will be available at the health fair and will be provided by Stop and Shop, Dunkin Donuts and Atlantic Bagel and Starbucks.

For more information contact Judy Fitzsimmons, RN, public health nurse at the Cohasset Board of Health at 781-383-2210.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Clarifying all those train numbers

GREENBUSH VIEW

MARTHA BEWICK

The Community Newspaper group has long provided a forum, open to all, for airing the many contrasting Greenbush points of view. This I value and honor, especially since your newspapers have editorialized often in favor of the train. You provide a unique open door opportunity, which encourages citizens to express their convictions freely. It's rare, these days, and for this privilege I am very grateful.

That being said, I would like to respond to a letter in last week's edition of your newspapers. The letter took issue with my Greenbush View column the week before. I'd reported town meeting votes in "1995," and mentioned that "Cohasset voters also rejected rail — albeit by a narrower margin." I was right. Cohasset voters did in fact reject Greenbush rail by a 52-48 percent vote at their town meeting. But, I was also wrong. The town meeting took place in 1994, not 1995.

I apologize for the wrong date, but am happy to report that the1994 Cohasset town meeting vote, like the Hingham and Scituate town meeting vote, was a good hearty anti-train vote, not a thin margin of 3 pro-train votes, like the Cohasset referendum in 1995! So, my honorable critics were partially correct, and I was also partially correct. I win on substance, they win on date.

Further, I was puzzled to read the reported results of the 1995 Cohasset referendum, "1,329 voters said they'd use the train to commute if such a service was available." The 1990 census reported only 907 commuters to Boston/Cambridge from Cohasset. MBTA figures indicate even fewer commuters to Boston/Cambridge (871) at that time. Preliminary transportation figures from the 2000 census are just coming out. They show that Cohasset's work force has declined in number by 6 percent. It difficult to see, therefore, how there are 1,329 from Cohasset who would use the train to commute to Boston.

Speaking of numbers, here are some to consider. Did you know that almost 60 percent of Cohasset's commuters to downtown Boston already took public transit to work in 1990, probably boats, buses and the Red Line? (The 2000 census numbers on journey to work haven't been reported yet.) But, the MBTA's objective, outlined in its Final Environmental Impact Report, is to get 35 percent of the Greenbush corridor onto public transit to Boston after the investment of $470 million of state dollars on the train project. We know from preliminary 2000 census figures that Hingham's percentage of transit riders townwide increased 35 percent, and is higher than many towns which already have commuter rail, like Concord and Winchester.

The question that comes to mind is why is the train being built at all, if great portions of our corridor already exceed the MBTA transit objectives? Why not augment and improve what seems to be producing good results already, rather than squeeze bus and boat services with 100 percent fare and fee increases (ferry), and payouts for loss of business to the Old Colony (private buses)?

In response to the paragraph reporting the recent South Shore Chamber survey results, it would certainly be useful to know what was asked in that survey, how the survey territory was determined, and how the 400 questions were distributed among impacted and non-impacted Greenbush communities. We have heard that there was great pro-train support in Weymouth, for instance. But only part of Weymouth is in the Greenbush corridor. Was the survey conducted town-wide, or limited to the appropriate section of Weymouth? Why wasn't Braintree included in the survey? A part of Braintree is in the Greenbush corridor.

Were those surveyed offered a set of alternatives to the train to choose from? Were Hull residents offered an option of additional ferry service from Pemberton Point and Nantasket instead of a train, for instance? Direct and frequent service from Pemberton Point would get commuters on a fast ferry into Long Wharf in downtown Boston in 20 minutes. It's difficult to believe that Hull Village residents would choose a train which takes 39 minutes from Nantasket Junction to South Station, with a connecting drive of more than 10 minutes, over frequent and express ferry service. For many years, I have believed that Hull had the potential to be what Sausalito and Tiburon are to San Francisco, with their frequent and direct over-the-water links to Boston. We believe, that, given the option, South Shore residents might prefer frequent, low-cost, and low-impact alternatives, such as buses and boats.

Finally, some Greenbush corridor residents may say they want to take the train to get to Boston for special events. There are options to the train which are even more direct. The Fleet Center is close to the Harbor Express ferry terminal at Long Wharf, an easier walk than South Station. If there were shuttles to Boston and Cambridge locations from the South Shore's downtown ferry docks, as there are in New York City, in San Francisco, and in Seattle, there would be easy transit connections to Boston destinations as well.

For those attending or wishing to attend Friday afternoon Symphony concerts, there is an excellent South Shore Boston Symphony bus, which goes every Friday morning a concert is scheduled, and makes stops along Rte. 3, including the free Rockland park and ride lot. Unlike the T, where you'd have to transfer from the train to the Red Line at South Station, and then to the Green Line at Park Street, the Symphony bus takes you directly to Symphony Hall, and then on to the Museum of Fine Arts, back to Symphony, and home again after the concert. It is organized by Marsha Klein of Scituate, who is looking for new subscribers. Give her a call!

Yes, Virginia, there are alternatives. Let's make them work.

Martha A. R. Bewick is a member of Advocates for Transportation Alternatives.

When women outnumber men

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Once again it has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt that I was born much too soon.

When I was learning my sums, as Miss Waldron used to put it, the electronic adding machine was still a curiosity in a lab at MIT. I had to learn by actually adding on a piece of paper. Let's see, two plus two is five. Or maybe four. Hold on a minute while I check it on my computer.

I never saw a television set until I was in my mid-twenties and Fat Key invited me over to his house on West Street to watch the Louis-Walcott championship fight. Before that, we had to wait for the next day's Record American to see what Louis looked like when he KO'd Schmeling.

And, now, just the other day, I learned that men are hopelessly outnumbered by women at the nation's colleges. There are, by the count of the U. S. Department of Education, 128 women — or girls, as we used to call them — to every 100 men enrolled in a degree-granting college. I don't know what to make of that now but 50 years ago it would have been called progress.

I don't know what the count was when I stalked the halls of Boston University but nubile young ladies — or coeds, as we used to call them— were something of a rarity. Oh, I managed to find one to take to the prom but I had to take classes at the College of Practical Arts and Letters, BU's all-girls school, to do it.

I remember my first day in class at PAL when the eminent Shakespearean scholar Dr. Harold Ogden White asked me: "Are you in this class or are you just shopping around?" If that was two questions, I could have answered "Yes," to both of them.

When Dr. John Silber, who is either president, chancellor or just another guy around BU right now, discovered a year or so ago that women outnumbered men on the campus he pronounced it a distraction for men students, probably plotted by the American Association of University Women.

If it is a ploy by the AAUW, then they've lost touch with the average coed, who is in college to seek out the man who will become a lawyer or a doctor or a Bill Gates-clone and take care of her for the rest of her life. Some are even willing to learn to cook for him. At least, that's how it was 50 years ago.

Maybe it's turned around now. The Boston Herald quotes student Fran Fincke, who calls himself "BU cute," as saying the overwhelming presence of coeds — oops, women — influenced his choice of school.

"It just makes dating easier," he said.

Right on, Fran, and that comes from an old timer who never had it so good.

LIBRARY CORNER

Plein air paintings by Kimberlee Alemian

The Paul Pratt Library is hosting an exhibition of plein air oil paintings by artist Kimberlee C. Alemian of Cohasset in the Meeting Room Gallery at the Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road, through Oct. 29. Opening Reception: Sept. 10, 5-7 p.m.

. This body of work explores the theme of the changing coastal environment. For the past two years, Alemian has been painting scenes of the ledge and sensitive marsh areas along the South Shore. Some of the works also include architecture characteristic of coastal living. The paintings depict a strong sense of place and respond to both the beauty of nature and man's power to be a creator of places. All of the works were painted on location at various times of day studying conditions that affect coastal light and atmosphere.

Alemian's award-winning work has been included in selected exhibitions throughout New England and in a number of private and corporate collections. Her painting experience includes a BFA in painting from Mass College of Art, an MFA in painting from Boston University as well as study with Graham Nickson at the New York Studio School of Drawing , Painting and Sculpture. Alemian is a Gallery Artist of the South Shore Art Center. For more information call the South Shore Art Center, 781-383-ARTS.

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In recovery from the beauty treatment

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

JEANE DALY

I'm one of those people who never win anything, but always buy the 10 raffle tickets, just in case.

Much too early one Saturday morning the front door bell bonged several times. Thinking it might be another one of the kids wanting to move back home, I chose to ignore the bong, and scuffed back to the kitchen for a second cup of coffee. After several more bongs, curiosity got the better of me. There on the front stoop, clutching a gold envelope in both hands, stood a Cub Scout in full uniform.

"You had a lucky raffle ticket and won this," he said, slapping the envelope in my hand. "Mom said it's the second prize. Bye," he called, hurrying to the waiting car parked in the driveway.

Back inside, I opened the envelope and found a gift certificate for a Day of Beauty at the exclusive Bronze Door Spa in western Massachusetts. I couldn't believe it, an entire day to myself. Thrilled beyond words, I tucked the gift certificate away for that day I'd really appreciate some pampering and spoiling. Several months later, almost at the breaking point, with kids moving in, middle-aged folks moving out and then in again with their kids.

From one parent to another, it's not easy.

Over breakfast one morning, I noticed my five-year-old granddaughter Emily, intently studying my face.

"Grammy can Patty and I use your face to play tic-tac-toe on?"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"You know Grammy, tic-tac-toe. Look in the mirror, you can see the lines are already there," she said happily, while I mentally wrote her out of the will.

That was the breaking point, the appointment was made, the body, mind, and spirit could hardly wait for The Day of Beauty!

The morning of the appointment I showered, powdered, pedicured, and manicured. After all, how often does one enter The Bronze Door Spa?

Arlette, a stunning woman, who spoke with a beautiful French accent, personally greeted each client as they came through the doors. I followed her down a thickly carpeted corridor to the locker room, then to an elaborate dressing room with gold-paneled showers. Eager to get started, I undressed and put on a gorgeous plush white robe: the facial was first.

Arlette led the way down a lavender-scented hall to meet Ulan, the facial expert. Carefully, Ulan wrapped a towel around my head, which by the way, kept slipping off. She proceeded to cream, slough, roll, and steam the entire face. I was clueless to the methods of extraditing blackheads from the three layers of tissue on a living person until her 10-inch nails, that resembled screwdrivers, headed for my face. After the wailing had ceased, more cream and steam was applied. Fingers fluttered over the bright, shiny skin and the torture came to an end.

Handing her a tip from my fanny pack, I was ushered back to the dressing room where I removed the towel from my head. Quickly realizing, the hair-do had done-gone away.

Next came the body massage. Wrapped in a white towel trimmed with gold, I crawled on all fours onto the massage table.

Jennata, the masseuse, asked if there were any trouble areas to be worked on. Being a Type A personality, I opted to have the neck and upper back massaged. Unaware there were different types of body massages, I soon got the message that Jennata's specialty worked to alleviate knots, no matter how deep. Her specialty was referred to as down, and dirty massage. In the laywomen's terms that meant, I hate you! Using only her elbows, furiously she pressed into muscles, deeper and deeper, the sounds of ribs splintering was her cue to stop. She was silent as she went about her work. The only sounds in the room were my grunts and groans.

Next, her strong hands played tug-of-war with my neck, twisting and yanking, until I thought my head would roll-off.

"Why so tense, dahlink?" she asked smirking.

Hallelujah! It was over. Handing her a tip, I limped out of the room.

Showering, then dressing, I glanced in the gold-trimmed mirror and stared at the unfamiliar face that blankly looked back. Swollen and bruised, I resembled Mike Tyson on one of his good days. Attempting to comb my hair, it refused to return to the blast-off site and stuck out like spears.

Julita, the pedicurist, removed the gold slippers and tucked my footsies into a whirlpool basin filled with rose pedals. Delicious, indeed.

After a few minutes, she eased each foot from the water, dried and carefully examined each one. "Oh, my lord!" she shrieked. People came running from all directions to find out what was wrong.

"Whatever happened to your toes? Did a truck run over them?"

The crowd crooned, "Poor thing."

I've never noticed anything unusual about my toes before, but these gnarled hideous things at the end of my feet needed to be covered by socks for the rest of my life. Grateful that that scene was over, I handed Julita her tip and was met by my manicurist.

Jasmine held my hands in hers and studied them. "To bad about all the liver spots, darling. I'm sure I have the perfect concealer for those ugly things. It's inexpensive, only $45, plus tax, but well worth it." The word commission leaped to mind. After soaking my hands in liquid soap she had me select a shade of polish for my nails. After a few minutes I made my selection and handed her a coral colored polish. Glancing at the color I'd handed her, Jasmine put her nose close to mine and asked if I were color blind.

"You're a pink person, it has to be in the pink family," she said, pouting.

She selected a hot fuschia and gave me a pathetic look.

At this point, I would've left with paper bags on my hands. Glancing at the clock, I was surprised to see four hours had already passed. Tired and hungry, I longed for this experience to be over. Fried bologna sandwiches heaped with mustard danced before my eyes. My hands trembled as I handed Jasmine her tip.

The Day of Beauty left me feeling like a pathetic liver-spotted hag, with deformed feet and ugly hands. After all that, what I'd consider a day of beauty would be an empty house, phone unplugged, a long hot bubble bath, and a three-hour nap. And, of course, no tipping.

Jeane Daly of Hingham is a dedicated student of humorous behavior and finds it everywhere she looks.

No tears shed over prison slaying of defrocked priest

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL C. LEVENSON

There is an axiom of politics that it often takes a tragedy to spur change. But the prison slaying last week of defrocked priest John Geoghan was no ordinary tragedy — Bishop Sean O'Malley called it a tragic end to a tragic life — and the political response in Massachusetts has been ambivalent.

Politicians at the Statehouse, like members of any community, often act decisively when there is an immediate consensus after a tragedy that something must be done to correct an injustice, close a loophole in the law, or rectify the malfeasance of a trusted institution.

Geoghan's death has lit up talk show phone lines and generated headlines. But the killing of a despised former priest accused of nearly 150 counts of child molestation has not produced the clear sense of outrage that made other high-profile murders such powerful catalysts for changes in public policy.

Strangled and beaten by a fellow inmate who had a known history of anti-Semitism and gay bashing, Geoghan's death was shocking, but his killing was not mourned. It may be "the least sympathetic murder in state history," in the words of one lawmaker. Silences can be telling, and the hushed response from most in the state speaks to the unease many feel in making sense of the murder.

While no one has publicly celebrated his death, and most publicly denounced it as an affront to the justice system, few tears were shed for Geoghan. A few alleged victims cheered his demise, although most said they would have preferred to see him serve his time and face the many charges still pending against him.

Critics might interpret the tepid reaction as a tacit acknowledgement that Geoghan "got what he deserved." The governor, for his part, has been unequivocal in his declaration that convicts are sent to prison to serve their time, not to suffer arbitrary punishments handed down by other convicts or guards on their cellblock. He appointed a task force to look into changes in prison policies.

"People who have been incarcerated are there to be punished and then ultimately in most cases to be released and we should have them safe and sound," Romney said. "And there's clearly a failure of government if that's not the case in any one of those settings."

A few political leaders did see in Geoghan's murder motivation for change, but few of the ideas seemed to take hold. State Sen. Guy Glodis, D-Worcester, filed a new bill to reinstate the death penalty for inmates who murder in prison. Reporters covered the story, but his legislation didn't seem to gain much momentum. Corrections officers' unions said staffing levels at prisons had to be increased.

Alleged victims, who had the strongest reaction to Geoghan's death, said it was an outrage that his criminal record may be wiped clean because he died while his conviction was on appeal. But no bill has yet been filed to overturn the due process provision, and the loudest calls for change came from outside Beacon Hill, led by the victims and Norfolk County District Attorney William Keating.

Contrast the past week to the weeks following the murders of sympathetic figures in recent history. The pain and shock of those cases pushed lawmakers and the public to rally around a cause and look more closely at making changes in state policy. In those cases, a movement for change appeared where none was evident before.

The death of Jeffrey Curley, for example, galvanized pro-death penalty forces, who nearly reinstated capital punishment by the slimmest of margins. The slaying of Alexandra Zapp at a highway rest stop spurred a move to toughen the state's civil commitment law, which allows sexual predators to be held behind bars after their prison sentences expire. The mail bombing of Sandra Berfield by an obsessed handyman motivated passage of a bill toughening the state's anti-stalking laws. And most recently, lobbying by the Bish family, whose young daughter's bones were recently found in a wooded area, stirred the advancement of legislation to expand the state's DNA database.

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With Geoghan, the question of where the state heads now is unclear. That does not mean that lessons for changes in state policy may not present themselves over time.

Romney's investigation is underway and what it turns up, according to some experts in criminology, will not be a surprise, and will not be easy to fix. Prisons are violent places, and convicted child molesters occupy the lowest rung on the inmate hierarchy. They are often subject to intimidation, harassment, or worse, said Dr. Stephen Richards, a professor at Northern Kentucky State University.

This is a festering reality that has long been known to corrections officials across the US, he said. Richards, now a criminologist, spent nine years in federal prison for selling marijuana and is co-author of the grim guide to prison life "Behind Bars: Surviving Prison."

"This was very predictable," he said of Geoghan's death. "My guess is that the prisoners were taking bets on how long he would live." He added, "In general across the country, the public is unaware of the level of violence in the prison system and, across the country, state authorities go to great lengths to cover up the number of murders, rapes, and beatings."

Romney's Public Safety Secretary, Edward Flynn, pledged that would not be the case. He said officials would "not immediately leap out in defense of the status quo" as the investigation proceeds.

"We are going to do the best way we can to examine this as closely as we can, and have as transparent a process as we can, so that when our results are published, you have some confidence that there was no attempt here to hide from the truth, to cover up, or to make excuses," Flynn said.

• *Romney open to changes in workforce diversity plan* — Facing criticism from Boston City Councilor Charles Turner and others, the governor touted his record of hiring minorities and agreed to entertain changes to the diversity policy he issued in June by executive order. Romney revoked seven previous affirmative action orders and replaced them with a single order that he said will make the state's workforce more diverse. Critics said the new order lacks the punitive measures and enforcement mechanisms needed to ensure diversity. Romney was expected to appoint members of a promised 15-member Diversity and Equal Opportunity Advisory Council this week.

• *Industry increase in auto insurance criticized* — A 12 percent hike in auto insurance rates requested by industry leaders seemed unlikely after a public hearing, where state officials called the increase "excessive" and "unjustified." Massachusetts is the only state whose rates are set by an appointed insurance commissioner. Aides to Attorney General Thomas Reilly said he is interested in exploring a competitive insurance market. The insurance commissioner, Julianne Bowler, recently ruled a competitive market inadvisable at this time. Bowler must issue a new insurance rate, effective Jan. 1, 2004, by Dec. 15.

• *Prescription advantage extended, under compromise* — After initially blocking moves to extend enrollment because of concerns over cost, House Republicans reached a compromise with Democrats that would reopen enrollment in the Prescription Advantage program in January, with one significant proviso. The administration must certify by Dec. 1 that funds are available to expand enrollment. The plan is on the governor's desk.

• *Civil services commissioner resigns* — The state civil service commissioner, William Monahan, resigned last Friday, the Boston Globe reported. Its reporters had been inquiring about Monahan's business dealing with Boston Mafia boss Gennaro Angiulo. The gubernatorial appointment faced criticism from the start. The governor has called the agency antiquated and said it should be abolished.

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POLITICAL NOTES

Two-quotes would help eliminate waste

State Sen. Robert Hedlund,R-Weymouth, has co-sponsored legislation, which will require state departments to solicit at least two quotes for state-funded private contracts and contract renewals prior to awarding them. This bill is being introduced as a means of providing a system of checks and balances to ensure taxpayer money is not being wasted.

"By making certain that we are receiving the best possible price on goods and services purchased, this legislation is a common sense approach to saving taxpayer dollars," Hedlund said. "If passed, this bill has the potential to eliminate thousands of dollars worth of waste in state government."

This legislation will only apply to contracts in excess of $50,000, and is currently in the House Committee on Rules.

Bradley backs Gov on bilingual education

Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, recently voted to sustain the Governor's veto of legislative changes to the state's new bilingual education law. The law was approved by an overwhelmingly number of voters last fall. The new law mandates that students be given no more than one year of bilingual education, thereby expediting the process of learning English. Unfortunately, the legislature approved changes to this law in the 2004 budget, Bradley said. The Governor then vetoed these changes.

"I voted with the Governor to uphold the will of the voters because they stated decisively that Massachusetts should have English immersion after one year of bilingual education," Bradley said. "To change this so soon after voters approved it gives the impression that the legislature knows better than the people."

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, BHRC reports local senators' roll call attendance records for the 2003 session through August 29, 2003.

The Senate has held 325 roll call votes. BHRC tabulates the number of roll calls on which each senator was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number commonly referred to as the roll call attendance record. Sixteen of the state's 40 senators have a 100 percent roll call attendance record.

The top five worst roll call attendance records belong to Sen. Susan Fargo (D-Lincoln) who missed 113 roll calls resulting in an 65.2 percent roll call attendance record; Sen. Andrea Nuciforo (D-Pittsfield) who missed 94 roll calls (71.0 percent roll call attendance record); Sen. Marian Walsh (D-West Roxbury) who missed 47 roll calls (85.5 percent roll call attendance record); Sen. Robert Antonioni (D-Leominster) who missed 34 roll calls (89.5 percent roll call attendance record) and Sen. Richard Tisei (R-Wakefield) who missed 31 roll calls (90.4 percent roll call attendance record).

LOCAL SENATORS' ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the senator's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the senator was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls the senator missed.

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New school year, new building, new principal

Gauley joins Deer Hill staff

By Samantha Brown
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There is already one student who has spent some time in the principal's office at Deer Hill. Fortunately for him, he's not in trouble, he's just spending some time with dad.

New principal Keith Gauley spent many hours in the halls of Deer Hill, even before the students arrived. When his son Ryan's school didn't open on schedule, they took that as an opportunity to spend a little more quality time together on a Friday afternoon before the daily grind begins again and Ryan heads off to the fifth grade.

For Gauley, whose other son, Benjamin, will begin eighth grade this year, having the opportunity to be able to work with children who are roughly the same ages as his sons couldn't be a better fit.

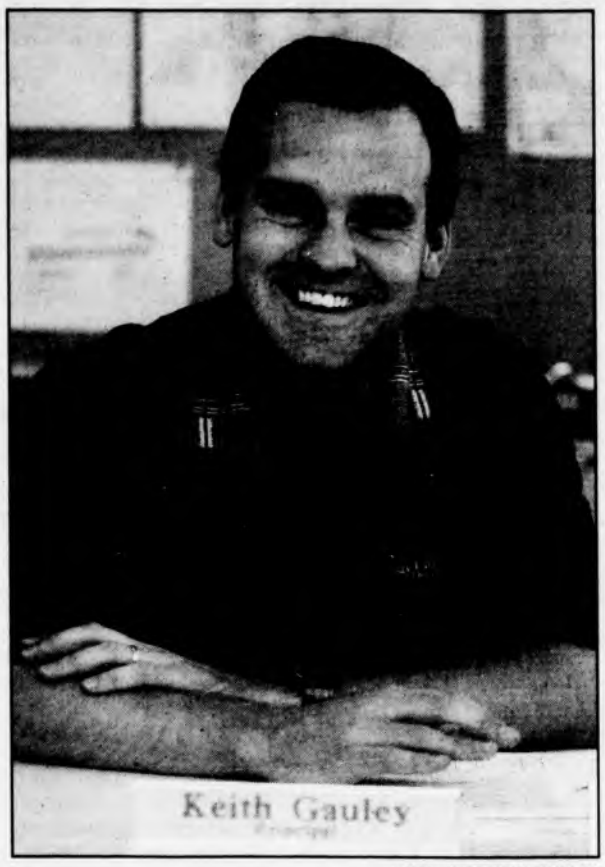
"I've lived the school years of these children the past five years. It's easy to connect," he said.

While Gauley said he has only met a few students over the summer, he said he is very excited to get to know each and every student on a personal level and learn what their interests and personalities are like.

"I intentionally went to the first performance of 'Jack Beanstalk,'" he said, and was delighted with what he saw from the students performing in the summer drama workshop production, which was held in the new Deer Hill auditorium.

Gauley said he is very excited to be able to work in new facilities. "You're stepping right into a brand new building. It's a wonderful opportunity to have the facilities and technology and space," he said, adding that it's nice to have separate rooms for each specialist where some other schools have their specialists travel around to the different classrooms.

Even though Gauley seems to have found the perfect fit in his new role, working with children isn't what he had envisioned when he chose a major at college. Initially, he enrolled at Cornell University looking to become an architect, but quickly changed his mind to engineering, because of his interest in math and science. However, the program still wasn't fulfilling what he envisioned for his career. Deciding to pursue teaching, he switched his major again, this time to human service studies because the school didn't have a teaching program, and knew it was the right path to follow.



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Keith Gauley takes over the reins at Deer Hill.

"The irony is, people always saw it," said Gauley, adding that when he began teaching, he worked alongside many of his former teachers, who said they always knew he would fall into a career working with children.

Aside from his serving as a principal Gauley said he is as a referee and coach for various sports teams, which gives him an opportunity to work with children "in a more relaxed environment." He has coached both basketball and baseball in his hometown of Plympton.

Gauley also works with children over the summer as the assistant director for the Cape Cod Sea Camps in Brewster where he has been a part of the staff there since 1996.

Aside from his getting to know the students, Gauley is excited about the prospects the new school year brings. He has already met with parents and teachers to get feedback on what they see as the positives of the school, and what needs to be changed to make the school even better.

"It's great to hear great things," he said, adding how much he appreciates people taking the time to voice concerns regarding areas that need to be worked on.

Because of his five years previous experience serving as principal for Center Elementary School in Abington, Gauley said the transition into his new role has been much easier than if it had been his first year. Because matters of protocol such as scheduling and other policy issues are old hat for him, he is able to "approach things head on."

Gauley will be replacing former principal Paul Callahan who served as principal at Deer Hill for seven years. Supt. Edward Malvey has spoken very highly of Gauley throughout the entire selection process, saying he is confident in Gauley's ability to take over the position.

In an interview at the school last week, Gauley said he is looking forward to the start of school but, "The nerves are always there on the first day," he said. However, nerves aside, Gauley said he is really looking forward to meeting the students who will no doubt be "bright-eyed and well dressed on that first day," as they always are.

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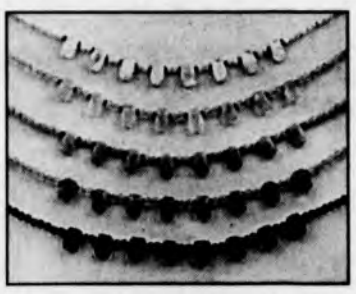

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Join CEA Tuesday, Sept. 9, for a tour at the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Lecture on the unique and fascinating history. Currently the Museum has an outstanding display of photos and news clips from the Blizzard of 1978. Plan to bring a sandwich – dessert and cold beverages will be supplied. Cost: $4 per person. Transportation available.

The following events, programs and classes are upcoming at Cohasset Elder Affairs this fall. Please call the CEA office at 781-383-9112 to reserve your space.

PROGRAMS AND CLASSES – FALL 2003

Retirement: Ready for the Golden Years *Four Wednesday evenings in October. 5:30-6:00 P.M. - Light Supper, 6:00-7:30 P.M. – Presentation* A series of four consecutive Wednesday evenings in October will address issues of retirement. People 55 and over should begin thinking about what it will take to retire: income, medical coverage, health and life insurance, leisure plans and where to live. Join the CEA for a light supper and two-hour lecture by various speakers. Charge of $3 per session or $10 for the series. Call the Cohasset Elder Affairs office to sign up. 781-383-9112.

Wed., Oct. 8 *Basics of Life Planning and Prevention of Financial Abuse after Retiring.* Presenter: Brian Barriera, Elder Law Attorney. Subject matter will include: Should I set up a Trust?; What about annuities? Do I need Long Term Care Insurance?

Wed. Oct. 15 *Social Security and Retirement.* What is the Windfall Elimination Provision? (Affects government agency employees and an employee in another country.) What is the maximum taxable Earnings amount? What is the Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts.

Wed., Oct. 22 *Financial Security after Retirement*: Do I Have enough money? Will my money last as long as I do? Should I continue to live in my present home?

Wed., Oct. 29 *Living a Healthy and Active Life after Retirement.* Should I take vitamin E and selenium? What about a daily vitamin? What about high protein diets? What type of exercise is recommended for retirees? What preventative measures should I take?

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Walking Club *Mon., Wed., & Fri. - 3 P.M.* Great new program. Join Joe McElroy and the group at Cohasset High School. To sign up call the senior center at 781 383-9112 or Joe McElroy, 781-383-0505.

Book Club *Second Friday of each month 11 A.M. – 1* P.M. Come and share in the lively discussions. Coffee and camaraderie, too. Held at the senior center, 3 North Main St. Call Addie McGrath at 781-383-0952 or Mary Londergan 781-383-1813 to sign up.

Bonsai *Friday, Sept. 12* Bill Wennerberg, CEA bridge director, is also an avid bonsai enthusiast. His talk last season was fun, informative and very well received. He brings some of his collection and offers tips on bonsai care and maintenance. He will take a tree from the nursery pot and trim, wire and place in a dish to start it on its way to becoming a full bonsai. In addition, as last time, everyone will have the opportunity to take the finished bonsai home with him or her. Names go into a hat and one lucky person will take the "little tree" home. Charge is $5. Please sign up by early September.

Bridge *Three different games, three different days*

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• Mon. Bridge Game 12:15 P.M. Refreshments starting at 11:45 A.M. ACBL-sanctioned game with stratified scoring so the less experienced can play and score against peers. Everyone is welcome to come and play. Partners will always be available and master's points will be awarded. This game is held at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Call Bill at 508-746-8715, if interested.

• Wed. Bridge Game *1:00 P.M.* Drop-in Wednesday group is open to the public and all are welcome. Held at the CEA Senior Center, 3 N. Main Street. Advance notice is not necessary.

Chanticleers Wednesdays 8:30 A.M. Breakfast Club just for men! No dues, no charges, just the cost of breakfast or other events, such as day trips, evening dining and overnights, room and meals. Transportation available. Meets at the Red Parrot Restaurant in Hull. Please call co-coordinator Win Merrill to sign up. 781-545-0695.

Computer Technology for Seniors *Wednesdays 2:30 – 3 P.M.* Will touch on basics such as internet navigation and organization of personal documents. Instructor, ninth-grade Cohasset resident Austin Breslow, offers the course once a week for 30 minutes at the CEA Senior Center, 3 North Main Street. For more information or to reserve a space, contact the CEA office at 781-383-9112.

Gourmet Cooking with Anna *First and third Wednesday of month 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.* The Gourmet Cooking class will begin its session on Oct. 1. Fee for registration is $20 and each class is $5 to cover ingredients, etc. Classes are hands-on and accompanied by field trips. Instructor Anna Abbruzzese. Call CEA office – 781-383-9112 – to sign up. Enrollment is limited.

New! **Cooking with Only 4 Ingredients** *Fridays - Oct. 10., Nov. 14 and Dec. 12 11 A.M.* It's as easy as 1-2-3-4, it's fun – and sooo good! Classes will be held once a month on Fridays starting Oct. 11 and ending in Dec. 12. Fee of $3 per class. Instructor is Anna Abbruzzese. Call the senior center office at 781-383-9112 to sign up.

Knitting *Fridays, 1 – 3 P.M.* Learn the basics of knitting, including how to select patterns, books and yarns. Work on your own project. Instructor Edna Finegan has been with us for 16 years! Classes start Sept. 19. Donation: $3 per class.

New! **Life Writing Course** *Five Tuesdays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 & Oct. 7 10 a.m. – Noon* The popular life-writing workshop series, Between the Lines: Capturing the Experience of Life will be held at the senior center. Sample ways to record life experiences, discover rich inner worlds or respond to the world around you, meet other interesting people and explore dreams of writing for yourself or others. Facilitated by Karen Flood, this program began in Cohasset in 1996 and continues to engage seniors throughout the South Shore. No skills are required, only curiosity and a pen. Advance registration and $60 fee are required. For program information, call Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112.

Museum Trips CEA enjoys regular visits to some of Boston's finest museums: Museum of Fine Arts, Aquarium, Kennedy Library, Science Museum, Harvard Museums, etc. Events are noted in the *Senior Vista Newsletter*, pages 4 and 5.

Supper Club *Twice a month. Van leaves Cohasset at 3:30 P.M.* Join us for a good time with delicious food and friendly people! Twice a month the Supper Club goes to South Shore Hospital's cafeteria for a complete evening meal at a cost of about $4.50. Occasionally we will try a popular restaurant. (About $15.) Transportation to and from your home by the CEA vans. Donations for van ride are voluntary. Call 781 383-9112.

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What is that?

NOAA ship Thomas Jefferson makes residents wonder

By Samantha Brown
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Among the usual lobster and pleasure boats, which regularly cruise the waters off the coast of Cohasset, was an unfamiliar sight last week, as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, had anchored one of its ships, the Thomas Jefferson, to conduct surveys of the sea floor.

Harbormaster John Muncey said he had received some calls about the craft by concerned residents wondering what it was doing.

"It was just on the other side of Sandy Beach," said Muncey, who added that people had reported seeing the ship from Jerusalem Road.

LCDR Donald Haines, Commanding Officer of the Thomas Jefferson, said during the past couple of weeks, his ship has been using sonar equipment to survey the bottom of the ocean floor. The ship has been determining water depths and locating underwater obstructions and any other objects that would pose a danger to navigation. Information acquired by the Thomas Jefferson and ships like it, will be used to update nautical charts of the nation's busiest sea lanes, which can then be used by commercial ships to ensure the safe transportation of goods, especially those that could be hazardous to the environment should the boat be punctured in an accident.

The Thomas Jefferson is a 208-foot hydrographic survey ship, based out of Norfolk, Va. and is one of a fleet of ships used by NOAA to research and survey the marine environment. The ship primarily operates along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The ship is accompanied by two 29 foot survey launches, which are also equipped with different kinds of sonar technology.

"It was just on the other side of Sandy Beach."
— Harbormaster John Muncey

Haines said the current project the Thomas Jefferson is working on "encompasses most of Mass Bay from Cape Ann to Boston to Cape Cod." The ship is acquiring 100 percent bottom coverage with multi-beam sonar, and will collect data which can then be processed and applied to the charts.

Haines said the ship has been docked in Boston at the U.S. Coast Guard base and he expected to set sail again Wednesday.

NOAA ship Thomas Jefferson anchored off the Cohasset coast last week.

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On the South Shore
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Kicking it up a notch

Strong veteran cast helps new CHS soccer coach settle in

By Mike Spellman
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Can you say repeat.

Chris Clark can't...or won't.

Virtually everyone who follows boys soccer in the South Shore League is tabbing Norwell, with nine senior starters, to repeat as league camps. The Cohasset captain, however, has other ideas.

"We beat them last year, and I think we can do it again this year," stated Clark, referring to the 2002 season split with the Clippers. "I think Norwell lost more players than us, and we were able to play with them last year."

Like Norwell, Cohasset is a team long in experience. The Skippers feature eight seniors who've been playing together since the youth ranks, in the fall as well as in the spring and summer. This past summer, these eight seniors – captains Clark, Dave Santiago and Coner Buick, along with J.T. Oronte, Jesse Brewer, Craig Laugelle, Andrew Wise and John Andrade – played in several 7-on-7 tourneys, as well as in a regular league play in Plymouth, and fared quite well, winning one tourney and finishing second in the Plymouth league.

"We've worked hard and I think we've got some pretty high expectations," continued Clark.

Last week, the Skippers took part in the annual Hingham jamboree, and went 1-1-1 — topping Milton 2-0 and playing larger Arlington High to a scoreless tie before falling to host Hingham, 1-0, perennial state Div. 2 powers.

"Overall, I think we played pretty well," assessed Clark, who finished second in the team scoring race to Santiago last fall. "We're still not putting the ball away like I think we can, but that should come. We're getting the ball in position; we're just not finishing."

Continuity on the field should

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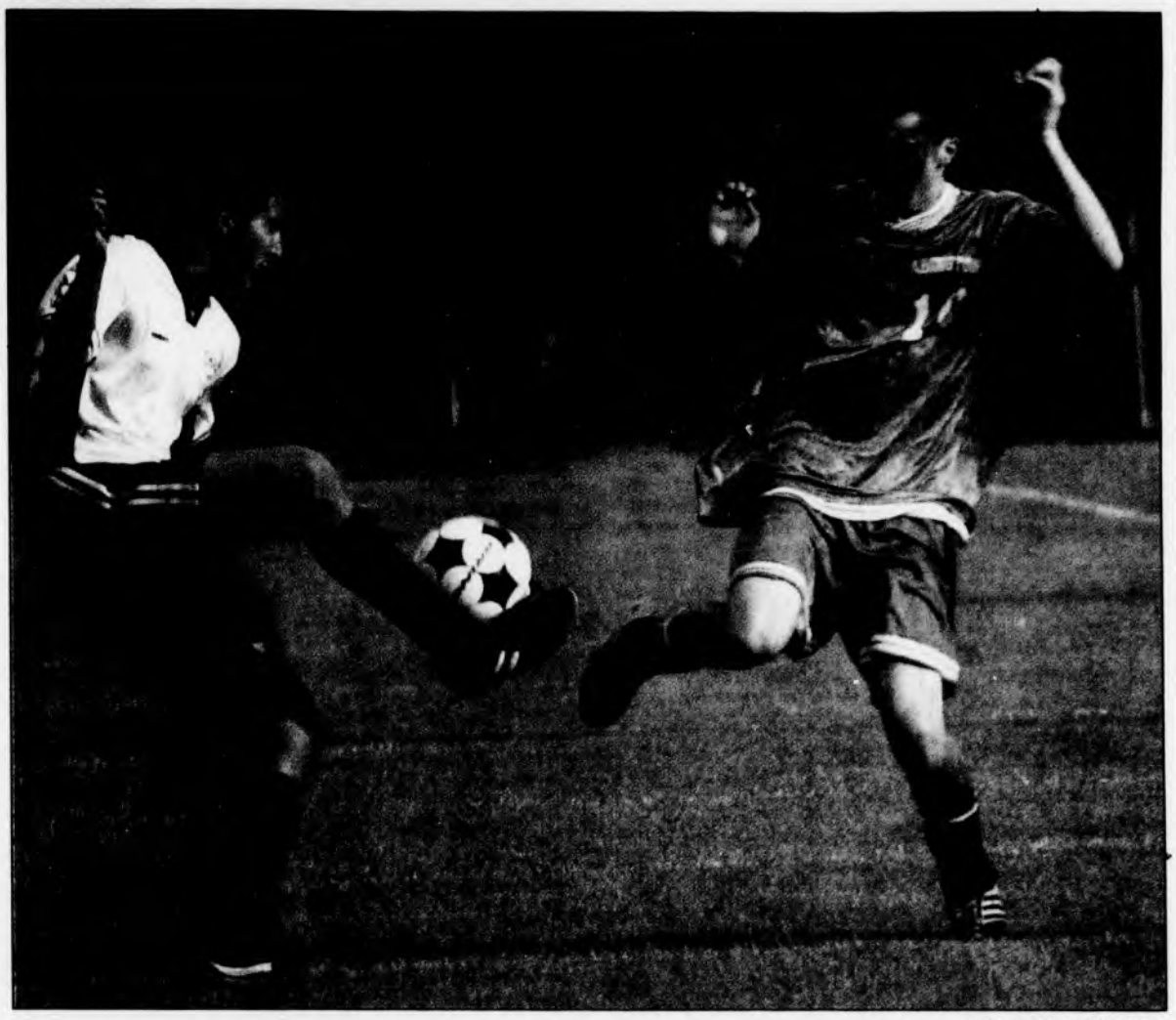

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Once healthy, senior J.T. Oronte (left) should stabilize the defensive core for the Skippers.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Junior Tim Pilczak flip-flopped between the top two spots in the golf lineup last fall.

Staying on course

Golf team prospects appear to be on upswing

By Mike Spellman
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With three of the top four players back this season, and a whole lot more who saw time in the lineup, Torin Sweeney is figuring his Cohasset High golf team could start making a move on some of the monsters of the South Shore League.

It's the year after that, though, that has the third year coach really excited.

"I've got a great group of sophomores who are really serious about golf and who work hard to get better," said Sweeney at the end of last season. "I'm not saying we'll be passing the Mashpees and Harwiches in the next two years, but I think we could be real competitive with them."

10 of the 16 players on last year's team that finished 2-9 (2-8 in SSL play) were sophomores. This group was led by Tim Pilczak, a second year player who flip-flopped much of the season at the number one spot with Mike Hajjar, now a senior and team captain. Both players were extremely consistent this season, with average scores in the low 40s for nine holes.

"Getting Mike and Timmy back is huge," continued Sweeney. "They're both strong, consistent players. Knowing I'll be able to pencil them in at the top of our lineup card again next year is a nice feeling."

Sweeney provided a sneak preview of the future of Skippers golf in the final match last season when he left his seniors at home for a showdown with SSL rival Carver on the Crusaders' Southers Marsh Golf Course, and won going away, 39.5-14.5.

"Getting that one-sided a win on another team's home course showed what these kids can do," noted Sweeney.

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Rox end regular season in style

Brockton tunes up for playoffs with 14-6 win over Berkshire

Pittsfield, MA- The Brockton Rox saved one of their best offensive efforts of the season for the very end of the season Monday afternoon, beating the Berkshire Black Bears 14-6 in the final regular season game for both teams. The Rox collected a team-record 20 hits in the team's final playoff tune-up.

Brockton put the game away before Berkshire could record an out in the first inning, as the first 11 Rox batters reached safely and the first ten came around to score. Starter Courtney Hall (2-12) failed to retire any of the nine hitters he faced in the inning, allowing nine runs on seven hits and two walks.

Abner Arroyo started the inning with an infield single, then advanced to third as Jake Daubert doubled to extend his team-record hitting streak to 18 consecutive games. After Saul Bustos walked to load the bases, Darren Blakely drove in the game's first two runs with an RBI double. Craig Lewis followed with a two-run single to make it 4-0, then advanced to third on a two-base error by the centerfielder Shane Hopper.

The Rox continued to tee-off against Hall, as Francisco Matos, Mike Torres and Bobby

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Taking the next step

CHS girls soccer team looks to build on 2002 breakthrough season

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

When Deb Beal took over the Cohasset High School girls soccer program five years ago, there weren't enough kids to field both a varsity and junior varsity team.

The team has come a long way since then, making the state tournament last year for the first time since 1995 and finishing with a 10-7-1 record. The next step is to become even more competitive with South Shore League powers Abington and Norwell, and advance in the tournament.

Despite the loss of 11 seniors from 2002's squad, Beal has a team with the talent to make such a run.

Senior co-captains Jenn Buckley and Holly Graham are both coming off league all-star seasons. Buckley, a midfielder, led the team with 12 goals last season, while Graham kept opposing strikers at bay from her sweeper position. Defender Brenna O'Donnell, whom Beal thinks had an all-star caliber season last year, is the other co-captain.

Beal says her captains are relatively quiet and lead by example, adding that they work well with the younger players.

Buckley, who also plays basketball and track, is poised to have another big season.

"She's just so steady; nothing seems to shake her," Beal said. "And she can run forever."

Beal is also looking to senior forward Gillian Weber, junior forward Lauren Rizzotti, and the McMorris twins, striker Sarah and midfielder Leah, to contribute heavily. The twins, both seniors, are among the fastest players on the team.

Weber scored eight goals in 2002, and will once again team with Buckley as Cohasset's 1-2 scoring punch. Beal said Weber is the only player she has had on varsity for all four years, and has seen a tremendous amount of progress from her during that time.

"When she was a freshman, she would just get bounced off every ball," the coach said. "She has just worked so hard on her personal fitness. She's a good athlete and she's in good physical shape right now. I think this is going to be her year."

Cohasset has two options in net with senior Brittany Novak and junior CeCelia Chapman. Novak, whom Beal said is battling a knee injury, started last year's playoff game against Ashland.

One of the biggest improvements in the team this year should be the transition game. In the past, Beal said her defenders would get the ball and lob it up the field, many times resulting in another attack by the other team.

Now, Beal says, her squad has the ability to work the ball up the field themselves, which she attributes to her midfielders, led

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Senior Gillian Weber is in great shape this fall and again expected to once again form a dynamic 1-2 scoring punch with Jenn Buckley.

Cohasset High School Fall Sports Schedule

Varsity Football

Sept.
13 Nantucket 1 p.m.
19 Archbishop Williams 7 p.m.
Oct.
4 @ C. Spellman 1:30 p.m.
10 Carver 7 p.m.
17 Mashpee 6 p.m.
* Homecoming
24 @ Weston 7 p.m.
31 Canton 7 p.m.
Nov.
7 Abington 7 p.m.
14 @ Norwell 7 p.m.
27 @ Hull 10 a.m.
Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
Assistants: Bob Silvia, Brian Pattison, tom Ventresca, Dave Terry, Don Silvia, Chris Bridges

Frosh-Soph Football

Sept.
13 Nantucket 3:30 p.m.
18 @ Arch. Williams 3:30 p.m.
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Nov.
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13 Norwell 3:30 p.m.
21 Hull 6 p.m.

Varsity Field Hockey

Sept.
12 Sturgis Charter 4 p.m.
15 E. Bridgewater 3:30 p.m.
17 @ Scituate 3:30 p.m.
19 Duxbury 3:30 p.m.
23 Hingham 3:30 p.m.
25 Harwich 4 p.m.
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21 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
Coach Alex Williams

Boys Varsity Soccer

Sept.
5 @ Scituate 5 p.m.
10 Mashpee 4 p.m.
13 @ Norwell 6:30 p.m.
16 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
18 Carver 6:30 p.m.
19 @ Hanover 3:30 p.m.
22 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
24 @ Hull 6:30 p.m.
25 Norwell 7 p.m.
30 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
Oct.
7 Abington 3:30 p.m.
8 @ Carver 7 p.m.
10 Harwich 4 p.m.
14 Hull 6:30 p.m.
18 Scituate 1 p.m.
20 @ Hingham 3:30 p.m.
24 Hanover 3 p.m.
27 Coyle & Cassidy 5:30 p.m.
Coach: Rob Leary

Boys JV Soccer

Sept.
5 Scituate 3:30 p.m.
10 Mashpee 4 p.m.
13 @ Norwell 3:30 p.m.
16 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
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10 Harwich 4 p.m.
18 @ Scituate 2 p.m.
20 @ Hingham 3:30 p.m.
24 Hanover 3 p.m.
27 Coyle & Cassidy 4 p.m.
Coach Rick Dockendorff

Girls Varsity Soccer

Sept.
5 @ Scituate 7 p.m.
10 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
13 @ Norwell 5 p.m.
16 Abington 6:30 p.m.
19 @ Carver 7 p.m.
22 Harwich 4 p.m.
24 Hull 6:30 p.m.
25 Norwell 5 p.m.
30 Mashpee 4 p.m.
Oct.
2 Holbrook 6:30 p.m.
7 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
8 Carver 6:30 p.m.
10 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
16 @ Hull 5:30 p.m.
18 Scituate 3 p.m.
*Homecoming
24 @ Cape Cod Acad. 4 p.m.
27 @ Holbrook 3 p.m.
28 Cape Cod Acad. 5 p.m.
Coach: Deb Beal

Girls JV Soccer

Sept.
5 Scituate* 3:30p.m.
10 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
13 @ Norwell 2 p.m.
16 Abington** 5 p.m.
22 Harwich* 4 p.m.
24 Hull** 5 p.m.
25 Norwell* 3:30 p.m.
30 Mashpee* 4 p.m.
Oct.
2 Holbrook* 5 p.m.
7 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
8 Carver* 5 p.m.
10 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
16 @ Hull 7 p.m.
18 @ Scituate 2 p.m.
24 @Nantucket 4 p.m.
27 @ Holbrook 3 p.m.
28 Nantucket* 3:30 p.m.
* Milliken Field
**Alumni Field
Coach: Kara Connerty

Boys Varsity Golf

Sept..
4 Quincy 3:30 p.m.
8 @ E. Bridgewater 3:30 p.m.
10 E. Bridgewater 3:30 p.m.
11 Abington 3:30 p.m.
15 Harwich 4 p.m.
16 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
17 Carver 3:30 p.m.
22 Norwell 3:30 p.m.
23 @ Carver 3:30 p.m.
25 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
29 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
30 Mashpee 4 p.m.
Oct.
1 Quincy 3:30 p.m.
2 @ Norwell 3:30 p.m.
8 @ Cape Cod Acad. 4 p.m.
9 Cape Cod Acad. 3:30 p.m.
Coach: Torin Sweeney

Silver Blades skating lessons

The Silver Blades Skating Club is holding registration for their Learn-to-Skate and Tiny Tot classes on Sept. 10—this is also the first day of class. Registration can be done either online or at the Bridgewater Ice Arena on Route 18 in Bridgewater.

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Cohasset fans saw Dave Santiago (right) celebrate 16 goals last season, and are hoping for even more this season.

Kicking it up a notch

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help ease the transition on the sidelines, as former Rockland High coach Rob Leary takes over for three year head coach Dave Nigro, who resigned last fall after leading the Skippers to three consecutive postseason berths.

"I'm still getting to know the kids, so we might be a little behind some teams, but we've come a long way in a week, and that's thanks in large part to the seniors," said Leary, a teacher in the Rockland school system who stepped down from head coaching a few years back in order to pursue his Master's Degree. "It also helps a lot having Rick (Dockendorff) staying on (as assistant coach).

"I like what I've seen so far. The kids have been great. They've worked hard and done what I've asked."

That said, the veteran/new coach conceded there were some gaps to fill in around his veterans.

"We're strong up the middle of the field, but we're still looking for a few players to step up on the outside at midfield and fullback," continued Leary, who is also head boys tennis coach at Scituate High and an assistant basketball coach at Rockland High. "We've had a few guys show some things in flashes, but we're looking for more consistency at this point."

Up the middle, the Skippers feature returning SSL all-stars Laugelle at sweeper, Buick at stopper and Clark at center midfield, as well as Santiago at center striker and Brewer in goal.

Clark, a returning South Shore League all-star and All-Eastern Mass selectee after a 27 point season (13 goals, 14 assists), will again quarterback the offense from his center-midfield spot in the 4-3-3 alignment. Santiago, who scored 16 goals last season, will start at the center striker spot, and will likely be flanked by Andrade and fast-emerging sophomore Aiden Buick.

"I think we look pretty solid right there," noted Leary. "Buick has got good size and I like the way (Andrade) is playing, and Clark and Santiago look real strong."

Three players who've risen to the head of the pack in the battle for playing time at the outside mid spots are Wise, B.C. transfer Kevin Dinsmore, a junior, and sophomore Matt O'Connell, the brother of former C.H.S. star Greg O'Connell.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Senior Jesse Brewer (right) has agreed to return to the goalie position this fall.

Oronte, a starting midfielder last year, is expected to fill a big need at fullback once he recovers from a quadriceps strain.

"We haven't been pushing things with J.T. because the big thing is to get him healthy in time for Friday," said Leary, referring to Friday's season opener under the lights at Scituate High (7 p.m. start). "I think he'll really help to stabilize us back there once he's ready to go."

Underclassmen Trevor Brady and Jay Kovak appear to be the lead candidates for the other fullback job at the moment.

"Overall, I think we're going to be strong on defense," asserted Clark. "Trevor and Jay should be OK with a little more experience. With Craig, Coner and J.T. back there, and Jesse back in net, we're not going to be an easy team to score on."

Brewer was the team's starting keeper as a sophomore, but then moved to the midfield last fall and was replaced in net by senior Curt Kahn, who wound up being named team Most Valuable Player by Nigro. Brewer's return between the pipes allows the team to bring talented sophomore keeper Presott Busk, a sophomore, along more slowly.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Returning Eastern Mass all-star Chris Clark will once again quarterback the attack this season.

"Jesse has the experience back there and does such a good job of distributing the ball and making good decisions," noted Leary. "Prescott is going to be a good goalie for us, but this takes some pressure off him. Now we can keep him playing in JV games, and maybe give him an occasional (varsity) start against weaker opponents to start getting his feet wet."

After Friday night's non-league opener versus Scituate, Mashpee comes to town for the Skippers home and South Shore League opener Wednesday afternoon (4 p.m., Alumni Field).

Rox end regular season in style

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Brown each followed with singles. Matos' hit scored Lewis with the fifth run, then he came around to score as Hall uncorked a wild pitch while Mike Landry batted with the bases loaded. After Hall then walked Landry, Berkshire manager Darren Bush pulled Hall from the game.

The new pitcher, Scott Meyer, didn't fare much better, as Arroyo greeted him with a two-run double to score Torres and Brown. Daubert concluded the scoring with a two-run single chasing home Landry and Arroyo to make the score 10-0. Brockton's streak of eleven straight batters reaching base then ended as Bustos struck out.

Joey Baker (10-4), the beneficiary of the run support, pitched five solid innings for the Rox to earn his team-record 10th win of the season. Baker allowed only three hits and one run, as Brockton improved to 16-4 in games he started this season. Jose Guerrero, Fontella Jones, Tony Stutz and Conor Brooks each pitched one inning in relief for the Rox, with Brooks concluding the game with a scoreless ninth.

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Where: Ventress Library, Rt. 139/Webster Street, Marshfield

When: Saturday September 13, 2003, 12:30PM – 4:30PM

Where: Cohasset Community Center, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset

When: Saturday September 20, 2003, 10:00AM – 2:00PM

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Fall Crew Program

High School students interested in joining CMI's Fall crew team should sign up now. Call or email CMI coach Jack Buckley at 383 8261, or jackbuckley@rowcmi.org Fall rowing is free for current CMI members; $75.00 fee for non-members. Crews will be training for competition in the Head of the Weir, Oct 25, a 5 mile open race from the river head to the Windmill Pt Boathouse operated by the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Crews will also train for Head of the Quinnipiac, a 7 mile race sponored by the Sound School in New Haven, CT. The Head of the Quinnipiac will be held Nov 8. Only 12 athletes will be selected for training with CMI, so interested athletes should register immediately.

CYBSA Major League tryouts Sept. 20

The try-out for the 2004 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at Barnes Field at 1:30 PM. All boys and girls turning 10, 11 or 12 prior to August 1, 2004 wishing to play Little League major league division baseball and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out. Although all eligible 12 year olds are automatically assigned to major league teams, their attendance is mandatory at this try-out. Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 1:00 PM. This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date for this try-out will be Saturday, September 27, 2003. Questions regarding this try-out may be directed to either Matt Salerno at 781-383-2230 or Nancy Froio at 781-383-1897.

Cohasset Soccer Club Fall signups/schedule

The Cohasset Soccer Club's 2003 - 2004 registration is now underway. Information describing the various programs available and registration forms are available at the Town Hall to register all players for the upcoming Fall /Spring Season. Players must be at least 4 years of age by August 31, 2003 to play this season, with the Fall season including players up through the 6th grade. Players in the Under-14 age groups and older will register for the Spring season during the Fall.

The tentative start dates for the Fall Season are the weekend of September 12/13 for the Under-12 players (5th and 6th grade) and the weekend of September 20 for the remainder of the program.

In addition, coaching clinics for all new and returning coaches are tentatively scheduled for the weekends of September 6th and 12th.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please check the Club's website www.cohassetsoccer.com or contact Wallace St. John (781-383-2552) or Mark Richardson (781-383-0998).

Hingham Flag Football registration

Hingham Flag Football registration for ages 5 to 13 will be held Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon at Pal Field, Beal St., Hingham, behind Lincoln Plaza

Registration fee: $50 per player, $90 cap per family

Directions from Scituate - North on Route 3A, past Hingham Rotary. Take left opposite commuter boat exit. Pal Field is at the end of the street. For more information call, 781-383-9122.

Final outdoor Seadogs baseball AAU clinic/tryouts

Sept. 6-7 in Braintree & E. Bridgewater

HINGHAM – The final "outdoor" clinic/tryouts for the Seadogs/AAU Travel Team Baseball Program's 2004 season will be held September 6-7 in Braintree and East Bridgewater.

The Seadogs will field seven teams in 2004 — 10-and-under

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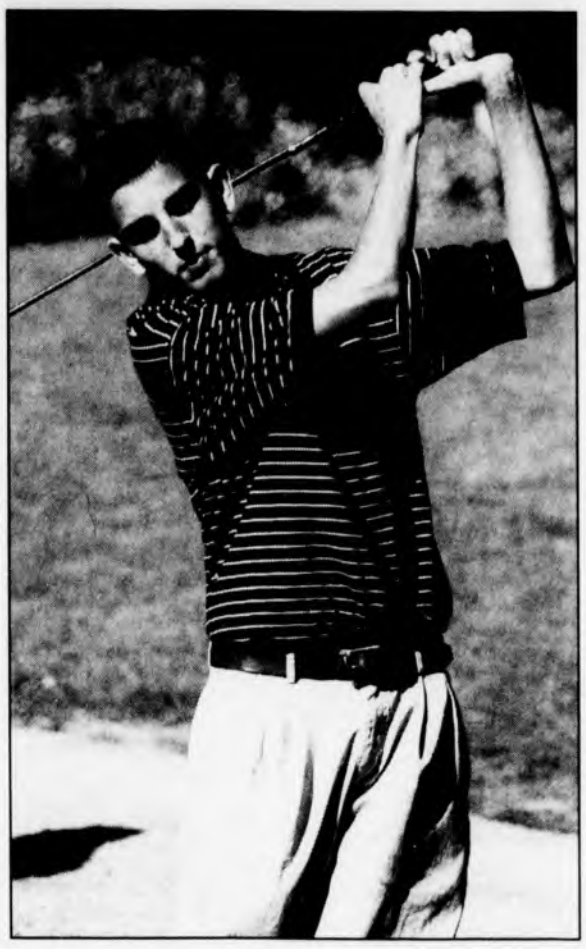
Staying on course



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At left: Senior captain Mike Hajjar should again be a top two player for the Skippers this fall.

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"I saw a lot of improvement from this group on the whole (last) year, and it will be interesting to see how they push each other going in to next year."

Pilczak and Hajjar appear cemented in to the top two spots, while ultra-steady junior Colin Magruder appears the early favorite to slide up from the number four spot to fill the big shoes of graduate Greg O'Brien at number three.

O'Brien actually had the best record and average score (41.5) for the Skippers last season, and was deservedly named a league all-star.

"Greg is going to be missed, no doubt about it," said Sweeney. "He really committed himself (to golf), and shaved six to eight shots off his average from last year. Hard work is the only way to accomplish that.

And he'll be missed for what he did off the course too.

"Greg was a great leader, and a natural captain," continued Sweeney. "Mike Hajjar has some big shoes to fill as a captain too."

The other players lost to the caps and gowns were Pat Reardon, a three year starter who averaged a 46 this season, frequent starters Ross Lieb-Lappen and Roh Lehr, and Trey Curry.

"All of those guys helped us, and they'll all be missed," said Sweeney, "but I think we've got the depth coming up behind them to fill those voids."

Juniors Jack Carroll and Chris Simms saw regular action last season in the top eight spots, while classmates Ricky Lordan, Brendan Ford, Dan Allen, John DeWaal, Andrew Lavallo and Elizabeth Stone also flashed encouraging signs in what opportunities they saw.

This year's incoming freshman class is also rumored to have a ringer or two.

In addition, Sweeney likes the character of these kids on the whole, and was proud this attribute was also recognized by his fellow coaches who last year voted to award the Skippers the South Shore League's Sportsmanship Award.

The Skippers kick off their season

Hockey skills workshops

Hockey Skills Development Workshops is offering programs for Mites, Squirts, and Pee Wee's this summer skating evenings once a week. There are also separate Goaltending and HS/Jr HS Defense Clinics. All are at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham.

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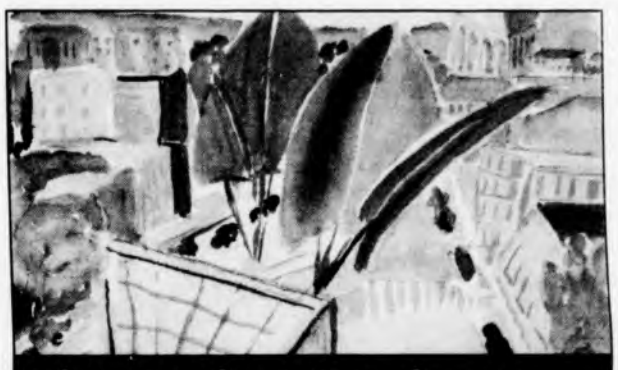

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through and including 16-and-under. Players are selected from a series of clinic/tryouts held throughout the ssummer, fall and winter.

The Seadogs program is part of the South Shore Baseball Club, which has been a member of the Massachusetts Association of the Amateur Athletic Union since 1994. The Seadogs compete against other Massachusetts AAU teams for the right to qualify for the AAU National Baseball Championships held all across the country. The Seadogs program is intended to supplement, rather than replace, local Little League, Babe Ruth, or American Legion baseball programs.

An additional Seadogs/AAU clinic/tryout will be held indoors this winter (TBA) at the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham. The cut-off day to determine proper age group for 2004 teams is July 31, 2004.

2004 Seadogs Clinic/Tryouts Schedule

10U, 11U & 12U

Saturday & Sunday, September 6-7, 9 a.m-11:30 a.m.

Hollingsworth Park, Braintree

TBA, Winter Indoor Clinic/Tryout at SSBC, Hingham

13U

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 6-7, 1-3:00 p.m.

Strong Field, East Bridgewater

TBA, Winter Indoor Clinic/Tryout at SSBC, Hingham

14U

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 6-7, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Strong Field, East Bridgewater

TBA, Winter Indoor Clinic/Tryout at SSBC, Hingham

15U & 16U

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 6-7, 3-4:30 p.m.

Strong Field, East Bridgewater

TBA, Winter Indoor Clinic/Tryout at SSBC, Hingham

The South Shore Baseball Club is a year round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players (boys and girls), ages five and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or the Seadogs call 1-888-749-6466/(781) 749-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com

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Fall/Winter Adult hockey leagues

Fall/Winter adult ice hockey leagues start in Sept/October 2003. Players and teams are needed for all levels of play and ages at various south of Boston locations. Anyone interested, call for a brochure: 1-888-45-NESHL (888-456-3745), or e-mail: adulthockeyneshl@aol.com.

Mark Gratta, Sr. Memorial Golf Tourney Sept. 15

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TKO Malley Race October 5

The annual TK O'Malley Race in Scituate has been scheduled for Oct. 5.

All proceeds from this year's race will go to the Scituate Council on Aging and the Friends of Scituate Recreation.

The event features a walk starting at 8:30 p.m. a Fun Run starting at 11:30 a.m. and the featured 10K race at 1 p.m.. Pre-registration for the 10K race is $15, with race day registration $20. Registration for the walk is $5 in advance or $10 on the day of the race. T-Shirts will cost an extra $5 for all registrants.

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CHS girls soccer team looks to build on 2002 breakthrough season

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by Buckley, McMorris and junior Nicole Whitney.

"That's the one thing I always harp on is our transition game," Beal said.

All told, the coach is excited for the possibilities of what her up-front players can accomplish this year.

"It's just a force; I love it," Beal said. "It was really, really fun to watch them scrimmage [on Friday]."

If there is one area Beal is concerned about, it's in the back. The team lost Julie Lordan, Katherine Coyne and Lindsay Grossman to graduation. New players, like junior Christine Lovallo, will be lining up with returning veterans Graham and O'Donnell.

Beal says, however, her concern is due to a lack of experience, not talent.

"I think that they need a few more game-like situations, and I think that they'll jump right into it," Beal said. "Speaking with JV coach, she said, 'Oh, they're going to do fine back there. They're going to be just as good as the others were.' And I believe her, because they had a great record last year too."

That JV record was 12-2, and the coach is Kara Connerty.

"She does an outstanding job with them," Beal said of Connerty. "Just working on the individual stuff, she's teaching them the style of play that we like to play [at the varsity level]. We'd be lost without her."

Unlike years past, a lack of depth certainly won't be an issue for the Lady Skippers this year. Beal has 23 girls on the varsity roster.

"[The roster] is a little big, but I don't have the heart to cut anyone," the coach said.

Beal added, though, that a rotation of about 17 players will consistently get playing time. The JV squad has 22 players, including a group of freshman that Beal said she is excited about.

The coach said she is "cautiously optimistic" for the upcoming season. Although she said she is hesitant to do so, Beal said her Lady Skippers are in the top three in the league with perennial powers Abington and Norwell.

Now it's just a matter of actually beating those teams.

"I'd love to knock Norwell off, and I'd love to knock Abington off," said Beal, who pointed to last year's close games with the Lady Clippers and Div. 2 Scituate as reasons for optimism.

"I think that we can definitely be a tournament team again," Beal said. "Looking at our schedule, and looking at how we've competed with teams on that schedule before, I think we can easily win nine games."

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Senior captain Jenn Buckley led the Lady Skippers in both goals and assists last season.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Elementary schools lunch menu

MONDAY, SEPT. 8
Chicken patty on a bun; or bologna and cheese sandwich; veggie rice, fruit, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9
Meatball sub, parmesan cheese; or chicken salad pocket; corn, pudding.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10
Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll; or turkey sub; mixed veggies, sliced apples.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11
Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato, rice and cheese; or ham and cheese sandwich; pears.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12
Pizza, cheese or pepperoni; or fish filet on a bun; green beans, fruit, choice of milk.

Send in your school news

The Cohasset Mariner wants to develop a school news page to run every week. Short news items from teachers and school organizations are welcome. Photographs of events, accompanied with a short article or longer story are also sought. If you have "Stars of the Month", an interesting program or student volunteer effort, artwork, student writings, interesting field trip, or special projects, please share them with us.

Also, if you would like to request a photographer for your school event, please let us know. Contact editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933. News items my be sent by email to mford@cnc.com or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in the village.

Amanda to sign 'Millennium Girl'

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes Amanda C. Thompson, Sunday Sept. 21 from 2-4 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset for the release of her debut novel, "Millennium Girl." Amanda of Cohasset has just turned 14, however the bigger celebration in her life is the release of her first novel, "Millennium Girl". "Millennium Girl" tells the story of Carolyn, an ordinary preteen girl who is abruptly uprooted from her life in Alaska to move to California. In this utterly unfamiliar world, Carolyn struggles through her first days at school, her first encounters with bullies, her first attempts at making friends, and her first new crush, Matt. When Matt's mother is hospitalized, Carolyn strives to help her withdrawn friend. Through this heart-rending tale, Carolyn grows and learns what it is to be a true friend.

Amanda is a freshman at Cohasset High School. She wrote this book primarily because she loves to write and had set for herself the goal of writing a novel by the time she was 13. However, she freely credits her friend Molly Gallagher for keeping her on task. Weekly she would ask Amanda what she had written and ask to see her work. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

SAFEGUARD is on the Web

The Project SAFEGUARD Web site is designed as a resource to support the youth and parents in the community. Log on to www.cohassetpso.org/safeguard.htm to see what it's all about.

Along with a Parent Booklist of titles dealing with child development and adolescence, the Web site contains links to news articles, features, and resources for both parents and kids. Topics include Stress (social & academic), Bullying, Body Image, and Drinking & Drugs. The Web site is a work in progress; over time it may expand to cover issues for a wider age range. Your ideas are welcome; visit the site and send in your comments or suggestions!

Project SAFEGUARD is a community initiative designed to supplement the health education program in our schools. It depends on parent and community volunteers, as well as community funding, to keep running.

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OBITUARY

Roberta Figueiredo

Roberta (Lawson) Figueiredo, 62, Cohasset, died Aug. 28, 2003, at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Boston after a long illness.

Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late William Lawson and Ambrozine (McDonald) Lawson.

Mrs. Figueiredo was a graduate of Cohasset High School class of 1958. She was president of the student council.

Prior to living in Cohasset, she lived in Weymouth.

Mrs. Figueiredo was an astrologer and owned Benefits Bookstore, in Weymouth.

She leaves her husband, Edward Figueiredo, a son, Edward "Chip" Figueiredo of Cohasset; two daughters, Christine "Tine" Figueiredo of Beaufort, N.C. and Annette M. Milton of Cohasset; one sister, Candace Eno of Connecticut; nine grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Lighthouse Keepers Hall Government Island, Cohasset Harbor.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brigham & Women's, Lung Transplant Program, 15 Francis St., Boston, 02115 or Lighthouse Keeper's Hall, 15 Lighthouse Lane, Cohasset, 02025.

WORSHIP NOTES

Citizens for Life meets on Sept. 10

Massachusetts Citizens for Life–South Shore Chapter (MCFL-SS)will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish House on Fearing Road in Hingham. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month and new members are always welcome.

As its fall fund-raiser, the chapter will raffle an exquisitely handcrafted wooden dollhouse on Oct. 25 at the MCFL annual dinner at Lantana's in Randolph. The two-story salt-box-style dollhouse is clapboard-sided with a cedar-shingled roof. It features hardwood floors downstairs, wainscoted and wallpapered walls, and has a moveable front door and attic storage space. It measures approximately 29 inches wide, 22 inches deep and 27 inches high.

Tickets are $5 each, or five-for-$20, and may be obtained by calling Gail at 781-925-5323; or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope and check by Oct. 6 to: MCFL—South Shore, P.O. Box 40, Hingham 02043.

Signup for ASP!

Registration is opens for the 2004 Cohasset Appalachia Service Project trip. Applications are available at local churches or can be found online at www.cohassetasp.org

An informational meeting for both parents and teens will be held on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Registration deadline: Oct. 1.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom:

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. (781)-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantorial Soloist: Abby Gostein. Friday evening and Saturday morning worship. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. Visit www.shaaray.org for specific times and details.

Second Congregational Church:

The Second Congregational Church located at 43 Highland Ave. offers a quieter, more liturgical style of worship with communion at 8 a.m. on Sundays in the chapel. Our traditional service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. For further information please contact us at (781) 383 - 0345 or visit us on line at www.secondcongregationalchurch.com.

Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Parish Unitarian Church

First Parish Unitarian Church, on Cohasset Common, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public): Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. All welcome. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service; Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

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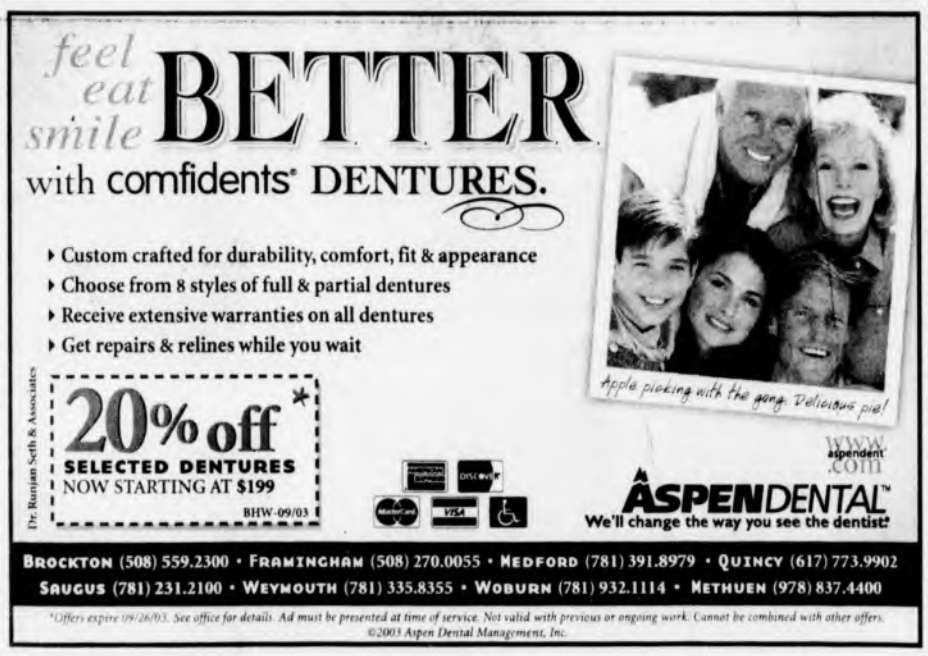
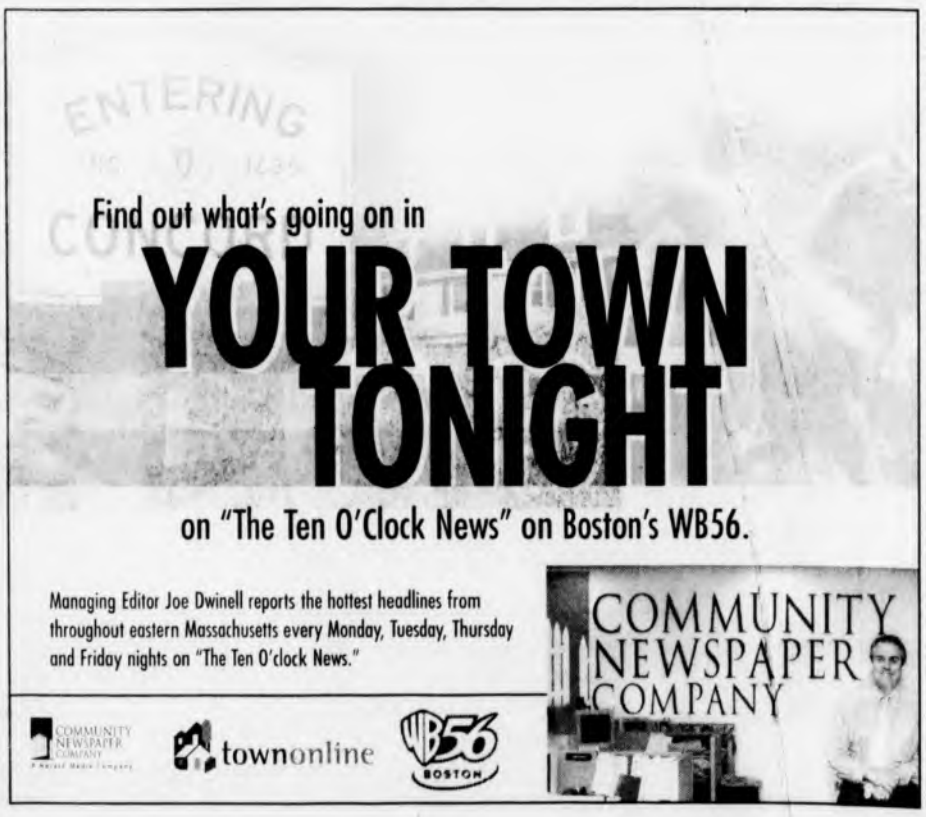




POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, AUG. 22

10:56 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:01 a.m. Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., auto, suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:22 a.m. Rustic Drive, larceny.

12:50 p.m. North Main St., general services.

1:57 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:16 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:04 p.m. Cedar Ledge Village, suspicious person(s)/activity.

3:30 p.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

3:48 p.m. Beechwood St., identity fraud, investigated.

5:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

5:15 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

5:24 p.m. Cushing Road, annoying/harassing phone calls.

6:31 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Lothrop Lane, motor vehicle accident, patient sign off.

7:17 p.m. South Main St., fire, investigation.

7:50 p.m. Elm St., power outage.

8:01 p.m. Elm St., power outage.

10:03 p.m. Border St., disorderly conduct.

SATURDAY, AUG. 23

1:14 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:17 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, fire.

8:47 a.m. Surry Drive, animal call or complaint.

12:42 p.m. Beechwood St., fire, investigation, fire extinguished.

1:09 p.m. Elm St., general disturbance, area search negative.

5 p.m. Cohasset, property lost.

5:22 p.m. Elm St., training.

7:35 p.m. Highland Ave., suspicious person(s)/activity.

8:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:33 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:24 p.m. South Main St. and Elm St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

10:30 p.m. North Main St., property found, brought to station.

10:36 p.m. Sohier St., traffic control.

SUNDAY, AUG. 24

12:40 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:49 a.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:13 a.m. Lamberts Lane, house checks.

12:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:04 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, assist other agency.

1:23 p.m. Beach St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

1:28 p.m. Ash St., request for police officer/s, peace restored.

1:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.

3:45 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, property lost.

4 p.m. Atlantic Ave., request for police officer/s.

6:37 p.m. Short St., well-being check, services rendered.

7:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., assist motorist, no police service necessary.

9:20 p.m. Cushing Road, assist citizen.

10:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:15 p.m. Gammons Road and Joy Place, fire, investigation, fire extinguished.

MONDAY, AUG. 25

12:22 a.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., general services.

7:20 a.m. Pond St., assist citizen.

7:31 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, logged/entry.

9:05 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid.

10:01 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:05 p.m. Hull St., annoying/harassing phone calls.

1:31 p.m. Forest Ave. and Forest Notch, property damage.

1:35 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

1:48 p.m. Atlantic Ave., soliciting.

3:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., property lost.

3:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., assist motorist.

5:03 p.m. Beach St., vandalism, investigated.

5:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, structure, extinguished.

9:13 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

TUESDAY, AUG. 26

2:03 a.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint.

2:10 a.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint.

6:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., general services.

7:34 a.m. Sohier St., animal call or complaint.

8:21 p.m. Forest Ave. and Forest Circle, animal call or complaint.

8:32 a.m. Lantern Lane, animal call or complaint.

8:51 a.m. Pond St., animal call or complaint.

8:57 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:29 a.m. Elm St., identity fraud, investigated.

10:29 a.m. Old Coach Road, assist citizen.

11:49 a.m. Schofield Road, animal call or complaint.

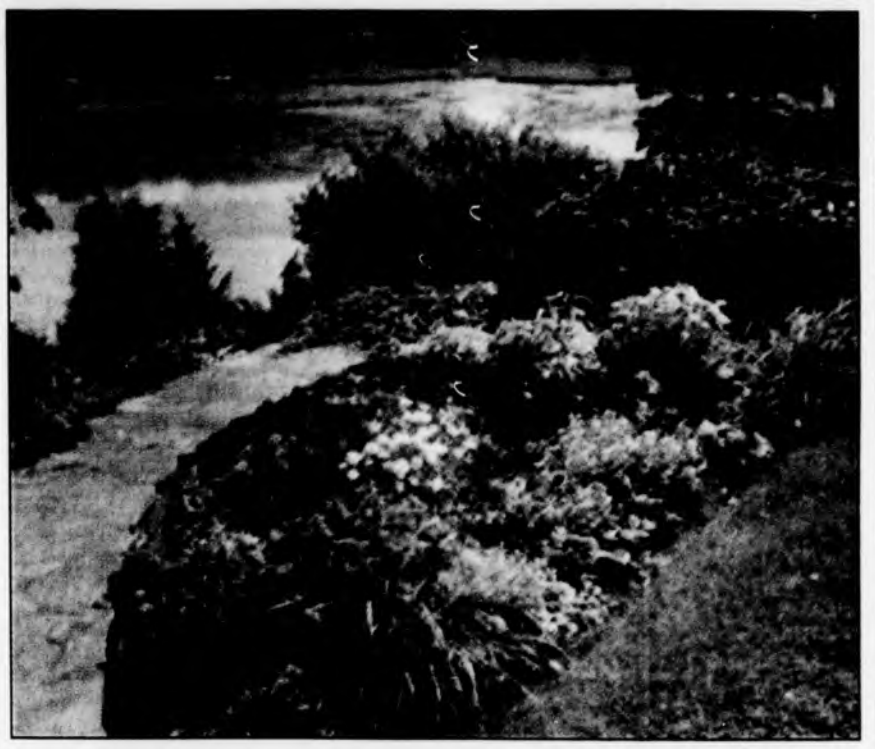
12:36 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation, services rendered.

2:05 p.m. Ledge Way, animal call or complaint.

4:35 p.m. Pleasant St., request for police officer/s, services rendered.

6:14 p.m. Beechwood St., well-being check.

6:21 p.m. Beach St., request for police officer/s.



ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY GARDENS

This is the second in the series about the organic gardens of Cohasset. Featured this week is the lawn and garden of Ed and Priscilla Long at 31 Nichols Road.

"As our children grew up, they began living a very healthy-organic life style and we followed suit," says Priscilla Long. "We have been practicing organic lawn care for five years and have noticed a reduction in the algae our Little Harbor property. We use compost, manure and lime to fertilize the gardens and lawn".

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Skinner appraisal day at Lifesaving Museum

Do you have a family heirloom passed down through the generations? Maybe a great flea market find that might be a real treasure? Would you like to know what it is worth? Bring those special items you have been wondering about to the Skinner Antiques Appraisal Day at the Hull Lifesaving Museum on Saturday Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. –3 p.m.

Stuart Whitehurst, director of books and manuscripts, English and Continental furniture and decorative arts specialist and senior appraiser with Jim Callahan, director of Asian art and general appraiser, will provide verbal appraisals on a first-come, first-serve basis. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Appraisals will begin at 10 a.m. The cost will be a single appraisal for $10 museum members/$15 non-members or three items for $25 members/$30 non-members. All proceeds benefit the Hull Lifesaving Museum educational programs. Please limit your objects to three items. Good quality photographs may be substituted for large or fragile objects (Please exclude coins and stamps).

Skinner Auctioneers and Appraisers of Boston and Bolton have been conducting appraisal days for more than 25 years and appear frequently on the popular PBS series "Chubb's Antiques Roadshow." Parking is free at the museum. Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

Clambake benefits scholarship fund

The George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion will sponsor its 21st annual Christine Burke Scholarship Fund Clambake on Saturday Sept. 6 from noon to sunset at Sandy Beach in Cohasset. Proceeds from the event will once again benefit worthy graduating South Shore high school students seeking higher education. For tickets or more information contact the American Legion Post at 781-383-9657 or John Covell at 781-383-0178. Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 7. Tickets are $35 for adults. Children not eating the clambake are free and there will be plenty of complimentary hot dogs and watermelon for them to enjoy.

In additional to a traditional New England Clambake featuring lobster, steamed clams, chowder, barbecued chicken, beverages and more; this year's event will include live entertainment by The Irish Volunteers and DJ Jay Flori. There will lots of events and crafts for the kids. Raffles for great gifts donated by local merchants round out the event.

Piano lesson resume

Priscilla D. Daniels, professional pianist and teacher of the pianoforte, resumes her lesson-schedule at her Beach Street home in Cohasset. Her personalized instruction has attracted students who have had careers in music, while others play just for pleasure.

Daniels is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music of Boston, magna cum laude. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega national sorority, and Pi Kappa Lambda honorary professional society. She has taught in Swampscott, Lincoln, Norwood and currently in Cohasset.

As part of each lesson, she incorporates music theory, harmony, rhythm study and expression. She encourages her students to improvise and compose, and strives to communicate a love and appreciation for the fine arts through the medium of the piano.

For more information, please call 781-383-1487.

Volunteer at Consignment Shop

The Cohasset Consignment Shop will celebrate its grand re-opening on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 10 a.m.

Volunteers are needed for all positions, including knowledge and pricing of consignment items; entering consignment goods in the computer system; tagging, display and sale of items; convivial customer service and more. No experience necessary!

As an added bonus, the Cohasset Consignment Shop is welcoming all local artisans to consign their goods.

"I hope to continue the rich tradition of The Cohasset Consignment Shop. It has always been my favorite shop on the South Shore," said Gretchen Gold, manager of the shop. "I welcome all previous and new volunteers. I hope to provide volunteers the opportunity to be in a creative, interesting environment where their knowledge can be utilized and appreciated and new skills can be learned."

The Cohasset Consignment Shop is owned by the Social Service League of Cohasset, a non-profit organization. The shop is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Cohasset Consignment Shop is located at Tedeschi Plaza on Route 3A, Cohasset. For more information and details about volunteering, call Gretchen Gold at the shop at 781-383-0687.

SSCC yard sale seeks donations

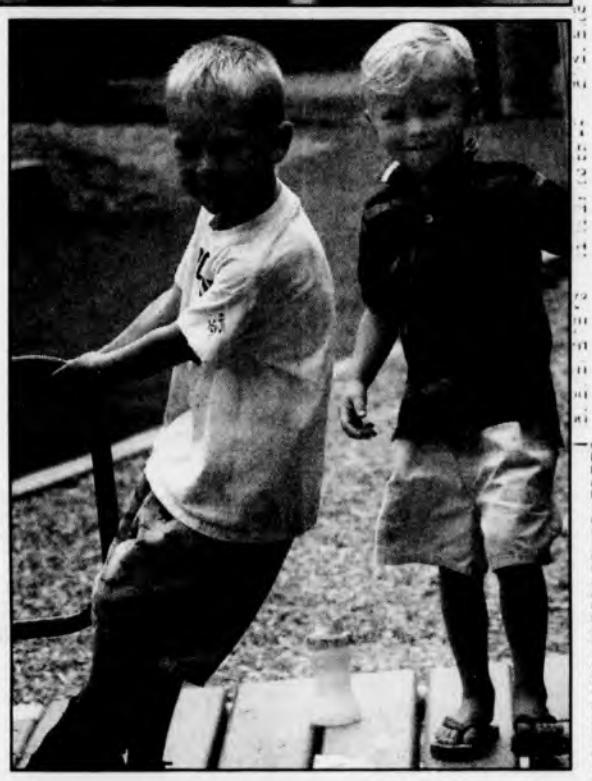
The South Shore Community Center will hold its annual yard sale on Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at the SSCC located at 3 Main St., Cohasset. The SSCC is seeking donations (no clothing please), which are tax deductible, for the yard sale with all proceeds going to support the center. Donators can drop off items at the SSCC from Sept. 8-12 between 9 a.m. and noon each day. For questions, contact the SSCC at 781-383-0088.

Chamber golf tourney

The first annual Tri-Chamber Golf Outing will take place on Thursday Sept. 25 at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. This event is sponsored by the Cohasset, Marshfield and Scituate Chambers of Commerce. The event is a nine-hole Florida scramble with a shotgun start at 4 p.m.. Golf will be followed by dinner at the Scituate Country Club. Golf, dinner and networking is $75per person (early bird fee of $65per person if registered by Friday, Sept. 5. Others may take part in the networking and dinner only for $25 per person. For more information or an entry form call 781-545-4000.

New playground is perfect!

Above: Anna Thomas, Sophie Swartwood and Regan Thomas test out the new slide on Saturday.



At right: Noel Hart and Scott Whelan play on the newly landscaped playground at the South Shore Community Center.

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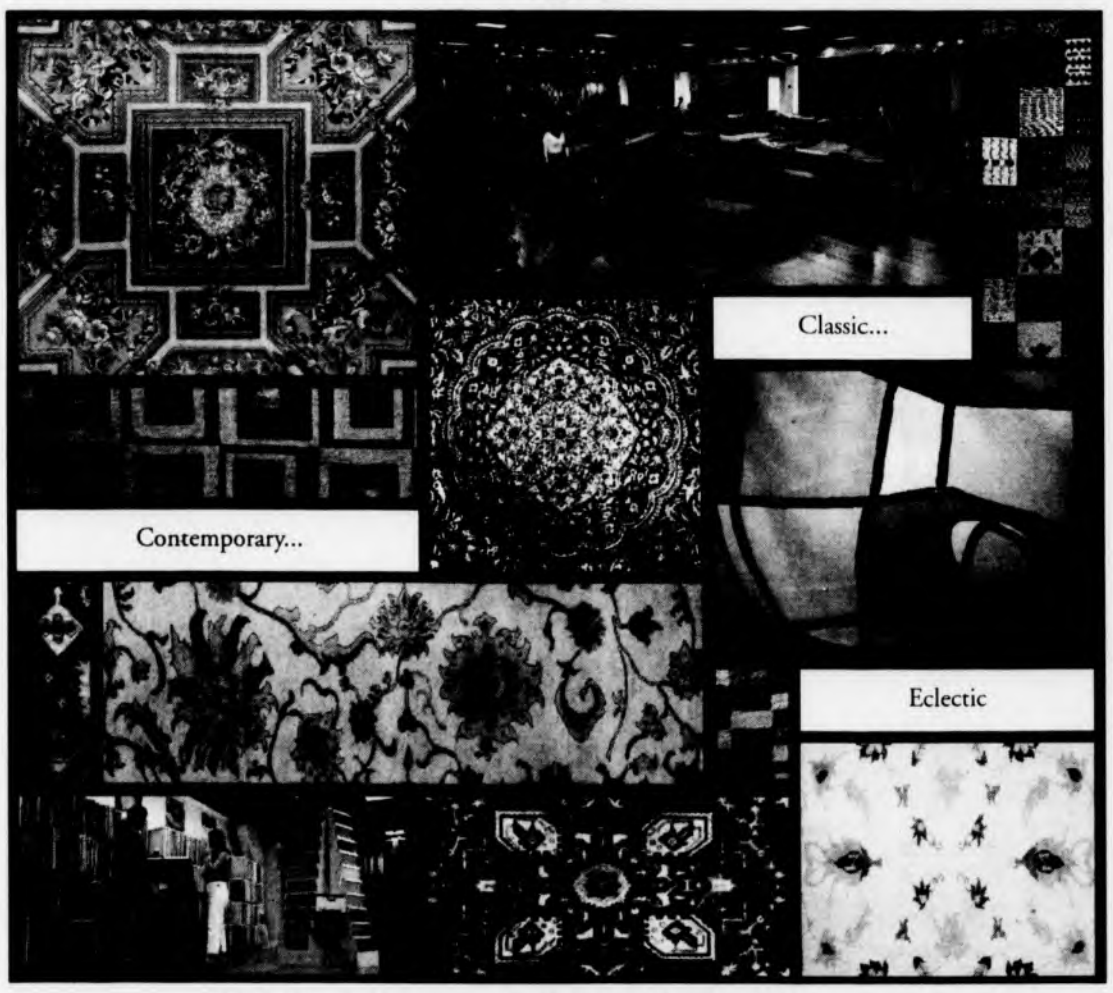

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A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday, September 15, 2003, at 7:30 P.M.,** to hear and act upon an application for a Special Permit pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **AnneMarie & Todd H. Whilton,** seek to construct addition at **207 North Main St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-08-26.

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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday, September 15, 2003, at 7:30 P.M.,** to hear and act upon an application for an Appeal pursuant to 12 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Ann P.B. Fitzgerald,** seeks to appeal the issuance of a Building Permit for **457 Jerusalem Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-08-14.

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ZBA/55 SOUTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday, September 15, 2003, at 7:30 P.M.,** to hear and act upon an application for an Appeal pursuant to 12 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **George K. Ronkounakis,** seeks to appeal Building Inspector denial for fence permit for **55 South Main St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-08-06.

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Singing cinema

Cabaret group brings 'At the Movies' to Raffael's

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

The tight four part harmony cabaret artists Will McMillan, Brian Patton, Michael Ricca and Nina Van

Such bring to their performances in the musical revue "At The Movies" — currently at Raffael's in North Quincy — is not an act.

"We have each been through a lot together in our personal and professional lives over the years, and getting together to rehearse and perform this show has bonded us as a group. We have grown to really love each other," McMillan explained by telephone last week.

The harmonious four-part friendship began in 1999 when McMillan, Ricca and Van Such met at that O'Neill Theater Center's Cabaret Symposium. That same year, the trio teamed with pianist, singer and musical arranger Brian Patton to create their first revue of music from feature films.

"The three of us really became friends at that symposium and we came away from it all pumped up to do more and make more music together," recalls McMillan. "Nina knew Brian as a wonderful pianist and arranger, so the four of us just hooked up. We decided to focus on film music, because of Michael whom we call our 'movie savant.' Both Nina and Michael have a genuine love for and encyclopedic knowledge of movies."

PHOTO/DAVID CARAS

Nina Vansuch, Brian Patton, Mickael Ricca and Will McMillan make up the vocal group "At the Movies" coming to Raffael's in Quincy.

From their first show's focus on films of the 1950s and 60s, the foursome then presented a show featuring movie from animated features including many Disney classics. Film music has proven to be fertile musical ground for the quartet. This spring, they earned an IRNE award for Best Cabaret Performance by a Group from the Independent Reviewers of New England. "The current show we're doing includes our favorite songs from the first two shows, plus some material featured on our debut CD, 'Reel One.' Some of the songs are beloved and very familiar like 'Dear Heart,' ('Dear Heart,' 1964), 'When You Wish Upon A Star,' ('Pinocchio,' 1940), 'It Might Be You,' ('Tootsie,' 1982), and 'Secret Love,' ('Calamity Jane,' 1953) and the theme from 'Valley of the Dolls,' (1967) which is a great Andre Previn song from a not so great movie. We also do some lesser-known songs that are really beautiful like 'That'll Do' from 'Babe: Pig In The City' (1998)." They each share insights into their subject matter, too.

"We tell some stories about the movies themselves and our experiences with them. Most people have their own wonderful wealth of association with this music and this really connects our audiences to the show."

It was just this kind of audience connection that McMillan was seeking when he switched professional gears from more hard-edged music to cabaret about a decade ago.

"In the late 1980s, I was in several rock bands. Eventually, I grew tired of having to wear ear plugs to protect my hearing. There was also way too much heavy equipment to carry around from gig to gig. When I left the rock world, I tried the folk music scene for about 18 months. Then, I

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Celebrating a decade of laughs

Comedy Night anniversary show supports Sept. 11 victims' families

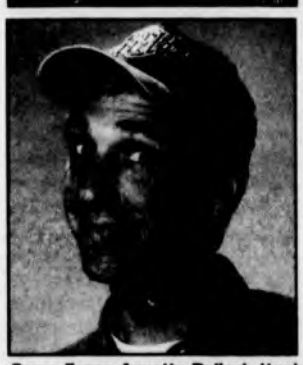
By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Two very different anniversaries — one celebratory, the other tragic. Both will be observed accordingly on Thursday, Sept. 11 at Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree. And one more thing, there's also sure to be lots of outrageous antics and laughs.

On the more festive note, it's the Ten Year Anniversary Show for Comedy Night Jimbo's South, the live standup comedy showcase that has run steadily at the Braintree Five Corners venue since for every third Thursday since September 1993. The series was founded by Braintree comedienne Annette Pollack, who has also performed a set or two at each one of the shows from the beginning, sharing the bills with an all-star lineup of locally and sometimes nationally known comedians.

On the far more serious note, the decade milestone celebration also falls on the two-year anniversary of the events that seem to have changed our world political climate permanently the terrorist attacks on America September 11, 2001. To commemorate the tragedy, Pollack has decided to donate a portion of the proceeds from this show to The September 11th Children's Fund. Appropriate to the occasion, the anniversary show/benefit will run for two hours instead of the usual hour-and-a-half that Comedy Night does at Jimbo's, and feature eight comedians including Pollack and star headliner Bob Seibel, plus a special guest emcee. Admission for the show will also be $15 rather than the usual $10.

The September 11th Children's Fund, located at the National Philanthropic Trust in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, was established to promote the long-term emotional, mental and physical health and well being of children and families affected by the 9/11 tragedy. The fund will support services to the surviving children of flight crew and passengers on the hijacked airplanes that crashed, plus those of clerical workers, secretaries, security and maintenance workers, police, firefighters and others who lost their lives at both at both the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.



Comedienne Annette Pollock (top) headlines the Ten Year Anniversary Show for Comedy Night at Jimbo's South which will also serve as a fundraiser for families of the victims of Sept. 11. Eight comedians will perform in the Sept. 11 show, including Bob Seibel (middle) and Bob Niles (bottom).

"When we started the comedy shows at Jimbo's, they were pretty small as things of this sort tend to be when they're starting out," said Pollack. "But over the years, the shows and the crowds have grown exponentially. Nowadays, we always get at least 75 to 125 people on any given Thursday, and a lot of them make reservations and have dinner first."

"I chose this September 11th Children's Fund because I like what they're giving the donations to. I think in the two years since 9/11, people have tended to overlook the mental and emotional trauma that has effected so many children and families of the victims of the tragedy, as opposed to the due attention given to the lives lost. But the issue of how these other people continue to be effected is an ongoing one. So I thought this Fund was appropriate for a benefit," Pollack added.

Pollack is also a CPA and a longtime standup comedy fan who first ventured into the profession herself after signing up for a comedy workshop at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education in 1991. In the ten years since the comedienne organized the first Jimbo's date, she has expanded her comedy-show enterprise to now include a half-dozen other regular venues around the South Shore.

Headliner Bob Seibel is a well-travelled funnyman whose particular skewed view of life falls somewhere between George Carlin and Bobcat Goldthwaite. He's a veteran of such renown clubs as New York's Laugh Factory and L.A.'s Comedy Store as well as opening for performers like Frankie Valli and the Pointer Sisters.

Also on the bill this Thursday are local comics Vernon Harrison, Bob Niles, Jack Hurney, Joe Kringdon, Glen Gordon and Bill Ford with guest emcee Harrison Stebbins.

"We've almost become an institution on the South Shore," said Pollack.

The Ten Year Anniversary for Comedy Night Jimbo's South takes placeThursday, Sept. 11. For reservations call Jimbo's in Braintree at (781) 848-0300.

(Above) "January Thaw," (below) "Harvest Waltz," and (bottom left) "Hydrangeas" are among the many works Jody Regan is showing through Sept. 13 at Marshfield's Ventress Library.

Making the most of magic moments

Marshfield artist shows work at Ventress Library

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

For some artists, it all comes down to the right subject at the right moment, getting a feeling for the place and time and the excitement of being there.

Such is the case for Marshfield painter Jody Regan, who attempts to convey this muse in her aptly titled exhibition, "This Magic Moment," a collection of original oil works, on view at Marshfield's Ventress Library through Sept. 13. It's also the first solo show for Regan, a member of Marshfield's North River Arts Society.

Regan's show offers an impressive output of works produced by the artist over the past three years, which she said has been the time since she began her most serious efforts at painting. Raised in Canton, Regan took additional arts courses as a mathematics major at Boston College, then worked for 23 years as a software engineer, first in Washington D.C. and then after moving back to the Boston area some 15 years ago.

The artist's works by her own design cover a wide and diverse variety of subjects in formats including landscapes, still lifes and figure studies.

If the title of Regan's show has a familiar ring, the artist admits that when choosing the name she thought about the like-titled song standard that is now a staple of oldies-radio. But she also offers this anecdote of the actual concept behind the title.

"A few years ago, when I was at the opening of a North River

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Food & dining

An old-fashioned tapioca pudding

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

The problem with most old-fashioned recipes for tapioca pudding is pearl tapioca. Made from the tapioca plant, which is grown throughout much of the world, pearl tapioca is nothing more than tapioca starch that has been heated into pearls. These large orbs, however, are difficult to cook with since they require extensive soaking (an hour and a half) and cooking (30 minutes). In addition, the resulting tapioca tends to be coarse, the large "fish-eye" pieces familiar to any adult over the age of 40. I made three different recipes from a variety of older cookbooks and none was satisfactory and all were rather complicated.

Still searching for a simple, more refined dessert, I looked on the back of the Minute Tapioca box and found a recipe that was much quicker to make and the smaller bits of tapioca made a more refined dessert. (Minute Tapioca is also made from tapioca starch but it is partially gelatinized and then pressed into tiny pellets. It requires no soaking, which speeds up cooking.) However, as is the case with many packaged food products, the manufacturers call for too much of their own product to stimulate consumption. As a result, the pudding was overly gelatinous. I reduced the tapioca from three tablespoons to two and the resulting pudding still set but was more tender. The basic recipe calls for milk only — no cream — and I thought it was a bit thin in both flavor and mouth feel. Therefore, I substituted one cup of cream for one of milk. I also slightly upped the amount of sugar and worked up a few simple variations. If, however, you like a less creamy dessert, go ahead and use all milk.

I also discovered that many of the old-fashioned recipes were really a tapioca cream, the pudding folded into whipped heavy cream. I tried this variation and found that the resulting dessert was not an improvement over the basic pudding.

CLASSIC TAPIOCA PUDDING

A blend of milk and heavy cream gives this dessert a silky texture.

1 egg
1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
2 tablespoons Minute Tapioca (do not use the pearl variety tapioca)
1 3/4 cups milk
1 cup heavy cream
1 teaspoon vanilla

Whisk the egg in a 2-quart saucepan until well beaten. Whisk in the remaining ingredients except the vanilla and let stand 5 minutes. Over medium heat and stirring constantly, cook the mixture until it reaches a full boil. The mix ture will still be thin. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Cool 20 minutes, stir, and then spoon into individual serving dishes or glasses. Chill before serving.

Serves 4 to 6

TAPIOCA PUDDING WITH ORANGE PEEL AND ALMONDS

There is an established tradition of adding fruits or other flavorings to tapioca pudding, the most common ingredients being almonds, raisins, citron, currant jelly, and sherry. This is a simpler approach, pairing only orange and almond. To make it, simply add 1 teaspoon minced or grated orange peel and 2 tablespoons finely chopped almonds to the master recipe when adding the vanilla.

TAPIOCA PUDDING WITH ROSE WATER, PISTACHIOS, AND CARDAMOM

Add 1/2 teaspoon rose water, 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom, and 2 tablespoons finely chopped pistachios to the master recipe when adding the vanilla.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Singing cinema

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found myself attracted to the intimacy of cabaret. At its best, cabaret has the capacity to enthrall its audience."

And its performers as well.

"We love paying homage to these songs. Brian has provided us with some gorgeous harmony arrangements, too. We have so much fun with this music that we spend almost all of our rehearsals just singing in harmony together. There is quite literally a good feeling that comes over each of us when we work together."

(JM Productions Dinner Theatre presents "At The Movies" at Raffael's, One Enterprise Drive, North Quincy, through Sept. 11. For tickets and information, call 617/328-1600 or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com.)

Making the most of magic moments

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Society show, which was a group show that I submitted paintings to, there was a husband of one of the artists who was of the opinion that every painting or work of art should make a statement," said Regan. "And he asked me what is your painting trying to say. That's when it occurred to me what it is I try to put across in my work. That's basically the Magic Moment, the idea of capturing the immediacy of what's in front of you, and for me personally, the feeling that I'm thrilled to be right where I am."

Regan added that when painting she'll notice details and objects that catch her interest. For instance, the figure study "Watching Monhegan" pictures two visitors relaxing on the beach outside the famous Maine island retreat seated in what the artist describes as "web-lawn chairs from 1965." Some of the paintings inter-relate, such as the rural-Maine bridge scene "Damariscotta from Newcastle," which the artist noted is also the road leading to the beach in "Watching Monhegan."

A number of other landscapes, such as "Peddock's View" and "Summer Skyline," are painted in Hull, which Regan describes as a stimulating place for an artist. Many other scenes are also based locally, such as snowscapes focusing on the play of shadows and light set in Marshfield, an elegant "Square Cafe" view in Hingham, and a foliage-rich scene of two figures engaged in a "Harvest Waltz," screening a brook for cranberries in Scituate.

"I like to experiment with color," said Regan. "And I like think ahead of time in regard to what colors are going to work best with any given subject, particularly with still lifes. My main interest is in exploring color harmonies, which I think when done right keeps paintings fresh."

Jody Regan's show "This Magic Moment" will be on display at Marshfield's Ventress Library through Sept. 13. For more information call the North River Arts Society at (781) 837-8091.

Late summer color for the shady border

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Green thumbs up

Crisp, refreshing weather ushered in last weekend offering a hint of the glorious days to come as the unofficial end to the summer season grows nigh. Following a week of oppressive heat and humidity, the brisk temperatures and cool breezes proved remarkably invigorating as the lethargy of days gone by were instantly shed and gardening chores were tackled with renewed enthusiasm. Nurseries were bustling with activity as gardeners browsed for bargains among sale-priced shrubbery and perennials while selecting a few early blooming mums, asters, ornamental peppers and sedums to rejuvenate dull colorless borders and weary container gardens.

A stroll through the shady garden in late summer can be an uninspiring journey, as many borders become a monotone of lackluster green. Handsome hostas begin to fade, their decorative leaves may start to shrivel, blue-leafed cultivars become deep green in color, and spent flower stalks, often covered with seed pods, rise above the tattered foliage. Many of my prized hostas are victims of a season-long "slugfest" as a result of our prolonged damp weather and resemble green, gold and variegated Swiss cheese.

Despite the decline in some of our shade-loving superstars, the shady garden still boasts several colorful, late-blooming performers. Dazzling displays of multicolored coleus provide bursts of color mingled among the hostas, ferns and astilbes. Luxuriant leaves in shades of velvety purple, speckled yellows and golds, sensational raspberry reds and oranges, and a wealth of texturally diverse foliage brighten even the darkest corners. Equally lush specimens are flourishing in containers along my walkways in both full sun and deep shade. In the days to come, cuttings will be taken of nearly every variety to root in perlite and carry through the colder months indoors to enjoy next season.

Equally flamboyant are the bold, showy spikes of our native cardinal flower (Lobelia cardinalis). Brilliant red spires glow against the backdrop of the cool green, gold and variegated clumps of hosta and the feathery leaves of cinnamon fern. Hummingbirds find these clusters of tubular red flowers irresistible and visit them regularly as they make their rounds through the gardens during the fall season prior to their departure to warmer climes in October. Several spectacular hybrids are available in numerous shades of red salmon, and pink. Lobelia 'Ruby Slippers' has been especially long-lived in my garden while others have often disappeared after a season or two.

In addition to the dramatic red forms, there are a variety of blue and purple lobelias that begin blooming slightly later than their scarlet relatives and seem to be particularly vigorous in my heavy clay soils. The great blue lobelia (Lobelia siphilitica) produces quantities of lavender-blue spikes that emerge from a basal rosette of attractive, shiny green leaves. Occasionally, white seedlings appear and I have often segregated these to create a stunning clump of snowy white spires that are particularly effective in the evening garden. If allowed to seed freely about the garden, blue lobelia will form large colonies and may even become a bit of nuisance depending on your perspective. A stunning deep violet purple variety, L. Vedrariensis, is particularly elegant. These cool-toned lobelias offer a handsome backdrop to the delicate blue-green foliage and persistent sulfur-yellow blooms of Corydalis lutea that has offered nonstop blooms since May.

Members of the lobelia family prefer moisture-retentive soils and are ideal candidates for growing next to ponds and streams which is where they tend to be found in the wild. They will tolerate sunny locales in moist soils but seem to perform their best in partial shade where moisture tends to be more consistent. Despite this preference for moisture, I have found heavy soils that are prone to winter wetness often lead to the basal rosettes heaving out of the ground during the winter months resulting in their demise. Moisture-retentive, well-drained soils in partial shade have proven to be the most reliable locale for their annual return in my own garden.

Several varieties of hosta offer late summer blooms that are both attractive and remarkably fragrant. Although many gardeners eliminate hosta bloom stalks as soon as they begin to develop, I find the flowers of many cultivars appealing and allow all types to bloom as they are favored by the hummingbirds throughout the season. I am particularly fond of those that produce white blossoms and none are more spectacular than those of H. plantaginea. Commonly known as the August lily, the nocturnal blooms of this glossy-leafed species may be up to 6 inches long and are deliciously fragrant. This species is often difficult to find and slow to increase but one of its offspring, Hosta 'Royal Standard' is readily available and one of the most vigorous hostas in the trade. Tolerant of full sun or full shade, numerous flower stalks produce bountiful, sweet-scented white blooms during late August and September. Other outstanding hosta cultivars that offer aromatic blooms and attractive foliage throughout the season include 'Fragrant Bouquet', 'Guacamole', 'Fragrant Blue', and 'Invincible'.

Astilbes are certainly one of the most texturally desirable additions to the shady border and a charming dwarf, Astilbe chinensis pumila, serves as an excellent ground cover for the front of the shady border. More drought-tolerant than many of its relatives, the ferny foliage forms a dense spreading mat and bears 1-foot rosy pink plumes in late summer. During the winter months, the fluffy, dried plumes add beauty to the dormant garden.

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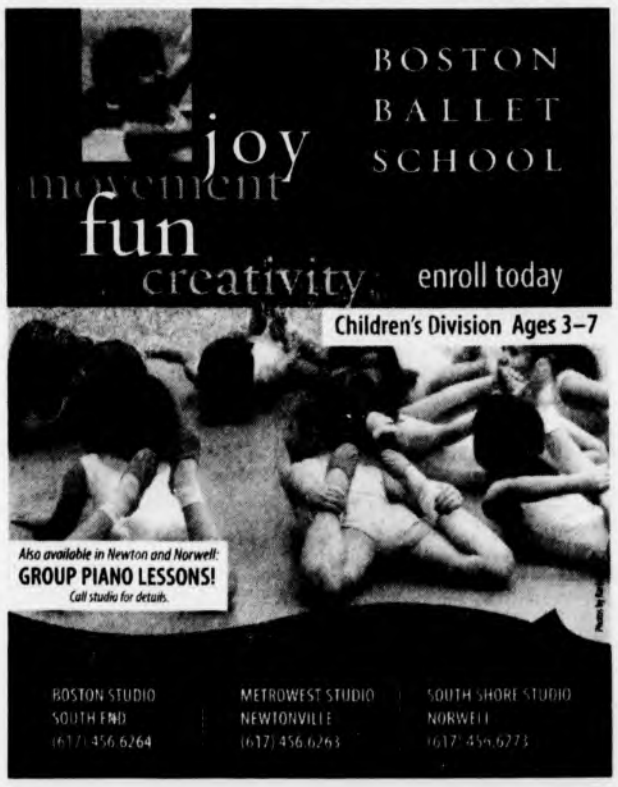

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CHERISH THE LADIES will be performing at The Company Theatre in Norwell, on Friday, Sept. 19. Showtime is 8 p.m. Though initially the group won recognition as the first and only all-women traditional Irish band, they soon established themselves as musicians and performers without peer and have won many thousands of listeners and fans of their music. Tickets priced at $28 are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. You can also get more information at www.companytheatre.com

THE 7TH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN for the Jimmy Fund is scheduled for Oct. 18, at Peggotty Beach. This family fun event which has raised $111,000 for the Jimmy Fund since its inception in 1996, has a new fall date and is expected to be bigger and better than ever. The event schedule is as follows: Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m., 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. and the 4 Mile Road Race at 10 a.m. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Peggotty Beach. A Kids Entertainment tent will include face painting, balloons and a clown. Pre-registration is available when a completed entry form and fee are sent to Esther Volpone Blacker, 35 Common Street, Scituate, MA 02066. Pre-registration fees are $18 for the 4 Mile or 2 Mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. Race day registration fees are $20 for the 4 Mile or 2 Mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. All event proceeds are donated to the Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. For further information call 781.545.4642 or email bblacker@comcast.net or see www.joshuasrun.com

9TH ANNUAL FOLK & FUR FEST 2003 Standish Humane Society's Benefit Walk for Animals Sept. 21 (rain or shine) Wompatuck State Park, Hingham.. Registration 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 781-834-4663 or visit www.standishhumanesociety.com for more information.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! comes to The Providence Performing Arts Center, Nov. 22; Tickets on Sale Monday, July 14, at 10 a.m. Beatlemania-LIVE!, the ultimate Beatles' tribute show, will be making its debut at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, — exactly 40 years after Beatlemania exploded in England. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37.50, $32.50 & $25.50. Tickets for this theatrical concert went on sale July 14, at 10 a.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center box-office (220 Weybosset St); by phone at 401-421-2787; and online at www.ppacri.org and www.ticketmaster.com.

FIFTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. For applications visit www.brittanylambertFoundation.org, your local gym or register on-line at Active.com For more information call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187.

HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, Oct. 7 to Nov. 1. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

Thurs. 4

Sea & Sky Art Show The Lifesaving Museum's Annual Sea & Sky Art Show will take place Sept. 4, through 30 at the Museum. This non-juried show of local art has attracted many artists over the years. All artists are invited to submit entries - watercolors, oils, acrylics, photography, ship models or sculpture. For more information, call Barbie Guild at the Museum 781-925-5433.

The Boston Harbor Hotel will provide **The Fifth Annual Blues Concert** series. The Blues Barge - a floating stage anchored behind the hotel at Rowes Wharf. The concert series will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 4, **Moe Jones Revue.** Call 617-439-7000 for more information..

Sea Studio Gallery in Tenants Harbor, Maine, will exhibit paintings by well-known artists **Mary Lizotte** of St. George, ME and Norwell, MA and Deborah Winship of Rockland, Maine, from Sept. 4 through 11. Titled "Maine and More," the show will feature original works painted in coastal Maine, Massachusetts, overseas, and along the New England coast from Cape Cod to Nova Scotia. Mary and Deborah share a common love of landscapes and florals and both paint with color, exuberance, and experimentation. Sea Studio Gallery is located on Route 131 in Tenants Harbor. For more information, call 207-594-5321

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

Fri. 5

The James Library and Center for the Arts presents **"Opening the Book"** a show of artist's books by **Bryson Dean** Sept. 5 to Oct. 1. An opening reception will be held Sept. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday and Sat. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

27th Corn Festival at the South Shore Natural Science Center Corn Festival Pie Contest Do people rave about your pies? Are yours the first to disappear at a holiday dinner? Enter the Corn Festival's Pie Contest and win bragging rights for your culinary skills! To enter, you'll need to bake two mini-pies (4" pie pans will be provided). One will be sold at the Kernel's Kitchenbake table at the on Saturday, Sep. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the other will be entered into the competition. Judging will be done by a panel of pie-loving judges, with ribbons awarded, and the overall winner receiving a prize. To enter, call 781-659-2559 for a registration form, or stop by the Center at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell to pick up your pie pans. Highlights of this year's festival include traditional craft demonstrations and vendors with handcrafted items for sale, children's crafts and games, musical performers Mixed Company and Chris Nordstrom, a mouthwatering lunch grilled up by the Outback Steakhouse, home baked goodies from the Kernel's Kitchen, our famous corn chowder, antique tractors and farm gadgets, johnnycake demonstrations, farm animals, hayrides and more! For a great family activity, enter our Scarecrow contest!

Thomas the Tank Engine returns to Carver, at Edaville USA, Sept. 5 to 7. **This is a real steam engine that has been converted into Thomas**. The lead release is below, and images are available for download at www.hitnewsonline.com <http://www.hitnewsonline.com>, The 35-minute train ride with Thomas the Tank Engine will depart every 55 minutes, rain or shine, between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. This event is expected to sell out, so advance purchase is recommended to ensure a choice of dates and times. Tickets for a **Day Out With Thomas** are $14 for ages one and up.

The South Shore Folk Music Club will start a year long celebration of their 25th anniversary season with a concert featuring the popular celtic band **Pendragon** on Friday, Sept. 5, at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, MA. Doors open at 7:30, and the concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, $12 for members and $14 for non-members. Refreshments will be available. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. For more information, call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org <http://www.ssfmc.org>.

Boston Harbor Hotel, Intrigue Terrace, presents its **Second Annual Movies by Moonlight** on the waterfront. Every Friday night until Sept. 5, starting at dusk. The movie series is free of charge. Sept. 5, **GiGi.** For more information, 617-439-7000 visit web site at www.bhh.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Nicole Nelson Band,** Sept. 5. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Michael Troy**, Sept. 5. For more information, call 781-545-9898

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay will hold **auditions** for holiday classic **Amahl & the Night Visitors.** Singers interested in principal roles should plan to audition on Friday evening, Sept. 5, at the Ellison Center. **Auditions** run from 6 to 10 p.m., and are prescheduled. To set up an audition time, singers must call 781-934-2731, ext. 20. Singers of all ages interested in choral opportunities may contact Artistic Director Beth MacLeod at 781-934-2731, ext. 20. No audition is necessary for chorus members. Performance dates are Saturday, Dec. 6, at 3 and 7 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium in Hingham, and on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. This traditional family presentation draws audiences from all over New England.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night." Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association sponsors a Kayaking Trip to Nova Scotia a "Sea Kayaker's Paradise" The NSRWA is sponsoring a one-week paddling adventure in Eastern Nova Scotia exploring the island archipelago off of Tangier, Nova Scotia, from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. The trip includes a several nights at a campground with full facilities as well as a night or two camping on offshore islands. Beginners are welcome, and will be provided with a day-long introduction to paddling in early September to help get ready for the trip. Contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or email nsrwa@nsrwa.org for more information, and to sign up for the informational meeting July 31. For more information contact

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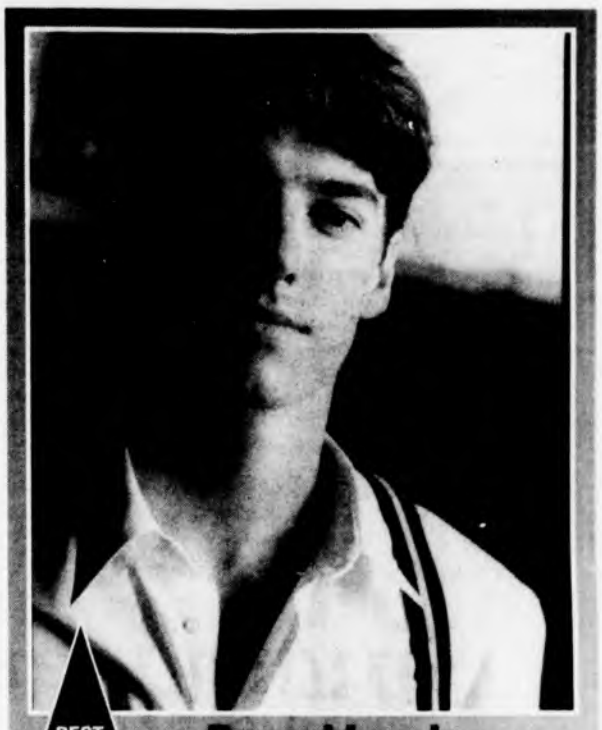

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Boag shines in "The Producers"

As Lead Tenor in the national tour of the smash hit musical "The Producers," Marshfield native John Boag has been playing to wildly enthusiastic audiences at Boston's Colonial Theatre since June. Boarding with his parents, John and Kay Boag, the performer has spent his days on the beach at Green Harbor and his nights on stage. With summer winding down, and theatergoers in other cities clamoring for the chance to see the musical that won more Tony Awards than any other before or since, local audiences have only a short time left to catch Boag front and center in the show's act two showstopper, "Springtime For Hitler."

Run don't walk to the box office, however, because before long Boag will be packing up his beach towel and Boston will be bidding farewell to one of the biggest hits in Broadway history. "The Producers - The New Mel Brooks Musical" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, through Sept. 13. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.broadwayinboston.com.

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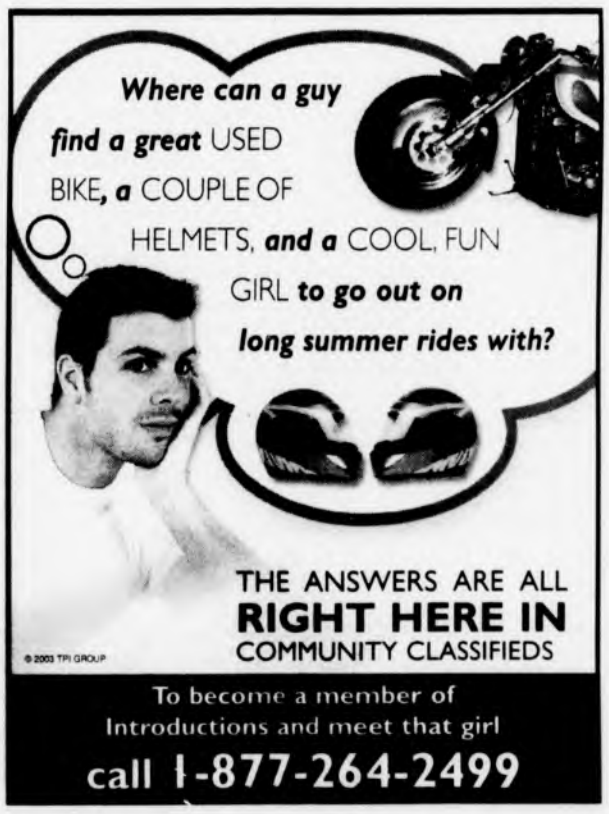

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The South Shore Natural Science Center presents "The North River Nine" paintings inspired by the North River Sept. 3-30 at the Vine Hall Gallery. A reception will be held Saturday, Sept. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. the South Shore Natural Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information call (781) 659-2559.

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Paula Christie at the North & South Rivers Watershed Association at 781-659-8168 or paula@nsrwa.org

Sat. 6

Friends of Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring a lighthouse lovers delight Sept. 6. A cruise to get up close to a number of lighthouses, including Boston Light, Minot' and many others. In Plymouth you will have 1 1/2 hours to enjoy lunch or explore the waterfront. Raffle and sales table on board. Profits sponsor the volunteer program on Boston Harbor Islands. Plymouth Lighthouse Expedition, Sept. 6. The cruise leaves Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf, Boston near Aquarium T stop at 9:30 a.m. returning at 5 p.m. Drinks and snacks are available on the boat.

Dessert Theater on Saturdays, Sept. 6, 13, and 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center on the corner of Court and Brewster Streets in downtown Plymouth, across from the Court House. Express Thyself Entertainment, A Repertory Theater Company, in cooperation with Beth Jacob, promises an entertaining evening with an Early Fall Series: A Night of One Acts. Tickets are $18 and include both a dessert and delightful. For reservations, call Director and Producer Russ Carthy at 508 833 1379 ext. 2. Of course, if you have any questions, feel free to call Express Thyself Director and Producer Russ Carthy at 508-833-1379 or to contact me by email at msmartianne@aol.com, by phone at work at 617-973-9772 ext 132 (wait for the Japanese message to end and you will hear English prompts) or by phone at home 508 224 3850.

Plymouth Memorial Hall will be celebrating its busy Fall 2003 Season with an **Open House on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** On that day only, everyone is invited to tour Plymouth Memorial Hall, enjoy refreshments, and receive a $3 discount on every ticket purchased for all concerts on the Plymouth Memorial Hall Fall 2003 concert season. Just some of the great shows available for open house discounts will be The Gin Blossoms (Sept. 12), Kathy Mattea (Sept. 19), The Bacon Brothers (Oct. 5), Three Dog Night (Oct. 18), Vicki Lawrence & Mama (Oct. 26), The Fifth Dimension (Nov. 8), Joan Jett (Nov 15), and Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood, stars of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?," and many others. For a complete schedule visit the PMH website at www.plymouthmemorialhall.com

The Boylston Schul-Verein, will host a gala two day **Oktoberfest** with good food, and fun on its spacious grounds located on Route 109 in Walpole, just minutes from Route 128, exit 16B on Sept. 6, from noon to 11 p.m. and Sept. 7 from noon to 6 p.m. Music will be supplied by the "Mississauga Express" a well-known German band from Canada. Donation $5 per person, children under 12 free. Wheelchair accessible. For additional information call 508-660-2018 or 781-431-6715.

King Richard's Faire, Route 58, South Carver. Enter the magical 16th century marketplace where the King himself will meet you at the gate. Entertainment included magicians, musicians, stilt walkers, bawdy wenches, dancers, juggles, fire eaters, puppeteers, swordsmen and soothsayers. Throughout the forest encounter his majesties merchants displaying their fine array of unique hand-made wares. Test your skills at various games, or enjoy human driven rides for children of all ages. Aug. 30 to Oct. 19 including Labor Day and Columbus Day, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adults $22, children 5 to 12 $11, under 5 free. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Steve Smith & The Nakeds**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 7

Touch-a-Truck Sept. 7, raindate Sept. 14. Parking Lot of Curtis Liquors, 486 Columbian St. Weymouth, 02189. $5. per child, $20 per family admission to all vehicles. All money raised will benefit the New England Wildlife Center. Participants include: Tow truck from Blue Hills Towing Ambulance from Fallon Ambulance Police Cruiser from Hingham Police Rolloff truck from Kradin Metal Helicopter from MA State Police Fire truck, Weymouth Fire Dept. Bobcat, Bryant Landscaping Dumptruck, Cimildoro Co. Cement Mixer, Graziano Concrete

2003 Ocean Safari Come discover the diversity of marine life found off the coast of Massachusetts on Sept. 7 during a full day adventure on board the Tails of the Sea, a 110' luxury whale watching vessel. Our proposed destinations include the waters of the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, the Peaked Hill Bar, and areas off Chatham. Join us as we search for whales, dolphins, porpoises, pelagic birds and marine species*. Expert commentary to be provided by biologists from the Plymouth Marine Mammal Research Center and the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Bring warm layers of clothing, binoculars, sunglasses, sunscreen, hats, cameras and lots of film. You may bring food, but please, no glass bottles or alcohol. The trip is limited to the first 100 registrants, thereby ensuring a comfortable ride and plenty of space for viewing opportunities. Tickets are $75 per person and must be purchased in advance. We will depart sharply at 8 a.m. from Town Wharf in Plymouth. Be at the Captain John and Son Ticket Booth by 7:30 a.m. For more information, regarding, contact Regina Silvia at 508.747.7891 (whales@pmmrc.org) or visit our website at http://www.pmmrc.org/.

The "Kids Open House" on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at **Plymouth Memorial Hall** kicks off a variety of programming at the Hall for kids. Upcoming programs include children's theater performed by the well-respected Kaleidoscope Productions of Rhode Island as well as the Nutcracker Suite featuring both professional and local dancers. The event is free and open to the public. Plymouth Memorial Hall is conveniently located at 83 Court St. (Rte. 3A). The Hall is handicap accessible and offers plenty of free parking both in front and behind the building. The festive Open House event will include complimentary refreshments, face painting, live performers and the chance to obtain first choice and discounts on tickets for Fall and Winter children's performances. The line up includes Sleeping Beauty (Sept. 28), Rumpelstiltskin (Oct. 19), Cinderella's Christmas (Dec. 14), Jack & the Beanstalk (Feb. 29) and Pinocchio (May 30). All shows start at 2 p.m. All seats are $8. First choice of seating locations and a $3 discount on each ticket will be available at Open House event.

Opera/Benefit OperaFest The Church of the Pilgrimage Town Square, Plymouth, 508-746-8008. Admission: $20. Reservations suggested. Sept. 7, 7 p.m. OperaFest, a troupe of young opera students from Boston's Longy School of Music under the direction of Donna Roll, presents an evening of opera and Broadway favorites. Admission: $20. Proceeds benefit the education and outreach programs of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra.

The A.L.S. Family Charitable Foundation, Inc. will host the 7th Annual "Cliff Walk" for ALS Fundraiser presented by Superior Rail & Iron Works, a seven-mile walkathon along the Cape Cod Canal to help raise money for the fight against Lou Gehrig's Disease on Sept. 7. For more information on the A.L.S. Family Charitable Foundation and the 7th Annual "Cliff Walk®" for A.L.S. Fundraiser visit www.alsfamily.org or call (508) 759-9696.

The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum will offer a special Sunday-brunch service and museum tour package. Visitors are invited to enjoy brunch between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Smith Crescent Room at the library and tour the museum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, and 19. $32 adults; $10 children age 12 and under (price includes tax and gratuities as well as admission to the Museum). Reservations strongly recommended by call ing 617-514-1693 or emailing special.events@nara.gov or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Scituate Animal Shelter Fundraiser - 10th Anniversary Celebration, Sept. 7, at Siros at the Clarion Nantasket Beach Hotel, Hull, from 2 to 5 p.m. Featuring Mike Saef, Siros Chef, The Krisanthi Pappas Combo, vocals, piano and bass, silent auction. Tickets $50 available at the shelter or by calling 781-545-8703. All proceeds go to the Scituate Animal Shelter, serving the towns of Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Norwell.

Sunday Cruises to Cuttyhunk Sundays, July through October, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org for a day-long excursion to Cuttyhunk. The cruise departs from either Fairhaven or Woods Hole at 9 a.m. and spend four hours on Cuttyhunk. Participants will have a choice of a short, medium, or long guided walk, with commentary. People may bring a picnic lunch or buy a lunch on Cuttyhunk. Fees for the program are $50 for adults,$45 for members, seniors, and $40 for children 16 and under. To register and for information, and directions, call 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org

The North River Arts Society presents **The Magic Moment**, original oil paintings by **Jody Regan** through Sept. 13, Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join gui-

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3

The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 8:34 a.m. A full moon is building up and will culminate next Wednesday, September 10. Get an early start to this day. You can get a lot accomplished in the morning and early afternoon. Make up a list of things to do and stick to it. The moon continues to travel in optimistic Sagittarius, and the sun forms a harmonious 60-degree alignment to Saturn at 2:48 p.m. There is one rough spot in effect between 5:55-8:55 p.m., when the moon and Pluto align. Keep it light and avoid touchy subjects in this period.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4

This is a great day for vacationing. If you are working, you must carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan. People may be talkative and easily distracted from practical matters. The Sagittarius moon aligns with retrograde Mercury at 7:23 a.m. and becomes inactive. You can make up for lost time after 5:51 p.m., when the moon enters business-oriented Capricorn and forms easy contacts to Uranus, Jupiter and Mars.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Challenging alignments of Venus to Pluto and the Capricorn moon to Saturn can make for a rough start to this day. Stop worrying about situations you have no control over. Instead, keep your hands and mind busy with practical matters. Zero in on responsibilities you have take on, promises you have made and follow through. Keep your nose to the grindstone; you can be most productive.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

The Capricorn moon aligns with Mercury at 8:43 a.m. and becomes inactive until 10:15 p.m. Roll up your sleeves and plan to get a lot accomplished. Tackle jobs you have been putting off; you can get them out of the way today. Finish projects already begun, make repairs, review and redo. The moon enters social Aquarius at 10:15 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

The combination of an Aquarius moon and Mars-Jupiter opposition prompts you to be more adventurous today. Break out of your usual routine; try something new and different. Put recent pressures on the back burner; let more fun and joy into your life.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

At 5:01 a.m. the Aquarius moon aligns with Pluto and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. After that no major planetary activity occurs. However, a full moon is building and will culminate Wednesday, generating high energy. You can be most productive if you carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan. This is an excellent period for tackling jobs that need to be redone or repaired.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

The moon enters Pisces at 4:07 a.m., and the final windup to the full moon begins. This moon aligns with Uranus, Mars and Jupiter, warning you to take it slow and easy this morning. Stress management is important. The planets Mercury and Pluto are in high focus at this time, because they interact with this full moon. Energy and emotions run high. Instead of trying to change others or control situations, this is a time to let go and find a new course of action for yourself.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The sun aligns with Pluto at 5:34 a.m. and with Mercury at 9:57 p.m. The full moon culminates at 12:36 p.m., 17 1/2 degrees Pisces-Virgo. This combination of planetary energies may shed new light on situations that have been troubling you. Be sure to take time out for yourself; to relax and maintain a peaceful, positive attitude. Avoid stimulants; eat light foods. Strive for greater spiritual vision.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

At 1:41 a.m. the Pisces moon becomes inactive, making for a slow start to this morning. Others may be moody, disagreeable. Don't make waves. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Pluto warns against signing contracts or launching business enterprises. On the other hand, you can achieve breakthroughs on an inner, spiritual level. Let go of past hurts and traumas; open your heart to new possibilities. At 12:09 p.m. an Aries moon takes over, prompting you to get back in the swing of favorite sports and exercise programs.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

A lunar alignment to Saturn may generate delays this morning. Allow extra time to get where you are going. People may be impatient, aggressive, argumentative. Keep a cool head. Fortunately, this planetary influence passes over by noon, and the afternoon and evening hold high potential for productivity. Projects that need repair, renovation get the green light. At 9:39 p.m. the Aries moon aligns with Pluto and becomes inactive.

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Mon. 8

'Little Angels' Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament, Sept. 8, at Pembroke Country Club. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start: Tee time 1:15 p.m. Scramble format. $115 per player early registration special by Aug. 15, $100 per player. Includes "Little Angels" custom golf shirt. Non-golfers welcome $35 dinner only. $20 "Little Angels" custom golf shirt if ordered by Aug. 15. Player fee includes gift bag, golf cart, greens fee, stuffed chicken breast dinner. Prizes awarded for hole in one, on the green closest to the pin, lowest foursome score. For information contact Paul McLaughlin, 781-982-8383. http://oak47.ecorp.net-golf.htm

South Shore Women's Business Network - Braintree Luncheon - Sept. 8, noon to 1:30 p.m. Hot Buffet Luncheon Jimbos Fish Shanty Braintree Five Corners, Braintree 781-848-0300 NOTE: The cost for Luncheon is Pre-registration $20 members, $35 nonmembers. At the door $25 members, $40 nonmembers.

Bukowski's, 1281 Cambridge St. in Cambridge, **German Beer Dinner** will be held Sept 8 with a beer reception from 6 to 7 p.m. and a specially prepared, German influenced, four-course meal by head chef, Josh Velazquez, starting at 7 p.m. Each course will be paired with a German style beer. Dane Bass (from B. United), Chef Velazquez and Jason and Todd Alström of BeerAdvocate.com will be on hand to answer any and all questions about the beer and food. Bukowski's at, (cash only; ATM inside) or from http://beeradvocate.com/events/buks/ to purchase your beer dinner reservations today. Reservations are required. 21 plus. Valid ID. Questions? Call 617-497-7077 and ask for Aaron. Tell him BeerAdvocate.com sent you.

The Friends of the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association (NVNA) will offer their next **Diabetes Support Group** on Monday, Sept. 8, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the South Shore Baptist Church, located at 578 Main St., Hingham. The guest speaker at the event, Dr. Thomas Vorderer of Boston Podiatry, will speak on the importance of "Foot Care." Attached is a press announcement for this program. web site at www.nvna.org or call 781-659-2342 ext. 602.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury. First rehearsal Sept. 8, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Braintree Art Association member **William Sawyer** will display his paintings for the month of September at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St, Braintree.

Weymouth Art Association member **Allan Chambers** will exhibit paintings for the month of September at the Tufts Library, 46 [illegible] St., Weymouth. For information [illegible] 337-4513.

Toastmasters Club - The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September to June, from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at The Fore River club (near the Fore River Bridge, St. Joseph's Church and Brigadoon's Restaurant) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. For more information, call Fred or Rosalind at 617-770-4303 or visit our web site at ww.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

The North River Arts Society presents **Fields and Farms** – an exhibit of original pastel paintings by **Liz-Haywood-Sullivan** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. The show runs through Oct. 11.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 9

South Shore Women's Business Network - Hingham Luncheon - Sept. 9, noon to 1:30 p.m. Family Style Luncheon (Rte 3 to exit 14 toward Hingham. Left on Rte. 53, Red Sauce is on your left bout ½ mile) NOTE: Luncheon is Pre-registration: $20 members, $35 nonmembers. At the door: $25 members, $40 nonmembers

Swim With A Special Child hopes to expand its pool of volunteers as the program plunges into its 32nd year of weekly swim classes for students with mental and/or physical disabilities. SWASC will hold orientation and training sessions for new and returning volunteers Sept. 9 and 16, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Massachusetts Hospital School in Canton. Free child care is provided for training and for weekly Tuesday classes beginning Sept. 23. Swimmers of all ability levels are needed to swim one-on-one with students age 3 to 22. No special skills are required, and a SWASC staff of class leaders and swim instructors works with each pair of swim buddies. Volunteers may swim for one, two or all three class sessions on Tuesdays from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. and "floaters" and "snowbirds" are also welcome to come when they can. SWASC also welcomes non-swimmers to help with equipment and cheerleading on the deck, to serve coffee and refreshments, and to assist with child care for volunteers, she said. For more information on SWASC, contact Mary Johnson at 617-472-0856 or June Doherty at 781-335-3785.

Weymouth Voice of the Faithful - There will be a Mass in honor of survivors of sexual abuse at the next Weymouth Voice of the Faithful, meeting to be held at St. Albert the Great Parish, 1130 Washington St., East Weymouth on Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. The Rev. Ron Coyne will be the celebrant. All are invited to attend. For additional information, call 781-337-8778.

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Wed. 10

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Joyce Wilson of the Poetry Porch is holding a poetry reading at the Scituate Public Library on Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. All poets invited to come and read an original poem, or a favorite poem by a published poet, to commemorate the tragedy of Sept. 11. Featured poet: Beverly Peterson. The public is also invited to come and listen. Sign up at the door or register ahead by telephone 781-545-0731 or email jpwilson@poetry-porch.com. Sponsored by the Poetry Porch, the poetry reading at Scituate Library is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 781-741-1405 and/or 781-545-0731.

The original oil paintings of **Armando Enriquez** will be on display during the month of August in the gallery of the Kingston Public Library. The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday 1 to 8 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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"At The Movies" musical review arrives at **Raffael's Restaurant** - Quincy, through Sept. 11. "At The Movies" musical revue arrives at Raffael's Restaurant in North Quincy, MA on Sept. *10 & **11. The musical revue will be presented for 6 performances only. All matinees will begin at 1 p.m. with lunch starting at noon sharp. The evening performances begin at 8 p.m. with the dinner starting at 6:30 sharp. Tickets are $35.00 for our matinees and $45.00 for the evening performances. The ticket price includes dinner, tax, gratuity & show. Groups of 20 or more may contact us for special group rates. For tickets or additional information call 617-328-1600 or visit us on the web at jmproductionspresents.com *= Matinee only **= matinee and evening performances.

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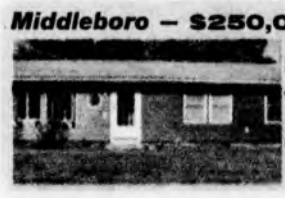
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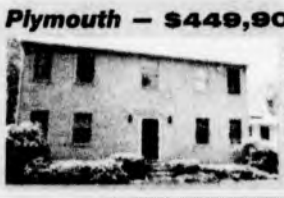
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Arthur Lehr keeps park looking good

Is familiar sight atop his tractor

By Samantha Brown
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A tall willow tree stands in the middle of the fields of Wheelwright Park. It is a tree that usually needs to live near water to thrive, but has done outstandingly well in the 10 years it has been growing in the field. It is a tree that was planted by Arthur Lehr, and perhaps Mother Nature is trying to thank him for all the years he has spent tending to the land of Cohasset.

On a sunny afternoon when the grass is high, Lehr can be found in a number of places, always atop his tractor. From the fields of Wheelwright Park up the trails to the Girl Scout cabin, there are many parcels of land that would be overgrown if it weren't for him.

"I enjoy driving the tractor," Lehr said, adding that he was more than happy to take over the job when the man who used to tend to the grass decided to give it up. In fact, 84-year-old Lehr said he's been cultivating the land for years.

"I've always had an undying love of tractors," he said.

Lehr lives next door to the North Main Street entrance to Wheelwright Park. Over the years, he has taken great pride in not only keeping the grass clipped, but controlling overgrowth as well. He points out a large area of neat, green grassy open space, which he said used to be overgrown and unruly until he took over. He has a garden where he grows small evergreen trees, mixed among his grape vines, which he replants in the park when they are big enough.

In fact, Lehr spends so much time at the park that, "People think I own the

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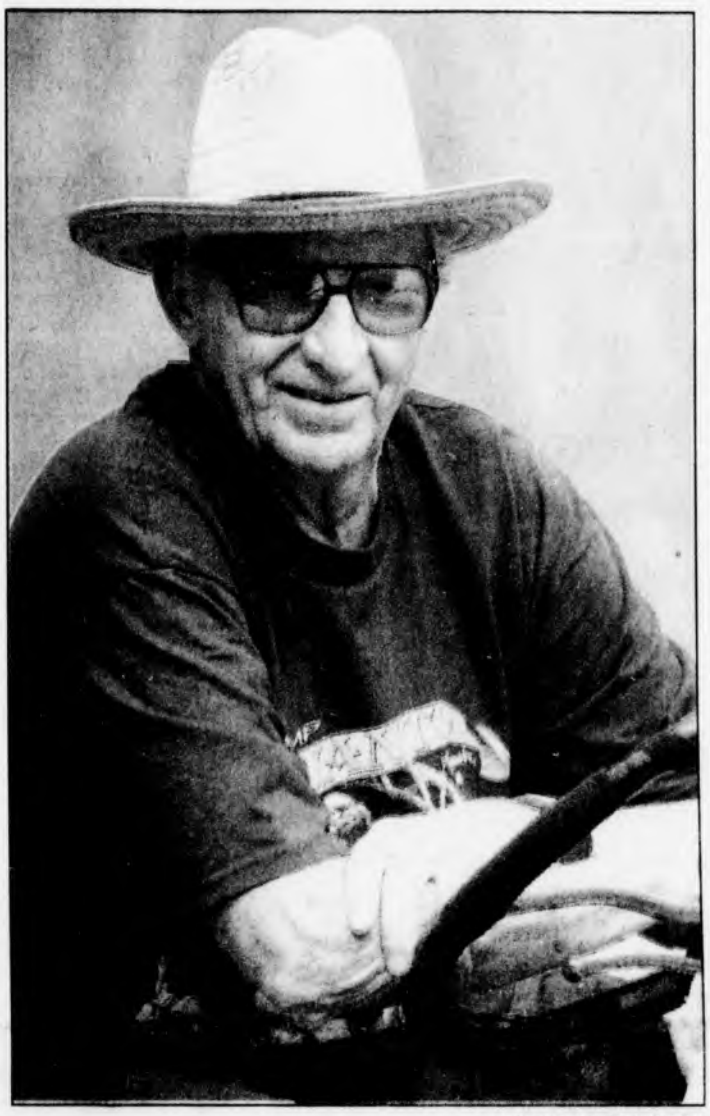

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Arthur Lehr takes a break atop his tractor while mowing Wheelwright Park.

Avalon hearing will wrap up on Monday

Economics is still on agenda

By Mary Ford
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Avalon opponents have until Monday to comment on financial projections of the proposed 200-unit apartment complex.

After considerable discussion, the Zoning Board of Appeals agreed with various individuals and town officials that there had not been sufficient time to review the project's financial data and promised to keep the comprehensive permit hearing open another week.

Selectmen, for example, received the financial report that was written by ZBA consultant Michael Jacobs on Monday morning and Chairman Ronnie McMorris said the board did not have time to fully absorb it before making Avalon comments to the ZBA that evening.

"The financial analysis has just been given to us," said Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, speaking for the Water Commission. "We need a chance to react to it — to test it the way it ought to be tested."

Although urging the ZBA close the yearlong hearing, Avalon attorney Steven Schwartz praised the ZBA for having been fair throughout the lengthy process and said Avalon would not object to another week.

What's at stake could be the number of units that Avalon could build and still have the project be financially feasible, although Avalon has not said it would agree to shrink the project.

Nathaniel Palmer of Little Harbor

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School board miffed over lunch menu edict

Committee questions role of health board

By Samantha Brown
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While the School Committee is all for healthier lunches for schoolchildren, it isn't pleased with the Board of Health's edicts in that regard.

"I'm all in favor of getting health food in there, but we don't need further complications, which includes other boards trying to usurp power over us," said School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo. "Do they have the jurisdiction to tell us this?"

With concern for obesity in young children, the Board of Health has asked the schools to provide a "junk" free day at least once a week, with no burgers, fries, pizza and pasta. The board asked only snacks low in fat and carbohydrates be put in vending machines, that ice cream be replaced with Popsicles or other frozen snacks which are low in fat and carbohydrates, and that only water and 100 percent juice drinks be available in the vending machines and in the food lines.

Supt. of Schools Edward Malvey said

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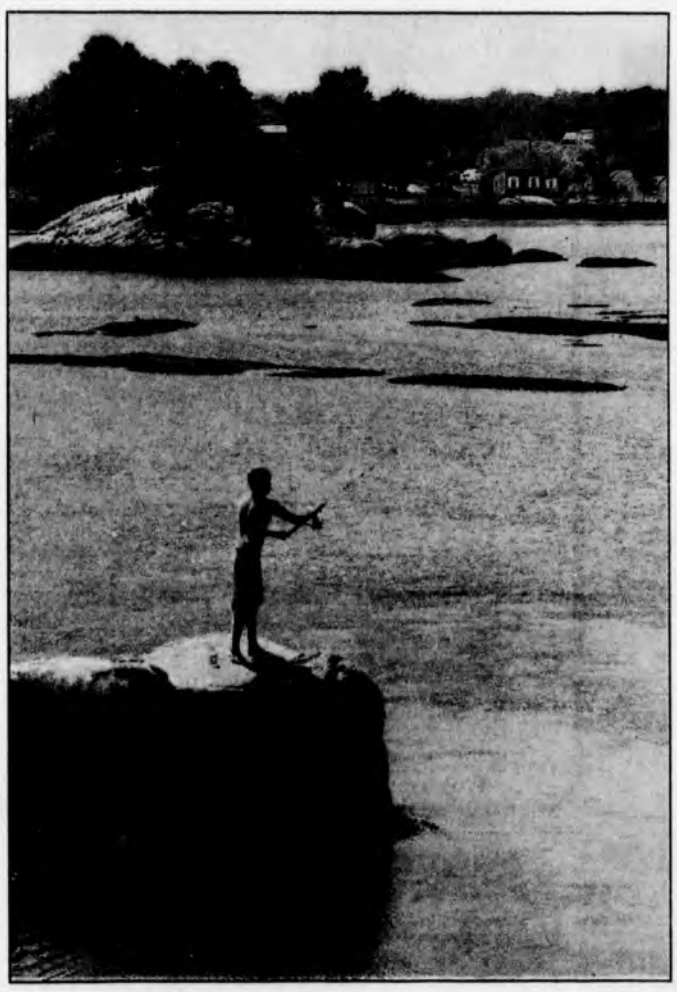

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Bill Strazzulla casts for stripers in Little Harbor.

Centralizing bus stops could get green light

Some kids on buses an hour

By Samantha Brown
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The Board of Health wants to see kids eat healthier and get more exercise – to the point where its directive on school lunches has ruffled the School Committee's feathers.

But when it comes to more exercise – the health board could be getting its wish, albeit in a serendipitous fashion.

Because bus runs for students are sometimes lasting almost an hour each way, talks of consolidating stops to help cut down on travel time are in the works.

School Transportation Coordinator Peggy Litchfield said current routes try to take into consideration long travel time. Usually children with the longest route in the morning have the shortest in the afternoon, she said.

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PAINTING THE TOWN

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JoAnne Chittick paints a village scene for the South Shore Art Center. Many local artists "painted the town" over the weekend. Their works will be on display at the art center for silent bidding through Saturday.

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Health, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.

Community Preservation Committee, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Sept. 11 and Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Growth & Development Committee, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Harbor Committee, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Sept. 16, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Sept. 18, 8 p.m., Water Treatment Plant, King Street.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

CPC to hold forum

On Monday Sept. 15at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall the Cohasset Community Preservation Committee will hold a public informational hearing to consider the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources.

All persons and entities desiring to express an opinion and/or suggestion on these topics are encouraged to attend the meeting. This meeting will be held pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 44B section 5(b)(1). Anyone having questions may call the committee Chairman, Stuart Ivimey, at 383-2604.

Petition is filed on Avalon site cleanup

The Water Commission and 10 Cohasset residents have filed a petition to require public oversight over the cleanup of the existing hazardous waste contamination on the site of the proposed Avalon housing development.

"There are potentially serious levels of contamination in the soil and groundwater at the site of the proposed Avalon 200 unit housing development, which is a state 21E 'Superfund' site," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "Since this site is in the watershed for Lily Pond, our public drinking water supply, the Water Commission wants to make sure that, whatever happens on this property, that the hazardous waste is properly cleaned up."

An environmental study of the site released Aug. 22 detected 108 parts per billion (ppb) of trichloroethylene, a toxic chemical, in groundwater on the site, very far above the drinking water standard of 5 ppb, he said.

"They have also found 142 ppb of tetrachloroethylene, also very far above the standard of 5 ppb, in the groundwater."

"We also want to make sure that before any construction starts on this site that all the contaminants have been removed and that the site is no longer a threat to future residents of the site or to our drinking water," McNabb said.

When the petition is filed with the current owner of the site, Westwood Properties, they are required to prepare a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for approval by the state and hold a public hearing. After a 21E site is designated a PIP site, the environmental review of the site and all cleanup activities are a fully public process and the town and the public have a right to review and comment on all stages of the review and cleanup, he said.

Town wants traffic light at train station

Cohasset is asking for help from legislators at the Statehouse to insure the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority installs a traffic light at Route 3A and the entrance to the train station.

The MBTA recently notified the town that its agreement to install the traffic signal was subject to the approval of the Massachusetts Highway Department since 3A is a state highway.

After reviewing preliminary design drawings, MassHighway said a traffic signal is not warranted at this location, said Joseph L. Eng, MBTA director of Greenbush construction.

"The Board of Selectmen and I are very concerned about this decision as Route 3A is an extremely busy roadway and vehicles entering and exiting the station during peak hours will be placed at risk with no traffic signal at this location," stated Town Manager Mark Haddad in letters to state Rep. Garrett Bradley and state Sen. Robert Hedlund.

"The Board of Selectmen and I would urge you to do everything in your power to work with MassHighway to ensure that this traffic signal is installed during the restoration of the Greenbush Line," Haddad stated.

Eng said the MBTA would install conduit under the roadway to facilitate the future installation of traffic signals if needed.

The train station is slated for the former Graham Waste site, which is now the temporary home of the Cohasset Fire Department during renovations at its Elm Street headquarters.

Haddad said he has scheduled a meeting with MBTA officials Wednesday at 11 a.m. to discuss the issue.

United Nations Day

The Board of Selectmen voted to declare Oct. 24 as United Nations Day. This year marks the UN's 58th anniversary. The United Nations Association of Greater Boston organizes a celebration at the Statehouse on Oct. 24 whose theme is "Global Communities: Building a Bridge to Literacy." The UN Day proclamation voted by Selectmen will be displayed at the Statehouse for the celebration.

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Village parking tickets can be irksome

By Mary Ford
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There are few things in life more unpopular than a parking ticket. And Cohasset is no exception.

So far this year, Cohasset police have issued a total of 1,277 parking tickets for violations ranging from parking too near a fire hydrant (19 violations) to illegal parking in a handicapped spot (49).

But it appears "over-time" tickets (80 violations since January) for parking too long in a village space are most likely to irk motorists, who may find a small piece of unfriendly paper notifying them of the infraction tucked under the windshield wiper.

Case in point are the circumstances surrounding a ticket detailed in a recent letter from a Red Lion Inn patron that was copied to Selectmen by the inn's owner, Gerd Ordelheide.

Judith Cellucci, 21 Bates Lane, complained the $25 parking ticket ruined an otherwise lovely evening at the Red Lion Inn. She also noted most of the village businesses were closed with the exception of Tedeschi's and therefore questioned why police would be ticketing at that time.

She also described the police officer as "being on a mission that night" and said the officer's attitude when confronted as "appalling and offensive."

The letter was powerful enough to warrant some discussion at last week's selectmen's meeting. The board directed Town Manager Mark Haddad to look into the matter.

"I tell officers to distance themselves from these situations because people get so emotional about it."

— Police Chief Robert Jackson

Police Chief Robert Jackson said anyone with a complaint about an officer's attitude should contact him.

"I would certainly like to hear about it," he said.

Jackson explained on the night of Aug. 9, when Cellucci's car was ticketed, the department received a complaint from Tedeschi's that customers could not find a parking space because vehicles were parked in front of the convenience store for longer than the 15-minute limit. The ticket in question was written at 8:45 p.m., after the officer had noted the plates of the vehicle 45 minutes earlier in the same spot.

"Eight tickets were given out as a result of that call," Jackson said.

He said once an officer starts writing a ticket, it is considered written, so parking violators should not try to talk the officer out of the infraction. Officers are advised to inform motorists where they can appeal a ticket and to keep conversation to a minimum, Jackson said. (Tickets can be appealed at the Selectmen's office).

"I tell officers to distance themselves from these situations because people get so emotional about it," he said.

In April, a Scituate resident sent a letter to the editor also complaining about receiving a parking ticket in the village after an afternoon of shopping and lunch. She said in the future she would take her guests to Scituate or Duxbury — towns she considers "much more hospitable to visitors."

Jackson described the parking situation downtown as a "difficult balancing act."

"We need to balance access to parking for the businesses with the public's need to access parking spaces, which are limited down there," he said.

Although the village gets its share of tickets, the most parking violations by far occur at Sandy Beach, where beach stickers are required. So far this year, police have issued 471 tickets at Sandy Beach for $11,100 in fines. That's nearly double the number of tickets police issued at Sandy Beach during the same time last year. Police stepped up patrols this year due to complaints about non-residents parking at the beach.

Red Lion Inn to get liquor warning

By Samantha Brown
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Employees at the Red Lion Inn will have to begin monitoring alcohol served to patrons more closely, or owner Gerd Ordelheide may find himself with more than just a slap on the wrist.

Selectmen voted Tuesday night to issue a formal letter or warning, reminding the owner and employees of their duty to comply with licensing conditions and the provisions of state liquor laws.

The issue was brought to the attention of Selectmen when Police Chief Robert Jackson sent a letter and police records of all documented disturbances at the Red Lion Inn since 1996.

Jackson's letter stated, "During the summer, this department has documented disturbances, intoxicated patrons being served alcohol, parking complaints, public drinking, noise complaints, and alcohol related medical emergencies at the Red Lion Inn."

"The Chief is recommending a letter of warning, which I think is appropriate as a first step," said Town Manager Mark Haddad, adding if more disturbances continue on at the rate they have, a hearing would be the logical next step.

"If a hearing has to be called, we'll have a full blown liquor license hearing," he said.

In a narrative written by Sgt. William Quigley on Saturday Aug. 30, 2003 he reported "public drinking, assault and battery, serving intoxicated patrons, and parking are ongoing problems which the management has failed to address after several warnings." That night, he witnessed a parked vehicle blocking access for emergency vehicles, and five males drinking beverages in public, which they bought at the Red Lion Inn bar. The fire department was also called to the scene when they were advised lit "tiki" torches had been placed along the perimeter of the establishment. Upon inspection, Capt. Runey found the torches had caused a small mulch fire near the building, which was extinguished by the engine company. Quigley requested at the end of his narrative "the Red Lion Inn be notified in writing that they are mandated to call the police if there is a problem/disturbance at the licensed premises."

On July 11, 2003, Ptl. Shellee Peters responded to a call of a reported fight in the Town Parking Lot, which had started in the Red Lion Inn bar and ended up in the parking lot. When Peters approached the men in the parking lot, she observed no cuts or bruises, and their clothing was not torn. She said if they had been fighting, they had stopped by the time she arrived. However, the older of the two men had urinated on himself and was not able to stand on his own, and was then transported to South Shore Hospital. The other man was taken home by Peters.

Peters said her narrative was to document the Red Lion Inn had served both the men "into extreme intoxication." "Both individuals were too drunk to place into protective custody. It was my fear that one or the other would fall in the cell and severely hurt themselves or they would drown in their own vomit."

On Wednesday Feb. 26, 2003, officers were called to the Red Lion Inn in response to a reported fight. Upon arrival, Sgt. Quigley said he found broken glass on the floor and an overturned table. He also observed two men, one of whom was being restrained by a security guard and the other had blood on his shirt. Upon questioning one of the men, Quigley found he was too intoxicated to speak in full sentences. The manager was advised to closely monitor the sobriety of his patrons.

Ordelheide was not available for comment by press time.

Middle-high school vandals are being sought

By Samantha Brown
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While the first day of school was deemed a huge success by principals at all three schools, what happened at the middle-high school the night before has caused much dismay for members of the Cohasset School Department.

At 12:10 a.m. early last Wednesday morning, just hours before school was to start, police received a call from what they assume was a neighbor, who said two young males had used a step ladder to get up onto the roof of the school at the back by the loading dock.

Two security cameras were ripped out of their mounting on the exterior of the school, as well as six pine shrubs, which had just been planted as part of the new landscaping outside the school. The shrubs and cameras were recovered, but Police Chief Robert Jackson said he estimates "several thousand dollars worth of damage," was done.

"This is really a slap in all of our faces," said Supt. Edward Malvey, adding that this kind of incident is not typical in Cohasset.

Jackson said by the time officers arrived on the scene, the vandals were already gone. It does not look as if anyone entered the building. Jackson said he is waiting for fingerprint results that will hopefully help catch the people responsible.

Because the cameras are used strictly for surveillance by someone inside the school, they did not record the incident. They were purchased last year as a precautionary measure, to allow continual monitoring of the outside of the building.

"It would have been nice to have had a recording," Jackson said.

He also hopes the person who made the call, who he assumes is a neighbor to the school, will get in touch with police again, because the name left at the station was not recognizable as anyone in town, and the police have been unable to follow up.

Jackson said from time to time, incidents like this happen, but "It is not terribly common." Also, because the school is newly renovated, incidents like this are "more of a sticking point."

"It was a shock to see that happen," Malvey said, adding that he doesn't think Cohasset students are to blame for the incident.

Jackson said the incident is "actively under investigation by the department."

"I'm hoping we'll find who did it and take them to court," he said.

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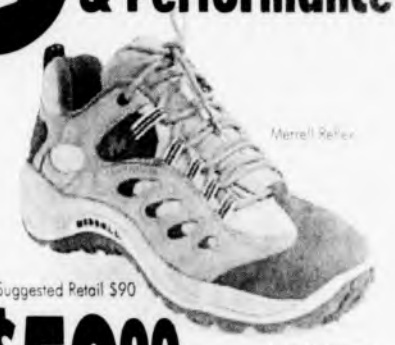

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Centralizing bus stops could get green light

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Because buses sometimes make one stop, then another only two or three bus lengths away, the School Committee began discussing consolidating bus stops to have more children at central areas. Less stops could mean less time on the bus.

School Committee Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts thinks centralizing stops is a great idea, because children walking a little more will fit perfectly with the campaign the Board of Health has been working on to promote the health benefits of walking.

"Kids don't get enough exercise," she said.

Litchfield said students — some of whom only live three miles from school — have been good natured about the lengthy commute..

"I can't say enough about them. I don't think we gave out one behavior strip last year," she said.

But those walking farther to bus stops aren't the only students that could get more exercise.

Due to more students at Osgood than expected, children in grades 1-3 who live on Fair Oaks Lane and parts of Sohier Street are returning to "walker" status. Each bus can carry 71 students maximum, and the routes in those areas were almost completely full before the kindergarten students started last Friday.

"It's the law," said Litchfield, who added that for safety's sake, a change had to be made immediately.

Kindergarten students will continue to be picked up by the school bus.

Children on those streets had been picked up due to construction at Deer Hill School, which has been completed, making it safe for children to walk again. The work involved truck traffic along the roadway and vehicles entering and exiting the school area.

"This is how it goes in a district this size," Litchfield said.

No final decisions on bus stop changes have been made and the matter is still being considered. In the meantime, any problems with bus routes should be directed to the principal of the school to which a child attends, the School Committee said.

School is off to a great start

Principals from all three Cohasset schools said school began last week on a very good note. While minor kinks will need to worked out, the general consensus is, everything will fall into place as the school year proceeds.

Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan said she heard one second grader say, as he headed for the buses, "This was the best day of my life!" She also said that on the first day, teachers held up signs to organize students outside before heading to their classrooms, and with the rain on the second day, children proceeded right to their classrooms as if it had been an ordinary day in October.

New Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley reported the same success, and said "It couldn't have gone better." However, for his school as well as Osgood, the lack of activity aides has caused a bit of a challenge, to which he has a short-term solution. Reaching into his inside jacket pocket, he said, "I'm permanently carrying my own whistle to help out with cafeteria and recess duties." [Activity aides were cut due to budget constraints.]

Principal Mike Jones said the first day at the middle-high school also went smoothly. "A lot could have gone wrong, but nothing did," he said. The only minor issue was morning traffic when parents dropped off their children. Jones thinks the problem will iron itself out over time. He suggested parents try dropping students off closer to 7:05 rather than 7:15 a.m. to alleviate some of the gridlock.

Overall, Jones said, "We're looking forward to the rest of the year."

School board miffed over lunch menu edict

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the Board of Health may be overstepping its authority.

"They can control vending machines in town," Malvey said, adding he doesn't have clarification regarding any other changes the health board can make.

The new "in-house" food service program is offering much healthier food choices than have been available in the past. Lunch program manager Robert Levy, who is the former Chartwells manager and now works for the town, said many of the suggested changes have already been made, including switching to frozen yogurt and ice pops, offering only water and 100 percent juice, and the overhaul of snacks in vending machines.

"We're moving forward, way more than everyone else in the state," he said.

Levy told the School Committee at its meeting last Thursday, healthier options haven't affected sales and the overhaul is helping the mission of the Board of Health to promote healthy eating for the students in the community.

"We haven't had a hitch and the numbers are up over last year already," he said.

However, the school year only started last Wednesday.

Members of the School Committee — while in favor of offering more healthy choices for students — are concerned

"Do they have the jurisdiction to tell us this?"

— Mark DeGiacomo, School Committee

about the Board of Health's suggestion to provide a "junk" free day, and think such changes could affect revenue. They also questioned whether the Board of Health even has the authority to request the schools make the changes.

"I'm not saying we need to balance the budget on fried foods," DeGiacomo said, but added, "We have to break even."

School Committee member Pat Martin agreed, and said with fewer choices, some students might opt to bring their lunch, cutting into lunch program revenue.

"Options are great, but to constrict it to one day when people don't have choices, I think it's not going to be effective," she said. "Is it going to change behavior, or if I can't have pasta on Friday, am I just going to bring a peanut butter and fluff from home?"

However, Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts said members should "keep an open mind," because the program could be helpful in getting students to eat better, but School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said children shouldn't have it forced on them

"Sometimes you feel like eating healthy, sometimes you don't," he said.

Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said the "healthier food choices" directive applies to the three schools, with particular emphasis on the middle-high school where students are offered a lot more options. Obesity in young children is one of the biggest issues in the country, and he said it is a problem that needs to be addressed.

"We wanted to start something," he said about the "junk" free day, which will be the first in a series of initiatives by the board to help children get in the habit of making healthy food choices.

Because of the change in management of the school's food services, the Board of Health thinks this is a perfect time to step in because the menu will no longer be restricted by the company. Malvey did not renew Chartwells Educational Dining Services' contract this year because of a deficit in the lunch program. The company had served Cohasset schools for 15 years.

Godzik said the board does have the jurisdiction to direct the schools in their food program, and that "We have the ability to write regulations," including "Virtually anything pertaining to public health." However, he said the health department would rather work in a cooperative manner.

Godzik said the board is currently working to put together a School Nutrition Advisory Committee to come up with a set of certain healthy food standards. The committee will narrow down, "What sort of carbohydrates, what sorts of fats, what sorts of this and that and the other thing," make up a healthy meal, he said.

This week, letters are being sent out, asking for participation in the new committee. Godzik said prospective members include Health Education Coordinator Mike Gill, Chairman of the Board of Health Steve Bobo, Board of Health member Peggy Chapman, who is also a nurse with children in the school system, Jacky Fitts, who has children in the school system, two nutritionists, Jane Lanzilotti, and Paula Pozniac, as well as Levy and Tebbetts.

Godzik said he expects positive responses from all who will receive the letters and hopes to have their first meeting Friday, Sept. 12.

However, even with the Board of Health pushing forward, DeGiacomo said the new initiatives are too much too soon.

"It's a huge burden to try to do it now," he said. "Thanks for your input, but Rome wasn't built in a day."

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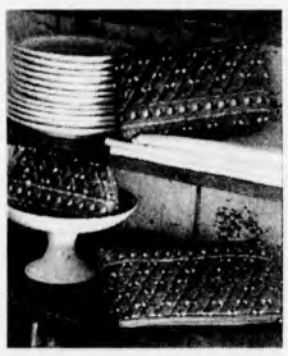

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Avalon wants first dibs over Cedarmere on sewer

Says town is being unfair

By Mary Ford
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AvalonBay isn't going to sit back and let Cedarmere budge it out of line for a potential sewer hookup.

It is unlikely there would be sewer capacity for either the proposed 200-unit Avalon project off Route 3A or the proposed 105-unit Cedarmere, a 55-plus senior condominium complex slated for the former Hayes Estate off Beechwood Street.

But Avalon officials say — if there is — then the Avalon project has prior rights to that capacity.

The debate and potential legal wrangle may be opening up a new era in sewer issues which have plagued the town for more than a generation. Cohasset is under a court order to fix its wastewater woes which, for the most part, have involved sewering homes with failed septic systems that were polluting local waterways.

Since the sewer treatment plant was upgraded and the Central Sewer District expanded in the late 1990s – most of those angling for additional hookups were existing homes in desperate straits. Town meetings subsequently voted to extend service to the Lily Pond area and Mendel Road.

Now two, huge multi-million dollar developments are seeking sewer connections. And the sewer stakes couldn't be higher.

In an effort to clarify the issue, Sewer Commission Chairman Ray Kasperowicz wrote to the ZBA Sept 8 stating any additional capacity that can be developed through expansion of the Waste Water Treatment Plant is designated for Little Harbor. That area was named a priority area in the state Department of Environmental Protection's legal action against the town.

Avalon got that message about lack of capacity early on — but Cedarmere's interest in the town sewer, has caught Avalon's eye. Avalon's ability to move forward with the project may hinge on whether its on-site treatment system can pass environmental muster.

Avalon's first preference was to tie into the municipal sewer. But the developer was sent packing, so to speak, early in the hearing process and has "pursued, at great cost and expense, other means of providing sewer for its project, culminating in an on-site sewage discharge plant and a groundwater discharge permit," stated Avalon attorney Steven Schwartz in a Sept. 4, 2003 letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Avalon on-site treatment system has been deemed woefully inadequate by the Water Commission, which has urged the ZBA to deny issuing Avalon a comprehensive permit. Avalon has filed for a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law that allows it to skirt local zoning regulations in exchange for providing some affordable housing.

Cedarmere developers have filed under the town's new Senior Overlay District that allows higher density in exchange for senior housing that would include some affordable units. In their reading of a draft of the town's Master Plan, senior housing would take priority for sewer capacity.

Schwartz said Avalon reserves its right to amend its comprehensive permit application to seek a municipal sewer connection.

"We would also like to highlight the preferential treatment that the developers of the Cedarmere project have received at the hands of the Planning Board, especially with regard to sewerage, when compared to the treatment of the Avalon project by the Planning Board, Water Commission and other opponents," Schwartz wrote.

Although required to present sufficient information including soil evaluation and percolation test data under the Senior Overlay District bylaw, the Planning Board granted preliminary approval of the Cedarmere project without that information, Schwartz pointed out.

"Planning Board members, including those who have appeared at Avalon ZBA hearings in opposition to this (Avalon) project, have spoken glowingly of the Cedarmere proposal, not withstanding the failure of that project to address the most fundamental sewer questions," he stated.

Schwartz said the different treatment of the two projects is clear. The Avalon project, therefore, cannot be denied or unreasonably conditioned based on sewer issues because those requirements have not been applied equally to subsidized and non-subsidized housing.

"We urge the Zoning Board of use the sense of fairness that the members have displayed to far in this process, and to approve the Avalon project without the imposition of unreasonable conditions that are not being imposed on other developments in town," Schwartz wrote.

Cedarmere developer David Calhoun said Monday, the project is still seeking to connect to the town's sewer system.

Avalon hearing will wrap up on Monday

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Road, a vocal opponent, said the density of the project — which is the biggest housing development in Cohasset history — is his "single greatest concern" because of the impact on schools and town services.

"Is there a magic number?" asked ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick.

"I want zero, they want 200," Palmer said, adding the magic number can't be determined without first determining how much money Avalon stands to make from the project.

If the ZBA decides to grant Avalon a comprehensive permit, it can add conditions. But if those conditions affect the financial feasibility of the project, Avalon can appeal to the state.

To that end, Jacobs — who made it clear the purpose of the financial review was not to whittle down the project to some profit level — said it is important the ZBA understands how conditions that address valid health, safety and other concerns could impact the project's economics. Jacobs said the project couldn't exceed the 10 percent profitability threshold set by the Massachusetts Housing and Finance Agency.

This past Monday's hearing was another in a continuing series of three-hour-long marathon sessions that have become a common occurrence for the ZBA and Avalon. Town officials, engineers, lawyers, consultants, Avalon officials and town residents jammed into the musty downstairs meeting room and struggled to stay focused as the ZBA continued to wade through all the complexities and listen to comments from both sides.

Michael Westcott, 2 River Road, an Avalon critic, questioned whether Avalon, at $6.2 million, is intentionally paying an inflated price for the land to increase the cost of the project.

Jacobs explained that Mass Housing would appraise the property and if it found the price was too high, it wouldn't allow the loan to be used to finance the overage.

Scott Dale of Avalon took umbrage at the discussion.

"That's fraud," he said about allegations the land is overvalued. "We wouldn't do that — we have provided the board with an accurate purchase and sale agreement."

Dale said Avalon would have "loved to pay less" but the deal was negotiated three years ago when the economy was better.

While Schwartz of Avalon said the question on closing the hearing should hinge on whether the ZBA has all the information it needs — DeRensis said it wouldn't do any harm keeping the hearing open another week.

"Maybe something valuable will come of it," he said.

Chittick said the hearing would resume at 7 p.m. Monday and close at 7:30 p.m., when the ZBA is scheduled to conduct hearings on other matters. Anyone submitting written critiques of the Avalon financial report should try to have those in by Friday, he said.

Once the hearing closes, the ZBA will begin its deliberations on whether to issue Avalon a comprehensive permit. Deliberations are open to the public.

Pat Martin speaks out about her silence on Klimko issue

By Samantha Brown
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School Committee member Pat Martin said she does have opinions regarding Supt. Edward Malvey's decision to keep Business Manager Ivan Klimko on the job, but meetings of the committee are not the place to voice them.

Martin, who serves as a domestic violence intervention specialist at Wellspring in Hull, developed a professional relationship with Klimko's wife and accompanied her to Hingham District Court on Aug. 5, where Mrs. Klimko gave a victim's impact statement. Klimko, who has worked for the school system for more than two years, pled guilty to domestic assault and battery. He was sentenced to two and a half years of supervised probation and is also required to participate in a batterer's program..

Because of Martin's professional involvement with Klimko's wife, she has been recused from all discussion surrounding the trial so as not to create a conflict of interest.

"Do I have an opinion as a parent, sure. Do I have an opinion professionally, sure," she said. Martin went on to say that her opinions should only be discussed in the appropriate setting.

Martin's remarks were in response to a letter run in the Sept. 4 Cohasset Mariner which stated Martin's expertise in the area of domestic violence should make her a logical spokeswoman for the committee.

Thanking the School Committee for responding so quickly and publicly to his last letter, printed Aug.21, Scott O'Grady, 115 Sohier St., stated he is still "disappointed by the board's support of a decision that I believe is harmful to our town, our schools, and most importantly, our schoolchildren," and said he still has questions about the issue, which include Martin's thoughts.

"I would also like to hear from Pat Martin, who is a professional in the area of domestic violence," O'Grady stated. "Rather than the grounds for recusal from this debate, I feel that Martin's expertise would make her the logical spokesperson for the board on this issue."

Klimko was initially charged with attempted murder and was placed on administrative leave without pay for a period of time, but resumed his duties at the school department when that charge was dropped due to insufficient evidence.

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Peter Vitello and Anna Belloli are two new arrivals

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Not only was this wonderful news about having such a healthy and happy baby boy, little Peter was born on his dDad's Birthday! Happy Birthday to you Pete, I don't think you could have had a better birthday present! Congratulations to all!

IT'S A GIRL

Vicki and Steve Belloli want to announce the birth of their daughter, **Anna Fehring Belloli**! She was born Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003 at 9:13 a.m. at South Shore Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and is 20 ins. long. She makes the family complete with her big brother, Jack. Best of wishes to all of you with the arrival of sweet Anna.

TURNING SEVEN

Best wishes to **Christina Marley Dow** on her seventh birthday (Sept. 3) and good luck in the first grade from her mom, **Dama Dow**, (Bus 5, Cohasset Public Schools) and dad, **Jim Dow**, (supervisor, Hingham Sewer Department).

AUTISM BENEFIT WALK

The **Koropay** Family of Cohasset is walking together in a very worthwhile event being held on Sept. 20. This walk is being held to raise money to find a cure for autism, a disease that affects 3-4 more times the number of boys than it does girls. All money raised goes directly to NAAR, The National Alliance for Autism Research. If you wish to make a donation to this cause, please send a check made out to NAAR, Bettina Koropay, 53 Windy Hill Drive, Cohasset MA 02025. If you have any questions, call Bettina at 383-6696.

MAKING STRIDES VOLUNTEERS

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FLASHBACK

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Kyle Burke plays tennis at the South Shore Community Center Summer Camp.

ICE CREAM CONTEST

Entry blanks for the Our World Chariots of Ice Cream) contest should be in children's backpacks soon. Children ages 12 and younger are invited to imagine a new ice cream flavor. Nona's Homemade of Hingham will judge entries and make up the winning flavor, which will be unveiled at the Paragon Carousel on Sept. 28 at noon at a fun-filled event. Prize for the winner; and rides, refreshments and a visit from clown couple, Fruit and Jingles, for all. Forms can also be picked up at the Carousel or Nona's, 19 Main St., Hingham. Tickets will be issued for $5 per person or $20 per family. Each ticket will include a cup of the winning ice cream, a carousel ride, a bag of popcorn, a balloon and lots of fun! The deadline for Ice Cream name entries is Sept. 17.

All proceeds from the Chariots of Ice (Cream) event will go towards the construction and installation of Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum now being built adjacent to the Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset. The museum is scheduled to open in the fall of 2004.

STARTING QUARTERBACK

Reed Smith of Cohasset has been selected as the starting quarterback for BC High varsity team and his opening game is against Brockton this Friday under the lights at BC High at 7 p.m. Anyone who can attend should and make sure that Reed hears your cheers. Way to go, Reed.

ROTC GRADUATE

Christopher E. Pratt has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. The camp provides the best possible professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of camp life, administration and logistical support. Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus at camp is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential. The cadet command assesses each cadet's performance and progress in officer traits, qualities and professionalism while at camp. Pratt is the son of **Glenn B. Pratt** of Cohasset and **Kathleen Mulcahy** of Hingham. He is a 2000 graduate of Cohasset High School, and is currently a student at Bryant College, Southfield, R.I.

RIBBON CUTTING

Please come to the opening ribbon-cutting celebration of the South Shore Community Center's new playground on Sept. 16 at noon. There will be cake for all to celebrate the completion of our fabulous playpark, which accommodates children ages 3 to 5. In addition, please look for your brick or plaque on the new beautiful contributor walkway. If you have any edits on your bricks or would like to purchase a brick or plaque please call **Trish Hart** at 781-383-9209. Bricks are $100 and plaques are $500. All edits on existing bricks and plaques will be submitted by Oct. 1 to the engraving company. Thanks and enjoy playing!

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The try-out for the 2004 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Barnes Field at 1:30 p.m.. All boys and girls turning 10, 11 or 12 prior to Aug. 1, 2004 wishing to play Little League major league division baseball and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try out. Although all eligible 12-year-olds are automatically assigned to major league teams, their attendance is mandatory at this try-out. Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 1 p.m. This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date for this try-out will be Saturday, Sept. 27. Questions regarding this try-out may be directed to either **Matt Salerno** at 781-383-2230 or **Nancy Froio** at 781-383-1897.

That is all for this week. Make sure to send in all your news, school events and information, and celebration wishes to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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Arthur Lehr keeps park looking good

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place," he said.

The shiny red tractor he uses on the fields today is a 1950 Ford tractor. "It's an old timer, it gets kind of tired," he said, which is why Lehr has to mow different areas in installments.

He said it takes about three days to mow the three fields at Wheelwright Park, and four or five days to mow the "cap" of the town landfill, which is on about 30-40 acres of land.

"There's one section I won't mow," he said, which he describes as being about the length of a football field with extremely steep sides. After almost tumbling down the slopes on a few occasions, tractor and all, he decided enough was enough and now bypasses that section.

But Lehr's tractors haven't been used strictly for mowing, he said his other tractor, a Model A Ford tractor named "Cousin It" after the popular 1960s television character from the Addams Family, served as "training wheels" for his three sons when they were learning how to drive a car. He jokes that people used to call tractors like his a "poor man's tractor" because it, like many other tractors of that time, was made out of an old car that had been adapted to serve as a tractor. His Model A tractor has a long history, as it was used in Scituate many years ago before he brought it to Cohasset.

Because the areas he mows are so large, Lehr said he only cuts them a few times a year. Otherwise, he wouldn't have any time left for his many other committees and town efforts. Mowing the fields is just one of the many acts of volunteerism Lehr makes, which is why he was named Citizen of the Year in February.

Over the years, Lehr has served in many capacities, including his role as the Emergency Management Director, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 28 for which he is now in his 25th year, and 20 years on the Recycling Committee. He has participated in so many other volunteer projects over the years, that it seems he has been involved with every worthwhile cause in the town.

"It's a beautiful town," he said, adding that his motivating factor for helping out in so many areas stems from a deep love of the town and the people of it.

"I like the feeling of not just taking. I give a little bit back."

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This is one in a series of stories on individuals and groups that help keep Cohasset looking beautiful. If you have a suggestion for a story, contact Samantha Brown at (781) 741-2935 or via e-mail at sambrown@cnc.com.

Register for scouts

Boy Scout Troop 28 and Cub Scout Pack 38 Cohasset registration will be held at Deer Hill School Cafeteria 6:30 to 8 p.m. (tentative) Sept. 16, Tuesday for Tiger Cubs - first grade and Cubs - second through fifth grades. Cost is $30. For further information call Linda Farrag at 781-383-9519; Jane Lone at 781-383-1282; or Jeff Forsdick at 781-383-6329.

The Girls Scouts will also hold registration at the same time and place. For more information call Joanne Lehz at 781-383-1975.

Audition for 'Charlotte's Web'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for children ages 6 and up for "Charlotte's Web" on Sunday Sept. 21 from 2-5 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall. Call backs will be on Monday, Sept 22. Adults (four men and women) are welcome to audition Monday Sept 22 from 7-9 p.m.. Rehearsals will be two week nights and Sunday afternoons. Production dates will be the second two weekends in November. Be prepared to read from a script, and do some basic farm animal movement.

Any questions please contact Jean D @ 617-750-8987

Pancake breakfast

The Cohasset Boosters Club will having its annual pancake breakfast, Sunday, Sept. 28 from 8 am till noon. Besides breakfast there will also be raffles prizes and a car wash. Please sponsor high school players by purchasing tickets in the coming weeks. Tickets are $5 each and the proceeds are used to purchase our player warm-ups, fund our scholarships, and for the breakup awards night. Players will be selling their tickets at the Osgood, Deer Hill and Middle-High School open houses. Tickets are also available by mail. Please visit the gourp's web site www.cohassetsoccer.com for details.

Chamber golf tourney

The first annual Tri-Chamber Golf Outing will take place on Thursday Sept. 25 at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. This event is sponsored by the Cohasset, Marshfield and Scituate Chambers of Commerce. The event is a nine-hole Florida scramble with a shotgun start at 4 p.m.. Golf will be followed by dinner at the Scituate Country Club. Golf, dinner and networking is $75per person (early bird fee of $65per person if registered by Friday, Sept. 5. Others may take part in the networking and dinner only for $25 per person. For more information or an entry form call 781-545-4000.

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Special Town Meeting

Selectmen have not set a definite date for the upcoming special fall Town Meeting, but are looking at Nov. 17 as a possibility. Town Manager Mark Haddad said this seems to be the best date, in light of other meetings and holidays. Selectmen will finalize the date at the Sept. 16 meeting.

Tide gate repairs

Beginning Monday Sept. 15, construction will begin on the new tide gates, which regulate the waters which flow from James Brook to the harbor and back. Construction is expected to last until Sept. 30.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said workers are going to be "replacing and updating" the gates, with the hope improved self-regulating gates will allow a greater flow of salt water into the marsh and Jacob's Meadow, which will help control the phragmites and ultimately restore the salt marsh.

Phragmites (pronounced Fragmight-ez) are an invasive freshwater plant that further threaten the rehabilitation of the former salt marsh. They grow upwards of 10 feet high, choking out other grasses in the process. The plant's broken stems impede the flow of water and its overgrowth can cut off brook access for fish that eat mosquito larvae.

In 1999, Tutela Engineering replaced the tide gates that were in place and adding a third fall out pipe that increased the amount of water that can drain out of Jacob's Meadow through James Brook and into the Harbor.

But federal officials later charged that Tutela was negligent in its work, not only in the installation process, but also because it failed to seek and receive permits from the Army Corps of Engineers for the project. The tide gates that were installed by the company do not allow enough saltwater into the marsh to kill the phragmites and restore the salt marsh.

Now, the project is finally nearing completion. The new self-regulating gates will allow a greater flow of seawater into the area.

Changes to the town budget

Town Manager Mark Haddad said this year, as a way to help offset budget shortfalls, he would like to change the way money from the sale of school bonds is used.

In the past, money from the sale of bonds has always been certified as free cash, then put into a stabilization fund and used to help pay for school construction.

"We've done it that way because Mike [Buckley] and I feel it should be done that way," Haddad said.

However, this year, the town is "financially stretched," having not received roughly $100,000 in state aid in addition to a larger than usual ice and snow deficit. Haddad thinks by having the money available, it could be used to help offset costs in the budget.

Haddad said Director of Finance Mike Buckley does not agree with him and thinks any money made by bonds should be used to pay them off. This is the first time in six years the two have disagreed on a financial matter, Haddad said.

"I've never disagreed with Mike before," said Selectman Tom Callahan, who was not sure the board should approve something Buckley wasn't in support of.

Haddad said this would be a one time occurrence, and feels it is a reasonable request since the town gained $1.6 million through the sale of the right of way to the MBTA.

"As your chief financial officer, I'm making a recommendation that I'm asking the board to support," Haddad said.

"I'd like to talk to Mike," said Selectman Merle Brown.

Selectmen passed the changes 4-1, with Brown opposed.

Pleasant St. Parfait has changed owners

Selectmen approved a change of ownership of the Pleasant Street Parfait to Steve Zambo of 387 Hatherly Road in Scituate. Zambo said he intends on keeping the restaurant the way it is, but did express interest in getting a permit to sell ice cream at the beach. Selectmen said a "Sunday" license to sell ice cream would have to be approved first by the Board of Health, and would then come back before Selectmen for approval.

School construction nearing conclusion

Still working with neighbors

By Samantha Brown
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After a few minor snags along the way, the $40 million school construction projects are in the home stretch, with Deer Hill's completion date set for Oct. 3, and the middle-high school by the beginning of December.

School Building Committee Chairman Rob Spofford said he couldn't be happier with the results of both schools and gave Selectmen a synopsis of progress to date and what is still left to be completed.

"We're down to the short strokes of it," Spofford said about projects going on at Deer Hill. Because some materials were not sent to the general contractor on time, there was worry the project would not be completed in the time frame contractors were aiming for. However, those details were worked out and the exterior work that needs to be done is well on its way.

"For all intents and purposes, Deer Hill is done," Spofford said, adding that all exterior work is strictly aesthetic.

The School Committee hopes to have a rededication ceremony at the school sometime in October.

For the middle-high school, Spofford said contractors have "met all of our expectations. They've lived up to everything they've said."

Projects are all way ahead of schedule, and Spofford said the company would like to get completely out of the school by the end of fall. There is always the possibility that the schedule could change, and the original deadline of December would be fine with the schools.

One of the most challenging aspects of the project was blasting out the old cement in the former music room in the middle school wing. Spofford said the concrete was much thicker than the architect had originally anticipated, but with a little extra work, it has all been removed.

Because the new layout will provide more segregation between the middle and high school areas, two middle school classrooms were built in the space where the music room was, and the music room will be housed in a different area of the school.

Spofford said issues with neighbors are still being addressed and landscaping with trees is being done to provide privacy for those who live close to the school. Lighting is another major issue and Spofford said the schools are working with neighbors to help find a solution to the problem.

"We have an obligation to be good neighbors," Spofford said, but adequate lighting for events at the school is necessary.

Spofford said financially, the projects are right on course and "We don't believe we'll be asking the town for more money."

School maintenance plan

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he will have a new school maintenance plan ready for the spring Town Meeting. Because so much time and money has been spent on the new construction, Selectmen said it would be nice to have a log kept of different areas of maintenance, such as the replacement of air filters, and the like. With good records, the schools would be able to prevent many of the issues that over the years that caused the old buildings to fall into disrepair.

Sgt. Quigley praised

Police Chief Robert Jackson wrote a letter of commendation for Sgt. William Quigley, thanking him for his efforts in developing and directing the first-ever, Cohasset Student Police Academy.

"You enlisted the help of almost half the department to participate in this worthwhile initiative that allowed 12 Cohasset High School juniors and seniors to get a first-hand look at what it's like to be a police officer," Jackson wrote.

"Your efforts are commendable and bring credit to you and the department."

No flowers at flagpole

Selectmen have rejected the idea of planting flowers around the flagpole on the Town Common. Merle Brown said he spoke with Mary Larson of the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission, who had expressed interest in planting a circular flower bed at the base of the flagpole. Selectmen asked whether the flowers would be changed every season and who would be responsible for upkeep and watering. After some discussion, Selectmen decided the flagpole looks fine the way it is.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

On the second anniversary of September 11

It's hard to believe it's been two years since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that changed this country and the world so profoundly. Even the glorious weather this week is a vivid reminder of Sept. 11, 2001, a day of shimmering beauty on the East coast, of breathtaking blue skies and sunshine, that ended in horror. Two years later and it is still difficult to grasp that the magnificent Twin Towers in New York City are gone and more than 3,000 innocent lives lost.

In an instant of unfathomable tragedy, everything changed on Sept. 11, 2001. Since that unforgettable day, we have come together as a nation in important ways. People are no longer afraid to show their patriotism, although there are certainly fewer flags waving today than two years ago, or even last year at this time.

In the two years that have passed, fervent patriotism has given way to a deeper reflection of what it means to be American and what America's role is in the world. As President Bush's speech to the nation demonstrated on Sunday, we are still trying to sort out what the proper response is to a world that is filled with the threat of terrorism.

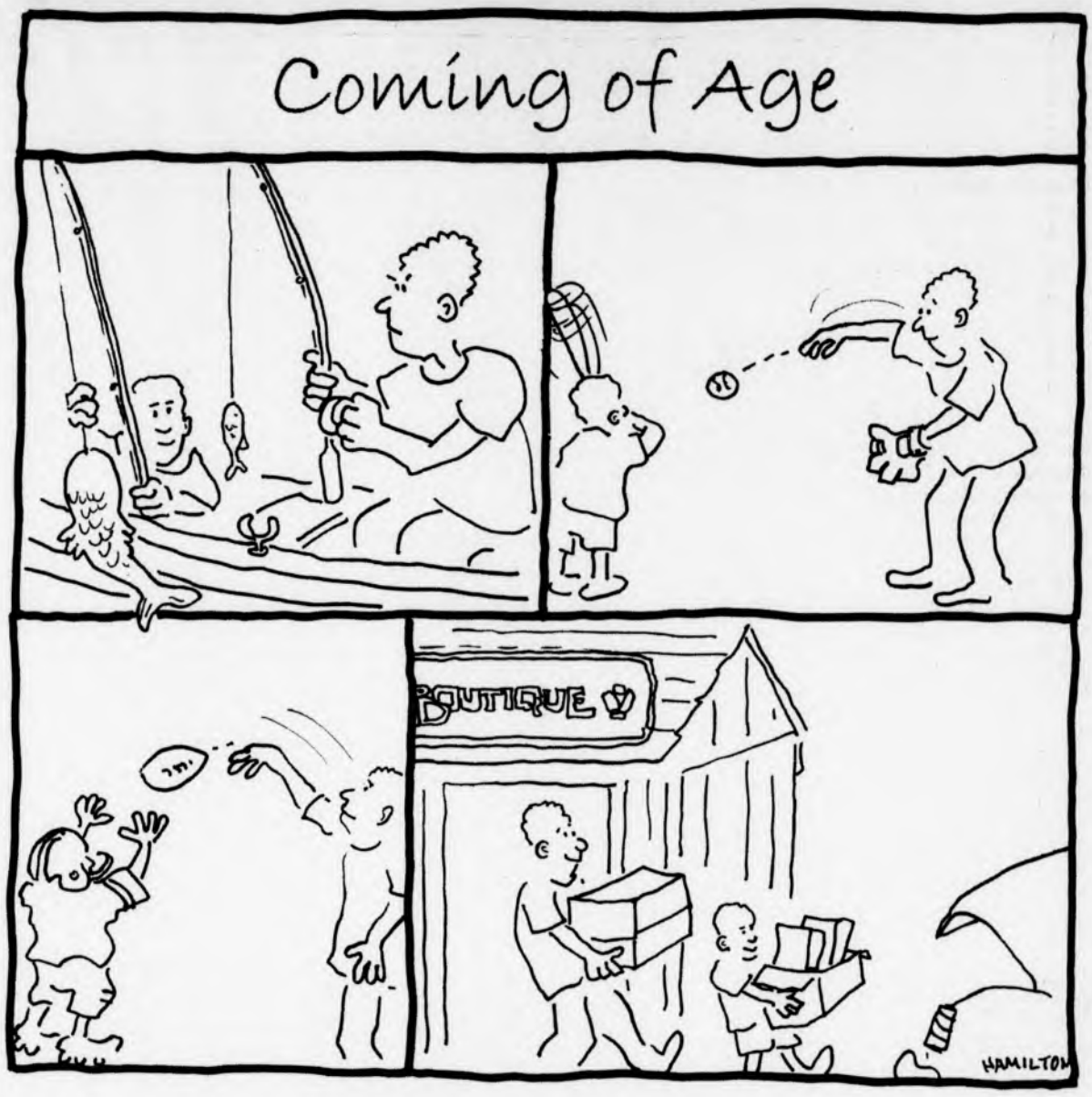
On an individual level, Sept. 11 made people reflect on their own personal values in a way they had never done before. Suddenly, the value of family, community and personal sacrifice took on a new importance. The public felt a new regard for firefighters, police officers and military personnel who put their lives on the line every day. As a society we became more interested in the heroic sacrifices in our own communities than in celebrity worship.

On Sept. 11, 2001, the nation was dealt a terrible blow, and in many ways we are still healing. It will take a long time. The psychic wounds run deep. The images of the planes flying into the towers, and the towers falling, played over and over again, still have the power to sicken. A power blackout brings panicked thoughts of a terrorist attack. Will it happen again? Are we safer than we were two years ago?

Last year cities and towns all over the nation held ceremonies to recognize the first anniversary of Sept. 11. But the wound was too raw, too painful to feel all over again. Another year has given more perspective and the war in Iraq has shifted and re-focused our attention from Sept. 11 to new battles that are just as frightening.

Two years ago President Bush warned us that we were in the early stages of a new kind of war with an unseen enemy. That war brought us to Afghanistan to rid that devastated country of the Taliban and Al-Qaeda elements. Now, we are told that rebuilding Iraq will cost billions and billions of dollars, all in an effort to bring stability to the heart of the Middle East and help root out the seeds of terrorism.

It is now obvious that the consequences of Sept. 11 will be with us for years and that we will be asked to commit lives and considerable financial resources to keep the world safe from terrorism. In all likelihood, this will be the task of the 21st century. The work has just begun. But as we remember Sept. 11, 2001, we can't help but realize it's a task we must undertake. There really is no other choice.



POLITICAL NOTES

Local GOP news

At its last meeting the Cohasset Republican Town Meeting voted three new members to the committee: Gabriel Gomez, Stuart Ivimey and Jamie Williams. Plans are underway for a social evening in October for regular and associate members and all interested parties.

Even though the annual picnic had to be moved indoors at the last minute, the rain did not dampen the mood. Heather Palmer was able to swiftly reorganize to the new venue and had the party continue without a glitch. A wide range of guests attended to hear keynote speaker former Congressman Mickey Edwards. Senator Robert Hedlund and Congressional candidate Mike Jones also delivered a few words to the audience updating them on their campaigns and upcoming events.

Dates to mark on your calendar: Sept. 24 - a fund raiser for Mike Jones at the Scituate Country Club starting at 6:30 p.m.; Sept. 30 - 7:30 p.m. - the next monthly meeting of the Town Committee at the Lightkeeper's Cottage.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Have questions on town senior project

TO THE EDITOR:

If Avalon and Cedarmere are built as planned, they will add more than 300 units of housing to our town. Do we really need an additional 150-200 units being planned by the Selectmen on the Cook Estate and the adjacent 9.8 acre town-owned property?

Last summer, we became aware of plans by the Senior Housing Committee to develop a parcel of undeveloped town-owned property. For months we attended meetings and listened to discussions by committee members that greatly concerned us. Some of the subjects:

- Giving the town-owned land away to a non-profit group for $1.
- Ways to structure the development to avoid paying real estate taxes on the property.
- Using up to 80 percent of the Community Preservation fund to promote this senior housing development, despite plans to have only 25 percent of the units dedicated to low income seniors.
- Developing a large public senior housing complex on the combined Cook Estate and the town owned land.
- Hiring consultants to perform a second feasibility study to develop town owned land.

We became increasingly concerned about the impact of these plans, especially in light of the proposed Avalon and Cedarmere developments, and we expressed our concerns to the committee. Suddenly, the Senior Housing Meetings were stopped and a member of the Senior Housing Committee was appointed by the Selectmen to an 'at-large' position on the Community Preservation Committee. The control for the feasibility study and the negotiations with the Cook Estate were given to the selectmen and taken into executive session, behind closed doors, ending citizen questions and input.

We filed a freedom of information request, asking for documentation relating to this proposed development. At a subsequent meeting Mr. Haddad refused to release any information about the Cook Estate and tried to convince us to abandon the request. He assured us any development would pay taxes, the land would not be given away and the town would need to approve the plans. However, citing the executive session exemption, he would not provide any information about what those plans are. Documentation we know exists was withheld. Information the town was willing to provide was not directly related to our request. We currently have an open case with the State Department of Records, which oversees the public records laws of Massachusetts. Today, a full month after the public records request was submitted, we do not have the records we seek.

Whether the citizens of this town agree or disagree with this project, they have a right to be heard. The public deserves to know about real estate development agreements the town is negotiating and the potential use of our tax dollars to facilitate this growth. Ultimately, it is up to the town to decide. We need more than a two-minute presentation at town meeting before being asked to vote on a multi-million dollar project. We are concerned that this plan will be so far down the road before it is presented that we, the taxpayers, will not have an opportunity to have our voices heard. We recognize the Selectmen and Town Manager may not be able to disclose the financial details of their negotiations without impacting the town's negotiating position, but there are fundamental issues that can, and should, be discussed in a public forum before we are committed to a specific plan.

We have questions that deserve to be answered:

- questions about whether there is a need for senior housing in town beyond the private developments that are currently being planned,
- questions about the use of Community Preservation Funds to promote housing on undeveloped land that will not be limited to low or moderate income seniors,
- questions about whether this amount of growth is necessary or desirable,
- questions about the impact of this growth on our towns services and questions about the use of town resources to aid in real estate development.

We strongly encourage our Selectmen and Town Manager to open discussions about these issues and allow the taxpayers the right to be heard. The officials of this town do not always know what is best for us. We find ourselves echoing the request made by the Cedarmere opponents: Please listen.

Bernadette and David Crawford
Eileen and Seth Hart
Karen Quigley
Darcy Schramn
Terry McCarthy
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Nancy and Jim Farren

Volunteers thanked for playground work

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank the following individuals with all their hard work and dedication in constructing and landscaping the new South Shore Community Center Playground. With their help, we were able to achieve our project goal of completing the playground in time for our school opening.

Anthony Ambrose, Andrew Astley, Betsy Bodner, Melissa Bomeisler, Scott Brash, Jack and Barbara Buckley, David Burke, Joe Carrabes, Sean Cunning, Bill Doyle, Tom Durkin, Mark Guigielmo, Leslie Hagerty, Paul Hart, Paul Humphrey, Joe Iantosca, Linda Kleir, Steve McElhinney, Doug McNary, Suzie O'Brien, Bernard, Kiernan and Shelia O'Neil, Jeff Pratt, Paul Prescott, Lily Sestito, Brad Thomas, Kevin Thomas, Peter Timothy, Nancy Rausher, Eugene Suzedell, Alex Swartwood, Justine and Victor Vanderlugt and Sally and Brad Young

In addition, I would like to give special thank yous to:

- Tim Toomey and Terence Faherty whose leadership guided Sheila O'Neil and our volunteers through many piles of equipment components and surfacing materials.
- The staff at the South Shore Community Center who have administratively have supported this project from photo-copying to finance. In addition, thank you for your patience while center was a construction zone.
- My super fund-raising, correspondence, and public relations committee co-chaired by Kari O'Donnell and Nancy Whelan which included these very hard workers:
- Gwen Baldry, Melissa Bomeisler, Susan Carrabes, Christine Cunning, Lisa Hotchkiss, Linda Klier, Bebe McCarron, Jen Maher, Suzie Montgomery, Laura Murphy, Sally Newhall, Deidre Prescott, Judy Stavis, Cindy Swartwood, Lynn Schwandt, Melissa Tierney, and Tracy Thomas All our local vendors who donated items to support the playground fund-raising and construction.
- John and Laurie Greenip for their generous donation of surfacing materials.
- Mark Haddad and the selectmen/women for their support in enlarging our play space.
- Gary Barrow for his expert arborist services.
- Bob Driscoll and his staff who constructed a beautiful stage area for the children.
- Harold Litchfield and his staff for the asphalting the new play ground.
- Hap Pompeo and his staff for removing the old play structures, development of the new drainage system, and regrading of our space for new equipment.
- Joe Sesisto and his staff for their landscaping expertise, services and supplies.
- Brendan St. John and his staff for their endless hours of dedication to our playground. Their tasks not only included the fabulous masonry services of creating our brick walkway, but also the construction of retaining walls, drainage system work, spreading of ground surface materials, and landscaping.

Finally, thanks to my family for their support and patience in what seemed an endless project. As a community we should feel proud that we have created someplace special where families can play and have fond memories. Our playground formally opens on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at noon. Please come join us for our ribbon-cutting and cake!

Trish Hart
Playground Chair
63 Sohier St.

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Heartfelt visit to New York City

COMMENTARY

MATT GILL

Recalling some memorable moments from a summer that's quickly coming to an end, my trip to New York City in July stands out as the most significant.

In July, I traveled to New York City, to visit Engine 54/Ladder 4/Battalion 9, a fire station that over the past twenty four months has become an increasingly personal landmark, as its the building where my cousin Paul used to work. Located on the corner of 48th Street and 8th Avenue, Engine 54 or The Pride of Midtown as its known throughout the city is just blocks from Times Square, and situated in the heart of Manhattan.

Since September 11, 2001, I've visited the station three times, and each time has been a deeply moving experience. Rows of rubber boots and coats, and lots of heavy machinery aren't the most stirring attractions, but when combined with the memory of a lost loved one, and what these men sacrificed on that day and many others—emotion stirs quickly.

During my visits there, I have found I have very little to say. But the guys who work there, the men of Engine 54, are moving on with their work and their lives. In order to continue and survive in their dangerous line of work, they have to.

Having raised some money for the station throughout the year, I visited the station again in July, but this occasion was extra special because Paul's sister Michelle met me at the station. When I stepped out of the taxi at noon, Michelle was already there, and from one quick glance, visibly emotional. After all, Paul was her only brother.

During the visit, we toured the firehouse and chatted with the men currently manning the station, some of them friends of Paul's and his former chief, and guys who came on the job after Paul and never knew him. It was a hot Sunday, and at 8 1/2 months pregnant, Michelle was moving pretty slow. Sunlight streaming in from the station's open bay doors, illuminated some of the artwork and souvenirs that lined the station's walls. Paintings and memorabilia, and framed within a small glass case outside are pictures of the men who lost their lives on September 11th.

Both athletic and artistic, Paul was just 34, when he and 14 other firefighters from Engine 54 headed into The Marriot Hotel — one of the smaller buildings within the World Trade Center complex. It would be their final call.

Growing up in Weymouth, my two sisters and I didn't often see our cousins Paul and Michelle as they were raised in Queens, but we do share a handful of nice memories. There was the trip our families took together to Battery Park and The Statue of Liberty in 1986, soon after the landmark's 100 year anniversary. Michelle was in high school at the time, and my sisters were just a few years younger, so their hairstyles were considerably inflated at the time, and in fashion at 10 years old, my socks were stretched to my knees.

Although the photos, flowers, and other personal mementos have long since been removed from The World Trade Center site, free-standing artwork commemorating the event can still be found. Here, just a few blocks from Ground Zero, hundreds of ceramic tiles express support for the United States, and the victims of September 11.

Located in the heart of Manhattan, Engine 54 —and the men who work there —are known throughout New York City as The Pride of Midtown.

In 1992, my family traveled down to New Jersey to attend Michelle's wedding. As a sophomore in high school at the time, I remember discussing my latest sporting endeavor —wrestling —with Paul at the Sunday morning brunch. Paul had been a wrestling star in New York state, and knew about things like "the guillotine" and cutting weight —things that only wrestlers would know —and I was eager to learn from him.

About six years my senior, Paul was a Mets fan, and when I think of him, my thoughts are of him showing me his sketch books, and calling me "Mattie" with a thick New York accent.

Paul was married too, and as the years passed between our visits, he would go on to become both a firefighter, a carpenter, and an artist, but most importantly a father of two — Aaron and Joshua.

Today, some of the artwork that Paul hoped would be part of another career, brightens the walls of Engine 54 and another fire house in Brooklyn, and a framed copy of one of Paul's favorite pieces, was sent as a gift to President Clinton.

The name Paul Gill can also be found on several monuments and plaques that have been constructed around the city, as well as on the fence of names that today stands guard at the Trade Center site. During my weekend trip, I took an extended walk through the city — passing the

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Sight-seers pausing to take a photograph at Ground Zero, stand before the recently constructed memorial fence that lists the names of all those who died on September 11th.

Joys of being telemarketed

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TOM HENSHAW

After all the complaining I've done about the folks who call me on the telephone at dinner time to sell me a time-share in Chelsea you might think I'd be the first to sign up for the state's "Do Not Call" list, which is Big Brother's way of keeping telemarketers at arms length, at least until we finish eating.

But no . . .

Now that I have reached what most people refer to as "the Golden Years" of retirement and have some free time between taking pills and watching the Teletubbies on Channel 2, I find that engaging telemarketers in conversation a good way to pass the time and sharpen the edges of a mind grown rounded.

Just the other night, as I was sitting down to an evening meal of tater tots, chicken tenders and lima beans washed down with a glass of room-temperature merlot, the phone rang.

ME - Hello.

HIM - Hello. This is Harold and I'm calling from North American Veeblefetzer. How are you tonight?

ME - Oh, not so good. The arthritis is kicking up again. It's so bad I'm having trouble sleeping. It's the right arm again. The one I broke leaping out of the bordello window that time in Hamburg.

HIM - I'm sorry to hear that, sir. I'm calling to tell you about an offer . . .

ME - Oh, don't be sorry. The polizei didn't catch me. They wouldn't have done much of anything to me anyway. Hamburg is a pretty wide open town. They have this district called "the Reeperbahn.' Have you ever been to Hamburg?

HIM - No, sir. I'm calling to tell you about an offer . . .

ME - It's sorta like the old Combat Zone in Boston, the Reeperbahn is. Surely you'd been to the Combat Zone in Boston.

HIM - No, I haven't. But I'm calling to tell . . .

ME - You haven't been to the Combat Zone in Boston? Where are you calling from anyway?

HIM - Des Moines, Iowa, sir, and I'm calling to . . .

ME - Des Moines, Iowa, eh! Now you trot right down to the Hotel Fort Des Moines and ask for an elevator operator named Louise and tell her that . . . Hello? Hello?

See what I mean when I say engage the telemarketer in conversation? The ultimate victory comes when the telemarketer hangs up on you!

When a telemarketer calls, depending on the mood I'm in, I can assume as many personalities as Tracy Ullman.

I can be stern.

ME - Hello.

HIM - Hello. My name is Norman and I'm calling from . . .

ME - How did you get this number?

This puts the telemarketer at an immediate disadvantage. For the rest of the conversation, if there is more, he is speaking up to you. He is at his best when he is talking down to you.

I can be confused.

ME - Hello.

HIM - Hello. My name is Gordon and I'm calling from North American Veeblefetzer.

ME - What?

HIM - North American Veeblefetzer.

ME - I already paid that.

HIM - It's not a bill. It's an offer to . . .

ME - What?

A few more moments like that and, I guarantee you, the only offer the telemarketer will accept is your offer to let him alone so he can finish his dinner.

HEALTH NOTES

School lunch content on the health board menu

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As you know, the combination of excess weight and lack of exercise is fast becoming the nation's major health problem. Much of the problem is that proper nutrition is not being practiced in our schools. School lunches almost always offer burgers, fries, pizza, and other high fat and carbohydrate choices. There are usually healthy calories offered as well, but most young people will opt for the fatty stuff when they have a choice.

There is little reason not to constrain their choices to healthy food as a part of their education.

In our school system, the school lunch program is now under a different management. Chartwells, long-time food service caterer for the school lunch program no longer provides school cafeteria meals. Instead, the school will be responsible, not only for the meals, but their content. A major issue for the Board of Health in this context was the fact that the meals were not always providing menus, which would foster healthy eating habits for our children. Accordingly, we look on this management change as an opportunity to improve the quality of the meals and other food provided to our kids while they are in school.

With the new change in management of our school's food programs, the menus will no longer be restricted to Chartwell's plan. The Board is interested in providing guidelines for healthy eating habits for our children. Accordingly, the board feels it would be appropriate to organize a School Nutrition Advisory Committee. Candidates to serve on such a group are School Health Coordinator Mike Gill; Food Services Coordinator Bob Levy, Board of Health member Peggy Chapman, a nurse, with children in the school system; and Jacky Fitts, who has children in the school system. Two Nutritionists, Jane Lanzilotti, and Paula Pozniac, would also be on the committee. Bob Levy is the former Chartwell's Manager, and now works for the Town.

School Committee member Chartis Tebbetts suggested that the School Committee had the ultimate responsibility for ensuring an appropriate school environment for students and that the Board as well as the students and school management should have a say in the makeup of the committee. Also, that the PSO should be involved. The Board of Health fully concurs with this approach, and has also included discussions with the Selectmen as a part of the process of organizing the committee. For example, Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris suggested the inclusion of a student on the committee, since they would be eating what was on the menu. Chartis concurred, and pointed out kids are so busy that the committee would need at least two students.

At present, we believe the next step will be to discuss the concept with the school authorities as Chartis has suggested and, pending the outcome of this discussion, we will decide what to do.

In the meantime, the purpose of the committee is to provide guidance and advice relating to healthy practices for the menus and vending machines which serve food to our children while in school. Anyone wishing to comment or participate in this issue is welcome to do so. Please contact the Board of Health at 781-383-4116.

Joint health fair

For the first time, following a plan to work more closely with our adjoining towns, the Cohasset, Hull and Scituate Boards of Health had free health screenings to all residents of the South Shore Tuesday at the Second Congregational Church.

Scituate, Hull, and Cohasset jointly sponsored the event, but exhibitors and visitors came from the entire South Shore. Osteoporosis screening was available from the Visiting Nurse Association of Norwell; vision and hearing screening by the Lions District 33 Eyemobile; and cholesterol and blood sugar screening provided by the Rotary Clubs of Hull and Scituate. Visitors came from Hingham, Hanover, Marshfield, and Weymouth, as well as the sponsoring towns. In all, the fair hosted nearly a 100 visitors. This program, sponsored by the Cohasset Board of Health, is an effort for the towns to work more closely to address our mutual health concerns.

As discussed previously in Health Notes articles, the screenings include not only conventional medical assessment, such as cholesterol and blood sugar; blood pressure and osteoporosis, on-the-spot dental advice and the opportunity to look at other therapies, sometimes defined as accessory or alternative treatment. Such therapies appearing at the fair included advice from a nutritional coach or counsel who visits your house and "evaluates your nutritional status, your eating habits, and recommends eating plans based on your needs… plans recipes; gives advice on nutritional supplements," and advises what's needed for a "total wellness home". Another consultant advised on setting up a state of the art purification and ionization system for your home to rid yourself of "mold, odors, germs". Another was a skin analysis expert. Demonstrations of massage and magnet therapy were also popular.

Of particular interest was the credible evolution of wellness therapy, or the application of holistic evaluation; the inclusion of habits, family activities and history, as well as present condition should be in any health evaluation. Several doctors were represented who espoused holistic methods such as acupuncture, chiropractic, and homeopathy. In all, the fair had a little something for everyone, as well as healthy food and beverages. And finally, public health organizations from the federal level to our own Council on Aging were represented and provided material about their services, including Joe McElroy representing the town's senior walking club.

Refreshments were provided by Stop and Shop, Dunkin Donuts Atlantic Bagel and Starbucks.

To receive a listing of the names and addresses of the health fair participants, or for more information contact Judy Fitzsimmons, RN, public health nurse at the Cohasset Board of Health at 781-383-2210.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Job growth is the key issue behind all the budget talk

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The most significant news in state government last week centered on statistics. There's nothing new about that; the novelty arose from noticing that the numbers were positive.

The state Department of Revenue announced tax collections for the first two months of the fiscal year exceeded expectations by $108 million. That word came a day after Associated Industries of Massachusetts announced its business confidence index climbed into positive territory for the first time in 15 months.

The news about additional revenue added some impetus to conversations, already ongoing, about what items should be funded in a supplemental budget many activists are counting on to save, or at partially restore, their programs of interest. Decision making about that additional budget is probably the main item of discussion for what might be called the cold-stove league at the Statehouse. The pressure to restore funding centers more on use of existing reserves — what remains of them — but good revenue news encouraged the idea that this budget is going to stay balanced, so using reserves is an acceptable strategy to save social programs.

Behind the budget talk, ultimately, lies the question of jobs. Under any administration, but especially one whose guiding principle is that nothing good can come of a tax hike, job growth determines whether politicians can deliver the services the voters demand.

Workers earn and spend. When they earn, that means income taxes, and when they spend, that means sales taxes. Their spending (and the government's, of course) pumps money onto the revenue sheets of Bay State businesses, and that means corporate taxes. For now, much of the good revenue news is driven by tax hikes and by new ways to pay tax bills faster via computer; for long-term budget stability — and voter satisfaction — the number of jobs in Massachusetts must climb. This year it's fluctuated, ticking up and down in small increments.

But rising business confidence has got be a positive sign for the governor, and one that gives him confidence in his own personal prospects. Major problems still attend the task of getting the books balanced for next year — and that task will be extremely simplified if revenues keep coming in above the austerity levels projected, and this year ends with a noticeable surplus.

Beyond that, and trying not to be too cynical about it, look for comprehensive economic planning to start assuming a larger and larger share of the Romney administration's efforts as time goes by. That effort is likely to commence with another restructuring effort at UMass, which is still perceived as; if not broken, then improvable, by the same business leaders who criticized the governor's first effort at reorganization. Romney knows that after they're done doing all they can to suggest George Bush hasn't done anything for the economy, Romney's next on the list; and he wants to be ready.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Objects to Avalon

Zoning Board of Appeals

On behalf of The Board of Directors of The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce we would like to state our objection to the proposed development by Avalon Bay on Route 3A in Cohasset. The 62 acres of land is the last large parcel presently zoned for business. The Chamber of Commerce would like to see Hi Tech (which is the current zoning) and productive businesses there. Cohasset needs to achieve a greater percentage than the 7 percent commercial base it now has. A development such as proposed by Avalon Bay would deprive the Town of needed revenue and indeed increase costs to the Town by way of services and schools.

This enormous development proposed by Avalon Bay would seek to fracture a Town that is attempting to promote business development. The large business site gives the town an opportunity to initiate both light industry, an office park and scores of jobs in the immediate area. We strongly urge the ZBA not to approve the application of Avalon Bay.

We also feel that since you rarely see zoning change from residential to business, we need to preserve the small percentage of commercial zoning we have now.

Nancy Butler
For the
Board of Directors
Cohasset Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber provided the Mariner with a copy of this letter.

Parking limits

TO THE EDITOR:

I feel I have to respond to the letter referred to in the Sept. 4, 2003 Cohasset Mariner (page 2). It was written by Judith Cellucci, regarding a parking ticket.

First of all, she states the officers "attitude appalling and offensive." Yet by her letter she wasn't present. She was eating dinner at the Inn. The police officer was doing his/her job. To state that she found a police officer's attitude appalling and offensive is a bit of a reach. Perhaps the officer was doing the job they are employed to do.

She also states her husband 'ran over to approach him, so he could move the car, but was too late." A 15 minute limit is a 15 minute limit.

She then states the officer ticketed the cars next to hers, as well as several other cars that were not parked correctly, even though they were in spaces, and not obstructing other potential vehicles. How can you be parked incorrectly but be in spaces?

To state that one of "Cohasset's finest" was on a rampage is idiotic. consider the parking limits in the village and abide by them.

Peter J. Wood
77 Summer St.

Section 8 rentals at Avalon complex

TO THE EDITOR:

What are they doing to us?

Cohasset, like so many other towns has apartments whose rent is less than the state defined affordable rent. It has Section 8 rentals. It has Habitat for Humanity dwellings.

And yet, Cohasset like so many towns has been told by the state that they do not have sufficient affordable housing because none of the above counts.

Cohasset, like so many other towns is faced with a big developer coming in under the auspices of 40B to build a mega development whose 'affordable rent' is higher than other apartments in town. A large development that will forever change the makeup of the town. A development that with 75 percent high priced luxury rentals will supposedly bring us up to the state suggested 10 percent affordable housing units.

And then at the Sept. 8 ZBA meeting it was disclosed that the developer is planning that 50 percent of the affordable units, at least 25, will be filled with Section 8 rentals. Up until Monday night I was led to believe that these 'affordable units' were supposed to be for our young teachers, police and firefighters who couldn't ordinarily afford to live in the town in which they work and the elderly who needed to downsize to continue to live here.

What kind of a scheme have our state legislators led us into?

L.C. Jenkins
President Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, BHRC reports local representatives' roll call attendance records for the 2003 session through September 5.

The House has held 415 roll call votes. BHRC tabulates the number of roll calls on which each representative was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number commonly referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Several quorum roll calls, used to gather a majority of members onto the House floor to conduct business, are also included in the 415 roll calls. On the quorum roll calls, members simply vote "present" in order to indicate their presence in the chamber. When a representative does not indicate his or her presence on a quorum roll call, we count that as a roll call absence just like any other roll call absence.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the representatives' name is the percentage of roll call votes for which he or she was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls the representative missed.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

$700 MILLION RESERVE FUND- The big news on Beacon Hill was that the state has apparently built up a reserve fund in excess of $700 million. The figure is well above the amount estimated by lawmakers and administration officials when drafting the fiscal 2004 state budget. The higher than expected figure is the result of several factors including increased tax collections, closing of some tax loopholes and an increase in some federal funds. Human service advocates are urging that some of the reserve be used to restore money that was cut from many human service programs in the state budget. Others, including House Speaker Thomas Finneran, are urging caution and note that the state still faces a huge budget deficit next year and should not rush into spending a large portion of the reserve.

INITIATIVE PETITIONS- Attorney General Tom Reilly's office announced that 11 petitions for proposed laws or constitutional amendments were certified and cleared the first hurdle for possible inclusion on future statewide ballots. Proposed laws include eliminating the motor vehicle excise tax, allowing candidates for public office to be nominated by more than one political party, eliminating tolls on the Massachusetts Turnpike west of Route 128 and on the Tobin Bridge, requiring commercial fishermen to use fishing gear that is safe for whales and abolishing the requirement that high school students pass the MCAS test in order to graduate and instead allowing local communities to set their own local graduation requirements. One of the proposed constitutional amendments would require the state to provide comprehensive and affordable health insurance to all residents. Supporters of each proposal must now gather 65,825 signatures by December 3 in order to present the proposal to the Legislature. If the Legislature does not approve the law, supporters must gather another 10,971 signatures in order to place their proposal on the 2004 ballot. The procedure for proposed constitutional amendments does not involve signature gathering. These proposals must be approved by 25 percent of the Legislature in 2004 and in 2005-2006 in order to appear on the 2006 ballot.

PROSTATE CANCER- Gov. Romney urged Bay State men to be tested for prostate cancer as he met with advocates to kick off Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. The governor noted that early detection increases chances for survival. Democratic party chairman Phil Johnston quickly issued a press release accusing the administration of hypocrisy and dishonesty and noted Romney vetoed $1 million from the recent state budget for a prostate cancer screening, education and treatment program. The House and Senate overrode the governor's veto by 153-4 and 40-0. Romney spokeswoman Shawn Feddeman retorted that Johnston is trying to politicize the issue of prostate cancer.

EXPANDED KENO HOURS- State Treasurer Timothy Cahill announced a pilot program to measure the potential for increased state revenue by extending the hours of operation of Keno by 22 hours per week. The game's hours are currently 12 noon to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 12 noon to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Cahill's action would offer Keno Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday from 12 noon to 1 a.m. Cahill estimates that his recent change implemented in March reducing the interval between Keno Games from five minutes to four minutes has generated an additional $8 million in revenue. Critics say that expanding Keno takes more money out of the pockets of players who cannot afford it and may also reduce revenue generated by other Lottery games.

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Heartfelt visit to New York City

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Empire State Building and through Washington Square — all the way to Ground Zero. Somberly circling the perimeter of the fenced-off block, which is a quieter scene now than last summer when I first visited, I thought about the nearly two years that had quickly gone by since 9/11, and I bought a Gatorade, and a hot dog with onions, and six gray T-shirts emblazoned in red: FDNY.

I can't imagine what it was like to have been in the city that morning. In fact, I wasn't even in the country when it happened. When I was awoken by my roommate's phone call, informing me in those early hours that Washington and New York City had been attacked by terrorists, I was employed as an English teacher in northeast China. According to Beijing time, it was midnight when the phone call came, and early Wednesday morning, by the time our group of five foreign teachers had learned most of the devastating details.

My Uncle Tommy was in the city that morning, though, and was compelled to join the masses who fled the smoldering metropolis on foot, across The Brooklyn Bridge. Meanwhile, from the other side of the river, Michelle could only watch from the rooftop of her New Jersey apartment, as the two towers collapsed.

The events of that day rocked and reshaped both our country, and my family. As a result of that day, Paul's father John and stepmother Georgette have since relocated to Florida to get away from New York, the city that had claimed their son — the city where they had lived all their lives.

In the months after September 11, Georgette created a Web site to honor Paul, where visitors can read about his life, and share their comments. Based on some of the responses she's received, she's been further inspired to compile an art book that will showcase the work of the victims of September 11, be they businessmen, tradesmen, or firefighters like Paul, as another way to permanently commemorate some of the lives cut short that terrible day.

For the past year, Paul's mother Lorraine has been petitioning officials in Queens for another tribute to her son. And her hard work has paid off. On Saturday, Sept. 13, 35th Street in Astoria — the street where Paul grew up and played stickball as a boy — will be renamed in honor of him.

In the weeks following the tragedy, I closely followed the news and incoming emails from family and friends. In the waning days of September 2001, the search for Paul and so many others at Ground Zero came to an end, and as US troops landed in Afghanistan in October, my family attended Paul's memorial ceremony. Through lengthy emails, my father described for me the beautiful service that was held for Paul at Astoria's Evangelical Church.

Hundreds of firefighters from all over the country came to pay their respects, and outside, as snipers watched closely from the rooftops above, massive fire trucks stretched their ladders to full extension, like majestic book-ends on the street.

During the service, Paul's father and sister spoke, as did Mayor Giuliani. It was a bittersweet moment for my family, because at the time of the funeral ceremony, my sister Pamela was expecting her second son, Conner.

Today, at 16 months old, Connor is a happy toddler in sneakers and curls, laughing and bouncing and eating cucumbers. And it's hard to imagine a time he wasn't here.

Still, there are losses and questions lingering even for the youngest members of our family.

Conner will never have a chance to know Paul. His older brother Christian, a precocious 3, still asks about the planes and why the people flew into the buildings, and why Paul never came home.

Time moves on, and last month, Michelle's own baby girl, Skye Paulina, made her Manhattan debut.

When thinking of Paul during his final hours, my family takes some solace in the fact that he was able to be with both of his sons that Tuesday morning, before heading into work. As an uncle myself, I'm certain that Paul was there with Michelle on Skye's birthday, watching over her and her new daughter, with a smile.

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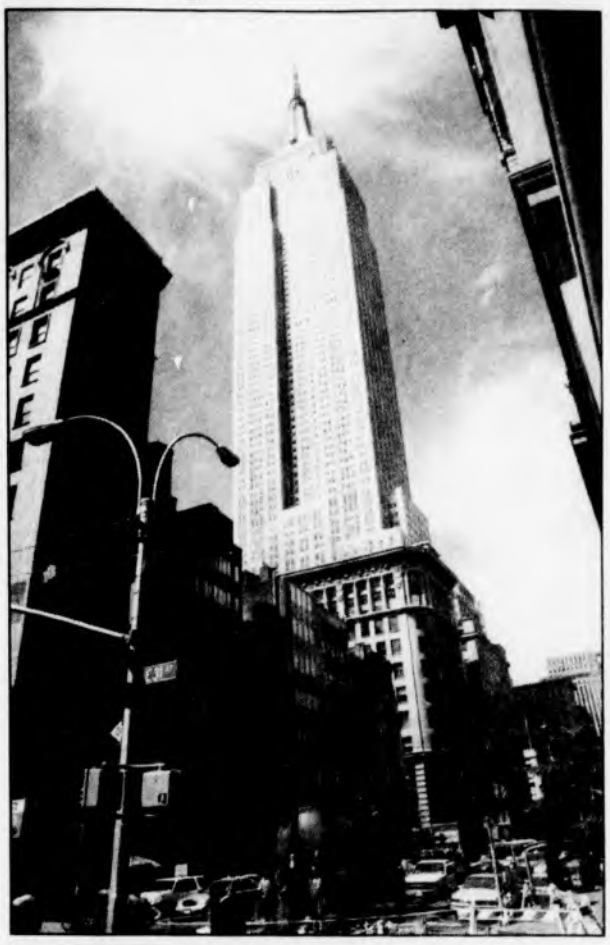

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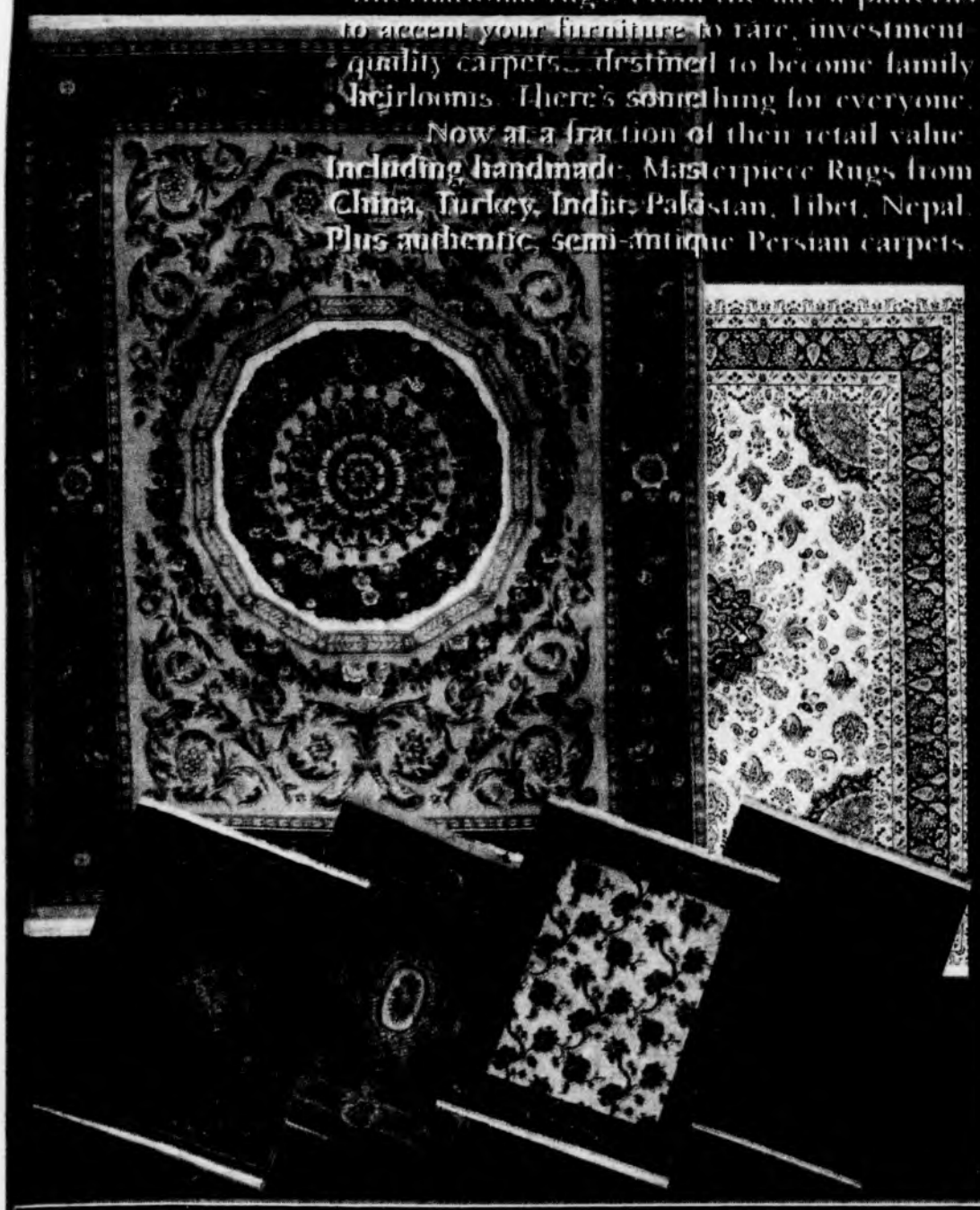

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What a difference a year makes

CHS field hockey coach has nothing but good feelings for '03 squad

By William Wassersug
CORRESPONDENT

A year ago, the Cohasset varsity field hockey team came within a game of making the MIAA tournament.

This season, coach Deb Bostwick thinks her team has the talent and experience to take that next step.

Bostwick has good reason for optimism.

For one thing, she has 12 seniors on the varsity, including six who started last season. Additionally, most of the other six seniors all saw considerable playing time.

Still, Bostwick said there will be a learning curve.

"Last year I had graduated 11 seniors," she said. "Now I have 12 seniors. Six of them started last year. The other six I'll be working into starting positions. Most of them had some very good playing time. Still, this year, even with the seniors, it will be a bit on the rebuilding side."

Bostwick hopes the rebuilding will happen quickly.

"We have good skills and good team camaraderie," she said. "They have the ability to work together on the field. They know each other, who the key players are and they know their roles."

Among the key players, Bostwick will look to senior captain Kelly Hurley.

"Kelly is going to be our starting roughback," Bostwick said. "She's an outstanding defensive player. She may be a flyer on defensive corners. Last year she was a halfback. She can run and run."

Bostwick said Hurley's best strength is her speed.

"She has a very good drive and she's developing her dodging skills," she said. "Her tackling is very good and she has the power to stop breakaways with her speed. That's a big plus. She's also a good communicator."

Up front, Bostwick will look to senior captain Danielle Pinkus and Courtney Caron.

"Danielle was a starter at midfield and forward last year," Bostwick said. "She has a very nice drive and a powerful nose for the ball. She's very smart. She'll help as a center halfback. She's the nucleus of the offense. She's also a helper in marking on the circle."

Bostwick hopes Pinkus will help with her leadership ability and intensity.

"She's not afraid to put her body on someone or stick to block a shot," she said. "She's a strong, intelligent player and she has the patience of a saint. She doesn't crack under pressure. Hopefully she'll be the captain on the offense. She'll also take offensive corners."

Caron, Bostwick said, is a serious offensive threat.

"She should put the ball in the net," Bostwick said. "She was a goal scorer last year. I'm expecting a lot from her. She has the ability to pull out a lot of goals. If she stays on track, she could be an all-star."

Senior Caitlin Condon will get the nod in net.

"This is Caitlin's second year on the varsity," Bostwick said. "It will be her first year as the sole starter as goalie. Last year she shared the goal with another senior. She's really improved. She knows the game and gives a whole-hearted effort. She's working on quicker feet now."

One thing that won't bother Condon is pressure.

"She can take the pressure," Bostwick said of Condon. "She won't back down.

She had some key games for us last year. She also has a solid defense. That should help her. The one thing she needs to work on is to be more vocal. She's working on that."

Another area Bostwick feels will be a strength is team depth.

"We just established the

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FILE PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Senior captain Kelly Hurley (right) is expected to anchor the defense this fall for the Lady Skippers.

Golf team splits to open season

The Cohasset golf team dropped to 1-1 with a 214-232 non-league loss to East Bridgewater on the road Monday. Playing at the Vikings home Ridder Country Club course, the match was scored according to the Patriot League's point system rather than match play, the system the Skippers are accustomed to using in South Shore League play.

The Cohasset team opened with a non-league win over Quincy at the Furnace Brook Golf Club, last Thursday, in match play by a score of 32-22.

Senior Mike Devine was the low scorer for the Skippers, shooting a 1-over 36 for the visitors, and junior Tim Pilczak finished with a nine-hole score of 40.

NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's senior Captain Dave Santiago (left) looks to make a move on Scituate sweeper Brian Zona in Friday's season opening 5-0 win for the Skippers.

Skippers scuttle Sailors

Scituate boys soccer team no match in opener for powerhouse Cohasset

By Mike Spellman
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Cohasset 5, Scituate 0.

Yeah, this season opener for these neighboring town boys soccer rivals went pretty much the way most close observers expected it to.

Scituate lost six key starters to graduation from a team that won just a single game and tied five last year. Cohasset, conversely, lost only a handful of regulars and returned seven senior starters to a team that won 10 and tied five, including a victory in the state tourney.

So, it was hardly surprising to see the Cohasset boys appear as if they were in midseason form in Friday night's opener at Scituate High, while their Scituate counterparts seemed to have their hands full most of the game with simply getting the ball over the midfield stripe.

"I think this was the kind of game we needed," said Cohasset coach Rob Leary, who takes over the program this fall from Dave Nigro. "Scituate is rebuilding a little bit right now, and that gave us a chance to settle into our new game plan, and get comfortable with it. I think it helped the kids know what they can expect from me and what I

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Are you ready for some football?!?

Even with heavy graduation toll, CHS gridders eye competitive '03 campaign

By Mike Spellman
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So, does winning really beget winning? Cohasset High football coach Tony Rolfe certainly hopes so.

"We've had two real good years in a row, and I'm hoping that winning attitude the players have developed shows up again this year," said the sixth year head coach who has directed the Skippers to a 17-3 record over the last two years. "We did lose some real good players, but I don't feel as if we have any huge holes to fill. Time will tell, though."

In all, the Skippers lost nine players to graduation, all of them starters. Now, this would be a heavy toll on any football program, but conventional thinking would indicate the impact would be particularly telling for a school like CHS, by far the smallest school in the SSL in terms of student population.

Arguably, the two most difficult players to replace will be

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

The Cohasset girls soccer team takes the Scituate High field for Friday night's showdown with the Lady Sailors. Unfortunately, the Lady Skippers fell, 2-0.

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team," she said. "We had 45 kids try out for the varsity and junior varsity," she said. "I'll carry 16 on the varsity with three more who will help the varsity and junior varsity. We'll probably have 20 or 21 on the JV."

Bostwick plans to use the numbers as an advantage.

"We'll have the ability to use all the kids," she said. "We should have some power and endurance. We plan to stretch other teams' endurance. I have kids on the bench who are about equal with the starters. Right now I'm trying to get them in shape. They're working hard. They're hungry."

Bostwick said one difference between last season and this season is in the way the team plays together.

"There's more of a team concept this year," she said. "The camaraderie is great. There are no cliques. All of them are very supportive of each other. I like that a lot. Last year we had more people playing for themselves. We don't have that this year. I enjoy this team. I look forward to practice. I can't wait for the first game.

"I have high hopes for this team. I just love the atmosphere here."

As for team camaraderie and winning, Bostwick has recent experience to draw from.

This season, she played on a women's softball team that won their league title in Braintree.

Along with the varsity, Bostwick is excited about the JV as well.

"We have a new JV coach," she said. "Alley Williams will be a great asset to the program. She's taking over for Danielle Shaughnessey who left to have a baby."

Cohasset opens the season Friday at home against Sturgis Charter (4 p.m. start).

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Senior captain Jenn Buckley (rear) and the rest of the Cohasset girls soccer team was looking to win their first game and even their record to .500 when they traveled to Mashpee yesterday. The Lady Skippers get back into action Saturday night at Norwell High (5 p.m. start).

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Aiden Buick (left) and senior captain Chris Clark (#21) look to prevent Scituate defender Greg Oulette from clearing the ball away from the Scituate net in Friday night's 5-0 win for the Skippers. Clark and Buick each contributed a goal and an assist to the winning effort.

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will expect from them in games."

It took the Skippers all of 69 seconds to get on the board as sophomore Aiden Buick fed a pass through to captain Dave Santiago for the quick blast past helpless Scituate keeper Roman Grivalja.

Cohasset continued to dominate the territorial battle throughout the first half, but Scituate's backline did a nice job of limiting clean looks on Grivalja, junior sweeper Brian Zona in particular coming up big.

However, the dam could withstand the relentless pressure for only so long. In the 27th minute, Santiago returned the favor for his earlier set up, feeding Aiden Buick for a quick one-timer that made it 2-0.

The floodgates really opened from there, as Cohasset tallied twice more before the halftime break.

Senior Andrew Wise deftly took a pass out of the air from 20 yards straight out, one-timing it just inside the left post with 4:11 to go.

Senior co-captain Chris Clark then did what he does best, weaving through half of the Scituate defense on a rush that started at midfield before blasting a shot from 25 yards out to the right that got by Grivalja farside just 25 seconds before the double whistle.

The rout was on in force when, three minutes into the second half, Clark refused to give up after he was triple-teamed and stripped on another scintillating rush from the left, as he poked the ball away a Scituate defender on an attempted clear and slid it into the middle to the hard-charging Santiago, who roofed the shot over junior Colin Mason, who took over in net for Scituate in the second half and actually acquitted himself quite well.

Coach Leary began emptying his bench liberally at that point.

"Everyone got a chance to play, so that was another plus," said Leary, who left the head coaching job at Rockland High in the late 90s in order to pursue his Master's degree in Education, and has been an assistant boys soccer coach at Marshfield the last few years. "Getting varsity experience for as many guys as possible is something you like to do because you never know when injuries might hit."

The coach lauded the play in particular of senior sweeper Craig Laugelle and Wise (goal, assist).

"Craig was just awesome all game long, stepping up, not letting Scituate players get much of a look on goal," Leary said of the returning SSL all-star. "And Andrew really stepped up. I gave him my Player of the Game Award, and I let him know this is exactly what I expect from him every time out."

Senior Jesse Brewer played most of the game in net for the Skippers, and though he needed to stop only a handful of shots to record the shutout, Leary made a point of lauding the work of his keeper. The coach was particularly impressed with the way the converted midfielder came out of net aggressively to play the ball.

"Jesse looked good making the stops he had to, and he helped get our offense going too with the way he came out an played the ball with his feet at times," noted Leary. "The first few times he did that I'd say 'what the heck is he doing,' but I see he's got such a strong game with his feet. He seems to have a good sense of when to do it, so we'll keep letting him do it."

The Cohasset boys got back into action Wednesday, with Mashpee coming to town for their home and South Shore League opener. The Skippers first big test of the season is expected to come under the lights at Norwell High Saturday night (6:30 p.m. start) versus the defending SSL champion Clippers. Norwell, like Cohasset, returns most of its talent from last year's team. These two teams split last year's two meetings.

CHS weekly schedule/scoreboard

Varsity Football

Sept.
13 Nantucket 1 p.m.
Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
Assistants: Bob Silvia, Brian Pattison, tom Ventresca, Dave Terry, Don Silvia, Chris Bridges

Frosh-Soph Football

13 Nantucket 3:30 p.m.
18 @ Arch. Williams 3:30 p.m.

Varsity Field Hockey

12 Sturgis Charter 4 p.m.
15 E. Bridgewater 3:30 p.m.
17 @ Scituate 3:30 p.m.
Coach: Deb Bostwick

JV Field Hockey

15 E. Bridgewater 5 p.m.
17 @ Scituate 5 p.m.
Coach Alex Williams

Boys Varsity Soccer

5 beat Scituate, 5-0
10 Mashpee
13 @ Norwell 6:30 p.m.
16 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
18 Carver 6:30 p.m.
Coach: Rob Leary

Boys JV Soccer

13 @ Norwell 3:30 p.m.
16 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
18 Carver 5 p.m.
Coach Rick Dockendorff

Girls Varsity Soccer

5 lost to Scituate, 2-0
10 @ Mashpee
13 @ Norwell 5 p.m.
16 Abington 6:30 p.m.
Coach: Deb Beal

Girls JV Soccer

Sept.
13 @ Norwell 2 p.m.
16 Abington** 5 p.m.
**Alumni Field
Coach: Kara Connerty

Boys Varsity Golf

4 beat Quincy, 32-22
8 lost to E. B'water, 214-232
10 E. Bridgewater
11 Abington 3:30 p.m.
15 Harwich 4 p.m.
16 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
17 Carver 3:30 p.m.
Coach: Torin Sweeney

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Learn to Skate and Beginner Instructional Hockey Registration

The Coastal Stars Youth Hockey program (Cohasset/Marshfield) will have registration for The 2003-2004 'Learn to Skate' & 'Instructional Hockey' program.

Where: Ventress Library, Rt. 139/Webster Street, Marshfield
When: Saturday September 13, 2003, 12:30PM – 4:30PM
Where: Cohasset Community Center, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset
When: Saturday September 20, 2003, 10:00AM – 2:00PM
Learn to skate: Ages 2 - 6
Instructional Hockey: 8 & Under as of 12/31/03
For more information contact: TimothyLeahy@att.net

Fall Crew Program

High School students interested in joining CMI's Fall crew team should sign up now. Call or email CMI coach Jack Buckley at 383 8261, or jackbuckley@rowcmi.org Fall rowing is free for current CMI members; $75.00 fee for non-members. Crews will be training for competition in the Head of the Weir, Oct 25, a 5 mile open race from the river head to the Windmill Pt Boathouse operated by the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Crews will also train for Head of the Quinnipiac, a 7 mile race sponored by the Sound School in New Haven, CT. The Head of the Quinnipiac will be held Nov 8. Only 12 athletes will be selected for training with CMI, so interested athletes should register immediately.

CYBSA Major League tryouts Sept. 20

The try-out for the 2004 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at Barnes Field at 1:30 PM. All boys and girls turning 10, 11 or 12 prior to August 1, 2004 wishing to play Little League major league division baseball and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out. Although all eligible 12 year olds are automatically assigned to major league teams, their attendance is mandatory at this try-out. Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 1:00 PM. This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date for this try-out will be Saturday, September 27, 2003. Questions regarding this try-out may be directed to either Matt Salerno at 781-383-2230 or Nancy Froio at 781-383-1897.

Hingham Flag Football registration

Hingham Flag Football registration for ages 5 to 13 will be held Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon at Pal Field, Beal St., Hingham, behind Lincoln Plaza

Registration fee: $50 per player, $90 cap per family

Directions from Scituate - North on Route 3A, past Hingham Rotary. Take left opposite commuter boat exit. Pal Field is at the end of the street. For more information call, 781-383-9122.

Aerobics class

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces an ongoing registration for adult fitness classes, based upon six-week sessions. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer Charles Palmer will conduct the class. This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kick-boxing, and muscle conditioning. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Town Hall auditorium from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The cost for the 12-class session is $100 per participant. Step equipment will be provided for up to 20 participants; however, 2 to 5 lb. hand weights should be brought to class for the muscle conditioning segment of the training. Call the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 to register.

Cohasset Soccer Club Fall signups/schedule

The Cohasset Soccer Club's 2003 - 2004 registration is now underway. Information describing the various programs available and registration forms are available at the Town Hall to register all players for the upcoming Fall /Spring Season. Players must be at least 4 years of age by August 31, 2003 to play this season, with the Fall season including players up through the 6th grade. Players in the Under-14 age groups and older will register for the Spring season during the Fall.

The tentative start dates for the Fall Season are the weekend of September 12/13 for the Under-12 players (5th and 6th grade) and the weekend of September 20 for the remainder of the program.

In addition, coaching clinics for all new and returning coaches are tentatively scheduled for the weekends of September 6th and 12th.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please check the Club's website www.cohassetsoccer.com or contact Wallace St. John (781-383-2552) or Mark Richardson (781-383-0998).

TKO Malley Race Oct. 5

The annual TK O'Malley Race in Scituate has been scheduled for Oct. 5.

All proceeds from this year's race will go to the Scituate Council on Aging and the Friends of Scituate Recreation.

The event features a walk starting at 8:30 p.m. a Fun Run starting at 11:30 a.m. and the featured 10K race at 1 p.m.. Pre-registration for the 10K race is $15, with race day registration $20. Registration for the walk is $5 in advance or $10 on the day of the race. T-Shirts will cost an extra $5 for all registrants.

All questions should be directed to Howie Ardolino (781-545-1463)

Mark Gratta, Sr. Memorial Golf Tourney Sept. 15

The Mark S. Gratta Sr. 2003 Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sept. 15 at the South Shore Country Club, Hingham with an AM star. $100 entry fee includes greens fees, cart, dinner and gifts. Limited to the first 144 players registered by Aug.15. Information: Douglas Pagnani, (781)447-7119, E-mail Aces2aces@Comcast.net.

Hit Dog fall softball

Outdoor softball league runs September 7th – October 12th –All participants will receive professional instruction, play a six or twelve game schedule, and be eligible for selection to All-Star Game at conclusion of season. Professional umpires will work each game and game tee shirts and visors will be provided to individuals. Individual and Team entries are now being accepted for both of the following divisions:

Junior Division— Players ages 11 – 13 play a six game schedule (Sunday mornings) attend three optional group instruction sessions as well as weekly team practices at the Hit Dog Training Center. All participants are eligible for selection to All Star game at conclusion of season.

High School Division—Players in grades 9 – 12 play a twelve game schedule (double-headers on Sundays) and attend weekly team workouts at the Hit Dog Training Center. All participants are eligible for selection to All Star game at conclusion of season.

For information call the Hit Dog Training and Fitness Center at 781-297-9600, visit us on the web at www.hitdog.com, or stop by our 57 French Street, Stoughton, MA location.

COHASSET YOUTH SOCCER NOTES

COHASSET SOCCER CLUB UNDER 12 PLAY FOR 5TH AND 6TH GRADE PLAYERS BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

The Cohasset Soccer Club's Fall 2003 program for under 12 players in 5th and 6th grade will begin this Friday (12th) and Saturday (13th) at Milliken - Bancroft Recreation Field and then continue for another two weeks before league game play begins on October 4th.

The boys under 12 program will be held on Friday from 4:00 - 5:30 and then on Saturday from 9:00 - 12:00. The girls under 12 program will be held on Friday from 5:30 - 7:00 and then on Saturday from 10:30 - 1:30. Coerver skills training / development, speed training and team play will be held during these sessions.

The Soccer Club's programs for the remainder of the players in the Club (pre-K through 4th grade) will begin on Saturday, September 20th.

All players must be registered with the Soccer Club before participating in the training / skill development programs. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall and must be completed prior to the start of the season.

COHASSET SOCCER CLUB COACHES TRAINING AND WORK DAY

The Cohasset Soccer Club will be holding a coaches training session on Saturday, September 13th from 2:00 - 4:00 at Milliken - Bancroft Recreation Field for all new and experienced coaches. Trainers from the Coerver Coaching Program will work with coaches on skill development and training techniques and Club trainers will present the player training program to be used during the Fall season.

All experienced / new / potential coaches are invited to participate in these training sessions. For additional information please call Mark Richardson @ 781-383-0998.

In addition to the coach training program, the Club will be holding its annual work day at the soccer fields on Saturday morning from 9:00 - 12:00. This will include setting up the fields for Fall play, repairing equipment, and organizing the equipment for the upcoming season. Please come up to the fields on Saturday morning and help with preparing for the upcoming Fall season.

MARK one Up

Rox Open Championship Series with 4-1 victory

Lynn, MA- One down, two to go. Mike Marchesano outdueled North Shore ace John Kelly as the Brockton Rox opened the best-of-five league championship series with a 4-1 victory at Fraser Field. Game two is scheduled for Wednesday at 7:05 p.m.

Marchesano (2-0) allowed only one run and four hits over six solid innings, striking out seven and walking just one. After allowing a first-inning RBI single to Frank Charles that put the Spirit ahead 1-0, the right-hander shut down North Shore on only two hits over the next five innings. In the playoffs, Marchesano has now pitched 14 innings total and allowed only two runs.

The Rox pounded out nine hits in four innings against Kelly (1-1), the league's winningest pitcher this season. Brockton tied the game in the second as Francisco Matos scored on a throwing error by North Shore second baseman Marcos Agramonte, then took the lead for good with two two-out runs in the fourth.

Mel Rosario led off the fourth with a double, then moved to third base with two outs on a sacrifice bunt by Nestor Smith. The next batter Abner Arroyo delivered another in a string of important hits this post-season, an RBI double that scored Rosario to put the Rox ahead 2-1. Jake Daubert followed with a single scoring Arroyo to make the score 3-1.

Brockton chased Kelly from the game before he got an out in the fifth, as Craig Lewis and Matos connected for back-to-back singles leading off the inning. The new pitcher Nate Beucler allowed an RBI ground out to the first batter he faced Saul Bustos, plating Lewis with the final run of the night.

Tony Stutz pitched two scoreless innings of relief for the Rox before giving way to Conor Brooks. Brooks allowed two baserunners in the ninth, but struck out pinch-hitter Brian Schmitt to end the game and record the save. The Brockton closer is now 1-0 with two saves in four playoff appearances.

Daubert and Matos had three hits apiece for the Rox, while Arroyo went 2-4 with a walk, an RBI and a run scored. Charles led the Spirit offense by going 3-4 with the team's lone RBI. Beucler and Chad Bircher combined to pitch five scoreless innings out of the pen, after North Shore failed to use a single relief pitcher in the team's three-game sweep of Quebec in the divisional round.

Greg Salvevold (0-1) is slated to pitch for Brockton against North Shore rookie Jeremy Sugarman (1-0) in game two as the Rox try to take a 2-0 series lead. The series then shifts to Campanelli Stadium for game three Thursday night. Single-game tickets for the game are on sale at the Rox box and via the Rox Web site, www.brockton-rox.com.

Series Notes

The best-of-five Northeast League Championship series pits Massachusetts rivals Brockton and North Shore beginning Tuesday. The first two games will be played at North Shore and the last three at Brockton. The series is being dubbed the "Big Dig Series" because of the recently completed set of roads and tunnels that is the route between the two Boston-area towns.

North Shore swept Québec, 3-to-0, behind three complete game pitching performances in the North Divisional Series. Brockton rallied from a 10-0 lambasting at the hands of New Jersey to win three close games in a row and take the South Divisional Series, 3-to-1.

Northeast League Championship Series (with probable starters and playoff statistics):

Game 2, Wednesday, Sept. 10: Brockton (LH Scott Martin 0-0, 1.23, 7.1 IP) @ North Shore (RH Jeremy Sugarman 1-0, 2.00, 9 IP), 7:00

Game 3, Thursday, Sept. 11: North Shore (RH Klae Calvert 1-0, 3.00, 9 IP) @ Brockton (RH Joey Baker 0-0, 6.23, 4.1 IP), 7:11

Game 4, Friday, Sept. 12 (if necessary): North Shore (LH Bryan Morse, DNP) @ Brockton (RH Greg Salvevold 0-1, 13.50, 3.1 IP), 7:11

Game 5, Saturday, Sept. 13 (if necessary): North Shore (RH John Kelly 1-0, 2.00, 9 IP) @ Brockton (RH Mike Marchesano 1-0, 1.13, 8 IP), 7:11.

SPORTS NOTES

Fall/Winter Adult hockey leagues

Fall/Winter adult ice hockey leagues start in Sept/October 2003. Players and teams are needed for all levels of play and ages at various south of Boston locations. Anyone interested, call for a brochure: 1-888-45-NESHL (888-456-3745), or e-mail: adulthockeyneshl@aol.com.

Hockey skills workshop

Hockey Skills Development Workshops is offering high-speed skills programs for high school, mites, squirts and pee-wees. In addition, there is a new separate Goalies-Only program. All are skating evenings once a week at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham for eight weeks. High school is on Sunday; others are on Wednesday or Thursday.

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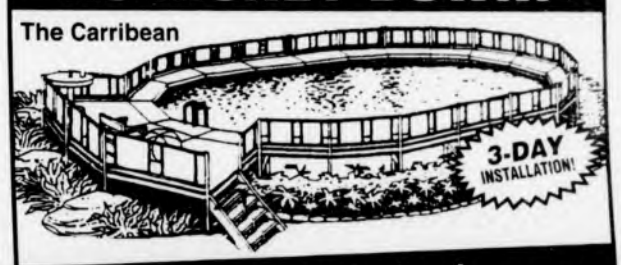

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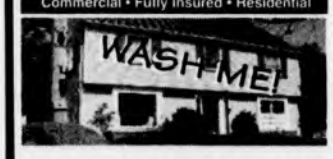

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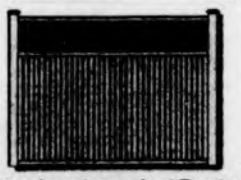
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offensive lineman/middle linebacker Cosimo Cambi, the team's leading tackler by far the past two seasons, and Tom Anderson, the team's three year starting tight end/strong safety/kicker/punter, both two-time South Shore League all-stars and 2002 Mariner All-Scholastics.

"Those will be two of the bigger holes," conceded Rolfe, a former assistant coach at Hingham High. "Cosimo just made so many plays in the middle of our defense, and Tom did so many things well for us.

"Tom's kicking and punting were huge weapons for us. It's amazing looking back on all the times our opponents started their drives inside their own 20-yard line, and that was thanks in big part to Tom's leg."

Of course, the losses to the caps and gowns of league all-stars Braun Goodson, an 1,800-yard rusher, Ben Lynner, a sensational defensive lineman, and Mike Snowdale, a two-year starter at quarterback, can't exactly be glossed over. Ditto for the graduations of starting wide-out John Durkin, defensive backs Nick Spirito and Matt Davis and linebacker Chris McKenna.

The good news for the Skippers is they return 80 percent of their starting offensive line and three starting linebackers.

"And those are two vital areas on both sides of the ball," noted Rolfe. "I'm sure there are a lot of coaches out there who wish they could start with that."

Cambi is the only subtraction on the offensive line. Back in the trenches will be senior captain Steven Davis (6-2, 250), senior Dan Tarpey (6-2, 210), junior Matt Casey (5-foot-9, 170 pounds) and sophomore Nick Arment (6-2, 250 pounds). Sophomore Dan McCarthy (6-1/220) has earned the honor of filling Cambi's huge shoes at right tackle.

"I think our offensive line is a definite strength," said coach Rolfe. "Our four returning starters are bigger and have a year's experience under their belts. (Dan) McCarthy has been a real pleasant surprise. He's really picked it up, and I'm sure he's going to do just fine."

The veteran coach also laughs at the notion that Casey, who is also a star wrestler, is undersized for line play.

"Yeah, some people might have thought that last year too, but that didn't last long once they saw what he could do," laughed Rolfe. "He's done a super job. He does everything we need him to do."

The experience factor up front should help what is a relatively inexperienced backfield settle in. Only junior fullback Ted Straughn is back to reclaim his 2002 role.

Taking over for Snowdale at quarterback will be senior captain Mike Dooley, a starter at cornerback last year. Dooley has seen plenty of reps in practice and scrimmages while backing up Snowdale the previous two seasons, and actually filled in for an injured Snowdale in his sophomore year at QB and led the Skippers to a win over Cardinal Spellman. Though undersized by most QB standards at 5-6, 160 pounds, coach Rolfe insists he has no concerns about that being a factor.

"Mike has done a superb job so far and he's an extremely worthy successor to Snowdale," said Rolfe. "He's been waiting in the wings, and now is his time. He's one of those students of the game. Football is his thing.

"Mike is tough, he can run and he has a very strong arm. I believe he's going to have an excellent year."

In fact, coach Rolfe claims this year's Skippers team may throw the ball more than any team he's ever had, which is saying something considering the Skippers have led the SSL in passing yards over the last two years.

"With the receivers we have, it only makes sense to use them," said Rolfe. "We've got to get those guys the ball."

The return to health of senior captain Chris Bilodeau, a 2001 SSL all-star who missed all of last season to injury, should provide a huge lift to the offense, one that could go a long way toward making up for the loss of 1,800-yard rusher Goodson.

"Honestly, I'm amazed by what Chris can do on the field," noted Rolfe. "He has just about the best hands I've ever seen at this level. If he can get his hands on a pass, it's a catch."

The coach was almost as effusive in his praise of junior speedster D.J. Silvia, a regular in last year's wide out rotation, and senior tight end Sean Connelly (6-4, 200 pounds), a starter at defensive end in 2002 who will look to fill the huge shoes of Anderson.

"Both of those guys, like Chris, have shown they can catch the ball that's thrown anywhere near them, and Straughn has real good hands too. I can see him catching the ball out of the backfield too."

The starting backfield is rounded out by Dwayne Morris. The senior takes over Goodson's lead runner role, and coach Rolfe has already called him "the most pleasant surprise so far this year."

"Dwayne has good vision and is faster than we thought," said Rolfe. "He's a lot like (Dooley) in that he's been waiting his chance to play behind some pretty good players. I think he's going to really open some eyes."

Long an opponent of two-way play, Rolfe concedes he may well have to adjust his thinking given the toll taken by graduation, particularly on the defensive line.

Davis, Tarpey and Armant all figure is what the coach sees as a seven-player mix up front defensively. Senior Rob Carpenter, a 2001 varsity team player who returns to CHS after a year of prep school, and junior Leo Clougherty, Kelvin Ferreira and Matt Baroudi round out this mix.

Casey and Straughn return to linebacker roles, where they will join third year starter Tony Truglia, the fourth senior captain. McCarthy may also see some duty there.

Going both ways in the defensive backfield will be Bilodeau and Connelly, both having been tabbed as starting safeties. Connelly makes a big transition from defensive line, but Rolfe figures his combination of size and speed makes him ideal for the "centerfield"/run support role.

As for Bilodeau, there was never any thought of him being a one-way player.

"Chris is my field general defensively," noted Rolfe. "We'd weaken ourselves a lot with him on the sideline."

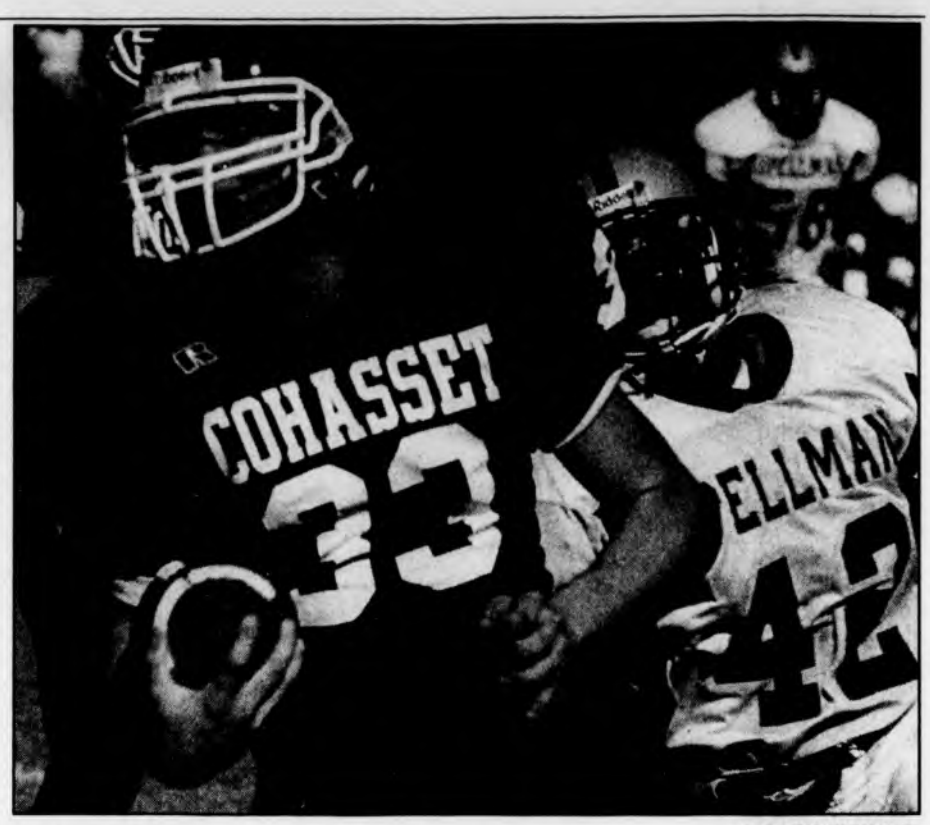
The corner back positions will be filled by athletic juniors Joe Durkin and Crandon Leahy, with Dooley an emergency fill-in only.

"Mike's a good defensive back, but I want him on the sideline with me some of the time," he said. "There are just too many things you have to talk over with your quarterback."

The Skippers open the season with three straight non-league games. They kick things off by hosting Nantucket on Saturday afternoon(1 p.m. start) at Alumni Field. Defending Catholic Central champ Archbishop Williams comes to town next Friday night, Sept. 19 (7 p.m. start).

Following the off week, Cohasset plays its first road game at Cardinal Spellman on Saturday, Oct. 4, and then kicks off South Shore League play at home on Friday, Oct. 10, versus Carver.

"On paper, Norwell looks like the team to beat in our league right now," concluded Rolfe, "and Carver could be pretty good too. But you never know sometimes with high school sports how things might come together. We play a pretty tough non-league schedule and I hope that helps get us ready for the league season. I certainly feel we'll be competitive in our league."



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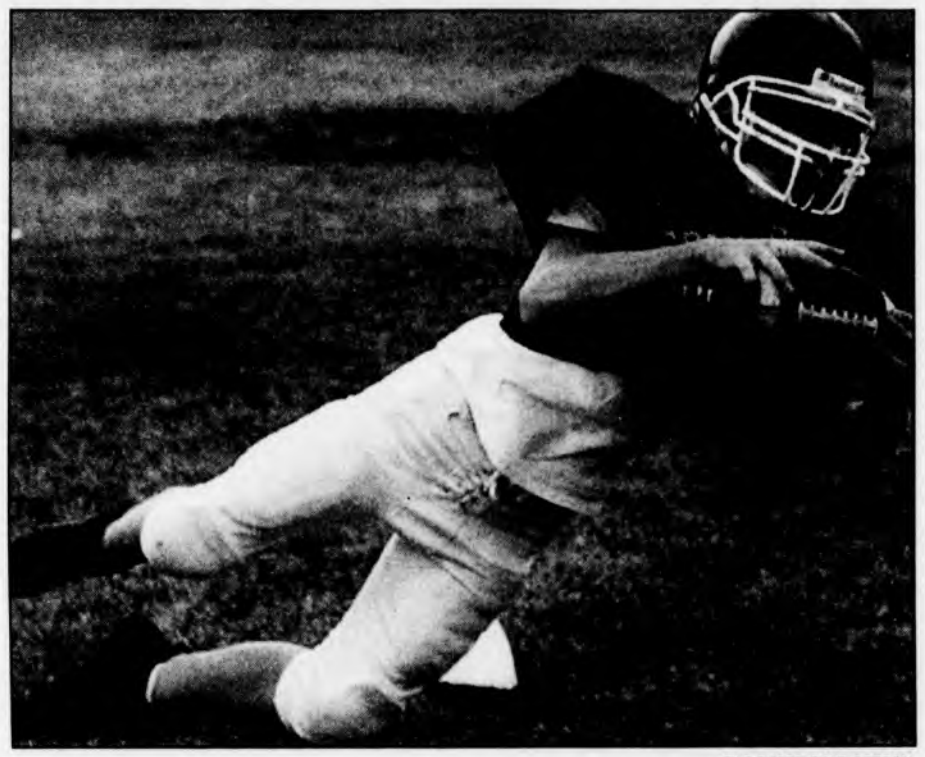
1,700-yard rusher Braun Goodson will certainly be missed this season...



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...but with young players such as Joe Durkin apparently ready to step up, the Cohasset High gridders may just make another run at a South Shore League title.

CHS gridders kick off season Friday night versus Nantucket

Head coach, Tony Rolfe, starts his 6th season at the helm of the Cohasset Skippers football team this Saturday, as the Nantucket Whalers visit Alumni field. Returning assistant coaches include Bob Silvia, Dave Terry, Brian Patterson, Tom Ventresca, Chris Briggs, and Donny Silvia.

The Skippers return 10 starters from last years 8-2 team, with five to seven of these starters slated to see action on both sides of the ball.

The offensive front consists of senior Dan Tarpey at left tackle, sophomore Nick Arment at left guard, junior Matt Casey at center, senior captain Steve Davis at right guard, and sophomore Dan McCarthy at right tackle. The receiving corp includes senior Sean Connolly at tight end, senior captain Chris Bilodeau and junior D J Silvia at wide-outs. Junior Ted Straughn returns at fullback, senior DeWayne Morris starts at tailback, and senior captain Mike Dooley will be calling the signals at quarterback.

Defensively, the front four will include Davis at end along with senior Robbie Carpenter, and the tackles will include junior Matt Baroudi, Tarpey, Arment, and senior Jamie Litchfield. The linebacking trio returns Casey, Straughn, and senior captain Tony Truglia. The secondary will have Bilodeau, Connolly, junior Crandon Leahy, and junior Joe Durkin.

Also seeing action for the Skippers this weekend will be junior defensive tackle/running back Kelvin Ferriera, junior defensive end Casey Coleman, junior defensive lineman/running back Joey Kehoe, junior running back Brendan Michaud, sophomore defensive back Rick Grassie, junior defensive tackle Leo Clougherty, sophomore linemen John Burgoon and John Keniley, sophomore linebackers Dave McKenna and Scott Wakefield, sophomore quarterback Chris Bryan, and sophomore defensive back Justin Wood.

The junior varsity squad will be bolstered by an incoming freshmen class that includes Anthony DiPaolo, Fletcher Smalzel, John Harrington, Blain Morin, Nick Zappolo, Jared Dick, Robert Silvia, Trip Harper, Colin Smith, Paul St Pierre, Ben Masotta, Nick Cambi, Justin Alexander, Colin Conway, Corbin Faber, and Conor Holway.

The varsity game kicks off at 1 PM, followed by the junior varsity game, which will commence shortly after the conclusion of the varsity contest. Cohasset has a three game winning streak against Nantucket, with each game usually coming down to the wire.

Cohasset High senior football players Steve Davis (55), Sean Connelly (#30), Dan Tarpey (75), Chris Bilodeau (28), Mike Dooley (24), Tomy Truglia (52), Dwayne Morris (2) and Rob Carpenter (80).

Cohasset High 2003 football schedule

Varsity

Sept.			
13	Nantucket		1 p.m.
19	Archbishop Williams		7 p.m.
Oct.			
4	@ C. Spellman		1:30 p.m.
10	Carver		7 p.m.
17	Mashpee		6 p.m.
	* Homecoming		
24	@ Weston		7 p.m.
31	Canton		7 p.m.
Nov.			
7	Abington		7 p.m.
14	@ Norwell		7 p.m.
27	@ Hull		10 a.m.

Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
Assistants: Bob Silvia, Brian Pattison, tom Ventresca, Dave Terry, Don Silvia, Chris Bridges

Frosh-Soph Football

Sept.			
13	Nantucket		3:30 p.m.
18	@ Arch. Williams		3:30 p.m.
Oct.			
2	C. Spellman		3:30 p.m.
9	@ Carver		5:30 p.m.
16	@ Mashpee		4 p.m.
23	Weston		3:30 p.m.
30	Canton		3:30 p.m.
Nov.			
6	@ Abington		3:30 p.m.
13	Norwell		3:30 p.m.
21	Hull		6 p.m.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Cohasset Elementary Schools
Lunch Menu
MONDAY SEPT. 15

Hot dog on a bun, or tuna sub, baked beans and fruit., choice of milk.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16

Chicken nuggets and dinner roll, or seafood pocket, oven fries, pineapple, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

Pasta with meat sauce and dinner roll, or ham and cheese sandwich, applesauce, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes with maple syrup, sausage, potato bucks, yogurt, choice of milk.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or Greek salad with pita bread, fruit, choice of milk.

Send in your school news

The Cohasset Mariner wants to develop a school news page to run every week. Short news items from teachers and school organizations are welcome. Photographs of events, accompanied with a short article or longer story are also sought. If you have "Stars of the Month", an interesting program or student volunteer effort, artwork, student writings, interesting field trip, or special projects, please share them with us.

Also, if you would like to request a photographer for your school event, please let us know. Contact editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933. News items my be sent by email to mford@cnc.com or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in the village.

Sports writer sought

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, we've been lucky to have two outstanding CMHS sports reporters over the years. Jim O'Sullivan started writing for us when he was in the middle school and continued until his "retirement" when he went off to college. Jim's successor was Dave Ingber, who also did a superb job for us. Dave has now "retired" from our sports columns as he moves on to Harvard.

The time has come for us to do some recruiting for a new high school sports writer. The pay isn't as great as the intrinsic reward of knowing you've provided some scrapbook material for student athletes.

So if you can write, enjoy sports, are dependable and have access to email — please give sports editor Mike Spellman a call at 781-837-4577 or email him at mspellman@cnc.com

Service academies session tonight at Marshfield High

A Cape Cod native enrolled at the US Merchant Marine Academy will brief area high school students and their families at a forum hosted by Congressman Bill Delahunt next week to outline the Service Academy nomination process.

The session will run from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, at Marshfield High School on 89 Forest St. in Marshfield. The event was scheduled to commemorate the second anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks as part of a national call to young people to become invoked in public service.

To underscore the anniversary observance, State Patrol Officer Daniel Clark the "Singing Trooper" will perform selections from his numerous appearances with the Boston Pops. Officer Clark is renowned for his renditions of the National Anthem before public safety events and gatherings for area police and fire departments.

Admissions representatives will also be on hand from the U.S. Military Academy (West Point, NY), the U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD) and the U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, CO). There will also be officials from the Coast Guard Academy (New London, Ct), the Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY), as well as from Norwich University (Northfield, VT) and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay. Officials will also discuss scholarships available in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.

Tenth Congressional District residents who graduate from high school by this coming June are eligible to apply for the academic year 2004-2005. The application deadline for next year's potential nominees is Nov. 1.

Until the deadline, nomination applications are available by calling Congressman Delahunt's office toll-free at 800-794-9911. Students may also begin the application process online at www.house.gov/delahunt/svcadad.htm – a portion of the Congressman's web site which also includes internet links to each Academy's homepage.

Amanda to sign 'Millennium Girl'

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes Amanda C. Thompson, Sunday Sept. 21 from 2-4 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset for the release of her debut novel, "Millennium Girl." Amanda of Cohasset has just turned 14, however the bigger celebration in her life is the release of her first novel, "Millennium Girl". "Millennium Girl" tells the story of Carolyn, an ordinary preteen girl who is abruptly uprooted from her life in Alaska to move to California. In this utterly unfamiliar world, Carolyn struggles through her first days at school, her first encounters with bullies, her first attempts at making friends, and her first new crush, Matt. When Matt's mother is hospitalized, Carolyn strives to help her withdrawn friend. Through this heart-rending tale, Carolyn grows and learns what it is to be a true friend.

Amanda is a freshman at Cohasset High School. She wrote this book primarily because she loves to write and had set for herself the goal of writing a novel by the time she was 13. However, she freely credits her friend Molly Gallagher for keeping her on task. Weekly she would ask Amanda what she had written and ask to see her work. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Derby celebrates science center opening

By Carl Schwaber
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Sunday, Sept. 7, parents, faculty, trustees, and donors gathered on the Derby Academy campus to mark the grand opening of the school's new science center. The six-month project was completed just in time for the start of the new school year.

The state-of-the-art facility, a renovation of the school's former library and dining room, will dramatically improve the study of the sciences at Derby with additional space, equipment, and the integration of computers.

Lisa Loring, president of the Board of Trustees, thanked individuals who gave significant amounts of time, energy, and funds toward the realization of the building project.

"With these remarkable facilities and tools for teaching science, we honor the skills of our science faculty just as we demonstrate confidence in the ability of our students to meet the academic challenges such a facility can offer," she said.

The new building features three fully-equipped laboratories, a science classroom, prep room, and a "Science Gallery," which will serve as a virtual laboratory for experimenting with and demonstrating the principles of science, especially physics. Each lab combines classroom seating with three connected lab "pods" that accommodate a total of eighteen students who can work individually or with partners.

PHOTO/RICHARD GREEN

With a snip of the scissors, Head of School Ed Foley and Derby Board President Lisa Loring of Duxbury mark the official opening of the new Derby science center.

The addition of the science center goes hand in hand with Headmaster Ed Foley's chosen school theme for this year: *transitions*. As he observed in his First Chapel address to the school community, "even small changes require commitment." The new science center will challenge Derby's students to excel in the pursuit and attainment of scientific knowledge.

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Seniors get away from it all with walk at World's End

Club meets Fridays at Ranger Station

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Senior citizens are invited to walk World's End with the newly formed Senior Walking Club.

The informal program, sponsored by the Trustees of Reservations, "provides a venue for seniors to get together with people of similar interests," said Jim Freeborn, Supt. of the Trustees' South Shore properties. "Sometimes it's difficult to get out on one's own, and this is an opportunity to get involved in some exercise at a beautiful place with friends" and new acquaintances or to simply enjoy the fresh air.

"The walks will stretch into the fall foliage season."
— Jim Freeborn, World's End

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Mary Doherty, second from left (in hat) leads the walk for seniors through World's End.

Fitness instructor Mary Doherty, who leads a fitness group for seniors at the Hingham Senior Center, joins seniors as they take a stroll through the rolling hills and carriage roads that grace World's End, located at the end of Martin's Lane.

"That activity segued into the Walking Club," she said. "For me, it's a combination of two of my passions – fitness and conservation."

The first walk on Sept. 5 was a big success. "It was a beautiful day," said Doherty. "The fog was burning off and we saw lots of birds – osprey, egrets, and yellow finches. It's nice to get the seniors out and about to walk in such a special place."

The much-enjoyed park is a property of The Trustees of Reservations, a member-supported non-profit conservation organization working to preserve properties of exceptional historic, scenic, and ecological value in Massachusetts for public use and enjoyment.

"World's End is a great place for people of all abilities to walk because of the wide, flat, gentle grades," Freeborn said. The walks will continue through Nov. 21. There is no charge for participation, which is on a drop-in basis. No sign-ups are required. For further information, call (781) 740-7233.

People of all abilities are welcome. Walkers meet at the ranger station Fridays at 9:30 a.m. rain or shine and walk for about an hour. Participants are advised to dress appropriately for the weather and to bring water. Eastern Mountain Sports is donating water bottles in support of the effort.

World's End consists of four coastal drumlins connected by four miles of walking paths through grassy fields and groves of trees and short boardwalks through marshy sections. It has spectacular views of the Boston skyline, the Weir River, and Hingham Harbor. The property was originally laid out by the renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted as a housing development but much later was saved as open space through a citizen fund-raising campaign and turned over to the Trustees of Reservations. The park's rocky shores, marshes, meadows, and granite bluffs spread along five miles of coastline. The tidal marsh was dammed by early farmers to create a hay meadow and build a causeway. It was recently restored by opening up the channel to allow free tidal flow.

"The walks will stretch into the fall foliage season," Freeborn notes. The Trustees hope to sponsor a walking program during each season, including some at other Trustees properties – Hingham's Weir River Farm, Whitney Thayer Woods in Cohasset and Hingham — with parking off Rt. 3A across from Sawyer Street in Cohasset — and the Norris Reservation on the North River in Norwell.

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Kids join the circus!

Show ends camp week

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Hayley Ardizzoni, Meredith Veldran, Emma Rauocha and Josh Rosen pose as circus animals during the popular show.

At left: Meredith Vendran shows how strong she is during the Circus Camp Show for family and friends.

Will Thomas, Josh Rosen and Zach Herman walk the tightrope at the show following circus camp led by Mary Brennock.

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Victorian party is grand affair for Our World Children's museum

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Estey Manning in period 1920s garb stands in front of Lions Gate for last September's garden party benefiting "Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum."

Only the finishing touches remain to turn the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum off Sohier Street from a dusty construction site into a crisp new learning space, where children can explore and be introduced to different cultures in their own backyards.

"We've accomplished a great deal," said museum trustee Mary Larson. "We're very excited about where we're at right now."

With months of planning finally coming to fruition, Larson said she can't wait for the events to begin and the programs to start.

On Sunday, Sept. 21 from 3 to 7 p.m., before its doors open, the museum will be holding what Larson described as "our big fund-raiser for the year."

Invitations are being sent out for a garden party featuring "High tea in the Victorian tradition," to be held at the Thomas and Carolyn Plant Estate, now owned by Robert and Diane Johnston who have renamed it Lion's Gate. Guests are invited to sip wine or enjoy tea and crumpets while they listen to Carnegie Hall violinist Eugenio Kaplan.

"She has been so gracious to let us do this," said Larson of Johnston, who not only opened her home to the cause this year, but at last year's similar fund-raiser as well.

"It's going to be a fun, relaxed afternoon with fun people," said Tony Bramblett, Development Coordinator for the Museum. "The property is really beautiful and unique, and there's lots of property to look around."

In addition to the beautiful landscape, guests will be able to view the work of renowned portrait artist Peter Quidley, and bid at the silent auction. Items for auction include a fully catered cocktail party for 20 in your own home by Z-Chef Catering, valued at $1600; a girl's night out makeover party at Adrian Morris Salon in Cohasset, valued at $1000; and gift certificates for many local restaurants and stores.

Bramblett said there will also be a "gentlemen's lounge" for those interested in "watching the game."

The invitation is extended to everyone in the community and tickets are $150 per person. The museum asks guests to please RSVP by Friday, Sept. 12.

Other events

While proceeds from the garden party will provide the bulk of funding for the museum, many other smaller events will be held throughout the year including a Halloween party at the museum, a Christmas sale and other events which are not yet finalized.

Out the back doors of the museum is another envisioned project on its way to becoming a reality.

"It's halfway there," Larson said.

Members of Project Playground, a sub-committee of the Our World museum, have decided to hire Environmental Concepts, a company based out of Hull, to construct the new playground to be built behind the museum. The new play structure will be made of stainless steel and will have a special coating to help protect from sea spray.

"It's the top of the line in playgrounds right now," Larson said.

Along with "Casual Friday" music nights at the Red Lion Inn, which have been a very successful fund-raiser for the playground, a fund-raiser will be held Sept. 28 in conjunction with the Carousel in Hull. The committee has been working with Nona's of Hingham and Hull to hold a month-long contest for children to create a new flavor of ice cream. The winning flavor will be showcased on the 28th with a celebration including rides and popcorn.

If all goes well, members hope the playground will be ready to open this spring.

While it won't be until next fall before permanent exhibits take their permanent space, the museum is wasting no time planning for that next big step. Members of the staff have been working with Janet Kamien, who has worked on exhibits in major museums around the country including the Children's Museum in Boston and the Children's Museum in Atlanta, to come up with appropriate exhibits for Our World.

In the meantime, many educational activities are being planned to make good use of the museum before the exhibits are in place.

Program Coordinator Michele Dupuis has been working hard on getting programs ready for opening day Wednesday, Oct. 1. She said there are three main programs being started, "With more coming in the future."

Language playgroups for children ages 3-5 will provide an introduction to early words in other languages, such as Spanish, French, or German, while socializing with other children. Movement classes for children ages 5-8 will feature forms of physical activity from other countries such as Tai Chi, Kung Fu, Karate, Irish Step Dance, and Yoga. Birthday parties featuring themes that span the globe will be conducted by a museum instructor including age-appropriate games and activities. Current themes for parties include, but are not limited to, international games and play and global celebration. Parties are geared toward children ages 4 and up.

The museum, which is located in the 1929 wing of the former Osgood School, is devoted to creating opportunities for children throughout the South Shore to gain global awareness through play spaces, rotating exhibits, and programming.

For more information on programs, events, how to volunteer, or to take a tour of the new facilities, please contact Development Coordinator, Tony Bramblett, or Program Coordinator Michele Dupuis at (781) 383-3198.

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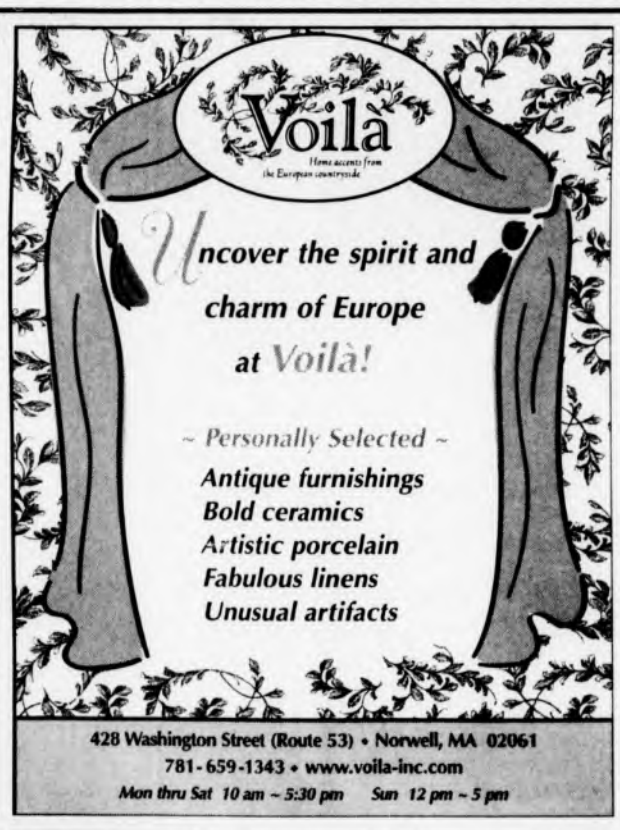

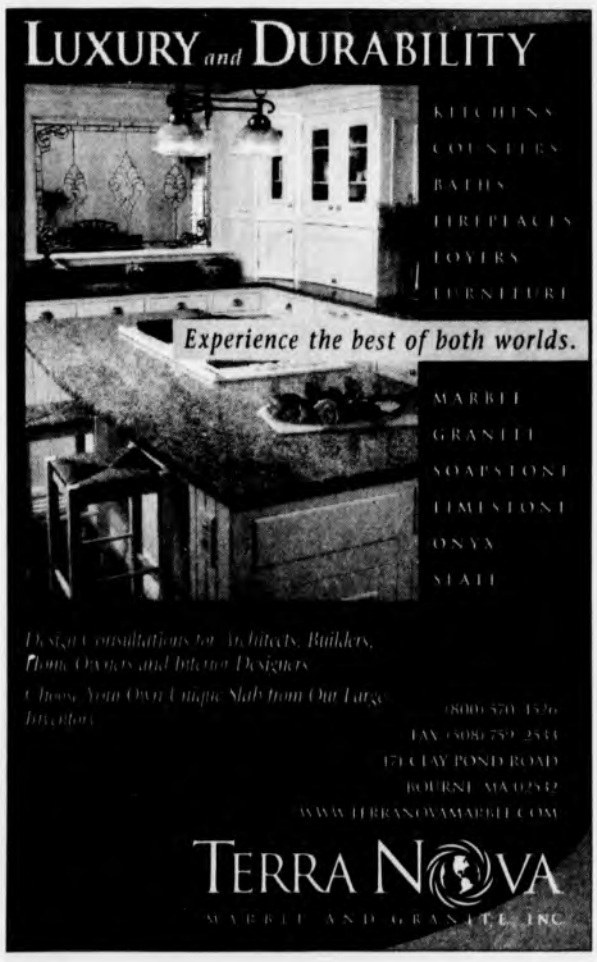

Harborview to hold raffle this weekend

By Samantha Brown
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For senior citizens living at the Harborview Apartments — monthly teas, movie nights and dinner parties are social activities they have become accustomed to. But in order to keep these active seniors busy, it takes funding, which is why tenants have come together to hold a yard sale, bake sale, and raffle, all in the same day.

Tenants' Association President Arlene Tuohey said members of the Harborview community will be setting up tables in front of their Senior Center building from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday Sept. 13. The bake sale will be held indoors, with tables and chairs set up for those who wish to sit and relax with their treats.

"It looks like it'll be nice weather," Tuohey said.

But perhaps the most exciting part of the day will be the drawing of the raffle, which will be held at 2 p.m. just after the yard sale has ended.

"We've got quite a bit for our raffle," Tuohey said, with many items offered from various business around town, including gift certificates to Atlantica, Bernard's, French Memories, Hair Affair and Hancock Paint, as well as local supermarkets.

All proceeds from the sale will go toward programs for the residents, of which there are many in the works. Because Harborview is subsidized by the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Tenants' Association receives $250 a year to cover business expenses, but funding for recreational activities needs to be raised.

One program sure to be a success is their monthly birthday tea. After a very successful tea held last September for a retiring visiting nurse, it was decided that a birthday tea would be planned for residents celebrating their birthdays each month.

In October, Tuohey said residents will have a pot-luck dinner, which is an event held four times a year. The next planned dinner will be held during the week of Halloween, and she suggested guests come in costume. However, she's not sure how many residents will actually come dressed in ghoulish garb.

Plans to start up a chapter of the Red Hat Society will hopefully begin to take shape in another month and a half, Tuohey said, which all Cohasset residents who are at least 50 years old are welcome to join.

The Society, which began in California and was inspired by a poem titled, "Warning" which begins, "When I am an old woman..." makes reference to wearing a purple dress with a red hat, and inspired the women to meet wearing just that for various social events. The trend caught on and chapters have spread all the way to the east coast. There are currently chapters in Scituate, Hull, Marshfield, Pembroke, and many other South Shore towns, which have been filled to capacity, so the ladies at Harborview decided to begin their own.

While the Society is intended for members who are 50 or older, an exception can be made for those who are under-age and would like to join. However, those who are under 50 are not entitled to wear purple and red, and must wear a lavender dress and pink hat until they have earned the right to wear the bolder colors.

Other fun activities include movie night, which is held once a month. Tuohey said Cohasset Housing Authority Director Marilyn LeBlanc's son brings down a screen and projector so residents can all feel like they're at the movies.

"We'd like to get a DVD player," she said, so residents will have access to their own machine for movie night.

Tickets for the raffle will be available at Harborview, located behind the police station on Elm Street, during the day of the sale. Representatives from Harborview will also have a table set up at the Farmer's Market on Thursday.

What's up at the raffle

Residents at Harborview will hold a yard sale from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. with a raffle drawing to be held at 2 o'clock. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5.

Items to be raffled off include:

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Although Gilbert started out with an interest in playing ball, a blown knee turned him to his other love: art. However, he has managed very effectively to combine his love of sports with his love of painting: he has done work for the Boston Celtics, the Boston Red Sox, the Coast Guard Academy, the Boston Bruins, the New England Patriots, the Ferrari Club of America, Sugarloaf USA, as well as Carol Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund, and the Timothy Hill Children's Ranch.

Gilbert will be hanging other pieces and will be offering giclée prints at the event, all of which will benefit the Historical Society. The opening reception-dinner is on Thursday, Oct. 2

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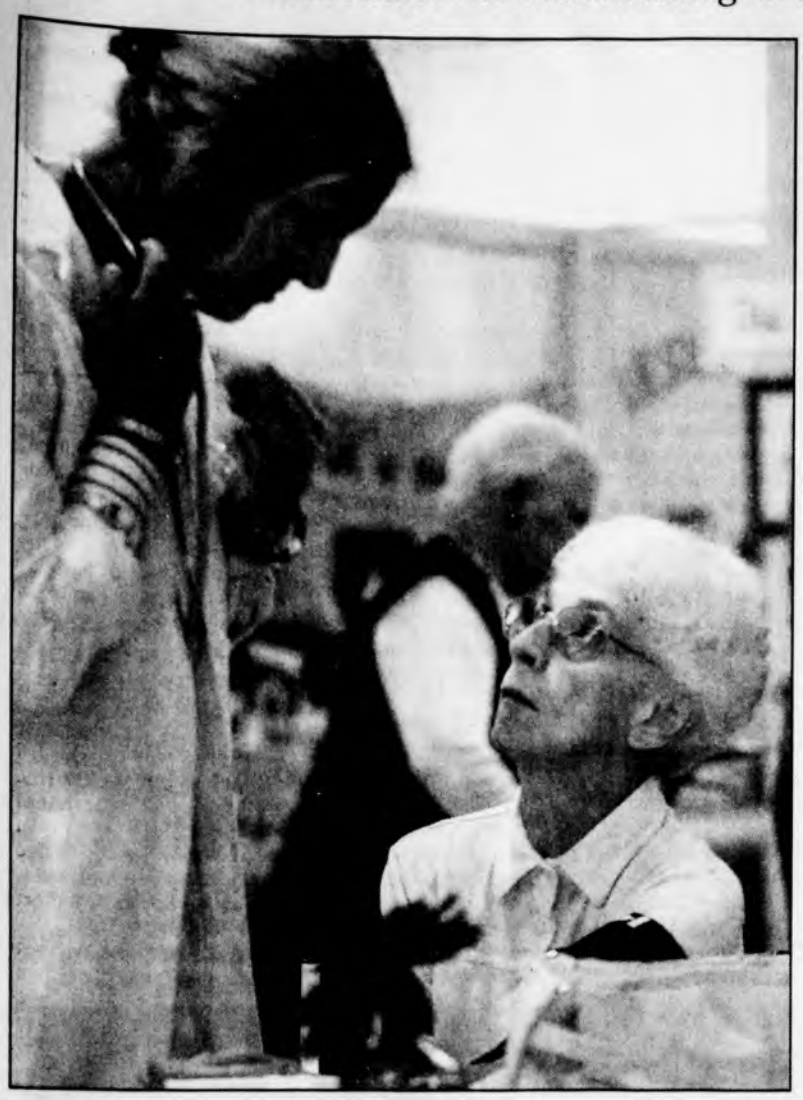

At left: Muriel Wheelwright looks to Hull Public Health Nurse Joyce Sullivan for her blood pressure reading at the annual Health Fair sponsored by the Cohasset Board of Health in conjunction with boards of health in Scituate and Hull.

Top right: Reiki master Karen Lohnes applies a gentle touch to Anne Blesedell at the health fair which attracted residents from Cohasset, Hull and Scituate.

Bottom right: Nantucket therapeutic massage specialist Paul Wilson chats with Mary Bohmer as his associate Melissa Crawford applies a massage at the annual Health Fair. "Ralph," a spine from Holistic Health Care is in the foreground.

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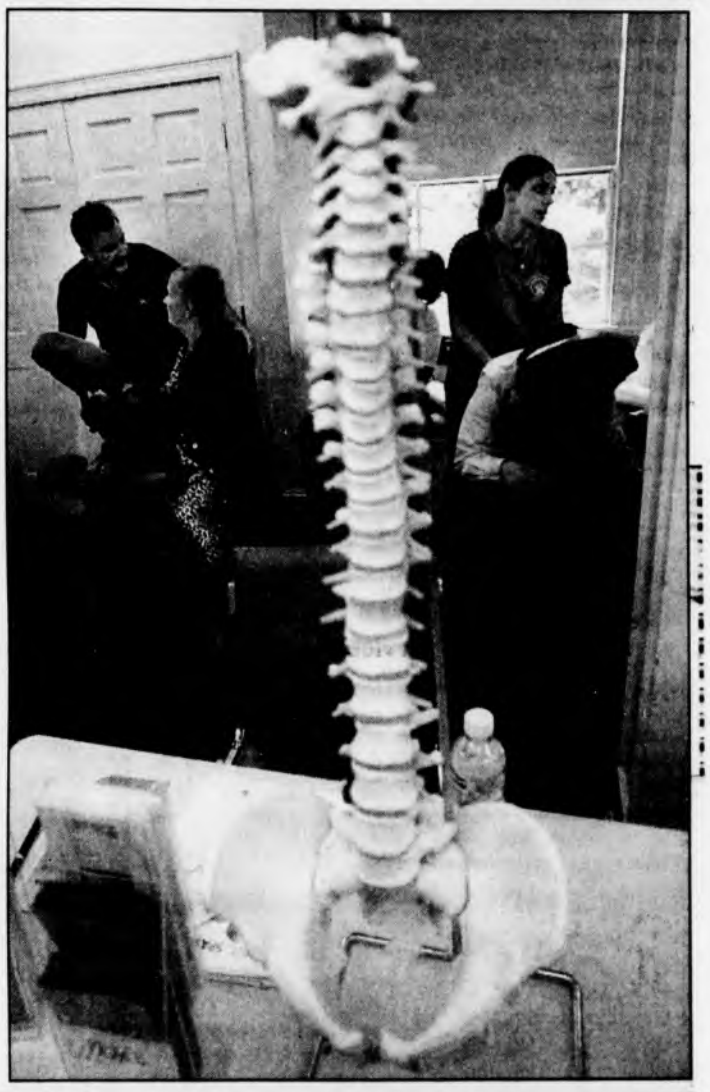

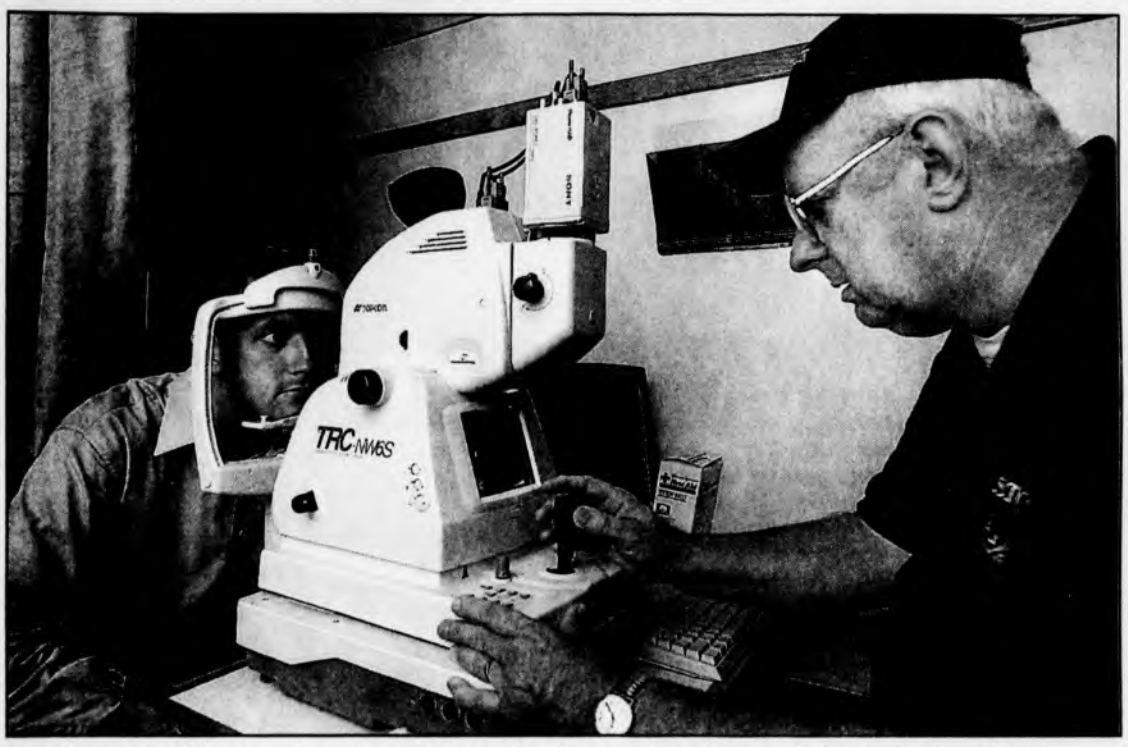

Nico Afanasenko of Scituate gets an eye exam designed to detect health problems at the Lions Club Eyemobile at Tuesday's health fair. The test is being administered by Lions Club member Roger Rogers.

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IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 21, 2003.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, August 19, 2003.

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P1936EP

In the Estate of JAMES E. TYERYAR

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death June 26, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, AUG. 26

7:20 p.m. Nichols Road, threats, investigated.

9:01 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

9:31 p.m. Nichols Road, fire, investigation.

10:06 p.m. Sohier St., vandalism, investigated.

11:04 p.m. Sohier St., open door/window, secured building.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27

12:05 a.m. Forest Ave., noise complaint.

6:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:54 a.m. Pleasant St., assist citizen.

8:05 a.m. Pleasant St., assist citizen, services rendered.

9:08 a.m. Norfolk Road, larceny.

9:48 a.m. HQ, assist citizen, referred to other agency.

11:19 a.m. Cushing Road, medical aid, transported to hospital.

11:49 a.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

12:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:25 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

2:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

6:03 p.m. Pond St. and Bancroft Road, parking violation.

6:19 p.m. Brewster Road, power outage.

9:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:45 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, AUG. 28

12:39 a.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

12:56 a.m. Highland Ave., open door/window.

2:11 a.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

6:25 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

6:38 a.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint.

6:43 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, logged/entry.

8:09 a.m. Sohier St., property found.

8:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., request for police officer/s.

9:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

12:15 p.m. Pleasant St., request for police officer/s.

12:40 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:19 p.m. Jerusalem Road, burglary, B&E.

4:02 p.m. Mohawk Way, annoying/harassing phone calls, advised civil action.

4:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., road rage.

4:26 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

6:04 p.m. Stevens lane, barking dog, services rendered.

6:40 p.m. Bancroft Road and Bancroft Way, fire, call transferred to fire department.

8:38 p.m. Depot Court, fire, investigation.

10:56 p.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., verbal warning.

FRIDAY, AUG. 29

7:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

1:20 p.m. Atlantic Ave., request for police officer/s.

3:09 p.m. Elm St. and Brook St., motor vehicle accident.

4:38 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

7:41 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

9:18 p.m. South Main St., request for police officer/s, services rendered.

9:27 p.m. Fairoaks Lane and Sohier St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

9:58 p.m. Sohier St., request for police officer/s. Arrest of Ryan P. McCarthy, 20, of 28 Lake St., Weymouth. Charge: WMS Warrant.

10:09 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, services rendered.

SATURDAY, AUG. 30

7:40 a.m. South Main St., vandalism.

10:12 a.m. Beechwood St., fire, investigation.

10:27 a.m. Brewster Rod, motor vehicle accident.

11:37 a.m. south Main St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:47 p.m. Jerusalem Road, well-being check.

12:17 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:26 p.m. Elm St., prisoner transport.

1:30 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:39 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, traffic citation/warning.

1:50 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:09 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:21 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:45 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:53 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:07 p.m. Church St., property found.

4:15 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint, area search negative.

4:37 p.m. Pleasant St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

5:39 p.m. Summer St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

6:39 p.m. Summer St., parking complaint.

6:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop.

7:54 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle violation(s).

8:18 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, motor vehicle violation(s).

8:44 p.m. South Main St., public drinking.

8:47 p.m. South Main St., fire, miscellaneous.

8:54 p.m. South Main St., public drinking.

8:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle violation(s).

9:01 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

9:08 p.m. South Main St., fire, investigation.

9:47 p.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:13 p.m. South Main St., public drinking.

11:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Bruce P. Kline, 60, of 12 Radnor Road, Brighton. Charges: Possession of a Class D drug; following too close on a state highway.

SUNDAY, AUG. 31

1:59 a.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint.

3:49 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, vandalism.

8:09 a.m. King St., medical aid, patient sign off.

8:20 a.m. West Gate Lane, fire, investigation.

10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident.

11:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle violation(s), log entry.

1:17 p.m. Border St., general services.

3:50 p.m. Ash St., animal call or complaint.

4:47 p.m. King St., general disturbance.

6:01 p.m. Beechwood St., message delivery.

6:15 p.m. South Main St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

8:14 p.m. Hull St. and Lamberts Lane, assist citizen, no police service necessary.

8:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:35 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

9:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:07 p.m. Margin St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:21 p.m. Margin St., malicious destruction.

11:32 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., well-being check.

11:43 p.m. Forest St. and Black Rock Road, request for police officer/s, unfounded.

MONDAY, SEPT. 1

1 a.m. Atlantic Ave., MV stop, arrest: Matthew D. Woodworth, 19, 10 Vernon Ave., Hull. Chgs.: possession Class D drug.

1:49 a.m. Surry Drive, disturbance.

2:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., building checks.

9:06 a.m. Sohier St. and Fairoaks Lane, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:32 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:46 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:21 a.m. Pleasant St., fire, investigation.

10:21 a.m. Locust Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:31 a.m. Hull St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:11 a.m. Pleasant St., fire, investigation.

11:25 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, animal control.

11:28 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Nichols Road, animal control.

1:45 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

1:53 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

2 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:06 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2

7:42 a.m. Atlantic Ave., traffic complaint.

7:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

9:56 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:40 p.m. Stockbridge St., animal control.

4:41 p.m. King and North Main sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:04 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

7:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash, investigated.

7:42 p.m. King St., suspicious activity.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3

12:11 a.m. Pond St., suspicious person.

6:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV crash.

Police arrested 11 in August

August was a relatively quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were 11 arrests, two for shoplifting, two for possession of a Class D substance, two for minor in possession of liquor, one for fugitive from justice, one for outstanding warrant, and finally three for protective custody, police chief Robert Jackson said.

During the month of August the police department investigated six motor vehicle accidents, one of which resulted in personal injury. There were 78 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,870 in fines. Additionally, there were 258 parking tickets issued for $6,550 in fines.

Also in the month of August the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,096 calls for police services, of those 112 were Emergency 911 calls, Jackson said.

In the month of August there was one breaking and entering of a residence. Additionally there were 16 Criminal Complaints issued for the month.

In August the Cohasset Police Department successfully completed the first Student Police Academy under the direction of Sergeant William Quigley. Fourteen Cohasset High School juniors and seniors participated in this program. The subjects that were covered were police department budget; planning and organization; search and seizure; patrol procedures; criminal investigations; detective bureau; crime scenes, firearm safety; and also riding along with Cohasset police officers. The police department is looking forward to continuing the program next spring, Jackson said.

Also in August the Cohasset Police Department received a $1,000 grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau (GHSB) for its child protection safety (CPS) program. The funds will be used to purchase child safety seats and CPS equipment.

Since March of this year, Officer Jeffrey Treanor has conducted more than 75 child restraint installations.

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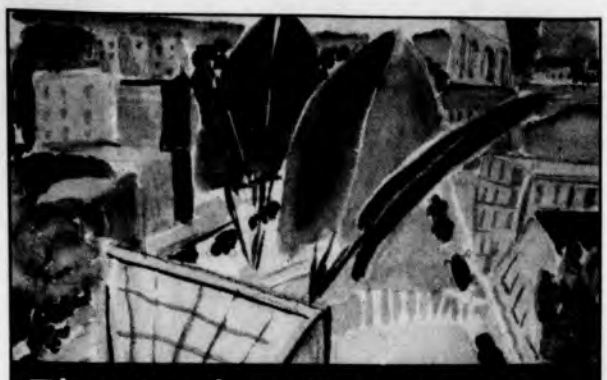

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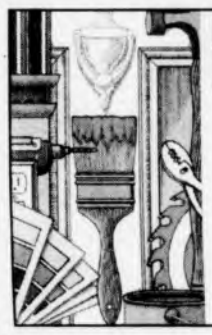

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ASP – the best acronym in town

Home repair effort makes a difference

By Samantha Brown
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If a parent asked their teenager to climb under their family home in Cohasset to make a few repairs, it's almost certain they would be given a funny look. Ask a teenager to do the same thing on an Appalachia Service Project, and they'll do it without question.

For the past 16 summers, Gary Ritts, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, has been heading up the ASP trips to Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, and Tennessee, setting up groups of high school age volunteers from Cohasset with people who cannot afford to fix their homes. Housed in local churches or schools in the town of their work site, volunteers spend a week helping out those in need.

"I guarantee parents their teens will come back different," Ritts said.

While the program is run through the Second Congregational Church, Ritts said members of any ecumenical group in the Cohasset community are welcome to participate. Perhaps that is why the town has the largest single group of participants out of the 40 states involved in the program.

"It's nice to see the churches working together," said Phil Lehr, who has participated on the trips for many years.

This past summer, around 175 total volunteers, broken into groups comprised of five teenagers and two adults, each spent a week at various sites, spread over five different communities in Virginia. When Ritts began the program in the late 1980s, there were only seven teenagers and he and his wife.

"It really grew over the years," he said.

Trips are usually taken the last week in June, just after school gets out for the summer. Ritts said the trip takes all year to prepare for, but the rewards that come from being a part of the project are well worth the effort.

Along with securing the work site, volunteers are given as much information as possible about the area they will be visiting, to get them familiar with the different way of life they will experience.

"The kids always want to know why they (the poor) can't just get a job," said David Bigley, who has been volunteering for ASP as well as Habitat for Humanity for many years. Leaders are careful to explain that there are many different circumstances that can bring a family or an individual to the point where they need the kind of help the project will bring.

ASP volunteers board the bus for the trip down south.

Volunteers take a break from their home repair project.

"There's a lot of education and psychological preparation that goes into this," Bigley said.

At workshops, role-playing activities are conducted where teenagers must make fundamental decisions while pretending to live in the area they will visit.

"If the house needs painting and you need food, what do you do? You can't choose both," Bigley said.

Because they travel to areas of poverty, there are little to no amenities on the trips.

"You may or may not have hot showers. You may or may not have showers," Bigley said. "Having a hot shower is a real treat."

Volunteers also sleep on the floor most of the time, which for many adults, can pose a challenge.

"I always bring a cot," said Lehr's father, Arthur, who at 84 years old is the oldest participant in the program. Arthur became involved in the program after his son decided to go, "So I said, what the heck, I might as well go to." (This summer would have been Arthur's 10th summer going, but he chose to stay home after undergoing quadruple bypass surgery last winter.)

Many young adults that have gone away to college often come back for the summer to participate in the program in a counselor-in-training type position.

"I think that really speaks to the value of the program," Phil Lehr said.

Experiencing life from a different point of view greatly impacts the teenagers that go on these trips. Not only that, but when they get to know the families they are helping on a more personal level, they benefit even more.

Phil Lehr told a story about a student who participated a few years ago. While he was away, he got the news that his family dog had died of old age. Having had his dog for many years, it was considered a member of the family.

"He was just so sad," Phil Lehr said.

On the work site, the boy told the family of the house he was working on what had happened, and a little boy of about five years old walked his own dog over and said, "You can have my dog."

"They're just such giving people. They don't have much, but they'll give what they have," Phil Lehr said.

But sometimes, the families are shy or have to work and volunteers don't have the opportunity to start a relationship. However, "If you're lucky enough to get to know the people, it's a very rewarding experience," Phil Lehr said.

For teenagers to participate, money has to be raised to cover transportation, materials, application fees, and room and board, which makes fund-raising a necessity.

In order to get everyone to their destination, coach buses need to be rented, which take volunteers to one central destination, then groups split off in vans from there, to go to their individual community work sites.

Pumpkin Patch

This year, the volunteers will be trying a new fund-raising idea called "The Pumpkin Patch," which will be held between the Second Congregational Church and the Town Hall.

From Oct. 11-31, "The Pumpkin Patch" will be open daily in the afternoons, every day of the week. A group that grows pumpkins specifically for fund-raising purposes will be providing the pumpkins for the cause.

Because Bigley was the Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity out of Plymouth for three years, he heard about this particular fund raiser a few years back. However, because it is a volunteer-intensive effort, he thought it would be more appropriate for the ASP group. All participants in ASP must be a part of the fund-raising process.

Overall, the year-long process is one that has proven to be a success and benefit everyone involved. There are friendships built on the trips that span across the ages by people who might never have known each other if they hadn't participated, which is the greatest reward of all.

"APS is a relational ministry that happens to do home repairs on the side," Ritts said. "We're just there to help and do what we can."

ASP is a family affair, as evidenced by the three generations of the Lehr family who are ASP regulars.

Nature writing

The Trustees of Reservations will hold a special event this month: Nature writing on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 1-4pm. Rain date, Sept. 21.

Join author Amy McQuiggin for an afternoon of nature writing at World's End, Hingham. Listen to excerpts from her book "My Provincetown," discuss the writing process and compose your own nature writing too. Members of the trustees of reservations are free and non-members are $4.50 per person. Please pre-register by calling (781) 740-4796.

Open barnyard

Open Barnyard at Weir River Farm off Turkey Hill Lane in Hingham is Saturdays from 11am to 2pm through Oct. 25. Spend an afternoon with the horses, llamas, sheep, goats, piglets, chickens and rabbits. Weir River Farm staff is on hand to lead informal tours and answer questions. Pack a lunch and enjoy our picnic area. Members of the Trustees of Reservations are free and non-members are $3 per person. No pre-registration required. For directions and more information about this and other exciting Trustees of Reservations events and education programs happening in our area this fall, please visit www.thetrustees.org or call (781) 740-4796.

Fall festival

The Trustees of Reservations is holding a Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Weir River Farm in Hingham. The Festival will feature something for everyone; tractor drawn hayrides, pony rides, old-time games, pumpkin decorating, pie-eating contests, and much more. Meet and learn about the horses, llamas, sheep, goats, piglets, chickens and rabbits on an informal tour. Enjoy live music by local band "The Gathering". Refreshments will be served or bring your own and have a picnic. No pre-registration required. Members of the Trustees of Reservations are $3, Non-Members $5. For directions and more information about this and other exciting Trustees of Reservations events and education programs happening in our area this fall, please visit www.thetrustees.org or call (781) 740-4796.

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Beechwood Congregational Church:

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Parish Unitarian Church

First Parish Unitarian Church, on Cohasset Common, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacquéline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

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In the Scripture lessons for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost, the Prophet Isaiah tells of the Lord's servant who though suffering persecution still trusts in the Lord. The Letter of James calls upon disciples not to show favoritism for the rich over the poor and to love neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel of Mark, Peter has an eye-opening experience and recognizes that Jesus is the Christ. Preacher: The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

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811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service; Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

Temple Beth Sholom

600 Nantasket Ave. 925-0091, 925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

WORSHIP NOTES

Signup for ASP!

Registration is opens for the 2004 Cohasset Appalachia Service Project trip. Applications are available at local churches or can be found online at www.cohassetasp.org

An informational meeting for both parents and teens will be held on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Registration deadline: Oct. 1.

Peace and prayer service St. Stephen's

An evening Vespers Service, a half-hour of peace and prayer will be held every Sunday at 5 p.m. at Saint Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset. The worship is open to all. There is no communion, no collection, no sermon. Instead, there is soft music and quiet prayer ranging from T.S. Eliot to Taizé to John Wesley. It is a half-hour respite between the busy weekend and the demanding schedule of the week ahead. God's voice that comes in silence keeps each one in the midst too much or too little.

Vesper is the evening star so it appropriately names the worship that takes place as the light fades and the rhythm of the day slows. The gathering dusk calls each to reflect on the gifts of the passing day. The prayer recalls: "Each thing we have received, from you it came, O God." A single candle stands on a small table in front. Its flame focuses thoughts and prayers as worshipers sit in silence, lost in care or thoughts of others, feeling grateful, embracing the peace. Vespers is mentioned in the medieval Book of Hours. In the Russian Orthodox Church, vespers is called "Prayers at Lamp Lighting Time."

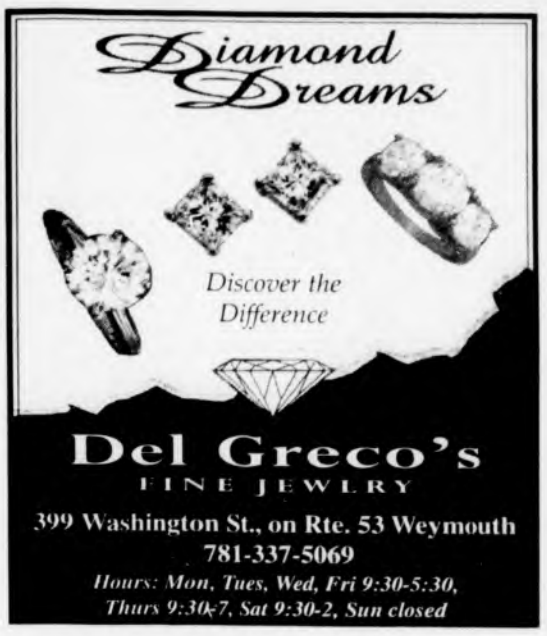
All are welcome to close the day with peacefulness and prayer every Sunday at 5 p.m.

Misener in trumpet recital

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now beginning its 12th season, St. Stephen's Church is presenting trumpet player, Matthew Misener in a trumpet and organ concert on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 3 p.m. The program will contain compositions of John Stanley, Hovhannes, Haydn, and Svoboda.

Misener is a graduate of The New England Conservatory of Music and was a member of the Festival Orchestra in Graz, Austria. He has a particular interest in performing contemporary music literature and had premiered a number of new works at Tanglewood and NEC. Accompanying Misener will be Boston organist, G. Fredrick Guzasky. The following Sunday, the duo will again be performing at the St. Nicholas Methodist Church in Hull as they begin their "Music at St. Nicholas Concert Series."

The church at 16 Highland Ave. is handicap-accessible and ample parking is available at the village car park. There is no charge for the concert, although donations will be gladly accepted. For information, please contact the church office at 781-383-1083.



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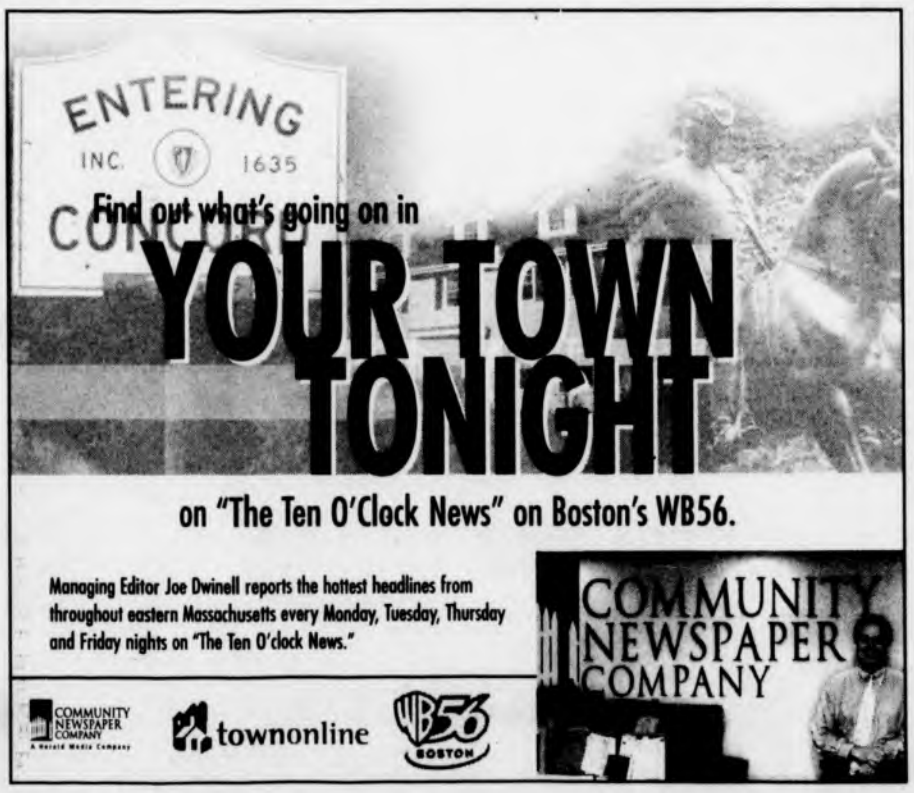

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Town seeks to buy 22-acre Cook estate for senior housing

By Mary Ford
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If voters at the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting give the go-ahead, the town will purchase the 22.4-acre Jane Bancroft Cook estate off Sohier Street to develop 55-plus senior housing and preserve open space.

Selectmen made the announcement Tuesday night and described it as a win-win situation for the town and its senior citizens.

"This is very exciting and perhaps an historic moment for the Town of Cohasset," said Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris.

Selectmen will schedule a public hearing on a date to be announced to explain the proposal to interested citizens. The proposed purchase has been the subject of closed-door negotiations over the summer. Governmental boards are allowed to go into executive session for matters pertaining to real estate acquisition.

The Cook estate would be combined with the adjacent 9.8-acre parcel the town owns near Stop & Shop and Red Fox Lane. The town would seek a developer to purchase the combined properties to create an 87-unit, mixed-income senior housing community.

The Cook property is valued at $4.5 million; it is not clear how much the town's acreage would add to that figure. Selectmen said the town would set a minimum price in its Request for Proposals to cover the value of the combined parcels and the buyer would be required to "more than cover all the town's costs," McMorris said.

The purchase of the Cook property, which is subject to Town Meeting authorization, would be contingent on the town being able to find an acceptable buyer for the combined property, McMorris explained. If Town Meeting approves the purchase, selectmen expect to select a developer in January and have a simultaneous closing on both transactions in the middle of 2004.

Because of the simultaneous

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Marine charter school sails in

By Samantha Brown
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Members of the School Committee are worried that a proposed charter school, which would be located in town, might have serious financial impacts on the school budget.

While the exact location is still unknown, Supt. Edward Malvey has received a Charter Prospectus for the South Shore Maritime Academy Charter School, which outlines the proposal for the school, including a detailed timeline for application and review.

"This could take financial resources away from the Cohasset School District," said Malvey, noting for every student that attends, the town is required to pay between $7,000 and $8,000 in tuition, not to mention transportation costs. The town is currently paying $132,000 in tuition for Cohasset students to attend the South Shore Charter School in Hull.

In its proposal, the SSMACS states its mission as being a place to "create an alternative secondary school environment which emphasizes education

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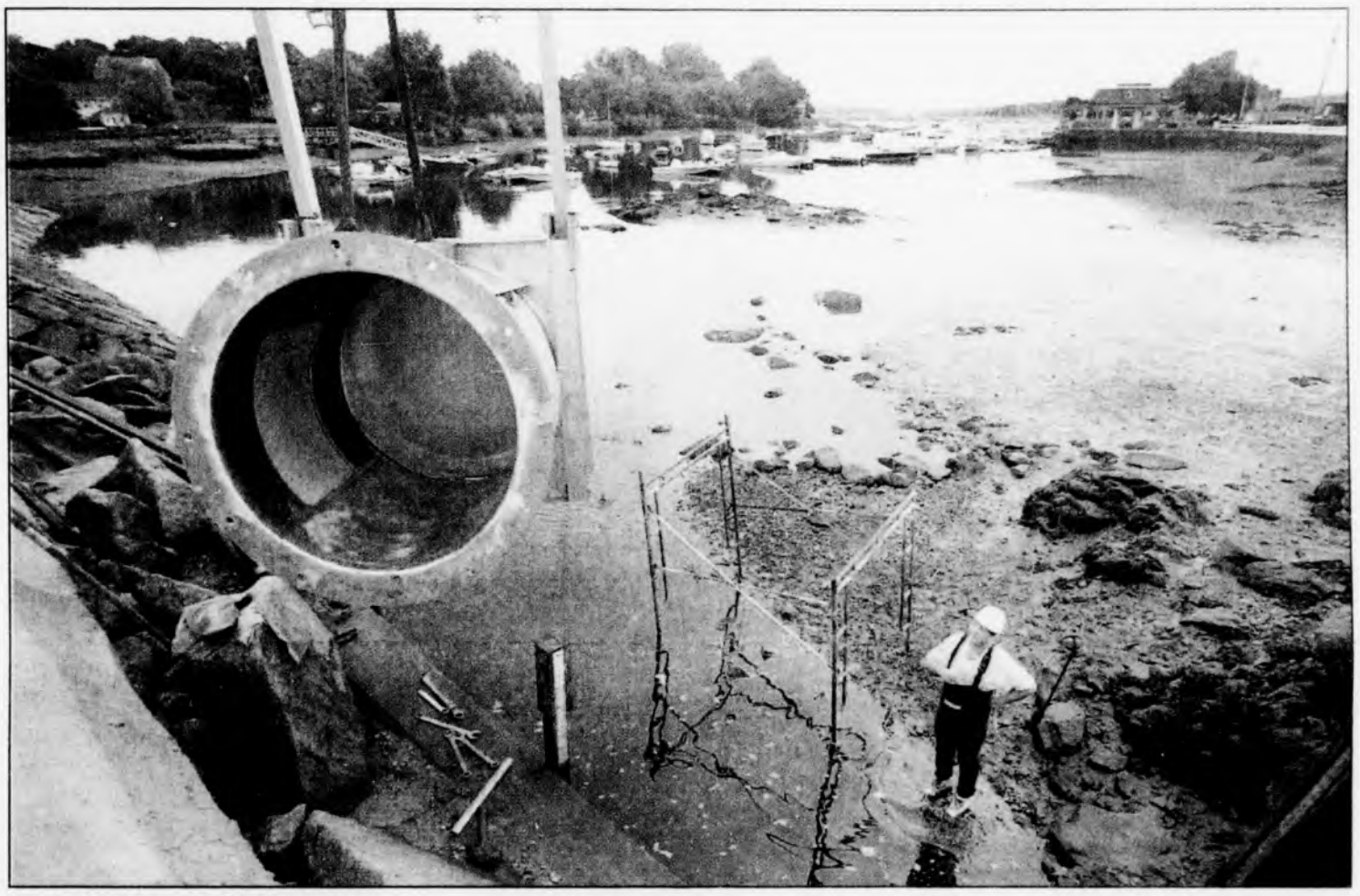

CLOSING THE FLOOD GATES

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Mike Karsten of AGM Marine Contractors has a self-regulating tide gate lowered into place at the harbor. The new tide gates, which are part of the James Brook flood control project and are being paid for with a federal grant, will allow greater flow of saltwater into Jacob's Meadow, which will ultimately restore the salt marsh.

Local artist paints water with oil

Work is on display at library

By Samantha Brown
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When the lighting is right and a scene captures her interest, Kimberlee Alemian can be found, paintbrush in hand, depicting the ever-changing scenery of the coastal environment.

With blues and greens of briny waters splashed across the canvas, and smooth rocks spilling over a steep ledge, her brush strokes capture the essence of a day so well, you can almost feel the cool breeze on your face as the fog rolls in.

"That's what I like to capture. Different feelings of atmosphere," she said.

For Alemian, who grew up in Scituate and currently lives in Cohasset, the ocean air and feel of sand between her toes have been an important part of

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Kimberlee Alemian stands with the exhibition of her paintings now on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Do fences make good neighbors?

Village station wants to find out

By Mary Ford
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George Roukounakis, owner of Olympic Citgo in the village, just wants to take back what's his.

To that end, he has asked the Zoning Board of Appeals to appeal the Building Inspector's denial of a fence permit that would have allowed him to install a post and chain fence just inside his property line on James Lane.

At the center of the debate is the small roadway that goes between the Red Lion Inn and the gas station at 55 South Main St. to the town parking lot.

Roukounakis, who has owned the gas station for 22 years, and his attorney, Robert Galvin, presented the ZBA with survey plans showing the layout of James Lane and the gas station, whose property line is now indicated with a painted line on the James Lane blacktop.

According to the plans, about four feet of the paved area of James Lane along the gas station side actually belongs to Roukounakis, who has offered to lease the area to the Red Lion Inn or sell it to the town to no avail.

"He just wants to assert his property rights as would any property owner," explained Galvin, adding that while the gas station would remain, Roukounakis wants to develop the part of his property near James Lane.

But a fence installed near the property line would further restrict James Lane, which is only about 16-1/2 feet wide. The tiny, sloping roadway is getting a lot of traffic including limousines and delivery trucks

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Oct. 7, 4:15 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Growth & Development Committee, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees, Oct. 8, 7 p.m., at the library

Planning Board, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m. (Cedarmere)

Recreation Commission, Oct. 1, 6 p.m.

Selectmen and School Committee, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m. (School Committee vacancy)

Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. (Avalon deliberations)

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Town reports available

The Town Clerk's office has a number of town reports available from the 1990's and a few copies of the various years in the '70s and '80s. Interested parties may pick up a copy during normal office hours.

Remembering veterans

The Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee has asked that two articles be included on the fall Town Meeting warrant: one to formally name the intersection of Beechwood and South Main streets as Allen A. Buffum Square. Buffum was killed on April 9, 1942 when the merchant tanker E. Van Rensselaer was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Brazil.

"Allen has been recognized on the Veterans Memorial at the harbor, but has never had a memorial location named in his memory like the other 21 Cohasset men who gave their lives during wars of the 20th century," said Glenn A. Pratt, veterans committee chairman.

The location was referred to by generations of Cohasset residents as "Buffum's Corner," Pratt said.

The committee is also requesting $15,000 to continue its work remembering "the heroes and families of Cohasset that know best the high price of freedom," Pratt said. Current work includes the restoration of the Norman Todd Park on Beechwood Street and the upgrade and replacements of memorial signs at Long Road, Gleason Road, Johnson Square, Buffum Corner, Jason Road and Todd Park.

Underground utility work is questioned

Town Manager Mark Haddad has asked Town Counsel for an opinion on the "somewhat arduous and expensive" requirements detailed in a letter from Massachusetts Electric about installing underground conduit for utilities in the village.

Joe Cardinal, account manager, said while MassElectric is agreeable to installing the underground distribution system without wire and transformer installation until a later date, it has concerns that need to be addressed.

The electric company said it wouldn't accept ownership of the underground system until just before wire installation. Any damage to the underground system before the installation of wires would be the responsibility of the town, Cardinal said.

"Massachusetts Electric assumes no ownership or responsibility until we have completed installation of our cable," he said. In other words, the underground system would be built but in effect abandoned until the installation of cable.

The company also requires a trench inspector on site during construction at the town's expense and needs about 23 easements. The town would be required to provide MassElectric with all property deeds from affected landowners. MassElectric would prepare the easement documentation. Associated costs relating to the easements would be billed to the town.

Payment for installation of the cable and transformers, when the town decides to complete the project, would be payable in advance, Cardinal said.

Installing the underground utility system is part of the village revitalization project.

Special Town Meeting

Selectmen officially opened the warrant for the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting on Tuesday. The warrant closes at 4:30 p.m., Sept. 30. Citizens Petition Articles must be submitted by 4:30 p.m., Sept. 23.

Red Lion owner is unhappy with police

Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn, has penned a scathing letter to Town Manager Mark Haddad that includes a personal attack on one of Cohasset's police officers, Sgt. William Quigley, who is shift commander from 4 p.m.-midnight.

The letter is in response to a letter to the Red Lion written by Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris detailing a series of liquor license violations at the inn as reported by the police and informing Ordelheide of the liquor laws and conditions of the inn's license. The alleged license violations were also detailed in a story in last week's Mariner.

Ordelheide said most of the police reports dealt with guests who took a drink with them outside and did not create a disturbance. He said management has assured him that outside drinking would be curbed and the inn would hire a detail officer.

Ordelheide accused Quigley, who authored most of the police reports, of being on a "mission" and then made a series of allegations against Quigley and another unnamed officer, which Police Chief Robert Jackson described as "rumor and innuendo."

"No formal complaint has been made to me," said Jackson, who has a copy of the letter. "Nothing has been substantiated."

Ordelheide also accused Haddad of ignoring complaints about the police.

"Many times the president of Saro, Inc. (d.b.a. the Red Lion Inn), Mr. (Michael) Hayes and myself have complained about specific officers and their attitude," he wrote. "Apparently you are doing nothing about it."

He told Haddad he "must get it under control before I take legal actions."

"I am upset and so are my employees," he said.

Haddad said he can't act on hearsay and Ordelheide has not provided any proof of the allegations against police.

Army Corps hearing on four-quad gates

The Army Corps of Engineers is holding a Greenbush hearing at 11:30 a.m., Monday (Sept. 22) at Hingham Town Hall. The potential use of four-quad gates at grade crossings will be discussed.

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Avalon project goes to next phase

Hearing closes, deliberations begin

By Mary Ford
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The Zoning Board of Appeals wrapped up the year-long hearing on Avalon's proposed 200-unit apartment complex Monday and will now begin deliberation on whether to issue a comprehensive permit for the project.

While controversy surrounding the development planned for the 62-acre former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor site is unlikely to subside, opponents and proponents won't have to wait very long for the ZBA decision which must be issued within 40 days, under state law.

AvalonBay, the developer, needs a comprehensive permit to put a multi-unit residential complex on land that is zoned for commercial or industrial use. Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, allows developers to skirt long zoning regulations in exchange for 25 percent affordable housing. Towns like Cohasset with little affordable housing are vulnerable to comprehensive permits.

ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick said the board would direct its 40B legal consultant, Mark Brobowski, to write two draft decisions: an outright denial and an approval with conditions. He explained the draft — which would have many iterations, he said — would be sent by email to ZBA members who would add their comments. The ZBA will deliberate as a board at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 29 at Town Hall.

The ZBA which continued the hearing for only 30 minutes Monday to allow for comments on Avalon's financial information relating to the project, accepted several packets of information into the record before Chittick wielded the figurative gavel closing the hearing that opened last September.

The hearing — which took the ZBA through concerns such as public safety, number of schoolchildren, and even the grade of the driveway — heated up in recent weeks with the Water Commission urging the ZBA deny the permit over concerns the project will pollute Lily Pond, the town's water supply.

At issue is whether the ZBA will condition the permit on whether Avalon could obtain a groundwater discharge permit from the state Department or Environmental Protection or deny the comprehensive permit outright, as the Water Commission suggests.

Also taking center stage is Avalon's "pro forma" or financial analysis which can determine whether the project could be reduced in scope and still be viable economically.

If Avalon does not get a comprehensive permit or is awarded a permit with conditions it feels are unreasonable, it can appeal to the state Housing Appeals Committee.

Five to vie for school board seat

By Mary Ford
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At total of five residents have thrown their hats into the ring for the vacant School Committee seat.

Selectmen and the four remaining members of the School Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m., next Thursday, Sept. 25 in the selectmen's office to fill the vacancy created when Jane Pescatore stepped down in August.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said the combined board would make its decision that night. A simple majority vote is needed.

The interviews would be conducted in a forum where all candidates would be present at the same time and can answer questions, McMorris said, as opposed to having them come in one at a time.

Rick Shea and Adrienne MacCarthy sent their letters of interest in over the past week. Selectmen and School Committee set a deadline of Sept. 15 for interested candidates to apply for the position.

Shea, 52 Margin St. , who served on the School Committee from April 1995-April 1998, was also president of the Cohasset Education Foundation from 1993 to 1995 and served on the Alumni Field Building Committee. He is chief financial officer of Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and has more than 20 years of financial experience.

MacCarthy of Doane Street is currently president of the PSO and has served on the School Building/Facilities Committee for seven years. She helped build the new Osgood School Playground by spearheading fundraising needed to pay for the project and organizing the volunteers to install the playground.

Shea and MacCarthy join Betsy Connolly of Lily Pond Lane, Scott O'Grady of Sohier Street and Rory Winters of Forest Avenue, who have also sent letters stating their interest in filling the School Committee vacancy.

Connolly is a former member of the School Committee and has worked in the education field for 30 years;. O'Grady is the father of three children enrolled in Cohasset schools and has taught in the Weymouth and Plymouth public schools. Winters, who is a lifelong Cohasset resident, has experience in public administration.

Pescatore stepped down to accept employment with the school department.

Whoever is chosen will serve until the April Town Election. At that time three School Committee seats will be up for grabs, two for three-year terms and one to fill the remaining year on Pescatore's term. Any of the candidates can run for any of the three positions, as can the incumbents Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo, who could seek reelection. Other interested residents can also seek election to the School Committee or other town boards. Nomination papers become available in January.

Train uncertainty keeps town projects in limbo

By Mary Ford
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An Aug. 5 letter from selectmen to Gov. Mitt Romney imploring him to made a decision as soon as possible has gone unanswered.

While the Romney administration and MBTA Board of Directors continue to work to "find a level of comfort" with outstanding Greenbush issues – the affected towns are still in limbo.

The "big decision" on whether the restoration of the 17-mile rail spur to Scituate would go ahead was expected to be announced last Wednesday following an MBTA board meeting.

But MBTA General Manager Michael Mulhern said after the 90-minute closed-door session that an answer on Greenbush was still weeks away.

The further delay gives little comfort to towns like Cohasset whose plans to revitalize its downtown area are on hold until Greenbush either gets the red or green light because mitigation money for Greenbush is tied to the project.

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"The Board if Selectmen is not advocating a position one way or another," Town Manager Mark Haddad wrote. "What they are concerned about is the potential impact on the Town of Cohasset."

A state economic development grant for improvement of the village, improvements to the James Brook drainage system and reconstruction of the municipal parking lot are all tied directly to restoration of Greenbush through the town's mitigation agreement.

Haddad said this week the town has not been able to do anything on those projects — whose scope might have to be scaled back if the train is nixed — while Greenbush is up in the air.

Jon Carlisle, spokesman for the state Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas, said the MBTA directors want to have "more of a level of comfort" of some of the outstanding issues before deciding on whether the $474 million train project goes ahead.

"We understand the situation towns find themselves in," Carlisle said, adding the decision would be made "as soon as possible."

He explained the MBTA directors wanted to be brought up to speed on some issues and needed clarification on others but he declined to elaborate on specifics.

Haddad said he was disappointed the governor did not respond to Cohasset's letter.

"If he had said the decision will take another month, that would have been OK," Haddad said. "But the courtesy of a response to an elected board would have been nice."

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Town seeks to buy 22-acre Cook estate for senior housing

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closings, the town would not spend any money to buy the Cook Estate and could stand to make a considerable sum on the sale of the town-owned 9.8-acre parcel. That money could be used for myriad purposes subject to Town Meeting approval.

The 87 units would consist of apartments and cluster houses, with a portion of the rental units being affordable for low-, moderate-, and medium-income seniors. Access to the development would be off Sohier Street, selectmen said. The town will impose design controls and buffer requirements to protect adjacent properties.

"We are pleased that we have found a way to work with the private sector to meet so many of the town's needs and to protect the Old Pasture, Evergreen and Fair Oaks neighborhoods —at no net cost to the town," McMorris said.

The town was concerned about the future development of the Cook property. By combining the properties, the town can plan and direct the density and future development to provide the greatest benefit and least impact to the town, McMorris said.

"This is very exciting and perhaps an historic moment for the Town of Cohasset."
— Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris

Estimates are the tax revenue generated by the project, which would not add children to the schools, is about $300,000-$400,000 a year, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

A three-acre parcel across Sohier Street (between the Mobil Station and Fair Oaks Lane), which is part of the Cook Estate, would be retained by the town and kept as open space.

The town's draft Affordable Housing Plan issued last spring identified the needs of the town's senior citizens, said McMorris, who thanked those involved in the proposal including the Senior Housing Committee. She also thanked the late Jane Cook, who was a benefactor to the town in her lifetime and her heirs that are continuing her legacy.

There will be two articles pertaining to the Cook Estate on the Special Town Meeting warrant, Haddad explained. The first would ask Town Meeting to purchase the Cook property and the second would ask to dispose of the Cook property and the town-owned 9.8-acre parcel.

Contingencies will be built in to the RFP so if an acceptable buyer isn't found the deal doesn't go forward, Haddad said.

Senior Housing Committee Chairman Joe Nedrow said there is no doubt Cohasset has the demographics that show a need for senior housing.

"There are many seniors looking for a place to live in town," he said, adding many have already left Cohasset because there weren't any senior housing options for them.

The town-owned 9.8-acre parcel has been eyed for senior housing for years but access was a problem. With the purchase of the Cook estate, access can be gained off Sohier Street selectmen said.

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Recreation dept. to meet with Flynn

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said he will meet with Recreation Department Director Jack Worley in the next few weeks, to discuss what kind of payment system will be set up now that the schools have decided to charge for the use of school facilities. Previously, the schools have opened their doors to the recreation department free of charge, but the additional children means the schools need to be cleaned more frequently, which will cost the schools money. Committee member Pat Martin suggested Flynn have the meeting as soon as possible, to give Worley time to change his budget should it be necessary.

Do fences make good neighbors?

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to the Red Lion, which are backing up into Roukounakis' property because there isn't sufficient area to turn around. The existing fence, which is about five feet inside the property line, is constantly being knocked down.

"Enough is enough," Galvin said. "People need to be fair to one another."

Building Inspector Robert Egan denied the fence permit because "its construction would lead to an unacceptable safety hazard," he said.

"The building inspector is trying to protect the rights of other parties rather than assert my client's rights," Galvin said.

Galvin said Roukounakis' land is registered and is therefore not subject to adverse possession. That ZBA raised that issue because the part of James Lane that belongs to the gas station has been used as part of the roadway for years.

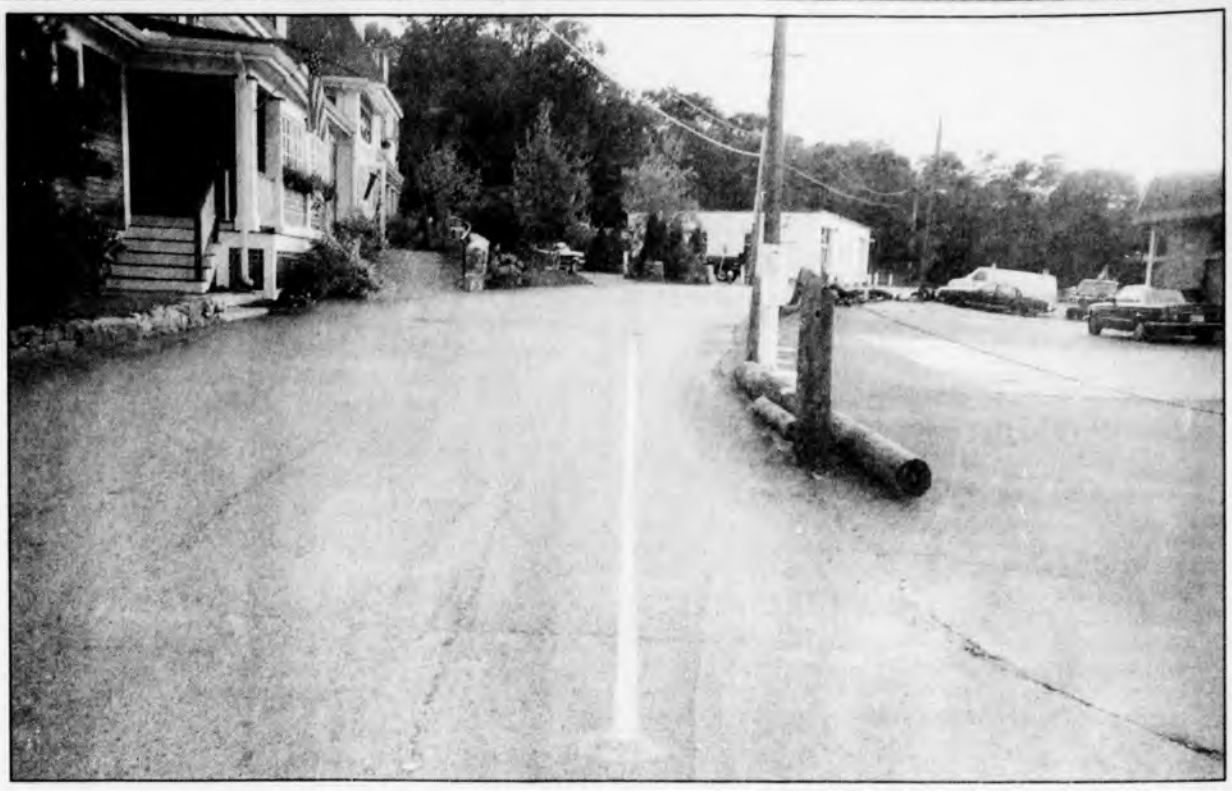
"He just wants to assert his property rights as would any property owner."
— Robert W. Galvin, attorney

Roukounakis, who wasn't aware where his property line was before the survey, said his new fence would have heavy duty poles to keep the trucks out.

Fire Capt. Mark Trask cautioned the ZBA that James Lane is the only route in terms of safety and access for fire trucks to get to the Red Lion Inn.

"In any other jurisdiction, this would be classified as an alley," Trask said, suggesting it be made one-way.

The ZBA took the matter under advisement.



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Board worries about budget impact of new charter school

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and growth of the whole student while building connections between the student and the maritime environment."

Students at the school will range in age from 10th grade to 12th grade, and the proposal expects to have 32 students in grade 10 at its projected opening in 2005.

"Why don't they start in ninth grade?" School Committee member Pat Martin asked.

Listed in the mission statement, one of the main purposes for the school is to "establish a relationship with the marine coastal community, building educational understanding through cooperative projects which provide students with opportunities to engage in service to their community."

Committee members could only speculate that the school would be located on the water, but where that location would be or how the town of Cohasset was decided on, they didn't know.

Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts said she had received a call from a member of the Framingham School Committee, as did Chairman Rick Flynn. They were warned about the proposed school and the effects it could have, as their district is currently dealing with a similar situation. Tebbetts said she was told that the town of Framingham has lost $2.7 million to the charter school in its area, and it is only the second year since the school has been in operation. Not only that, Framingham is a much larger community than Cohasset and Tebbetts worries what the implications could be for Cohasset.

"This could take financial resources away from the Cohasset School District."
— Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey

"Charter schools go on their own momentum. I think it looks like a very fine plan, but I'm not interested in what they're offering right now," she said.

The committee also noted that at no point in the proposal is the South Shore Charter School mentioned. Currently located in Hull, that school will soon move to Norwell.

In its statement of need, the proposal says the SSMACS "will meet the need for more school choice on the South Shore. Currently, students have the choice of attending their town's comprehensive high school, the region's vocational technical school, or, for those who can afford them, a small number of independent and religious based schools."

Committee members empathized with the Norwell school system, and Martin said they would be "doubly hit" with both the move of the South Shore Charter School and the proposed SSMACS, because children would be more likely to attend one or the other of the schools, if they are in closer proximity to their homes.

Martin was also concerned that children might try the school out for a year and then come back to the public school, and wonders "How do we budget for that?"

The proposal also states "students will have ample opportunities to align their educational needs with those of the surrounding community. While emphasis will be on the maritime environment for a large portion of these projects, students will be encouraged to look for ways to serve and lead in all aspects of community life."

"The Center for Student Coastal Research is already doing this," said Martin. Students participating in maritime projects through the CSCR provide many services to the town and have opened its doors with such pride, that Martin worries their efforts could be overlooked in the shadow of the new school. Not only that, but students at the CSCR are funded by grant money and pose no financial burden to the town as the school would, she said.

Flynn said having the proposal sent to the Department of Education with absolutely no notice for the School Committee was a "slap in the face."

All committee members agreed the issue needs to be addressed at the state level. Malvey had a meeting yesterday with superintendents in the immediate area and said he would bring up the issue for discussion there as well. Malvey said he will continue to report on the issue as details become available.

Representatives for the SSMACS could not be reached for comment after the Mariner went to press.

Cohasset has its eye on Isabel

By Samantha Brown
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"We're ready."
— Arthur Lehr, Emergency Management Director

Mother Nature can be fickle and the projected path of a hurricane can change in an instant. On the east coast, Hurricane Isabel is causing alarm in the Carolinas, as weather experts estimate the storm will hit those states tonight. While it looks as though Cohasset won't have to bear the brunt of the hurricane, residents are advised to prepare themselves for the worst-case scenario.

Emergency Management Director Arthur Lehr said the threat of Hurricane Fabian, which never made it as far as Cohasset, resulted in a meeting with various town supervisors to discuss steps necessary to be fully prepared in the case of a hurricane.

Precautionary measures include having the middle-high school ready as an emergency evacuation shelter if needed, notifying the police and fire departments that extra help needs to be available in the case of an emergency, and working with the DPW and the Board of Health to make sure they know what their roles are in a hurricane situation.

"We're ready," Lehr said.

Fire Capt. Mark Trask said the department begins to take action in the days prior to an expected storm. All the apparatus is thoroughly checked to make sure it is in good working order, and the department gets extra fuel in case the pumps are out during the storm.

"We make sure the apparatus is at the top of its operational existence," he said in a recent interview.

Once a warning is issued for the area, emergency crews begin to assess the need for extra help. Trask said once a storm hits, extra staff is called in so that there are three or four people on each vehicle.

When a hurricane hits, "it becomes a different operation," he said. With flooding hazards and the potential for flying debris, Trask said it is extremely important that response times don't suffer.

"Depending on the intensity and what damage is expected," sometimes extra police officers are called into the station, said Police Chief Robert Jackson.

Jackson said the low level areas of town are watched carefully during the outset of a storm to make sure any areas of potential flooding are given adequate notice in case evacuation becomes necessary.

In the event Isabel's path leads her to the shores of Cohasset, Lehr said residents, who are safe from flooding, should stay at home.

"We want people to stay home. Don't be sightseers," he said.

Lehr said a few years ago during a tremendous storm, a "sightseer" in a Volkswagen heard the surf was high and drove out to see it. A wave came crashing over the sea wall and washed he and his car off the road. Help was called to the scene and the sightseer was rescued, and Lehr hopes accidents such as that will not happen again.

According to Lehr, the best place to be during a hurricane is in the basement of a house, or for those who do not have basements or have one that is flooded and inaccessible, the center of the home, away from windows is the next best alternative.

Because hurricanes bring high winds, loss of power is typical. Lehr said residents should take the time to check the batteries in flashlights and radios, and look over emergency generators to make sure they are in good working order, should their use become necessary. Having canned food available and bottled water is also recommended, as well as any items a person would need should they be stranded for a few days, such as prescription medication.

Barry Joseph, owner of Joseph's Hardware on Rte. 3A, said while "we may not see the fury of the storm," he is expecting heavy rains and winds from its aftermath, which could pose problems for residents.

"We've already been selling generators, batteries and flashlights and storm-related items," Joseph said, adding he has many items reserved in the Do It Best warehouse. His store uses the hardware wholesalers, which gives him the option of reserving stock in advance from the Do It Best retail super center. He said 1,000 six volt lantern batteries, 1,000 D-cell batteries, lanterns, flashlights, duct and masking tapes, and various other storm-related items were delivered to his store yesterday.

Tina Watson, owner of Cohasset Hardware, said sales of storm-related items at her store have not gone up but expected that to change should the storm change its course.

"Let's be optimistic," she said, of Isabel keeping her distance. "We've got our sailboat in the water."

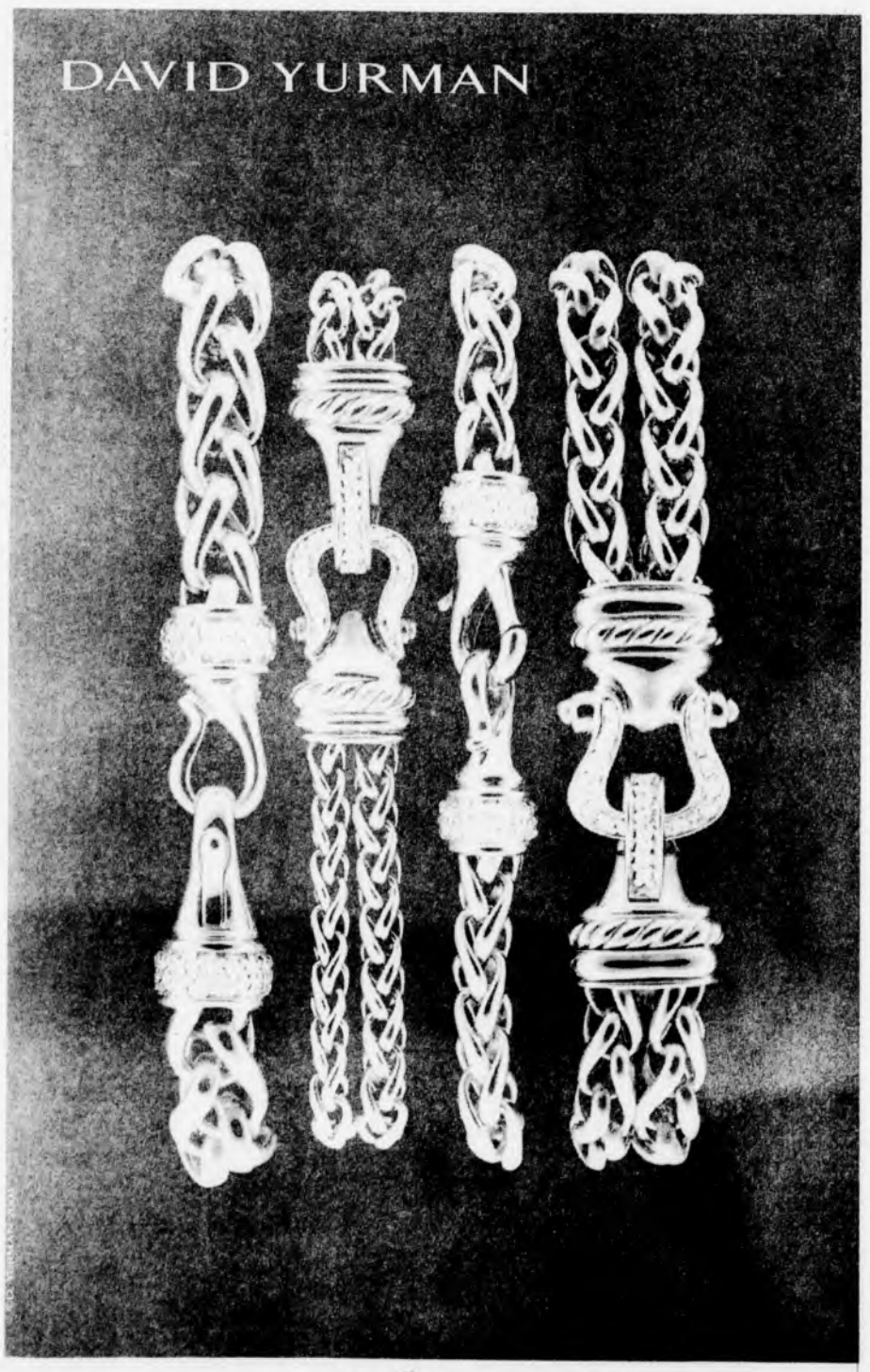
Lehr believes Isabel would have shifted north in its course by now if it was going to hit Cohasset straight on. However, he believes even without a direct hit, Cohasset should expect to receive some residual effects and assumes "we'll get wind." Not only is it important to bring in any objects from the yard that could blow away with a strong gust, he recommends taking boats out of the water.

"Some boats could be in jeopardy," he said, adding that not only do owners have to worry about their boats becoming detached from their lines, but there is always the possibility of other boats becoming detached from theirs. A loose boat can crash into surrounding boats as they are tossed about in the waves and wind. Lehr adds that boat season is practically over, and it's better to have a boat safe on land than a potential target at sea.

Even if Isabel misses Cohasset – experts are predicting an active hurricane season. The area may have to keep its eye on future hurricanes: Juan, Kate, Larry, Mindy, Nicholas, Odette, Peter, Rose, Sam, Teresa, Victor, and Wanda.

Barn sale helps jet pollution fight

The South Shore Jet Pollution Council is holding a barn sale at the home of Tom & Michele Maloney at 791 Main St., Hingham. The sale will be held, weather permitting, on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9a.m. – 1p.m. This is part of the Council's current Quiet Skies campaign aimed at raising public awareness of the air quality and noise problems created by the proposed expansion of Logan airport. The Council, which is comprised of members from Hull, Cohasset & Hingham are a result of the Selectmen-appointed Task Forces from each town. All proceeds from the sale will be used for the continuation of legal and public relations efforts of the Council.



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Young school walkers are put back on the bus

Parents air their concerns

By Samantha Brown
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What began as angry parents looking for a fight ended in applause for the School Committee and its efforts to remedy the transportation situation, which began when bus routes were changed last week, turning some bus-riding students into "walkers."

At the Sept. 4 School Committee meeting, it was decided that children in grades one through three, who live on parts of Sohier Street, Ripley Road, Fairoaks Lane, and connecting neighborhood streets, would return to walker status, as they had been before Deer Hill began construction, because they live within the one-mile radius of the school.

Because buses are operating almost at capacity, and bus routes are causing children to commute for nearly an hour each way, the committee began to look for alternatives to help remedy the situation. Among discussion was the need to consolidate bus stops as well as return some students to walker status to help ease the bus loads. Kindergarten students are always picked up by the bus.

Current school policy states that any student in grades one through three, living outside a one-mile radius of the schools, will be provided transportation, and exceptions to the guidelines may be made at the discretion of the superintendent. The policy applies particularly to any student who must travel in a hazardous area to and from school, and states that those students will be transported regardless of the mileage limits listed.

Students living in the affected areas all live within the one-mile radius and are by definition walkers. Because construction made their route unsafe, they began to ride the bus, and were expected to return once construction was over.

Roughly 25 concerned parents packed the middle-high school library at this Tuesday's School Committee meeting, eager to hear a response to their concerns. Fourteen families living on Fairoaks Lane, who were affected by the change, sent a letter to Supt. Edward Malvey, asking for his urgent attention to the issue. Before the meeting, Malvey reminded the audience that there were microphones located throughout the room and while the audience is not seen on television, their comments can be picked up.

"If there's anything you want to keep to yourself or your neighbor, which is fine, just be aware that it can be picked up," he said.

"I've had a few epiphanies over the last few days," said Chairman Rick Flynn. After receiving phone calls from many concerned parents throughout the week, he said the new information that kept coming in caused more issues to unfold in light of their decision.

"We need to make a more thorough review of the policy," he said.

The letter from the families reads, "Our children have been classified as 'walkers' because our neighborhood extends only to eight-tenths of a mile from the school. However, most of the route has no sidewalks, making it a per se 'hazardous area' for our youngest students. Moreover, the route contains formidable hills that conceal oncoming traffic, an orientation that causes blinding glare from the morning winter sun, and the crossing of a speedy congested thoroughfare. The notion that children in grades 1, 2, and 3 will safely overcome the hazards on this route in unrealistic. Thus, as we interpret the published transportation policy, all our K-3 children should be classified as riders, not walkers."

"I very briefly would like to appeal to you, a blanket one-mile policy isn't the way to go. Crunching numbers isn't the way to make policy."

— Donna Pratt, 75 Ripley Road

"The last thing we want to do is have an unsafe situation," said Flynn, noting additional students on a bus could also be considered hazardous. However, he said he believes with some shifting around, "We do have the capacity."

Transportation Coordinator Peggy Litchfield agreed the children could be shifted to accommodate if necessary, and said her drivers would be prepared to return to the first week of school schedule, should that be decided.

Because parents think their children are too young to walk, they have been driving their children to school, which causes much congestion and a "log jam" situation for not only the parents, but the buses as well. This is a problem that is expected to continue, especially as the weather gets colder. Not only does that pose problems for parents who must wait in line to leave the school, it causes children to have to wait to board the bus while cars get out of the way, which means they arrive home at a later hour.

"There may have been some civil disobedience over the last few days, but no one's going to hold that against anyone," Flynn joked about the lines at school.

However, Flynn used to live in the Fairoaks neighborhood and said there were no buses when his children were in school and somehow they managed to get there each and every day. However, he said he does recognize their concerns as parents and believes a compromise can be found.

"I know you guys came here looking for a fight and we don't want any fights here," he said.

Member Pat Martin said because the committee has yet to see the numbers related to the issue, including exactly how many students are on the buses and how far children actually live from the schools, more research will have to be done before a decision can be made.

"Of course I'd like to provide the service, but safety comes first," she said.

However, Martin pointed out that the miles away from the school were measured from the old Osgood School, and not the new. "What happens when you start to measure?"

Donna Pratt, 75 Ripley Road, was very concerned that measurements from the schools dictate walker status and said, "I very briefly would like to appeal to you, a blanket one-mile policy isn't the way to go. Crunching numbers isn't the way to make policy. We need the police department to be paying attention," and thinks any decisions made should involve as many boards as possible, including law enforcement officials who can help keep the neighborhoods safe for walking.

Martin said she thinks the only logical next step would be to take a look at the data and possibly re-write the policy to make sure the safest alternative is decided upon.

"We want to do the right thing," she said, adding that the policy has not been re-written at any point in the last six years.

Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts said communication is the key to solving the problem and that "Some things could have been done a lot better," at the outset of this new school year. She said if there is a way to shift students so that buses going down a street to pick up kindergarten students could pick up other students going to the same place as they drive by, that would be ideal.

Tebbetts also recognizes how dangerous it can be for pedestrians of any age to walk safely, let alone children of such young ages.

"This age requires a lot of attention," she said. "We want to be fair."

Chris Arnold, 45 Sohier St., said may of the concerns he felt were expressed at the meeting and he felt better knowing members were parents as well. He added that he has also seen a problem with communication as the letter informing parents of the change was addressed to his five-year-old, and he was one of very few on his street that actually received it.

"I do see it as a huge safety issue. I don't think it's adequate for first and second graders — I don't think it's adequate for third and fourth graders," he said. "As a parent, I'm absolutely willing to do anything we can to help fix the issue."

But Tebbetts also said the issue of capacity will have to be addressed, and the numbers will need to be looked at to make sure safety comes first.

I think I speak for everyone when I say thank you," said Daniel Driscoll, 240 Fairoaks Lane, one of the parents who sent the neighborhood letter. To that, all the parents in the audience broke out in applause. Driscoll went on to say that not every board would take the time to address an issue such as this so quickly and he and the other parents really appreciate it.

A temporary solution was found and children on the affected streets began riding the bus yesterday, as they did at the beginning of the school year, and will continue to do so pending review of the issue and a possible change in policy. Flynn added that any member of the School Committee would be happy to speak with concerned residents and invites any comments in either writing or by phone.

Bus stop changes

In light of new developments with the transportation to and from schools, the issue how to keep time on the bus to a minimum has also come up. Not only are more children riding the bus, but it's taking longer because of the amount of stops they make.

"We have drivers that would never ask you to move your bus stop," said Litchfield, but added that bus stops are the key for all bus routes. Currently, she said some of her drivers will stop at a house, roll the length of around two buses, and stop again. If stops can be consolidated, this would shave a lot of time off the current routes, she said.

"We love coming and getting your kids, but help us," she said.

"When we start to push one hour on the bus, it's too much," said Martin, but added that any ideas need to take into consideration that the drivers need enough time to transport the children safely.

"We're trying to coordinate three schedules," she said.

Other options that have been floated include possibly changing the start time of the school day, which is an issue that will be dealt with for the new school configurations, but could be implemented sooner if found it would help.

It seemed the general consensus by the end of the night was parents would try to help form neighborhood bus stops to help get children on and off the buses in a more timely fashion, as a temporary solution.

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Congratulations to all of you on this handsome new addition to the family.

LITTLE PRINCESS

Thank heavens for little girls is the song and phrase being used in this happy household. **Laurel Ann Standish Denneen** was born on July 21,2003 at 12:46 p.m.. She tipped the scales 8 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 21 inches. Her happy parents are **Bruce and Jennifer Denneen** of French Street, Hingham. Big sister **Liliana** (2-1/2) is thrilled; as are grandparents **Paul and Rosemary Sullivan** of Cohasset and **Robert and Janet Denneen** of East Bridgewater. Lily and Laurel are blessed with four great-grandparents: **Peter and Shirley Curtin** of Brockton as well as **Tina Masciarelli** and **Frances Denneen** of East Bridgewater. Enjoy your two beautiful little girls.

HARVARD HONORS

Congratulations are in order for **Matthew Verrochi**. Matthew graduated *cum laude* from Harvard University on June 5. Matthew is also a former graduate of Milton Academy. Best of luck to you Matthew as you head forward with your future!

AT COLBY COLLEGE

Julie M. Shea enrolled at Colby College this fall and before classes began took part in a weeklong orientation that included an introduction to the rigorous academic program and the rich cultural life at Colby and a four-day orientation trip. From Aug. 27-30, Julie participated in a backpacking trip through the Moxie and Bald Mountain sections of the Appalachian Trail in Maine's north woods with about a dozen other students.

A graduate of Cohasset High, Julie is the daughter of Richard and Birgitte Shea of Cohasset. What a great experience for you Julie.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rachel McElroy, a Cohasset resident and freshman at American University, participated in a community service project in which freshman students contributed more than 10,000 hours of service at 36 sites around the Washington, D.C. area. Rachel, a recent graduate of Notre Dame Academy, volunteered with the Arlington Community Temporary Shelter where she assisted in the daily programs that occur at this shelter for battered women. Wow, Rachel. This was truly a hard but worth it effort for you. Keep up the great work.

TOP TOUR GUIDE

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin honors Mary Fegreus of Cohasset for her outstanding service as a Statehouse tour guide this summer. She was also honored at a special reception for the volunteer tour guides.

OFF TO COLGATE

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That is all for this week. Please send me all of your news, event information and celebration info no later than Mondays at noon. Have a nice week.

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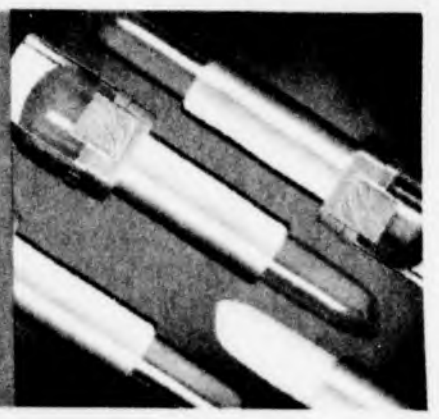

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School bus coordinator Litchfield likes life behind the wheel

By Samantha Brown
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"I know most of the kids on both buses by name."
— Peggy Litchfield

Pulling up at the bus stop each and every morning, students are greeted by the smiling face of Peggy Litchfield. Rain, shine, snow or sleet, this dedicated driver makes sure children get where they're going — safely.

"I love my job," Litchfield said, who has been driving buses in Cohasset for the past seven years, and serving as transportation coordinator for the past two. Because she has lived in Cohasset her whole life, she said she has a real vested interest in the transportation and children of the town.

For years, Litchfield's route was on Bus 3, but she recently changed routes and now drives in her own neighborhood on Bus 6.

"I know most of the kids on both buses by name," she said, with one student in particular standing out. Daughter Tricia is in the second grade and travels with Litchfield every day.

A typical day for Litchfield begins when she and Tricia leave the house at 6 a.m. Her son Jaime is a senior in high school and drives himself, but Tricia is still too young to stay at home in the morning, so she comes along for the ride.

Her first route begins at 6:40 a.m., and she is finished at around nine o'clock. After that, she might have meetings or various business to attend to, then kindergarten pick-up begins around 11:50 and ends around 12:30 or 1 p.m.. She will then go to the middle-high school for afternoon dismissal at 2 o'clock, and continues to drive until 4 o'clock. After that, she might have another meeting, or sometimes she'll be asked to come to a School Committee meeting later in the evening.

"It's a long day. Friday's are very welcome," she said.

But Litchfield said her job is made easier by the people she works with. Bus drivers Bonnie Palm, Dama Dow, Jim Clark, and the newest addition to the staff, Kelly Dickson have been wonderfully supportive, as well as special needs van driver Virginia Clay, and her two part-time drivers April Martin and Julie Borland, who is Litchfield's sister.

"I'd be happy if I kept them forever," she said. "They drive sick, hurt, they're so loyal. Loyalty like that you just don't find."

But above all, she said working with the drivers she has now has been a joy because they love working with children so much.

"I've known drivers that didn't love kids," she said, which makes the job much harder. When dealing with the pressures and responsibility of transporting bus loads of kids on a daily basis, the only way it works it to love the kids, Litchfield said.

"We're not just bus drivers anymore, we're counselors, friends, and disciplinarians," although she said it's a rare occasion when the children in Cohasset misbehave terribly.

"Kids will be kids, but by and large, we have a well-behaved group of kids," she said.

Mechanic Marty Hale also makes Litchfield's life a little easier through his much needed skills. He "has been instrumental in the success of our transportation system. Marty is essentially at our beckoned call and very easy to work with," she said.

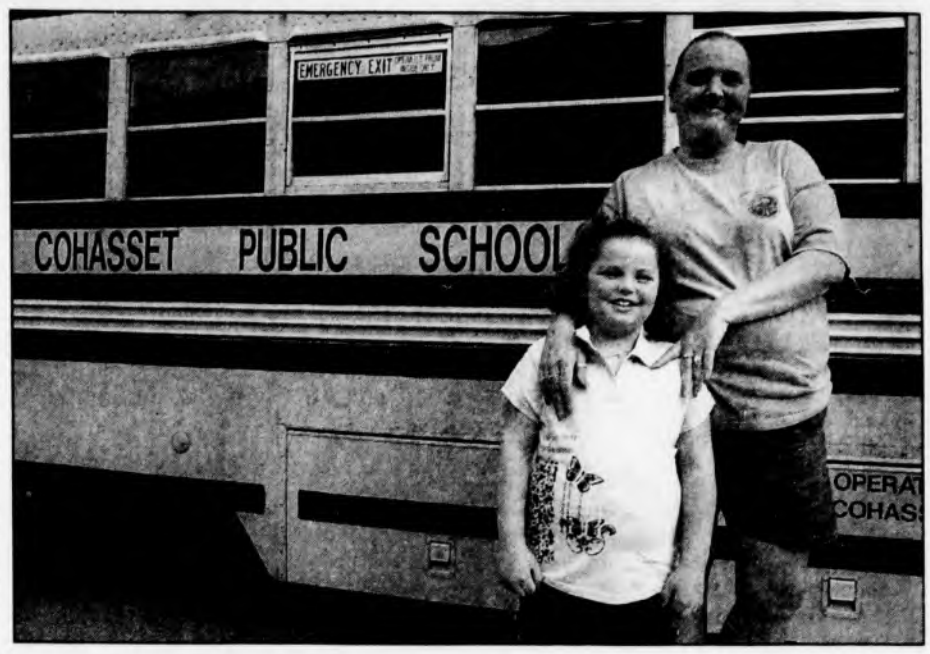
Not only has her staff been supportive, but the administration at the schools have been supportive as well.

Litchfield said Business Manager, Ivan Klimko, has "been really helpful to me as a new manager," adding that he has taught her a lot and been very supportive of the transportation program.

One of the main reasons the job is a perfect fit for Litchfield is because "I love to drive - period." Because she is a single mom, her job enables her to spend time with her kids because they have the same schedule, including the same vacation days.

Originally, Litchfield began her driving career behind the wheel of a special needs van. After much prodding from a family friend to take on the larger vehicles, she said she absolutely loved it and didn't look back.

"Now as a coordinator, the job is everything I had hoped it would be," Litchfield said, and hopes to continue on in her role for years to come. "If the town will have me, I'll do it until I retire."



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Betting on the Greenbush alternative

Town and state officials, and some of our readers, have been known to joke with us that if the Greenbush project is nixed, we won't have anything to write about.

Of course that is a gross exaggeration because the paper is full of other news. However, we do agree our Greenbush stories must be numbering in the hundreds and our train editorials are in the dozens over the past decade.

It's become one of those stories that we can almost write without looking at our notebook because we are so familiar with all the issues.

So if nothing less, we'd feel a few pangs of nostalgia from the story standpoint of we didn't have Greenbush to write about.

Yet, despite the passing of "D" day — Sept. 10 — when the Greenbush go or no-go decision was slated to be announced and wasn't, we're still bullish on the train.

Design work on the 17-mile rail spur to Scituate has continued despite the construction moratorium put in place last February. The right-of-way issue with CSX Corporation in Braintree has been resolved, which was a major sticking point.

Yet we're told the Greenbush decision is still two to three weeks away because of a need for a more of a "comfort level" on Greenbush issues among the MBTA's Board of Directors that wants more information on alternatives.

We have to wonder if any members of the MBTA board have been subjected to the "comfort level" (a.k.a. gridlock) along Route 3 and the Southeast Expressway that spreads way beyond the morning and evening rush hours. The traffic and congestion along Route 3 and those roads feeding into the major highway only seem to be getting worse while we sit and wait for a Greenbush decision.

Last Friday, for example, Route 3 from Hingham on was a parking lot. There was absolutely no movement along the roadway and the congestion never seemed to dissipate. Any South Shore commuter can share with MBTA board members countless stories similar to what happened Friday. It's become a regular occurrence.

A Greenbush decision seems to be moving as slowly as the morning commute. And for those who find the commuter boat inconvenient, the Expressway is their only alternative to get to work in the city.

While we respect some of the thoughtful arguments raised by opponents with environmental concerns, we're not convinced a combination of boats and buses would attract commuters in droves and get cars off the highway.

We also think the debate on "alternatives" — which has been floated since Day One — has run its course. The resounding success of the Plymouth and Middleboro lines should be the convincing argument that the train —"out-dated mode of transport," as opponents readily point out — still has a lot of life

In fact, in most civilized places on this planet, train travel is alive and well and moving people efficiently.

Yes, the $474 million Greenbush project is expensive and is getting more so, in large part, due to all the delays.

So it's time for the MBTA, Gov. Romney and Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas to lift the construction moratorium. They need to sound the whistle for Greenbush and let South Shore transportation-starved citizens get on board.

— Mary Ford
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Blood drive at St. Anthony's

The Cohasset Community and the American Red Cross are teaming up to help ensure that a safe and adequate blood supply is available when needed. Please continue supporting your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers by donating blood on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at St. Anthony's Parish, 10 summer St., Cohasset. Donor hours are 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Returning to old neighborhoods

TO THE EDITOR:

The Sept. 11 TV Chronicle program dealt with the architectural concept of rather densely packed housing units accompanied by a tract of common land, as an alternative to the current fashion of widely diffused single-family houses on very large lots. The concept hasn't found much favor in New England, in part because of our dislike of change, and in part because the existing citizenry fear the many newcomers would overload schools and town services and increase taxes, and their town officials reflect those fears.

But does this concept represent change, or is it a return to the good old days? The time when one could walk to the train station, to stores, to church or to your neighbors! Unlike now, when kids have to be ferried to school, to activities, to visit friends, when every household needs at least two vehicles.

Once upon a time, we could easily get together enough kids from nearby homes to play baseball in a nearby field. That doesn't happen now, with kids isolated from neighbors by an acre or so. Note that houses near our village are at a premium; the new owners sacrifice some of the already small lots to expand the living space.

Granted, the large high-density housing units being discussed for Cohasset don't provide easy access to anything except each other, although conceivably stores, churches and community centers might follow as part of future development.

So what's the future? More sprawl, from suburbia to exurbia and more isolation on large lots with shopping in distant megamalls, or a partial return to neighborhoods clustered around their stores and public buildings?

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Balancing diet and the budget

TO THE EDITOR:

I was quite honored to be invited to join the Nutrition Advisory Committee in Cohasset to help improve the nutritional status and health of Cohasset schoolchildren. I look forward to working with the Board of Health, School Committee, parents and kids.

As many of you know, obesity rates are skyrocketing in the US – 64.5 percent of Americans are either overweight or obese – and along with this comes massive increases in the incidence of Type II diabetes, heart disease, and cancer. Most disturbingly, the increase in overweight children in the U.S. is *twice* that of adults! Obesity is also becoming an international problem as people around the world become more sedentary and adopt the "American" style of eating. Over consumption has now replaced malnutrition as the world's top food problem.

Children in Cohasset are not immune to this disturbing trend. In fact, today's young people are much more at risk than we were as kids. High fat, high carbohydrate foods are everywhere and in giant portions that didn't exist a few years ago. Consider this: fast food and other junk food is now served at restaurants and drive-thrus, on interstate highways, at stadiums, airports, zoos, universities, cruise ships, trains, airplanes, K-Marts, Wal-marts, gas stations, drug stores, shopping malls, even hospitals. Within a few miles, Cohasset alone has more than 20 places to get food! Food today is available around the clock, is relatively cheap, and is promoted heavily to children. Do our schools have to join the bandwagon? Can't our kids be free (or mostly free) of high fat, high sugar food just until 2-3 p.m.? We as parents have a tough enough time trying to compete with supermarkets full of junk food, highways packed with fast food restaurants, and food advertisements everywhere tempting our kids. Schools are places that prepare our kids for the future and we should ensure that these environments and programs strive to reinforce healthful eating.

I applaud the great strides that the Cohasset schools have already made to improve the food and beverage choices offered to our kids. However, we all know that if fries, burgers, and pizza are featured and available every day too many of our kids will choose them too often. I am confident that with all of the talented people we have on our School Committee and Board of Health, and the bright students and faculty we have in one of the best schools in the state, we can work together to continue improving the diets and health of our kids. If we all wrap our brains around this challenge, I for one believe that budgets and diets can be balanced. Let's make it happen.

Jane Lanzillotti,
41 North Main St.

Jane Lanzillotti is a Research Nutritionist with Tufts University School of Medicine.

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HEALTH NOTES

'Rails with Trails' proposals are on the table

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Monday night, the Board of Health reviewed proposals to prepare a feasibility study for a multi-use trail along the MBTA right of way from Hingham to Scituate. The project was initiated to attempt to ensure a continued ability for the town to use the popular right of way for walking, access, and recreation whether or not the MBTA completes the Greenbush project. The trail would operate under state "greenspace" regulations, and would provide a safe , pleasant method of access, linking many of the major public facilities with one another, such as the ball fields, the swimming center, the MBTA station, library, and down town shops and public buildings, Thayer and Whitney Woods and Wompatuck State Park. This project would to be built using federal funding already earmarked for the purpose. In order to secure the federal grant, Cohasset needs to do a feasibility study to be paid for by Community Preservation Act funding.

In all, eight proposals were received. The board has chosen a short list of the three best proposals. We have also asked engineers and nationally recognized walking advocate Mark Fenton to review the proposals and advise us on technical aspects of content. Since the trail will be crossing many streets in town and pass through wetlands and the study will identify the special safety, design and construction standards required by the MBTA that will be incorporated into the project. In addition, the contractor will be required to hold several public meetings where plans will be discussed and concerns exposed.

The next step will be to meet with the three finalists selected by the board and ask for a presentation of their plans. Of particular interest will be their response to two questions: "Have you been a party to successful negotiations with the MBTA to develop a rail/trail on a right of way?" and "What is your estimate of the probability of success of your proposal in developing a rail trail along the Greenbush right of way?"

It's no secret the MBTA is reluctant to make any modifications to its planned development of the Greenbush line. And yet, rail trails have been developed on MBTA rights of way, and the MBTA has its own bike path program, aimed at converting abandoned rights of way to public use. Negotiations with the MBTA are key to successful completion of this project. Studies of rails with trails projects in other states has shown benefits to both parties; the towns and the local transportation facilities. The use of pedestrian and bike paths has reduced vehicle traffic, and provided safe convenient ways for commuters to get to their jobs.

As work on this project continues we will keep you informed of it's progress.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Deer Hill students recall Sept. 11 in thoughtful verse

By Samantha Brown
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For Deer Hill students — fifth-grader, McCauley Braun, and sixth-graders, Melissa Campedelli, Betsy Crawford, and Abby Perkinson — memories of Sept. 11, 2001 have served as inspiration for writing thoughtful poems.

In a school-wide effort, students were asked to write a poem about Sept.11 and those, who were chosen, would read their poems over the loud speaker for the entire school on the two year anniversary of the attacks. After much deliberation, Principal Keith Gauley picked the four girls for their outstanding work.

All four girls remember being in school when the tragedy occurred. They knew something was wrong, but didn't know what, as the schools decided not to tell students to allow parents the first opportunity to break the news.

"We really didn't know what was going on," recalls Abby, adding that students were given a notice to take home that they weren't allowed to read.

"On 9/11 this sacred day, people gave their lives away. To keep others standing tall, these heroes are the best of all."

— Melissa Campedelli, sixth-grader

PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Abby Perkinson, Melissa Campedelli, Betsy Crawford, and McCauley Braun shared their 9-11 poems with their fellow students at Deer Hill School.

Abby said she remembers getting off the bus at her grandmother's house, and her parents were already there waiting for her. Her grandmother was crying, and Abby said she thought someone in her family had died. Abby's mother had been evacuated from her job in Boston and had plans to go to New York that same day. She quickly changed her plans and stayed home.

"I just can't believe the planes took off here. To think it would happen at our airport, that's just scary," Abby said.

Betsy remembers coming home to her mother and older sister, who were waiting outside for her. She gave her mother the letter from the school and she sat Betsy down and explained what had happened.

"My mom wouldn't let me watch the news," said Betsy, who added she had to avert her eyes from the television screen when she went to the Strawberry Parfait as a special treat that afternoon.

McCauley said she remembers her mother talking about a friend from high school that was a flight attendant on one of the planes that crashed into the towers. She said she couldn't imagine if one of her parents had been killed in the tragedy.

"If I lost my mom or dad, I would be very, very sad," she said.

Melissa also said she "would have been really sad," had any of her family or friends been hurt.

But from all those memories of a day filled with tragedy, came four beautiful poems, which earned the girls some time in the spotlight. Melissa said she was very nervous having to read her poem for the school, but somehow managed to get the words out.

"On 9/11 this sacred day, people gave their lives away. To keep others standing tall, these heroes are the best of all," she wrote.

For Abby, deciding whose perspective to write from was the most challenging aspect of writing her poem. She had decided to write her poem from someone's point of view, but could not decide on who it should be. After much careful thought, she decided to write from the perspective of one of the towers. She used her imagination to think about what it would have felt like to be hit from the side, completely out of the blue and watch as her "twin sister" crumbled to the ground.

"One September morn in New York, I awoke next to my sister…A bird was coming right for her. It was a plane filled with sad faces on phones. Some were praying," she wrote.

Abby said she remembers hearing that people were calling their loved ones from cell phones and sending e-mails from laptops, not only on the planes, but on the ground after the tragedy, to let their families know where they were and that they were safe.

McCauley said she "stayed up all night," writing her poem, which begins each stanza with "Value each and every day you have when the sky is blue."

"I thought it was a cool idea," she said.

The poem continues on, "Today, you look back and think about all the young boys that sacrificed their life, just for you! That is why on September 11th, we value the soldiers, the American flag, and everybody else who helped America be brave."

Betsy said her poem came easily for her, and expresses her feelings toward the events, including what that day made her feel after she heard the news. "When I found out what happened, I thought if that kind of thing can happen, nothing that happens to me is really that bad," she said.

In her poem Betsy's words echo the feelings of the other three girls, as well as millions of people everywhere, whose lives were changed in an instant on that day two years ago.

"From that day on I realized that life may not be fair, but I think of all the others as I take each breath of air…I don't know why things happen, things happen every day, but I know I won't ever look at life in the same way."

Linda
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September 11th

Once upon a lifetime
Life was always fair
Everybody Loved
And everybody shared

That lifetime never happened
It never will be true
Today is the reunion
Of the life I never knew

I thought that life was perfect
Sometime in my past
I thought that all the good times
Were definite to last

Then when I had found out
What happened earlier that day
I thought of all the people
Whose lives were taken away

From that day on I realized
That life may not be fair
But I think of all the others
As I take each breath of air

I think of all the soldiers
Who have risked their lives
I think of everyone,
Everybody who dies

I don't know why things happen
Things happen everyday
But I know I won't ever look
At life in the same way

Betsy Crawford

One September morn in New York

I awoke next to my sister
A beautiful day it was
A bird was coming right for her
It was a plane filled with sad faces on phones.
Some were praying
Two angry faces in the front
My sister's people had no warning of death
The plane crashed in her side
She was smoking at the top as people perished
My dear twin sister gone beside my place
People stared at her as she crumbled
I saw another plane coming for me
People ran for doors and windows
I would soon reunite with my sister
It would be a great loss for New York that morn
The morn of September 11, 2001.

Abby Perkinson

Blue skies

Value each and every day you have when the sky is blue.

Because someplace, somewhere, somebody is having even more problems than you.

Because of religions, hopes and beliefs they don't have as much freedom as you and me.

Value each and every day you have when the sky is blue.

On September 11th the Golden Rule was disobeyed.

Every part of mankind was betrayed.

It was all one big shock, it all happened so fast it couldn't be stopped.

Value each and every day you have when the sky is blue.

Today you look back and think about all the young boys that sacrificed their life, just for you! That is why on September 11th we value the soldiers, the American flag and everybody else who helped America be brave.

Just think about all those innocent people that died on the planes and in the Twin Towers. We should cherish their lives.

Value each and every day you have, even when it's raining too.

Because someplace, somewhere on the other side, somebody's sky isn't as blue as yours.

McCauley Braun

9/11

On 9/11,
This sacred day,
People gave their lives away,
To keep others standing tall,
These heroes,
Are the Best of All.

Melissa Campedelli

Dead crow tests positive for West Nile Virus

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) has announced the identification of the first West Nile virus (WNV) positive bird of 2003 in Cohasset. Confirmatory laboratory tests were completed at the State Laboratory Institute on Sept. 16. of one birds submitted from Cohasset were positive for WNV in 2002.

While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe infection. There is currently no evidence to suggest that touching a dead bird can transmit WNV directly to humans. WNV is most commonly transmitted to humans by the bite of a mosquito infected with the virus. The public should take action now to avoid mosquito bites and reduce mosquito populations around their home and neighborhoods.

Limit your time outdoors during peak periods of mosquito activity (dusk and dawn) or if you must remain outdoors, wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants.

Use a mosquito repellent that contains DEET (the chemical N-N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) and follow the directions on the label. Never use DEET on infants. Avoid using repellents with DEET concentrations above 10-15 percent for children and with concentrations above 30-35 percent for adults. Higher concentrations of DEET may provide protection for a longer period of time, but do not provide a higher level of protection. If you are concerned about exposures to chemicals, use the lowest concentration of DEET which provides protection for the length of time you will be exposed to mosquitoes, and wash your skin when you return indoors.

MDPH encourages all residents to continue to report dead birds through its public health information line at 1-866-MASS-WNV (1-866-627-7968).

Information about WNV and reports of WNV activity in Massachusetts during 2003 can be found on the MDPH website at www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv.

One Source cleaning is off to good start

Supt. Edward Malvey said he is very happy with the results of the One Source company hired to take over the cleaning duties at all three schools. He said the results at Deer Hill have been "very impressive" while the middle-high school has been somewhat of a challenge because of the construction. A communication log has been started to keep contact flowing between the administration and on-site managers.

"I've had a senior level manager out here on a couple of occasions," said Malvey, adding that the staff has been very attentive to the minor issues that have surfaced so far. He believes with the construction coming to an end, that the middle-high school will soon be at the same standard as the other schools.

The wedding that wasn't

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

"With the ceremony planned
"I had bought the wedding band
"And invited all the neighbors from the farms.
"But the day we was to wed
"I was tired and stayed in bed.
"Now the whole durn countryside is up in arms."

Does that little ditty that we sang when we were young (and ice covered most of the earth) apply to anyone we know today?

Just think, if it hadn't been for the second anniversary of 9/11 last week and if there hadn't been a war going on in Afghanistan or Iraq or wherever, the not-yet-marital travails of Ben and J Lo might have landed on page one of the Boston Globe or even the Wall Street Journal.

In case you've been away in the Outback on one of CBS's reality survival shows, Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck —or "Bennifer," as they are known collectively by the supermarket press — were supposed to have been married Sunday at 3 p.m. (Pacific Time) in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Montecito, Calif.

The reception was scheduled for a $29 million estate called Sotto Il Monte, spruced up with a transparent dance floor over the swimming pool and guarded by a private army to keep out the world's paparazzi, including the group that was reported to have offered $6 million for exclusive rights to the wedding photos. They were turned down.

When I got married, we actually had to pay the photographer — a financially strapped Hungarian refugee — to take the pictures.

Instead of the church, Ben was in Las Vegas with his friends (male), chasing the galloping dominoes, drawing to inside straights and taking in the Oscar de la Hoya-Shane Mosley welterweight boxing bout. (Won by Mosley, incidentally, and, of course, de la Hoya is taking it to court.)

And Ben's erstwhile bride-to-be was holed up with two friends (female) in a $9.5 million mansion in Miami, presumably writing excuses and apologies to the 400 guests who were invited to the wedding, including Bruce Willis and Jack Nicholson, who are famous for being movie stars, and Britney Spears, who is famous for being famous.

What happened? Did J Lo dump Ben over that alleged sexual swing he made through Vancouver earlier in the year? Or did Ben dump J Lo when they showed him that pre-nup he was to sign giving her half his fortune in the event of a split? Or did they simply get tired of each other. After all, they'd been going steady for weeks.

Why do they feel it necessary to get married at all? As far as I can see, the happiest family in Hollywood is made up of Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins and their children, who I'm told cross the street when they go past a church just in case the "I do's" are catching.

Joyce Jillson, a astrologer hired by the Herald's Inside Track to satisfy curious minds, noted that J Lo has been married twice already and is or isn't going for a third.

"Her Jupiter is very, very controlling," she said. "His is exactly the opposite. Three is nothing. She is in midstream as far as the marriage thing is concerned.

I could have told her that without consulting Jupiter.

POLITICAL NOTES

Coastal Coalition holds kickoff event

Join The Coastal Coalition, at a kick-off fundraiser to support the newly reorganized group in its opposition to the Greenbush Restoration project, with the Coalition's President Kathy Donahue and guest speakers Senator Robert Hedlund, Rep. Garrett Bradley and AfTA's Dr. John Bewick, former state Secretary of Environmental Affairs.

The Coastal Coalition has been reorganized as a Political Action Committee in order to communicate to Beacon Hill the need for environmentally friendly and cost effective alternatives to the MBTA's current proposal. Governor Romney is expected to make a decision this fall on whether to proceed with the project.

The event will be held at The South Shore Arts Center, 119 Ripley Rd, Cohasset at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21. Admission is $ 10/pp payable to The Coastal Coalition in advance or at the door. Mailing address is The Coastal Coalition, Inc., P.O. Box 246, Greenbush, MA 02040.

For more information, contact 791-545-3756.

Rep. Hynes to talk about transportation

State Rep.Frank Hynes, vice chairman of the Transportation Committee for the Massachusetts House of Representatives, will provide an update about the status of transportation options for the South Shore tonight, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Marshfield Elks Hall, located at 1321 Ocean St. (Rte 139.)

Hynes will be the guest speaker of Co-Op 8, the South Shore Democratic Council, which includes members of the Cohasset/Duxbury/Hingham/Hull/Marshfield/Norwell/Scituate/Weymouth Democratic Town Committees. Topics expected to be discussed include: the status of restoration of Greenbush commuter rail service, proposed expansion of Rte. 3, bus service to the South Shore, and prospects for expanded water shuttle service.

All are invited to attend. For more information please contact: Agnes McCann at 781-383-0222 (chairman, Cohasset Democratic Town Committee).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Supports 15-min. Village parking

TO THE EDITOR:

In the Sept. 11, 2003 "Cohasset Mariner" there was a Letter to the Editor from Peter Wood. This letter answered a Sept. 4 Mariner news brief about a letter sent to Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide, who forwarded the letter to Selectmen. In the letter to Ordelheide, the patron moaned about getting a ticket because of being parked in a 15-minute parking space while having dinner at The Red Lion Inn.

The 15-minute parking spaces are for short use while visiting businesses in downtown Cohasset. These spaces are not for the use of dinner patrons.

I applaud Cohasset police for ticketing cars over staying the 15-minute limit. The police were not on a "rampage" as Judith Cellucci states in her letter to the Red Lion Inn. They were merely enforcing the 15-minute limit by ticketing those who overstayed the 15-minute parking limit on several spaces. Hopefully, those tickets will enlighten the abusers.

I fully agree with Peter Wood on this matter.

Peter Guild
119 North Main St.

Stamp out this nonsense

TO THE EDITOR:

The following information has been brought to my attention and I thought your readers would like to be informed.

The next time a liberal forbids display of the Ten Commandments on public property, please ask him to take the same stand on the separation of mosque and state. He can do this by ordering the U.S. Postal Service to stop selling its current issue of Arabic-lettered commemorative stamps that promote the Muslim religion.

Feverish Islamic extremists in the name of their religion's God, daily murder in cold blood American peacekeepers in Iraq and Afghanistan. These same religious zealots previously bombed Pan Am Flight 103 out of the sky, reduced our World Trade Center to rubble, obliterated U.S. military barracks in Lebanon and Saudi Arabia, smashed two of our African embassies, ripped apart the USS Cole and dozens of sailors' lives, destroyed a huge section of the Pentagon, killed airline passengers in an attempt to wipe out the White House or U.S. Capitol and sent our economy into a tailspin that has thrown millions of Americans out of work and broken up many of our families.

Let your voices be heard by alerting your congressmen. Enough is enough.

Nancy O'Toole
13 Haystack Lane

Urges ZBA to deny Avalon

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to urge the Zoning Board of Appeals to act on behalf of the overwhelming majority of the residents of this town, and to consider the overwhelming evidence presented by various consultants, boards, committees and public officials of this town, and *deny* or at the very least *limit the size* of the Avalon Bay apartment complex.

The Avalon Bay hearing is now closed, and the Zoning Board has 40 days to make a decision to either deny or accept Avalon Bay's application for a comprehensive permit. Therefore, I also strongly urge you, the residents of this wonderful town, to make your views known to the Zoning Board. I haven't talked to one single person who is in favor of the project. Aside from the fact that this mega-complex will forever change the very character of Cohasset, which is, in my opinion, a compelling enough reason to deny it, there are numerous other reasons for the Zoning Board to put this project to rest.

- The selectmen of Cohasset are not satisfied with the information that has thus far been presented, and have, in the absence of this information, supported denial of this project. (I guess I'm not the only one concerned about the drinking water.)
- The police and fire departments have voiced their concerns about safety and health issues and are, therefore, in support of denying this project.
- The Planning Board has voiced its wish to deny this project.
- The Board of Health has voiced its concerns and support denial. (Again, the drinking water)
- The Trustees of Reservation are in support of denial of this project.
- The School Committee also has concerns about the project, which, from what I understand, have still not been addressed. (The School Committee should be concerned. The reason my husband and I moved our family here from Norwell is because the town was undergoing such rapid population growth due to development, that the school system couldn't support it. When we left, there were 30 kids in the first grade classrooms! How many overrides can one town support?)
- We, the residents of Cohasset, have passed two articles overwhelmingly at Town Meeting strongly opposing this development.
- Finally, and most compelling, is that the Water Commission is opposed to this project. It seems it does not think the on-site treatment system on this former hazardous waste site is adequate. (Is this scary or what? We are talking about Lily Pond, everyone. Your and your children's drinking water supply)

This development is detrimental to the town in every way imaginable, and I believe the only reason the Zoning Board is even considering it is because they mistakenly, due to some bad counsel, believe it will in some small way address Cohasset's need for affordable housing. Cohasset does indeed need more senior and affordable housing, and I support appropriate housing solutions, but Avalon Bay is not the answer to 40B. What this is, quite simply, is a way for Avalon Bay to use 40B to build a large apartment complex. Again, I urge you, if you are not in favor of Avalon Bay, to please make your views known to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Hopefully, they will listen to the majority, weigh the evidence, and do the right thing. There isn't much time left.

Stacey Steele
430 King St.

Quality of life is train issue

In a recent letter to the editor of a local daily newspaper, Cohasset residents Whipple, Evans, and Logan, accused those who oppose the costly and invasive Greenbush rail project as being "obstructionists". I take issue with their use of that word when referring to those who oppose the costly and invasive Greenbush rail project.

However, if "obstructionists" is defined as those who would fight to save their towns, their homes, and the lives of their families, then so be it.

We all care about quality of life, as the above-mentioned Cohasset ladies would most certainly concur, but to deny that same quality of life to families directly affected by air-particulate polluting diesel locomotives only a few feet from their homes, instead of the less costly and less dangerous alternatives as presented by Advocates for Transportation Alternatives, is unconscionable.

Marion T. Sherman
171 Fort Hill St.
Hingham

Applications for Cohasset cultural grants are due by Oct. 15

The Cohasset Cultural Council has announced an Oct. 15 deadline for organizations and individuals to apply for grants to support cultural activities in the community. Cohasset Cultural Council has received $2000 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency, for programs taking place Fall 2003-Summer 2004. In addition, the Cohasset Cultural Council will augment the grant pool with up to $4000 from unencumbered funds from past years.

Grant money can be used to support a variety of artistic and cultural programs that benefit citizens in Cohasset – including exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, as well as cultural workshops and lectures.

The Cohasset Cultural Council also will entertain funding proposals from schools and youth groups through the PASS Program, a ticket subsidy program for school-age children that allows them to attend a Massachusetts-based cultural event.

Application forms and additional information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available on the MCC website at mass-culture.org. Contact Diane Kennedy, chairwoman, Cohasset Cultural Council at 781-383-1304 for more information.

The Local Cultural Council Program, of which Cohasset Cultural Council is a part, comprises a network of 335 councils across the state. It is the second largest program of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. MCC provides allocations to each LCC annually to support cultural activities in every city and town in Massachusetts. This is the largest program of its kind in the United States.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen
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Sept. 12, 2003

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QUESTIONS

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$501,085 FOR MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ADVISORS (H 4004)

House 136-19, Senate 36-4, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $501,085 in funding for the Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee (MHLAC). The MHLAC, comprised of judges and lawyers well-versed and experienced in mental health law, was established as an arm of the state's court system in 1973 to protect the legal rights of mentally disabled persons. Override supporters said the MHLAC has its own small staff of lawyers but also guides private attorneys who represent some of the most vulnerable members of society involved in the state's complicated mental health system. They noted that without the MHLAC, thousands of disabled persons would not receive legal advice about a wide range of situations including their rights about commitment to and discharge from mental health facilities, the right to refuse treatment and the rights of mentally ill parents to have custody and/or contact with their children. Override opponents said it is an unpleasant necessity to reduce funding for worthwhile programs but argued that the state cannot afford the $501,085 during this fiscal crisis. They said that continued overrides of the governor's vetoes would result in an unbalanced budget, cuts to other important programs and/or tax hikes. (A "Yea" vote is for the $501,085. A "Nay" vote is against the $501,085).

N **Y**

$697,132 FOR EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM (H 4004)

House 137-18, Senate 35-5, overrode Gov. Romney's $697,132 veto reduction (from $29,188,130 to $28,490,998) for the early intervention program. The early intervention program provides early intervention for families of children up to three years of age who have developmental difficulties due to identified disabilities, or if development is at risk due to birth or environmental circumstances. Override supporters said the reduced funding would hurt this vital program that assists these children at an early age and helps them grow and develop the skills to increase their development and be healthy and happy. They noted the program serves the child and family in their natural environments, including family homes, child care centers, community play groups and libraries, in order to improve development by encouraging the child's participation in everyday activities and mixing with his or her peers. Some override opponents said $28,490,998 is projected to be sufficient to fund these early intervention programs. Others said no one likes to cut good programs but argued this is one of those necessary cuts that must be implemented in order to balance the budget, prevent deeper cuts in other worthwhile programs and avoid new taxes. (A "Yea" vote is for the $697,132. A "Nay" vote is against the $697,132).

N **Y**

$590,000 FOR COUNCILS ON AGING (H 4004)

House 151-0, Senate 39-1, overrode Gov. Romney's $590,000 veto reduction (from $5.9 million to $5.31 million) in funding for grants to local councils on aging. Override supporters said the state's local councils on aging serve hundreds of thousands of senior citizens and noted these grants are important to the councils' operations. They argued that many local communities are cutting funding to their councils and said that this $590,000 cut in state funding would make things even worse. Some override opponents said $5.31 million is projected to be sufficient to fund these grants. Others said unpleasant budget cuts are necessary in order to balance the budget, prevent deeper cuts in other worthy programs and avoid tax hikes. (A "Yea" vote is for the $590,000. A "Nay" vote is against the $590,000).

Y **Y**

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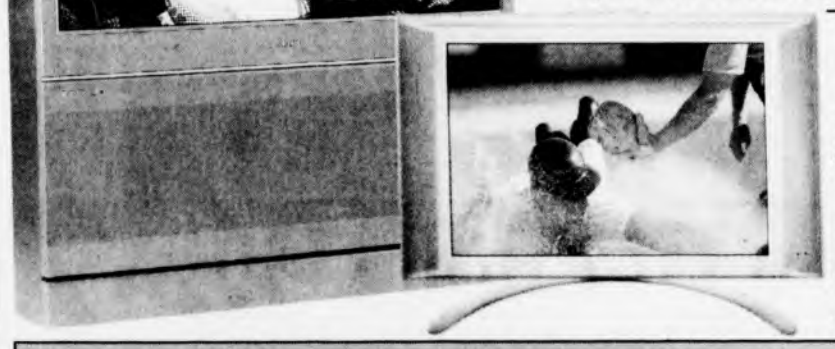

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Another thriller

Norwell boys edge arch-rival Cohasset, 3-2

By Max Schenkein
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset first year head boys soccer coach Rob Leary had never experienced the "typical Norwell-Cohasset night game" before. Saturday night gave him a good idea of what he can expect every time these two teams meet.

The Norwell boys prevailed in a thriller over the South Shore League rival Skippers, 3-2.

"I really enjoyed this game," exclaimed Norwell coach Matt Henry, temporarily filling in for head coach Jack Browne. "We knew (Cohasset) was a tough opponent, but we kept our patience and outlasted them."

The win improved the Clippers to 3-1 on the season and 3-0 in South Shore League play. The loss was the first of the season for Cohasset (2-1). Both coaches are looking forward to the team's next meeting on Sept. 25 at Cohasset.

From the beginning, Norwell dominated field position and had the better scoring opportunities. The Clippers had chances to take the lead, but shots by seniors James Finkenstadt and Robbie Beach were turned away on outstanding saves by Cohasset senior keeper Jessie Brewer. The latter of the two saves was an outstanding stab of a direct kick, which was deflected towards the net by a Cohasset defender.

Norwell finally broke through in the 27th minute, however, when Sophomore Andrew Olsen's corner was headed into the box by Jason Kulik, and finished by Beach to give Norwell the 1-0 lead.

The visiting Skippers did not take long to respond. A minute later, two of Cohasset's senior captains connected to knot the game at 1-1, as a through ball by Coner Buick led to a finish by Dave Santiago, who slid the ball to the bottom right corner just past sliding Norwell keeper Mike Allen.

Norwell continued to pound the ball towards the Cohasset net, but Brewer continued his brilliance, stopping shots off three consecutive corner kicks.

In the 37th minute, senior John Andrade sent senior captain Chris Clark in to beat the defense for a lower left strike, and give Cohasset a 2-1 halftime lead.

Although the Clippers controlled the ball most of the first half, and led 8-3 in shots, they opened the second half trailing by a goal. Six minutes into the second half, Norwell evened the score at 2-2 when sophomore Kevin McCord led the ball to Olson, who made two touches to the middle and drilled the ball to the lower left corner past the dive

BOYS SOCCER, PAGE 21

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset High quarterback Mike Dooley (#24) ran for one touchdown and threw for another in Saturday's 18-0 win over Nantucket, and finished with 158 yards of offense (110 through the air, 48 by ground).

Skippers harpoon Whalers

Cohasset gridders kickoff season with 18-0 shutout of Nantucket

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

A balanced offensive attack combined with a defensive effort that prevented Nantucket from entering the red zone resulted in an impressive 18-0 shutout by the Cohasset Skippers on opening day last Saturday afternoon at Alumni Field.

The Whalers from Nantucket deferred on the opening coin toss, electing to kick to the Skippers.

Cohasset proceeded to march 67 yards on seven plays to reach pay dirt. All three backs — senior tailback DeWayne Morris, junior fullback Ted Straughn and senior captain quarterback Mike Dooley — carried the ball on this initial series. The key plays of the drive were a diving reception by senior captain wide receiver Chris Bilodeau for a first down and a 21-yard reception by senior tight end Sean Connolly.

Morris then went into the end zone untouched from 22 yards out behind the blocking of the right side of the offensive line, junior center Matt Casey, senior captain guard Steve Davis and sophomore rookie

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Sam Steele (left) gets this clear off just in time as sweeper Craig Laugelle (rear) rushes in just in case.

A 'Devine' victory

Upset win for first year golfer not enough to lift Skippers

By Mike Spellman
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An upset win by Mike Devine over two-time South Shore League all-star Chris Redman, on Thursday, wasn't enough to lift the Cohasset golf team over Abington in its SSL opener.

Devine, a senior newcomer to the team this fall, shot a solid 4-over par 40 on the Cohasset Golf Club to edge Redman, 5.5-3.5 for nine holes. This improved Devine's personal record on the season to 3-1 playing out of the number one spot for the Skippers.

"Mike's been a real pleasant surprise for us so far," said Sweeney of Devine, who is also a star hockey player. "I knew he was good when I heard he was coming out for the team, but I had no way of predicting him earning the number one spot and playing so well out of it."

Unfortunately, the remaining five Abington golfers won 10 more holes than their Cohasset counterparts to take the decision in match play, 31-23. The loss dropped the Skippers to 2-2 overall.

Prior to the league opener, the Cohasset golfers topped Quincy, 32-22, then split a pair of meetings with East Bridgewater.

The Skippers traveled to E.B.'s home Ridder Country Club on Tuesday, and fell 218-232 in stroke play, the scoring system used by the Patriot League. Sweeney felt his team struggled with the adjustment from match play, where one point is won per hole, to stroke play, where every shot is counted against the team total.

"Our guys didn't really step to the challenge," noted Sweeney. "When a hole blows up in match play, it's only one point lost, and guys start thinking about the next hole before they're done sometimes. You can't do that in stroke play. We had some guys see things go from bad to worse on a few holes today, and wind up shooting eights or nines. Those were killers."

Fortunately, the Skippers were able to rebound with a narrow 28-26 win over E.B. at Cohasset Golf Club 24 hours later. The hosts trailed with the first four players from each team in the clubhouse, but Cohasset junior Jack Carroll led the comeback charge, winning eight of nine holes from his counterpart out of the sixth and final scoring spot.

Senior captain Mike Hajjar has been playing well out of the number two spot for the Skippers, averaging a score of 41 per nine holes while compiling a 2-2 record.

"Mike's been his old steady self," noted Sweeney.

Another pleasant surprise for the team has been the play of freshman Kevin Barber, who has gone a perfect 3-0 out of the three spot.

Juniors Tim Pilczak and Colin MacGruder have each compiled records of 2-2 out of the fourth and fifth spots in the rotation, respectively.

Junior Chris Simms has shared the sixth spot with Carroll (2-0) to date and split decisions in his two matches.

The Skippers entered this week with a full slate of SSL opponents this week. They hosted defending league champ Harwich on Monday, traveled to Mashpee on Tuesday and returned home to take on Carver yesterday. They get back into action on Monday at home versus Norwell.

Clippers sail past Skippers

Cohasset girls prove no match for Norwell booters

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

What was supposed to be a close, competitive South Shore League match turned into a one-sided affair at Norwell High School's soccer field Saturday night.

Led by goals from four different players, the Norwell girls came away with a dominating 5-0 victory over Cohasset.

Jackie Vickers, Meaghan Wiley, Colby Tallman and Lauren Strazzula all scored in the second half within 21 minutes of one another.

Wiley's was arguably the goal of the night. With her back to Skippers keeper CeCelia Chapman 15 yards out, the junior midfielder turned and fired a perfect shot to the far post with her left foot. It was Wiley's fifth score of the year.

Vickers started the scoring in the fourth minute of the game. After junior midfielder Jenn Guiney fought for control of a deflected throw-in, Vickers stormed down the right side of the field and lofted a shot over the head of Chapman.

The sophomore striker also capped the scoring in the 64th minute with a goal from the left side.

The score was 1-0 at the half, as some fine work from Cohasset's defenders, led by Rachel Garber and sweeper Holly Graham, and four saves from Chapman kept the score close.

Other than these positives, however, it was a bad night all-around for the Lady Skippers. They did not get anywhere near Norwell's net until the 12th minute, when Sarah McMorris applied pressure on the right side of the field. Norwell defender Mollie Phillips thwarted the attack before it materialized into anything.

A header by Mary Silvia off a corner by Casey Anderson beat Norwell keeper Jessica Baxter, but went just wide of the net.

Baxter was never seriously tested after that, and recorded her second shutout of the year.

To make matters worse for head coach Deb Beal's team, senior defender and co-captain Brenna O'Donnell went down with a knee injury after colliding with a Norwell player.

O'Donnell fell to the ground, and the referee immediately blew his whistle to stop play. Soon after play resumed five minutes later, an ambulance and stretcher came to the field.

Beal said the good news is that there is no tear in the ACL. O'Donnell is wearing a brace and using crutches, however, and her knee is swollen enough that a doctor's appointment to examine the knee on Monday

GIRLS SOCCER, PAGE 19

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Christine Lovallo (right) tries to poke the ball away from Scituate's Cory Cuddihy in non-league action last week.

Skippers harpoon Whalers

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tackle Dan McCarthy. The attempted extra point kick was blocked. Leaving it 6-0 Skippers with 7:40 left in the first quarter.

The Whalers first offensive possession started with a 27-yard pass completion, taking them into Skipper territory. After a couple of short running plays, Davis and senior end Robbie Carpenter combined to force a fumble with a hard hit and junior defensive tackle Matt Baroudi recovered it on the Cohasset 35-yard line.

This would turn out to be Nantucket's only real offensive threat of the day as senior captain linebacker Tony Truglia (6 tackles), cornerback Connolly (5 tackles, 2 tipped passes) and Carpenter (4 tackles, 1fi sacks, forced fumble) led a defensive effort that limited the Whalers to only 100 yards of total offense.

The Skippers next scoring drive started at their own 33-yard line with :30 left in the first quarter. It was a classic 16 play, eight minute drive. Morris carried seven times for 48 yards behind great blocking by senior left tackle Dan Tarpey, sophomore left guard Nick Arment, Casey, Davis, and McCarthy. The drive ended with Bilodeau hauling in a 21-yard pass in the left corner of the end zone from Dooley. The 2-point conversion pass fell just out of the reach of Bilodeau. With 2:31 left in the second quarter, Cohasset had a 12-0 advantage.

The third quarter had the Skipper secondary of junior Joe Durkin, junior Crandon Leahy, Bilodeau and Connolly breaking up several key pass attempts by Nantucket, while the defensive front of Davis, Carpenter, Baroudi, and junior tackle Leo Clougherty put on a relentless pass rush.

The Skippers final scoring drive, a quick six play push, ended with a quarterback option to the right side. QB Mike Dooley kept the ball and split the first two Whaler defenders untouched thanks to key blocks by the right side of the offensive line and a nice kick-out block by tight end Connolly. The lone Whaler between Dooley and the end zone was left in his tracks as Dooley pulled a 180 degree spin move just as the defender closed in for the tackle. The senior signal caller then sprinted into the end zone for a 44-yard scoring effort, giving the Skippers an 18-0 lead with 9:13 to play in the game. The pass conversion play fell incomplete.

All in all an impressive start for the Skippers with solid two-way play from Casey, Davis, Connolly, Straughn, and Bilodeau, combined with varsity rookies Durkin, Leahy, Clougherty, Baroudi, McCarthy, Carpenter, and Morris exceeding expectations, and Arment, Tarpey, Silvia, Dooley, and Truglia turning in fine opening day performances.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Senior tailback DeWayne Morris (#2) busts through the line on his way to a 140-yard rushing performance in Saturday's 18-0 win over Nantucket.

Offensive Statistics

Passing: Mike Dooley 7 for 17, 110 yards, 1 touchdown.

Receiving: Chris Bilodeau 4 for 43 yards, 1 touchdown. D J Silvia 1 for 29 yards. Sean Connolly 1 for 21 yards. Ted Straughn 1 for 17 yards.

Rushing: DeWayne Morris 24 carries for 140 yards, 1 touchdown. Mike Dooley 9 for 48 yards, 1 touchdown. Ted Straughn 3 for 12 yards. Brendan Michaud 1 for 1 yard.

Defensive Statistics

Tackles: Tony Truglia 6, Sean Connolly 5, Joe Durkin and Robbie Carpenter 4, Matt Baroudi 3, Matt Casey 2, Chris Bilodeau, Steve Davis, Leo Clougherty, Dave McKenna, Ted Straughn and Crandon Leahy 1.

Sacks: Robbie Carpenter 1fi, Steve Davis fi

Forced Fumble: Davis/Carpenter

Fumble Recovered: Matt Baroudi

Opposition Passing: Nantucket completed 4 passes out of 15 attempts.

Football Forecast

The Cohasset Skippers football team (1-0) will take on the 2002 Catholic Central Large league champion Archbishop Williams (0-0) on Friday night at 7 PM at Alumni Field. Archies is coming off a 10-1 season, losing to Abington in the preliminary round of the High School Super Bowl format last November, they are returning six starters to this years squad.

If "Isabel" plays major havoc on Friday, the postponement date is Sunday, Sept 21 at 5 PM.

However, in checking the records over the years, Cohasset has never lost a football game in the middle of a Hurricane, so pull out the foul weather gear and dress like a "Skipper" and bring her on!

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Needless to say, defenders such as Joe Durkin (#20) also did their job. Cohasset's D limited the Whalers to just 100 yards on the way to Saturday's 18-0 whitewashing.

Cohasset 18, Nantucket 0

Nantucket (0-1)	0	0	0	0	— 0
Cohasset (1-0)	6	6	0	6	— 18

C- DeWayne Morris 22 yd run, kick blocked.
C-Chris Bilodeau 21 yard pass from Mike Dooley, pass failed.
C-Mike Dooley 44 yd run, pass failed.

Cohasset had (8) offensive possessions, 3 ended with a touchdown, 2 ended by clock, 2 ended by downs, 1 ended by a punt.

Nantucket had (7) offensive possessions, 3 ended by a punt, 3 ended by downs, 1 ended by a fumble.

Cohasset's junior varsity lost in the last minute of play to Nantucket's junior varsity 14-8 in the second game of the doubleheader, but there are plenty of up and coming stars to be heard from on the junior varsity Skippers.

Next Game: Friday, Sept 19th, 7 PM Alumni field vs. Archbishop Williams

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Clippers sail past Skippers

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had to be cancelled. The examination has been re-scheduled for Friday, Beal said.

Silvia, a junior, came in for O'Donnell.

"She stepped up big-time for us," Beal said.

While the Skippers played their poorest game of the year after solid efforts against Scituate and Mashpee, Beal gave the Clippers much of the credit for their victory.

"Norwell played a great game and we couldn't keep up with them," the fifth-year coach said. "They beat us to every single ball on the field and seemed to outwork us for possession."

From the start, head coach Bruce Emerson's team used their quickness to get touches, and their height advantage over most of Cohasset's players to win headers.

"The key to the game was that every chance on the ball, we got the touch," Emerson said.

While the forwards and midfielders played very well, as evidenced by the five goals, the defense was arguably better. Senior Katie Helm was especially magnificent, time and again playing Cohasset's long balls back into the Skippers' half of the field.

Helm even came close to scoring, missing by inches on a 35-yard bomb at the end of the first half.

Phillips frustrated Cohasset attackers all over the field. Caitlin Jackson, Victoria Nicastro and Elizabeth Hathaway all contributed to the defensive effort, as well.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Nicole Whitney (right) tries to beat a pair of Scituate players to the ball in non-league match at Scituate High.

Following a tough game against Mashpee the previous day, Emerson said he was pleased with everyone on the team following the Cohasset match.

"We passed better, and we were more aggressive," the coach said. "We always get up for Cohasset."

Saturday's was the third win in four days for the Lady Clippers. They defeated Hull, 5-0, on Wednesday, and got by Mashpee, 5-3. Wiley, Vickers, Strazzula, Jackson, Emily Martindale and Jenna Zarick all scored during that stretch.

Overall, the Clippers are 3-1, with a 3-0 record in the South Shore League.

Cohasset, meanwhile, dropped to 0-2-1 overall, 0-1-1 in league play. The Skippers lost a hard-fought game to Scituate, 2-0, and earned a draw with Mashpee, 3-3. Cohasset came back from an early 2-0 deficit in that one, with senior midfielder Jenn Buckley scoring two goals, including the equalizer with 4:49 to play. Senior Gillian Weber scored the other.

There were concerns after Saturday's game about the team's chemistry, concerns that Beal hope have dissipated this week. The Skippers had a tough match against Abington on Tuesday and face another test tomorrow against surprising Carver.

"Players I have relied on to be role models and example setters on the field are not getting it done," Beal said. "I don't doubt their ability and their desire to win. I think we need to regroup and understand that things are constantly changing and that the 11 best players are going to play regardless of what grade they are in."

Cohasset Youth Soccer Notes

Fall 2003 Cohasset Soccer Club Schedule

The fall season for all players under 10 (Grades 4 and younger) will begin on this Saturday September 20, 2003. All play will be on Milliken field. Unless you hear from a coach cancelling play due to inclement weather, please assume that we will be playing. All players should be contacted by their coach by Friday. If a player is not contacted please come to the filed at the appropriate time listed below.

Age specific times are presented below:

Boys Under 10 (age 8 and 9 — 3rd and 4th grade)- 8:30 – 10:00

Girls Under 10 (age 8 and 9 — 3rd and 4th grade)- 10:00 – 11:30

Girls Under 6 (age 4 and 5 — PreK and K), 10:45 – 12:15

Girls Under 7 (age 6 – 1st grade)- 11:30 – 1:00

Girls Under 8 (age 7 – 2nd grade)- 12:15 – 1:45

Boys Under 6 (age 4 and 5 – PreK and K)- 1:00 – 2:30

Boys Under 7(age 6 – 1st grade)- 1:45 – 3:15

Boys Under 8 (age 7 – 2nd grade)- 2:30 – 4:00

The Boys and Girls Under 12 teams will continue to practice on Fridays and Saturdays with Cranberry League play beginning October 4th.

The Club does not offer play for individuals in the Middle School or High School during the Fall. These players participate in School sports during the Fall and then play with the Club in the Spring.

Cohasset Soccer Club Coaches Clinic

One additional coaching clinic for all new and returning coaches for the Fall season will be held this Friday September 19th at 6:00 PM on the Milliken – Bancroft Recreation Field. This clinic will introduce the stations training approach that will be used during the Fall season.

In addition, a six-week Coerver Coaching Clinic will begin this Saturday at 3:30 – 4:30 PM on the Milliken – Bancroft Recreation Field and continue for another 5 weeks. This course will provide all level coaches with a solid technique / skill / training basis for working with youth soccer players. If interested, please come to the Field on Saturday or call Mark Richardson @ 781-383-0998.

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Fall/Winter Adult hockey leagues

Fall/Winter adult ice hockey leagues start in Sept/October 2003. Players and teams are needed for all levels of play and ages at various south of Boston locations. Anyone interested, call for a brochure: 1-888-45-NESHL (888-456-3745), or e-mail: adulthockeyneshl@aol.com.

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CHS weekly scoreboard

Varsity Football

Sept.
13 beat Nantucket, 18-0

Varsity Field Hockey

12 beat Sturgis Charter, 8-0
15 lost to E. Bridgewater, 3-2
17 @ Scituate

Boys Varsity Soccer

10 beat Mashpee, 6-2
13 lost to Norwell, 3-2
16 beat Abington, 4-0
18 Carver 6:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity Soccer

10 tied Mashpee, 3-3
13 lost to Norwell, 5-0
16 Abington

Boys Varsity Golf

10 beat E. Bridgewater, 28-26
11 lost to Abington, 31-23
15 lost to Harwich
16 lost to Mashpee, 33-21
17 Carver

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SPORTS NOTES

Learn to Skate and Beginner Instructional Hockey Registration

The Coastal Stars Youth Hockey program (Cohasset/Marshfield) will have registration for The 2003-2004 'Learn to Skate' & 'Instructional Hockey' program.

Where: Cohasset Community Center, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset

When: Saturday September 20, 2003, 10:00AM – 2:00PM

Learn to skate: Ages 2 - 6

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For more information contact: TimothyLeahy@att.net

Fall Crew Program

High School students interested in joining CMI's Fall crew team should sign up now. Call or email CMI coach Jack Buckley at 383 8261, or jackbuckley@rowcmi.org Fall rowing is free for current CMI members; $75.00 fee for non-members. Crews will be training for competition in the Head of the Weir, Oct 25, a 5 mile open race from the river head to the Windmill Pt Boathouse operated by the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Crews will also train for Head of the Quinnipiac, a 7 mile race sponored by the Sound School in New Haven, CT. The Head of the Quinnipiac will be held Nov 8. Only 12 athletes will be selected for training with CMI, so interested athletes should register immediately.

CYBSA Major League tryouts Sept. 20

The try-out for the 2004 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at Barnes Field at 1:30 PM. All boys and girls turning 10, 11 or 12 prior to August 1, 2004 wishing to play Little League major league division baseball and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out. Although all eligible 12 year olds are automatically assigned to major league teams, their attendance is mandatory at this try-out. Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 1:00 PM. This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date for this try-out will be Saturday, September 27, 2003. Questions regarding this try-out may be directed to either Matt Salerno at 781-383-2230 or Nancy Froio at 781-383-1897.

TKO Malley Race Oct. 5

The annual TK O'Malley Race in Scituate has been scheduled for Oct. 5.

All proceeds from this year's race will go to the Scituate Council on Aging and the Friends of Scituate Recreation.

The event features a walk starting at 8:30 p.m. a Fun Run starting at 11:30 a.m. and the featured 10K race at 1 p.m.. Pre-registration for the 10K race is $15, with race day registration $20. Registration for the walk is $5 in advance or $10 on the day of the race. T-Shirts will cost an extra $5 for all registrants.

All questions should be directed to Howie Ardolino (781-545-1463)

Dana-Farber Golf Tourney

On September 20, 2003, Putting Fore A Cure will host a golf tournament at the Atlantic Country Club in Plymouth, MA in a benevolent effort to graciously help raise money to move one step closer toward the ultimate dream, a cure for Cancer. All proceeds will benefit the Jimmy Fund, the primary fundraising heart of the world-renowned Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

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Finally, the dinner-only portion of the event is selling out fast also. Golfers, if your wife/partner is planning to meet you after golf, please make sure you have sent in the dinner-only portion of the brochure.

Any questions regarding sponsorship, playing golf, donating prizes/raffles, the dinner-only, or to volunteer your time, please contact Larry or Carolyn Cunningham at 781-585-2875.

Aerobics class

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces an ongoing registration for adult fitness classes, based upon six-week sessions. Master martial arts and certified aerobic trainer Charles Palmer will conduct the class. This 70-minute class will provide participants with a total body workout through high-energy instruction in step aerobics, kick-boxing, and muscle conditioning. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Town Hall auditorium from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The cost for the 12-class session is $100 per participant. Step equipment will be provided for up to 20 participants; however, 2 to 5 lb. hand weights should be brought to class for the muscle conditioning segment of the training. Call the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 to register.

Hockey skills workshop

Hockey Skills Development Workshops is offering high-speed skills programs for high school, mites, squirts and pee-wees. In addition, there is a new separate Goalies-Only program. All are skating evenings once a week at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham for eight weeks. High school is on Sunday; others are on Wednesday or Thursday.

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The Silver Blades Skating Club is holding registration for their Learn-to-Skate and Tiny Tot classes on Sept. 10—this is also the first day of class. Registration can be done either online or at the Bridgewater Ice Arena on Route 18 in Bridgewater.

Now's the time to sign your children up to skate. The classes go for eight weeks and last 45 minutes each. Future figure skaters and potential hockey players of the world are welcome so come on down!

For more information, please call Ian at 781-843-2667; or email: iceskater@beld.net.

Split decisions

CHS Field hockey squad wins one, loses one to open season

By Mike Spellman
MSPELLMAN@CNC.COM

The Cohasset High field hockey team opened the season on Friday with an 8-0 manhandling of Sturgis Academy.

Senior Courtney Caron led the charge with a hat trick and an assist and senior netminder Caitlin Condon recorded six saves for the shutout.

Sophomore Katie James had a goal and an assist, while senior Rachel Doyle and sophomore Mia Lieb-Lappen each added solo tallies.

The girls dropped to 1-1, losing a tough 3-2 decision to East Bridgewater on Monday. Caron scored her fourth goal of the season and Kristen Howard added the other.

A third straight non-league game was scheduled for yesterday afternoon, the girls slated to travel a few miles to the south to take on Scituate High. Home games versus perennial Patriot League powers Duxbury (Friday, 3:30 p.m.) and Hingham (next Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.) were next up, and coach Deb Bostwick hoped these would be good tune-ups for the South Shore League opener against Harwich at home a week from today (Sept. 25, 4 p.m. start).

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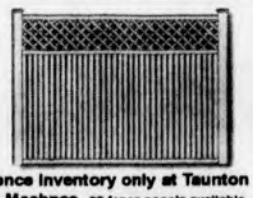
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Another thriller

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of Brewer.

Play between the teams began to get rough, with Norwell's senior captain Garret Bates receiving a yellow card for repeated fouls.

Olsen struck the game winner for Norwell in the 53rd minute. Beach led in Olson, who beat two defenders to breakaway and beat Brewer to the lower right side of the net. Olsen flourished on this night, despite getting repeatedly pushed and fouled. Cohasset's J.T. Oronte received a yellow card in the 66th minute for an off the ball hit on Olsen.

"You just get in the moment, and there is lots of adrenaline," offered Olsen after the game. "You've just got to forget it and get back up."

Norwell had to hold off a hard-charging Cohasset squad over the final 15 minutes to preserve the win.

The Skippers had a golden opportunity in the 72nd minute, when Chris Clark was awarded a direct kick just outside the box. Clark shot a bullet, which seemed labeled for the top left corner, but Allen made an outstanding full-extension dive to tip the ball over the net to protect the one goal lead. Allen's save was, by far, the play of the night, not only the great save, but also the situation in which it occurred.

This Saturday night contest had everything you could ask for in a soccer game: great saves, great goals, great intensity, and just overall good play. It seems hard to believe these two teams can play a more exciting game when they meet again in Cohasset on September 25th.

Then again, when it is Norwell-Cohasset, you just never know.

Skippers top Abington, 4-0

The Cohasset boys bounced back in a big way with a 4-0 win over SSL rival Abington on the road Tuesday.

Sophomore striker Aidan Buick scored twoce, while senior captain Dave Santiago and sophomore Ben Libby added solo tallies. For Libby, this was his first varsity goal.

Sophomore keeper Prescott Busk recorded the shutout in his first varsity start.

PLAYGROUND PALS

STAFF PHOTO/ JEAN CHAPMAN

Olivia Coveney, Halle Pratt and Maggie O'Donnell arrive for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the South Shore Community Center Playground on Tuesday.

CHS weekly sports schedule

Varsity Football

Sept.		
19	Archbishop Williams	7 p.m.
24	@ Hull	6:30 p.m.
25	Norwell	7 p.m.

Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
Assistants: Bob Silvia, Brian Pattison, tom Ventresca, Dave Terry, Don Silvia, Chris Bridges

Frosh-Soph Football

18 @ Arch. Williams 3:30 p.m.

Varsity Field Hockey

19	Duxbury	3:30 p.m.
23	Hingham	3:30 p.m.
25	Harwich	4 p.m.

Coach: Deb Bostwick

JV Field Hockey

19	Duxbury	5 p.m.
23	Hingham	5 p.m.
25	Harwich	5:30 p.m.

Coach Alex Williams

Boys Varsity Soccer

18	Carver	6:30 p.m.
19	@ Hanover	3:30 p.m.
22	@ Harwich	4 p.m.

Boys JV Soccer

18	Carver	5 p.m.
19	@ Hanover	3:30 p.m.
22	@ Harwich	4 p.m.
25	Norwell	3:30 p.m.

Coach Rick Dockendorff

Girls Varsity Soccer

19	@ Carver	7 p.m.
22	Harwich	4 p.m.
24	Hull	6:30 p.m.
25	Norwell	5 p.m.

Girls JV Soccer

22	Harwich*	4 p.m.
24	Hull**	5 p.m.
25	Norwell*	3:30 p.m.

* Milliken Field
**Alumni Field
Coach: Kara Connerty

Boys Varsity Golf

22	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
23	@ Carver	3:30 p.m.
25	@ Abington	3:30 p.m.

Community Center classes are offered

Classes at the Community Center call 781-383-0088

Pilates Friday, Sept. 26, 9 to 10 a.m. for 16 weeks $190M/$195NM

Yoga Monday, Sept. 22, 7:30 to 9 p.m. for 10 weeks $110M/$115NM

Cooking Class at Bernard's Monday, Sept. 22, 6:45 to 9 p.m. $50M/$55NM

Beginner Ballroom Dance, Monday, Sept. 29, 7 to 8 p.m. for eight weeks $75M/$80NM

Intermediate Ballroom Dance, Monday, Sept. 29, 8 to 9 p.m. for eight weeks $75M/$80NM

CPR Oct. 22, 7 to 10:30 p.m. $45M/$50NM

Intro to Windows Tuesday, Sept. 30 and Oct.7, 9 to 11 a.m. $60M/$65NM

Intro to Excel Thursday, Sept. 25 for four weeks $120M/$125NM

Yoga Monday, Sept. 22, 7:30 to 9 p.m. for 10 weeks $110M/$115NM

Kids Yogacize ages 5 to 7 Wednesday, Sept. 24, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. $120M/$130 NM 10 weeks

Kids Yogacize ages 8 to 12 Wednesday, Sept. 24, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. $120M/130NM for 10 weeks

Babysitting for boys and girls ages 10+ Friday Oct. 3, 17, 24 4 to 6 p.m. $55M/60NM

Chess Grades 3 and up beginner Sept. 25, 3:30to 4:30 eight weeks $75M/$80NM

Chess Intermediate Sept. 25, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. eight weeks $75M/$80NM

Bowling Clinic Wednesday, Sept. 24, Grades K-3 4 to 4:45 p.m. $65M/$70NM for 10 weeks

Musical Theater, Monday, Sept. 22, ages 4 to 6, 4 to 5 p.m. $120M/$125NM for 12 weeks

Intro to Ballet ages 4 and 5 Monday, Sept. 22, 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. $120M/$125NM for 12 weeks.

Intro to Ballet ages 3 only Monday, Sept. 22, 11:45 to 12:30 p.m. $120M/$125NM for 12 weeks

Creative Dance with Disney ages 3 and 4, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $120M/$125NM 12 weeks

Ballet I ages 4 to 6 Tuesday, Sept. 23, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. $120M/$125NM for 12 weeks.

Cooking, Science and Nature ages 3to 5 Monday, Sept. 29, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For Kids Only ages 2 years 9 mos. 3+ Friday, Sept. 26, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. $160M/$170NM for 10 weeks

Children's Computers Tuesday, Sept. 24, 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. $135M/$140NM for 10 weeks Thursday, Sept. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $135M/$140NM for 10 weeks

Registration taking place now for all gym dandy and gymnastics classes

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

School closing info

Supt. Edward Malvey said in the case the town is hit with a hurricane, and the schools need to be closed, the normal protocol for emergency situations will be followed. He said he will personally contact the media outlets including TV and radio stations, as well as administration who have call lists of people to notify. The fire department is also notified of school closings. Procedures for hurricanes are the same as a snow storm, as they are both considered emergency situations.

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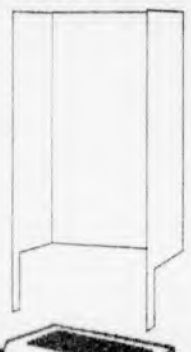

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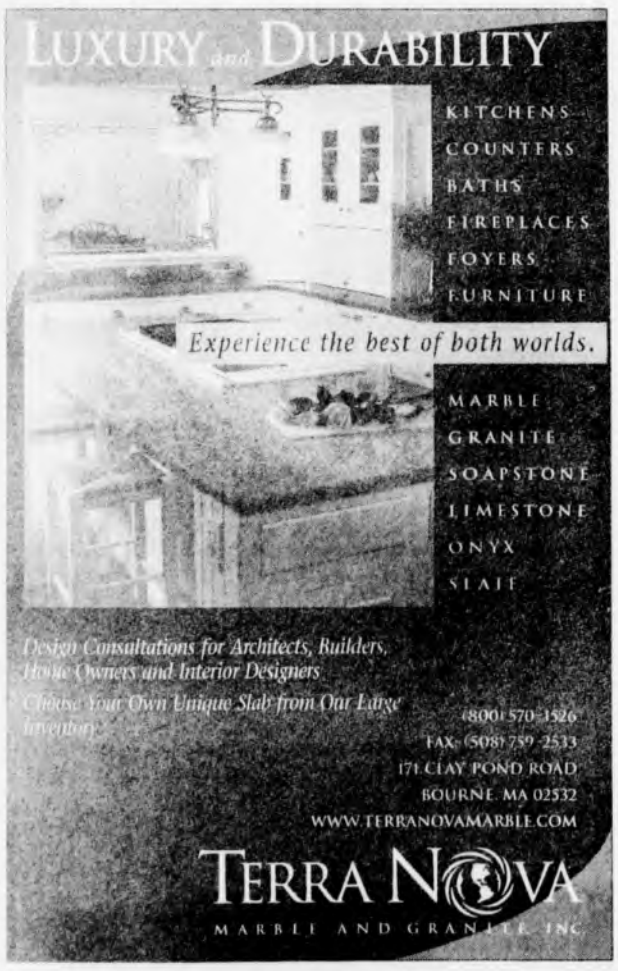

IT'S HAPPENING

Amanda to sign 'Millennium Girl'

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes Amanda C. Thompson, Sunday Sept. 21 from 2-4 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset for the release of her debut novel, "Millennium Girl." Amanda of Cohasset has just turned 14, however the bigger celebration in her life is the release of her first novel, "Millennium Girl". "Millennium Girl" tells the story of Carolyn, an ordinary preteen girl who is abruptly uprooted from her life in Alaska to move to California. In this utterly unfamiliar world, Carolyn struggles through her first days at school, her first encounters with bullies, her first attempts at making friends, and her first new crush, Matt. When Matt's mother is hospitalized, Carolyn strives to help her withdrawn friend. Through this heart-rending tale, Carolyn grows and learns what it is to be a true friend.

Amanda is a freshman at Cohasset High School. She wrote this book primarily because she loves to write and had set for herself the goal of writing a novel by the time she was 13. However, she freely credits her friend Molly Gallagher for keeping her on task. Weekly she would ask Amanda what she had written and ask to see her work. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Audition for 'Charlotte's Web'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for children ages 6 and up for "Charlotte's Web" on Sunday Sept. 21 from 2-5 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall. Call backs will be on Monday, Sept 22. Adults (four men and women) are welcome to audition Monday Sept 22 from 7-9 p.m.. Rehearsals will be two week nights and Sunday afternoons. Production dates will be the second two weekends in November. Be prepared to read from a script, and do some basic farm animal movement.

Any questions please contact Jean D @ 617-750-8987

Cohasset artist featured in two noted galleries

The works of Cohasset artist Judy St. Peter are now being featured at both the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham and at the acclaimed St. George Gallery on Newbury Street in Boston. Her collections can be seen at both locations through the end of October.

St. Peter, a gallery artist with the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset, has selected "Full Spectrum" as the theme for her showing at the Conservatory. This collection represents an assortment of techniques used by St. Peter, ranging from black and white renderings to full-color oil paintings of landscapes, city scenes and, her passion, animal art.

The St. George Gallery is featuring 15 of St. Peter's works that the artist calls more interpretational and abstract. Her collection there represents bolder landscapes, eclectic city scenes and playful interpretations of animals and nature.

Her steadfast compassion and active concern for animals and wildlife compliments, and often drives, the expression in her work. A gradual transition from watercolor to acrylic to oil, she believes, also brought out a more expressive and uninhibited side to her work. St. Peter focuses primarily on abstract elements, creating pieces through movement and energy. She interprets her subjects with playful use of color, texture and line.

The public is invited to a private reception at the St. George Gallery at 245 Newbury St. in Boston on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 6 – 8 p.m.

For information call the St. George Gallery at (617) 450-0321.

The South Shore Conservatory is located at 1 Conservatory Drive in Hingham. That collection can be viewed any time during the week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

First Parish hosts fall dance Sept. 20

A fall night for dancing In Trueblood Hall First Parish in Cohasset 23 North Main St. (across from the Common) is Sept. 20 from 7 – 11 p.m. Sparkling water and wine will be available. Bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share. Dancing music of all types will be provided by a disc jockey for this adults-only event.

All Members and Friends of First Parish are encouraged to attend and to bring a friend or two. Admission is free — wine $3.

Please notify Sandy Bailey at First Parish if you plan to attend (781.383.1100).

Garden club meets

The general public is invited to The Community Garden Club of Cohasset's first fall monthly meeting at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 9 a.m. Marisa McCoy, will present her program "The Frugal Arranger". She will address using what you have, buying sensibly, and getting the most out of your efforts. Included will be information on mechanics, rules that help, and myths that hinder.

Special art for special event

The "At the Edge of the Sea Art Show/Fund Raiser" celebration honoring Cohasset's maritime history, and saluting the Historical Society's 75th anniversary, the Pratt building's 100 years, and the 154th commemoration of the Brig St. John is shaping up to be an event not to be missed. An internationally recognized artist, W. K. Gilbert, whose commissioned fine art pieces hang in corporate offices, and homes in North America, South America, Scandinavia, the Orient, England, and throughout Europe, will be doing four pieces specifically for the Cohasset Historical Society's Show: among them will be the Brig St. John and another called Approaching Minots Light circa 1850.

Although Gilbert started out with an interest in playing ball, a blown knee turned him to his other love: art. However, he has managed very effectively to combine his love of sports with his love of painting: he has done work for the Boston Celtics, the Boston Red Sox, the Coast Guard Academy, the Boston Bruins, the New England Patriots, the Ferrari Club of America, Sugarloaf USA, as well as Carol Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund, and the Timothy Hill Children's Ranch.

Gilbert will be hanging other pieces and will be offering giclée prints at the event, all of which will benefit the Historical Society. The opening reception-dinner is on Thursday, Oct. 2

Save the dates of Oct. 2-5 for the gala event. Anyone who would like to share ideas, expertise or time, call 781-383-1168.

Party for Dr. Godzik

A retirement party for Health Agent, Dr. Joseph R. Godzik, including cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing (featuring the band The Marsels) is on Friday Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Red Lion Inn's Lion's Hall (a.k.a. The Barn) 71 South Main St.

Tickets are $35, prepaid. Please RSVP and forward payment by Friday Oct. 17 to: Tara Tradd, Cohasset Board of Health 41 Highland Ave. Cohasset, MA 02025.

Tradd can be reached by email: cohassetboh@cohasset-mass.org or by phone, 781-383-4116.

Local artist paints water with oil

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her life, and serve as inspirational subjects for her many oil paintings. In fact, her coastal paintings are the basis for her art show, currently being held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Alemian's paintings all vary in size, but share the same theme. From Sand Hills in Scituate, to Minot's light, to Little Harbor, it seems she has captured every beautiful vista the South Shore has to offer.

Through her paintings, Alemian said she has found a "way to maintain the natural beauty we have, and let it live on."

She remembers spending days at Minot beach in Scituate when high tide didn't leave beach-goers searching for a sandy spot to sit. Because of erosion over the years, sitting on the beach during high tide now requires moving beach chairs up onto the rocks or sea wall on much of the beach.

Most of Alemian's work focuses on the landscape of a scene rather than the structures.

"I don't do houses as a rule of thumb," she said, but admits that when they have a personality, mixed in with the beauty of the surroundings, she can't resist.

In fact, one of her favorite paintings is a row of houses on a sea-wall by the lighthouse in Scituate. One day in January, two years ago, Alemian was struck by the beauty of the lighting and the character of the scene. She made a quick sketch of the area, intending to come back when the weather was warmer. When she returned months later, the beauty of the winter sun had vanished, giving way to a much different feeling summer sun. Alemian returned again the following January, and this time made a more detailed sketch and took photographs. She was then able to reconstruct the area on canvas, naming her painting, "Sand Hills."

However, Alemian said she usually doesn't like to paint from photos because they tend to "flatten things out."

"I tend to be the kind of painter who reacts to what is in front of me," she said.

Alemian much prefers painting on site because landscapes are constantly changing, especially where lighting is concerned. Scenery can take on a completely different feeling just from the changing of sunlight, she said.

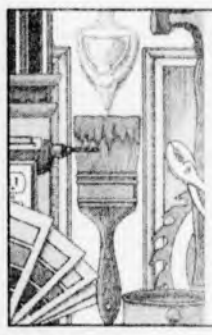
Each spring, when she ventures out to paint the first of her landscapes for the year, she chooses locations she has been before, in order to warm herself up to painting again and get familiar with nature, while being able to concentrate on the little details she has become familiar with.

"Some I come back to because they're such interesting subjects," she said, adding that when a particular scene is new, it sometimes takes a few trips before she feels she has adequately captured the essence of the scene.

Alemian graduated from Scituate High School in 1977, and went on to earn a bachelor of fine arts in painting from Mass College of Art, and a masters of fine art in painting from Boston University. She has also studied with Graham Nickson at the New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting and Sculpture, but can never stray far from the beauty of home. The paintings in Alemian's current show are mainly landscape portraits of Cohasset, Scituate, and Marshfield. She feels the ledges and coastal waters of this area are a very important part of the character of the towns and provide a uniqueness to the area. It is because of these naturally beautiful features that she has chosen to call the South Shore home for many years.

Currently, Alemian is doing graphic design work for the South Shore Art Center, and is one of its Gallery Artists. Her painting "Sand Hills" won second place in the Juried show at this year's South Shore Art Festival.

Alemian's award-winning work has been included in selected exhibitions throughout New England and in a number of private and corporate collections. Her exhibition of plein air oil paintings, which focus on the changing coastal environment, will be on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library until Oct. 29.



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Docket No. 02P2063EP
Notice Of Fiduciary's Account

To the Attorney General and to all persons interested in the estate of Miriam B. Poole, late of 3 Forest Circle Cohasset Norfolk 02025.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the First and Final account of John F. Poole as **Executor-(the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to said Court for allowance.**

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the Eighth day of October, 2003 the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Canton this Tenth day of September, 2003

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LIBRARY CORNER

Local nurses to read from anthology

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 28, four nurses from the New England area will read their work, including pieces from "Intensive Care: More Poetry and Prose by Nurses," edited by Cortney Davis and Judy Schaefer, an anthology from the University of Iowa Press published in May, 2003.

Frances Murphy Araujo, a resident of Weymouth, is a psychiatric nurse clinical specialist whose fiction has appeared in Kalliope, Lynx Eye, Reed Magazine, Washington Square and other journals. Her work has received a Pushcart Prize nomination. Currently she is working on a master of arts in English, with a specialty in writing, at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. She is also an instructor of psychiatric nursing at Boston College.

Celia Brown, currently of Falmouth, is a native of Ireland with nurse's training from both England and the US. She holds a bachelor's degree and has earned her master's from Dartmouth College. She is the author of a poetry collection, "Mending the Skies." Her work has appeared in numerous journals and anthologies, most recently "An Anthology of Cape Women Writers"; (Winter 2003) and "Intensive Care." Brown has read her work at the Library of Congress and won a Jenny McKean Fellowship from The George Washington University. She is a member of the Falmouth Poets Workshop.

Hanne Bernstein of Brookline is a registered nurse from Denmark, who came to live in Massachusetts three years ago. Since moving to the US she has taken a break from the practice of nursing. This has given her the opportunity to reflect on and write about her many years of work with the critically ill patients she cared for on intensive care and oncology units. Bernstein writes poetry and short stories.

Joan Stack Kovach is nurse manager at McLean SouthEast, an inpatient psychiatric unit in Plymouth. For five years she wrote a regular column for the BayState Nurse News and she currently contributes to Nursing Spectrum Magazine. Kovach has written feature articles for The Patriot Ledger, and is a co-author of the book Peer Consultation. She lives in Cohasset.

"Intensive Care," this new collection of creative writing by registered nurses is a companion volume to "Between the Heartbeats, Poetry and Prose by Nurses," a first anthology, published in 1995, and still on the University of Iowa publishers bestseller list. Co-editors Cortney Davis and Judy Schaefer, say, "We are thrilled to include the work of Fran, Celia, Hanne, and Joan in this anthology. Theirs is some of what was chosen from hundreds of submissions. After a rigorous selection process, only the best poetry and prose was finally accepted for this collection which includes the writing of RNs from the USA, Europe, and Central America."

"Intensive Care" is available at local bookstores, online from amazon.com or from the University of Iowa Press.

Not too late!

All participants of the READ! THINK! CREATE! @your library, summer reading program, should come pick up their book bags. Call Mrs. Moody at 781-383-1348, if you have any questions.

YA get together

The next Young Adult Get Together will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 7-8:30 p.m. All students in Cohasset Middle/High School are invited. We will have pizza in the Community Room at 7:00 p.m. and will share book talks and information from 7:30-8:30 in the YA Room. Call now to reserve your space, 781-383-1348.

Fall tours

Attention teachers and group leaders! Call now for a tour of the library. It is a great way to get the year off to a successful start. Call Mrs. Moody at 781-383-1348 to schedule your date.

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YA news

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Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! Reserve your copy in advance by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron," by Bethany McLean. "Small Boat of Great Sorrows," by Dan Fesperman is an espionage novel set in Bosnia. Bosnian cop Vlado Petric is recruited to help snare a war criminal from World War II. "Avenger," by Frederick Forsyth. CIA agent Kevin McBride must stop a lawyer and former Vietnam tunnel rat, whose sole focus in life is revenge. "Fatal Tide," Iris Johansen's new romantic, suspense novel is a deep-sea adventure involving a deadly killer.

Large print books

Large print books added to the collection: "General Ike: a Personal Reminiscence," by John S. D. Eisenhower, "Light of Day," by Graham Swift, "Mr. Darcy's Daughters," by Elizabeth Aston, "The Power of Full Engagement," by Jim Loehr and Tony Schwartz, "Moon over Manhattan," by Larry King and Thomas Cook, "Almost There," by Nuala O'Faolain, "The Cat who Killed Lilian Jackson Braun," by Robert Kaplow, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," by Mark Haddon, "A Gathering Place," by Thomas Kinkade and Katherine Spencer, "Fox Evil," by Minette Walters, "Cuba Strait," by Carsten Stroud, "Lost in a Good Book," by Jasper Fforde, "Love with the Proper Husband," by Victoria Alexander, "Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: an African Childhood," by Alexander Fuller and, "A Summer in the Country," by Marcia Willet.

Meeting space

Would you like to hold your next meeting here? The library permits Cohasset organizations and individuals to use the meeting rooms. For more information or to reserve a room, please call the library at 781 383-1348.

Study rooms

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SCHOOL MENU

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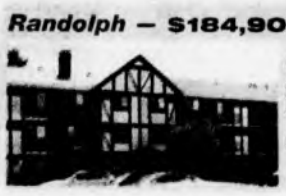
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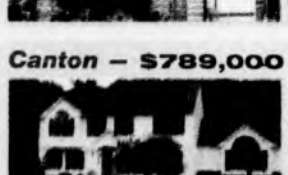
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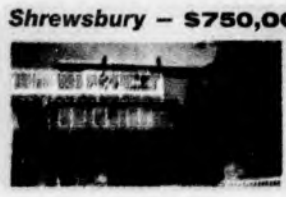
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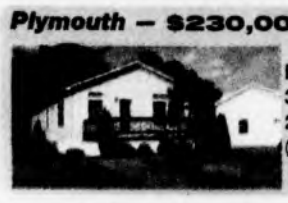
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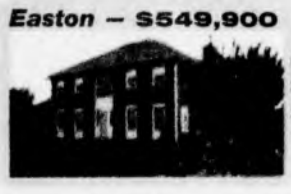
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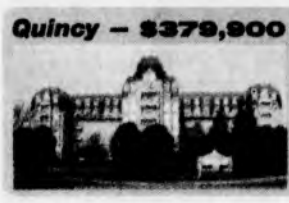
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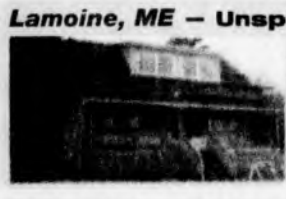
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3

9:19 a.m. Norfolk Road and Bancroft Way, MV violations.

11:39 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:39 a.m. Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:25 p.m. North Main St., animal control.

1:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disturbance, removed to hospital.

2 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.

2:13 p.m. Hull St., family disturbance. Arrest: Lawrence Ash, 35, 241 Hull St. Chgs.: assault and battery.

2:51 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.

2:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:42 p.m. Brewster Road, MV crash, investigated.

9:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4

12:40 a.m. Highland Ave., suspicious person.

5:12 a.m. Arrowwood Road, noise complaint.

5:18 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.

8:09 a.m. Pond St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:21 a.m. Heather Drive, medical aid, patient sign off.

8:55 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:06 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:05 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, arrest: Kerri Florindo, 28, 11 Church Lane #5, Buzzards Bay. Chgs.: warrant.

10:38 a.m. Arrowwood Road, fire, investigation.

11:53 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:11 p.m. Stagecoach Way, medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:17 p.m. South Main and Beechwood sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:29 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:15 p.m. Pond St. and Bancroft Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

3:48 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, vandalism, investigated.

4:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash, investigated.

5:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Ridge Top Road, MV crash, investigated.

8:14 p.m. Clay Spring Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:56 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, assist citizen.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

8:52 a.m. South Main St., animal control.

10:02 a.m. Highland Ave., MV violations.

10:09 a.m. Pond St., parking complaint.

10:38 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

11:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:57 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

3:15 p.m. Aaron River Road, MV violations.

3:26 p.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., MV theft.

5:39 p.m. Pleasant St., animal control.

9:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., disturbance.

11:07 p.m. South Main St., noise complaint.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

1:23 a.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

6:52 a.m. Schofield Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:42 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV violations.

1:11 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

2:45 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

3:01 p.m. Hill St., fire, investigation.

4:38 p.m. Brook St., disturbance.

5:34 p.m. South Main St., assist other police dept.

7:40 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

7:43 p.m. South Main St., MV crash, removed to hospital.

11:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disturbance.

11:42 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

1:07 a.m. Doane St., suspicious activity, area search negative.

3:29 a.m. Church St., suspicious person, area search negative.

8:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:57 a.m. Reservoir Road, open door/window.

9:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.

9:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.

9:34 a.m. Elm St., burglary/breaking and entering.

9:39 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:48 a.m. Border St., power outage.

11:36 a.m. Nichols Road, suspicious activity.

11:52 a.m. Buttonwood Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

Noon, Rustic Drive, larceny, investigated.

4:24 p.m. Border St., trespassing.

4:48 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

5:24 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

5:39 p.m. King St., vandalism.

5:55 p.m. Red Fox Lane, animal control.

11:12 p.m. South Main St., suspicious auto, juvenile arrested for possession Class C and D. Also arrested: Brian E. Litchfield, 18, 20A Norfolk Lane. Chgs.: possession Class C. David Krueger, 19, 67 Aaron River Road. Chgs.: possession Class C and D.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

1:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, removed to hospital.

2:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious activity.

2:27 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Catherine M. Brady, 51, 711 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, Fla. Chrgs. WMS warrant, speeding in violation special regulation.

3:07 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid.

6:53 p.m. Cedar Ledge Village, family disturbance. Arrest: Jonathan Paul Degruchy, 17, 13 Cedar Ledge Village, Cohasset. Chrgs. Malicious destruction of property over $250, threat to commit crime, person under 21 possess liquor, unlawful possess of fireworks.

10:46 p.m. Forest Ave. and Black Rock Road, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

11:31 p.m. Border St., animal control.

11:32 p.m. Ripley Road, building checks.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

12:45 a.m. Pond St., open door/window.

12:52 a.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

2:15 a.m. Nichols Road, suspicious.

2:27 a.m. Nichols Road, suspicious.

2:40 a.m. Nichols Road, assist citizen.

7:07 a.m. King St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:33 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

8:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

9:19 a.m. Jerusalem Road Dr., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:33 a.m. Border St., threats.

4:36 p.m. Summer St., disturbance gathering.

7:30 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., general services.

9:55 p.m. Hull St., officer wanted.

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Barbara E. Gurnis, 39, of Duxbury, and formerly of Belmont and Cohasset, died on Sept. 9, 2003.

Born in Boston, she was the daughter of George and Barbara (Dempsy) Gurnis of St. Johnsbury, Vt., formerly of Cohasset.

She was raised and educated in Cohasset, graduating from the University of Rochester in 1985 and the New England School of Law in 1988.

An attorney, she was admitted to both the Massachusetts and Maine Bars. She served as the Commercial Real Estate Counsel for Pine Hills Development, LLC in Plymouth.

She previously served as General Counsel at both Great Island Development Group, LLC, and the Advisors Group, LLC and as an Associate at both Bernkopf, Goodman & Baseman, and Masterman, Culbert &Tully, both of Boston.

Mrs. Gurnis was an avid sailor, skier, and tennis player. She was a soccer and lacrosse coach, and a member of the Duxbury Planning Board and The Kingsbury Club Tennis Team. She loved running the beach, the beautiful vistas of Duxbury, and many special friends.

Mrs. Gurnis leaves her husband of 14 years, Michael L. Munson, and her 9-year-old daughter Emilie C. Munson; her parents, George and Barbara Gurnis, her sister Alicia Barry of Holden; two brothers, Michael Gurnis of Altadena, Calif., and Peter Gurnis of St. Johnsbury, Vt.,; four nieces and three nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 5, at Holy Family Church, Duxbury, followed by interment at Mayflower Cemetery in Duxbury.

McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Homes, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Barbara E. Gurnis Memorial Fund, benefiting the children's program of The Duxbury Bay Maritime School, Post Office Box 263 A, Duxbury, Ma. 02331.

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An evening Vespers Service, a half-hour of peace and prayer will be held every Sunday at 5 p.m. at Saint Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave. The worship is open to all. There is no communion, no collection, no sermon. Instead, there is soft music and quiet prayer ranging from T.S. Eliot to Taizé to John Wesley. It is a half-hour respite between the busy weekend and the demanding schedule of the week ahead. God's voice that comes in silence keeps each one in the midst too much or too little.

Vesper is the evening star so it appropriately names the worship that takes place as the light fades and the rhythm of the day slows. The gathering dusk calls each to reflect on the gifts of the passing day. The prayer recalls: "Each thing we have received, from you it came, O God." A single candle stands on a small table in front. Its flame focuses thoughts and prayers as worshipers sit in silence, lost in care or thoughts of others, feeling grateful, embracing the peace. Vespers is mentioned in the medieval Book of Hours. In the Russian Orthodox Church, vespers is called "Prayers at Lamp Lighting Time."

All are welcome to close the day with peacefulness and prayer every Sunday at 5 p.m.

ASP informational meeting is Sept. 21

The Second Congregational Church will hold an informational meeting for the Appalachia Service Project, Sunday, Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. Every June, volunteers participate in ASP, traveling to communities in Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee to make home repairs for those who cannot afford to have them done. The meeting will serve as the first of many gathering to take place in preparation for the trip, after school gets out next summer. Volunteers must at least be of high school age. A slide show of last year's trip will be shown. For more information, please contact Gary Ritts at the Second Congregational Church (781) 383-0345. Registration deadline is Oct. 1.

Misener in trumpet recital

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Accompanying Misener will be Boston organist, G. Fredrick Guzasky. The following Sunday, the duo will again be performing at the St. Nicholas Methodist Church in Hull as they begin their "Music at St. Nicholas Concert Series."

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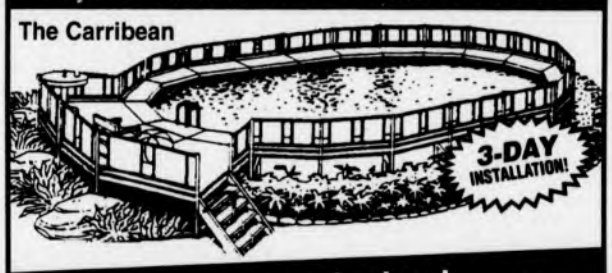

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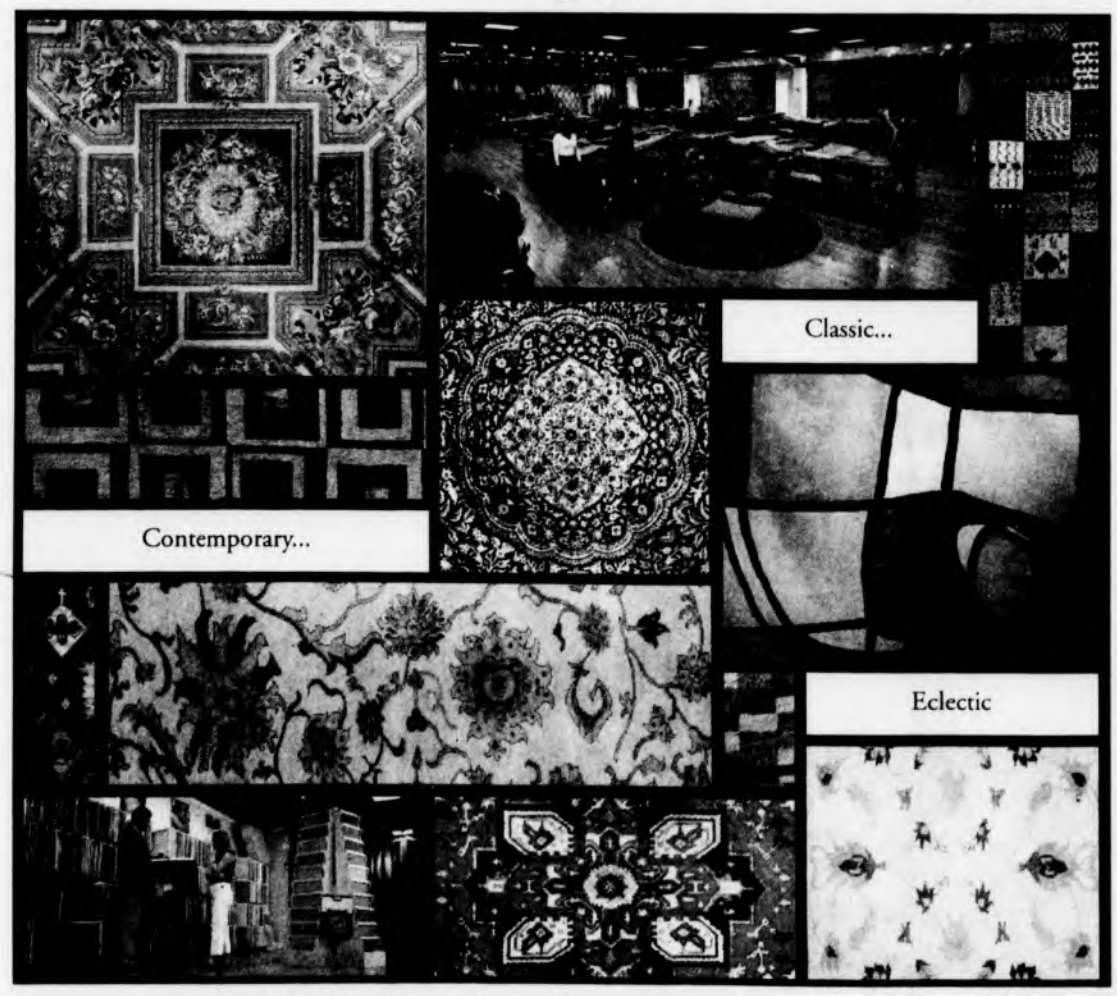

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CORRESPONDENT

Kathy Mattea clicked with country music's mainstream from the mid-1980s through the mid-1990s. Hits such as "Eighteen Wheels and a Dozen Roses" and "Love at the Five and Dime" fit right in commercially with the standard Nashville Music Row fare of the era.

But even then, Mattea as a singer/songwriter and her music were as much informed by folk music and its traditions as by country — in style, content and sensibility. In recent years, the West Virginia-born singer has followed a deepening interest in Irish and Celtic music traditions and their historical forerunning to American country music. Consequently, her own music has leaned progressively to a folk-sided country style.

Country performer Kathy Mattea plays Memorial Hall Friday, Sept. 19.

This is how Mattea is heard on her latest CD — Roses — her debut on a new label, Narada Records, after a long and profitable relationship with her old company, Mercury. The singer is supporting this album on her current tour, which stops by at Plymouth Memorial Hall this Friday evening.

"I guess I have been sort of out of the limelight by comparison since the days of the hits," said Mattea. "But I've continued making records, and I left my old label when it seemed like Mercury was moving in a new direction in their country department, and it no longer felt like a good fit for me. I started dabbling in the mold of traditional Irish and Celtic music in the late '80s, travelling to Scotland and meeting new people and musicians over there, and playing onstage and in the studio with them. That's the direction my music's been moving in since then, and for me it's felt like the right direction to go. I think in a sense I've rediscovered the fun of playing music, away from certain pressures I used to feel in the mainstream of country music, the whole starmaking, image-making thing.

"I've always had a particular slant on country music, one which is bluegrass and acoustic-folk based, and not always in tune with the more commercial side of Nashville. I've also always been interested in lots of different styles of music, particularly the mountain influences that I remember growing up in West Virginia. Altogether, I see my new album as more of a contemporary folk album," Mattea said.

Essentially a singer/guitarist for most of her career, Mattea on her new disc extends her instrumental talents to the Celtic tin whistle, while the album overall features such session-band instrumentation as the concertina and harmonium to go with the more familiar guitars, fiddles and keyboards. The disc's new batch of songs, most of them penned by Mattea, attempt to explore new emotional layers of joy and sorrow, loss and resilience. In all, it makes for an album that surely transcends the limitations of country music.

Mattea had a number of other hits during her commercial heyday, such as "Walking Away a Winner" and "Come From the Heart," the latter even reworked for use as a Reebok ad jingle. The singer is currently

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Con man Roy (Nic Cage) starts to clean up his act.

Ridley Scott, leader of 'Men'

Director isn't afraid of being borderline offensive with first comedy

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Sir Ridley Scott has never been known for his light touch as a director. His canon includes violent films such as "Alien," "Black Rain," "Gladiator" and "Black Hawk Down." So it's quite a surprise to see that his newest, "Matchstick Men," is, unmistakably, a comedy.

Scott says he's flirted with comedy before. He points out this his film "Thelma & Louise" had comic moments. But with "Matchstick Men," he jumps into comedy with both feet. Nicolas Cage plays a con man mentor to fledgling con man Sam Rockwell. While Rockwell's Frank has a laid-back lackadaisical approach to his work, Cage's Roy is all business. Roy is also afflicted with obsessive compulsive disorder, which makes him repeat phrases, become a neat freak and display a vast array of nervous facial and vocal tics. His performance is funny, but he teeters near the edge of being offensive.

"That was hard, there was a very specific discussion between us," says Scott of Cage. "We talked about it at length — at what moment does it not become amusing and become sad? But I was never really worried about it. I knew Nic was because *he* has to do it. He has to find the rhythm — where do you insert these remarks and tics?"

Most of that was worked out in what Scott calls a "really unusually good rehearsal period, which was just over two weeks."

But Scott, who has often been referred to as a manipulator as much as a director, didn't exactly come clean with all of his actors at those rehearsals. The character of Dr. Klein, played by Bruce Altman, is a psychiatrist who tries to help Roy with his many problems. Their scenes together are totally convincing as doctor-patient meetings.

"When Bruce finally saw the film, he was amazed that it was a comedy," says the recently knighted, deep-voiced Scott. "And that was good, because I wanted him to play it straight. So I didn't even discuss the tone of the film with him. I wanted him to be absolutely straight, head-on honest."

Though Scott is famous for verbal altercations with some of his actors — his disagreements with Harrison Ford about his character in "Blade Runner" are legendary — he claims the biggest challenge he still faces in making films has to do with the development of the script.

"That's the hardest thing to do," he says. "I've probably developed 65 percent of my material. It's a big challenge, but it's essential. You can't wait for a script to fall on your table; it may never happen."

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The Bay Colony production of "A Chorus Line" is now on stage at Foxborough's Orpheum Theatre.

New life to an old classic

Dancer-turned-director brings 'A Chorus Line' to life

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Dancer Leslie Woodies will never forget the first time she saw the musical "A Chorus Line."

"From the very first performance I attended at the Shubert Theatre in Boston in 1978, my life was changed forever," explained Woodies by telephone from her Quincy home last week. "I should have been in a ballet rehearsal across the street at the old Music Hall (now the Wang Theatre), but I had a Wednesday afternoon off so I got a nosebleed seat for 'A Chorus Line', which was the hottest show in town at that time. When the character of Cassie came out to do 'The Music and the Mirror', I just knew that this was my life, my purpose, my role. It was like she was speaking to me and telling my story."

Woodies, director of the Bay Colony production of "A Chorus Line" currently at Foxborough's Orpheum Theatre, had worked with Agnes DeMille and Merce Cunningham and was a soloist with the Boston Ballet under E. Virginia Williams when she was introduced to the Broadway musical that had won a Pulitzer Prize and nine Tony Awards just a few years earlier.

New York theatergoers had first become aware of "A Chorus Line" in the mid-1970s when Joseph Papp produced it off-Broadway under the aegis of his New York Shakespeare Festival.

With music by Marvin Hamlisch, book by James Kirkwood and Nicholas Dante, the musical, while a collaboration, owed much of its success to its true creator, director and choreographer Michael Bennett. Though Bennett, already a multi-nominated Broadway choreographer, knew the show would need commercial appeal, from its earliest inception he saw it as the story of "gypsies," the theatrical term for chorus dancers. Bennett had himself been a gypsy early in his career and he was eager to create a show which would honor a dancer's life.

Instead of a traditional plot, "A Chorus Line" has what is referred to as a "staging scheme."

Presented without intermission, the show depicts an audition for a Broadway musical at which 17 dancers are chosen by a director and a choreography assistant.

On July 25, 1975, "A Chorus Line" opened on Broadway at the Shubert Theatre. It closed there

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Corned beef hash

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Corned beef hash is a combination of onion, potato, and corned beef that has been diced and sautéed until crispy. Often considered a leftover, this simple dish can border on the inedible or, in the hands of an appreciative home cook, it can be about as good as it gets. I set out to explore what makes one hash a winner and another a truck-stop stomach filler.

The first issue was the meat. Ignoring the name of the recipe, you can also use roast beef, turkey or smoked turkey. Unfortunately, a lot of corned beef is not very good and one has to purchase too much of it. An easy solution is to buy half-inch slices of corned beef from the deli counter. I have actually "corned" my own beef (the results are fabulous) but I don't recommend that investment of time for a simple hash.

For the potatoes, almost any type will do, but I preferred Russets. Some recipes suggest that the potatoes be precooked, but if one uses a half-inch dice, this step is unnecessary. They cook quickly in the skillet.

A major difference among corned beef hash recipes is the type of liquid called for. The choices are gravy, heavy cream, water, and chicken stock. The gravy was very good, but who has gravy on hand? (Donôt even think about purchasing canned or powdered gravies.) The water was bland. The heavy cream made the hash greasy. The chicken stock, predictably, was the winner.

Three quarters of a cup did the trick.

Among the other ingredients often found in hash (onion, pepper, celery, carrot, mushroom, and peas) the only one really worth using is onion. (Red pepper does work with smoked turkey, however.) The combination of onion, beef, and potato is not only simple, it is superior to a confused medley of ingredients. Other ingredients included in my final recipe are salt, pepper, and parsley. That's it.

One trick to cooking the hash: Once the onions are softened in oil and butter, the potatoes are added and allowed to cook for 10 minutes to form a crust. Then the meat and stock are added and the whole lot is cooked again for 5 to 7 minutes undisturbed to further develop a crust. The mixture is broken up with a spatula and cooked a final 5 to 7 minutes to form a final, crisp crust. This provides great texture and flavor.

CORNED BEEF HASH

You can purchase half-inch slices of corned beef from the deli counter in your supermarket; there's no need for a whole corned beef. I like to serve this hash with eggs and toast.

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon butter
1 medium onion, cut into 1/2-inch dice, about 1 1/4 cups
1 pound potatoes (russets preferred), peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice, about 3 cups
2 cups corned beef, cut into 1/2-inch dice
3/4 cup low sodium chicken broth (Swanson's)
1/2 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
1/4 cup chopped fresh flat leaf parsley

1. Heat a heavy 12-inch nonstick or well-seasoned cast iron pan over medium heat. Add the oil and butter and, once the foam subsides, add the onion. Toss to coat with the oil/butter and cook until translucent, about 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the potatoes and cook for an additional 10 minutes, stirring occasionally or until the potatoes are dark golden brown.

2. Add the meat and stir to evenly incorporate. Add the chicken stock and the salt and pepper and stir to combine. Press the hash down into the pan with the spatula. Turn the heat to medium high and cook, undisturbed, for 5 to 7 minutes or until the bottom is nicely browned. Break up the hash, turning and mixing the crust into the mixture and pat the hash down once more with the spatula. Allow to cook undisturbed for another 5 to 7 minutes or until a crisp crust is formed. Taste for seasonings, adding salt and pepper if necessary. Serve immediately with fresh parsley sprinkled on top.

ROAST BEEF OR TURKEY VARIATION

Substitute roast beef or turkey for the corned beef. Add one teaspoon fresh thyme to the hash along with the salt and pepper. (If you have leftover gravy, use it instead of the chicken stock.)

SMOKED TURKEY VARIATION

Substitute smoked turkey for the corned beef. Add 1/2 cup diced red pepper (half-inch dice) to the pan along with the onion.

Mattea finds new life on current music tour

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applying her new folk/country/Celtic sound to a new Christmas album, Joy for Christmas Day, set for release later this year.

Said Mattea, "We're mixing the new songs with the old hits on the current tour. Some of the old hits have been rearranged somewhat. But altogether, we're really enjoying it. It's quite the eclectic show, which is pretty much my goal these days."

Director isn't afraid of being borderline offensive

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But "Matchstick Men" *did* fall on his table.

"My good lady said to me, 'Meet [screenwriters] Ted and Nic Griffin.' She occasionally socializes with them and she likes reading their stuff. She'd been reading ['Matchstick Men'] and said, 'You should read this script.' I said OK. But you know how it is with spouses. You never really get around to it. So she bullied me on a Saturday morning and said, 'You *have* to read this. Read this *now*.' And I read it and thought, 'Good lord. This could be really rather good. I have to do this next.' "

Scott is well known for previewing his films well in advance of their release date, and paying close attention to the reactions of those preview audiences. Two previews of "Legend," an early Tom Cruise film about unicorns and fairies and princesses, didn't go well, and close to a half hour was removed from the film before its release.

"We started to get insecure after the previews," recalls Scott, "because I thought we really had something. I just don't know what it was. It was like a wrong time. Now they're doing all these fantasy and fairy stories like 'Lord of the Rings,' and God, I felt like I've *been* there."

No changes were made after previews of "Matchstick Men," because the screenings went well. But that didn't surprise Scott.

"It's because of the strength of the material," he says. "It's a good sign for any script when you're trying to cut back, but you can't. That's because every scene means something. It's like trying to get rid of a piece of a jigsaw puzzle. You can't; it has to go in. So that was a good sign. I had that kind of confidence when we were making it."

"Matchstick Men" opens nationally on Sept. 12.

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on April 28, 1990, after 6,137 performances.

Over the years, on Broadway as well as on numerous tours, the show has employed hundreds of dancers who could relate well to its story. Woodies was first cast as "Cassie" in the Broadway company in 1979, then quickly tapped to join the show's first international tour that same year. It was immediately clear to her that the show's creator was still its most powerful creative force.

"We were trained with an iron fist by Michael Bennett. It didn't matter where we were on tour, Michael would make surprise visits. The man knew absolutely what he wanted and he had absolute confidence that he was right. And he was right. You knew you were in the big leagues when you worked with Michael Bennett. Michael had everyone indoctrinated to believe that the most important thing we could do was to maintain the quality of the show. He also had a straightforward mission. He wanted the show to have an emotional impact on everyone who saw it," recalls Woodies of the Broadway legend whose innovative style helped make hits of 'Promises, Promises," "Follies" and "Dreamgirls." Bennett was just 44 years old when he died of lymphoma on July 2, 1987, at his home in Tucson. Woodies, who has both Broadway and feature film credits and now teaches at the Boston Conservatory, Harvard University and the Boston Ballet School, is among the many performers touched by Bennett's brilliance who now carry on his legacy.

"It is important that today's audiences find the inspiration and passion to break through some of their own fears. The story of 'A Chorus Line' is really one of courage. You have to have the courage to know that failure is not the end of your life. I'm trying to be true to Michael's work with the choreography I'm using in Foxborough. I love the 25-member company we have assembled I'm hard on them in some of the same ways Michael was hard on us, but I also spend a great deal of time wanting to hug them. They are just that good." Woodies is also pleased to welcome a new member to what she calls the "Cassie Sisterhood," a kind of unofficial sorority made up of the woman who have played the role originated almost 30 years ago by Donna McKechnie. "Kirsten McKinney is our 'Cassie' and she is just terrific. Kirsten had done the show once before when she approached me and asked if I would teach her how to do it the right way. I know firsthand that 'Cassie' is one of the hardest roles for a woman ever in Broadway history. It is very tough emotionally and, of course, the intense song and dance elements make it even more challenging. Even with all that, 'Cassie' is my favorite role of all time. I can't dance it anymore, so I need to pass it on to the next generation."

("A Chorus Line," under the direction of Leslie Woodies and with musical direction by Rob Goldman will be at the Orpheum Theatre, One School Street, Foxborough Common, through September 27. For tickets and information, call 508/543-2787 or visit www.orpheum.org.)

Fall renovation of lawns and gardens

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Perhaps no time of the year is more pleasant than early autumn in New England. Mild summer-like days intermingle with crisp, comfortable evenings providing an ideal opportunity to undertake many landscaping activities.

While many homeowners plan to initiate major planting projects during the spring season, unpredictable weather conditions, cold, soggy soils and a lengthy checklist of other gardening chores often pose many challenges for sowing, growing and planting. Warm, dry, workable soils and reliable moisture during the fall season make the month of September the ideal time to divide and transplant perennials, plant bulbs, trees and shrubs, renovate lawns and prepare new gardens.

Despite an overload of fall gardening projects, I find it impossible to focus on a singular task as birds, bugs, and creatures constantly distract me. Every few minutes I am reaching for my camera to photograph the frogs, toads, bunnies and chipmunks that seem to be everywhere. Hummingbirds zip back and forth from the feeder to lingering flowers as they fatten up for their long journey south. Butterflies drift through the landscape sipping nectar from butterfly bushes, asters, goldenrod and sedums. During the latter half of September, brightly colored orange and black Monarch butterflies should be particularly plentiful as eastern residents of this species prepare to make their miraculous journey to the mountains of Mexico.

Dramatic dragonflies and delicate damsel flies hover around the water garden and among the flowers on patrol for mosquitoes and other tasty morsels. Perhaps my favorite late summer visitors are the fascinating praying mantids. Often recognized as beneficial insects for the garden, it should be noted that these large insects would just as readily devour a ladybug, honeybee, or each other, as they would consume a grasshopper or other more destructive pest. The mantids' large size, alien appearance and their habit of cocking their triangular-shaped heads to observe intruders make them ideal candidates for numerous snapshots.

Autumn is the preferred time of year to install or renovate lawns. Warm soil temperatures facilitate the prompt germination of grass seed without interference from a profusion of weed seeds and Mother Nature usually assists with the important task of regular watering. Removal of weeds and crabgrass, either by hand or with the aid of selective herbicides, is usually recommended prior to undertaking a major lawn project. In particularly weedy areas having very few grass plants, a broad-spectrum herbicide, such as Roundup or Finale, which kills even the existing grass, may be the best course of action. If chemicals are used, be sure to read the label carefully, noting the length of time required for the herbicide to dissipate prior to seeding.

For established lawns, a vigorous raking should remove light thatch, but a large or neglected lawn may require heavier equipment to extricate a dense layer of dead grass plants which have become matted and reduce the ability of the surviving grass plants to secure moisture and nutrients. While its removal can be rather alarming, creating huge heaps of dead grass and a sparse appearance, the end result will be worth the temporarily unsightly lawn. Once complete, lime can be applied, the lawn overseeded, and in November, a winterizer fertilizer can be spread.

Aerating the soil at this time of year will also produce a significant improvement in your lawn's uptake of moisture and nutrients. This is particularly important for areas that tend to become compacted by heavy foot traffic, or for lawns planted over heavy soils. An aerator that pulls small, round plugs of soil out of the ground is the most effective and is best employed when the lawn is damp. The unsightly plugs can be raked up and used to fill low spots or shredded with a rotary mower once they are dry.

A very sparse lawn may benefit from a process known as slice seeding which involves a piece of equipment with a row of blades which cuts into the existing turf and as it proceeds, deposits seed and fertilizer. This method will often rejuvenate an established lawn and eliminate the need for a complete renovation.

For lawns that require a total overhaul, at least 4 inches of good loam should be present to grow healthy grass plants and 6 inches or more is preferred. Select grass seed mixtures appropriate for your light exposure and your anticipated usage of the area. There are formulas for sun or shade, mixtures that produce picture perfect lawns if they receive little traffic, or blends that provide a tough, resilient turf, which can withstand considerable trampling. These last formulas tend to contain fine-textured grasses that are not as easily crushed but may not give that vibrant, green carpet-like appearance that American homeowners seem to treasure. Inexpensive seed mixtures are rarely worth the time and effort it takes to spread them as the percentage of inert material or "other seed" can result in a sparse, weedy lawn that has to be reseeded in the spring. Read the labels.

Newly seeded areas should be watered lightly several times a day, if possible, to keep the soil moist without allowing large puddles to form which will cause the seed to float into low spots. Once a large percentage of the seed has sprouted, then longer periods of watering every few days are suggested. Early seeding will promote a sturdier turf that will better withstand the unpredictability of our New England winters.

LISTEN To Life

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AN OLD STORY?

While conventional wisdom once held that hearing loss was as inevitable as wrinkled skin and gray hair, research shows that excessive noise is one of the leading causes of ear damage. In fact, about 75% of hearing loss in the typical American is caused by accumulated insult from noise. Not all of us endure the noise heard by a rock musician or a pilot, but we all are in danger of permanently injuring our hearing without even realizing it. More than 20 million of us are exposed to noxious noise levels on a regular basis. As a result, we are beginning to see evidence of an increase in hearing loss among youngsters that once was only observed in older adults.

Our noisy world offers no guarantees that we'll have perfect hearing throughout our lives. We must accept the responsibility of protecting our hearing, in our recreational pursuits and our home and work environments, and do all we can to correct impairments. If you don't hear as well as you feel you should, don't wait until you feel left out. Have your hearing checked by a Board Certified Hearing Instrument Specialist at **FAMILY HEARING CARE CENTER.** Here at **534 Main Street (Rte. 18),** across from the Stetson Bldg. in **Weymouth,** achieving your optimum hearing potential is our business. PH: 781-337-1144. We also have an office in Abington.

P.S. Dangerous noise levels attack the inner ear's 16,000 hair cells, which are responsible for converting sound into electrical impulses that are relayed to the brain.

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THE 7TH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN for the Jimmy Fund is scheduled for Oct. 18, at Peggotty Beach. This family fun event which has raised $111,000 for the Jimmy Fund since its inception in 1996, has a new fall date and is expected to be bigger and better than ever. The event schedule is as follows: Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m., 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. and the 4 Mile Road Race at 10 a.m. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Peggotty Beach. A Kids Entertainment tent will include face painting, balloons and a clown. Pre-registration is available when a completed entry form and fee are sent to Esther Volpone Blacker, 35 Common Street, Scituate, MA 02066. Pre-registration fees are $18 for the 4 Mile or 2 Mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. Race day registration fees are $20 for the 4 Mile or 2 Mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. All event proceeds are donated to the Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. For further information call 781.545.4642 or email bblacker@comcast.net or see www.joshuasrun.com

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! comes to The Providence Performing Arts Center, Nov. 22; Tickets on Sale Beatlemania-LIVE!, the ultimate Beatles' tribute show, will be making its debut at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, — exactly 40 years after Beatlemania exploded in England. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37.50, $32.50 & $25.50. Tickets for this theatrical concert on sale at the Providence Performing Arts Center box-office (220 Weybosset St); by phone at 401-421-2787; and online at www.ppacri.org and www.ticketmaster.com.

FIFTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. For applications visit www.brittanylambertFoundation.org, your local gym or register on-line at Active.com For more information call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187.

HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, Oct. 7 to Nov. 1. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

Thurs. 18

The North River Society presents **Waterworks** paintings by **Joanne Chittick** through Nov. 1, at the Ventress Library, Webster St., Marshfield Center.

Ledge, Marsh & Coastal Dwellings-plein-air oil paintings by **Kimberlee C. Alemian** Meeting Room Gallery Paul Pratt Library 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, Sept. 1 to Oct. 29, Opening Reception: Sept. 10, 5 to 7 p.m. For more information call the South Shore Art Center, 781-383-2787.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **John Glass** will demonstrate painting in oils. Free and open to the public.

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St., Plymouth at 8 p.m. **Martini Night with Streamline** (pop diva with virtuoso guitarist) 9 p.m.

Fri. 19

Kathy Mattea lights up the stage at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets priced at $37 and $32 and are now on sale at the Plymouth Hall box-office at 83 Court Street in Plymouth, by calling 866-468-7619, and online at www.ticketweb.com. For a complete list, log on to www.plymouthmemorialhall.com.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 117 Nantasket Ave., Hull. **The Annual Sea & Sky Art Show**. It was. The show will be on view until Sept. 30. 781-925-5433 www.bostonharborheritage.org

The Photographer's Vision exhibition at **South Shore Art Center**, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, features the work of four photographers, Mike Sleeper, J Michael Sullivan, Cindy Vallino, Lance Keimig. Call 781-383-2787 ext. 13. or visit www.ssac.org

An exhibition of work by **Plymouth artist Elizabeth Pothier** will be on view at the **Sparrow House Museum,** 42 Summer St., Plymouth, from Sept. 19 to Oct. 31. An opening reception with the artist will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 19. All are welcome. For more information, call 507-747-1240 or visit www.sparrowhouse.com

The South Shore Art Center presents **The Photographer's Vision and Five Voices: Lance Keimig, Mike Sleeper, J. Michael Sullivan, and Cynthia Vallino**. Opening reception 6 to 8 p.m. **Five Voices Janet Blagdonm, Ellen Helman, Moey Lane, Mary Mirabito, and Chris Reid. Five Voices Image: Artist, Chris Reid**, pastel, "Sentinels". No admission. 781-383-2787

Jamies Grille & Pub, State Road, Route 3A, Plymouth. **Trax with Janelle Malafronte**. 9:30 p.m.

Cherish The Ladies at **The Company Theatre** in Norwell, Sept. 19. Showtime 8 p.m.. Tickets priced at $28 are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. www.companytheatre.com

The American Cancer Society's 11th Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer five-mile walk on Sunday, Oct. 12. Registration and rolling start are set for 8 to 10 a.m. Boston's Making Strides is the nation's oldest and largest one-day walk, raising more than $22 million for the fight against breast cancer since its inception in 1993. The event is the American Cancer Society's signature event during National Breast CancerAwareness Month in October.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, **Performing Full Moon Review, Fair Haven**, open mike. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $5 members $6 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. Handicap accessible. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Single Executives Club" Social & Singles Dance. Sept. 19, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Rte. 3. (781)446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35+ years old. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business dress. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and www.se-4you.com.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. **The Family Jewels** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

J.C. Dee's, Route 3A, 312 Bridge St., N. Weymouth. **Comedy Night** featuring **Tom Gilmore, Annette Pollack, Lou Winz, Jessica Casciano, Jack Hurney and Mike Hanlon**. Call 781-337-1020 for reservations.

Parental Stress Line - Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

Sea & Sky Art Show The Lifesaving Museum's Annual Sea & Sky Art Show will take place Sept. 4, through 30 at the Museum. For more information, call Barbie Guild at the Museum 781-925-5433.

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St., Plymouth, Sept. 19, at 8 p.m. **Tom Glenn with Deana** (Midi Pop and cover) 9 p.m.

Sean O'Tooles Irish Public House, Court St., Plymouth - **Lonesome Jukebox** Sept. 20, at 9 p.m.

The James Library and Center for the Arts presents **"Opening the Book"** a show of artist's books by **Bryson Dean** Sept. 5 to Oct. 1.. Exhibit may be viewed Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday and Sat. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association sponsors a Kayaking Trip to Nova Scotia a "Sea Kayaker's Paradise" from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. Beginners are welcome Contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or email nsrwa@nsrwa.org for more information

Sat. 20

The Weymouth Art Association will meet Sept. 20-, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. **Bill Beyer** will demonstrate painting in watercolors. Free and open to the public. Call 781-337-1402 for more information.

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Local cabaret artists host annual open house

The Boston Association of Cabaret Artists (BACA) will hold its annual open house on Monday, September 22, 2003, from 6-9 p.m. at Maggiano's Little Italy in Boston. The event will showcase the organization's activities and encourage membership to those interested in the art of cabaret — be they performers, patrons, songwriters, musicians, or other music industry professionals. Admission is free and open to the public.

Entertainment will be provided by event organizers and cabaret favorites Mary Callanan of Weymouth and Hanson native Brian Patton as well other BACA members during the "open mike" portion of the program. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available.

Maggiano's Little Italy is located at 4 Columbus Avenue, Park Plaza, in Boston, near the Arlington T station on the Green Line. For more information on BACA, contact Dawn Singh at 617-522-8633 or 857-544-0739 or dawn@dawnsinghpublicity.com.

-R. Scott Reedy

North River Arts Society presents **Beyond Scrapbooking** with Mary Taylor from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. $90 members/$110 non-members. Call 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org for more information.

The Boston Oktoberfest, Castle at Park Plaza, festivities begin at noon. For more information call 888-945-beer or visit www.beer-summit.com

The Fort Revere Park and Preservations Society will sponsor a Harbor History Cruise aboard the "Samuel Clemens" River Boat, on Sept. 20, from noon to 3 p.m. Tickets are $35 adult/$12 child and include a box lunch. Call 781-925-9793.

Courtneys Food & Spirits 915 Ocean St. (Rt. 139), Marshfield, Sept. 20, 8:30 p.m. Featuring: Marshfield's own **Tommy Dunham Bob Niles Lou Winz Glen Gordon Your Host: Annette Pollack**. Admission: $15 Dinner served before the show/appetizers during the show. Reservations recommended 781-834-1910.

National Family Caregivers Association and Community Partners present Prepare to Care: From Information to Action A New England Town Hall Meeting held Sept. 20, from 8:30 to noon at JFK Library, Columbia Point, Boston. Free admission call 1-800-493-9255 or www.nfcacares.org

Glastonbury Abbey Yard Sale, Route 228, Hingham, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or shine.

Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham, Community Yard Sale on Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Old Ship is offering spaces on its Parish House front lawn. Purchase a space for $25. Set-up the morning of the event at 7 a.m.

Norwood Historical Society, Grandmothers Attic Yard Sale and Grandmother's Favorites Bake Sale, F. Hollard Day House,, Norwood Historical Society, 93 Day St., Norwood. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents its production of the off-Broadway hit **Is There Life After High School**? Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. and 21 at 3 p.m. Tickets, priced at $23,are now on sale at the Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

Dessert Theater on Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center on the corner of Court and Brewster Streets in downtown Plymouth, across from the Court House. For reservations, call Director and Producer Russ Carthy at 508 833 1379 ext. 2. Call Express Thyself Director and Producer Russ Carthy at 508-833-1379 or email at msmartianne@aol.com, by phone at work at 617-973-9772 ext 132 (wait for the Japanese message to end and you will hear English prompts) or by phone at home 508 224 3850.

King Richard's Faire, Route 58, South Carver through Oct. 19 including Columbus Day, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adults $22, children 5 to 12 $11, under 5 free. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Matt Chase Group**, Sept. 20. For more information, call 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Tab Benoit Band.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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An exhibition of work by Plymouth artist Elizabeth Pothier will be on view at the Sparrow House Museum, 42 Summer St., Plymouth, from Sept. 19 to Oct. 31. An opening reception with the artist will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19. All are welcome. For more information, call 507-747-1240 or visit www.sparrowhouse.com

Sun. 21

Standish Humane Society's Folk & Fur Fest 2003, Ninth annual benefit walk for animals, Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. Rain or shine. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 781-834-4663 or www.standishumanesociety.com

Connected Catholics of the South Shore, an organization for single, widowed, and divorced Catholic men and women membership drive meeting will be held Sept. 21, at 2 p.m. at Holy Family Church School Hall, DelPrete Ave., Rockland. Dues of $20 may be paid at this time. Call 781-878-8398, 781-982-6097 or 781-447-5926 for more information.

The **Newport Arts Festival,** Sept. 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at historic Fort Adams. Tickets are $8 for adults, $6 for senior citizens and free for children under 14. Admission includes a tour of Fort Adams. Parking is free. Water taxis are available to town. For more information and group rates call 617-742-3973 or visit www.newportartsfestival.com to print a discount coupon.

Touch-a-truck 2003 to benefit the **Dianne Devanna Center** will be held on Sept. 21, from noon until 4 p.m. at Marina Bay in Quincy. The sixth annual event will benefit The Dianne DeVanna Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in Braintree. Admission is $5, maximum $20 per family. For further information contact The DeVanna Center at 781-843-7010.

Boston Light Cruise Sept. 21, noon until 5 p.m. Long Wharf, Boston, Aquarium T Stop. The Cruise leaves, Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf Boston, near Aquarium T stop at noon returning at 5 p.m. Prices are: Adults $30, seniors $27, Members of FBHI $25, Children 12 and under $18. For more information call 781-740-4290. You may also send a SASE and your check to FBHI, P. O. Box 690187, Quincy, MA 02269-0187.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Cohasset welcomes **Amanda C. Thompson**, Sept. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. at for the release of her debut novel, Millennium Girl. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend

Westwinds Bookshop and the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society will host a wine and cheese reception on Sept. 21, to honor Bob Hale. The local author will be launching his new book, **The Cloud Dweller,** at the Nathaniel Winsor Junior House between 5 and 7 p.m. Tickets are free and may be picked up in advance at Westwinds Bookshop in the Duxbury Marketplace located at 45 Depot Street.

South Shore Conservatory musicians perform in a special chamber music concert on Sept. 21, 2 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. Admission $15 for adults and $12 for students/seniors. South Shore Conservatory students can call 781-749-7565, ext. 11 by Sept. 18 to reserve their complimentary ticket. South Shore Conservatory changed the venue of its Faculty Chamber Music concert from the Hingham campus to the Duxbury campus, due to construction.

The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum will offer a special Sunday-brunch service and museum tour package. Brunch between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Smith Crescent Room at the library and tour the museum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, and 19. $32 adults; $10 children age 12 and under (price includes tax and gratuities as well as admission to the Museum). Reservations recommended by calling 617-514-1693 or emailing special.events@nara.gov or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Sunday Cruises to Cuttyhunk Sundays, July through October, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org for a day-long excursion to Cuttyhunk. The cruise departs from either Fairhaven or Woods Hole at 9 a.m. and spend four hours on Cuttyhunk. Participants will have a choice of a short, medium, or long guided walk, with commentary. People may bring a picnic lunch or buy a lunch on Cuttyhunk. Fees for the program are $50 for adults,$45 for members, seniors, and $40 for children 16 and under. To register and for information, and directions, call 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Cornerstone Roots Reggae.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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The South Shore Art Center presents The Photographer's Vision: Lance Keimig, Mike Sleeper, J. Michael Sullivan, and Cynthia Vallino on display Sept. 19 through Oct. 26. An opening reception will be held Sept. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Also at the art center in the Dillon Gallery is the exhibit Five Voices featuring the works of Janet Blagdonn, Ellen Heiman, Mary Lane, Mary Mirabito, and Chris Reid.
The South Shore Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. For hours and information call 781-383-2787

Mon. 22

The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 to 9:15 p.m., at The Fore River Club (near the Fore River Bridge, St. Joseph's Church and Brigadoon's Restaurant) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. For more information, call Fred or Rosalind at: 617-770-4303, or visit our website at www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincy-toastmasters.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury. First rehearsal Sept. 8, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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The North River Arts Society presents **Fields and Farms** – an exhibit of original pastel paintings by **Liz-Haywood-Sullivan** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. The show runs through Oct. 11.

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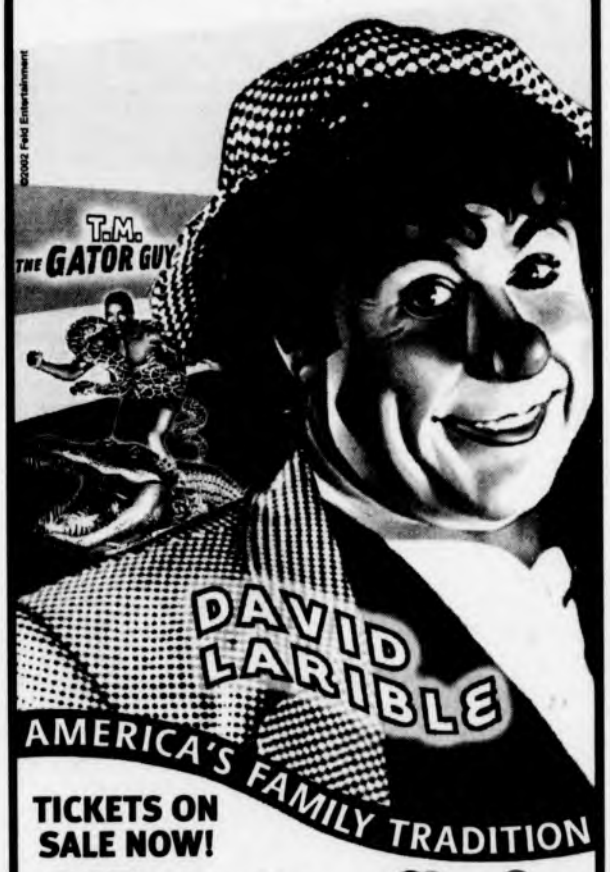

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Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 23

Public Boating Course: The Old Colony Power Squadron, begins Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. at the So. Shore Votech High School, Route 123, Hanover. For registration and information call 781-934-0994.

Norwell Sociables "Tot Time": Playground playdate. Sept. 23, at 9:30 am at the Purple Dinosaur Playground- Countryway, Scituate.

Life-Writing Program for Older Adults. A five-part workshop, Between the Lines: Capturing the Experience of Life, Tuesdays, Sept. 9 to Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to noon, at Cohasset Council on Aging, 3 North Street (accessible). No skills are required, only curiosity and a pen. Conducted by Karen Flood. Advance registration and $60 fee are required. For more program information and directions, call 781.383.9112 or e-mail jour nalguru@yahoo.com <mailto:jour-nalguru@yahoo.com

Swim With A Special Child hopes to expand its pool of volunteers as the program plunges into its 32nd year of weekly swim classes for students with mental and/or physical disabilities. Free child care is provided for training and for weekly Tuesday classes beginning Sept. 23. Swimmers of all ability levels are needed to swim one-on-one with students age 3 to 22. No special skills are required, and a SWASC staff of class leaders and swim instructors works with each pair of swim buddies. SWASC also welcomes non-swimmers to help with equipment and cheerleading on the deck, to serve coffee and refreshments, and to assist with child care for volunteers. For more information on SWASC, contact Mary Johnson at 617-472-0856 or June Doherty at 781-335-3785.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 24

Insight Education Center, presents **Strategies For Managing a Stubborn Child,** Sept. 24, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, 7 to 9 p.m. Pre-registration required 781-294-8004.

"Small Business Expo" at Plymouth Memorial Hall, located in the heart of Plymouth, 83 Court St. (Rte. 3A) on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The luncheon will held noon at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor just 500 yards from Plymouth Memorial Hall where the expo is being held. The cost for luncheon portion of the day is $15 per person. General attendance to the expo itself is FREE with a business card

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is inviting all children, ages 12 and younger, to imagine a new ice cream flavor and enter it in the Chariots of Ice(Cream) contest. The winning flavor will be unveiled at the Chariots of Ice(Cream) event at the Paragon Carousel in Hull on Sept. 28 from noon to 4 p.m. Look for the contest entry forms in your grade-school children's backpacks or pick up an entry form at the Paragon Carousel on Nantasket Avenue in Hull or at Nona's Homemade, 19 Main St., Hingham or log onto chariotsofice2003.homestead.com/entryform.html.

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

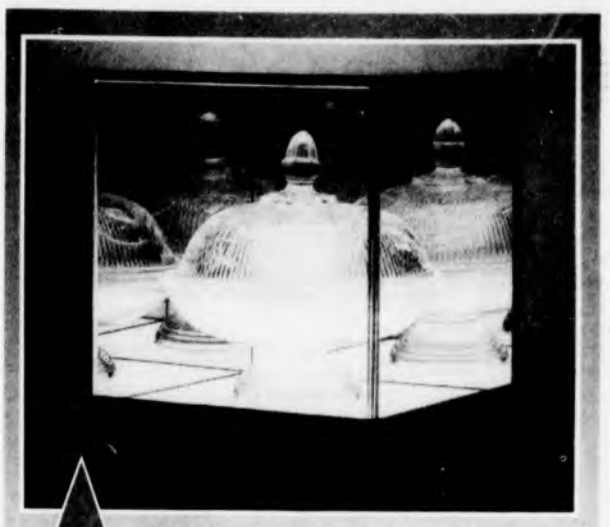
Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 25

The North River Arts Society presents **WaterWorks,** an exhibit of original paintings by **JoAnne Chttick** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. The show will run until Nov. 1. NRAS 781-837-8091.

John Curtis Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover - **What Lies Within: A Photographic Journey with Robin Chan** through the month of September.

Tenor Jason Kirchick will be live in concert recital at **Duxbury First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 842 Tremont St,. Duxbury**. Accompanied by concert pianist Mortimer Barron, on Sept. 25. Tickets are $12 Adult $10 for Senior. Works by Handel, R.V. Williams, Purcell, and more reception to follow after concert. Tickets Available at the door or by calling First Parish in Duxbury at 781-934-6532, or calling 617-759-0075 or email jaswintersky@aol.com to reserve tickets.



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"Relic" by Maggie Stark is one of several sculptures on exhibit beginning Sept. 21 at the Art Complex Museum.

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury presnts a new exhibit —"Collection Connection" featuring Boston sculptors on display from Sept. 21 through Jan. 11. An opening reception will be held at the museum Sept. 28 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

The moon continues to travel in Gemini, and Mercury, the planetary ruler of Gemini, is preparing to change its motion. That means that there may be delays, unexpected obstacles or breakdowns. Most likely, things won't go as planned. Keep it light and focus on the positives. Lunar alignments to Mercury and Pluto this afternoon and evening warn you to choose your words carefully; avoid signing contracts or making long-term commitments.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Yesterday's planetary combination affects today as well. The moon continues its travel in Gemini, active until 11:50 p.m. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 3:03 p.m. A new moon will culminate next Thursday, September 25. Handle a variety of jobs, errands; finish old business rather than starting anything new. Kick back and enjoy favorite pastimes this evening.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

The moon enters the sign Cancer at 12:07 a.m., placing a focus on home, family and domestic responsibilities today and tomorrow. Others may be moody, hypersensitive. Be more loving and nurturing. Influences are prime for cleaning out and reorganizing your home or work area. Get your life in order. A lunar alignment to Saturn makes for a quiet evening. Meditate for inner peace and vision.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The planet Mercury takes the spotlight today. At 4:53 a.m. Mercury, standing at 12-degrees Virgo, begins direct travel. The next Mercury retrograde period will begin December 17. The Cancer moon continues active travel throughout the day. Tackle jobs in and around your home; you can be most productive. Share a special dinner with close friends and family this evening.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Take advantage of upbeat planetary influences. This is a day to relax and enjoy life to the fullest. At 6:21 a.m. the Cancer moon becomes inactive until 10:03 a.m., when it enters playful Leo. Gather with friends and family; get back in the swing of favorite sports or hobbies. Rest and recharge your batteries.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

A lunar opposition to Neptune can make for a slow start to this day. People may be sleepy, careless, forgetful. Stop, look and listen. Because a new moon culminates on the twenty-fifth and the planet Mars turns direct on the twenty-seventh, this is a week to get your ducks in line. Clean out, reorganize and prepare to initiate new ventures next week. A Leo moon today prompts you to take extra time out for fun and games.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Get an early start to this day. Planetary influences in the morning are the best for getting things done. The sun enters Libra at 6:47 a.m., remaining there until October 23. The moon continues to travel in Leo, generating an optimistic mood. However, at 3:33 p.m. the moon becomes inactive, when it opposes Uranus. At 4:04 p.m. the moon enters Virgo, and opposes Mars at 4:25 p.m. That means that this afternoon can be hectic. Drive defensively; don't take risks. An alignment of Venus and Neptune offers an opportunity to kick back and mellow out completely this evening.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

The next couple of days may be stressful. A positive, peaceful attitude is your ace in the hole. Make light of situations you can't control. Stay busy with practical projects. Tackle jobs you've been putting off, like cleaning out cluttered areas. Get your life in order. The moon travels in meticulous Virgo, active until 9:52 p.m., when it aligns with Pluto. Take quiet time out for yourself; meditate, listen to music, enjoy a nature walk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

The dark side of a new moon is a time for letting go and clearing the way for new activities. People may be distracted, temperamental, moody. Ready yesterday's advice. Pursue activities that help you to maintain a relaxed, positive outlook. Venus aligns with Saturn at 11:20 a.m. The Virgo moon continues inactive travel until 6:49 p.m., when it enters Libra. The new moon culminates at 11:09 p.m., 3-degrees Libra.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Gear up for a busy day. The moon continues its travel in Libra, forming four major alignments to planets. There is one rough spot in effect between 1:17-4:17 p.m., when the moon aligns with Saturn. Keep it light and go with the flow of things. The planet Mars takes the spotlight today, because Mars prepares to turn direct early tomorrow morning. This combination may spark romantic fireworks this evening.

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School officials 'sea' red over charter school

Institution to have a maritime theme

By Samantha Brown
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With plans for a curriculum centered around a maritime theme — which includes working closely with the Hull Lifesaving Museum, and a beautiful location on the water, founders of the South Shore Maritime Academy Charter School have many ideas for how their school will be run.

Serving the towns of Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, and Scituate, the SSMACS would enroll students in grades 10 to 12.

While most high schools start at grade nine, the SSMACS would begin in grade 10 to allow students to participate in a "typical" first year of high school, said school spokesman Robert White, a science teacher at Hanover High School and former submarine nuclear power plant operator in the United States Navy.

Typically, students go through "a lot of changes during ninth grade," and by experiencing a typical year in high school, they would be able to make a more informed decision as to whether it is in their best interest to transfer, he said.

Slated to open in the fall of 2005 in Cohasset, due to the town's seaside location and proximity to the other towns the school would draw from, the first stages of the application process have already caused alarm, although the state Department of Education (DOE) has yet to give the school the go-ahead.

The South Shore Maritime Academy Charter School hopes to 'reel-in' those students who did not succeed in the freshman program at their regular school.

Members of the Cohasset School Committee were shocked when they learned of the proposed school for the first time earlier this month and had questions not answered in the prospectus (a detailed outline for the proposed school) that they say are critical to the town. The Cohasset School Committee is also concerned about the school's impact on the budget.

If the DOE decides the first proposal looks promising, it may extend the invitation to the school to apply for a charter.

"It's very early in the process," said DOE spokeswoman Kimberly Beck, adding

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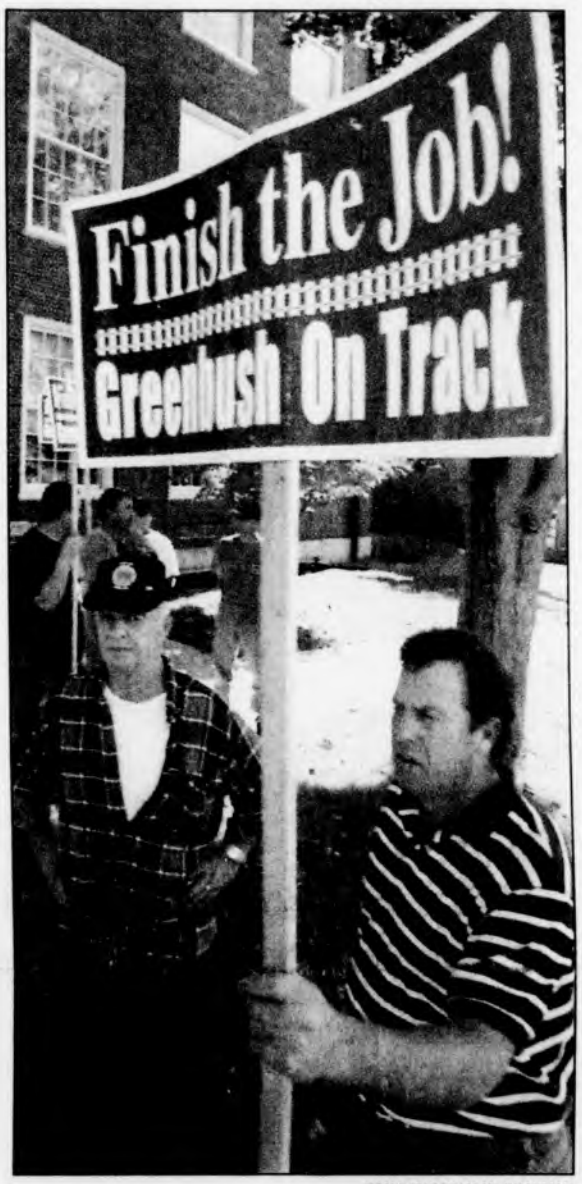
All aboard: green light for Greenbush



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Laborer's Union Local 133's Kerry Chadbourne and Mark Reno picket outside Hingham Town Hall during the Army Corps of Engineers meeting.

But will trains really roll in '06?

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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After a seven-month delay and a full review, the MBTA is resuming construction of the 17-mile Greenbush commuter rail line through Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate.

Gov. Mitt Romney signed off on the decision Monday, and members of the MBTA Board of Directors, responding to a telephone poll, unanimously agreed to resume the $479 million project.

"For proponents of Greenbush, this is certainly good news. But, as a wise man once said, it's not over till it's over."
— Rep. Frank Hynes, Greenbush proponent

Trains are due to roll in the spring of 2006, with the immediate commencement of construction, according to MBTA General Manager Michael Mulhern. Construction of a tunnel underneath Hingham center will begin next spring.

But is the commuter rail project truly on track this time?

"For proponents of Greenbush, this is certainly good news. But, as a wise man once said, it's not over till it's over," said state Rep. Frank Hynes, a long-time Greenbush supporter.

The Marshfeld Democrat said rail proponents should be "cautiously optimistic" the project is going forward, but noted that Romney's is the fifth administration in 20 years to thoroughly review the project and give it the go ahead.

Greenbush advocates basked in the green glow radiating from Beacon Hill.

Mulhern said he has a "higher degree of confidence" in the project after completing the review process. The design process, which Mulhern said never ceased, is "nearing 100 percent completion," he said.

"We're building a project that's going to last 100 years," Mulhern said during the press conference at the authority's headquarters in Boston. "There is a renewed, if not new, dedication of the place that public transportation plays in our overall policy."

Mulhern and state Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas said the nearly eight-month break was important so they "could look the public in the eye" and defend the project. Douglas Foy, Romney's chief of Commonwealth Development, supported the announcement and said he was "delighted by the decision."

Citing reasons for the continuation, officials said the project fits in with Romney's "smart growth" agenda as a "critical" vehicle of transportation for South Shore residents, and there is no suitable alternative. Grabauskas said the project is also too important to the state's economic development to

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Historic homes could qualify for tax break

Non-profit trust spreads the word

By Mary Ford
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An old tax deduction that could add up to big bucks for certain homeowners is getting some new attention in Cohasset and other towns that have National Register Historic Districts or properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Architectural Trust — a Washington, DC-based, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of historic architecture — is trying to make affected homeowners aware of the benefits of the 1976 Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive Program.

"The U.S. government is rewarding you for keeping your house in its current condition," says Bill Moonan, area manager with the National Architectural Trust (NAT). He points out those Cohasset residents who already live in the local Cohasset Common Historic District — which is also on the National Register — are already faced with restrictions about what can be done to the home's exterior.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Lilly Albright strolls with her children along North Main Street near the common. That part of North Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places.

"Why not gain an added tax saving?" he asked.

With the high values of homes, the tax deduction can be substantial – from about $100,000 to $150,000 on a home valued at $1 million. [If a homeowner were in the 28 percent tax bracket, a $100,000 deduction could add up to a tax break of $28,000].

According to James M. Kearns, president of the NAT, the trust grew out of efforts in Washington, D.C. that helped more than 250 homeowners in that area voluntarily preserve their historic homes while receiving a significant reduction in their income taxes. The Trust was established so the tax incentive program could be made available to property

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Water board looks to protect Lily Pond

Wants to buy nearby land

By Samantha Brown
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With land maps and handouts, Water Commission Chairman John McNabb came before the Community Preservation Committee to ask for its help in acquiring property next to Lily Pond and other valuable water sources in the Lily Pond area.

With maps depicting land that has not been developed and has no apparent ownership, McNabb pointed out parcels along Lily Pond, Peppermint Brook, and Brass Kettle Brook, adding that buying the property would ensure the safety and quality of the town's drinking water.

"The best prevention is no development to protect the water supply," McNabb said, adding that new developments not only contribute to pollution from their sewers, but from water runoff as well. Storm water runs down the sides of houses and into the streets, picking up pollutants as it travels, eventually flowing into water bodies. Without developments, the chances of pollution are much less, he explained.

"The best prevention is no development to protect the water supply."
— John McNabb, Water Commission

McNabb made his presentation to the CPC at its open forum held Sept. 15, which allowed members from the community to share ideas and ask questions. The meeting was also a chance for anyone with an idea for projects which fall under the umbrella of what the CPC can fund, to come forward and give an informal presentation. Each year, the CPC must spend or bank a minimum of 10 percent of its annual revenue on each of three specific areas, which includes open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation.

CPC member Tom Callahan, who is on the Growth and Development Committee as

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This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Oct. 7, 4:15 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees, Oct. 8, 7 p.m., at the library

Planning Board, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m. (Cedarmere)

Recreation Commission, Oct. 1, 6 p.m.

Selectmen and School Committee, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m. (School Committee vacancy)

Selectmen, Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m.

Weir River Estuary Park Committee, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. (Avalon deliberations)

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Town reports available

The Town Clerk's office has a number of town reports available from the 1990's and a few copies of the various years in the '70s and '80s. Interested parties may pick up a copy during normal office hours.

Forums to focus on Straits Pond ecology

Through a series of public forums on the "Ecology of Straits Pond: A System Out of Balance," the Straits Pond Watershed Association plans to inform the public on management alternatives and issues for Straits Pond; solicit sufficient community input to develop a working consensus on a management plan; and present the results to the appropriate officials in Cohasset and Hull by December, 2003.

The forums will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays.

• Oct. 8 — an introduction and background by focusing on history and specific sites to be discussed in later forums.

• Oct. 15 — "What is causing the problems and ways to improve the situation" at the Louis B. Costa (Selectmen's Room) at the Hull Town Hall, 245 Atlantic Ave, Hull.

• Oct. 22 — "Things That Swarm and Things That Smell." Focus of this session will be midges and vegetation and an exploration of the options for making it better. Selectmen's Room in Cohasset.

• Oct. 29 — "Management Plan Options: Treating the Problem; not the symptoms." Louis B. Costa (Selectmen's Room) at the Hull Town Hall

• Nov. 10 — "Vision of the Next Steps." Louis B. Costa (Selectmen's Room) at the Hull Town Hall.

Forums will be carried live on town cable and re-broadcast on the other community's local cable. Check your local cable station for dates and times. For more information email viaspeech@comcast.net or visit the Straits Pond link on the Weir River Watershed Association's website: www.weirriver.org.

Correction is noted

A story in last week's Mariner should have said George Roukounakis has owned the gas station in the village for 31 years since 1972, not 1982 as was reported.

The Mariner regrets the error.

3 Jerusalem Lane decision is appealed

A group of neighbors to 3 Jerusalem Lane have appealed to Land Court, the recent Zoning Board of Appeals decision to issue a special permit for the single-family home constructed by Phil Ayer on a preexisting non-conforming lot.

The neighbors, who include Thomas Fallon and Kriste Henricksen of 2 Jerusalem Lane; Stephen Jacob and Patricia Davis-Jacob, 15 Jerusalem Lane; and Steven and Sharon Daly of 322 Jerusalem Road, say the ZBA failed to apply proper criteria and standards when determining whether the new structure would be "substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood" [the standard in the bylaw for granting zoning relief] than the original house, which Ayer razed.

The neighbors say the ZBA refused to consider the aesthetics of the project, including the impact on their views and other adverse impacts on the neighborhood.

However, the ZBA in its decision stated "there is little question the Ayers' new home is substantially larger and more visibly obviously on this site, it is also arguably larger than surrounding home son Jerusalem Lane. But larger is not necessarily 'more detrimental to the neighborhood.'"

Budget balancing

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting will be asked to transfer $234,000 from free cash (surplus revenue) to balance the fiscal year 2004 budget approved at last spring's annual Town Meeting.

The transfer will cover the $106,000 snow and ice deficit from last winter and $128,000 in additional cuts to local aid from the state.

County tax bill

Cohasset has to make two payments of $43,539 to Norfolk County, the first by Nov. 1 and the second by May 1, 2004 for a total of fiscal year 2004 bill of $87,078. The county-wide tax levy is $4,351,795.

Town union contracts to expire on June 30

Town Manager Mark Haddad has notified the Cohasset Permanent Firefighters Local 2804; the International Brotherhood of Police Officers (Cohasset Police Association Local 641); the Cohasset Library Union (SEIU Local 888); and the Konohasset Clerical Association that their collection bargaining agreements with the Town of Cohasset are due of expire on June 30.

"I am writing to inform you the Town wishes to commence negotiations on a new agreement," Haddad wrote to each union representative.

Paul Bilodeau is president of the firefighters union; Sgt. William Quigley is interim president of the police union; Susan Chase represents the library union and Nancy Noonan represents the clerical union.

Multi-dwelling unit is defined

Attorney John Richard Hucksam, Jr., of Deutsch Williams, the firm the town contracts with as Town Counsel, has defined "multi-dwelling units" as buildings containing three or more dwelling units. Hucksam was responding to a request from Assessor Mary Quill concerning the total number of dwelling units in town. Her question related to the Senior Multi-Family Residence Overly District Bylaw, approved at Town Meeting, that states the total number of multi-family dwelling units of any kind erected in town shall not exceed 20 percent of the dwelling units in town.

Detached single-family homes that include an accessory dwelling unit (apartment) are not considered multi-dwelling units, Hucksam said.

Window replacement

The Center for Student Coastal Research has asked the Community Preservation Committee for reimbursement of $7,775 for window replacement at the former Hagerty House off Parker Avenue, where the center is located. Town Meeting voters last spring approved $36,000 in Community Preservation Funds for the $100,000 renovation project.

Crosswalk at library

Selectmen have agreed with James Campbell, 44 Ripley Road, that a crosswalk is needed at the parking lot entrance to the library.

Going toward the village, the sidewalk on the library side of Ripley Road only extends as far as the parking lot entrance to the library. "After this point, you must cross to the other side of Ripley to use the sidewalk the rest of the way to town," Campbell stated in his letter. Therefore, pedestrians choose this point to cross back and forth across Ripley Road to get to and from the library, he said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the crosswalk would be installed at the existing curb cut on Ripley Road by the library's front door.

"We appreciate Mr. Campbell for bringing this matter to our attention," Haddad said, adding the town would make sure the crossing meets all handicap-access rules and regulations.

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Cohasset Housing Authority meeting goes up in smoke

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Residents of the Harborview apartments insist second-hand smoke is not an issue at the senior housing complex, but is rather a problem with one tenant voicing complaints about a situation that doesn't exist.

Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo met with the Cohasset Housing Authority at the complex off Elm Street prepared to offer support for what he had been told was a situation in need of a remedy, but came to find the majority of residents present at the meeting said there wasn't a problem.

But Housing Authority Chairman Ann C. Barrett had to leave before the meeting began, when she found out her apartment had caught fire, calling her away from her board member duties to deal with smoke of a different nature. No one was injured in the fire and officials say the cause may have been a toaster oven.

In the meantime, Bobo said the health board has the resources to help fight second-hand smoke.

Second-hand smoke, "is an important issue to the Board of Health, and we think you're doing the best you can with that," said Bobo, offering to work with the Housing Authority to purchase filters or fans to help waft smoke out of apartments before it can filter through walls into other apartments, or help with any other problem, not specifically dealing with second-hand smoke.

"I think that's a great offer," said authority board member Taffy Nothnagle.

Bobo said the health board has conducted evaluations of the housing units and could come to no major conclusions that there is a real problem with the walls being porous, which would allow smoke to travel to other apartments where residents do not smoke. But he said adjustments could be made for those who insist there is a problem.

Concern over the issue began when Karen Ford, 575 Jerusalem Road, got the ball rolling, so to speak, at Harborview with a letter to the editor in the Aug. 14 Cohasset Mariner. Ford stated she was deeply concerned about a friend who lives in Harborview and hopes "there could be a way the state could make a law that would provide for a section, separate from the rest," so her friend, who has chronic health challenges aggravated by cigarette smoke, wouldn't have to live with it.

"We're here to stand behind the housing authority."
— Carole Ann Goulart, Harborview resident

After reading the letter, Bobo said the board became concerned about the problem, and spoke with the housing authority, agreeing to address the issue on Sept. 23.

Bobo said he wanted to hear the concerns of the people who live in the affected area.

"There are 64 units and three people smoke, and there are no complaints except one building, and we all know who that is," said tenant Barbara Jones, who added that there should be no more discussion about the matter because there is no problem with second-hand smoke.

Ford came forward, introducing herself as the woman who wrote to the paper, and said she felt badly the situation "has come to this."

Nancy Crough, the woman whom the complaint is focused on, came forward as well, to state her side of the story. She said while she does smoke, she never smokes in her apartment. She said on two occasions, she has been approached in a friendly way by the woman who made the complaint, asking her about smoke Crough insists isn't there. Crough went on to say she either travels down by the community room or up to a friend's patio to smoke, so as not to leave the smell lingering by her front door.

Crough said she has never smoked in her own home, by choice, no matter where she's lived, and going outside is something she has been accustomed to doing. However, the fact that she is continually being asked to stop smoking is causing more grief than anything.

"I'm sorry you don't believe me, but I'm not smoking in my apartment," she said.

Ford said she was sorry Crough leaves her home to smoke, adding she thinks there should be apartments where those who wish can "smoke their heads off," but the non-smokers wouldn't have to be subjected to it.

"I don't understand why you wouldn't want that," she said.

But Housing Authority Director Marilyn LeBlanc has explained many times, and was reiterated by many tenants at the meeting, that the problem with designating non-smoking housing is, when a vacancy opens in an apartment, it has to be filled. If a prospective tenant is told they cannot move in because they are a smoker, it can be considered discrimination.

"Unfortunately, you didn't know both sides of the story when you wrote your letter," said authority member John Muncey.

Ironically, while the discussion was taking place, firefighters kept coming in and out of the building as a result of the fire which had broken out at Barrett's apartment. Witnesses said heavy, black smoke poured out her kitchen window after firefighters broke it open to put out the blaze.

"We had a fire tonight," said tenant Carole Ann Goulart, who lives in the same building as Barrett. She said even with the heavy black smoke of an actual fire, there was no smoke in the hallways. Even if Crough had ever smoked in her apartment, if the smoke of an actual fire couldn't get into neighbor's homes, the smoke from a cigarette wouldn't, she said.

"We're here to stand behind the housing authority," said Goulart, adding she feels the housing authority has done more than enough to help appease the tenant who complained.

Resident Fred Bruce came to Crough's defense and said, "Nancy's been asked to move by the offended woman," adding that while he does not smoke, if he decided tomorrow that he wanted to, "No one has a right to tell me I can't smoke in my own home."

No one was injured as a result of the fire and Barrett spent the night at her sister's house. Repairs were set to begin yesterday morning on her kitchen window. The fire was contained to the kitchen.

Bobo said if there isn't an issue that needs to be addressed, "We'll forget about it," but the offer still stands if they need any help with any problems in the future.

"You guys do a great job down here and I think the town should recognize that," he said.

School board interviews tonight

Five vie for an open seat

By Mary Ford
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Selectmen and the four remaining members of the School Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Sept. 25) in the selectmen's office to fill the vacancy created when Jane Pescatore stepped down in August.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said the combined board would make its decision tonight. A simple majority vote is needed.

The interviews would be conducted in a forum where all candidates would be present at the same time and can answer questions, McMorris said, as opposed to having them come in one at a time.

The candidates are:

- Betsy Connolly of Lily Pond Lane, who is a former member of the School Committee and has worked in the education field for 30 years.
- Adrienne MacCarthy of Doane Street, who is currently president of the PSO and has served on the School Building/Facilities Committee for seven years.
- Scott O'Grady of Sohier Street, who is the father of three children enrolled in Cohasset schools and has taught in the Weymouth and Plymouth public schools.
- Rick Shea of Margin St., who served on the School Committee from April 1995-April 1998; he also served on the Alumni Field Building Committee and as head of the Cohasset Education Foundation.
- Rory Winters, of Forest Avenue, who is a lifelong Cohasset resident and has experience in public administration.

Pescatore stepped down to accept employment with the school department.

Whoever is chosen will serve until the April Town Election. At that time three School Committee seats will be up for grabs, two for three-year terms and one to fill the remaining year on Pescatore's term. Any of the candidates can run for any of the three positions, as can the incumbents Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo, who could seek reelection. Other interested residents can also seek election to the School Committee or other town boards. Nomination papers become available in January.

Man dies from fall

At 2:35 p.m. yesterday (Wed., Sept. 24), Cohasset police received a 9-1-1 call from 552 Jerusalem Road reporting that a painting contractor had just fallen off the roof.

Cohasset police, fire and rescue personnel were immediately dispatched. The first police officer on scene reported that there was a 37-year-old male unconscious on the ground, in grave condition. Cohasset fire-rescue arrived and took over treatment of the male. Cohasset ambulance transported him to South Shore Hospital.

The man, who fell about 50 feet, was pronounced dead on arrival at the South Shore Hospital emergency room, Sgt. William Quigley said.

Police said the man was a Scituate resident but were withholding his name pending notification of next of kin. The name of the painting company was also being withheld yesterday.

The scene of the fall was being treated as a crime scene, Quigley said yesterday afternoon. Cohasset police detectives, State Police and federal OSHA (Occupational, Safety and Health Administration) agents were still on the scene, collecting physical evidence and taking statements as the Mariner went to press yesterday.

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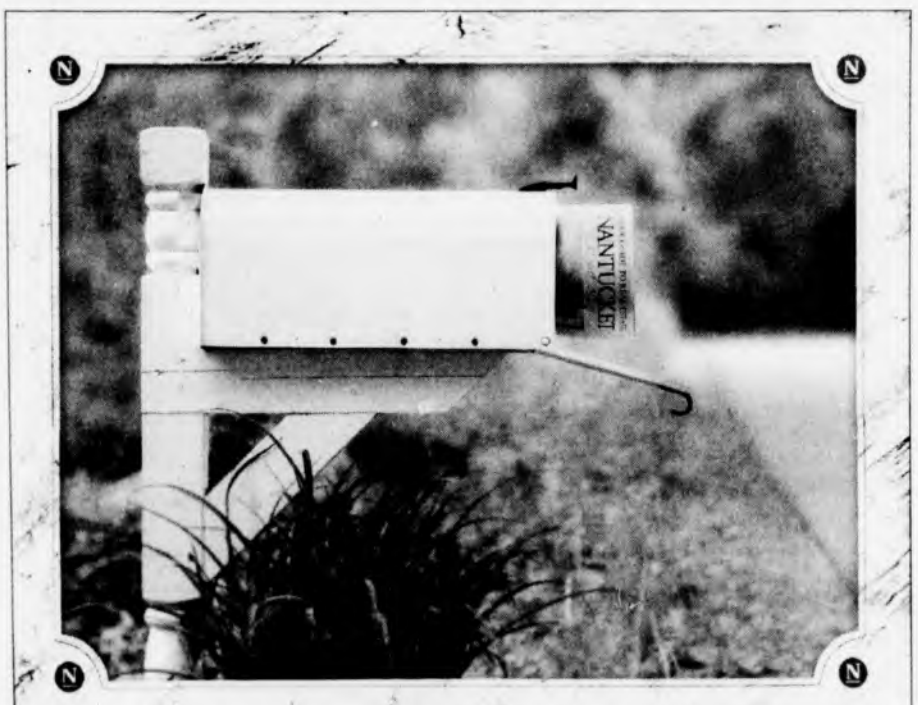

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MBTA: median barriers are needed at crossings

Regardless of quad-gate issue

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Until recently, it was believed that using four-quad gates to stop traffic when a train is coming would eliminate the need for median barriers. Towns affected by Greenbush restoration say they are unsightly and could negatively impact historic neighborhoods.

Hingham, Weymouth, Scituate, and Cohasset are all pushing for four-quad gates, due in large part to safety concerns. However, at a meeting hosted by Hingham Monday with the MBTA, the Army Corps of Engineers — the lead federal agency overseeing the project — and representatives from Hingham, Cohasset, Weymouth, and Scituate, MBTA Director of Environmental Affairs Andrew Brennan delivered the news that the transit authority believes median barriers are necessary regardless of whether two- or four-quad gates are installed. Medians are curbed traffic islands, about 60 to 100 feet long, which keep traffic in its appropriate lanes, making it more difficult to swerve around the gates.

"The safest route is to eliminate grade crossings," Brennan said. But since it's not possible to do away with all of them, the MBTA has found ways to eliminate 20 of the original 43 grade crossings.

Hingham's mitigation agreement with the MBTA calls for four-quad gates, and the town is doing everything within its power to ensure that promise is kept.

The towns want four-quad gates that employ four arms to stop traffic. The MBTA, on the other hand, is pushing for standard crossings with median barriers and in some cases, traffic channeling delineators. Sidewalk gates will be installed either way as well as flashing warning signals.

"Medians are safer because they are a physical impediment, stopping cars from crossing the road where we don't want cars to cross."
— Anna Barry, MBTA Director of Railroad Operations

Hingham Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan noted that no funds have been allocated in the MBTA budget for four-quad gates. "That indicates a closed mind," he said. "The public has put their trust in us [to ensure appropriate safety measures will be taken]."

In a June letter to MBTA Director of Environmental Affairs Andrew Brennan, the ACE, listed a number of issues which still need to be addressed. Those include one related to the Section 106 review process concerning impacts on historic resources and another with regard to the use of four-quadrant gates, which are deemed by many to be safer than two-quad gates because they block both lanes in each direction at grade crossings. Two-quad gates block only the right lanes and are often combined with median barriers to prevent motorists from cutting around the gate. The MBTA claims there's insufficient data showing that four-quad gates are more effective, although installing them sometime in the future wasn't ruled out.

"Public awareness plays a major role in avoiding incidents," said MBTA Consultant Eric Fleming.

Because Greenbush is a whistle-free corridor – meaning whistles would only be sounded for emergencies – standard grade treatment needs medians to prevent impatient motorists from skirting around a closed gate to beat an oncoming train. But now the MBTA claims median barriers will be part of either plan.

"Medians are safer because they are a physical impediment, stopping cars from crossing the road where we don't want cars to cross," said MBTA Director of Railroad Operations Anna Barry. "Four-quad gates can also cut off escape routes for cars trapped between the gates."

Al Goff, Director of Operations and Systems Engineering for the MBTA noted that a number of safety measures are being taken by the MBTA, including better street markings, medians, new LED lights, and louder warning bells. "But we can't stop people from being foolish," he said.

Most of the grade crossings are now at the 90 percent design level, but discussions continue between the MBTA and affected towns to minimize adverse impacts.

For example, the Rocky Lane, Cohasset, crossing is being replaced with a bridge to avoid blocking three historic property driveways. Also, the Spring Street crossing in Cohasset is being relocated. The Country Way intersection in North Scituate has been refined to avoid blocking driveways and other impacts.

Scituate is requesting four-quad gates near the fire station on First Parish Road, near a store in the Egypt section of town which attracts many children, and in the North Scituate business district. "Some of the issues have already been resolved," said former Scituate Selectman Susan Phippen.

The towns have 14 days from Sept 22 to submit written comments to the MBTA.

Corridor study urged on grade crossing treatment

Would look at each situation

By Carol Britton Meyer
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A consultant representing towns affected by Greenbush restoration is recommending that a "corridor study" be undertaken to determine what kind of treatment is best for grade crossings along the rail line on a case by case basis.

Railroad Safety Consultant and former Federal Railway Administration official James Sottile, who expressed a willingness to participate in such a study, said he's seen a number of grade crossings in Hingham where four-quad gates would enhance safety. He observed that they were used at the turn of the century in Hingham Square, pointing to a wall mural in Town Hall depicting such a scene during a recent meeting of the MBTA, Army Corps of Engineers, and representatives from towns affected by Greenbush restoration.

Hingham, Scituate, Cohasset, and Weymouth are pushing for four-quad gates, but the MBTA wants to install two-quad gates instead. The MBTA is also calling for median barriers regardless of which treatment is ultimately used.

"We're all trying to find reasonable solutions. There's no one design that fits all grade crossings," said Hingham Selectman Melissa Tully. We need to look at the safety of motorized vehicles as well as the number of children who will be walking in the area of the tracks, particularly near South Shore Country Club."

Tully noted that two-quad gates create a gap which "allows pedestrians and vehicles to pass through, creating an unsafe situation. Our agreement with the MBTA calls for four-quad gates, none of which have been included in any of the design plans. Statistics show that four-quad gates help prevent accidents."

Such a study, which would likely involve traffic engineers and other experts, would take about three months. The cost is as yet undetermined. Before the Army Corps of Engineers (the lead federal agency overseeing the project) issues a permit allowing the project to move forward, the agency must be satisfied that all remaining issues have been resolved, including ones revolving around public safety at grade crossings.

"There's no one design that fits all grade crossings.
— Hingham Selectman Melissa Tully

"If such a study is requested or commissioned by the Corps, it's important that we have local input and that it's not a unilateral determination made by the MBTA, which has been the case so far with these types of decisions," said Hingham Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan said. "The form such an analysis would take remains to be seen."

MBTA Director of Environmental Affairs Andrew Brennan objected to the corridor study. "We think median barriers are the safest way to go (see related story), and this takes us back a step," he said. "It's a matter of balancing all the issues. Public safety is our ultimate responsibility."

Hingham Fire Chief William Johnson and Police Chief Steven Carlson, however, think median barriers pose a threat to public safety. "Median barriers prevent vehicles from creating an open corridor during emergencies," Johnson said. "Cars freeze in place when they hear a siren." The Fire Department responds to about 3,600 calls a year. The Police Department makes about 14,000 service calls annually.

Randy Dickinson of the Federal Railway Administration (FRA) dashed the hopes of those who thought the agency might play a more active role in resolving the four-quad issue. "The FRA doesn't have the authority. State agencies are responsible for making those decisions," he said. Neither does the FRA have the authority to require a corridor review, although Dickinson said the FRA could participate in an ad hoc fashion if asked to do so.

Cohasset Town Manager Mark Haddad supports a corridor study. "We're requesting that median barriers be eliminated at the Beechwood and Pleasant street crossings due to public safety issues," he said.

Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln also opposes the use of median barriers. "They would restrict access to a residential building and delay access to several businesses at the Pleasant Street crossing in addition to having an impact on bringing emergency incidents to a successful conclusion," he said.

Weymouth's Director of Planning James Clark said medians would create problems at four intersections, including Unicorn Avenue and Commercial Street, and impact some historic homes and private driveways.

There are also other anticipated impacts. "Median barriers will have a negative aesthetic and visual impact," said Preservation Consultant Minxie Fannin. "The historic districts will be very different places than they are now."

Some members of the Local 133 Laborers Union showed up before the meeting holding "Greenbush on Track" signs in front of Town Hall.

Among them was Bob Oliver of Rockland, who delivered the message that "we want the jobs and an easier commute for people working in Boston. I think support for the project has always been there, but supporters are more vocal now."

Several permits could still be Greenbush hurdle

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Move over MBTA and AfTA to make room for FONSI, an acronym that is sure to come to the forefront as the Greenbush process unfolds in the months ahead.

FONSI – or Finding of No Significant Impact – is a standard the Army Corps of Engineers, a federal agency, will use in determining whether to issue what is essentially the "building permit" for the Greenbush project.

It's the Army Corps' independent oversight that Greenbush critic John Bewick, president of Advocated for Transportation Alternatives, dubbed AfTA, sees still as a hurdle for the 17.7-mile train project that got the go-ahead from the Romney administration this week.

"It's not a done deal. The project is still not permitted," Bewick said. "It needs variances from the state wetlands act from the Department of Environmental Protection and a wetlands permit from the Army Corps of Engineers."

Bewick, who is a former state Secretary of Environmental Affairs, said he thinks the permit issues are significant and in addition to wetlands — involve flood, water supply, archeological issues, and safety and aesthetic issues surrounding the use of four-quad gates.

AfTA will continue to fight the train on several fronts including "process issues" regarding how much say the local conservation commissions in the affected towns should have over the project. There is also a question of legal interpretation over whether the "takings" [killing] of certain species is permitted under the Endangered Species Act.

The Army Corps must also insure the MBTA lives up to historic preservation issues detailed in the Section 106 agreement with the towns that it oversaw.

Selectman Melissa Tully said there are difficult issues ahead for Greenbush.

"One of the more difficult issues is that of four quadrant gates," she said. "The five towns met with the Army Corps of Engineers and the MBTA on Monday for a consultation on this issue.

"Even though the grade crossing treatments have not been determined at this point, the MBTA has chosen not to include any costs for four quadrant gates in their $479 million estimate," Tully said. "They have a duty to the public to be more honest about the potential costs of this project.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, a Greenbush critic, said he will do all he can to insure the MBTA lives up to its agreements with the towns.

"I will fight tooth and nail against any scaling back of mitigation," he said.

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All aboard: green light for Greenbush

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abandon. And project overseers have already incurred $100 million in non-recoverable costs, he said.

"We are a go for Greenbush," said State Transportation Office spokesman Jon Carlisle following Governor Romney's announcement The decision was unanimous one by the MBTA Board, a first in the controversial project's long history, he said.

"The MBTA board as well as the governor have a degree of comfort with the project after reviewing it in an exhaustive fashion," said Carlisle. The decision took into consideration the legal commitment made in conjunction with the central artery to build the Greenbush line, as well as the more than $100 million in costs already invested in the project, he said.

When the moratorium halted work on the rail line in February, Carlisle noted transportation planners continued to man the Weymouth Landing office during the hiatus.

"Work should start up again in the next few weeks," said Carlisle. "By the springtime, you can expect to see about 100 working on the corridor, 150 by the next summer."

Carlisle said revenue service on the Greenbush line should begin in the first half of 2006.

Local officials react to decision

Weymouth Mayor David Madden said he was very pleased the line is going forward.

"Our hope is that Greenbush will not only provide better transportation for the South Shore, but will also reinforce the village concept in Weymouth," Madden said.

James Casey, chairman of the Braintree Greenbush Mitigation Committee, echoed Madden's enthusiasm.

"It's good to see that the project has finally gotten underway. It's been a long time coming. I think that over the long term, the line will be beneficial to the Braintree community as well as the South Shore."

"I think that it's going to change the town, hopefully for the better," said Timothy Egan, chairman of the Braintree Board of Selectmen.

Cohasset Town Manager Mark Haddad said he is glad the decision has been made.

"Now the selectmen can move forward with the downtown revitalization issues," said Haddad. The MBTA mitigation agreement with Cohasset includes redoing the town parking lot, which is key to Cohasset's village revitalization project.

Martha Gjesteby, a former Cohasset selectman and member of the Citizens Advisory Committee on the train, has been involved with Greenbush since 1984.

"We can't please everyone," she said about opponents and those who live along the tracks. "But it is a decision that is long overdue and the train will be an economic boon to the South Shore."

Hingham Selectman Melissa Tully said she was surprised by the governor's decision.

"I am surprised that Gov. Romney was willing to commit to going forward with the project given the unknown costs," she said. "The MBTA cannot start construction until it receives a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. There are several unresolved issues that the Army Corps, the MBTA and the five towns are still working on."

Ron Zoolek, president and CEO of the 2,300-member business-backed South Shore Chamber of Commerce, said the Greenbush battle has been waged for 18 years. The project has overcome numerous environmental, court and financial challenges, he said.

"I didn't expect a different result but I feared one," Zoolek said Monday afternoon. "I'm cautiously optimistic. I'm happy about the result. However, I would be the first to point out I will really be happy when I'm riding on the first train. We've been here before."

The train represents a new option to address the South Shore's clogged arteries, he said.

"It's a great place to live and play but you just can't afford to get there from here," said Zoolek. "We have something that's needed for the people that live here and have to travel into the city and spots along the way."

While Hynes acknowledged the conflicting feelings about Greenbush, he remains optimistic that he'll see the day he'll hop on the train in Marshfield and zip into Boston.

"This has been such a controversial issue on the South Shore," said Hynes. "It has even split families in some instances."

Still, Hynes points out the Romney's approval for Greenbush has significance in that his is a brand new administration which had no previous ties to the project.

"This administration knew the project was controversial and costly," Hynes said.

Before taking it on as a priority, Romney and his advisors put it on hold to review it thoroughly, recognizing the state has limited financial resources, he said. Hynes also noted that many of Romney's advisors were skeptical the project could stand up to the scrutiny of the new administration.

Yet after a review that took into careful consideration all the financial, transportation and legal issues, it was a unanimous decision that this project is the right thing to do, said Hynes, who was pleased by the announcement.

"Having listened to people on both sides of the issue, I've concluded that our children would never forgive us if we didn't follow through on this project. This will be our last opportunity to build this thing," Hynes said.

Hynes said he is grateful to rail opponents who have pointed out that there are additional transportation alternatives the region requires. "We need enhanced boat transit, rapid transit and even bus service," he said.

The project's costs will be covered by the MBTA, which is in the midst of its second major fare hike in three years. While the authority's capital budget is tight and Greenbush critics say the rail line's costs outweigh its benefits, T officials say they can afford to restore the old line.

The MBTA, which is struggling with declining ridership and expanding service commitments, receives revenues from fares, community assessments and a 20 percent share of the state sales tax.

Opponents vow last-ditch fight

Greenbush opponents are not about to lie down and let the train roll over them.

Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, who represents many of the towns affected by Greenbush, had hoped for a different outcome.

"While I appreciate the fact that Governor Romney made time to personally review this project, and didn't just rubber stamp the irresponsible actions of previous administrations, he made an easy decision instead of a courageous decision," Hedlund said in a statement.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said he was disappointed.

"I have always felt it was a bad decision for the people in the district and the taxpayers of Massachusetts when there are alternatives that can do the job for far less money."

John Bewick, president of anti-Greenbush AFTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives), threw a harsher light on Romney's choice.

"This is a fiscally irresponsible decision by Governor Romney," Bewick said. "The alternative of enhancing the existing system of boats, buses, and trains would save the Commonwealth hundreds of millions of dollars at a time when the MBTA is so fiscally strapped that it is seeking a fare increase, in part to pay for Greenbush."

This fare will cost the MBTA millions of riders, Bewick said..

"The alternatives to Greenbush would add more new riders than Greenbush. The alternatives take advantage of private sector funding of boats and buses and federal funding of parking at the docks to save taxpayer dollars. The alternatives can be implemented in the next year or two without significant impacts to the communities involved," Bewick said.

He stressed that Greenbush is "far from a done deal."

"There are many permits still to be issued that can be challenged," Bewick said. "It could take years to get those permits and the conditions imposed by those permits could easily cause project costs to rise significantly. This is now Romney's project for better or worse. When MBTA fares go up and nothing is built for years, we know who to blame."

Greenbush officials, however, believe they have dealt with the issue of alternative transportation and have a legal decision to back it up.

No alternative would deliver a greater reduction in vehicle miles traveled per day than the reduction of 76,000 trips per day offered by Greenbush, transportation officials claimed in a statement released Monday afternoon. A state Department of Environmental Protection Administrative law judge was quoted in the release debunking claims by Greenbush opponents that better transportation alternatives exist.

Judge Mark L. Silverstein said there was no way to address hypothetical alternative transportation scenarios because these scenarios were "unfettered by any real-world constraints."

"It allows proponents (of alternative transportation) to spend hypothetically an unlimited amount of public money, apply an unlimited amount of hypothetical work and resources, propose the hypothetical construction and improvement of facilities at any imaginable location, and hypothetically reorient the commuting and social habits of an unlimited number of people. Under this boundless model, nothing is impossible and therefore no alternatives to the Greenbush line could be eliminated," Silverstein stated in his Sept. 9, 2003 finding.

Yet, South Shore opponents have not given up hope that the project will be killed and are disappointed in the governor and the decision to move forward.

"We will continue to fight," said Scituate resident Dottie Leach. "We will not give up. This is going to have a terrible impact on the people who live by the tracks. We're going to have serious injuries."

Leach said pollution, increased traffic in particular locations, and the close proximity of houses to the rail line will lead to bigger problems for abutters than the MBTA realizes.

Hundreds of school buses will cross the tracks every day, businesses will need to relocate, and emissions from the trains will be harmful to those who live along the line, she said.

"This is a terrible tragedy for the town and for the South Shore," Leach said.

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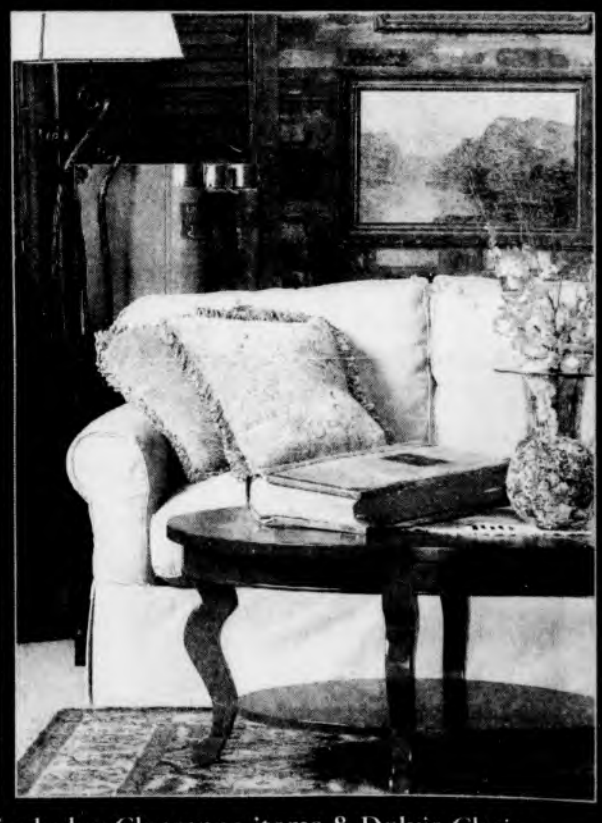

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School officials 'sea' red over charter school

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if the school is to be invited to apply for a charter, it would most likely be notified within the next few weeks, as applications for charters are due in November. Schools find out if they have been granted their charters in February. Once a decision on a charter is made, it is final and cannot be appealed. However, if a school is denied a charter, it is allowed to apply again the following year.

In addition to White, founders of the SSMACS include Janice Comeau Anderson, a health educator and health coordinator at Hanover High School; Alesha Delgiacco, a science teacher at Hanover High School; Edward McCabe, a founder of the Hull Lifesaving Museum, who currently works as director of its maritime programs; and Hull Lifesaving Museum Executive Director Lory Newmyer, who has also served as a board member of the Montessori Community School in Scituate.

"We hope to target students who may not have 'fit-in' at their traditional high school," the prospectus states. "We believe that it is important for students to try the conventional methods of schooling, hence our 10th-grade matriculation. However, in many cases, students fall between the cracks and end up taking lower level courses simply because of an inability on the part of their schools to understand their individual needs.

"SSMAC hopes to 'reel-in' those students who, for whatever reason, did not succeed in their freshman program at their intended high school."

White also said the SSMACS would cater to students that "perhaps learn a little better by doing," by providing more hands-on activities than would be typical at a regular high school.

Charter schools have gained a reputation for taking much needed funds from school budgets that are already spread extremely thin. The tuition, based on a state formula, "follows" the student from his or her town to the charter school. In Cohasset, this means for every student attending a charter school, the town must pay upwards of $7,000.

The SSMACS founders estimates the school will have 32 students in grade 10 at its opening, which could average around four or five children from each of the seven towns. If five students from Cohasset choose to attend the SSMACS, the town would pay upwards of $35,000 in the first year alone, because the school estimates enrollment will increase to 64 in year two and 96 in year three. Currently, the town is paying roughly $132,000 to send students to the South Shore Charter School in Hull.

In addition to paying for tuition, towns would also be required to provide transportation for those children who qualify under the town's transportation policy.

Timeline for the South Shore Maritime Academy Charter School

- Letter of Intent submitted to Department of Education: Aug. 8, 2003
- Prospectus submitted to DOE: Sept. 8, 2003
- Panel review of Prospectus: September to October 2003
- Commissioner selects applicant groups to submit final application: Oct. 10, 2003
- Final applications are submitted to DOE, Supts. and School Committees: Nov. 14, 2003
- Panel review of applications: November 2003-January 2004
- School District review of applications December 2003-January 2004
- Public hearings on final application: December 2003-January 2004
- Interviews with applicants: January 2004
- Commissioner makes recommendations to Board of Education: February 2004
- Board of Education votes to grant charters February 2004

School Committee members were also concerned about where the school would be located From the sounds of the plans, they could only surmise the school will need to be located on the water to allow for the hands-on activities, but space is very limited along Cohasset's coast.

In addition, the former Hagerty House on Parker Avenue has recently been transformed to serve as a coastal research center for students, which has been doing the kind of work outlined in the prospectus. Committee members worry the work being done at the Center for Student Coastal Research could be hampered by studies done at the proposed school. Students have been working hard to build upon their research year after year, to provide the town with much needed water quality studies. Their programs are funded by a grant and therefore do not cost the town any money.

However, White said he had been under the impression the CSCR held programs for junior high school age students, and said the proposed school would be willing to work together with the CSCR and their high school level students on maritime research.

Committee members also questioned the need for the school, noting Hull's South Shore Charter School is not mentioned at all in the SSMACS prospectus.

"It's a different type of school," said White, because the SSMACS is strictly for high school students rather than the SSCS which serves grades K-12.

In the future, White said he would like to meet with the superintendents in the surrounding districts to "find out how we can better serve them."

Supt. Edward Malvey said he will meet with other superintendents for the specific purpose of discussing the charter school in the near future.

However, no matter what position superintendents in the area take, their opinion would not be the deciding factor on whether the school is approved. Beck said the DOE is the only one that can reject an application and there is nothing a school system or town can do to prevent a charter school from coming.

While there is still much planning to be done before a school could be put into place, White said he looks forward to the future and "forming relationships" in the community.

About charter schools

According to the state Department of Education, charter schools are public schools which operate independently from any school committee, under a five-year agreement, or charter, granted by the state Board of Education. The schools can be started by parents, teachers, non-profit organizations, or community leaders. They have the freedom to organize around a core mission, curriculum, theme, or teaching method, and are allowed to control their own budgets, as well as the hiring and firing of teachers and staff. In return, a charter school must attract their own students and produce results within five years, or their charter will be revoked.

Currently, the South Shore Charter School in Hull, which is expected to move to Norwell next year, is the only charter school in the immediate area. There are currently 52 charter schools in the state of Massachusetts, with schools in Plymouth, Hyannis, Brockton, Orleans, Dorchester, and South Boston, to name a few.

Pumpkin patch fundraiser to be held in Wheelwright Park

On the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 8, the open field at the entrance to Wheelwright Park will be magically turned into a pumpkin patch. Open daily from Saturday, Oct. 11 through Halloween, Friday, Oct. 31, pumpkins of all shapes and size will be available for purchase, along with gourds, corn stalks, Indian corn, and lots more. All proceeds will benefit the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (CASP).

CASP is affiliated with the Appalachia Service Project, headquartered in Johnson City, TN. ASP is an interfaith program that sends teens and adults from all over the country to areas of Appalachia, to do badly needed repairs on homes in some of the poorest areas of the United States. This year is the 16th year of the Cohasset program, and the group expects to send 120 teens and 55 adults on the one week trip, planned for late June, making Cohasset the largest participant in the national program. Although the trip is only a week long, fundraising and planning is a year long endeavor.

Overflow parking will be available at the little league field across the street from the park's entrance throughout the sale.

Anyone interested in finding out more about participation in the program can contact the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset at (781) 383-0345, or visit the web site at www.cohassetasp.org. Deadline for applications for the 2004 trip is Wednesday, Oct. 1.

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CPC's role defined in community forum

By Samantha Brown
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"Traditionally, as long as the proposal meets the spending criteria, we'll take a look at it."

— Stuart Ivimey, Community Preservation Committee

For Cohasset residents not familiar with the role of the Community Preservation Committee, the Sept. 15 open forum provided the perfect venue to get some answers.

To open the meeting, Chairman Stuart Ivimey explained the purpose of the open format was to allow residents to participate in the discussion, and let the committee know what people in town perceive as the needs for the community. The meeting was also meant to help clear up any questions about what the role of the committee is and what future projects they have in mind.

Ivimey began the meeting by explaining what the CPC can fund, which includes only projects in the three specific areas of open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation. He said there is a sub-category under the open space category that covers recreational lands, which allowed for the restoration of the ball fields.

"All that in mind, we can't build sewers, we can't build sidewalks, we cannot spend money on maintenance," he said, adding that painting a building to help restore it to its true historical colors could be covered by the CPC, but painting Town Hall as a part of its regular upkeep would not.

Under the Community Preservation Act, adopted by the town in 2002, the CPC receives funding for projects from two sources, the real estate tax surcharge (in Cohasset it is 1.5 percent) and some level of matching funds from the state. State funds are derived from a roughly $20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Registry of Deeds, which mostly consists of mortgages and refinancing. The CPC expects the state to provide a 100 percent match of funds this year, and will have definite figures in October.

Each year, 10 percent of the committee's funds are either spent or set aside for a future project, for each of its three areas of influence. All expenditures must be approved by a municipality's legislative branch, which in Cohasset's case is Town Meeting.

"If we don't pick a project, we can carry the funds over," said CPC member Tom Callahan, which allows for much flexibility.

Ivimey added, any project that comes before the CPC needs to have a plan for companion funds to help offset the costs as well as help stretch the CPC funds.

Each year, Ivimey said the CPC receives roughly $430,000 in revenue, of which $224,000 can be spent in any of the three areas, depending on the needs of the town. Recent projects that have come before the CPC, and are still being discussed, are the request for $60,000 for the playground at the new Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, and a request to help fund the burying of wires in the downtown area, which includes helping incorporate brick into the sidewalks. Peter Roy has also proposed the CPC buy the Mill River Marina for $700,000, but because it was appraised at $300,000 there is still an ongoing discussion with Roy's attorney.

"We haven't taken a position, these are just the ones sitting before us now," Ivimey said, adding that upon further investigation of the proposals, some may or may not qualify for funding by the CPC.

For anyone interested in bringing a project before the CPC, there must first be a proposal sent in writing to the committee. If the idea is thought to be feasible by the committee, a time will be set up for a more formal presentation to be made. Because projects must be approved at the Special Town Meeting, which will be held Nov. 17, the committee recommends proposals be sent in as soon as possible to allow time for them to be looked over and included on the article, should it be necessary. The CPC will announce a formal deadline as the meeting approaches, and Ivimey said, "Traditionally, as long as the proposal meets the spending criteria, we'll take a look at it."

CPC member Al Moore, who is also chairman of the Planning Board, said only those who are truly interested in actively pursuing their projects should come before the CPC. In the past, he said people have sometimes asked for a "large sum of money and want to leave the baby on our doorstep."

"It's not our job to make the process work," Callahan said, adding the CPC is only there to provide the funding, which it will gladly do for the appropriate projects.

Water board looks to protect Lily Pond

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well as a selectman, said he thought the idea seemed like a good one, especially because the first draft of the Master Plan looks favorably on such projects.

McNabb said he has spoken briefly with members involved in the development of the Master Plan, but has not made a formal presentation to anyone as of yet.

Because McNabb's presentation was only preliminary, the CPC can ask that he return with a more complete proposal at a later date, which McNabb intends to do.

"I only wanted to acquaint you with the proposal tonight," he said.

Because the town has strict zoning as well as environmental regulations in place specifically for the protection of the water supply, Ivimey wonders why the land would need to be bought to ensure it is not developed on.

"Why do we need to buy this?" asked Ivimey.

"Number one, for protection. Prevention is better than mitigation," McNabb said. He went on to explain that regulations don't fully protect the water supply, they balance what can be changed by limiting the effects of natural expansion in different areas. Regulations serve as a compromise, allowing necessary alterations, such as access roads, but do not fully protect what can be done in the areas surrounding a water supply.

CPC member Al Moore, who is also chairman of the Planning Board, said his area of concern is, there's not a single parcel of land in town of which owners cannot be found. He said some areas may be owned jointly by family members, and titles may need to be sorted out if the land has been passed down over many generations, but owners should not be hard to find. He also mentioned that some land has been split between families to the point where individual parcels are too small to be built on anyway, and to purchase those would be a waste.

McNabb will return with a full proposal for the CPC, and said he hopes the board will help the Water Commission prioritize which parcels are the most important, as well as help split the costs. McNabb said the commission would like to work with any other boards in town that would like to be included in the project, which would not only help split the costs, but would enable the purchase of more land.

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LOCKS OF LOVE

Francesca Astino, a fourth-grader at the Deer Hill School, was a bit disappointed when she found out she couldn't have a new hairstyle for the first day of school. She knew it would be worth the wait though, as her haircut was for a good cause! Francesca decided in the spring to let her hair grow until it was long enough to donate to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization, providing hairpieces to disadvantaged children under the age of 18, who have long-term medical hair loss.

On Sept. 11, Samantha at the Charles David Salon in Norwell cut 11 inches off Francesca's hair. Francesca is very happy, both knowing she helped another child, and with her new haircut. She and her family want to thank Samantha and the Charles David Salon for helping them support this great cause.

FALLEN HEROES

Cohasset servicemen killed in Vietnam were honored last weekend, along with others from around the state at a special event at the Massachusetts Vietnam Memorial in Worcester. Katherine Stanton's son-in-law, **Rich Hynes** of Southborough, himself a US Navy Vietnam Veteran, carried commemorative dog tags for **Peter Cogill, Allen Keating, William Laidlaw, John Lyon, Eddie Maree, Dennis Reardon**, and **Craig Simeone** as part of the annual Combat Veterans Motorcycle Ride to the memorial and commemorative ceremony. Participants agreed that local residents who have not yet visited the site will find the trip to the Vietnam Memorial in Worcester to be quite meaningful and worthwhile.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Cohasset Boosters Club will be having its annual pancake breakfast this coming Sunday, Sept. 28 from 8 am till noon at our newly renovated Cohasset Deer Hill School. Besides the outstanding breakfast there will also be raffles prizes of two Celtics tickets — courtesy of Fox Sports New England; a $50 gift certificate to the Red Lion Inn, Complete auto detail, a $175 value from Coastal Nissan of Cohasset and many more. There will also be a car wash. Please sponsor our high school players by purchasing tickets this week. Tickets are $5 each and the proceeds are used to purchase warm-ups, fund scholarships, and for the breakup awards night. Tickets are also available at the door. Please our visit the web site www.cohassetsoccer.com for details. Make sure to bring the family to this very tasty and worthwhile event!

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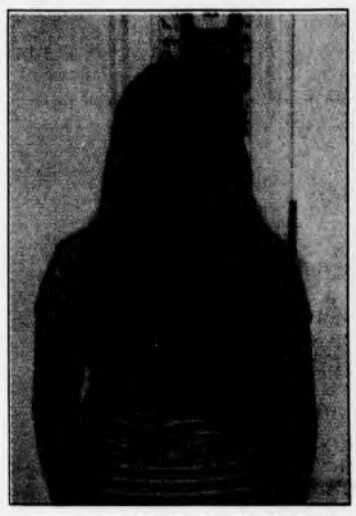

Francesca Astino before her haircut.

Francesca with her new hairstyle; she donated her sheared locks to Locks of Love.

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In 1989 Tom reactivated the American Legion Squadron 118 in Cohasset after it had lain dormant for forty-eight years. He has served at Commander of the Squadron ever since. Locally, he has organized the town of Cohasset's hugely successful Memorial Day parade since 1990. He personally places thirteen hundred flags on Cohasset veteran's graves each year. Tom's father Steve who served in the United States Navy is the Commander of the American Legion George H. Mealy post 118 in Cohasset. Tom and his wife Deirdre reside in Hingham.

Thomas Wigmore

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HARVEST SUPPER

Mmm, Mmm, Mmm, anyone hungry? The annual Harvest Supper, an autumn tradition, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street. The public is invited to get together for dinner on Thursday evening, Sept. 25 at 6:30. Dinner will include ham, string beans, Harvard beets, mashed potatoes, dessert as well as beverages. A harvest auction will take place following supper. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

Well, Fall has arrived and I know that I for one, am so happy with the weather so far. I definitely think that all of us should be looking at our storm preparations as we head farther into fall and get ready for winter as we have been very fortunate lately in terms of storms but how long can luck hold out? Check all of your supplies and plans to make sure that you will be ready in the event of a storm.

Another note that I think should be passed along is to warn drivers in town to slow down! Children are out there walking, riding bikes and driving scooters as they go to and from school and we need to be sure to keep them safe. We also need to make sure to slow down and stop for the busses at all the appropriate times!

That is all for this week. Make sure to get me all of your news no later than Mondays at noon.

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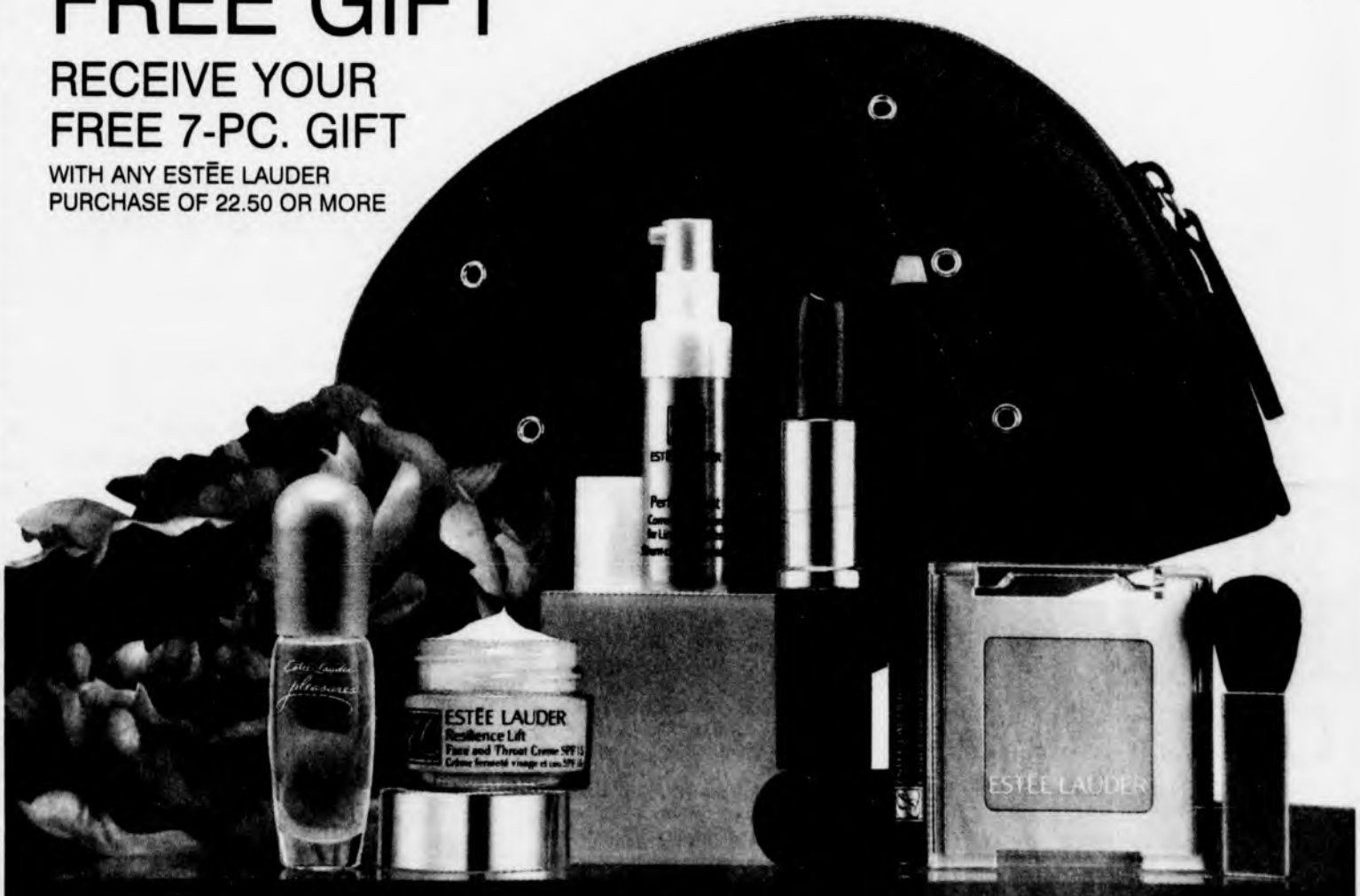

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Common ground on Greenbush

While Greenbush proponents break open the champagne, train opponents are regrouping, reorganizing and vowing to fight another day.

We're sure the two groups, both of which have substantial numbers, are never going to see eye-to-eye on what is now a $479 million project.

But we believe those on both sides of the tracks can agree, that when Greenbush comes — and from this week's announcement, it appears the train will indeed be built — they want the best train possible.

That means holding the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's feet to the fire, so to speak, to make sure the agency lives up to its mitigation agreements inked with the towns along the 17-mile corridor.

First and foremost, the MBTA would go a long way in patching up its image with the towns by yielding on the four-quad gates issue. Four-quad gates use four arms to stop traffic as opposed to the two arms used in standard grade crossing treatment.

The MBTA appeared to try and deflate the towns' arguments for the use of the more expensive four-quad gates at the Army Corps of Engineers hearing Monday by saying median barriers would also be required for safety reasons with either type of gate. Until this point, it has been understood the 60-foot long median barriers would only be needed with standard grade crossing treatment. Greenbush is a "whistle-free" corridor, so medians are needed with standard grade crossing treatments as a safety measure to insure impatient motorists don't try to pull around the gate to beat an oncoming train.

But median barriers are unsightly and could actually cause safety problems for fire trucks and police cars trying to pass vehicles in an emergency.

The MBTA's argument doesn't hold up, according to Greenbush critic state Rep. Garrett Bradley.

"I doubt that highly," Bradley says about the need for four-quad gates with median barriers. "Four-quad gates eliminate the need for median barriers."

Hingham Selectman Melissa Tully also makes an excellent point.

"Although the grade crossing treatments have not been determined at this point, the MBTA has chosen not to include any costs for four-quadrant gates in its $479 million estimate," she says. "They have a duty to the public to be more honest about the potential costs of this project."

There is real concern the MBTA will try to keep the cost of Greenbush from going even higher by scaling back on its mitigation commitments.

Rep. Bradley "there will be blood on the floor if that happens."

"I will fight tooth and nail against scaling back any mitigation," Bradley said.

"Maybe they think legislators are asleep at the switch – but there are two legislators in this district that aren't," he said about himself and fellow Greenbush opponent, state Sen. Robert Hedlund.

While this paper has supported Greenbush, we can promise our readers that we stand with our local legislators and town officials in insuring train impacts are mitigated as promised. We will also continue to keep you abreast of train developments, both good and bad, and follow the issue with a sense of fairness and in an unbiased fashion.

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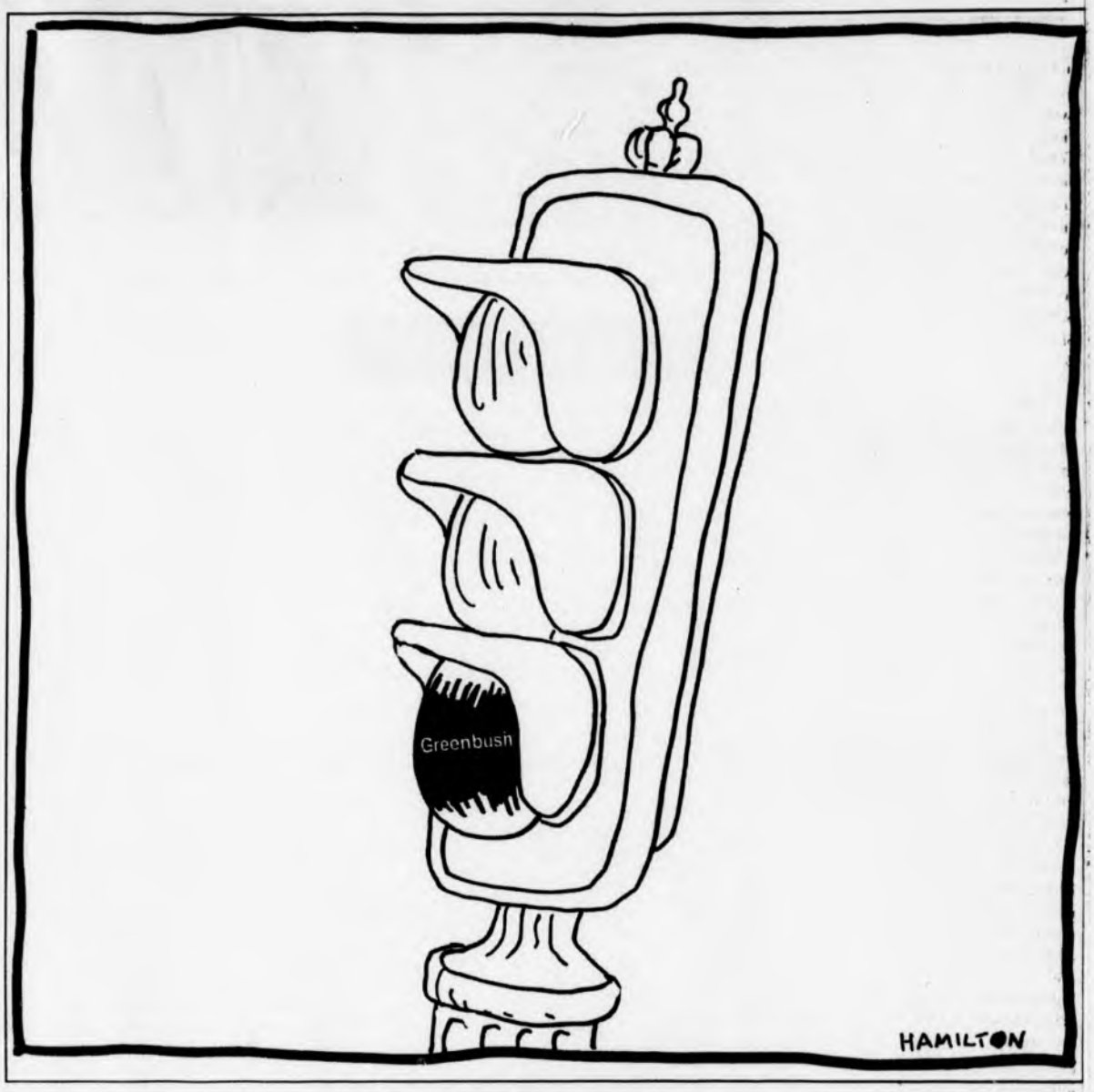

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stamp out bigotry

TO THE EDITOR:

I wanted to take a moment to respond to Nancy O'Toole's Letter to the Editor dated Sept. 18 regarding Arabic-lettered U.S. postage stamps. Ms. O'Toole seems to be equating a language with a religion, and an entire populace with individual extremists.

Before we call for the removal of Arabic stamps for their religious inference, how about acknowledging the irrefutable relation between stamps of the virgin Mary with Catholicism, or the Menorah with Judaism? U.S. postal stamps are meant to reflect our diverse nation; in addition to recognizing religious freedom, they also document our unique geographical, historical, artistic, and cultural heritage.

It is offensive to imply that all Muslims are "religious zealots" bent on destroying American lives and the U.S. economy. It is important to keep in mind that all religions are capable of being perverted (have we forgotten the Christian Crusades?). The only way we are to truly live in peace is to accept and embrace the plurality of the world we live in.

Annemarie Whilton
207 North Main St.

Animal shelter is grateful for support

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Scituate Animal Shelter, I would like to thank the following Cohasset residents, artists, and businesses for their extremely generous silent auction donations for the Sept. 7 fundraiser at Siros at the Clarion Nantasket Beach Hotel:

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Thanks to the generosity of our donor and guests, this event raised more tha $20,000, with all proceeds going for th care the shelter's homeless animals. encourage area residents to patronize thes local businesses and thank them for sup porting the non-profit, no-kill Scituat Animal Shelter, serving the towns o Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, an Scituate.

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HEALTH NOTES

The real cost of unhealthy school lunches

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

According to the USDA, the a la carte program sales generated only $913 per year per 1000 students in the 1998-1999 school year. We don't need to create a financial hardship to the school system to ensure that our kids learn healthy eating habits.

Schools that regularly offer students pizza, french fries and high-calorie drinks as alternatives to healthier lunch choices are encouraging them to eat these unhealthy foods not only during school, but after school and at home as well.

According to a recent study of seventh-graders in 16 Minnesota schools researchers asked 598 students what they ate in the past 24 hours. In those schools where students had access to snack vending machines and the school cafeteria offered fried potatoes at lunchtime a la carte programs, the students ate fewer fruits and vegetables and more junk food than in schools where such choices weren't offered. And the students' diets weren't just adversely affected during school, according to the study.

Students who attended schools where fast food was readily available consumed more fat and saturated fat and fewer fruits and vegetables overall than students who weren't exposed to daily offerings of fried potatoes, a la carte programs and vending machine snacks. The study looked not only at food eaten in school, but food they ate outside of school as well.

"These results draw attention to an urgent need to evaluate the variety and nutrient quality of the food and beverages offered and sold to students through school a la carte programs," the researchers wrote. "This urgency is compounded by the likelihood that such programs will continue to be offered, given the increasing financial dependence of school food service on revenues generated by a la carte sales, as well as student preferences for convenient, tasty fast foods. That suggests how powerful the school influence is. Not only are they exposed to their own choices; they are exposed to the choices of their peers."

This is from the report: "The Association of the School Food Environment With Dietary Behaviors of Young Adolescents." by Martha Y. Kubik, PhD, RN, University of Minnesota. This report is one of an increasing body of evidence that school environment contributes to unhealthy dietary habits among schoolchildren.

For several years, the Board of Health has been in a continuing dialog with school personnel about a number of issues from cleanliness and adequate ventilation in classrooms to food service. Since the leaving of Chartwells, the food nutrition has improved substantially.

At one point, a large beverage company was providing $30,000 a year worth of perks and cash for the right to exclusive use of vending machines at school. Fortunately that is no longer the case, since the machines were filled mainly with sweetened water.

Given the marketing pressure favoring poor nutrition and too much food, it should be comforting for an administration to have Board of Health support in its choices to improve the diet in the school system. The board is attempting to create, with as little rancor as possible, a group who has the best and latest information on student nutrition and make it available to those needing it. For this reason we wish to include the school food personnel management as a part of a committee which will recognize all of the schools various concerns. We understand the financial pressures; the board i constantly seeking to further reduce its bud get and seek grants for its programs. But problem exists, and we would be negligen if we didn't provide of our knowledge an expertise in helping to solve it.

In a continuing study of school nutrition the US Department of Agriculture ha found that 90 percent of US schools offer 'a la carte' food programs which are no required to meet the government's nutri tional requirements. Current recommenda tions (they change frequently as more knowledge is obtained) call for eating a least five servings a day of fruits and veg etables a day and getting no more than 30 percent of calories from fat. Most a la carte items contain well over half fat and very lit tle vegetable selection. According to the USDA, the a la carte program sales gener ated only $913 per year per 1000 students in the 1998-1999 school year. We don't need to create a financial hardship to the school system to ensure that our kids learn healthy eating habits.

The Board of Health not interested in running the school food program. We are interested in providing latest nutrition guidance from authoritative sources and assuring that financial considerations don't override the requirement for our kids to learn healthy eating habits.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Party for Dr. Joseph Godzik

A retirement party for Health Agent, Dr. Joseph R. Godzik, including cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing (featuring the band The Marsels) is on Friday Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Red Lion Inn's Lion's Hall (a.k.a. The Barn) 71 South Main St.

Tickets are $35, prepaid. Please RSVP and forward payment by Friday Oct. 17 to: Tara Tradd, Cohasset Board of Health 41 Highland Ave. Cohasset, MA 02025.

Tradd can be reached by email: cohassetboh@cohassetmass.org or by phone, 781-383-4116.

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Searching for the elusive beach plum... and finding it

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

I began hearing the dire news sometime in late July. There would be no beach plums this year on Cape Cod. No beach plum jelly, every dollop of which would bring back summer. What, I wondered, could have prevented the spectacular spring flowering of the beach plum shrubs from not bearing plentiful fruit? Having been on the Cape frequently this spring and early summer, I had witnessed the flamboyant sprays of flowers that had turned sandy roadsides and dunes white like a winter's day after a fresh fallen snow. Now, after anticipating a bumper crop of beach plums, word was spreading that there would be no harvest. The spring rains, it seemed, had kept the pollinating bees away.

I began to contemplate the unthinkable, that to get through the long, dark days of winter I might have to buy a jar of commercially processed beach plum jelly, knowing all too well that such preserves are rarely (if ever) made from wild beach plums and are, instead, a hodgepodge of various cultivated plum products.

Wild beach plums have a long and charming history on Cape Cod. Native to northeastern coastal regions from North Carolina to Newfoundland, the beach plum — *Prunus maritima* — is a sun-loving stone fruit, related to plums, cherries and peaches. A member of the rose family, it thrives best where few other plants can, in the low nutrient, well-drained sandy soil of the dunes. The plumes of white May flowers give way in late summer to luscious reddish purple drupes about the size of grapes. Indeed, when the beach plums are plentiful, you'd be forgiven if you mistook them for bunches of Concord grapes.

Early explorers along the East Coast made mention in their travelogues of a blue plum that was most certainly the beach plum. On Cape Cod, Native Americans gathered beach plums for use in pemmican, a dried meat paste, and early settlers went a plumming, harvesting the fruit for preserves and wines. They later cultivated the shrub in cottage gardens. Depression era families took to gathering the fresh fruits to supplement their winter diet and by the 1940s a small but thriving beach plum cottage industry had taken root All over the Cape, enterprising housewives were processing jams and jellies in their kitchens for a public eager for the unique dune-kissed flavor. Then, nary a roadside stand could be found that wasn't stacked high with jars of homemade jelly. When a small, but enthusiastic, group of commercial jelly makers began shipping their product across the country, the Cape Cod Beach Plum Growers' Association was formed to ensure that consumers were getting the pure beach plum product that was advertised.

The post-war years saw interest in beach plums begin to wane. In the new booming industrial economy, fewer people were willing to do the tedious work of trekking into the dunes to harvest the fruit. Women, traditionally the jelly makers, were entering the work force and had less time to prepare jams and jellies in the old fashioned "scratch" way. Perhaps most detrimental to the future of the beach plum was the suburban and urban sprawl that eradicated acres of beach plum habit, What remained of the once-plentiful, wind-pruned crop became the private preserve of a few last intrepid traditionalists who, covetous of their secret garden, kept the whereabouts of their favorite shrub a secret and the flavor of the wild all to themselves.

The seal of approval from the Cape Cod Beach Plum Growers Assoc., ca. 1951.

Cape Cod artist Peter Hunt's whimsical drawing of a beach plum jelly stand.

Recently, with interest in beach plums, farmers' markets and home gardening again on the upswing, the Beach Plum Project, managed by Cornell University's Horticulture Department, is working to revive the small, but regionally historic industry. By cultivating beach plums as an alternative to other local fruits such as blueberries and cranberries, the Project hopes to satisfy the consumer demand for both native and heirloom plants as well as gourmet gift jellies and preserves. In various locations on Cape Cod, researchers and growers are studying beach plum habits, cultivating different varieties and developing new products - chutneys, wines, meat condiments and dried products.

Beach plums, however, have so far resisted being tamed. Whether learned through scientific study or folk tradition, anyone who has experience with beach plums knows that they are notoriously unreliable producers. A few pests plague the shrub, among them the plum gouger that bores a hole in the fruit. A fungus, called brown rot, begins as blossom blight in the spring and leads to fruit rot later in the summer. But those who watch the beach plum year to year are convinced that the plant's natural cycles — said to be three year cycles but still not well understood - have the biggest impact on fruit production. Even during dry springs when bees are plentiful, there is no guarantee that the fruit will set.

And so, by mid-July, hearing that this year would be one of those off years when the fruit did not set, I mentioned such to my brother whose encouraging reply immediately lifted my spirits. Not to worry, he said, if there is a beach plum on Cape Cod, JB will find it.

JB is one of my brother's regular fishing partners and, as Johnny likes to say, JB's sixth sense about all things natural is spooky. When no one else is getting a nibble, JB is reeling the fish in.

"He can smell the fish," says Johnny.

We've known JB since we were kids. Back then, he was doing pretty much what he still doing, fishing, hunting, gathering and enjoying life. My brother says he's one of the smartest guys he knows by which he means that JB has life figured out. He understands his world, is connected to his world, in harmony with it.

"He's never been in pursuit of more, never been one of those guys who emulates other people who are, themselves, lost. He gets along with everyone and you'll never find a single person who has a bad word for him. In a small town where everyone is backbiting, that says something about JB."

So, Johnny made a phone call and arranged for me to accompany JB on a beach plum expedition. I drove to Provincetown early one morning in a driving rain. As we hiked deep into the dunes, me with my opened umbrella, JB casually mentioned that with the wind coming from the southwest and the warmer part of the day coming on, the rain would soon stop and not start up again until later in the afternoon. Given that the forecast was for rain all day, I was curious to see if JB's prognostication would prove accurate. Within 10 minutes the rain stopped - and didn't start again until I was on my way home at 6 p.m. Spooky, indeed.

For three hours we walked, like a couple of modern-day Thoreaus, deep in the dunes, the Atlantic Ocean just over the crest, never seeing another soul, only fresh coyote and deer tracks, Fowler toads, earth stars and various kinds of mushrooms. We talked and picked beach plums - red, purple, deep blue, orange and yellow — from the thickets. I watched JB pick with the enthusiasm and respect of someone who is, truly, one with the land, someone who appreciates this gift, all the gifts, that nature has bestowed. By noon, I had filled a three-gallon bucket and JB had nearly filled his five gallon bucket. We left behind a crop of beach plums yet to come into their fullness. Over the next few weeks JB will return to the dunes — in between tuna fishing — to Pick again. He'll make several hundred jars of pure, wild beach plum jelly that visitors to Provincetown will carry home from the little market at Nelson's.

I'll think of him and his pioneering spirit, our parallel lives, as I wash my berries, boil and mash them, let the wine-dark syrup drip through the cheesecloth. The unremarkable flavor of the tart juice will belie the taste that results once a bit of sugar is added. Then, into the jars I'll pour this not quite red, not quite purple essence distilled from sand and salt. And on a cold winter's day, JB and I will both be but a dollop away from the sweetness of a summer's day in the dunes.

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For more information about the Cornell University Beach Plum project visit www.beachplum.cornell.edu A grower's guide and history of beach plums is available on the Cornell website.

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Bumbling spy or hero?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

There is a life-sized statue of Capt. Nathan Hale, the first American spy, in front of CIA headquarters in McLean, Virginia, emblazoned with his last words that have so thrilled every red-blooded American boy —

"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." I was devastated last week to learn that all of those things that were taught to us as gospel in grammar school were not quite true.

Far from being a master of espionage, Nathan Hale was a bumbling failure as a spy who bragged about his mission to complete strangers who couldn't wait to drop a dime to the Brits who in turn couldn't wait put a noose around the dashing young captain's neck.

As for his last words, Capt. Hale was apparently reading them from the script of a 1713 play by the English playwright Joseph Addison, whose character says in "Cato," Act IV, scene iv, "What pity is it that we can die but once to serve our country!" Who but a Yale man, as Hale was, would know that?

The new look at Hale's ability as a spy comes from a manuscript written at the time of the Revolution by one Consider Tiffany, a Connecticut merchant, and donated to the Library of Congress by one of his descendants.

According to Tiffany, who had Brit sympathies, Hale slipped across the sound to a spot behind the British lines on Long Island and made friends quickly with Robert Rogers, a British officer who claimed to be a spy.

(Rogers, incidentally, is the same Major Robert Rogers who was the hero of Kenneth Roberts' book about the French & Indian War, "Northwest Passage," which was made into a major motion picture starring Spencer Tracy. But I digress . . .)

"I'm a spy, too," said Hale, or words to that effect, as he accepted an invitation to dine with Rogers and his friends and wondered why that company of armed Redcoats were interrupting their meal before the dessert.

"How could anyone on a secret mission be so stupid . . . or so naïve or so credulous, to be taken in by a perfect stranger?" wrote James Hutson, chief of the Library of Congress' manuscript collection, in the Library's "Information Bulletin."

Should the information revealed in Tiffany's manuscript replace that which we learned in school? Wasn't it Napoleon Bonaparte, the ultimate realist, who once defined history as "lies agreed upon?" If Napoleon was right, wouldn't we only be replacing one lie with another?

Me? I prefer to remember the Capt. Nathan Hale we knew in grammar school and who is described in the CIA Website:

"This young man's selfless love of country and his ultimate sacrifice for his nation's cause remain a continuing reminder to all American intelligence officers of the duties and sacrifices of their job."

Take that, Consider Tiffany.

Non-native birds —not always welcome guests

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

Non-native. Introduced. Exotic. Escaped. All these terms can be used to describe birds appearing in places where they are not found naturally. Usually birds get released with the help of humans, either on purpose or by accident. Not all introduced species succeed in establishing wild populations. A few have proliferated to the point of being not only a nuisance, but a threat to other species in particular, and to biodiversity in general.

In the late 19th century, a man named Eugene Schieffelin ran an organization called The American Acclimatization Society. He decided it would be a neat idea to bring all the birds in Skakespeare's works to the United States. Shakespeare knew starlings could mimic speech, a trait that has been recognized since the days of the Romans. In Henry IV, Part I, when Hotspur wants to upset Bollingbroke, he says,

"I'll have a starling shall be taught to speak
Nothing but 'Mortimer', and give it him
To keep his anger still in motion."

Thus, the starling was on the list to be brought to the United States.

Schieffelin released 60 birds in Central Park in New York City in 1890, then another 40 the next year. Starlings turned out to be adaptable and resistant to a fault. They do eat grubs and other troublesome insects, but they also compete with bluebirds, woodpeckers and Great Crested Flycatchers for nesting cavities. The aggressive starlings win out more often than not. It only took 60 years for the starlings to reach the Pacific Coast, and less than 100 years for their numbers in the United States to equal one-third of those found worldwide.

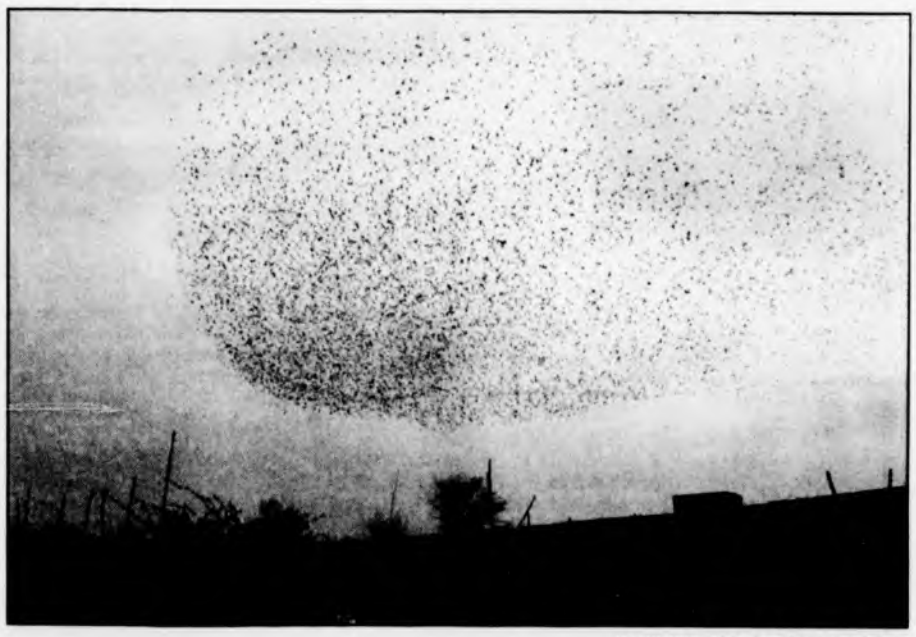
Starlings roost together in huge numbers, adding noise and dirty guano to their list of unpopular characteristics. The Fore River Bridge has been a favorite roosting spot where tens of thousands of these birds can be seen flying in at dusk each evening. Their remarkable flight maneuvers are perhaps best described by the famous ornithologist Frank M. Chapman:

"...the flock becomes a ball symmetrical as a globe in outline; suddenly with no suggestion of disorder, it lengthens to an ellipse which a moment later, narrowing in the middle and concentrating at the ends, simulates a dumbbell in form. Again a change, and a dusky snake undulates across the heavens only to telescope on itself and become a ball again."

Brooklyn Institute in New York imported House Sparrows, formerly known as English Sparrows, from England in 1850. Gradually these nuisance birds were released in at least a dozen states. The hope was that the sparrows would control certain noxious insects. They did eat certain types of caterpillars, but unfortunately they also displaced the native wrens, bluebirds, martins and swallows useful in controlling still other types of caterpillars. Until automobiles began to replace horses, House Sparrows ate undigested seeds from horse droppings. As modes of transportation changed, the sparrows spread to the countryside and became pests by ruining grain crops and stealing chicken feed. Within 50 years they had spread all across the United States.

Mute Swans are beautiful, elegant birds, known as "Royal Swans" in England where they are owned by the Crown. For aesthetic reasons the Europeans brought them to the United States in the 19th century to adorn ponds on large estates on Long Island, and to put in zoos and parks. Eventually some of these exotic swans escaped and established wild populations in scattered locations, especially on the East Coast. Swans are aggressive birds, and there is concern about their competition with other native waterfowl, both for habitat and food. In 1940, after being warned of a potential police raid on his operation, a man released the caged House Finches he was selling illegally. House Finches up until that time were only native to the West Coast. The released birds adapted quickly, and now the House Finch is found throughout the United States.

One of the more unusual stories of escapees becoming established in the wild comes from Hyde Park, Chicago. Monk Parakeets are native to South America, but were discovered in Chicago in 1973. Despite their tropical heritage, they seem able to withstand Chicago winters, and by 1979 had formed a successful breeding colony. Their large straggly nests are often near heat-generating transformers, at times causing disruptions to electrical service. Fears that the parakeets would spread have not been realized,



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Flock of starlings on Southbridge Street, Worcester, Mass.

even though the Chicago colony is slowly increasing. Some even wonder if the Monk Parakeet might fill the niche of the now extinct Carolina Parakeet.

Hunting interests are responsible for some bird introductions. 28 Ring-necked Pheasants were shipped from China to Oregon in 1881. Three years later, there were enough for 13,000 to be killed in one county alone. Introducing pheasants to the eastern part of the United States proved more difficult, partly because the first releases were birds that had been bred in captivity and did not easily survive in the wild. In the 1890s a game breeding program was begun in Massachusetts using some of the wild stock from Oregon.

Mallards were introduced for hunting in Hawaii and in Florida. They are now interbreeding with Hawaiian Ducks and the Florida Mottled Duck, both of which are endangered. Hybridization, of course, eventually leads to loss of biodiversity.

Occasionally birds find their way to new areas quite on their own. The Cattle Egret is an Old World egret that first found its way to South America in 1880. In 1940 it unexpectedly showed up in Florida and has been pushing its way north ever since. One appeared in Hingham last spring.

There have also been re-introduction programs for birds such as the Peregrine Falcon and the Wild Turkey. These programs attempt to re-establish native birds that have declined for environmental reasons or been extirpated.

Whether birds are introduced intentionally or accidentally, and whether for aesthetic reasons, to enhance hunting opportunities, or with hope of controlling pests, there is always the risk of unforeseen consequences. When this happens, like Pandora's Box, it is usually difficult or impossible to reverse the effects of what has already been done.

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Romney less wary of union concerns than predecessors

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Battles between the Romney administration and the Legislature are gaining momentum. The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund once stood at $2 billion but now is perilously close to zero and lawmakers are trying to draft adjustments to keep jobless benefits flowing without resorting to borrowing. In April, Gov. Mitt Romney proposed raising employer premiums and cutting the length of unemployment benefits from 30 to 26 weeks to replenish the balance. Without action, premiums will surge by $600 million in January.

Labor leaders are reacting testily to the idea of a benefit cut, and in old times, one would wonder why the governor wasn't doing more to put workers' concerns where the unions expect them to be: first.

But these are new times, and Massachusetts has changed, as Romney proved in 2002 by defeating a centrist, mainstream, establishment Democrat who had full union support. Having demonstrated the obsolescence of machine/urban/labor bloc politics, Romney no doubt feels less wary of, and constrained by, union concerns than did his predecessors, even his Republican ones. The administration also held steady on a course seemingly designed to ensure conflict with the Legislature over certain social services spending accounts that will run dry before the fiscal year ends next June. No one disagrees the accounts are worth fully funding — to preserve secure detention beds for youthful offenders, family services for the mentally retarded, and the like. But the administration is threatening to release the offenders and lay off social workers charged with safeguarding neglected kids.

And the components of conflict grew more complex in still another area — the one likely to occupy the most news space and air this fall. Gov. Romney proposed an economic development package heavy on tax credits and focused on new technology industries like biomedicine. He also proposed tax incentives to spur creation of affordable housing and a re-dedication to worker training programs. After Romney's surprise announcement, the political world began taking sides — but very tentatively. For now, the Romney approach is to tolerate foregoing future tax revenues to produce economic activity, which in theory would generate more revenue in the long run. The House-passed version uses current reserves to encourage the development of high-tech startups. The administration is proposing steering tax credits to more established firms — "I don't think it's a good idea for the state to take 10 start-up companies and try to figure out which is the winner," said Commerce and Labor Chief Robert Pozen.

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The Senate is expected to weigh in soon with its own version of a stimulus package. Senators collected ideas at a formal hearing on the House-passed jobs bill in Gardner Auditorium. Senators share the House side's dubiousness about the Romney proposal in the absence of actual legislation spelling out its details. At the same time, leaders in the Upper Chamber made clear they're not enthused about the House provision that would divert money from the state's tobacco-settlement fund to pay for job creation.

So with the fall hurricane season obviously in full force on the Eastern seaboard, the summer political doldrums are clearly over as well, with stormy times apparently ahead. Friday morning's news that the state's unemployment rate in August jumped from 5.4 to 5.8 percent will only add fuel to the jobs debate.

The pace of news was increasing everywhere.

• *Abbott now head of conservation and recreation* — The first task for the commissioner of state's new conservation and recreation agency will be to conserve money. Katherine Abbott, head of the Island Alliance, was named to be the newly formed agency's first CEO. Her initial tasks won't be easy: managing the consolidation of the Department of Environmental Management and the Metropolitan District Commission and improving recreational opportunities while spending $4.6 million less than the predecessor agencies did.

• *Exports in bay state doing well, but unemployment is up* — While exports nationally were up only 2.9 percent in the first seven months of 2003, they rose 13.6 in Massachusetts. John Gould, head of the Alliance for the Commonwealth, hailed the performance but called the recent collapse of World Trade Organization global trade agreement talks a "missed opportunity." That good news was tempered by word out of the Division of Employment and Training Friday that Massachusetts lost 8,200 jobs in August.

• *Witnesses speak of painful – literally – Medicaid cuts* — Reductions in Medicaid benefits are forcing thousands of poor people to go without dental work and eyeglasses. Some have begun skipping meals because it's too painful to eat, Boston City Councilor Michael Ross told the Health Care Committee. Rep. Kathleen Teahan (D-Whitman) believes it would cost $67 million to restore the services. The Romney administration opposes her bill, calling the benefit reductions regrettable but necessary and noting the services are optional under federal rules.

• *Jenkins named new chair of ABCC* — Eddie Jenkins, a former Democratic candidate for Suffolk County district attorney, was named to chair the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. While Treasurer Timothy Cahill, who wields appointing authority at the ABCC, had criticized Jenkins' predecessor as a patronage hire, his office defended the appointment of the political veteran Jenkins, saying he and Cahill barely know each other. Jenkins intends to rehire some of the investigators fired by Mary Jo Griffin, his predecessor, in a long running contretemps over whether the investigators have enough training and competence to match their considerable statutory authority.

• *Lottery ads returning; hill Holliday chosen* — After a long moratorium on state funding for Lottery advertising, the first $5 million contract was awarded to Boston–based Hill Holiday. Former Senate President Thomas Birmingham staunchly opposed Lottery advertising on the grounds it encouraged poor people to spend more than they could afford on gambling, and his point of view held sway until this year.

• *O'Brien rapped for political speech* — Former gubernatorial candidate Shannon O'Brien drew criticism for a speech in which she inveighed against the policies of the Romney and Bush administrations. Normally such talk wouldn't generate any unusual notice, but O'Brien has recently become a journalist, having been hired as a consumer reporter by WB56. Romney's director of communications, Eric Fehrnstrom, wrote the station's GM, Vincent Manzi, to complain that reporters should keep their opinions to themselves in public. Manzi was noncommittal as to whether O'Brien would be instructed to stop speaking out on politics.

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SENIOR SCENE

Basic course in pre-retirement

The Council on Elder Affairs is hosting classes on retirement planning four Wednesday evenings in October. All seminars will be held at the Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St., Cohasset. A light supper will be served from 5:30 to 6 p.m. The presentation takes place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Fee: $10 for the series; $3 per session. For more information call 781-383-9112.

Oct. 8 - Basics of Life Planning and Prevention of Financial Abuse after Retiring with Susan Cox, Elder Law Attorney and Brian Barriera, Elder Law Attorney

Oct. 15 - Social Security and Retirement, Jacob Pizer, Coordinator, N.E. Pension Assistance Project, and Kurt Czarnowski, Communications Dir. For Social Security

Oct. 22 - Financial Security after Retirement, Michael McNamara, McNamara Financial Services and Carol Walsh-Pagliccia, CRS, LTG, CBR, GRI, Notary- Pagliccia Real Estate

Oct. 29 - Living a Healthy and Active Life after Retirement, Meg Doherty, M.S. R.N., Executive Dir., Norwell VNA

Local Republicans to meet on Sept. 30

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee will hold a very important meeting on Tuesday Sept. 30 at 7:30 at the Lightkeeper's Residence. All full members are urged to attend to sign the state certification sheet. Associate members and other interested Republicans are always welcome at all the CRTC meetings and functions.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for over 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' and senators' votes on three roll calls from earlier July sessions. All of the roll call votes are on legislative action surrounding Gov. Romney's overrides of items in the $22.1 billion fiscal 2004 state budget. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$500,000 FOR INMATES' LEGAL SERVICES (H 4004)

House 122-30, Senate 33-5, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $500,000 for the Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services Committee to provide civil legal assistance to indigent inmates in the state's prisons. Override supporters said it is important to provide legal services to poor people in jail. They noted that prisoners often have legitimate issues including prison conditions, prison safety, accommodations for blind and disabled prisoners and access to reasonable health care. Override opponents said this money often funds frivolous lawsuits and cited the case of a prisoner who sued the state because his cereal was cold. They said the state simply cannot afford this wasteful spending during a fiscal crisis. (A "Yea" vote is for the $500,000. A "Nay" vote is against the $500,000).

$530,000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH HAZARDS (H 4004)

House 134-19, Senate 30-7, overrode Gov. Romney's $530,000 veto (from $2.7 million to $2.17 million) in funding for an environmental and community health hazards program. The veto also eliminates the earmarking of some of the funds for specific programs including $30,000 for a renal disease early intervention program, $100,000 for the prevention of lyme disease and $81,000 for maintenance of a statewide lupus database. Override supporters said the $500,000 is vital to fund this program that includes important environmental and health hazard initiatives including control of radiation and nuclear hazards, consumer products protection and lead-based paint inspections in day care facilities. Override opponents said that $2.17 million is sufficient to fund these programs in light of the fiscal crisis. They argued that the legislature should not micromanage this program by earmarking funds and said administrators who are experts in this field should determine how the money is spent. (A "Yea" vote is for the $530,000 and the earmarking of funds. A "Nay" vote is against the $530,000 and the earmarking of funds).

RAINY DAY FUND AND TAX CUTS (H 4004)

House 131-23, Senate 33-6, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget section increasing the amount of surplus revenue that the state can keep in the Rainy Day Fund before it automatically goes into a Tax Reduction fund and eventually goes back to taxpayers. The budget section changes the formula and raises the cap. Override supporters said the increased cap is fiscally responsible and argued the fiscal crisis has proven that the state must keep additional money in reserve in order to prevent tax hikes and program cuts during difficult economic times. Override opponents said the legislature has raised the cap in the past and continues to attempt to do so in order to avoid having any surplus revenues go back to taxpayers. They said there should be a reasonable limit to what remains in the Rainy Day Fund before it is required to go back to the taxpayers. (A "Yea" vote is for raising the cap. A "Nay" vote is against raising the cap).

AMERICAN FLAG ETIQUETTE (S 329) - The Education Committee held a hearing on a bill requiring all public elementary and high schools to include a mandatory course on the correct use, display and etiquette relating to the American flag.

GYM CLASS (S 276) - A measure heard by the Education Committee would require public school students to take physical education classes in only two grades. Current law mandates physical education to be taught as a required subject in all grades.

JAIL FOR PARENTS OF ABSENT STUDENTS (H 870) - The Education Committee held a hearing on legislation allowing for the imposition of up to a $1000 fine and/or 30-day jail sentence on parents whose children have more than seven unexcused absences from school in a six-month period. Current law only allows for up to a $20 fine and does not provide for a jail sentence.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY (H 1841) - A bill requiring all public elementary and secondary schools to include African-American history as part of their history curriculum was part of an Education Committee hearing.

JURY DUTY (H 1134) - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on a bill exempting full-time college students and primary providers of health care services from jury duty. The health care workers would be excused only if a doctor provided a letter indicating that the health care provider's absence would cause a risk of injury to the health of the patient.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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Historic homes could qualify for tax break

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owners throughout the country.

Here's how it works:

The program allows owners of eligible, historic properties to donate a facade conservation easement on the exterior of the property (visible from the street) to ensure that the architectural integrity of a historic property is maintained. The house must be either separately listed on the National Register or located in a historic district that is on the National Register.

With its 77,000 listings, the National Register, administered by the National Park Service, is the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation.

The facade easement is a legal agreement between the property owner and Trust (or similar non-profit organization qualified by the Internal Revenue Service) to protect the building's historic facade. By granting the easement, the owner agrees not to change the outside appearance of the structure without the Trust's permission.

The facade easement, which is considered a charitable donation under the tax code, is appraised between 10 percent and 15 percent of the property's fair market value. To participate through the NAT, the homeowner pays the Trust 10 percent of the value of the easement. So if the easement is valued at $100,000, the homeowner would pay the Trust $10,000, which is also tax deductible. The homeowner also pays the cost of the appraisal which usually ranges from $750 to $1,000, says Moonan.

Moonan says the easements which are granted in perpetuity do not affect the resale value of the home. The process of applying for a facade easement takes upwards of 90 days. The Massachusetts Historical Commission certifies the property's significance and the easement is recorded with the Registry of Deeds.

If there is a mortgage on the home, the bank is asked to subordinate its right to the facade, which is therefore protected in the case of a possible foreclosure.

He said the trust would respond within two weeks to requests for exterior changes to a property. The facade easement is for the exterior of the house that is visible from the street, so a homeowner that wants to add a deck to the back of the house would not have to apply for permission. The homeowner may also make repairs without applying to the NAT as long as they don't affect the way the building looks.

In Cohasset there are about 25 qualifying homes in the Cohasset Common National Register Historic District that was established in 1996 and includes North Main Street from Depot Court along the west side of the common to Sohier Street, and the properties on the north side of North Main from Sohier to Highland Avenue and then along Highland Avenue across Beach Street to Highland Court.

To qualify, a home must be a "contributing property" to the National Register District, in other words, if the home wasn't built when the district was established, it might not be able participate in the program. Commercial and residential properties can participate, Moonan said, but churches, most schools, and government buildings are not eligible because they are already non-profit. Two other Cohasset homes that are listed separately on the National Register could also quality: the Walter Gropius house on Atlantic Avenue and the Caleb Lothrup House on Summer Street.

Homeowners, who live in the Cohasset Common local historic district (established in 1978), must apply to the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission when making exterior changes. Moonan said the NAT will accept the same forms the CCHD uses. He made it clear, however, if the commission says a homeowner can't make a change – the trust cannot overrule that.

He explained that some people, who love living in an historic home but can't afford the upkeep, take the money from the tax deduction and put it back into the house.

The NAT says homeowners need to consider the balance between their income and the value of the easement. For example, a retired couple on a fixed income in a $4 million house might not benefit from the tax deduction because their income isn't high enough.

The tax deduction can be taken over six years but the IRS says the taxpayer must use up the deduction as fast as he can. Moonan said no one in the NAT program has been audited as a result of granting a facade easement. It is a program the IRS set up in conjunction with the federal government, he explained, adding the IRS wrote the guidelines and won't object to it as long as the guidelines are followed.

Alexander Macmillan, former chairman of the Hingham Historical Commission, said the program sounds interesting. He notes the facade easement can only be granted once and is in place forever. Hingham has two National Register districts with about 600 homes that could qualify.

"If it were me, I'd watch it for a few years and see how it works," he said.

Macmillan also questions whether homeowners could ask for a rebate on their real estate taxes from the Assessors Office.

"In theory if you give away 10 percent of the value of your house — you ought to be able to get a rebate on the value of the house," he said.

But Moonan says homeowners are not giving away any value. They are giving up a right to make significant changes, he explains.

"For those who already live in a local historic district – they are not giving up anything they haven't already given up," he said.

For more information visit the National Architectural Trust's website at www.natarchtrust.org or call Moonan at 1-781-275-2644.

Is the water system safe from terrorism?

The Water Commission has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified consultants for the preparation of a Vulnerability Assessment and a Revision of the Water Departments' Emergency Response Plan.

The RFP documents will be available starting Sept. 17. The Water Commission plans to receive consultant proposals by Oct. 29 to start the project by Nov. 20 and to have the VA/ERP completed by April 5, 2004.

"The purpose of the Vulnerability Assessment," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission, "will be to comply with the requirements of the federal Bioterrorism Act to identify any existing weaknesses and to strengthen our security measures. Since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Water Commission has been taking steps to improve the security of the water system, including improvements to physical security and changes in procedures."

The goal of the Vulnerability Assessment is to develop a system-specific list of priorities intended to reduce risks from threats of attack. The Emergency Response Plan outlines action steps to follow if a primary source of drinking water becomes contaminated or if the flow of water is disrupted. The revision of the Water Department's Emergency Response Plan will update the existing Plan that deals primarily with natural disasters by adding sections on how to respond to terrorist or other intentional acts identified by the Vulnerability Assessment, said McNabb.

The federal Bioterrorism Act requires water systems such as Cohasset's that serve more than 3,300 people, to prepare a Vulnerability Assessment no later than June 30, 2004 and to update the Emergency Response Plan (VA/ERP) by December 31, 2004. The Vulnerability Assessment will assist water utility personnel at the Cohasset Water Department in evaluating the water system susceptibility to potential threats and in identifying corrective actions that can reduce or mitigate the risk of serious consequences from adversarial actions such as vandalism, insider sabotage and terrorist attack.

The revision of Cohasset's existing ERP will be based on the results of the Vulnerability Assessment. Like the assessment, the revised Emergency Response Plan focuses on terrorist or other intentional acts, however it goes further to outline action steps to follow if the primary source of drinking water becomes contaminated or if the flow of water is disrupted.

Copies of the RFP will be available starting Sept. 17 from the Commissions consultant, Norfolk Ram Group, One Roberts Road, Plymouth, MA 02360, Attention: Mark Bartlett (508) 747-7900 x 131.

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Students hope downtown shops will treasure trash recycling

CHS juniors start program in Village

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Downtown shops are making small changes to reduce the amount of trash they throw away on a daily basis. At the request of Cohasset Middle High School juniors Jim DeGiacomo and Kirby Bukowski, local merchants have been asked to take a recycling challenge, which will not only help the environment, but put a little money back into the shop owners' pockets, hopefully starting what will be an ongoing effort to keep recycling going strong in the Village.

Each year, students participating in the community service class at the middle-high school choose a local project to become involved with. Four times a week, students go out into the field to work for their cause, helping to find solutions to the problems in the community.

"The burden is on the students as a learning skill, to make contact and put their whole proposal together," said teacher Jack Buckley. He said because the idea is their own and they work independently throughout the entire project, it becomes a more meaningful experience.

Because Jim works at the Village Butcher Shop & Deli, the idea for their project almost presented itself. He said patrons are constantly approaching the counter to ask if the store recycles, so starting a recycling program was the perfect solution to an ongoing problem, not only where he works, but at various stores in the Village.

"In downtown Cohasset there's not a lot of recycling," said Jim.

In order to keep their project within reasonable limits, Jim and Kirby decided to take on three businesses downtown — the Village Butcher Shop & Deli, Cohasset News, and Tedeschi's.

Working with Selectman Merle Brown, who also sits on the Recycling Committee, recycling bins have been put in the stores and the owners have also been setting aside cardboard for the boys to pick up.

"We've received a lot of support from the businesses we've asked," Jim said.

Because the program is so new, the boys said the recycling bins were accidentally used as trash receptacles during the first few days, but when they were clearly labeled for recycling only, the two reported a dramatic increase in recycling. They said it seems when people have the option, they will generally opt to recycle. Jim said when he went into work last Saturday morning, the recycle bin was empty, and was completely full by the end of the day.

But it's not only the patrons who are becoming more aware of the need to recycle. Shop owners are recycling more as well. Cans from cooking are turning up in recycling bins and owners are collecting more and more cardboard from deliveries to be picked up by the boys. Kirby said the first week, they picked up 10 boxes from Tedeschi's and last Friday, that number had increased to 120 boxes.

"Cardboard is worth money," said Brown, adding the town gets paid $25 a ton to recycle cardboard because it is such a valuable material. Brown went on to explain, every time a store's dumpster gets emptied, the owner has to pay for it, so the less trash accumulated, the less money a shop owner is going to have to pay. Currently, he said the town pays $85 a ton to haul trash from the Recycling Transfer Facility to SEMASS, the incinerator in Rochester, Mass., and he expects store owners have to pay a little more than that to have a professional haul theirs away. For recyclables, the town only has to pay around $15 a ton, which is big savings that shop owners can take advantage of as well. Brown also said recycling cardboard is beneficial because it takes up a lot of room in the dumpster, and the need for trash pickup becomes more frequent

Cohasset Hardware had already begun its own recycling program, even before the boys set out with theirs. Brown said he hopes Jim and Kirby's project will get other shop owners to do the same. But Brown acknowledges recycling is a different situation for establishments such as the hardware store that provides goods for patrons to take home and use, while the food shops invite patrons to sit and eat, then leave their trash behind. However, Brown believes even the smallest step toward recycling is positive.

"Anything we can do to help recycling is good," he said.

Brown said the key to success is to get the program to a point where shop owners can take over on their own after the semester is over. Jim and Kirby will provide studies for shop owners, showing how much money they save from recycling. They are also going to be asking patrons if they like the fact that local businesses are recycling, and are will provide that information to shop owners as well. Kirby said the two are in the process of setting up a web site that will provide the data they collect as well as contact information for those who wish to receive more information on recycling. For those interested in gaining more information on the program, Jim and Kirby's web site will be located at www.recycleco-hasset.cjb.net.

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- In the Young Adult's Room we have added the following to the collection: "Navigating Your Freshman Year" by Students Helping Students, "A Wizard Alone" by Diane Duane, "The Tears of the Salamander" by Peter Dickinson, "The Ballad of Sir Dinadan" by Gerald Morris, "Boston Jane in the Wilderness" by Jennifer L. Holm, and "The Farther You Run" by Davida Wills Hurwin.

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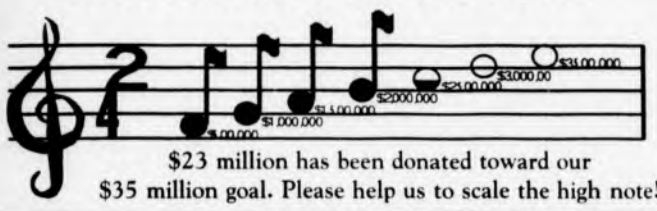

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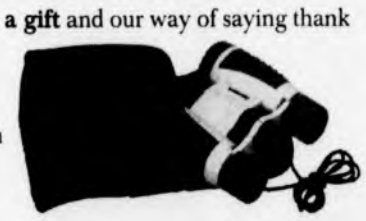

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Welch wears many hats at the middle-high school

By Samantha Brown
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Michael Welch is a history teacher, an economics teacher, chairman of the Social Studies Department and a Student Council adviser at the middle-high school.

Throughout the school day at the middle-high school, teacher Michael Welch can been seen wearing a number of different hats, so to speak. He's a history teacher, an economics teacher, chairman of the Social Studies Department and a Student Council adviser. But for all the roles he plays, there is one common element, and that is the joy he gets from working with his students.

Welch said he fell into teaching while in college at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. He had always intended on earning a degree in economics, and when he started finishing up his required classes in that subject, he began taking history classes as a way to fill his course load with additional topics he had some interest in.

"I always liked history," he said, and eventually, that interest turned into a double major.

While studying at UMass, Welch worked with children and did a lot of coaching for various sports, which he really enjoyed. To bring all of his skills together, Welch was sure a career in teaching would be a perfect fit, and decided to attend graduate school.

When he finished, Welch said there were very few local jobs available, but many open positions overseas. He began looking at programs teaching at schools out of the country, most of which wanted a year-long commitment.

"I thought, I could do anything for 10 months, and I ended up staying five years," he said.

Welch spent time teaching history at American schools in Columbia and El Salvador, before moving back to Massachusetts, where he taught history in Medway.

— TEACHERS WITH CLASS —

Welch currently lives in Rockland and has been teaching in Cohasset since the fall of 2000. He thoroughly enjoys teaching in Cohasset because it is a town he believes, "has a high respect for education."

"The parents are very supportive and the students come in prepared to learn," he said.

Welch said while he enjoys teaching his history courses, economics provides some opportunity history does not. Before taking one of his economics classes, students might turn on the television, and quickly change the channel if they see financial figures scroll along the bottom of the screen of their local news station. After taking one of his economics classes, Welch hopes students will not only know what the figures mean, but be interested in what they see.

"It's important for them to understand the world around them," he said, adding sometimes many well-educated adults don't know much about financial markets. "It's an important class that I really enjoy teaching."

When not preparing for class, Welch can be found helping students who are on the Student Council. He said one of the larger projects the students have underway is beginning a new recycling program at the school. He said other projects he oversees include organizing dances, running the student of the month ceremonies, and organizing spirit week activities.

When not on the job, Welch enjoys spending time with his wife Nancy, who is an elementary school teacher. The two met in college and were married just before they started teaching. The couple has two children, a 7-year-old son, Ian, and 3-year-old daughter, Lena.

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Not half bad

Skippers late rally stuns Archbishop Williams, 23-19

A nine-yard touchdown run by senior DeWayne Morris with 18 seconds left to play capped a thrilling come-from-behind win for the host Skippers over Archbishop Williams, 23-19, in Friday night football action at Alumni Field.

The momentum in this one seemed to turn Cohasset's way on a huge blocked punt by senior captain linebacker Tony Truglia early in the third quarter, the Skippers trailing 13-0 at the time. Then, behind the outstanding blocking of the offensive line, the Skippers rode three rushing touchdowns by Morris (24 pts this year, Div 5 Boston Herald Weekend Hero) to the last minute victory and a 2-0 record.

The first half belonged to the Bishops as junior split end Bryan Baranow hauled in two touchdown passes from senior quarterback John White. Cohasset came out rusty, with a sputtering offense and costly penalties, and went in at the half down, 13-0.

Cohasset's defensive highlights of the first half included interceptions by junior DBs D J Silvia and Joe Durkin, a crushing special teams tackle by junior Joey Kehoe, and a QB sack by junior defensive end Kelvin Ferriera.

Whatever head coach Tony Rolfe and his assistants — Bob Silvia, Brian Pattison, Dave Terry, Tom Ventresca, Chris Bridges, and Donny Silvia— said at halftime to spark the Skippers worked. The opening drive of the third quarter resulted in a fourth down punt attempt by the Bishops, as the Skippers defense, led by linebacker Matt Casey (10 tackles), came out with renewed enthusiasm and shut them down.

Linebacker Tony Truglia (6 tackles) sprinted in from the right side and blocked the punt, then chased it down and recovered it at the two-yard line, providing the Skippers with a huge emotional lift.

Morris (24 points this year, and the Boston Herald's Div 5 Weekend Hero) proceeded to sprint around the left side, behind guard Nick Arment, tackle Dan Tarpey, and a sealing block from tight end Sean Connolly, to put some points on the board for Cohasset. QB Mike Dooley followed lead blocking from Truglia at tailback, senior captain right guard Steve Davis, and right tackle Dan McCarthy into the end zone for the two point conversion. The score stood at 13-8 Archies with 8:13 left in the third quarter.

The defensive backfield of the Skippers, Chris Bilodeau (5 tackles), D J Silvia (interception, 5 tackles), Durkin (interception, 3 tackles), and Connolly reined in the impressive first half aerial attack of the Archies on the next drive and forced another punt.

Cohasset took over on its own two yard line. However, after rushing for a first down, a fumble gave Archies the ball at the Skippers 12-yard line. White

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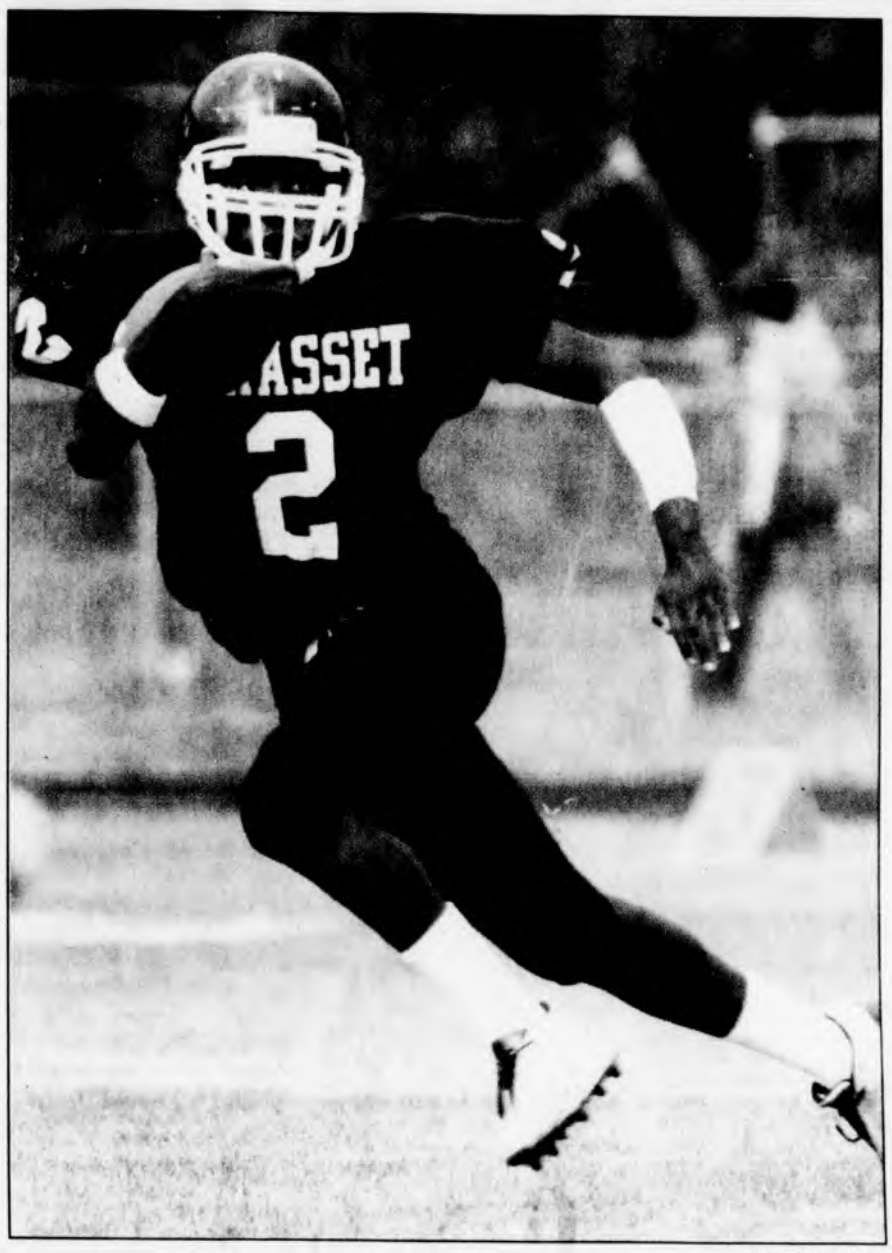

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Cohasset's DeWayne Morris was the main man in the Skippers dramatic come-from-behind victory over Archbishop Williams Friday night with his three second half rushing TDs, including the gamewinner in the final seconds.

Boys break through

Andrade's late goals lift CHS booters into second place in SSL

By Mike Spellman
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HARWICH- This game had all the markings of the type that keep coaches tossing and turning all night.

Twice in the first six minutes of Monday's game pitting Cohasset against Harwich, the visiting Skippers came within an inch or two of scoring—the first one a post ringer, the second a ball a Harwich defender booted off the goal line at the last possible instant.

Those chances represented the closest the Skippers would come to breaking through against a packed-in Harwich defense through the match's first 65 minutes of play, though they were hardly the only chances.

"Harwich just seemed to be playing for the tie," appraised first year Cohasset coach Rob Leary, whose team out-shot the host Roughriders 23-2 for the game. "They put all 11 players in the box after those first two near misses. We had a lot of chances to score, but we just kept missing or they just kept stopping us."

It was in the 66th minute that senior John Andrade broke his

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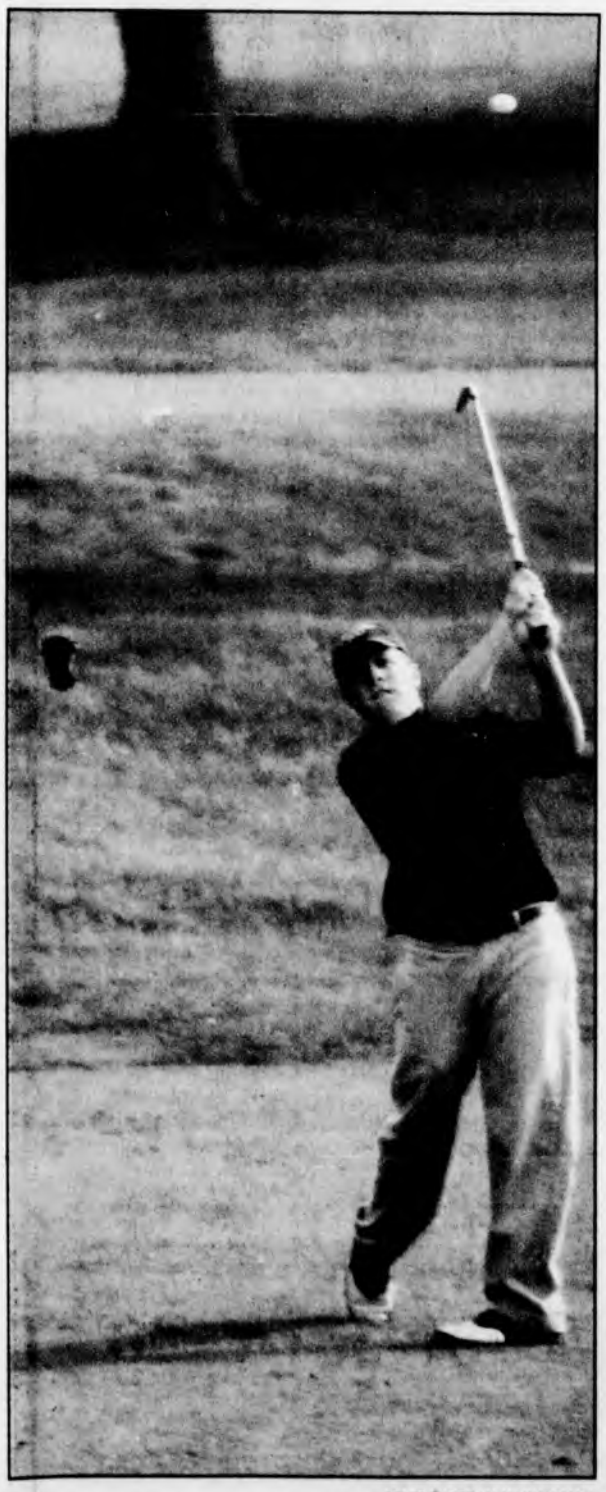

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Cohasset junior Tim Pilczak chips toward the green at the Cohasset Golf Club in the Skippers 31-23 lost to Norwell on Monday.

Sink or swim time for golf team

Wins needed now to keep Skippers tourney hopes afloat

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

It's sink or swim for the Cohasset golfers. To make the state tournament they need to hit .500 with eight matches remaining. The record currently stands at three wins and five losses.

Coach Torin Sweeney has turned up the heat by focusing with his players on two strategies – "to manage the course better" and "to stay optimistic". Win or lose, the golfers bring to the game a good mix of skills, impressive experience, and a thirst to storm through the league.

Junior Colin MacGruder, for example, started eight years ago with the encouragement of his grandfather. Like MacGruder, junior Tim Pilczak also cited his own grandfather as a motivating figure. After 13 years at the game, Tim has developed an impressive long game and a polished short game.

The past two matches brought mixed results. In last Thursday's confrontation with Carver at the Cohasset Golf Club, the Skippers blended some fine shooting with an increased sense of confidence. They coasted to a 37-17 win thanks to Jack Carroll and Kevin Barber, who both scored 40. The team persevered in spite of the aerated soil conditions.

In Monday's match-up with one of the league's toughest teams, the Skippers fell short to Norwell, 31-23. Senior captain Mike Hajjar fired an impressive 37 followed by MacGruder with a 41.

"We stumbled on this one, but we are psyched about the remaining matches," exclaimed junior Tim Pilczak.

Colin MacGruder shifted his sights onto the impending showdown with Harwich.

Given the milder climate of the Cape, Harwich can find practice time nearly year round. The team also includes Massachusetts's #1 and #2 ranked players."

"The kids are managing the course better, such as taking into consideration wind conditions and so forth," noted coach Sweeney, reflecting on the season to date "We have certainly brought more balance to our games than in past years.

"We are in a highly competitive league with some very experienced golfers and strong teams. Regardless, I am very optimistic."

Turning it around

Lady booters leap into win column with 6-0 thrashing of Harwich

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

If the Cohasset girls soccer team returns to the state tournament this year, its members may be able to look at Monday's match against Harwich as the turnaround point.

After a tough 0-3-1 start, the Skippers notched their first win of the season, 6-0. Junior forward Casey Anderson led the attack with two goals. Lauren Rizzotti, Jenn Buckley, Molly Kirk and Sarah McMorris all scored as well.

For everyone but Buckley, it was their first score of the season. The senior midfielder tallied her third goal.

Cohasset was playing their first match in almost a week. Friday's contest at Carver was cancelled due to weather and poor field conditions. That game has been rescheduled for this Monday.

Head coach Deb Beal said one of the keys to the game would be to get off to a fast start. The trip to and from the Cape can be a tough one for the visiting team, and such was the case for Harwich on Monday.

"We did a better job of starting strong than in games past," Beal said following the game.

The team also improved their ball movement. The past few matches saw a lot of lobbing the ball down the field and trying to chase it down. But on Monday, the Skippers were able to do a better job of working to move the ball around and stringing together passes.

Although Harwich did play hard and win some touches, Beal said she was pleased with her team's ability to play some keep-away once they did get possession. She also said there was a lot more talking on the field.

Between last Tuesday's 2-0 loss to Abington and Monday, every girl on the team was given a chance to do a self- and team-evaluation. The Skippers had a frustrating beginning to the season and there were concerns about team chemistry, particularly after a 5-0 defeat to Norwell two weeks ago.

Beal said she has read all of them and has talked to the team about them, as well.

"It was a good way to get some things off their chest," she said. "Sometimes, the best way to express your feelings is on paper, rather than talking. This

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Cohasset defenders (dark uniforms) chase down Scituate's Katie Hess in recent non-league loss for Lady Skippers.

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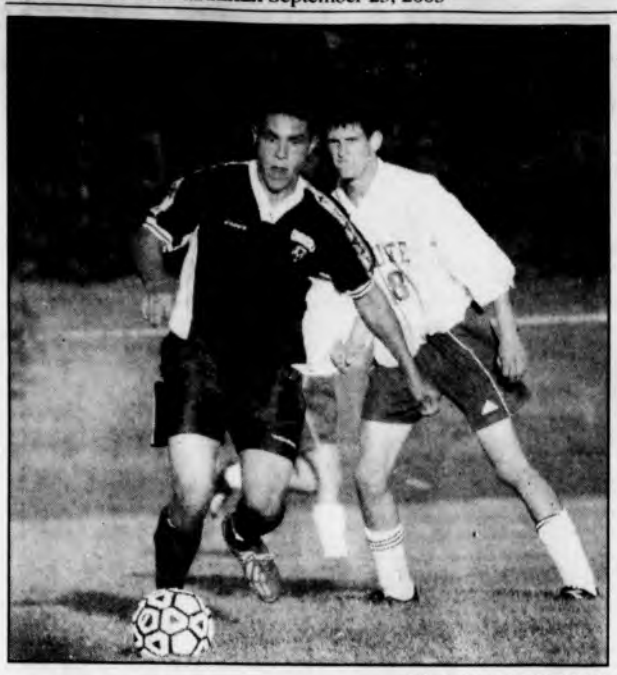

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Cohasset's Dave Santiago (foreground) makes a move around a Scituate defender in recent non-league tilt.

Boys break through

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second scoreless tie in four days. Taking a well placed through pass from captain Chris Clark on a run in from the right of the goal, Andrade touched the ball a few times to settle it and then let fly with a shot from 15-yards out that beat the Harwich keeper farside.

Clark would add an insurance goal five minutes later, as the Roughriders came out of their deep-packed set in a desperate attempt to tie the game back up. The gifted Clark found the kind of room he'd been desperately seeking all afternoon as he controlled a bouncing ball in the top left of the box, and then unloaded a pea high corner past the powerless Harwich keeper.

That goal turned out to be the gamewinner, as Harwich would capitalize on a Cohasset defensive gaffe with three minutes to play to make it a 2-1 game.

Andrade's deadlock-breaker four days previous to this one was arguably even bigger. It came with five minutes to play in the Skippers showdown with Carver (now 3-2 in SSL play) for second place in the South Shore League. The Skippers (5-1 overall, 4-1 in SSL play) now trail only Norwell (5-1, 5-0) in the standings, thus setting the stage for tonight's second go-round between the Skippers and Clippers at Cohasset High (7:15 p.m. start) to quite possibly be for all the marbles in the SSL. The Clippers — who beat Cohasset, 3-2, on Sept.13 — have also bested Carver, 4-2.

Leary is working hard in practice to tighten up the areas Norwell exploited12 days ago.

"Basically, we lost that game on special teams," noted Leary. "Norwell scored twice off corner kicks. We can't allow guys to get open on corners this time around. Guys have to contain their marks."

Of course, the coach notes in the next breath that the team seems to have fallen into a pattern of repeating mistakes.

"We've been on a bit of a rollercoaster lately," said Leary, the former head boys coach at Rockland High. "We're doing a few little things wrong, but in some cases they're the same little things we've been doing wrong for a while. That's a little frustrating."

All in all, however, Leary said he is "extremely pleased" with the play of his team through the first six games of his tenure.

"We've had a lot of different players stepping up at different times, and our defense has, for the most part, been great," said Leary, who then went on to single out for praise the defensive core of Craig Laugelle, Conor Buick, Trevor Brady and J.T. Oronte.

Up front, the coach noted, balance has been the key. With his two points Monday, Clark moved into the tie for the team scoring lead with sophomore Aidan Buick, both now with 12 points. Not far off that pace, though, were seniors Dave Santiago, Andrew Wise and Andrade—all with over a half dozen points.

"The best thing about that is other teams can't key on just one or to guys," noted Leary. "It seems like it's been someone different leading the offense almost every time out."

Prior to the Norwell showdown, the Skippers were slated to take on Hull yesterday, and Leary certainly didn't want his team looking past this team that recently dropped a hard-fought 2-0 decision to Carver, especially considering the game is being played at The Gut, Hull's home hard-packed, tiny, windy field.

The Skippers were also scheduled to play Hanover this past Friday, but that game was postponed to Oct. 16.

On the right track

CHS field hockey team pulls to .500, eyes postseason return

By William Wassersug
CORRESPONDENT

With four games gone, things are on the right track for the Cohasset field hockey team.

Checking in at 2-2, coach Deb Bostwick is pleased with the way the team played.

Even the team's two losses gave Bostwick hope for bigger things as the season progresses.

One reason for that is the way the team played and carried itself in losses to East Bridgewater and Duxbury.

Add an impressive win over Scituate and a romp over first-year Sturgis and there's good reason for Bostwick's optimism.

"Last Thursday we played Duxbury," Bostwick said. "We lost 3-1 but I was very pleased with the girls. Last year we lost to them 4-0 and didn't get it over the 25 for a shot on net. This year it was only 2-0 at halftime. In the second half Katie James scored with an assist from Jessie Guild in less than three minutes. That cut the lead to 2-1. It was incredible play. No one gave up. We were outstanding playing them."

Bostwick said she wasn't the only person who noticed.

"After the game, the referee said we were the first team he's seen this year that gave Duxbury a run for their money," Bostwick said. "They're a great team. Duxbury is a Division 1 team in the Patriot League and they always go to the postseason."

Defensively, Bostwick credited her senior goaltender Caitlin Condon for an outstanding effort.

"Caitlin made some hard saves," she said. "Duxbury took 18 shots and she saved 15. She did a remarkable job."

One reason Duxbury fared so well was their game strategy.

"They have a wonderful tactic of putting the ball at your feet to get a corner," she said, adding that Duxbury notched 11 penalty corners to Cohasset's six. "To fight off the corners and do well pleased me. I felt bad for my poor offense. Every time they had a corner they had to run back to the 50 and sprint back down."

Cohasset also had six shots on net in the game.

"We had six shots on net," Bostwick said. "That says something about our offense. I'm proud of them."

Bostwick said there's a reason a small team like hers will play a Division 1 team like Duxbury when more than a fair share of teams have decided not to play them.

"Playing Division 1 teams is only going to make us better," she said. "When we get to the postseason, when we have that experience we won't be shell-shocked. We're going to see those types of teams in the postseason."

Against East Bridgewater, Cohasset played well, but just missed getting out with a tie.

"We played a very good game," Bostwick said. "I can't say enough about it. Our stats outnumbered theirs. They had one goal that Caitlin said she was screened on and she couldn't see."

At the half, Cohasset trailed 2-0, then lost senior captain Danielle Pinkus after she was hit in the mouth with a high ball.

Fortunately, she wasn't hurt badly and is already back in the lineup.

"Danielle had played very well," Bostwick said. "Then she was hit in the mouth and was out for the game. We had just cut it to 2-1, but when she got hurt it took the wind out of our sails."

Bostwick credited her team for keeping the game in reach.

"Jessie Guild and senior Frannie Noble picked up the slack in the middle and our senior captain Kelly Hurley controlled the left side of the field. I can't say enough about her."

In the late part of the game, Cohasset had a chance to make it interesting.

"With about 50 seconds, we got a penalty stroke," Bostwick said. "Jessie Guild took it. She had a foot foul and it was over. It was a very good game, very intense. We came from behind and never gave up. If we had a few more minutes we could have tied it."

Courtney Caron scored with an assist from Katie James and Kristin Howard added another goal with an assist from Guild.

The most impressive game so far was a 2-0 win over Scituate.

"Last year, the Scituate game cost us the tournament," Bostwick said. "We were up 3-0 and they came back and beat us 4-3. This year we had something to show them. We wanted them to know we're back in business."

Condon notched seven saves in the victory for her second shutout of the season.

Caron potted a goal on a breakaway, taking advantage of a perfect pass from Howard.

"It was 0-0 at the half," Bostwick said. "We came out a little slow. We were playing hesitant, careful. Scituate was pumped up and ready to go. I think they were there a half hour before the game. We woke up in the second half."

Guild added a goal in the second half with an assist from Caron.

"That was a great play," Bostwick said of Guild's goal. "It was a nice give-and-go across the net."

Bostwick said senior halfback Corey Evans, senior fullback Tess Foley and junior center fullback/center halfback Allison Dean also played very well in the win.

In the season opener, Cohasset notched an 8-0 win over Sturgis, a charter school on Cape Cod playing its first year as a varsity program.

"That was an easy win," Bostwick said. "It was nice to have."

Caron led the attack with three goals and an assist before she was lifted late in the game after scoring two straight goals.

Senior sweeper Rachel Doyle moved to the forward position when Caron left and proceeded to score her first goal of the season.

Pinkus added two goals and an assist, while sophomores Katie James and Mia Lieb-Lappen each scored as well.

"We had an array of people play very well," Bostwick said. "The girls came into that game very excited about their first home game. They wanted to show their skill and style to the home crowd."

Condon had six saves in the shutout.

Heading into the current week, Bostwick gave the team a little extra rest.

"A lot of us were sick after the Duxbury game," she said. "I gave everybody Friday, Saturday and Sunday off to get healthy."

With the solid start, Bostwick's goal is to have her players continue to perform well and improve where they can.

"I'm hoping the kids stay positive and they can keep the nice morale they have together," she said. "There's a nice camaraderie here. We just need to keep plugging away and keep the fire in their eyes."

COASTAL STARS REPORT

With summerlike weather and the Patriots home opener against the Jets, it was tough to think about taking to the ice. As many did, the Coastal Stars Squirt B2 team kicked off their season against Plymouth this past weekend. Having only a few weeks of practice, there seemed to be so many things, which still hadn't been covered in order to be ready for the first game. But, the players on Squirt B2 came to play.

It took a couple of shifts for the players on both sides to get settled into their positions for game. The first period against Plymouth went scoreless. It looked like the second period may as well, before the Stars put one on the board. The first goal of the game came with just under three minutes to play in the second. Persistently crashing the net, John Ryan managed to get the puck past the Plymouth net minder, with an assist from Trevor Salmon. The period ended 1-0.

The defensive pairings of Trevor Langley, Kevin Thomas and E.J. Culhane, Brennan Quackenbush, kept most of the pucks away from goalkeeper Pat Healey. But when tested a couple of times, Healey came up big.

Down only 1-0 to start the third period, Plymouth kept the pressuring the Stars in their own end in hopes of tying the score. Center, Chris Carpenter along with wingers, Tim Martin and Pat Burchill never stopped digging for that puck. With four minutes remaining in the game, Stephen Harrington made a move on the Plymouth defense to lift one past the goalie and make the score 2-0. With just over a minute to play, Sean McKenna stole the puck and connected with Jake Durkin streaking down the left wing. With a Plymouth player at his heals, Durkin skated in for the to beat the goalie and give the Coastal Stars Squirt B2 their home opener win! With the final score Stars 3 and Plymouth 0, congratulations to all the players for a strong first game. Go get 'em Stars!

Cohasset High scoreboard

Varsity Football

Sept.
19 beat Arch. Williams, 23-19

Varsity Field Hockey

19 lost to Duxbury
23 Hingham- postponed
25 Harwich 4 p.m.

Boys Varsity Soccer

18 beat Carver, 1-0
19 @ Hanover- postponed
22 beat Harwich, 2-1
24 @ Hull
25 Norwell 7 p.m.

Girls Varsity Soccer

19 @ Carver- postponed
22 beat Harwich, 6-0
24 Hull
25 Norwell 5 p.m.

Boys Varsity Golf

22 lost to Norwell, 31-23
23 @ Carver- postponed
25 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.

Cohasset Youth Soccer Notes

SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR YOUTH SOCCER PROGRAM

The Cohasset Soccer Club started its 2003 - 2004 program on Saturday with 560 players participating on 72 teams. Thanks to all the volunteers and coaches who helped make the first day a success.

As a result of the large turnout, however, a schedule change will be required to help resolve bottlenecks in the program. Starting this Saturday, September 27th, the following schedule will be in effect. Please note the time changes as well as the fact that the Boys PreK and Kindergarten groups have been divided due to the large turnout, and that these age groups will practice and play separately. The Girls PreK and Kindergarten program will stay together with no changes made other than the time schedule for that group.

AGE GROUP SCHEDULED TIME

Boys Under 10 8:30 - 10:00 (age 8 and 9) no change

Girls Under 10 9:15 - 10:45 (age 8 and 9) new time

Girls Under 6 10:00 - 11:30 (age 4 and 5) new time

Girls Under 7 10:45 - 12:15 (age 6) new time

Girls Under 8 11:30 - 1:00 (age 7) new time

Boys Under 5 12:15 - 1:45 (PreK only) new time

Boys Under 6 1:00 - 2:30 (Kindergarten only) no change

Boys Under 7 1:45 - 3:15 (age 6) no change

Boys Under 8 2:30 - 4:00 (age 7) no change

The Boys and Girls Under 12 teams will continue to practice on Fridays and Saturdays until Cranberry League play begins on October 4th.

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The Cohasset Soccer Club will be sponsoring a six-week Coerver Coaching Clinic beginning this Saturday, September 27th at 8:00 - 9:30 AM on the Milliken - Bancroft Recreation Field and continue for another 5 weeks. This course will provide all level coaches with a solid technique / skill / training basis for working with youth soccer players. If interested, please come to the Field on Saturday morning or call Mark Richardson @ 781-383-0998.

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Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

Varsity Football

Bye
Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
Assistants: Bob Silvia, Brian Pattison, tom Ventresca, Dave Terry, Don Silvia, Chris Bridges

Frosh-Soph Football

Bye

Varsity Field Hockey

Sept.
25 Harwich 4 p.m.
29 Hull 6:30 p.m.
1 @ Norwell 6:30 p.m.
Coach: Deb Bostwick

JV Field Hockey

25 Harwich 5:30 p.m.
29 Hull 5 p.m.
1 @ Norwell 5 p.m.
Coach Alex Williams

Boys Varsity Soccer

25 Norwell 7 p.m.
30 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.

Boys JV Soccer

25 Norwell 3:30 p.m.
30 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.

Girls Varsity Soccer

25 Norwell 5 p.m.
30 Mashpee 4 p.m.
Coach: Deb Beal

Girls JV Soccer

25 Norwell* 3:30 p.m.
30 Mashpee* 4 p.m.
Coach: Kara Connerty

Boys Varsity Golf

25 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
29 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
30 Mashpee 4 p.m.
1 Quincy 3:30 p.m.
Coach: Torin Sweeney

Turning it around

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definitely cleared the air on some things."

The Skippers had played a pretty good game against Abington. Although they did not score, the team had plenty of quality opportunities, but Green Wave keeper Casey Gillis made several fine stops in the final 15 minutes to preserve her shutout.

Buckley and Anderson led the offense for Cohasset, and both had at least one shot go off the post.

"If this game went five minutes longer, Casey was going to score," Beal said after the Abington game.

After the Harwich game, Beal complimented the play of Kirk and defenders Mary Silvia and Alicia Sanchez, whom the coach said played outstanding despite feeling a little under the weather. Both were instrumental in junior keeper CeCelia Chapman recording her first shutout of the year.

"It was nice to see some other kids playing well," Beal said. "When that happens, our confidence builds, and they play better together."

The confidence building will have to continue. Starting yesterday, Cohasset embarked on a stretch of five matches in nine days. Cohasset played Hull yesterday, and today will get an awaited rematch with Norwell.

"We have to go into the Norwell game with an attitude of 'we have nothing to lose'" Beal said. "We have to play well, just for our own pride's sake."

On Monday, there is the makeup game with Carver, and then matches on Tuesday and Thursday with Mashpee and Holbrook, respectively.

With the exception of the makeup game, all contests are at home. Beal says her team has somewhat of a homefield advantage, because Cohasset's field is longer and wider than most others, and other teams have to make an adjustment when playing there.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Recreation Department to offer Martial Arts and Aerobic Exercise programs this fall

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that world-class martial artist Chuck Palmer will offer a children's martial arts program this fall at Cohasset Town Hall.

Mr. Palmer will also offer a kick aerobics class to adults two mornings a week at Town Hall.

Fall Crew Program

High School students interested in joining CMI's Fall crew team should sign up now. Call or email CMI coach Jack Buckley at 383 8261, or jackbuckley@rowcmi.org Fall rowing is free for current CMI members; $75.00 fee for non-members. Crews will be training for competition in the Head of the Weir, Oct 25, a 5 mile open race from the river head to the Windmill Pt Boathouse operated by the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Crews will also train for Head of the Quinnipiac, a 7 mile race sponored by the Sound School in New Haven, CT. The Head of the Quinnipiac will be held Nov 8. Only 12 athletes will be selected for training with CMI, so interested athletes should register immediately.

Internal Arts Seminars at Jade Forest

Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi of Cohasset will offer a weekend series of internal arts seminars with Special Guest Instructor Master Wei Lun Huang. Internal arts comprise a special category of Chinese martial arts, including Tai Chi, Ba Gua, and Hsing Yi.

Beginners are welcome to attend all courses. Master Huang will present Chi Kung from the Ba Gua system on Sat. morning, Oct 4, 10 - 12:30. In the afternoon he will teach essential Tai Chi skills from 2- 4:30 pm. These seminars are ideal for body toning, flexibility and mindfulness. The cost for each of these events is $80.

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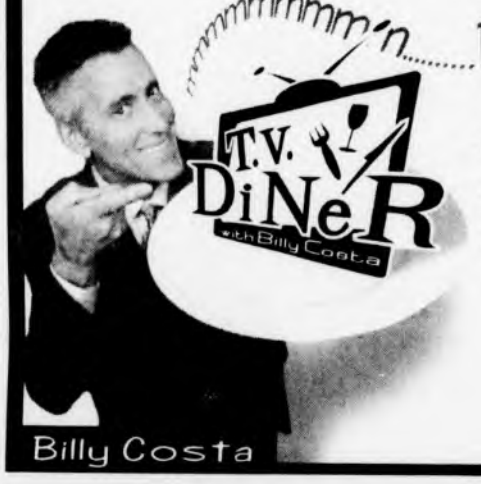

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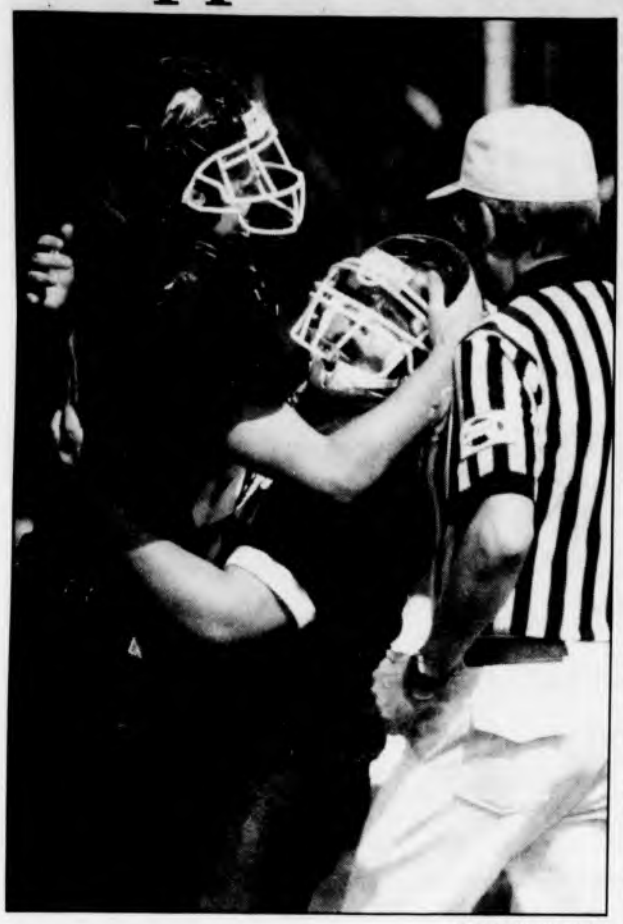
Skippers late rally stuns Archbishop Williams



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Cohasset's Matt Baroudi (right) congratulates defensive linemate Rob Carpenter following a sack.

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again hit Baranow for a 10- yard TD pass to extend the visitor's lead to 19-8 with 1:31 left in the third quarter.

The Skippers were not to be denied on the next series, as the O-Line comes through again. It was time for Tarpey, Arment, Casey, Davis, and McCarthy (sounds like a law firm) to take over the line of scrimmage. With the Cohasset faithful now on their feet (for the duration of the game), the Skippers started at their own 24-yard line.

Morris gained 27 yards on the ground behind the lead blocking of junior fullback Brendan Michaud, Archies chipped in 30 yards with two personal fouls, and junior wideout D J Silvia and senior wideout Chris Bilodeau hauled in passes from Dooley for another 14 yards of offense. Then, once again, the left side of the offensive line, Tarpey and Arment, escorted Morris in for a one yard touchdown run. Dooley hit Silvia with the two point conversion pass and, with 8:20 left in the game, Williams lead was cut to 19-16.

The next series for Archies was short lived, as senior ends Steve Davis, Rob Carpenter, junior end Kelvin Ferriera (2 tackles, QB sack), along with junior tackles Matt Baroudi (4 tackles), and Leo Clougherty were relentless in their pursuit of the Archies quarterback. Archies punter John White kicked from the 50-yard line through the end zone and the Skippers took over at their own 20-yard line with just under four minutes to play in the game.

The "Drive" of 2003 (to date) started with Morris rushing twice for five yards. The Third-and-five call saw senior captain QB Mike Dooley run around the right side behind blocks from Davis, McCarthy and Morris for 12 yards and a first down at the 37 yard line. On third-and-five again, Bilodeau (7 catches for the year) hauled in a 10 yard pass for a first down at the Bishops' 48 yard line.

Behind strong blocking from the O-Line — Tarpey, Arment, Casey, Davis, and McCarthy — Morris scampered down to the 28-yard line on a 20 yard rush for another first down with less than two minutes to play.

Dooley then hit Bilodeau for eight yards and tight end Crandon Leahy for nine yards to put the ball on the 11-yard line and another first down with 29 seconds to play.

On second down from the 9-yard line, with Archies's expecting a pass play, coach Rolfe switched it up. The Skippers offensive line cleared out the middle of the field, highlighted by a fine second effort block from left end Dan Tarpey, and Morris ran into the end zone untouched to the delight of the hometown crowd. Connolly added the extra point and Cohasset had a 23-19 lead with :18 seconds to play.

After the ensuing kickoff, Archies connected on a 20-yard pass to the Skippers 40-yard line. However, the Cohasset comeback was complete, as Archies two pass attempts from the 40 fell incomplete and time ran out.

The Skippers second half consisted of four offensive series, three touchdowns and 158 yards of offensive.

The huge Friday night crowd mobbed the team as it came off the field, accompanied by the exuberant cheerleading squad and the tunes of the best Pep Band on the South Shore.

Pencil in Saturday, October 4th, 1:30 for a road trip just over the Abington/Brockton town line to Cardinal Spellman High School as the Skippers open up their road schedule versus the (1-1) Spellman squad.

Cohasset 23, Archbishop Williams 19

	1	2	3	4	F
Archbishop Williams (0-1)	0	13	0	6	19
Cohasset (2-0)	0	0	8	15	23

AW-Baranow 20 yd pass from White, White kick.
AW-Baranow 6 yd pass from White, Kick failed.
C- DeWayne Morris 2 yd run, Mike Dooley 2 Pt run.
AW-Baranow 10 yd pass from White, Pass failed
C-Morris 1 yd run, D J Silvia pass from Dooley 2 Pt conversion.
C-Morris 9 yd run, Connolly kick.

Offensive Statistics

Passing: Mike Dooley 5 for 12, 41 yards, 2 interceptions.

Receiving: Chris Bilodeau 3 for 24 yards, D J Silvia 1 for 8 yards. Crandon Leahy 1 for 9 yards.

Rushing: DeWayne Morris 21 carries for 131 yards, 3 touchdowns. Mike Dooley 6 for 27 yards, Brendan Michaud 2 for 5 yards, Tony Truglia 1 for 2 yards.

Defensive Statistics

Tackles: Matt Casey 10, Tony Truglia 6, Chris Bilodeau and D J Silvia 5, Matt Baroudi and Robbie Carpenter 4, Crandon Leahy and Joe Durkin 3, Kelvin Ferriera and Sean Connolly 2, Steve Davis, Leo Clougherty, Joey Kehoe 1.

Sack: Kelvin Ferriera

Interceptions: D J Silvia and Joe Durkin

Blocked Punt: Tony Truglia

Miscellaneous

Cohasset had (9) offensive possessions, 3 ended with a touchdown, 3 ended by punt, 2 ended by interception, 1 ended by a fumble.

Archbishop Williams had (10) offensive possessions, 3 ended with a touchdown, 2 ended by a punt, 2 ended by interception, 2 by clock, 1 by a blocked punt.

Next Game: This week is a Bye week—next game is Saturday Oct 4th, 1:30 PM at Cardinal Spellman in Brockton.

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OBITUARIES

Rosemary J. Brodette

Rosemary J. (Brien) Brodette, died Sept. 19, 2003, at her family residence after a long battle against brain cancer.

Born in Lawrence, she was the daughter of Jeanne C. Brien and the late Alphonse R. Brien of North Andover. She was a graduate of North Andover High School, class of 1975.

"Rosie" went on to graduate Magna Cum Laude from St. Anselm College with a degree in nursing. She went on further to graduate Cum Laude from Massachusetts School of Law in 1995. Prior to opening a law practice, She worked as a registered nurse. In addition, she was the proprietor of Attic Treasures, a successful gift store located in North Andover. Her law practice focused in the area of probate and family law. Rosemary had the unique ability to combine her nursing skills with her legal skills which benefited many terminally ill clients and their families.

Rosemary enjoyed photography, skiing and hiking with her family. She also enjoyed sailing in Cohasset Harbor.

She leaves her husband Barry Brodette, two daughters Heidi M. and Jennifer R., both of North Andover; her mother, Jeanne C. Brien of North Andover; two sisters, Jane Henderson and her husband David of Cohasset, , Suzanne Dodson of Island Falls, Maine; two brothers, James Brien and his wife Deborah of Andover, John W. Brien and his wife Elizabeth of Salem, N. H.; and 24 nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Michael's Church, North Andover. Interment was at the Ridgewood Cemetery, North Andover.

Memorials may be made to Brother Simeon Scholarship Fund, c/o Agnes Bardwell, 24 North Lowell St., Methuen, MA 01844 and Massachusetts State Police Airwing Memorial Trust Fund, 29 Grove St. Hudson, Massachusetts 01749.

Richard Alden Howard

Richard Alden (Dick) Howard, 86, of Cohasset, formerly of Weston and Acton, Harvard University professor for 50 years and director of the Arnold Arboretum for 24 years, also worked at the New York Botanical Garden, died Sept. 18. Born in Stamford, Conn., and raised in Warren, Ohio, he earned degrees from Miami University of Ohio, and Harvard University, and D.Sc. (Hon.) from Framingham State College.

Howard served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and developed and ran the Jungle Survival Program for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

A prolific researcher, photographer, botanical collector, lecturer and writer, he published more than 325 scientific papers and authored 13 books. His most popular lecture was "A Botanist in Your Grocery Store" and he also led "Botany in Boston Restaurant" classes.

Howard's research in plant anatomy led to fundamental studies of the vascular conducting system through which plants move materials from the leaf blade to the stem, a system useful in the classification of flowering plants, and cited in many textbooks and research works.

Howard received many honors from professional societies and horticultural and scientific organizations, most recently the Allerton Medal of the National Tropical Botanical Garden.

He was married to Elizabeth S. (Betty) Howard for 57 years. He leaves four children Jean Rodriguez, New York, NY; Barbara Howard, M.D., Baltimore, MD; Bruce Howard, Hingham, MA; and Philip Howard, USN, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; and eight grandchildren.

Helen Krupczak

Helen (Sokolowski) Krupczak, 84, died Sept. 12, 2003, at Noble Hospital.

Born in Westfield, she was the daughter of the late Ignace and Leocadia (Mazeika) Sokolowski.

Mrs. Krupczak was a retired homemaker and loved to travel with her family.

She was married to her late husband, Stanley J. Krupczak for 62 years, who passed away on July 23, 2003.

Mrs. Krupczak leaves her two sons, Paul J. Krupczak and his wife, Debra of Cohasset and David F. Krupczak and his wife, Rosemarie of West Springfield; five grandchildren, Alyssa, Brian, Jared, Marc and Alison; a brother, Leopold Sokolowski; two sisters, Monica Coughlin and Elizabeth Typrowicz, many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held in St. Peter and St. Casimir Parish in Westfield. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

The Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, in West Springfield, handled the arrangements.

WORSHIP NOTES

Misener in trumpet recital

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now beginning its 12th season, St. Stephen's Church is presenting trumpet player, Matthew Misener in a trumpet and organ concert on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 3 p.m. The program will contain compositions of John Stanley, Hovhannes, Haydn, and Svoboda.

Accompanying Misener will be Boston organist, G. Fredrick Guzasky. The following Sunday, the duo will again be performing at the St. Nicholas Methodist Church in Hull as they begin their "Music at St. Nicholas Concert Series."

For information, please contact the church office at 781-383-1083.

Peace and prayer service St. Stephen's

An evening Vespers Service, a half-hour of peace and prayer will be held every Sunday at 5 p.m. at Saint Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave. The worship is open to all. There is no communion, no collection, no sermon. Instead, there is soft music and quiet prayer ranging from T.S. Eliot to Taizé to John Wesley. It is a half-hour respite between the busy weekend and the demanding schedule of the week ahead. God's voice that comes in silence keeps each one in the midst too much or too little.

Vesper is the evening star so it appropriately names the worship that takes place as the light fades and the rhythm of the day slows. The gathering dusk calls each to reflect on the gifts of the passing day. The prayer recalls: "Each thing we have received, from you it came, O God." A single candle stands on a small table in front. Its flame focuses thoughts and prayers as worshipers sit in silence, lost in care or thoughts of others, feeling grateful, embracing the peace. Vespers is mentioned in the medieval Book of Hours. In the Russian Orthodox Church, vespers is called "Prayers at Lamp Lighting Time."

All are welcome to close the day with peacefulness and prayer every Sunday at 5 p.m.

Annual 'Bay Day' at Glastonbury

South Shore ARC, with living facilities in several South Shore towns is holding its annual Bay Day Celebrations on Sunday, Sept. 28 from 12-4 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. Richard Frye of the Frye Insurance Agency of Braintree is the lead sponsor for this event.

Bay Day will include prizes for all kids who participate in the activities and events. There will be four "super raffle packages" that will include everything from weekend getaways to fine dining gift certificates. These "Theme Raffles" amount to nearly $500 each!

Radio station WATD 95.9 will host live coverage of this event with lots of entertainment for everyone. Admission is free but there is a $5 per carload for parking—an affordable, fun day for the entire family is planned.

South Shore ARC (formerly the Associated for Retarded Citizens) is a non-profit agency that supports the efforts of mentally disabled people to live full lives in the mainstream and enhance the quality of their lives. For more information, call South Shore ARC at 781-335-3023, or its lead sponsor, The Frye Insurance Agency at 781-848-9460.

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Local wine merchant to visit European vineyards

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Amyra O'Connell is surrounded by wines in her shop in the village. O'Connell is going to learn more about wine during her upcoming tour of the vineyards in France and Spain.

By Samantha Brown
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Sipping wine in the vineyards of Alsace does not sound like a typical business trip. However, for Amyra O'Connell, owner of Village Wine & Spirits, touring the wine countries of France and Spain will not only be a welcome vacation, but a chance to learn more about unfamiliar brands of wine and their production, in the beautiful vineyards of Europe.

Along with husband Cliff Chase, O'Connell has been running Village Wine & Spirits for the past five years. After being contacted by Sopexa, a company that provides all expenses paid trips to vineyards for retailers of wine, O'Connell decided to apply for the trip to learn more about the regions, the wines, and their production. When she returns from her trip, their store will run a promotion of the new products, featuring wines O'Connell specifically chose for her customers. Wine retailers from Washington, D.C. to Boston will be taking part in the trip.

From Friday, Oct. 10, to Sunday, Oct. 19, O'Connell will be touring the French regions of Alsace and Côtes du Rhône, and will then proceed to the Spanish region of Jerez.

"It's completely free, and in turn, we'll promote their wines," she said, which seems like a win-win situation for everyone involved. Every Friday night, her store holds a wine tasting, which she thinks is the perfect way to showcase the new wines she will bring back from her trip.

Hopefully, the new wines will please the palates of her customers. "People that shop here are pretty sophisticated, and want to learn more, and love wines" she said.

She thinks many of her customers will enjoy the wines she brings back from the Côtes du Rhône, adding that many of her customers drink the Rhône wine she carries now. "It's a gorgeous, hearty wine," she said. "It's wonderfully warm and robust."

"A lot of people aren't familiar with wines from Alsace," she said, and thinks this trip will enable her to find some different wines from that region, which will open the eyes of her customers.

O'Connell also wants to learn more about sherry on her trip, which she said has gotten a bad image over the years. "When people hear the word 'sherry' they think of old ladies, but sherries are a gorgeous wine," she said.

O'Connell said she is constantly reading and learning about different wines and is looking at the trip as an educational experience. "It's exciting for me, and it's exciting for me to be able to bring it back," she said.

Above all, O'Connell hopes to bring back unique wines that provide something a little out of the ordinary.

"We try to make it very much a wine store," she said, adding that part of the goal is to provide as much variety as possible. She currently has an extensive selection of Bordeaux wines which range from $11 to $100 a bottle, to provide the perfect wine for any customer.

"Everyone knows what they like, and you don't have to be a wine geek to know that," she said, adding that during wine tastings, everyone has a great time sharing their ideas while eating and drinking good wine. Because there is no right or wrong, everyone has a good time exchanging ideas.

"We do have our regulars," she said of the Friday night ritual, and sometimes, although it's rare, even she has never tasted some of the wines before, making it very interesting to bounce her first reaction off the others.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Bill Saltonstall sniffs a glass of wine during the weekly wine tasting at the shop O'Connell runs with her husband, Cliff Chase. O'Connell is soon heading off to Europe to learn more about wine.

While O'Connell looks forward to the trip, "I have to leave my family behind," she said.

"I'm leaving my husband to take care of five children," she said, who range in age from 20 to 4 years old, not to mention he'll be running the store as well.

If she had the chance, O'Connell said she would love the opportunity to go for a more extended visit, to really get a feel for the land.

"I'd like to spend two weeks harvesting," she said, but added that this trip will teach her so much in the short time she'll be away.

When she returns, O'Connell looks forward to sharing her experiences in Europe, as well as her new wines, with friends old and new who come to her store in search of new flavors. They'll talk about food and they'll talk about wine, and for O'Connell, "Really, there's nothing more important."

Legion clambake breaks all records

Nearly 500 people attended the American Legion Clambake on Sandy Beach on Saturday, Sept. 6 surpassing any prior year's attendance. This annual event sponsored by the George H. Mealy Post of the American Legion is in support of the Legion's Christina Burke Scholarships given annually to worthy local area high school graduating seniors seeking higher education. In 2002, the Cohasset Post and it's affiliates, the Sons of the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary awarded $16,000 in scholarships.

In addition to the lobster, chicken and steamed clam dinner catered by Gulf River Clambakes, those attending were treated to the music of the Irish Volunteers and DJ Jay Fiori. A highlight of the event was drawing of the winning raffle ticket that earned the lucky winner, Rich Rice his choice of two Vespa motor scooters or $5,000. Rich, whose mother resides in Cohasset, took the money.

Clambake Chairman John Covell presents Rich Rice with a check for $5,000. Rich had the winning ticket in the Clambake's big raffle.

Cohasset resident, John Covell, who chaired the event said, "Every year we try to make the clambake better. Our first objective is to make certain everyone has a great time and wants to come back. The second is to make certain that we fund the scholarship fund so that we can continue to give back to the local communities."

IT'S HAPPENING

Volunteer at Consignment Shop

The Cohasset Consignment Shop will celebrate its grand re-opening on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 10 a.m.

Volunteers are needed for all positions, including knowledge and pricing of consignment items; entering consignment goods in the computer system; tagging, display and sale of items; convivial customer service and more. No experience necessary!

As an added bonus, the Cohasset Consignment Shop is welcoming all local artisans to consign their goods.

"I hope to continue the rich tradition of The Cohasset Consignment Shop. It has always been my favorite shop on the South Shore," said Gretchen Gold, manager of the shop. "I welcome all previous and new volunteers. I hope to provide volunteers the opportunity to be in a creative, interesting environment where their knowledge can be utilized and appreciated and new skills can be learned."

The Cohasset Consignment Shop is owned by the Social Service League of Cohasset, a non-profit organization. The shop is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Cohasset Consignment Shop is located at Tedeschi Plaza on Route 3A, Cohasset. For more information and details about volunteering, call Gretchen Gold at the shop at 781-383-0687.

Satellite Art Center gallery at museum

The South Shore Art Center, has partnered with the Friends of the Commonwealth Museum, Inc. to establish an Art Center satellite site at the Commonwealth Museum, Columbia Point. Boston. Cultural Connections, Boston's newest art gallery is located on the second floor of The Commonwealth Museum and is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.. This satellite gallery features the artwork of the Art Center's 150 Gallery Artists with exhibitions of contemporary work changing every eight weeks.

Cultural Connections opened with a gala reception on Thursday, Sept. 18 in conjunction with the Museum's new event and conference program. The SSAC Gallery Artists whose work is currently on display include: Ruth Ann Wetherby-Frattasio, Frank Strazzulla,Jr., Donna Rossetti-Bailey, Sarah Roche, Heather Risley, Ted Polomis, Pat McCarthy, Anne Heywood, Liz Haywood-Sullivan, Becky Haletky, Patricia Gray, Nancy Colella, JoAnne Chittick, Irma Cerese, and Kimberlee Alemian. The exciting collaboration guarantees that the beautiful Commonwealth Museum will be enhanced byever-changing artistic offerings of professional Gallery Artists.

Other Art Center satellite gallery locations include the Landmark Building in Boston, the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham, and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset.

The South Shore Art Center is a regional center for the arts with two galleries offering changing exhibitions of contemporary work by regional and national artists and a year-round schedule of courses and workshops in the visual arts For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Gymnastics, sports openings

Ruthann Ardizzoni announces the following gymnastics and sports classes at the South Shore Community Center. Call 781-383-0088.

Monday:

Tumble Bugs - Age 3; 9:15 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Sports for Kids - Ages 4 to 6; 10 to 11 a.m.

Gym Explorers - Ages 4 to 6; 11 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m.

Beg/Int Girls - Ages 5 to 8; 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday

Gym Explorers Age 4 to 6; 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.

Tumble Bugs Age 3; 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

Sports for Kids Age 4 to 6; 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Tumble Bugs Age 3; 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

Gym Explorers Age 4 to 6; 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Beg/Int Girls and Boys age 5 to 8; 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Thursday

Sports for Kids Age 4 to 6; 9 to 10 a.m.

Gym Explorers Age 4 to 6; 10 to 11 a.m.

Tumble Bugs Age 3; 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday

Gym Explorers Age 4 to 6; 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Classes run through the week of Jan. 13. Instructors: Susie O'Brien, Judy Benzaquin, Donna Davis, Kate Carpenter, Nancy Durkin, Shelley Carter, Karin Viafore, Kara Protulis, Chrissy Mitchell, Erica Kay and Alison Krupczak.

Farmers market dog show

On Oct. 9, at 4 p.m. the Cohasset Farmer's Market will have its annual dog show. Costumes required. All dogs in Cohasset are invited.

Open barnyard

Open Barnyard at Weir River Farm off Turkey Hill Lane in Hingham is Saturdays from 11am to 2pm through Oct. 25. Spend an afternoon with the horses, llamas, sheep, goats, piglets, chickens and rabbits. Weir River Farm staff is on hand to lead informal tours and answer questions. Pack a lunch and enjoy our picnic area. Members of the Trustees of Reservations are free and non-members are $3 per person. No pre-registration required. For directions and more information about this and other exciting Trustees of Reservations events and education programs happening in our area this fall, please visit www.thetrustees.org or call (781) 740-4796.

Fall festival

The Trustees of Reservations is holding a Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Weir River Farm in Hingham. The Festival will feature something for everyone; tractor drawn hayrides, pony rides, old-time games, pumpkin decorating, pie-eating contests, and much more. Meet and learn about the horses, llamas, sheep, goats, piglets, chickens and rabbits on an informal tour. Enjoy live music by local band "The Gathering". Refreshments will be served or bring your own and have a picnic. No pre-registration required. Members of the Trustees of Reservations are $3, Non-Members $5. For directions and more information about this and other exciting Trustees of Reservations events and education programs happening in our area this fall, please visit www.thetrustees.org or call (781) 740-4796.

Newcomers Club

Join the Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers' Club! You don't have to be new! Applications can be found at the Scituate and Cohasset Libraries or South Shore Community Center. Book Club, Ladies Night Out, playgroups, and much more

Volunteers needed

The Thrift Shop at Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, is searching for caring, responsible and trustworthy volunteers to work in the shop and to assist with inventory.

The shop is open Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The thrift shop continues to offer clothes, household items, toys and books at low prices. It also offers a friendly atmosphere and the opportunity to learn about other programs and services available.

Call 781-925-3211 for additional information.

Shop hours

The Thrift Shop and Book Store at Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, are now operating on their fall/winter hours.

The book store is now open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Thursday, Sept. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Harborview Senior Housing

Thursday, Oct. 9, at 11 a.m. at Senior Center Luncheon

Thursday, Oct. 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Harborview Senior Housing

Screenings will include: cholesterol, glucose, osteoporosis, chiropractic hypertension, oral and skin cancer, vision and hearing.

Alternative therapy and holistic health information and demonstrations will be offered.

All services are free of charge and for all age groups

Refreshments will be available. If you have any questions, call Judy Fitzsimmons, RN, P.H.N. at 781-383-2210.

Glastonbury Abbey launches cookbook

The Benedictine monks of Glastonbury Abbey has begun a year-long celebration of their 50th Anniversary with the launch of a 50th Anniversary Cook-book. The cookbook is dedicated to the late Fr. Richard Bourgeois, OSB and includes photos of the monks and extended community as well as more than 500 recipes.

Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham was established on the Feast of the Holy Cross, September 14, 1954. Cardinal Cushing blessed the monastery on that day.

Fr. Timothy Joyce, OSB, well known Celtic Spirituality Author has written a commemorative history of Glastonbury Abbey, documenting the arrival of the first monks and the development and services of the monastery over the past 50 years in Hingham. The history will be launched on Nov. 9 at the Abbey Conference Center at 3 p.m.

"Monastic Spirituality in the 21st Century" is the jubilee theme for the Abbey's annual inter-religious Lecture Series "Listening to Other Voices which begins on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:15 p.m.

Buttonwood to host coffee with authors

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset will host its semiannual "Coffee with the Authors" on Tues. Oct. 7 at the Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset from 9:45 to 11: 30 am.

Featured authors will be George Howe Colt for "The Big House" (Scribner, $26), Dawn Clifton Tripp for "Moon Tide: A Novel" (Random House, $24.95) and Stephen Puleo for "Dark Tide: The Great Molasses Flood of 1919" (Beacon Press, $25).

"The Big House" by Colt is an intimate and poignant history of a sprawling century-old summer-house on Cape Cod, which reveals not just one family's fascinating story but also a vanishing way of life Colt is a former staff writer at Life magazine whose articles have been published in "The New York Times", "Civilization", and "Mother Jones", among other publications.

"Moon Tide" by Tripp is a lush and haunting first novel, that follows the lives of three women in a small fishing town on the Massachusetts coast, from 1913 to the Great New England Hurricane of 1938. Tripp graduated from Harvard with an A.B. in literature. She lives in Massachusetts with her husband and son.

Puleo discusses "Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919", a compelling story of a man-made disaster. Shortly after noon on January 15, 1919, a fifty foot-tall steel tank filled with 2.3 million gallons of molasses collapsed on Boston's waterfront, disgorging its contents as a fifteen-foot-high wave of molasses that briefly traveled at thirty-five miles per hour. When the tide receded, a section of the city's North End had been transformed into a war zone. The Boston molasses flood claimed the lives of twenty-one people and scores of animals, injured 150, and caused widespread destruction. Puleo is a former award-winning newspaper reporter and now works in corporate public relations in the Boston area.

Advance reservations and ticketing are required and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665. Tickets are $13 per person, nonrefundable. Please call Buttonwood to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

10:08 p.m. Beechwood St., abandoned 911 call. Arrest: 35-year-old Cohasset male in protective custody.

11:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious automobile.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

12:21 a.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious.

7:20 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

8:51 a.m. N. Main St., animal control.

11:20 a.m. Ash St., animal control.

11:24 a.m. South Main St. Arrest: David Krueger, 19, 67 Aaron River Road, Cohasset. Chrg. Warrant arrest.

12:05 p.m. Jerusalem Road and North Main St., officer wanted.

12:33 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious.

1 p.m. Ash St., serve restraining order.

2:51 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

4:15 p.m. James Lane, animal control.

5:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.

9:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle violations.

9:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious person.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

9:38 a.m. Otis Ave. and Border St., traffic complaint.

10:20 a.m. Ripley Road, animal control.

10:35 a.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

11:12 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

2:24 p.m. Bancroft Road, suspicious.

3:25 p.m. Nichols Road, suspicious auto.

7:53 p.m. North Main St., animal control.

8 p.m. North Main St., lost property.

8:07 p.m. Nichols Road, animal control.

8:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Road, verbal warning.

11:25 p.m. Ripley Road, open door/window.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

12:34 a.m. King St., animal control.

12:45 a.m. Forest Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

7:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist citizen.

8:27 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

8:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane, motor vehicle crash.

9:57 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

11:52 a.m. North Main St., family disturbance.

12:27 p.m. Nichols Road, fire investigation.

2:44 p.m. Cushing Road, suspicious person.

6:02 p.m. Bancroft Road, medical aid.

6:20 p.m. South Main St., property damage.

7:55 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:10 p.m. Jerusalem Road, serve restraining order.

8:26 p.m. Pond St., transport.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

1:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

2:09 a.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

8:51 a.m. Locust Road, officer wanted.

8:53 a.m. Beach St., tree down.

9:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway threats.

1:35 p.m. Cedar St., larceny.

3:07 p.m. Parker Ave., larceny.

4:33 p.m. Summer St. and South Main St., parking complaint.

5:10 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle violations.

8:01 p.m. South Main St., parking violations.

8:54 p.m. Hobart Lane, animal control.

9:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

9:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: John William Kasper, 17, 115 Country Way, Scituate. Chrg. Disorderly conduct.

11:29 p.m. South Main St., suspicious.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

1:47 a.m. Border St., noise complaint.

10:34 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

10:54 a.m. Sohier St., and Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle crash.

1 p.m. Border St., medical aid.

4:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:38 p.m. Highland Ave., registration inquiry, parking ticket issued.

MONDAY, SEPT. 15

12:32 a.m. Spring St., disturbance.

12:50 a.m. Brook St., general services.

5:22 a.m. Highland Ave., suspicious automobile.

7 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle crash.

8:53 a.m. Forest Ave., violation restraining order.

1:03 p.m. Border St., investigation, area search negative.

1:07 p.m. Lamberts Lane, investigation, area search negative.

2:31 p.m. Border St., animal control.

2:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., animal control.

5:03 p.m. Parker Ave., traffic complaint, verbal warning.

6:36 p.m. Lily Pond Lane, wires down.

6:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic complaint.

7:56 p.m. White Head Road, medical aid.

8 p.m. Nichols road, fire investigation.

11:29 p.m. Bay St., armed robbery.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16

7:18 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

8:24 a.m. Clay Spring Road, medical aid.

9:06 a.m. Pleasant St., traffic complaint.

10:31 a.m. Border St., officer wanted.

12:39 p.m. N. Main St., animal control.

1:22 p.m. Bancroft Road, animal control.

2:55 p.m. Pleasant St., notification.

4 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, road rage.

4:17 p.m. Pond St., fire.

4:32 p.m. Pleasant St., general services.

4:46 p.m. Tad Lane, property damage.

4:56 p.m. North Main St., animal control.

7:59 p.m. Elm Ct., structure fire.

8:24 p.m. Pond St., assist motorist.

9:13 p.m. Hull St., assist other agency.

10 p.m. Meadow Lane, general services.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

7:22 a.m. Border St. and Otis Ave., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

7:34 a.m. Norfolk Road, general services.

9:28 a.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle crash.

11:19 a.m. King St., medical aid.

11:23 a.m. Border St., medical aid.

Keeping kids safely seated

Officer helps at 'Check Point'

By Mary Ford
MFORD@CNC.COM

Cohasset Police Officer Jeffrey Treanor continues to insure that area children are safely restrained when they are in motor vehicles.

To that end, Treanor – who is certified in child safety seat installation — participated with two other installers on a recent Saturday in a "Check Point" at Babys R Us on Grossman Drive in Braintree. The Municipal Police Institute of Shrewsbury sponsored the event in conjunction with the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau.

Treanor — who explains most parents buy a car seat for a child, read the directions, and then think their youngster is adequately protected — says the reality is 90 percent of child restraints in Massachusetts are not properly installed.

Treanor said he, a Lincoln police officer and a Fall River firefighter, installed 17 car seats in about 2-1/2 hours. It takes about 40 minutes to install a seat.

"It was a free service offered on a first-come, first-served basis," said Treanor.

Babys R Us provided three free seats to replace those that the installers found were defective or more than six years old.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SGT. BILL QUIGLEY

Officer Jeffrey Treanor instructs a mother about the importance of having her baby's car seat installed properly.

Last March, the Cohasset Police Department launched a free child-seat installation program, which has been a big success. Treanor, who completed a 32-hour course to become a certified installer, said he has installed about 80 child seats since the program began.

"It's growing every week," he said.

To make an appointment to have a child seat installed at the station, call the Cohasset police at 781-383-1055.

Treanor, who said it is preferable to bring the child along so the seat can be adjusted accordingly, suggests the parent bring something along to occupy the child during the installation.

LEGAL NOTICES

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The Trial Court
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NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P1806EP

In the Estate of ROBERT L. WINSOR

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In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death June 22, 2003

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that SANDRA W. ELMER of HINGHAM in the County of PLYMOUTH and ROBERT L. WINSOR JR of LENOX in the County of BERKSHIRE or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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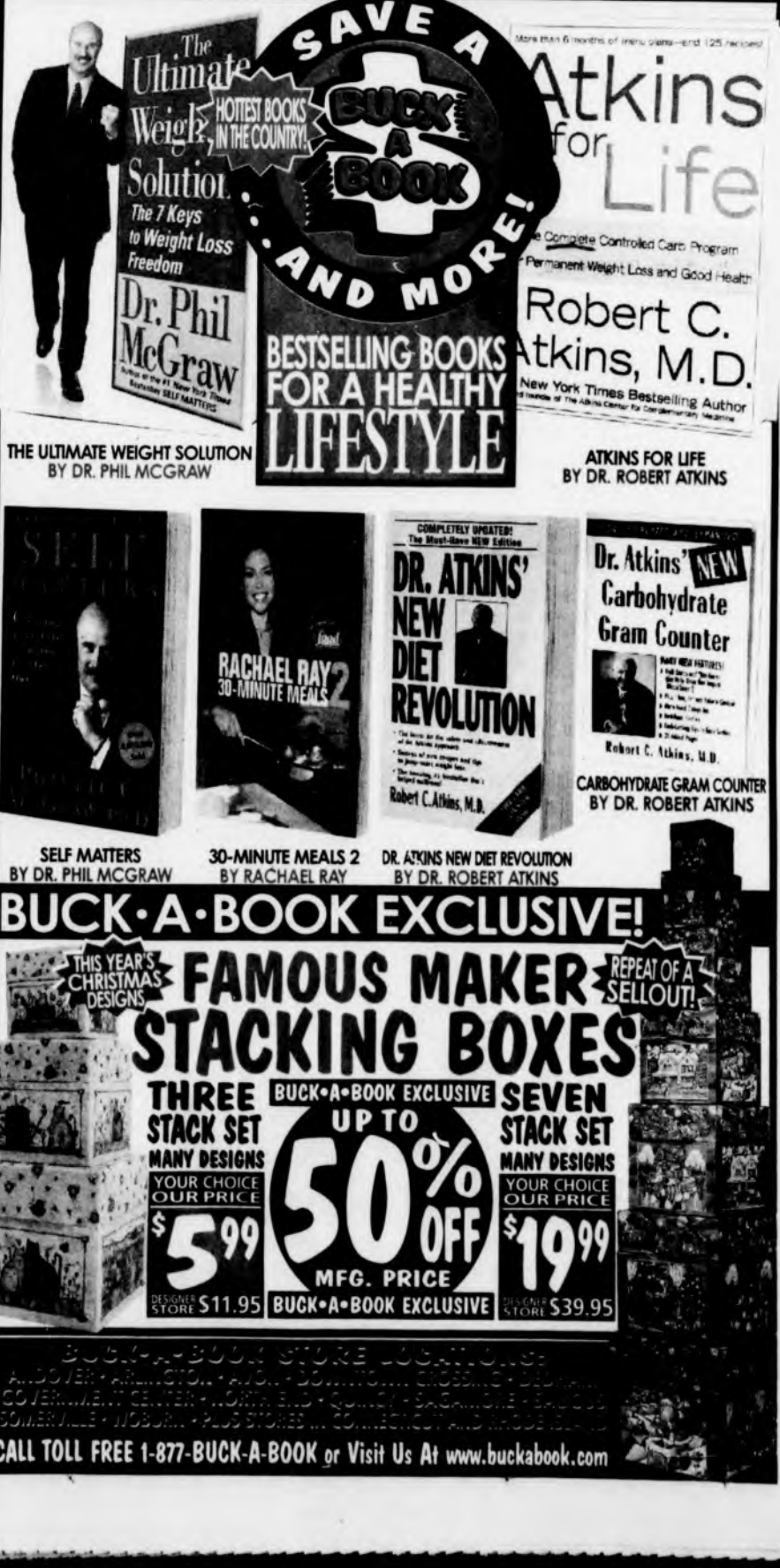

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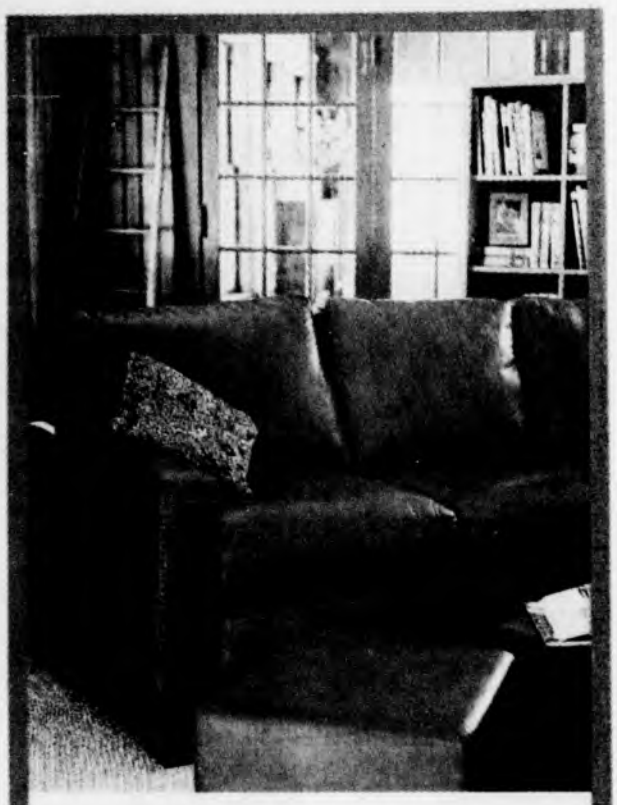

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Deer Hill recess gets rave reviews

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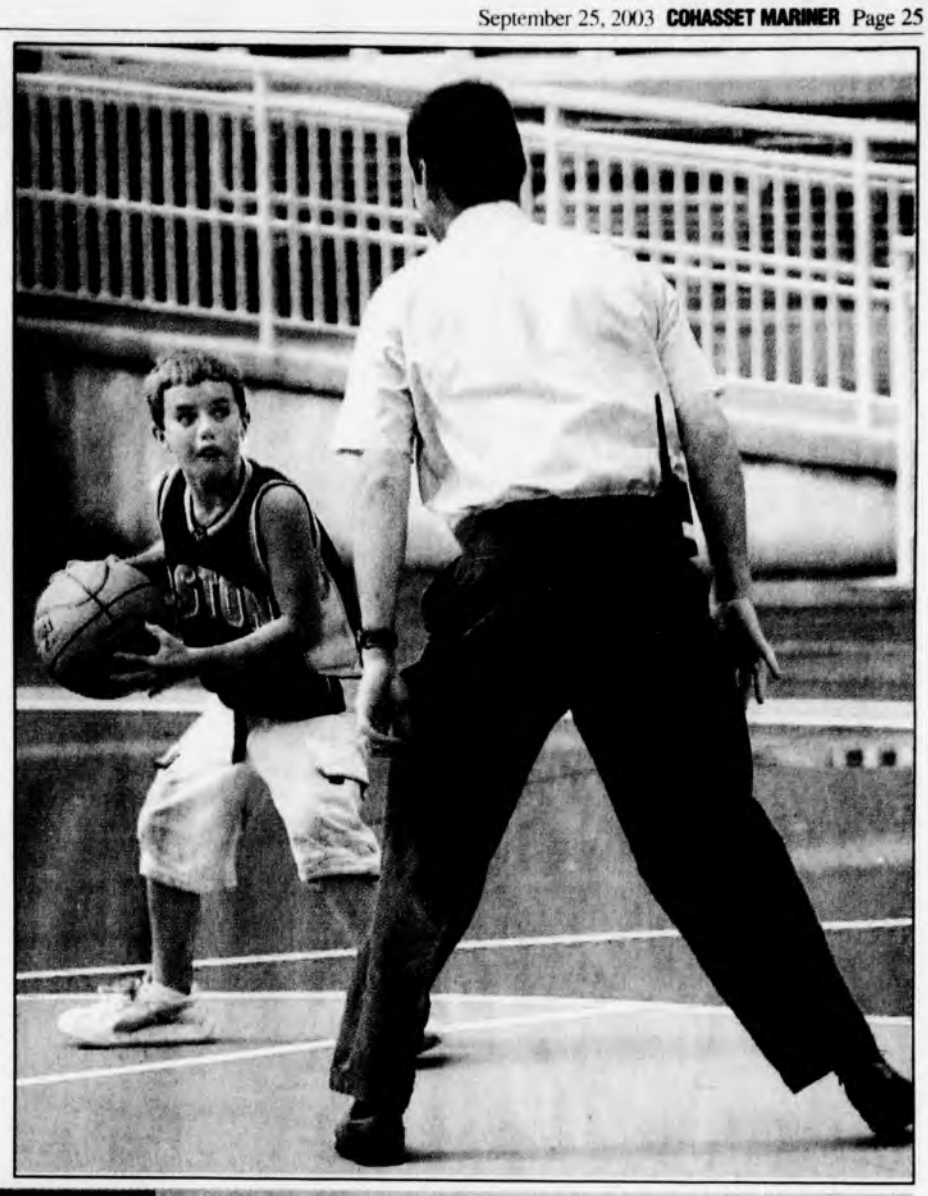
Above, from left, Grace Curry, Felicia Rodriguez and Gabrielle Rodman play a game of "patty-cake."



At right, Tyler Judge looks to cut by Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley in a game of one-on-one during recess.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

LUNCH MENU

Elementary School

Thursday, Sept. 25

BBQ riblet on a bun or tuna pocket, corn and brownie.

Friday, Sept., 26

Cheese or pepperoni pizza or fish fillet on a bun, veggie sticks and fruit.

Monday, Sept. 29

Meatball sub, parmesan cheese or chicken salad sub, carrots and fruit.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Chicken patty on a bun or bologna and cheese sandwich, rice and pears.

Send in your school news

The Cohasset Mariner wants to develop a school news page to run every week. Short news items from teachers and school organizations are welcome. Photographs of events, accompanied with a short article or longer story are also sought. If you have "Stars of the Month", an interesting program or student volunteer effort, artwork, student writings, interesting field trip, or special projects, please share them with us.

Also, if you would like to request a photographer for your school event, please let us know. Contact editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933. News items my be sent by email to mford@cnc.com or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in the village.

Pancake breakfast

The Cohasset Boosters Club will having its annual pancake breakfast, Sunday, Sept. 28 from 8 am till noon. Besides breakfast there will also be raffles prizes and a car wash. Please sponsor high school players by purchasing tickets in the coming weeks. Tickets are $5 each and the proceeds are used to purchase our player warm-ups, fund our scholarships, and for the breakup awards night. Players will be selling their tickets at the Osgood, Deer Hill and Middle-High School open houses. Tickets are also available by mail. Please visit the gourp's web site www.cohassetsoccer.com for details.

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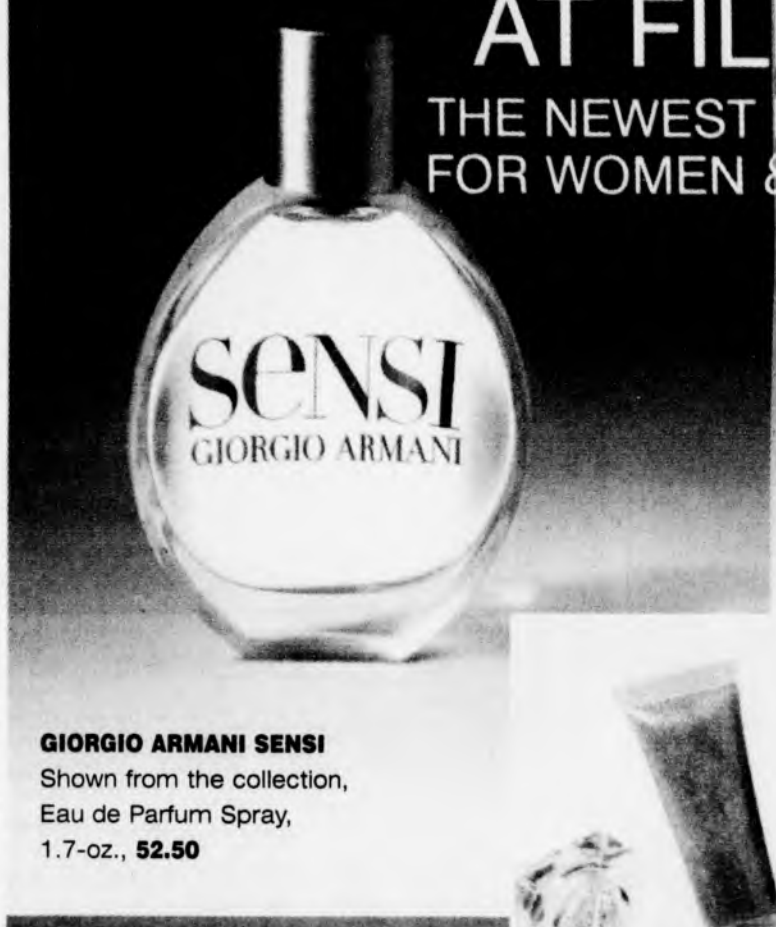

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On the South Shore

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SEPTEMBER 24 - 26, 2003

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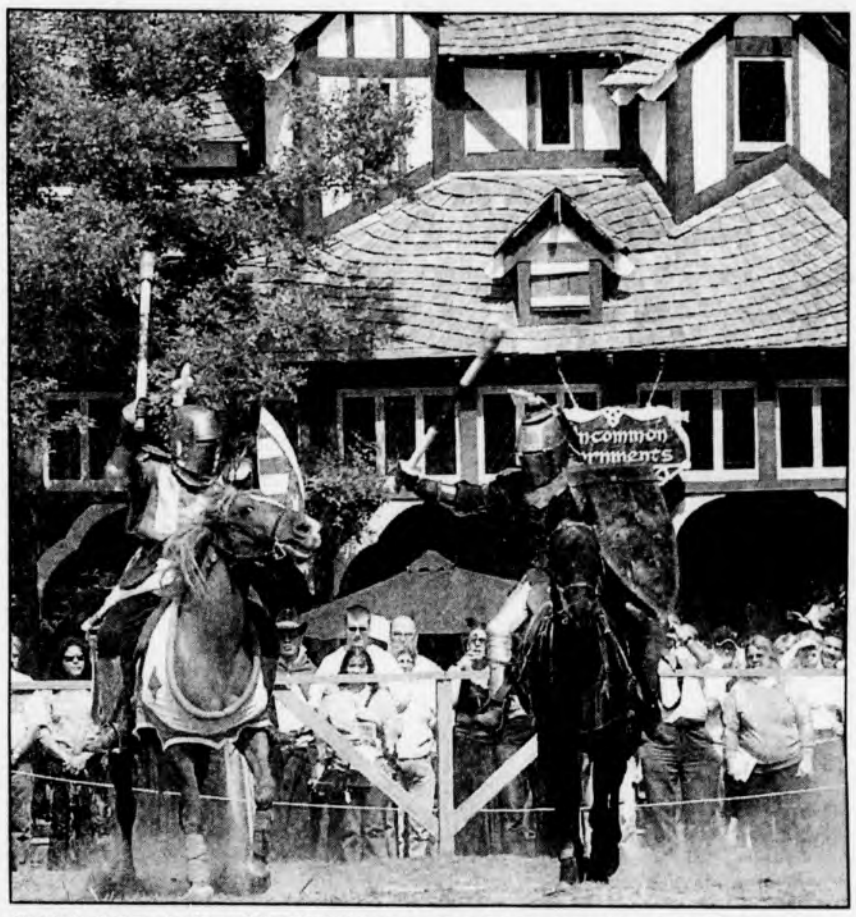

Sir Michael of Pembroke and the Black Knight ride for a jousting competition during the Tournament of Champions.

Faire game

Royal Zookeeper Kiera introduces the Faire crowd to a white Bengal Tiger in the Big Cat Show.

Juggler and Fire Eater Paolo Garbonzo heats things up at the Faire.

Return to the 16th century this weekend at King Richard's Faire. The annual Renaissance festival featuring King Richard and Queen Katherine along with knights, wenches, swordsmen, minstrels and musicians, is back in Carver for its 22nd season.

The Faire runs weekends including Columbus Day (Monday, Oct. 13) from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is $22 for adults, $11 for children 5-12, and children under 5 get in free. King Richard's Faire takes place on Route 58 in South Carver. For information call (508) 866-5391 or visit www.kingrichardsfaire.net.

Staff photos by Alan Chapman

Country's hot new Canadian import

Carolyn Dawn Johnson makes tour stop in Plymouth

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Carolyn Dawn Johnson is country music's hottest Canadian import since Shania Twain.

The Alberta-born singer's 2001 major-label debut CD, Room With a View, debuted in the Top Ten on Billboard's Top Country Albums chart, spawning three hit singles including "Georgia," the Top Five "Complicated" and the Top Ten "I Don't Want You To Go." Johnson then snapped up honors for "Top New Female Vocalist at the Academy of Country Music Awards in 2002, and "Favorite New Artist — Country" at the American Music Awards in '03, among other industry awards and nominations.

Country sensation Carolyn Dawn Johnson performs at Plymouth Memorial Hall Saturday, Sept. 27.

She's earned wide critical praise for her distinct, twangy vocal flavor and literate, lyrical songwriting style, which has also yielded chartbusting hits for other singers, such as Chely Wright's "Single White Female" and Jo Dee Messina's Top Five "Downtime." And she's spent much of the last four years on tour with the likes of Martina McBride, Reba McEntire and Alan Jackson to name a few.

Johnson is currently splitting her time between the latest series of North American dates and wrap-up studio sessions for the singer's long-awaited followup CD, which she said is expected for release by late spring or early summer 2004. While on tour this fall the singer makes a local stop at Plymouth Memorial Hall this Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. For this particular date the singer is crossing paths with opening act Bering Strait, the Russian-emigre country music band recently profiled in a spot on CBS's 60 Minutes.

On her debut discwhat also sets Johnson apart from most of the other contemporary country songbirds is that she wrote or co-wrote all of the album's 11 songs.

"I'm a songwriter as well as a singer, and I've done all my own writing from the beginning," said Johnson on the road from Ontario last week. "That's never the easiest

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Diane Lane, who debuted in "A Little Romance," returns to romance in her new film.

Lovers' Lane

Actress finds romance in 'Tuscan Sun'

By Bob Tremblay
STAFF WRITER

Actress Diane Lane, who would likely look beautiful after spending two weeks on a desserted island, enters a room at the Ritz-Carlton Boston Common wearing a black skirt and lavender V-neck sweater.

She looks beautiful.

And feels cold. She adjusts the room's thermostat before sitting down to talk about her latest film, "Under the Tuscan Sun," opening Sept. 26.

While her beauty is undeniable, it's only one part of the Lane portfolio. Talent takes up significant space, too. Last year, she was nominated for an Oscar, a Golden Globe and a Screen Actors Guild Award as best actress for her portrayal of an adulteress in "Unfaithful."

Her resume also reflects her longevity. The 38-year-old Lane has been acting professionally since she was 6 and making movies since she was 13.

The daughter of drama coach Burt Lane and

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Food & dining

Baking powder biscuits

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

I grew up in a small Vermont town high in the Green Mountains and Marie Briggs, our town baker, made the best fluffy, high-rise biscuits I have ever eaten. When the biscuits were cool, she stored them in cookie tins, separated by layers of wax paper, and then brought them to covered-dish suppers around town, including the annual August ox roast or birthday celebrations down at the corner house where, on a slow night, we showed movies from the agricultural extension service on growing rutabaga or canning beans.

In an effort to recreate these two-fisted biscuits, I started with shortening. Biscuits can be made with most any type of shortening including butter, vegetable shortening, lard or a combination. James Beard even had a recipe for cream biscuits that had no shortening at all. I made all recipes and preferred a combination of butter and Crisco vegetable shortening. The amount of fat was also critical and, after many tests, settled on 7 tablespoons of fat (4 of butter, 3 of Crisco) per two cups of flour.

I then went on to test buttermilk versus regular milk and found that biscuit dough made from the former was substantially better, with more rise and more flavor. This is due to the large amount of lactic acid that is present in buttermilk which, when in the presence of baking soda, creates lots of carbon dioxide gas, thus providing plenty of lift. However, if you do not happen to have buttermilk on hand, I offer a regular milk version below. In Nikka Hazelton's "American Home Cooking," she suggests letting buttermilk biscuits sit on the counter for 10 minutes before baking. I tested this and found that this adds a bit of height to the biscuits as it gives the dough extra time to rise.

Cutting in the butter and Crisco to the flour can be done by hand, with a pastry blender, or in a food processor, the latter method being best. For a foolproof method, place all dry ingredients in the bowl of the processor and pulse to combine. Add the butter (cut the butter into small pieces first) and then pulse 6 times for 1 second each. Add the Crisco, and pulse 5 more times, each for one second. If using other methods, I have found it best to overmix rather than undermix. The dough should be mealy and well-coated with fat.

After making thousands of biscuits, I have found that barely touching the dough, using not much more than the weight of the rolling pin to roll it out, is the easiest route to a light, fluffy product. I also like my biscuits tall so I cut the dough when it's about a 1/2-inch thick, no thinner. Many recipes also suggest that the dough be kneaded 5 or 6 times after it is removed from the bowl and before rolling, but I have found that this is a mistake. In fact, I just press the dough together into a ball, place it on a floured surface, lightly flour the top of the dough, and then roll it out. If you don't have a biscuit cutter, use the mouth of a thin-walled drinking glass or the screw top from a jar. Don't twist the dough when you cut biscuits — just press down straight and decisively.

BAKING POWDER BISCUITS

If you do not have buttermilk, you can substitute regular sweet milk as indicated below. For extra height, let the cut biscuits sit on the baking sheet for 10 minutes before baking.

2 cups flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
4 tablespoons chilled butter
3 tablespoons chilled vegetable shortening
2/3 to 3/4 cup buttermilk

1. Heat oven to 425 degrees. Combine the flour, salt, baking powder, and baking soda in the bowl of a food processor. Process for 2 seconds to mix.

2. Add the butter, cut into 1-tablespoon bits, to the flour and pulse 6 times for one second each. Add shortening and pulse another 5 times or until mixture looks like coarse meal (the flour should take on a slightly yellowish hue from the butter).

3. Place mixture into a large bowl. Using a rubber spatula, fold mixture together while adding buttermilk in a very thin stream. When mixture starts to hold together, press the dough with the side of the spatula. Note that you may use a little more or less than the 2/3-cup of buttermilk called for in this recipe.

4. Turn onto a floured surface and roll out dough very gently to a thickness of 1/2-inch. Use a biscuit cutter to cut, and then place on a cookie sheet and bake in the preheated oven for about 10 minutes, turning the sheet after 5 minutes in the oven.

Makes 10 thick 2 3/4-inch biscuits or 16 2-inch biscuits.

SWEET-MILK VARIATION

Substitute milk for buttermilk, add 3 teaspoons cream of tartar, and reduce baking powder to 1 teaspoon.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to http://www.americastestkitchen.com

Johnson makes tour stop in Plymouth

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thing for a relatively new country artist trying to break into the Nashville market, where they're so used to using outside songwriters to get material for their artists and almost every aspect of a singer's career is so tightly controlled. But in my case, my writing is the main thing that got me noticed and through the door in the first place."

From prototypically humble country beginnings, Johnson was raised on a farm in the town of Deadwood, Alberta, a village of 200 where, the singer said, "we had a post office, a church, a portable school and a store that was closed." The family later moved to the relative metropolis of Westlock, Alberta (pop: 7000), before Johnson broke into the music scene while at college in Vancouver and later relocated to Nashville.

The singer's overall style reflects the diversity of influences named in her press kit, including favorite rock acts such as Fleetwood Mac along with country stars like McIntyre and Marty Stuart. Johnson's debut disc also flourished a rock influence musically, favoring such instrumental backing as slide guitars, dobro and Hammond B-3 organ over fiddles and pedal steels. Arguably, the best result therein is the hit "I Don't Want You To Go," which strikes a Shania/"Honey I'm Home" style groove but rocks harder.

Johnson admits that recording is a painstaking, time-consuming process at this stage in her career, which she said, is the reason the followup album seems overdue at this point.

"I don't want to rely on outside producers for remixing and mastering when I'm not around," Johnson said. "I want to be there in the studio for every note."

Actress finds romance in 'Tuscan Sun'

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Playboy centerfold and singer Colleen Farrington, she turned in a particularly auspicious debut in "A Little Romance," co-starring Laurence Olivier. The performance landed her on the cover of Time magazine.

She returns to the subject of romance in "Under the Tuscan Sun."

"I was very charmed by it," she says, describing her response to the script. "It almost seemed like a dream. ... I felt it would be such a gift, not only to me as an experience but from me to the audience as an experience because they don't make movies like this anymore. They're always tough, cool, fast and hip, sort of clamoring. This is such a reprieve from those movies. ... It's a bit of a fairy tale. It's about people searching for love and the confidence to love again after things didn't work out."

In "Under the Tuscan Sun," Lane plays Frances Mayes, a San Francisco book critic and writer. This time, Lane's character is on the receiving end of adultery and following a nasty divorce, travels to Italy. There, she impulsively buys a villa in Tuscany and tries to turn her life around.

The movie takes its title from Mayes' book, but similarities between what in essence is a travelogue and the film are few. The movie's writer-director-producer Audrey Wells ("Guinevere") added characters, drama and romance in the screenplay that are nowhere to be found in the book.

Lane describes the process of working with Wells as "a very pleasant experience."

"I've worked with women directors before," says Lane. "That's not necessarily a plus. There's no inherent gifts a woman has versus a man to direct. Sometimes there's an insecurity that's overcompensated for, but Audrey had none of that. She never lost any of her femininity while she was a strong director and a confident helmsman on the set. That's rare."

Wells has returned the compliment, saying that there's "not an ounce of prima donna" in Lane.

The relationship between the two women was collaborative. "There were some times where I could pitch in and have more of a voice than if it were my first movie," says Lane. "And there were some improvised things."

For example, there's a scene in the film where Lane's character gets girl-school giddy after re-igniting her love life with a very handsome Italian man. When she returns home, she exuberantly jumps up and down on her bed and shouts, "I still got it!"

Working in beautiful Italy should have made this a dream job, but Lane says it only ramped up the guilt. "If you were in some gulag, it would have felt right to be earning money doing it," she says. "But I got no sympathy from anybody at home, saying how homesick I was. And I was terribly homesick. My daughter had just started fourth grade. I felt remiss in being away. A lot of maternal guilt there. She did visit me twice."

Lane's daughter, Eleanor, 10, is from her marriage to actor Christopher Lambert. Divorced from Lambert, Lane is now engaged to actor Josh Brolin, 35, whose father, James Brolin, is married to Barbra Streisand.

Lane says a spring wedding is planned.

And then it's back to the acting career, which got a boost with the Oscar nomination.

"I did move up on the list of people who are asked to work," she says. "And it's nice to get a raise, says Lane, who reportedly received $5 million for "Tuscan Sun," a $2 million hike from "Unfaithful."

But Lane is pragmatic about stardom and acting.

"It's like being a sports figure," she says. "At a certain moment in time you're very popular, and then after that you might find yourself selling cars on TV. And that's fine, you just never know."

As for beauty, it isn't always a joy forever. "Unless you're a character actor, which means as a woman not known for your beauty, quote unquote, then you're allowed to continue to morph beyond your beauty years. And that's my goal," says Lane. "My goal is to not be too enslaved by the limitations of having to be young and beautiful forever because it doesn't work that way. We'll see. I may be reading these interviews from my trailer home in a decade."

Fall renovation of lawns and gardens

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

September is a month of transition in the garden. Shorter day length and cool temperatures initiate the dormant phase of many plants as perennials, trees and shrubs begin to don their varied autumn tints while storing energy to survive the winter ahead. Plants may flop and sprawl and the perennial border often becomes a bit unsightly but with a little weeding and trimming, the garden can regain its tidy appearance.

Prolonged dampness seems to have taken its toll on the foliage of a wide variety of plants this season. Molds, mildews and leaf spot diseases have produced brown, black, yellow and white lesions spoiling the overall appearance of numerous plants. Much of this foliage is best trimmed and discarded. Avoid disposing of your diseased leaves on compost piles as spores may over-winter and reinfect plants in future years.

As a devoted collector of several hundred daylily cultivars, I feel obligated to comment on recent publicity regarding a disease known as 'daylily rust'. My garden is designated a National Display Garden for the Daylily Society and I have had some personal experience with this disease. Although I recognize the need to inform the public about the potential for contamination by this contagious disease, suggestions by local garden talk show hosts and writers that daylilies are doomed are creating a minor panic, leading many gardeners to dispose of plants that are not infected. I do not personally believe that rust poses a long-term threat for local gardeners.

Several expensive daylily cultivars that I received as potted plants during the summer of 2001 developed rust. The undersides of the leaves were covered with fuzzy yellow spots in late summer, reminiscent of the dotted-Swiss fabric of yesteryear. I segregated these diseased plants from my other pots once I realized I had rust and moved them outside to my deck during the late fall. The winter of 2001-2002 was extremely mild and yet the minimal freezing temperatures that winter were sufficient to eradicate the disease from the infected plants, which I did not spray or treat in any other manner. Despite the damp conditions this season, the rust has not returned. Other members of the New England Daylily Society who experienced even greater infestations have had similar experiences. I should also mention that I purchased several 'Twice as Nice' daylily cultivars from a local nursery this spring and none of these plants has shown any evidence of rust.

Leaf streak disease, however, is prevalent this season due to the damp conditions plus many daylilies begin to decline at this time of year causing yellowing leaves. If you need reassurance, use a white facial tissue to wipe the underside of suspicious leaves. A dark yellow-orange stain would appear if the plant has rust. If you did not purchase new daylilies this season, it is highly unlikely that you have the disease nor do I personally believe that rust will survive New England winters.

As I weed, clip and haul, I am constantly making mental notes of design changes that I need to make in my gardens. Even a well-planned garden requires an occasional revision and after many years, a total renovation may be a necessity. Depletion of the soil, the maturation of plants and environmental influences take their toll plus it seems to be human nature to seek periodic changes in our surroundings. We redecorate our homes and update our wardrobes. Similarly, even a successful garden needs a facelift once in a while to give it new vitality and to eliminate some of the clutter that accumulates over the years.

Renovations often require that you become a ruthless critic, particularly with overgrown plants. The removal of only a few plants may provide the necessary space for other established plants to find sufficient growing room but in many instances, years of overcrowding produces lopsided plants which may never regain an attractive shape despite judicious pruning. Foundation plantings that have been constantly clipped for a period of twenty years or more are difficult to rejuvenate and usually necessitate the total eradication of old, woody shrubs. Replacing only a few of the tired shrubs tends to be problematic as your new introductions are generally considerably smaller and disrupt the elements of balance, scale and proportion.

Newer perennial borders may require only a few modifications. The addition of spring-flowering bulbs, several new perennials or minimal transplanting may be all that is needed to resolve color clashes, strengthen a particular pattern or modify height or space arrangements. Other borders may call for a little widening or lengthening to accommodate those new perennials you found on sale or to make room for vigorous growers that have started to encroach on the edges of the current bed.

Very tired, overgrown gardens may require more drastic measures to bring them back to their original beauty. Depleted soils, or those that may have become compacted over the years, will need replenishing with compost and manure, peat moss, lime and fertilizer. In order to properly incorporate these additives, nearly every existing plant may have to be lifted. It may be wise to research some of these valued plants as some resent transplanting and should be left in place while others can be temporarily relocated and replanted once the improvements are complete. Large borders should be done in stages.

Share seedlings and divisions with gardening friends or heel them into holding beds or the vegetable garden as crops are removed. Garden renovations can be hard work but your efforts will be rewarded with a healthy, rejuvenated landscape full of glorious flowers next season.

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THE 7TH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN for the Jimmy Fund is scheduled for Oct. 18, at Peggotty Beach. This family fun event which has raised $111,000 for the Jimmy Fund since its inception in 1996, has a new fall date and is expected to be bigger and better than ever. The event schedule is as follows: Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m., 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. and the 4 Mile Road Race at 10 a.m. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Peggotty Beach. A Kids Entertainment tent will include face painting, balloons and a clown. Pre-registration is available when a completed entry form and fee are sent to Esther Volpone Blacker, 35 Common Street, Scituate, MA 02066. Pre-registration fees are $18 for the 4 Mile or 2 Mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. Race day registration fees are $20 for the 4 Mile or 2 Mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. All event proceeds are donated to the Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. For further information call 781.545.4642 or email bblacker@comcast.net or see www.joshuasrun.com

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! comes to The Providence Performing Arts Center, Nov. 22; Tickets on Sale Beatlemania-LIVE!, the ultimate Beatles' tribute show, will be making its debut at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, — exactly 40 years after Beatlemania exploded in England. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37.50, $32.50 & $25.50. Tickets for this theatrical concert on sale at the Providence Performing Arts Center box-office (220 Weybosset St); by phone at 401-421-2787; and online at www.ppacri.org and www.ticketmaster.com.

FIFTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. For applications visit www.brittanylambertFoundation.org, your local gym or register on-line at Active.com For more information call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187.

HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, Oct. 7 to Nov. 1. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

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John Curtis Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover - What Lies Within: A Photographic Journey with Robin Chan through the month of September.

Thurs. 25

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

John Curtis Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover - **What Lies Within: A Photographic Journey with Robin Chan** through the month of September.

Tenor Jason Kirchick will be live in concert recital at **Duxbury First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 842 Tremont St,. Duxbury**. Accompanied by concert pianist Mortimer Barron, on Sept. 25. Tickets are $12 Adult $10 for Senior. Works by Handel, R.V. Williams, Purcell, and more reception to follow after concert. Tickets Available at the door or by calling First Parish in Duxbury at 781-934-6532, or calling 617-759-0075 or email jaswintersky@aol.com to reserve tickets.

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, has openings in following classes: **The Artist's Way** (in progress), **Writing Workshop** (from Sept. 25), **Making Mosaics** (from Sept. 26), **Book Arts Workshop** (Oct. 4). For preschoolers and parents, **Stories and Art with Sally** (from Oct. 9). Call 781-934-6636 for information. Lecture/luncheon Thursday, Oct. 2. Guest speakers: photographers Laura Blacklow and Nancy McGirr. Make reservations by Sept. 25. Call 781-934-6634.

American Red Cross, 1495 Hancock St., Quincy, offers following courses: CPR/AED for Professional Rescuer (from 9/25); Adult CPR/AED Review (9/30); Adult, Child & Infant CPR/AED Review (9/30); Child & Infant CPR Review (9/30); Home Health Aid/Certified Nursing-Assistant (from 9/29 or 10/6). Pre-registration required, call 617-770-2600, M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Free Prostate Cancer Screening, 5 to 7 p.m., at **Quincy Medical Center**, Ambulatory Care Dept., Second Floor, 114 Whitwell St., Quincy. Advance registration required. For appt. call 617-376-2273 or toll-free, 877-479-2273.

Fri. 26

Congregation Shirat Hayam, 185 Plain St., Route 139, Marshfield. **Erev Rosh Hashanah,** 7:30 to 9 p.m. Call 781-582-2700 for more information.

Seventh Annual Hospice Golf Tournament, Widow's Walk in Scituate. Registration 7:30 a.m. followed by 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Call 781-820-3748 to register.

Norwell Sociables New Members Coffee: Sept.26, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the home of Beth Noterman. Children are welcome. RSVP to Beth at 659-0421.

Nick Zaremba is a featured artist of "Cutout"- mind boggling genius fresh work by UMass Boston Alumni at the Harbor Art Gallery Harbor Art Gallery located in the McCormick Building, UMASS Boston, 100 Morrissey Blvd. this month. The show runs through Sept. 26.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Stout,** Sept. 26. For more information, call 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **The Fat City Band** Sept. 26. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The South Shore Art Center presents **The Photographer's Vision and Five Voices**: **Lance Keimig, Mike Sleeper, J. Michael Sullivan, and Cynthia Vallino**. Opening reception 6 to 8 p.m. **Five Voices Janet Blagdonm, Ellen Helman, Moey Lane, Mary Mirabito, and Chris Reid**. **Five Voices Image: Artist, Chris Reid**, pastel, "Sentinels". No admission. 781-383-2787

The American Cancer Society's 11th Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer five-mile walk on Sunday, Oct. 12. Registration and rolling start are set for 8 to 10 a.m. Boston's Making Strides is the nation's oldest and largest one-day walk, raising more than $22 million for the fight against breast cancer since its inception in 1993. The event is the American Cancer Society's signature event during National Breast CancerAwareness Month in October.

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The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St., Plymouth, Sept. 26, at 8 p.m. **Booba Dubie** (Acoustic pop and cover) 9 p.m.

The James Library and Center for the Arts presents **"Opening the Book"** a show of artist's books by **Bryson Dean** Sept. 5 to Oct. 1. Exhibit may be viewed Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday and Sat. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night." Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association sponsors a Kayaking Trip to Nova Scotia a "Sea Kayaker's Paradise" from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. Beginners are welcome Contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or email nsrwa@nsrwa.org for more information.

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. **Making Mosaics,** stained glass window mosaics and other applications using glass, tile and collage.

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"Hotel," presented by Starcrossed Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.; Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets: adults $10, children $5. For more information, call 508-747-1234.

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Sat. 27

Duxbury Bay Classic Boat Festival - Sept. 27 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sept. 28, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are on sale for the dance $35 per person, Kittery Skiff raffle tickets (one for $5; five for $20) and tee shirts $20 at the Duxbury Bay Maritime School. Or come see us Saturday, Sept. 20, at Grand Union Family Markets from 9 a.m. noon. For more information or to volunteer call Robin at DBMS 934-7555.

King Richard's Faire, Route 58, South Carver through Oct. 19 including Columbus Day, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adults $22, children 5 to 12 $11, under 5 free. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St., Plymouth, Sept. 27, 9 p.m. **Tom Glenn with Deana** (Midi pop and cover).

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. **Slippery Sneakers** Sept. 27. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Carolyn Dawn Johnson and her band make their area debut when she headlines **Plymouth Memorial Hall** in Plymouth, on Saturday, Sept. 27. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Ms. Johnson, who hails from Canada, has recently been nominated for "Female Artist of the Year" by the CCMA. She has toured in the past with such super-stars as Reba McEntire and Martina McBride, and is just finishing up a tour supporting Keith Urban. Opening for Carolyn Dawn Johnson will be **Bering Strait**, the country band that hails from, of all places, Russia. Tickets, priced at $33 and $28 are now on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 83 Court St. in Plymouth, online at www.ticketweb.com http://www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 866-468-7619

Congregation Shirat Hayam, 185 Plain St., Route 139, Marshfield. **Rosh Hashanah Morning Service,** 9:30 a.m. to noon. Also, **Rosh Hashanah Family Service,** 3 to 4:30 p.m. Call 781-582-2700 for more information.

House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 916 Main St., Hingham, **18th Annual Oktoberfest,** Saturday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 28, noon to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking, King Ludwig's Bavarian Band, dancing, children's table, authentic German food and beverage, bake table, prizes and professional crafters. To benefit South Shore charities.

French Connection, sponsored by the **Art Complex Museum and Duxbury Cultural Alliance**, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, Sept. 27 and 28. Festival activities include: breakfast accompanied by classical music; French movie, "Amelie"; several art exhibits; lecture/demonstration on French Atlantic Cable; South Shore Conservatory musical salute to France; open house at Duxbury Free Library with display on sister library in Angers, France; Classic Boat Weekend Festival by Maritime School. All activities open to public. Call 781-934-5774 for additional information.

"Heidi," presented by **Starcreations Theater** from the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center**, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.; Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets: adults $10, children $5. For more information, call 508-747-1234.

Sun. 28

The Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences will host National Book Award winner **Peter Mattheissen** as he presents "A Journey With the Wind Birds." on Sunday, Sept. 28, at the facility overlooking Cape Cod Bay and will also feature the work of other prominent naturalists, Subhankar Banerjee and Robert Verity Clem. A brunch will be served. Westwinds Bookshop of Duxbury will also participate in this very special event. To reserve your space please contact the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences at 508 224 6521.

The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum will offer a special Sunday-brunch service and museum tour package. Brunch between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Smith Crescent Room at the library and tour the museum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, and 19. $32 adults; $10 children age 12 and under (price includes tax and gratuities as well as admission to the Museum). Reservations recommended by calling 617-514-1693 or emailing special.events@nara.gov or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Sunday Cruises to Cuttyhunk Sundays, July through October, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org for a day-long excursion to Cuttyhunk. The cruise departs from either Fairhaven or Woods Hole at 9 a.m. and spend four hours on Cuttyhunk. Participants will have a choice of a short, medium, or long guided walk, with commentary. People may bring a picnic lunch or buy a lunch on Cuttyhunk. Fees for the program are $50 for adults,$45 for members, seniors, and $40 for children 16 and under. To register and for information, and directions, call 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

Single Executives Club and The Presidents Club of Boston - Sept. 28, **Raffael's Restaurant,** One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Building, N. Quincy. 781-446-0234. Complimentary wine tasting 7 to 8 p.m. Complimentary buffet 7 to 11 p.m. free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 and over. Dance music by Beau Paris. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Cornerstone Roots Reggae** Sept. 28. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

South Shore ARC is holding its annual **Bay Day Celebration** from noon to 4 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey, intersections of Routes 3A and 228 in Hingham. The family fun day will include prizes for all children participating in activities and events, live radio broadcast by WATD 96.9, stage entertainment by Davey the Clown, Dumbo & Jumbo Magic Show, Royal Sorrell (mime), Rami Salami (balloon artist), Hug-a-Bunny area and Maureen Haley's Irish Step Dancers. Admission free, parking $5 per carload. For further information, call 781-335-3023.

13th Annual 10K and 2-Mile Fun Run, U.S.S. Salem Naval Shipbuilding, 739 Washington St., Quincy, in memory of U.S. Navy Seal John Patrick Connors, KIA in 1989. $15 entry fee. Call 617-470-0009 for more information or to enter.

First Parish Church in Kingston sponsors **Celebration of the Arts,** 2 to 3:30 p.m. at The Meetinghouse and The Beal House, 222-4 Main St., Route 106, Kingston. Admission: $10. Call 781-585-9540 for more information.

Second Annual Boston Marine Corps 10K, 10 a.m. at Blue Hills Reservation, Milton, held in cooperation with the Semper Fidelis Society of Boston. Proceeds will benefit the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation which provides scholarships and assistance to children of Marine Corps and Federal law enforcement agents killed in the line of duty. The race begins and ends on Hillside Street, Milton. Registration is $22 in advance and $25 on-site. To sign up to run, visit Web site: www.conventures.com or call Conventures at 617-439-7700.

"Singles with Style" Sunday Singles Dance at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy, Neponset Street exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. Complimentary buffet, 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35+ years old. Dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-sponsored by the Single Executives Club and The Presidents Club of Boston. Events also scheduled Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

"A Journey with the Wind Birds," presented by National Book Award winner and naturalist Peter Matthiessen, at a brunch at the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, at 10 a.m. Also participating in the program are author and photographer Subhankar Banerjee; and Stephen Brown, director of Manomet's Shorebird Conservation Program. Duxbury's Westwinds Bookshop will also participate. Cost $50 per person. For directions and to reserve a space, call 508-224-6521.

Mon. 29

The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 to 9:15 p.m., at The Fore River Club (near the Fore River Bridge, St. Joseph's Church and Brigadoon's Restaurant) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. For more information, call Fred or Rosalind at: 617-770-4303, or visit our website at www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincy-toastmasters.

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Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Carlson GMAC Golf Tournament to Benefit Breast Cancer, at Pinehills Golf Club - Nicklaus Course in Plymouth. Open to the public, tournament will benefit Jimmy Fund. Registration, 10 a.m.; play at 11 a.m. Pre-registration required. Live and silent auction, dinner. Cost $135 without lunch, $150 including boxed lunch, $60 for non-golfers to attend dinner. Call Jeanette Tighe for application, 978-851-0048 or e-mail: jtighe@carlsonre.com.

Tues. 30

Life-Writing Program for Older Adults. A five-part workshop, Between the Lines: Capturing the Experience of Life, Tuesdays, Sept. 9 to Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to noon, at Cohasset Council on Aging, 3 North Street (accessible). No skills are required, only curiosity and a pen. Conducted by Karen Flood. Advance registration and $60 fee are required. For more program information and directions, call 781.383.9112 or e-mail journalguru@yahoo.com <mailto:journalguru@yahoo.com>

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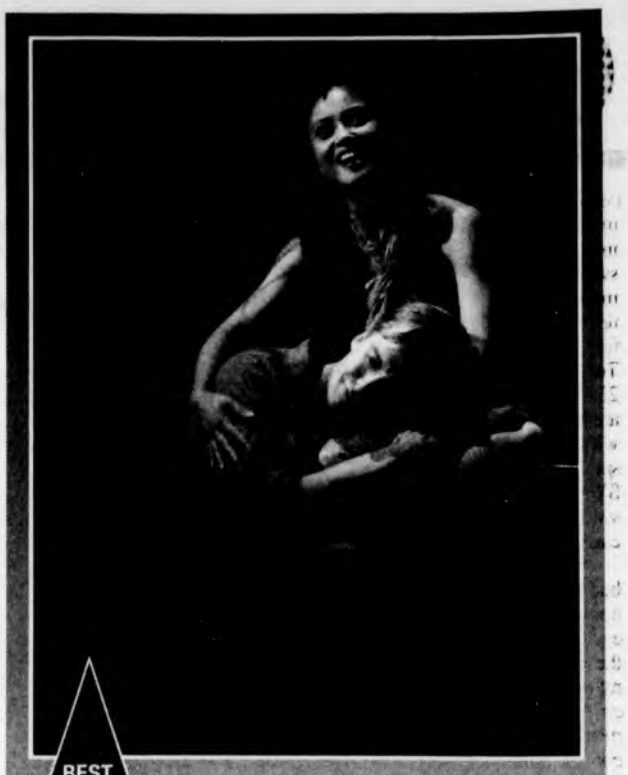

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"Miss Saigon"

The story of two young lovers torn apart by their separate worlds and yet held together by a burning passion and the fate of a small child is at the emotional heart of "Miss Saigon," the musical by Alain Boublil, Richard Maltby, Jr., and Claude-Michel Schonberg.

The splashy stage epic includes songs such as "The Heat Is On In Saigon," "I Still Believe," and "The American Dream" which evoke the steamy nights, passion and danger of Saigon in 1975, during the final days leading up to the American evacuation. The sixth longest running show in Broadway history, "Miss Saigon" has also been performed in 13 countries in 8 different languages, and has been seen by more than 28 million people worldwide. More than 13.2 million people in North America have seen "Miss Saigon," many of those here in greater Boston where the show has become an almost perennial favorite.

"Miss Saigon" will be at The Wang Theatre through Sept. 28. For Tickets visit The Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, online at www.wangcenter.org, or call 1-800-447-7400

—R. Scott Reedy

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

The next couple of days may be stressful. A positive, peaceful attitude is your ace in the hole. Make light of situations you can't control. Stay busy with practical projects. Tackle jobs you've been putting off, like cleaning out cluttered areas. Get your life in order. The moon travels in meticulous Virgo, active until 9:52 p.m., when it aligns with Pluto. Take quiet time out for yourself; meditate, listen to music, enjoy a nature walk.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

The dark side of a new moon is a time for letting go and clearing the way for new activities. People may be distracted, temperamental, moody. Ready yesterday's advice. Pursue activities that help you to maintain a relaxed, positive outlook. Venus aligns with Saturn at 11:20 a.m. The Virgo moon continues inactive travel until 6:49 p.m., when it enters Libra. The new moon culminates at 11:09 p.m., 3-degrees Libra.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Gear up for a busy day. The moon continues its travel in Libra, forming four major alignments to planets. There is one rough spot in effect between 1:17-4:17 p.m., when the moon aligns with Saturn. Keep it light and go with the flow of things. The planet Mars takes the spotlight today, because Mars prepares to turn direct early tomorrow morning. This combination may spark romantic fireworks this evening.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

At 3:52 a.m. Mars, standing at 0-degrees Pisces, begins to travel in direct motion. Mars has been traveling in retrograde since July 29. The moon continues its travel in Libra, placing a focus on relationships. This is a favorable time for meeting people, beginning new alliances or for strengthening the ties in existing partnerships. The Libra moon interacts with Uranus at 7:10 p.m. and becomes inactive. A passionate Scorpio moon takes over at 7:52 p.m. and forms a flowing contact to Mars at 8:04 p.m. Plan a romantic evening with the love in your life.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

A Scorpio moon makes this a day to spend time alone. Others may be quiet, pensive. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Pluto warns you to choose your words carefully. Thoughtless remarks may come back to haunt you. Zero in on areas of your life that are not working, and create a new game plan. Review your priorities; set new goals. Look within and you will find what you need to get back on track.

MONDAY, SEPT. 29

The moon continues to travel in Scorpio, generating a serious mood. Channel energy constructively; take on a full work agenda. Focus on projects that require mental precision, troubleshooting, problem-solving. You can cut through obstacles and get to the bottom of things. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Pluto enhances creativity. Don't do anything risky or act on impulse this evening. The Scorpio moon aligns with Uranus at 8:08 p.m. and becomes inactive. The moon enters Sagittarius at 8:57 p.m. and aligns with Mars at 9:14 p.m. Stop, look and listen.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

The green light is on for new beginnings across the board today. The moon travels in optimistic Sagittarius, prompting you to break new ground at home or at work. The downside of today's planetary picture is that it may be difficult to focus on practical matters and easy to waste time and energy. To avoid spinning your wheels, be sure to have a clear plan of action. Go for the gold. Kick back and enjoy favorite pastimes this evening.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

After a barrage of planetary activity in the past two months, October offers an opportunity to catch your breath and focus on new ideas and undertakings. The first three weeks are most favorable for getting new projects off the ground.

A Sagittarius moon continues to generate optimism and confidence today. New beginnings are promoted until 10:25 p.m., when the moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. A Capricorn moon takes over at 11:21 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Roll up your sleeves and take on a full agenda. This is a day to get things done. Plan to initiate new activities before 12:34 p.m., when the Capricorn moon forms a harmonious contact to Jupiter. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 3:09 p.m. A full moon is building and will culminate October 10. Sidestep doubts, frustrations between 7:22-10:22 p.m., when the moon opposes Saturn. Focus on the positives and go with the flow.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

A Capricorn moon prompts you to be more ambitious and focused today. You can be most productive. Zero in on career issues, business decisions. Influences are prime for making long-range plans or taking on new responsibilities. Today's planetary combination inspires judgments based on a combination of knowledge and intuition. The Capricorn moon forms a harmonious contact to Mercury at 6:40 p.m. and becomes inactive. The sun forms a flowing 120-degree contact to Neptune this evening. Relax and recharge your batteries.

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unteers as the program plunges into its 32nd year of weekly swim classes for students with mental and/or physical disabilities. Free child care is provided for training and for weekly Tuesday classes beginning Sept. 23. Swimmers of all ability levels are needed to swim one-on-one with students age 3 to 22. No special skills are required, and a SWASC staff of class leaders and swim instructors works with each pair of swim buddies. SWASC also welcomes non-swimmers to help with equipment and cheerleading on the deck, to serve coffee and refreshments, and to assist with child care for volunteers. For more information on SWASC, contact Mary Johnson at 617-472-0856 or June Doherty at 781-335-3785.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., Boston, presents **"He She Them," with Judd Nelson and Tasha Lawrence,** Sept. 30 through Oct. 12. Performances Tuesday through Saturdays at 8 p.m. ; Sundays 7 p.m.; matinees Saturday 2 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. Tickets $25 Sept. 30 - Oct.2; $39 Oct. 3 - 12. Purchase tickets at box office or online: www.wangcenter.org, or call Telecharge.com at 1-800-447-7400, TTY: 888-889-8587.

Wed. 1

October is Paint a Pumpkin month at **The Craft Factory**. Bring in any size pumpkin and paint it for only $1. 781-383-0740 - located in Cohasset

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell presents an exhibit of botanical drawings and paintings, Reflections of the Season, Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, in their Vine Hall Gallery. Born from early scientists' need to document plants' medicinal properties, botanical drawing long ago branched out from scientific textbooks and laboratories to take an esteemed place in the art world. These three botanical artists, Peggy Daniels, Kay Kopper and Ruth Ann Weatherby-Frattasio, have combined their passion for plants, drawing and painting to create some exquisitely detailed representations of nature. The public is invited to an artist's reception on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit is open for viewing during the month of October, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30p.m. The Science Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off Route 3 or directions, call the Center at 781- 659-2559, or check out our website

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome. Free.

Tara Drive Showhouse. Tour the Tedeschi family mansion, which is opening its doors again to the public Oct. 1-Oct. 31. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., closed Mondays. Free, on-site parking. Tickets $30 per person can be purchased on site, at www.showhousemedia.com, or by calling 1-877-SHOHOUSE. Ticket proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

"Close to You," the Karen and Richard Carpenter musical review starring South Shore's own Ann Kenneally-Ryan arrives at **Raffael's Restaurant** in Quincy, Oct. 1-9, as a dinner-theater production. Matinee performances Oct. 1 and 8; matinee and evening Oct. 2 and 9. Tickets are $35 matinee, $45 evenings and include dinner, tax, gratuity and show. For tickets or additional information, call 617-328-1600.

Thurs. 2

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **The TurnTables** Oct. 2 Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

North River Arts Society, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, new class **Mom and Me**, fun projects for children and parents with Susan Lynch Raffa. All ages welcome. Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Session I: Oct. 2 - Oct. 30; Session II: Nov. 6-Dec. 11. Cost: $50 members/$60 non-members. To sign up or for more information, call 781-837-8091.

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. **Photographer Laura Blacklow** guest speaker for first in series of lecture/luncheons, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call for reservations, 1 781-934-6634. Cost $10.

Jimbo's South Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree, presents **Comedy Show with Brian Powers,** and other comics including Annette Pollack, Ted Barrett, Stephen Leach, P.J. Abruzzese, Jan Flanagan, Mark Scanlon and Pete Plourde. $10 admission. Reservations recommended, call 781-848-0300.

Fri. 3

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be **Northern Lights**. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $13 members $15 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Dave Howard and The High Rollers** Oct. 3 Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

United Church of Christ, Bedford St., Abington, **Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale,** Friday, Oct. 3, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday is bag day. Buy one bag, get one free.

"The Land's Eye," a show of black and white photography by Lance Keimig, at **the James Library and Center for the Arts,** 24 West St., Norwell Center, Oct. 3-Nov. 5. Opening reception Oct. 3, 6 to 8 p.m. Call 781-659-7100.

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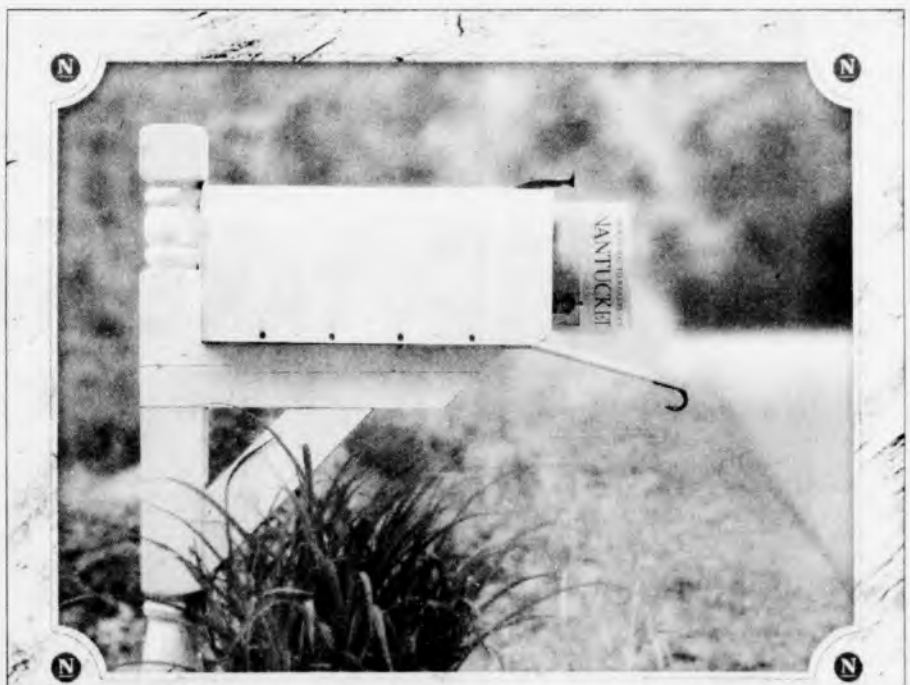

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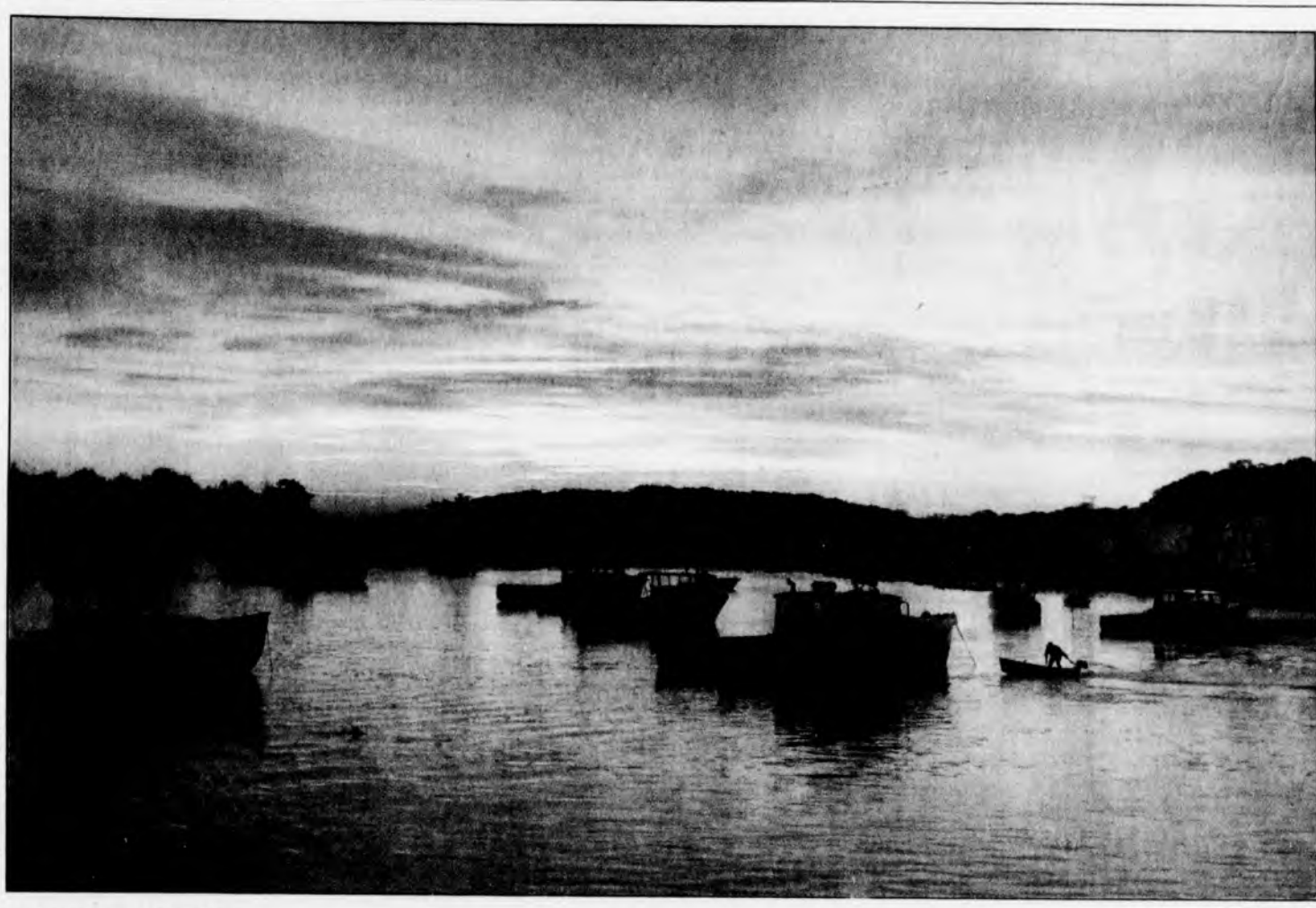

HARBOR SUNRISE

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A lone Cohasset fisherman heads out to his boat, the Phyllis P, for a day of lobstering.

Feline hounds

Lost cats falling prey to coyotes

By Mary Ford
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Cat and dog lovers could debate forever on which animal is "man's best friend."

But one thing is for sure, there should be no such thing as an "outdoor" house cat any more because the chances are very good the cat could fall prey to a coyote.

Cohasset Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy urges residents to keep their cats inside at all times.

"You cannot let a domestic cat outside," he said. "If you do, sooner or later it will be taken by a coyote – plain and simple."

Murphy says the spate of "missing cat" signs around town and other reports of missing cats are a direct result of the coyote population.

He explains occasionally cats go missing because they are lost or trapped somewhere and can't get out.

"But that would be too much of a coincidence to have the number of cats that are missing now (due to being trapped or

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Neighbors won't put out Cedarmere welcome mat

Planning Board is biased, they say

By Samantha Brown
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"Anything they say is good and anything we say is questioned."
— Karla Watts, 670 Chief Justice Cushing Highway

Abutters to the proposed Cedarmere project are still showing up in large numbers to voice their concerns over the proposed 105-unit senior housing development and won't be backing down any time soon. Some have hired lawyers and are prepared to fight the development to the end.

Of major concern to the neighbors are not only the potential impacts on traffic, surface water drainage, and septic systems, but the Planning Board itself, which some think has taken sides with the development team.

"You are pro-them," said Karla Watts, 670 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. "Anything they say is good and anything we say is questioned."

But Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said concerns of abutters are very real and "we're really and truly seeking out comments."

Because other boards have not made their recommendations on the project, the Planning Board must wait before it is able to make a final decision. Of concern is whether the Sewer Commission will allow the development to tie in to the town's sewer system, or whether developers will have to go back to the drawing board and design an on-site system.

"There will be plenty of ques-

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'Rails with Trails' on the right track

By Samantha Brown
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As riders look out the window from their seats on the Greenbush line, it is possible they will see families taking walks together or friends riding bikes as a result of the "Rails with Trails" program.

Last week, the Board of Health recommended Alta Planning & Design of the Waterfield Design Group, as the company to conduct the town's $25,000 feasibility study for "Rails with Trails." Town Meeting OK'd money from the Community Preservation Fund to pay for the study.

According to Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo, the feasibility study is the first step in obtaining a 90 percent grant from the Federal Department of Transportation to pay for the path under state "greenspace" regulations.

After receiving proposals from eight interested companies, the Board of Health narrowed down applicants to its top three choices. Finalists were then asked to give a presentation to the board. After meeting with all three companies, the board met to discuss their possibilities.

"Officially, they all meet the criteria," said member Peggy Chapman during discussion with Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik and Bobo.

"All three are highly qualified and all have walked the 3-1/2 miles," said Bobo.

However, after some discussion, it was clear to which company they felt came out on top. "I don't think there's any question Alta is first," said Bobo.

Because the board was not able to see the bids for the proposals, money was not an issue in the decision making process. Once Town Manager Mark Haddad was notified by the board which company was picked, Haddad opened the envelopes for the bids.

The bid for Alta Planning & Design happened to be the lowest of the three at $24,750. The other two companies, VHB Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc., and Fay Spofford & Thorndike bid $25,000 and $25,750

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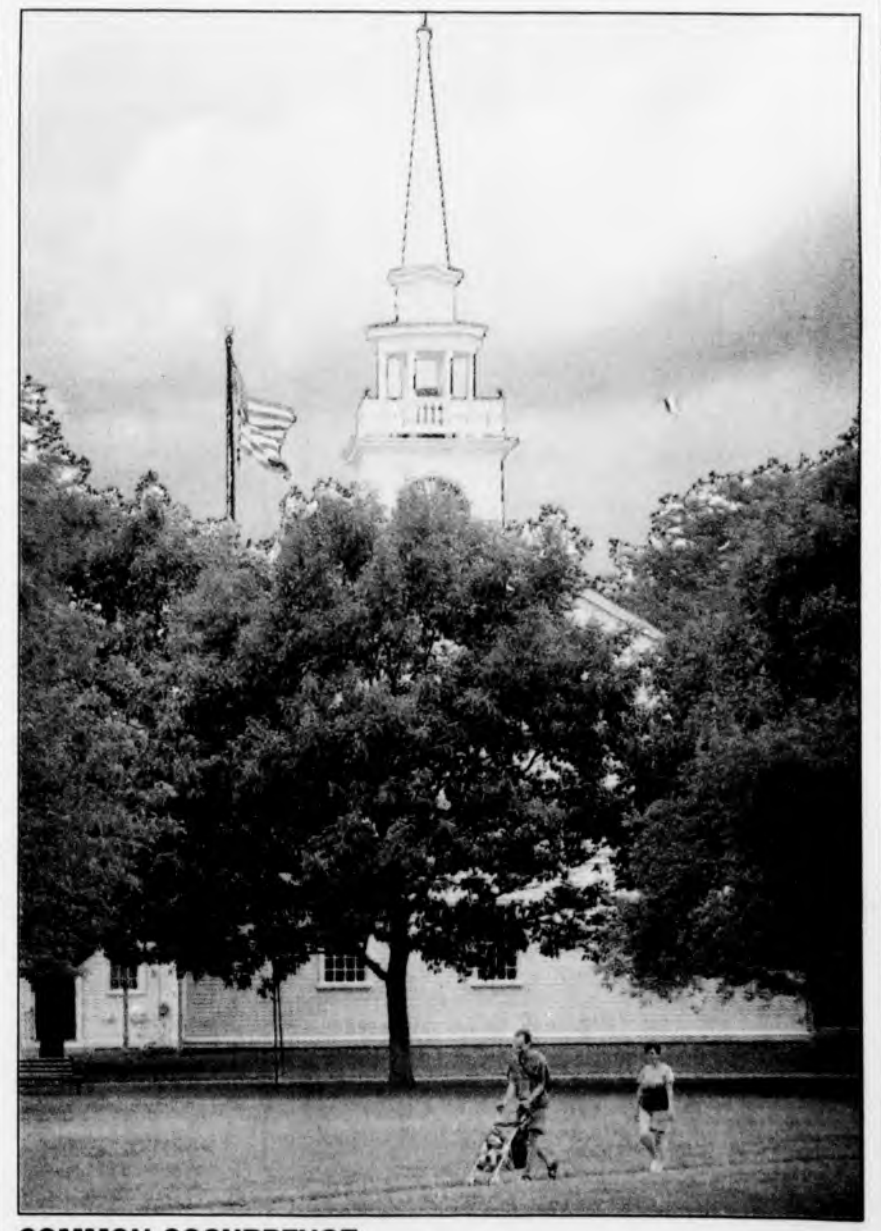

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Oct. 7, 4:15 p.m.

Board of Health, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 9 and Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees, Oct. 8, 7 p.m., at the library

Planning Board, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. (zoning articles for Special Town Meeting); Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Oct. 2, 7 p.m., middle-high school library

Sewer Commission, Oct. 29, 6 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Avalon deliberations held Wednesday night

The Zoning Board of Appeals held public deliberations with AvalonBay, the developer seeking a comprehensive permit for a 200-unit apartment complex off Rte. 3A, last night after the Mariner went to press.

The deliberations were slated for this past Monday evening (Sept. 29) but the meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday because Monday's session was not posted as required by the Open Meeting Law.

Look for coverage of last night's deliberations in next week's Mariner.

Public Hearing on the Cook Estate

Selectmen will hold a public hearing Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. for the Board to present the Senior Housing Proposal, slated to be built on the Cook Estate, to the general public. Town Manager Mark Haddad said a draft request for proposal will be made available for anyone in town, including all town boards, and thinks the public hearing will be a great way to receive feedback from the community on the overall project. Haddad has already begun the process of due diligence on the property and said he will have a purchase and sale agreement ready for the board to review at next Tuesday's meeting. Haddad also asked Selectmen to consider hiring a real estate company to help market the property, but an agent will not be hired until after special Town Meeting.

Fighting jet pollution

There will be a meeting of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council on Oct. 8, Wednesday, 7:30 - 9 p.m. at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave, Hull. Please look at the council's website www.southshorejetpollution.org for a link to a map to the Hull Lifesaving Museum, which is near Hull Village.

Basement meeting room gets revamped

A new video camera will be mounted in the basement meeting room in Town Hall to allow more meetings to be broadcast on cable television. Town Manager Mark Haddad said it will cost $4520 for all equipment, but will provide a valuable service as currently, the Selectmen's meeting room is the only one fitted with camera equipment. Haddad also said he will be looking into getting better ventilation for the basement meeting room, as there have been some complaints of poor air quality during packed meetings. High School students are diligently working on completing the mural on the meeting room walls, and Haddad said he expects the hallway from the meeting room to the elevator will be complete by Christmas.

Deer Hill School rededication slated

With the completion of construction on the Deer Hill school, a rededication ceremony has been set for Friday Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. outside the school. All are welcome to attend.

Master Plan draft

Members of the Growth and Development Committee hope to have the town's Master Plan in its final form before the special fall Town Meeting Nov. 17. Selectmen Tom Callahan, who also sits on the Growth and Development Committee, said although the Master Plan is hoped to be completed in its entirety, votes will only be cast on those areas which require Town Meeting approval. There will be one public hearing before Town Meeting with the date to be announced.

New board members

Dick Avery of Surry Drive will join the Tri-Town Weir River Estuary Park Committee, filling the opening left when member Jim Shipsky stepped down last June, to devote more time to the Cohasset Environmental Support Group. Mike Westcott of River Road and Steve Lucitt of Jerusalem Road will join the Cohasset Housing Partnership. Selectmen Tom Callahan said there are still five open seats on the partnership, and the first two members will be appointed to three-year positions.

Streets need some patching up

Mary Bohmer, 45 Pleasant St., asked for the help of the Board of Selectmen in getting a pothole at the end of her street paved over. She said her road was dug up on July 28 and was never paved over, causing rocks to "go flying" when driven over. "This has been going on for two whole months," she said. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he would talk to the sewer department about the issue. Haddad also said he will look into an exposed pipe on Doane Street which needs to be finished. "It doesn't make sense," Haddad said, adding town workers are usually very good about finishing roads once a project is complete.

New gas main to be installed

Selectmen have approved the installation of approximately 100 feet of two inch gas main on King Street from the existing home, number 281, southerly to house number 288. Harold Cooper, a representative from Keyspan Energy, said the main would be installed for a new house, for regular household use.

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Sun. 5	8:06	9.1	1:44	8:22	10.1	2:00
Mon. 6	9:07	9.3	2:47	9:23	10.2	3:02
Tues. 7	9:59	9.6	3:41	10:16	10.2	3:57
Wed. 8	10:45	9.9	4:29	11:03	10.2	4:46
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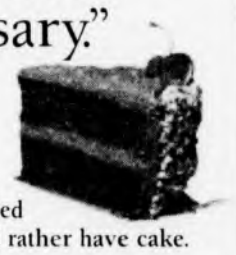
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Town Meeting to vote on fate of Village wires

Sidewalk material also on the agenda

By Samantha Brown
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Selectmen will let the town decide whether wires in the downtown area should be buried or not, and will include that question as an article on the warrant at the fall special Town Meeting.

Because the Greenbush line has been given the go-ahead, the town has a more concrete idea of what its Village plans could entail, knowing the MBTA will be responsible for the town parking lot. But, certain aspects are still up in the air, hindering the decision-making process. By allowing the town to vote on the wires, it will determine where other funds can be allocated and what viable options the town has.

In light of this decision, members of the Waterfield Group were asked to head back to the drawing board, to prepare both underground and above ground scenarios for wires, to be presented to residents at Town Meeting. This way, residents will be able to visualize both plans to make an informed decision.

The town hired the Waterfield Group to design a "revitalized" village. This is all part of the $1.8 million Village Revitalization Project, which has been in the works for upwards of seven years and is being paid for through grants and private donations.

If the town decides to go with the underground option, Town Manager Mark Haddad said he is unsure what the cost could be. Lisa Bailey of the Waterfield Group said a utility company employee must oversee the burying of the wires on a daily basis for the duration of the construction, which could take anywhere from nine to 12 months. She was told the only available employee would have to come from out of state and it would be the responsibility of the town to arrange for a place for that person to stay.

"They're making it as difficult as possible for us," said Haddad.

Haddad said that option was ridiculous and there is no way the town could pay for it. He said should the town decide to go with the underground plans, he would look into other options for having the wires buried, and take the advice of town counsel on the matter. He also said he would find more concrete figures regarding possible costs to the town, including how a possible 2 percent surcharge would be billed to residents and for how long.

After the vote at Town Meeting, Selectmen will know how much money they have to spend on various paving options. Many residents have expressed their interest in incorporating brick into the sidewalks.

"I thought using brick was cost prohibitive," said Tom Callahan. However, board members pointed out that if it is decided the wires will not be buried, there will me more money left over to spend on brick.

The Waterfield Group will design two sample paving alternatives for residents to have a look at during town meeting, which will serve as a starting point to narrow down the town's options. Residents will be able to check off which they like best, and Selectmen will have a better idea of which direction to proceed from there. Most likely, the plans will include concrete sidewalks with possible brick and/or granite accents and possibly painted crosswalks. Other materials such as cobblestones and different kinds of pavers might be considered as well.

Because residents seem to be happy with the corner of South Main and Elm streets, where the pump is located outside Cohasset Hardware, the Waterfield Group said they would look at mimicking the look of that corner in its plans.

"Why reinvent the wheel when everyone likes it?" said Callahan, who thought following the border scheme subconsciously picked by the town makes sense and would hopefully be embraced by residents.

Each time the Waterfield Group is asked to come up with another design, the town has to pay for its services, which adds up quickly, considering all the revisions they have been asked to make. Selectmen hope after votes are cast at Town Meeting, the question of what to do with the wires will be answered, as well as the preference for the downtown look. A final decision on how to proceed could be made soon thereafter.

School board hopefuls vow to run this spring

Familiar face picked for seat

By Samantha Brown
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While the open seat on the School Committee has been filled by Rick Shea — Election Day in April could be very exciting, as all five who sought the post said they will campaign when the time comes.

"I'm already looking ahead to April," said Scott O'Grady of Sohier Street.

At the April Town Election, three School Committee seats will be up for grabs, two for three-year terms and one for the remaining year of Jane Pescatore's term. Pescatore stepped down in August to accept employment with the school department. Incumbents Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin could also seek reelection this spring – making a potential field of seven candidates at this point.

Shea of Margin Street — who served on the School Committee for three years in the mid-90s — garnered six out of nine possible votes last week from selectmen and the remaining four members of the school board, in a joint meeting held for the purpose of filling the vacant seat. Shea will fill Pescatore's seat until the town election.

Shea, O'Grady, and Rory Winters of Forest Avenue did not specify which terms they would seek next April. Adrienne MacCarthy of Doane Street said she will run for a three-year term. Betsy Connolly of Lily Pond Lane said she would run again, "knowing a one year term would be open." She feels one year is a commitment she would be able to make.

O'Grady and Winters are newcomers to town politics. Connolly was elected to fill the remaining year of a term on the School Committee in April 1999 and did not seek reelection the following year. MacCarthy ran for the School Committee in 2001 and after a recount, lost to incumbent Pat Martin by two votes.

While the School Committee's votes for the candidates were unanimously in favor of Shea, the Selectmen's votes were split, with Chairman Ronnie McMorris, Tom Callahan, and Merle Brown voting for MacCarthy, who is PSO president and a long-time member of the School Building Committee.

"I'm looking for someone who's not afraid to ask questions. Someone to break the mold, who's not going to be a lilting flower," said Callahan. "This process gives the Board of Selectmen a vote and I don't think we should shy away from that vote."

McMorris thought MacCarthy would be an appropriate choice because she is "very much aware, with three different children in three different schools."

But the School Committee had its eye on Shea, citing his prior experience on the board as one of the deciding factors.

With a difficult budget season ahead, the School Committee wanted a member who'd been through the process.

"We need someone who can hit the ground running," said School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo, adding he remembers his first six months on the committee and said it's an "entirely different world," a person needs to become familiar with, in order to participate fully in the process.

School Committee member Pat Martin agreed with DeGiacomo and said someone with experience is essential, "At a time when we're going to need to pull rabbits out of our hats."

At the close of the meeting, everyone offered their best wishes to Shea. "Congratulations, you have your work cut out for you," said McMorris.

The boards also praised all the candidates.

Nomination papers become available in January for those interested in running for the School Committee in the April Town Election.

Colorful crosswalks? Not in Cohasset

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset residents will be happy to hear Selectmen are taking their thoughts on what color to paint the crosswalks in town very seriously.

When the Waterfield Design Group proposed including bump-outs, or extended areas of sidewalk near crosswalk areas, as part of its revitalization plan, residents rallied together to put an end to what they thought would destroy the character of the entire Village. Bump-outs became history, and the townspeople had their first victory. But what to do with the crosswalks to make them stand out more, not only in the Village, but all over town, had Selectmen looking at paint colors this week.

Selectmen had planned on testing a crosswalk with a new color, in a conspicuous location on Ripley Road, to gauge reaction from residents before making a final decision on the matter. So when residents drove down Ripley Road, they would have kept their eyes open for the new colorful test crosswalk.

"I think green makes a lot of sense," said Town Manager Mark Haddad, adding that he had spoken with police Chief Robert Jackson, who did not have a color preference. Currently, Hingham has its downtown crosswalks painted green with white edging, which seems to be working out well.

"How about the stars and stripes, will that stand out?" asked Selectman Merle Brown.

Selectman Tom Callahan thought a "nice shade of blue," perhaps in the school's colors would be appropriate throughout town and could promote school spirit.

"I've already started to get negative comments about anything other than white," said Chairman Ronnie McMorris.

In the past, to improve safety around town, ideas were floated including using various traffic delineators such as barrels and different signage to draw attention to the crosswalks and increase pedestrian safety. Paint color was also discussed, and it seems green has remained an unpopular color choice ever since.

After some discussion, it became apparent to selectmen that nothing other than white crosswalks would be appropriate.

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How to make an outdoor cat, a happy indoor cat

Cats need human companionship to be happy, and when they spend all their time out of doors, they get very little attention. An outdoor cat may welcome the indoors if he or she gets more love, attention, and play.

Provide your cat with secure cat condos which offer acceptable and interesting places for your cat to lounge, play and scratch. You should also provide scratching posts, corrugated cardboard or sisal rope for your cat to scratch and praise your cat for using them.

To encourage your ex-outdoor cat to exercise, offer interesting toys. These can consist of a long pole and attached line with fabric or feathers at the end of the line. Some cats enjoy searching for toys. If your cat likes to explore the house looking for "prey," hide his toys at various places so he can find them throughout the day.

Provide your indoor cat with fresh greens. You can buy kits that include containers and seeds to grow, or plant pesticide-free alfalfa, grass, bird seed, or catnip in your own container. This way, your cat can graze safely and not destroy your house plants.

If your cat remains stubbornly committed to life outdoors, help it adjust by providing an outdoor covered enclosure or run that the cat can access through a window or pet door. Such a facility gives the cat some of the advantages of being outside while minimizing the dangers. You can make the outdoor enclosure interesting and appealing by adding objects for the cat to explore, such as tree limbs, multilevel cat condos, tires, toys hanging from branches, and boxes in which the cat can curl up or hide.

If you cannot or prefer not to offer your cat a run or enclosure, consider leash-training the cat so you can supervise its time outside. Attach the leash to a harness. Never leave your cat outside unsupervised while on a leash or lead.

Additional tips for a happy indoor cat:

• Trim your cat's claws every one to two weeks to keep him from damaging furniture, rugs and drapes, or glue on artificial nail caps called "Soft Paws" every six to eight weeks.

• Provide one litter pan per cat and scoop the litter pan at least once daily. With unclumping litter, change once or twice weekly; with clumping litter, change every two to four weeks.

• Many cats enjoy the companionship of another cat or compatible dog of the opposite sex. If you can make the financial and emotional commitment, consider adopting another companion animal for yourself and for your cat.

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Lost cats falling prey to coyotes

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lost)," he said, adding that small dogs should also be kept inside.

"Not too many cats can outrun or outwit a coyote," Murphy says. The coyotes have also depleted Cohasset's feral cat population., he says.

William Davis — wildlife biologist with MassWildlife, a state agency — says there is no ballpark number on how many coyotes are around.

"We classify them as common and abundant," Davis explains. "They are found throughout the state from Williamstown to Provincetown — and in every habitat type from the deepest forest to the outskirts of Boston and the beaches of Cape Cod."

Davis says coyotes are most active at dawn and dusk, but cat owners who want to be completely safe should keep their cats inside.

Murphy describes coyotes as cunning animals that are patient and stake out their prey.

"They monitor the area and know where to find meals," he says.

Murphy said coyotes are here to stay. While their numbers have stabilized, there is little that can be done to get rid of them for a couple of reasons, the animals' coats are no longer sought after by the fur industry and leg-hold traps are illegal in the state.

"They are practically a protected species," he says.

Davis of MassWildlife says there is a four-month coyote hunting season but there is little interest because the price is down on coyote pelts. About 100 are typically killed during the hunting season, too little to make a dent in the coyote population.

"We advise people to become educated and learn to live with them," Davis says.

He suggests residents make their property unfriendly to coyotes by eliminating potential food sources including not putting trash outside overnight, making sure compost piles are in a secure bin and clearing up fallen apples and pears from fruit trees. Woodpiles and crawl spaces can also provide habitat for mice and rabbits, which coyotes like to eat.

Davis says coyotes are self-regulating, so they won't over populate an area. He explains when food is lean coyote litters are smaller.

"When food is abundant, they have more pups," he says. "Each family unit will define a terrain large enough to sustain it."

Murphy, the animal control officer, says there is no secret to protecting domestic cats.

"If you love your cat – you'll keep it indoors," he says.

For more about coyotes, visit: www.masswildlife.org

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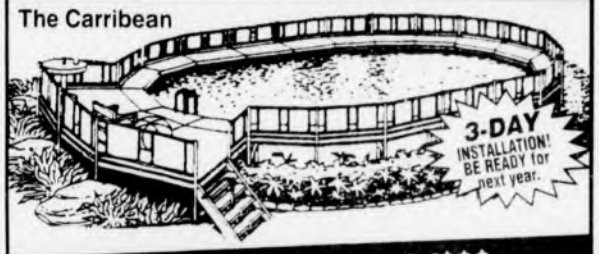

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Town thinks septic system will work for Cook estate project

Planning Board gets an overview

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The Cook Estate development is being proposed — as is Cedarmere — under the town's new Senior Overlay District Bylaw, which requires a special permit from the Planning Board.

At this point, selectmen don't think the 87-unit, 55-plus senior housing complex proposed for the Cook Estate off Sohier Street is going to compete for town sewer capacity.

Consultants working with selectmen on the project are also cautiously optimistic the affordable units in the complex would "count" toward Cohasset's affordable housing inventory even though they might not be integrated throughout the complex.

Town Manager Mark Haddad told the Planning Board at a special meeting on the project Tuesday selectmen are optimistic an on-site septic system would work.

The sewer discussion took center stage during a presentation on the proposal by town consultants, GLC Development Resources of Boston, on the project that was unveiled last month after a series of closed-door negotiations with the Cook heirs over the summer.

The potential for additional sewer capacity at the treatment plant off Elm Street has made headlines recently as two other high-density projects proposed for Cohasset eye sewer connections.

AvalonBay, whose plans for a 200-unit apartment complex off Route 3A are currently before the Zoning Board of Appeals, has asserted its "rights" to sewer capacity if it becomes available. After being told the development couldn't hook up to the town sewer, the developer has spent months and considerable expense designing an on-site system with no guarantee it will pass muster with the Department of Environmental Protection or ZBA.

And the developers of Cedarmere, a proposed 105-unit 55-plus senior complex off Beechwood Street and 3A, have designed the project with sewer access in mind.

But homeowners of existing homes say they have first dibs on any sewer capacity, especially those around the environmentally fragile Little Harbor area. The Sewer Commission tried to clarify the issue in a recent letter stating Little Harbor has priority and saying Town Meeting would likely have to approve any extension of the sewer district.

But that didn't stop Planning Board member Robert Sturdy from saying the senior project proposed for the Cook Estate should apply for a sewer permit. He pointed out there are no guarantees Title 5 systems will stand the test of time. Title 5 is the state environmental code governing new septic systems and upgrades.

The Cook Estate development is being proposed — as is Cedarmere — under the town's new Senior Overlay District Bylaw, which requires a special permit from the Planning Board. The bylaw, permitting higher-density housing than would otherwise be allowed, requires the development include a percentage of affordable housing. It also requires those units be "counted" by the state Department of Housing and Community Development as part of the town's affordable housing inventory.

As with Cedarmere, the town-proposed project's conceptual plans show the affordable units not being integrated throughout the complex but mixed into the buildings containing rental apartments. The remainder of the project's units are condos.

It's not clear if the DHCD would count affordable units that are separate and different from others being proposed. The count is crucial because it would help Cohasset reach the 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state. Towns with less than 10 percent of their housing stock deemed affordable by state standards are vulnerable to "40-B projects" which can skirt most town regulations in exchange for providing affordable housing.

Plans are to combine the 22.4-acre Cook estate the adjacent 9.8-acre parcel the town owns near Stop & Shop and Red Fox Lane. The town will seek a developer to purchase the combined properties to develop an 87-unit, mixed-income senior housing community.

The Cook property is valued at $4.5 million; it is not clear how much the town's acreage would add to that figure. Selectmen said the town would set a minimum price in its Request for Proposals to cover the value of the combined parcels.

The purchase of the Cook property, which is subject to Town Meeting authorization, would be contingent on the town being able to find an acceptable buyer for the combined property, Haddad explained. If Town Meeting approves the purchase, selectmen expect to select a developer in January and have a simultaneous closing on both transactions in the middle of 2004.

Because of the simultaneous closings, the town would not spend any money to buy the Cook Estate and could stand to make a considerable sum on the sale of the town-owned 9.8-acre parcel.

The 87 units would consist of apartments and cluster houses, with a portion of the rental units being affordable for low-, moderate- and medium-income seniors. Access to the development would be off Sohier Street. The town will impose design controls and buffer requirements to protect adjacent properties.

Estimates are the tax revenue generated by the project, which would not add children to the schools, is about $300,000-$400,000 a year, Haddad said.

A three-acre parcel across Sohier Street (between the Mobil Station and Fair Oaks Lane), which is part of the Cook Estate, would be retained by the town and kept as open space.

There will be two articles pertaining to the Cook Estate on the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting warrant, Haddad explained. The first would ask Town Meeting to purchase the Cook property and the second would ask to dispose of the Cook property and the town-owned 9.8-acre parcel.

Contingencies will be built in to the RFP so if an acceptable buyer isn't found the deal doesn't go forward, Haddad said.

The town-owned 9.8-acre parcel has been eyed for senior housing for years but access was a problem. With the purchase of the Cook estate, access can be gained off Sohier Street.

Neighbors won't put out Cedarmere welcome mat

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tions on this side," said Moore, as the process continues.

Because the entire Cedarmere business plan is based on its being able to hook up to the sewer, David Calhoun, one of the developers said, "It would significantly impact the project," if they are denied access.

Without sewer access, the team would need to begin looking into building an on-site treatment system, potentially reducing the number of units, and making a reconfiguration of the buildings necessary to accommodate for the system. With new building plans, there would also be a need for new landscaping plans.

"If the answer is no, we'll go back to the drawing board," David Calhoun said.

It is also not clear if the state Department of Housing and Community Development will approve Cedarmere's affordable units, so they will count toward the town's affordable housing inventory. Apartments under the affordable component of Cedarmere would have to qualify as a state Local Initiative Project for the affordable units to "count." While developers insist the affordable housing units will "count," member Peter Pratt said he wasn't convinced they would.

"If someone had a bad day," it's possible they could take a look at the plans and deny them because the units are not invisibly integrated, he said.

Cohasset has less than 3 percent of its total housing stock deemed affordable by state standards and needs 10 percent to no longer be vulnerable to "40B projects" like AvalonBay's proposed 200-unit apartment complex off Rte. 3A that officials fear could impact the school population. Cedarmere is not a 40B project but is proposed under the town's Senior Overlay District, which town meeting voters passed to encourage more housing for senior citizens.

In the wake of Avalon, the largest 40B project ever proposed for the town, Planning Board members say abutters should be grateful Cedarmere developers have chosen to work with the town to build what it needs, rather than turn it into another 40B project.

"This land could be developed much more densely than proposed," said Moore, adding the developers could have chosen to build a 40B, but decided to work with the town to give them what they want.

"The DHCD doesn't have many towns calling up saying we're solving our own problems," David Calhoun said.

Alternatives 'ugly'

Planning Board member Robert Sturdy said the land could be developed into between 40 and 60 homes which could each have multiple children in the family. "The alternates are ugly," he said, adding he does not want to see either Cedarmere or the Cook Estate project turn into "Avalon two and Avalon three."

However, Judy Flint, 215 South Main St. said from listening to comments throughout the meeting, she got the impression abutters should get on board with the project because it's being shown as the best alternative to the situation. "We should be so relieved, God knows what else could come in," she said.

But the fact remains that the land has been bought and is a buildable piece of property, so whether Cedarmere goes in or not, something will be built on the site.

"Things like AvalonBay are inevitable," said Emily Brown, 30 Black Horse Lane, who said she fully supports the project. "I'd much rather have local people develop, who are sensitive to our concerns."

Jerome O'Callahan, 12 Sheldon Road said he too is in favor of the project and said he would be looking into moving to Cedarmere if it is built. He said he is currently looking to downsize and as of right now, may choose to move near family in Gloucester, but Cedarmere would provide the perfect alternative. "This is ideal as far as we're concerned."

David Keefe, 35 Stevens Lane, addressed concerns of abutters, as he too abuts a senior housing development. Keefe lives next door to the Harborview Apartments located on Elm Street and said he has no problem with the 64-unit complex in his neighborhood. "They're good neighbors. They have cars and they drive," and traffic near his home has not been affected, he said. "It's a good place to be."

But even with some support, most abutters will not be embracing the Cedarmere project any time soon.

"We do not exactly have our white knight," Flint said.

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Historical Society celebrates 75 years in event-packed weekend

Showcases its new home

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The children's section is no longer home to Dr. Seuss, now that shelves which formerly held picture books contain precious historical artifacts. While there is still some unpacking to do, the transition from the Lothrop House to the Paul Pratt Memorial Building has been a smooth one for the Cohasset Historical Society, and will serve as the perfect venue to hold the Society's 75th anniversary celebration.

From Thursday Oct. 2 through Sunday Oct. 5, the Society will hold its "At the Edge of the Sea" anniversary celebration weekend. Visitors will be able to take a first glance at how the new space is becoming a home for so many of Cohasset's historical treasures.

"A good portion has been unpacked," said Lynne DeGiacomo, executive administrator for the Historical Society. However, because the building is undergoing construction to transform part of the downstairs into two apartments, as well as some restoration work, the artifacts will be safer in their boxes because of the debris.

But even with many relics still residing in storage, members are already anticipating a time when Cohasset's past can be showcased for the present generation. Co-president Paula Morse said one of the first purchases made for the new building were window treatments for the very large windows, because ultraviolet light from the sun, which includes direct and indirect light, can break down fibers in paper goods or textiles. Morse also said the building is climate-controlled, which helps with the preservation of the collection.

"Right now, anything we have is covered," to protect it from damage, she said.

The Historical Society has a "strong maritime history collection," said Morse, adding that because Cohasset served as a ship building and fishing community, many ship captains and crews lived in the area. "The collection reflects that," she said.

The Society also has a large array of costumes with "everything from ball gowns to military uniforms to wedding gowns," as well as children's outfits, and accessories such as fans, walking sticks, hats, shoes and umbrellas, said Morse. While some costumes will be on display for this weekend's celebration, a long-term plan for a display is still in the works.

"We have a wonderful collection and it deserves to be seen," she said, adding that she attended a textile workshop recently for just that purpose. Because the dresses have very intricate beading, which can be very heavy, and some are made of silk and other fragile fabrics, they need to be laid flat for display. Morse said she would like to have a display set up within the year, but will need money for adequate display cases before viewing could be made available for the public on a regular basis.

But even with some minor limitations, the Society has been working well around its current situation, and has already hosted a parasol exhibit for children, a textile exhibit, and a sign exhibit in the short time since the Paul Pratt Building was bought this spring. However, nothing to date will compare with what is planned for this weekend.

Thursday night, the Society will hold a sold-out reception featuring master of ceremonies Scott Wahle of WBZ 4 morning news and guest speaker Dr. Edward T. O'Donnell. A professor at Holy Cross, O'Donnell is a noted historian and author, and will speak about the Brig St. John, an Irish famine ship from Galway that crashed off the shore of Cohasset in 1849, which resulted in the worst shipwreck in Cohasset's history. There will also be a maritime art exhibit featuring painters W.K. Gilbert and Wilma Parker, as well as maritime selections from the Society's collection. The art exhibit will run through Nov. 14.

Friday, there will be a public opening from 6:30-9 p.m. U.S. Coast Guard Captain Cynthia Coogan, Chief of Operations at the First Coast Guard District, Boston, will speak on Revenue Cutters and the Coast Guard. Gilbert and Parker will hold a meet and greet with those who visit their artwork. Rik Tinory will also be on hand to celebrate the worldwide release and special edition CD of "Mother of Ireland," which he produced, and features a song he wrote about the Brig St. John, sung by actress/singer Stacy Rock. The CD, which includes a historic narration of the Brig St. John by James "Shamus" Mulligan, will be on sale for $19.99 with all proceeds going to the Cohasset Historical Society.

Saturday, the "At the Edge of the Sea" exhibit will be open from 2-4 p.m.

Sunday, the victims of the Brig St. John will be remembered from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., including a memorial mass at St. Anthony's Church on South Main Street at 1:00 p.m. Shamus Mulligan of WATD will conduct a live radio broadcast from the Pratt Building as well. The Cohasset High School singers will sing "Mother of Ireland" live under the direction of Brian Marks, Cohasset High School music director.

For everyone involved with the Historical Society, it is hoped this weekend will serve as a way to drum up more volunteer support by showing all the hard work members have put in and showing how important Cohasset's past is to its future. "We hope to get more people involved," said Morse.

With the exception of the opening reception, all events will be free of charge.

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The program includes:

• Oct. 8, "Basics of Life Planning and Prevention of Financial Abuse after Retiring." Elder law attorneys Susan cox and Brian Barriera will discuss setting up trusts and annuities and explain coming changes to Medicaid and the new rules relating to assets and nursing home placement.

• Oct. 15, "Social Security and Retirement." Jacob Pizer, coordinator of the New England Pension Assistance Project, and Kurt Czarnowski, local communications director for Social Security, will talk about maximum taxable earnings and what earnings will be tax exempt after retirement. They will also explain the windfall elimination provision that affects government agency employees and those employed in another country.

• Oct. 22, "Financial Security after Retirement." Michael McNamara of McNamara Financial Services will address such basic questions as "Do I have enough money to retire and will it last as long as I do?" Then Carol Walsh Pagliccia of Pagliccia Real Estate will discuss whether it is better to continue to live in the same home or sell it.

• Oct. 29, "Living a Healthy and Active Life after Retirement." Meg Doherty, executive director of the Norwell Visiting Nurses Association, will discuss vitamin regimens, high protein diets, exercise and preventative measures to postpone the encroachments of age.

Pumpkins sale to raise money for ASP

Each year since 1988 a group of teens and adults from Cohasset has taken a one week trip to some of the poorest areas of this country to volunteer to do badly needed home repairs. The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project expects to send 120 teens and 55 or more adults on the next trip now being planned for June of 2004. This makes the Cohasset group the largest participant in the national Appalachia Service Project, coordinated out of Johnson City, Tenn.

All participants in the annual trip must also participate in the preparation for the trip. In addition to a series of workshops designed to prepare the teens and adults for the rigors of the trip, the group must raise the funds needed to make the trip possible. This year a new fundraising project has been added. The group plans to transform the open field at the entrance to Wheelwright Park on North Main Street in Cohasset into a Pumpkin Patch. The pumpkins are grown in a cooperative venture with the Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico, and will be arriving in town on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

According to David Bigley, the volunteer Pumpkin Patch coordinator, "We are looking forward to providing a fun atmosphere for the whole family. We are creating a family friendly space where all ages are welcome to come and enjoy the fall tradition of picking out the family pumpkin." In addition to pumpkins of all sizes there will be other items such as Indian corn, decorative gourds, corn stalks, and lots more.

Plans are underway for Story Hours in The Patch, visits from "The Great Punkin", as well as many other exciting activities. The Patch will officially open on Saturday, Oct. 11, and will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Halloween (Friday, Oct. 31).

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'Rails with Trails' on the right track

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respectively.

An additional bonus to hiring Alta Planning & Design is the relationship the town has built with the Waterfield Design Group through its work on the revitalization plans for the downtown area.

"They get along very well with the town," said Haddad.

The trail would run for 3-1/2 miles, be roughly six to 10 feet wide, and would run parallel to the tracks of the Greenbush line, encouraging physical activity by providing access to a safe trail for walkers and bikers. The trail would be separated from the rail bed by a secured fence to prohibit trespassing on the tracks. The trails could cut back on traffic by offering an alternative to driving to the train station, as well as promoting healthy lifestyles by encouraging exercise, the health board said.

Scituate resident and walking advocate, Mark Fenton, has been pursuing the same kind of trail system in his town. At the Scituate special town meeting Monday, voters appropriated $24,000 for its feasibility study. Fenton said Scituate will go through the same process as Cohasset, opening the bids up to all interested companies, then narrowing down the choices. However, because Cohasset has already chosen a company, Fenton said it will have an impact on Scituate's decision.

"If the two towns could get together, that would be great," he said, adding it will be much easier to negotiate with the MBTA if the two projects were run by the same company.

Alta Planning & Design will follow what the board calls a Scope of Work, which is a set of plans to help outline the process and ensure communication is kept open. The company is required to hold a kick-off meeting at the beginning of the project and provide ongoing coordination with the town from that point on. At the first meeting, key issues that may affect project feasibility will be identified, including potential trail users, trail design, right-of-way issues, and environmental permitting requirements. Key issues will be addressed through project research and coordination with town officials, the MBTA, and others, as appropriate.

Next, mapping of the area will begin. Orthophotos, or photographs of the area which are not affected by the camera angle and can therefore be measured just like a map, true to scale, will be arranged into a continuous file showing the entire corridor.

Once mapping of the area is complete, the field area will be reviewed, including roadway alternatives and traffic at intersections. Following the field study, a public meeting will be held with town officials to analyze the alternatives.

Within five months of receiving a written "Notice to Proceed" from the town, a draft feasibility study report must be completed. A final feasibility study report will be completed within 10 days of receiving draft report edits.

Salt marsh restoration team recognized

The Damde Meadows Salt Marsh Restoration Team has been selected to receive a 2003 Coastal America Spirit Award and The Trustees of Reservations has been selected to receive a 2003 Special Recognition Award from Coastal America for their partnership effort in restoring and protecting the coastal environment at World's End in Hingham.

The ambitious project, completed in early March 2003, has successfully restored tidal flows to Damde Meadows. Once a salt marsh, Damde Meadows was reclaimed for agricultural uses more than 300 years ago by European settlers. The restoration effort involved the installation of a concrete box culvert in each of the two dikes near Martins Cove. Once in place, the culverts allowed tidal waters from Martins Cove to flood the 14-acre pond. Restoring daily tides to the brackish pond was the first step in converting the biologically impoverished environment of Damde Meadows to a thriving salt marsh ecosystem that is critical to preserving the coastal environment.

"Although no salt marsh has taken hold in the large pond, tidal inundation has significantly affected the growth of Phragmites, a highly invasive plant that had usurped much of the pond's botanical diversity," says Andy Walsh, Southeast Regional Ecologist at The Trustees of Reservations. "In the years ahead, we'll see more changes at Damde Meadows as the system adjusts." Walsh will continue to monitor environmental changes at the site for years to come. The Trustees and its partners hope that the studies will inform future salt marsh restoration projects.

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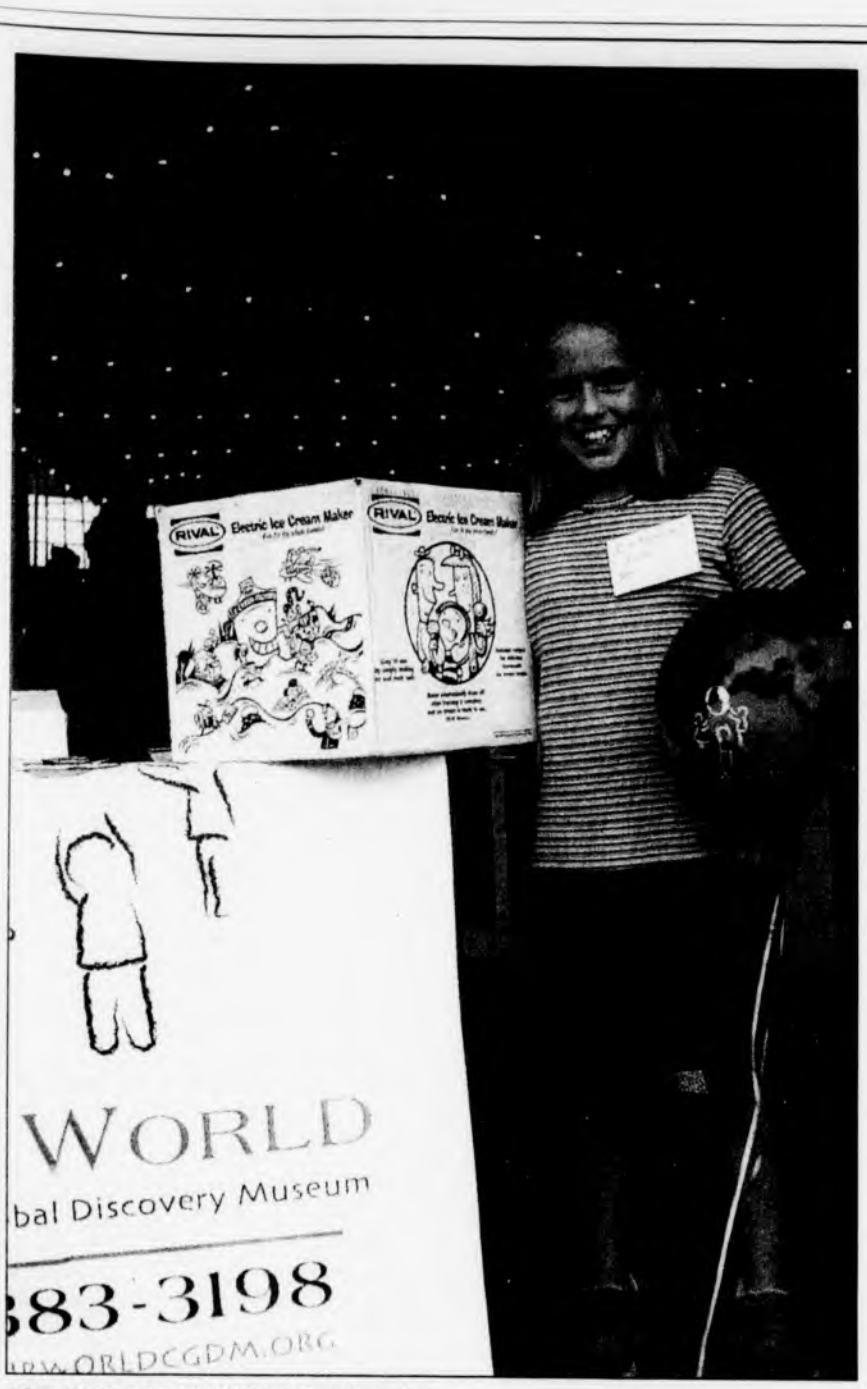

ICE CREAM FLAVOR CONTEST

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Natalie Larsen of Hull poses with per prize, an ice cream maker, at the Our World Children's Discovery Museum "Chariots of Ice (Cream)" event sponsored by the museum, and Nona's Homemade in Hingham and the Paragon Carousel on Sunday. Nona's made up the prize-winning "Natalie's Special" — a combination of white chocolate ice cream, oatmeal cookie dough and caramel swirls. For $5 a person ($20 a family), participants had a cup of the ice cream, a ride on the carousel, a box of popcorn and other goodies. Our World is housed in the rear wing of the old Osgood School behind the new Paul Pratt Library and will open in the fall of 2004.

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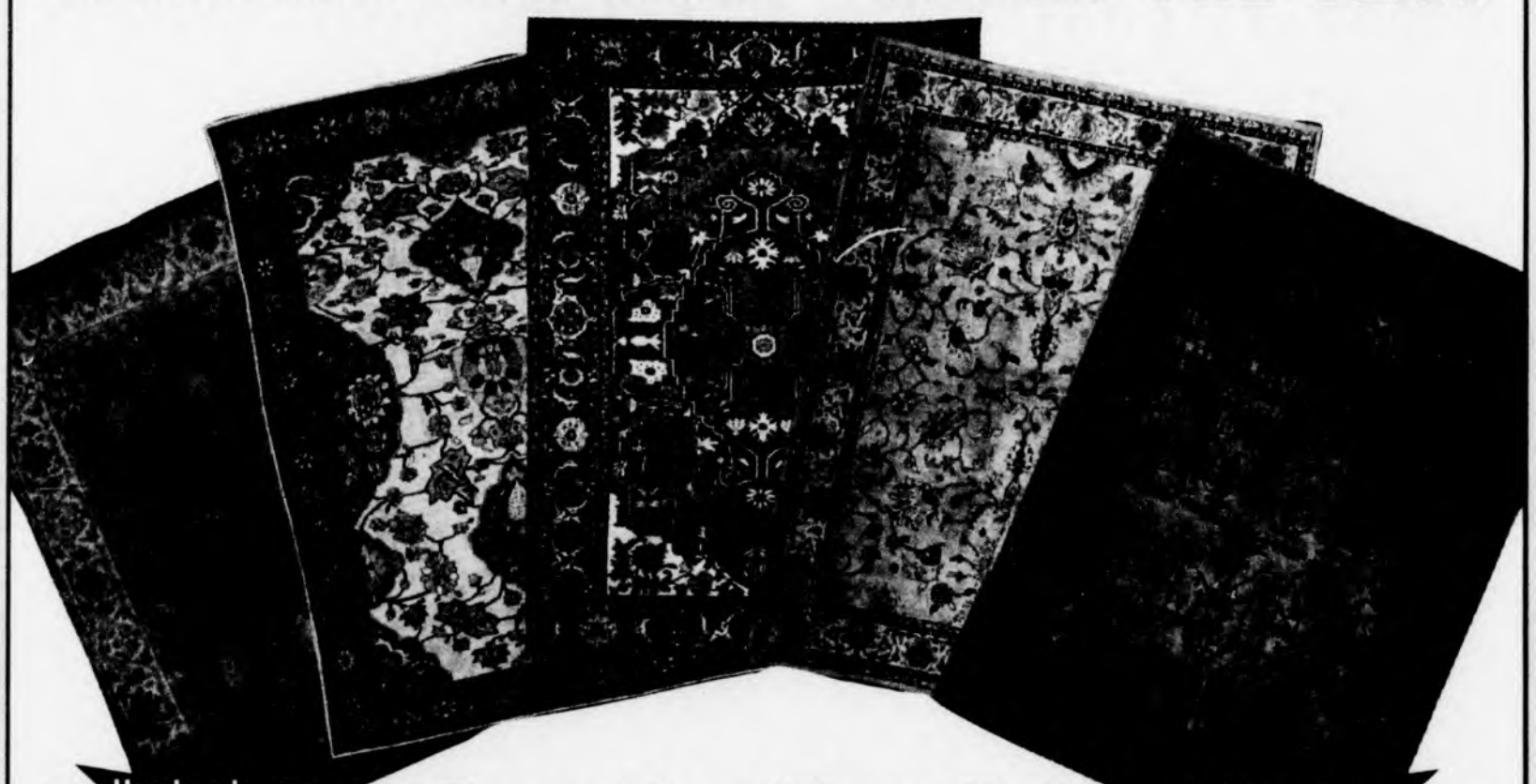

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GOLF GLORY

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Bill Allard of Cohasset shot two holes in one at a golf tournament in Scotland.

YOUNG AUTHORS WORKSHOP

A great new concept for kids opens next week. The Studio Sea "young authors workshop" has begun enrollment. Using technology and crafting, kids design, author and produce their very own hardcover books. The technology teacher at Osgood School, **Derry Schwantner**, is running the workshops for kids grades one through six. The studio is located in the village on South Main Street. For further information and signups, please call Studio Sea at 781-383-6994.

My daughter **Callie,** along with so many talented and creative students took part in a two week pilot program at the end of the summer with Derry and the end results were amazing. Here is a place outside of school where kids can work together or on their own and really show their creativity, thoughts and ideas in a beautiful hardcover book that they make from beginning to end. With the patience, enthusiasm and love of creations and books that Derry shares with the children, this program is "bound" to be a huge success! Make sure to stop in and visit or give Derry a call to find out more about this fantastic new business!

PROJECT SAFEGUARD

Attention to all parents of seventh-grade students! Please save Monday, Oct. 27 in your calendar to come and take part in the annual Project Safeguard event. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their 7th grade students. This is a half day event, followed by a parent luncheon and is very worthwhile to attend. This event will include a play put on by peer leaders, film presentations, speakers and discussions for both parents and students, all of which deal with themes related to adolescence. If people would like to help, they should please contact PSO rep, **Sally Sisson Gane** at 781-383-6190 or email her at salsisson@comcast.net.

CLASS PRESIDENT

Congratulations to **Thomas Chase**, son of **Laura and Mark Chase** of Cohasset. Thomas was recently elected President of the Class of 2004 at St. Paul's. Hope you have a great year Thomas.

DOG PARADE

Woof, Woof. It is that time of the year again when the annual Dog Parade will be held at the Farmers' Market on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.. Dogs that come in costumes will be judged — always a barking good time! Also, believe it or not, the last Farmers Market of the year will be on Thursday, Oct. 16. This Harvest Festival will include hayrides, pony rides, entertainment and fun for all! Make sure to end the season by coming to both of these events and sharing in good times with friends and family.

TOP GUNS

Wow, amazing work from two Cohasset students this past week. **Michael Bunstein**, a freshman at Cohasset High School, was named overall Player of the Week in the Top Gun Box Lacrosse league. Michael was selected from the 850 players who participate in the league which plays Sundays in Plymouth and Acton. His seven goals and two assists paced his Cohasset team in their 16 - 13 defeat of the Titans, a Cape Cod based All-Star team. Michael will receive a composite lacrosse shaft donated by Harrow Sports of Denver, CO, a sponsor of the league. Michael also scored 7 goals and 2 assists in Cohasset's 16 - 13 win over the Titans in the Top Gun Box Lacrosse League this past weekend.

Mike Rasmussen, a senior at Cohasset High School, scored 8 goals in Cohasset's 18 - 24 loss to a combined team from Tabor and Thayer in the Top Gun Box Lacrosse League this past weekend. Top Gun Lacrosse is New

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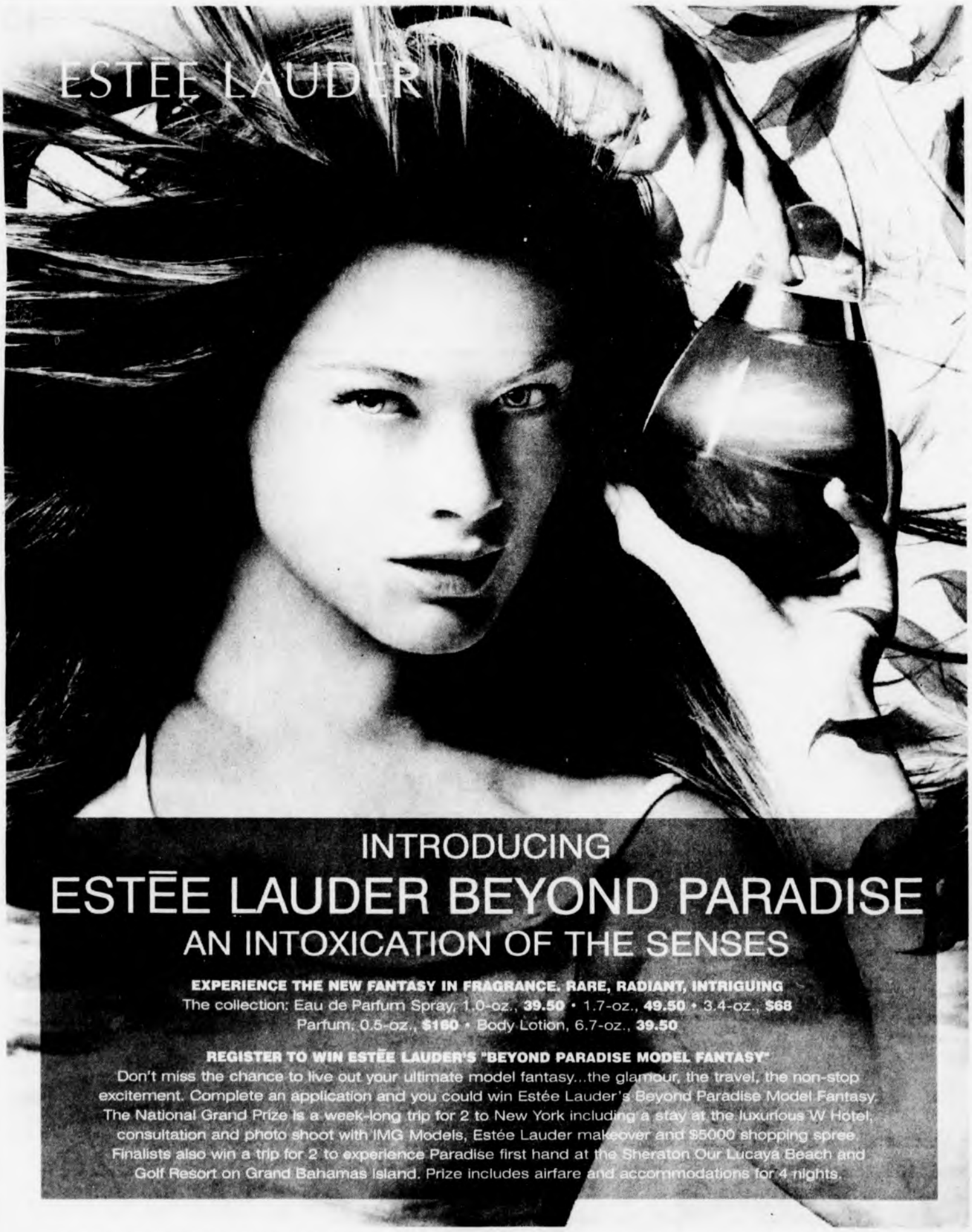

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Amanda Thompson at book signing

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MASTER'S DEGREE

Congratulations are being sent out to **Larissa Huskins** of Cohasset from her very proud family. Larissa, is a 1994 alumna from Holy Cross and assistant vice president at Income Research and Management where she has been employed for the last three years. Larissa recently received her masters in business administration from Boston College. What a lot of hard work and dedication she has put in for the last three years. Hats off to you Larissa!

BOOK SIGNING

Our State Rep. **Garrett Bradley** and his daughter **Amanda** stopped by Buttonwood Books to congratulate Cohasset's own **Amanda Thompson** on her first novel, "Millennium Girl." Look for Amanda Thompson at upcoming book signings: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 5 at Storybook Cove in Merchants Row; 1:30-3:30 p.m., Nov. 29 at the Hanover Booksmith; and from 1-3 p.m., Dec. 13 at Borders in Braintree.

CHAMBER GOLF SCORED

Fifty golfers from Cohasset, Marshfield and Scituate teed off at Widows Walk Golf Course Sept. 25 for the first annual Tri-Chamber Golf Tournament. The nine-hole Florida scramble started at 4 p.m.. Aaberg Associates of Marshfield was the winning team at six under par: **Brad McKenzie, John Romanelli, Doug Aaberg** and **Rick Smith.** Second place, also at 6 under par, Pinnacle Mortgage of Scituate: **Bob Hofmann, Mike Conlon,** and **Chip Hart.** Winners of two "closest to pin" holes : **Brad McKenzie** and **Bob McCarthy**.

Although nine teams entered the tournament, 14 golfers entered individually and teams were formed. Dinner followed at the Scituate Country Club. The Tournament Committee would like to thank: South Coastal Bank, Golf Etc. of Plymouth, The Road to Responsibility, Aero-Tee, and the Boston Herald for donations for the "goody bags." The committee would also like to thank the hole sponsors: Betsy Hines Realtors, Marshfield, Conlon Chiropractic, Marty O'Toole & Sons Painting, The Mariner Newspapers, Professional Homemakers, Scituate Federal Savings Bank, South Coastal Bank, South Shore Signs, and the UPS Store, Cohasset.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley and his daughter Amanda congratulate Cohasset's Amanda Thompson on her first novel "Millennium Girl" during a book signing at Buttonwood Books.

That is all for this week. Make sure to have all your news to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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Mystery authors and tasty desserts

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, the Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books of Cohasset will present a special literary event at the library. The "Daggers and Desserts" evening will feature three top-notch mystery authors discussing their latest works, as well as a buffet of criminally delicious desserts

Featured authors will be Bill Eidson, Michelle Blake, and Tom Eslick. Eidson's latest, "The Repo," is characterized by the same hard-edged, fast-paced, and relentless suspense which have earned his earlier books a devoted following.

Michelle Blake's "Book of Light" is the third in her series featuring Episcopal priest and sometime sleuth Lily Connor, a Texas native transplanted to Boston. Like the two previous mysteries featuring Lily, this work is both suspenseful and thought-provoking, tackling issues beyond the range of standard cloak-and-dagger stories.

Tom Eslick sets his Will Buchanan mysteries at a New Hampshire boarding school where the protagonist works as a science teacher. "Deadly Kin" is the latest in the series. It combines heart-stopping suspense, a strong plot line, and a superbly rendered setting in the treacherous and beautiful mountain country of northern New England.

"Daggers and Desserts" begins at 7 p.m. in the Hingham Public Library's Whiton Room. There is no admission charge for this event, but you may be tempted not only to sample a selection of utterly decadent desserts but also to purchase one or more of these authors' enticing new books.

Please call the library reference desk to reserve your place: 781-741-1405, ext. 2608.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Clarify the sewer issue

The "Sewer Issue" has been around Cohasset for a long time. Legal fees incurred over decades had tallied into the hundreds of thousands of dollars as the town tried to reach a pact with the state in the mid-90s. The efforts attempted to solve Cohasset's wastewater woes and get it out from under the threat of hefty fines and litigation for not doing so.

The establishment of the North Cohasset Sewer District and the expansion of the Central Sewer District were the subjects of lively town meeting votes after several public forums that included excruciatingly detailed handouts explaining what streets were involved and the cost to homeowners and taxpayers.

We also recall the days when irate homeowners with percolating septic systems that had broken out onto the surface — but whose houses were just outside the district — begged the Sewer Commission for access to the sewer system, only to be told it was a "capacity issue."

While most of those homes have now connected, others with failing septic systems are waiting in line for capacity at a treatment plant, which has an expensive, state-of-the-art system that took years to design.

Today from where we sit, the capacity issue appears to be no longer as clear-cut. There seem to be conflicting messages about whether new developments can tie in before other areas in town.

We don't think the Sewer Commission is necessarily sending the mixed signals — but it is not sending the clear signal that it did in years past when talking with the small group of Mendel Road or Newtonville neighbors, who were seeking connections, that they would have to "wait and see."

Here are the questions that are surfacing:

Can private developers have their own engineers get involved in determining capacity or a potential plant expansion?

If Cedarmere gets permission to hook up, what does that mean for existing homes that aren't connected?

Does Avalon have first dibs on the capacity that Cedarmere is seeking? What about the new senior complex proposed for the Cook Estate? What if an on-site system won't work there?

What kind of legal trouble is the town getting itself into if it allows one development to hook up and not another? Can the town be accused of discriminating against Avalon – whose feet are being held to the fire over an on-site system that could end up being a project-breaker – for telling Avalon it couldn't hook up to the sewer?

Do "senior housing" projects get favorable treatment for sewer connections because they fill a housing need in the community?

What about Little Harbor?

Is Town Meeting approval needed before homes outside the district can hook up?

Town Counsel met with selectmen and the Sewer Commission yesterday in executive session to go over some of these issues and how they might affect the court order the town is under, dubbed the Second Amended Agreement for Judgment.

The stakes couldn't be higher. Developers with millions of dollars at risk are eyeing Cohasset's sewer capacity.

The taxpayers need a clear explanation. A public forum on the future of the Cohasset Sewer System is in order.

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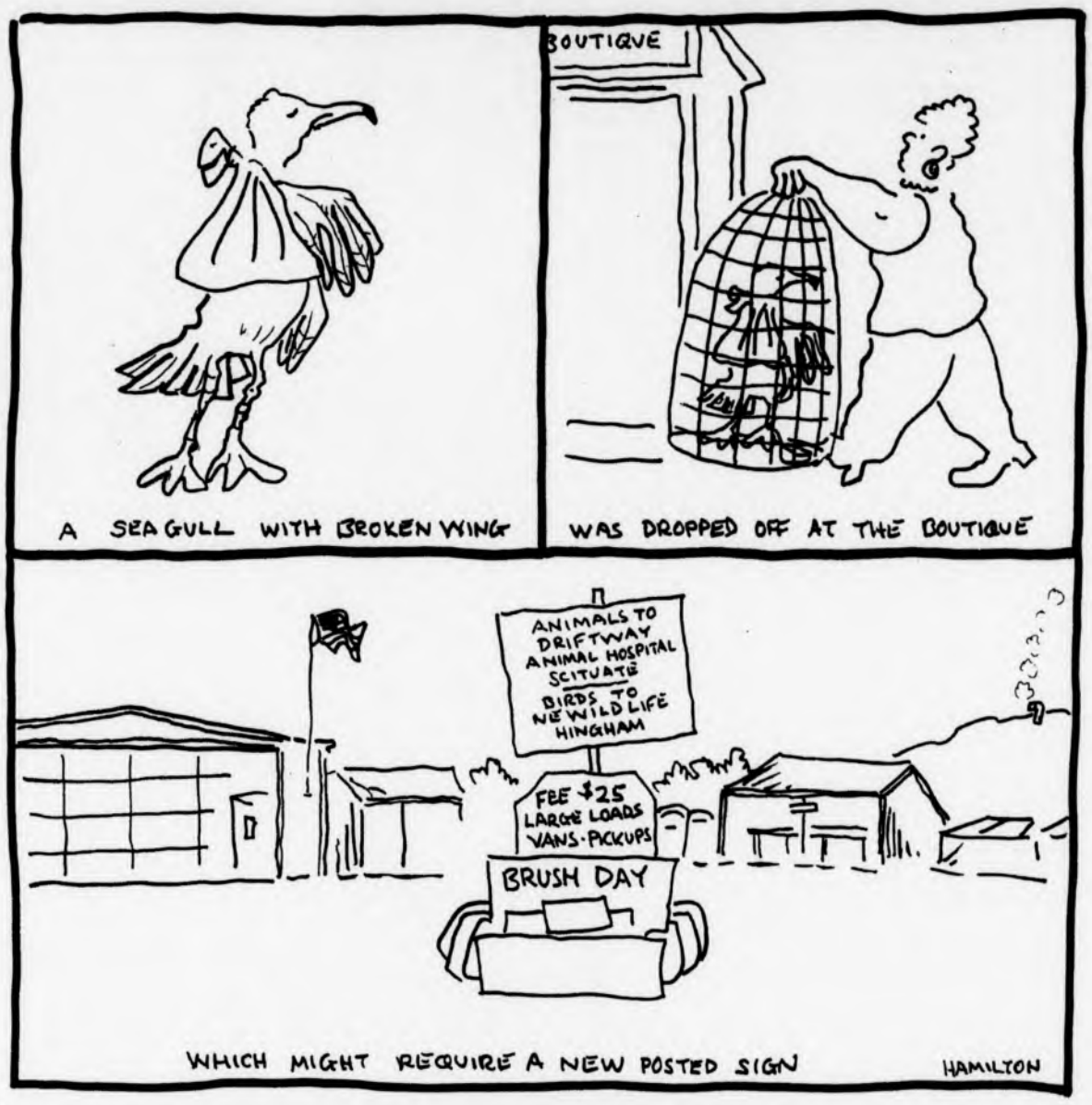

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Greenbush is Doug Foy's folly

To the Editor:

The Governor's announcement last week in support of the Greenbush restoration was unwelcome news for those of us who have long opposed the project.

It is a terrible turn of events given that Sen. Hedlund had finally gotten the Governor's attention so he and Rep. Garrett Bradley could emphasize how deeply opposed residents of Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate are to the project. The Governor also found the case for the alternatives presented by AfTA president John Bewick so compelling that he held off making a decision until the alternatives could be properly evaluated. The details of what happened next may never be known, but the fingerprints of Romney's transportation and environmental czar Doug Foy seem to be all over the decision to move ahead without one mention of objective criteria. In fact the announcement was replete with the same mantras of past administrations, i.e. does anyone really believe the coastal communities of the South Shore need economic development?

Prior to becoming an advisor to Governor Romney, Foy was head of the Conservation Law Foundation, and an ardent proponent of the Greenbush restoration. Given his history with the project, he was hardly the best person to objectively review the alternatives to Greenbush. One can imagine his delight, when the Governor, with his plate already full of controversial issues, turned to him and said, "You handle this one, Doug."

Oh the joy.

Whenever confronted by Greenbush negatives, Foy falls back on the so-called "hundred year view," which, simply stated, means that, while the project0s negative points may loom large today, 100 years from now, the Greenbush restoration will be seen as a good decision.

As Andy Rooney would say, "I don't know about you, but I have a hard time with that argument." First and foremost, if you happen to be in the position of power that Foy is in, it's a blank check for making virtually any decision you want to make. Who, after all, is going to be around a 100 years from now to question the wisdom of the decision.

Ironically, looking back in time, there was a Greenbush-related decision made in 1849, well over 100 years ago that flies in the face of Foy's logic. It was the decision to build the rail line in the first place. For those familiar with Hingham history, the decision was the result of so-called politically motivated midnight legislation, it was an unpopular decision then and 150 years later its restoration remains highly controversial for many of the same reasons.

Foy will also point out that urban planners have to take the 50,000-foot view if anything is ever to get done. But historic districts are hard to appreciate from such a lofty perch. One's appreciation can only take place at ground level and 24 double-decked diesel locomotives a day running through the heart of Hingham's Lincoln National Register Historic District is not exactly what the Department of the Interior had in mind when it established the district in 1990. Bennet Heart, a Conservation Law Foundation lawyer, who spoke in favor of Greenbush at a past Army Corps hearing, confirmed this CLF disconnect when he admitted he had never been to Hingham. He was formally invited, but declined the invitation. Perhaps he didn't want to know.

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POLITICAL NOTES

Democrats to meet Saturday

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee will meet on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 9 a.m. in the Meeting Room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road, for the purpose of planning for upcoming events, including the Massachusetts Democratic State Convention, to be held May 8 in Amherst and the Democratic National Convention to be held in Boston in July. All members of the Town Committee should make arrangements to attend in order to sign the state certification papers. As always, all interested Democrats are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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HEALTH NOTES

Rails with Trails to get us walking

Some time ago, the Board of Health decided that the two best aids to health and longevity (which, being 74, I think about a lot) are diet and exercise. It's clear that America has an obesity problem. I liken it to smoking when it became apparent that cigarettes were a killer. We now know that too much of the wrong food can be just as deadly as smoking. The statistics are similar.

The other problem with having more than we need is that we get lazy. We never walk when we can drive. There are other problems such as the fact that, when boating, we never row when, with a few bucks, we can buy an outboard. But the driving thing has caused us to develop an industry which caters to the comfort of the car. The town regulations about the number of parking spaces for commercial and industrial sites call for unnecessarily enormous parking requirements for cars. New subdivisions are routinely granted waivers for Town regulations thus eliminating sidewalks. I suppose the recent bump-out regulations were supposed to benefit cars; they certainly didn't benefit people. So, the Board of Health has decided to try to help improve the walkability of Cohasset.

One part of this campaign is to support Mark Fenton of Scituate in his crusade to have a "rails with trails" (RWT) corridor from Weymouth to Greenbush. This week, the Town will release a contract to Alta Planning + Design, the Waterfield Design Group, and the Rails to Trails Conservancy to study the feasibility of a corridor along the 3.5 mile right of way to be used by the Greenbush MBTA line from Hingham to Scituate. Scituate, by the way, voted on its section of the rail with trail Monday.

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The feasibility study is a necessary first step in obtaining a 90 percent grant from the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) to fund building the bike and pedestrian path. The consortium doing the work on this project is also the one doing the work with the MBTA on coordinating the entire rail line in Cohasset. The MBTA is known to be generally opposed to using the right of way for pedestrian traffic, because the state requires them to assume total liability for any accident on their property. Of course, some parts of the corridor represent almost no risk, and others more. A report, prepared for the DOT by Alta, called "Rails With Trails, Lessons Learned" identifies a range of options that can reduce liability exposure, including State statutes; property acquisition; easement, license, and indemnification agreements; and liability insurance provision by the trail management entity.

The Alta group will see where walking and biking near the right of way represents no risk to those doing it. Paul Smith of Alta has walked the full corridor from Greenbush to the Cohasset/Hingham line). The ultimate purpose of the Board on this project is to enhance the ability of people to use bikes, roller blades or walking from one destination to others in town, so we are interested in developing ways of enhancing connectivity. Alta, and its colleagues have adopted the concept that the feasibility study will represent a pattern for the entire town to use in connecting its existing walkways and paths to enhance pedestrian communication all over town.

No national standards or guidelines dictate RWT facility design., and we will, in a sense, be breaking new ground in beginning an effort that will take 10 or more years to complete if it's ever really complete. In the end, the vision is to gradually make walking and biking so much more attractive than getting in your car and driving, that everyone will begin doing it. The exercise will do us all good.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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Saving town land from development is worthy goal

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY

"I want to do right, but not right now." — song lyric by Gillian Welch.

Do you ever wonder how it can be that so many of us know about the damage we're doing to Earth, yet we change our behavior not one iota? Think about it. We're supposedly homo sapiens, intelligent beings. Yet we're driving our cars around dumping tailpipe toxics into the very air we breathe. What sort of intelligent being poisons itself?

An intelligent being whose knowledge is out of synch with her beliefs. While our left-brain tells us it determines our behavior based on knowledge, don't you trust it. That's just left-brain spin; monkeymind chatter. It is our beliefs that create our behavior; the veneer of knowledge gets applied second, if it supports the behavior. If the knowledge conflicts with the belief, the knowledge is simply ignored.

Let me give an example. The residents of Cohasset own a parcel of land located behind Stop & Shop. It's not a vacant lot. It contains abundant Life, Living Beings all — soil, water, air, sunlight, bacteria, fungi, plants, 100-year-old trees, profuse and beautiful wildlife. Schoolchildren understand natural living systems like this allow humans to exist on Earth and offer joy and ecstasy. The plants absorb carbon dioxide and give off oxygen; the soil purifies the water, the wildlife connects us to Life's mystery. We know too much of Earth's natural systems have already been destroyed. It would be insanity to destroy the natural systems on this parcel. This is the knowledge we possess about the parcel.

An article will be presented at the upcoming Town Meeting that proposes to sell the parcel to a developer, who would build a senior housing project there. How can this be?

It's because of the prevailing beliefs about the parcel. This we believe:

Anyone who owns land in Cohasset has the right to develop it. Humans are meant to develop natural land into housing projects. Undeveloped land is vacant and not the highest and best use. Covering Earth with asphalt and buildings does no harm. If the Town doesn't develop this parcel, someone else will. If we develop it we can be in control. All developable land in Cohasset can be developed and Earth will not end. Life will go on as usual. No one will even notice anything different. The project won't hurt the air, water, or soil. Future generations will thank us for replacing the woodland ecosystem with a senior housing project. Residents of the project can rely on fossil fuels for heating the homes, generating electricity, and fueling their cars. It isn't necessary to worry about energy efficiency or sustainability. The world is not going to run out of oil or land to develop.

Earth itself has no rights. We don't really need to have any connection with nature. God wants humans to develop the Earth. That's what it's here for. It's for us. Nothing can be done to protect unbuilt land unless preservationists can buy it. None of the living beings on the parcel have any legal rights or standing. Humans have the right to destroy them at any time.

It is good to separate things by simplistic type. For example, only residences in a residential zone, only businesses in a business zone, only grass on the lawn, only seniors in this project. It's better to put all the old people in one place. Nature's evolution of rich diversity is a concept that does not apply to Cohasset. The legal system, economic system, and religions, which control our beliefs and this parcel, cannot be altered toward sustainability. We are helpless victims of our own creations. There are no other options available to us. It's not my responsibility to do anything about what's happening to Earth. It's someone else's responsibility. The Selectmen and Senior Housing Committee know what's best for the future of Cohasset residents.

I'd like to think that any reader who carefully considers each of the above beliefs would conclude each belief is false and harmful. We can change our beliefs. Step one is becoming aware of them. Look at your beliefs. Let them change.

It won't be easy. Many of us were taught our beliefs by our parents, teachers, and clergy, and the belief was unconsciously coupled with strong emotion. We have a loyalty to our beliefs, even when some are clearly no longer working to support our own life.

100-year-old trees on parcel owned by the residents of Cohasset.

Our legal, economic, educational and religious structures embody these beliefs and won't be easy to evolve. I certainly don't have any easy answers. But we must evolve these structures, since they are guiding Cohasset's future not toward sustainability but toward unsustainable sprawl. I can't do much about the Amazon rainforest, or the California redwoods, but I can speak out here in Cohasset, to encourage us to at least begin walking the path of sustainability. We need to find ways to discard the beliefs that are Earth-destroying, and replace them with Earth-sustaining beliefs.

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Playing fields to political arena

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I read once that Abe Lincoln was playing baseball when the delegation from the Republican National Committee came to Springfield to let him know that the party had nominated him for president of the United States.

"Tell them," he said, "to wait until I get another base hit."

Abe must have rattled the next fast ball off the left field wall because the required three sources tell me that he spent the next four years in the White House and may have stayed longer if Mrs. Lincoln hadn't insisted on seeing that play down at Ford's.

If the story is true — and I'm sure it isn't — it would make Honest Abe the first athlete to become president of the United States, unless you want to count John Quincy Adams' late night bollicky swims in the Potomac as competitive.

In case you wonder why I tell you this, it's because Martina Navratilova, the girl tennis player, is thinking of going into politics when she retires after the 2004 doubles season, which takes her out of the Democratic race for president, I suppose.

Athletes retiring from the playing fields and showing up in the political arena is nothing new, dating back to the middle of the 19th century.

"If Arnold Schwarzenegger can run for governor of California, then who knows?" said Martina, sports' best known lesbian. "I have muscles. I will be involved, especially the way things are going. The conservative party is too strong."

Wouldn't it be a hoot if the Czech-born Martina were to run for governor of California against the Austrian Arnold and the Greek Arianna and they all threw their accents into the mix to debate economics? On second thought, we have our home-grown Tom Menino.

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John Morrissey, a member of the boxing hall of fame, won the American heavyweight championship by knocking out John Heenan in 11 rounds in 1858. Then he retired to run gambling houses in Saratoga, N.Y. and serve two terms in Congress.

Ed King starred at football at Boston College, then played professionally with the Buffalo Bills and the Baltimore Colts before becoming governor of Massachusetts in 1979. He was with the Bills when they were wrecked by the Cleveland Browns in the 1948 All American Football Conference championship game.

Jack Kennedy was an end of the freshman and junior varsity teams at Harvard and brother Ted actually scored a touchdown against Yale in The Game in 1955 and eight years later Ted was a U. S. senator, although it is doubtful his athletic prowess played a role in his election.

The most athletic president was probably Gerald Ford, who was a center at the University of Michigan and played for the College All Stars against the Chicago Bears in his senior year. He turned down contract offers from the Detroit Lions and the Green Bay Packers.

One of the senators from Kentucky right now is Jim Bunning, a member of the baseball hall of fame, who pitched two no-hitters during his 15-year career and is recalled as the only pitcher who ever struck out Ted Williams three times in one game.

I'm not going to tell you his party affiliation but he once called Bill Clinton "the most corrupt, most amoral, the most despicable person I've ever seen in the presidency!"

Greenbush delays are a necessary expense

LOCAL VIEW

OVE PYGH WILCHE

SEQ CHAPTER \h \r 1When Governor Romney signed off, his administration became the fifth in 20 years to give the Greenbush project a go. This may cause some to believe everything is set, but do not be mislead. Only the political hurdle is cleared. Missing permits, unsettled safety measures, and unresolved mitigation issues still plague the project. Nevertheless, the MBTA still claims the price tag is $479 million. This is hard to believe. The Greenbush project has a track record of delays and increasing price tags and everything considered, we should expect this to continue.

Proponents have argued that the opposition has caused all the delays and thus the rise in expenditure. As an opponent, I am proud to say there is some truth to this. However, it is only partly true and I think this is the time to set the record straight.

When the MBTA began construction, all they had was the intent to revive the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad. They never had, do not yet have, and mostly likely will never have a master plan for the construction before the project is completed. Had the project gone through as originally proposed, we would have faced a discount railroad built at extremely low cost. In addition, it would also be an artifact from an era that ended five decades ago. In short, the original proposal included no modern standards at all.

This is where the opponents have had an impact. Had the Town of Hingham not stood firm, the train would have run at grade level through the Square. Unfortunately, the settlement was not "costly enough". We did not get the long tunnel. Also, we were left with too little money for any serious mitigation other than the short tunnel. Nevertheless, Hingham set an example and other towns stood to benefit from it.

One of the most serious problems in this project has always been the high number of grade crossings. The Greenbush Line is only 17.7 miles long, but has a record high 43 grade crossings. Opponents have "whined, harped, and griped" about this for decades and we did it so successfully that the MBTA "has found" ways to eliminate 20 of the original 43 grade crossings. The perfect world is, of course, a railroad without such crossings, but a reduction to almost half is a good start and worth the cost.

Along the line (no pun intended) the opponents "cajoled, cried, and kicked" so much that each delay was concluded with some kind of improvement in design and, of course, increased cost. Amazingly, the legislature has always accepted these increases of the final price tag. Then again, they still back the Big Dig, so what can we expect? The reality is that the MBTA has always withheld important information and not included all costs when making the final price tag public.

One example is the installation of four-quad gates. This safety measure was high-tech four decades ago, but if we really have to live with grade crossings it is the least we would expect from a railroad constructed in the new millennium. So we are, again, dealing with one of the issues where the opponents rang the bells and blew the whistles (pun intended) to get the best possible safety measures. Nevertheless, the MBTA has not decided yet and the cost of these is therefore, as so many other things, not included in the current price tag.

No matter how we look at this project, it is important that the opponents continue their good work. On both sides of the fence we can only have an interest in the best possible (and not just the cheapest) solution to the many problems related to this project. Our goals are, of course, different. The proponents want the train and the opponents do not want it. However, if opponents have to cave in to the coming of the train, proponents should accept the delays and the necessary expense. After all, what we all want is a safe means of public transportation, no matter the chosen alternative.

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LETTERS

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If there is an appropriate long-term view in all this, it is the 368-year view, which happens to be precisely the age of the town of Hingham. No doubt town leaders over this span of time have been confronted many times with issues that would have impacted Hingham's historical integrity. As a result of their diligence, Hingham remains one of the historical treasures of the Commonwealth.

But not for long, if Doug Foy has his way.

If anyone doubts the impact these trains and their treeless, fenced in corridor will have on our town they need only visit one of the other Old Colony lines and stand 15-20 feet from the track, or roughly the distance many homes in Hingham would be from the rail line. They are big and ugly and there is no justification for running them through the heart of a historic district as pristine as the one we enjoy in Hingham. Tunnel or no tunnel, Hingham will never again be the same if the line is built. No amount of mass transit ridership is worth it and as long as there are viable alternatives, and a glimmer of hope, we need to continue to fight for our town.

Doug Foy will contend that future generations will thank us for Greenbush. I contend that, if the line is built, future generations in Hingham will ask why we ever let it happen.

Michael Weymouth
Hingham

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Train numbers and bump-outs

TO THE EDITOR:

An article in Thursday's Cohasset Mariner (9/25) states that the Greenbush train will allow for 76,000 trips per day. That's a lot of trains! The figure comes in a sentence that refers to the vehicle miles per day saved by train usage, so it is perhaps a simple error. However, as your editorial so clearly states your preference for the train, it is imperative that your paper not mislead the readership with figures that are more than nine times the truth. The Patriot Ledger (9/23/03, pg. 1) reports MBTA officials estimate 76,000 vehicle miles per day will be saved. The Boston Globe (Ralph Lewis, Gobe Staff, 9/23/03) reports an estimated 8,600 trips per day are expected. We are left to assume that's one way, so 4,300 riders' round trips will be expected.

As for the fiscal logic, at an estimated cost of 439 million dollars, that's 100,000 dollars per person. That's a lot of boat by the way, with no grade crossings, and no black soot and diesel exhaust added to our onshore air quality problems.

I would also like your paper, in the interest of fairness, to request and encourage the selectmen, as they did for the proposed "bump-outs", to make the MBTA Mitigation officials put those same yellow bungie-corded traffic sticks up for those grade crossing areas where the "median strips, 60-100 feet in length" will be needed. We deserve, and our fire, health, and safety protection teams deserve, a test period to see exactly how inconvenient, ugly, and ultimately unsafe these jersey barrier median strips will be.

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Romney stands to win even if death penalty bid fails

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Gov. Romney announced formation of a death penalty commission that could produce fascinating results, of all kinds, including a political win for the governor even if the effort to reinstate the death penalty fails.

Romney named 11 forensic experts and well-known jurists to the Governor's Council on Capital Punishment. It will meet six times between now and Dec. 31. Its final report will pass judgment on whether it's possible to set up a capital punishment system under which no one innocent could be executed.

There are several ways the new council might add to Romney's public standing even if he fails to win the votes in the Legislature to reinstate capital punishment, or if the council decides there's no "incontrovertible" system of guilt determination, to use the word the governor did. An honest search for difficult answers, properly conducted, in some ways would impress the public even more if it fails to end in the answer the governor wants. A good-faith effort that results in a negative conclusion would enable Romney to retreat from the subject while still looking like a strong leader. And if the council concludes an incontrovertible system is possible, but the Legislature rejects it, Romney will have another card to play in his escalating conflict with the Democratically-controlled House and Senate.

There are still at least two hurdles in front of any Romney death penalty bill. Both are immense. First – and this is typically the case with the Romney agenda – he lacks the votes when push comes to shove. It's not as much a Democratic/Republican issue as many others are, but the fact is the Legislature is turning away from the death penalty, not towards it. Second, Romney may literally be asking for the impossible. If he insists on flawless science, he'll have nowhere to go if his own council pronounces perfection unattainable — and many constituents will wonder why he asked for it. Some in the House think it's all politics to begin with — that the governor simply wants to make the Democrats look squishy.

And finally, there's the ultimate objection to the death penalty — one that science will never be able to address. That's the contention that, even if it could be perfectly applied, capital punishment is immoral because no government has the right to take away someone's life. That line of thinking could trump all the science the best and brightest could muster; in a democracy, instinct often overrides logic. But it's worth remembering that's not the logic, nor instinct, John Slattery cited when he remarkably switched his tie-breaking vote on capital punishment in 1997. Slattery didn't say he thought capital punishment was morally wrong per se. What he said was, to quote the News Service summary, "I don't want to be the one lying in bed some night wondering if the wrong person is being put to death. I just worry that the wrong person could be sentenced. It is for that reason I am changing my vote."

And it is for that reason that Romney is trying this fascinating new approach.

While jurists pondered the profundities of life and death, thousands of poor Massachusetts residents found themselves faced with a more immediate crisis – and many probably still don't know it's an issue.

•*Medicaid will have waiting list under Romney savings plans* — In what officials said is a strategy to avoid benefit cuts, Romney's health and human services managers intend to cap enrollment in three plans that deliver health services to the poor. Recipients will be turned away from CommonHealth once it hits 11,850, which it's expected to do in November. They will be barred from Family Assistance once enrollment passes 5,370 participants. And MassHealth Essential, the program intended to replace health benefits for long-term unemployed people displaced from the rolls last winter, will be capped at 36,000. Prospective clients will have to wait for someone else to move off the rolls before they can move on. Advocates criticized the move, calling it unprecedented, but administration officials said it's better than cutting services for all enrollees.

•*Greenbush will go forward* —, The administration and MBTA board said construction will now resume on the $479 million Greenbush commuter rail line along the South Shore. The project has long been delayed by quality of life, environmental and financial concerns. Some environmentalists cheered the move, but officials in Fall River and New Bedford question why there's no money to bring the trains to their struggling cities. T officials said the project is needed to help the economy and ease daily traffic snarls.

•*One-year cap budget for transportation in offing* — Administration officials announced for now, while they continue an ambitious review of all authorized state capital spending, they will opt for an unusual one-year capital spending agenda. "We want to assure that we're getting our priorities right and the best bang for our buck," A&F's Director of Capital Planning Timothy Murphy told the House Committee on Long-Term Debt and Capital Expenditures. "If a shovel is in the ground, we will not stop that project. It will go forward." The Legislature over the years has authorized many more projects than the state can afford under its annual bond cap and there's considerable angst in the building over the prospect of those projects getting axed.

• *Electric grid official: costs of upgrade offset by cheaper power buys* — Attorney General Thomas Reilly continued to charge electric companies are using the August blackout to justify reorganization plans and transmission investments that will reduce industry accountability, and raise consumer prices. But Stephen Whitley, vice president of Independent System Operator - New England, the regional electric grid operator said new regional transmission schemes will lead to a system that will enable grid operators to tap the cheapest power sources.

• *Romney extends leases on military reservations* — The governor called facilities such as Camp Edwards on Cape Cod vital to the state's security efforts. He said the leases he signed extending to 2051 include environmental protections – a key issue on Cape Cod, where a plume of contaminants from Edwards over the Cape's only aquifer has long been a source of contention and anxiety. Romney said the military training base is a key part of the local economy.

• *Rodrigues: new UI bill coming within two weeks* — Speaking to the declining balance — and the growing crisis — in the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, Gov. Romney said, "We're in serious risk of not being able to meet our obligations there." With the latest unemployment rate in Massachusetts up to 5.8 percent, Commerce and Labor Committee chairman Michael Rodrigues, D-Westport, assured the News Service his committee will release, within two weeks, an "all encompassing" and "comprehensive" bill that integrates ideas suggested by the business community, the administration, and his colleagues in the Legislature. The many dependent on the system's stability are hoping lawmakers won't wait until the fund is out of money to take action.

• *Grocery stores would like to remove individual stickers* — With other kinds of retail stores now cleared to move to a sticker-less unit pricing system, grocery industry representatives told the Commerce and Labor Committee the time has arrived to bring the new system to their shelves. Some consumer advocates and labor representatives said the proposal would result in layoffs, pricing mistakes and confusion.

• *Senate passes anti-spam bill* — There are 7 billion pieces of commercial e-mail, the official moniker for spam, delivered every day in the United States, according to sponsors of legislation designed to free inboxes of the annoying and potentially virus-carrying deliveries. Unlike California's effort to ban spam, the Senate-passed bill requires the prefixes ADV and ADLT on advertising or adult/pornographic emails. The idea is to allow individual computer users to then activate filter options to block the receipt of spam.

• *State Retirement Board rejects Bulger brothers' pension requests* — Bids by former UMass President William Bulger to enhance his $200,000-a-year pension by $32,000 and his convicted brother John "Jackie" Bulger to receive his $64,000 annual pension were denied by the State Retirement Board. William Bulger recently resigned amidst criticism of his ability to lead the university while not fully cooperating with authorities seeking his most-wanted brother James "Whitey" Bulger. Jackie Bulger has been convicted of perjury and obstruction of justice.

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recipient would be exempt from the new law. Consumers ar
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that curbing these nuisance e-mails would save consumers

DRAG RACING (H 3835)

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prior to the person having a day in court. They also noted th
vote is against the bill).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

WEIGHT OF SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS (H 1069)- The E
textbooks purchased by local public schools for use by their

JUNK MAIL (H 3481)- The Commerce and Labor Com
measure requires direct mailers or charitable organizations
paign materials.

FOOD EXPIRATION DATES (H 104)- The Commerce
tents.

STUDENTS WITH DIABETES (S 324)- A proposal hea
monitoring tests at any time and in any area in the school or

MCAS RESULTS- The Department of Education has rel
sults can be found at www.doe.mass.edu/mcas.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU (H 125)- The Education Committee held a hearing on legislation requiring that any school lunch menu published in a newspaper include a nutritional report listing fat grams, vitamins, minerals and calories.

BAN SODA AND SOFT DRINKS (H 2571)- A bill heard by the Education Committee would prohibit public schools from selling soda or soft drinks in vending machines.

DEATH PENALTY- Gov. Romney appointed an 11-member commission to craft a proposal to reinstate capital punishment for a narrow set of crimes. The governor wants the panel to focus on forensic science to ensure that the legislation provides that the death penalty would be applied only in cases in which the state is 100 percent certain of guilt.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Cohasset Elementary School menu

MONDAY, OCT. 6
Chicken nuggets, dinner roll or bologna and cheese sandwich, oven fries, fruit.

TUESDAY, OCT. 7
Bagel with soup of the day or ham sub, green beans, pudding.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8
Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll or turkey sub mixed vegetables, sliced apples.

THURSDAY, OCT. 9
Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato, rice and cheese or ham and cheese sandwich, pears.

FRIDAY, OCT. 10
Professional Day, no school all schools, students.

PAC to meet Oct 7

The Cohasset PAC will meet on Oct. 7 at 7:30pm in the Osgood School music room. Membership to PAC is offered to all parents of children receiving special education services and other interested parents. PAC strives to educate parents about special education issues. PAC is planning educational seminars throughout the year including a "Basic Rights Workshop" provided by the Federation for Children with Special Needs. Parents' participation is invited at PAC monthly meetings. Contact PAC directly with your name, address and telephone number/email for PAC updates and seminars. Contact Beverly Koswick, 781-383-2751, or bevkoswick@msn.com.

Send in your school news

The Cohasset Mariner wants to develop a school news page to run every week. Short news items from teachers and school organizations are welcome. Photographs of events, accompanied with a short article or longer story are also sought. If you have "Stars of the Month", an interesting program or student volunteer effort, artwork, student writings, interesting field trip, or special projects, please share them with us.

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CHECK PASSING

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No match for iron

CHS golfers must now win all five remaining matches to make playoffs

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

The Skippers golf squad now stands at 3-7-1 with five matches left. Can the boys keep their confidence and finish with a .500 record to make the state tournament? They must win all five of the final matches to qualify.

This past week the Skippers encountered the most rugged part of their schedule, Abington and Harwich back-to-back.

In a near upset, Cohasset fell Thursday to league favorite, Abington, 28-26, at Strawberry Valley under very windy conditions. Despite the loss, the match-up helped buttress the Cohasset team's confidence. Senior Mike Devine shot an outstanding round of 37. Freshman Kevin Barber, from the number one spot, fired a very respectable 38. Both players marched on to win their matches, 5-4.

Barber and Devine weren't the only players to bring Cohasset within striking distance of second place Abington. Senior Mike Hajjar, in his sixth year at the game, also ended with an exceptional 37 while Jack Carroll shot a solid 40. Tim Pilczak and Ricky Lordan both fired a score of 36, an incredible tally for a par 34 course.

"We knew ahead of time the Abington course was a short one," reflected Coach Torin Sweeney. "So the day before our match we practiced exclusively with irons. This strategy definitely paid off."

The Skippers' luck vanished the following Monday when they slipped further down the loss column, this time to Harwich. The Harwich team sailed past the Skippers by a score of 32-22 in moderate winds at Cranberry Valley, a beautiful Cape course. In what was definitely an "off" day, few Cohasset players scored below 40.

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Cohasset golf coach
Torin Sweeney

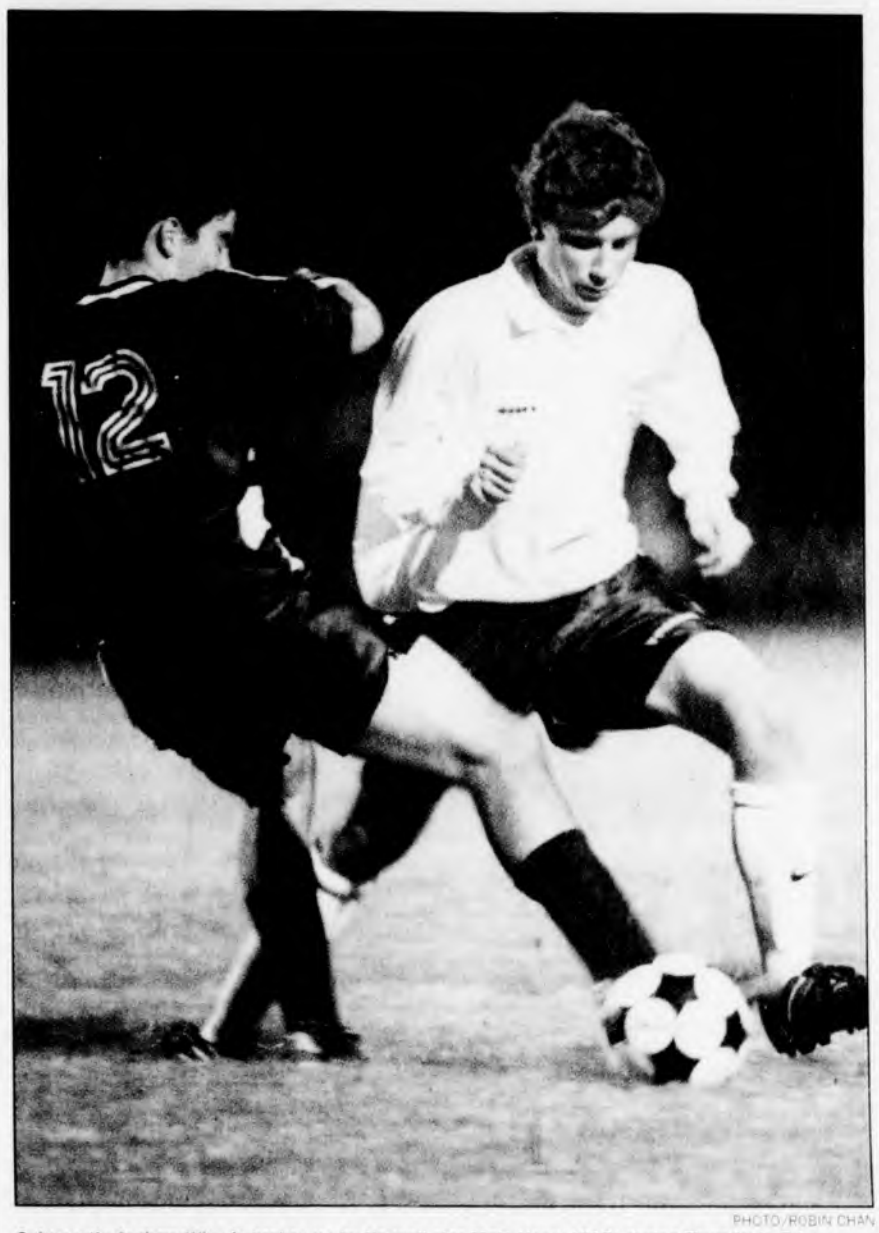
"This proved a tough day for us," observed freshman Kevin Barber. "We put in a good effort. The results just weren't what we had hoped for."

On Tuesday, the Skippers tied Mashpee, 27-27, at the Cohasset Golf Club.

Devine won out of the second spot, 5-4, Pilczak out of the third, 6.5-2.5 and Colin Magruder out of the sixth spot, 5-4.

Though they didn't win straight up, big points were also provided by Barber (3-6), Carroll (3.5-5.5) and Hajjar (4-5).

The golf team faces six more



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN
Cohasset's Andrew Wise is broken up by Norwell star Matt Henry (#12) during Thursday's 7-1 setback for the Skippers.

Stunner

Norwell boys roll over Cohasset to seize control in SSL title chase

By Mike Spellman
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It seemed every meeting between the Norwell and Cohasset High boys soccer teams in recent years has been a classic battle that, in the end, left the two teams separated by the narrowest of margins, both on the scoreboard and in the opinion of the majority of observers.

Please note again the use of the word "seemed".

With six unanswered second half goals, this past Thursday night under the light at Cohasset High, the visiting Clippers coasted to a 7-1 win over a stunned Skippers team and an equally stunned partisan crowd, and may well have sewn themselves up a second straight South Shore League crown in the process.

Needless to say, this was hardly what was expected after Norwell had barely edged Cohasset at home, 3-2, just 12 days previous.

A pretty tally by Rob Beach, redirecting a cross out of the air from Andrew Olsen on a near post run 12 minutes into the second half, opened the floodgates on an unexpected offensive explosion from visiting Norwell.

"I think Cohasset took us out

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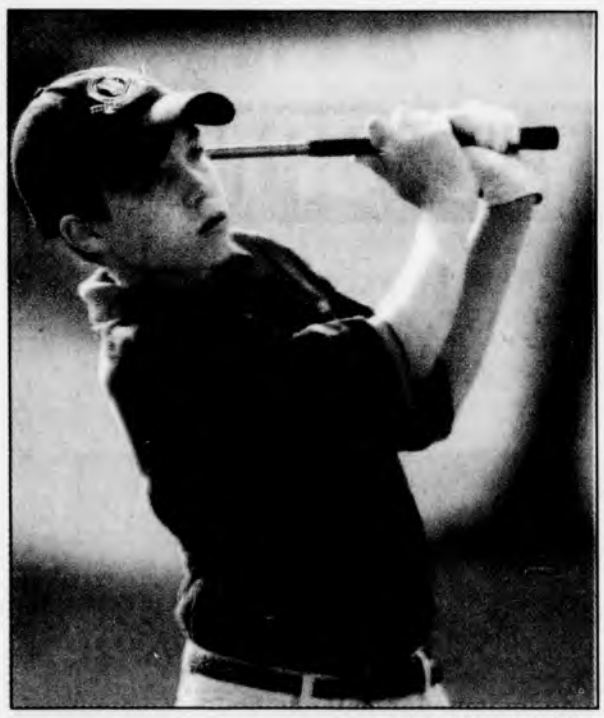

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN
Cohasset Freshman Kevin Barber opened some eyes by shooting a 38 out of the number one spot for the Skippers against Abington to win his match, 5-4.

'BYE' the way

CHS gridders eye Cardinal Spellman showdown next Saturday

After a Bye week, the 2-0 Cohasset Skippers resume their 2003 schedule with an away game this Saturday (1:30 PM) at Cardinal Spellman High School. Spellman is coming off a 27-7 defeat at the hands of the Hingham High Harbormen this past Saturday and their record now stands at 1-2.

Spellman previously played fellow South Shore League member Norwell two weeks ago, and was edged 7-6, as their two point conversion attempt for the lead and ultimately the win failed.

Cohasset romped over Spellman at home last year, 31-0, and prevailed in a 7-6 game on their last visit to Cardinal Spellman's home field in 2001. Spellman is a predominately run-oriented team that likes to eat up the clock.

Cohasset's offense is averaging 20-1/2 points a game, and has shown the capability to gain ground through the air as well as a potent run assault. And has a defensive corps that is always

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Lady Skippers scuttle Pirates

Field hockey team reaches .500 mark with 5-0 win over Hull

By William Wassersug
CORRESPONDENT

With a 5-0 win over Hull Monday, the Cohasset field hockey team improved on what's already been a good season.

"It was impressive," Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick said about the win. "It was 3-0 at the half, and at halftime they (Hull) didn't cross the 50 more than twice."

Courtney Caron notched a hat trick for Cohasset, scoring twice in the first half and again in the second half before Bostwick moved her out of her usual forward position.

"Hull's 16 was beating up Courtney," Bostwick said. "Their defense was very aggressive and intense. They had some strong girls. After she scored her third, I moved Courtney to save her."

After six games, Cohasset is 3-3.

Bostwick said Caron is a big part of the success.

"She has speed and her dodging skills are coming around. She can drive like a bullet. Today, she had missed a breakaway early. Then later she had another chance. She took a shot and the goalie made the save but muffed it. Courtney dove for it and pushed it through her pads."

Caron scored Cohasset's first goal unassisted after knocking home a rebound on a Hull save.

For her second goal that gave Cohasset a 2-0 lead, Caron got a perfect pass from Danielle Pinkus on a run up the left side and knocked it in.

Carling Sturino set up the play.

"Carling cleared the ball to the left side after she intercepted it at the 25," Bostwick said. "She passed it to Danielle and Danielle got it to Courtney."

Bostwick said Sturino had a superb game.

"It was her best game ever."

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Norwell girls give Lady Skippers the boot again

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

The difference between the two games may have been only one goal, but the difference in effort and performance could not be measured by a scoreboard.

Last Thursday, the members of the Cohasset girls soccer team played a tough, determined contest against Norwell. They were simply beaten by a more talented team, 4-0.

On Sept. 13, the Clippers dismantled the Skippers in a 5-0 win. Cohasset played a decent first half, but then were completely dominated during the second 40 minutes, where they were outscored 4-0.

Norwell got off to a typical fast start. In the seventh minute, forward Jenna Zarick lofted a beautiful cross from the right side that Meaghan Wiley put in for a goal.

Within another six minutes, it was 3-0. Junior Jenn Guiney circled around the Cohasset defense on the right side and put

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN
Cohasset's Lauren Rizzotti(right) makes a move to get around a Norwell player in Thursday's 4-0 loss for the Lady Skippers.

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of our game a little bit toward the end of the first half, making us play long ball rather than our control game," offered Norwell interim coach Matt Henry. "But once we settled down and allowed the ball to do the work, we executed our plays, and played a very strong second half."

Norwell continued to pour the pressure on following Beach's tiebreaker, but it wasn't until the 63rd minute that senior James Finkenstaedt provided the Clippers a two goal cushion when he blasted an absolute pea just inside the upper right corner of the cage from the top of the box on a perfect cross-field lead pass from Garrett Bates (goal, two assists).

With the Skippers forced after this tally to loosen up their defense in a desperate comeback attempt, the game turned ugly as the Clippers potted four goals in the final 10 minutes.

Sophomore Kevin McCord scored the fourth and seventh goals, the first on a pretty through from Bates, the second on a follow of a Scott Kitchen shot with 20 seconds to play.

Kitchen made it 5-1 less than a minute after McCord's first score, and captain Ryan Henry scored the sixth goal when he was sent through by Olsen and calmly tucked the ball by the hard charging Brewer. This was Olsen's third assist of the game.

The Clippers opened the game almost as impressively as they ended it. Bates, Henry and Beach were all over the ball within striking distance of the Cohasset goal over the game's first 15 minutes, and only the aggressive play of Cohasset keeper Jesse Brewer and sweeper Craig Laugelle held the Clippers off the board.

The dam finally sprung a leak under the relentless pressure with 12:30 to play in the half, the final force provided on a sensational solo effort along the right sideline by Finkenstaedt. After collecting a weak sideline clear attempt on the 25-yard line, Finkenstaedt pushed the ball through a pair of Cohasset defenders with a nifty bit of footwork and a nice burst, and then lofted a pass over the crowd in front of the net to Bates on a far post run. Bates then one touched it and let fly with a low left-footed shot that beat Brewer just inside the far post.

This goal seemed to energize the host Skippers, in particular senior offensive leaders Dave Santiago and Chris Clark. This dynamic duo created several nice chances over the next five minutes, before finally teaming to net the equalizer seven minutes before the break. Clark wove his way into the box past a pair of defenders to force Norwell keeper Mike Allen to charge out, thus leaving Santiago uncovered on the short through pass. Norwell sweeper Jason Kulik very nearly got back into the play, but Santiago blasted it over his slide and into the vacated net to tie the game at 1-1.

The remainder of the half went back-and-forth, with neither team maintaining much in the way of control.

This gave coach Henry, who has been filling in the last few weeks while coach Jack Browne spends time with his ailing mother, plenty to talk about at halftime.

"I reminded them that Cohasset likes to put a lot of heavy pressure on the ball, and told them we couldn't let them take us out of our game plan," reported Henry. "The kids responded to that. They did a much better job of controlling the ball in the second half."

Clearly.

"I think a lot of that started with our team defense," coach Henry continued. "Everyone from the striker on back did their job, and then we spread the field to create a lot of one v one situations, which is what we want. It wouldn't be fair for me to give you even a handful of heroes in this game. Everyone contributed."

With the win, the Clippers remained perfect in South Shore League play at 7-0 (7-1 overall), while Cohasset fell into a tie for second place with Carver at 5-2 in league (6-2 overall).

Norwell and Cohasset each won league games on the road Tuesday to keep pace – the Clippers topping Hull and Cohasset doing the same against Mashpee.

Both teams have four league games remaining, including a game apiece versus Carver, the only team that provided much of a challenge for the Skippers and Clippers the first time through the league.

The way would certainly now appear to be paved for a Norwell repeat as SSL champs. The Clippers had little trouble with SSL rivals Abington, Harwich and Hull on the road the first time around, so it would be quite a stunner to see them not hold serve at home in the second go-rounds.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The lone offensive highlight of Thursday night's loss for the Cohasset boys to Norwell was provided by Dave Santiago.

Joshua's Run

The Seventh Annual Joshua's Run for the Jimmy Fund is scheduled for Oct. 18, at Peggotty Beach. This family event which has raised $111,000 for the Jimmy Fund since its inception in 1996, has a new fall date and is expected to be bigger and better than ever.

New to the event this year is the Wall of Wings. The Wall of Wings is a giant butterfly made up of patches that may be purchased by individuals and decorated by the buyer in order to honor a loved one and his/her battle with cancer. Each patch will be incorporated into the butterfly pattern. A new butterfly will be added each year and the butterflies will be linked together forming an "honoring" wall.

The event schedule is as follows: Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m.; Two-Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m.; and the Four-Mile Road Race at 10 a.m. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Peggotty Beach. A kids entertainment tent will include face painting, balloons and a clown.

Pre-registration is available when a completed entry form and fee are sent to Esther Volpone Blacker, 35 Common St., Scituate, 02066. Pre-registration fees are $18 for the four-mile or two-mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. Race day registration fees are $20 for the four-mile or two-mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. All event proceeds are donated to the Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

For further information call 781-545-4642 or e-mail: bblacker@comcast.net or see www.joshuasrun.com.

SPORTS NOTES

Legion baseball fall workouts

Members of the Cohasset Post 118 Legion baseball team are working out on Saturdays at the Scituate High baseball field, beginning at 9 a.m.. Any player from Scituate or Cohasset interested in playing for the team next summer is invited to join in. Any questions can be directed to Post 118 Manager Scott Arnold (781-545-1896).

Cohasset Soccer Club coaches clinic continues Saturday

The Cohasset Soccer Club is sponsoring a four-week Coerver Coaching Clinic continuing this Saturday, at 8:00 - 9:30 AM on the Milliken - Bancroft Recreation Field and continuing for another 2 weeks. This course will provide all level coaches with a solid technique / skill / training basis for working with youth soccer players. If interested, please come to the Field on Saturday morning or call Mark Richardson @ 781-383-0998.

TKO Malley Race October 5

The annual TK O'Malley Race in Scituate has been scheduled for Oct. 5.

All proceeds from this year's race will go to the Scituate Council on Aging and the Friends of Scituate Recreation.

The event features a walk starting at 8:30 p.m. a Fun Run starting at 11:30 a.m. and the featured 10K race at 1 p.m.. Pre-registration for the 10K race is $15, with race day registration $20. Registration for the walk is $5 in advance or $10 on the day of the race. T-Shirts will cost an extra $5 for all registrants.

All questions should be directed to Howie Ardolino (781-545-1463)

Martial Arts/Aerobic Exercise programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that world-class martial artist Chuck Palmer will offer a children's martial arts program this fall at Cohasset Town Hall.

Mr. Palmer will also offer a kick aerobics class to adults two mornings a week at Town Hall.

Internal Arts Seminars at Jade Forest

Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi of Cohasset will offer a weekend series of internal arts seminars with Special Guest Instructor Master Wei Lun Huang. Internal arts comprise a special category of Chinese martial arts, including Tai Chi, Ba Gua, and Hsing Yi.

Beginners are welcome to attend all courses. Master Huang will present Chi Kung from the Ba Gua system on Sat. morning, Oct 4, 10 - 12:30. In the afternoon he will teach essential Tai Chi skills from 2-4:30 pm. These seminars are ideal for body toning, flexibility and mindfulness. The cost for each of these events is $80.

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Norwell girls give Lady Skippers the boot again

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in a shot over keeper CeCelia Chapman. Sophomore striker Jackie Vickers scored the Clippers' third goal, as she beat Chapman to a loose ball and put it in the open net.

It was shaping up to be another embarrassing loss for Cohasset, but head coach Deb Beal's team turned it around and, unlike their first match, put some pressure of Norwell goalie Jessica Baxter.

Junior forward Casey Anderson booted a strong shot from just outside the box in the 21st minute, which Baxter saved. In the second half, senior Sarah McMorris showed off her speed in getting past Norwell defenders. She collected a nice ball from junior forward Lauren Rizzotti, and hit the post with her shot.

In the 72nd minute, with the score still 3-0, Cohasset's leading scorer, Jenn Buckley, fired a quality lefty shot that Baxter saved to preserve her clean sheet. It was her sixth of the season and fifth in as many games.

Norwell had plenty chances of their own, and converted for their fourth goal of the evening in the 75th minute.

After senior Karen Fitzgerald almost put the Clippers fans in a state of euphoria with a seemingly sure goal that was kicked away at the last second by a Cohasset defender, Vickers collected the loose ball and put it in from the left side at point-blank range.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset senior captain Holly Graham was a force defensively Thursday night. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to stop the South Shore League leading Norwell girls from coasting to a 4-0 win.

Vickers, Guiney and senior midfielder Colby Tallman consistently applied pressure on Cohasset defenders. As did Wiley, who twice in the second half wove through multiple defenders in the Skippers end of the field, only to have her shots just miss the back of the net.

Despite the loss, Beal was pleased with her team's effort.

"We didn't quit; that was a major step coming off a 5-0 loss two weeks ago," she said. "I'm not disappointed. I'm happy they were keeping their heads in the game."

The loss to Norwell came between two other league games for the Skippers, with mixed results.

Last Wednesday, they defeated Hull 3-0 on their home turf. McMorris, Rachel Garber and Nicole Whitney all scored. The shutout was split between Chapman and sophomore goalie Melissa Crowley-Buck, whom Beal said she brought up to get some varsity experience.

The coach said her team made some strides with the win over the Pirates.

"Our kids are starting to learn their jobs and do them well," Beal said.

On Monday, Carver defeated Cohasset, 4-2. The game was tied at two-all late in the second half, as Whitney assisted Buckley on the game-tying goal. The Skippers then gave up two goals to account for the final score.

"We seemed to break down again at some critical points," Beal said. "We blame each other for our mistakes and it is taking its toll on people."

For Buckley, it was her fourth goal of the season. Senior striker Gillian Weber scored the other Cohasset goal, her second on the year. Beal did say the fact that her team scored a couple goals was promising, but that the girls have to bring it up a notch and win some games.

The Skippers (now 2-5-1 on the year, 2-4-1 in the league) have two home contests this week, Tuesday against Mashpee and today in a non-league contest with Holbrook. Beal called this week critical, as Cohasset will probably have to win both games in order to keep a realistic chance at making the state tournament.

Lady Skippers scuttle Pirates

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Bostwick said about Sturino, her senior defensive back who came into the game after starter Frannie Noble had to leave because she was sick. "She was fantastic. She picked up when Frannie Noble got sick and played very well."

Noble's loss had an impact as well.

"The girls felt awful about Frannie," Bostwick said. "They kept asking where Frannie is. When I told them, they all said they were going to win for Frannie."

Katie James gave Cohasset a 3-0 lead with three-and-a-half minutes left in the first half when she took advantage of a drive upfield by Kelly Hurley and scored.

With the 3-0 halftime lead, Bostwick made it a point to make sure her team stayed focused in the second half.

"I told them Hull is unpredictable," Bostwick said. "They're having a tough year, but I reminded them about last year. We were beating them 3-0 at the half and they came back and tied us. I told the girls I didn't want them taking any defensive corners and they didn't until the last seven minutes when I had some different players in there."

After Caron gave Cohasset a 4-0 lead in the second half, Jessie Guild finished the scoring with help from James.

"Jessie had a nice drive at the middle of the circle," Bostwick said. "It was a beautiful play. She blew it right by the goalie."

Goalie Caitlin Condon picked up her third shutout of the season with the win.

Bostwick said she was impressed with her forwards and halfbacks.

"The forwards were incredible," she said. "And our halfbacks played very well. Meghan Marr had a nice steady performance and Christina St. Pierre also had a steady, strong performance."

Another thing Bostwick preached at the half was using the team's superior skills to their advantage.

"I told them to use their non-stick dodges," Bostwick said. "I told them if they did that, they'd win. Mia Lieb-Lappen did a great job with that. She had a very nice game. She followed directions well and did everything I asked.

"Katherine Whoriskey also had a nice game. She used her non-stick dodges and did a phenomenal job."

Overall, Bostwick was thrilled with her team's play, but wasn't sure if it was all Cohasset's doing or if Hull didn't play well.

"I've never seen so much clean movement for position and passing," she said. "The defense played top-notch defense and kept their sticks down and they had great communication. I'm not sure if this was our playing so well or if Hull didn't play that well. Still, it was nice. It was a good test for Norwell. We'll just see what happens."

Cohasset played Norwell Wednesday. Game information was unavailable at press time.

Friday, Cohasset hosts Mashpee at 4 p.m. in a game Bostwick said should be a good one.

"We split with them last year," she said. "We beat them and tied them. It should be a pretty evenly matched game."

In action earlier in the week, Cohasset lost to Harwich.

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COASTAL STARS REPORT

On Saturday, Sept. 27, the **Coastal Star Mite B's** got off to a winning start to the new season with a 3-0 victory over the South Shore Seahawks. Playing at the recently refurbished Rockland Rink, the Stars dominated from the first face-off, peppering a strong Seahawks goalie with a barrage of shots. Finally, with three minutes left in the first period, **Patrick Holway** put the puck on net and squeezed it under the goalie into the far corner of the net to put the Stars up 1-0. The Seahawks had a few scoring opportunities in the period but the team defense stood strong. Highlights included **Joe Lasko** racing from behind to lift the stick and steal the puck off a Seahawks defender before the shot was fired and **Matt Burchill** breaking up a play developing in front of the Stars net sending the puck up the boards.

In the second period, defenseman **Mike O'Brien** did a nice job thwarting the Seahawks as they tried to get on the board while the Stars offense kept getting their shots saved by the busy Seahawks goalie. The Stars refused to give up though and the pressure finally paid off in the waning seconds of the period when **Brandon Winn** got the puck to a rushing **Dave Cataldo** who got by the Seahawks defense and made the shot. The goalie made a nice save but the rebound was pounced on by **Peter Bent** who made no mistake about putting the puck by the goalie into the net.

With the Stars up 2-0, the defense, including **Tom Powers**, **Jake Timcoe** and **Mike Hutshinson** did a fantastic job playing the point position in their offensive zone. They were able to keep the puck in and give their forwards continued scoring opportunities. **Nate Morse** took advantage of this and scored the Stars third goal of the game with three minutes left in the period.

The team's overall performance was complemented by the hustle and passing skills of teammates **Jack Kuppens**, **Nick Mulrey**, **Max Montgomery** and **Brendan Crane.** The Stars goaltender **Joey Commesso** was well-protected, but when called upon made every save notching his first shutout of the season. The coaching staff of **Charlie Mulrey, Dan Bent and Mike Timcoe** is now working to prepare the team for the Pembroke Pythons who they must face-off against next Saturday in Brockton.

Cohasset High Weekly Sports Schedule

Varsity Football

Oct.
4 @ C. Spellman 1:30 p.m.
Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
Assistants: Bob Silvia, Brian Pattison, tom Ventresca, Dave Terry, Don Silvia, Chris Bridges

Frosh-Soph Football

2 C. Spellman 3:30 p.m.

Varsity Field Hockey

1 @ Norwell
3 Mashpee 4 p.m.
7 @ Carver 5:30 p.m.
9 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
Coach: Deb Bostwick

JV Field Hockey

3 Mashpee 5:30 p.m.
9 @ Harwich 5:30 p.m.
Coach Alex Williams

Boys Varsity Soccer

7 Abington 3:30 p.m.
8 @ Carver 7 p.m.
Coach: Rob Leary

Boys JV Soccer

7 Abington 3:30 p.m.
8 @ Carver 5:30 p.m.
Coach Rick Dockendorff

Girls Varsity Soccer

2 Holbrook 6:30 p.m.
7 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
8 Carver 6:30 p.m.
Coach: Deb Beal

Girls JV Soccer

2 Holbrook* 5 p.m.
7 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
8 Carver* 5 p.m.
* Milliken Field
**Alumni Field
Coach: Kara Connerty

Boys Varsity Golf

1 Quincy
2 @ Norwell 3:30 p.m.
8 @ Cape Cod Acad. 4 p.m.
9 Cape Cod Acad. 3:30 p.m.
End of regular season
Coach: Torin Sweeney

No match for iron

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matches this season — Quincy, Mashpee, Cape Cod Academy, Norwell and Carver. Coach Sweeney will continue to rely on the two "Mikes"(Hajjar and Devine) to provide team leadership. The entire team must execute well on all parts of its game. Rest assured, the Skippers will play their hearts out to keep their season alive.

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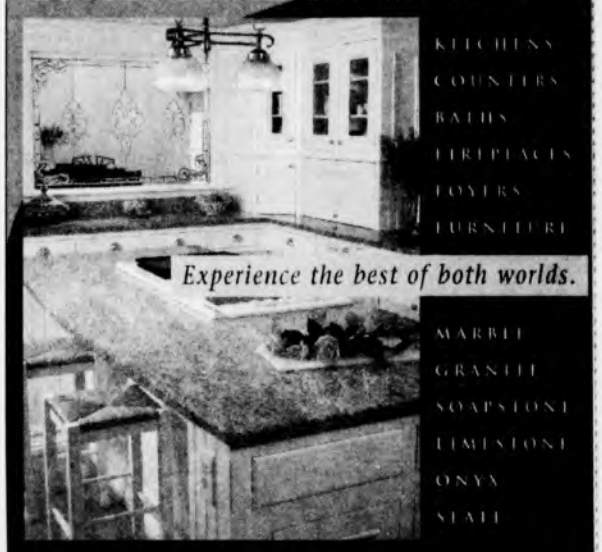

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The Town of Cohasset Town Manager will receive bids for one (1) Fire Department Ladder Truck. Bids should be submitted to the Cohasset Town Manager, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025 until 10:00 A.M. on Monday, November 3, 2003 at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Each bid shall be sealed and clearly marked "Fire Department, Ladder Truck".

Specifications and bid forms are available from the Office of the Town Manager, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025 during normal office hours. Each bids must be accompanied by a bid bond consisting of ten (10%) percent of the base bid payable to the Town of Cohasset. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days of the designated bid opening date. Bid award is subject to the appropriation of the necessary funds at the Cohasset Special Town Meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, November 17, 2003. The Town of Cohasset requests the right to request financial statements from bidders.

The Town of Cohasset reserves the right to reject any or all bids, wholly or in part, and accept any bid or part hereof deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

MARK W. HADDAD
Town Manager

AD#340233
Cohasset Mariner 10/2/03

LENNON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P2256EP

In the Estate of JAMES R. LENNON AKA JAMES RUSSELL LENNON

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In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death February 7, 2003

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, September 22, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#338982
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ZBA/LOT 135 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Oct. 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 12 of the Zoning ByLaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Adam M. Foti** seeks to appeal the Building Commissioners decision to enforce Zoning By-Law at **Map 10 Lot 135 Jerusalem Rd.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-09-24 B.

AD#338989
Cohasset Mariner 10/2, 10/9/03

ZBA/150 NORTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Oct. 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.8 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **J. Stephen Bjorklund** seeks to convert a multifamily dwelling at 150 North Main St. according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-09-24.

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Cohasset Mariner 10/2, 10/9/03

ZBA/27 HILL ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Oct. 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Donna McGee** seeks to construct dwelling at **27 Hill St,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-09-26.

AD#340087
Cohasset Mariner 10/2, 10/9/03

ZBA/40 RIVERVIEW DR.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Oct. 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Variance** pursuant to 5.3 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Olga Sawchuk,** seeks to construct new dwelling at **40 Riverview Dr.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-09-23.

AD#338983
Cohasset Mariner 10/2, 10/9/03

ZBA/6 JOY PLACE
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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Oct. 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Eric C. Crews & Allyson L. Lorimer** seeks to construct 2nd floor addition at **6 Joy Place** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-09-25.

AD#338985
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SPORTS NOTES

Fall Crew Program

High School students interested in joining CMI's Fall crew team should sign up now. Call or email CMI coach Jack Buckley at 383 8261, or jackbuckley@rowcmi.org. Fall rowing is free for current CMI members; $75.00 fee for non-members. Crews will be training for competition in the Head of the Weir, Oct 25, a 5 mile open race from the river head to the Windmill Pt Boathouse operated by the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Crews will also train for Head of the Quinnipiac, a 7 mile race sponored by the Sound School in New Haven, CT. The Head of the Quinnipiac will be held Nov 8. Only 12 athletes will be selected for training with CMI, so interested athletes should register immediately.

Jonathan Rizzo Golf Classic

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Finally, the dinner-only portion of the event is selling out fast also. Golfers, if your wife/partner is planning to meet you after golf, please make sure you have sent in the dinner-only portion of the brochure.

Any questions regarding sponsorship, playing golf, donating prizes/raffles, the dinner-only, or to volunteer your time, please contact Larry or Carolyn Cunningham at 781-585-2875.

Aerobics class

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'BYE' the way

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around the ball has given up only 9.5 points per game.

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The Way: directions to Cardinal Spellman High School, Brockton, MA

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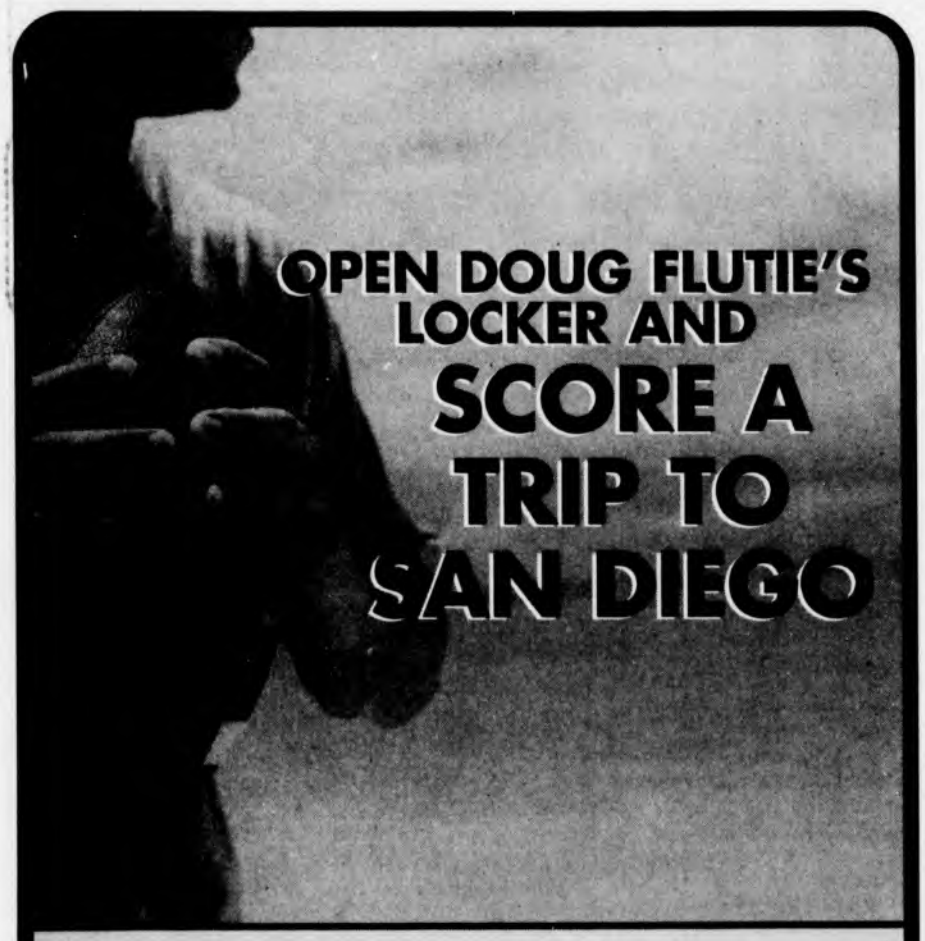
South Shore League Standings

	W	L
Abington (0-0)	3	0
Cohasset (0-0)	2	0
Norwell (0-0)	2	1
Mashpee (0-0)	1	1
Carver (0-0)	0	3
Hull (0-0)	0	3

This week's SS League game match-ups: Abington @ Carver



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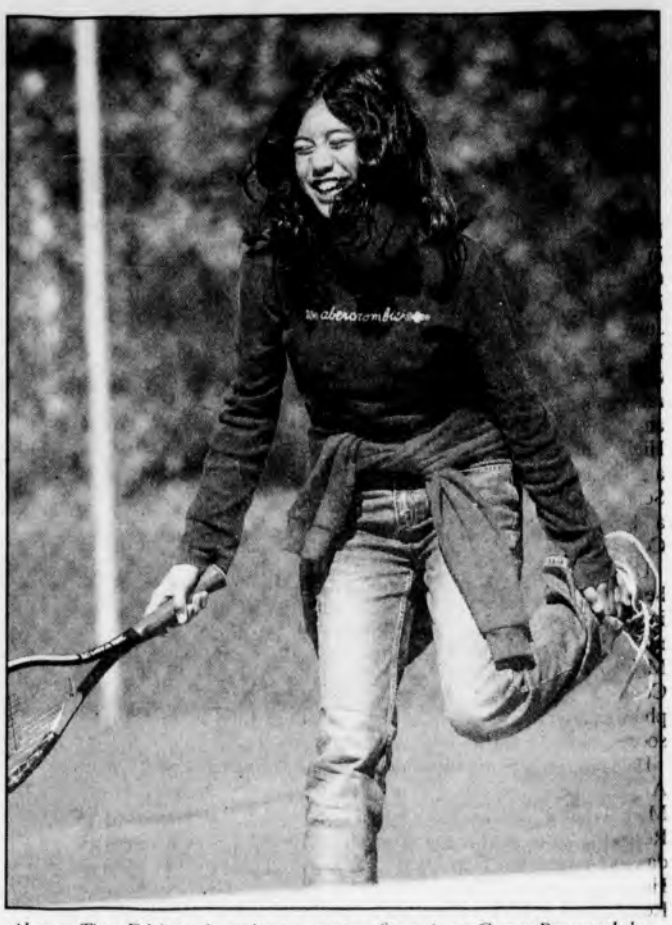
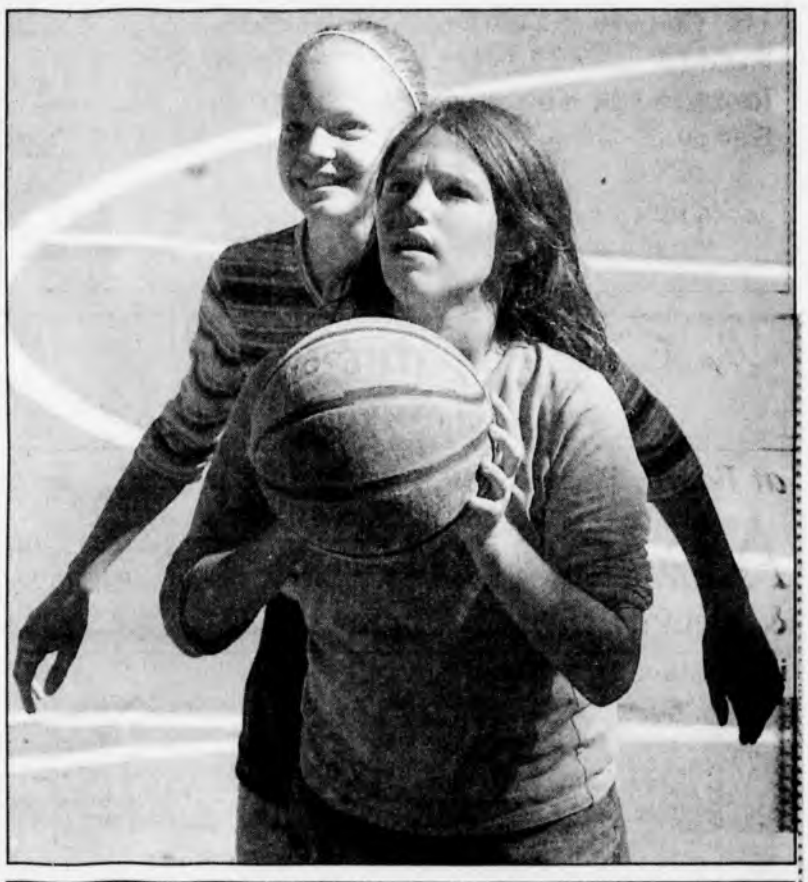


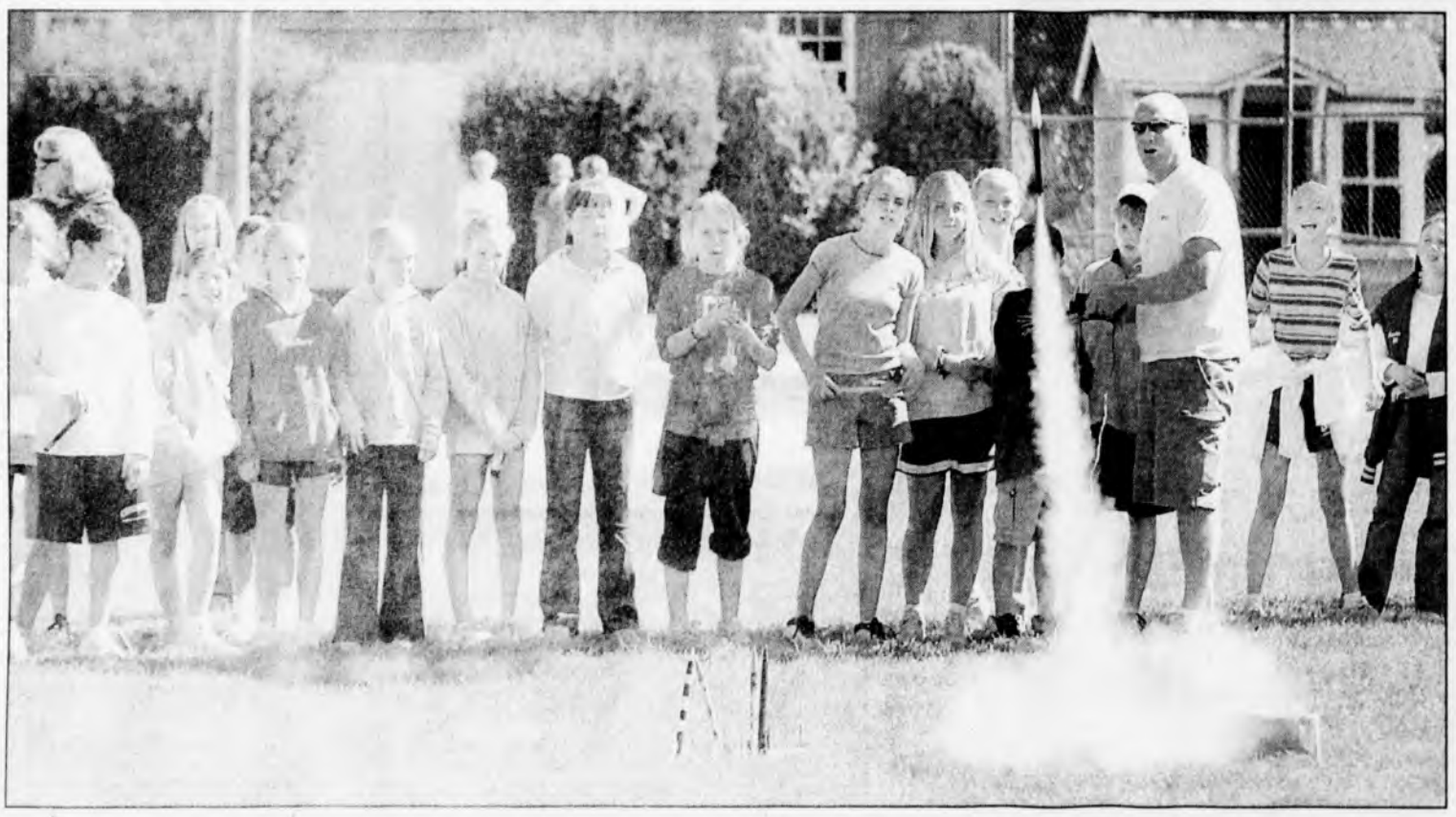
Above: Tina D'Antonio enjoys a game of tennis at Camp Bournedale which also works on team-building skills.

Below: Thomson Jaffe shoots hoops in a foul shooting contest while Monique Rioux cheers her on.

Nick Cannon and Mackenzie Hart play soccer during the sixth-graders weeklong trip to Camp Bournedale.



Above: During a marine science presentation, Counselor Dana has campers lie down and hold their breath to experience what whales endure while diving.



At left: Deer Hill sixth-graders watch as Counselor Derek sets off a rocket during the week-long camp at which the students learned about the environmental and natural sciences.

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OBITUARIES

Mark A. Reardon

Mark A. Reardon, 55, of Hanover, died Sept. 22, 2003, in the New England Medical Center in Boston after a brief illness. He was born in Boston, July 3, 1948, the son of the late Norbert V. Jr. and Mary (Groden) Reardon. He was raised and educated in Cohasset and was a graduate of Cohasset High School. Mr. Reardon was a graduate of Huntington Prep School in Boston and received a BS degree from Boston College in 1973.

Until his retirement in 1999, he was employed by Local #35 in Boston as a painter. He was a member of the George A. Mealy American Legion Post in Cohasset. Mr. Reardon enjoyed photography and was an avid soccer fan.

He leaves his wife, Maureen A. (O'Brien), two sons, Daniel M. Reardon and Terence Reardon, both of Hanover; a daughter, Lauren Reardon of Hanover; a brother, Norbert V. Reardon III, of Cohasset and three sisters, Susan Chisholm of Wellesley, and Jane Russell and Elizabeth Good, both of Cohasset. He was brother of the late 1st Lt. Dennis J. Reardon, USMC, killed in action in Vietnam in 1969.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Church, Hanover. Interment was in Hanover Center Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Sullivan Funeral Home, Hanover.

Memorial contributions may be made to South Shore Soccer Club Scholarship Fund, c/o Anthony J. Cappello, 63 Barstow Ave., Norwell, MA 02061.

Sheldon B. Stoddard

Sheldon B. Stoddard, 89, of Portsmouth, N.H. died on Sept 25. 2003, at home on his 89th birthday.

On May 17, 2003 he and his wife, Myrtle G. (Morrison) Stoddard celebrated 61 years of marriage. The couple have resided in Portsmouth for the last 25 years having moved back to New England from Fayetteville, N.C. after his retirement from the U.S. Army in 1969.

He was born on in Cohasset, to the late Charles and Nellie Stoddard and was the second oldest of nine children. He grew up in Cohasset graduating from Cohasset High, Class of 1935. From 1938 to 1941 he attended Boston University Divinity School. With war raging in Europe he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941 taking basic training at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

After marrying Myrtle in Dillon, S.C. followed by a short honeymoon, he shipped out for England. During World War II he saw combat duty in North Africa, Sicily, and participated in the D-Day landing at Normandy Beach. Further combat took him to the Battle of the Bulge and on into Germany. He was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and a Battle Field Commission in January 1945. After a brief taste of civilian life he reentered the Army and served for a total of 28 years retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer-4.

He was a 25 year member of Middle Street Baptist Church, Portsmouth, serving as a member of the Board of Deacons, member of The Men's Club & Roger Williams Club and RSVP He was a life time member of the Military Officer's Association and a Member of the National Order of Battlefield Commissions. For several years in the 1980's he was a senior citizen volunteer in the class room at New Franklin School. An avid gardener, reader and history buff he helped others generously, brought smiles to faces young and old, was a great story teller and never met a stranger.

He leaves his wife, Myrtle, now a resident at the Mark Wentworth Home in Portsmouth, two sons Peter Stoddard and Tom Stoddard both of Portsmouth, one brother, David Stoddard of Lancaster, Calif.; two sisters, Nellie Lincoln of Cohasset, and Hannah Sawyers of Chelmsford, nine grand children and five great-grand children.

He was predeceased by his daughter Mary Lou (Stoddard) Holdsworth; three sisters, Mildred Salyards, Lillian Lincoln. and Olive Morris and two brothers Charles Stoddard and Elmer Stoddard all from South Shore towns.

A funeral service was held at Middle St. Baptist Church, Portsmouth. The J. Verne Wood Funeral Home-Buckminster Chapel, Portsmouth.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Portsmouth/Derry/Salem Home Health and Hospice Services, 95 Albany St. Unit 11, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801.

Robert J. Ziff

Robert J. Ziff, 37, of Scituate, a general contractor, died Sept. 24, 2003, after falling from a roof in Cohasset.

Mr. Ziff owned South Shore ProServices for eight years and was a former free-lance writer for the Cohasset Mariner.

Mr. Ziff was born and raised in Westport, Conn. He spent several years in Florida before moving to Cohasset where he lived for six years. He moved to Boston and then to Scituate a year ago.

He graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder with a degree in creative writing.

Mr. Ziff completed a novel that was not published and also wrote poetry. He enjoyed creating and giving away coloring books.

Mr. Ziff was also a sculptor who worked primarily with driftwood.

He leaves a daughter, Hannah O. Ziff and her mother, Kelly C. (Cauble) Ziff, both of Cohasset; his parents, Stephen Ziff of Charleston, S.C., and Joan Becker of Westport, Conn.; two sisters, Andrea Ziff, and Danielle Ziff, both of Charleston S.C.; and his grandfather, Seymour Ziff of Deal, N.J.

A memorial service will be held Sept. 27, at First Parish Unitarian Church, Cohasset.

Interment was private.

There are no visiting hours.

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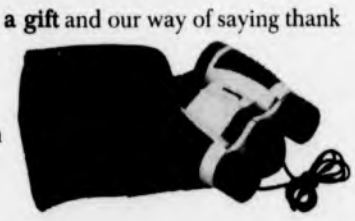
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POLICE LOG

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

12:50 p.m. Norman Todd Road, Norman Todd Lane, motor vehicle crash.

1:46 p.m. Brook St., medical aid, return to home or family.

3:35 p.m. Beach St., fire investigation.

3:39 p.m. Hull St., lost property.

4:15 p.m. Sohier St., disturbance.

4:17 p.m. Whitney Woods Lane, parking complaint.

4:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious.

4:58 p.m. Summer St. and Sankey Road, motor vehicle crash.

5:57 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle crash.

10:40 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

11:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious activity.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

12:47 a.m. Reservoir Road, suspicious.

7:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle crash.

9:34 a.m. Cedar Lane, traffic complaint.

1:11 p.m. Atlantic Ave., vandalism.

1:48 p.m. Hull St., serve restraining order.

4 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal control.

4:05 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

5:30 p.m. Black Horse Lane, assist other agency.

7:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

9:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance gathering.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

6:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway medical aid.

7:18 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

7:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

8:05 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid.

8:49 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, traffic complaint.

9:44 a.m. Jerusalem Road, animal control.

4:56 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

4:59 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle violations, vehicle stored/impounded.

5:04 p.m. Elm St., larceny by check.

5:37 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop. Vehicle store/impounded.

9:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

10:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

10:40 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

11:07 p.m. Forest Ave., and Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

11:22 p.m. North Main St. and Depot Court. Arrest: Yahia Haddou, 36, 21 Highland Ave., Cohasset. Chrgs. License suspended, fault of use caution, wms warrant.

11:29 p.m. South Main St., noise complaint.

11:46 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

2:26 a.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

3 a.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

7:23 a.m. Ledgewood Dr., fire investigation.

8:58 a.m. Howe Road, well being check.

9:52 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

10:04 a.m. King St., medical aid.

11:12 a.m. Ripley Road, animal control.

11:59 a.m. Cushing Road, medical aid.

12:08 p.m. Norfolk Road, traffic complaint.

12:51 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid.

4:10 p.m. Aaron River Road, animal control.

4:13 p.m. Aaron River Road, animal control.

4:37 p.m. King St., assist citizen.

5:51 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Dr., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

8:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

9:05 p.m. Fernway, noise complaint.

9:10 p.m. South Main St., noise complaint.

10 p.m. South Main St., noise complaint.

10:05 p.m. Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

10:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, building checks.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

1:12 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

8:48 a.m. North Main St., larceny.

6:23 p.m. Border St. and Parker Ave, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

1:03 a.m. Property found. Highland Avenue.

1:52 a.m. Suspicious person. North Main St.

3:29 a.m. Suspicious person. Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

7:02 a.m. Assist Citizen, Norfolk Road.

7:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop. Forest Avenue, verbal warning.

7:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop. Forest Avenue, traffic citation /warning.

7:50 a.m. Animal Control, Sohier St.

9:17 a.m. Property lost, Elm St.

9:22 a.m. Suspicious other. Highland Avenue.

9:39 a.m. Property found, Joy Pl.

10:09 a.m. Assist citizen, Elm St.

11:50 a.m. Motor vehicle crash, Chief Justice Highway.

11:59 a.m. Motor vehicle crash, South Main St.

1:09 p.m. Motor vehicle crash, Elm St.

1:59 p.m. Medical aid, Chief Justice Cushing Highway, removed to hospital.

3:37 p.m. Fire, investigation, South Main St.

4: p.m. Disturbance gathering, Brook St.

4:34 p.m. Animal control, Short St.

4:51 p.m. Traffic complaint, Elm St.

8:10 p.m. Property recovered, Ripley Road.

8:15 p.m. Suspicious person, Beechwood St.

8:30 p.m. Disturbance family, Highland Avenue.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

12:10 a.m. Assist citizen.

1:44 am. Disabled auto, Chief Justice Highway.

7:37 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Forest Avenue, traffic citation/warning.

8:36 a.m. Assist citizen, South Main St.

9:30 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, South Main St., traffic citation issued.

9:36 a.m. Medical aid, Chief Justice Cushing Highway, removed to hospital.

10:14 a.m. Medical aid, Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Patient sign off.

10:33 a.m. Assist citizen, Elm St.

12:08 p.m. Animal control, Woodland Drive.

3:30 p.m. Suspicious other, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

3:55 p.m. Assist motorist, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

4:31 p.m. Well being check, Cushing Road.

6:03 p.m. Parking complaint, Jerusalem Road, Parking ticket issued.

6:30 p.m. Fire, structure, Elm St.

6:49 p.m. Fire, (misc.), Beechwood St.

7:41 p.m. Motor vehicle crash, Howe Road.

9:29 p.m. Property lost, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

3:45 a.m. Annoying phone calls, Ash St.

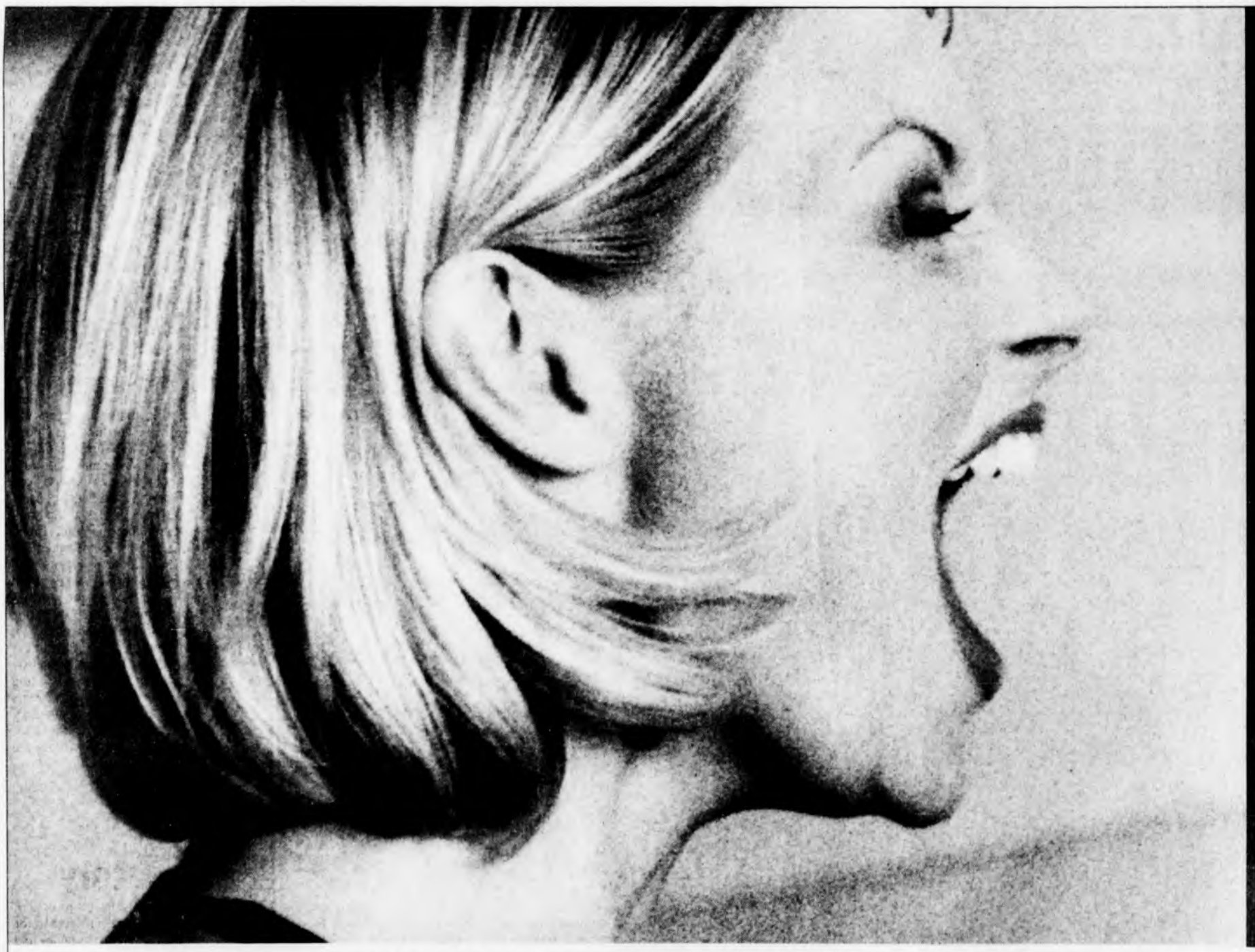
7:22 a.m. General services, Norfolk Road.

8:41 a.m. Medical aid, Nantasket Avenue, removed to hospital.

9:50 a.m. Fire, inspections, Arrowwood Road.

10:51 a.m. Motor vehicle crash, Forrest Avenue.

12:13 a.m. Medical aid, Chief Justice Cushing Highway, patient sign off.



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Glastonbury Abbey celebrates 50 years

By John Galluzzo
CORRESPONDENT

The monks of Glastonbury Abbey played to a full house, as a standing-room-only crowd filled the small chapel tucked away behind the main building for 9:30 mass Sunday, Sept. 14. The monks are used to sharing their prayer sessions and masses with the public — in fact, it's one of the things they most like to do — but that day in particular something special was in the air. Forty-nine years earlier, on September 14, 1954, the monks of the Order of St. Benedict celebrated the Feast of the Holy Cross, marking the official establishment of the Abbey.

The mass served as the kick-off to a yearlong celebration of the monk's 50th year of service to the South Shore.

"There are a lot of people who still don't know who we are and what we do here," said Father Timothy Joyce. "Even after 50 years. They still stop and ask if it's okay to come onto the grounds."

The Abbey is in fact, home to a ministry of hospitality. Described simply by Father Timothy as "a community of monks at prayer," the 11 monks who live there pray five times a day. Each formal prayer session attracts its own corps of regulars, citizens from the outside world that stop in when their schedules permit. "Some people will stop and pray with us at 6:30 in the morning on the way to work," said Father Timothy.

But the monks of Glastonbury Abbey offer much more than simply a peaceful place to pray. Their services to the people of the South Shore are wide and varied. They offer spiritual guidance and counseling to all who seek it, and take in as many as 3,000 people seeking spiritual retreats during the year. They assist local parishes where needed, hearing confession and presiding at mass.

In 1980 they purchased the closed Lincoln School in Hingham and turned it into low-cost housing for the elderly. Run by a professional manager, who is visited once a week by one of the brothers, the 60 apartments hold about 72 tenants. They even built the "tot lot" currently standing on the site.

The 2001 construction of their conference center, hidden from the view of Hull Street by a row of trees on a rise at the back of the property, allows the monks a chance to offer another level of service to the people of the South Shore. For instance, the Abbey now hosts a regular interfaith lecture series. Last year, in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, they presented a series themed "Hope in the Midst of Uncertainty." This year, in celebration of the half-century of service, the theme is "Monastic Spirituality." Brothers from around the country (and as far away as England) will lecture, as will representatives from the Hindu and Buddhist ways of life.

Bumps in the road

The road to the 50-year celebration has not always been an easy one. According to Father Timothy, who is just now completing a book on the history of the first 50 years of the Abbey, preparing for a Nov. 9 release, the brothers have seen good times and bad.

The ministry was founded by monks from Wisconsin.

"Abbot Edmund looked at a number of possible sites," said Father Timothy, "in Duxbury, Marshfield, Somerville, and West Roxbury. At that time this site was being used as the Tower Day Camp." The main building on the property, built about 1912, was a summer home for a Boston merchant, who also built the bell tower in 1920, a "pre-Depression playhouse." Unmarried and without heirs, after he left it the site was used as housing for summer visitors to Hingham, a catering establishment, an inn and other purposes before becoming the day camp. Still, even then, it wasn't the first choice for Abbot Edmund.

"He wanted to buy World's End," said Father Timothy. "He had some real grandiose thinking. But the family wouldn't sell." Instead, the Tower Day Camp gave way to Glastonbury Abbey, the first Benedictine monastery in Massachusetts outside of Boston, blessed by Cardinal Cushing at its founding.

"This was in the 1950s, when the church was exploding," said Father Timothy. Parishes were being built at a record pace in the aftermath of World War II. Abbot Richard, the first leader of the brothers of Glastonbury Abbey, had "big thoughts, big plans," for the site. A Glastonbury Latin School, a place where young men could prepare for seminary by studying Latin and other subjects, brought in as many as 60 at a time. "Men in their 20s and 30s, just out of service, could use their GI Bill to attend the school. We had them everywhere, in the attic, everywhere." After the 1962 construction of the avant-garde chapel, the 10 rooms beneath it became dorm rooms. "We had four in a room. They were pressing the walls out. They brought lots of life."

The 1960s burst the bubble of the monastery, though, both through the social upheaval of the Vietnam War, the sexual revolution and the general movement towards counterculture, and the church's Vatican II decree that Latin need no longer be taught, that it was a dead language. The Latin School "died" in 1971. That's when the brothers shifted their course to offer more spiritual direction and retreat facilities. They soon purchased Stonecrest, a home across the street, for use in religious education and as a retreat center. Since then, according to Father Timothy, the course has steadied.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Committee Members Patricia Murphy, Lesley Grilli and Karen Ferrari peruse the cookbook they created to celebrate Glastonbury Abbey's 50th anniversary.

Special sermon

In his sermon on Sept. 14, Father Richard J. Malone, Regional Bishop for the South Region of the Boston Archdiocese, talked of a trip he and others took along the Via della Rosa, walking the path of the cross in Jerusalem. He described a scene in which they were surrounded by a swirl of activity, yet they moved forward peacefully, even with the tempest around them. He also spoke of the monasteries of the Middle Ages, places of peace and stability, preservers of the past in a world falling apart. Glastonbury Abbey, according to Father Timothy, offers just that kind of security.

Father Malone, who presided at the mass, spoke of a strong spiritual energy at the Abbey, especially coming through the visitors to the site. "There's a vitality here, even at a difficult time for the church, a real robustness of the faith. Sure, some people have jumped off the boat, but most have stayed. The monastery provides just the kind of center of peace and hope we need in times like this."

Looking for a way to contribute to the celebration of the first 50 years of Glastonbury Abbey, a few lay friends of the brothers – Pat Murphy, Lesley Grilli, Pat Brennan, Judith McHugh, Karen Ferrari, and Gayle Walsh – formed a committee to solicit, test, taste and ultimately publish recipes from around the United States and Europe in a Glastonbury Abbey 50th Anniversary Cookbook, a process that took about a year.

"We collected about 1000 recipes," said Murphy, co-chairperson of the committee. "We tried to include photographs of everyone that's part of life at the Abbey." In the end, the cookbook offers more than 600 recipes from about 350 kitchens. "I really have to say, it's a good cookbook!" The book is dedicated to the late Father Richard Bourgeois, who passed away last Nov. 9, and is available at the Glastonbury Abbey Bookstore.

Father Timothy says there are major decisions to be made regarding the future of the site. "The main building is almost 90 years old, and needs a lot of work. We have an architect coming to discuss options with us," he said.

To Abbot Nicholas Morcone, though, 50 years is just a beginning. "The Order celebrated the 1500th anniversary of the birth of St. Benedict in 1980. But 50 years means we've now established roots here, established a spiritual presence. The conference center is our vote of confidence in our own future. We're here for the long haul."

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Dance at the Garage

The Youth Resources Committee will be holding a dance at the Garage on Friday, Oct. 3 from 7-10 p.m. Everyone in Grade 6 and up is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

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The Cohasset Recreation Dept. will accept telephone registration for grades K-3 Arts & Crafts programs by calling (781) 383-4109. Arts & Crafts for grades K-3 will be held on Mondays, 3-4:30 p.m. at the Joseph P. Osgood School.

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Farmers market dog show

On Oct. 9, at 4 p.m. the Cohasset Farmer's Market will have its annual dog show. Costumes required. All dogs in Cohasset are invited.

Derby Academy Fall Harvest Fair

The fourth annual Derby Academy Fall Harvest Fair will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 11a.m. until 3p.m. at the school on Burditt Avenue, rain or shine.

The giant slide, the rock climbing wall, extreme adrenaline, waxy wax, face painting, the art tent and a DJ are just a sampling of the games and events available for school age children to about 13 years old. Admission to the fair is free, however tickets need to be purchased for the games.

Parents and staff will operate the fast food grill, bake table, snack concessions and "Gourmet Galley". Food and beverages are available for sale throughout the day. Used clothing, used sports equipment and used books will also be for sale.

Tickets to a raffle with prizes that include four Patriot's tickets and parking, a week stay at a condo at the Village of Winnipesaukee and dinner at Tosca and Capital Grille.

Derby Academy will use the proceeds for cultural, athletic and recreational programs. Derby Academy is a private, coeducational elementary school with 300 students from Boston and the South Shore.

Fall festival

The Trustees of Reservations is holding a Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Weir River Farm in Hingham. The Festival will feature something for everyone; tractor drawn hayrides, pony rides, old-time games, pumpkin decorating, pie-eating contests, and much more. Meet and learn about the horses, llamas, sheep, goats, piglets, chickens and rabbits on an informal tour. Enjoy live music by local band "The Gathering". Refreshments will be served or bring your own and have a picnic. No pre-registration required. Members of the Trustees of Reservations are $3, Non-Members $5. For directions and more information about this and other exciting Trustees of Reservations events and education programs happening in our area this fall, please visit www.thetrustees.org or call (781) 740-4796.

Piano Faculty Concert at S.S. Conservatory

South Shore Conservatory's newly renovated Cox Hall in Hingham is the setting of this year's Piano Faculty in Concert on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 4 p.m. The performance is the inaugural concert for the Conservatory's new Steinway B, which was generously donated by Deborah Allinson and Tom Lamb of Hingham.

The third annual concert of its kind at the Conservatory, the Piano Faculty in Concert has drawn standing room only crowds for the past two years. Audience members enjoy listening to the diverse playing styles of the performers. In addition to solo performances, this year the audience will be treated to one piano four-hand and one piano-six hand piece.

Prior to the performance, Director of Academics & Advanced Studies Stephen Deitz will provide a brief overview of the pieces they will hear, and highlight what to listen for in the repertoire.

In addition to Piano Department Chair Hui-Min Wang, performers include Stephen Deitz, Maya Gurevich, John Kramer, Edwina and Margaret Li, Barbara Lysakowski, Mark Goodman, Vincent Planès, and Jane Viemeister.

The program includes selections from Rachmaninoff, Beethoven, Bach, Mozart, Ravel, Schumann, Gavrilin and Brahms, and takes place on the Alice and Paul Jones stage. Following the performance, audience members are invited to meet with the artists and enjoy light refreshments at a reception.

Tickets to the event are $15 for adults, and $10 for seniors and students, and can be purchased prior to the performance at South Shore Conservatory offices in Hingham and Duxbury or by calling 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

The public is invited to come to the concert at 3:30 p.m. or stay after the post concert reception for a Hard Hat Tour of the construction site to witness how the new construction is turning a hole in the ground into a magnificent new center for the arts.

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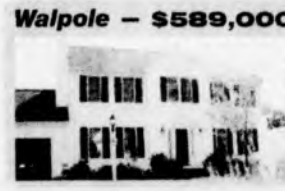
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OCTOBER 1 - 3, 2003

The view

Photographers show vision in art center exhibit

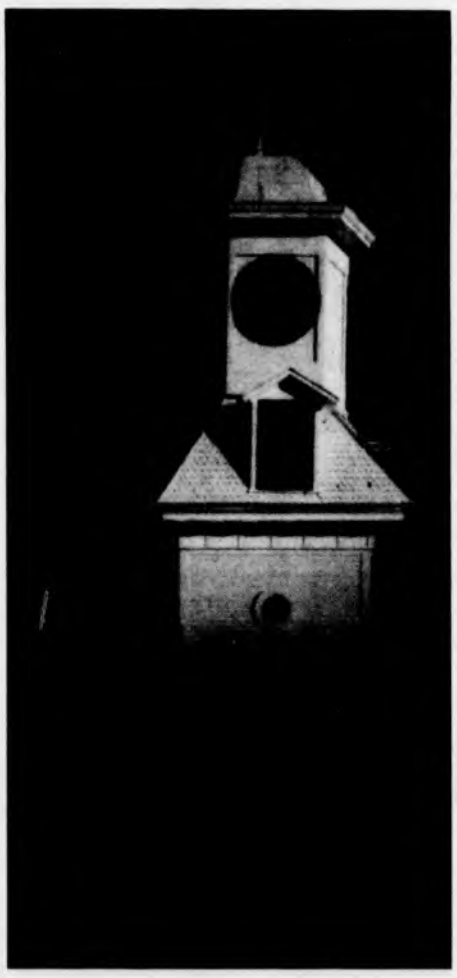
By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The photographer's vision is what counts first and foremost in photography as an art form.

That's the conceptual theme of the aptly titled The Photographer's Vision, the fall exhibit on display through Oct. 26 at Cohasset's South Shore Art Center. The show's overall aim is to show the distinct individual visions of four South Shore-based photo-artists, three from Marshfield and one from Pembroke.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Hancie Stokes and her mom, Kim Dickenson discuss the work of photographers Mike Sleeper and Lance Keimig at the Sept. 19 opening of "The Photographers Vision."



The exhibit succeeds in showcasing each artist's work in a context where the most common element is diversity. The four photographers are easily distinguishable in theme, tone and content over the total of more than 40 pieces.

Each artist has a subtitle for their segment of the show as well.

"Taking the Broad View" is the collection of colorful, panoramic, horizon-angled landscape pieces by Marshfield photographer Mike Sleeper. Shot on the South Shore and Cape Cod areas, Sleeper's pastoral and oceanside scenes give viewers an eyeful of sun, wind and rain playing off natural landmark elements, such as meadows, marshes and dunes. Duxbury Beach, Provincetown's Race Point, Marshfield's Damon's Point and the South River Marsh are among the artist's locations.

"My objective is to present an image that reveals the dynamic inter-relationship between land and water and sky in order to draw the viewer into a scene," said Sleeper in his exhibit statement.

Lance Keimig, a Pembroke resident, offers images of his Yosemite excursion of this summer in his segment titled "Here On Earth: The Unexpected Landscape." Keimig's specialty of black-and-white night photography makes an effective showcase for his stark portraits of spare vegetation growth in a desert landscape. His five-part "Tufa Study" series, tufa being limestone formed of carbonate deposited by springs, is most intriguing.

"A Night Photograph is a representation of time compressed into a single moment. I'm primarily concerned with the way that photographing at night expresses time," said Keimig, who also leads photo tours of Ireland, Scotland, Italy and Morocco as well as teaching photography classes and workshops.

Except for his "Rio Grande Gorge," an impressive aerial landscape shot where the mountain shadows reflect a royal purple on the great river's surface, Marshfield's J. Micheal Sullivan is most concerned with man-made objects in his ironically titled segment "Black and White in Color." The title is what Sullivan describes as a series of images "that explores the interaction of hue versus luminosity in the same image."

As a result, Sullivan pulls intrigue from the ordinary in images of church steeple clocks, silos, ice machines, highway overpasses and sightseeing binoculars. Possibly most captivating is "Chimayo Crossroads," a study of a remote station house at a junction on Route 92A outside Santa Fe.

Cynthia Vallino, also of Marshfield, craftily makes surreal abstraction out of natural images in her nine-part Natural Selection Series. Her close-up, finely detailed shots of items such as sand, ice, grass and water surfaces manage to reveal whole new worlds just beneath the real one.

"I try to 'see' things that may easily get lost when looking at the big picture," said Vallino. "By defining and photographing a scene in this way, the subtle complexities of nature often come more into focus."

The Photographers Vision is on display through Oct. 26 at the South Shore Art Center 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For gallery hours and information call (781) 383-2787.

(Right) Photographers and artists J. Michael Sullivan, Cindy Vallino, Lance Keimig and Mike Sleeper focus on different aspects of photography in "The Photographers Vision.

(Left) Photographer J. Michael Sullivan's works find intrigue in the ordinary — through images of church steeple clocks, silos, ice machines, highway overpasses and sightseeing binoculars.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

The recently reunited Spin Doctors make a tour stop at Plymouth Memorial Hall Friday, Oct. 10.

The Doctors are in

Hit band from the 90s puts a new spin on their act

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

You remember the Spin Doctors, don't you?

Apparently, a decade after the band hit its high-water mark in the early 1990s, with hits such as "Two Princes" and "Little Miss Can't Be Wrong," many fans still do. Hit records tend to do that for a band or recording act, regardless of how far that band or act might drift in or out of fashion in the years that follow.

Ten years ago, the Spin Doctors also found a certain niche in being viewed as one of the first of the alternative-era rock bands to cross over into the mainstream. This, despite the fact the New York City quartet was never comfortable with the "alternative" labeling or marketing so prevalent in the music biz of the era. From its late 80s beginnings, the band has thought of itself as a funky, high-energy, jam-band playing old school rock and roll.

"I'm surprised to see how young some of the audience is at our shows now. Some of them even say that a Spin Doctors record is the first one they ever bought."
Spin Doctors lead singer Chris Barron

This is evidently what fans and critics have been noticing in the last couple of years since the Spin Doctors have reunited. After a seven-year hiatus, the original band's return to the scene broke ground with a one-off gig for a special occasion in 2001, then ensued with a spring, 2002 mini-tour, followed by a summer tour later that year covering the East and

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Living

Irish bread pudding

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

I often frequent a local Irish pub called Matt Murphy's for lunch since it is an oasis of hearty homemade food amidst of sea of turkey wraps and ice-cream-scoop tuna sandwiches. They don't serve soda, their portions are huge, and their bread pudding is what a Rolls Royce is to a Hyundai – massive and awe-inspiring. Since I already considered myself a bit of an expert on this particular dessert, I asked the owner, Siobhan, for the recipe and went into the kitchen to unlock its secrets.

Bread pudding has lots of problems, not the least of which is getting the right proportion of bread to pudding. Many such recipes are nothing more than baked custards with occasional bits of bready flotsam. Using my own recipe for Classic Bread Pudding and Matt Murphy's recipe (I had an ingredients list but no proportions) as guides, I began with 16 cups of bread, a large amount by any standard. (My recipe calls for a mere 8 cups of bread.) When baked with my standard 5 cups of milk/cream mixture, the pudding was still too wet. I noted that the Matt Murphy recipe not only had twice as much bread, it also had less liquid, so I ended up using slightly more then 4 cups to achieve a drier, more toothsome texture. Referring to my recipe once again, I reduced the eggs to just 4 and brought the sugar down to 2/3 cup from 3/4 cup. I fiddled with a few other ingredients – vanilla and spices – and then went on to test the soaking and baking methods.

I found that a full hour of soaking was best (for an even texture) and a large 9 by 13 pan is preferred. I finally decided on an oven temperature of 325 degrees – hotter temperatures made a rubbery, tougher pudding. The best thing about the high proportion of bread to custard is that baking time is less crucial and the bread can undergo more thorough browning. (In fact, I bake this bread pudding until it is dark brown.) The top (which I brush with melted butter) turns out crispy, a far cry from the soggy texture of most similar recipes. Even better, this pudding can be made ahead and reheated.

Patrons of Matt Murphy's often feel that the sauce makes the dish, and with a one-two-three-four punch of butter, maple syrup, bourbon, and cream, it is no wonder. When you serve this recipe, I recommend nothing more than a light salad or consommé as a main course – anything more substantial would not leave sufficient room for dessert!

MATT MURPHY'S BREAD PUDDING

This pudding can be made several hours ahead of time and then reheated in a 300-degree oven for 10 minutes or until warmed through.

For The Pudding

4 large eggs

2/3 cup granulated sugar

2 cups plus 2 tablespoons whole milk

2 cups plus 2 tablespoons heavy cream

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

3 tablespoons triple sec or other orange-flavored liqueur

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

16 cups firm white bakery bread cut into 1 1/4-inch cubes

1 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted, plus more for the pan

For The Sauce

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

1/2 cup pure maple syrup

1/4 cup light rum, dark rum, bourbon or Irish whiskey

1/4 cup heavy cream

1. For the pudding, whisk the eggs and sugar together in a large bowl until well blended. Whisk in the milk, cream, vanilla, triple sec, salt and cinnamon. Add the bread and toss to coat evenly. Let soak for an hour, gently turning with a spatula every 20 minutes or so to allow the bread chunks to soak into the custard evenly.

2. Meanwhile, heat the oven to 325 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Generously butter a 9 x 13 or an 8 x 12-inch baking dish. Transfer the bread mixture to the prepared pan and adjust the bread chunks to form an even layer. Press down on the bread to submerge into the liquid as much as possible. Brush the top of the exposed cubes with the melted butter. Place in the oven and bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until the pudding is puffy and dark golden brown. Remove from oven and let stand until warm, about 30 minutes.

3. For the sauce, heat the butter in a heavy-duty skillet over medium heat until foamy. Add the syrup and rum and cook until thickened and coats the back of a spoon, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the cream and cook for an additional minute. Cut the pudding into squares, drizzling the sauce over each serving. Top with lightly sweetened whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

Serves 6 to 8

The Doctors are in

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West Coasts and Midwest, and mainly a series of one-off national dates in 2003. One of those dates brings the Doctors to Plymouth for a show at Memorial Hall, with opening act, also recently regrouped alternative-era rockers The Presidents of the United States of America. The bands play Plymouth Friday, Oct. 10 at 7: 30 p.m.

"The four original members of the Spin Doctors agreed to play a show for closing night at a New York club, the Wetlands, in September, 2001," said Chris Barron, the Doctors' "goateed" and flamboyant lead singer. "Nobody in the band thought at the time that anything would come of it, after we hadn't played together as a band for seven years, but then nobody wanted to say no. But when we got together to rehearse, it was amazing to us, because we sounded like we'd never broken up. Finally, we played the show, and had a great time."

Along with Barron, the regrouped original Doctors include guitarist/vocalist Eric Schenkman, bassist Mark White and drummer Aaron Comess.

Barron offered these candid recollections of the Spin Doctors' early 90s peak period.

Nowadays, the Doctors have rediscovered that they had first come together as friends in the first place. And the shows, Barron said, have reclaimed old fans while winning over new ones.

"We had two songs in the Top Five, we played for millions, we made appearances on national TV, we had a ball," Barron said.

In their heyday, the Doctors totaled more than 10 million in album sales, including more than 8 million of the band's 1992 smash Pocket Full of Kryptonite, and landed two major music festival appearances at Woodstock, 94 and Glastonbury (Scotland). Then what happened? Mounting band tensions, the exiting of original members and Barron losing his voice due to vocal cord paralysis. The Doctors were officially disbanded by the end of 1996.

"There was a lot of pressure being at that commercial level in the music business, a lot of burnout, and tensions in the band were high. We all just hated each other," Barron said.

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"I'm surprised to see how young some of the audience is at our shows now," said Barron. "Some of them even say that a Spin Doctors record is the first one they ever bought."

The Spin Doctors will perform at Plymouth Memorial Hall with The Presidents of the United States of America Friday, Oct. 10 at 7: 30 p.m. Plymouth Memorial Hall is located at 83 Court Street. For tickets and information call (866) 468-7619 or visit www.ticketweb.com.

Planting projects for the fall season

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the month of September draws to a close and the days grow shorter with the passing of the autumnal equinox, gardeners hasten to complete a wide range of gardening chores. Autumn in New England is the season for planting, transplanting, and for putting the gardens to bed.

Healthy nursery stock is still available at our local garden centers, often accompanied by sales on even prime new trees and shrubs. A glorious selection of spring-flowering bulbs awaits. Fall plantings of snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths will reap magical springtime rewards. Spectacular chrysanthemums in warm harvest hues, brilliant yellows and whites, burgundy, and shades of purple and pink, create a kaleidoscope of festive color. Pots of asters, smothered with multitudes of daisies in vibrant tones of rich royal purple, glowing pink, vivid raspberry and glistening white, intermingle with the long-lasting foliage of decorative kale to produce a dazzling display. Bittersweet, gourds, pumpkins and cornstalks have all appeared to decorate and revitalize our tired landscapes and announce the arrival of autumn.

Container gardens may also benefit from a facelift during the waning days of the growing season. Just as we grow tired of our summer attire and don our new fall wardrobes, so our planters seem to require updating at this time of year. Leggy, overgrown annuals lose their appeal and even colorful, robust plantings may become tiresome. Replacing just a few straggly plants with brightly colored chrysanthemums, ornamental peppers, kale or asters can tremendously improve the overall appearance of a whiskey barrel or plant box. Although many gardeners become ruthless and start from scratch, I enjoy the mature trailing plants and find just a few substitutions sufficient to give my containers a fresh, new look.

Experienced gardeners realize that killing frosts are inevitable in the days to come. Prior to killing frosts, take cuttings of tender plants to root indoors for next season. Many tropical plants and tender annuals including coleus and impatiens are easily propagated, especially if the stems are dipped in a rooting powder and inserted into pots of perlite or vermiculite; containers should be kept in a warm, bright location. Smaller plants could be lifted and transplanted into containers filled with potting soil. Geraniums and begonias will flower all winter on a sunny windowsill, a welcome reminder of the season past and a new growing season to come. Closely inspect these cuttings, transplants and your houseplants that were enjoying a summer vacation outdoors for pests. Somehow insects seem to know which plants are destined for a warm, cozy winter indoors. Many often go unnoticed for weeks while sucking the vitality out of our plants. Although no insects may be readily observed, eggs are often laid on the foliage and hatch once the plants are brought into warmer environments. One or two applications of a light horticultural oil spray, which is essentially odorless and nontoxic except to bugs, will eliminate a large percentage of the typical intruders including aphids, scale, mealy bugs, white flies, and spider mites. Be sure to check the drainage holes of the containers for sow bugs, worms, slugs and snails or you may discover them crawling across the floors of your home.

Gradually acclimate transplants and houseplants that were outdoors to the lower light conditions they will encounter in your home environment. Even houseplants that spent the summer in the shade received much brighter light than they are likely to find indoors. If these plants can be moved into a sunroom or porch first, the gradual reduction in light will be less of a shock. Although nearly all plants experience some leaf-drop or dieback as they adjust to lower light and humidity in our dry, heated indoor spaces, fewer leaves will turn yellow and drop.

Many perennials benefit from fall division and transplanting is often more successful at this time of year. With cooler temperatures and shorter daylight hours, plants are beginning to enter a dormant period causing root systems to diminish and plants are less inclined to suffer from shock when transplanted in autumn than during the spring when root systems are rapidly expanding. As a general rule, divide and transplant spring blooming perennials in the fall and fall-bloomers in spring. Perennials that produce flowers in midsummer may be separated in either season.

Daylilies, Siberian iris, and Japanese iris can be divided in either spring or fall, but fall transplants are more likely to bloom the following year. Fall division of large clumps of hostas enables these handsome leafy beauties to regain their symmetrical form and stature by the next growing season. Perennials that are divided later in the season will benefit from the application of a light winter mulch after the ground freezes to prevent heaving due to temperature fluctuations.

Set aside a little time each week to patrol your grounds for misplaced wildflowers. The soft, damp earth of recent weeks offers an ideal opportunity to make quick work of the bountiful crop of weeds flourishing beneath the drooping foliage of declining perennials where they are secretly beginning to disperse their seeds. A few minutes each day will save hours of weeding next spring. As dusk approached on a cool, crisp September eve, heaps of seed-laden wildflowers quickly filled my tarp dramatically improving the overall appearance of the garden and providing a wonderful sense of accomplishment.

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Thurs. 2

The Cohasset Historical Society will open the doors to it's new building on Main Street in Cohasset to the public from Oct. 2, to Oct. 5. On Oct. 5, starting at 10 a.m. a live broadcast on WATD F.M. with host James "Shamus" Mulligan and guests direct from the Cohasset Historical Building. Call 781-383-1434..

Sisterhood, a mixed media exhibit of works by family members and artists, Denise J. Benavides, Rosemary Benavides Williams, and Doris [Williams] DeLorey, and sponsored by Richard A. Williams of Keller Williams Realty, will be held during the month of October 2003 at the John Curtis Free Library located in Hanover Center in Hanover, MA. Working the familial bonds in this exhibit has given all three artists an avenue to exhibit their work and share their joy in the creative fine arts. The exhibit may be viewed during the library hours from Saturday, October 4th through Friday, October 31st, 2003. The Library is Handicap Accessible. Directions can be obtained at 781-826-2972

Chris Zerendow: Nautical Paintings on Thursday Oct. 2. The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, welcomes artist Chris Zerendow, to open a month-long exhibit of his current work with a lecture and slide presentation. For more information please contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **The TurnTables** Oct. 2 Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

North River Arts Society, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, new class **Mom and Me**, fun projects for children and parents with Susan Lynch Raffa. All ages welcome. Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Session I: Oct. 2 - Oct. 30; Session II: Nov. 6-Dec. 11. Cost: $50 members/$60 non-members. To sign up or for more information, call 781-837-8091.

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. **Photographer Laura Blacklow** guest speaker for first in series of lecture/luncheons, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call for reservations, 1 781-934-6634. Cost $10.

Jimbo's South Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree, presents **Comedy Show with Brian Powers,** and other comics including Annette Pollack, Ted Barrett, Stephen Leach, P.J. Abruzzese, Jan Flanagan, Mark Scanlon and Pete Plourde. $10 admission. Reservations recommended, call 781-848-0300.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, has openings in following classes: **The Artist's Way** (in progress), **Writing Workshop** (from Sept. 25), **Making Mosaics** (from Sept. 26), **Book Arts Workshop** (Oct. 4). For preschoolers and parents, **Stories and Art with Sally** (from Oct. 9). Call 781-934-6636 for information. Lecture/luncheon Thursday, Oct. 2. Guest speakers: photographers Laura Blacklow and Nancy McGirr. Make reservations by Sept. 25. Call 781-934-6634.

Free Prostate Cancer Screening, 5 to 7 p.m., at **Quincy Medical Center**, Ambulatory Care Dept., Second Floor, 114 Whitwell St., Quincy. Advance registration required. For appt. call 617-376-2273 or toll-free, 877-479-2273.

Fri. 3

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. Performing will be **Northern Lights**. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $13 members $15 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

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United Church of Christ, Bedford St., Abington, **Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale,** Friday, Oct. 3, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday is bag day. Buy one bag, get one free.

"The Land's Eye," a show of black and white photography by Lance Keimig, at **the James Library and Center for the Arts,** 24 West St., Norwell Center, Oct. 3-Nov. 5. Opening reception Oct. 3, 6 to 8 p.m. Call 781-659-7100.

The South Shore Art Center presents **The Photographer's Vision and Five Voices: Lance Keimig, Mike Sleeper, J. Michael Sullivan, and Cynthia Vallino.** Opening reception 6 to 8 p.m. **Five Voices Janet Blagdo.nm, Ellen Helman, Moey Lane, Mary Mirabito, and Chris Reid. Five Voices Image: Artist, Chris Reid**, pastel, "Sentinels". No admission. 781-383-2787

The American Cancer Society's 11th Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer five-mile walk on Sunday, Oct. 12. Registration and rolling start are set for 8 to 10 a.m. Boston's Making Strides is the nation's oldest and largest one-day walk, raising more than $22 million for the fight against breast cancer since its inception in 1993. The event is the American Cancer Society's signature event during National Breast CancerAwareness Month in October.

Parental Stress Line - Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night." Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. For more information call 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association sponsors a Kayaking Trip to Nova Scotia a "Sea Kayaker's Paradise" from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. Beginners are welcome Contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or email nsrwa@nsrwa.org for more information.

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. **Making Mosaics,** stained glass window mosaics and other applications using glass, tile and collage. Classes run Fridays through Nov. 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost $90. Call 781-934-6634, Ext. 15. Pre-registration required.

Sat. 4

The Cape Cod Chapter, National Railway Historical Society will sponsor a Railroad Show at the Bourne Middle School. Call 781-255-7922 for more information.

Edaville USA, 7 Eda Avenue, Carver, presents **Sponge Bob Square Pants** on Oct. 4 and 5. The park is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Edaville USA, 7 Eda Avenue, Carver, will host the National Cranberry Festival on Oct. 4 to 5, and 11 to 13. The park will be open from10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For more information, call 877-322-8455. or visit www.edaville.com

St. Paul Parish will mark the close of the **Year of the Rosary** and **honor the Blessed Virgin Mary** at a Marian Celebration to which all are invited on Oct. 4, gather at 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul Parish House, on Fearing Road, opening remarks and blessing of rosaries at 3:50 p.m.; group procession and praying of rosary at 4 p.m. crowning of statue of Our Lady and presentation of flowers in the church at 4:45 p.m. In case of rain, gather in the lower church at 147 North St. For more information call 781-749-0587.

Quincy Dinner Theater, Masonic Building, 1170 Hancock St. Quincy. **Guys and Dolls**: **Where Broadway Meets Burlesque** features to talented guys performing as a dozen fabulous dolls. Celebrity impersonations include Madonna, Marilyn, Barbra, Cher, Britney and a host of others. Show dates Oct. 4, 10, 11, 12, 18, 19. Free parking Call 781-843-5862.

Sisterhood, a mixed media exhibit of works by family members and artists, Denise J. Benavides, Rosemary Benavides Williams, and Doris (Williams) DeLorey, and sponsored by Richard A. Williams of Keller Williams Realty, will be held during the month of October 2003 at the John Curtis Free Library located in Hanover Center. Working the familial bonds in this exhibit has given all three artists an avenue to exhibit their work and share their joy in the creative fine arts. The exhibit may be viewed during the library hours from Saturday, Oct. 4 through Friday, Oct. 31. The Library is handicap accessible. Directions can be obtained at 781-826-2972.

The Town of Wrentham will sponsor the seventh Annual Wrentham Arts Festival, Oct. 4, and 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located at the Wrentham Developmental Center Fairgrounds. The event will feature a juried exhibition and sale of fine art and fine crafts in metal, glass, wood, painting, jewelry, sculpture, and photography. Live entertainment provided by *Pendragon* a Celtic-inspired ensemble; Turner and Maloney playing favorite folk music and the Quentissential Brass, sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. There will also be an area where the children will have crafts and activities. For more information call 508-384-5270

Fall Lighthouse Weekend Fall Foliage and Lighthouse Extravaganza on Saturday Cape Cod Lighthouses on Sunday, Oct. 4 and 5, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Long Wharf, Boston, Aquarium T Stop Two relaxing narrated cruises, by a renowned lighthouse Pharologist from Boston Harbor to Boon Island, Maine and The Tip of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Pass 16 lighthouses on Saturday and 12 on Sunday. The Cruise leaves, Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf Boston, near Aquarium T stop at 10 a.m. returning at 4 p.m. Drinks and snacks are available on the boat. Bring a lunch, as the boat will not dock either day. Prices are: Adults $40, seniors $37, Members of FBHI $35, Children 3-12 $20. Children 2 and under free. Paid reservations are strongly advised please send your check and a self addressed envelope to FBHI, P. O. Box 690187, Quincy, MA 02269-0187, 781-740-4290. Any available tickets will be sold dockside beginning at 9 a.m. on the fourth and fifth. Cash only

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The Bacon Brothers - Kevin and Michael - Bring their band to Plymouth Memorial Hall; Oct. 5. Tickets for The Bacon Brothers, priced at $27 & $32, are now on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 83 Court St. in Plymouth, online at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com/>, and by phone at 866-468-7619

Dessert Theater: A Night of One Act Plays enjoy entertainment and delightful desserts with Express Thyself Entertainment. A Repertory Theater Company. "A Night of One Acts: Fall Series II" will be presented, in cooperation with Beth Jacob, on Saturdays, Oct. 4 and 11 at 8 p.m. at the Community Center on the corner of Court and Brewster Streets in downtown Plymouth, across from the Court House. Tickets are $18 and include dessert. For reservations, call Director and Producer Russ Carthy at 508 833 1379 ext. 2. Call Express Thyself Director and Producer Russ Carthy at 508 833 1379 or contact me by email at, msmartianne@aol.com, at work at 617 973 9772 ext. 132 (wait for the Japanese message to end and you will hear English prompts) or at home at: 508 224 3850

Classical: Gala Opening Night: "Legends and Expressions" **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra** Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth 508-746-8008 Saturday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m. At 7 p.m. - Maestro Karidoyanes gives a pre-concert talk in the hall. Memorial Hall is fully accessible. Ticket range: $40, $35, $27.50, $20. Senior, Youth and Group discounts available; $5 student "rush" tickets sold at the hall one hour before the performance (student ID required). www.plymouthphilharmonic.com

Sociable Singles is having an **October Dancefest** Oct. 4, at the Wareham Elks 8 p.m. to midnight. Music provided by the **SRO** free hors d'oeuvres, and door prize. Admission $10, $7 for card

The Fifth Annual Plymouth Area Mental Health 5K Run Walk and 1-Mile Fun Run, Plymouth Community Intermediate School, Long Pond Road, Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. Call 508-732-3014 or visit http://plymouth5krunwalk.tripod.com

Dog Fest At Rocky Woods Green Dogs Sharing the Trail program with a celebration of dogs and their accompanying responsible humans at Rocky Woods Reservation in Medfield, on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activity highlights: Dogs bobbing for hot dogs; Musical hoola-hoops (modified musical chairs; dogs must sit inside the hoops when the music ends); Dog/Owner Look-Alike Contest; Dog IQ Quiz; "Ask the Vet" and "Ask the Trainer" sessions, and more. The Festival is free. Admission to Rocky Woods is $3 for adults, $1 for children

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King Richard's Faire, Route 58, South Carver through Oct. 19 including Columbus Day, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adults $22, children 5 to 12 $11, under 5 free. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. **Debbie Davis** Oct. 4. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

"Heidi," presented by **Starcreations Theater** from the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center**, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.; Oct. 5, 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets: adults $10, children $5. For more information, call 508-747-1234.

Sun. 5

TK O'Malley's Road Race 10K Oct. 5, The race will begin at 1 p.m. at Gates Intermediate School in Scituate. There will be a 10K walk that begins at the Scituate Lighthouse at 9:30 a.m. and a Kids Fun Run and Home Run Derby at 11:30 a.m. at Gates. Proceeds will go to the Friends of Scituate Recreation and The Council on Aging. For more information call Howie 781-545-1463 or email ardolino@aol.com

Brockton Symphony opens the season Oct. 5, hosting the **Claremont Trio** stars in their own right. For more information on concerts and events log on to www.brocktonsymphony.org or call 508-588-3841.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents Special Dixie Land concert featuring **The New Black Eagles** from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. $10 admission. Handicap accessible. Dancing.

Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield Sunday Concert Series, **The Envelope Please Academy Winning Songs 1934-1959.** Show starts at 2 p.m. 781-834-5535.

NSRWA Sponsors an Autumn Watershed Walk and Treasure Hunt at Stetson Meadows Conservation Area in Norwell, Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. Join lifelong watershed residents Joe and Judy Grecco for an Autumn Watershed Walk on Oct. 5, at the Norwell Conservation area Stetson Meadows. Joe and Judy will introduce the group to a fun activity known as "geocaching," or hunting for treasure that is hidden at the site (bring your own GPS unit if you have one). Don your walking shoes and your water bottle, and meet at 12:30 p.m. at Stetson Meadows in Norwell. Suggested donation is $5 per person. Pre-register my contacting the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org Visit the NSRWA website at www.nsrwa.org for more information.

The Annual Harvest and Crafts Fair will be held at Sheep Pasture, the intersection of Route 138 and Main St., North Easton from 10 to 5, on Sunday Oct. 5, rain or shine. Admission on fair day is $5 for adults and $3 for NRT members and $1 children. Entertainment for the day will feature local artist Bill Mulligan of Stoughton, Rebecca Correia of Rochester and the Adam Ezra Group from Boston. The Chili Cook-off and Chowder will be added to the cook-off area. The traditional 5-mile road race begins at 9 a.m. at the Old Colony YMCA, located on Barrows St., North Easton. Applications are available at the NRT office, Old Colony YMCA and North Easton Savings Bank. Information non-profit tables, chili contest and crafter booths may be obtained by calling the NRT office 508-238-6049 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to-4 p.m. We ask all pets remain at home and all bicycles be checked at package checking for everyone's safety.

South Shore Blues Bash - Sunday, Oct. 5, noon until dusk 63 Summer St., Cohasset, (one block from The Cohasset Inn) Bring a picnic and a chair, it's a family affair. Limited parking available - arrive early

The Bacon Brothers - Kevin and Michael - Bring their band to **Plymouth Memorial Hall;** Oct. 5. Tickets for The Bacon Brothers, priced at $27 & $32, are now on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 83 Court St. in Plymouth, online at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com/>, and by phone at 866-468-7619

The Friends of Gaffield Park will host 'Norwell Celebrates,' a themed House Tour and Marketplace Oct. 5, from noon to 5 p.m. The Marketplace will be open from 11:30 am to 5:30 p.m. at the North River Theatre at 513 River Street. Local merchants and artisans will demonstrate and sell their art and handicrafts. Tickets will be available for $25 in advance, available at MugShots in Norwell Center, The Scoop in Hingham, Topiary Designs on Cross Street in Norwell, and William Raveis Realty, 293 Washington Street on Route 53 in Norwell. You may also send a self-addressed stamped envelope and check to Friends of Gaffield Park, P.O. Box 958, Norwell, MA 02061. On the day of the tour, tickets will be $30 at The House Tour Marketplace at the North River Theatre. All proceeds of the tour will benefit the renovations of the playground at Norwell's Gaffield Park. For more information contact Ellen Nesbitt at 781.659.2454.

The former Tedeschi Family mansion has been transformed into the Tara Drive Showhouse featuring the best in interior design. For tickets or more information see www.showhousemedia.com or call 1-877-SHOHOUSE. Proceeds benefit the **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation**

The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum will offer a special Sunday-brunch service and museum tour package. Brunch between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Smith Crescent Room at the library and tour the museum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 5, 12, and 19. $32 adults; $10 children age 12 and under (price includes tax and gratuities as well as admission to the Museum). Reservations recommended by calling 617-514-1693 or emailing special.events@nara.gov or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Sunday Cruises to Cuttyhunk Sundays, July through October, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org for a day-long excursion to Cuttyhunk. The cruise departs from either Fairhaven or Woods Hole at 9 a.m. and spend four hours on Cuttyhunk. Participants will have a choice of a short, medium, or long guided walk, with commentary. People may bring a picnic lunch or buy a lunch on Cuttyhunk. Fees for the program are $50 for adults,$45 for members, seniors, and $40 for children 16 and under. To register and for information, and directions, call 508-362-1426, or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

"Singles with Style" Sunday Singles Dance at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy, Neponset Street exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. Complimentary buffet, 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35+ years old. Dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-sponsored by the Single Executives Club and The Presidents Club of Boston. Events also scheduled Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

St. Nicholas Methodist Church in Hull, concert series beginning Oct.5, 3 p.m. First concert will feature on trumpet-Matthew Misiner, and Dr. G. Frederick Guzasky. Call 781-925-5796 or 781-925-9101.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will feature Benjamin and Shulamith Shapira in concert. The program begins at 4 p.m. Free. Call 781-934-6634.

Mon. 6

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South Shore Women's Business Network Jimbo's South, Braintree Five Corners, Braintree. Call 781-848-0300.

Congregation Shirata Hyam, 185 Plain St., (Route 130) Marshfield. **Yom Kipper Services**, Oct. 6 Morning service from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; concluding service from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by a Break the Fast potluck.

Braintree Community Continuing Education is accepting registrations for fall SAT prep courses. Classes begin the week of Oct. 6. For more information, call 781-848-4000 Ext. 2251; e-mail info@braintreeadulted.com; or visit http://www.braintreeadulted.com.

Toastmasters Club - The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September to June, from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at The Fore River club (near the Fore River Bridge, St. Joseph's Church and Brigadoon's Restaurant) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. For more information, call Fred or Rosalind at 617-770-4303 or visit our web site at ww.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

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Tara Drive Showhouse. Tour the Tedeschi family mansion, which is opening its doors again to the public Oct. 1-Oct. 31. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., closed Mondays. Free, on-site parking. Tickets $30 per person can be purchased on site, at www.showhousemedia.com, or by calling 1-877-SHOHOUSE. Ticket proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Tues. 7

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at Quincy District Court 1 Dennis Ryan Parkway, Quincy, on Oct. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For more information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

Self Defense & Awareness Classes for Women & Girls (12+) A 3-session program on basic self defense and awareness for women and girls is being offered at Duxbury Middle School on three Tuesday evenings, Oct. 7, 14 and 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. $60 per person ($110 mom + daughter). Space is limited; Advanced registration required. Call (781) 934-7633.

Buttonwood Books presents "Coffee with the Authors" featuring authors: George H. Colt, Dawn C. Tripp and Stephen Puleo Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset will host its semiannual "Coffee with the Authors" on Tues. Oct. 7 at the Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. Featured authors will be George Howe Colt for "The Big House,", Dawn Clifton Tripp for "Moon Tide: A Novel" and Stephen Puleo for "Dark Tide: The Great Molasses Flood of 1919" "The Big House" by George Howe Colt. Advance reservations and ticketing are required and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665. Tickets are $13 per person, nonrefundable. Call Buttonwood to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Life-Writing Program for Older Adults. A five-part workshop, Between the Lines: Capturing the Experience of Life, Tuesdays, Sept. 9 to Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to noon, at Cohasset Council on Aging, 3 North Street (accessible). No skills are required, only curiosity and a pen. Conducted by Karen Flood. Advance registration and $60 fee are required. For more program information and directions, call 781.383.9112 or e-mail journalguru@yahoo.com <mailto:journalguru@yahoo.com>

Swim With A Special Child hopes to expand its pool of volunteers as the program plunges into its 32nd year of weekly swim classes for students with mental and/or physical disabilities. Free child care is provided for training and for weekly Tuesday classes beginning Sept. 23. Swimmers of all ability levels are needed to swim one-on-one with students age 3 to 22. No special skills are required, and a SWASC staff of class leaders and swim instructors works with each pair of swim buddies. SWASC also welcomes non-swimmers to help with equipment and cheerleading on the deck, to serve coffee and refreshments, and to assist with child care for volunteers. For more information on SWASC, contact Mary Johnson at 617-472-0856 or June Doherty at 781-335-3785.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227 for more information.

Hairspray, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, Oct. 7 to Nov. 1. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera.**

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., Boston, presents **"He She Them," with Judd Nelson and Tasha Lawrence,** through Oct. 12. Performances Tuesday through Saturdays at 8 p.m. ; Sundays 7 p.m.; matinees Saturday 2 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. Tickets $25 Sept. 30 - Oct.2; $39 Oct. 3 - 12. Purchase tickets at box office or online: www.wangcenter.org, or call Telecharge.com at 1-800-447-7400, TTY: 888-889-8587.

Wed. 8

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys present Glenn S. Rothfeld, M.D., M.Ac. at the Hingham Public Library, on Wed. Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. to discuss his latest book: "Thyroid Balance: Traditional and Alternative Methods for Treating Thyroid Disorders". Dr. Rothfeld is a licensed acupuncturist, a frequent lecturer, and the author of seven books on complementary medicine topics. He is the medical director of WholeHealth New England, a complementary medicine center in Arlington and Plymouth. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Reservations can be made by calling Hingham Library 781-741-1405 or Buttonwood 781-383-2665 where you can also order a signed copy if unable to attend.

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October is Paint a Pumpkin month at **The Craft Factory**. Bring in any size pumpkin and paint it for only $1. 781-383-0740 - located in Cohasset

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell presents an exhibit of botanical drawings and paintings, Reflections of the Season, Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, in their Vine Hall Gallery. Born from early scientists' need to document plants' medicinal properties, botanical drawing long ago branched out from scientific textbooks and laboratories to take an esteemed place in the art world. These three botanical artists, Peggy Daniels, Kay Kopper and Ruth Ann Weatherby-Frattasio, have combined their passion for plants, drawing and painting to create some exquisitely detailed representations of nature. The public is invited to an artist's reception on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit is open for viewing during the month of October, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30p.m. The Science Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off Route 3 or directions, call the Center at 781- 659-2559, or check out our website

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome. Free.

"Close to You," the Karen and Richard Carpenter musical review starring South Shore's own Ann Kenneally-Ryan arrives at **Raffael's Restaurant** in Quincy, Oct. 1-9, as a dinner-theater production. Matinee performances Oct. 1 and 8; matinee and evening Oct. 2 and 9. Tickets are $35 matinee, $45 evenings and include dinner, tax, gratuity and show. For tickets or additional information, call 617-328-1600.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

After a barrage of planetary activity in the past two months, October offers an opportunity to catch your breath and focus on new ideas and undertakings. The first three weeks are most favorable for getting new projects off the ground.

A Sagittarius moon continues to generate optimism and confidence today. New beginnings are promoted until 10:25 p.m., when the moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. A Capricorn moon takes over at 11:21 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Roll up your sleeves and take on a full agenda. This is a day to get things done. Plan to initiate new activities before 12:34 p.m., when the Capricorn moon forms a harmonious contact to Jupiter. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 3:09 p.m. A full moon is building and will culminate October 10. Sidestep doubts, frustrations between 7:22-10:22 p.m., when the moon opposes Saturn. Focus on the positives and go with the flow.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

A Capricorn moon prompts you to be more ambitious and focused today. You can be most productive. Zero in on career issues, business decisions. Influences are prime for making long-range plans or taking on new responsibilities. Today's planetary combination inspires judgments based on a combination of knowledge and intuition. The Capricorn moon forms a harmonious contact to Mercury at 6:40 p.m. and becomes inactive. The sun forms a flowing 120-degree contact to Neptune this evening. Relax and recharge your batteries.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

The moon enters freedom-oriented Aquarius at 3:45 a.m., remaining there throughout the weekend. Step out of your usual routine and do something different. New is in; old is out. Keep an open mind and be more adventurous. A lunar alignment to Neptune makes this evening prime for partying. Take a walk on the wild side.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

An Aquarius moon all day may point you in new directions. Read yesterday's advice. This is a great day to network, brainstorm and dream. Impromptu get-togethers, spur of the moment ideas will be the most successful.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

A mixed bag of planetary influences can make for a hectic morning. Take it slow and easy. The Aquarius moon aligns with Uranus at 9:06 a.m. and becomes inactive. A 90-degree alignment of the sun and Saturn culminates at 9:40 a.m. The moon enters Pisces at 10:20 a.m. and conjoins with Mars at 11:38 a.m. Use extra caution while driving or operating machinery; take your time. As the afternoon goes on, potentially difficult influences ease up considerably and a mellow Pisces moon takes over. Mercury moves into Libra at 9:28 p.m., remaining there until October 24.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Start your day and initiate new activities before 10:32 a.m., when a harmonious alignment of the Pisces moon to Saturn culminates. After that, finish projects already begun, handle routine chores and errands. At 7:30 p.m. the moon interacts with Pluto and becomes inactive. Choose your words carefully and avoid touchy subjects in this period.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

The moon is inactive as it travels in the last sign of the zodiac until 7:07 p.m. That means that new starts are off limits. Instead, tie up loose ends and follow through on unfinished business. It may be difficult to focus on practical matters and easy to waste time and energy. Influences turn around completely at 7:07 p.m., when the moon enters Aries. A harmonious Venus/Uranus alignment makes this an exciting, 'anything can happen' kind of evening.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Energy and emotions run high today. Keep a cool head no matter what is happening around you. Channel your energies constructively. The moon continues its travel in Aries, and the full moon continues to build up. Venus moves into Scorpio at 2:56 p.m., remaining there until November 2. A lunar alignment to Saturn at 8:25 p.m. may bring a lull period. Don't let doubt, fear or frustration creep in. Meditate for inner peace and vision.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

The full moon culminates at 3:27 a.m., 16 1/2-degrees of Aries/Libra. The moon continues active travel in Aries, generating high energy today. However, harmonious alignments of Venus-Mars and the sun-Pluto aid productivity, creativity. Zero in on areas of your life you want to change. This is a time to formulate a new plan and start working toward your goals. Kick back and go for the good times this evening.

Thurs. 9

American Red Cross, 1495 Hancock St., Quincy, offers following courses: CPR/AED for Professional Rescuer (from 9/25); Adult CPR/AED Review (9/30); Adult, Child & Infant CPR/AED Review (9/30); Child & Infant CPR Review (9/30); Home Health Aid/Certified Nursing Assistant (from 9/29 or 10/6). Pre-registration required, call 617-770-2600, M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Fri. 10

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Linden Ponds at Hingham will host a free, open to the public, photography exhibit featuring selected works by local amateur and professional photographers who entered a contest depicting the natural beauty of Hingham, at its welcome center, 411 Whiting St., Hingham Oct. 10, 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 781-337-2255.

The Berwick Boys Foundation is hosting its 21st annual Halloween fundraiser on Oct. 10 to 12, Oct. 17 to19, Oct. 24 to 26, Oct. 30, and Nov. 1. The House is open from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays, and from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The Foundation Headquarters is located at 335 West Street, West Bridgewater. Admission is $7 for all victims, which includes free popcorn for those that make it through safely. free parking, refreshments, glow-in-the-dark necklaces, and other ghostly goodies will also be available. For more information call the Foundation at 508-586-0059 or check their web site at www.berwick.org.

Buttonwood Books & Toys hosts **Kate and Jim Mcmullan**, Award-Winning Author And Illustrator for their new book, "I'm Mighty!" on Friday, Oct. 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Buttonwood in Cohasset. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents its production of **The Last Night Of Ballyhoo**, runs Oct. 10 to 26. Tickets are priced as follows: Friday (8 p.m.) and Saturday (8 p.m.) at $20 Thursday (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday (3 p.m.) at $18. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, MA, and by calling 781-871-2787.

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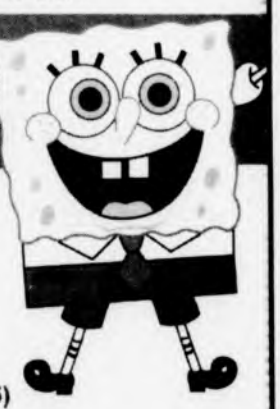

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ZBA may seek daycare center, other amenities

Deliberations on Avalon underway

By Mary Ford
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If the Zoning Board of Appeals has its way then AvalonBay will include a daycare center in its plans to build an apartment complex off Route 3A.

At this point, it is not clear how the ZBA will come down on the project itself. It could either issue a comprehensive permit with conditions such as including a daycare center, or deny the project altogether.

If approved, the 200-unit apartment complex that would be built under Chapter 40B, the state affordable housing law, can skirt most zoning bylaws such as, housing density, in exchange for providing some affordable housing.

"I think this is more important than a fitness center and pool."
— Ben Lacy, ZBA

The number of units is also on the table, ZBA chairman Woody Chittick said last week. The ZBA is looking at how many units Avalon could build on the 62-acre site and still remain financially viable.

Also up in the air is whether 20 or 25 percent of the units would be set aside as affordable. If Avalon goes with 25 percent, those apartments would have to be affordable for those making no more than 80 percent of the area median income or $62,650 for a family of four. With 20 percent, the income limit drops to 50 percent of the median or $40,200.

Last Wednesday, the ZBA conducted its first public deliberation on the project. Also planned are "informal" negotiating sessions, which would include Chittick, a selectman and the Town Manager, Avalon, and 40B consultants hired by the town. Those sessions won't be posted because they do not include a quorum of any one board, Chittick said. [Public notification of government meetings of committees and subcommittees is required under the Open Meeting Law].

He explained the negotiating sessions will help iron out details that would be brought back to the ZBA deliberating session that would be posted.

The daycare center came up during the first ZBA public deliberation last Wednesday night along with several other potential conditions.

Also on the table are sidewalks along Route 3A and up Sohier Street, mosquito control in the storm-water retention ponds and catch basins, organic landscaping, location of the school bus stop, pedestrian crossings across 3A, and walking and biking trails connecting to Thayer and Whitney Woods, to name a few.

The ZBA also discussed reducing the grade of the driveway into the complex from 8 to 6 percent as a safety measure and the potential for a traffic light at Sohier Street.

The ZBA closed the yearlong Avalon hearing last month and has until Oct. 26 to reach a decision without an extension that Avalon would have to agree to.

ZBA member Ben Lacy thought the clubhouse would be

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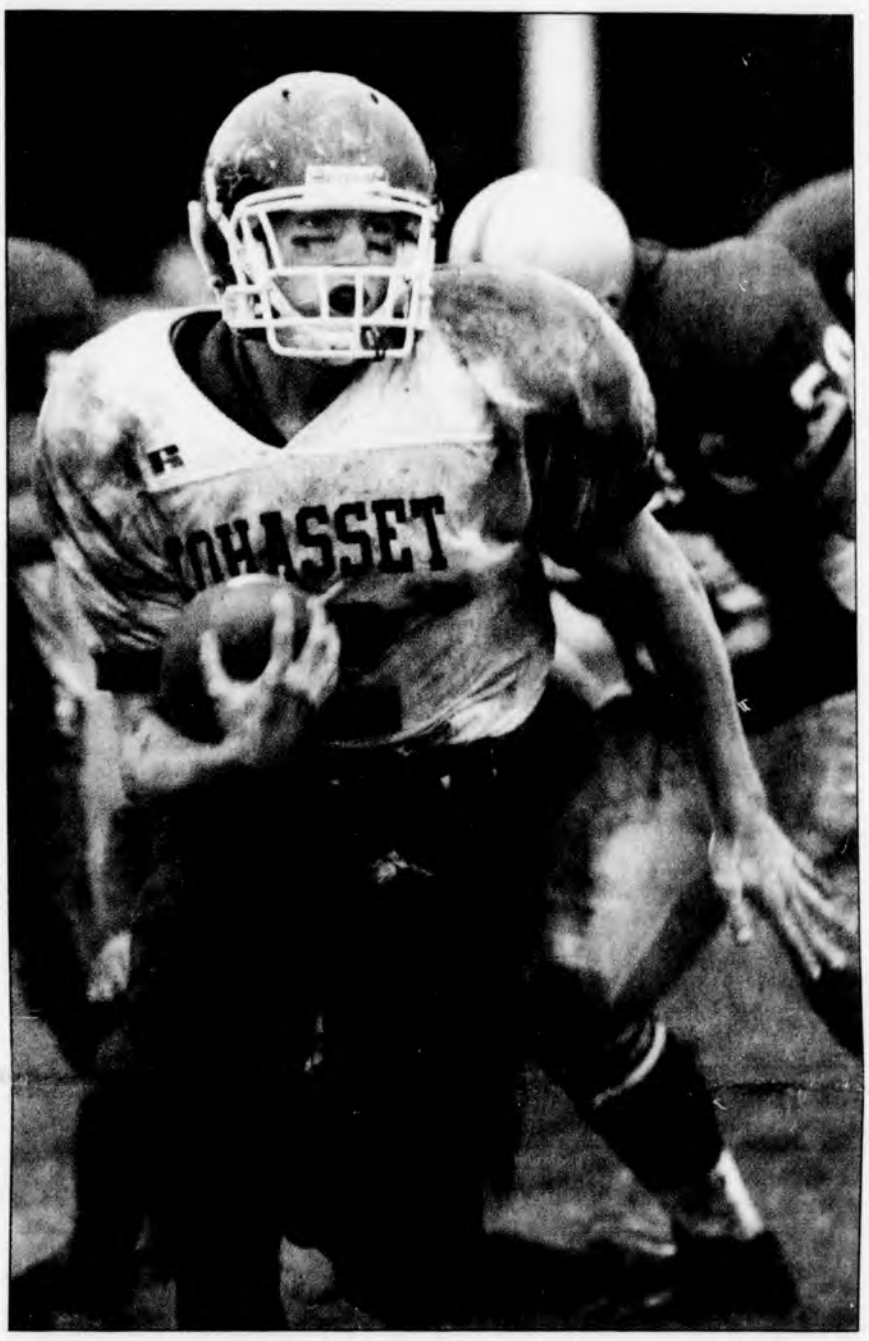

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GAME FACE

Cohasset's punt returner, Casey Coleman, motors down the sideline but his efforts were for naught as this one was called back. For more about the Skippers football game against Cardinal Spellman on Saturday, see sports.

Food fight

Health, school boards at odds over school lunch

By Samantha Brown
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Members of the Board of Health will not give up on their quest to make sure Cohasset schools offer the healthiest lunch choices possible. While members of the School Department said students do not have a problem with obesity, which can be evidenced by a walk down the halls, the Board of Health said nutrition cannot be measured by the way a student looks.

Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo and Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik met with Supt. Edward Malvey, School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn and Food Services Director Robert Levy to discuss the matter.

At the School Committee meeting last week, Flynn said the issues between the boards had "been ironed out."

However, while Bobo said "We had a very fruitful conversation," he was still dismayed at hearing the School Committee doesn't think there is a problem with the food choices at the schools.

"They say they don't have a problem because there are very few obese children," said Bobo, who went on to say that many students of high school age have the opposite problem of being malnourished as a result of eating disorders, such as anorexia and bulimia.

Board of Health member Peggy Chapman said the assumptions being made by the school board worry her because

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A banner day for Consignment Shop

Reopens with some changes

By Mary Ford
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If last week's "grand opening" is a gauge then the Cohasset Consignment Shop in Tedeschi Plaza off Route 3A is still a favorite among shoppers looking for everything from designer fashions and fine china to bric-a-brac.

Dozens of bargain hunters flocked to the store, which is celebrating its 50th year and has reopened with a new management team and a few other changes.

One noticeable difference is the current work of local artists, photographers and artisans on display that is also available for purchase with part of the proceeds going to the shop which provides money for the 91-year-

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Gretchen Gold, the new manager of the Cohasset Consignment Shop, comes with experience, a lot of enthusiasm and the ability to work hard.

Rising building utility costs put budget in deficit

Schools to seek funds at STM

By Samantha Brown
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School utilities and transportation are likely to take center stage at the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting when the School Department is expected to ask the town for roughly $355,000.

The schools will seek $260,000 to help cover the rising costs for utilities, which dramatically increased last year, and are expected to be high again this year.

The School Committee will also present a capital request, asking for funds to purchase one new special education van at an estimated cost of $35,000, and a new school bus at roughly $60,000.

According to school Business Manager Ivan Klimko, the total cost for utilities for all three schools last year was $259,925 — but the schools had only budgeted for $95,900. This left a deficit of $164,025, due in large part to the construction going on at the middle-high school with utilities used by workers during extended hours, with some effect from Deer Hill construction. In addition, the increased price in natural gas coupled with a severe winter pushed the budget further off its mark.

In light of the situation, the Building Commission gave

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, Board of Health, Oct. 9 and Oct. 16, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 9 and Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.

Harbor Committee, Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

Historical Commission, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. (zoning articles for Special Town Meeting); Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. (Public Hearing on Zoning Articles); Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Oct. 29, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

School chiefs talk about charter schools

Supt. Edward Malvey said he recently met with superintendents from Norwell, Scituate, Hingham, and Hanover to discuss their collective thoughts on the proposed South Shore Maritime Academy Charter School, slated to be located in Cohasset and open its doors to students of the region in the fall of 2005.

"It's fair to say that any attempt at providing an alternate learning experience for our students deserves a lot of merit," Malvey said, but added financial impacts to the public school system have to be taken into consideration.

School Committee Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts said she agrees the project deserves merit for what it is trying to do, but is also concerned about its taking away funding for public education, and hopes the School Committee will be strongly involved with the process regardless of whether the SSMACS is approved or not.

"If this one doesn't go through, there will probably be another one," she said, and another charter school in the area could make it difficult to provide the quality education Cohasset schools have been known for.

Malvey also mentioned the town already has maritime work being done by students through the Center for Student Coastal Research, located in the former Hagerty House on Parker Avenue. He said he had spoken with President of the CSCR Jack Buckley, who said the charter school proposal came as a complete surprise.

"I don't know as there is a need for another maritime program," said Malvey, which will likely come up when the proposed school has to defend its statement of need in the community.

"Clearly we are meeting a need and an interest," for maritime research in the community, said Tebbetts.

Malvey said he will continue to discuss the charter school issue at the larger South Shore superintendent's meeting and the state Superintendent's Association meeting.

"We don't want to be too quick in judgement," Malvey said, adding superintendents will discuss all available information before taking a formal stance on the proposed school. He also said final approval of the school will be in the state's hands.

Clarification on abutter's stance

Judy Flint, 215 Main St., is opposed to the proposed 105-unit Cedarmere project off Beechwood Street.

"For the record, I am neither against senior housing nor an affordable element to this housing," Flint told the Mariner this week. "What I oppose is the proposed density of the development and a Planning Board that suggests a single-family development would be devastating to the community."

A quote attributed to Flint in a story in the Oct. 2 Mariner covering the Sept. 24 Planning Board Hearing on Cedarmere may have given readers the impression Flint supports the project.

The Mariner regrets any confusion this may have caused.

DeLorenzo to retire

After 18 years in the school system, Middle-High School Vice Principal Jack DeLorenzo will retire at the end of this school year.

"Jack has been an absolute pillar for the school district," said Supt. Edward Malvey, adding DeLorenzo is the kind of person he always felt comfortable going to for advice.

"He's been a fixture in the Cohasset School System for many years," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn. "They're big shoes to fill, but he clearly has earned the right to retire."

In respect to the construction at the schools, Malvey said he doesn't think the projects would have been completed so efficiently without the help of DeLorenzo.

"He has put his heart and soul into every minute of that project. He's going to be very hard to replace," he said.

The School Committee and Malvey expressed their thanks for his years of service and wish him well in the future.

"I would just like to thank Jack for his service throughout the years and wish he and his wife and family nothing but health and happiness in the years ahead," Malvey said.

Kilpatrick to resign

After seven years in the Cohasset school system, primarily working in special education, Student Services Secretary Sharon Kilpatrick will resign from her position effective Friday, Oct. 10 to take a job in the private sector in Boston.

"She has lived through several SPED (special education) directors," and has provided such stability in the office during times of transition, said Supt. Edward Malvey. "She was my go-to person."

"She has been a tremendous employee and we wish her the best," he said.

Deer Hill re-dedication

A rededication ceremony has been set for Friday, Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. at the Deer Hill School. There will also be an open house held Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. until noon.

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Selectmen to seek meeting with DHCD

Housing guidelines need clarification

By Samantha Brown
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Selectmen will ask to meet with the state Department of Housing and Community Development to answer some questions about the Local Initiative Program. Because the LIP process is new to Cohasset, the board feels it needs to pin down specifics before making decisions on potential projects.

The role Selectmen will play in the Cedarmere decision-making process is much more involved than was previously thought. Cedarmere, a 105-unit senior housing project planned for off Beechwood Street, is proposing affordable housing under LIP.

"If the Selectmen didn't approve it, it wouldn't go forward," Town Planner Liz Harrington said.

Harrington, along with consultant David Fulton, and Planning Board member Peter Pratt, hoped to provide an overview of what a LIP project entails for the board Tuesday. But the discussion revealed DHCD clarification was needed.

The town is trying to reach the 10 percent threshold set by the state for affordable housing.

Currently, there are three major projects — Avalon, Cedarmere and the Cook Estate — which all have affordable components and could help the town achieve that 10 percent.

Cedarmere and the Cook Estate will have their affordable components considered as LIP projects, while Avalon is a 40-B project.

Harrington describes LIP projects as being almost a "friendly 40B." Towns can make decisions based more on their individual needs, including everything down to the design of the buildings and the landscaping plans. LIP projects serve as a way for a town to become proactively involved with the development projects in their area.

Harrington also said LIP is the mechanism by which the town makes sure units qualify or "count" toward the number of total affordable units. It helps create affordable housing by providing technical assistance to communities and developers who are working together to create affordable housing for low and moderate income households. With LIP projects, the town and developer must work together.

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LIP projects differ from 40B projects because 40B developers are not required to work with the town, and a town can end up with developments that do not meet the requirements it has set. A 40B project can sidestep the local bylaws, providing 25 percent of the units qualify as long-term affordable housing.

The proposed Cedarmere project has filed for a special permit from the Planning Board under the town's Senior Overlay District bylaw. Developers plan to develop the affordable portion of the project as a LIP.

However, under the LIP program, affordable units must be comparable to market rate units in size and amenities, which has caused some speculation as to whether the Cedarmere project would pass muster with the state. Cedaremere's affordable component is proposed in a separate building from the market-rate condos. Harrington said some clarification will be needed as to whether the DHCD will think that is acceptable or not.

Because the guidelines for LIP projects are constantly being updated, it makes it hard to get direct answers to questions, Harrington said. Selectmen hope to meet with the DHCD as soon as possible and have asked the Planning Board to contact Cedarmere developers and ask them to write up an executive summary of their project for the board's review.

Music Circus to designate smoking section

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Patrons of the Music Circus will have to smoke in a designated area when the performance season kicks off again next year, the Board of Health said.

The town's tough new smoking bylaw makes lighting up illegal in all public places and workplaces — including restaurant patio areas and within 20 feet of any entrance of a workplace — so the Music Circus, which has a unique venue, has been working with the health board to come up with a solution, Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said.

The new designated smoking area is tentatively planned to be located in the back by the main offices.

Because the Music Circus has a series of aisles with runways which surround the tent, as well as several concession stands, legally only the parking lot would be considered an appropriate place to smoke under the bylaw, Godzik said. However, because of the extenuating circumstances, the rules will be adapted to accommodate those patrons who choose to smoke.

Godzik said he met with Music Circus General Manager Vince Longo, who will decide where to have a designated smoking area on the grounds.

Godzik said the Music Circus prohibits smoking both under the tent and on aisles leading into the tent, which is enforced. The new designated smoking area is tentatively planned to be located in the back by the main offices.

While the parking lot was considered as an alternate smoking area, current rules at the Music Circus prohibit patrons from reentering the grounds once they have left.

Godzik said Longo will come before the board next spring with a definite plan, to be approved before the venue opens for the summer.

ZBA floats Avalon daycare facility

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a good location for a daycare center.

"I think this is more important than a fitness center and pool," he said.

Chittick, the ZBA chairman, did an informal survey of the nursery schools in town that told him lack of daycare is a real problem. The ZBA also thinks the complex might attract an influx of families with toddlers.

Lacy thought a daycare center that would be open to those who live at Avalon and anywhere else in town would be a good way to help integrate the apartment complex into the community.

Avalon officials appeared cool to the proposal, although they did not rule it out.

Scott Dale of Avalon said if there is a need for daycare in Cohasset, the free enterprise system should provide the answer.

"That is usually the way it works," he said. Dale said the clubhouse wouldn't be an appropriate site but a third-party vendor at the complex might be an option.

The ZBA also wants to think about the density issue. ZBA consultant Mike Jacobs said the board had to come up with "a real solid" reason why 175 or 150 units would be better from an environmental and safety standpoint. He said the economics of the project should not drive that decision.

The ZBA is also looking at the mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom units with an eye toward reducing the proposed three-bedroom units that might attract families with school-children. Many residents have expressed concern that Avalon would flood the town with school-aged kids.

Public deliberations are slated for 10 a.m., Sat., Oct. 11; and 7:30 p.m., Oct. 14, 15, 20 and 23.. Interested citizens should check the bulletin board outside the Town Clerk's office for changes or call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for an update.

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Boards debate over school lunch

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children who look healthy are not necessarily making good choices for lifelong health.

"They look healthy now, but food influences cellular structure," she said, adding that "Just because you're in shape and thin, doesn't mean you're nutritionally sound."

"What bothers me is the assumptions that are being made," said Chapman.

"And yet, they don't want an advisory committee to help them," said Godzik.

Bobo said Levy made the point that the schools far exceed the state and federal standards with their menu program.

"I would put us way ahead of other schools in the state," said Levy in telephone interview. He went on to say that students have many more choices than in previous years and the school has come a long way in terms of offering more healthy alternatives. Levy said he too is concerned with the obesity of children, but even more so, the reverse problem of students not eating enough. He hopes by offering more food choices at the schools as the cafeteria has been, students will be more likely to find something they want to eat.

Typical day

On a typical day at the cafeteria, students have the choice of an entree is served with various vegetables, or made to order deli sandwiches. At the deli counter, roast beef, turkey, bologna, ham, different cheeses, lettuce and tomatoes, and a variety of breads are available. There are also special grill items, which can offer meatball subs and oven baked fries. There are also chicken patties and fish patties available, and cheeseburgers and hamburgers are sold every day. Levy said the amount of cheeseburgers and hamburgers sold has dramatically decreased this year and the amount of fat in food choices has been reduced. There are also usually two to three varieties of pizza to choose from, and a salad bar which includes both canned and fresh fruit. All meals are served with a side salad or fruit.

Levy said the schools have also changed their vending machines. The only vending machine currently in the school is one that sells low fat fudge pops, frozen yogurt, and water based items.

"We are way ahead of everyone else," he said.

Levy said the cafeteria style is modeled around a typical college campus dining hall. While he said there may still be changes to make, "I'm confident we can resolve any issues that are still out there," he said.

Godzik said he understands making menu changes to the point where students don't want to eat the school's food could be detrimental. Students may want to bring food from home, which could result in their bringing junk food, and would also cause the school to lose revenue.

Godzik said Flynn didn't feel nutrition was a topic that should be in the purview of the Board of Health. However, Bobo said Malvey didn't mind having the Board of Health set the standards for nutrition in the schools, but is afraid a nutrition committee would end up dictating what is on the menu.

But members still think something needs to be done and will not stand idly by.

"What they say is a salad is a joke," Chapman said.

Chapman said the board should still push for a junk free day once a week and they all agreed to continue applying pressure on the issue through the recently established Nutritional Advisory Committee. Chapman will write a draft of a letter to be approved by the board and sent to the School Committee to keep the issue at the forefront.

Schools to seek funds at STM

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$150,000 to the schools as a one-time gift to help pay for the electricity workers used. But because construction is now nearing its end, that will not be an option this winter.

"We can't go back to that well again," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn.

With the help received last year, funds were able to be shifted around to cover costs but that will not be the case this year. It is estimated the expenses will be roughly the same as last year, because the buildings have increased in size and are outfitted with air conditioning for the summer months.

"The only thing we can count on is the building being buttoned up tight," said School Committee member Pat Martin.

"I'm crossing my fingers and toes," that because the building will be finished and buttoned up this winter, it will help alleviate the deficit, said Supt. Edward Malvey.

Malvey hopes the cost of utilities won't be as high as last year.

"We'll use [$260,000] as a starting point, but I'm hopeful it won't be that high," said Malvey, adding the money is critical because the school department does "not have a dollar to put into it."

However, Town Manager Mark Haddad said he isn't sure the town's budget will be able to accommodate a request of that size.

"If we give them $260,000 that puts the fiscal 2005 budget in peril," he said. Haddad told Selectmen they would need to have a meeting immediately with the School Committee to try to come up with a solution to the problem.

Because of the drastic reduction in state aid this year, Haddad said the request would probably have been one the town would have been able to grant before, but with the reduction, he's not sure what will be done.

As experience with Osgood School has shown, once a building is increased in size, the cost of utilities inevitably goes up, and this cost is something that will follow in subsequent budget seasons.

"The cost isn't going away until you close the school down," said Flynn.

New van

In addition to the help with the utilities bill, the School Department needs a new special education van and one, or possibly two, new school buses. The current van is a 1995 with 129,334 miles, and evaluated to be in poor condition. Klimko said the van is declining fast, and is a necessary part of the fleet because it is the only vehicle owned by the school with a wheelchair lift. He also said the schools might need to purchase a second bus next year in light of the grade reconfiguration.

Currently, the schools' transportation fleet includes five standard school buses, with a sixth brand new bus to be delivered sometime in October, a special education van and a micro bus. The new bus will take the place of the current Bus 3, which is a 1997 model with 85,113 miles and is in poor condition. If all goes well, Bus 3 will be used as a spare bus after the new one arrives, Klimko said.

"Last week, two buses went down on the same day," said Klimko. One had engine trouble and another had a flat tire. "We have a real good team and an amazing mechanic," which is why the potential crisis was able to be handled smoothly, he said. As an added measure, having a bus in reserve is one more way to ensure students will get where they need to go in a timely fashion.

Typically, buses put on between 3,000 and 5,000 miles in home/school transport, with additional miles put on for athletic activities and other events where the buses are rented out. The typical life span for a bus is six or seven years. School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo said the local police and fire departments adhere to a purchasing schedule to make sure equipment is always up to standards and thinks the schools should have a similar plan. All members thought starting a cycle of replacement makes sense.

Because the fleet will have six buses with the addition of the new bus this month, newly elected member Rick Shea said it would make sense to replace one bus every year, starting this school year.

Shea suggested the School Committee go before the town with its request, knowing if approved, the purchase of a new bus could be deferred until spring. However, receiving the approval ahead of time gives the town adequate notice on what the schools will need and when, which gives the School Committee time to find alternatives, should funding be denied, he said.

If the schools ask for another bus, that would mean another bus driver at an additional cost of about $20,000. Flynn said the requests should come as no surprise to the town because it is a matter that was discussed two years ago. "No one can say this is news to them," he said.

Traffic light needed at train station

The MBTA recently informed Cohasset that the Massachusetts Highway Department did not think a traffic light was warranted at the Cohasset train station on Route 3A at the former Graham Waste site.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he met recently with the MBTA and Cashman Balfour Beatty (which is constructing Greenbush), and they got Bernard McCourt, District 5 Manager for MassHighway on the telephone to discuss the traffic light. The issue was taken under advisement.

"We are still fighting that battle," Haddad said. "The selectmen will not let this die."

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— Town Manager Mark Haddad

In the meantime, state Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, has written to the Massachusetts Highway Department on behalf of Cohasset to urge that a traffic signal be installed at the Cohasset railroad station driveway.

"I think it is vital to the safety of commuters that a traffic signal be placed at this location," Hedlund stated. "Route 3A is an extremely busy roadway and vehicles entering and exiting the station during peak hours will be placed at risk with no traffic signal at this location," he stated.

The Cohasset Greenbush mitigation agreement requires the MBTA to provide a traffic signal at the station subject to MassHighway approval.

Haddad said state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, was also working behind the scenes to ensure the traffic light is installed.

Use of facilities to be decided

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said he will meet this week with Head of the Recreation Department Jack Worley, to discuss a possible fee for the use of the middle-high school during recreation basketball season. By charging a fee for the use of the building, it will help cover the cost of cleaning the building, which the School Committee says is necessary in order to protect the town's investment in the new building.

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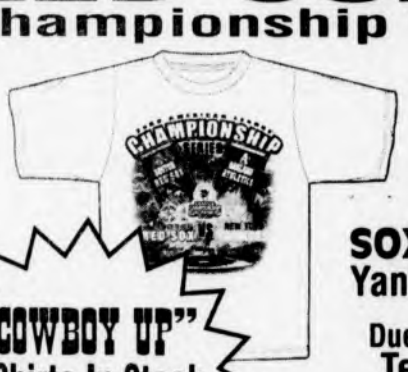

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MacInnis keeps hitting the high notes in his music career

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When students walk into the classroom of music teacher Jack MacInnis, they are greeted by much more than musical notes and instruments. For the last 30 years, not only has MacInnis been teaching in Cohasset schools, he has been singing with the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, performing all around the globe.

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As a first tenor for the chorus, MacInnis has traveled extensively, singing with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Because he has always had a deep love of music, the experience he gains through singing with the chorus helps keep his enthusiasm fresh, which he said rubs off on the students he teaches.

"Children are born imitators," he said, and hopes his love of music will be something the students he teaches will pick up on in his lessons. Currently, MacInnis teaches music to all of Deer Hill and third grade Osgood students.

MacInnis volunteers all the time he spends with the Tanglewood chorus, but it's not without its perks. As a member of the group, he has been invited to take part in many momentous occasions. Just last week, MacInnis sang at the opening night of Symphony Hall. He also sang at the opening of the Fleet Center in Boston; at "Pops Goes the Fourth" during the Fourth of July celebration at the Hatch Shell in Boston; at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.; numerous times in New York; and even as part of the opening exercises at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. He said he thinks some of his students know about his after-school activities because they have seen him on television.

But even though MacInnis has been a part of the chorus for 30 years, there was a time when being a member seemed like a far off dream. After graduating with a music degree from Lowell State College, now known as the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, MacInnis heard the chorus for the first time.

"I was just in awe," he said of the chorus, and thought if he could ever be a part of it, or any group like it, "That would be my lifelong dream."

MacInnis decided to audition for the chorus, and said he was shocked when he found out he made it. Auditions take place for the entire chorus every two to three years, and MacInnis keeps retaining his place.

When auditioning, MacInnis said judges aren't just looking for a good voice, but want to make sure applicants can read music as well as read and correctly pronounce words written in another language, because a large portion of the selections the chorus sings are in foreign languages. MacInnis said he sings most often in German, French and Latin, but has also been asked to sing in Italian, Russian, Polish and Czech. The group has a language coach to help with the selections, and MacInnis said he can read and pronounce certain languages as if he was fluent in them, but the only language he has ever studied is French.

Music has been a part of MacInnis' life all the way back through his elementary school years. As a young boy he took piano lessons, and went on to sing with the choir in junior and senior high school. While he said he prefers classical music to the popular music of today, "Good music comes out every year," he said.

"I do love Broadway musicals. I've been to dozens of them," he said, but admits to having his car radio tuned to the classical stations almost all the time.

However, he tries to incorporate new sounds into the classroom whenever he can, including a variety of multi-cultural sounds, to try to include something for everyone. He is sure to always provide pieces that are both vocally and content age-appropriate. MacInnis said his choice of music for the students is something parents compliment him on the most.

Perhaps the reason MacInnis is able to provide such an extensive selection of music is because he also enjoys traveling. "I've been to over 15 countries in Europe alone," he said, adding that traveling has been a wonderful learning experience for him because it has given him the opportunity to become familiar with different cultures. Because he prefers summer to winter, he said he loves to head south to warmer climates when winter is at its worst in New England. While he said he doesn't have a favorite place to visit, "The first time you go anywhere, it's exciting."

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Jack MacInnis teaches music at Deer Hill and Osgood and sings in the Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

This story is second in a series celebrating those who dedicate their lives to the education of children. If you have a suggestion for a story, please contact Samantha Brown at (781) 741-2935 or via e-mail at sambrown@cnc.com

A banner day for the Cohasset Consignment Shop

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old Social Service League. The League's programs include domestic violence prevention, the services of a social worker, referral services, Meals on Wheels in Cohasset, and area workshops and lectures. The League also sponsors a scholarship.

Adding this dimension to the shop was a priority, says new manager Gretchen Gold, who is also a professional artist.

"I believe in supporting local artisans," says Gold. "They do so much for us – they are a gift to us."

The art, including hand-painted cigar box purses like the ones on the hit TV show "Sex and the City", adds a fresh new twist to an old shop that underwent a major upheaval this summer with the resignation of long-time manager Andi Merrill, treasurer Colleen Roth, and the subsequent exodus of a large number of volunteers, who manned the shop.

Merrill and Roth, and the League had a difference of opinion on the League's involvement with the shop, differences that could not be resolved to each other's satisfaction.

However, the new management team is looking ahead with contagious enthusiasm. Gold and assistant manager Amber Nolan have been working long hours reorganizing the floor space and taking in hundreds of new items on consignment with the help of volunteers, Emily Robinson and Dottie Fiori, who stayed on board.

The shop, which was open to consignors the last two weeks of September, reopened Oct. 1 after being closed for 10 weeks.

League president Amy Cutler said the past few weeks have been hectic but rewarding.

"It has been a real scramble these past few weeks, hiring a new staff, setting up the new computer system and rearranging and restocking the shop," Cutler says. "With the help of the board and other league volunteers and supporters, Gretchen and Amber have managed to do so much.

"It was a relief to finally open the doors last Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock for the waiting customers. Would it be terrible to admit that it was also a relief to close the doors at four that afternoon? I never imagined that there would be a line at the cash register nearly all day long. If the first few days are any indication, consignors and customers, old and new alike, are very pleased that the extended vacation is over."

League board members have been on hand doing everything from taking out the trash to brainstorming on new and exciting ways that the league can service the community, says Gold, who was intrigued by the position because the shop is non-profit and owned by the league.

"There's going to be a tremendous amount of good to the community by reopening this shop," she says. "We have a lot of ideas."

Veteran shoppers will notice a more open feeling with the reorganization of the bric-a-brac section, wider aisles between the clothing racks, and new computerized tags on all the items, thanks to a new computer system with top-of-the-line consignor software. Gift certificates are also available.

"We think that the upgrade in the computer system will make a world of difference for everyone at the shop," says Cutler. "New Board member Andrea Wade and her husband Roger donated three computers and the services of information technician, David Pinto.

"Andrea Wade and Diane Melevitch get credit for selecting the appropriate software and then customizing it. We can't thank them enough for working so hard to get it all up and running in time for the reopening," she says.

Gold says she became an avid shopper at the store shortly after moving to the area about a year ago.

"This was my very favorite store," says Gold as she points out some DKNY women's suits.

The shop now has a children's area where kids can play while their mothers shop. There's also a maternity section. Some furniture will also be available.

Another change is having consignors make appointments rather than come in at certain times and wait in line.

"We feel strongly that the appointments are a good idea," says Nolan, a self-described "stuff buff." Nolan explains appointments are more efficient, and since there are no other people waiting in line, there's no embarrassment if an item has to be rejected because it has a hole in it, for example.

Gold, who greets customers with a big smile and a friendly greeting, says the eclectic nature of the shop is a perfect fit for her varied background of retailing, marketing, and customer service.

Despite new faces and some changes, the basic mission of the shop has stayed the same.

"You'll always be able to find the $5 item here," Gold says.

She describes shopping at the Consignment Shop as a "treasure hunt." "You can buy and sell your treasures here," she says.

The shop is looking for more volunteers for all positions including knowledge and pricing of consignment items; data entry; tagging; display; and customer service. No experience necessary. Stop by or call Gold, 781-383-0687.

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Middlebury sends news about Cohasset grad, college scholars

AROUND TOWN

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NEW ARRIVAL

Michael Stevens, of Border Street in Scituate (formerly of Cohasset), and his wife **Kristyn** are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, **Lauren Jessica**, born July 20 at the South Shore Hospital. Lauren's proud grandparents are **Dick and Gail Stevens** of Cohasset, and **Edward and Eileen Lemieux** of Chelmsford. Congratulations to the whole family on the birth of Lauren. I am sure she is adored by all!

LAX STAR

Mike Rasmussen, a senior at Cohasset High School, scored 10 goals and 2 assists in Cohasset's 16-17 overtime loss against Marshfield in the Top Gun Box Lacrosse League this past weekend. Top Gun Lacrosse is New England's largest provider of youth lacrosse leagues and camps. A Cohasset team competes with other varsity-level teams at the Plymouth Sports Dome on Sundays. Details can be found at www.topgunlax.com.

DEAN'S LIST

Kristen T. Deane and **Gragin P. Parker III**, both of Cohasset, were named to the dean's list at Middlebury College for the spring 2003 semester. The dean's list is the second highest academic achievement at the liberal arts institution in Vermont. Dean's list students must carry a full course load and achieve a GPA of 3.3 or higher and earn no grade lower than a B-. Fantastic work to both of you on this achievement.

MIDDLEBURY GRAD

Margaret A. Goedecke of Cohasset received a bachelor of arts degree in American Civilization from Middlebury College at the 2003 commencement ceremony on May 25. Margaret graduate with honors (cum laude) and was on the dean's list for five terms. She was also named a College Scholar for one term.

NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALIST

Tess Foley of Lamberts Lane and a senior at the middle-high school, has been named a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist. This prestigious honor means that Tess scored in the top 1 percent of the 1.3 million junios across the country that took the College Board's PSAT test in October, 2002. After submitting some additional documentation, Tess may qualify as a finalist and receive scholarship money for college. If you see Tess around town, congratulate her on this wonderful honor.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

BALLOON CONSTRUCTION

Nancy and Alexandra Weissman of Cohasset enjoy a balloon show during Glastonbury Abbey's BayDay to benefit South Shore ARC.

COLLEGE SCHOLAR

Hats off to **Elizabeth C. Meyers** of Cohasset who was selected as a College Scholar at Middlebury for the spring 2003 term. To earn this honor, Elizabeth had to carry a full course load, achieve a GPA of 3.6 or higher and earn no grade lower than a B-.

TOP QUILTER

The International Quilt Association has announced that **Amy Robertson** of Cohasset has had her work, Gandhara, named as a finalist in the category of Traditional Pieced in the Association's annual judged show, "Quilts: A World of Beauty." Winners will be named Oct. 28 during the Winners Circle Celebration in Houston just prior to the premier of the International Quilt Festival. Best of luck to you Amy, Cohasset will be routing for you!

GOAL SCORER

Patrick Flynn, a ninth-grader at Cohasset High School, scored 5 goals and 2 assists in Cohasset's 21 - 9 win over Duxbury in the Top Gun Box Lacrosse League this past weekend. Top Gun Lacrosse is New England's largest provider of youth lacrosse leagues and camps. A Cohasset team competes with other junior varsity level teams at the Plymouth Sports Dome on Sundays. Details can be found at www.topgunlax.com

SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Eileen Ridge of Cohasset, a senior at Connecticut College, completed an internship this summer through the college's Career Enhancing Life Skills Program. Eileen worked on research at Pro Peru Service Corp. in New York, N.Y. A 2000 graduate of Cohasset High, Eileen is the daughter of **Kathleen Ridge**. The Career Enhancing Life Skills program guides students during their four-year academic experience from initial academic advising and personal development to securing a funded internship after their junior year and senior-year job search initiative. Super news, Eileen.

RETIREMENT SERIES

The Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs will sponsor a series of seminars for those contemplating retirement in the near future.

The four-seminar course will take place on Wednesdays in October at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St.. While it is being sponsored by the Cohasset Council, it is open to all citizens in surrounding towns. The cost, which includes a light supper before each program, is $3 per session. The supper will begin at 5:30 p.m., the program at 6 p.m. Call 781-383-9112 for information or to register.

The program includes:

- Oct. 15, "Social Security and Retirement." Jacob Pizer, coordinator of the New England Pension Assistance Project, and Kurt Czarnowski, local communications director for Social Security, will talk about maximum taxable earnings and what earnings will be tax exempt after retirement. They will also explain the windfall elimination provision that affects government agency employees and those employed in another country.
- Oct. 22, "Financial Security after Retirement." Michael McNamara of McNamara Financial Services will address such basic questions as "Do I have enough money to retire and will it last as long as I do?" Then Carol Walsh Pagliccia of Pagliccia Real Estate will discuss whether it is better to continue to live in the same home or sell it.
- Oct. 29, "Living a Healthy and Active Life after Retirement." Meg Doherty, executive director of the Norwell Visiting Nurses Association, will discuss vitamin regimens, high protein diets, exercise and preventative measures to postpone the encroachments of age.

That is all for this week. Please send all your news to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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WEDDINGS

Lawrence - Howell

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Merrill Lawrence, Jr.

Margaret Billings Howell, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Thomas Howell, Jr. of Chicago, Ill., was married on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, to Robin Merrill Lawrence, Jr., the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robin Lawrence of Cohasset. The Rev. John M. Buchanan performed the ceremony at the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago followed by a reception at the Saddle and Cycle Club in Chicago.

Mrs. Lawrence, 28, grew up in Chicago. She is the associate for investments at PilotHouse Ventures, a venture capital firm in Boston. She is a graduate of Williams College and received an MBA from Harvard University. Her mother served under Mayors Washington and Sawyer on their education committees for the Chicago Public Schools and remains actively involved in public education. Her father, who retired as the Corporate Secretary and General Counsel of the Quaker Oats Company in Chicago, is now of counsel of Seyfarth Shaw, a Chicago law firm.

The bride's maid of honor was her sister, Clarinda Howell of New York. Her attendants were Margaret Block of Evanston, Ill., Alice Borden of Frisco, Colo., Sarah Goldberg of Santa Monica, Calif., Colby Lawrence of Boston, Ashley McKinney of Chicago, Ill., Alison Poett of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Lawrence, 29, grew up in Cohasset. He is a senior business strategy consultant in the international division of the Balanced Scorecard Collaborative, a consulting company in Lincoln. He is a graduate of Middlebury College and received an MBA from Harvard University. His mother is a retired educator. His father is retired from the US Public Health Service where he was Deputy Regional Health Administrator and now serves as a consultant on governmental health care policy.

The groom's best man was his lifelong friend, Barton Weisenfluh of Portland, Maine. His groomsmen were Travis Coley of Bethlehem, Pa., Doug Collins of Seattle, Wash., Robert Howell of Chicago, Ill., Jeffrey McGuinness of New Haven, Conn., Brian Minnehan of New York, Josh Sobeck, of New York, Chadwick Stern of Brewster, Joshua Walker of Boston.

Following a two-week honeymoon in Hawaii, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence will reside in Boston.

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Mystery authors and tasty desserts

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, the Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books of Cohasset will present a special literary event at the library. The "Daggers and Desserts" evening will feature three top-notch mystery authors discussing their latest works, as well as a buffet of criminally delicious desserts

Featured authors will be Bill Eidson, Michelle Blake, and Tom Eslick. Eidson's latest, "The Repo," is characterized by the same hard-edged, fast-paced, and relentless suspense which have earned his earlier books a devoted following.

Michelle Blake's "Book of Light" is the third in her series featuring Episcopal priest and sometime sleuth Lily Connor, a Texas native transplanted to Boston. Like the two previous mysteries featuring Lily, this work is both suspenseful and thought-provoking, tackling issues beyond the range of standard cloak-and-dagger stories.

Tom Eslick sets his Will Buchanan mysteries at a New Hampshire boarding school where the protagonist works as a science teacher. "Deadly Kin" is the latest in the series. It combines heart-stopping suspense, a strong plot line, and a superbly rendered setting in the treacherous and beautiful mountain country of northern New England.

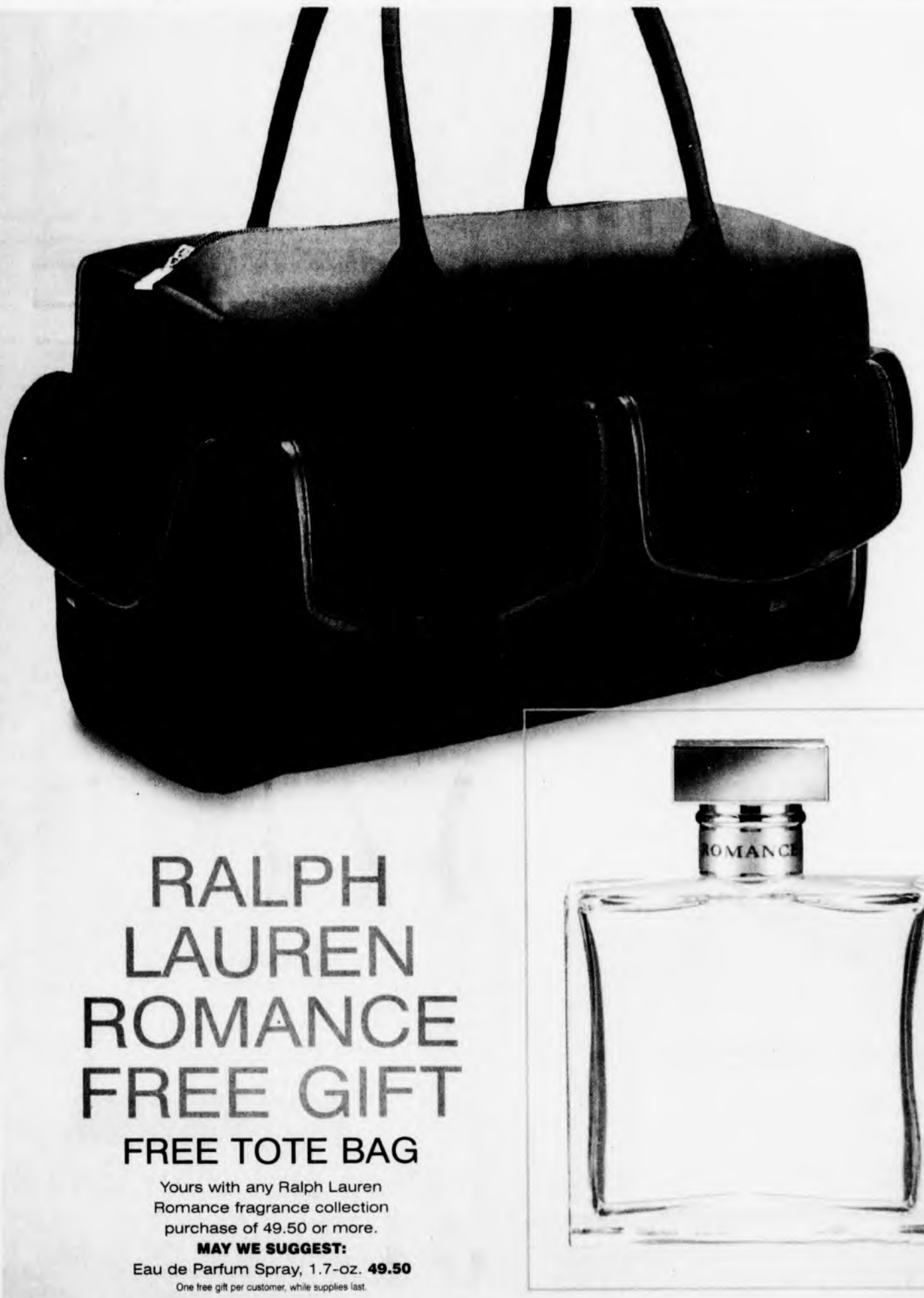
"Daggers and Desserts" begins at 7 p.m. in the Hingham Public Library's Whiton Room. There is no admission charge for this event, but you may be tempted not only to sample a selection of utterly decadent desserts but also to purchase one or more of these authors' enticing new books.

Please call the library reference desk to reserve your place: 781-741-1405, ext. 2608.

Haunted hayrides

A Halloween Haunted Hayride presented by St. John Masonry and Kinchler Hydroseeding will be held Oct. 18, (rain date Sunday, Oct. 19) from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for the wee folks (age 4 and up at parent's discretion) where there will be face painting, bobbing for apples, pumpkin decorating, and arts and crafts;. from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. not for the faint at heart.

Parking at the Cohasset Recycling Facility, Cedar Street, boarding at the Town Highway Garage. Tickets $10 per person in advance, $12 at the door. To avoid lengthy waiting, purchase tickets in advance for a time slot. All profits to be donated to the Our World Playground. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 781-383-0666.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Columbus Day: journey to our new world

Every primary school student has at some time set sail with Christopher Columbus, braving in spirit the high seas with the hardy band of voyagers on the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria.

This week, little hands will be busy with construction paper, crayons, and glue, creating a fleet to sail across school windows and journey home in back packs to parents.

Tradition has it that in 1492 Columbus discovered America, at the same time proving that Planet Earth was round. While the news that the world is round does not seem earth-shaking today, in the fifteenth century this was a radical discovery that changed forever how men looked at their place in the universe.

Monday we celebrate Columbus Day, commemorating the discovery of the New World.

While some doubt the historical accuracy of crediting Columbus with the discovery of America — wasn't it Norwegian navigator Leif Ericson who first landed on our coastline in circa 1000? And what about Italian adventurer Amerigo Vespucci, for whom America was named? — it was this adventuresome Italian who connected America to the rest of the world.

We should honor this tradition, built on courage, vision, a new way of looking at things, and lots and lots of construction paper and glue.

We need to always be seeking what this New World stands for, continuing to always seek the truth, no matter how uncomfortable it may be, no matter how it shakes up contemporary thought.

That is the truth that will give us a new perspective on our universe.

Our personal universe radically changed when the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, ushered in the war on terrorism.

Today we are learning to navigate a new world. A world in which the challenge to our freedom comes not only from terrorists groups, but from the balancing act needed to keep freedom alive while giving government the sweeping powers needed to protect the country.

We are navigating a world in which we will need to devote increasing economic and technological resources in order for our democracy, our very way of life, to survive. Many families may see increasing financial hardships as the war economy evolves.

This is a war, like all wars, that will take its toll in heartache. The lives that are lost, the tears that are shed, can never be atoned for.

We all wish we could back away from this, yet turning our backs on those who make it clear that their intention is to destroy us would leave us open to additional, more disastrous, attacks.

This week, little hands will be busy reconstructing the dream of freedom in the hearts of the Pilgrims. They will be looking forward to Trick or Treat at the end of the month, Thanksgiving, and that day of all days, Christmas.

American tradition as the holidays approached has up until now been geared toward the Norman Rockwell painting of the secure and happy family seated around the bountiful Thanksgiving table.

Disturbing images have crept into that scene.

What is our new world becoming?

We are becoming a nation that is coming to grips with terrorism.

We have adapted our lives to make it less likely.

We have begun to prepare for its consequences.

Most of all, we continue to be a people who will not live in fear.

Americans have always paid the price for their freedom and always will. We will use our strength of character to live that freedom.

In fact, this very repudiation of fear increases the ability to deal with it.

"No passion so effectual robs the mind of all its powers of acting and reasoning as fear," philosopher Edmund Burke wrote.

Any terrorist act, any random act of violence, creates in its wake fear that is cold and real and deep.

But there is no need to shrink from facing conditions in our country today, any more than there was decades ago when President Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke these well-known words:

"This great nation will endure as it has endured, will revive, and will prosper. So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself — nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed effort to convert retreat into advance."

At these times, we are more than ever one people, united in our love of justice and freedom, ready and more than able to defend these sacred qualities.

In that is the strength to carry on.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop anti-train Hingham letters

TO THE EDITOR:

I continue to be dismayed that the Mariner gives so much and frequent print space to residents of lovely, "historic" Hingham. Folks such as Michael Weymouth, who do nothing but rant and rave about how Hingham will be forever changed, conveniently ignoring the fact that a generation ago, the trains served this region.

My understanding is that the majority of Cohasset residents are favorable towards the train — and many of them remember when the trains still ran. Our town appears to have a laundry list of ways to spend the mitigation funds that our town officials negotiated.

The "silent majority" has spoken. What purpose does it serve to print the endless stream of "let's save historic Hingham" articles for Cohasset residents to endure?

Diane Benson
172 Forest Ave.

Historical Society thankful for support

TO THE EDITOR:

We wish to thank everyone who helped to make the Cohasset Historical Society's inaugural four-day Art Show/Fund Raiser At the Edge of the Sea such a wonderful success. On Thursday evening, Oct. 2, for the Art Preview and Reception, a sell-out crowd at the Pratt Building heard Scott Wahle, WBZ TV-4, introduce Dr. Edward T. O'Donnell, Professor at Holy Cross College, who described the 1840s Irish immigration that led to the voyage of the Brig St. John and its tragic ending. Two of the four paintings that W. K. Gilbert created on Cohasset maritime history for the show were sold that night.

At the Public Opening, Friday evening, U.S.C.G. Captain David Spillman of the First Coast Guard District Boston gave a talk on 19th century lifesaving along the New England coast and contemporary accounts of the wreck of the St. John. On Saturday, the exhibit was open to the community from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday was a day of remembering the victims of the Brig St. John. Seamus Mulligan, WATD, broadcast from the Pratt Building, and the Cohasset High School Chorus, directed by Bryan Marks, sang Mother of Ireland, written by Cohasset's own Rik Tinory. Rita and William O'Connell of Duxbury won the raffle, a giclée print of W. K. Gilbert's The Brig St. John.

The Society's efforts benefited from the generosity of many local businesses, most notably — Aisling Gallery & Framing of Hingham; Arthur Roebuck Caterers of Hingham; Borrowed Butler of Scituate; and Curtis Liquors of Cohasset. Additional patrons and friends for the Gala weekend include Valerie Lipsett, chairperson for the events, Margy Charles, Janice Crowley, Jean Hajjar, Attorney Richard Henderson, the Hull Lifesaving Museum, Stuart Ivimey, Linda Jones, Philip Hugh Smith, Starbucks of Cohasset, and Sullivan Tire, Claire Tinory, Paula Morse, Kathy O'Malley and Nancy Gilmore.

The Art and Maritime exhibit continues through Nov. 14. Future exhibits will draw on the Society's extensive holdings of historic textiles and clothing, amateur and professional theatre archives, and other materials that reflect Cohasset's rich heritage.

Paula Morse
Kathleen O'Malley
Co-Presidents
Cohasset Historical Society

Our World thanks event volunteers

TO THE EDITOR:

Despite the chilly weather, we had a great turnout at the Chariots of Ice (Cream) event at the Carousel on Sunday, Sept. 28. The event raised money for Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum which is being built in Cohasset next to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The museum will benefit families from the South Shore and beyond. It is scheduled to open September 2004.

The winner of the ice cream contest was Natalie Larsen of Hull. Her winning ice cream flavor was "Natalie's Special", a combination of white chocolate ice cream, oatmeal cookie dough & caramel swirls. Great job Natalie! Have fun with your new ice cream maker. The ice cream was made, served, and donated by Nona's Homemade of Hingham and Hull.

Special thanks to the following: The Paragon Carousel; Fruit & Jingles; Tom & Krissy Donahue of Nona's Homemade; Jean Johnson & PJ Bossey of BOC Gases; Chris Calos, Kristen Emanuello Woodley, Malee Nuesse, Sharon Haggerty, Monnie Ryan, Mary Lally, Debbie Aiken, Cindy Whelan, Beatrice Kelley & Cindy Swartwood. Our Junior Volunteer Committee Leaders: Alex Nuesse, Thomas Smith & Caroline Botelho. The countless number of Junior Volunteers: Paige Martins, Michael Smith, Maddy Lally, Nevin Lally, Luke Ryan, Isabel Nuesse, Jake Botelho, Michael Haggerty, Ned Brigham, Ben Brigham, Samantha Whooley, Kelly Garber, Carly Hayes, Jessica Woods, Jessica O'Brien, Alyse Algera, Patrick O'Loughlin, Myles O'Loughlin, Matthew Burke, Jason Burke, Brendan Calos, Jack Calos, Lauren-Paige Aiken, Paige Burns, Alexandria Burns, Charlotte Guiney, Simms Aiken, Adeline Nuesse, John Ryan, and Ethan Cassavoy.

Thank you also to those who braved the chilly weather to come out and support a great cause!

Geri Calos
Hull Town Chair
Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum

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HEALTH NOTES

Mark your calendar for flu clinics

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Viruses like flu have the ability to modify themselves. For this reason, the manufacture of a vaccine for such maladies requires a redevelopment effort and the creation of a new strain of vaccine every flu season. The health care community has experienced examples of very virulent strains of flu with high rates of morbidity in the past, and for this reason continues its program of vaccinating those who are particularly susceptible. This practice probably saves the lives of many of those who might get the disease.

This year's flu clinics will be held for seniors on three dates. Mark your calendars.

The health care community has experienced examples of very virulent strains of flu with high rates of morbidity in the past.

• The first and second sessions will be held at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium 41 Highland Avenue on:Tuesday Oct. 14 and 21 from 10 am to 12 p.m.

• The third will be held on at the Harborview Senior Housing Community Room, 60 Elm St.(Behind the Police Station) on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003 from 1 to 3 p.m.

These flu clinics are open to all citizens of Cohasset over 65 years and for those who are at high risk such as those with Asthma, Chronic Pulmonary Disease, Diabetes, Heart Disease. Don't forget to wear a short sleeve shirt and, if you are a senior, your Medicare Part B and your HMO Insurance Cards.

Steve Bobo is Chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Sealed with a kiss: a century of preserving nature's bounty

COMMON GROUND

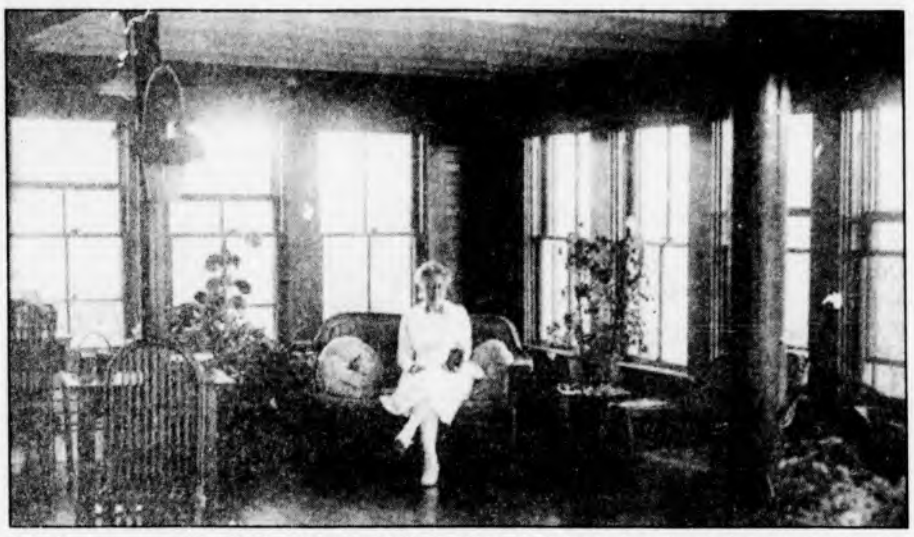
AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

It is a wonderful thing to sweeten the world which is in a jam and needs preserving.
— Thornton Burgess to Ida Putnam, 1939

Imagine yourself a traveler to the Cape Cod of a century ago. The journey is long. Your horse-drawn carriage takes you along the South Shore to the hedgerow-lined King's Highway that meanders through the village of Sandwich. You pass the sprawling salt marsh, cranberry bogs, woodlands of scrub pine and oak, and patches of tangled briar. The ocean's brine hangs in the air and its roar can be heard just off in the distance. Quaint old homes, charming inns and gift shops hunker along the dusty road. You've heard, through word of mouth, about Ida Putnam's tearoom and her homemade jams and jellies and, in need of a brief respite from your journey, you turn off the King's Highway up a narrow lane. There, atop the knoll, an 18th century farmhouse is perched at the shaded edge of Boiling Spring Pond. You know you're in the right place because the aromas of fresh fruit bubbling on the stoves lasso you before you can bring your carriage to a stop.

Little has changed at Ida's jam kitchen in the century since she began sweetening the world with her jams and jellies. The old zinc countertops have been replaced by copper, the oil lamps by electricity, the oil stoves by gas burners. But, the horseshoe that Ida nailed over the kitchen door still hangs, and utensils decorate the walls as they always did. The big bin still holds the 300 pound barrel of sugar. The recipes for jams, jellies, relishes and chutneys are the same ones that Ida perfected over the years, and the cooking is still done the old fashioned way, slow and in small batches. The Green Briar Jam Kitchen is a living museum, a place where the old ways are cherished, a place that celebrates the sensuous experience of selecting and preparing fruit and vegetables, a place that honors nature's seasonal rhythms and her bounties.

Ida Putnam was a New Yorker, born in 1872. In 1902 she inherited the family home in Sandwich and the following summer opened her tearoom. Using recipes from Fannie Farmer's Boston Cooking-school Cook Book, Ida's welcoming kitchen offered jams and jellies, breads, sandwiches, puddings and cakes. Though the tearoom ultimately failed, Ida's loyal customers continued to stop at the kitchen for jars of strawberry, crabapple, beach plum, gooseberry and blackberry preserves to take with them on their Cape Cod journey.



Ida Putnam was a New Yorker, born in 1872. In 1902 she inherited the family home in Sandwich and the following summer opened her tearoom.

In 1914, Ida named her kitchen Green Briar in honor of Thornton Burgess, the Sandwich-born writer and naturalist. It was in the Old Briar Patch, adjacent to the jam kitchen, that Burgess, as a boy, had first encountered the woodland creatures — Peter Rabbit, Sammy Jay, Jimmy Skunk, Hooty Owl, Mr. Toad and Reddy Fox — whose lives and adventures he would later chronicle in his children's stories.

The jam kitchen bustled with activity. The cooks, dressed all in white, hand-pumped water from the well, shuttled steaming kettles from burner to burner, refilled stove canisters with oil, ladled preserves into jars and, at the end of each day, scrubbed the kitchen spotless for the next day's work. The kitchen afforded local women not only employment and companionship, but also the opportunity to pass on the traditions they had learned from their mothers and grandmothers.

Always eager to add new products to her shelves, and inspired by a recipe she had found in an 18th cookbook, by the early 1920s Ida had begun experimenting with solar cooking using strawberries, cherries and peaches. Cooked on the stove with the sugar until the sugar had melted, the fruit was ladled into trays and set in greenhouse-like windows that had been built onto the kitchen. There, in their compartments, the fruit "cooked" for several days.

The Depression and war years were lean times for the kitchen, though Ida weathered the years of sugar rationing by substituting corn syrup and honey in many of her recipes. She also used more fruits from the wild that required less sugar, and eliminated many of her more sugar-intensive products. With fresh vegetables supplied by a network of local farmers, Ida introduced a line of preserved vegetables to supplement her jams and jellies. Her corn became a particular favorite. By the summer of 1947, with the dark veil of Depression and war beginning to lift, Ida's kitchen was back in full production.

When she died at the age of 78 in 1951, one of Ida's long-time employees, Martha Blake, bought the business and continued the old ways until her own retirement in the late 1970s. In 1979, the property was offered to the Thornton Burgess Society, a young environmental education center based in Sandwich. Originally, the plan was to convert the property to a nature center, but Ida's spirit — and her recipes — pointed the way for Society members who recognized the jam kitchen as a part of Cape Cod's heritage and as another way to preserve and appreciate nature. The Society began offering behind-the-scenes tours of the old-fashioned kitchen to customers and school groups. Jam workshops were added to the Society's program, with all proceeds from both workshops and the sale of preserves benefiting the Society's nature programs.

A century after Ida Putnam began sweetening the world, the colorful jars of mango chutney, sun-cooked strawberry jam with vodka, zucchini relish, salsa, bread and butter pickles, melon rind pickles, plum cranberry apple jam and beach plum jelly remain a testament to the tried and true ways, to nature's generosity, an homage to a simpler, slower time — still within reach.

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The Green Briar Jam Kitchen offers adult and family jammin' workshops on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Participants make their own batch of preserves, the old-fashioned way, and take home four to six jars (8 oz) of the finished product. Upcoming workshops include Brandied Apricot and Pear preserve, Cranberry Apple jam, Cranberry marmalade, and Apple Pie jam. The Green Briar Nature Center, whose mission is to teach the lessons of conservation and appreciation, offers a full program of nature walks (trails and wildflower garden), science enrichment classes, story hours, seasonal festivals and hands-on workshops. For more information, call the Center at (508) 888-6870.

Amy Whorf McGuiggan is a freelance writer living in Hingham. Her column appears monthly in the Hingham Journal and Cohasset Mariner.

Little has changed at Ida's jam kitchen, shown here, in the century since she began sweetening the world with her jams and jellies.

Inventing the first railroad

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

He was a street kid from Scituate, forced to become one of the breadwinners of his family after his father died when he was a youngster. But Gridley Bryant was more than that.

"Having a mechanical and inventive turn of mind, I always managed to get along comfortably," he wrote.

"I was generally at the head of the young urchins of our neighborhood, and when there was a fort to be constructed, or a cabin to be built, in our plays, I was always appointed chief engineer, by common consent, and some of our juvenile structures are still in existence."

And when he was 36 and a real engineer, for all practical purposes, the boy from Scituate invented the commercial railroad.

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On the morning of Saturday, Oct. 7, 1826, in the granite hills of West Quincy, a single horse dragged Bryant's contraption on foot-high wooden rails, topped with iron plates three miles, loaded with 16 tons of granite, to a wharf on the Neponset River.

From there, after their trip on the first commercial railroad in the United States, the blocks of granite were delivered by sea to Charlestown to become the Bunker Hill Monument.

The Boston Daily Advertiser of Oct. 9 gave this account of Bryant's engineering feat:

"The railroad, the first we believe in this country, was opened on Saturday in the presence of a number of gentlemen who take an interest in the experiment.

"A quantity of stone weighing 16 tons, taken from the ledge belonging to the Bunker Hill Association, and loaded wagons, which together weigh five tons, making a load of 21 tons, was moved with ease by a single horse from the quarry to the landing above Neponset Bridge, a distance of more than 3 miles.

"The road declines gradually the whole way from the quarry to the landing , but so slightly that the horse conveyed back to empty wagons, making a load of five tons.

"After the starting of the load, which required some exertion, the horse moved at ease in a fast walk. It may, therefore, be easily conceived how greatly transportation of heavy loads is facilitated by means of this road.

"A large quantity of beautiful stone already prepared for the Bunker Hill Monument will now be rapidly and cheaply transported to the wharf at the termination of the railroad, whence it will be conveyed by lighters to Charlestown.

"We learn from a gentleman who has visited the principal railroads in England , that it a point of solidarity and skill in construction, this is not exceeded by any one there."

Bryant, the boy from Scituate, went on to invent a long list of improvements in railroad machinery, including the eight-wheeled car, the portable derrick, the switch and the turntable, which he first employed in the granite railway in Quincy.

But, like so many inventors and pioneers, Gridley Bryant died poor at his home in Scituate at the age of 78. His last wish was to be placed in a chair so he could look out over the town he never left.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coyote action is recommended

TO THE EDITOR:

I began to read with anticipation the Feline Hounds article about coyotes in the Oct. 2 Mariner, thinking that *finally*, at some administrative level, we must have come to our senses about this scourge, but no such luck.

Can it possibly be that civilization has evolved to the point that we now live in a suburban wilderness where the very best, thoughtful advice about coyotes from the authorities is to "become educated and learn to live with them", and that pets should be quarantined indoors if we want them to survive? People have been losing family pets left and right, the pets having been brazenly and methodically stalked, slaughtered and eaten by these "cunning and patient" (read "voracious") predators. Sightings increasingly occur in yards in broad daylight.

As the smaller game vanishes (I am not particularly impressed, by the way, to discover from a non-pet owner the dubious plus that the water rat population, for instance, is down this year…), the coyotes logically will continue to look for the next low-hanging fruit in the handy suburban food chain — next come domestic dogs, regardless of price tag or pedigree, and tiny humans, any of whom will surely make tasty fare. The only good news in the article is that apparently the coyotes are not, as we have been led to believe, technically a "protected species", so arguably the defense of a pet or child against an actual attack may still be an option for the lucky gun owner.

I suspect that we will have to lose a toddler out of a sandbox, or have an elderly stroller confronted, for people to wake up and wonder where our heads have been. If anyone shares this concern, they might drop a note to the paper and see if a groundswell of civilized folk can get some bureaucratic attention. Bounties, for instance…

John F. Rousseau, Jr.
44 Little Harbor Road

Soccer boosters appreciate support

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Soccer Boosters Club would like to thank all the members of our community for sponsoring our school teams by their purchasing of tickets to our Annual Pancake Breakfast held on Sunday, Sept. 28. Once again, the pancake breakfast was a big success, and we would like to thank all the volunteers that worked so hard to make it happen.

In addition, we would like to thank the following businesses and individuals that donated prizes for our raffles to make this event a success. New England Revolution 2003 Team autographed soccer ball; Coastal Nissan for their Complete Car Detail; Bernard's Restaurant Gift Certificate; the O'Connell Family for tickets to Boston Bruins; Fox Sports for tickets to the Boston Celtics; Buttonwood Books Gift Certificate; Cohasset Collision Gift Certificate; Dependable Cleaners Gift Certificate; Partee Golf for two Foursomes for miniature golf; the Good Sports Gift Certificate; Red Lion Inn Gift Certificate; Siro's Restaurant for two gift certificates; South Shore Music Circus for four tickets to 2004 Show; and Atlantic Bagel and Coffee for their generous Donation of coffee, bagels, and cream cheese.

Melissa Clark
for the Cohasset Soccer Boosters

Housing not trees, keeps seniors here

TO THE EDITOR

First of all, I want to say I love trees as much as anyone. My back yard has many trees and I think two of them may well be 100 years old. I promise to keep the. This letter, however, is not about saving trees but about Community Preservation.

Community Preservation implies many things: open space, historic sites and affordable housing. Preserving the mix of population ages is also important. Many of our seniors are going to Duxbury Village and/or Linden Ponds or just leaving because they cannot afford the upkeep and taxes on their home.

As a member of the Senior Housing Committee for a number of years under the Chairmanship of Joe Buckley, and then Jim Lagrotteria, and now Joe Nedrow, I know how we have explored all possible town sites, and have looked at senior housing complexes from Milton to Duxbury. We have brought various seasoned professionals in to speak to us about how and why and what to look for in order to develop a plan.

Now we have the opportunity with the Cook Property to provide affordable senior housing conveniently located less than a mile from the Village and 1/4 mile from the Stop and Shop. The concept is to have 42 rental units and 45 single family homes arranged in clusters similar to Pond Street or Wheelright.

At one meeting, the Committee heard extensively from Jim Shipsky about the European model of housing above commercial space. It is a very good idea that seems to be catching on and may happen eventually if zoning changes are made. In the meantime, this space of nearly 30 acres will preserve as much of the woodlands as possible to provide a buffer for the residents of Red Fox Lane and Old Pasture, and it will be 200 feet from Peppermint Brook.

In closing as a Senior who has lived here for 45 years, I am happy the Barnes property was purchased, and that the baseball, track and soccer fields are in super condition, and that the Old Paul Pratt Library was purchased by the Historical Society and that there will be two units of senior housing in it. Furthermore, I think the whole town is fortunate to have the Deer Hill, the Middle and the High School buildings renovated. Our school system is a source of great pride.

But now it is time to seize this opportunity to keep our seniors in town. I hope as many as possible will come to the meeting on Oct. 14, to attend the Presentation of the Request of Proposal for the Cook Property.

Margy Charles
85 Linden Drive

Landscaping work is much appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The grounds at the South Shore Community Center and Cohasset Elder Affairs building at 3 North Main St. have taken on a great new look, thanks to the hard work of Kelly Landscaping. Bill Kelly and his crew have spruced up the front of the building, trimming bushes, edging the shrubbery and adding mulch around the plantings. Needless to say, our building and grounds have never looked so good! Mr. Kelly has donated all the time and mate-

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Clash over who should head state pension fund

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL LEVENSON

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Gov. Mitt Romney found himself locked in another battle with the Democratic establishment — this time challenging state Treasurer Timothy Cahill over his handpicked choice to lead the state pension fund. The struggle over Steven Weddle, the Treasurer's nominee to head the pension fund, may lack the heavy political symbolism of Romney's high-profile fight with former UMass President William Bulger, but the stakes in both cases share something in common. The pension system, like the state university, plays a central role in helping to ensure the quality of life for thousands of people of modest income.

Whoever is picked to lead the fund will most likely fade into obscurity once the political battle is over, but their decisions will influence the retirement security of some 269,000 current pensioners and thousands of teachers and public employees working towards retirement. The $212,000-a-year executive director serves at the direction of a nine-member board, and strongly influences the daily management of $29 billion in assets, spreading investments out globally. Many of those investments have performed poorly in recent years.

Like other public and private pension funds, the state pension fund has endured record losses in recent years. It has been battered by investments in companies where management scandals were unearthed. And fund managers have been rethinking social and economic investment goals, proxy voting and other policies designed to ensure that the fund's investment targets are independent, open and diverse.

With so much at stake, it is not surprising that two members of the pension board here, elected to represent teachers, have broken from their constituencies' traditional alignment with Democratic circles and joined Romney in calling for an outside search for a director to replace current head James Hearty. Robert Brousseau, a retired teacher from Wareham who represents the state teachers' retirement system, spoke to The Boston Globe of his "fiduciary responsibility" to teachers in calling for an outside search. George McSherry, a retired Brockton teacher, declared his desire for an "impartial" process.

Cahill says he is confident Weddle, an investor with experience handling a $100 million fund for 11 southern African nations, is the right person to oversee the pension fund, and that he was picked after a search that considered about a dozen candidates. Weddle has been criticized because the fund he oversaw, Southern Africa Enterprise Development Fund, lost an average of 15 percent annually between 1997 and 2001. But Cahill says Weddle learned from the experience, and the Quincy Democrat believes Romney is playing politics with the pension system.

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"[Weddle] has all the qualifications and skills that the PRIM board needs in an executive director," Cahill's spokeswoman Karen Sharma said. "From the financial and investment background, to the skills of being an actual manager of a staff."

The last time this happened, in 2001, then Treasurer Shannon O'Brien appointed resigning executive director Scott Henderson to lead the search for his replacement. Three months later, O'Brien and the board promoted Hearty, a 10-year board member and former Lehman Brothers executive, to the post.

Weddle was nominated this August, on the same day that Cahill abruptly fired Hearty.

Romney's communications director, Eric Fehrnstrom, said Weddle may be the right choice, but members of the board have a responsibility to choose their leader only after an outside search.

"The job of executive director is arguably the most important job in state government and it's also one of the highest paid," Fehrnstrom said. "It's the governor's belief that in order to elect the most qualified individual to perform the job, there needs to a formal search process involving the widest possible" search.

The board, according to an informal Boston Globe poll, appears split on the issue, four to four, with one board member undecided. Both Cahill and Romney are said to be ratcheting up the pressure and lobbying the members. A vote was expected Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Others news on Beacon Hill this week:

• *House votes to broaden DNA database* — The House resumed formal sessions. Lawmakers voted 146-4 to pass a bill expanding the state's database of DNA samples to include all felons. Supporters say the measure will be of enormous importance in tacking down criminals, ruling out suspects and perhaps, in exonerating the wrongfully convicted. Gov. Romney is amenable to the measure and it appears likely to become law soon.

• *Tax collections up*— State tax collections during September, a heavy month for revenue, were up 5 percent or $79 million over September 2002, but the state is not yet out its economic slump, officials said. House Speaker Thomas Finneran and others have signaled that September revenues would play an important role in determining the future of supplemental spending proposals in the Legislature. Many advocates have been pushing the Legislature to stave off possible cuts in social services programs by passing an $11 million appropriation. They're undoubtedly buoyed by the fact that revenues are beating budget benchmarks by $129 million.

• *Finneran to Washington* House — Speaker Thomas Finneran traveled to Washington to ask members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation if they could offer more federal aid for the home state. Finneran said he was pleased that Congress delivered about $550 million in aid this fiscal year, but he noted the state faces another giant budget gap next year.

Michael Levenson writes for the State House News Service.

New Water Dept. superintendent

Hugh Spurway has been appointed as the new superintendent of the Cohasset Water Department.

"We are pleased to announce the appointment of Hubert Spurway as our new Water Superintendent," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "Mr. Spurway has been appointed to this position by American Water Services, the contract operator of the Cohasset Water Department."

American Water works in partnership with the Water Commissioners to provide quality water service to the residents of Cohasset.

Spurway has more than 30 years experience in design, construction, operation, maintenance and management of water systems and treatment facilities. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the states of Massachusetts, New York and Maine. He is a Certified T4 Water Treatment Plant Operator in Massachusetts. Spurway earned his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Norwich University, and completed his master's coursework at Northeastern University.

Spurway has been active in community service in Norwell in both municipal and athletic activities, and has served the Town of Norwell on both the Building Committee and the Finance Committee.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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Sept. 29-Oct. 3

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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for over 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on one roll calls from the week of September 29-October 3. There were no roll call votes in the Senate last week.

EXPAND DNA DATABASE (S 187)

House 146-4, gave near final approval to legislation requiring all convicted felons to submit DNA samples for inclusion in the state's DNA database. Under current law, only criminals convicted of 33 crimes, including murder, kidnapping and rape, are required to submit samples. Supporters said the bill would help solve more crimes by allowing police to compare crime scene DNA with a larger DNA database of convicted offenders and pointed to statistics showing that expanded DNA databases in 27 states have increased the number of convictions of guilty offenders. They noted that the expansion would also result in more innocent people being exonerated. Opponents said the bill goes too far and argued that expanding the requirement to all felons would unnecessarily include offenses like stealing poultry, hiding a motor vehicle from an insurance company, adultery and illegal clamming. They argued that the expansion should be limited and should not include non-violent felonies and noted the bill does not include adequate safeguards to prevent the government from unnecessarily sharing or misusing this genetic data. The Senate has already approved a different version of the measure and the House version now goes to the Senate for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill expanding the DNA requirement to all convicted felons. A "Nay" vote is against the bill).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

LIBRARY RECORDS OF MINORS (H 2891)- The House gave initial approval to a bill allowing parents to review the library records of any of their minor children under 18 years old. Current law prohibits any part of a library record that reveals the identity and intellectual pursuits of any person from being part of the public record. Despite this law, some librarians have adopted local policies allowing parents to look at the records of their children under 14. Sponsors of the bill argue that parents should have the right to know what books their children are reading and the name of a book when it is overdue. Opponents say the bill would threaten the privacy of teenagers who need some independence and privacy when taking out books on sensitive or confidential subjects including health and sexuality.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST VETERANS (H 1053)- The House gave initial approval to a measure prohibiting an employer from discriminating against an individual in hiring and firing practices and compensation because he or she is a veteran. The measure defines a veteran as a person who has served at least 180 days of active service in any branch of the military.

LEARNER'S PERMIT (H 215)- The House defeated a measure requiring a special "student driver" removable decal on the rear window of a vehicle being driven by anyone with a learner's permit.

DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES- The House rejected several bills from various groups that wanted the state's conditional approval for the Registry of Motor Vehicles to issue distinctive license plates. The plates that were rejected included requests from groups supporting violence prevention education, preservation of open space, the Black United Fund of Massachusetts, the future of nursing, members of the U.S. Marine Crops and Rotary Clubs International. If any of these requests had been approved, the state still would not print the plates unless the group posted a $100,000 bond and received checks from 1500 drivers who committed to buying them. The plates would cost drivers an additional $40 and half the profits would go to the designated cause.

BAN STYROFOAM IN SCHOOLS (H 2407)- The Education Committee held a hearing on legislation banning the use of products made of Styrofoam or other plastic foam in the public schools.

LIMIT BALLOONS (H 1536)- A bill heard by the Natural Resources Committee would prohibit anyone from releasing more than ten helium-filled balloons outdoors in a 24-hour period. The measure imposes a $250 fine on violators. Supporters of the bill say that balloons eventually deflate and cause serious injury or death to birds and fish that swallow them.

FLU VACCINE- Seven health insurance companies joined forces to contribute $1.4 million that combined with state and federal funding would enable the state to purchase a total of 568,000 doses of flu vaccine— the same amount purchased last year. The state budget provides the same funding as it did last year for flu vaccines but the cost of a single dose of the vaccine rose from $5.90 to $7.06. Without this private funding, the state would only be able to purchase 350,000 doses. The health insurance companies include Aetna, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Fallon Community Health Plan, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Health New England, Neighborhood Health Plan and Tufts Health Plan.

SEPTEMBER TAX REVENUES- State Revenue Commissioner Alan LeBovidge announced that preliminary September state tax revenues were up $79 million or five percent over last September and were also $21 million more than the revenue estimates used to draft this year's annual state budget. Since the beginning of the fiscal year in July, revenues have exceeded last year's collections by $159 million or 4.4 percent and were also $129 million more than the budget-drafting estimates. He noted that while corporate and business taxes were strong, withholding taxes and sales tax collections remained flat. He cautioned against excessive optimism because this flat category accounts for three-quarters of all yearly collections.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

Y

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Landscaping work is much appreciated

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rials to this project, which has really given the building a "boost" in appearance.

The Community Center and Cohasset Elder Affairs wish to say a big "thank you" to Kelly Landscaping for its care and generosity. It makes us all proud to live in such a great town.

Stephanie Church, Program Director
S.S. Community Center
Kathy Bryanton, Director
Cohasset Elder Affairs

Greenbush letter was off the mark

TO THE EDITOR:

Michael Weymouth's letter in the Oct. 2 issue is a perfect example of the ignorance of the facts of Greenbush Line restoration, as expressed by the anti-train contingent. Saying that residents of the towns are "deeply opposed" to the project flies in the face of not only the non-binding referendums that were conducted during elections in the nine towns to benefit from Greenbush but also the recent poll taken by the South Shore Chamber of Commerce. Both showed residents were in favor of the rail restoration by at least a 2:1 margin. Town Meeting votes don't stand up to referenda questions, since a lot fewer people attend Town Meeting than vote. I would also like Mr. Weymouth to produce a picture of a "double-decked diesel locomotive"; the ones that he says will change Hingham so it "will never again be the same." I have ridden both of the other Old Colony lines and could not find one of these terrible, fire-breathing monsters that are supposedly going to destroy our quaint villages! The Department of Interior might have established the Lincoln Historic District in 1990 but that was six years after the proposed return of train service, so everyone, including that agency, should have had that "in mind." Hingham is getting its tunnel under the square and if people bought a house 15-20 feet from railroad tracks that were still in place, then I have no sympathy for them. Deal with it — why deny thousands of others the best alternative to driving to Boston? My take on this whole project is that the present generation wonders how those living in 1959 could have let the New Haven RR stop providing passenger service to our towns in the first place and that future generations will thank the proponents for persisting in this restoration of a vital transportation link. All aboard Greenbush!

David N. Clinton
11 Hancock Road
Hingham

COHASSET'S WEEK

It's time to file for tax exemptions

The Cohasset Board of Assessors Office would like to notify property owners that it is time to file for fiscal year 2003 real estate tax exemptions. The qualification date is July 1, 2003. If you have filed since July 1, 2003, it is not necessary to file again. The following exemptions are available:

- persons over 70 years of age — $1,000 off

Clause 41C – if annual income is less that $13,000 (single person) or $15,000 (married couple), and the value of your assets, excluding your home, is less than $28,000 (single person) or $30,000 (married couple).

- surviving spouse — $350 off

Clause 17D – also minors of deceased parents and persons over 70 years of age. There is no limit on income, but the value of your assets, excluding your home, must not exceed $40,000.

- disabled veterans — $500 off

Clause 22 – At least 10 percent disabled as determined by the Veterans Administration. Purple Heart Award recipients qualify, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross. Other exemptions are available for more seriously disabled veterans and paraplegic veterans.

- blind persons — $875 off

Clause 37A – Must be registered with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

- tax deferral — all or part of the tax

Clause 41A — Applicant must be 65 years of age as of July 1, 2003 with income less than $40,000 and must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding ten years. All or part of the tax may be deferred.

Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall and at the Library. Senior applications are also available at the Cohasset Community Center. For additional information, contact the Assessors' Office at (781) 383-4114.

Forums to focus on Straits Pond ecology

Through a series of public forums on the "Ecology of Straits Pond: A System Out of Balance," the Straits Pond Watershed Association plans to inform the public on management alternatives and issues for Straits Pond; solicit sufficient community input to develop a working consensus on a management plan; and present the results to the appropriate officials in Cohasset and Hull by December, 2003.

The forums will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays.

- Oct. 15 — "What is causing the problems and ways to improve the situation" at the Louis B. Costa (Selectmen's Room) at the Hull Town Hall, 245 Atlantic Ave, Hull.
- Oct. 22 — "Things That Swarm and Things That Smell." Focus of this session will be midges and vegetation and an exploration of the options for making it better. Selectmen's Room in Cohasset.
- Oct. 29 — "Management Plan Options: Treating the Problem; not the symptoms." Louis B. Costa (Selectmen's Room) at the Hull Town Hall
- Nov. 10 — "Vision of the Next Steps." Louis B. Costa (Selectmen's Room) at the Hull Town Hall.

Forums will be carried live on town cable and re-broadcast on the other community's local cable. Check your local cable station for dates and times. For more information email viaspeech@comcast.net or visit the Straits Pond link on the Weir River Watershed Association's website: www.weirriver.org.

Schools receive their MCAS scores

The Cohasset school system has received its MCAS scores and it's no surprise to hear students are generally above the state average.

"Without question we do quite well here in Cohasset," said Curriculum Coordinator Ruth Fennessey.

Students in grades three through eight, 10, and 11 are all required to take some form of the MCAS test.

This year, 100 percent of students in grade 11 passed the language arts test, which Fennessey is thrilled about because the test is required for graduation. The class of 2003 was the first class in Cohasset which had to pass the MCAS test as a graduation requirement. Across the board, Cohasset students score fairly well in all aspects of English tests.

However, math scores were not as high, but are still much higher than the state average. Most schools in the state share the same trend and score higher on language arts tests than math.

Fennessey said when looking at the numbers, "the hard questions are the hard questions across the state," which is true for all grade levels.

The schools will continue to work hard with the students to try to cater to their math needs, but overall everyone is very pleased with the results of the tests.

"I think we're definitely on the right track," said CMHS principal Mike Jones.

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How to be the 'toast' of the town

Public speaking group can help

By Samantha Brown
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For many people, getting up to speak in front of a large crowd may cause anything from a slight blush to a racing heart. However, that is not the case for Cohasset resident Sheila Sullivan, who can stand before a crowd cool and collected, while delivering an impromptu speech, which she credits to the training she has received as a member of Toastmasters.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for anyone to overcome speaking in front of people," she said, adding that parents who wants to speak at a PSO meeting, or executives planning to give a presentation, can benefit from the club's training.

Toastmasters is an international non-profit organization with clubs in 80 countries throughout the world and in many U.S. states. Their goal is to help build not only public speaking skills, but leadership skills as well. Members are able to set goals for themselves by progressing through levels of speeches, gaining valuable experience through each presentation they make.

Twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall, speech competitions are held. Members can advance through the different stages, starting with district, then area, then eventually on to national and international competitions. Sullivan said she hasn't heard of any women ever winning the international title, and she has set that achievement as a personal goal.

To complete the first level, members must make a total of 10 speeches. Sullivan said she is "fast-tracking," doing as many speeches as she can, because she would like to pursue her interest in motivational speaking. Sullivan is currently in the process of writing a book and would like to share the story she will tell in her book with a live audience.

"I have winged eight speeches," she said, which were each 10 minutes long, but she plans on training herself to get more comfortable reading off paper, which she'll need to do when she makes her 30 minute speech. Thirty minutes is too long to speak off the cuff, she said.

At every speech, members volunteer to take on evaluation roles. Sullivan said there is even someone there to count the "ah's," "like's," and "but's." All speeches are timed and everything from giving the speech to the critique is a positive experience.

Sullivan said she heard about the club through a longtime friend, and "If I had known, I would have joined two years ago," she said. Since then, she has moved up in her number of speeches and has volunteered for the role of Vice President of Public Relations for her club.

Sullivan said people often don't recognize how favorable the job market can be for someone who can provide a professional speech, because it is something many people shy away from doing. Keynote speakers are always needed and with training from Toastmasters, as well as recognition from winning speech competitions, the monetary rewards can be great.

The club has a biyearly membership fee of between $18 and $23. Regular meetings are conducted by the "Toastmaster," twice a month, but a person can join as many clubs as they want if they would like to practice public speaking more often.

"You get more exposure by doing speeches in different clubs," she said.

Sullivan is a member of the Department of Environmental Protection's Toastmaster's club, based out of Boston, as well as the Boston Speech Party Club. She said anyone can start a club in their area, whether it be a large corporation or a mother's group, and can even follow a theme.

"In a time where communication is so important, Toastmasters offers a wonderful opportunity," she said.

In addition to public speaking, Sullivan said the people she has met have provided wonderful benefits as well.

"It's a really incredible networking opportunity," Sullivan said, adding that some of the people she has met have helped her dream of writing a book come to fruition.

Sullivan said through her participation, she has not only honed her public speaking and leadership skills, she has gained confidence as well. Being able to get up in front of a group and feel comfortable speaking is a great asset to have, she said.

While Toastmaster's clubs have not been started in Cohasset just yet, Sullivan said residents could really benefit from starting one up. Because many mothers in the area may have left corporate jobs to raise their children, she thinks it would be a wonderful way for them to get out of the house and do something for themselves twice a month. Sullivan said she would have liked to have been able to start a club up herself, but she has plans to move and wouldn't want to start something she would have to leave. However, if someone showed interest in beginning a club, "I would be more than happy to provide someone all the information they need," she said.

For more information on Toastmasters, visit the web site at www.toastmasters.org, or contact Sheila Sullivan at Sheshesullivan@aol.com.

LIBRARY CORNER

Library hours

The library will be closed Monday, Oct. 13 for the Columbus Day holiday.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! Reserve your copy in advance by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "Blow Fly," by Patricia Cornwell. Chief medical examiner Dr. Kay Scarpetta, winner of the 1999 Sherlock Award for best detective created by an American author, returns in a thriller involving international conspiracy and brutal murder. "Now you May Weep," by Deborah Crombie. When Detective Inspector Gemma James travels with her married best friend to the Scottish Highlands for a cookery weekend, she discovers that her friend is planning a clandestine love affair. "O'Hara's Choice," by Leon Uris. This posthumous novel by Uris, who died in June of this year, revolves around Paddy O'Hara, a Civil War sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps and the men he saved in battle. "Capital Crimes," by Stuart Woods. Former Georgia senator, Will Lee, is now President of the United States and his wife, Kate, director of the CIA. When a conservative politician is killed, Will and Kate are plunged into a plan to catch the murderer.

Large print books

Large print books added to the collection: "Evenings at Five," by Gail Godwin, "Black Maps," by Peter Spiegelman, "Reefer Madness: Sex, Drugs, and Cheap Labor in the American Black Market," by Eric Schlosser, "Sucker Bet," by James Swain, "The New Work of Dogs: Tending to Life, Love and Family," by Jon Katz, "Postcards from Berlin," by Margaret Leroy, "Four Days to Veracruz," by Owen West, "The Real McCoy," by Darin Strauss, "Our Husband," by Stephanie Bond and, "Liars and Saints," by Maile Meloy.

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Picture books

"The Three Questions", based on a story by Leo Tolstoy, written and illustrated by Jon J. Muth, is a book about making the kinds of choices that help us define our character. It is beautifully written and illustrated.

"The Twelve Days of Kindergarten", by Deborah Lee Rose, is a counting book reflecting everyday life in Kindergarten. The rhythm is based on the familiar "Twelve Days of Christmas". It is great fun!

"Ellsworth's extraordinary electric ears and other amazing alphabet anecdotes", by Valorie Fisher, is an alphabet book using photographs to depict twenty-six scenes, one for each letter of the alphabet.

Easy readers

"Henry and Mudge and the Wild Goose Chase", by Cynthia Rylant takes place on French's farm where Mudge meets a grumpy goose who loves to chase!

Juvenile fiction

"The Million Dollar Goal", by Dan Gutman, scores big with this funny book about family, hockey, and million dollar hopes.

"The Whale", by Cynthia Rylant, is a new Lighthouse Family story. The Lighthouse family rescues a baby beluga whale and works to reunite him with his mother. It is a great story about strength, courage, family, and friends.

"Herbie Jones Moves On," by Suzy Kline, deals with the issue of his best friend moving. Herbie learns to cope with the change.

"Maxx Comedy", by Gordon Korman, is the "funniest kid in America". Need I say more?

"Kick It!", by Matt Christopher, is the tenth in the Soccer 'Cats series for young chapter book readers. Alan accidentally kicks his teammate during a game. Problems ensue.

"Arthur Plays the Blues", by Marc Brown, is number 29 in his chapter books series for young readers. Arthur shows up for his second piano lesson without practicing. Dr. Fugue is not pleased. Arthur needs to decide how much he wants to play the piano.

Juvenile non-fiction

World Book's "Animals of World" a new series for primary and intermediate school students. It is written in a question and answer format and is great for report writing.

Set 1 includes books about ants, seals, sharks, hedgehogs, monkeys, kangaroos, ladybugs, owls, rattlers, and wolves.

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Set 3 tells about baboons, beavers, wild cats, flightless birds, raccoons, bony fish, sea stars, shelled reptiles, snails, and true bugs.

Story hours

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library announces the Fall Story Hour schedule.

The Drop-In Story Time schedule is:

- Monday, Oct. 20 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 27 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
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Chicken patty on a roll or seafood pocket, oven fries, fruit.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15
Pasta with meat sauce, dinner roll or ham and cheese sandwich, green beans, applesauce.

THURSDAY, OCT. 16
Breakfast for lunch, waffles, with maple syrup, sausage, potato bucks, raisins.

FRIDAY, OCT. 17
Pizza, cheese or pepperoni or tuna sub, veggie sticks, fruit.

AP Scholar Awards at Cohasset High

Sixteen students at Cohasset High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both, for successful performance on the AP Exams.

Students took AP Exams in May, 2003, after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of yearlong courses and exams.

At Cohasset High School, five students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are **Tess Foley, Laura Genello, Rachel Longley, Elizabeth Reynolds** and **Kimberly Ulmer**.

One student qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. That student was **Allison Moje**.

Ten students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are **Anne Barber, Erik Belz, Nell Brewer, Katherine Coyne, Lindsay Grossman, Curtis Kahn, Ian Kidder, Brittany Novak, Kaitlin Rohrer** and **Julie Shea**.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement or both based on successful performance on the AP Exams.

The College Board is a national nonprofit membership association whose mission is to prepare, inspire and connect students to college and opportunity. Among its best-known programs are the SAT, the PSAT, NMSQT and the Advanced Placement Program (AP).

Send in your school news

The Cohasset Mariner wants to develop a school news page to run every week. Short news items from teachers and school organizations are welcome. Photographs of events, accompanied with a short article or longer story are also sought. If you have "Stars of the Month", an interesting program or student volunteer effort, artwork, student writings, interesting field trip, or special projects, please share them with us.

Also, if you would like to request a photographer for your school event, please let us know. Contact editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933. News items my be sent by email to mford@cnc.com or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in the village.

Halloween dance at The Garage

There will be a Halloween dance at The Garage on Friday, Oct. 31 from 7-10 p.m. Everyone from Grades 6-8 is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well. Costumes are optional.

Rededication at Deer Hill School

The School Building Committee, together with the Superintendent of Schools, School Committee, Deer Hill faculty and students will rededicate the Deer Hill school Friday, Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. in a ceremony in the new gymatorium. All Cohasset residents are invited to attend the celebration which marks the completion of two years of renovations to the school.

The community is also invited to tour the building Sat., Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon during a community open house.

Arts & Crafts for Grades K-3

The Cohasset Recreation Dept. will accept telephone registration for grades K-3 Arts & Crafts programs by calling (781) 383-4109. Arts & Crafts for grades K-3 will be held on Mondays, 3-4:30 p.m. at the Joseph P. Osgood School.

The program will be five weeks in duration and cost is $50 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Monday, Oct. 27 thru Nov. 24.

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Colin Whalen skips rope for exercise during gym class at the Osgood School.

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Cohasset's Ton Truglia wraps up Cardinal Spellman ballcarrier during Saturday's messy 8-6 win for the Skippers

Joy in Mudville

Cohasset gridders fend off Cardinal Spellman, sloppy field to stay perfect

The Skippers improved to 3-0 on the season with a road victory over the Cardinal Spellman Cardinals Saturday by the score of 8-6.

With a midday period of heavy rain turning the Spellman field into a slippery mud bowl, the opposing coaches knew their teams would have to eliminate turnovers in order to come out on top. Cohasset had no turnovers to the Cardinals two.

Junior defensive back Joe Durkin forced a fumble by the Cardinals with a hard hit, as did senior captain linebacker Tony Truglia. Both turnovers gave the ball to the Skippers, with senior defensive end Rob Carpenter and junior middle linebacker Matt Casey making the recoveries.

The Skippers defense took advantage of the poor field conditions, and the knowledge that Spellman likes to run the ball on virtually every down, by gang tackling on every play. Casey, Truglia and senior captain defensive back Chris Bilodeau all had double digits in tackles, with Durkin adding eight and junior defensive end Kelvin Ferriera seven. Junior DB Crandon Leahy and junior defensive tackles Leo Clougherty and Matt Baroudi all recorded season highs for tackles, with junior D J Silvia (playing both ways, had a 14 yard reception from his receiver slot) and senior Sean Connolly coming up from their defensive back positions to chip in with another six tackles between them.

Overall, the Cohasset defense forced Spellman to punt three times, turn the ball over twice by causing fumbles, and to attempt a futile field goal from 42 yards out on the final play of the game after a long and time consuming drive which started at the Skippers 27 yard line.

Cohasset's offense was limited to 117 yards, as the field

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Falcons prey on single error

Field hockey knocked back to .500 in loss to Mashpee

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Exactly halfway through the field hockey season, the girls have opened the door towards the playoffs. The big question remains: will they walk through the door? We'll see if they can at least match their 4-4 record in the eight remaining games.

In a true nail biter, Friday, a relentless Mashpee squad squeaked by the Lady Skippers, 1-0.

"The Cohasset girls dominated the play through most of the game," asserted Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick. "Unfortunately, the Mashpee girls capitalized on one small communication error with 1:23 left on the clock. What a heartbreaker!"

Using her three years of goaltending experience and natural quick reaction time, Caitlin Condon knocked away the shots that came her way. Sweeper Rachel Doyle provided great leadership in setting the defensive strategy, assisted by Tess Foley, Kelly Hurley, Frannie Noble, Carling Sturino and

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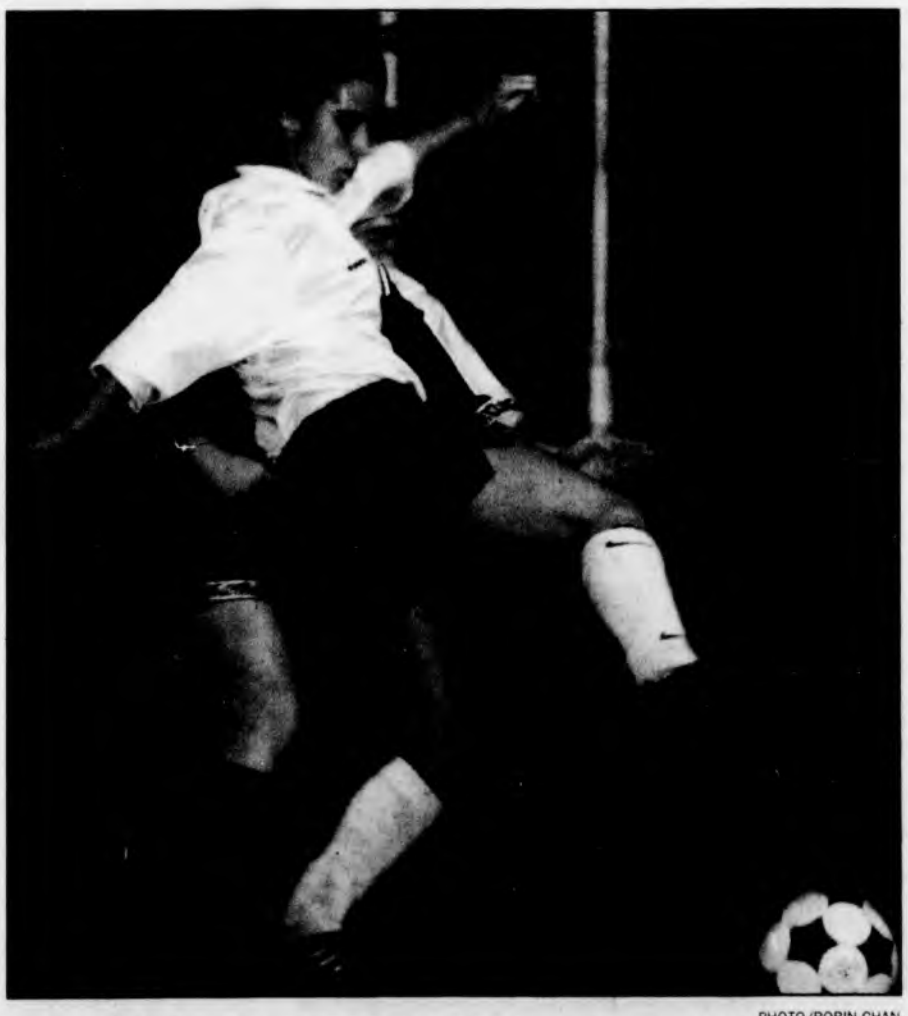
Rollercoaster ride continues



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Lindsay Kennedy (front) creates the room needed to get this ball away in recent South Shore League showdown against Norwell.

Inconsistent lady booters stuck two wins under .500

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

The up-and-down season for the Cohasset girls soccer team continues.

The girls split their games last week against South Shore League foe Mashpee and non-conference Holbrook.

The week got off to a promising start on Tuesday, as the Skippers defeated Mashpee, 2-0. This was the rematch of a Sept. 10 battle, in which Cohasset battled from behind to earn a 3-3 tie.

Last Tuesday's game was scoreless until the 68th minute, when senior Sarah McMorris scored off of a pass from Jenn Buckley.

McMorris has been one of head coach Deb Beal's top offensive threats in recent weeks. Her goal against Mashpee was her third in five games, as she now ranks second on the team in goals, behind Jenn Buckley's four.

Midfielder Rachel Garber gave Cohasset an insurance goal in the 80th minute, as she scored on a beautiful one-touch in front of the net.

It was one of Cohasset's finest

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Senior captain Chris Clark has been key to the Skippers attack to date this season.

No excuse accepted

CHS boys soccer coach not happy with his team's recent play

By Mike Spellman
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Many coaches might have cut the Cohasset boys soccer team a break after a narrow 2-0 escape over a clearly inferior Mashpee team.

The ready-made excuses were there, after all, for the Skippers (7-2, 6-2): several players were dinged up, strange things regularly happen on the other side of the Cape bridges and the team was coming off a disheartening loss to Norwell in the showdown for first place in the South Shore League.

First year CHS boys coach Rob Leary, however, is not like "many coaches". In his mind, there are no excuses for a performance as poor as his team put on Tuesday afternoon. In short, he doesn't want to hear it.

"We just played awful, pure and simple," asserted Leary, the former head boys soccer coach at Rockland High.

When asked about a possible letdown in the wake of the

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Inconsistent lady booters stuck two wins under .500

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games of the year, with Mashpee being the best team they have beaten thus far. Beal was pleased with her team's effort after the game.

"The girls had fun and I think were able to put the [previous week's] Carver disaster out of their minds," she said.

Cohasset had lost to Carver, 4-2, on Sept. 29, giving up two goals late in the game.

Thursday's game was a different story for the Skippers, as they lost a tough, defensive struggle to Holbrook, 1-0.

Beal was optimistic before the match, saying that the state tournament is within the girls' grasp.

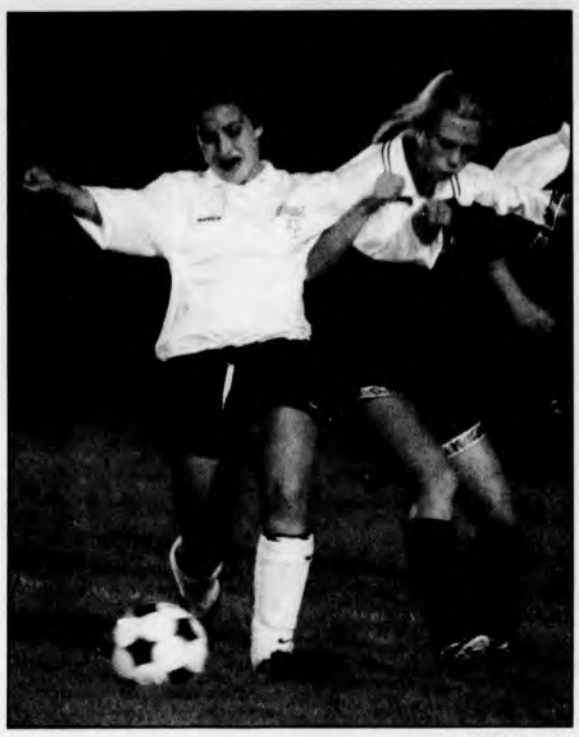
"[The win over Mashpee] was big; it takes a little pressure off us down the stretch," she said. "We still need to win the big ones, but we have a little breathing room. I am confident that we can get into the tournament again, and I know that it is what the girls are working towards."

At the same time, Beal was not looking past the 4-1 Bulldogs, despite Cohasset's success against them last year.

"They run an offsides trap that we need to adjust to, so it will be interesting," she said. "I do hope we can adjust quickly enough and not wait until the end of the game to wake up."

Unfortunately for the Skippers, Holbrook's defense was a little too stingy, and Cohasset could not put the ball in the back of the net.

Fortunately, the Lady Skippers got back on the winning track with a thrilling 3-2 victory over SSL rival Abington this Tuesday. Junior forward Casey Anderson scored the only goal of the second half to break a 2-2 tie, as she hooked a shot far post, top corner to improve Cohasset to 4-6-1 (4-4-1 in SSL play).



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Lauren Rizzotti (left) gets a step on Norwell player.

It's been a roller coaster season of sorts for Cohasset. After a tough start, the team had a two-game winning streak two weeks ago, with victories over Harwich and Hull. Since then, however, the team has gone 2-3.

That record places Cohasset nine points shy of the necessary 18 for a postseason berth. Wins over Hull, Harwich, Cape Cod Academy twice and Holbrook in the rematch would give the Lady Skioppers the points they need to qualify for the state tourney a second straight year.

However, the margin of error is thin, the other two games pitting the Skippers against Carver and Scituate, both of whom they've already lost to this season. The Skippers played Carver at home yesterday and will travel to Harwich tomorrow.

Coastal Stars Report

The Coastal Stars Squirt "B1" team got off on the right foot Saturday, with a 5-0 win over Norwood in their season opener.

The Stars withstood some early pressure from Norwood and began to carry the play midway through the first period as the entire team skated hard, moved the puck well and won the battles along the boards.

Bobby Parelli scored the first goal of the season, tucking in a rebound, with assists from John Kenney and Neil Conway. Moments later, Mike Carbone went hard to the net and wristed a loose puck past the goalie to give the Stars a 2-0 lead. Ross Horan assisted on the goal.

The Norwood goalie kept it close in the second period, making several good stops, including one on Center Carter Denton, who played a strong two-way game. Defenseman Bobby Harrington picked up the only goal of the period as he moved in from the right point and his shot found the back of the net. In the third period, Parelli and Carbone secured the win with their second goals of the game, both putting home loose pucks in front of the Norwood net. Ryan Talanian tallied his first point of the season with an assist on the Carbone goal.

The defensive pairings of Brian Ford with Harrington and DJ Evans with Jared Coletta controlled their end of the ice throughout the game, keeping the front of the net clear and moving the puck quickly out of their zone. They only allowed a handful of shots on goal, and goalie Danny Durkin handled them all, earning the shutout.

The **Squirt C3** kicked of their season Saturday with a 7-3 victory against Pembroke.

After falling behind 1-0, Willy Brown notched the first goal of the season with a hard shot from the right slot.

Shortly before the end of the 1st period Mike Masciulli gave the Stars their first lead by swooping in and cleaning up on a loose puck in front of the net.

The 2nd period was all Stars as Defenseman Justin Hendriksen threw the puck up the left boards to a streaking Brown who notched his 2nd score of the game.

With one minute to go in the period, Winger Sam Labo fed Masciulli who slammed home his 2nd from in front of the net.

Netminder Alec Hurd was stellar between the pipes as he turned away at least a dozen shots in the second period including a Pembroke breakaway.

Despite the Stars 4-1 lead, there was no quit in Pembroke as they converted two quick goals to start the 3rd period.

At this point Wingers Ally Ryan, John Sinkins, and Nick Craig got their second wind and crashed the offensive boards, continually throwing the puck in front of the Pembroke net. Center Vinny Calorio converted one of these passes, lifting the puck just under the cross bar for his 1st goal.

The defensive tandems of Ryan Foohey with Mike Foley and Mike Timcoe with Hendriksen, instrumental in keeping most the play in Pembroke's end of the ice, stiffened up and kept the puck away from the Stars net for the remainder of the period.

Masciulli saved his best for last, combining stickhandling and hustle to score his 3rd and 4th goals and secure a Stars victory.

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

Varsity Football

Oct.
10 Carver 7 p.m.
Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
Assistants: Bob Silvia, Brian Pattison, tom Ventresca, Dave Terry, Don Silvia, Chris Bridges

Frosh-Soph Football

9 @ Carver 5:30 p.m.

Varsity Field Hockey

9 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
14 Sturgis Charter 4 p.m.
15 @ Hull 6:30 p.m.
Coach: Deb Bostwick

JV Field Hockey

9 @ Harwich 5:30 p.m.
15 @ Hull 5:30 p.m.
Coach Alex Williams

Boys Varsity Soccer

8 @ Carver
10 Harwich 4 p.m.
14 Hull 6:30 p.m.
Coach: Rob Leary

Boys JV Soccer

10 Harwich 4 p.m.
Coach Rick Dockendorff

Girls Varsity Soccer

8 Carver
10 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
16 @ Hull 5:30 p.m.
Coach: Deb Beal

Girls JV Soccer

10 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
16 @ Hull 7 p.m.
Coach: Kara Connerty

Boys Varsity Golf

8 @ Cape Cod Acad.
9 Cape Cod Acad. 3:30 p.m.
End of season
Coach: Torin Sweeney

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Girls fifth grade hoop tryouts

Tryouts for the Cohasset fifth grade girls travel basketball team for the Old Colony League will be held on Oct. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Deerhill School gymnasium. Questions should be directed to Andrew Quigley (781-383-9795).

Legion baseball fall workouts

Members of the Cohasset Post 118 Legion baseball team are working out on Saturdays at the Scituate High baseball field, beginning at 9 a.m.. Any player from Scituate or Cohasset interested in playing for the team next summer is invited to join in. Any questions can be directed to Post 118 Manager Scott Arnold (781-545-1896).

Cohasset Soccer Club coaches clinic continues Saturday

The Cohasset Soccer Club is sponsoring a four-week Coerver Coaching Clinic continuing this Saturday, at 8:00 - 9:30 AM on the Milliken - Bancroft Recreation Field and continuing for another week. This course will provide all level coaches with a solid technique / skill / training basis for working with youth soccer players. If interested, please come to the Field on Saturday morning or call Mark Richardson @ 781-383-0998.

Wilhelm to be honored Oct. 17

Bill Whilhelm, Long-time Sports Director and host of the Sunday night Sports Exchange program will be recognized Friday, Oct. 17, at half time of the Brockton at Marshfield football game.

Bill will be broadcasting his 1000th high school sporting event. Bill has been a long time supporter and advocate for high school sports on the South Shore and has called play-by-play for football, basketball, soccer and hockey. His support of girls and boys athletics is well known.

The first Bill Wilhelm/WATD Scholarships were presented this past summer to three South Shore athletes.

For information call Arthur Boyle at 781-293-6900 or 781-953-5850.

Martial Arts/Aerobic Exercise programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that world-class martial artist Chuck Palmer will offer a children's martial arts program this fall at Cohasset Town Hall.

Mr. Palmer will also offer a kick aerobics class to adults two mornings a week at Town Hall.

Internal Arts Seminars at Jade Forest

Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi of Cohasset will offer a weekend series of internal arts seminars with Special Guest Instructor Master Wei Lun Huang. Internal arts comprise a special category of Chinese martial arts, including Tai Chi, Ba Gua, and Hsing Yi.

Beginners are welcome to attend all courses. Master Huang will present Chi Kung from the Ba Gua system on Sat. morning, Oct 4, 10 - 12:30. In the afternoon he will teach essential Tai Chi skills from 2- 4:30 pm. These seminars are ideal for body toning, flexibility and mindfulness. The cost for each of these events is $80.

On Sun Oct. 5, the curriculum will shift to Hsing Yi. Of all the internal arts that have developed in China, none has placed a more overt emphasis on the cultivation of sheer, efficient power than Hsing Yi. Hsing Yi is elegant in it simplicity, yet Hsing Yi fighters have been feared and revered since the art was first developed. Hsing Yi Body Conditioning & Basics will be taught from 10 - 4:30 pm, with a scheduled break for lunch. The cost for this class is $160.

Contact John Loupos at Jade Forest to register. Ph. 781-383-6822, or e-mail jadeforest@comcast.net. Be sure to ask about ppd. discounts.

Joshua's Run

The Seventh Annual Joshua's Run for the Jimmy Fund is scheduled for Oct. 18, at Peggotty Beach. This family event which has raised $111,000 for the Jimmy Fund since its inception in 1996, has a new fall date and is expected to be bigger and better than ever.

New to the event this year is the Wall of Wings. The Wall of Wings is a giant butterfly made up of patches that may be purchased by individuals and decorated by the buyer in order to honor a loved one and his/her battle with cancer. Each patch will be incorporated

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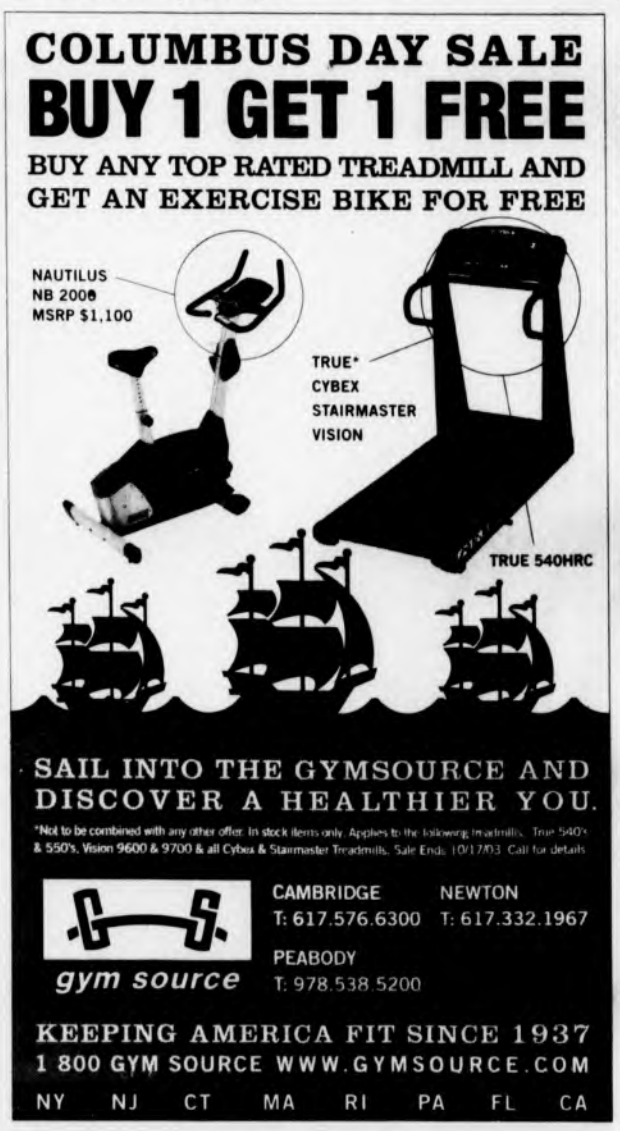

Cohasset gridders fend off Cardinal Spellman, sloppy field to stay perfect

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conditions made rushing the ball and throwing on the run a challenge all afternoon.

On the Skippers second possession of the game, which started at their own 30 yard line, senior tailback DeWayne Morris carried three times for 18 yards. With the help of a Cardinal Spellman penalty, the Skippers moved into Spellman territory.

From the Cardinals 42-yard line, senior QB Mike Dooley rolled right, with pulling sophomore guard Nick Arment providing the escort, and, with his primary receiver covered Dooley, found senior fullback Tony Truglia over the middle. Truglia hauled in the pass and rumbled down to the one foot line for a 41 yard gain. After a loss on a rush attempt and an incomplete pass, the ball sat on the 4-yard line. The third down call was a rollout pass to the left. Dooley started left and ran into a swarm of Cardinal defenders, he reversed direction and sprinted around the right side and dove into the end zone for his second rushing touchdown of the season. Truglia took the two-point conversion handoff and followed right guard captain Steve Davis, center Casey, and sophomore right tackle Dan McCarthy into the end zone, and the Skippers had an 8-0 advantage with just over eight minutes left in the first half.

Spellman would score on their second possession as well, starting at their own 35 yard line, culminating with a Mike Hinkley 29-yard touchdown rush. The all important conversion rush attempt failed as eleven Skippers met Hinkley head-on at the 1-yard line. The score stood at 8-6 Skippers with 2:44 to go in the first half.

The second half was uneventful from an offensive standpoint, as neither team reached the red zone.

Kudos to:

Joe Durkin, who had a nice afternoon punting the ball for the Skippers, especially considering the muddy field conditions

- Bilodeau, in addition to his 11 tackles and a leaping pass reception, the senior had several nice punt returns.

- Davis bullied through from his defensive tackle position and stopped a crucial Spellman rush for no gain on the final play before the field goal attempt at the end of the game.

- Junior Brendan Michaud provided fine pass protection from his fullback slot.

- Senior left tackle Dan Tarpey halted a long punt return by the Cardinals with a crushing sideline tackle.

- The Cheerleaders for their enthusiastic support throughout the game.

Defensive Statistics

Tackles: Matt Casey (13), Tony Truglia (12), Chris Bilodeau (11), Joe Durkin (8), Kelvin Ferriera (7), Crandon Leahy and Leo Clougherty (5), Matt Baroudi (4), Steve Davis, D J Silvia, Rob Carpenter and Sean Connolly (3), Dan Tarpey (1).

Forced Fumbles: Tony Truglia and Joe Durkin.

Fumbles recovered: Rob Carpenter and Matt Casey.

Offensive Statistics

Passing: Mike Dooley 3 for 17, 61 yards.

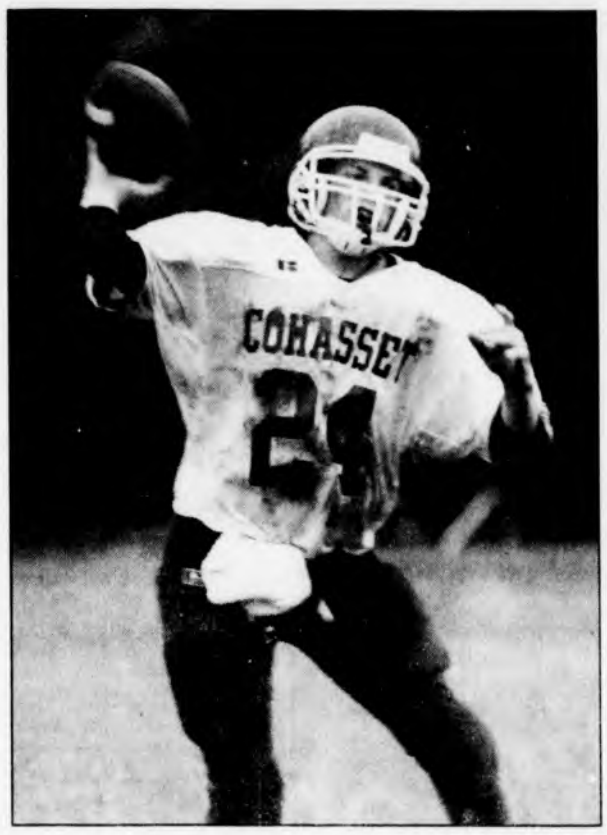
Receiving: Tony Truglia 1 for 41 yards, D J Silvia 1 for 14 yards, and Chris Bilodeau 1 for 6 yards.

Rushing: DeWayne Morris 17 carries for 36 yards, Mike Dooley 3 for 17 yards, Tony Truglia 1 for 3 yards.

Turnovers: None.

Cohasset had 7 offensive possessions, (5) ended with a punt, (1) touchdown, (1) ended by downs.

Cardinal Spellman had 8 offensive possessions, (3) ended with a punt, (2) by fumble, (2) by clock, and (1) with a touchdown.



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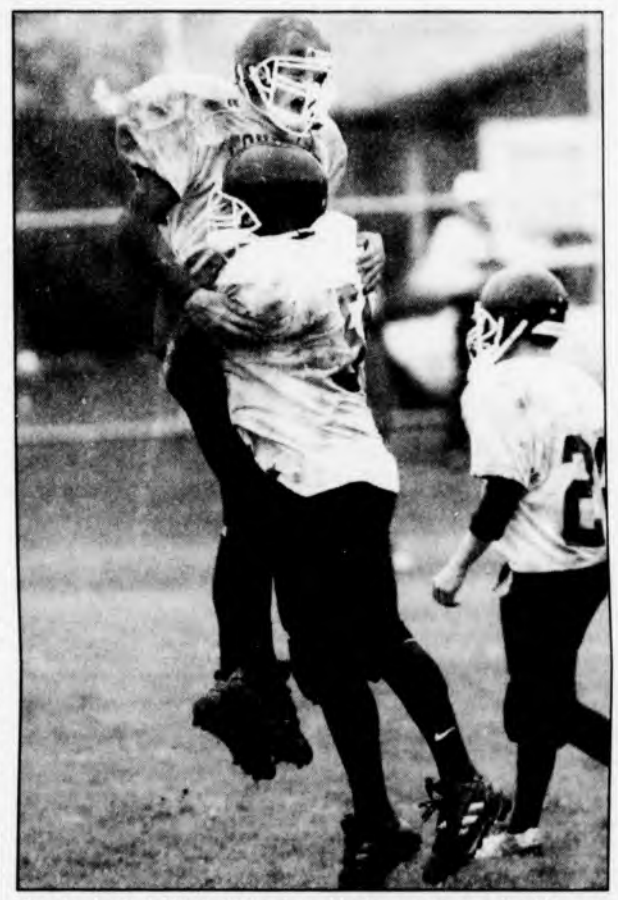
Senior quarterback Mike Dooley ran for the Skippers only touchdown Saturday.



Crandon Leahy is lifted off the ground by teammate after the Skippers narrow escape from Cardinal Spellman with a win on Saturday.

Cohasset 8, Cardinal Spellman 6

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Cohasset (3-0)	0	8	0	0	8
Cardinal Spellman (1-3)	0	6	0	0	6

C-Mike Dooley 4 yard rush (Tony Truglia run)
CS-Mike Hinkley 29 rush (run failed)

Falcons prey on single error

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Allison Dean.

At the right wing position, Jessie Guild cleared and drove very well. At the forward line, teammates Kristin Howard and Courtney Caron launched several power shots triggering excitement among the onlookers.

"We couldn't have asked for a more evenly-matched game," Kristen Howard reflected after the game. "Every single player on our team played their best and made great contributions."

The Skippers also steered much of the credit towards their coach, Deb Bostwick.

Said Jessie Guild: "The coach has given us some key instruction in passing skills, communication, and shooting in the corners."

Rachel Doyle added: "She encourages us to back each other up and to polish our stick skills."

Other teammates referred to Coach Bostwick, now in her 14th year, as "devoted" and "very nice to us".

Looking ahead, the team must finish with at least a .500 record to qualify for the state tournament. When asked who could spoil their chances, many of the girls warily mention Harwich, Hingham, Carver and Mashpee.

Coach Bostwick admires the girls' ability to maintain both composure and intensity throughout the game. She also points out they need to improve upon finishing their shots.

"The girls recognize they will only get what they put in at practices," said Bostwick. "If they keep working hard, we have a fair chance at states."

Let's hope the girls will meet and exceed their expectations in the days ahead.

The Skippers' junior varsity broke into the win column on Thursday afternoon with a 26-6 victory over Cardinal Spellman's junior varsity. Their record stands at 1-2. They play tonight at Carver with kickoff at 5:30.

Skippers-Carver preview

Cohasset plays the Crusaders from Carver tomorrow night at 7 PM at home. This contest is the first game for Cohasset against a South Shore League opponent. Last year the Skippers prevailed in the rain at Carver 7-6. So enjoy the night off from those "boring, run of the mill" Red Sox games and Cowboy Up to Alumni field to support your undefeated Skippers football team.

South Shore League standings

	overall	league
Abington	(4-0)	1-0
Cohasset	(3-0)	0-0
Norwell	(2-1)	0-0
Mashpee	(1-2)	0-0
Hull	(0-4)	0-0
Carver	(0-4)	0-1

This weeks other SSL game matchups: Norwell @ Mashpee.

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CHS boys soccer coach not happy with his team's recent play

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Norwell loss, the Skippers coach shot back "You don't have a letdown after you get your head handed to you. That's supposed to fire you up."

All the scoring in the Mashpee game was provided in the first half. Senior John Andrade scored 20 seconds in and junior Kevin Dinsmore made it 2-0 midway through the frame.

The Skippers didn't do much worth mentioning offensively after that, according to the coach, and a couple of defensive breakdowns almost cost them big. Senior keeper Jesse Brewer was twice forced to stop shots off clean break-ins in the second half to preserve the shutout and win.

"At least Jesse came up big," noted the coach solemnly. "Jesse's been playing very well. Other than him, though, no one's shown much consistency."

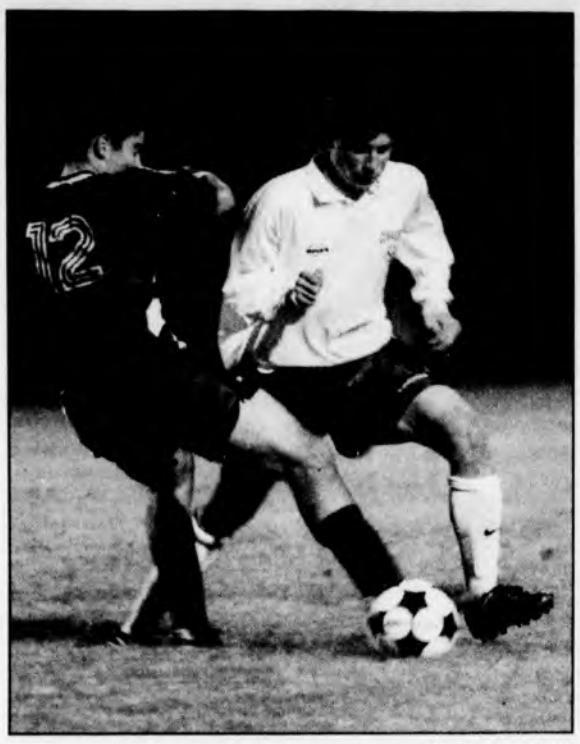
Clearly, Leary is concerned. He insists, however, that he is far from panicky.

"We just need to snap out of this funk, and get back to playing the way we're capable of playing," he said.

The CHS boys are currently in the midst of their longest stretch of off days during the season, seven days. As far as the first year head coach is concerned, the break couldn't have come at a better time.

"We've got some guys who are a little banged up, and can use this stretch to get healed up a little," said Leary over the weekend. "It also gives us a chance to work on some things in practice. We'll find out next week, though, whether this rest was a good thing."

The Skippers were able to right the ship somewhat with a 2-0 win over SSL rival at home Tuesday.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Sam MacDonald (white shirt) tries to step around Ryan Henry in recent SSL tilt. Sam was mistakenly identified in this picture last week as Andrew Wise.

They got right back to it last night, travelling to Carver for a huge showdown with Carver, a game that may well determine second place in the SSL. The Skippers snuck by the Crusaders at home last month, 1-0, on a late goal from Andrade. However, the Crusaders, who like the Skippers have just two losses in SSL play, are coming off an emotional 2-0 win over previously unbeaten on Norwell Monday.

At 8-2, the Skippers need to win just one of their remaining nine games to qualify for the state tourney for a fourth straight season. However, with games upcoming against Carver and tough non-league opponents Hingham (Oct. 20), Hanover (Oct. 16 and 24) and Coyle-Cassidy (Oct. 27), Leary insists he is taking nothing for granted.

"Considering the way we played last week, I'd say nothing is cast in stone," said Leary. "I think we can be a pretty good soccer team and play a lot better than this. How we do against Hingham, Hanover and Carver will tell a lot. Those games need to bring out the best in our players."

Too little, too late

Heartbreaking loss to Norwell knocks CHS golfers out of postseason chase

By Mike Spellman
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A spirited late season run by the Cohasset High golf team went for naught, as the Skippers lost a heartbreaker to league rival Norwell Tuesday to kill their postseason hopes.

The loss, decided by play on a single hole, dropped the Skippers to 5-8-1, making it impossible for them to achieve the all-important .500 mark needed for playoff qualification.

The Cohasset boys put forth a valiant effort, though, playing on the Clippers home Hatherly Country Club course, coming much closer to topping the perennial South Shore League powerhouse than they did on their own Cohasset Golf Club course two weeks ago.

Junior Jack Carroll, playing out of the number four spot, was Cohasset's low man on the tricky par 35 course, scoring a 40 for nine holes.

The Skippers had kept their slim playoff hopes alive with a pair of wins last week over Quincy and Carver.

In a non-league meeting last Wednesday with Quincy at the Cohasset Golf Club, Tim Pilczak was the medallist, shooting a 39 to pace the hosts to a 33-21 win. Carroll chipped in with a solid 42.

Senior Mike Devine was the medallist for Cohasset 24 hours later at Southers Marsh in Plymouth, shooting a 4-over-par 36 to lead the Skippers to a narrow 28-26 win over SSL rival Carver. Freshman Kevin Barber chipped in with a 37.

The Skippers will wrap up the season today at Cohasset Golf Club with the second half of a two day home-and-home series with Cape Cod Academy (they were on the Cape yesterday).

SPORTS NOTES

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into the butterfly pattern. A new butterfly will be added each year and the butterflies will be linked together forming an "honoring" wall.

The event schedule is as follows: Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m.; Two-Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m.; and the Four-Mile Road Race at 10 a.m. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Peggotty Beach. A kids entertainment tent will include face painting, balloons and a clown.

Pre-registration is available when a completed entry form and fee are sent to Esther Volpone Blacker, 35 Common St., Scituate, 02066. Pre-registration fees are $18 for the four-mile or two-mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. Race day registration fees are $20 for the four-mile or two-mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. All event proceeds are donated to the Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

For further information call 781-545-4642 or e-mail: bblacker@comcast.net or see www.joshuasrun.com.

Jonathan Rizzo Golf Classic

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If you are not a golfer but wish to participate in the event, we need raffle and auction prizes, such as airline points for trip packages, sporting ticket venues, limo rides, etc. Plus, we need volunteers to sell those raffle tickets to the general public for the next two Saturdays at Stop & Shop in Kingston. If you can help out, please contact Brian Nevins at 781-585-9102.

Finally, the dinner-only portion of the event is selling out fast also. Golfers, if your wife/partner is planning to meet you after golf, please make sure you have sent in the *dinner-only* portion of the brochure.

Any questions regarding sponsorship, playing golf, donating prizes/raffles, the dinner-only, or to volunteer your time, please contact Larry or Carolyn Cunningham at 781-585-2875.

CHS weekly scoreboard

Varsity Football

Oct.
4 beat C. Spellman, 8-6

Varsity Field Hockey

1 beat Norwell, 2-0
3 lost to Mashpee, 1-0
7 lost to Carver, 2-1
9 @ Harwich 4 p.m.

Boys Varsity Soccer

7 beat Abington, 2-0
8 @ Carver

Girls Varsity Soccer

2 lost to Holbrook, 1-0
7 beat Abington, 3-2
8 Carver

Boys Varsity Golf

1 beat Quincy, 33-21
2 lost to Norwell, 28-26
8 @ Cape Cod Acad.
9 Cape Cod Acad., 3:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

12:54 a.m. Fire, investigation, North Main St.

1:43 p.m. Medical aid, Elm St., removed to hospital.

2:35 p.m. Medical aid, Jerusalem Road, removed to hospital.

4:06 p.m. Animal control, Surry Drive.

5:26 p.m. Wires down, Elm St.

5:39 p.m. Medical aid, Beechwood St. removed to hospital.

7:15 p.m. Investigation, Tad Lane.

7:17 p.m. Motor vehicle crash, Border St.

7:26 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., traffic citation issued.

11:21 p.m. Suspicious other, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

7:31 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Sohier St., and Fairoaks Lane, traffic citation issued.

9:06 a.m. Fire, inspections, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

9:45 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Road.

10:23 a.m. Annoying phone calls, Hill St.

10:25 a.m. Suspicious other, Wheelwright Farm.

11:48 a.m. Medical aid, Chief Justice Cushing Highway, removed to hospital.

1:18 p.m. Medical aid, Chief Justice Cushing Highway, removed to hospital.

3:42 p.m. Suspicious other, Ripley Road.

4:06 p.m. Fire, (misc.), South Main St.

4:24 p.m. Parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

4:53 p.m. Disturbance general, investigated/report take.

6:19 p.m. General services, Forest Avenue and Surry Drive.

8:40 p.m. Noise complaint, Elm St., unfounded.

9:06 p.m. General services, Pond St.

9:32 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Sohier St., verbal warning.

10:04 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Beechwood St., verbal warning.

10:30 p.m. Motor vehicle violations, Sohier St.

10:36 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Brook St.

10:54 p.m. Motor vehicle violations, South Main St., unfounded.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

12:52 a.m. Medical aid, Jerusalem Road, removed to hospital.

8:03 a.m. Motor vehicle crash, Chief Justice Cushing Highway, investigated/report take.

9:03 a.m. Vandalism, North Main St.

10:27 a.m. Medical aid, King St., removed to hospital.

12:49 p.m. Medical aid, South Main St.

12:53 p.m. Medical aid, King St., removed to hospital.

1:11 p.m. Animal control, Border St.

2:05 p.m. Parking complaint, South Main St.

2:27 p.m. Suspicious other, South Main St.

2:52 p.m. Motor vehicle crash, Rose Hill Lane and King St.

3:58 p.m. Traffic complaint, North Main St.

5:49 p.m. Animal control, South Main St.

6:20 p.m. Medical aid, Kings St., removed to hospital.

7:04 p.m. Motor vehicle crash, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

8:55 p.m. Assist motorist, Beechwood St.

9:03 p.m. Malicious destruction, Holly Lane.

10:20 p.m. Disturbance gathering, King St.

11:13 p.m. Noise complaint, Elm St.

11:14 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Highway, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

1:22 a.m. Assist citizen, South main St.

2:32 a.m. Open door/window, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

10:42 a.m. Parking violation, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

1:35 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, King St. and Pond St., traffic citation issued.

1:48 p.m. Medical aid, White Head Road, removed to hospital.

3:31 p.m. Motor vehicle crash, Chief Justice Cushing Highway, investigated/report take.

6:02 p.m. Medical aid, North Main St., removed to hospital.

6:18 p.m. Officer wanted, Chief Justice Cushing Highway, removed to hospital.

6:49 p.m. Well being checked, White Head Road.

7:46 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Highway, verbal warning.

8:34 p.m. malicious destruction, Beechwood St.

9:58 p.m. Suspicious person, South Main St., good intent call.

11:00 p.m. Disturbance gathering, Summer St.

11: p.m. Disturbance gathering, Jerusalem Road.

11:36 p.m. Officer wanted, Jerusalem Road, advised legal help.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

1:36 a.m. Assist citizen, Elm St.

1:53 a.m. Assist citizen, Elm St.

6:50 a.m. Vandalism, Cedar St.

8:47 a.m. Fire, investigation, North Main St.

9:51 a.m. Assist citizen, Elm St.

10: a.m. Animal control, Howard Gleason Road.

10:37 a.m. Burglary/breaking and entering, Cedar St.

1:40 p.m. Animal control, Elm St., good intent call.

2:26 p.m. Public service other, Bow St.

2:54 p.m. Assist citizen, Elm St.

3:44 p.m. Property found, Elm St.

3:56 p.m. Malicious destruction, Howe Road.

5:52 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Beechwood St., traffic citation issued.

6:27 p.m. Medical aid, Elm St., rescued.

7:42 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Atlantic Avenue, verbal warning.

9:18 p.m. Officer wanted, North Main St. arrest of Christy L. Arnold, 36, of 5 Shoalwater Drive, Scituate., charges, license suspended, warrant and other traffic violations.

MONDAY, SEPT. 29

3:23 a.m. King St., medical aid.

1:53 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:04 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

5 p.m. Heather Drive, threats.

11 p.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

11:28 p.m. North Main St., assist other police dept.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

6:33 a.m. Pond St., fire, log entry.

9:16 a.m. King St., suspicious activity.

10:12 a.m. North Main St., vandalism.

10:39 a.m. Pond St., suspicious auto.

1:06 p.m. Atlantic Ave., annoying phone calls.

1:51 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:01 p.m. North Main St., medical aid.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

5:54 a.m. Joy Place, medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:55 a.m. Elm St., disturbance, general.

10:46 a.m. Mohawk Way, annoying phone calls.

12:51 p.m. North Main St., MV crash.

1:32 p.m. Beechwood St., disorderly conduct.

2:36 p.m. Elm Court, medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:58 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:41 p.m. Mohawk Way, annoying phone calls.

5:27 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire, investigation.

7:11 p.m. Hammond Ave., general services.

11:15 p.m. Beechwood St., MV crash, traffic citation issued.

THURSDAY, OCT. 2

12:07 a.m. South Main St., medical aid.

1:44 a.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint.

2:38 a.m. Elm St., assist other police department.

9:14 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., escort.

1:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

3:58 p.m. Norman Todd Road, traffic complaint, unfounded.

4:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., assist motorist, unfounded.

5:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

5:59 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:10 p.m. Highland Ave., found property.

7:20 p.m. South Main St., serve restraining order.

7:35 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:48 p.m. South Main St., noise complaint.

10:18 p.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

FRIDAY, OCT. 3

1:25 a.m. Atlantic Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

2:04 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

4:53 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:56 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

6:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:33 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:44 a.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

10:23 a.m. Pond St., annoying phone calls.

10:59 a.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

11:33 a.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity.

12:13 p.m. Oak St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:35 p.m. South Main and North Main sts., officer wanted.

4:28 p.m. Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash, investigated, report taken.

5:14 p.m. Atlantic Ave., wires down.

5:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., found property.

7:17 p.m. Pleasant St., disturbance.

10:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, verbal warning.

11:14 p.m. Whitney Woods Lane, suspicious auto.

SATURDAY, OCT. 4

1:44 a.m. Lamberts Lane, open door/window.

6:29 a.m. Forest Ave. and Cedar Acres Drive, power outage.

7:37 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

9:22 a.m. King St., general services.

10:20 a.m. Atlantic Ave., wires down.

10:40 a.m. Police Headquarters, recovered property.

10:56 a.m. Bancroft Road, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

11:11 a.m. Buttonwood Lane, MV stop, verbal warning.

11:16 a.m. Beechwood St., MV violations.

1:43 p.m. Ledgewood Drive, animal control.

3:27 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious person.

5:37 p.m. Brook St., lost property.

6:14 p.m. Grace Drive, fire, investigation.

7:58 p.m. Red Gate Lane, suspicious person, unfounded.

9:27 p.m. Beechwood St., officer wanted, 39-year-old Cohasset male in protective custody.

11:44 p.m. Ash St., officer wanted, unfounded.

11:54 p.m. Jerusalem Road, MV crash, removed to hospital.

SUNDAY, OCT. 5

6:21 a.m. King St., fire.

9:47 a.m. Jerusalem Road, building checks.

12:02 p.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

2:24 p.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

4:16 p.m. Beechwood St., missing person, returned to home or family.

4:25 p.m. North Main St., noise complaint.

6:24 p.m. Hull St., animal control.

10:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

Police arrest 14 in September

The police also investigated 22 motor vehicle accidents, four of which resulted in personal injury

September was a relatively quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were 14 arrests. Three for possession of a Class D substance, one for possession of a Class C substance, one for assault and battery, one for destruction of property, one for disorderly conduct, six for outstanding warrants, and one for protective custody. Police Chief Robert Jackson said.

During the month of September the police investigated 22 motor vehicle accidents, four of which resulted in personal injury. There were 87 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $2,470 in fines. Additionally, there were 74 parking tickets issued for $1,800 in fines, Jackson said.

Also in September, the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 884 calls for police services, of those 94 were emergency 911 calls. There was one breaking and entering of a residence and one of a municipal bldg. Additionally, there were five criminal complaints issued for the month., Jackson said.

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Historical Society remembers Brig. St. John

Hosts open house in new home

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Historical Society treasurer Jim Laughlin and Valerie Lipsett, who chaired the fundraising event, stand by a painting of the Brig St. John by W. K. Gilbert. Victims of the Brig St. John disaster were remembered at the open house.

Middle-high school choral director Bryan Marks leads the students sing "Mother of Ireland," a song by Rik Tinory memorializing the Brig St. John. The event was part of the historical society's 75th anniversary weekend at its new home, the Paul Pratt building.

Society co-presidents Kathy O'Malley and Paula Morse are interviewed by WATD's Seamus Mulligan, who provides a historic narration on Tinory's "Mother of Ireland" CD.

Katie Jensen inspects a model of the Brig St. John during the historical society's open house. The exhibit "At the Edge of the Sea," showed the strong maritime history of the town.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Party for Dr. Joseph Godzik

A retirement party for Health Agent, Dr. Joseph R. Godzik, including cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing (featuring the band The Marsels) is on Friday Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Red Lion Inn's Lion's Hall (a.k.a. The Barn) 71 South Main St.

Tickets are $35, prepaid. Please RSVP and forward payment by Friday Oct. 17 to: Tara Tradd, Cohasset Board of Health 41 Highland Ave. Cohasset, MA 02025.

Tradd can be reached by email: cohassetboh@cohasset-mass.org or by phone, 781-383-4116.

Piano Faculty Concert at S.S. Conservatory

South Shore Conservatory's newly renovated Cox Hall in Hingham is the setting of this year's Piano Faculty in Concert on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 4 p.m. The performance is the inaugural concert for the Conservatory's new Steinway B, which was generously donated by Deborah Allinson and Tom Lamb of Hingham.

The third annual concert of its kind at the Conservatory, the Piano Faculty in Concert has drawn standing room only crowds for the past two years. Audience members enjoy listening to the diverse playing styles of the performers. In addition to solo performances, this year the audience will be treated to one piano four-hand and one piano-six hand piece.

Prior to the performance, Director of Academics & Advanced Studies Stephen Deitz will provide a brief overview of the pieces they will hear, and highlight what to listen for in the repertoire.

In addition to Piano Department Chair Hui-Min Wang, performers include Stephen Deitz, Maya Gurevich, John Kramer, Edwina and Margaret Li, Barbara Lysakowski, Mark Goodman, Vincent Planès, and Jane Viemeister.

The program includes selections from Rachmaninoff, Beethoven, Bach, Mozart, Ravel, Schumann, Gavrilin and Brahms, and takes place on the Alice and Paul Jones stage. Following the performance, audience members are invited to meet with the artists and enjoy light refreshments at a reception.

Tickets to the event are $15 for adults, and $10 for seniors and students, and can be purchased prior to the performance at South Shore Conservatory offices in Hingham and Duxbury or by calling 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

The public is invited to come to the concert at 3:30 p.m. or stay after the post concert reception for a Hard Hat Tour of the construction site to witness how the new construction is turning a hole in the ground into a magnificent new center for the arts.

Pumpkins sale to raise money for ASP

Each year since 1988 a group of teens and adults from Cohasset has taken a one week trip to some of the poorest areas of this country to volunteer to do badly needed home repairs. The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project expects to send 120 teens and 55 or more adults on the next trip now being planned for June of 2004. This makes the Cohasset group the largest participant in the national Appalachia Service Project, coordinated out of Johnson City, Tenn.

All participants in the annual trip must also participate in the preparation for the trip. In addition to a series of workshops designed to prepare the teens and adults for the rigors of the trip, the group must raise the funds needed to make the trip possible. This year a new fundraising project has been added. The group plans to transform the open field at the entrance to Wheelwright Park on North Main Street in Cohasset into a Pumpkin Patch. The pumpkins are grown in a cooperative venture with the Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico.

Plans are underway for Story Hours in The Patch, visits from "The Great Punkin", as well as many other exciting activities. The Patch will officially open on Saturday, Oct. 11, and will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Halloween (Friday, Oct. 31).

Senior Flu Clinics

Senior Flu Clinics are Tuesday, Oct. 14 and 21 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Ave. and Thursday, Oct. 23 from 1-3 p.m. at Harborview Senior Housing Community Room, 60 Elm St. (behind Police/Fire station).

These Flu Clinics are open to all citizens of Cohasset over 65 years and for those who are at high risk. Some examples are; Asthma, Chronic Pulmonary Disease, Diabetes, Heart Disease. Please remember to wear a short sleeve shirt.

Seniors please bring Medicare part B and/or Senior Health Insurance cards.

Townwide flu clinics

Townwide flu clinics will be held Saturday, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Ave.

Seniors please bring Medicare part B and/orSenior Health Insurance cards.

For more information, call Judy Fitzsimmons, RN Public Health Nurse at 781-383-2210. Please remember to wear a short sleeve shirt.

Long-term care for Alzheimer's

Attorney Paul R. Tierney will speak on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore. Tierney's topic will be "Planning for Long Term Care: Protecting Assets and Other Strategies." He will address legal and financial issues of special import to Alzheimer patients and carepartners, including Medicaid qualification, estate planning documents, the role of trusts and transfers and recent changes in the elder law.

Tierney, who is also a certified public accountant, will answer questions and concerns from the audience. ADSGSS, Inc. meetings are held at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St. This meeting is free and open to anyone interested in learning more about Alzheimer's disease. For information, call Toni Abbott at 781-749-1823 or JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417.

Ken Gloss to talk about old books

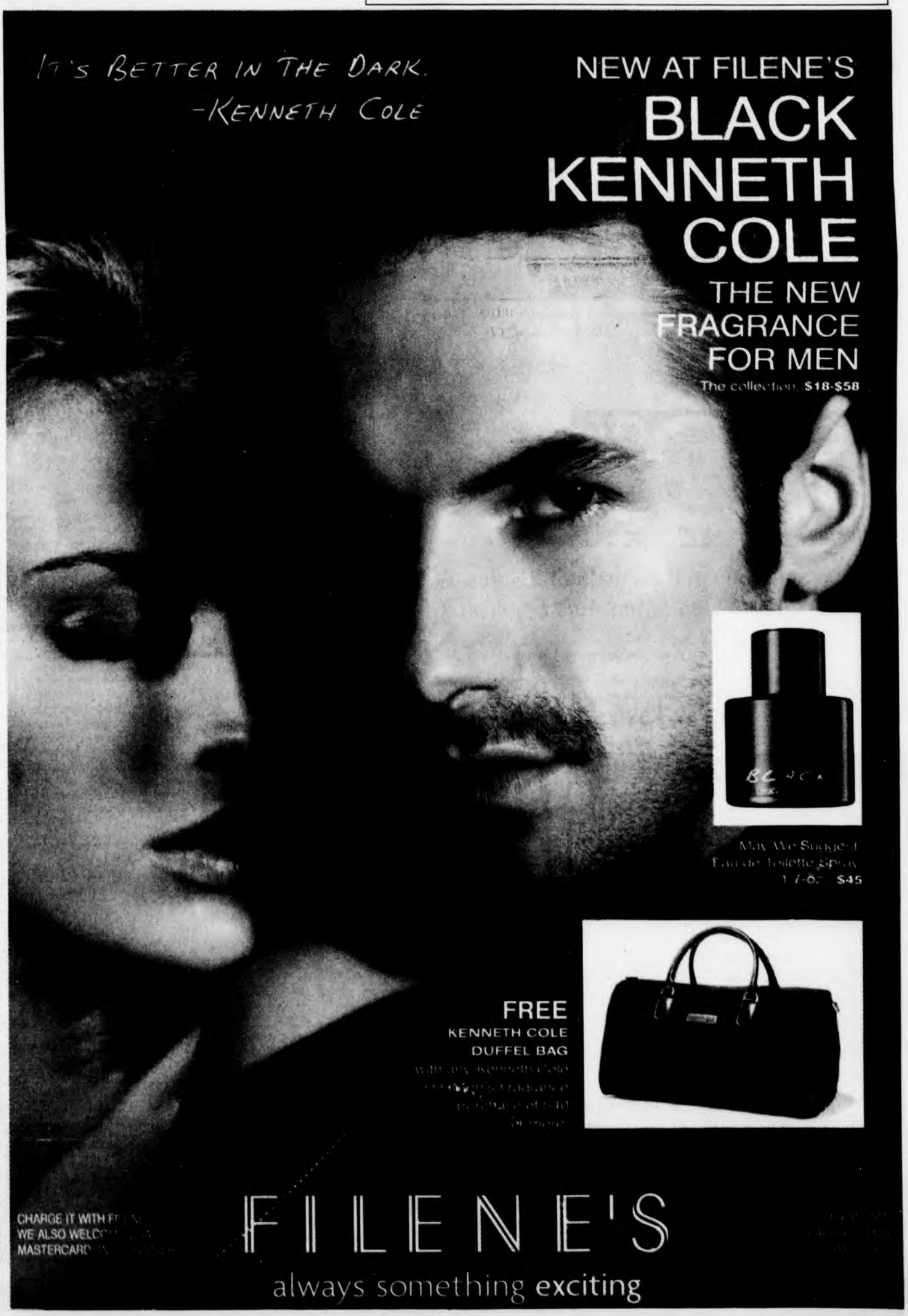
Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of the Brattle Book Shop, will speak on "Treasures in Your Attic: Old and Rare Books", at the Cohasset Historical Society on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m.. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be held at the Pratt Building, 100 South Main St.

A dealer in old and rare books for over 30 years, Gloss will share his expertise in book collecting and care with the audience. There will be a question and answer period following the lecture and a free verbal appraisal of books that people have brought with them.

George Gloss, Ken's father, bought the Brattle Book Shop in 1949, and passed along his wisdom and love of books to his son. With a lifetime spent among crannies crammed with old books, Kenneth Gloss has amassed a wealth of knowledge when it comes to the printed word. The Brattle Book Shop is one of America's oldest and largest antiquarian book stores with more than a quarter of a million books and other items passing through its doors. Gloss is a member of a number of antiquarian booksellers associations, has appeared on "Antiques Roadshow", and the "David Brudnoy Show" on WBZ radio.

Ken Gloss at the Brattle Book Shop.

For additional information, call the Cohasset Historical Society at 781-383-1168



Harborview sale

Marion Smith and Nancy Barrett proudly show off one of the many delicious items on sale at the recent bake and yard sale at Harborview apartments off Elm Street.

Bettie Grassie fills out what she hopes will be the winning ticket for the Harborview raffle.

Photos/Robin Chan

Marge Antoine of Cohasset and Lena Farchlatta of Scituate were among the many visitors to the bake and yard sale.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom:

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. (781)-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantorial Soloist: Abby Gostein. Friday evening and Saturday morning worship. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. Visit www.shaaray.org for specific times and details.

Second Congregational Church:

The Second Congregational Church located at 43 Highland Ave. offers a quieter, more liturgical style of worship with communion at 8 a.m. on Sundays in the chapel. Our traditional service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. For further information please contact us at (781) 383 - 0345 or visit us on line at www.secondcongregationalchurch.com.

Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Parish Unitarian Church

First Parish Unitarian Church, on Cohasset Common, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Adult Christian Formation. Poetry and Spirituality Group meets Wed., 2:30 p.m. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Alpha Course at 7 p.m. Paths for a Just Peace in Israel/Palesine, Wed.. 7:30 p.m.Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study twice a month Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Friday soup and sandwich at noon.. All welcome. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org

In the Scripture lessons for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost, the Prophet Amos denounces corruption and injustice while offering hope to those who seek the Lord. The Letter to the Hebrews asserts that Jesus is God's messenger and high priest. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus counsels a man to give all to the poor and follow him.

. Preacher: The Very Rev. E. Clifford Cutler..

OBITUARIES

Joseph D. Daley

Rev. Joseph D. Daley, 94, formerly of Cohasset and Marshfield, died Oct. 2, 2003 at the Youville House in Cambridge. Born in Cohasset he was a retired pastor of St. Margaret Church in Brockton and St. Bonifare Church in Quincy. He was a graduate of Boston College Class of 1931 and St. John Seminary, Brighton. His ordination took place at St. John Seminary Dec. 17, 1937.

Beloved son of the late Carroll and Delia (O'Hara) Daley. Brother of the late Thomas C. Daley of Needham and Mary Margaret Rustin.

Uncle of Julie M. Karner of Great Falls, Va.

Arrangements were handled by George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, Needham. A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph Church, Needham. Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley, O.F.M. was the principal celebrant. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in Fr. Daley's memory to St. John Seminary, 127 Lake St., Brighton, MA 02130.

Eunice B. Pope

Eunice B. Pope (Burton), 90, of Cohasset, a homemaker, died Oct. 7, 2003, at the Cohasset Knoll in Cohasset, following a brief illness.

Mrs. Pope was born in Cape Briton, Nova Scotia, and was raised and educated there. She has been a Cohasset resident for 50 years.

Wife of the late George F. Pope for 63 years, she leaves two sons, George D. Pope of Scituate and Richard J. Pope of Scituate; a sister, Mary Stamm of Virginia; and five grandchildren, Catherine Smith of Boston, Elizabeth Stomper of Illinois, Theresa Pope of New York, Kara Bianchi of Cohasset and Christopher Pope of Scituate.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset.

Visitation hours are Thursday only, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Contributions in Mrs. Pope's memory may be made to the Council on Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

LEGAL NOTICES

ZBA/LOT 135 JERUSALEM RD.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Oct. 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 12 of the Zoning ByLaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Adam M. Foti** seeks to appeal the Building Commissioners decision to enforce Zoning By-Law at **Map 10 Lot 135 Jerusalem Rd.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-09-24 B.

AD#339500
Cohasset Mariner 10/2, 10/9/03

ZBA/150 NORTH MAIN ST.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Oct. 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.8 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **J. Stephen Bjorklund** seeks to convert a multifamily dwelling at 150 North Main St. according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-09-24.

AD#338988
Cohasset Mariner 10/2, 10/9/03

ZBA/27 HILL ST.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Oct. 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Donna McGee** seeks to construct dwelling at **27 Hill St,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-09-26.

AD#340088
Cohasset Mariner 10/2, 10/9/03

ZBA/40 RIVERVIEW DR.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Oct. 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Variance** pursuant to 5.3 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Olga Sawchuk,** seeks to construct new dwelling at **40 Riverview Dr.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-09-23.

AD#338984
Cohasset Mariner 10/2, 10/9/03

ZBA/6 JOY PLACE

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Oct. 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Eric C. Crews & Allyson L. Lorimer** seeks to construct 2nd floor addition at **6 Joy Place** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-09-25.

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Cohasset Mariner 10/2, 10/9/03

WORSHIP NEWS

Citizens for Life to meet Oct. 14

Massachusetts Citizens for Life (South Shore Chapter) will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish House, Fearing Road, Hingham. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month and new members are welcome.

At its fall fundraiser, the chapter will raffle a handcrafted wooden dollhouse on Oct. 25 at the MCFL annual dinner at Lantana's in Randolph. The two-story saltbox-style dollhouse is clapboard-sided with a cedar-shingled roof. Tickets are $5 each or five for $20 and may be obtained by calling Gail at 781-925-5323, or sending a self addressed stamped envelope to MCFL South Shore, P.O. Box 40, Hingham, MA 02043.

Glastonbury Series resumes tonight

The Glastonbury Series presents "Listening To Other Voices: Monastic Spirituality in the 21st Century" featuring Sr. Donald Corcoran, OSB, CMA and Br. Benet Tvedten, OSB, "Burning with Benedictine Fire: A Timeless Spirituality" on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:15 p.m. The event will be held at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center in Hingham.

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Miki makes her mark on 'Ballyhoo'

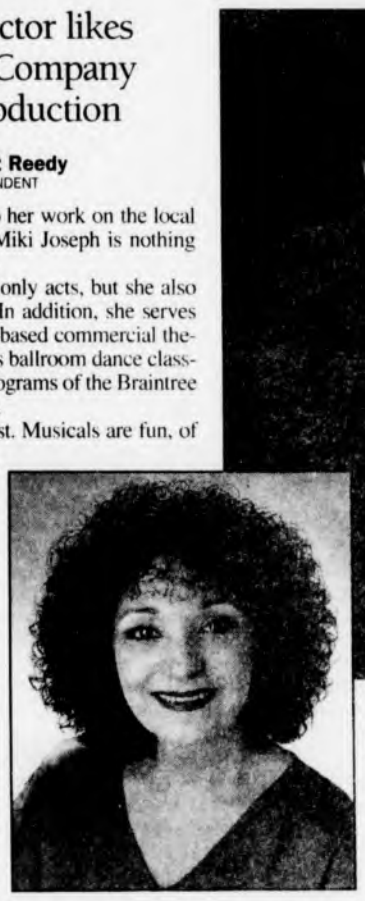
Quincy director likes message of Company Theatre production

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When it comes to her work on the local theater scene, Miki Joseph is nothing if not versatile.

The Quincy resident not only acts, but she also directs and choreographs. In addition, she serves as an assistant to a Boston-based commercial theater press agent and teaches ballroom dance classes in the adult education programs of the Braintree and Quincy public schools.

"I like directing plays best. Musicals are fun, of course, because of the songs and the choreography, but with plays there is more time for character development," explained Joseph by telephone last week.



These days, Joseph is happy to be at the helm of the Company Theatre's production of "The Last Night of Ballyhoo" which opens in Norwell this week. Written by Alfred Uhry — who provided a memorable look at changing race relations in the South with his Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Driving Miss Daisy" — "Ballyhoo" earned the 1997 Tony Award for Best Play and marked its author's return to his Georgia roots for a bittersweet comedy set in Atlanta on the eve of World War II.

The cast of "The Last Night of Ballyhoo."

(Left) Actor, choreographer and Director Miki Joseph is now at the helm of the Company Theatre Production of "The Last Night of Ballyhoo" on stage through Oct. 26.

As the story unfolds, it is Christmas 1939, the film "Gone With the Wind" is having its world premiere, and Hitler is invading Poland. Meanwhile, a segment of Atlanta's Jewish elite is more concerned with who will be attending Ballyhoo, the social event of the season. The arrival of a handsome stranger from New York forces the Freitag family to deal with who they really are as they are pulled apart and eventually drawn back together.

"This particular Southern family may be Jewish, but they also put up a Christmas tree each year and aren't known to light even a single candle. They are prejudiced in their own right. They belong to a club that only allows German Jews and not those from Poland or anywhere else," Joseph points out.

"A new employee, Joe, comes to work for the Freitag family company and eventually falls for the boss' niece. He even invites the young woman to accompany him to the Ballyhoo at the Standard Club, even though he is not German. Joe's presence leads the family to an awakening of understanding concerning their Jewish faith.

"Calling on the range of personal experiences found in her seven person cast of local actors,

Joseph was able to explore prejudice on many levels.

"At our very first read-through, we talked openly about the various forms of discrimination we had,each experienced in society. The message of this play can really be applied to any minority group. Ultimately, this is a warm family story of love, pride, and acceptance. When I first read it, I am not sure I appreciated it as much as I do now. The play is all about taking pride in yourself, whoever you are."

Joseph can take pride in a career that has seen her act with the well-respected Sugan and Zeitgeist Theater Companies of Boston and direct musicals and plays on the South Shore from North Quincy to Duxbury.

"I really prefer directing, mostly because I love helping actors explore and analyze their characters," she says." I also like audiences to leave with a life-affirming message like the one found in 'Ballyhoo.'"

("The Last Night of Ballyhoo" will be performed at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, through Oct. 26. For tickets and information, call 781/871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.)

Millie's thoroughly charming

The musical comedy "Thoroughly Modern Millie" may take place at the height of the jazz age, but one of the stars of the show's current national tour sees its message as the perfect antitode for today's uncertain times.

"With everything that is going on today, we just need things like this that can make us laugh and feel good," explained Pamela Isaacs by telephone last week from Buffalo. "The story is very sophisticated, light and fun so it's easy to just sit back and forget all your troubles."

Based on the 1967 film of the same name, the 2002 Tony Award-winning Best Musical tells a tale of "moderns," including a flapper named Millie Dillmount, who bob their hair, raise their hemlines, and enter the workforce all while rewriting the rules of love. Choreographed by Rob Ashford and directed by Michael Mayer, the show features music from its movie namesake as well as nine new songs by Jeanine Tesori, with lyrics by Dick Scanlan.

In "Millie," Isaacs plays socialite Muzzy Von Hossmere — a character a world away from the streetwalker she portrayed so movingly in the Cy Coleman musical "The Life," which earned her a 1997 Tony Award nomination. "Muzzie is full of life and fun and just a woman with a great big heart. She married probably one of the richest men in the world and is the toast of New York society. I originally auditioned for this role in the Broadway company and I've wanted to do it ever since. There are very few parts for a woman as good as this one."

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" is at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, through Sunday.

For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.wangcenter.org.

—R. Scott Reedy

BEST BET

Original Helen's Café Owner Catherine Mavrides tends bar in 1942. While women couldn't drink at the bar in those days, there was a woman behind it, serving patrons.

A classic café

Helen's celebrates 65 years in the Landing

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The year was 1938. The "Long Island Express Hurricane" blew through the region and racetrack legend Seabiscuit was riding high. Benny Goodman's Big Band was jazzing up Carnegie Hall and a little place called Helen's Café opened its doors in Weymouth Landing.

Sixty-five years later, Helen's is still going strong. John Mavrides, 52, and his wife, Rita, are the second-generation owners of the 58-seat bar and restaurant and neighborhood landmark, having taken over 17 years ago. John's parents, the late Catherine and William Mavrides, bought the bar in 1938 and opened for business in Braintree, October 2 of that year.

In celebration of such remarkable longevity, the Mavrides's are holding special-night and ongoing events at Helen's or under the bar's sponsorship throughout the anniversary month. It's all within the efforts of what the owners say is the policy that has sustained Helen's for six-and-a-half decades — to give back to the community.

"This is a real neighborhood bar with a real neighborhood-type feel," said Rita Mavrides, who does most of the hands-on management at Helen's. "Everyone knows everyone here, and we support our customers just as they support us. It actually is a lot like Cheers."

"Even in the time since John (Mavrides) and I took over, everything in the Landing has come and gone except Helen's," Mavrides added.

So who's Helen? Actually, no one knows. The property was called Helen's Cafe when the original Mavrides's bought it, and the name was simply kept to avoid confusion.

Catherine and William Mavrides had been in the restaurant business, with a location in Wrentham, when they

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The interior of Helen's Café pictured here in 1985 has remained more or less the same since the 1960s.

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THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

In the 1980s, I made a mini-tour of the great restaurants of France and was reminded of the gravity with which the French regard cheese as an essential part of dinner. The cheese carts, even in small out-of-the-way country inns, had three levels and displayed at least two dozen varieties. Even in Boston, expatriate French neighbors of mine still regard cheese as essential as wine for a complete dinner. Wondering if, in fact, most of us here in America were missing something, I set out to give myself a quick cheese education.

The first, most obvious, fact about a cheese course is that it requires no preparation or cooking. In my book, that's a good enough reason to serve it three times a day. It should be served after the main course either before or instead of dessert. Wine is essential, as is good bread, preferably a warmed baguette. (You can crisp up a baguette in a 375-degree oven for seven minutes.) I avoid sourdough or "organic" baguettes like the plague – they tend to be heavy. A real Parisian baguette has a shatteringly thin crust and a light, pillowy interior. The bread ought not to compete with the cheese. Although most books tell you to serve thinly sliced baguettes (and some suggest toasting the bread), a real French family simply passes the loaf around and everyone takes a hunk. That works for me, too.

Cheese is made from milk from three types of animals: cow, goat and sheep. It is a good idea to get at least two varieties just to mix things up a bit. Don't feel pressed to offer one of each (as some experts recommend.) The folks I spoke to suggested 1 1/2 ounces of cheese per person and five to six different cheeses is about right with three being a bare minimum. (Since cheese holds well in the refrigerator and our family eats it frequently, I don't ever consider the notion of portions. I just put out whatever is left.) Most cheese experts suggest selecting one cheese as a "set piece" – the cornerstone of the plate. It should be something everyone will like, which means relatively mild and probably harder than softer. In terms of serving, start with the mild, soft cheeses (a fresh goat cheese, for example) and work up to the harder, more aggressive cheeses such as a Stilton. Cheese has to be at room temperature before serving.

Almost everyone suggests serving fruit with cheese – apples, grapes, figs, etc. –, which I think, is optional. However, if the cheese course is to replace dessert, then fruit makes sense. In terms of wine, there are no rules. (You can simply keep drinking whatever you served with the main course.) My only suggestion is the dessert wines (which are horrible with sweet desserts) work very well with blue cheeses. They are worth a try.

Here is a quick guide to the key points:

- Plan on 1 1/2 ounces of cheese per person.
- Choose a set piece — usually something hard, mild and very interesting – as the cornerstone of your cheese plate.
- Based on the set piece, make other selections of varying tastes and textures. Try to include at least two of the three basic types: cow, goat and sheep.
- Plan to serve at least three but no more than six cheeses.
- Serve the lightest cheese first and progress onto the heaviest cheese last.
- Allow the cheese to come up to room temperature before serving, at least fifteen to twenty minutes out of the refrigerator.
- Serve the cheese with oven-crisped baguettes (375 degrees for seven minutes) and fruit, if you like (apples, grapes, figs, pears or peaches).
- This is one of the few times a dessert wine makes sense – serve it with a blue cheese.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to http://www.americastestkitchen.com.

A classic café

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expanded to Braintree by opening Helen's sixty-five years ago. William additionally owned and trained thoroughbred racehorses.

Catherine also became the original Helen's bartender, especially notable in those early years when there were few women bartenders and Helen's itself did not permit women to drink at the bar, separating them behind a partition at tables in the rear section.

Celebrations at Helen's so far have included last Thursday's actual 65th birthday, and a special of the bar's normally $4.75 pizzas for 65 cents. More than 1,000 pizzas were sold out of Helen's kitchen from 11 a.m. through closing time.

The following evening, more than two dozen former and current bartenders of Helen's, plus many longtime patrons, packed the bar for an anniversary reunion. Some offered their thoughts and recollections.

"This is a very unique bar in that it always makes you feel at home," said Leigh Donelan, 45, of Weymouth, who worked the bar from 1988 to '91. "And it's always incorporated both young and old clienteles."

"This was a fun place to work," said John Molignano, 50, of Randolph, barkeep from 1982 to '86. "But it also could be kind of a tough place. I remember the old men regulars who had a shot and a beer, faithfully, everyday. And then there were the bikers who would come in occasionally, and they always helped keep the peace."

Saturday will bring Comedy Night at 8:30 p.m. featuring headliner P.J. Walsh, along with area standup comics Annette Pollack, Joe Holden and others. The evening will also feature T-shirt giveaways to local youth sports teams, which Helen's Café regularly supports.

Since last year's smoking ban took effect, Helen's Café has been hosting live entertainment to help draw customers. Comedy Nights are featured monthly on the second Saturday, and open-mic blues jams have taken place weekly on Thursday. The Mavrides feel fortunate they've been able to keep the family business thriving through good times and bad and amid so many changes.

"Especially in these days of smoking bans, the bad economy and businesses going under, we feel very lucky to have kept this bar going and stay alive as a business," said Rita Mavrides.

Planting projects for the fall season

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Darkness had fallen by the time I managed to make preparations to contend with the weatherman's predictions for a series of potentially killing frosts. I scurried about the gardens in a minor state of panic, hoping to preserve tender tropicals, vegetables and containers for the weeks and months to come. Decorative pots, large and small, overflowing with spectacular specimens of geraniums, coleus, lantana, sweet potato vines and dozens of delectable annuals were hauled into the garage and sunroom. Plastic bags were stuffed with dozens of clippings and as a last minute precaution, entire plants of coleus, salvia, and impatiens were lifted and potted. Tender vegetables, herbs and perennials were covered with sheets and pieces of burlap to prolong their growth.

Since the average killing frost in my garden varies only slightly from year to year, with an average date of October 10, I had focused on weeding and planting in recent days, convinced that there would be plenty of time to secure these frost-sensitive plants. The weatherman's frost advisory so early in the month caught me slightly off guard, but I have learned to heed even the slightest hint for icy chills since my low-lying, open microclimate often experiences a killing frost weeks before other gardens in our surrounding neighborhood. Although temperatures dropped into the thirties, no frost damage was apparent the following day. More frosty evenings are in the forecast for the upcoming week, however, forcing me to accept that the time has come to complete planting projects and begin putting the gardens to bed for this season.

As I lifted plants of coleus from both sunny and shady borders, I was discouraged to discover just how dry the soil was throughout my gardens. Despite the prolonged dampness of the spring and summer months and torrential downpours in nearby communities in recent weeks, my own gardens have not been the beneficiary of these scattered showers. My lawn, shrubs and perennials were beginning to show signs of drought stress prompting me to haul hoses and sprinklers to moisten the parched earth for several consecutive days.

Although most plants are entering a dormant stage, their root systems will continue to absorb moisture and nutrients until the ground freezes solid. Water is especially critical for new lawns, trees, shrubs, bulbs and perennials planted this fall and for broadleaf evergreens whose foliage will be subjected to sun and desiccating breezes. A hose should be allowed to trickle at the base of recently planted trees and shrubs until the entire root ball has been soaked. Supplemental watering should be provided for all plants until Thanksgiving if Mother Nature does not provide to ensure their survival through the harsh winter months.

As I hauled my hoses across the lawn, I recognized the telltale digging of skunks in several areas indicating the presence of grubs. Although rarely a problem in my moist, clay soils, neglect and dry conditions seem to have enabled these hungry little beetle larvae to develop a sizable population sufficient to invade a broad patch of turf. If time permits, I may apply Dylox to the affected areas followed by a copious amount of water in an effort to eradicate these pests before cooler temperatures drive them deeper into the soil. While I am usually adverse to chemical applications, Dylox tends to dissipate in little more than a week and if left untreated, the grubs will continue to feed next spring requiring a major lawn renovation. Applications of grub controls containing Merit will be ineffective for treating existing grubs at this time of year or in early spring and should be applied as a preventative measure during the latter half of the month of June.

Autumn is the preferred season to transplant or divide herbaceous peonies. (Herbaceous peonies die to the ground each season unlike their cousins the tree peonies that are grafted, woody shrubs.) These long-lived perennials rarely require division but are easily propagated should you wish to establish new clumps. Plants which fail to produce flower buds may be planted too deeply, receive insufficient sunlight or may be starved of nutrients due to excessive root competition from nearby plants or soil depletion over many years. Lift the entire clump and air dry until the soil can be carefully brushed away from the treelike roots to reveal their reddish-pink buds, referred to as "eyes". Use a sharp knife to produce divisions containing at least 3 to 5 eyes to ensure flowering the following spring.

Peonies prefer a deep, rich, well-drained loam generously amended with organic matter. The addition of superphosphate will promote a strong root system and maximize flower production. They perform best in sunny locations but can tolerate light shade. Planting depth is critical to ensure blooms in subsequent years. The pink eyes should be facing upward at a depth no more than 1 to 2 inches below the surface. Gently tamp the soil and water well. Apply a light, airy mulch in December after the ground freezes to prevent heaving during the first winter.

Despite the ominous forecast for a hard killing frost, the midday sun was warm and inviting, facilitating the wealth of projects that lay ahead. Half a dozen orange and black-striped monarch butterflies floated among the flowers sipping nectar to fuel them for their long journey to Mexico, a sure sign that the growing season is coming to a close.

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THE LOMBARDO FAMILY will host its Second Annual "Giving Thanks Celebration – a Free Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors" at its conference and function facility, 6 Billings St., Randolph on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. The event is held for seniors and those less fortunate, who do not have a family with whom to spend this special day. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m. and will end promptly at 1:30 p.m. Lombardo's is working in conjunction with senior centers in Randolph, Braintree, Holbrook, Milton, Stoughton and Weymouth to distribute tickets. Call Rena Baker at 781-961-0930 or stop by the office at 16 Fencourt Ave. in Randolph, or call Maribella at Lombardo's at 781-986-5000.

THE 7TH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN for the Jimmy Fund is scheduled for Oct. 18, at Peggotty Beach. This family fun event which has raised $111,000 for the Jimmy Fund since its inception in 1996, has a new fall date and is expected to be bigger and better than ever. The event schedule is as follows: Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m., 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. and the 4 Mile Road Race at 10 a.m. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Peggotty Beach. A Kids Entertainment tent will include face painting, balloons and a clown. Pre-registration is available when a completed entry form and fee are sent to Esther Volpone Blacker, 35 Common Street, Scituate, MA 02066. Pre-registration fees are $18 for the 4 Mile or 2 Mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. Race day registration fees are $20 for the 4 Mile or 2 Mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. All event proceeds are donated to the Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. For further information call 781.545.4642 or email bblacker@comcast.net or see www.joshuasrun.com

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! comes to The Providence Performing Arts Center, Nov. 22; Tickets on Sale Beatlemania-LIVE!, the ultimate Beatles' tribute show, will be making its debut at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, – exactly 40 years after Beatlemania exploded in England. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37.50, $32.50 & $25.50. Tickets for this theatrical concert on sale at the Providence Performing Arts Center box-office (220 Weybosset St); by phone at 401-421-2787; and online at www.ppacri.org and www.ticketmaster.com.

FIFTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. For applications visit www.brittanylambertFoundation.org, your local gym or register on-line at Active.com For more information call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187.

Thurs. 9

The Glastonbury Series – Listening To Other Voices: Monastic Spirituality in the 21st Century; Sr. Donald Corcoran, OSB, Cam, Br. Benet Tvedten, OSB :Burning with Benedictine Fire: A Timeless Spirituality" Glastonbury Abbey, Conference Center, Hingham, Oct. 9, 7:15 p.m. 781-749-2155x243 www.glastonburyabbey.org

The Pumpkin Patch, a Fundraising program of **The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project** - The group plans to transform the open field at the entrance to Wheelwright Park on North Main Street in Cohasset into a Pumpkin Patch. Plans are underway for Story Hours in The Patch, visits from "The Great Pumpkin", as well as many other exciting activities. The Patch will officially open on, Oct. 11, and will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Halloween, Oct. 31.

Tara Drive Showhouse. Tour the Tedeschi family mansion, which is opening its doors again to the public Oct. 1-Oct. 31. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., closed Mondays. Free, on-site parking. Tickets $30 per person can be purchased on site, at www.showhousemedia.com, or by calling 1-877-SHOHOUSE. Ticket proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, **Animal Tails** Thursdays - Specify morning (9:30-11 a.m.) or afternoon (1:30 to 3 p.m.) Session II: Oct. 9, 16, 23 $39 members/$48 non-members for each session. Program featuring nature stories and activities. For children ages 3 1/2 to 5 years. Pre-registration is required. Limit 8 children.

Thursday Tea: Meet Susannah Winslow, at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, Oct. 9, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. $7 members/ $10 non-members Meet Susannah Winslow from 1650 (played by Isaac Winslow House Director Regina Porter), and learn about travel aboard the Mayflower, the first harvest feast, and her family life in the early years of Marshfield. Tea and desserts will be served following the presentation. Call 781-659-2559

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

"Close to You," the Karen and Richard Carpenter musical review starring South Shore's own Ann Kenneally-Ryan arrives at **Raffael's Restaurant** in Quincy, Oct. 1-9, as a dinner-theater production. Matinee performances Oct. 1 and 8; matinee and evening Oct. 2 and 9. Tickets are $35 matinee, $45 evenings and include dinner, tax, gratuity and show. 617-328-1600.

Sisterhood, a mixed media exhibit of works by family members and artists, Denise J. Benavides, Rosemary Benavides Williams, and Doris [Williams] DeLorey, and sponsored by Richard A. Williams of Keller Williams Realty, will be held during the month of October 2003 at the John Curtis Free Library in Hanover Center in Hanover. 781-826-2972

Chris Zerendow: Nautical Paintings The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, welcomes artist Chris Zerendow, to open a month-long exhibit of his current work with a lecture and slide presentation. 781-925-5433.

North River Arts Society, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, new class **Mom and Me**, fun projects for children and parents with Susan Lynch Raffa. All ages welcome. Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Session I: Oct. 2 - Oct. 30; Session II: Nov. 6-Dec. 11. Cost: $50 members/$60 non-members. 781-837-8091.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell will feature **Jumpin' Juba** 8:30 p.m. 781-659-0050.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth **Martini Night with Streamline** 9 p.m.

Fri. 10

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell - **Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m. (except holidays and vacation weeks) Free with admission. Join us for a half-hour of storytelling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Extend your stay with a visit to the exhibit halls or a walk on the trails. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children

"The Land's Eye," a show of black and white photography by **Lance Keimig**, at **the James Library and Center for the Arts,** 24 West St., Norwell Center, Oct. 3-Nov. 5. Opening reception Oct. 3, 6 to 8 p.m. Call 781-659-7100.

The South Shore Art Center presents **The Photographer's Vision and Five Voices**: **Lance Keimig, Mike Sleeper, J. Michael Sullivan, and Cynthia Vallino**. **Five Voices Janet Blagdonm, Ellen Helman, Moey Lane, Mary Mirabito, and Chris Reid**. **Five Voices Image: Artist, Chris Reid**, pastel, "Sentinels". No admission. 781-383-2787

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Four Thousand Pound Turtle, the 1776 Turtle, America's first submarine. The Turtle will be available for viewing at the South Shore Natural Science Center on Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Professors Rick and Laura Brown will be on hand to answer your questions. Admission is $7NM/$5M Adults, and $5NM/$3M for children, and includes entrance to the EcoZone exhibits. All proceeds from The Turtle exhibit and lecture will benefit the EcoZone at the South Shore Natural Science Center. Call the Center at 781-659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth **Tex, Mad Dog & the Cat** 9 p.m.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Michael Troy**. For more information call 781-545-9898.

J.C. Dee's, Rt. 3A, 312 Bridge St., N. Weymouth. **Comedy Night,** featuring **Dave Andrews, Annette Pollack, Tony Moschetto, Denise Robichau, Phil Doyle and Stephen Leach.** Reservations 781-337-1020

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Oct. 10, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. **Making Mosaics,** stained glass window mosaics and other applications using glass, tile and collage. Classes run Fridays through Nov. 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost $90. Call 781-934-6634, Ext. 15. Pre-registration required.

BEST BET **Quincy Dinner Theater, Masonic Building, 1170 Hancock St. Quincy. Guys and Dolls: Where Broadway Meets Burlesque features to talented guys performing as a dozen fabulous dolls. Celebrity impersonations include Liza, Madonna, Marilyn, Barbra, Cher, Britney and a host of others. Show dates Oct. 12, 18, 19. Free parking. Call 781-843-5862.**

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. **The Love Dogs** Oct. 10. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 11

Author and Duxbury Ken Fortini will be at **Westwinds Bookshop** on Oct. 11, from 3to 5 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "Now I Understand: A Guided Journal of Insight for Baby Boomers." He will also answer questions and discuss the book over light refreshments.

The American Red Cross of Southeastern MA will be offering a new Standard First Aid class with AED equipment in Brockton on Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m. 6 p.m. Registration for nine-hour class is $60 per person. Pre-registration required. Call 508-586-4790 ext. 104

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, **Book-Swap Collaboration Project** with Bryson Dean and Sally Dean Mello offers the opportunity to work in a variety of media to create a book on a specific theme on Oct. 11, and Jan 24, from 10 a.m. to noon. 781-934-5117

The North River Arts Society will sponsor a day-trip to **The Cornish Colony Gallery and Museum** in Cornish, N.H. by motor coach to view the Maxfield Parrish exhibit entitled "Daybreak" a collection of artist's most important work. Oct. 11. $35. Call 781-837-8091 to sign up.

Helen's Café, Weymouth Landing, 16 Commercial St., Braintree - Comedy Night featuring **P.J. Walsh, Annette Pollack, Brian Melvin, Gail Lerner, Joe Holden and Steve Farrell.** Reservations 781-356-4311

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King Richard's Faire. Route 58, South Carver through Oct. 19 including Columbus Day, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adults $22, children 5 to 12 $11, under 5 free. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Shaken Not Stirred**. For more information call 781-545-9898.

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Sun. 12

The American Cancer Society's 11th Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer five-mile walk on Sunday, Oct. 12. Registration and rolling start are set for 8 to 10 a.m. 508.584.9600 press 3 for x248

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Irish Family Party** with live entertainment by **The Volunteers**. No cover, 5-4 to 9 p.m. Handicap accessible. Dancing.

The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum will offer a special Sunday-brunch service and museum tour package. Brunch between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Smith Crescent Room at the library and tour the museum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 12, and 19. $32 adults; $10 children age 12 and under (price includes tax and gratuities as well as admission to the Museum). Reservations recommended by calling 617-514-1693 or emailing special.events@nara.gov or visit www.jfklibrary.org

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday this summer, join guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** from 4 to 8 p.m. for outdoor live music. No cover. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

"Singles with Style" Sunday Singles Dance at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Dr., State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy, 781-446-0234. Complimentary buffet, 7 to 11 p.m. Free door prizes. For single professionals, 35+ years old. Dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

St. Nicholas Methodist Church in Hull, concert series beginning Oct.5, 3 p.m. First concert will feature on trumpet-Matthew Misiner, and Dr. G. Frederick Guzasky. Call 781-925-5796 or 781-925-9101.

The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd., Brockton, presents The Radio Players, Oct. 12, 3 p.m. Tickets $10 students $8. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will feature **Benjamin and Shulamith Shapira** in concert. The program begins at 4 p.m. Free. Call 781-934-6634.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. James Montgomery, Oct. 12. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mon. 13

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Elizabeth Trubia** will exhibit her paintings for the month of October at the tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513

The Braintree Art Association, artist of the Month, Robert Weikel will exhibit his paintings for the month of October at the Thayer Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 14

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on route 139 in Marshfield. The meeting will focus on "Needle Felting" with Mary Bell. Refreshments will be served. Call Heidi at 781-740-4961.

South Shore Women's Business Network Oct. 14, Red Sauce, Hingham, Luncheon, Call 781-749-8883.

Poetry Reading Oct. 14, **Joyce Wilson of the Poetry Porch** is holding a poetry reading a at the Café, second floor, Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt Street, Hingham, from 7 to 8:45 p.m.. The public and all poets are invited. Pen mike Sign up at the door or register by calling 781-545-0731 or email jpwilson@poetryporch.com.

Weymouth Voice of the Faithful will hosts its meeting aty St. Albert the Great Parish, 1130 Washington St., East Weymouth on Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. 781-337-8778.

Self Defense & Awareness Classes for Women & Girls (12+) A 3-session program on basic self defense and awareness for women and girls is being offered at Duxbury Middle School on three Tuesday evenings, Oct. 7, 14 and 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. $60 per person ($110 mom + daughter). Space is limited; Advanced registration required. Call (781) 934-7633.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Hairspray, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, Oct. 7 to Nov. 1. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., Boston, presents **"He She Them," with Judd Nelson and Tasha Lawrence,** through Oct. 12. Performances Tuesday through Saturdays at 8 p.m. ; Sundays 7 p.m.; matinees Saturday 2 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. Tickets $25 Sept. 30 - Oct.2; $39 Oct. 3 - 12. Purchase tickets at box office or online: www.wangcenter.org, or call Telecharge.com at 1-800-447-7400, TTY: 888-889-8587.

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Actors' Collaborative, a regional community theatre group, proudly presents its latest production, *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum* at the Orpheum-Foxboro on October 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. and on October 5 at 2 p.m. Directed and Choreographed by Marianne Lonati, under the musical direction of Shannon Manley and produced by John Ristaino *'A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum'* is a must see! In order to purchase your tickets, please call the Orpheum-Foxboro Box Office at 508-543-ARTS.

Wed. 15

October is Paint a Pumpkin month at **The Craft Factory**. Bring in any size pumpkin and paint it for only $1. 781-383-0740 - located in Cohasset.

Norwell Historical Society presents "The Art of Faux Finishes" Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. This slide lecture and graining demonstration by Jeanne Gearin is free and open to the public. Norwell Public Library, 64 South St, Norwell.

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center An ongoing program every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. Call 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Parents and Tots Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at the South Shroe Natural Science Center. Session II: Oct. 8, 15, 22, $21 members/$24 non-members - per session Fee includes one parent and one tot. lots of animal activity to investigate, along with colorful changes in the woods and at Jacobs Pond. Dress for the weather. Pre-registration is required. Limit 8 children. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

The South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents an exhibit of botanical drawings and paintings, Reflections of the Season, Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, in their Vine Hall Gallery. Monday through Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Reunions

BRAINTREE HIGH CLASS of 1973, 30th reunion. Radisson Hotel 180 Water St Plymouth, Saturday Oct. 11, 5:30 p.m. to midnight. Class photo to be taken. A golf game is planned, for information contact: Lynne Swindler: lswin@comcast.net Tee times to be announced. For additional information contact: Cherie (Woolf) Riley 781-878-6379 or cherie@bhs73.com Please see list of "missing classmates" on the class web page: http://www.bhs73.com you could be one of them.

ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1983 It is 20th Reunion AHS class of '83 Nov 28, 7 p.m. to midnight at the Sons of Italy, 19 Prentiss Road, Arlington,. $25pp now, $35pp at door. Make check out to Arlington High 1983 and send to P.O. Box 1002 Arlington, MA 02474. Call Hotel Hawthorn Suites, 781-643-7258 for special rate. call 781-648-5406 for information.

NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL, Class of 1983 Nov. 28, 2003, Back Bay Hilton Boston, Cost: $50 For more information, go to the reunion website at www.nrhsreunion.com http://www.nrhsreunion.com/> or call Sean Hennessey at 617-943-4323.

J.E. BURKE HIGH SCHOOL - Class of 1961 annual brunch Sunday, Nov. 2, North Main St., Randolph, 11 a.m. lobby at 10:30 a.m. $5 deposit. Call 617-327-4939 or 781-925-2535 for information.

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1983 - 20th year reunion Nov. 28, from 7 p.m. to midnight at The Ridge Function and Meeting Center, 710 West St., Braintree. The event will feature live music, dancing, dinner buffet and a cash bar. $55 per person. Jill Hahn, 86 Cedar Road, Marshfield, MA 02050, 781-837-6113 or Tina Emanuel Moss, 479 West St., Reading, MA 01867 781-944-2705 or contact MHSCLASS198320@hotmail.com

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1984 Is looking for classmates to join in a 20th reunion celebration to be held Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004 at the Scituate Country Club. The reunion committee needs immediate help tracking the whereabouts of 84 alumni. Please email your address, phone number, and contact information for any of your classmates to Matt Brown at katemattbrown@attbi.com.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

The moon is inactive as it travels in the last sign of the zodiac until 7:07 p.m. That means that new starts are off limits. Instead, tie up loose ends and follow through on unfinished business. It may be difficult to focus on practical matters and easy to waste time and energy. Influences turn around completely at 7:07 p.m., when the moon enters Aries. A harmonious Venus/Uranus alignment makes this an exciting, 'anything can happen' kind of evening.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Energy and emotions run high today. Keep a cool head no matter what is happening around you. Channel your energies constructively. The moon continues its travel in Aries, and the full moon continues to build up. Venus moves into Scorpio at 2:56 p.m., remaining there until November 2. A lunar alignment to Saturn at 8:25 p.m. may bring a lull period. Don't let doubt, fear or frustration creep in. Meditate for inner peace and vision.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

The full moon culminates at 3:27 a.m., 16 1/2-degrees of Aries/Libra. The moon continues active travel in Aries, generating high energy today. However, harmonious alignments of Venus-Mars and the sun-Pluto aid productivity, creativity. Zero in on areas of your life you want to change. This is a time to formulate a new plan and start working toward your goals. Kick back and go for the good times this evening.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Planetary influences rate high across the board this weekend. The green light is on for new beginnings in your business or personal life. At 4:31 a.m. the Aries moon becomes inactive until 6:05 a.m., when an earthy Taurus moon takes over. Lunar alignments to Mars and Venus this morning generate an outgoing, cheerful mood. Spend quality time with loved ones this evening.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Yesterday's planetary patterns affect today as well. The Taurus moon interacts with Saturn this morning, setting a relaxed pace. In addition, Mercury forms a harmonious 120-degree contact to Neptune, highlighting all creative endeavors. Take time out to relax and unwind. Go on a nature walk; enjoy favorite friends and pastimes. The evening is prime for social and romantic activities.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

For the most favorable influences, get an early start to this day. The Taurus moon continues to generate an easygoing, relaxed mood this morning. If you are working, projects will come together easily. As the day goes on, however, influences begin to turn around. A 90-degree alignment to Uranus at 5:02 p.m. may bring unexpected setbacks and disrupt the flow of the day. At this time the Taurus moon becomes inactive until 6:45 p.m., when it enters Gemini. A lunar alignment to Mars at 10:44 p.m. warns against fast driving, risk-taking.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Wake up in a good mood. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Saturn warns you to stay upbeat no matter what is happening around you. The good news is that influences improve considerably this afternoon and evening. The moon continues to travel in versatile Gemini, interacting with Jupiter, Neptune and Mercury. Handle a variety of jobs and errands for a productive afternoon. Be sure to take extra time out for fun and games.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15

A lunar opposition to Pluto may spark emotional thunderstorms this morning. Keep a low profile. Storm clouds move out by 9:00 a.m., however; fair and sunny astrological weather returns for the remainder of the day. People will be sociable, talkative but easily distracted from practical matters. Influences are best for handling projects that require communication with others, like making phone calls or sending e-mails. Sales and promotion campaigns also get the green light.

THURSDAY, OC. 16

This is a great day to get things done. Take on a busy work schedule, particularly jobs that require mental focus and concentration. At 5:54 a.m. the Gemini moon becomes inactive until 7:41 a.m., when it enters the sign Cancer. In addition, Mercury prepares to form a flowing 60-degree contact to Pluto. Take time out for yourself this evening; look within and you will find what you need to get back on track.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

A challenging lunar alignment to Saturn can make for a rough start to this day. People may be moody, hypersensitive. Avoid morning hassles or the blues. Plan to finish old business rather than starting anything new. Venus interacts with Neptune and Jupiter, making for a pleasant evening. Share a special meal with family and close friends.

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LISTEN To Life

by John Klefeker, BC-HIS

Board Certified-Hearing Instrument Specialist, MA Lic. #127

WHAT'S ALL THE NOISE ABOUT?

As it turns out, your child's hearing is not the only thing that might suffer from being exposed to too much noise. A recent study indicates that the noise coming from roads, railways, and other neighborhood clatter can harm children's mental health. This finding comes from an examination of the impact of environmental noise on more than 1,400 children in central Austria in two parallel studies. One study looked at children exposed to a wide range of noise levels, while the other looked at those exposed to either low or high levels of noise. It was found that environmental noise significantly affected how all the children behaved in class, their academic performance, social behavior, and how easily they were distracted.

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Please call 1-800-733-5639 for an appointment

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781- 659-2559, or www.ssnsc.org

Food Allergy Group of the South Shore 7 p.m. at South Shore Hospital. Free and open to the public. Topic: "Food Allergy Cooking Tips," Elisabeth Stieb, R.N. Learn how to read ingredient labels, use proven ingredient substitutes, and other helpful hints. For information call 617-965-7771.

8minuteDating Oct. 15, **F1 Boston, Braintree**. Ages 35 to 45. Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Advanced registration required. Save $8 by entering code "8md" when registering. For more information visit www.8minutedating.com

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 16

Hospice of the South Shore Memorial Service will present its annual non-denominational memorial service on Oct. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Old South Union Congregational Church, 25 Columbian St., South Weymouth. Open to al family members and friends whose loved ones have died while in t he care of Hospice of the South Shore. Call 781-794-7803.

Afterschool Nature Programs South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 16, 23 For children in grades 1 to 4. Limit: 12 children. Step into fall with an afternoon of exciting, hands-on nature activities! Pre-registration is required. Choose from What's in a Name? (Oct.16) or The Science of Music (Oct.23) $12 members/ $14 non-members per program. 781- 659-2559

Factory Paint and Design, 505 Pond St., Weymouth, will host a rug raffle and a lecture with John Buscemi of Classic Revivals at the Boston Design Center and Cynthia First of First Orientals of Boston. Buscemi will discuss historic wall coverings and fabrics and First will discuss antique rugs. 6:30 to 9 p.m. RSVP 508-746-7117.

Fri. 17

Single Executive's Club Singles Dance, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland, Exit 14, off Route 3 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 and over. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. $15 thereafter. Proper business dress.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of The Dresser, Oct. 17, 19, 19, 23, 14, and 25, at 8 p.m. Call 781-3565113 Tickets $12. Call 781-356-5113.

South Shore Folk Music Club, Route 106 Kingston, Coffeehouse featuring **Pat Hamel, The Botelho Brothers** and open mike, Oct. 17, 8 p.m. Call 781-871-1052, www.ssfmc.org

Jamie's Grille & Pub, Route 139, Marshfield, **Trax with Janelle Malafronte**, 9:30 p.m.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Matt Chase Group**. For more information call 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. **The Wildcats,** Oct. 17. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing Events

Toastmasters Club - The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September to June, from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at The Fore River club (near the Fore River Bridge, St. Joseph's Church and Brigadoon's Restaurant) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. For more information, call Fred or Rosalind at 617-770-4303 or visit our web site at ww.angelfire.com/ma3/quincy-toastmasters.

Parental Stress Line - Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury. First rehearsal Sept. 8, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

The North River Arts Society presents **Fields and Farms** – an exhibit of original pastel paintings by **Liz-Haywood-Sullivan** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. The show runs through Oct. 11.

The North River Arts Society presents **WaterWorks,** an exhibit of original paintings by **JoAnne Chttick** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. The show will run until Nov. 1. NRAS 781-837-8091.

An exhibition of work by **Plymouth artist Elizabeth Pothier** will be on view at the **Sparrow House Museum,** 42 Summer St., Plymouth, from Sept. 19 to Oct. 31. An opening reception with the artist will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 19. All are welcome. For more information, call 507-747-1240 or visit www.sparrow-house.com

Ledge, Marsh & Coastal Dwellings-plein-air oil paintings by **Kimberlee C. Alemian** Meeting Room Gallery Paul Pratt Library 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, Sept. 1 to Oct. 29, Opening Reception: Sept. 10, 5 to 7 p.m. For more information call the South Shore Art Center, 781-383-2787.

The North River Society presents **Waterworks** paintings by **Joanne Chittick** through Nov. 1, at the Ventress Library, Webster St., Marshfield Center.

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library opens a special exhibit marking **the 50th anniversary of the Sept. 12, 1953 wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy.** The exhibit will run through Oct. 31. For more information call 877-616-4599 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

Pilgrim Hall Museum presents **Bringing Up Baby: 300 Years of Childhood in the Old Colony**, now through May, 2004 a new exhibit that explores the world of the very young in the Old Plymouth Colony from its beginning to the 20th century. What was it like to be a child 1620, 1850, or 1920? What can we learn from furniture, clothing, toys, games and other objects from the children who used them? What were the beliefs and sentiments of the parents who provided for them? How do letters, journals, literature, and other writing help to tell the story of the children of the Old Colony? Who were their teachers, what kinds of knowledge were important to learn? What did they do for fun? The exhibition is free with Museum admission. Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court St. (Route 3A), Plymouth. Information: 508-746-1620; web address: www.pilgrimhall.org Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Admission: adults $5; Seniors (62+) and AAA members $4.50; Children (5-17) $3.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) $15. Residents of Plymouth, admitted free.

Halloween Happenings

South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell - Halloween Howl A Not-Too-Scary Celebration of the Season suitable for children ages 3 and up. Friday, Oct. 31, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Cost per child: $10 members/$12 non-members (Adults are $1) Children must be accompanied by an adult. Black Cat Barbecue prices are a la carte. Enjoy hot dogs and other delights for dinner. Seating is limited. Reservations are a must. Barbecue prices are a la carte. 6 to 7 p.m.: Halloween Howl - After dinner, put on your costumes for an "Owl Prowl!" and meet all kinds of creatures that call the woods home. You'll also enjoy a visit from Hedwig, the resident owl. End the evening with "tricks and treats" for all.

Halloween Singles Dance and Harbor Cruise, Oct. 25, Gate C, Rowes Wharf, Atlantic Ave., Boston, from 8 to 11 p.m. Bon Voyage Party with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cruise and dancing on ship 8 to 11 p.m. with complimentary food and desserts provided onboard. Music will be provided Bruno. Limited single professionals, 35 and over. Pirate, Halloween, or casual attire. Cost is $40 Call 781-283-0400 www.se-4you.com. Sponsored by The Singles Executives Club and The Young Professionals Club.

Halloween story time

Drop-in to the John Curtis Free Library on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 6:30 p.m. for some not so scary stories. Mike Myers will be telling a special set of Halloween tales including "Boo Baby and the Ghost of Mable's Gable," "Ghost with one black eye" and the "Belly Button Monster." Children pre-K through grade 2, wear your favorite Halloween costume and scare your favorite librarian.

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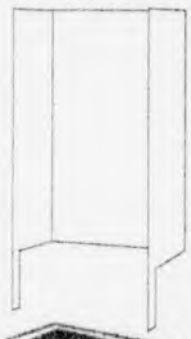

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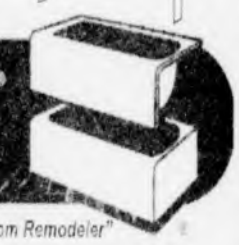

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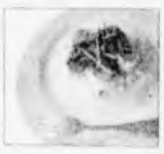

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Printing building permits

Could become new town bylaw

By Samantha Brown
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Building a house or adding an addition may soon be newsworthy of publication in the local paper. If voters at the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting say OK, any home improvements, excluding interior and re-roofing projects would have to be printed for townspeople to see.

The proposed Cohasset bylaw is written almost exactly the same as Hingham's.

If the article passes, the Building Commissioner's Office would be required to send the name or names of the applicant or applicants, the address of the property, the date the permit was issued, and a brief description of the proposed construction or operations, to a local newspaper of general circulation in Cohasset.

Cohasset Building Inspector Bob Egan said he thought publishing building permits is a good idea. But because building permits are public record and could be published without the bylaw, the article doesn't seem necessary, he said.

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PUMPKIN PATCH

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Clara McGuiggan has a blast in the Pumpkin Patch at Wheelwright Park on North Main Street. Proceeds from the sale of pumpkins benefit the Appalachia Service Project, a home-building ministry for the poor.

MBTA wants to stick with two-quad gates and median barriers

By Mary Ford
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The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority has dug its heels into the ground over the type of grade-crossing treatments along the Greenbush corridor.

In an extensive letter to the Army Corps of Engineers, which has jurisdiction over wetlands and historic impacts of the project, MBTA Director of Environmental Affairs Andrew Brennan stated in no uncertain terms that the safety of stand-alone, four-quad gates has not been proven and comparisons to other areas that use the technology aren't valid.

"Under no circumstances will the MBTA place the safety of the public in jeopardy."
—Andrew Brennan, MBTA

Greenbush towns have been unanimous in seeking four-quad gates — which use four arms to stop traffic instead of two — rather than the standard grade crossing treatments with median barriers. The towns feel four-quad gates are safer and eliminate the need for median barriers that could negatively impact neighborhoods.

The letter is likely to set off a new round of controversy over Greenbush.

"The MBTA is here to serve the citizens of Massachusetts," said Hingham Selectman Melissa Tully. "Their abstinence and unwillingness to look at this is not fulfilling that mission."

Brennan said four-quad gates taken alone, without median barriers, represents a technology that has not been sufficiently developed. Therefore, a two-quadrant gate system with medians is satisfactory from an operational and safety standpoint, and would not result in even more impacts to historic and aquatic resources.

He explained the inability to sound a whistle on a regular basis — because Greenbush is a "quiet zone" to reduce noise pollution — adds to the MBTA's concerns at grade crossings.

"While safety is paramount throughout the entire MBTA commuter rail system, it is even more important along the Greenbush corridor that all feasible measures are taken to create safe crossings," Brennan stated.

But Tully said tying four-quad gates with medians is "a red herring" and flies in the face of up-to-date railroad technology.

Pointing to a passenger rail engineering study from Delaware, Tully explained development of four-quad gate systems has been underway for years and the Federal Railroad Administration accepts them as fully proven. In fact, when cross traffic, such as driveways occur within 60 feet of the crossing gate – the FRA proposes four-quad gates be used.

"In fact a North Carolina study shows four-quad gates are much safer than two-quad gates and

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Town sees what's cooking

Selectmen hold public forum on Cook Estate plans

By Samantha Brown
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With Cedarmere and the town's proposed Cook Estate project, proposals for affordable housing for seniors are taking center stage.

Both Cedarmere, a 105-unit condo complex off Beechwood Street, and the Cook Estate project seek a special permit from the Planning Board under the town's new Senior Overlay District bylaw, which permits higher-density housing than would otherwise be allowed, and also requires the development include a percentage of affordable housing.

The Cook Estate project – being proposed by selectmen – would include 87-units of mixed, income housing off Sohier Street across from Fair Oaks Lane. Cedarmere, a private development, includes high-end condos and a separate apartment building with affordable units.

The Cook Estate units would consist of apartments and cluster houses, with a portion of the rental units being affordable for low-, moderate- and medium-income seniors. The town will impose design controls and buffer requirements to protect adjacent properties. Estimates are the tax revenue generated by the project, which would not add children to the schools, is about $300,000-$400,000 a year.

Selectmen conducted a public forum on the Cook Estate project Tuesday to answer questions and hear citizens' concerns.

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ZBA zeros in on Avalon affordability

By Mary Ford
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How affordable is affordable?

That's the question the Zoning Board of Appeals grappled with Saturday during a special deliberation session on the Avalon Bay project at Town Hall.

Chairman Woody Chittick explained the issue of whether Avalon sets aside 20 or 25 percent of its 200 apartments for affordable housing could hinge on what the ZBA feels the town's goals are for its citizens who work as firefighters or teachers, for example.

The guidelines from the state Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) say for 40-B projects, if 25 percent of the units set aside, they must be affordable for those making no more than 80 percent of the Boston area median income, or $50,100 for a family of two. With 20 percent of the units as affordable, the income threshold drops to a maximum of 50 percent of median or $32,300 for a two-person family.

Although with Avalon that means either 40 or 50 units will be affordable housing, because it is a rental project — all 200 units will "count" in the town's affordable housing inventory. In fact, if the ZBA gives Avalon a comprehensive permit that allows the complex to go ahead, the town would reach the 10 percent threshold set by the state and get out from under the threat of more 40-B projects, Chittick explained.

For that reason, the ZBA is

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PUPPY LOVE

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Emily Toomey, 10, givers her Boston terrier "Bess" a hug during the dog dress-up parade at the Farmers Market. For more photos, see page 19.

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Advisory Committee, Board of Health, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.

Harbor Committee, Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

Historical Commission, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, Nov. 12, 7 p.m., at the library.

Planning Board, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.

Selectmen, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Oct. 29, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Oct. 20, 8 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Selectmen sign purchase and sale

The Board of Selectmen have signed the purchase and sale agreement for the Cook Estate, so the process of due diligence can officially begin. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he has received bids from three companies and is ready to make a decision as to which he would like to go with. He hopes this part of the process will be completed by the end of October.

In a related matter, Selectman Tom Callahan has recused himself from some discussion surrounding the town's purchase of the Cook Estate property. Because his law firm recently merged, he has inherited a client who may put in a bid for the project. Therefore, Callahan will not be a part of any discussion regarding the request for proposals, price negotiations, and possibly matters pertaining to contracts.

Town receives recycling award

Selectmen and Recycling Committee member Merle Brown traveled to Worcester last week to accept a plaque on the town's behalf from the Massachusetts Recycling Committee for outstanding efforts in recycling.

Forums to focus on Straits Pond ecology

Through a series of public forums on the "Ecology of Straits Pond: A System Out of Balance," the Straits Pond Watershed Association plans to inform the public on management alternatives and issues for Straits Pond; solicit sufficient community input to develop a working consensus on a management plan; and present the results to the appropriate officials in Cohasset and Hull by December, 2003.

The forums will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays.

• Oct. 22 — "Things That Swarm and Things That Smell." Focus of this session will be midges and vegetation and an exploration of the options for making it better. Selectmen's Room in Cohasset.

• Oct. 29 — "Management Plan Options: Treating the Problem; not the symptoms." Louis B. Costa (Selectmen's Room) at the Hull Town Hall

• Nov. 10 — "Vision of the Next Steps." Louis B. Costa (Selectmen's Room) at the Hull Town Hall.

Forums will be carried live on town cable and re-broadcast on the other community's local cable. Check your local cable station for dates and times. For more information email viaspeech@comcast.net or visit the Straits Pond link on the Weir River Watershed Association's website: www.weirriver.org.

Townwide flu clinics

Townwide flu clinics will be held Saturday, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Ave.

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For more information, call Judy Fitzsimmons, RN Public Health Nurse at 781-383-2210. Please remember to wear a short sleeve shirt.

Senior Flu Clinics

Senior Flu Clinics are Tuesday 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Ave. and Thursday, Oct. 23 from 1-3 p.m. at Harborview Senior Housing Community Room, 60 Elm St. (behind Police/Fire station).

These Flu Clinics are open to all citizens of Cohasset over 65 years and for those who are at high risk. Some examples are; Asthma, Chronic Pulmonary Disease, Diabetes, Heart Disease. Please remember to wear a short sleeve shirt.

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"Right now, it's not required," said Haddad, adding that doesn't mean the current building inspector wouldn't provide them to the newspaper if asked. However, building inspectors can change, and he feels this is an important enough issue, that there should be something in writing to ensure publication is required in the future.

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"We don't like to reinvent the wheel," said Haddad, who said when something works in local government, it makes sense to keep it relatively the same for other towns.

Hingham publishes all building permits including those for interior alterations and re-roofing.

"We include every permit we've issued," said Virginia Thursby of the Hingham Building Department, because it's easier than sifting through all the permits, to pick out those that apply.

Building permits provide more than just permission to construct in an area. In fiscal year 2002, Cohasset took in $228,704 in revenue for various licenses and permits.

The building permit bylaw amendment is article 13 on the Warrant for the fall special Town Meeting. The article will be one of 18 to be addressed at the meeting, to be held Monday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium.

Grade realignment plan to take shape in schools

Task force prepares draft report on shift

By Samantha Brown
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While the first day of school is still fresh in everyone's minds, the School Committee is busy preparing for next fall, when students and staff could see some big changes in light of the reorganization plan slated to begin.

As a result of the renovation and addition projects at the schools, grade levels and program structures would shift to better accommodate students in the new facilities.

Members of a Task Force have been working for the past year on a report outlining potential changes to the schools. Groups of parents, teachers, support staff and administrators participated in the process.

"Reread it and have it at the tip of your tongues," said Supt. Edward Malvey of the draft. "This will be a beacon for the next few months."

With the reorganization would come a shift of grades in the schools. Next fall, Osgood is planned to house students in kindergarten through grade two, with third graders to move over to Deer Hill. Fourth and fifth grade students would remain at Deer Hill, but sixth graders would move up to the middle-high school. Students in grades nine through 12 would still be considered high school students.

With the move, the middle and high schools would become completely separate entities, sharing only the cafeteria, gymnasium, library and media center, and having entirely separate wings. The middle school and high school would operate under separate philosophies, and lower grades would try to operate in as much the same way as they currently are.

Of some concern is the issue of busing with the possible addition of sixth graders to the middle-high school routes. It may become necessary to add another bus to the fleet, but the School Committee will discuss that issue as the time draws closer. The cost for an additional bus would be roughly $60,000.

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— Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey

Additions to the staff for the middle school could include a new Dean of Students, or similar type administrator, one additional secretary, a nurse, a guidance counselor, and one team leader, which is estimated to cost roughly $166,500.

There will also need to be some discussion on whether to continue with interscholastic sports for students in grades seven and eight, and exclude grade six, or to have all middle high school grades participate in intramural sports.

"These issues are very important to parents," said Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts.

Malvey agreed sports are very important to the growth of students as they help build self-esteem, and assures they will be kept in the schools, although what form they will take is the main concern.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn recommended looking into how other towns operate in terms of sports at the intermediate level, to which member Mark DeGiacomo said he thought most other towns in the surrounding area do not have interscholastic sports before the high school level.

"We are one of the few schools who do it," he said, but the committee will discuss the matter further at a later date.

While the plans are still in draft form, Malvey hopes they will be finalized by January. The School Committee will vote on various aspects of the plan over the course of the next few months, but also intend to hold a public meeting specifically for the purpose of gaining adequate community input.

"It will also give the kindergarten parents a chance to come forward," said member Pat Martin, who added they may not have been a part of initial discussions if they didn't have a child in the school system at the time.

Flynn said he would like the committee to have 99 percent of its plan together before the public meeting so they would have some fairly concrete ideas to present to the community. No date for the meeting has been set at this time.

It's time to file for tax exemptions

The Cohasset Board of Assessors Office would like to notify property owners that it is time to file for fiscal year 2003 real estate tax exemptions. The qualification date is July 1, 2003. If you have filed since July 1, 2003, it is not necessary to file again. The following exemptions are available:

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- surviving spouse — $350 off

Clause 17D – also minors of deceased parents and persons over 70 years of age. There is no limit on income, but the value of your assets, excluding your home, must not exceed $40,000.

- disabled veterans — $500 off

Clause 22 – At least 10 percent disabled as determined by the Veterans Administration. Purple Heart Award recipients qualify, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross. Other exemptions are available for more seriously disabled veterans and paraplegic veterans.

- blind persons — $875 off

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Public safety purchases to be put before the voters

Ladder truck, radios, new alerting system on the agenda

By Samantha Brown
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In any emergency, response time is essential. That is why the Cohasset fire and police departments hope voters will approve funds for various pieces of equipment at the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting, which will help those on duty respond even more efficiently in a crisis situation.

The fire department needs a new ladder truck, as well as a new alerting system, which would benefit both departments by adding to the technology currently being used by dispatchers. Additional funding for completing construction will need to be approved as well.

Both the fire and police departments seek new departmental radios, and hope voters realize the importance they carry for those depending on them for communication during an emergency.

The fire department is currently using a 1978 ladder truck, which Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said is "severely restricted," and was due to be replaced two years ago.

Members of the department made a video tape for Selectmen, to show the condition of the old truck and explain just how vital a new truck is to the department's being well prepared to respond to emergencies.

Selectmen were surprised to see the ladder needed to be helped into position by three members of the department. Lincoln said the truck is restricted to a 45-degree angle when raising its ladder, and on the video, getting the ladder in place was a somewhat lengthy process considering every minute counts during an emergency.

There are also holes from rust in the truck and many other problems which naturally occur with older vehicles.

After seeing the video, Selectmen joked the truck should have antique plates and be driven only on the weekends.

If the article passes, the town would allocate $600,000 as a capital request for the purchase of a new truck, which could take between seven and eight months to be delivered, Lincoln said.

Alerting system

While the department waits for the new truck, it is possible a new alerting system could already be up and running. Construction is coming to a close on the fire department's side of the building, which is shared by both departments on Elm Street, and a Zetron alerting system could easily be installed while finishing touches are put on the space.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the original intention for the construction project was to put back the alerting system that had previously been in place, but once that system was removed, it was determined its condition was not satisfactory, and an upgrade would make the most sense to ensure the town's safety.

Because the two departments share a dispatcher, a new system would "Make dispatching more efficient," said Lincoln. New speakers would be installed throughout both buildings which would serve almost as an intercom, through which the dispatcher could alert all company members, in any area of the building, including the outside parking lot, of an emergency. There would be buttons located in certain areas throughout the building which, when pressed, confirm the message was received and responders can be on their way.

The new system would emit tones different from those the departments are used to, which would take some adjusting to. Tones, rather than bells, would sound in the case of an emergency, with different tone sequences given off for different kinds of emergencies. Lincoln said the new sound "notifies, but won't make people jittery," which loud bells often can, he said.

Current computer systems will not be replaced, but the addition of the Zetron system would increase the dispatcher's current capabilities. One feature to be added is an electronic board which will allow the dispatcher to monitor each vehicle on both departments through the use of colored lights. Each vehicle will be marked by a light and one quick glance would be all that is needed to indicate who is available to take a call.

Radios

In addition to the new alerting system, Police Chief Robert Jackson said his department will be receiving new technology in the form of 800 megahertz radios, which have already been purchased with grant money, and will include one base unit and two mobile units. The new radios will allow the department to communicate with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the state police.

Jackson hopes in addition to other requests, voters will pass a capital request which will buy new departmental radios for both the police and fire departments. The fire department has asked for roughly $60,000 to purchase a brand new set of radios, which will replace the current set to enable all radios to work together, not only within it's own department, but with other mutual responders. Lincoln said he will be looking to purchase both a central base unit to be located at dispatch, and mobile radios for department members.

If the article passes, the town would allocate $600,000 as a capital request for the purchase of a new truck, which could take between seven and eight months to be delivered.

Jackson said last year, he had to replace one of his department's mobile radios after a catastrophic failure occurred, and will be asking for funding this year for six mobile units for cruisers and one compatible base station for a rough total of $33,000. Jackson said the department would use $5,400 collected from seizures to help with the purchase of the radios.

Older radios don't have the power necessary to be able to communicate in some of the new, larger buildings in town. For example, the new Sunrise Assisted Living building poses some concern to the departments because the radio waves of those inside cannot penetrate through the thick concrete walls to the outside, making communication impossible. Lincoln said during a fire, if someone on the department got lost in the halls and wasn't able to radio out for help, it could be a very dangerous situation.

"We need ultra-high frequencies to penetrate," Lincoln said, and with the upgrade, communication will be greatly enhanced.

While Haddad said he hopes the fire department will be fully operational out of its Elm Street headquarters within the next three weeks, residents will have to vote to allocate funds to pay for the changes in construction plans as well as the installation of the new alerting system, which will total roughly $90,000.

At last March's Annual Town Meeting, Haddad said $800,000 was allocated for the total construction project, based on the bids received prior to the meeting. After construction began, it was determined the original increase of two feet to the height of the roof would not be enough to accommodate future and existing apparatus, and would have to be raised an additional eight inches to "accommodate future fire needs," said Haddad.

When the roof was removed, it was determined there was no bond beam support holding up the roof, which would need to be included in the construction cost as well. The total cost of the additional height, bond beam, and electrical work came to $74,000.

With the added construction, the town had to rent out the former Graham Waste building as temporary headquarters for the fire department for an additional two months, at a cost of $7,000.

"We really were careful moving forward," Haddad said, but some costs don't show themselves until after the process has begun.

Chief Jackson said contractors told him they are aiming to be done with the majority of renovations by Nov. 4. While there could still be "punch list" items to be taken care of, he said he is optimistic construction will be done by then.

While he admits it has been somewhat of a challenge working day to day with contractors coming in and out, Jackson said the contractors have been really great to work with.

The majority of Selectmen voted to support allocating funds for the remainder of construction on the fire building including the new alerting system, with Merle Brown abstaining. All voted to support both departments receiving new radios.

Emergency help is on the way

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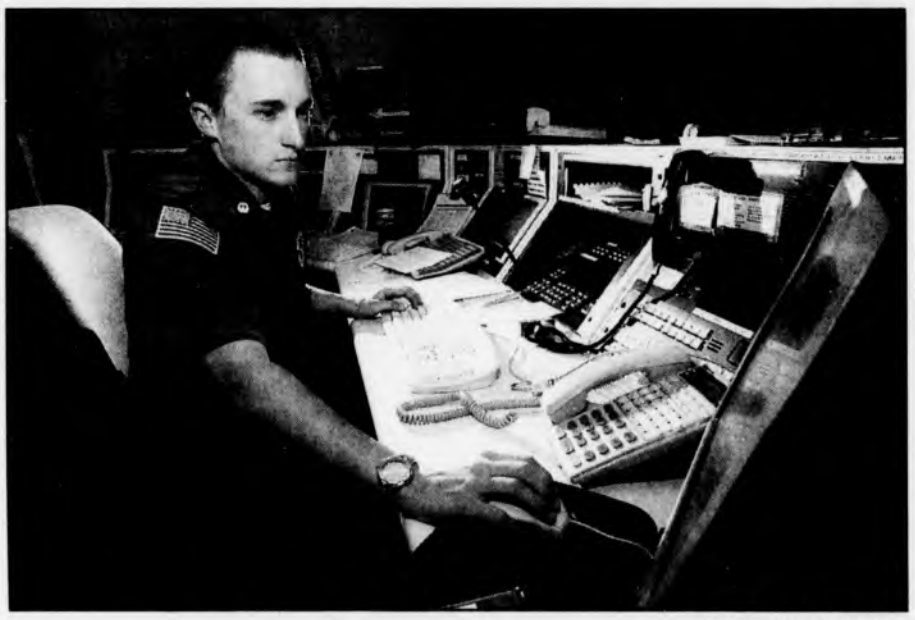

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Chris Grant mans the emergency dispatch center at the police-fire headquarters off Elm Street.

When there is an emergency, police officers and firefighters rush to the scene, ready to respond at a moment's notice. However, behind the scenes are the dispatchers, who serve as the backbone of the entire operation, coordinating help while providing assurance to those with a crisis that there is a person on the other end of the phone doing all they can to make sure help is on its way.

At the Cohasset police department, a large desk lights up with various computer screens, control panels, phones, monitors, and buttons, to aid dispatchers in their job. Currently, there are six full time dispatchers and one "floater" to fill in when needed. Shifts run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 4 p.m. to midnight, and midnight to 8 a.m., providing service to residents 24 hours a day.

Whether it be medical assistance, a fire, a burglary, or a bank alarm, dispatchers need to know how to handle each and every call that comes their way, and remain calm while doing so. Dispatch Supervisor Thomas Wigmore said as a dispatcher, it is important to remember that people are calling because they need help. Sometimes people call for small reasons, even to ask which days the dump is open, but it is still imperative that each and every call is handled with importance.

Because both the police and fire departments share a dispatcher, there can be times when multiple calls come in, but specific procedures have to be followed to the letter, even when things get busy. Wigmore said every new dispatcher goes through intensive training to make sure they can handle any emergency situation, and he personally tries to hold a session every two months, alternating between fire and police dispatching needs, to make sure everyone is working to the best of their ability.

"It's not just answering phones anymore," he said.

Dispatchers have an array of technology at their disposal, to help organize the many responsibilities they have. While they are responsible for answering phone calls, they must also know who is calling and from where. They must be able to gather all information necessary to ensure the proper aid is dispatched. They must also be able to give help on the line and remain calm, no matter how dire the situation may seem on the other end.

Once responders are on the scene, dispatchers make sure they have everything they need, including contacting any utilities that may need to shut off service in a particular area while rescue crews work. They also watch out for any alert messages that could mean a responder is in trouble. Portable radios have panic buttons that alert dispatchers of trouble when pressed. The radio lets dispatchers know the name of the officer, which comes up on a screen back at the station. While Wigmore said usually panic buttons are pressed by accident, sometimes there will be an officer down who needs assistance and the dispatcher must be able to get that person immediate help.

"If you've got three guys working, three guys need to come home," he said.

Dispatchers also need to know who to call if the ambulance is in service somewhere else, and who to call for backup if extra help is needed.

"It's a lot for a dispatcher to take care of," Wigmore said.

In addition, dispatchers monitor other towns to stay on top of who can cover for Cohasset if need be, or who Cohasset might be called in to assist. There is also a camera which feeds to a monitor at the dispatch desk, so dispatchers can keep an eye on anyone in the cells. Wigmore said it is an uncommon occurrence to even have someone in a cell, but it has happened and there have been problems which needed to be addressed in the past.

When a call comes in, a small screen tells dispatchers where it is coming from. When answering the phone, certain tones can notify dispatchers if a person hung up before their call was answered, distinguishing it from others that may have a caller who is unable to respond on the other end. If, for example, a baby got hold of a phone and pushed the buttons by accident and the mother hung up the phone, the dispatcher would be able to tell that call was different from one where an injured person may have dialed the numbers and was not able to respond, which would sound like a dead line on their end. Whenever there is a hang up call, dispatchers call the home back and always send an officer, even if the caller says everything is alright, just to make sure there is no emergency situation.

Most calls are answered at the dispatch center in the police station, however, sometimes multiple calls come in at a time and it is possible for them to "fall through the cracks" if no one is available to answer.

"It gets busy in here," Wigmore said.

However, because the system is designed to be answered, the caller does not get disconnected, they are merely automatically transferred to another town's line to be answered there. The

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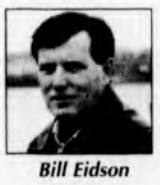

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Political signs to be included on warrant

Town counsel examines bylaw constitutionality

By Samantha Brown
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Voters at the fall special Town Meeting will have a political sign bylaw to vote on, which has been written to ensure the town of Cohasset does not violate the right to free speech guaranteed in the First Amendment.

Selectmen Fred Koed said the town of Braintree had to rewrite its political sign bylaw after a very similar bylaw to theirs was found to be unconstitutional. Because political signs were treated differently from other similar signs in that town's bylaw, it was changed so as not to inhibit free speech.

Koed thought in light of those findings, it was important to take a close look at Cohasset's proposed bylaw to make sure it was not guilty of the same offense.

"Free speech is one of the issues," Koed said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said Town Counsel was contacted and the proposed bylaw has been reworked. He said hopefully the voters will pass the new bylaw as it stands.

"The bylaw must be in compliance," and Town Counsel made sure of that, he said.

The proposed bylaw will amend the definition of a political sign to become "Any sign on which a person's candidacy for public office is announced or advertised or which expresses the view of the owner or occupant on a matter of public concern."

In addition to the definition change, no signs except a posting or identification sign, smaller than two square feet, or a political sign attached to a building or in a front yard, will be permitted without first obtaining a building permit from the Building Inspector.

Various amendments clarifying how certain signs should be classified by the town are also included in the article.

Koed said the new proposed bylaw will be reviewed by Selectmen before the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting "To make sure it accomplishes what we want it to accomplish."

Avalon site cleanup goes public

The site of the proposed Avalon 200-unit housing development has been designated as a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) site under the state Chapter 21E hazardous waste site cleanup regulations.

"This means that the site owner, Westwood Properties, must prepare a Public Involvement Plan which shall be presented at a public hearing which must be held no later than Nov. 21," Water Commission Chairman John McNabb said in a prepared statement.

"Now, the environmental review of the site and all cleanup activities are a public process," he said. "The town and the public now have a right to review and comment on all stages of the review and cleanup of the toxic chemicals on the Avalon site."

The site was designated as a PIP site on request of the Water Commission and 10 other Cohasset residents who submitted a PIP petition to Westwood Properties on Sept. 8.

"There are potentially serious levels of contamination in the soil and groundwater at the site, which is a state 21E hazardous waste site" McNabb said. "Since this site is in the watershed for Lily Pond, our public drinking water supply, the Water Commission wants to make sure that, whatever happens on this property, that the hazardous waste is properly cleaned up."

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— John McNabb, chairman

McNabb said an environmental study of the site released Aug. 22 detected 108 parts per billion (ppb) of trichloroethylene, a toxic chemical, in groundwater on the site. The drinking water standard is five ppb.

"They have also found 142 ppb of tetrachloroethylene, also very far above the standard of 5 ppb, in the groundwater," he said.

"Public oversight of this site is essential because until earlier this year both the site owner and the state were not evaluating the site under drinking water standards," McNabb said. "Because of repeated requests to the state to make sure that this site is cleaned up to drinking water standards, the DEP finally in March ordered that drinking water standards be followed."

"It seems every time this area, which has been an industrial area for over 50 years, is studied that more contaminants are found," he said. "We also want to make sure that before any construction starts on this site that all the contaminants have been removed and that the site is no longer a threat to future residents of the site or to our drinking water."

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out of town departments can then either respond themselves to the call or relay the message back to Cohasset, but ultimately the dispatcher needs to be on top of all situations to know who is available to respond. Wigmore said Cohasset sometimes receives calls from Hull or Scituate when those towns are flooded with calls.

"I like the aspect of dispatchers actually working the call," Wigmore said, adding many large cities have call centers, which work much like an answering service, and are there only to process the incoming call on to various dispatchers. Dispatchers then send the call on to the individual departments in terms of priority, but the call has to go through many people just to be answered. In Cohasset, and many surrounding towns, police and fire calls fall under the same umbrella, meaning the person who answers the phone knows where members of both departments are, who to call if responders need additional help, and who to call if all responding units are tied up somewhere else. In addition, dispatchers need to make sure responders are safe and be ready at a moment's notice to call for backup if it is needed.

Even with all the technology available to dispatchers, Wigmore said he is hoping voters at town meeting will approve funds for a new alerting system for the combined station, which could help improve communication between dispatchers and the departments.

The new system would be an addition to the equipment dispatchers already have. A new board would be installed which would have vehicles for the departments represented in lights, so at first glance a dispatcher would be able to tell who was available for a call. A new speaker system would ensure tones could be heard throughout both stations, and buttons would be located in various positions around the station, which responders would hit to confirm they received the message. The new speakers would allow for clear communication from the dispatcher to those responding.

"It's imperative that you have good police and fire communication," he said.

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Town boards provide opinions on Cook Estate

Trails, special toilets proposed

By Samantha Brown
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Residents aren't the only ones weighing in on the proposed development on the Cook Estate. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he has received valuable feedback from both the Board of Health and the Open Space Committee, which will help aid the town in completing the draft of the request for proposals.

Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo was present at Tuesday's public hearing for the Cook Estate development, and said while listening to the proposal, one of his two major concerns had already been addressed.

Selectmen had discussed including some kind of walking trail around the property, which would allow those living in the development to have easy walking access to the shopping center, and perhaps the town library. Bobo said he was very pleased to hear that, because the Board of Health has been working hard on getting a Rails with Trails program set up, which would provide walking trails adjacent to the tracks of the Greenbush line, and he hopes the development's trails could somehow connect with those by the train.

Another concern Bobo had was whether an innovative wastewater disposal plan had been conceived for the project. He suggested including composting toilets into the design stage of the development, as a way to eliminate ground water discharge and keep nitrogen out of Lily Pond.

If the development ended up with 95 units of housing, a wastewater disposal design for roughly 14,000 gallons a day would be required, based on the estimate of 150 gallons per day per unit. While one-bedroom units could perhaps be brought down to a little more than 10,000 gallons a day, once the flow exceeds 10,000, a groundwater discharge permit needs to be issued by the state, and a wastewater treatment plant would need to be constructed. Even with a treatment plant, Bobo said some nitrogen would be discharged into Lily Pond, and composting toilets could eliminate many potential problems.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said because composting toilets are "not the norm," it is important to take the marketability of units into consideration.

However, Bobo said composting toilets have come a long way and "they look just like regular toilets."

"They used to be a glorified privy," he said, but now. "They sanitize themselves every time you flush the things."

Bobo said he has spoken with a composting toilet representative, who has agreed to come with Bobo to town meeting to show residents a sample composting toilet.

The Open Space Committee offered praise for Selectmen and their efforts to acquire the Cook property "in order to control development," as well as suggestions on how to make the most of the development.

The committee feels the preliminary design plans for the property are not appropriate because it will not provide much in the way of an alternative from what is already offered at 100 Pond Street, Wheelwright Estates, and Cedarledge Village.

The Open Space Committee would like to see a development created in the same fashion a New England village might. They would like to see buildings more clustered, to provide a sense of a close-knit community rather than a strip subdivision, and would also conserve land.

Collectively, the Open Space Committee envisions front porches instead of garage doors facing the street, with neighborhoods facing a center point and placement of buildings that could section off outdoor rooms, providing a feeling of interconnectedness for those who live there.

The Open Space Committee has suggested Selectmen take a look at Battle Road Farm in Lincoln, and Human Services Campus in Falmouth, to get ideas on how a village-type setting could be accomplished in Cohasset. Selectmen said they will take all suggestions under advisement.

Town sees what's cooking

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If voters approve the project at the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting and an appropriate developer can be found, a simultaneous closing between the town, developer and realtor would take place in summer 2004. The simultaneous closing would eliminate the need for the town to provide the funds to purchase the 22-acre Cook Estate property, which is valued at $4.5 million.

Ensuring the project is truly affordable surfaced as a key issue at Tuesday's forum.

Peter Pratt, who was at the meeting citizen and not in his Planning Board role, said he would like to see the town demand a higher level of affordability.

"Can the widow Jones sell her cape that she's had for 30 years and live here?" he said.

Pratt said he would like to see Selectmen "set your top line priorities," and of utmost concern should be affordable housing. He thinks the town should provide alternatives for seniors so they don't have to leave when they decide to downsize. The plans need to take a look at whether selling a home to move into one of the smaller units on the Cook Estate makes financial sense. " This isn't everyone's idea of affordable housing," Pratt said.

But Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said many seniors could make an average of $700,000 from the sale of their homes and would therefore, not qualify for affordable housing. She suggested varying the price of some "for sale" units.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said higher affordability, including possibly two or three levels of prices for those units for sale could be somehow written into the language of the RFP, to help guide developers.

Karen Quigley, 27 Clay Spring Road, said if she had her way, there would be no development in her backyard, but said if something needs to go forward, the town should be very specific in steering developers toward coming up with a design that will fit the needs of the town, including a wide variety of affordable housing.

"There aren't a lot of options for lower income families to purchase," she said, adding that with rents so high, many seniors "might as well stay in their homes."

Selectmen said restrictions will be written into the RFP which developers would need to abide by. Developers can be selected based on a number of weighted criteria, which includes the quality of the design, the ability to complete the project based on a set timetable, the quality of affordable housing, and the financial gain to the town. If the developer's bid price would not cover all the costs associated with the town's purchase of the property, that developer would not be considered.

Other concerns for abutters included the boundaries surrounding the project. One parcel of land across the street near the Fairoaks neighborhood will be set aside as conservation land, which will provide a permanent buffer from the development. Other areas surrounding the property, have also been set aside as buffer zones which are mostly wetlands areas.

While the plans shown at the hearing are preliminary, having feedback provided valuable information as to what would be acceptable for abutters, selectmen said.

David Crawford, 64 Old Pasture Road, suggested moving one of the two three-story buildings, which would house affordable apartments, to a location closer to Stop and Shop. Many abutters said because of the wetlands surrounding the Cook property, the woods are not that dense and neighbors would clearly be able to see the new development from their homes. While landscaping could be done to help provide a buffer zone, developers will ultimately come up with their own designs and buildings could me much different from what was shown on Tuesday night.

Haddad said, perc tests will determine where buildings can be located and the plans could change and the land would be staked so abutters have a clear idea of where buildings can be placed.

Plans are to combine the 22.4-acre Cook estate the adjacent 9.8-acre parcel the town owns near Stop & Shop and Red Fox Lane.

The purchase of the Cook property, which is subject to Town Meeting authorization, would be contingent on the town being able to find an acceptable buyer for the combined property, Haddad explained.

Zoning Board of Appeals zeros in on Avalon affordability

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leaning away from asking Avalon to reduce the size of the project to 150 or 175 units.

Chapter 40B is the state affordable housing law that allows developers to skirt local zoning bylaws, such as housing density, in exchange for providing 20 or 25 percent of the project as affordable housing. Towns with less than 10 percent of their housing stock deemed affordable by state standards — meaning the units are deed restricted and receive a state subsidy — are vulnerable to 40B projects. Cohasset currently has 76 units of affordable housing out of about 2,700 households.

What the ZBA does not want to do is eliminate the potential for number of local citizens who need affordable housing but might make more than $32,000 but less than $50,000 to qualify for housing. About 70 percent of Avalon's affordable units could be given "local preference" to Cohasset residents or people who work in town.

Chittick said he discussed the issue with Town Manager Mark Haddad who said more town employees would qualify for housing at 80 percent of median.

In order to keep the number of children down in the project, the ZBA is also considering asking Avalon to eliminate all the three-bedroom units in the project. Chittick said it was a condition the selectmen feel strongly about because they are concerned about adding an influx of new children to the schools.

The ZBA may also ask AvalonBay to include a daycare center in its plans to build an apartment complex off Route 3A. Also on the table are sidewalks along Route 3A and up Sohier Street, mosquito control in the storm-water retention ponds and catch basins, organic landscaping, location of the school bus stop, pedestrian crossings across 3A, and walking and biking trails connecting to Thayer and Whitney Woods, to name a few.

The ZBA also discussed reducing the grade of the driveway into the complex from 8 to 6 percent as a safety measure and the potential for a traffic light at Sohier Street.

The ZBA closed the yearlong Avalon hearing last month and has until Oct. 26 to reach a decision without an extension that Avalon would have to agree to.

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MBTA wants to stick with two-quad gates and median barriers

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median barriers," she said.

Four-quad gates fully block a motorist from entering a crossing and deter them from driving around a lowered gate to beat the train.

Tully said new technology equips four-quad gates with detector systems and special circuits so the exit gate won't lower if a vehicle is between the gates.

But according to the MBTA, only 80 out of 247,000 grade crossings in the United States use four-quad gates and only eight use the combination of four-quad gates, no median barriers and no whistles. Some of those are in rural areas.

"This sample is not statistically significant enough for the MBTA to determine that the use of the experimental technology has been adequately tested and that the MBTA can be certain that the safety of the railroad, our passengers, our crews or the people living, working and traveling along the corridor who may be affected by a railroad accident, will not be compromised.

"Under no circumstances will the MBTA place the safety of the public in jeopardy," Brennan stated.

He explained that safety issues associated with four-quad gates also create operational issues. To ensure trains stop before hitting a car caught on the tracks by the four-gate system, the gates would need to be lowered 90 seconds longer than with standard gates. This would triple the length of time gates are down, and therefore, increase traffic congestion and the risk drivers would try to avoid the gate system.

"The driver's expectation the gates will be down for only a short period of time is one of the primary reasons the MBTA experiences fewer cars driving around the gates than in a typical freight railroad," Brennan said.

The MBTA conducted a study for more than a year at Wales Street in Abington using a four-quad gate system with 15-foot medians because the roadway geometry at the site limited the length of the medians. But because longer medians would be required and Abington is not whistle-free complicate the results when applied to Greenbush, Brennan said.

Tully, the Hingham selectman, described the five-year-old MBTA study as outdated and flawed. She stressed that four-quad gates aren't only for cars, but can stop a pedestrian or cyclist from crossing the tracks in front of an oncoming train.

"The MBTA's stance on this is unconscionable," she said. "They are risking lives of the people in these towns."

The MBTA also does not think the issue of four-quad gates warrants a corridor study analyzing each grade crossing as suggested at the Army Corps hearing on the issue in September.

"First, it is not the MBTA's position that four-quadrant gates are inappropriate on just the grade crossings along the Greenbush corridor," Brennan said. "It is the MBTA's position that the use of four-quadrant gates, particularly without median barriers, is inappropriate on the entire MBTA commute rail system at this time."

He explained the corridor study would raise the expectation the MBTA views some crossings as appropriate for this treatment, when it believes that they are not yet appropriate anywhere in the MBTA system.

But Tully said the MBTA's motivation is cost and that new railroad systems across the country are studying grade-crossing treatments on a crossing-by-crossing basis.

"The MBTA is only looking at a low-technology, low-cost system," she said. Tully pointed out each Greenbush grade crossing is different and therefore, each needs to be looked at individually to see what works best. An example is the Hersey-South-North-Thaxter streets crossing in Hingham that with two-quad gates and a series of medians creates a complicated situation that would be totally unsafe to motorists and emergency vehicles alike, she said.

"All we want is to protect our citizens and for the MBTA to come to the table with an open and willing mind to work with us," Tully said.

Cohasset Town Manager Mark Haddad agreed a corridor study is needed because of the unusual configurations at certain crossings, such as Pleasant Street near the Strawberry Parfait. "They should be looked at on a case-by-case basis," he said.

Brennan said the MBTA does not believe the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement [under the National Historic Preservation Act] allows the Army Corps to supercede the MBTA's decisions of this critical safety element of the project.

"The Army Corps would need to require the MBTA to use these treatments with no medians as a permit condition, since the MBTA will not acquiesce to the use of these crossing treatments," Brennan stated.

Haddad said the towns did an outstanding job of stressing the importance of four-quad gates before the Army Corps.

"Now it's up to the Army Corps to make a decision so we're not here 26 years from now having the same debate," he said.

The Greenbush line is the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration Project and is expected to return commuter trail from Weymouth to Scituate in 2005. The Plymouth and Middleboro lines resumed service in 1997.

Paramedics become town-based

SSH to terminate hospital program

By Mary Ford
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"We stepped up to the plate when there was no paramedic service. Clearly the towns want their own community-based service and we're happy to step aside."
— Scott Picard, South Shore Hospital

Come January, the South Shore Hospital-based paramedic program will be history.

That means the advanced life support SUV – which has been a common sight in area towns — will no longer be rolling to accident sites or to meet local ambulances.

But this is actually a good news story for South Shore towns, says hospital spokesman Scott Picard.

"We stepped up to the plate when there was no paramedic service," he said. "Clearly the towns want their own community-based service and we're happy to step aside."

Picard said the service started in 1992 in response to a community health need and now ALS (Advanced Life Support) has undergone a successful transition to the communities. He said the hospital would continue to be a partner with the towns in terms of medical direction, continuing education and quality assurance.

The ALS unit out of the hospital provided paramedic care to 16 communities at its peak in the mid-90s and received more than 6,000 requests for service, treating more than 3,600 patients per year.

Back in 1990, an ALS study committee met with fire chiefs and town officials serviced by the hospital to develop a plan to provide better emergency medical coverage to the region. At that time, the consensus was the most cost effective and efficient solution was to provide paramedics to the towns through a regional service operating out of the hospital.

But that was before towns had full-time paramedics.

"The service started about 10 years ago when none of the towns had their own paramedics," Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln recalled. "The South Shore Hospital paramedics were the only paramedic service we had."

He said over the years, the towns started employing their own paramedics. Cohasset, which now has nine paramedics, was using the hospital-based service less and less, Lincoln says.

Hingham Fire Chief William Johnson puts it more succinctly.

"We basically put them out of business," he says. Back in 1998 no fire departments in the metropolitan-Boston area had their own paramedic service. At that time, Johnson, along with then Scituate Chief James Breen, planned to transition to a paramedic service. The two towns became the first in the Boston-area to offer fire department-based paramedics.

Hingham now has 22 paramedics out an authorized strength of 52 firefighters, and provides paramedic service 24-7. Within a month, Hingham plans to have a second-response team available anytime the ambulance is tied up. That team would respond to the call in a fire truck and begin ALS service with transport to the hospital provided by mutual aid if the Hingham ambulance is unavailable.

Johnson says having community based paramedic service brings the modern emergency room to the doorstep, in fact in some parts of the country, ambulances are now called MIC (Mobile Intensive Care) units. He adds that all Hingham paramedics are cross-trained as firefighters.

Lincoln said statistics show Cohasset was using the hospital-based service 12 percent of the time.

"It was an efficient and good service," he said. "But sometimes it had to travel a long distance adding to response time or was unavailable."

Cohasset Town Manager Mark Haddad along with Cohasset Selectman Ronnie McMorris and Chief Lincoln set transitioning to a paramedic service as a priority about six years ago.

"It enables us to provide quicker care for our residents," Haddad said.

Cohasset ambulance receipts "pre-paramedic" ran at about $100,000-$125,000 and now they are upwards of $300,000 a year. "Paramedic service is more than paying for itself," Haddad said.

In Hingham, prior to town paramedics, ambulance receipts were about $150,000 a year and now they are $400,000, said Johnson, adding Hingham has been using the hospital-based paramedic service "very rarely."

Lincoln, the Cohasset chief, sees community based paramedic service as a life-saving service because of shortened response times. "Time is of the essence and people have a better chance of survival," he said.

Cohasset is operating under a waiver from Emergency Medical Service Region 4, allowing it to operate with one paramedic and one EMT per shift. Once the hospital-based service ends, Cohasset will operate with two paramedics on each shift — temporarily covering the added cost through overtime. Cohasset will add a 10th paramedic soon and hopes to have 12 full-time paramedics on board within a year, Lincoln said. In addition to the nine firefighter/paramedics, the Cohasset Fire Department employs 10 firefighter/EMTs and five firefighters for a manpower total of 24.

The Dec. 31 date to stop the hospital's ALS service is conditional on the towns of Hanover and Norwell obtaining paramedic waivers and initiating their own ALS service.

South Shore Hospital will continue to provide medical control to the community based ambulance services and all community based paramedics will be required to participate in the hospital's quality assurance activities. The hospital will also continue to provide monthly education programs and skills maintenance review for all community-based paramedics.

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Cohasset's Paul Cotter named to National Honor Society

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

DAR NEWS

The Col. Thomas Lothrop-Old Colony Chapter DAR of Cohasset and Hingham enjoyed eating lunch with the students of Hillside School in Marlboro last week. The Chief Justice Cushing Chapter from Scituate joined the Lothrop-Old Colony Chapter in getting acquainted with the boys as well as having a conducted tour of the campus. The boys who are enrolled are from grades five through nine. The DAR contributes to the support of Hillside School.

HAUNTED HAYRIDE

How about a Haunted Halloween Hayride? Kids small and large can have some Halloween fun and benefit the Our World Children's Museum at the same time! On Saturday, Oct. 18, weefolks can bob for apples, decorate pumpkins, do arts and crafts and enjoy a hayride from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Slightly older kids can take a hayride through open moors and past a cemetery and explore a haunted barn from 5:30-9:30. The fun is being sponsored by St. John Masonry and Aqua Turf Hydroseeding.

Pickup for the event is at the town highway garage off Cedar Street; parking at the recycling-transfer station. The cost is $10 in advance; $12 at the door. Call 781-383-0666 t purchase. The money goes to Our World. This sounds like a fun, creepy and worthwhile event, all wrapped up into one!

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Hats off to the following Cohasset residents who received undergraduate degrees from UMass Amherst last spring: **Kayleen Devine, William P. Kearney, Alexander O. Schwerin**, and **Ryan J. Story**. Congratulations to all of you on a job very well done.

AT DARTMOUTH

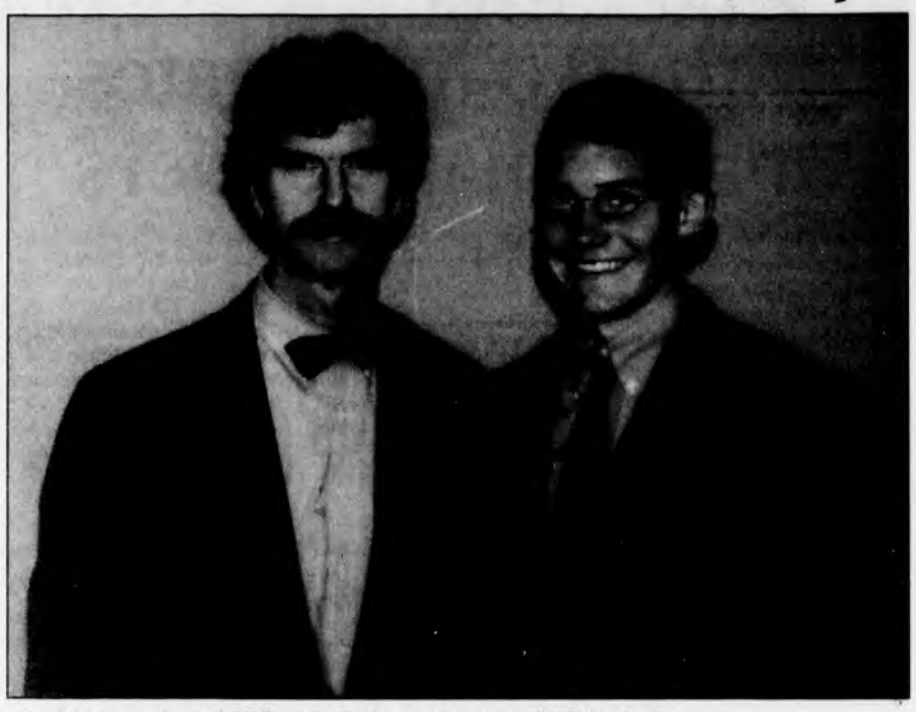
Way to go, Elizabeth. **Elizabeth Anne Reynolds**, daughter of **Jack and Elizabeth Reynolds**, has enrolled as a member of the Class of 2007 at Dartmouth College.

COMMENDED STUDENT

Alanna Hughes, daughter of **Lauren Souza** and **Bruce Hughes** and a senior at Phillips Academy in Andover, has been named a Commended Student in the 2004 National Merit Scholarship Program. To earn this honor, Alanna placed among the top 5 percent of the more than one million students who entered the 2004 competition. She is among 34,000 students throughout the nation who will received Letters of Commendation in recognition of their exceptional academic promise.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Paul B. Cotter, son of **Dr. Paul and Margaret Cotter** of Cohasset and a junior at St. Sebastian's School in Needham has been inducted into the National Honor Society. Students with a minimum 85 percent grade point average, who complete an essay application and have the support of their teachers and advisor, are eligible to apply for this honor. Great work, Paul!



Paul Cotter, right, with William L. Burke, headmaster at St. Sebastian's.

'ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Attention Cohasset Sailing Club Members "Docks Out" Saturday, Oct. 25, 9a.m. - 1p.m.. The club needs your help pulling out the docks. Any time you can give is appreciated ! All dinghies must be out before Oct. 24 or locks will need to be cut. Any questions call **Brian Connors** at 781-383-1916. Thank you ! Please book your calendars for this date and give a helping hand!

TALKING WALLS!

On Oct. 16, **Tom Gruber**, Historical Society vice president will present "If Walls Could Talk: The Wilson House Restoration Project." Located in the village center at 2 Elm St., the Capt. John Wilson House was the first headquarters building of the Cohasset Historical Society and today, serves as one of its museums. Built in 1810, the house was deemed in need of repair and restoration. Mr. Gruber has been intimately involved in this project and will bring us up to date on the project's progress as well reveal what secrets the house has given up during this process. The program will be held at the Society's headquarters at the Pratt Building, 100 South Main St. at 7:30 p.m.. The program is free and the public is welcome to attend.

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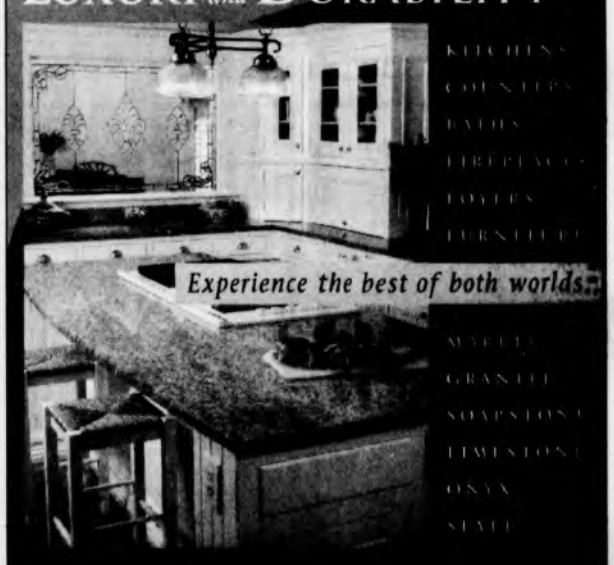

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AROUND TOWN

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POST PROM RECRUITMENT

The 2004 Post Prom Committee has begun to recruit members. The next important meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the CMHS Library. We look forward to seeing anyone interested in supporting this event. Look for future Post Prom announcements in this weekly Mariner column.

ALL-SCHOOL PSO MEETS

A reminder to all parents and staff of Cohasset Public Schools that there will be an all-school Cohasset PSO meeting next Wednesday, Oct. 22 in the Cohasset High School Library at 7:15 p.m. All are encouraged to attend as this is a forum for you to come to and bring your thoughts, ideas and questions.

CONGO CAPERS

Hey everyone, make sure to mark your calendars for the Congo Capers Musical Revue! The cast and crew are hard at work putting together another phenomenal Broadway musical revue which features many of Cohasset's finest performing and doing some of their craziest things. The dates for this wonderful and fun-filled event are Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 15. Both shows are being held in the Cohasset High School Auditorium and tickets are $10 per person. To purchase tickets, call 781- 383-0345, buy them from a cast member or you may purchase them at the door.(if their are any left!) Just to be sure, make it a point to get your tickets early to this terrific show!

FALL TOUR AT HOLLY HILL

This Saturday, Oct. 18 from 1-3:30 p.m., Holly Hill Farm is hosting a Fall Tour. Come and meet the farmers who brought all those delicious vegetables and flowers this past season. Learn about "organic" and why it is good for you, see the fields, barns, trails and tractors. Donations to this event made to "Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc" are gratefully accepted. Holly Hill Farm is located at 236 Jerusalem Road and you may call 781-383-1455 with any questions. This sounds like a wonderful and informative event for the whole family.

That is all for this week. Make sure to have your news to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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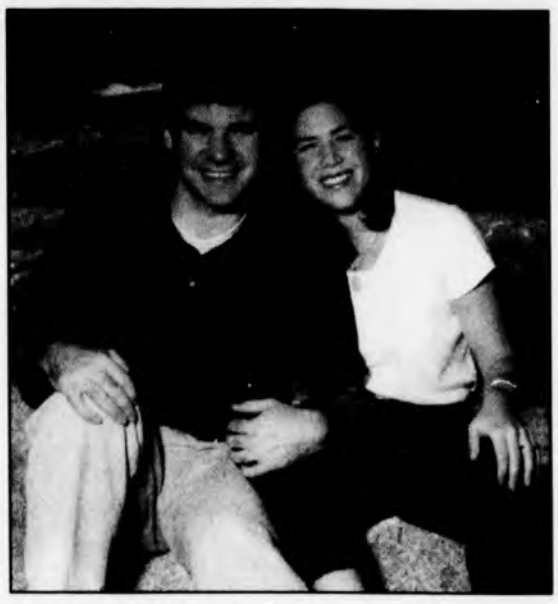

Robin Elizabeth Haynes and Matthew Francis Teague

Haynes - Teague

Mrs. William Edwin Haynes of Cohasset announces the engagement of her daughter, Robin Elizabeth Haynes to Matthew Francis Teague, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis David Teague of Hingham. Ms Haynes is also the daughter of the late William Edwin Haynes.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School. She earned a bachelor of music degree at the University of New Hampshire and a master of music at the Longy School of Music in Cambridge. She is employed as a music teacher at Derby Academy in Hingham, and as a professional musician.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Hingham High School and Boston College. He is employed as a senior software engineer at Mass. Financial Services in Boston.

A July 2004 is planned.

BUSINESS NOTES

Hanron joins King Jewelers staff

King Jewelers, Inc., announces the addition of Mary Jane Hanron to the staff of the company which has served South Shore Clients with diamonds and fine jewelry since 1921. Prior to moving to King Jewelers, Hanron built and maintained a large and loyal following at Tiffany and Co. at Copley Place, Boston. Her 14 years in the fine jewelry salon at Tiffany were preceded by several years as the store manager for Shreve Crump and Low in Braintree, and as a fine watch and jewelry buyer at Shreve's flagship store.

She began her career in retail at Bloomingdale's in Chestnut Hill where she developed a lifelong love of the jewelry industry. While employed there, she also held positions in personnel, training and development, sales and management.

A graduate of Boston University, Hanron holds a degree from the College of Communications and does a wide range of freelance writing. A contributor to various publications, Hanron's byline has appeared often in the community newspapers. Charitable institutions are another area of significant interest for Hanron. She is a member of several organizations that fund cancer research and provide support to those afflicted with the disease. She also devotes time and effort to children's charities and community outreach. Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Habitat for Humanity and Children's Hospital are a few organizations for which she volunteers.

King Jewelers was established in 1921 and has served fine jewelry and gift needs of more than three generations of clients from Scituate and Cohasset, Hingham and surrounding towns. For more information, please visit the store or call 781-383-1755, Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thursdays until 7 p.m.; and Saturdays until 5 p.m.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

It's about saving lives

Over the past decade South Shore Hospital's paramedic SUV has become a familiar sight to many of us. "P-1" and its sister SUV "P-2" transported hospital-based paramedics to the scene of accidents or met local ambulances en route to the hospital so the ill or injured could receive critically needed Advanced Life Support.

But at the end of this year, South Shore Hospital will no longer provide paramedic service to area towns because it's no longer needed.

That's because community fire departments have made providing their own paramedic service to their citizens a priority — which means those who need Advanced Life Support are getting the life-saving service faster.

It's an amazing transition considering as recently as 1998, no fire departments in the Boston metropolitan area had paramedic service.

Those thinking about the effect of more high-tech ambulance service on their property taxes can take solace in the fact that paramedics are a bargain.

Keep in mind, the fire department has manpower on 24-7, so why not have those with the most training in life-saving techniques on board? Fire departments aren't necessarily growing in size but are replacing firefighters with paramedics through attrition or providing the training needed for firefighters to upgrade their medical skills. Our paramedics are also cross-trained as firefighters.

Towns with paramedic service have seen their ambulance receipts soar.

But the critical issue here is being able to provide life-saving medical care sooner when it can really make a difference — whether that be for an accident or heart attack victim.

Area towns that have been served by P-1 and P-2, however, owe a debt of gratitude to South Shore Hospital for showing them the way.

As hospital spokesman Scott Picard says, "We stepped up to the plate when there was no paramedic service. Clearly the towns want their own community based service and we're happy to step aside."

We also need to thank town officials and fire chiefs for have the foresight to see a good thing and go with it.

Today, countless families are celebrating every single day with a loved one, who could have been lost, if it hadn't been for the Advanced Life Support administered by paramedics.

— Mary Ford
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Legislative seminar program for citizens

The office of State Senator Robert L. Hedlund is now accepting applications for the Citizens Legislative Seminar. The program is designed to familiarize citizens with the legislature and the lawmaking process. Throughout the six-week program, the CLS participants will listen to presentations from senators as well as representatives on the lawmaking process.

The Citizens Legislative Seminar will meet each Wednesday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., beginning on Oct. 29 and going through Dec. 10 (with the exception of Nov. 26).

The seminar is open to any interested citizen. Please call Senator Hedlund's State House Office at 617-722-1646 for more information or to sign up.

POLITICAL NOTES

GOP reception is Oct. 26

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee invites present, past, new and associate members to a 2004 Pre-Election Reception on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the home of Louis S. Harvey, 465 King St. RSVP by Oct. 22, to Polly Logan 781-383-0031, Julie Guild 781-383-6443 or Heather Palmer 781-383-3339.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Police share pizza with seniors at CHS

TO THE EDITOR:

Two members of the Cohasset Police Department came to Cohasset High School on a recent Tuesday and participated in a pizza lunch with the seniors.

We'd like to thank Chief Jackson and Detective Hunt for being the first to come to this activity.

The purpose of this casual lunch is to give seniors and police officers a chance to socialize in a positive way. Hopefully, this will lead to an improved relationship.

On behalf of the class of 2004, thanks again to the Cohasset Police Department for your cooperation!

Nicole Turgiss
96 Jerusalem Road
Ashley Faber
10 Bayberry Lane

Anti-train Hingham holds little interest

TO THE EDITOR:

My family and I agree with the latest letter to the editor regarding Hingham residents' letters and Mariner articles regarding people from Hingham expressing fanatic opposition to Greenbush.

Please give us a break and print material that is of interest to Cohasset residents.

John F. Roy
53 Old Coach Road

Brick Sidewalks - the Village

To: Mark Haddad, Town Manager

As you know I drive the Town medical/handicapped van. I deal with people in wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and those who find walking difficult and others. These people find that brick sidewalks are just plain dangerous. They are slippery in wet weather, they are slippery in snowy weather and no matter how even they are when they're first installed it doesn't take long for them to become uneven and an uneven surface, wet or dry, is bad for walking by many categories of people, old or young.

I've enclosed a copy of an article that appeared in the Sept. 10 Boston Globe, "Disabled say sidewalks made of bricks are a hazard." I ask that you read this and include some of the thoughts that are expressed here in your deliberations as to what surface we should have throughout the Village. I'm not only concerned with older pedestrians - I've seen, you've seen, mothers with strollers navigating roadways and sidewalks throughout Cohasset and these people find that an even surface is more easily handled.

Please look around and as you walk around Cohasset Village or any other small town village note how the pedestrians handle the sidewalks and roadways. Use your common sense.

Hamilton T. Tewksbury
Elm Street

Mass. Eagle Forum sponsors brunch

Massachusetts Chapter of the Eagle Forum President Nancy O'Toole of Cohasset coordinated the annual brunch hosting National Eagle Forum President Phyllis Schlafly. As in past years, the event took place in the Grand Ballroom at Lantana's in Randolph. Schlafly was introduced by talk show host and former columnist for the Boston Herald Don Feder.

Schlafly spoke to hundreds of attendees. Her subject was "What the Global Economy Costs Americans"

Here is an excerpt from her remarks:

"The big argument for the tax cut just, signed by President Bush is that it will create much-needed jobs. But one big question remains: will those jobs be created for Americans, or will corporations simply hire more job-seekers from India and China? It's time for Congress to call a halt to the scandal of the way big corporations hire foreigners at the same time they are laying off their American employees. The hiring of hundreds of thousands of foreigners is why this year's college graduates face the worst job market in recent memory.

Rita Burke of Cohasset with Phyllis Schlafly at the Eagle Forum Brunch.

"When U.S. corporations built hundreds of plants in Third World countries, we were told not to worry about losing blue-collar manufacturing jobs because we were keeping the service jobs. Now the high-paying white collar service jobs are going overseas, too, particularly jobs for engineers and computer specialists."

Cohasset Cultural Grants are announced

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, state Rep. Garrett Bradley and Diane Kennedy, chairwoman of the Cohasset Cultural Council, have announced the awarding of two cultural grants totaling $6,450. The grants, awarded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, will benefit cultural programs in Cohasset.

The Grant recipients are the South Shore Art Center, which will receive $4,450 and the Cohasset Cultural Council, which will receive $2,000.

The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which then allocates funds to each local council. Decisions as to which activities are supported are made at the community level by a board of municipally appointed volunteers.

The grant awarded to the South Shore Art Center, a non-profit organization, will be used to encourage participation in and education of the arts for the communities of the South Shore.

The Cultural Council Grants support an wide range of local activities, including: concerts, exhibitions, radio and video productions, field trips for schoolchildren, after-school youth programs, writing workshops, historical preservation efforts, lectures,, nature and science education programs.

Delahunt weighs in on Iraq at South Shore Peace Forum

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Congressman William Delahunt stopped by Hingham this weekend on his way back from visiting families of soldiers on Cape Cod.

The Congressman said it's apparent from his visit there that "we have a lot of hurting soldiers. Morale is suffering despite what the Administration puts forth."

He also spoke about a shortage of American troops. "The fact that so many reservists and guardsmen have had their deployment extended has had an effect on morale," he said.

A group of South Shore Peace Forum members and others who heard about the Congressman's expected visit by word of mouth gathered in the Old Ship Church Parish Hall on Columbus Day. The original purpose was to talk about a public forum on foreign policy issues the group would like to host later this year featuring Delahunt as guest speaker. But when about 40 people turned out, Delahunt welcomed the opportunity to answer questions and address concerns from the audience. "Let's make this a conversation," he said.

PHOTO/KATHLEEN JOHNSON

US Rep. Bill Delahunt talks to members of the South Shore Peace Forum Monday in Hingham.

The Peace Forum requested the meeting with Delahunt. "We feel the way the Administration is heading produces more violence and misunderstanding. We would much prefer cooperation between the nations and their people," member Shirley Brown said. "We're very concerned about the number of people being killed – our own troops and people in Afghanistan and Iraq. So we wanted to hear Congressman Delahunt's perspective on what Congress will do with respect to appropriating more money when we obviously need it here for our own homeland programs – schools and social and health programs."

"To be fair, we are building roads and hospitals and providing books in Iraq. I only wish we could do that in America."

— U.S. Rep. Bill Delahunt

The purpose of the proposed future public forum is to "get a more global view of the situation," Brown said. The purpose of the Peace Forum, which has been meeting since the first Gulf War, is to "witness for peace and call for a new foreign policy based on diplomacy and international cooperation." The group, which continues its weekly Tuesday vigil in front of the downtown Hingham post office, seeks peaceful and nonviolent solutions to conflicts both at home and abroad.

Delahunt, who voted against the War Resolution, said he believes Congress will appropriate the requested $87 billion the Administration is seeking for military expenses and to reconstruct Iraq but is uncertain about how further requests would be received. This is only a "down payment," he noted. He does plan, however, to put forth an amendment to decrease the figure by $1.8 billion, representing currently unfunded veterans' programs.

Delahunt further noted that Iraq still owes the United States $4 billion "from our coddle up to Saddam phase" during the 1980s and that Americans are facing increasing deficits and poverty levels. "Mortgage foreclosures are at an historic level," he said.

Delahunt recommended tuning in to C-Span's "Iraq Watch" to hear ongoing exchanges about "what mistakes we've made and continue to be made and where we go from here. We now have a regular following. C-Span junkies, look for your member of Congress."

After talking with parents of servicemen and women, Delahunt said it's clear "the resources are not there. Our soldiers aren't being outfitted properly. Some families have told me they've purchased $900 bulletproof vests to send overseas to their soldiers, despite Administration rhetoric that things are improving."

According to published reports, however, the House version of the $87 billion Iraq spending bill passed last week includes $251 million for body armor and for clearing unexploded munitions. No further funds for body armor were included in President George Bush's original request.

At the same time, Delahunt added, "To be fair, we are building roads and hospitals and providing books in Iraq. I only wish we could do that in America."

Delahunt said that he and others concerned about the ongoing war will "start asking questions publicly again in a few weeks if we don't get answers."

Chartis Langmaid Tebbetts of Cohasset brought up the issue of civil liberties in light of the Patriot Act, which imposes restrictions and limitations on certain civil liberties in an effort to counter terrorism.

"Peace workers care about our civil liberties," she said. "People now seem to be saying it's okay to question our government more, whereas there was a lot more animosity toward us when we first started."

Delahunt has also noticed some change in public opinion. "There has clearly been a shift in attitude about the Patriot Act and Iraq," he said. The Congressman is encouraged by the fact that the Act's current "sunset" provisions require it to expire in 2005. Still, he warned against complacency. "We absolutely have to be concerned and vigilant. . . . We are in a war [to preserve our liberties] . . . . Get energized. Start taking your country back. Do not give up."

Delahunt noted that far more personnel will be required to complete the present task in Iraq and even more could be required by future actions elsewhere. If the Administration "continues its aggressive foreign policy, we could end up with a draft," he said, noting that such a move would likely cause a public outcry.

Booze and the legislature

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

The Legislature took another swing at Cotton Mather the other day and, as far as I can make out, the old Puritan divine scared the lawmakers once again, this time by a score of 87 to 64.

The bill, filed by Rep. Dan Bosley of North Adams, would have repealed the final colonial Blue Law by lifting the prohibition on the Sunday sale of adult beverages more than 10 miles from the borders of Vermont and New Hampshire, where such sales are legal.

Packies less than 10 miles from the borders, of course, would be at a competitive disadvantage on the Sabbath so they already are permitted to stay open, a legal technicality I find difficult to comprehend that a store at 9.9 miles could be legal and store at 10.1 miles could not.

There's nothing that turns a legislator into a quivering mass of vacillation like booze...

And packies everywhere in Massachusetts can hawk their wares on every Sunday between Thanksgiving and Christmas, a high holy season for most people, drinkers or not, although the original framers of the Blue Laws didn't pay much attention to Christmas anyway.

"If you're not smart enough to buy it in six days you don't deserve to drink it on the seventh," our own Senator Mike Morrissey is quoted as saying, which puts him in a league with Toots Shor, the New York innkeeper, who once said, "If you ain't drunk by midnight, you ain't trying."

There's nothing that turns a legislator into a quivering mass of vacillation like booze, unless it's sex, which can send them out of the country until the matter blows over. But don't get the idea I'm picking on our legislators.

I can recall a trip to the Midwest once when I caught a United Airlines 707 to Chicago and an Ozark Airlines Sopwith Camel to the Mississippi River town of Burlington, Iowa, where I had a two hour layover for the train to Keokuk.

Fortunately, there was a bar across the street from the station. Unfortunately, Iowa was dry for all but beer and wine and the back bar was loaded down with beer bottles instead of Johnny Walker Red or Jack Daniels Green like a normal bar.

"Where can I get a real drink around here?" I asked the bartender.

"Right here," he said, pulling a bottle of Four Roses out from under the bar.

Even the sheriff winked at the state liquor laws in the Iowa river towns since those who liked a taste now and then had only to drive across a quarter of a mile of bridge to Illinois where booze flowed like Al Capone was still behind it.

Again, I flew into Edmonton from the Northwest Territories one time and hastened to the taproom of the King George Hotel to wash away the taste of muskeg. It was only five o'clock in the afternoon but the taproom was closed and a swamper was sweeping up.

"Don't worry," said a guy who was sitting by the door. "They open again at six."

He explained there was an old English law that forced a public house to close from five to six so that a worker would have an hour to think it over and go home before blowing his whole paycheck on a night of carousal.

So before you start hitting on our legislators, think of the damage those in other states and provinces can do.

HEALTH NOTES

Schools part of lesson in good nutrition

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Monday Oct. 11, the Board of Health had its regular meeting, and predictably, the issue of the progress of our effort on school nutrition came up.

Joe Godzik (health agent) and I reported the results of our meeting last Thursday with Ted Malvey, school superintendent; Rick Flynn, chairman of the School Committee; and Dave Levy, manager of the school cafeteria. The consensus of school officials at that meeting was since there are not very many obese kids in the schools, and the menus at all schools far exceed federal and state standards for nutrition and content, there isn't a problem. Moreover, the other problem exists with some small fraction of the students: that of undernourishment to become fashionably thin.

The argument was made that even the refreshments offered at sports events were appropriate since they provide electrolytes and calories to replace those being used during strenuous activity. The Board of Health considered these arguments, and concluded that the school indeed had an admirable and well-run program which was vastly better than that in place last year.

...when the intense exercise stops, bad eating habits learned at school will lead to later overweight problems.

Still, there was the concern that what was being left unsaid was that with a very high fraction of the student population involved in active sports programs and other activities which burn lots of calories, when the intense exercise stops, bad eating habits learned at school will lead to later overweight problems.

The Board sees the issue as a matter of education; pointing the way to a healthier lifestyle. Moreover, we perceive that with conflicting claims and assertions about what good nutrition involves, there should be a source for the latest and best nutrition information available for our educational authorities.

The Board of Health has every confidence that, given appropriate information, the School Committee will enable the school administration to make appropriate decisions about school menus.

We will probably never dictate school lunch menus. We will as a matter of duty, continue to review student menus and offer to the school administration a summary of the best information on student nutrition that we can make available. For this activity, we believe we need a committee of nutritionists and food service professionals with sufficient knowledge and background to advise us of current best nutrition practice. We will pass this information along to the school administration along with our observations. We will also report progress to you through these Health Notes.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Cohasset artist

Selected paintings by Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick will be exhibited at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library from Nov. 5 through Dec. 31.

The subjects of these luminous, colorful watercolors include familiar South Shore coastal scenes, still life arrangements, flowers, and a variety of boats. In her paintings, Ms. Chittick depicts the effect of light on form, as it defines shapes and creates interesting patterns. She conveys her own sense of a subject through suggestion and impression as well as careful rendering. Ms. Chittick is a Gallery Artist of the South Shore Art Center and the Cambridge Art Association. Her work has been shown in numerous solo and juried exhibitions in the Boston and South Shore area and is represented in many private collections.

An Opening Reception for the exhibit will be held on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! Reserve your copy in advance by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "Lord John and the Private Matter," by Diana Gabaldon. Bestselling author Gabaldon returns with the first in a new trilogy featuring characters from the Outlander series. In this historical mystery set in 1757 London, Lord John Grey investigates the murder of a traitor.

"Christmas, Present," by Jacquelyn Mitchard. When Laura Brennant discovers she has only hours to live, she gathers her family together for a last Christmas Eve together. "Old School," by Tobias Wolff. A first novel for Wolff, best known for his award winning short stories and memoirs, takes place in 1960 in a New England prep school where a scholarship student attempts to shed his past and fit in with his classmates.

Story hours

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library announces the Fall Story Hour schedule.

The Drop-In Story Time schedule is:

- Monday, Oct. 20 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 27 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 3 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 17 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 24 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Drop-In Story Time is for all ages, lasts one-half hour, and does not require pre-registration.

Pre-school Story Hour registration is underway. Pre-school Story Hour is for ages 3-6 years, lasts one hour, and requires pre-registration.

The Pre-school Story Hour schedule is:

- Thursday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
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Martin will be discussing his latest book "Harvard Yard". Harvard historian, Peter Fallon, as well as other characters from Martin's best-selling "Back Bay" return in "Harvard Yard". The story centers on a manuscript by William Shakespeare which was given to John Harvard the University's benefactor and namesake. The hand written play was originally thought to be lost in the fire that destroyed the Harvard library in the late 17th century however Peter discovers evidence to the contrary, and the search is on!

William Martin is part of a long line of Irish storytellers-keepers of a familial oral tradition who could make tall tales from their youth in the Depression sound like epic adventures. "Publishers Weekly" calls Martin "A storyteller whose smoothness equals his ambition." William Martin is a native of Boston, a graduate of Harvard University, and a Harvard parent (his son is currently a senior at the university). His other novels include "Citizen Washington", "Annapolis", "Cape Cod", "Back Bay", "The Rising of the Moon", and "Nerve Endings". This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

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Mitt and Arnold have the same budget deficit problem

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

There can't be much question: Mitt has the same problem as Arnold.

While each major budget move Gov. Schwarzenegger makes will receive national scrutiny, he faces difficulties no different than those confronting almost every governor this year — including his compatriot in ideology, Gov. Romney. California's deficit is $8 billion and Schwarzenegger must address it at once with the eyes of America upon him. At $2 billion, Massachusetts' is proportionately just as bad, and — completely out of public view — Romney has already begun to take it on.

That is to say, his department heads have. October is actually when the most important and difficult spending decisions are made, as cabinet secretaries, commissioners and department directors prepare and submit spending plans that together form the first draft of the ballyhooed budget the governor files in January.

This is where the real cutting has to take place if the budget problem is to be solved. And while big fights over big proposals will grab lots of ink and airtime later on, the true pain and struggling with numbers is occurring right now, in managers' offices. More than one insider used the word "ugly" to describe the process of identifying whose job to get rid of and what services to cancel.

In the central budgeting office, at the Secretary for Administration and Finance level, Eric Kriss is continuing to wrangle managers across the bureaucracy to use an approach that could save a lot if they take it seriously — and let go of programs that might have outlived their peak usefulness. The approach, zero-based budgeting, is complicated by the need to make the spending bottom line match the revenue numbers in this fiscal crisis.

The scope and nature of the crisis were laid out by Senate Ways and Means Chairwoman Therese Murray last week. The two biggest spending problems are a 12 percent increase in Medicaid and a need to increase spending to secure the integrity of the pension system for state employees. Murray said pension spending should rise $621 million this year. On the revenue side, Romney is as limited as Schwarzenegger. The Legislature raised taxes in 2001, and Romney says he won't let them do it again; Murray said she's not ready to entertain taxes as a way out. Romney raised fees by hundreds of millions of dollars last year (look for Schwarzenegger to play that card soon). All that's left are deep cuts and use of reserves, with Romney's popularity just as much at stake as that of his cut counterpart.

• *Early childhood for all will solve problems, save money, ads claim* — A group of experts on children and education announced a major lobbying effort, underpinned by a major ad campaign, to convince the public that early childhood education for every child 3 to 5 years old should be funded by the state. Such a system would cost upwards of $1 billion, but advocates said early childhood ed saves money on special education and social problems later. House Speaker Thomas Finneran noted he's an advocate of such education, but sounded skeptical as to the notion that now is the time to round up support for huge new spending initiatives.

• *Docs say medical malpractice reform needed now* — Business groups such as the National Federal of Independent Business said capping non-economic (i.e., punitive and emotional) damages and eliminating joint liability would keep medical costs, and therefore insurance costs, in check for the business community. But testimony from plaintiffs' attorneys and citizens such as John McCormack, who described carrying his daughter's body from her hospital bed to the morgue after she was killed by alleged malpractice, made clear how difficult a road such damage-cap legislation faces in the Legislature.

• *Rate proposals are now all in to the commissioner* — Attorney General Thomas Reilly said auto rates should neither rise nor fall in 2004. The auto industry has asked Insurance Commissioner Julianne Bower for a 12 percent rate hike. Analysts in Bower's division recommended she impose a 3 to 4 percent hike for the next calendar year, citing a big jump in medical costs this year. That increase would mean a $41 to $51 hike in premiums annually statewide. Rate hearings will commence in the next few weeks.

• *Bar board general counsel fined for writing on state time* — Michael Frederickson will pay $5,000 for violating the state's conflict of interest law by using his office, office equipment and hours to work on his novels. He'll pay another $5,000 fine to reimburse the Board of Bar Overseers for the time he and his subordinates spent on the projects and the value of equipment used. He will keep his job, and in fact earned praise from his employers in the Globe. Frederick is the author "A Cinderella Affidavit" (1999) and "Witness for the Dead." (2001).

• *Galvin taps BU professor to be ethics commissioner* — Boston University law professor Tracey Maclin has been named as Secretary of State William Galvin's appointee to the five-member State Ethics Commission. Maclin is a graduate of Tufts University and Columbia Law School and he's taught at the Harvard, Cornell and University of Kentucky law schools. Last Saturday brought another Ethics Commission vacancy when Chairman Augustus Wagner stepped down upon the expiration of his five-year term. Gov. Romney gets to name his successor and news of that appointment is expected shortly.

• *Sunday sales of liquor approved, rejected, still in limbo* — A bill authorizing Sunday sales of alcohol in the Bay State emerged quickly, won initial approval, but then was rejected on a 61-83 tally. Reconsideration is still pending, and though another reversal is considered unlikely, it would not be a shock either; Sunday-sales proponent Daniel Bosley is expected to round up as many votes as possible once he recovers from a respiratory infection.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

Bradley backs bill to expand state DNA database

Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, voted to enact S187 which proposes to expand the Commonwealth's DNA database to include all convicted felons.

The expansion of the state's DNA database is a tool in fighting crime and promoting public safety. A larger pool of samples would result in the identification of criminals earlier in their careers: thereby preventing future serious crimes. Not only would offenders be more quickly apprehended, but the innocent would be *exonerated* more quickly. FBI statistics show that DNA evidence excludes the primary suspect in more than 25 percent of FBI sexual assault investigations.

Under current law, persons convicted of 33 violent offenses – such as murder, rape, kidnapping and armed burglary - are required to submit a sample to the Massachusetts DNA database. By the time an offender is convicted of one of those 33 offenses, he has already committed an average of 34 crimes.

Any person convicted of an offense punishable by imprisonment in state prison would be required to submit a DNA sample. Youthful offenders who commit an offense that would carry the same penalty and be considered a felony if committed by an adult would also be required to submit a sample. Any person convicted of such an offense who is currently incarcerated and has not previously submitted a DNA sample would be required to do so. Former offenders currently on probation or parole as a result of such a conviction would be required to submit a DNA sample.

"As a former prosecutor, I am happy that this important legislation has moved closer to becoming law," Bradley said. "This bill will save lives and at the same time reduce the risk of wrongful convictions."

The cost of the expansion of the state's DNA database, given its great impact on public safety, is extremely modest. Federal funds from the National Institutes for Justice have paid for almost all of the cost of the collection and testing for the DNA samples now in the Massachusetts database. Federal funds may be available for several more years.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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October 6-10

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on three roll calls and local senators' votes on two roll calls from the week of October 6-10.

EXPAND CIVIL COMMITMENT FOR SEX OFFENDERS (S 1005)

Senate 40-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill expanding the state's current civil commitment law that allows a judge to determine that some sexually dangerous prisoners convicted of specific sex crimes be kept locked up in treatment centers for one year to life after they complete their prison sentences. The measure adds new crimes to the list of offenses for which the offender could be civilly committed including child pornography, kidnapping, forcing children into prostitution, open and gross lewdness and any other offense in which "the facts suggest a sexual motivation." The proposal also makes an offender who is in prison for a non-sex-related crime eligible for civil commitment if he previously served time in prison for one of the sex-related crimes on the list. Supporters said current law includes too many loopholes by omitting many sexual-related crimes from the list and argued that this expansion would help protect the public by ensuring that more incurable, sexually dangerous predators are kept behind bars and do not go out and commit additional sex crimes. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y

REPORT FIRES IN SCHOOLS (S 1372)

Senate 39-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill requiring all public and private school principals to immediately report to the local fire department any incident involving the unauthorized ignition of any fire in the school building. The reporting is required regardless of the size of the fire or whether there was a response by the fire department. Supporters said the filing of the bill was prompted by the case of a student who set a small fire that was not reported to the fire department. The student's setting of a second, larger fire could have been prevented if the first one was reported and the child received help through the cooperation of the fire department and school officials. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y

SUNDAY OPENINGS FOR LIQUOR STORES (H 1474)

House 64-88, rejected a bill allowing liquor stores to open at noon on Sundays if they receive approval from their city or town's licensing authority. The measure requires any Sunday employees to be paid time and one-half and prohibits employees from being forced to work on Sundays. Current law allows these stores to seek local approval to be open at noon on the Sunday before Thanksgiving through the Sunday until New Year's Day and every Sunday if the store is located within 10 miles of the New Hampshire or Vermont border— two states that allow Sunday openings. Supporters said it is time to leave this decision up to local cities and towns and noted that communities on the New Hampshire and Vermont border currently have an unfair advantage. They said that Sunday openings would generate up to $2.1 million in additional tax revenue and argued it is unfair that other retailers are allowed to be open on Sundays. Opponents said Sunday openings would force small storeowners who want to remain competitive to work on their only day off or to pay employees extra money. They noted that Sunday is still considered to be different than all other days and argued that few people are complaining about Sunday liquor store closings. (A "Yea" vote is for the expanded Sunday openings. A "Nay" vote is against the expansion).

Y

PAY EMPLOYEES TIME AND ONE-HALF (H 1474)

House 6-147, rejected an amendment striking a provision requiring liquor store employers with more than seven employees to pay time and one-half to their Sunday workers. Amendment supporters said it is illogical for the state to imply that Sundays are like any other day of the week and then to mandate that employees be paid more money on Sundays. Amendment opponents said the time and one-half requirement applies to employees who work on Sundays at other retail stores and argued that it should also apply to liquor stores. (A "Yea" vote is for striking the time and one-half requirement. A "Nay" vote is against striking it and therefore favors the requirement).

N

ALLOW OPENING ONLY SIX DAYS PER WEEK (H 1474)

House 8-145, rejected an amendment that would permit Sunday openings of liquor stores but prohibit them from being open more than six days per week. Amendment supporters said this is modeled after a New York law and is a fair compromise that would allow stores to continue to remain open six days per week but give them the power to choose the six specific days. Amendment opponents said the amendment is designed to kill the bill and would result in most stores choosing to remain closed on Sundays because they do not want to give up weekday business. (A "Yea" vote is for the six day per week restriction. A "Nay" vote is against the restriction).

N

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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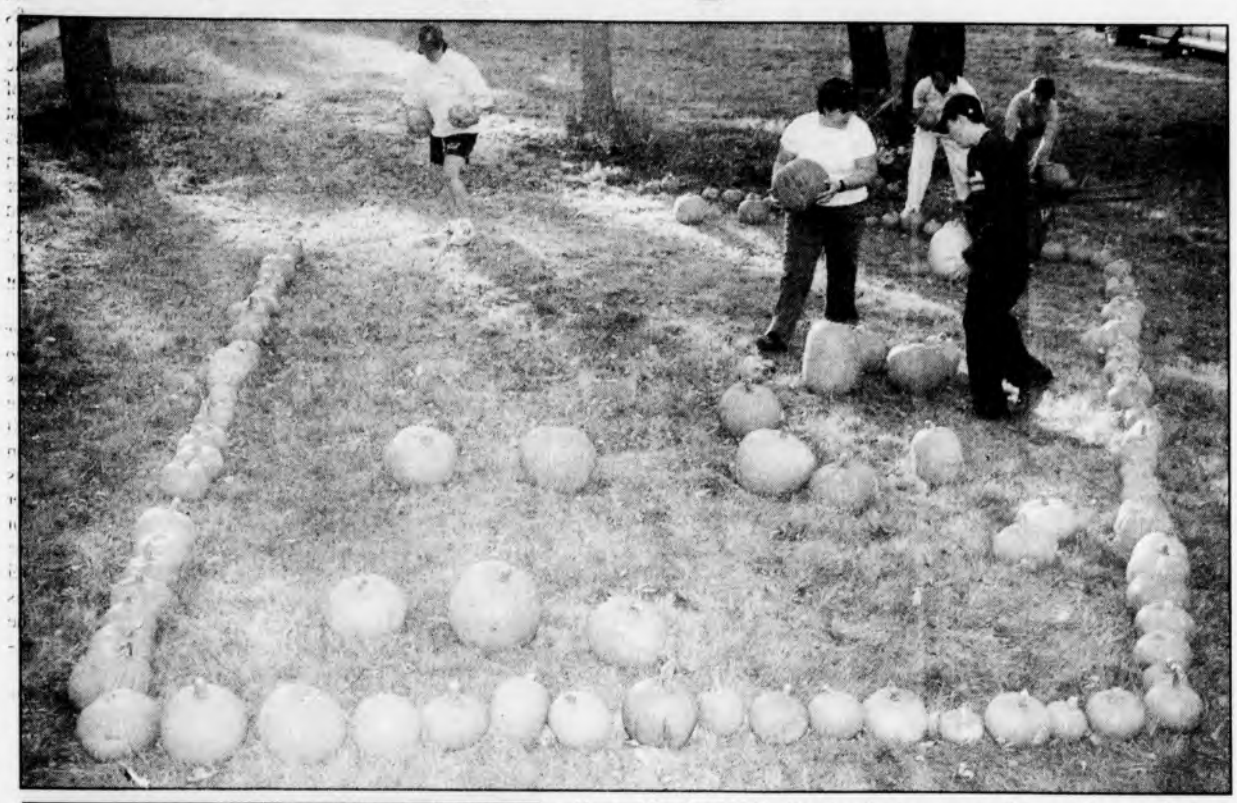

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Above: The Appalachia Service Project sets up the pumpkin patch after a truck delivered tons of pumpkins to sell for the ASP fundraiser through the end of October.

At left: John DeWaal (dark glasses) walks with a handful of pumpkins called "tinys" to a spot on the field at Wheelwright Park where members of the Appalachia Service Project have set up a pumpkin patch with proceeds helping offset the ASP trip next summer.

CHS students and some adults help unload pumpkins for the ASP fundraiser at Wheelwright Park off North Main Street.

OBITUARIES

Constance W. Parker

Constance W. (Peterson) Parker, 92, of Cohasset, died Oct. 2, 2003, at the Cohasset Knoll in Cohasset, after a long illness.

Born, raised and educated in Cohasset, she was the daughter of the late Gus Petersen and Miriam Treat.

Mrs. Parker was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Rich Family Association (Cape Cod Family Society); past president of the Cohasset Historical Society; Society of Mayflower descendants; Col. Thomas Lothrop House and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution D.A.V.

Wife of the late Ernest L. Parker, she leaves three daughters, Nancy L. Fox of Winthrop, Maine, Sally B. Wood of Sarasota, Fla., and Pamelia Hennessy of Fairfax, Va.; one son, Frederick L. Parker of Carver; 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be officiated by the Rev. Gary Pitts at Second Congregational Church, Cohasset, at 1 p.m. on Nov. 1. Interment will be private. No visiting hours.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Born in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., he graduated from Amherst College and attended Harvard Business School. He was commissioned Lt. Commander in World War II and became the Purchasing Officer for the Naval Gun Factory in Washington D.C. Married to Lt. Betty Breeding, whom he met at the Waves' First Anniversary Dance, they together raised three children.

After the war, Jerry spent several years on Wall Street and in a family business in New York City. In 1958, he and Betty bought a ski lodge, Deerhill, at Mount Snow which they managed for 15 years. In 1972 they moved to Charlotte, Vt. where they planted 2,500 apple trees, which became the Golden Apple Orchard. In their retirement they have lived in Vergennes, Vt.

Jerry leaves his wife of nearly 60 years, Betty, his daughter Connie and her husband Nicholas of Cohasset, his sons Dr. Peter and his wife Robin of Rochester, N.Y. and Jerome P. III and his wife Karen of Trappe, Md.. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Dr. Jennifer Noon, Theodore Noon III, Elliot Noon and N. Carter Noon of Cohasset, and Christopher Cowdery-Corvan of Rochester.

A memorial service was held Oct. 6, in Vergennes, Vt. Memorial contributions to honor his memory may be made to the Vermont Audubon Society, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington, VT 05462.

Jerome P. Corvan, Jr.

Jerry Corvan, 92, died in Middlebury, Vt. on Oct. 3, 2003.

Women's health is topic at breakfast

South Coastal Hadassah and Congregation Sha'aray Shalom are conducting in a health forum of particular interest to women at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St. in Hingham, on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 9 a.m. for breakfast. Following breakfast, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., there will be a presentation and discussion on the pros and cons of inoculations with pediatrician, Joyce Traina, MD and a presentation and discussion about common nutrition myths with nutritionist, Debra Wein\ Zieper, MS, RD, LDN.

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Up against it

Field hockey team heads down stretch a game under all important .500 mark

By William Wassersug
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset field hockey team will have its hands full if its going to make the MIAA tournament.

After dropping two of three games last week, Cohasset checked in with a 5-6 mark with five games to go as of Oct. 14.

To make the tournament, the team needs to compile six points in its final five games, with one point awarded for a tie and two for a win.

Despite the two losses, coach Deb Bostwick was upbeat about the way her team has played.

On Oct. 14, Cohasset turned in an impressive 7-0 win over an improving Sturgis squad.

"It was 4-0 at the half, but I wasn't impressed," Bostwick said. "I played all my kids in the first half, including a few junior varsity kids."

Among the junior varsity players making an impact were Aaron Bagley and Brooke Allen.

"Brooke Allen was very strong on the forward line," Bostwick said. "She's going to be a good prospect for next year. She scored her first varsity goal today. Aaron is my backup goalie on the JV. Today, I let him play defense. He did a great job. He's got good speed. He played well for us today."

In the Sturgis win, Bostwick told her charges they needed to focus more, especially with a game against Hull the next day.

"We have Hull under the lights tomorrow (result unavailable at press time)," she said. "Anything can happen there, especially on their field. You never know what kind of bounces you'll get there. We beat them 5-0 earlier, but I knew we'd have to play better if we're going to win at Hull."

The chat with the team worked.

"The girls played much better

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Crusaders crunched

Cohasset gridders improve to 4-0 with a 28-0 whitewashing of Carver

The Cohasset football Skippers were clicking on all cylinders Friday night, as they opened the South Shore League portion of their schedule with a resounding 28-0 win over the Crusaders of Carver at Alumni Field.

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Mashpee at Cohasset
Friday, 6 p.m.

The Skippers rode the blocking of the offensive line to three rushing scores in the second quarter and combined that with an earlier aerial assault, which led to a touchdown, and the efforts of the league's leading defensive squad.

Carver received the opening kickoff at their own 38 yard line. The Skippers defense — led this week by senior defensive end Rob Carpenter's eight tackles, QB sack, and a fumble recovery, and junior linebacker Crandon Leahy's seven tackles, and a blocked punt — forced the Crusaders to the first of five punt attempts.

The Skippers fielded the punt at their own 42-yard line. Their first drive included 25 yards rushing by senior tailback DeWayne Morris, along with pass completions to senior tight end Sean Connolly for eight yards, junior wideout D J Silvia for 18 yards, and a three-yard touchdown pass from senior QB Mike Dooley to senior wideout Chris Bilodeau. Dooley then handled an errant snap on the extra point attempt and drilled a two point conversion pass to junior tight end Crandon Leahy for an 8-0 lead with 2:44 left in the first quarter.

Leahy's third down sack forced Carver to punt on their second possession and Cohasset started from Carver's 45-yard line. Dooley raced around the

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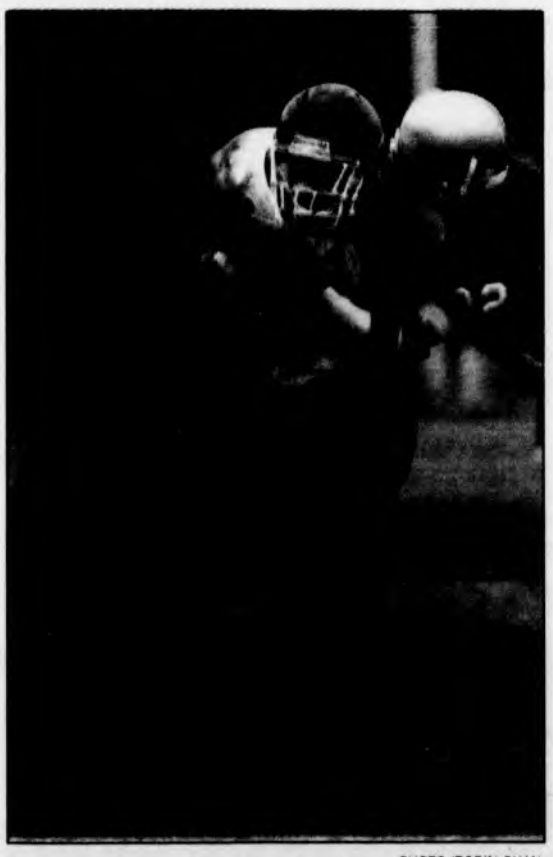

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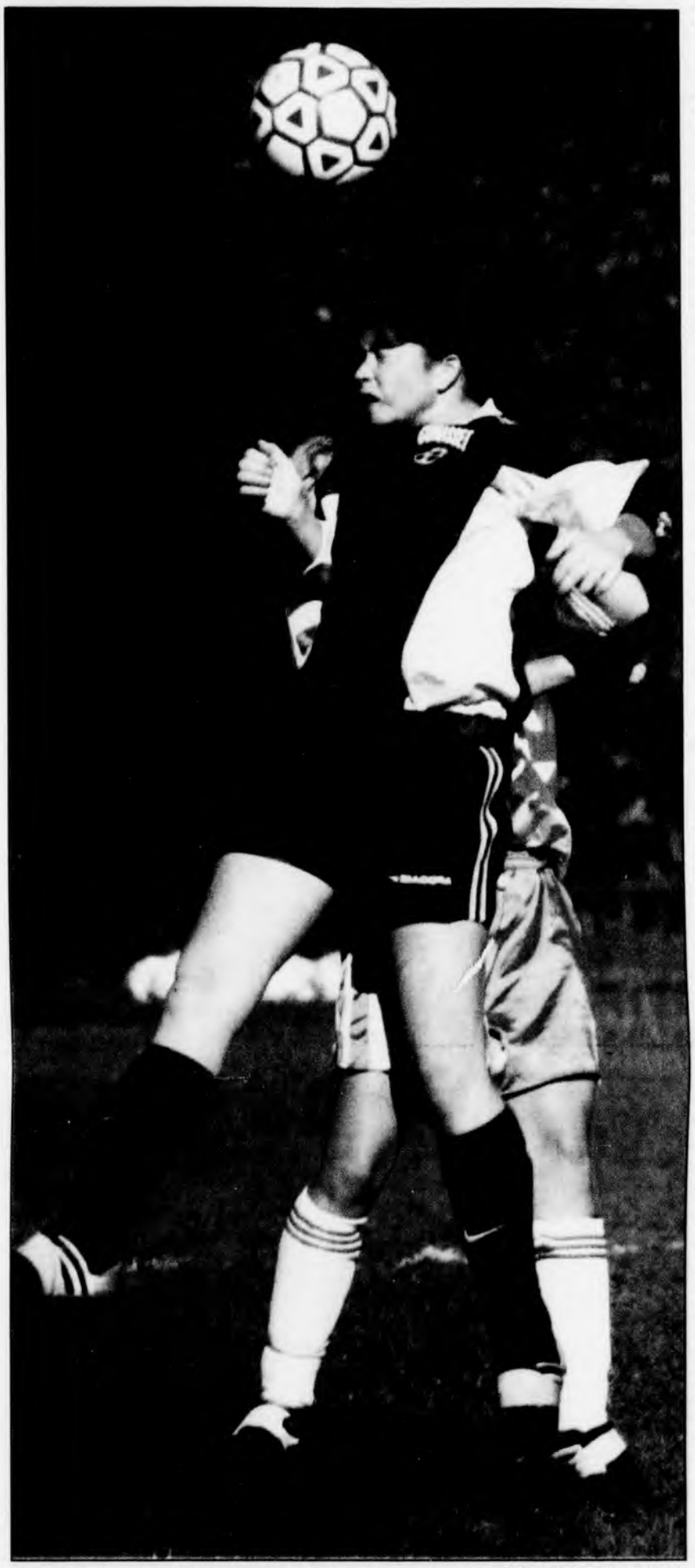
Cohasset's Casey Coleman (left) tries to turn the corner on a punt return at Cardinal Spellman earlier this month.



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Cohasset's Molly Kirk goes high to head the ball away from Abington defender in a huge 3-2 win for the Lady Skippers last week.

Turning things around

Three straight wins thrusts girls soccer team back into playoff picture

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

In just 72 hours, the Cohasset girls soccer season went from mildly disappointing to positively uplifting.

After a sweep of Abington, Carver and Harwich last week, the girls are five points away from returning to the state tournament.

The week got off to a fantastic start with a 3-2 win at Abington last Tuesday. Junior forward Casey Anderson led the Skippers attack with two goals, as the team also got a solid defensive effort, led by junior Christine Lovallo.

Anderson scored the game-winning goal in the 44th minute with a corner kick that bent into the back of the net.

It was her fourth score of the year, but easily her finest.

"Everyone was in awe after that," head coach Deb Beal said after the game. "This game was huge for Casey. Putting those two home can only help her be better."

Although Cohasset outplayed Abington for most of the first half, the score was tied, 2-2, after 40 minutes. Anderson started the scoring in the 15th minute, finishing a point-blank opportunity off of a nice pass from Leah McMorris.

Fifteen minutes later, a corner kick from Gillian Weber deflected to the feet of senior midfielder Jenn Buckley, who put it into the net for a 2-0 lead.

The last 10 minutes of the half belonged to the Green Wave, as they got two quick goals to even the score. They almost had a third as Valerie Jarvis, whose goal brought Abington to within one, nearly put her team ahead with a header that went off the crossbar.

The momentum clearly belonged to Abington going into the half, but Cohasset took it right back after the second half whistle. Consistent pressure from Buckley and striker Lindsay Kennedy kept the heat on Abington's defense, leading up to Anderson's corner.

It was the Skippers game

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Evening out for the better

Boys soccer team plays well in loss to Carver

By Mike Spellman
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Fortuitous bounces often play a big part in determining soccer game outcomes. However, in most case, things even out in the end, even if it takes a few games for that to happen.

Things arguably evened out between the Carver and Cohasset boys soccer teams last Wednesday, as Carver pulled out a hard-fought 2-1 win over the visiting Skippers. Cohasset arguably outplayed the Crusaders in the contest, but the bounces simply went the way of the hosts, just as they did the first time around back in Cohasset when a John Andrade goal inside the final minute lifted Cohasset to a 1-0 win.

"We got the bounces last time and won despite being outplayed, and the same thing happened in Carver this time around, where I thought we were the better team" said first year Cohasset coach Rob Leary.

"At this stage of the season, you want to see your team playing its best, especially in big games, and we played very well in that one. We're preparing for the state tourney, and we took some positive out of that game with Carver."
Cohasset boys soccer coach Rob Leary

The win broke a tie for second place in the South Shore League between Carver (8-2 in SSL, 10-2-1 overall) and Cohasset (10-3, 9-3). Oddly, though, coach Leary still feels he got the better of the "break even" deal.

"At this stage of the season, you want to see your team playing its best, especially in big games, and we played very well in that one," said Leary, a former head coach at Rockland High. "We're preparing for the state tourney, and we took some positive out of that game with Carver."

The tourney clincher actually came on Friday, as the Skippers cruised past SSL rival Harwich, 5-0. They then rolled over equally hapless league foe Hull at home on Tuesday by the same score to move to 10-3 on the season, 9-3 in league play.

Senior captain Chris Clark scored four goals in the former win, a pair in the first half followed by another deuce in the opening minutes of the second half to make this one a laugher and end his day of play. Aidan Buick scored the other goal.

Clark scored another against Hull to raise his team best scoring total to 13 points (nine goals, four assists). Clark's fellow captain Dave Santiago caught right back up, though, scoring twice to match that nine goal, four assist output.

The other goals in this win that wrapped up South Shore League play for the Skippers came from JT Oronte and Sam Steele.

Coach Leary took a lot less from these two wins than he did the Carver loss, noting simply "we did what we were supposed to against a couple of teams that are struggling."

This week coming up is the one the rookie head coach feels will tell a lot more about his team. The Skippers kick off their run of four straight games against bigger Patriot League opponents by travelling to Hanover (4-7-2) today (3:30 p.m.). They'll the host Scituate on Saturday as part of the homecoming weekend festivities and then hit the road again to face unbeaten Hingham (12-0-1) on Monday before returning home Friday for go-round number two with Hanover. They'll wrap up the season on the 27th with Coyle Cassidy coming to town

"The Patriot League is a tough league, and these should be some good tests for us," offered Leary. "Hanover is always a tough team, and Hingham is rolling over everyone. It would be great if we could give them a battle."

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Left to right, Cohasset's Jean Murray, Jenn Buckley and Nicole Whitney build the wall in front of their net to defend an Abington free kick during last week's big 3-2 win for the Lady Skippers.

Turning things around

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after that, as they had far more chances near the net than their opponents.

"I've been trying to challenge the team to take risks, and I think they did that [against Abington]," Beal said. "Grabbing the win tonight was huge."

Arguably bigger was their win over Carver the following night at Alumni Field.

In a rematch of a frustrating 4-2 loss just nine days earlier, the Skippers came out strong from the start. Beal has preached to her team all season long about the importance of the first five minutes of the game, and the momentum of the Abington victory carried itself into the Carver match.

"They were playing great soccer; it was fun to watch," the coach said.

The starters were playing so well that Beal altered her substitution patterns in the first half. The coach said she typically substitutes in eight-minute shifts, but she did not make her first change on Wednesday until the 14th minute.

Although Beal said the fact that Carver's varsity team had to sit around for an hour and a half to watch the JV game may have led them to come out flat, she gave most of the credit to the aggressiveness of her players.

"We came out of the gate so fast and so strong," she said. "We got every ball out of the air, and got every first touch."

Anderson scored the game's only goal in the 68th minute, and keeper CeCelia Chapman made 10 saves to record her fourth shutout of the year.

"I knew we were capable of beating them," Beal said. "We played so well all-around."

On Friday, Cohasset got off to a slow start in the first few minutes at Harwich, but picked it up quickly and had a 4-0 lead at halftime. The Skippers cruised after that, and finished with a 6-0 win.

Cohasset now stands at 6-6-1 overall, with a 6-4-1 record in the South Shore League. Should the Skippers beat Hull today, the girls can finish tied for second in the league if Mashpee beats Carver in their league finale.

More importantly, the team needs either three wins or two wins and a tie to qualify for the state tournament.

Besides a tough match with Scituate on Saturday, Cohasset has winnable games against Hull, Holbrook and Cape Cod Academy twice.

Cohasset 28, Carver 0

Carver (0-5)	0	0	0	0	0
Cohasset (4-0)	8	0	0	20	28

C-Chris Bilodeau 3 yard pass from Mike Dooley, (Crandon Leahy pass from Dooley)
C-Ted Straughn 3 yard run, (Connolly kick)
C-DeWayne Morris 15 yard run, (Connolly kick)
C-Straughn 8 yard run, (Kick failed)

Crusaders crunched

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right end on an option play for 33 yards, then picked up nine more yards around the left end. Junior fullback Ted Straughn then scored the first of two touchdowns on the night, as he followed the lead blocking of the Skippers right side — senior captain Steve Davis at right guard, sophomore Dan McCarthy at right tackle, and Connolly at tight end.

Connolly then converted on the extra point and Cohasset had a 15-0 advantage with 9:59 left in the first half

Junior defensive tackle Leo Clougherty stopped the Crusaders cold on a fourth-and-one at their own 45 yard line on the next series and Cohasset took over on down

Morris ran for eight yards, then Silvia hauled in a 23 yard pass from Dooley for a first down. The five play drive culminated with Morris sprinting left behind senior captain Tony Truglia at center, sophomore left guard Nick Arment and senior left tackle Dan Tarpey, and with the downfield blocking of Connolly, Straughn and Bilodeau, they insured Morris of a free waltz into the end zone. Connolly sent the extra point conversion in the direction of the full moon and the Skippers were cruising with a 22-0 lead half way through the second quarter.

Carver mishandled the kickoff and Bilodeau recovered for Cohasset at the Crusaders 33-yard line. Running the ball on every play from here on out, the Skippers marched down to the 8-yard line before Straughn barreled into the end zone again behind the right side of the O-Line. Cohasset 28, Carver 0 with 0:52 left before halftime.

The second half saw the Skippers defense force three more Carver punts. Junior defensive end Kelvin Ferriera (six tackles) tackled the Carver punter on the first botched attempt, and Leahy blocked the second attempt late in the third quarter.

Truglia, playing both ways in the absence of junior Matt Casey (neck strain), had seven tackles from his linebacker slot to go along with six from Straughn at the other outside slot, while junior defensive tackle Matt Baroudi, who has been a rock in the middle of the defensive front, chipped in with five tackles.

Offensively in the second half, the Skippers kept it on the ground, with junior DB/punter Joe Durkin seeing action from the tailback slot, along with junior Joey Kehoe and senior Jamie Litchfield. Junior Brendan Michaud led the way on a 19-yard burst by Morris from his fullback position, and sophomore Dave McKenna provided lead blocking for freshman tailback Anthony DiPaolo on four carries late in the fourth quarter.

Also seeing action for the Skippers in the fourth quarter were underclassmen Justin Wood, Conor Holway, Corbin Faber, Colin Conway, Justin Alexander, Nick Cambi, Ben Masotta, John Keniley, John Burgoon, Paul St Pierre, Colin Smith, Trip Harper, Scott Wakefield, Robert Silvia, Rick Grassie, Jared Dick, Chris Bryan, Nick Zappolo, Blain Morin, Johm Harrington, and Fletcher Smalzel.

Offensive Stats

Passing: Mike Dooley 5 for 8, 55 yds, (1) TD.

Receiving: Chris Bilodeau 1 for 3 yds (1) TD, D J Silvia 2 for 41 yds, Sean Connolly 1 for 8 yds, Crandon Leahy 1 for 3 yds.

Rushing: DeWayne Morris 12 carries for 93 yds (1) TD, Ted Straughn 4 for 15 yds (2) TDs, Mike Dooley 3 for 45 yds, Joey Kehoe 4 for 8 yds, Joe Durkin 2 for (5) yds, Jaime Litchfield 4 for (5) yds, Anthony DiPaolo 4 for (15) yds, Dave McKenna 1 for 1 yd.

Defensive Stats

Tackles: Rob Carpenter 8, Tony Truglia 7, Ted Straughn, Kelvin Ferriera 6, Matt Baroudi 5, Leo Clougherty, Sean Connolly 4, Joe Durkin, Chris Bilodeau 3, Dave McKenna, Colin Conway 2, Blain Morin, Conor Holway 1.

Fumbles Recovered: Rob Carpenter and Chris Bilodeau.

Sacks: Rob Carpenter.

Blocked Punt: Crandon Leahy.

Next Up

The Skippers play host to the Falcons of Mashpee tomorrow night with a 6 PM Homecoming kickoff. Avoid the rush hour traffic, take a half day off (the economy is own the upswing anyway) and cheer on the Skippers to their fifth victory. Make a night of it and schedule your post game dinner reservations at Atlantica for the 8:30 sitting. Mashpee opened up their South Shore League schedule with a 7-7 tie at home last Friday night against the preseason League favorite Norwell Clippers. They had three interceptions to halt Clipper drives.

Cohasset prevailed at Mashpee last year by the score of 19-6 with a balanced offensive attack and stingy defense. This years defense unit, under the direction of long time Asst Coach Robert Silvia, has allowed a mire 25 points over four games, while Head Coach Tony Rolfe has directed the offense to 77 points over four games.

Standings

Team	Overall/League
Cohasset (4-0)	1-0
Abington(4-1)	1-0
Norwell (2-1-1)	0-0-1
Mashpee (1-2-1)	0-0-1
Hull (0-4)	0-0
Carver (0-5)	0-2

Other SSL matchups this week:
Hull @ Norwell

Playing out the string

Cohasset golfers play for pride after postseason run comes up just short

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High golf team will play out the string next Wednesday when Cape Cod Academy comes to town for the second half of a home-and-home arrangement.

The Skippers bested CCA on the Cape last Wednesday, 28.5-25.5, so they should have a good shot at finishing the season with a two game winning streak and a record of 7-8-1.

"It would have been nice if this last match was for something other than bragging rights," said third year coach Torin Sweeney. "We made a great run to the tourney, but we came up just short. What are you going to do?"

The Skippers nearly stunned league powers Abington and Norwell on their home courses over the last two weeks, one hole making the difference between a win and a tie in both matches, as Cohasset fell in each by the same 28-26 score. A tie in either of those matches, and Wednesday's finale would have been played with a postseason berth on the line.

The win over Cape Cod Academy featured a superb effort from Cohasset's number on player, freshman Kevin Barber, who shot a three over 39 to best a nationally ranked female player, 5-4.

"Kevin has been just an incredible surprise this year," said Sweeney. "He really came on to solidify the top of our lineup over the second half of the season."

Juniors Jack Carroll and Tim Pilczak, playing out of the fourth and fifth spots, both took 6.5 of a possible nine points out of their respective spots in the order.

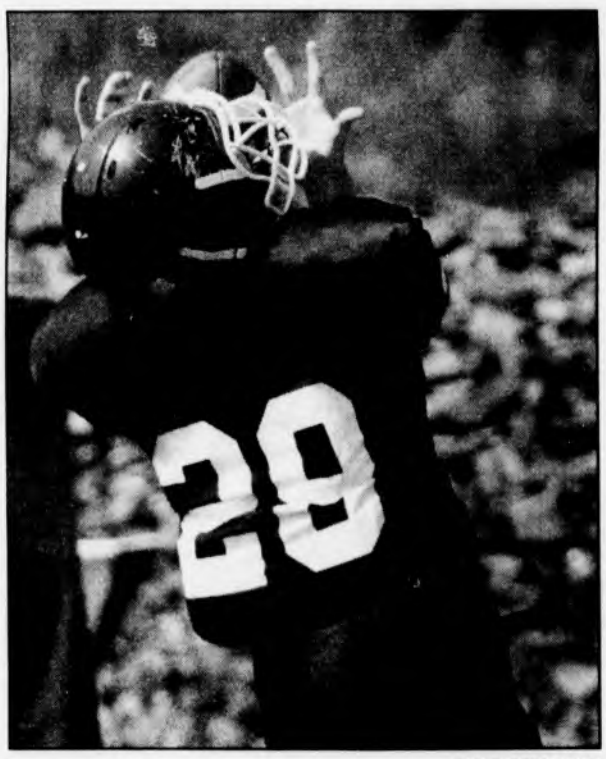
The team will lose seniors Mike Devine and captain Mike Hajjar, who played out of the second and third spots to close the season, to graduation. Nevertheless, coach Sweeney believes he'll be in much better shape to start next season than he was at the beginning of this one, given his knowledge on the returning core of Barber and juniors Pilczak, Carroll, Colin Magruder, Ricky Lordan and Chris Simms.

"That'll be a big advantage for me," noted Sweeney. "The big obstacle for me early on was getting the lineup squared away, finding out who the real players were. My juniors really came on toward the end of the year, so I know what I've got in them.

"We had depth at the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth spots, but it took me a while to figure out one, two, three and four. Once I got that settled, that's what we really started to take off."

Cohasset's top four golfers will play in this Thursday's All-League meet at Cranberry Valley in Harwich.

Barber, whose average for the season per nine holes is right around 40, will represent Cohasset at the Div. 3 sectionals on Monday.



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Chris Bilodeau hauls in a bomb from Mike Dooley.

CHS weekly scoreboard

Varsity Football

Oct.
10 beat Carver, 28-0

Varsity Field Hockey

7 lost to Carver, 2-1
9 lost to Harwich, 7-1
14 beat Sturgis Charter, 7-0
15 @ Hull
10 beat Harwich, 5-0
14 beat Hull, 5-0

Boys Varsity Soccer

8 lost to Carver, 2-1

Girls Varsity Soccer

8 beat Carver, 1-0
10 beat Harwich, 6-0
16 @ Hull 5:30 p.m.

Boys Varsity Golf

8 beat C.C. Acad., 28.5-25.5

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Up against it

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in the second half," Bostwick said.

"Especially their clearing plays. The clearing plays were book perfect. The sweeper came in, got it out to the halfback and they got it to the wing. I can't believe how many times they did it so well. It turned into a nice victory."

Bostwick was pleased with several other players.

"Liz Condos played fullback and she was stopping plays all over," Bostwick said. "She used her aggressiveness well. Christina St. Pierre went from halfback to forward and she's been pretty productive. Today she had some good passing to Courtney and Katie."

Katie was Katie James who had two goals and an assist in the win.

Courtney Caron led the offense with four goals and an assist.

"I didn't realize she scored her fourth goal," Bostwick said. "I was so wrapped up in substitutions that I missed her second goal. Usually I let someone get the hat trick and take them out. I didn't realize she had her third."

Jessie Guild, Kristen Howard and Corey Evans each added assists.

"Corey Evans played her best game," Bostwick said. "She had a great game."

In earlier action, Cohasset dropped a 2-1 decision at Carver and a 7-1 loss to Harwich.

The Carver loss was a tough one.

"We started off good at Carver," Bostwick said. "We scored 19 seconds into the game. Frannie Noble had a great drive. She drilled down the line and got the ball to Courtney and Courtney scored. She got ahead of everyone and went one-on-one with the goalie."

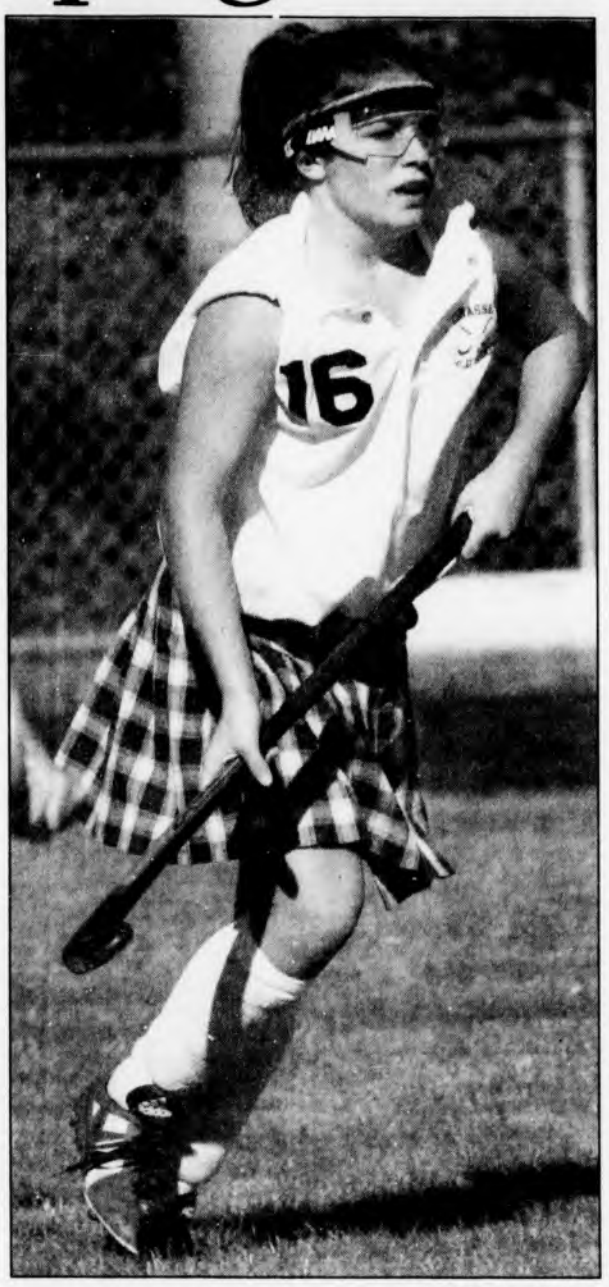
For Noble, the assist was an important step.

"Frannie had been out with an infection and had been in and out for two weeks," Bostwick said. "This was one of her first games back."

Bostwick thought the early goal could have set the tone.

"When we scored so quickly, Carver was taken back," Bostwick said. "But they came back. Less than four minutes later they pushed the ball downfield and caused a defensive corner. When they had that, (Carver's Kathleen Pinto) was wide open. I told the girls to watch out for her, but she still scored.

Kathleen is a phenomenal player. She's big, fast and strong. She's a powerful player."



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Courtney Caron is on a scoring tear for the Lady Skippers, punching home five goals in the last two games.

Bostwick, who teaches and coaches girls basketball at Carver High, said Pinto and Lindsey Hobbs made things rough on her team.

On what turned out to be the game winner for Carver, it was Pinto and Hobbs that made the difference.

"I told the girls not to leave her open, then Lindsey goes right to Kathleen. My striker sprinted out, then she suddenly stopped. That gave Kathleen time to tee up and she scored. That was the game."

Despite falling behind, Bostwick never felt her team was out of the game.

"I told the girls they had to pick it up," she said. "This was the first game I only used three subs. That's not like me. Usually I play a lot of players.

This time, the girls were giving their all in the second half. We had 17 shots on their goalie. She was making some nice stops."

Bostwick felt her front line of Caron, James and Guild played extremely well.

"They were my forward line the whole second half," she said. "Our weakness in this game was the midfield. Their mids had one step on my midfielders. My offensive line was a little better than Carver's, but Carver had that strong midfield and one individual forward who could score."

Bostwick said, defensively, her sweeper Rachel Doyle played exceptionally well, but was matched by Carver sweeper Nicole Babcock.

"My sweeper Rachel Doyle is one of the best in the league," she said. "But Nicole matches up. She played one of the best games I've seen her play in the four years I've seen her play. She shut our offense down and helped their goalie. I'm not saying Rachel didn't do the same. Rachel was laid out in front of the goal a few times. We had 17 shots to their 19."

Bostwick was impressed with the way her team played down the stretch.

"We dominated the second half," she said. "My girls tried so hard. The bench was cheering them on. It was a tough loss, but a good loss. We did everything OK, but the other team found those little holes and took advantage of the two mistakes we made. That's what good teams do. They capitalize on mistakes. They come here next week. We'll see what happens."

Bostwick said she was pleased with several players in the loss.

"Caitlin Condon played a fabulous game in net," she said. "Rachel Doyle was outstanding at sweeper. Danielle Pinkus and Kelly Hurley each played great and Carling Sturino had a great game. Jessie Guild played well too."

Against Harwich, the 7-1 score wasn't an indicator of the way Cohasset played.

"We were 100 percent better this time than we were the last time we played them," Bostwick said. "At the half it was 4-1. This was the first time we've scored on them since they joined the league. Then they only scored three in the second half. That's pretty good for us. It was a moral victory."

Bostwick said playing at Harwich is an adventure in itself.

"You have the other side of the bridge officiating," she said. "This game they were good. They kept things under control. Then there's the field. It's like playing on a putting green. They have a synthetic grass. It's very good to play on. The game is faster, so you have to adjust your cutting moves and stick handling. You don't get the bounces you get on our field. You need to have set plays. When you're used to playing on that there are a lot of things you can do."

Katie James scored Cohasset's goal with assists from Noble and Caron.

"It was a pretty goal," Bostwick said about her squad's score. "It went Frannie to Courtney to Katie."

CHS weekly sports schedule

Varsity Football

17 Mashpee 6 p.m.
* Homecoming
Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
Assistants: Bob Silvia, Brian Pattison, tom Ventresca, Dave Terry, Don Silvia, Chris Bridges

Frosh-Soph Football

16 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
23 Weston 3:30 p.m.

Varsity Field Hockey

15 Hull 6:30 p.m.
18 Norwell 5 p.m.
21 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
23 Carver 6 p.m.
End of Regular Season
Coach: Deb Bostwick

JV Field Hockey

18 Norwell 6:30 p.m.
21 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
End of Season
Coach Alex Williams

Boys Varsity Soccer

18 Scituate 1 p.m.
20 @ Hingham 3:30 p.m.
Coach: Rob Leary

Boys JV Soccer

18 @ Scituate 2 p.m.
20 @ Hingham 3:30 p.m.
Coach Rick Dockendorff

Girls Varsity Soccer

16 @ Hull 5:30 p.m.
18 Scituate 3 p.m.
*Homecoming
Coach: Deb Beal

Girls JV Soccer

16 @ Hull 7 p.m.
18 @ Scituate 2 p.m.
Coach: Kara Connerty

Boys Varsity Golf

22 Cape Cod Acad. 3:30 p.m.
End of Season
Coach: Torin Sweeney

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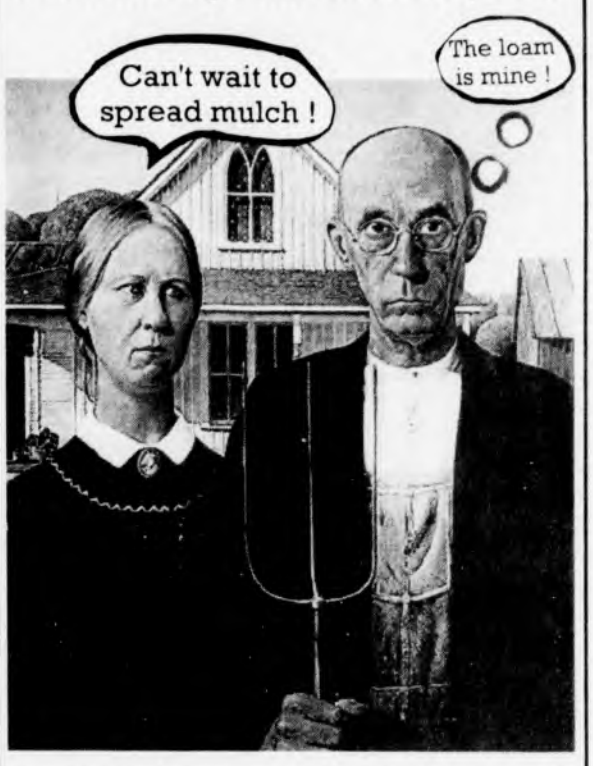

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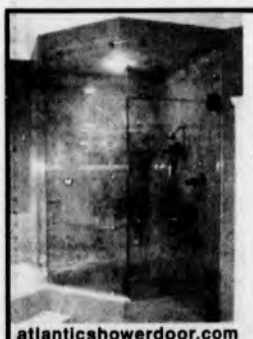
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COASTAL STARS REPORT

The Coastal Stars Squirt "B1" team got off on the right foot Saturday, with a 5-0 win over Norwood in their season opener.

The Stars withstood some early pressure from Norwood and began to carry the play midway through the first period as the entire team skated hard, moved the puck well and won the battles along the boards.

Bobby Parelli scored the first goal of the season, tucking in a rebound, with assists from John Kenney and Neil Conway.

Moments later, Mike Carbone went hard to the net and wristed a loose puck past the goalie to give the Stars a 2-0 lead. Ross Horan assisted on the goal.

The Norwood goalie kept it close in the second period, making several good stops, including one on Center Carter Denton, who played a strong two-way game.

Defenseman Bobby Harrington picked up the only goal of the period as he moved in from the right point and his shot found the back of the net.

In the third period, Parelli and Carbone secured the win with their second goals of the game, both putting home loose pucks in front of the Norwood net.

Ryan Talanian tallied his first point of the season with an assist on the Carbone goal.

The defensive pairings of Brian Ford with Harrington and DJ Evans with Jared Coletta controlled their end of the ice throughout the game, keeping the front of the net clear and moving the puck quickly out of their zone. They only allowed a handful of shots on goal, and goalie Danny Durkin handled them all, earning the shutout.

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The **Squirt C3** kicked of their season Saturday with a 7-3 victory against Pembroke.

After falling behind, 1-0, Willy Brown notched the first goal of the season with a hard shot from the right slot.

Shortly before the end of the first period, Mike Masciulli gave the Stars their first lead by swooping in and cleaning up on a loose puck in front of the net.

The second period was all Stars, as Defenseman Justin Hendriksen threw the puck up the left boards to a streaking Brown who notched his second score of the game. With one minute to go in the period, Winger Sam Labo fed Masciulli who slammed home his second from in front of the net.

Netminder Alec Hurd was stellar between the pipes as he turned away at least a dozen shots in the second period including a Pembroke breakaway.

Despite the Stars 4-1 lead, there was no quit in Pembroke as they converted two quick goals to start the third period.

At this point, wingers Ally Ryan, John Sinkins, and Nick Craig got their second wind and crashed the offensive boards, continually throwing the puck in front of the Pembroke net. Center Vinny Calorio converted one of these passes, lifting the puck just under the cross bar for his 1st goal.

The defensive tandems of Ryan Foohey with Mike Foley and Mike Timcoe with Hendriksen, instrumental in keeping most the play in Pembroke's end of the ice, stiffened up and kept the puck away from the Stars net for the remainder of the period.

Masciulli saved his best for last, combining stickhandling and hustle to score his third and fourth goals and secure a Stars victory.

SPORTS NOTES

Girls fifth grade hoop tryouts

Tryouts for the Cohasset fifth grade girls travel basketball team for the Old Colony League will be held on Oct. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Deerhill School gymnasium. Questions should be directed to Andrew Quigley (781-383-9795)

Legion baseball fall workouts

Members of the Cohasset Post 118 Legion baseball team are working out on Saturdays at the Scituate High baseball field, beginning at 9 a.m.. Any player from Scituate or Cohasset interested in playing for the team next summer is invited to join in. Any questions can be directed to Post 118 Manager Scott Arnold (781-545-1896).

Cohasset Little League introduces 'Baseball Bucks'

The Cohasset Little League (CYBSA) would like to thank our friends at the Cohasset Harbor Resort, especially manager Joe Campbell, for their very generous donation of $10,000 worth of gift certificates to benefit the new baseball and softball fields. Named "Baseball Bucks", the gift certificates are redeemable for food or beverages at Atlantica, The Olde Salt House or The Cohasset Harbor Inn. If you are interested in purchasing "Baseball Bucks" please contact Nancy Froio @ (781)383-1897. And once again, thank you to Joe Campbell and the Cohasset Harbor Resort!!

Wilhelm to be honored Oct. 17

Bill Whilhelm, Long-time Sports Director and host of the Sunday night Sports Exchange program will be recognized Friday, Oct. 17, at half time of the Brockton at Marshfield football game.

Bill will be broadcasting his 1000th high school sporting event. Bill has been a long time supporter and advocate for high school sports on the South Shore and has called play-by-play for football, basketball, soccer and hockey. His support of girls and boys athletics is well known.

The first Bill Wilhelm/WATD Scholarships were presented this past summer to three South Shore athletes.

For information call Arthur Boyle at 781-293-6900 or 781-953-5850.

Joshua's Run this Saturday

The Seventh Annual Joshua's Run for the Jimmy Fund is scheduled for Oct. 18, at Peggotty Beach. This family event which has raised $111,000 for the Jimmy Fund since its inception in 1996, has a new fall date and is expected to be bigger and better than ever.

New to the event this year is the Wall of Wings. The Wall of Wings is a giant butterfly made up of patches that may be purchased by individuals and decorated by the buyer in order to honor a loved one and his/her battle with cancer. Each patch will be incorporated into the butterfly pattern. A new butterfly will be added each year and the butterflies will be linked together forming an "honoring" wall.

The event schedule is as follows: Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m.; Two-Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m.; and the Four-Mile Road Race at 10 a.m. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Peggotty Beach. A kids entertainment tent will include face painting, balloons and a clown.

Pre-registration is available when a completed entry form and fee are sent to Esther Volpone Blacker, 35 Common St., Scituate, 02066. Pre-registration fees are $18 for the four-mile or two-mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. Race day registration fees are $20 for the four-mile or two-mile events and $5 for the Kids Fun Run. All event proceeds are donated to the Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

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Chic canines

Dog parade is worth barking about

Dylanne Axelson, 10, chooses her favorite dog featured in last year's Cohasset Mariner.

Flossie Clougherty, 14, with her German shepherd, "Basil," at the annual Farmers Market doggie parade last Thursday.

Isabella Cannon, 7, snuggles up to her Australian shepherd "Gracey" who won first prize for cutest puppy.

Caitlin Ahrens, 12, with her Labrador "Buffy" at the annual dog dress-up day at the Farmers Market.

Ann Fogarty shows "Ditzy," a unique greyhound-reindeer mix!

Above: Claire O'Callaghan with her cocker spaniel, "Lilly," who won third place for best costume.

At left: Charlotte Pfaffman with her dachshund "Nellie," who won first prize for Best Dressed.

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Denise Baxter with "Brian," a very rare greyosaurus!

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, OCT. 6

5:29 a.m. King St., medical aid.

7:37 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

9:55 a.m. Lower King St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

11:19 a.m. Deep run, fire, brush.

4:05 p.m. Elm St., fire inspection.

5:47 p.m. Beach St., fire inspection.

7:59 p.m. Deep Run and Jerusalem Road, disturbance. Juvenile arrest: age 14, assault with dangerous weapon.

TUESDAY, OCT. 7

12:24 a.m. King St., Jeffrey M. O'Neil, 46, 240 King St., Cohasset. Chrg. Assault and battery.

2:31 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

5:28 a.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

8:19 a.m. Howe Road, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

10:56 a.m. Beechwood St., family disturbance.

12:28 p.m. Wood Way, medical aid., removed to hospital (BLS)

1:24 p.m. North Main St, assist citizen.

2:18 p.m. Sheldon Road, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

4:50 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

4:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious.

6:07 p.m. North Main St,. General services.

10:09 p.m. Jerusalem road, suspicious person.

10:26 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., assist motorist.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

6 a.m. North Main St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

6:23 a.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

10:14 a.m. Howard Gleason road, larceny.

10:16 a.m. Forest Ave. and Forest Notch, traffic complaint.

11:33 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

11:39 a.m. Highland Ave., removed to hospital (ALS)

12:54 a.m. King St., removed to hospital (ALS)

1:15 p.m. Parking Ave., vandalism.

2:05 p.m. Parking Way, motor vehicle crash.

3:20 p.m. Sohier St., fire inspections.

3:55 p.m. Surry Dr., wires down.

4:18 p.m. Beechwood St., well being check.

5:33 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call.

5:48 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Hobart Lane, traffic complaint.

5:53 p.m. Elm St., outside fire.

6:46 p.m. Lamberts Lane, annoying phone calls.

7:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

7:53 p.m. Pleasant St. officer wanted.

9:01 p.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.

11:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other police department.

THURSDAY, OCT. 9

7:26 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

8:53 a.m. Forest Ave., and Jerusalem road, fire investigation.

10:09 a.m. Border St., soliciting.

11:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.

12:20 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid., removed to hospital (ALS)

12:48 p.m. Smith Place, suspicious.

2:46 p.m. Lamberts Lane, suspicious person.

3:28 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

5:51 p.m. Pratt Court, medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

10:06 p.m. Highland Ave., building checks.

FRIDAY, OCT. 10

3:26 a.m. North Main St., general services.

5:14 a.m. South Main St., general services.

7:38 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

8:32 a.m. Beechwood St. and chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

9:24 a.m. Jerusalem road, fire, log entry.

9:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

9:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel road, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

10:36 a.m. Beechwood St. and south Main St., motor vehicle violations.

1:15 p.m. Elm St., disturbance.

4:40 p.m. North Main St., family disturbance.

6:09 p.m. North Main St., animal control.

8:58 p.m. Spring St., family disturbance.

9:58 p.m. Cushing Road, transport.

SATURDAY, OCT. 11

5:29 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

8:29 a.m. Beechwood St., parking complaint.

9:49 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

11:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway officer wanted.

1:55 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

2 p.m. Bancroft Road, animal control.

2:17 p.m. South Main St., serve restraining order.

3:12 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

7:38 p.m. Smith Place.

8:58 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

10:15 p.m. Pleasant St., suspicious.

10:30 p.m. Summer St., fight. Arrest: Keith A. Jackson, 24, 9 Ash St., Cohasset. Chrgs. Disorderly conduct, malicious destruction of property over $250, affray. Adam R. Thibault, 22, 6 Winthrop Road, Hingham. Chrgs. Disorderly conduct, malicious destruction of property over $250, affray. Arrest: Jerry Cogill, 25, 71 Doane St., Cohasset. Chrgs. Disorderly conduct, malicious destruction of property over $250, affray.

11:52 p.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

SUNDAY, OCT. 12

2:05 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid.

2:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person.

4:29 a.m. Red Gate Lane, suspicious.

2:55 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

3:55 p.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

7:12 p.m. King St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

Fight leads to arrests

Sgt. William Quigley said a minor altercation Saturday night among three men over a comment about a woman resulted in property damage and the arrest of the perpetrators.

The incident took place outside the Legion Hall on Summer Street at about 10:30 p.m.

Keith A. Jackson, 24, of 9 Ash St.; Adam R. Thibault, 22, of 6 Winthrop Road in Hingham; and Jerry Cogill, 25, of 71 Doane St. were arraigned on charges of disorderly conduct, malicious destruction of property over $250 and affray (fighting) in Quincy District Court this week.

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Elementary school menu

MONDAY, OCT. 20
Hot dog on a bun or turkey sandwich, beans, fruit.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21
Cheese ravioli, marinara sauce or ham and cheese sub, carrots, mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22
Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, oven fries, vegetable, pudding.

THURSDAY, OCT. 23
BBQ riblet on a bun or tuna pocket, corn, brownie.

FRIDAY, OCT. 24
Pizza cheese or pepperoni or fish fillet on a bun, veggie sticks, fruit.

All-school PSO meets

A reminder to all parents and staff of Cohasset Public Schools that there will be an all-school Cohasset PSO meeting next Wednesday, Oct. 22 in the Cohasset High School Library at 7:15 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

Post prom recruitment

The 2004 Post Prom Committee has begun to recruit members. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the CMHS Library. Please attend if you'd like to get involved.

Halloween dance at The Garage

There will be a Halloween dance at The Garage on Friday, Oct. 31 from 7-10 p.m. Everyone from Grades 6-8 is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well. Costumes are optional.

Rededication at Deer Hill School

The School Building Committee, together with the Superintendent of Schools, School Committee, Deer Hill faculty and students will rededicate the Deer Hill school Friday, Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. in a ceremony in the new gymatorium. All Cohasset residents are invited to attend the celebration which marks the completion of two years of renovations to the school.

The community is also invited to tour the building Sat., Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon during a community open house.

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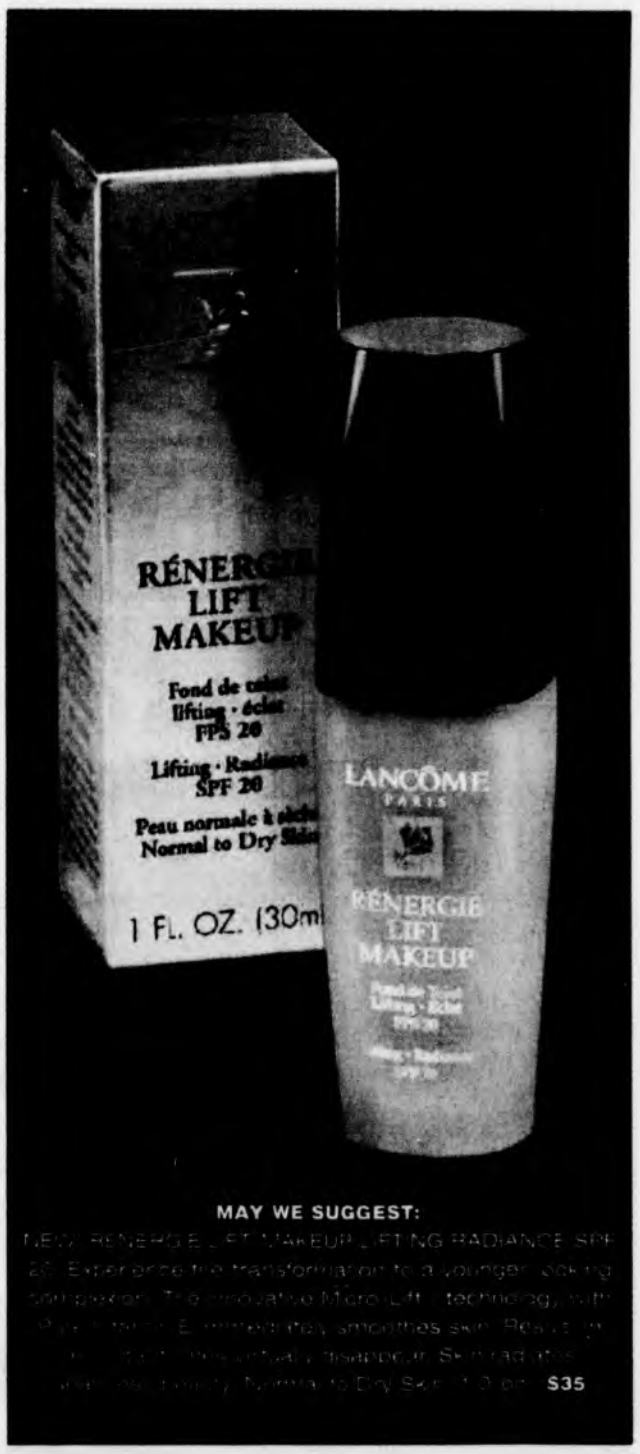

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As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 12th season, St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., is presenting organist Peter Sykes in concert on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. Sykes is a member of the faculties of the Longy School of Music, Boston University, and the New England Conservatory, and is also Director of Music at First Church in Cambridge, Congregational. He is also an expert on early music and has numerous recordings, both harpsichord and organ, one of his most interesting being the "Nantucket Organ Tour." He has previewed many new works and performed with the Boston Early Music Festival, Musica Antiqua Koln, and the King's Noyse. The program will contain compositions of early composers, J.S. Bach and Woodman.

For more information, please contact the church office 781-383-1083.

'Lifeboat' author at Buttonwood Books

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset hosts John R. Stilgoe, Norwell resident and professor in the History of Landscape at Harvard University, on Thursday, Oct. 30 from 7-9 p.m. Stilgoe will present his latest work, "Lifeboat".

Stilgoe has been thinking about lifeboats ever since he listened with his father as the kitchen radio announced that the liner Lakonia had caught fire and sunk in the Atlantic in 1963. Stilgoe began to delve into accounts of other disasters at sea. What he found was a trunkful of hair-raising stories-of shipwreck, salvation, seamanship-brilliant and inept, noble sacrifice, insanity, cannibalism, courage and cravenness, even scandal. Stilgoe deals with the lifeboat as a symbol of human optimism, of engineering ingenuity, of bureaucratic ingenuity, of fear and frailty.

Woven through "Lifeboat" are good old-fashioned yarns, thrilling tales of adventure. Stilgoe is the author of numerous books, including "Borderland", "Metropolitan Corridor", and most recently, "Outside Lies Magic" and "Alongshore". This is a free event. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Halloween fair

The annual Halloween fair on Cohasset Common will be held Sunday, Oct. 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. All proceeds benefit the South Shore Community Center Nursery School. Check next week's Mariner for more details or call 781-383-0036 for more information.

Haunted hayrides

A Halloween Haunted Hayride presented by St. John Masonry and Kinchler Hydroseeding will be held Oct. 18, (rain date Sunday, Oct. 19) from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for the wee folks (age 4 and up at parent's discretion) where there will be face painting, bobbing for apples, pumpkin decorating, and arts and crafts;. from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. not for the faint at heart.

Parking at the Cohasset Recycling Facility, Cedar Street, boarding at the Town Highway Garage. Tickets $10 per person in advance, $12 at the door. To avoid lengthy waiting, purchase tickets in advance for a time slot. All profits to be donated to the Our World Playground. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 781-383-0666.

Rachel Revere provides window to colonial past

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold its fall sinner and annual meeting on Sunday, Oct. 26 at Siro's Beachside Restaurant in Hull, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.. A social hour with a cash bar will be followed by a buffet dinner consisting of Mediterranean mixed greens, sautéed chicken, Marsala style, grilled Atlantic salmon, garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and chocolate mousse.

The evening's speaker will be Joan Gatturna, an actor and historical interpreter, who brings the past to life through the women of the times. Gatturna will portray Paul Revere's second wife, Rachel Walker Revere. Learn how the women of Boston kept the home fires burning while their husbands fanned the flames of revolution.

The cost is $31 for members and $36 for non-members. Reservations will be accepted until Monday, Oct. 20 Please make your check payable to Cohasset Historical Society, and send it to the Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025. For additional information, please call the Society at 781-383-1168.

Lighthouse ghosts

Don't miss "Ghosts and Legends of New England Lighthouses," a lecture and slide presentation by lighthouse historian Jeremy D'Entremont on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave.

Call Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 for more information and to reserve a space. Admission: $5 museum members, $10 non-members.

D'Entremont will be our guide through the darker side of New England's maritime history, recalling spine-tingling tales from the region's most mysterious coastal beacons, including Boston Light, Minot's Light, and Scituate Light. An eerie array of Lighthouse and Halloween refreshments will be served.

Retirement series sponsored by CEA

The Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs will sponsor a series of seminars for those contemplating retirement in the near future.

The four-seminar course will take place on Wednesdays in October at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., While it is being sponsored by the Cohasset Council, it is open to all citizens in surrounding towns. The cost, which includes a light supper before each program, is $3 per session. The supper will begin at 5:30 p.m., the program at 6 p.m. Call 781-383-9112 for information or to register.

The program includes:

- Oct. 22, "Financial Security after Retirement." Michael McNamara of McNamara Financial Services will address such basic questions as "Do I have enough money to retire and will it last as long as I do?" Then Carol Walsh Pagliccia of Pagliccia Real Estate will discuss whether it is better to continue to live in the same home or sell it.
- Oct. 29, "Living a Healthy and Active Life after Retirement." Meg Doherty, executive director of the Norwell Visiting Nurses Association, will discuss vitamin regimens, high protein diets, exercise and preventative measures to postpone the encroachments of age.

Starbucks seminar

Tasting seminar at Starbucks in Cohasset on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 10 a.m.

Every year, Starbucks invites coffee growers from around the world to submit their finest coffees for consideration as Starbucks Special Reserve Coffee. Come sample this year's best coffee, Starbucks Special Reserve 2003.

The Cohasset Starbucks is at 790 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, 781-383-8760.

Flu shots at Stop & Shop

Harvard Pilgrim's First Seniority members can get their flu shot at the convenience of their local Stop & Shop pharmacy at 400 Justice Cushing Highway, on Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

No appointment is needed but remember to bring your First Seniority identification card with you. For information, contact the First Seniority Member Services Department at 1-800-421-3550.

Volunteers needed

The Thrift Shop at Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, is searching for caring, responsible and trustworthy volunteers to work in the shop and to assist with inventory.

The shop is open Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The thrift shop continues to offer clothes, household items, toys and books at low prices. It also offers a friendly atmosphere and the opportunity to learn about other programs and services available.

Call 781-925-3211 for additional information.

Shop hours

The Thrift Shop and Book Store at Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, are now operating on their fall/winter hours.

The book store is now open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Kristina Olsen at Coffeehouse

The Hingham Coffeehouse off the Square presents Kristina Olsen on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 8 p.m.

A versatile multi-instrumentalist (acoustic guitar, steel body slide guitar, saxophone, concertina, and piano), she is first a singer/songwriter with a big, bluesy but supple voice able to express a wide range of emotions. As a writer she won the Kerrville Songwriting Award for "I Am Keeping this Life of Mine."

After growing up immersed in the diverse cultural, musical, and social vitality of San Francisco during the 1960s, Olsen now lives in lively Venice, Calif. She is not to be confused with the also much-praised Kristina Olsen of Newburyport, Mass.

Olsen has toured much, particularly in the United Kingdom and Australia, often playing with the celebrated Australian cellist Peter Grayling.

The evening begins with an open microphone offering all singers, poets, storytellers, mimes, and instrumentalists . . . a chance to be seen and heard by our attentive audience. Admission is $10 at the door and a variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds go to the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee.

The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is handicapped accessible.

Brunch and theatre

Hingham Civic Music Theatre is currently producing "The Music Man." Start your day with a brunch at the Cobblestone Hearth, at the South Shore Country Club starting at 10 a.m. and end up at Hingham High School for the 2 p.m. matinee of "The Music Man." On Oct. 19 or 26.

The total cost is $26-$15 for brunch, including tax and gratuity, and $11 for a theatre ticket.

Call Donna at the Cobblestone Hearth for more details at 781-749-1720.

Retirement party for Dr. Joseph Godzik

A retirement party for Health Agent, Dr. Joseph R. Godzik, including cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing (featuring the band The Marsels) is on Friday Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Red Lion Inn's Lion's Hall (a.k.a. The Barn) 71 South Main St.

Tickets are $35, prepaid. Please RSVP and forward payment by Friday Oct. 17 to: Tara Tradd, Cohasset Board of Health 41 Highland Ave. Cohasset, MA 02025.

Tradd can be reached by email: cohassetboh@cohassetmass.org or by phone, 781-383-4116.

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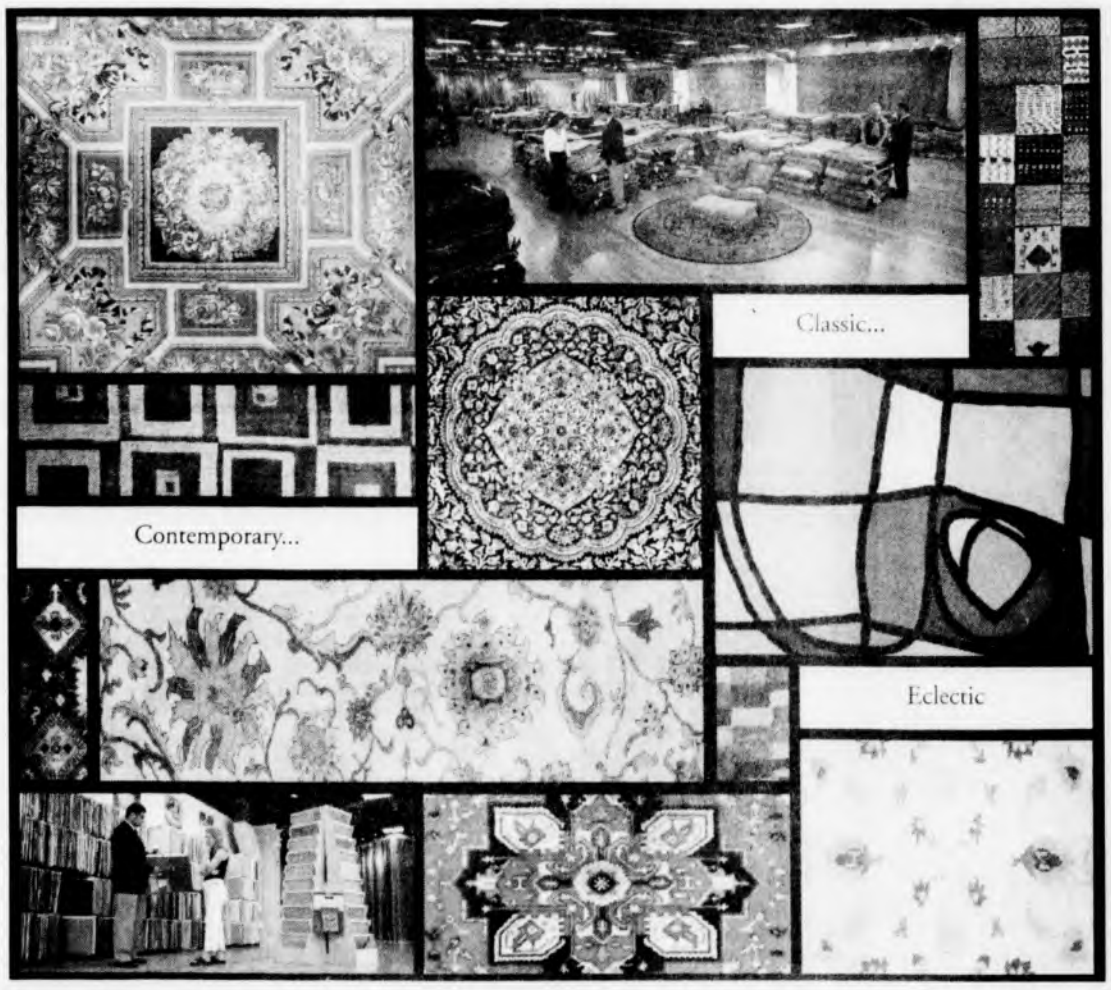

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All in the family

Vicki Lawrence brings Mama' to Memorial Hall

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Vicki Lawrence got her big break on "The Carol Burnett Show," because she looked like the star's younger sister. And later, Burnett's decision to change parts in a sketch on the variety program gave Lawrence the biggest role of her career — as the sharp-tongued matriach of a dysfunctional, blue collar family.

"Mama was originally written for Carol, but she decided she would rather play Eunice, which was intended as a role for a guest star. I wasn't even supposed to be in the sketch," explained Lawrence by telephone last week from her southern California home. "When Carol decided to do Eunice, she suggested that I play Mama. The character was one of Carol's many gifts to me."

And one that keeps on giving. Lawrence, 54, first donned the grey wig, granny glasses and orthopedic shoes to play the cantankerous Thelma Harper, known to her offbeat family as Mama, in a 1974 Burnett show segment entitled "Ed and Eunice." The sketches continued until the Burnett show left the air four years later. In 1982, Lawrence was again featured as Mama in a 90-minute television special entitled "Eunice," which starred Carol Burnett and Harvey Korman as Eunice and Ed Higgins. The following year, Lawrence again reprised the role for a NBC-TV sitcom entitled "Mama's Family." This time around, however, Lawrence was the show's star with Burnett and Korman making only occasional guest appearances. The show ran only 35 episodes on the network, but remained in production until 1990 in first-run syndication.

Actress Vicki Lawrence brings her two-woman show to Plymouth Memorial Hall Oct. 26.

These days, Lawrence and her alter ego are teaming for a live show entitled "Vicki Lawrence & Mama — A Two Woman Show" which comes to Plymouth Memorial Hall Oct. 26. Lawrence started her first national tour more than a year ago, with the help of a production team of Burnett alumni, including her husband, Al Schultz, who was the makeup man for the long-running variety show. The pair sketched out the show in their living room with help from comedy writer Monty Aidem and were confident in the material. As the show's first dates neared, however, the star experienced doubts.

"Is this gonna fly in the real world? Or, am I going to be staring at a painting?," Lawrence recalls asking herself. The California native won over that first audience at the Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas and many more since then with her two-woman show. As Vicki, Lawrence shares personal anecdotes and also performs her only hit song, "The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia," which earned her a 1973 Gold Record.

With only a five minute break to get into costume, Lawrence is back as Mama. Three decades have passed since Lawrence first put on Mama's curly wig, but one thing hasn't changed, the character is still many years the actress's senior and Lawrence still performs her without any special age make-up.

"If you look closely at Mama's first few appearances on the Burnett show, you can see that I had showgirl make-up on — including huge false eyelashes — under Mama's little glasses. That was Carol's idea. She always wanted to finish on time, and sometimes that meant putting on all the make-up you would need for an entire show at once. When I did the sitcom, people suggested that we needed to do Estelle Getty-style make-up if Mama was going to be convincing. My husband, Al, put his foot down and said there would be no age make-up for Mama. I have always kidded him that he made that decision, because he was a make-up man who wanted to get paid for doing nothing."

Mama may look younger than her years, but age does have its privileges. "She is definitely the diva of the two of us. I have to open for her," says Lawrence. "And Mama still gets to speak her mind. Even when she is off-color and politically incorrect, no one seems to mind, because it's Mama. She can get away with saying almost anything. Grandmas are always right."

A singer and performer since her teens, Lawrence's non-Mama career has included several successful game show stints and even her own talk show. Currently, she has a recurring role on the CBS-TV sitcom "Yes, Dear," playing the wife of old friend and former Burnett show co-star, Tim Conway.

Whatever else she does, however, Lawrence knows it is her first TV work for which she will always be best-known.

"It was like going to the Harvard school of comedy in front of America," Lawrence remembers. "I could have learned the craft just through osmosis."

While she is quick to label Burnett her "mentor," Lawrence also has fond memories of another colleague whom she credits with teaching her the finer points of comedic acting.

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Vicki Lawrence

"I was just out of high school when I first got that show. I couldn't find stage left stage right or the ladies' room," says Lawrence. "Harvey Korman took me under his wing and told me 'You're gonna learn dialect. You're gonna learn props... ' He was either going to teach me or kill me because I was such a goon. I think he hated me, although he wouldn't say that today."

("Vicki Lawrence & Mama - A Two Woman Show" will be performed at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Plymouth, Sunday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. For tickets and information, call 866/468-7619 or visit www.plymouthmemorialhall.com)

Bob Romano has the blues

Musician and promoter provides venues for local talent

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Bob "Satch" Romano performs a unique juggling act as a local musician and music promoter.

Romano, a Braintree sales and marketing consultant, has also spent much of his life in and around the music business, mostly at the local level, but not without his share of interaction with nationally known and touring performers, and the sort of related stories and recollections that go with that.

These days, however, the moonlighting musician — a blues harpist and guitarist — and promoter amidst the area club scene is most focused on endeavors he started up back in the mid to late 1990s. Those three projects, based on Romano's own longtime fan-devotion to the blues and blues musicians, are the New Blue Revue — a weekly open-mic blues jam vehicle, the Houserockers — Satch's own blues, rock and R&B band, and the Houserockers side project, a self-named tribute to the Blues Brothers, in which the harpist and a musical partner assume the look, sound, feel and persona of the legendary Jake and Elwood Blues.

"I want to be like a go-to guy for any musicians in and around the South Shore who are into the blues and are looking for a regular outlet where they can drop in and jam."
Bob "Satch" Romano

The New Blue Revue appears every Thursday evening at the Purple Eggplant, Route 18, Abington, and every Friday evening at Jimbo's Next Page, Broad Street, East Weymouth. The Houserockers and the Houserockers' Tribute to the Blues Brothers are mainly available for private parties and corporate functions but also expect to break into a regular schedule of area club dates by early next year.

Romano's New Blue Revue is essentially the ongoing project of what he began on the South Shore in 1994, and has previously graced local venues such as the Yard Rock in Quincy and Helen's Cafe and Ye Olde Brick Grille in Braintree. The musician emphasizes that the current weekly open-mic blues jam works with a rotating cast of 35 area singers and players, and with nearly 100 performing over the Revue's nine years.

"I want to be like a go-to guy for any musicians in and around the South Shore who are into the blues and are looking for a regular outlet where they can drop in and jam," said Romano at his Braintree home. "I also book several area blues bands at some of the neighborhood clubs. And I'm happy to say that these are bands who've emanated from the New Blue Revue open-mic blues jams, who started out sitting in with us then formed their own bands."

"But what I want people to know is that the open-mic jam is not about me. I simply create the format, then invite any musicians who want to come down for any given week and let them shine in the spotlight. In all the nine years I've been doing this, the open-mic jam has

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Some new tricks for Three Dog Night

70s hit band rocks Plymouth Oct. 18

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Danny Hutton can feel a certain gratification for keeping Three Dog Night going off-and-on for three-and-a-half decades.

"In this current version of Three Dog Night, we have more original members than the Rolling Stones, and more than Chicago. And I think the spirit of the band is as alive as it ever was," said Hutton by phone from his L.A. home last week.

Reviews of Three Dog Night's live shows have generally been in accord with the band's founder, as the band itself has toured consistently and internationally since 1986, averaging 80-100 shows a year. One of those tour stops is Plymouth Memorial Hall this Saturday evening, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Rising from the late 1960s L.A. club scene and record business, Three Dog Night is best remembered as one of the biggest hit-making machines of the early 70s. From 1969 to '74, the band scored 21 consecutive Top 40 hits, including eighteen straight Top 20s, eleven Top 10s, seven No. 1 hits, 7 million-selling singles and 12 straight gold LPs.

Most of those hit singles — "One," "Celebrate," "Mama Told Me Not To Come," "Joy to the World" and "Shambala" were in a pop-friendly hard-rock style with heavy soul/R&B undertones. The band's name, taken from an Australian outback term to describe especially cold nights when one sleeps with three dogs, also symbolized the band's unusual concept of three dynamic, soulful lead vocalists, including originally Cory Wells and Chuck Negron along with Hutton.

Three Dog Night will have the Memorial Hall crowd howling Oct. 18.

In their Top Ten prime, Three Dog Night was well-noted through their hits for giving pop exposure to then little or unknown songwriters, such as Harry Nilsson ("One"), Randy Newman ("Mama Told Me"), Laura Nyro ("Eli's Coming") and even Elton John and Bernie Taupin ("Lady Samantha").

As Hutton recalls, "Back in the late 60s, I was starting up my concept of a vocal trio with Cory (Wells) and Chuck (Negron), and we were then called Redwood. I was also good friends with Brian Wilson at the time. I hung out with him in the studio when the Beach boys were making the Pet Sounds album. And Brian offered to produce Redwood and even gave us our first single, `Darlin',' which the Beach boys later recorded."

"Eventually, Brian got pressure from the other Beach Boys, who felt he was spending too much time with outside projects, and he abandoned his work with us. At that point, our manager said, why don't you get a band together, which we did. We then sat down, listened to all kinds of records to work up material for our act, everything from rock to new singer/songwriter stuff to R&B. This is

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Living changes

In our continuing efforts to provide as much comprehensive and local news as possible in some challenging economic times we have made a decision to scale back our Living section.

We will continue to provide a comprehensive weekly listing of South Shore events in the arts community and beyond in your newspaper. Beginning next week readers will find a two-page calendar section highlighting happenings around the region.

Portions of the Living section — including our popular garden column Green Thumbs Up — will move inside the newspaper alongside our local news, features and editorial coverage. As additional space becomes available we hope to expand our regional arts and entertainment coverage.

Food & dining

Juicy, braised pork chops

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Everyone has experienced the problem with pork chops: dry, tough meat. Since pork is 50 percent leaner than it was when I was growing up, many of the classic cooking methods are no longer appropriate. I wanted to braise the chops (cook in a small amount of liquid) in order to create a quick pan sauce but I also wanted tender, juicy meat.

I found a few recipes in classic books by the likes of Fannie

Farmer and James Beard. In most recipes, the cooking time (either in the oven or on top of the stove) was too short to produce tender meat. I then decided to start with the meat itself to see if different cuts made a difference in the kitchen.

There are two kinds of pork chops commonly available — the loin chop or the rib chop. Loin chops are sold either with or without the bone. I found chops cut 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches. I seasoned the chops and browned them over high heat. Then I added chicken stock (and a few other ingredients) and let them braise until they were tender. The rib chops were more flavorful and took less time to become moist and tender since they contain more fat. The loin chops were slightly dryer and chewier and took longer to cook. (Bone-in was superior since the meat was more flavorful and juicier.) The key with either cut, however, was cooking time. As with a pot roast, pork chops need to be cooked long enough for the meat to break down and become tender.

I tried brining the chops but this added step did not improve the texture although it did make the sauce too salty. To my surprise, however, I found that thinner chops were better than thick ones. The reason? Thicker chops took a very long time to cook (almost two hours, whereas thin chops were done in 30 to 45 minutes) and the balance of sauce to meat was better with less meat.

As for the other ingredients, I included one thinly sliced onion, white wine (I tested and rejected red wine, sherry, cider vinegar, and vermouth), low-sodium chicken stock (regular stock will make this dish too salty), a bay leaf, fresh thyme, Dijon mustard, and fresh parsley. I also tried apples, sauerkraut, and tomato paste, cream and maple syrup but preferred a clean, simple combination of flavors.

JUICY BRAISED PORK CHOPS

Rib chops are preferred since they contain more fat then loin chops but either can be used. If you use the latter, simply increase the cooking time to 45 minutes. Use a light hand when seasoning the chops since the sauce can easily become too salty. Note that bay leaves quickly lose their flavor once the bottle is opened, so make sure that they are fresh and store the rest in the freezer until needed.

4 1/2 to 3/4 inch thick bone-in rib or loin pork chops (rib chops preferred)

Salt and freshly ground pepper

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 tablespoon butter

1 medium onion, halved and thinly sliced

1/2 cup dry white wine

1 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth

1 bay leaf

1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme

1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

1. Season the chops lightly with salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a large

skillet over high heat. When hot, brown the chops in a single layer until

dark golden brown, about 3 to 4 minutes. Turn chops and brown on second side, about 4 minutes longer. Transfer chops to a plate and set aside.

2. Reduce heat to medium and pour off all but 1 tablespoon fat from pan. Add the butter and once it has stopped foaming add the onion. Cook until the onion is translucent and soft and golden brown around the edges, about 7 minutes. Add the wine to the pan, and using a wooden spatula or spoon, scrape up any brown bits from the bottom of the pan. Add the chops back to the pan along with the chicken broth and bay leaf. Bring to a simmer and cook, covered, until the chops are tender, about 30 minutes for rib chops and 45 minutes for loin chops. Remove the chops to a warm platter and tent with aluminum foil.

3. Discard bay leaf and whisk thyme and mustard into the sauce. If necessary, increase heat to medium-high and simmer until sauce is thickened.

Taste for seasonings and adjust with salt and pepper if necessary. Spoon sauce over chops and serve immediately. Serves 4

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook◊s Illustrated, log on to /www.cooksillustrated.com . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to www.americastestkitchen.com.

Lucci to light up Symphony Hall

Susan Lucci's portrayal of the sexy and sensational Erica Kane on "All My Children" has made her a soap opera superstar whose fame transcends daytime. Lucci is also a savvy businesswoman. Her own lines of hair and skincare products, clothing, handbags and a fragrance make her a frequent presence on the Home Shopping Network. Two thriving careers might be too much for some people, but not Lucci, who this fall is on a concert tour with the man who coined the phrase "La Lucci" — Regis Philbin.

"I first met Regis many years ago when he was doing a local television morning show in Los Angeles and he's been a friend ever since. It is wonderful to work with Regis, because he is such a generous performer," Lucci explained recently by telephone from New York. "I really enjoy these concerts. I'm singing some pop, jazz, some standards and some Broadway - all the music I love."

This latest phase in Lucci's professional life can be traced to 1999 when she finally won her Emmy. She did more than just end her legendary losing streak, she also opened the door to a whole new career. "In the interviews I did after the Emmy Awards that year, I was asked what I wanted to do next. I said Broadway, but I never made it clear whether I meant a play or a musical." That decision ended up being made for the actress later that same year when she was approached about replacing Bernadette Peters as Annie Oakley in the Tony Award-winning Broadway revival of "Annie Get Your Gun."

Before long, a friend with gold-plated Broadway credentials offered to help. "Marvin Hamlisch and I had worked together a few years earlier. When he heard about "Annie Get Your Gun," he offered me the chance to come to his New York apartment and sing for him. I asked Marvin what he thought and he was very encouraging. He said to me, 'You can do this. There's no question you can do this.' I knew then that I had a good shot at it."

The award-winning composer was correct, and Lucci made her Broadway debut in the Irving Berlin musical in December 1999 to standing ovations and critical acclaim. "It was an amazing experience. The thrill of performing on stage for a live audience is unlike anything else. I cried almost every night at the curtain call, it was just so emotional."

For the Long Island native, it was also the realization of a childhood dream. "Singing has always been in me. I listened to Broadway albums as a little girl. I learned all the lyrics and acted

all the parts. That's where my dream started and really where it has always been."

Susan Lucci appears in concert with Regis Philbin at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston Sunday, Oct. 19. For tickets and information, call Symphony Charge at 617/266-1200 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

—R. Scott Reedy

Three Dog Night

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where we began to discover those great new songs by unknown writers. "One" by Harry Nilsson was essentially a failed attempt at a hit single for him. We were able to take those songs that sort of fell through the cracks and find success with them," Hutton said.

Hutton added that the new band's manager then booked them an unsigned artist's showcase date at L.A.'s famed Troubador club, playing for reps from the then-hot ABC/Dunhill label. Hutton recalled that after the show, the reps greeted the band and "based on what we just heard," signed them on the spot. Three Dog Night's top-selling albums for ABC/Dunhill contained some of the band's own songs, but mainly used material from outside writers gathered from reel-to-reel and 45 RPM demos, and even the occasional live-in-the-studio audition.

"We decided our approach was going to be that we're going to record the best songs we can find anywhere, not just what we write," Hutton said.

This year, Three Dog Night has two new recorded products for the first time in many years — a live CD recorded with the London Symphony Orchestra, and a live DVD made in Nashville with the Tennessee Symphony Orchestra. Both discs, feature hits from the past with fuller, symphonic arrangements, plus two new songs, said Hutton.

Three Dog Night performs Saturday, Oct. 18 at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street. For tickets and information, call 866/468-7619 or visit www.plymouthmemorialhall.com)

Romano has the blues

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never put together the same band twice," Romano said.

Originally from Dorchester, Romano began playing music in high school and then at college. In the mid 70s, he worked running functions and catering at Howard Johnson's Hotel in Boston. There he remembers sitting in for after-hours jam sessions in the hotel's rehearsal room with players from the bands of James Brown, the Ojays and others rooming for the night while on tour in the city.

After spending most of the 80s out of the music business, Romano re-entered the fray when he bought the Music Doctor CD and tape store in Plymouth's Cordage Park. While there he began collecting Beatles memorabilia, which started a one-thing-to-another chain of events that led to Romano finally finding a way back into the mainstream music business. The twisted path included several Beatles memorabilia shows, working with WBCN promotions, managing a North Shore club band called Street Kid, and eventually meeting area players at the Yard Rock and organizing an open-mic blues jam there.

Romano founded the New Blue Revue in 1996. Since then, it has been a welcome resource for many area musicians who, like him, played in local club bands in previous years — or decades — and would like to get back onstage in front of an audience.

"Musicians around the South Shore are able to make their comebacks through the New Blue Revue," he said. "I create a venue or forum for players who want to return to the scene. Plus, of course, any others who are interested, amateurs or pros."

The New Blue Revue performs every Thursday evening at the Purple Eggplant, Route 18, Abington, and every Friday at Jimbo's Next Page, Broad Street, East Weymouth. For more information or to receive NBR's weekly newsletter email to brom@carlsonsw.com or 781-258-5232.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

A lunar opposition to Pluto may spark emotional thunderstorms this morning. Keep a low profile. Storm clouds move out by 9:00 a.m., however; fair and sunny astrological weather returns for the remainder of the day. People will be sociable, talkative but easily distracted from practical matters. Influences are best for handling projects that require communication with others, like making phone calls or sending e-mails. Sales and promotion campaigns also get the green light.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

This is a great day to get things done. Take on a busy work schedule, particularly jobs that require mental focus and concentration. At 5:54 a.m. the Gemini moon becomes inactive until 7:41 a.m., when it enters the sign Cancer. In addition, Mercury prepares to form a flowing 60-degree contact to Pluto. Take time out for yourself this evening; look within and you wi!l find what you need to get back on track.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

A challenging lunar alignment to Saturn can make for a rough start to this day. People may be moody, hypersensitive. Avoid morning hassles or the blues. Plan to finish old business rather than starting anything new. Venus interacts with Neptune and Jupiter, making for a pleasant evening. Share a special meal with family and close friends.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 8:31 a.m., when the Cancer moon becomes inactive. This moon is decreasing in light, and a new moon will culminate next Saturday, October 25. An inactive Cancer moon makes this day prime for puttering around house, handling odds and ends of jobs, cleaning out the clutter. A playful Leo moon arrives at 6:41 p.m. Put on your party hat and go for the good times this evening.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

A Leo moon all day prompts you to come from the heart and enjoy life to the fullest. Put all worries and hassles aside; enjoy favorite pastimes, friends and family. The moon interacts with Neptune at 2:21 p.m. and Venus at 6:28 p.m. An applying alignment of Venus to Saturn brings an opportunity to strengthen the ties and add new depth and dimension to key relationships.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

This week begins on an upbeat note. Take advantage of today's positive planetary influences and take on a full agenda. The moon continues its travel in outgoing Leo, forming easy contacts to Mercury this afternoon and the sun this evening. New beginnings in your business or personal life are recommended.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Gear up for a hectic morning. At 12:18 a.m. the Leo moon becomes inactive until 2:01 a.m., when it enters Virgo. A polarity of the moon and Mars is in effect between 6:45-9:45 a.m. Others may be irritable, impatient, difficult to get along with. Compliments will work better than criticism. As the day goes on, however, planetary influences improve considerably. The best way to channel today's influences is to stay busy with practical projects. A lunar alignment to Jupiter generates optimism, enthusiasm this evening.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Stress management is important this morning. Resolve to maintain a lighthearted, positive attitude. The Virgo moon forms a challenging 90-degree contact to Pluto at 9:19 a.m. and becomes inactive. After that storm clouds move out, and sunny astrological weather returns. The combination of an inactive moon, sun-Uranus alignment and Neptune station makes this a great day to vacation. Step out of your usual routine and follow your bliss.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

The moon enters Libra at 5:27 a.m., and the sun enters Scorpio at 4:09 p.m. A Scorpio new moon will culminate in two days, October 25. However, a harmonious 120-degree alignment of Mercury and Uranus takes the spotlight today. Its influence may spark new ideas and sudden insights. Keep an open mind. Be willing to experiment with new techniques or undergo new experiences.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

The dark side of a new moon is a time for finishing projects and clearing the way for new activities. Others may be pensive, hypersensitive. You can make gains on an inner, spiritual level. Spend time alone. Let go of past hurts and traumas; be more forgiving and willing to meet others halfway. At 7:20 a.m. Mercury moves into Scorpio, where it will remain until November 12.

Planting projects for the fall season

Green thumbs up

Part 3

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Each year, in late September, a delightful surprise appears in the plantings alongside my front walkway. Several clumps of large, satiny, goblet-shaped blooms in an enticing shade of soft, lavender-pink magically emerge among the shrubs and fading perennials. Glistening in the early morning sunlight, these elegant blooms of the autumn crocus (Colchicum spp.) announce the official arrival of the fall season.

Autumn crocuses grow from corms and produce significantly larger flowers than our early spring-blooming crocuses. If the corms are planted during late summer or early autumn in full sun or light shade in fertile, well-drained soils, blossoms up to 8 inches in diameter appear a few weeks later without the presence of foliage. Large clusters of bold, strap-like leaves up to 12 inches long emerge the following spring and persist until early summer, gradually turning yellow as they mature. As with other bulbs whose foliages tend to become unsightly as they cure, these corms are often best planted among daylilies, groundcovers or deciduous shrubs to conceal their dying leaves. Known also as meadow saffron, it should be noted that all parts of these plants are toxic. A derivative of the autumn crocus has been used to alter the genetic composition of daylilies and a variety of other plants.

Despite a number of frosty evenings during the past week, there is still time to plant spring-flowering bulbs. No garden seems complete without a few patches of crocuses, daffodils or tulips and fall is the season for planting these springtime miracles. Choose firm bulbs that are free of soft spots, deep cuts or blemishes. Select the largest specimens of each type of bulb or in the case of daffodils, ones having multiple noses, as these will most likely produce more flowers of greater size.

All bulbs prefer loose, porous soils with excellent drainage to prevent rotting during dormancy. Soils composed of sandy loam are ideal. Heavy clay soils should be amended with sand, peat moss, or compost to improve drainage. Raised beds may be necessary in low, damp locales. Loosen and prepare the soil prior to planting so the roots of the bulbs can develop easily.

While bulbs contain all the nutrients they require to flower the first year, to continue healthy growth and flowering, bulbs need phosphorus, a mineral that moves very slowly through the soil. To ensure its availability in future seasons, mix a teaspoon of superphosphate or bulb booster in the soil at the bottom of the planting hole. Although bone meal serves as an alternative, organic source of this nutrient, you may wish to avoid its use as animals often detect its scent and dig up your newly planted bulbs.

Plant most spring-flowering bulbs at a depth three times their diameter at the widest point. Be sure to read labels for recommended planting depths and keep a ruler handy while planting to ensure reasonable accuracy. Set true bulbs in the planting hole on their flattened end, known as the basal plate, with the tip of the bulb up. The majority of commonly grown spring-flowering bulbs are true bulbs including onions (Alliums), glory-of-the-snow (Chionodoxa), checkered lily and crown imperial (Fritillaria), snow drops (Galanthus), hyacinths, grape hyacinths (Muscari), daffodils (Narcissus), squill (Scilla), lilies (Lilium) and tulips.

Crocuses are corms and should also be planted on their flattened end with the rounded portion of the bulb on top. Greek anemones (Anemone blanda), which produce charming, daisy-like flowers in pink, blue or white set off by deep green divided foliage, are classified as tubers. These oddly shaped bulbs are best soaked for 24 hours prior to planting. Like potatoes, roots and stems emerge from eyes scattered all over the surface so the bulbs have no top or bottom.

The majority of spring-flowering bulbs are best planted in clumps or drifts rather than isolated or in single rows like marching soldiers. For an especially dramatic effect, plant large groupings of a singular variety or clusters of bulbs that bloom at the same time. If a succession of bloom is preferred, select early, midseason and late varieties of tulips or daffodils interspersed with various types of minor bulbs to provide blooms over a long season. I prefer to use a shovel to dig one large hole for each grouping, loosening the soil in the bottom of the hole and spacing the bulbs within that hole. Be sure to firm the soil and water well immediately after planting all bulbs.

If rodents have plagued your bulb plantings in the past, try interplanting their favored tulips and crocuses with narcissus, which are poisonous to the little beasties. Alliums and Fritillaria may also prove useful companions as they produce strong odors that may deter unwanted intruders. As a last resort, plant bulbs in cages of wire or hardware cloth or protect each planting with a strip of wire that can be bent into the ground over the bulbs and covered with soil. The bulbs can still grow through the spaces in the wire and the hidden metal will often deter the digging of chipmunks and squirrels.

While daffodils, tulips and crocuses tend to be the most popular choices, there are numerous delightful bulbs to add beauty to the spring garden. Try something new this fall and watch the miracle unfold next spring.

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Thurs. 16

The Pumpkin Patch, a Fundraising program of **The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project** - Open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Halloween, Oct. 31.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Council on aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Mary Douyard** will demonstrate painting in oils. Free and open to the public.

Tara Drive Showhouse. Tour the Tedeschi family mansion, which is opening its doors again to the public through Oct. 31. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., closed Mondays. Free, on-site parking. Tickets $30 per person can be purchased on site, at www.showhousemedia.com, or by calling 1-877-SHOHOUSE. Ticket proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, **Animal Tails** Thursdays - Specify morning (9:30-11 a.m.) or afternoon (1:30 to 3 p.m.) Session II: Oct. 9, 16, 23 $39 members/$48 non-members for each session. Program featuring nature stories and activities. For children ages 3 1/2 to 5 years. Pre-registration is required. Limit 8 children.

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Mark your calendar

THE LOMBARDO FAMILY will host its Second Annual "Giving Thanks Celebration – a Free Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors" at its conference and function facility, 6 Billings St., Randolph on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. The event is held for seniors and those less fortunate, who do not have a family with whom to spend this special day. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m. and will end promptly at 1:30 p.m. Lombardo's is working in conjunction with senior centers in Randolph, Braintree, Holbrook, Milton, Stoughton and Weymouth to distribute tickets. Call Rena Baker at 781-961-0930 or stop by the office at 16 Fencourt Ave. in Randolph, or call Maribella at Lombardo's at 781-986-5000.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! comes to The Providence Performing Arts Center, Nov. 22; Tickets on Sale Beatlemania-LIVE!, the ultimate Beatles' tribute show, will be making its debut at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, – exactly 40 years after Beatlemania exploded in England. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37.50, $32.50 & $25.50. Tickets for this theatrical concert on sale at the Providence Performing Arts Center box-office (220 Weybosset St); by phone at 401-421-2787; and online at www.ppacri.org and www.ticketmaster.com.

"I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE" opens dinner theater season at the Barker Tavern In Scituate The Scituate based Showstoppers organization and The Barker Tavern present a season of dinner theater in the restaurant's Williams Room. on Nov. 7 and 8, at 7 p.m. and on Nov. 9, at 4:30 p.m. Ticket price is $45.95 per person, which includes dinner, tax, gratuity and ticket to the show. Tickets for that performance are priced at $39.95. Advanced reservations are required by calling 781-545-3643. Reservations will be accepted up to 48 hours before each performance. Groups are welcomed.

Sisterhood, a mixed media exhibit of works by family members and artists, Denise J. Benavides, Rosemary Benavides Williams, and Doris [Williams] DeLorey, will be held during the month of October 2003 at the John Curtis Free Library in Hanover. Handicap accessible. 781-826-2972

Chris Zerendow: Nautical Paintings The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, month-long exhibit of his current work with a lecture and slide presentation. 781-925-5433.

North River Arts Society, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, new class **Mom and Me**, fun projects for children and parents with Susan Lynch Raffa. All ages welcome. Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Session I: Oct. 2 - Oct. 30; Session II: Nov. 6-Dec. 11. Cost: $50 members/$60 non-members. 781-837-8091.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

The New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party hosted by **Bob 'Satch' Romano** every Thursday The Purple Eggplant Cafe' 400 Bedford St., Abington, 9 p.m. No cover. 781-781-7175.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth **Martini Night with Streamline** 9 p.m.

Hospice of the South Shore Memorial Service will present its annual non-denominational memorial service on Oct. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Old South Union Congregational Church, 25 Columbian St., South Weymouth. Open to all family members and friends whose loved ones have died while in the care of Hospice of the South Shore. Call 781-794-7803.

Afterschool Nature Programs South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 16, 23 For children in grades 1 to 4. Limit: 12 children. Step into fall with an afternoon of hands-on nature activities. Sign up for individual programs. Pre-registration is required. Choose from What's in a Name? (Oct.16) or The Science of Music (Oct.23) $12 members/ $14 non-members per program. 781- 659-2559

Factory Paint and Design, 505 Pond St., Weymouth, will host a rug raffle and a lecture with John Buscemi of Classic Revivals at the Boston Design Center and Cynthia First of First Orientals of Boston. Buscemi will discuss historic wall coverings and fabrics and First will discuss antique rugs. 6:30 to 9 p.m. RSVP 508-746-7117.

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Cohasset Historical Society, 100 Pratt Building, 100 South Main St., On the next three Thursdays in October, the Cohasset Historical Society will offer three programs varied in interest and focus. On Oct.16, at 7:30 p.m. **Tom Gruber**, Historical Society Vice President will present "If Walls Could Talk: The Wilson House Restoration Project." Free and open to the public.. For information, call 871-383-1168

Halloween Happenings

SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER, NORWELL - Halloween Howl A Not-Too-Scary Celebration of the Season suitable for children ages 3 and up. Friday, Oct. 31, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Cost per child: $10 members/$12 non-members (Adults are $1) Children must be accompanied by an adult. Black Cat Barbecue prices are a la carte. Enjoy hot dogs and other delights for dinner. Seating is limited. Reservations are a must. Barbecue prices are a la carte. 6 to 7 p.m.: Halloween Howl - After dinner, put on your costumes for an "Owl Prowl!" and meet all kinds of creatures that call the woods home. You'll also enjoy a visit from Hedwig, the resident owl. End the evening with "tricks and treats" for all.

HALLOWEEN SINGLES DANCE AND HARBOR CRUISE, Oct. 25, Gate C, Rowes Wharf, Atlantic Ave., Boston, from 8 to 11 p.m. Bon Voyage Party with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cruise and dancing on ship 8 to 11 p.m. with complimentary food and desserts provided onboard. Music will be provided Bruno. Limited single professionals, 35 and over. Pirate, Halloween, or casual attire. Cost is $40 Call 781-283-0400 www.se-4you.com. Sponsored by The Singles Executives Club and The Young Professionals Club.

HALLOWEEN STORYTIME Drop-in to the John Curtis Free Library on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 6:30 p.m. for some not so scary stories. Mike Myers will be telling a special set of Halloween tales including "Boo Baby and the Ghost of Mable's Gable," "Ghost with One Black Eye" and the "Belly Button Monster," Children pre-K through grade 2, wear your favorite Halloween costume and scare your favorite librarian.

THE ACADEMY OF THE COMPANY THEATRE 7 to12 year olds will be presenting their version of "The Legend Of Sleepy Hollow" on Saturday, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 2, at 3 p.m. This adaptation of the Washington Irving spooky classic will feature music, dancing and special effects. Fun for the whole family. Tickets $10 and available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787.

GHOSTS AND LEGENDS OF NEW ENGLAND LIGHTHOUSES Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Lighthouse historian Jeremy D'Entremont will guide you through the darker side of New England's maritime history, recalling spine-tingling tales from the region's most mysterious coastal beacons, including Boston Light, Minot's Light, and Scituate Light. An eerie array of Lighthouse and Halloween refreshments will be served. Call to reserve a space: 781-925-5433. Admission $5 museum members/$10 non members. Visit www.bostonharborheritage.org for more information.

THE 22ND ANNUAL BRAINTREE HAUNTED HOUSE will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24 and 25, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Blue Hills Commerce Center, 41 Brooks Dr. off of West Street just one mile from Braintree Five Corners. All proceeds directly benefit the students of the Highlands and Liberty Elementary Schools. Admission is $5. Pizza, drinks and other treats will be sold and free childcare is available. Because of its scary content, the event is not appropriate for young children. Call 781-356-4865 for more information.

HAUNTED ORCHARD, South River St., Marshfield, Park at Marshfield High School, free shuttle bus. During the week of Oct. 24 to 31, and Nov. 1 and 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. Two paths, one for the faint of heart with storytelling and puppets leading to a pumpkin patch and one for braver souls with ghouls and goblins as your guides leading to who knows where. $6 to gain entrance. Proceeds will be donated to the Marshfield Boys and Girls Club. Call 781-834-2880 for information.

HAUNTED HAYRIDES – Hartsuff Park, Hingham St., **Artist, Chris Reid**, pastel, "Sentinels". No admission. 781-383-2787

Ghosts and Legends of New England Lighthouses will be presented Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Lighthouse historian Jeremy D'Entremont will guide you through the darker side of New England's maritime history, recalling spine-tingling tales from the region's most mysterious coastal beacons, including Minot Light, and Scituate Light. An eerie array of Lighthouse and Halloween refreshments will be served. Call to reserve a space: 781-925-5433. Admission $5 museum members/$10 non members. Visit www.bostonharborheritage.org for more information.

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Story Book Cove Bookstore in Merchants Row Mall Hanover welcomes storyteller Katie Green Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. Katie will tell stories and sign copies of her new CD "The Red Hat." For more information call (781) 871-7801.

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South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell - **Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m. (except holidays and vacation weeks) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children

"The Land's Eye," a show of black and white photography by **Lance Keimig**, at **the James Library and Center for the Arts,** 24 West St., Norwell Center, Oct. 3-Nov. 5. Opening reception Oct. 3, 6 to 8 p.m. Call 781-659-7100.

The South Shore Art Center presents **The Photographer's Vision and Five Voices: Lance Keimig, Mike Sleeper, J. Michael Sullivan, and Cynthia Vallino. Five Voices Janet Blagdonm, Ellen Helman, Moey Lane, Mary Mirabito, and Chris Reid. Five Voices Image:**

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn. Every Friday night the lounge of the Holiday Inn will feature "Motown Friday Night," Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173 anytime.

Jimbo's – Next Page Cafe' 550 Broad Street, E. Weymouth. **The New Blue Revue All Stars** 781-335-9796. 9:00 No cover.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, **David James Duo**/Acoustic Pop and cover) 9 p.m.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Michael Troy**. For more information call 781-545-9898.

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. **Making Mosaics,** stained glass window mosaics and other applications using glass, tile and collage. Classes run Fridays through Nov. 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost $90. Call 781-934-6634, Ext. 15. Pre-registration required.

Single Executive's Club Singles Dance, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland, Exit 14, off Route 3 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 and over. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. $15 thereafter. Proper business dress. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club.

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Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of The Dresser. Oct. 17, 19, 19, 23, 14, and 25, at 8 p.m. Call 781-3565113 Tickets $12. Call 781-356-5113.

South Shore Folk Music Club, Route 106 Kingston. Coffeehouse featuring **Pat Hamel, The Botelho Brothers** and open mike, Oct. 17, 8 p.m. Call 781-871-1052, www.ssfmc.org

Jamie's Grille & Pub, Route 139, Marshfield. **Trax with Janelle Malafronte**, 9:30 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. **The Wildcats,** Oct. 17. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Afterschool Nature Programs South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 16, 23 For children in grades 1 to 4. Limit: 12 children. Step into fall with an afternoon of exciting, hands-on nature activities! Sign up for individual programs. Pre-registration is required. Choose from What's in a Name? (Oct.16) or The Science of Music (Oct.23) $12 members/ $14 non-members per program. 781- 659-2559

Factory Paint and Design, 505 Pond St., Weymouth, will host a rug raffle and a lecture with John Buscemi of Classic Revivals at the Boston Design Center and **Cynthia First** of First Orientals of Boston. Buscemi will discuss historic wall coverings and fabrics and First will discuss antique rugs. 6:30 to 9 p.m. RSVP 508-746-7117.

Sat. 18

Writing From The Heart with Nancy Aronie, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. $125 Call 781-319-0429 for more information.

Village of Duxbury Library Book Sale, 290 Kingstown Way, Rt. 53, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Last chance sale Oct. 19, 11 a.m., to 2 p.m.

Harvest Fair, United Methodist Church, Route 53 and 14, Duxbury, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Harvest Fair, Norwell First Parish Church, Rt. 123 and River St. Norwell, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wheelchair accessible. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Joseph's Women's Guild Annual Craft Fair, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. South St, Kingston Local crafters, baked goodies, lunch served and white elephant table

Third Annual Dinner/Auction at **St. Andrew's Church**, 17 Church St. Hanover Oct. 18 from 6 to 10 p.m. $10 per person. Call 781-829-8845 for reservations.

The Weymouth Art Association will meet on Oct. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Connie Pratt will be demonstrating courtroom art.. Free and open to the public.

The 7th Annual Joshua's Run for the Jimmy Fund Oct. 18, at Peggotty Beach, Scituate. Schedule is Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m., 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. and the 4 Mile Road Race at 10 a.m. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Peggotty Beach. A Kids Entertainment tent will include face painting, balloons and a clown. 781.545.4642 or email bblacker@comcast.net or see www.joshuasrun.com

Watercolorist Carol Carney of Scituate will be artist in residence at Frame-it Studio & Gallery (FSG), 588 Randolph Avenue, Milton, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18.

The Boston Vegetarian Society presents the **8th Annual Boston Vegetarian Food Festival** on Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center, 1350 Tremont St., Boston. The longest-running event of its kind in the country, free to the public.

South Shore Conservatory's newly renovated Cox Hall is the setting of this year's **Piano Faculty in Concert** on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 4 p.m. Tickets $15/adults, and $10/seniors and students, and can be purchased prior to the performance at South Shore Conservatory offices in Hingham and Duxbury or by calling 781-749-7565, ext. 10

Gourmet Afternoons taught by **Lesley Warren Shanley** at the **Marshfield YWCA**, Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will prepare and eat a meal. Readily available spices and ingredients will be used. Cost of each session, which includes all food, is $35 (members) and $45 for potential members. Sign up for one or all. Call YWCA at 781-834-4371

Starbucks Tasting Seminar 790 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., **781-383-8760** on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 10 a.m. Starbucks invites coffee growers from around the world to submit their finest coffees for consideration as Starbucks Special Reserve Coffee. Final selections have been made and you are invited to come sample this year's best coffee Starbucks Special Reserve 2003. Taste our Special Reserve 2003 Blend Learn more about Special Reserve Blend Discover the secrets of brewing the perfect cup at home Find out the perfect foods to pair with this unique coffee

Quincy Dinner Theater, Masonic Building, 1170 Hancock St. Quincy. **Guys and Dolls**: **Where Broadway Meets Burlesque** features to talented guys performing as a dozen fabulous dolls. Celebrity impersonations include Madonna, Marilyn, Barbra, Cher, Britney and a host of others. Show dates Oct. 18, 19. Free parking. Call 781-843-5862.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Rt. 139, Marshfield presents **Bill Peterson (N.E.'s own Rodney Dangerfield), Annette Pollack, P.J. Walsh, Troy diamond and Cyndi Styles**. Call 781-834-1910 for reservations.

King Richard's Faire, Route 58, South Carver through Oct. 19 including Columbus Day. 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adults $22, children 5 to 12 $11, under 5 free. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate. **Peter Montgomery**. For more information call 781-545-9898.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, The Situation (unplugged) 9 p.m.

Three Dog Night - Founding members Danny Hutton and Cory Wells bring to **Plymouth Memorial Hall** on Saturday, Oct.18, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets priced at $38 & $33 are now on sale at the Plymouth Hall box-office, 83 Court Street in Plymouth, MA, online at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com/>, by phone at 866-468-7619, and at all Strawberries Records & Tapes.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents The turntables return with their 50s 60s and beyond musical revue. Show $15. Dinner optional. Call 508-746-2939 or 781-834-6505 for reservations. Handicap accessible.

The Hingham Coffeehouse off the Square,107 Main St., Hingham Square, presents **Kristina Olsen** on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 8 p.m. The evening opens with open mike Admission is $10 .The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Parish House at. Handicapped accessible.

Cape Cod's Most Eligible Singles Holiday Singles Dance, Oct. 18, at the Hyannis Golf Clubhouse, Route 132, Hyannis Exit 6 off Rt. 6 Dancing 8:30 to midnight. DJ, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and free door prizes. Singles or couples age 35 and over. Non-smoking. $10. Proper casual dress acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Single Executives Club and the Singlesvacationclub.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. **Loaded Dice**, Oct. 18. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 19

Fifth Annual Brittany Lambert Memorial Black Cat Classic 5k Run/Walk Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. For applications visit www.brittanylambertFoundation.org, your local gym or register on-line at Active.com For more information call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187.

ALTRUSA International, Inc. of Plymouth presents its **Second Annual Psychic Fair**, Oct. 19, noon to 5 p.m. at the V.F.W. in Abington, on 30 Central St.. Hosted by **Marianne Wroble Cox. Stephen and Tash Helpert** and others from the field of psychics, palm readers, card readers and Reiki professionals will be available.

Rumpelstiltskin at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m. performed by Kaleidoscope Productions. Tickets are $8. For more information call 508-747-0234. Visit www.plymouthmemorialhall.com. Tickets can be purchased at Plymouth Memorial Hall or online at www.ticketweb.com.

The New Bethlehem Coffee House presents the duo **Jackaroo** on Oct. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. Located at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, Route 139, Hanover. Handicap accessible. Admission $3. Call 781-826-5121 for information.

Pianist Juyeon Kang will be in concert at **Thayer Public Library**, 798 Washington St., Braintree, on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m. She has served on the faculties of the New England Conservatory of Music, and The South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. Currently she is Assistant Professor of Music at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

Murder, Intrigue and Spirituality - An open discussion of the **Dan Brown** bestseller, **The Da Vinci Code**, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Beal House, 222 Main St. Route 106 in Kingston. This non-denominational meeting is sponsored by First Parish Church in Kingston, Unitarian Universalist. Pre-registration is not required. Childcare is available for a small fee by reservation at 781-585-3051.

Peddocks Island Cruise Sunday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Rowes Wharf, Boston Harbor Hotel, Atlantic Avenue A new book "Once upon an Island" about Peddocks Island by Matilda Silvia will be showcased on this cruise. Prices are Adults $20 Seniors $18, Members of FBHI $16, Children 3-12 $14. Children 2 and under free.. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 9a.m. on the 19th; cash only. For more information contact 781-740-4290.

Creative Writing For Teens – Oct. 19, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Marshfield. Contact Andrea Lovett at 781-871-5892 for more information. $15.

Author Robert Hale of Duxbury will appear at the **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St, Norwell on Oct. 19, at 3 p.m. Tickets $10 include a reception to meet the author. Tickets available at the door. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday **Jazz brunch** 10:30 to 2 p.m. $13.95. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

"Singles with Style" Sunday Singles Dance at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Dr., State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy, Oct. 19 and 26. 781-446-0234. Complimentary buffet, 7 to 11 p.m. Free door prizes. For single professionals, 35+ years old. Dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-sponsored by the Single Executives Club and The Presidents Club of Boston.

Mon. 20

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Elizabeth Trubia** will exhibit her paintings for the month of October at the tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513

The Braintree Art Association, artist of the Month, **Robert Weikel** will exhibit his paintings for the month of October at the Thayer Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Crafters Wanted South Shore Vo Tech High School, **9th Annual Fall Craft Fair** Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rte. 123(Webster St.) Hanover Contact Mary Quinn at 781-405-5732 to reserve a space.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 21

Self Defense & Awareness Classes for Women & Girls (12+) A 3-session program on basic self defense and awareness for women and girls is being offered at Duxbury Middle School on three Tuesday evenings, Oct. 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. $60 per person ($110 mom + daughter). Space is limited: Advanced registration required. Call (781) 934-7633.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Hairspray, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, through Nov. 1. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys present "Daggers & Desserts," an evening of mystery authors and desserts at the Hingham Public Library on Tue. Oct. 21 from 7-9 p.m. Featured authors will be **Bill Eidson, Tom Eslick and Michelle Blake**. The Fireking Baking Co. of Hingham and French Memories of Cohasset will provide refreshments. Free open to the public. Reservations are requested by calling 781-741-1405 or Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 where you can also order a signed copy if unable to attend.

8minuteDating Oct 21, at **Finbar's Pub**, Norwood Ages 42 to 52. Enjoy a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Meet great single people. Enjoy appetizers and cocktail party atmosphere. Enter and receive your matches after the event. Set-up another date soon after. Advanced registration required. For more information and to sign up, visit www.8minutedating.com

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 22

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum: **Recollecting JFK,** in conversation with New York times columnist **Anthony Lewis, Theodore Sorensen**, special counsel to President Kennedy will reflect on his years of service to President Kennedy. Free and open to the public. For reservations, call 617-514-1643.

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The North River Arts Society presents WaterWorks, an exhibit of original paintings by JoAnne Chttick at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. The show will run until Nov. 1. NRAS 781-837-8091.

Teaching Pre-Schoolers Self-Control (ages 3 to 5), Oct. 22, 7 to 9 p.m. Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Off Route 3, Exit 17. Call Insight at 781-294-8004.

October is Paint a Pumpkin month at The Craft Factory, Cohasset. Bring in any size pumpkin and paint it for only $1Make a foam mask and a safety reflector necklace. Ages 4-8, cost $15 (materials included) Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - 781-383-070

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center An ongoing program every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. Come watch the naturalist on duty feed the animals. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc., 557 Main St., Ingham. Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m. **Attorney Paul R. Tierney** will speak on "Planning for Long Term Care. Call 781-749-1823 or 781-749-5417.

Parents and Tots Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Session II: Oct. 22. $21 members/$24 non-members - per session Fee includes one parent and one tot. lots of animal activity to investigate, along with colorful changes in the woods and at Jacobs Pond. Dress for the weather. Pre-registration is required. Limit 8 children. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

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Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. (or before) with a transition to electric as the night goes on. Drums, bass amp and guitar amps (if preferred) provided. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 23

The Drama Group at the Irish Cultural Centre presents an evening of one-act plays on Oct. 23, 25, 30 and Nov. 1, at 8 p.m., at 200 New Boston Road, Canton. Tickets are $7 and can be reserved by calling 781-821-8291. For more information and directions, visit www.irishculture.org.

The Center for Spine, Sports and Rehabilitation located at Super Fitness Health Club, 150 Parkingway, is offering a free lecture on sports specific training and injury prevention, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call 617-328-1242 or e-mail cssr_1@netzero.net.

The Woodward Alumnae Association will host **Judy Bernstein in "Hail to the Ladies,"** a tribute to America's First Ladies on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Woodward School, 1102 Hancock St., Quincy Tickets are $7 for students and $10 for adults and can be purchased by calling 781-834-2173. Advanced reservations preferred. Any remaining unreserved tickets will be sold at the door of the school. Refreshments will be available for a nominal fee.

Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Road in Milton, will be holding two open houses on Oct. 23, 6:30 to 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 2, 1 to 3 p.m. All prospective students and their parents are invited to attend to tour the school's recently expanded campus

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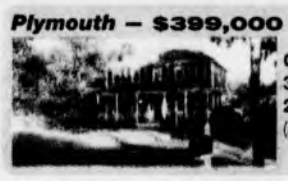
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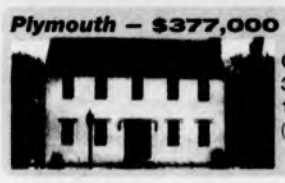
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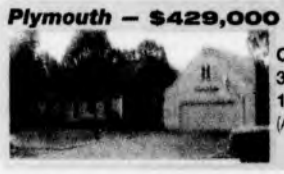
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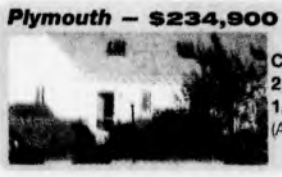
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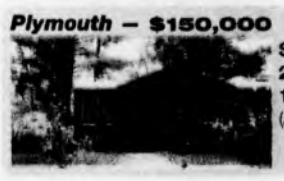
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Malvey to retire after school year

Search committee to be formed soon

By Samantha Brown
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At the start of the next school year, part of the reorganization of the schools will include a new superintendent at the helm.

Supt. Edward Malvey has announced his intention to retire, effective in the summer of 2004, after six years in the Cohasset school system. Malvey came to work in Cohasset in the fall of 1998, after former superintendent Stephen Hart stepped down to enter his retirement years.

"I see myself ending my years of service at the top of the game, so to speak," Malvey told the School Committee last week.

The process of replacing a superintendent can be lengthy and will start soon, School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said. The first step will be putting together a search committee, which will consist of people from the school department and the community. Flynn said when Malvey applied for the position six years ago, a consulting firm was hired to conduct a nation-wide search for candidates, but he's not sure that route will be taken again.

"When all was said and done, they came back to us with Dr. Malvey, who was from Connecticut, but they also

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Water sale to Hingham on tap

Haddad expected to sign agreement

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset water users will see their rates remain stable while the water distribution system continues to be upgraded.

And the 2,000-unit Erickson Retirement Community in Hingham will have enough water for its residents at a competitive rate.

In what will be touted as a win-win for both entities, the Cohasset Water Department is capping a more than year-long negotiation process to ink a deal to sell up to 300,000 gallons a day to Erickson's Linden Ponds, which is off Whiting Street (Rte. 53) in South Hingham.

Although water commissioner Rob Kasameyer didn't provide a monetary figure, he did say Cohasset would get a

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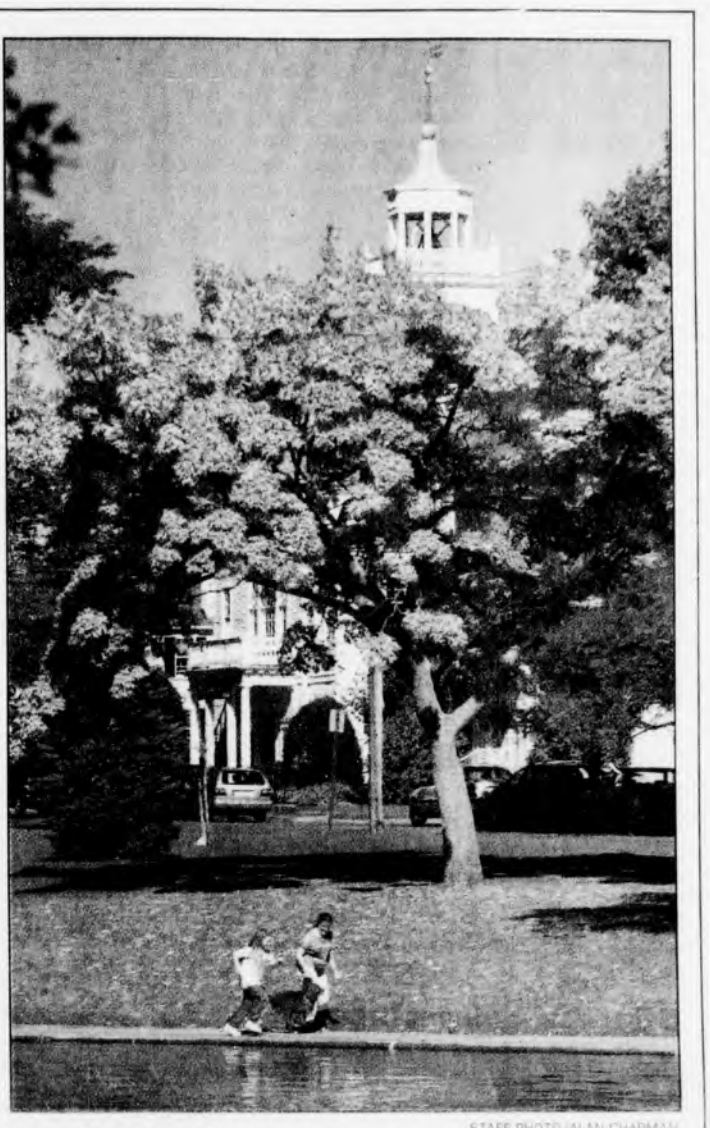

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LOCAL COLOR
Alexandra and Brittany Leger frolic with their dog Spring around the duck pond on Cohasset Common.

Police shakeup

Two officers on leave

By Mary Ford
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Officials aren't talking about an apparent shakeup at the Cohasset Police Department that is bound to stir the rumor mill around town.

Anonymous callers to the Mariner said the officers were fired, which Town Manager Mark Haddad adamantly denies.

"The selectmen and I are confident the police department will continue to provide very high quality service and adequate public safety protection."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

Haddad and Police Chief Robert Jackson would not name the officers, but it has been reported the men are Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean.

Haddad said he placed two Cohasset police officers on paid administrative leave Monday but declined to comment further, citing privacy and personnel issues.

"The town cannot comment on internal personnel matters," he said. "The town respects each employee's right to privacy and as a policy, considers the public disclosure of individual person-

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Eastwood film has Cohasset connection

Norris has role in 'Mystic River'

By Mary Ford
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Lance Norris of Norfolk Road is used to the limelight and has met a lot of famous people through his radio career.

"I thought 'this is the big time – that's a piece of Hollywood history over there.'"
— Lance Norris

But even the veteran actor of several small movie roles and work in TV commercials admits it was a thrill to work with Clint Eastwood. And seeing production designer Henry Bumstead — who has films such as "To Kill a Mockingbird," "Vertigo" and "The Sting" to his credit — put his part in the new feature film, "Mystic River," in a whole new perspective.

"He's the godfather of set design," Norris says. "I thought 'this is the big time – that's a piece of Hollywood history over there.'"

Norris plays the bartender in one of the intense scenes in the movie that stars Sean Penn, Tim Robbins and Kevin Bacon as three boyhood friends from east Boston who are reunited when Penn's daughter is murdered.

An empty lot in South Boston was used to create the bar that plays a major part in

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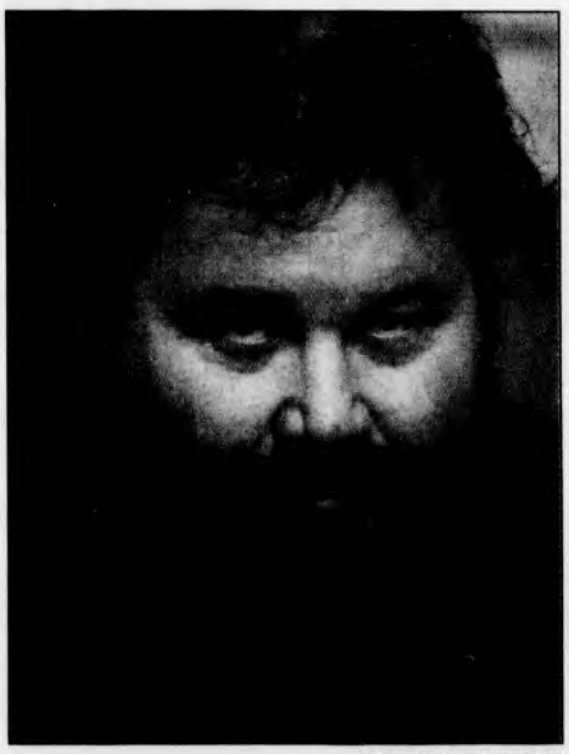

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Lance Norris is the bartender in "Mystic River."

Expert with an eye for Asian art

Antiques appraisal comes to Cohasset

By Samantha Brown
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Dusting the cobwebs off one of Grandma's relics to find a stunning antique is sometimes only half as exciting as finding out what it's worth, monetarily speaking. With the introduction of television programs which feature appraisals, such as the Antiques Roadshow on PBS, it seems more and more people have been searching through forgotten nooks and crannies to find the one rare piece that could be worth a small fortune.

The South Shore Art Center Roadshow Antiques Appraisal Day takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15.

Now a local organization will get into the act, so to speak, when appraiser Marly Rabstenek returns to her hometown as one of five appraisers who will lend their services to the South Shore Art Center Roadshow Antiques Appraisal Day, to take place from 11a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Marly Rabstenek will be telling local citizens what their antiques are worth at the South Shore Art Center Roadshow Antiques Appraisal Day.

Rabstenek specializes in Asian fine art as well as silver, but appraisers will also be on hand to evaluate paintings and prints, jewelry, books and manuscripts, and furniture.

Appraisals will be $15 for one piece and $35 for three pieces, with proceeds going to benefit the South Shore Art Center, and all visitors will receive individ-

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This week in COHASSET

Town receives recycling award

Selectman and Recycling Committee member Merle Brown traveled to Worcester earlier this month to accept a plaque on the town's behalf from the Massachusetts Recycling Committee for outstanding efforts in recycling.

At right: Selectman Merle Brown receives a recycling award in Worcester.

Planning Board public hearing is postponed

Only two members of the Planning Board were in attendance at last week's scheduled public hearing on the zoning articles on the special fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectmen forwarded the proposed zoning articles to the Planning Board on Sept. 25, asking the board conduct the required public hearing before Town Meeting Nov. 17. Although the meeting had been posted in advance, Vice Chairman Bill Good and member Peter Pratt were not enough to fill the quorum. Items on the agenda included illegal apartment amnesty, large house site plan review, and apartment by right downtown. The public hearing will be continued until Nov. 5, when those three issues as well as the underground utility conversion and the political sign bylaw will be discussed.

Charter school proposal sinks

Supt. Edward Malvey said the proposed South Short Maritime Charter School's proposal "did not have a favorable review," by the Department of Education, and will therefore not go through on this round of charter school applications. While it is possible the school could come back next year with a re-draft of the proposal, for now, "The issue is off the table as far as we're concerned," he said.

Bus mileage upped

Based on information given by School Business Manager Ivan Klimko, the Oct. 9 issue of the Mariner reported the average miles a year for home/school transportation is between 3,000 and 5,000 year. After speaking with Transportation Coordinator Peggy Litchfield, Klimko said his estimate had been a little lower than the actual mileage, which is about 13,500 miles per bus for a 180-day school year, not including field trips or renting out the buses for other events. The average bus travels 70-75 miles a day.

Town boards meet on school utilities

Town Manager Mark Haddad met with Supt. Edward Malvey, School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris, and Advisory Committee Chairman Susan Kent, to discuss what should be done to help the schools overcome the budget deficit caused by high utilities bills last winter.

"Last winter was a worst case scenario," said Haddad, and the total deficit is roughly $229,000.

Haddad said the town will try to deal with some of the deficit now, although it is still not clear where that money will come from, and tackle the rest in the spring. He said while tapping free cash is a possibility, he would like to keep around $400,000 in free cash, to help offset next year's budget.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, Oct. 23, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, Nov. 12, 7 p.m., at the library.

Selectmen, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Oct. 29, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

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Sun. 26	11:14	12.0	5:04	11:48	11.1	5:36
Mon. 27	——	——	5:52	12:03	12.2	6:27
Tues. 28	12:40	10.8	6:42	12:53	12.1	7:20
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If Avalon goes ahead, ZBA wants light at Sohier Street

By Mary Ford
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The intersection is likely to become more problematic when the nearby Cook Estate off Sohier Street is developed.

If Avalon is built, the Zoning Board of Appeals wants a light at Sohier Street that would allow pedestrians from the 200-unit apartment complex to cross Route 3A safely.

But the ZBA has decided it cannot make the light a "project-breaker" because the ultimate decision whether to install the traffic signal is up to the Massachusetts Highway Department and not the town.

Therefore, the board doesn't think conditioning the project on the light would pass muster with the state Housing Appeals Committee — the state board that would hear an Avalon appeal should the project fail to receive a comprehensive permit.

So the ZBA hopes selectmen will solicit the help of town's legislators — state Rep. Garrett Bradley and state Sen. Robert Hedlund, who, along with the town and Avalon — would lobby for lights at what is now a tricky intersection.

"We have to put all the guns together," ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick said.

The ZBA also pointed out the intersection is likely to become more problematic when the nearby Cook Estate off Sohier Street is developed into about 84 units of senior housing.

Whether MassHighway would agree to installing a traffic signal is unclear. It is currently balking at the town's request to have a light at Cohasset's Greenbush train station on 3A (at the former Graham Waste company site).

According Chittick, MassHighway doesn't like to install traffic signals because they impede the flow of traffic along the state highway.

It is also not clear if the light at Stop & Shop is too close to the Sohier Street intersection. If a light was installed, it should be coordinated with the Stop & Shop light, the ZBA's engineering consultant said.

The ZBA is planning on taking a hard line with Avalon over sidewalks. The board would like Avalon to pay for installation of sidewalks along Rte. 3A from the entrance of the complex down to Stop & Shop; and from Stop & Shop along 3A to the strip mall where Good Sport is located. The board is also seeking a sidewalk up the Sohier Street hill where it would eventually connect to the existing sidewalk.

Avalon is seeking a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, that allows a project to skirt most of the town's zoning regulations – such as housing density – in exchange for providing some affordable housing.

The ZBA is expected to make its decision whether to issue the comprehensive permit with conditions within the next two weeks.

If MassHighway refuses to install a light, the ZBA briefly considered a pedestrian bridge but decided that would not be feasible.

ZBA member Barbara Power stressed the light was really important to integrate the complex to Cohasset.

"I'd hate to see those folks in splendid isolation," she said.

CPC votes 'no' on Cook Estate project study

By Samantha Brown
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Members of the Community Preservation Committee aren't convinced the proposed Cook Estate project will move forward successfully, and have decided not to pay for due diligence on the property as requested by the Town Manager.

In a vote of six to one, with Tom Callahan abstaining, members denied the request for $20,000, which would be used for a survey, a Chapter 21E assessment, and soil evaluation, to determine whether a wastewater system could be constructed on site.

"Spending $20,000 for due diligence is probably a no brainer, but there is a chance we won't get it back if no developers come forward," said Al Moore, who is also Planning Board Chairman. "I have a very sick feeling about this project."

The Cook Estate project — being proposed by Selectmen — would be located off Sohier Street and include no more than 95 units of mixed income housing, consisting of apartments and cluster houses, with a portion of rental units being affordable for low-, moderate-, and medium-income seniors. The town will impose design controls and buffer requirements to protect adjacent properties.

Moore went on to say, he doesn't feel like the town should have to pay money on a public project when there are private developers who could be going through this process.

"Why are we putting the town's money at risk?" he asked.

Tom Callahan, who also sits on the Board of Selectmen, pointed out "[The money] will be asked to come out of somewhere," and the process will continue to move forward regardless. Because the project has been set up to specifically allow for a simultaneous closing between the town, the developers, and the Cook's, the process is meant to cost nothing to the town.

However, during the discussion, it was brought to the attention of the CPC that due diligence has already begun, as the request states, "This specific request is for $20,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to pay for the due diligence the Town is required to perform prior to Town Meeting....we have solicited quotes for this work from three engineering firms and have hired John Cavanaro Consultants to conduct the site survey and soil evaluation and Coler and Colantonio to perform the Chapter 21E Site Assessment."

The close reading of the request by Karen Quigley, 27 Clay Spring Road, brought even more questions to the table, when she asked how the town could already have begun the process of due diligence before voters have had the chance to vote on the purchase of the property at town meeting.

"That's an interesting conundrum," Ivimey said.

While CPC members weren't sure the process had actually begun just yet, the wording suggested at least a consultant had been hired, to which the question of whether the board even has the jurisdiction to fund a project which has already begun is feasible. Under CPC regulations, it is not allowed to fund pre-existing debt. In addition, the members began wondering if CPC money was being treated as a "slush fund," and member Jim Dedes said "I don't like the idea of being used like this."

However, in an interview after the meeting, Town Manager Mark Haddad said he had no choice but to go ahead with the process of due diligence.

"How can I feel confident in recommending the purchase of a parcel of land to the town, that I haven't done a due diligence on?" he said. Haddad also said his original intention for getting the money to cover this process was to borrow out of free cash until the closing, when it would be put back again. But, at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen, it was suggested to him to ask the CPC to help with the funds. He said it is no problem if the CPC doesn't choose to fund this part of the project, and the money will be taken out of free cash.

Money for the Community Preservation Fund is derived from a 1.5 percent surcharge on real estate tax and some level of state match. Allocations are recommended by the committee and then voted on by Town Meeting. The committee's funds must be spent on three areas: open space, historical preservation, and affordable housing. The CPC can use a small percentage of its budget as earnest money for administrative tasks, such as appraisals. The town adopted the Community Preservation Act at Town Meeting two years ago.

Police department in shakeup

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nel issues interferes with the efficient operation of town services."

Haddad said all shifts would be filled during the officers' absence. Minimum manning requires three-men per shift, so overtime will be used.

"The selectmen and I are confident the police department will continue to provide very high quality service and adequate public safety protection," he said.

Haddad did say his action was not related to one specific incident but to "ongoing issues," and explained no public hearing is required because the officers were not being suspended or fired.

He could not provide a timeframe of how long the officers would be out, but did say he hoped the matter would be resolved in a positive manner.

Jackson declined to comment, referring questions to Haddad.

Quigley, who is commander of the 4 p.m.-midnight shift, is a highly visible officer involved in making many arrests. He received a recent commendation from the chief on his efforts to establish the first-ever student police academy in town which tries to improve relations between teens and police officers.

Also on Monday, Haddad fired part-time Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy. He said there were too many complaints because Murphy was not responsive to calls. Haddad said he is in the process of hiring a replacement.

In an unrelated matter, Officer Brian Curran resigned from the police department about a month ago.

Cohasset water sale to Hingham on tap

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good return on its asset: water.

The Water Commission will attend the selectmen's meeting Tuesday to brief them before Town Manager Mark Haddad signs the agreements.

Because the deal involves moving water from one watershed to another, state regulatory agencies are also weighing in on the three-way agreement with the Water Department, Erickson and Aquarion, a private company that serves Hingham.

State scrutiny will turn out to be a good thing for the alewife and herring that populate Bound Brook, which is fed by the reservoir, because the control structures will be improved providing better spawning opportunities for the fish, Kasameyer explained.

To get the water to Erickson, Cohasset would physically attach to a Hingham main off Rte. 3A and the water would be "wheeled" through Hingham. In other words, adding Cohasset water at this end into the Aquarion system would provide enough Hingham water at the other end to supply Erickson. A pump station would be constructed on town property near Woodside Cemetery and meters would be installed there and at Erickson to correlate and monitor the flow.

Erickson would pay for the 12-inch main 4,400 feet up Rte. 3A that would tie into the pipe near the Hingham standpipe at Cohasset Knoll. The company is also picking up the legal fees and engineering costs.

The Water Department could also connect Cohasset businesses to the new water main that would improve fire flow along the state highway.

Kasameyer said Cohasset has a safe yield of 3-1/2 million gallons on average per day without hurting the resource and is only using about 710,000 gallons per day on average.

He said Erickson would use the water for household purposes, so it is easier to plan the usage need. Erickson will use non-potable water for landscaping.

A 1998 Town Meeting vote set the stage for special legislation allowing the Water Department to sell town water.

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Ceremony to celebrate 'new' Deer Hill School

By Samantha Brown
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Tomorrow students, staff, and guests will crowd into the new Deer Hill auditorium for what is sure to be a memorable occasion for all who attend. Now that construction is complete, the newly renovated building will be rededicated in a celebration for the entire community.

The ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. with a slide show, including pictures from 1955 up through the renovations. The sixth-grade band will perform, as well as the fourth-grade chorus. Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley said Rep. Garrett J. Bradley and Sen. Robert L. Hedlund will also attend the celebration, and he is still waiting to hear from Congressman William Delahunt. However, even if Delahunt cannot attend, a representative will be sent in his place to present a flag to the school which was flown over the U.S. Capitol.

The PSO will also present a gift for the school to mark the occasion, and Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris, School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, and School Building Committee Chairman Rob Spofford will say a few words. Supt. Edward Malvey has also been asked to speak at the ceremony, but may have to serve jury duty that day.

But perhaps the highlight of the day, at least for the children, will be the refreshments served.

"We're getting sheet cakes made up for 400 kids," Gauley said, adding refreshments will be a little more sophisticated for the adults in attendance.

But the celebration doesn't end there, on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon, the school will hold an open house, to give everyone in the community a chance to tour the new facilities at Deer Hill. Members of the PSO as well as the Deer Hill student council will be on hand to give guided tours.

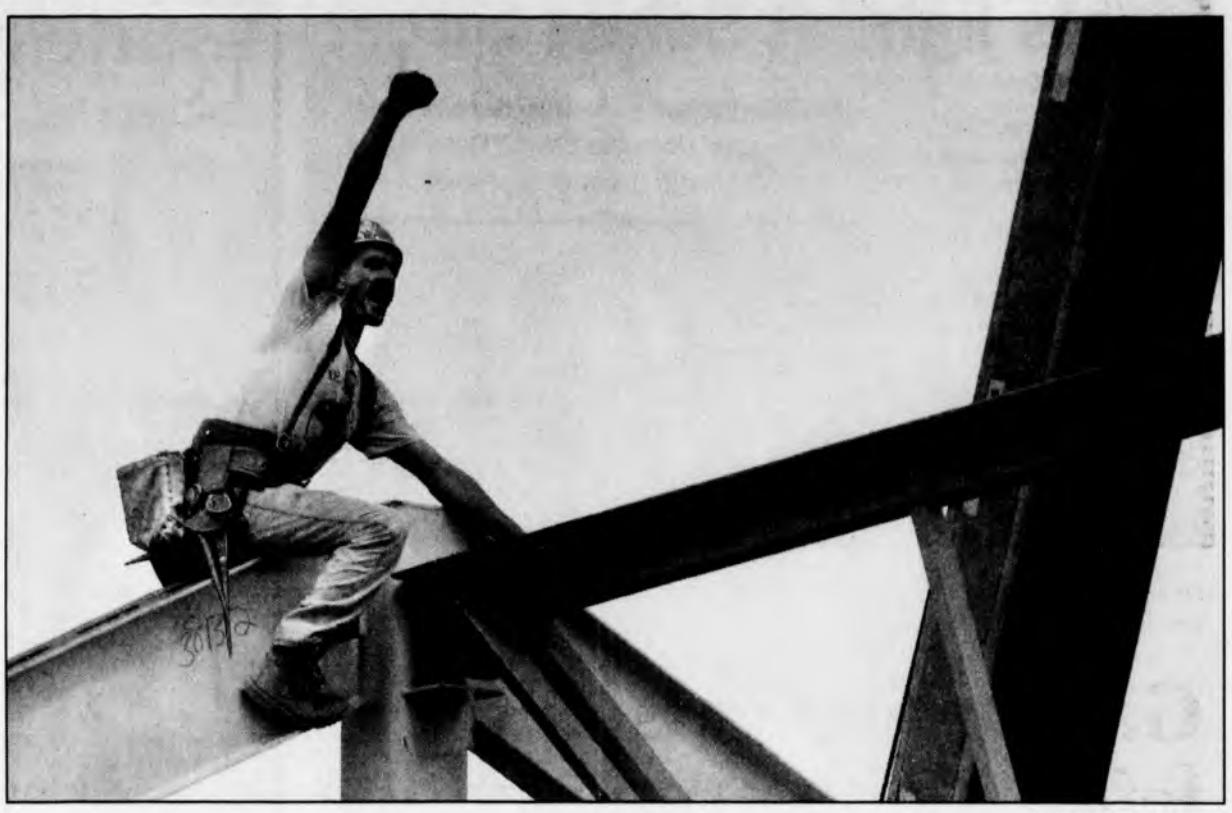
"It's a great opportunity for people to get in there and see the building."
— Rob Spofford, School Building Committee

"It's a great opportunity for people to get in there and see the building," Spofford said.

Deer Hill's renovations were part of a $52 million project to update the town's schools, which began with the building of the new Osgood School, to the tune of $10 million. Deer Hill and the middle-high school have been undergoing construction at the same time, at a cost of $10 million for Deer Hill and $32 million for the middle high school.

"We're glad to get one of them off our plate," said Project Manager Simon Tempest. The middle-high school is slated to be completed this December.

Spofford said the school construction projects are probably the largest projects ever completed by the town, and he is proud to say construction progressed smoothly, was completed on budget, and on time. He said in a time when many towns are making news because of their need to close their schools either due to problems with construction, or health hazards such as mold infestation, "It's nice not to be on the front page."



ALAN CHAPMAN FILE PHOTO

RAD steel worker John Donovan guides the main beam into place on the new addition at the Deer Hill School back in August, 2001.

At the outset of the Deer Hill project, it was clear to see the building was outdated and in need of a major renovation.

"It looked like a 1950s school," Spofford said, adding a total overhaul of everything from the electrical components to paint, to new tiles had to be done.

But now, Spofford can't wait for the community to get inside and see what an amazing transformation took place, and how welcoming the new building feels.

"I think it looks very good," Tempest said, adding the new building is a first class facility and he couldn't be happier with the way the project turned out. While there were some minor "punch-list" items like exterior trim still to be completed, at the beginning of the week, materials have arrived from Canada, and everything will be complete for Friday's ceremony.

"It should be quite a combination of celebration," Gauley said, and the whole school is looking forward to it.

Malvey to retire after school year

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came back with the superintendent from Hull," Flynn said, adding it doesn't make much sense to pay someone a large sum of money to conduct a national search to come up with a candidate from the next town over.

Flynn said because Massachusetts has such strict requirements for education, it might make the most sense to conduct a more local search, in order to be able to hire someone who has extensive experience working in the state.

He said the current School Committee is familiar with the process of hiring a new superintendent, because three of the incumbents were on the board when Malvey was hired. Rick Shea served as Chairman in 1998, alongside members Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin.

When Malvey applied six years ago, the position was advertised at a salary range of $90,000 to $105,000 a year. Malvey made roughly $123,000 during the 2002 calendar year, according to the Town Report. It is still too early to say what the salary range would be for someone applying to fill his position.

Malvey said it is with "mixed feelings" that he announce his retirement, but feels the time has come to move on. In some ways, he said he would have loved to have begun his career in Cohasset, but was glad to have the chance to participate in such a great school system all the same. "It's been one heck of a ride," he said

Flynn and the committee offered their thanks to Malvey and wished him all the best.

"The time I've spent with you has been fantastic," Flynn said, adding he is amazed with the amount of work Malvey has been able to accomplish. "Thank you for all your service."

Malvey was hired from a field of 42 applicants in large part due to his extensive experience working with schools undergoing construction. He had the most experience in school building management out of all the finalists, which ultimately tipped the scales in his favor. In Cohasset, Malvey has overseen the completion of the $42 million middle-high school and Deer Hill expansion-renovation projects.

Malvey has been working in education since 1970, and spent the first 18 years of his career as a classroom teacher and assistant principal. He served as an assistant superintendent for 10 years, including Mansfield from 1989-1992, before becoming a superintendent. While most of his educational career was spent in Massachusetts, Malvey served as superintendent of schools in Griswold, Conn. before joining the school administration in Cohasset.

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At right: Supt. Edward Malvey introduces himself to students at the Osgood School back in September 1998.

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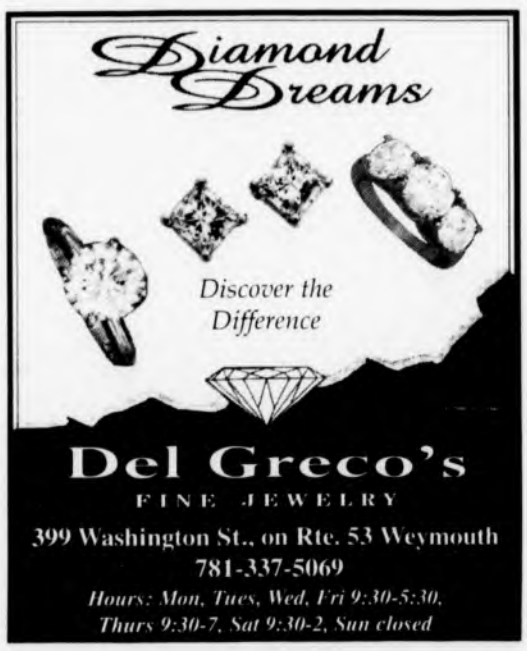
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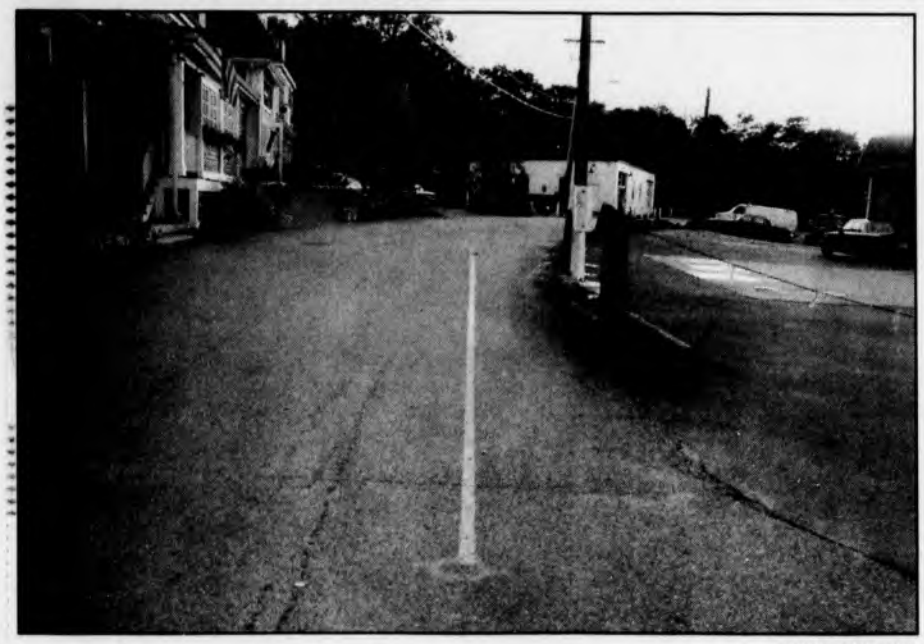

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Olympic Citgo owner George Roukounakis wants to install a fence along his property boundary depicted by the painted white line.

Gas station gets OK for fence along property line

Would further restrict roadway

By Mary Ford
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The Zoning Board of Appeals has agreed with Olympic Citgo gas station owner George Roukounakis that he should be able to install a fence along his property line.

But the problem is, Roukounakis' property line is actually inside the paved area of James Lane, the narrow driveway that runs between his gas station at 55 S. Main St. and the Red Lion Inn.

"I think Mr. Roukounakis has the right to install his fence but regret that it may affect public safety," ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick said Monday during the board's deliberations on the issue.

But the town can buy it, take it by eminent domain, lease it or make James Lane one way, he said.

"I think Mr. Roukounakis has the right to use his property."

Roukounakis said when the Red Lion Inn was rebuilt no one listened to him about safety issues along the tiny roadway and how it was too narrow for trucks.

The roadway is only about 16-1/2 feet wide now and it gets a lot of traffic from limousines and delivery trucks to the Red Lion Inn. Roukounakis' existing fence is constantly being knocked down by vehicles that don't have room to turn around, he said.

The issue was before the ZBA because Building Inspector Bob Egan denied issuing a building permit for the fence for safety reasons.

According to plans presented by Roukounakis and his attorney, Robert W. Galvin, about four feet of the paved area of James Lane along the gas station side actually belongs to Roukounakis, who has offered to lease the area to the Red Lion Inn or to the town to no avail. Although the part of James Lane belonging to Roukounakis has been used as part of the roadway for years, the land cannot be subject to adverse possession because it is registered, Galvin explained.

While the gas station will remain, Roukounakis eventually wants to develop the part of his property near James Lane.

The fire department has cautioned that James Lane is the only route in terms of public safety and access for fire trucks to access the Red Lion Inn.

But the ZBA said the safety aspect wasn't its issue and the town has options such as a one-way travel plan that it could pursue.

Chittick said Monday he expected the board hadn't heard the last of the issue.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he was going to see if selectmen can appeal the decision.

"It's a bad decision by the Board of Appeals," he said. "They failed to see the big picture. Public safety should have been taken into consideration before allowing the fence.

"This is pitting the selectmen, fire and police departments against the Board of Appeals."

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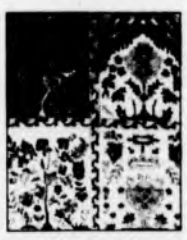

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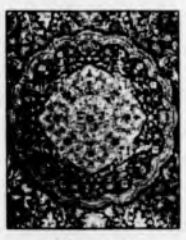

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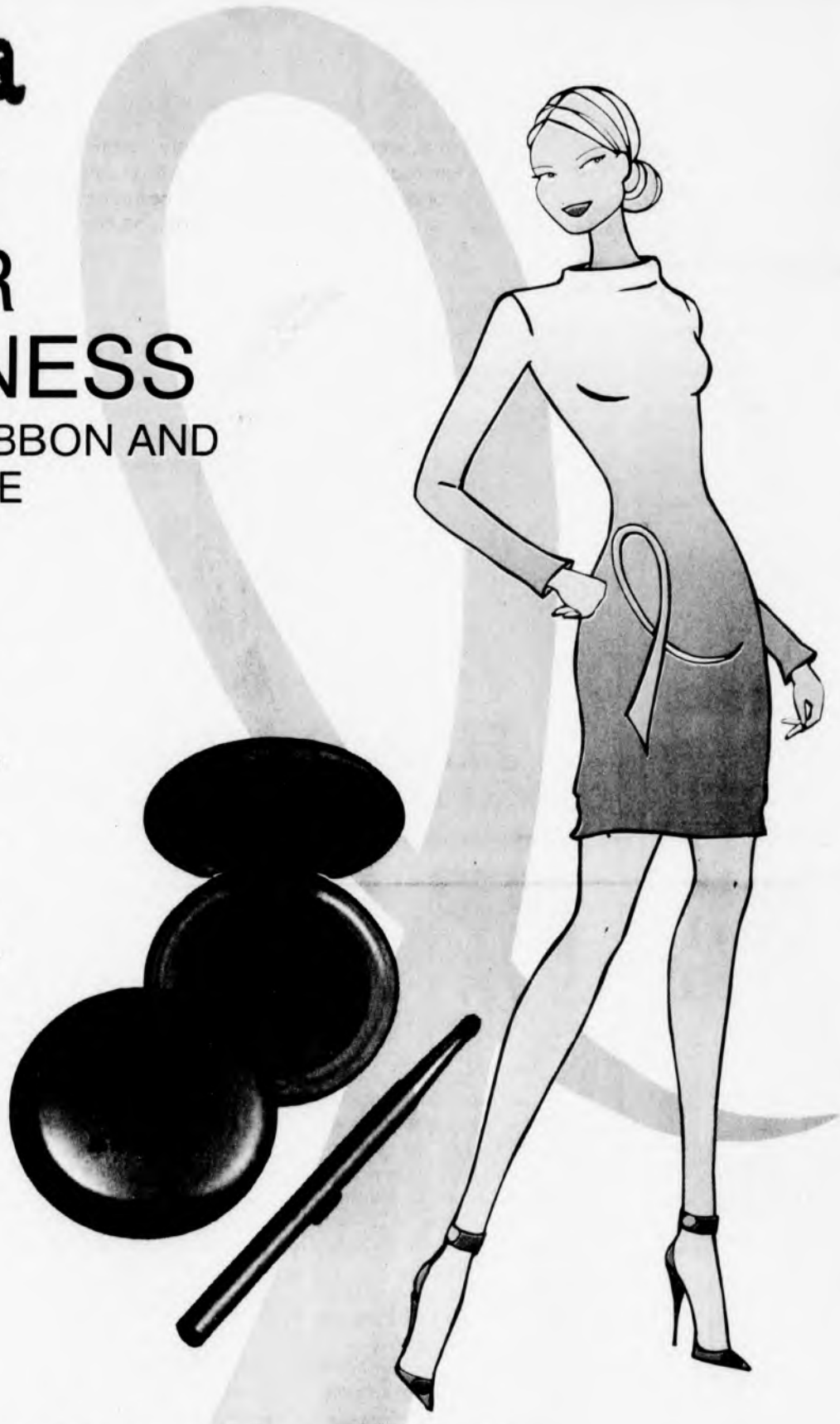

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DEAN'S LIST

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Halloween Fair on the Common is Sunday

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HALLOWEEN FAIR

No matter what the costume, ghosts and goblins, princesses and pirates of all ages should get ready to take to the Cohasset Common on Sunday, Oct. 26 when the annual South Shore Community Center Nursery School Halloween Fair steps off with its traditional costume parade at 2 p.m. Little ghosts and goblins will want to stay around until the fair's end at 4 p.m. to try their hands at enchanting games of skill and luck; two moon walks; a kiddie train ride and lots of other "spooky" fun. Tickets for activities are 3 for $1 and can be purchased at the event. Proceeds from the fair benefit the South Shore Community Center Nursery School including the school's scholarship and program funds.

For more information about the Fair or the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, call 781-383-0036. In case of rain, the event will be across the street in the South Shore Community Center.

PUMPKIN PATCH STORY HOUR

Pumpkins in Cohasset on North Main Street? That's right and you can come on down with the whole family to view and buy a pumpkin to benefit the A.S.P. project. The patch is in Wheelwright Park and **Mrs. Moody**(Children's Librarian) will again be reading stories at the A.S.P. Pumpkin Patch on North Main Street this Friday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. She hopes to see you there!

COSTUME CURATOR TO TALK

On Thursday, Oct. 23, the Cohasset Historical Society welcomes **Mary Ellen Smiley**, director of the Beverly Historical Society who will discuss "The Gilded Age: What the Other Half Wore." Former costume curator and an historical costumer for 22 years, Smiley will entertain the audience with a look at the fashion social scene of the 19th century. She will bring examples to demonstrate style, form and function. You may bring an old garment that you have wondered about for a free evaluation. Costumes from the Societies collection will be on display. The program, which will be held at the Society's headquarters at the Pratt Building 100 South Main St., begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free of charge. The public is cordially invited to attend.

MISTLETOE BOUTIQUE

Come one, Come all to The Mistletoe Boutique which is being held on Sunday Nov. 9 f inside the Our World Museum at the back of the Paul Pratt Library and shopping hours are between 10am-5pm...come early for a full selection...baked goods will be sold and wonderful raffle prizes will be offered! To date, there will be more than 20 retail vendors representing a wide variety of gift items for purchase and a percentage of all sales will be donated to benefit Project Playground. Many of the vendors have also donated beautiful items for a raffle to be held during the event. This is a fantastic opportunity for husbands, wives, grandparents, etc. to do make a dent in their holiday shopping and contribute to a wonderful cause.

GYMNASTICS FUNDRAISER

Here is another great way to get some of your holiday shopping done while helping to benefit a wonderful gymnastic program here in town. A gymnastic fundraiser is being held on Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 6:30-9 p.m. at the South Shore Community Center Senior Center. This fundraiser will feature EK Designs, KTB Designs, Tupperware, Wrap Arounds-Hand Knit Fashions, Christines Bags and Belts and so much more. 20 percent of all sales will go to the SSCC, Gymnast In Motion program. For More Information, please contact **Ruthann Ardizzoni** at 781-383-0088.

TURN CLOCKS BACK

I cannot believe the time is here but alas.... Don't forget to set your clocks back by one hour this Sunday. Get ready for those early, dark afternoons which means less time for the kids to play outside!(BOO HOO!) The good news is that when you get going in the morning, it will be lighter out earlier.

That is all the news for this week. Make sure to get all your information to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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Eastwood film has Cohasset connection

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the film – but screen-time wise is insignificant, says Norris. He notes there were 20 bars within a block that could have been used for the set, but with a production designer the caliber of Bumstead, Eastwood opted to create a new one.

Norris said Eastwood works with the same crew on all his films. A big difference with Eastwood at the helm is no yelling is allowed. Before filming a scene, a few hands go up in the air and there's silence.

"Usually there is a lot of yelling and horns to get people to quiet down," he explains. "Eastwood commands so much respect he doesn't have to go through that."

Norris said Robbins was more approachable than Penn, who was "in his own world" preparing for the intense scene. Norris did not meet Bacon, who was not in the bar scene.

In the scene real booze was initially used in the glasses but when the two actors playing the Savage brothers announced they'd been sober for years – the alcohol was substituted with ice tea.

Robbins quipped he'd been sober for "38 hours," Norris recalled.

"We almost had an AA crisis," he said.

After reading for two other small parts in the film, CP Casting Inc. in Boston called Norris for the bartending role. He was involved in three takes and about half-day of shooting.

"I was glad to meet Clint Eastwood in person," says Norris, adding Eastwood did not have that "I am a star attitude."

He said they chatted about Eastwood's 1970s movie "Play Misty For Me," where he played a radio personality.

"He's a pretty cool guy," Norris says.

Norris, who is married and the father of three, writes and does voice work for Charles Laquidara's morning radio show on WZLX 100.7 in Boston.

His other movie roles include playing a Red Sox fan in "With Honors" (1994) starring Joe Pesci and Brendan Fraser, and playing a bartender in "The Mouse" (1997). Norris shattered his knee cap during the bar scene in "The Mouse." Norris was also an extra in "Glory" (1989) with Denzel Washington and Matthew Broderick. He's also performed in a slew of commercials, some music videos and a cop TV drama "Against the Law." Norris is a 1980 graduate of Cohasset High School.

Bates Wilder

Norris isn't the only local connection to Mystic River. Bates Wilder of Scituate plays the "loud-mouth cop" in the scene with Bacon and Laurence Fishburne where Penn first learns about his daughter's murder.

In a scene from Mystic River, Sean Penn is restrained by State Troopers after learning his daughter has been murdered.

Expert with an eye for Asian art

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ual attention for each item they bring. There will also be a Roadshow party Saturday night from 6-8 p.m., where wine and hearty hors d'oeuvres will be served, and guests will have a chance to play "What's It Worth," with the appraisers.

"I don't think there's been an appraisal day in this area for a while," Rabstenek said, and hopes many will come out for the event, not only to find out more about the items they bring in, but to help support a good cause.

Most of the appraisers who will travel to Cohasset have participated in the Roadshow at some point in their careers, and all have a large breadth of knowledge about the items they appraise. For Rabstenek, who spent years in the auction business before becoming an independent dealer, being able to help clients to the best of her ability means constantly doing research on different kinds of Asian art. She said she mainly deals with Chinese and Japanese works, which requires much study because the history has not been very well documented.

"It's forever challenging," she said.

But studying art is nothing new to Rabstenek, who earned her bachelor's degree in art history from Mount Holyoke College. While she said becoming interested in antiques was never something she would have imagined would lead to a career, "It just kind of stuck," and she's been at it ever since.

After she received her degree, Rabstenek moved to London and became involved with an educational art program at Sotheby's, one of the most well known auction houses. Even then, she didn't pay much attention to the auction aspect of her surroundings, and it wasn't until after she had earned her master's degree in Ireland and then returned home that she began her career at auction houses, starting with Skinner Auction House, which has locations in Boston and Bolton.

"That's where I first learned about the auction business," she said, adding from there she moved on to Philips and then Christie's, which are both located in New York.

While at Skinner, Rabstenek picked up a second specialty and now appraises silver, which she said is much easier than art because silver is mostly judged by its weight, although factors such as the maker or its having an intricate pattern does affect the value of a piece.

"There are great reference books for silver, which helps," she said, adding sometimes older, faux silver can be difficult to distinguish from the real pieces.

But even thought Rabstenek's first and foremost interest has always been Asian art, it is a hobby she said she leaves at the office.

"Specialists don't tend to collect what they work with," she said, adding her personal collection has more19th century American Landscape paintings.

Currently, Rabstenek works for herself, buying and selling works of art, doing appraisals for museums, attorneys, and private clients , and working on occasion for the Roadshow, of which she has been a part since the beginning.

"I did the very first one seven years ago," she said.

Rabstenek said she is looking forward to the appraisal show in Cohasset and can't wait to see what residents will bring. Because she has been involved with the Roadshow for so long, she has become very familiar with the process of appraising and said she's "seen enough to be able to take a look at a piece and say, 'that's nice, that's something special.'"

If an item is too large to bring to the show, or too fragile to risk the trip, detailed pictures can be brought to the show. If the piece looks promising, appraisers can take a trip out to the house or even help with a sale of the item if the owner chooses, she said.

While many items brought to the show won't be enough to retire on, for many, just knowing what they have and being able to identify it is worth the trip. However, Rabstenek said many people do know what they have and are interested in receiving a more updated appraisal.

"Value does fluctuate in our business," she said.

In the instance an appraiser isn't sure what an item is, she said there is always a way to find out and they will be happy to get back to clients with that information.

"You just never know what you might have and people like us can help you figure it out."

For more information please contact Monica McKenney at the South Shore Art Center at (781) 383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Forums to focus on Straits Pond ecology

Through a series of public forums on the "Ecology of Straits Pond: A System Out of Balance," the Straits Pond Watershed Association plans to inform the public on management alternatives and issues for Straits Pond; solicit sufficient community input to develop a working consensus on a management plan; and present the results to the appropriate officials in Cohasset and Hull by December, 2003.

The forums will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays.

- Oct. 29 — "Management Plan Options: Treating the Problem; not the symptoms." Louis B. Costa (Selectmen's Room) at the Hull Town Hall
- Nov. 10 — "Vision of the Next Steps." Louis B. Costa (Selectmen's Room) at the Hull Town Hall.

Forums will be carried live on town cable and re-broadcast on the other community's local cable. Check your local cable station for dates and times. For more information email viaspeech@comcast.net or visit the Straits Pond link on the Weir River Watershed Association's website: www.weirriver.org.

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More fundraising in playground's future

CPC gives request a frosty reception

By Samantha Brown
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Members of Project Playground may need to push back their goal of having a new playground installed behind the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum this spring, to allow for more time for fundraising.

Suzanne Childress Trnka, Logan Bernstein, and Muffy Antico, have been working hard on their fundraising campaign, in the hopes that their dream of having a new playground in town, where families can enjoy spending time together outdoors, can become a reality. Looking for funding to add to their efforts, they turned to the Community Preservation Committee in the hopes they would receive $60,000 toward the total estimated cost of $130,000 for the playground. After much debate and discussion, the women were ultimately turned down.

Although the members of Project Playground do not work for the museum, their intention is to build on the parcel of land behind the museum, to provide a recreational area with not only the play structures, but picnic benches, which will be located next to the town basketball courts. The project is tied to the museum through its lease, which says the museum is responsible for providing a playground on the premises.

Members of the CPC said they weren't sure giving $60,000 "carte blanche" for a playground was something the board would be comfortable with, and the idea of giving between $20,000 and $30,000 to the cause was discussed, ultimately, it seems wording in the lease made the decision easier to make.

"If the town pays any portion of this, it modifies the lease," said member Tom Callahan, who also sits on the Board of Selectmen. He said he believed the agreement with the museum and the town was that the museum would be responsible for installing a play structure on site, at their own expense, and could not ask the town for any help.

The actual lease between the town and the museum reads, "Tenant shall, at tenant's sole cost and expense, complete the following work on the leased premises in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5, above," and under number 12 of the list of work to be completed states, "Complete landscaping and provide and install equipment for outside play area adjacent to building."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he disagrees with the CPC's interpretation, and believes as long as Project Playground doesn't come back to the Board of Selectmen looking for funds, there is nothing to prohibit the group from looking elsewhere in town. While he acknowledges he is not a lawyer, he believes Project Playground has "every right to ask," and the CPC has every right to deny the money. However, he does not agree the grounds for denial can be a breach of the lease.

Other concerns the CPC has regarding the project is whether the Our World Museum in financially sound. Callahan said he has heard rumors that the museum is not doing as well on its fund-raising campaign as it had expected, and he wonders what the fate of the museum will be.

Chairman Stuart Ivimey said in the worst case scenario, if the museum files for bankruptcy, the money set aside for the playground, although in a separate account, is still under the Our World name, and would be gone. He's not sure that's a risk the CPC is willing to take, especially for such a large sum of money.

However, Our World board member Molly Pierson said in a telephone interview, "No, we're not in trouble."

"I suppose fund raising doesn't ever go as quickly as planned," she said, but added the project of remodeling the building has gone smoothly, and is almost complete, and they are optimistic about the second phase of building the playground outside. She said if it takes a little longer to raise the funds for projects, the museum will have to deal with that, but "we're not worried at all at this point."

But, in the event the museum did experience trouble, "The playground could help get the museum up and running," said Trnka. However, she added if separation of the land from the museum is the only way to make the playground happen, "we're certainly willing to take that into consideration."

Callahan suggested Selectmen become involved, and have a meeting with members from the Our World board, to discuss possibly renegotiating the lease to return the parcel of land behind the museum back to the town, and generally clear up matters discussed at the meeting of the CPC. If the land was returned to the town, no matter what the outcome of the museum is, the town could count on always having a playground.

However, when all is said and done, the CPC will make the decision on the funding and the outcome might not be favorable. Ivimey said while he doesn't mean to be derogatory in any way, "Generally speaking, there are more important projects that come before this board."

But with or without funding from the CPC, members of Project Playground say they will continue on in their efforts and while it might take longer, they will come up with the funds to build.

"We'll just keep at it. Our goal is to have a town playground," Antico said.

School board pushes for charter school moratorium

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When representatives from the Cohasset School Committee attend this year's annual joint conference between the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, a representative from Cohasset could vote on behalf of the town in favor of a moratorium on the opening and approval of new charter schools.

Each year during the three-day conference, the MASC Delegate Assembly is held, and resolutions to the MASC bylaws are considered, with legislation often filed as a result. This year, the conference will take place on Nov. 12-14 at the Worcester Centrum, with the Delegate Assembly scheduled for Wednesday the 12th. Committee member Pat Martin said she would be available to serve as Cohasset's representative that day, and cast a vote on the resolution, on the town's behalf.

"Because Cohasset had the very recent situation of the South Shore Maritime Academy Charter School putting forth its credentials to the Department of Education, it kind of brought it home to us," said Supt. Edward Malvey.

The DOE denied the proposal for the SSMACS, which means it will not go forward in the process to acquire a charter. However, when a charter is denied, there is still the option to apply again the following year, which the school's founders may opt to do. There is always the other possibility that another separate group could become interested in Cohasset as a location for a different charter school, which the School Committee doesn't want to see happen.

Towns are held financially accountable for the public schooling of its children, which includes footing the bill for those children who opt to attend charter schools. In Cohasset, tuition ranges from between $7,000 and $8,000 per student, not including what the town must pay for transportation for those students.

The resolution "expresses a true concern on the part of many school departments," said Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts, who would like to see the moratorium in effect until some of the pressing issues can be ironed out.

The resolution states:

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The School Committee will continue in its discussion on the resolution until the date of the conference draws near. Tebbetts said she "would encourage everyone to be familiar with it and suggest that Cohasset sup-

Last brush day

Residential brush will be accepted at the D.P.W. parking area at 91 Cedar St. on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Due to the condition of the town's chipping machine the following items will not be accepted: stumps, firewood, vines, building wood, fences or any wood with nails. No trees over 3 inches diameter.

This is the last scheduled brush day this year.

Foreign objects clogging pumps

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EDITORIAL

Time to fall back

This weekend we turn the clocks back one hour to standard time, correcting for daylight savings time in the spring. The end result is that it will be dark by late afternoon as youngsters come home from school and commuters head home for the evening. Suppertime will be enjoyed in the dwindling light and families will be starting up the fireplace this weekend.

The good thing about turning the clocks back is that we gain an hour of sleep this weekend. As November approaches and the weather turns noticeably cooler, the body's internal clock gets reset, as well. People naturally want to carbo-load on stews and comfort foods as the body decides it's time to go into hibernation. Didn't we just turn off the central heating in June? What happened to summer?

One interesting news item that's cropped up around a few South Shore communities this fall is the idea of turning off street lights to save money during a time of tight municipal budgets. Great — not only do we go into an extended period of darkness until the spring, but our streets are in danger of going dark, too. These really are tough times.

It's hard to imagine, but some communities were considering turning off one-third of their street lights. Fortunately, many towns are seeing that this way of saving money is penny wise and pound foolish. The thinking was that turning off street lights might save the jobs of town employees as the budget crisis drags on. Turns out, it costs more money to have the utility company turn off the street light than it costs for the towns to keep the lights on in the first place. Then, if the light were turned on again, the utility company would charge a sizable amount. The utility companies sure know how to work the angles.

As towns entertain the idea of going dark, there almost certainly comes the risk of an increase in crime. Some of our suburban streets are poorly lit anyway, and neighborhoods could become victims of vandalism, theft and even more serious incidents.

This is the time of year when people are out at night shopping for the upcoming holiday season. Youngsters are out on foot and on bicycles delivering newspapers. Halloween is coming. Good lighting is a basic necessity for safety. Soon there will be ice on the roads, not to mention potholes, and navigating streets in wintry darkness is not a good idea.

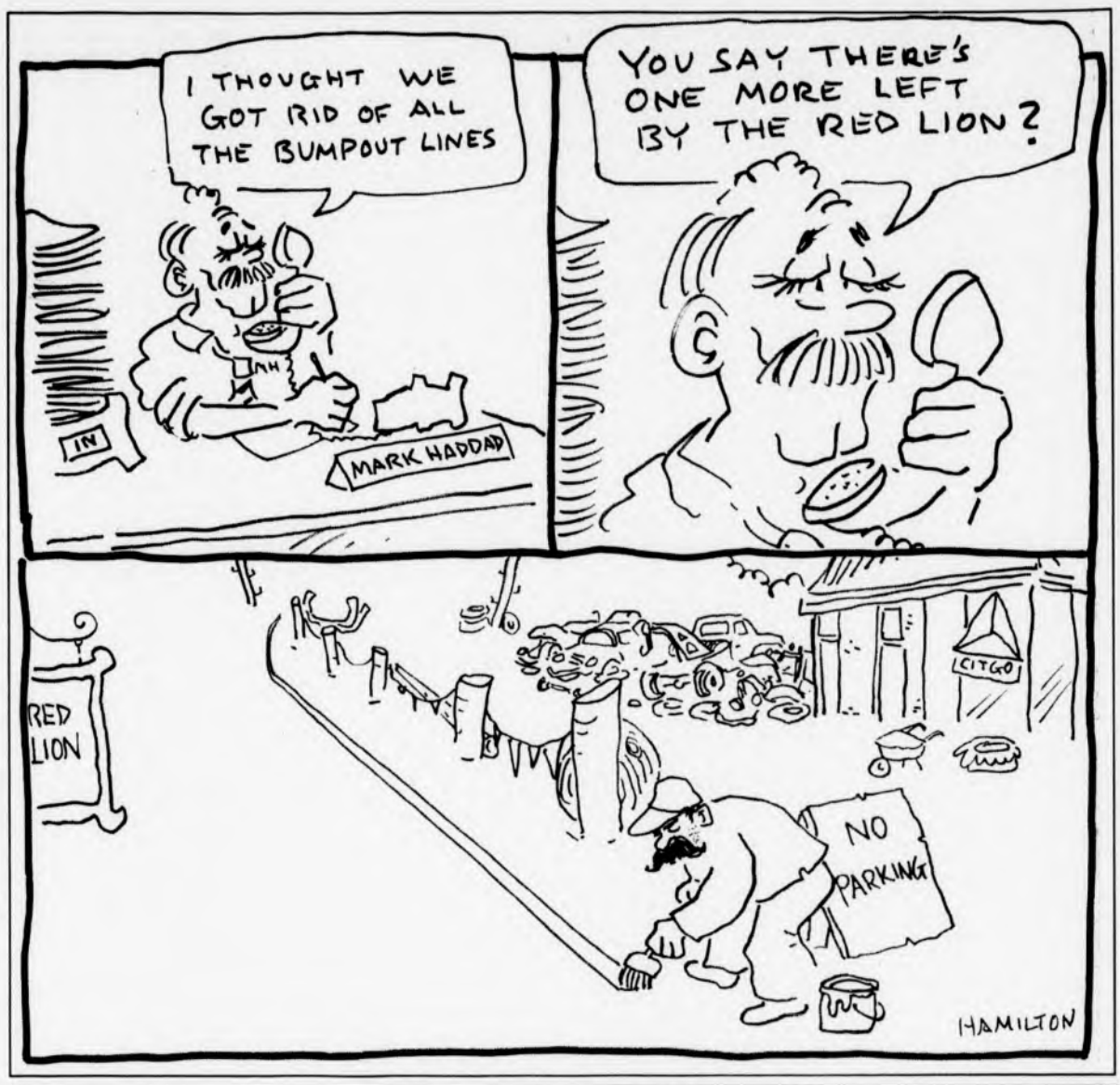
Another bit of cheery news for those who are still recovering from last winter. The Farmer's Almanac is predicting larger than usual snowfalls and cold temperatures across the northeast, especially in February.

"The big story in the Northeast is that February looks like it's going to be a never-ending series of storms that will be reminiscent of last year, when just about everybody was getting ready to head for the Caribbean," said Sandi Duncan, the almanac's managing editor.

Almanac prognosticators say some parts of New England will continue to receive snow into late April. The Almanac is also calling for a snowy winter in the Rockies. A mild winter weather is on tap for the southeast U.S.

Almanac prognosticators with the Farmer's Almanac base their predictions on a secret formula which is linked to sunspots and planetary positions.

Hawaii anyone?



POLITICAL NOTES

Democrats plan for convention

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee kicks off the presidential campaign season with an invitation to all interested voters who wish to participate in the 2004 Democratic National Convention to be held in Boston this summer. Fred Koed, the featured speaker, will share his experiences as a vote counter in Palm Beach County, following the 2000 presidential election. The delegate selection process will be explained and volunteer opportunities will be described.

Agnes McCann, Town Committee chairman, expects an enthusiastic turn-out. "I have had many calls asking about the presidential campaigns, and how to become a delegate or a volunteer at the convention. This is an excellent way to meet other Cohasset democrats and learn how to become involved in the process." All interested voters are invited to join the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee on Monday, Oct. 27 at the Cohasset High School Library, 7 – 9 p.m. For information, call McCann (781) 383-0222.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep town-owned parcel as open space

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding the potential purchase of the Cook Estate — it is not my "backyard," which has already been fully developed by the high school expansion — but the town-owned property abutting the Cook Estate that I would like to see left as green space.

Our selectmen and town manager have determined these approximately nine acres have no value and propose bundling them with the sale of the Cook property.

Oh, by the way, they're not giving us the opportunity to vote on whether we want to sell this property. There will be one article on the warrant asking for approval to purchase the Cook Estate and sell both the Cook Estate and our land to a developer. Perhaps we want to keep our land and just sell the Cook Estate. As it stands right now we don't have that option. Maybe you will agree with me. Maybe you won't. Either way, this decision should be made by general vote, not decided by six people.

Here's my case: the town property you and I as taxpayers already own is environmentally sensitive, about half of it is wetlands. A pie-shaped wedge on one corner is in Zone A of our watershed. An uncertified vernal pool is located on it. There are several areas designated as endangered natural habitat.

In a letter from the Board of Selectmen to the Cook Estate in October 2002, Michael Sullivan wrote: "There is a one-time-only opportunity to permanently connect the Cook property to Town and conservation lands to help expand a dwindling network of open space and wildlife habitat that links Cohasset Village to Wompatuck State Park." Not developing the nine acres will do this.

Don't care? Think we have enough open space already? Here's a another reason we all should care about this particular parcel — it lies within our watershed and upland from Peppermint Brook, one of the main tributaries to Lily Pond, the source of our drinking water. The Water Commission and the Board of Health are concerned.

No matter how good the technology, the fact of the matter is septic systems fail. It would be unfair to provide sewer capacity to this or any development while homes in town remain unsewered. The Board of Health's suggestion to investigate new alternative technology was scoffed at. John McNabb was right when he said the best protection is no development.

Our Water Commission has determined the major pollutant to Lily Pond is Peppermint Brook which runs through a densely developed area. The commission has earmarked other properties in this neighborhood for purchase in order to prevent further pollution of Lily Pond. We will be asked to approve expenditure of our tax dollars for this purpose. I wholeheartedly agree with the Water Commission and hope you do too.

So one town body is seeking to spend our tax dollars to purchase land and another is seeking to sell our land — all in the same area. This makes no sense to me. How about you?

While I'm at it, no, I am not anti-senior housing. My Mother lived at 60 Elm St. I am an enthusiastic advocate for affordable senior housing. It's important to the overall character of our community to keep our seniors in town. The goal should be to keep as broad a social and economic mix of seniors as possible. I question whether this development as presently proposed will do that. To paraphrase Peter Pratt, affordability is the key.

Smart development of the Cook Estate using new urbanism architecture and new wastewater technology will provide the senior housing everyone says we need and our seniors deserve. Not developing our nine acres will provide added protection to our water supply. This scenario is a win-win proposition.

The reason put forth for the town's involvement in the purchase and sale of the Cook Estate is to control the amount and type of development. This is a good thing. However, as presently worded, the RFP that will be given to developers for bidding, merely suggests rather than definitively states what the town is looking for in this development. Providing clear specifications and parameters does not stifle creativity. It encourages it and ensures our goals are met.

Cohasset is everyone's backyard. Please care. Attend or watch the selectmen's meetings. Call or write to let them know your concerns. And come to Town Meeting. Thank you.

Karen Quigley
27 Clay Spring Road

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HEALTH NOTES

Composting toilets, a pollution solution

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

We all live under the specter of Title 5 or paying for the sewer to get rid of out wastewater. We have some citizens living with old septic systems who can't afford to upgrade to either sewers or a repaired septic system.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a better septic solution and less pollution?

You may have heard of a system called "composting toilets". Composting toilets are units within a building which uses very little or no water for flushing. The residue from use is dropped into a secure water and fume-tight holding container where, in time, the waste byproducts undergo a composting action consisting of oxidation and decomposition into pathogen -free garden mulch. The difference between this material and that coming from a large scale sewer plant such as Deer Island is that since no water has been used in the processing, there are no metals or other dangerous substances in the residue.

Because of incompletely developed early systems, the units have gotten a bad name for giving off odors. But as a result of constant development and the use of many millions of these systems all over the world they have become considerably safer and more sanitary than conventional systems.

Composting toilet systems are approved for general use by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as of March 31, 1995, and regulations are now being prepared for their use in new construction. When one considers that composting toilet installations range in price from $1,000 to $10,000, well below septic systems or sewer betterment costs, it was imperative that the Board investigate how they could be made to meet our Town's needs.

Some of the local Health Boards which have granted composting toilet approvals include: Rowley, Ipswich, West Newbury, Boxford, Middleton, Salem, Lynnfield, North Reading, Sherborn, Acton, Harvard, Littleton, Holliston, Norfolk, Cohasset, Watertown, Otis, Mt. Washington, Falmouth, Bourne, Mashpee, Eastham, Harwich, Wellfleet, Orleans, Dennis, Chatham, Centerville, Chilmark, Gay Head, Oak Bluffs, and Edgartown.

With the installation of some composting toilets, DEP allows homeowners a 40 percent reduction in the septic system design for greywater. Greywater, the residue from washing machines, baths and showers, etc., requires substantially reduced treatment and requires less land, saves water, eliminates pollution, and may be considerably less expensive than traditional Title 5 disposal methods for many of Cohasset's difficult sites.

We are investigating the use of composting toilets for applications wherever they appear to be appropriate, and since they have substantially less effect on the environment than either sewers or conventional septic systems, we hope to promote their regular use in home construction.

Here is a picture of a modern composting toilet. There, now, can you really tell the difference?

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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Project SAFEGUARD event for seventh graders and parents

On Monday, Oct. 27 seventh-grade students at Cohasset Middle School will be participating in a special half-day, off-campus program known as Project SAFEGUARD. Parents of seventh-graders are invited and encouraged to attend with their children. Other community members are welcome to attend as well. In past years, parents have found this to be a very valuable experience, and one that facilitates helpful discussions at home.

A lively and engaging half-day seminar is planned that incorporates drama, film, speakers and group discussions designed to supplement school health education and guidance programs. In addition, there will be segments for parents only, offering advice and opportunities for discussion on "surviving the teenage years" and other useful topics. The Project SAFEGUARD Committee, comprised of educators, clergy, community reps and parents, believes that the cooperation of the entire community as well as an intimate parent-school partnership is necessary to help protect young people from risky behaviors. The goal of the program is to go beyond educating the students by providing parents and families with support and guidance, as well as strategies for raising healthy and resilient children. The program is subsidized by the PSO (Parent-School Organization) as well as church and civic donations, making it a true community effort.

This year's featured speakers are Steve Wallace and Jack Agati. Wallace has broad experience as a psychologist and counselor. He has written and lectured widely on the subject of adolescent development. Presently he serves as chairman of the board and chief executive officer for the SADD National organization (Students Against Destructive Decisions). He will address both students and parents. Mr. Agati will present to parents his talk titled, "Six Steps to Surviving the Teenage Years." Parents will love his ideas. (We're not so sure the students will).

Students and parents will view and discuss "Jesse's Journal," a play that addresses a variety of middle school issues including family and peer relationships, appearance and behavior, dating, gender issues, substance use and abuse, and social and academic stress. Cohasset High School peer counselors will act out the play, and there will be opportunities for small group discussions and interaction among the students and adults.

The "Campus on the Common" event will begin promptly at 7:30am at the Cohasset Town Hall and will later move to St. Stephen's church up the hill. The program will conclude at 11:40 a.m. At that time students will be served lunch (provided) and parents will be invited to attend a luncheon in the St. Stephen's church hall.

Students will be bused to the site in the morning and back to school following lunch. Students who walk to school may choose to get dropped off at the Town Hall or at the school to be transported with classmates.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael Gill, Health Education Coordinator 781-383-4205 (mikegill@cohassetk12.org), PSO rep Sally Sisson Game (781-383-6190) or community liaison Rev. Cliff Cutler (781-383-1083).

Down with the Evil Empire

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Hi there, Red Sox Nation. Still feel that Our Olde Town Team let us down against Them Damn Yankees once again? Before you take off your shoes and line up to jump off the Fore River Bridge, listen to this.

Believe it or not, the Red Sox have had successes against the Yankees. There have been instances when there has been dancing in Tremont Street following games with the Evil Empire. Of course, it took a while to find them but here they are:

The season of 1904, the Yankees (then called the Highlanders) second in the American League, came down to the final series with Boston and New York neck and neck for the league championship.

The score was tied in the ninth inning with a Pilgrim (as the Sox were called then) on third and two out when Highlander pitcher Jack Chesbro (a 41-game winner that year) uncorked a wild pitch that sent the winning run across the plate.

Before you take off your shoes and line up to jump off the Fore River Bridge, listen to this.

The Pilgrims may have won the pennant but there was no World's Series in 1904 because that other New York team, the Giants, didn't want to risk the prestige of the National League by recognizing the upstart Americans.

The author John Cheever, a Sox fan, of course once said: "All literary men are Red Sox fans. To be a Yankees fan in literary society is to endanger your life."

Not only did the 1912 Red Sox win the pennant but they finished 55 games ahead of the eighth and last place Highlanders, who became the Yankees the following year. Boston won the season's series 19 to 2, still the worst ever for the New Yorkers.

A young pitcher named George Herman "Babe" Ruth hit the first home run of his career against the Yankees in New York's Polo Grounds on May 6, 1913, off a pitcher named Jack Warhop.

Sox rookie Billy Rohr had a no-hitter going with two out in the ninth inning in early April, 1967, when the Yank's Elston Howard broke it up with a single. Ironically, Howard ended up with the Sox when they won the '67 pennant.

The Red Sox embarked on a 12-game winning streak in July, 1939, with a five-game sweep of the reigning champion Yankees in Yankee Stadium, no less, leading New York manager Joe McCarthy to cry, "Just who the hell are supposed to be the world champions, us or the Red Sox?"

The series produced an oddity in 1959 when a pinch runner hit a grand slam home run. Gene Stephens ran for Ted Williams in the sixth inning. The Sox batted around and Gene had to bat for himself. He hit a grand slam. Boston won, 13 to 3.

"Go crack me open a beer. I'll only be a minute," Sox relief pitcher Dick Radatz told starter Earl Wilson one day. Then he proceeded to strike out Yankees Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris and Elston Howard on 10 pitches.

There, now. Feel better?

Mourning doves — songbirds or migratory game birds?

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

They make a mournful sound, as their name implies. They are frequent visitors to backyard feeders, picking up seeds from the ground. They consume huge quantities of weed seeds, which should make them a friend of farmers. They also make a tasty meal according to some people, although the edible breast meat only weighs about 2 ounces. Once known as "Turtle Doves of Carolina", they are now known as Mourning Doves. They are members of the *Columbidae* family. *Columba* is Latin for dove or pigeon, the two words being somewhat interchangeable. Within this family, Mourning Doves belong to the genus *Zénaida*, named by Charles L. Bonaparte, a French ornithologist, for his wife, Princess Zénaide Charlotte Julie Bonaparte. The species name *macroura* comes from the Greek and means long-tailed.

Mourning Dove tails are indeed long and pointed. The outer tail feathers have white tips that create a jagged white fringe during flight They push up from the ground with their strong short legs to become airborne. During takeoff the wings make a distinctive and very loud whistling noise. These doves are plump brown and gray birds with red feet, a bit of turquoise skin around the eyes, one black spot on the neck and several more on the wings. They move along the ground not by hopping, but by walking, bobbing their head as they go.

There are about 312 species of doves and pigeons worldwide and 14 species in North America. Four of these 14 were introduced, including the Rock Dove known simply as Common Pigeon by most people. Five others have occurred as "accidentals", and the Passenger Pigeon has become extinct. Mourning Doves breed in all the lower 48 United States plus parts of Canada and Mexico and show up upon occasion in Alaska.

People often mistake Mourning Doves for other birds, not because they are hard to identify, but because they can have an uncanny resemblance to other birds. Their melancholy call of "Oo-AH-cooo-coo-coo" can sound remarkably owl-like. In flight and sitting on telephone wires, the similarity in looks to small falcons can confuse even experienced birders. When hunkered down with their breasts flat on the ground to sunbathe, they may look like rocks or become too camouflaged to be noticed.

Two anatomical features are unique with doves and pigeons. They are the only birds that can drink without tilting their heads back. They suck up liquid as if through a straw. The dove and pigeon family also produces something known as "pigeon milk" to feed their newborn babies. Males actually produce more milk than females, who may be busy incubating the second brood while the male is still feeding the first set of fledglings. The milk is produced in the lining of the crop, an enlarged area of the esophagus, where seeds are temporarily stored and ground up. The thickened crop lining sheds cells containing a rich mammal-like formula of fat, protein, and Vitamins A and B to mix with seeds before being regurgitated into the throats of the young.

Breeding males have bluish crowns and napes and rose-colored breasts. Females are more uniformly brown or tan. Both parents take part in nest building, incubating eggs, and feeding the young. The nest is a remarkably flimsy collection of twigs that holds two eggs. The males usually incubate the eggs during the day while the females take the night

PHOTO BY ROBERT SHANTZ

Mourning Dove.

duty. In spite of the insubstantial nest and the fact that eggs sometimes get laid even before the nest is finished, Mourning Doves manage to produce several broods a year, typically at least two or three, but there are reports of as many as six!

Mourning Doves are not long distance migrants, but some northern birds do migrate south. As of now, about three-quarters of the 50 United States allow hunting of Mourning Doves as migratory game birds. Michigan is currently debating whether to allow hunting of doves. In 1971 the state of Wisconsin adopted the Mourning Dove as their official symbol of peace, making it off limits to hunters. Then in 2000 the Wisconsin State Legislature changed the status back to "migratory game bird". Opponents challenged this law in court, and only this past August did the court rule that hunting would be allowed beginning September 1. Mourning Doves may not be hunted in Massachusetts.

Mourning Doves are a common bird in spite of the fact that hunters kill tens of millions each year in North America. Although there have been declines in some areas in recent years, it is not clear just how much negative impact there is from hunting Mourning Doves. For this reason a banding study began this past summer with 28 (so far) states participating. The hope is to band some 85,000 birds during the next three years. Anyone finding a dead bird with a band should report the number to the US Fish and Wildlife Service at 1-800-327-BAND. Hunters do this routinely when they kill ducks with bands on their legs. Anyone reporting a band number will receive a "Certificate of Appreciation" with information about when and where the bird was banded. The data gathered from these recoveries should help wildlife biologists understand migratory movements, population densities and harvest rates for Mourning Doves.

Will hunting send Mourning Doves down the road to extinction as happened to the Passenger Pigeon? Or can these birds that are notoriously difficult to hit be able to survive in spite of being hunted?

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for Project FeederWatch and International Shorebird Surveys.

LETTERS

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Document proves four-quad gates are safe technology

TO THE EDITOR:

I was disappointed that last week's article on four-quad gates did not cite the source of my information on appropriate grade crossing treatments. I gave the Journal a copy of the technical memorandum on grade crossings prepared for the State of Delaware by DMJM Harris a rail engineering consulting firm. The document gives complete support to our position that four-quad gates are fully proven, accepted by the Federal Rail Administration and the preferred treatment method. Eric Fleming, a DMJM Harris employee, is working as a consultant to the MBTA as Deputy Program Manager for the Greenbush line. Mr. Fleming is the individual who stands up at the public meetings and states that this is an unproven and experimental technology. The MBTA needs to explain why their recommendations go directly against the technical memo prepared by the consulting firm they have hired for this project. Does DMJM Harris stand behind the advice of their employee Eric Fleming? If so, what is their explanation for the inconsistent advice?

Yesterday, I received a phone call from the Illinois Commerce Commission. They had read about our situation and wanted to let us know that they have 70 four-quadrant gates in Illinois. They are extremely pleased with their performance and "would be happy to help Hingham convince the MBTA of their safety and necessity". The MBTA claims there are only 80 four-quad gates in the country. However, we know there are 70 in Illinois, and more in at least Connecticut, North Carolina, Florida, California, Georgia, and Vermont. Eighty seems like fuzzy math to me.

Melissa Tully
Selectman
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Hingham

P.S. Any one interested in reading the DMJM Harris report may access it at www.dartfirststate.com/ DTC Reports/Passenger Rail Study/ TM6 Grade Crossing

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Stakes high on reforming affordable housing policy

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

One of the great lines of the Civil War went: "Lincoln would like to have God on his side, but he must have Kentucky."

Kevin Honan will settle for Marshfield.

Honan, the House chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Committee, has spoken to every single member of the House in the past few months, seeking a way to solve the enormously complicated political equation of successfully reforming the state's affordable housing policy. By no means are the stakes as high as they were in 1863, but for Massachusetts, in 2003, they're very, very high nonetheless.

The state's economic future depends on the cost of housing. If it's too high — and it already is — workers want to live elsewhere, which means businesses want to locate somewhere else. But if too many units are built too fast, the very quality of community that keeps living space so valuable here is eroded. Many politicians from the suburbs feel that's already happening, as developers take advantage of a law that cancels local control over new housing projects in communities that lack sufficient affordable housing. Honan and his Senate counterpart, Harriette Chandler of Worcester, are seeking ideal amendments to that law. They released their plan last week. Its three key provisions are a system of counting housing units that will take a number of communities off the list of places where local officials have no choice but to accept new "affordable" developments; new provisions to assist communities in planning growth; and a system of incentives to reward communities for adopting "smart growth" practices on their own.

The demands of the task are huge, as underscored by the history: everyone wants the affordable housing law reformed, and no bill to do so has ever succeeded. On one hand, the representatives want to slow the tide of development; 15,000 units are currently proposed statewide under the law. On the other hand, policy makers know the working class has seen the American Dream cancelled in the past 20 years in Massachusetts, where the average selling price for a home is nudging $400,000.

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itics, the governor first convened a task force to study Chapter 40B — the chapter of the General Laws in question. Legislators then combined the recommendations of that group with the input they got from extensive travels around the state — building support and gaining cover for the coming effort to pass reform. The next, and ultimate, test of their skill will come when the bill hits the floor of the House, and that should happen within a month.

The unity on the housing question was an exception to an increasingly testy atmosphere between the legislative and executive sides, and a flap over road naming proved it.

• *Romney seeks to calm waters over tunnel naming* — The governor took heat after his press secretary said his desire to name the Big Dig I-93 stretch the Liberty Tunnel reflects strong gubernatorial feelings about the servicemen and women who've died in Iraq. The comment came in response to a Transportation Committee vote to name the I-93 stretch after the late US House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill. Romney wants O'Neill's name emplaced on the new underground section of I-90. Under the committee's bill, the I-90 section will be named Veterans Tunnel. After an outcry stemming from the fallen-veterans comment, Romney told reporters a compromise will be found in good faith: "This is not a make-it-or-break-it issue for me," he said.

• *Glimmer-make that gleam-of hope beamed on economy* — A group of economists meeting in Westborough gave their best estimate of performance in the coming months, and it was encouraging. The analysts and academicians said the high-tech sector looks poised to rebound, and an estimate was floated at a conference that the state will create 57,000 new jobs during an economic recovery expected to begin this quarter.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

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The ZBA is being mislead

TO THE EDITOR:

Unfortunately for many of us in Cohasset, this year-long process of reviewing and analyzing this Avalon project now comes down to this. The ZBA appears likely to approve a 200-unit project that
and pedestrian impacts that have not been adequately addressed.

The project is simply too big. The fiscal and infrastructure impacts of a project this size (with two others in the wings) will be huge. As proposed, it will likely drain hundreds of thousands from our tax base annually (as much as $450K annually by some estimates). And that for a town will still be short of our 10 percent because we now have more than 2,800 housing units and only 276 technically 'affordable units'. Their counsel knows it and is not being upfront with them or the town. But this is not surprising given the inherent conflicts that the ZbA's attorney Bobrowski and its consultant Jacobs represent as staunch (usually state funded) 40B figures for the purposes of 40B projects. The land value is the *lesser* of the last arm's length transaction if it occurred within the past three years or an appraisal based upon underlying zoning and not with the 40B in place. Yet Avalon claims to be paying $6.5 million for property that is assessed at less than $3 million and was sold just a few years ago for less than $2 mil-

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PROPERTY TAX HIKE (H 2185)

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House 28-125, rejected an amendment to a bill allowing li
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economic advantage to stores in these border communities. They argued that these stores would unfairly lose a substantial amount of money if Sunday sales are
o recoup a small amount. Amendment opponents said the bill itself is designed to level the playing field for all communities. They argued that giving these border
s the intent of the level playing field. (A "Yea" vote is for allowing the additional three hours for border communities. A "Nay" vote is against the additional three

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

LOTTERY TICKETS (S 393)- The Government Regulatio s Committee held a hearing on a bill allowing all non-winning Lottery scratch tickets to be redeemed for five cents and requiring that the tickets be recycled.

ODDS OF WINNING (H 345)- A bill heard by the Govern ent Regulations Committee would require that all Lottery betting slips and tickets include the approximate odds of winning a prize in that ticket's game.

RED SOX CHEER- A few hours prior to the seventh gam of the American League baseball championship game, Red Sox fan Craig Rourke of Somerville filed a bill making "Red Sox Rule" the state's official baseball cheer. Rourke hopes this positive cheer will replace the unoffi al derogatory anti-Yankees cheer. He filed the measure with the help of Senator Cheryl Jacques (D-Needham).

EXEMPTIONS FROM SALES TAX (H 2168, H 631)- T Taxation Committee held a hearing on a proposal to exempt all books from the state's five percent sales tax. Current law exempts only school books and books used for religious worship. The hearing also included a measu exempting energy efficient refrigerators, dishwashers and washing machines from the tax.

PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS (S 674)- The Senate gave init l approval to legislation requiring doctors to provide parents with extensive information on any psychotropic drugs prior prescribing the drug. The parents must sign a written form that they have obtained the information. Psychotropic drugs are ones that affect the mind through action on the central nervous system and include such well-known drugs as Prozac, Ritalin and Adderall.

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They're in

CHS lady booters secure second straight state tourney berth

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

The later in the season it gets, the more interesting a soccer game in Hull becomes.

As Cohasset head coach Deb Beal has said to her teams in years past, "Anything can happen on a windy day."

The wind, the cold, and the night sky were all working against the Skippers and Pirates on Thursday night. Cohasset made the most of it, however, and came away with a 2-0 victory.

The victory clinched a playoff spot for Cohasset. It improved their South Shore League record to 7-4-1, which puts them in a tie with Abington for the second best record in the league. The top two finishers in each league qualify for the state tournament.

As the visiting team, Cohasset opted to play with the wind at their backs in the second half. The gusts certainly played a factor throughout the game, as plenty of average kicks from one side of the field suddenly found themselves flying into the arms of the goalie at other end.

Led by goals from midfielders Jenn Buckley and Nicole Whitney, with an assist from Casey Anderson, the Skippers were able to earn the W.

Beal said she was pleased with her team's work ethic, especially considering that the girls had to sit during the junior varsity game.

"They did a great job in keeping the ball on the ground in those elements," the coach said. "The team really kept their composure out there."

The win assured Cohasset of their second straight trip to the state tournament. Last year's squad finished the regular season 10-6-1 before losing to Ashland in the playoffs.

On Saturday, the girls lost a hard-fought game to Scituate, 2-0. This was a rematch of the teams' season opener, which the Sailors also took 2-0.

Cohasset played extremely well in the loss. They got eight shots on net, and played a pretty even game in terms of ball control.

"We didn't get outplayed, just outscored," said Beal, who added that her team has been playing with great confidence in recent weeks.

The Skippers were forced to play a few people out of their normal positions due to injuries. Senior sweeper Holly Graham sat out due to a hematoma on her leg, which she played on in Hull. Junior forward Lindsay Kennedy was also out with a sprained ankle, suffered during the Hull game.

Junior Christine Lovallo, who has excelled for Cohasset as an outside defender, played sweeper in place of Graham. Whitney, meanwhile, dropped back into defense to replace Lovallo.

Beal assigned Whitney, one of the team's best athletes, to cover Scituate speedster Michelle Littke.

"Nicole slowed her down and did an awesome job, with no complaints," Beal said afterwards.

The coach also gave a lot of credit to junior defender Danielle Hajjar, who had the task of marking Kacey Weafer, the Sailors' best player. Beal said Weafer's goal came on "sheer second effort," and that Hajjar did an excellent job of covering her.

Cohasset is now 7-7-1 overall, with three games in five days to wrap up their season. The Skippers play Cape Cod Academy on Friday and

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

A Mashpee ballcarrier is swarmed under by Skippers at Friday night's Homecoming game at Cohasset High. The hosts won in a walkover, 28-6.

Falcons' wings clipped

CHS gridders manhandle Mashpee to kick off homecoming in grand fashion

The Cohasset Skippers football squad reached the midpoint of the season with a perfect record with a 28-6 win on Friday night over South Shore League rival Mashpee before a large Homecoming Night crowd at Alumni field.

The relentless ground game, which accounted for all four Cohasset touchdowns, and the swarming and blitzing defense sent the Falcons back to the Cape a little less healthier than when they left. The win improved the Skippers to 5-0 overall, 2-0 in SSL play, while Mashpee fell to and 1-3-1 (0-1-1).

On the defensive side of the ball, the Skippers had a huge game from junior defensive end Kelvin Ferriera (2 sacks, 8 tackles, and another three or four crushing hits on the Mashpee QB Josh Little as he attempted to execute the option play).

Senior captain Tony Truglia, junior Matt Casey, and junior Ted Straughn accounted for 23 tackles to solidify their position as the best group of linebackers in the South Shore League.

With each additional game, the front four of Ferriera, junior Leo Clougherty, junior Matt Baroudi, and senior Rob Carpenter are increasing their presence in the opponents backfield, forcing ill advised pass attempts, as well as continuously limiting rushing efforts to little or no gain. Those passes that do get airborne are either knocked down or missing their mark as the defensive backfield to include juniors Joe Durkin, Crandon Leahy, senior Sean Connolly and senior captain Chris Bilodeau are all over would be receivers.

The defense, under the direction of assistant coach Bob Silvia, has now allowed only 31 points in five games.

Offensively, Cohasset head coach Tony Rolfe had Mashpee's heads spinning all night.

It was pick your poison: run or pass? The Skippers rushed for 229 yards and four touchdowns, and through the air completed five passes for 80 yards, each completion a first down conversion.

After a Cohasset fumble on their its series, the visiting Falcons converted, as tailback Eric Fundstein broke several tackle attempts and scooted 64

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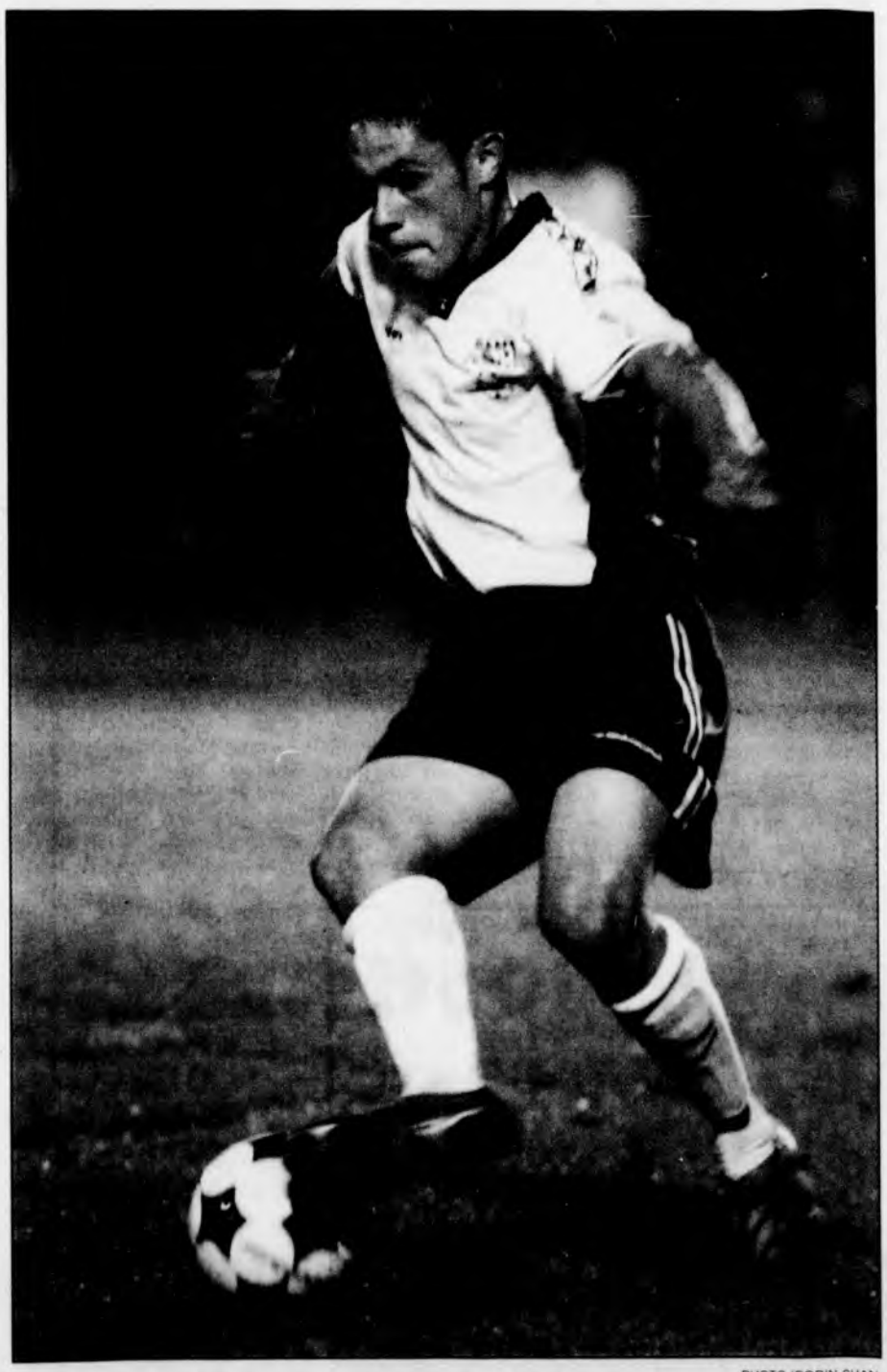

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Cohasset senior Dave Santiageo, one of five Skippers named to the South Shoe League all-star team this week, tries an outside foot move in recent action.

Battle testing

CHS booters hope tough closing stretch will get them ready for postseason play

By Mike Spellman
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You can always tell the coaches who have serious postseason aspirations. They're the ones who willingly line up the monsters to fill out their non-league schedule at the end of the season.

Using that as a primary indicator, it seems a safe bet that rookie Cohasset High head coach Rob Leary has some pretty lofty ambitions.

After completing play in the South Shore League last week with a 9-3 record, 11-3 overall, Leary's Skippers embarked on a brutal five game stretch to close the regular season against perennial bigger school powers: Hanover twice and Scituate, Coyle Cassidy and unbeaten Hingham once each.

Can you say battle testing?

"These games should get us ready for the heat of the tourney," noted Leary, a former head coach at Rockland High who is quite familiar with postseason pressure. "These are definitely some good tests to get us ready for the big test."

At the time of this writing, the Skippers had fared relatively well with the "pre-tests" against three straight opponents from the bigger Patriot League. The edged Hanover on Thursday and Scituate on Saturday, both by the score of 2-1, before falling to unbeaten Hingham on the road Monday by a 3-0 score.

"Actually, I thought that might have been one of our best 80 minutes of soccer all season," said Leary of the Hingham game. "We had some chances, and had a couple of tough calls go against us. I didn't feel we were really overmatched. Hingham just capitalized on a few mistakes, as you expect some teams to do, but this was a real encouraging performance from us on the whole."

Fortunately, the Cohasset boys will not have to face any of these teams in the Div. 3 state tourney, which gets underway next Friday. They're all Division 2 schools.

"The thing is, you like to go into the tourney playing your best soccer of the year, and right now I feel that's what we're doing," continued Leary. " Hopefully, we can keep that

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Winds blowing Lady Skippers way

Two big wins lift field hockey team to cusp of playoff berth

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

The lights may have disappeared for the season at Fenway Park but they still burn brightly for the Cohasset field hockey players.

Two stunning victories over South Shore League rivals Hull and Norwell have positioned the Skippers one victory away from qualifying for the MIAA state tournament. Any win in the remaining games with Mashpee, Carver and Hingham will catapult the team into the playoffs.

Last Wednesday, the town of Hull probably wished goalie Caitlin Condon never got off the Cohasset bus. She shut out the Pirates in inclement weather conditions. Gale-force winds knocked over benches and whipped the windmill blades at record speed. Yet, the Skippers generated most of the electricity when they flew past the Pirates by a score of 2-0.

A critical dosage of team confidence elevated their play as well as their overall record.

"Regardless of the horrendous game conditions, we stuck together as a team and racked up a win," reflected Liz Condos.

She added: "Our teamwork this year is outstanding since everybody gets along so well."

Speaking of teamwork, the defensive line of captain Danielle Pinkus, Jessie Guilds, and sophomore Catherine Whoriskay continuously frustrated a persistent Hull offense.

When Hull offensive players cracked this line, they faced goalie Condon. End of story? Not quite.

Courtney Caron scored on a penalty stroke. On a corner shot, Katie James drilled into the net thanks to a nice assist from Kristin Howard.

According to Coach Deb Bostwick, the team "played well and stayed focussed".

She added: "We could have done better on the offensive corners and need to improve there. I couldn't believe the wind. The game was almost called."

The winds dropped way off

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Falcons wings clipped

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yards to give Mashpee an early 6-0 lead with 3:57 left in the first quarter.

Cohasset then marched 64 yards on seven plays, senior tailback DeWayne Morris had 46 yards on four carries. QB Mike Dooley capped off the drive, taking it in from nine yards out behind blocking from the right side of the offensive line, Casey, Davis and McCarthy, along with a fine downfield block by junior wideout D J Silvia. Connolly then hit the first of four successful extra point attempts to give the Skippers a 7-6 lead with 1:13 to go in the first half.

The teams traded punts on their next series. With a Ferriera sack on third down forcing Mashpee to punt from their 11-yard line on their next possession, the Skippers took over on Mashpee's 29. The key play in this series was a 16-yard reception by Straughn out of the backfield for a first down. Morris went left, taking advantage of the blocking of the left side this time — senior tackle Dan Tarpey, sophomore guard Nick Arment, and a nice sealing block from tight end Connolly — and scored on an option pitch from Dooley from six yards out, (eclipsing the 100 yard rushing mark in the first half, and the 500 yard mark for the season) his sixth touchdown of the season. At the half, Cohasset led 14-6.

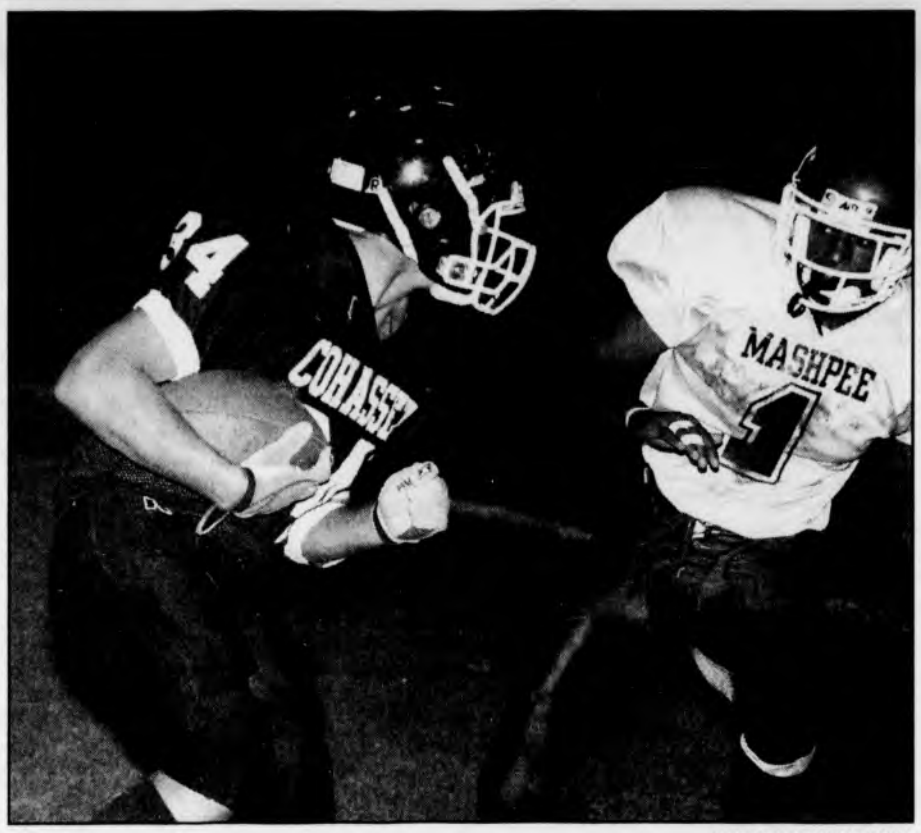
Mashpee continued their punt parade, (six possessions in a row ended with a punt) to start the second half.

The Skippers then put the game out of reach, converting both third quarter possessions into touchdowns.

The first score was a two play 47-yard drive, the scoring play was a QB option keeper by Dooley around the right side. Blocking kudos go out to Straughn from his fullback slot, *Casey, McCarthy and Connolly turned their men inside. Davis wiped out two would be tacklers*, and Arment prevented any Mashpee downfield heroics as he provided protection for Dooley as he sprinted 47 yards into the end zone, virtually untouched for his second TD of the night.

Coach Rolfe was seen sprinting, OK running, down the sideline in unison with Dooley as the crowd rose to their feet to start the celebration.

The final scoring drive was an eight play, 67-yard march. Morris covered 22 yards on the ground, Dooley hit Connolly for 10 yards, Bilodeau for 23 more, then fullback Ted Straughn's third carry of the drive had him barreling left for a six yard score, Teddie's third touchdown in two weeks. Tarpey kicked his assignment outside and guards Davis and Arment trap blocked their men as Straughn hit pay dirt.



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Cohasset fullback Ted Straughn (#34) ran for his third touchdown in two weeks at Friday night's homecoming win.

Other noteable performances were turned in by:

Steve Davis boomed three kickoffs inside Mashpee's 10 yard line.

Chris Bilodeau had several fine punt returns, setting the Skippers up in great field position.

Sophomore right tackle Dan McCarthy recovered a Cohasset fumble to help continue a drive.

Senior placekicker Sean Connolly hit all four extra point conversions. He is 7 for 9 on the season.

Mike Dooley at QB had a strong game, excelling in running the option play.

Tony Truglia was all over the field from his linebacker slot.

Junior running back Joey Kehoe picked up 12 yards on 4 carries coming in as a reserve in the fourth quarter.

The offensive line of Tarpey-Arment-Casey-Davis-McCarthy controlled the line of scrimmage.

Cohasset 28, Mashpee 6

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Mashpee (1-3-1)	**6**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**— 6**
Cohasset (5-0)	**7**	**7**	**14**	**0**	**— 28**

M-Eric Fundstein 64 yard run, conversion failed.
C-Mike Dooley 9 yard run, Sean Connolly kick.
C-DeWayne Morris 6 yard run, Connolly kick.
C-Dooley 47 yard run, Connolly kick.
C-Ted Straughn 6 yard run, Connolly kick.

Turf Notes

As usual the CHS Pep band and Cheerleaders were outstanding.

The announcing team of John Durkin and Andy Whitney were flawless and entertaining.

The Chain Gang, to include Rick Grassie, Don Davis, Dan Tarpey, Al Snowdale, and Eddie "C" Connolly, are a precision group.

Congratulations to the Homecoming couple for 2003, King Mike Hajjar and Queen Emily Sullivan.

And to Fay Sargent, CHS videographer, who is this year's recipient of the Cohasset Gridiron Club's Book Dedication. Be sure to check out the replay of each weeks game on Wednesday nights at 7 PM on Channel 10, filmed by Fay Sargent.

Offensive Stats

Passing: Mike Dooley 5 for 11, 80 yards.

Receiving: Ted Straughn 2 for 34 yards, Chris Bilodeau 1 for 23 yds, D J Silvia 1 for 13 yds, Sean Connolly 1 for 10 yds.

Rushing: DeWayne Morris 19 carries for 140 yards, 1 TD, Mike Dooley 4 for 66 yds, 2 TDs, Ted Straughn 3 for 13 yds, 1 TD, Joey Kehoe 4 for 12 yds, Jamie Litchfield 2 for (2) yds.

Defensive Stats

Tackles: Tony Truglia 10, Matt Casey 9, Kelvin Ferriera 8, Ted Straughn, Chris Bilodeau 4, Rob Carpenter, Matt Baroudi, Joe Durkin 3, Leo Clougherty, Sean Connolly 2, Crandon Leahy, Steve Davis 1.

Sacks: Kelvin Ferriera 2

Fumbles Recovered: Dan McCarthy

This week's preview

Cohasset travels to Weston tomorrow night to take on the 4-2 Wildcats in a non-league contest. Weston, a member of the Independent League, has defeated Division 5 schools, Ashland, and Dover-Sherborn, Division 6 Georgetown, and fellow Independent League member, Canton. Their loses have come against Division 4 Hingham and Division 2 Concord-Carlisle. Their offense is averaging 14 points game, with the defense yielding an average of 10 points a game.

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South Shore League

Cohasset	(5-0)	2	0	0
Abington	(5-1)	1	0	0
Norwell	(3-1-1)	1	0	1
Mashpee	(1-3-1)	0	1	1
Hull	(0-5)	0	1	0
Carver	(1-5)	0	2	0

This weeks SSL games:
Hull @ Abington
Carver @ Norwell

COASTAL STARS REPORT

Mites C-1

Two minutes, two goals and a rocket start to the season for the Coastal Stars Mite C-1 who defeated Pembroke 16 – 2 in their season opener. A flashy first line provided 8 of the goals, with five coming from center Patrick Shea. Shea, who scored the opener, had command of the puck thanks to great position playing by wingers Adam Benson and Justin Fein, and defensemen Brodie Jackisch and Tommy Prendergast. Prendergast provided drama and excitement several times as he broke-up plays deep behind the blue line and then charged back up the ice himself for some razor close shots on goals. Another outstanding playmaker was center Tucker Ambrose, who had 5 goals. Ambrose showed his skating speed and shooting skills with several successful breakaways. Dumping in his own goal was left winger Colby Comeau assisted by Derek Benson at right wing. Charlie Blackington and Declan Leahy proved to be a strong duo at defense, working hard to keep the puck out of the zone. The line of Charley Michalowski with Colin MacDonald and Cameron Lamoureux on the wings matched up well against Pembroke's first line and combined for three goals. The defensive tandem of Kevin Meehan and Garrett Leahy were extremely sharp and did their job well, limiting Pembrokes opportunites to score. Goalie Jake Burchill maintained his focus throughout the win and made many key stops. Good game team.

Mites C-2

The Coastal Stars Mites C-2 logged their first win of the season, a 5-1 decision over the South Shore Seahawks. As a team, the young Stars exhibited solid fundamentals and team play, executing well on both offensive and defensive ends. After giving the Seahawks the early lead, goaltender Matt Boudreau hunkered down for the remainder of the contest, making several impressive saves to shut down the Seahawk offensive threat. The Seahawk lead was short-lived as Jack Evitts picked up the puck at the blue line and skated in to tie the game. The Stars continued to turn up the offensive pressure with some fantastic skating by Sam Topham who made several creative cuts to the net. Joey Redfearn kept the offense going by winning several face-offs in the Seahawk zone. The Stars scored again late in the first period, with Tristan Wiggin collecting the puck on a broken play and cruising in to flip the puck past the Seahawk goalie. Both Thomas Coyne and Matt Doyle exhibited great stick handling and offensive drive, each skating around defenders to get shots on net. The second period saw solid efforts by defensemen Robbie Bertone, and Brendan Evitts as the pair managed to keep the puck in the offensive zone, enabling more opportunities for their line. With 4:32 left in the second period, Robert Reidy battled for the puck on the right side boards and made a nice lead pass to Patrick Graham who beat the Seahawk goalie with a wrist shot, making it 3-1 Stars. Center, Jeremy Archibald also contributed with some key face-offs and great hustle on the offensive end. Later in the second period, defenseman, Michael McPartlin got a stick on a shot fired from close range, clearing the puck to the left side of the net and relieving pressure on his goalie. Tristan Wiggin rushed up the left boards and slipped the puck under the goalie's pads making it 4-1 Stars. With mounting offensive pressure from the Seahawks to start the third period, defenseman Jack Kaetzer and Kal Maier showed great hustle, breaking up several plays and clearing the zone. The game began to open up with several rushes by the Stars including a nifty one by Joseph Proctor up the left boards. On another rush by the Stars, Aidan Beresford's first shot was denied but he stayed with the play and slapped in the rebound for the final goal of the game.

Squirt A

After starting the season with losses to Plymouth and Taunton, the Coastal Star Squirt A's have won two games in a row to even their record at 2-2. In the loss to Plymouth the Stars got goals from Connor McLean, Travers Craven and Ryan Donovan. John Collins, McLean and Jon Meehan each had an assist. In The loss to Taunton, Ryan Donovan scord both goals with assists going to Tyler Martina and Pat Cull. The Stars have shown improvement each week and attained their first win of the season against Hingham in a 2-1 battle of the goaltenders. Kevin Kelly, who made the move to Squirt A right from the Mite level has improved with each game. Goals by Will Schorle and Ryan Donovan were enough to gain the victory thanks to Kelly's efforts as well as solid defensive games from Brian Scott, Matt Entwistle, Pat Cull and Will Schorle. In week four the Stars defeated the Mohawks 6-5. The Stars had six different goal scores in the victory, Jeff Durkin, Tyler Martina, Will Schorle, Ryan Donovan, Travers Craven and the game winner by John Collins. Assists went to Connor McLean, Will Schorle, Tyler Martina Alex Evans, and Matt Entwistle. The Coaches are very pleased with the improvement that the boys have shown in the early going and especially proud of the unselfish play making and discipline positional play that they have demonstrated.

PeeWee C-1

The Coastal Stars Pee-Wee C1 team beat a tough Braintree team Sunday October 19 with a score of 3-0. John Carrigg, the Stars' goalie collected his second shut-out in only three games. Brian Meehan, playing left defense, got the scoring started at 7:13 of the first period with a strong wrist shot from the blue-line. Creating havoc in front of the net were center Justin Yeager and wingers Geoff Evans and Gordon Smith. The Star's second score was made by Kevin O'Connell who fired a hard unassisted shot from the left corner that slipped by the Braintree goalie's weak side. Also on the attack were center Andrew Bell and right wing Mike Caira. O'Connell's goal came at 14:20 of the second period. The Stars kept the pressure on Braintree throughout the game with strong offensive and defensive play. Keeping Braintree out of their offensive end throughout the game were defensemen Connor Ofsthun, Chris Fazzina, Mike O'Halloran and Meehan. The Stars final goal came at 13:31 of the third period when Joe Fitzsimmons scored. Assisting on the Stars' third goal was winger Phil Murphy and defensemen Connor Ofsthun.

SPORTS NOTES

Members Only workouts on deck at SSBC

Nights in November thru April for players 7-16

HINGHAM, Mass. - South Shore Baseball Club's "Members Only Workouts" commence November 11 and continue through the middle of April for baseball players, boys and girls, between the ages of seven and 16 at its indoor facility in Hingham.

One and one-half hour sessions for players 7-9 are scheduled Tuesday nights (5-6:30 p.m.), Nov. 11-April 13; Wednesday evenings (5-6:30) for 10-12 year olds; 13-16 aged players will workout Thursdays nights (7-8:30), Nov. 13-Apr. 14.

"These closely supervised sessions have been designed to improve the overall level of play covering all aspects of baseball," SSBC president/director Frank Niles, Jr. said. "Any SSBC member can attend, unannounced, when his age group is scheduled. They can come for as many or as few sessions as they choose."

Additional "Members Only Workout" sessions are scheduled at SSBC in January for baseball players 7-12, as well as female softball players of all ages.

SSBC is a year-round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players, boys and girls, ages five and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC membership or any of its programs, call 1-888-749-6466/781-749-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com

Internal Arts Seminars at Jade Forest

Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi of Cohasset will offer a weekend series of internal arts seminars with Special Guest Instructor Master Wei Lun Huang. Internal arts comprise a special category of Chinese martial arts, including Tai Chi, Ba Gua, and Hsing Yi.

Beginners are welcome to attend all courses. Master Huang will present Chi Kung from the Ba Gua system on Sat. morning, Oct 4, 10 - 12:30. In the afternoon he will teach essential Tai Chi skills from 2- 4:30 pm. These seminars are ideal for body toning, flexibility and mindfulness. The cost for each of these events is $80.

On Sun Oct. 5, the curriculum will shift to Hsing Yi. Of all the internal arts that have developed in China, none has placed a more overt emphasis on the cultivation of sheer, efficient power than Hsing Yi. Hsing Yi is elegant in it simplicity, yet Hsing Yi fighters have been feared and revered since the art was first developed. Hsing Yi Body Conditioning & Basics will be taught from 10 - 4:30 pm, with a scheduled break for lunch. The cost for this class is $160.

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Harwich golfers win SSL all-star match

By Mike Spellman
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The Harwich golf team is now the undisputed champion of the South Shore league.

At Thursday's South Shore League all-star tourney, the Roughriders top four golfers finished 18 strokes ahead of second place Norwell on their home Cranberry Valley Country Club course to put an exclamation on their regular season title.

Tyler Kett led the charge for host Harwich, shooting a sensational 77, five strokes ahead of the closest chasers.

Harwich wound up with a team score of 243.

The Norwell golfers (261) gained a small measure of revenge against two teams that contributed to keeping them out of the postseason for the first time in the history of the program, taking second ahead of both Mashpee (267) and Abington (269), two teams that made it to Monday's Div. 3 sectional championships.

Cohasset (270) finished fifth, a stroke off Abington's score, and Carver (294) brought up the rear, just as it did during a winless regular season.

Norwell's Max Schenkien tied Harwich's Ried Booth and Mashpee's Craig Devaney for second place in the individual competition, all three shooting 82s.

Harwich's Craig Druschella and Mashpee's Trevor Fronius (84s) were next on the leaderboard, followed by Abington's Bill Carey (86) and Paul Seaberg (88), Cohasset's Kevin Barber (88) and Tim Pilczak (89) and Norwell's Mike Dempsey (89).

Barber bows out at State tourney

Freshman Kevin Barber, CHS's lone representative at Monday's Div. 3 south sectional championships at Cranberry Vallley Country Club in Harwich, shot a very solid round of 86 on a damp and windy course.

The scores, in general, were higher than expected, with conditions no doubt playing a big role. The top 10 percent of the 94 golfers who played advanced onto this coming Monday state championships at Farr Corner in Boxford. Unfortunately, Barber missed the cutoff score of 82.

However, coach Torin Sweeney felt 86 was a very respectable score under the circumstances, particularly for a freshman.

The Skippers golf season was slated to end for good yesterday, with Cape Cod Academy coming to Cohasset Country Club. At the time of this writing on this wet Wednesday afternoon, however, it appeared that match might well be postponed or even cancelled.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset senior Andrew Wise (#32) steps in front of Scituate's Brian Zona (#9) in recent non-league action.

Battle testing

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momentum going through our last two games."

Senior captain Conor Buick, who admits to being slightly concerned about his team's inability to pull out "big games" this year, also believes this season-ending gauntlet will help his veteran-laden squad in the end, even though it might come at a cost of a few seeding spots.

"We have nine seniors here, and we've all played a lot together, so, obviously, we've got some pretty high hopes," said Buick, the team's sweeper and two-time league all-star who came up just shy of being selected to the All Eastern Mass. team on Tuesday. "I think we have the ability to do very well. We just need to be ready to go all out."

It was the seniors who produced all the offense over the past week. Kevin Dinsmore, a transfer this year from B.C. High, scored the first and set up captain Chris Clark for the second in the hard fought 2-1 win over a very physical Hanover team that the Skippers get again at home tomorrow.

This game was a tale of two halves. The Skippers dominated the first 40 minutes but found themselves holding on for dear life after the break. Coach Leary credited goalie Jesse Brewer and the back four of Buick, fullbacks Trevor Brady and Craig Laugelle ands stopper Sam McDonald for coming up biggest in the win.

"It was just one of those crazy momentum switches you can't predict," said Leary. "We looked so good in the first half, but then we were just hanging on by our fingernails at the end waiting for the final whistle."

Clark added to his team best scoring totals on Saturday, potting both goals against Scituate in the first half. The visiting Sailors scored in the second half to make things interesting and keep the tempo of the game between these longtime neighboring town rivals at a playoff type pitch

So the Skippers head into the last two games of the regular season with an overall record of 12-4. Whether or not they get a first round home game may well be determined by how they make out against Hanover tomorrow and Coyle Cassidy Monday.

The seedings and brackets will be announced by the MIAA next Wednesday, with preliminary rounds slated to get underway on Friday. The Skippers could play as soon as Saturday, Oct. 31.

All-Eastern Mass. choice Brewer one of five CHS players named an All-Star

Senior keeper Jesse Brewer was selected to the All-Eastern Mass team and was also one of five Cohasset players named as league all-stars at the South Shore League coach's meeting Tuesday night.

Buick, as mentioned above, just missed the All-Eastern Mass. However, like Brewer, he was a unanimous SSL all-star selection.

Three of the Cohasset seniors, Clark, Dave Santiago and Craig Laugelle were named league all-stars.

SPORTS NOTES

Learn to ski program registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with Buckles and Boards Ski Shop of Marshfield will hold registrations at the Cohasset Recreation Dept. Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 3 to 6 p.m. for a learn to ski program at Ragged Mt., N.H.

The program will be open to all ages but children must be able to participate on their own. There will be an adult chaperone to assist, however, children must be able to function with minimal assistance.

The fee for the program is $259.99 per student.

The Rec Department is located at 41 Highland Ave., in the Town Hall.

Lessons will be available to both ski and snowboard students. Details are as follows and the bus will leave from and return to Cohasset Town Hall.

Highlights: luxury motorcoach to/from mountain; adult chaperone on bus; five 1.5-hour ski or snowboard lessons; six full-day tickets, one Sunday and five Saturdays.

Dates: Sunday, Dec. 14; Saturdays, Jan. 10, Jan. 24, Feb. 7, Feb. 28 and March 5.

Ski bus will leave from Cohasset Town Hall at 6:30 a.m. and return to Town Hall between 6:30 and 7 p.m. each trip.

Youngsters will be able to ski/snowboard both prior to and after their ski lesson each trip. The bus will leave from Ragged Mt. between 4 and 4:15 p.m.

Rentals of either ski or snowboard equipment can be done on a seasonal basis, allowing each participant to rent and keep all the necessary equipment for the entire time period of the lessons. You will need to go to Buckles and Boards just one time to rent your equipment returning it after March 5, 2004.

Seasonal rates are $129.99 for ski equipment and $169.99 for snow board equipment.

Cohasset Recreation Dept. Basketball Clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Dept. will accept telephone registrations for Basketball clinic for boys and girls in grades 3-8 to be directed by Coach Ron Ford. All clinics will be held at Cohasset High School gym on Tuesdays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 and 18.

Grades 3-5 will meet from 5-6:15 p.m. and grades 6-8 will meet from 6:30 -7:45 p.m. The fee for this program is $50 per person and checks should be payable to South Shore Basketball School.

Please call the recreation office at 781-383-4109 to register. Space is limited.

Girls travel basketball

On Wednesday October 29th, from 5:30 to 7pm at the Deer Hill School Gymnasium, there will be an information and skills evaluation practice for girls in grades 7 & 8 who would like to try-out for the Old Colony Travel Basketball League.

Old Colony Games are on weekends and run from December 7th through March. There is a registration fee of $125 for those girls placed on a team. Practices will be once each week beginning the first week in November. If you have any questions please call Matt Salerno at 781-383-2230

Cohasset Boys travel basketball tryouts

Tryouts for the Cohasset Boys Basketball Travel Team (Grades 6,7 and 8) will be held on two nights as follows:

When: Monday, October 27 AND Thursday October 30

Time:

Grade 6 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. both nights

Grade 7 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. both nights

Grade 8 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. both nights

Place: Cohasset High School

Questions: Please call Tim Bilodeau 781-925-1792

There is no fee for the tryouts. Boys should attend both nights if possible. Once team rosters are decided, the teams practice one night each week and play games on Saturday and Sunday during the season (December-March).

Legion base ballfall workouts

Members of the Cohasset Post 118 Legion baseball team are working out on Saturdays at the Scituate High baseball field, beginning at 9 a.m.. Any player from Scituate or Cohasset interested in playing for the team next summer is invited to join in. Any questions can be directed to Post 118 Manager Scott Arnold (781-545-1896).

Cohasset Little League introduces 'Baseball Bucks'

The Cohasset Little League (CYBSA) would like to thank our friends at the Cohasset Harbor Resort, especially manager Joe Campbell, for their very generous donation of $10,000 worth of gift certificates to benefit the new baseball and softball fields. Named "Baseball Bucks", the gift certificates are redeemable for food or beverages at Atlantica, The Olde Salt House or The Cohasset Harbor Inn. If you are interested in purchasing "Baseball Bucks" please contact Nancy Froio @ (781)383-1897. And once again, thank you to Joe Campbell and the Cohasset Harbor Resort!!

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Silver Lake joins Patriot League

East-West Divisions approved in new 10 school league

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Silver Lake will remain connected to Pembroke students in this way at least.

The Patriot League schools voted unanimously last week to accept Silver Lake as its 10th member, effective next school year. This vote came less than five months after the PL schools voted to accept Pembroke High as their ninth member.

The schools will be split up into two five-team divisions. Duxbury, Silver Lake, Hingham, Scituate and Pembroke (which will open its doors next fall) will become the East Division. Rockland, Hanover, East Bridgewater, Middleboro and Randolph will form the West Division.

"In the long run, in terms of competitiveness, this is a good move for the league," said Rockland High athletic director Bob Fisher. "Geographically it makes sense, schedule-wise it makes sense, and from a budget standpoint it makes sense."

Silver Lake also had a standing offer to join the Atlantic Coast League, but Lakers athletic director Bill Johnson felt the Patriot League was simply a better fit for his school at the present time.

"The competition is good and almost every team in this league was a member of the Old Colony League before," said Johnson. "When I started coaching soccer in the mid-1970s, we had rivalries with almost every one of them, so I think it is going to be great to have that again."

The split of Pembroke from the Silver Lake district will essentially break the student body in half. Silver Lake — which will continue to be the public high school for Kingston, Plympton and Halifax— figures to have in the neighborhood of 1,000 students next fall, while Pembroke is expected to open its doors with over 900.

Both schools will be among the larger ones in the Patriot League, with only Randolph, Middleboro and Duxbury also being in that 900-1,000 student range.

The fact that Pembroke and SL will be league rivals has heated up the talk of them also becoming Thanksgiving Day rivals. Pembroke is scheduled to become East Bridgewater's Turkey Day opponent next fall. Silver Lake is 0-6 against present Thanksgiving rival Bridgewater-Raynham, and it's tough to imagine that match-up becoming more competitive after SL loses half of its student base.

Johnson insists, however, that his school will not pull out of this arrangement until B-R can find another rival.

"B-R came to our rescue when we lost our Thanksgiving game with Plymouth," said the Silver Lake Athletic Director. "We know how painful it can be to lose that game. We would never do that to B-R."

One possible scenario that has been raised is simply flip-flopping Thanksgiving opponents: B-R getting East Bridgewater and Silver Lake getting Pembroke. However, though geography and the fact that both E.B and B-R are traditional football powers in their respective leagues may appear to make this a good fit, there may simply be no way of getting around the fact that B-R's student body (1,500) is more than double E.B.'s (670).

Randolph and Silver Lake were originally thought to be part of the new Atlantic Coast League but both schools opted to set its sites first on the Patriot League, with administrators from both schools citing significant travel budget savings. The new ACL includes four Cape teams: Falmouth, Dennis-Yarmouth, Sandwich and Nauset.

With Silver Lake and Randolph pulling out of the ACL picture, the way may now be cleared for Marshfield to jump from the Old Colony League to the ACL, as Falmouth, Plymouth South and North Quincy have already done.

At the moment, Marshfield, with a student body around 1,250, remains committed to the OCL and three far larger schools: Barnstable, Taunton and Bridgewater-Raynham.

Obviously, three or four schools would not make much of a league. Hence, new talks of a merger between the OCL and the Big Three League (monster-sized schools Brockton, New Bedford and Durfee).

There had also been some talk of a few of the smaller Patriot League schools joining the South Shore League, which currently includes six schools (Norwell, Cohasset, Abington, Hull, Mashpee and Harwich, Maspee), with only five of them having a football program (Harwich has a cooperative program with Cape Cod Tech that plays in the Mayflower League). East Bridgewater, the smallest school in the PL, actually applied for admission to the SSL, but was turned down. SSL administrators feeling EB was still too big for its league.

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

Varsity Football

Oct.
24 @ Weston 7 p.m.
Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
Assistants: Bob Silvia, Brian Pattison, Tom Ventresca, Dave Terry, Don Silvia, Chris Bridges

Frosh-Soph Football

23 Weston 3:30 p.m.
30 Canton 3:30 p.m.

Varsity Field Hockey

23 Carver 6 p.m.
End of Regular Season
Coach: Deb Bostwick

JV Field Hockey

21 @ Mashpee
End of Regular Season
Coach Alex Williams

Boys Varsity Soccer

24 Hanover 3 p.m.
27 Coyle & Cassidy 5:30 p.m.
End of Regular Season
Coach: Rob Leary

Boys JV Soccer

24 Hanover 3 p.m.
27 Coyle & Cassidy 4 p.m.
End of Season
Coach Rick Dockendorff

Girls Varsity Soccer

24 @ Cape Cod Acad. 4 p.m.
27 @ Holbrook 3 p.m.
28 Cape Cod Acad. 5 p.m.
End of Regular Season
Coach: Deb Beal

Girls JV Soccer

24 @Nantucket 4 p.m.
27 @ Holbrook 3 p.m.
28 Nantucket* 3:30 p.m.
End of Regular Season
Coach: Kara Connerty

Boys Varsity Golf

22 Cape Cod Acad. 3:30 p.m.
End of Season

They're in

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Tuesday, sandwiched around a rematch with Holbrook on Monday. Holbrook defeated Cohasset, 1-0, three weeks ago, despite the Skippers getting 26 shots on net.

As the players' spirits and confidence have risen, so to have the coach's.

"This is the time of the season to be playing your best soccer, and they are," Beal said of her charges.

She pointed to the recent play of keeper CeCelia Chapman and midfielder Rachel Garber as just a couple of examples of players improving over the course of the season.

"It seems like every week, we have a different player coming out of the pack to lead us," Beal said.

Winds blowing Lady Skippers way

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for the Saturday match up with Norwell, but the Skippers continued to blow by their opponents, this time by a score of 3-0. The Skippers went ahead 1-0 before halftime thanks to a long pass from Jessie Guilds to Courtney Caron, who tipped the ball in the net. A similar Caron-Guilds combination led to the second Cohasset goal. Sophomore Katie James pumped in the third goal on a breakaway with an assist from Caron.

Condon recorded her seventh shutout of the season but not without a major league assist from Carling Sturino. Late in the game a Norwell player snuck the ball past goalie Condon. Out of nowhere, Sturino dove into the dirt to block the score.

According to Coach Bostwick, "This conspicuous play by Carling got the players on the bench on their feet and cheering. Her agility and alertness was truly amazing. On the defensive end, Rachel Doyle, Liz Condos, and Tess Foley also turned in rock-solid performances."

We're all watching as the girls fight for their tournament spot in the MIAA states.

"We certainly have a good chance this year," exclaimed Deb Bostwick. "The girls know they're capable of winning this week's games. All they need to do is prove that they've got what it takes to win crucial matches, such as Hingham on Friday."

The enthusiastic players agreed with Deb, and said that they will play their hearts out to make the tourney.

They're in

The Lady Skippers knocked off SSL rival Mashpee on the Cape Tuesday, 4-2, to sew up their first postseason berth in three years. The Cohasset girls jumped out to a 3-0 lead at the half on two goals by James and another by Caron. Mashpee finally got on the board early in the second half, but Caron added her second goal of the game five minutes later to essentially put the game out of reach.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

Varsity Field Hockey

15 beat Hull, 2-0
18 beat Norwell, 3-0
21 beat Mashpee, 4-2
23 *Carver 6 p.m.*
End of Regular Season

Boys Varsity Soccer

18 beat Hanover, 2-1
18 beat Scituate, 2-1
20 lost to Hingham, 3-0

Girls Varsity Soccer

16 beat Hull, 2-0
18 lost to Scituate, 2-0

Boys Varsity Golf

22 Cape Cod Academy
End of Season

Varsity Football

17 beat Mashpee, 28-6

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Fall Crew Program

High School students interested in joining CMI's Fall crew team should sign up now. Call or email CMI coach Jack Buckley at 383 8261, or jackbuckley@rowcmi.org Fall rowing is free for current CMI members; $75.00 fee for non-members. Crews will be training for competition in the Head of the Weir, Oct 25, a 5 mile open race from the river head to the Windmill Pt Boathouse operated by the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Crews will also train for Head of the Quinnipiac, a 7 mile race sponored by the Sound School in New Haven, CT. The Head of the Quinnipiac will be held Nov 8. Only 12 athletes will be selected for training with CMI, so interested athletes should register immediately.

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CARRIER GUARDIANSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P2451GI

In the Matter Of MARY ELIZABETH CARRIER
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP

To MARY ELIZABETH CARRIER of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, his/her spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said MARY ELIZABETH CARRIER of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is a mentally ill person and praying that MARY PATRICIA MCMAHON of WEST SPRINGFIELD in the County of HAMPDEN and JOHN D MCMAHON of WEST SPRINGFIELD in the County of HAMPDEN or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve with personal surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **NOVEMBER 21, 2003.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, October 8, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#355352
Cohasset Mariner 10/23/03

DONAHUE GUARDIANSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 03P2312GI
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN WITH AUTHORITY TO TREAT AND/OR COMMIT

TO: THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND TO John E. Donahue of Randolph in the County of Norfolk and spouse or next of kin or other interested person(s)

A petition has been presented to the Probate & Family Court requesting the appointment of a suitable limited guardian of the person and property with authority to monitor the administration of antipsychotic drugs. Petitioner further prays that Ellen Hoffman of Cape Neddick,ME. and Paul J. Hoffman of Cohasset in the County of Norfolk be appointed co-Guardians of John E. Hoffman and his estate with authority to administer antipsychotic medication for reasons more fully set forth in said petition.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-fourth day of November 2003, the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court.

Date: September 29, 2003

Patrick W. McDermott,
Register

AD#356841
Cohasset Mariner 10/23/03

SEL/TAX ALLOCATION
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
COHASSET, MASSACHUSETTS
TAX ALLOCATION

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cohasset will conduct a public hearing under Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983, on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 at 8:00 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the issue of allocating the local property tax among the five (5) property classes for Fiscal Year 2004. The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors will provide information regarding the various policy decisions available. All interested persons and/or parties wishing to be heard will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at this time.

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AD#353795
Cohasset Mariner 10/23, 10/30/03

SULLIVAN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PROBATE COURT
NORFOLK, SS.
03P1982GI

To all persons interested in the estate of Kathryn Sullivan of Cohasset in said County, mentally ill person.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale certain real estate of said Kathryn Sullivan which is situated in Cohasset in the County of Norfolk, in accordance with the offer set out in said petition, for her maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Canton before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the sixth day of November, 2003, the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourteenth day of October, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott,
Register

AD#353794
Cohasset Mariner 10/23/03

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

SAFEGUARD is on the Web

The Project SAFEGUARD Web site is designed as a resource to support the youth and parents in the community. Log on to www.cohassetp-so.org/safeguard.htm to see what it's all about.

Along with a Parent Booklist of titles dealing with child development and adolescence, the Web site contains links to news articles, features, and resources for both parents and kids. Topics include Stress (social & academic), Bullying, Body Image, and Drinking & Drugs. The Web site is a work in progress; over time it may expand to cover issues for a wider age range. Your ideas are welcome; visit the site and send in your comments or suggestions!

Project SAFEGUARD is a community initiative designed to supplement the health education program in our schools. It depends on parent and community volunteers, as well as community funding, to keep running.

October Cohasset Elementary school menu

MONDAY, OCT. 27
Meatball sub, parmesan cheese or salami and cheese sub, carrots, fruit.

TUESDAY, OCT. 28
Early release K-6.
Chicken patty on a roll, veggie, rice, Jello.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29
Early release K-6.
Cheeseburger on a bun, oven fries, sweet peas, pineapple.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30
Pasta with meat sauce, dinner roll, or bologna and cheese sandwich, corn, fruit.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31
Happy Halloween
Pizza, cheese or pepperoni or egg salad pocket, mixed veggies, pudding

Send in your school news

The Cohasset Mariner wants to develop a school news page to run every week. Short news items from teachers and school organizations are welcome. Photographs of events, accompanied with a short article or longer story are also sought. If you have "Stars of the Month", an interesting program or student volunteer effort, artwork, student writings, interesting field trip, or special projects, please share them with us.

Also, if you would like to request a photographer for your school event, please let us know. Contact editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933. News items my be sent by email to mford@cnc.com or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in the village.

SCHOOL DAYS

STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Osgood kindergartners choose their book of the week at the school library. From left, Michael Baldry, Alexander Norton, Danny Axelson (front), Ben Moy, Davis Cronin, Morgan Fechter, Davis Cronn, Alex Kinscherf and Madison Hindley.

Below: Second-graders, Hannah Newhall, left, and Eliza Murphy, use the jump ropes during gym at the Osgood School.

REGAL COUPLE

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Homecoming King and Queen, Emilie Sullivan and Michael Hajjar, smile for the Mariner during homecoming festivities at the Cohasset High football game. The Cohasset Skippers reached the midpoint of the season with a perfect record with a 28-6 win on Friday night over South Shore League rival Mashpee before a large crowd at Alumni Field.

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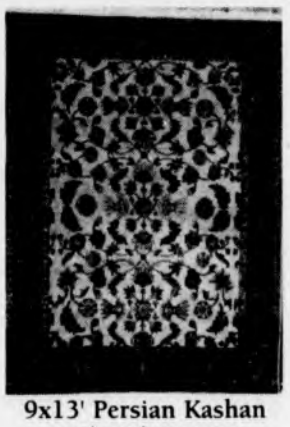
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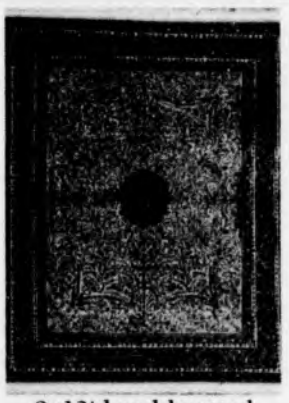
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Orchestra launches a season and a campaign

This weekend, the Hingham Symphony Orchestra opens its 2003/2004 season with a weekend of special events that build community through music.

Weekend of concerts On Friday, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Town Hall, Hingham Symphony joins another local non-profit organization, Habitat for Humanity, to combine social service and art in a way that benefits the entire community. The HSO will perform its season debut as a benefit for the Hingham chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

"It's wonderful when two such worthwhile organizations work together," says Habitat Board member Betty Fernandes. "HSO is helping us move a step closer to building another house for a deserving family, and we are introducing our supporters to great music right here in our town."

Tickets at $50 for the Benefit will be available at the door. They include a pre-concert talk with conductor Jin Kim at 7:30, as well as a post-concert reception provided by the HSO.

On Saturday, Oct. 25 at 8 p.m., HSO moves to the new Larson Hall in Derby Academy for its official season opening night. On the program at both concerts is Beethoven's Overture to the Creatures of Prometheus, Haydn's Symphony No. 60, and Brahms' Symphony No. 4. These exciting works will be performed by over 60 young professional musicians, led by conductor Jin Kim. In his seventh season with the HSO, Kim has gained international recognition as an outstanding emerging conductor. He will give an informative explanation of the musical program before the concert at 7:15. Also during the evening, charter members of the HSO's Corporate Advisory Council will be recognized for their enthusiastic contributions to the organization.

Jin Kim conducts the Hingham Symphony Orchestra.

"A live orchestral performance is a unique experience," People are always amazed by the depth of their response — to the music and the whole experience."

— Managing Director, Nina Wellford

Tickets to Saturday's performance are available at Noble's, Hingham Square, and at the Hingham Public Library, or by calling 781-740-5694. $25 adult, $20 seniors, $10 youth through age 18.

The HSO's season includes 12 full-orchestra concerts and two chamber music recitals, as well as several KidsConcerts in local elementary schools. HSO's audience has grown to include youth through seniors, all of whom respond to Kim's warmth and superb musicianship.

"A live orchestral performance is a unique experience," says Managing Director Nina Wellford. "People are always amazed by the depth of their response — to the music and the whole experience."

Launching a campaign

As a result of its rapid growth and a clear mandate from the local audience, the HSO Board of Directors has decided to launch a major stabilization and development campaign, to be called Setting the Tone. Before the concert on Oct. 25, more than 100 HSO supporters will gather at Black Rock Country Club to launch the campaign. Honorary Chair Mary Niles of Hingham will be recognized for her contributions to the HSO over the years, and General Chair Richard King, also of Hingham, will introduce Jin Kim and members of the Board of Directors, who will share the exciting vision of the HSO. The goal of the upcoming campaign is to equalize funding for all aspects of the organization - program, operating, and capital costs, as well as the establishment of an endowment.

"We have raised the level of performance on the South Shore tremendously over the past seven years," says Wellford. "It is clear that people will support an orchestra of this caliber. Right now we are putting into place the organization that will implement the long range goals of the HSO, and we look forward to sharing that vision with anyone in the community who would like to learn more."

HSO plans to serve as the focal point for great symphonic music on the South Shore, with a full season of performances as well as programs such as a composer-in-residence, master classes for high school students, a concerto competition, KidsConcerts for the youngest, and many opportunities for people of all ages to learn about classical music. Members of the Campaign Steering Committee join the HSO Board of Directors in encouraging people across the South Shore to get involved. Call 781-740-5694 for more information.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Italian feast is on auction block

The culinary talents of Cohasset chef Anna Abbruzzese will be up for grabs at the Social Service League of Cohasset's Wine Tasting Benefit and Auction at Bancroft Hall on Sunday, Nov. 9 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Abbruzzese will offer a home Italian cooking lesson and a feast for up to 10 people to help benefit the League's fall health and education lecture series. Other items on the auction list include Bruin tickets, overnight stays at the Ritz Carlton, artwork and more. For tickets and information call the League at 781-383-0771.

Community center classes are offered

Baby, maternity and children's clothing sale

Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to noon (rain or shine) Come sell your new or used baby, maternity and children's clothing.. Table space is available at a cost of $25 for each 6 by 10 area. Lawn or lower level space available at $15. To reserve a space call 781-383-0088.

Adult Computer Classes

Classes run four weeks for two hours per class. $120M/125NM. Call for dates and times. Intro to Computers and Windows; Intro to Word; Excel; Internet & World Wide Web; Intro to Quicken; Intro to Quickbooks.

Adult Fitness Classes

Yoga, Mondays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. (drop-in $13 per class)

Pilates, Fridays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. (drop-in $15 per class)

Golden Self Defense Workshop, Thursday, Nov. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. $15M/$16NM

Calligraphy

Wednesday, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. $15M/$16NM

Adult Cooking Classes

Fun Flavorful Fish, Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 6:45 to 9 p.m. $45M/$50NM Learn a variety of ways to prepare fish.

Holiday Sweets, Tuesday, Dec. 2, from 6:45 to 9 p.m. $45M/$50NM

Saporito's Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. Pan roasted salmon filet with a winter wheatberry risotto with escarole, shallots, and shrimp. Space is limited.

Pre-School

Holiday Candy and Craft, Ages 3 to 5 and over, Friday, Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $20M/$22NM

Halloween Fun, ages 3 to 6, Monday, Oct. 27 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. $15M/$20NM

Freeplay, Friday, Nov. 14, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. $10 at the door additional siblings $2. Come drip in where you and your child can explore the Gym Dandy equipment.

Puppet Show, Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. $3 per person at door.

Nov. 7, The Fifth Witch

Dec. 5, The Grasshopper & the Ant

Jan. 9, The Gingerbread Boy

Harvest of Song at Cushing Center

This fall brings a joyous harvest of song to the South Shore as the Unicorn Singers and the Broad Cove Chorale celebrate 25 years of making music together. The women of the Chorale and the mixed voices of the Singers will join to present Gala, a festive panorama of music on Friday, Oct. 24 and Saturday Oct. 25 at 8 p.m. at the Cushing Center in Norwell.

It was 1979 when the two chamber choruses, both under the direction of Hingham's Margo Euler first combined to present an evening of entertainment that ranged from Bach to Broadway. Gala continues to be a showcase for the many and varied talents of the singers, who hail from nine different South Shore communities. This year they will appear in barbershop quartets, Broadways vignettes, perform as instrumentalists and dancers and execute a host of beautiful music ranging from a setting of Lord Byron's poetry to a rocking Gospel song. At times the audience will be surrounded by sound as costumed singers leave the stage to envelop listeners in this unique musical experience.

Gala is a glittering affair, and a fine wine will be served to audience members at intermission. Following the performance the audience is invited to celebrate with the singers and the director at an anniversary party fit for marking 25 years of music making!

Gala is typically a sold out event and priority is given to Season Subscribers. Subscription information is available on-line at www.bcc-us.com and brochures with ticket order forms are available at libraries in Cohasset, Hingham, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth. Tickets for Gala only are $20 ($15 student). Reservations can be made by phone at 781 749-6561.

'Lifeboat' author at Buttonwood Books

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset hosts John R. Stilgoe, Norwell resident and professor in the History of Landscape at Harvard University, on Thursday, Oct. 30 from 7-9 p.m. Stilgoe will present his latest work, "Lifeboat".

Stilgoe has been thinking about lifeboats ever since he listened with his father as the kitchen radio announced that the liner Lakonia had caught fire and sunk in the Atlantic in 1963. Stilgoe began to delve into accounts of other disasters at sea. What he found was a trunkful of hair-raising stories-of shipwreck, salvation, seamanship-brilliant and inept, noble sacrifice, insanity, cannibalism, courage and cravenness, even scandal. Stilgoe deals with the lifeboat as a symbol of human optimism, of engineering ingenuity, of bureaucratic ingenuity, of fear and frailty.

Woven through "Lifeboat" are good old-fashioned yarns, thrilling tales of adventure. Stilgoe is the author of numerous books, including "Borderland", "Metropolitan Corridor", and most recently, "Outside Lies Magic" and "Alongshore". This is a free event. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Rachel Revere provides window to colonial past

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold its fall sinner and annual meeting on Sunday, Oct. 26 at Siro's Beachside Restaurant in Hull, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.. A social hour with a cash bar will be followed by a buffet dinner consisting of Mediterranean mixed greens, sautéed chicken, Marsala style, grilled Atlantic salmon, garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and chocolate mousse.

The evening's speaker will be Joan Gatturna, an actor and historical interpreter, who brings the past to life through the women of the times. Gatturna will portray Paul Revere's second wife, Rachel Walker Revere. Learn how the women of Boston kept the home fires burning while their husbands fanned the flames of revolution.

The cost is $31 for members and $36 for non-members. Reservations will be accepted until Monday, Oct. 20 Please make your check payable to Cohasset Historical Society, and send it to the Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025. For additional information, please call the Society at 781-383-1168.

Halloween dance at The Garage

There will be a Halloween dance at The Garage on Friday, Oct. 31 from 7-10 p.m. Everyone from Grades 6-8 is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well. Costumes are optional.

Peter Sykes organ recital

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 12th season, St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., is presenting organist Peter Sykes in concert on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. Sykes is a member of the faculties of the Longy School of Music, Boston University, and the New England Conservatory, and is also Director of Music at First Church in Cambridge, Congregational. He is also an expert on early music and has numerous recordings, both harpsichord and organ, one of his most interesting being the "Nantucket Organ Tour." He has previewed many new works and performed with the Boston Early Music Festival, Musica Antiqua Koln, and the King's Noyse. The program will contain compositions of early composers, J.S. Bach and Woodman.

For more information, please contact the church office 781-383-1083.

Lighthouse ghosts

Don't miss "Ghosts and Legends of New England Lighthouses," a lecture and slide presentation by lighthouse historian Jeremy D'Entremont on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave.

Call Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 for more information and to reserve a space. Admission: $5 museum members, $10 non-members.

D'Entremont will be our guide through the darker side of New England's maritime history, recalling spine-tingling tales from the region's most mysterious coastal beacons, including Boston Light, Minot's Light, and Scituate Light. An eerie array of Lighthouse and Halloween refreshments will be served.

Halloween fair on the common

No matter what the costume, ghosts and goblins, princesses and pirates of all ages should get ready to take to the Cohasset Common on Sunday, Oct. 26 when the annual South Shore Community Center Nursery School Halloween Fair steps off with its traditional costume parade at 2 p.m. Little ghosts and goblins will want to stay around until the fair's end at 4 p.m. to try their hands at enchanting games of skill and luck; two moon walks; a kiddie train ride and lots of other "spooky" fun.

Gardening in the shade

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 9 a.m.. This month, Russ Bragg, will be with us to discuss "Gardening in the Shade". During his discussion, he will present a selection of perennials, ferns, and grasses that are particularly suited to a variety of shady locations.

All who attend will have a very interesting and informative morning.

Pin proceeds help fight breast cancer

PHOTOS/FRED ROBERTSON

Mark Cirone, center, and his wife Sharon, present a check for $12,500 to a representative from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Cohasset Jewelers donates $12.5K to Foundation

By Mary Ford
MFORD@CNC.COM

If Mark Cirone has his way then every mother, daughter, grandmother, granddaughter, sister, aunt and niece — and all the men in their lives — would be wearing a breast cancer ribbon pin from Cohasset Jewelers.

Cirone's goal is to sell 1,000 of the pins to raise $100,000 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the largest private funding source for breast cancer research and community outreach programs.

The jewelry store is on its way toward reaching that goal, having donated $12,500 to the foundation this month. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

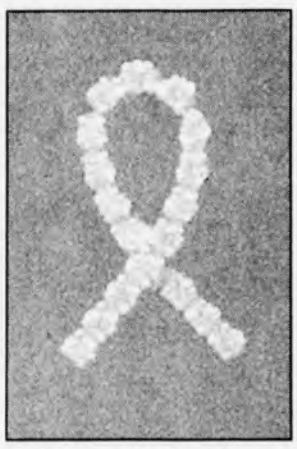
Cirone was inspired by his wife Sharon's courageous battle with breast cancer. His first intention was to wear the pin and bring awareness to breast cancer but after receiving an "overwhelming" response, he decided last spring to sell them to help raise money to fight the disease.

"I feel wonderful on making this donation," Cirone said. "It's been my way to fight back against Sharon's prognosis. It's given me a chance to direct my energies in a positive way to help other people afflicted with breast cancer.

"I'm thankful to be in a position to be able to make a difference and I could not have done it without the help of the great staff at Cohasset Jewelers."

The pins are in 14-karat gold with pink cubic Zirconia. They are selling for $250 with all proceeds ($100 from each pin after manufacturing costs) donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

"The time has long past that we should accept the loss of 40,000 American women every year to this disease," he said. This year along, upwards of 212,000 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.



A close up of the breast cancer ribbon pin available at Cohasset Jewelers.

Anyone interested in purchasing a pin should stop by Cohasset Jewelers in Tedeschi Plaza on Route 3A. Please allow two weeks for delivery. Cirone said this week 170 pins have been sold so far.

King Jewelers and ekdesigns join to battle breast cancer

By Mary Jane Hanron
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

King Jewelers is hosting an autumn celebration of style and compassion on Saturday, Oct. 25, to introduce the new collection of ekdesigns jewelry. From noon to 2 p.m., the public is invited to meet Elizabeth Kissick of Cohasset and talented jewelry designer who will be present to greet customers and discuss her unique and popular necklaces, bracelets and earrings.

The event continues the loyal support given by King Jewelers to the fight against breast cancer. June King, owner of the business founded by her father-in-law in 1921, is a breast cancer survivor and inspiration for her family's devotion to this charitable cause. Kissick, also a longtime supporter of organizations that battle this insidious affliction, created a breast cancer bracelet several years ago as a standard in her jewelry line. Proceeds from sales of the piece are donated by ekdesigns to groups that research the disease and care for those afflicted. The silver and crystal bracelet, made in varying shades of pink and adorned with a small sterling awareness ribbon charm is a staple in the wardrobe of countless women, caregivers and loved ones touched by breast cancer.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Valerie King with ekdesigns including the breast cancer bracelet, at left.

The ekdesigns jewelry was introduced at King Jewelers in mid August and has been a popular and meaningful addition to the assortment of spectacular jewels at the store. King is the first fine jeweler to present the line and does so with pride and enthusiasm. Kissick began her jewelry designs more than 10 years ago and continues to expand her offerings and concepts, which now can be purchased at King's.

"We are very happy to showcase Elizabeth's work in our store," said Valerie King, treasurer of King Jewelers. "It has been warmly and eagerly received by our customers and fits perfectly with our merchandising philosophy. It's upscale, colorful and meaningful, and created with care and attention to detail.

"Presenting a local designer is a delight. We are so glad to have the work of a community member displayed in our cases along with gems from all corners of the world and creations of famous international artisans." She continued," The ekdesigns collection indicates that Elizabeth shares beliefs and values that we have here at King's, also. Family and compassion, fun and a love of nature are all focuses in her designs. Attention to service, individuality and imagination are priorities, as is never losing sight of what is really important in life."

"It is an honor to show our admiration and support of those who fight so bravely to defeat this disease."
— Valerie King, King Jewelers

Ekdesigns continues its policy of contributing to cancer charities from proceeds from the breast cancer bracelets. King Jewelers is expanding this effort by donating proceeds from all ek pieces purchased the day of the event to the cause. King explained, "Our family has been touched directly by breast cancer through our mother. We also have countless customers who have known the devastation of a cancer diagnosis. It is an honor to show our admiration and support of those who fight so bravely to defeat this disease."

Among the items available to be purchased Saturday will be ekdesigns new and striking fall creations. An innovative palette of colors including 'butterscotch", "pumpkin pie", "Irish moss", "plum pudding", and "granny smith green" is woven into jeweled creations that are dramatic, romantic and whimsical. Ek classics are available, too. Included are "pass it on" bracelets, "trust" bracelets, spiritual jewelry, bridal and "just for fun" jewelry. Special orders and custom designs also can be discussed at the store. Many items are accompanied by cards with prayers or messages that provide hopeful inspiration to the recipient.

King mentioned," According to customers it is proving to be a convenient location for Elizabeth's line. Her studio is nearby, but, of course, we can provide access to ek jewelry all day during the business week. Also, we carry a large range of the collection, from children's baptismal bracelets to her high end signature pieces. The mix of colors is appealing and enticing. The hand-blown glass beads she designs are so unique. Many people buy a piece of jewelry as a gift and then select one for themselves or for us to place on their 'wish list'."

"We invite the public to visit us on the 25th and meet Elizabeth, enjoy our store and ekdesigns, as well as the many collections we have assembled for the fall season. Most of all, we hope customers will join us in the fight against breast cancer and help us to do our part in eradicating this terrifying disease."

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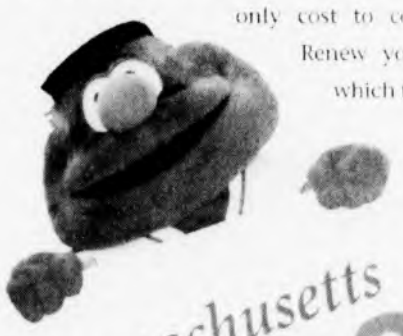

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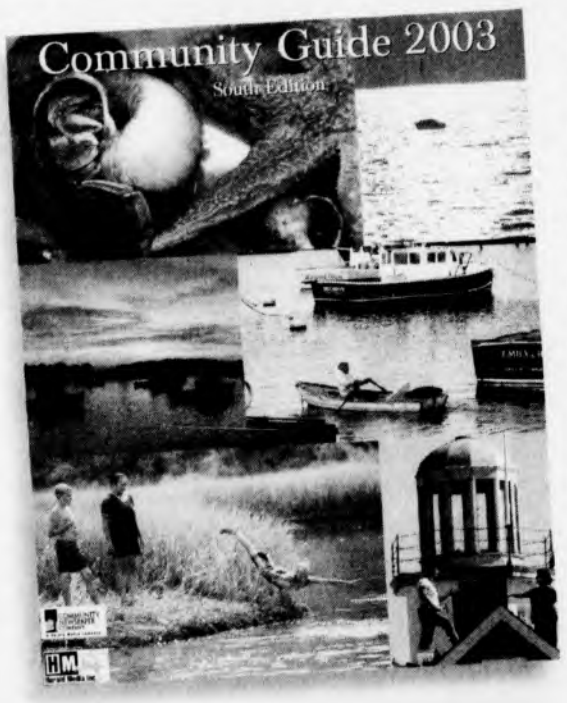

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A ray of hope for women

Breast cancer center opening on South Shore

By Seth Jacobson
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The South Shore has scored a major victory in the battle against breast cancer.

Digital Mammography & Wellness Center, a new non-profit facility opening in Norwell to the public next month, will feature a state-of-the-art breast cancer detection system designed to improve mammogram image quality, reduce procedure time and enhance patient comfort. It is the first facility of its kind south of Boston, according to officials.

Local and state officials gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday at the 59 Longwater Drive location in Assinippi Park. In attendance were U.S. Congressman William Delahunt, D-Quincy, Lt. Governor Kerry Healey, State Rep. Bob Nyman, D-Hanover, State Sen. Bob Hedlund, R-Weymouth and David Tuttle, state director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development. On the local level, Norwell Selectman Rick Merritt and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau were in attendance.

"Congratulations," Delahunt said during the ceremony to those in charge of the facility. "But let me also say thank you. I lost my mother to breast cancer. The fact that you are going out into communities and doing outreach will translate into saving lives. What a wonderful mission."

Delahunt said he feels the center will "provide an incredible service to women" and their loved ones.

"This is the most worthy project you could've possibly undertaken," Healey added.

Gayle Razzaboni, Ph.D., president of the Digital Mammography & Wellness Center, said the facility's mission goes beyond screening.

"We've built a holistic wellness program around the screening," she said.

If a woman comes into the center and is diagnosed with breast cancer, that woman will be provided with a case manager as well as support and guidance through programs at the center, Razzaboni said.

"In a hospital, a woman is diagnosed and she's basically let go," Razzaboni said. "If she was diagnosed with cancer, she has to go tell her family on her own."

She said that is the process the new center is trying to change.

"Without emotional support, the chances of a full recovery are going to be harder," she said. "We'll be there through the whole thing."

The ceremony coincides with October being breast cancer awareness month, but the facility will not begin seeing patients until Nov. 15. Center vice-president Paul Marasco said 15 patients per day will be needed on Nov. 15, 17 and 18, the purpose of which will be to start using and introducing the new digital technology.

Razzaboni said the digital mammography technology is quicker and easier to view than a film-based mammography. She added women get "less of a dosage of radiation" with a digital mammography.

"It reduces procedure time and enhances patient comfort," Razzaboni said.

The center will offer the first state-of-the-art, digital mammography program south of Boston and reach more than 46,000 women age 40 and older in Plymouth County who have not been screened for breast cancer. According to the center, there are more than 800,000 women in the Commonwealth who have not been screened for breast cancer.

Some of the local figures are staggering. According to officials at the center, 62 percent of women age 40 and older in Norwell have not been screened for breast cancer. In Marshfield, that number is 67 percent. In Scituate, the number is 77 percent. In Hull, 65 percent of women 40 and older have not been screened and in Cohasset, 69 percent of women in that age bracket have not been screened. Officials from the center say that in Plymouth County alone, 60 percent of women have not been screened for breast cancer.

During the ceremony Monday, breast cancer survivor Kathryn Gosselin said she is optimistic about the impact the center will have opening on the South Shore.

"I'm here as evidence that this is really a good thing," said Gosselin, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in April of 1999 even though her family never had a history of the disease.

"Nothing prepared me for the emotional turmoil of the diagnosis," she said. "I felt an overwhelming sense of being alone."

She said when she learned the center would be built on the South Shore, she "was elated."

"This is a great asset to the community," Hedlund said.

According to the National Cancer Institute, other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in the United States. In 2003, an estimated 211,000 women will be diagnosed with the disease.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

From right, Congressman William Delahunt, Lt. Governor Kerry Healey, Sen. Bon Hedlund, USDA rural development state director David Tuttle, Rep. Bob Nyman and Digital Mammography & Wellness Center Vice-President Paul Marasco. All were on hand for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the center, which will start taking patients on Nov. 15.

Statistically speaking

South Shore (USDA	# of women age 40 and older	# of women 40 and older currently receiving mammograms	# of women 40 and older who are not currently screened	Percentage of women 40 and older in need of annual screening mammograms
Abington	3,415	1,704	1,711	50
Hanover	3,189	1,180	2,009	63
Hingham	5,551	2,309	3,242	58
Kingston	2,831	1,058	1,773	63
Norwell	2,584	992	1,592	62
Pembroke	3,669	1,346	2,323	63
Rockland	4,200	1,611	2,589	62
Scituate	4,958	1,149	3,809	77
Totals	**30,397**	**11,349**	**19,048**	**62**

Data from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Screening Mammography Utilization Report, 2001.

SENIOR SCENE

Retirement series sponsored by CEA

The Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs is sponsoring a series of seminars for those contemplating retirement in the near future.

The four-seminar course takes place on Wednesdays at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St.. The cost, which includes a light supper before each program, is $3 per session. The supper will begin at 5:30 p.m., the program at 6 p.m. Call 781-383-9112 for information or to register.

The remaining session is:

• Oct. 29, "Living a Healthy and Active Life after Retirement." Meg Doherty, executive director of the Norwell Visiting Nurses Association, will discuss vitamin regimens, high protein diets, exercise and preventative measures to postpone the encroachments of age.

Townwide flu clinics

Townwide flu clinics will be held Saturday, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Ave.

Seniors please bring Medicare part B and/orSenior Health Insurance cards. For more information, call Judy Fitzsimmons, RN Public Health Nurse at 781-383-2210. Please remember to wear a short sleeve shirt.

Flu shots at Stop & Shop

Harvard Pilgrim's First Seniority members can get their flu shot at the convenience of their local Stop & Shop pharmacy at 400 Justice Cushing Highway, on Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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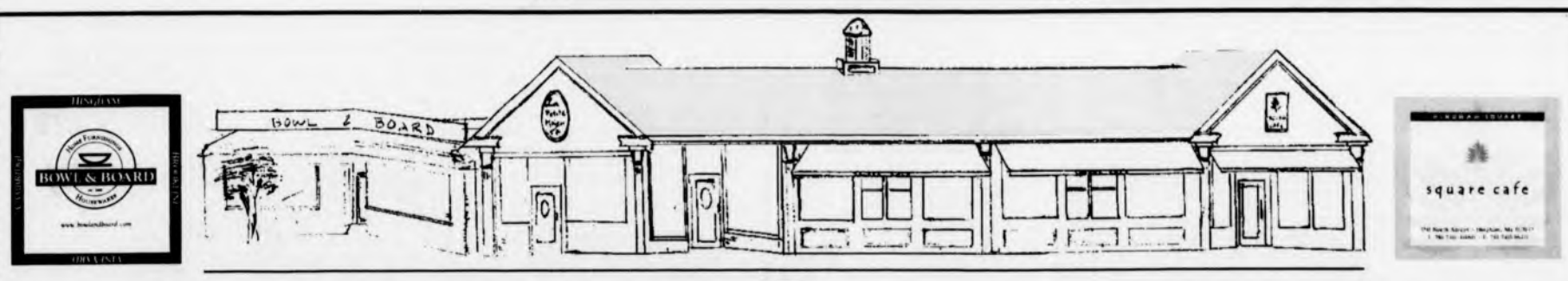

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POLICE LOG

MONDAY, OCT. 13

1:25 a.m. Pond and Spring sts., MV crash.

8 a.m. South Main and Summer sts., animal control.

8:15 a.m. Sohier St., animal control.

9:21 a.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.

12:40 p.m. King St., medical aid.

2:07 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity.

6:17 p.m. King St., suspicious auto.

7:58 p.m. Smith Place, general services.

10:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

11:42 p.m. Black Horse Lane, vandalism.

11:50 p.m. Black Horse Lane, vandalism.

TUESDAY, OCT. 14

1:11 a.m. Summer St., vandalism.

1:14 a.m. Summer St., vandalism.

1:15 a.m. Hillside Drive, vandalism.

1:26 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, vandalism.

1:31 a.m. Holly Lane, vandalism.

7:29 a.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

8:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.

8:54 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:30 a.m. Briarwood Lane, suspicious activity.

12:19 p.m. Riverview Drive, vandalism.

2:13 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious activity.

3:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.

3:42 p.m. Elm Court, vandalism.

3:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle crash.

6:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

7:01 p.m. North Main St. and Ripley Road, suspicious auto, unfounded.

7:23 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15

12:41 a.m. Hull St., medical aid.

6:24 a.m. North Main St., wires down.

6:30 a.m. King St., tree down.

6:38 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

6:46 a.m. Jerusalem Road, wires down.

6:46 a.m. Lily Pond Lane, wires down.

7:03 a.m. North Main St., assist other agency.

7:15 a.m. Schofield Road, medical aid.

7:20 a.m. Beechwood St., assist citizen.

7:26 a.m. King St., assist other agency.

7:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

10:25 a.m. North Main St., fire, inspections.

10:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.

11:16 a.m. Howe Road, vandalism.

11:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.

1:46 p.m. Cedar Lane, investigation.

4 p.m. Beechwood St., wires down.

4:59 p.m. Cedar St., medical aid.

5:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.

5:54 p.m. Atlantic Ave., wires down.

6:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

7:23 p.m. Forest Ave., wires down.

7:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Lower King St., tree down.

8:21 p.m. Bancroft Road, parking complaint.

8:21 p.m. Old Pasture Road, tree down.

10:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., tree down.

11:20 p.m. Pond St., fire, investigation.

11:29 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

THURSDAY, OCT. 16

12:07 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.

12:53 a.m. Pond St., open door/window.

4:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

6:55 a.m. Mill Lane, tree down.

7:26 a.m. Old Pasture Road, MV stop.

8:13 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:26 a.m. Highland Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

9 a.m. Sohier St., assist citizen.

9:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:11 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:29 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:55 a.m. Jerusalem Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

10:01 a.m. Brook St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:07 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:57 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

12:13 p.m. Jerusalem Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:26 p.m. Howe Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:47 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:15 p.m. South Main St., fire, investigation.

3:46 p.m. Beechwood St., fire, investigation.

4:38 p.m. Hull St., officer wanted.

4:52 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive, MV violations.

5:17 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity.

5:38 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive, MV stop.

6:35 p.m. North Main St., animal control.

7 p.m. Lantern Lane, suspicious auto.

8 p.m. Hillside Drive, general services.

10:17 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious auto.

FRIDAY, OCT. 17

4:50 a.m. North Main St., animal control.

6:47 a.m. North Main St., assist motorist.

8:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash.

8:43 a.m. Elm Court, investigation.

9:42 a.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:46 a.m. South Main St., open door/window.

9:49 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:30 a.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:10 p.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

1:19 p.m. Border St., fire, investigation.

2:28 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV violations.

5:41 p.m. South Main St., public drinking.

8:05 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:26 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:36 p.m. Surry Drive, suspicious activity.

9:45 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

1:12 a.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, MV stop.

1:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

8:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation.

10:50 a.m. Border St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

11:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash, area search negative.

1 p.m. Doane St., found property.

1:15 p.m. Pond St. and Bancroft Road, tree down.

1:46 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person.

2:29 p.m. James Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:35 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:27 p.m. Pleasant St., annoying phone calls.

11:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, MV stop, arrest: Joseph E. Duggan, 25, 52 Brandeis Circle, Halifax. Chgs.: possession Class D drug.

SUNDAY, OCT. 19

12:25 a.m. Lamberts Lane, well-being check.

1:04 a.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

12:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash, investigated.

1:33 p.m. Forest Ave., vandalism.

1:37 p.m. Forest Ave., vandalism.

5:16 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

5:58 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:29 p.m. Elm St., public service.

7:04 p.m. Hull St., public service.

8:30 p.m. North Main St., assault.

8:54 p.m. Hull St., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:31 p.m. Hull St., assist citizen.

OBITUARIES

Josephine Laugelli-Coleman

Josephine (Calvi) Laugelli-Coleman of Cohasset, 88, died Oct. 20, 2003, at the South Shore Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Hingham, she attended Hingham High School, class 1934. She attended Bridgewater State Teacher's College.

Mrs. Coleman worked for the Cohasset Public School system as the bookkeeper and accountant for many years. She also worked as a volunteer at the Cohasset Consignment Shop for 20 years. She was the past-president of the State Wide Mass Archaeological Society. She was a member of the Massachusetts Rhododendron Society, as well as a member of the Red Hat Society of Marshfield.

She leaves her husband, Charles T. Coleman; her children Virginia L. Najmi of California, George J. Laugelli of Maryland, Mary L. Merritt of Scituate, Luann L. Richardson-Kramer of Norwell; stepchildren, Nancy Hanson of Hingham, Carolyn Coughlen of Westfield, Charles T. Coleman Jr. of Marshfield, Richard Coleman of Quincy, Maryann Majhroski of Dalton; a sister Carmelia Bono of California.; her grandchildren Yasmeen, Shehzad, and Anwar Najmi; Benjamin and Amy Laugelli; Joseph, Andrea and Victoria Richardson; Shane Merritt, and Christopher Severt; many nieces and nephews.

She was the former wife of the late Louis A. Laugelli; the mother of the late Louis A. Laugelli Jr. and Maria J. Laugelli; the sister of the late Jennie Nowe, Georgina DiVito, Mary Striglio, Edmund Calvi, Herman Calvi and Albert Calvi.

A Funeral Mass will be held Oct. 23, at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Internment will be at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, One Summer St., Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Ernest G. Wiggins

Ernest G. Wiggins, 88, of Cohasset, former vice president of B.B. Chemical Co., died peacefully in his sleep Oct. 18, 2003, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Cohasset.

Mr. Wiggins was born in Holbrook. A resident of Cohasset for 45 years, he was a graduate of Dartmouth University and Tuck Business School.

Mr. Wiggins retired from his position as vice president of B.B. Chemical Co. in Cambridge.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Wiggins enjoyed long distance bicycling and was bicycling 20 to 40 miles a day even into his 80s. He was also an avid photographer and provided the Cohasset Historical Society with extensive collection of photographs over the years.

He was a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors and The Old Goats Club of Cohasset.

Loving husband of the late Ruth A. (Prior) Wiggins, he leaves a daughter, Ann L. Bishoff and her husband Laurence of Winter Park, Fla.; a brother, Chester Wiggins of Hudson; and two grandchildren, Caleb Wiggins and Tobey Wiggins of Boston. He was father of the late Ernest G. Wiggins Jr. and brother of the late Paul Wiggins.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Visiting hours are omitted.

Arrangements are by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Contributions in memory of Mr. Wiggins may be made to the Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St., 02025.

Russell K. Hunt

Russell Kennedy Hunt, 42, a stone mason, of Cohasset, died Oct. 16, 2003, in Hillsboro, N.H.

Mr. Hunt was born in Weymouth, the son of Harold Ernest and Margaret Anna (Eacobacci) Hunt. He attended school in Massachusetts.

Mr. Hunt worked as a stone mason for Barbuto & Sons in Cohasset.

He lived in Hillsboro, N.H. for the past six months with his family.

He leaves his mother, Margaret Anna (Eacobacci) Hunt of Washington, N.H.; two brothers, Charles Mitchell Hunt of Hillsboro, N.H. and David Raymond Hunt of Washington, N.H.; two sisters, Joanne Hunt Morse of Westminster, Mass. and Rosalie Hunt Abshier of Pittsburg, Pa.; and a son, Randy Mitchell Hunt of Quincy.

A Memorial Service was held at the Holt/Woodbury Funeral & Cremations Home in Hillsboro, N.H. The Rev. Jack Ward officiated. Interment was private.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Randy Mitchell Hunt Fund, c/o First Essex Bank, P.O. Box 906, Hillsboro, N.H. 03244.

Books, CDs and DVDs sought

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave. is accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVD's, CD's and videos for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6.

If your book shelves are spilling on the floor, and DVD's CD's and videos are busting out of the entertainment center like superman out of a phone booth, the church has got the solution for you. Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "church offices." Alternatively, the church would be happy to arrange pick up of your donations. For donation pick-up or information, call Alix White at 781-383-1829. Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Monday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The book sale is a mission program of St. Stephen's Church to more strongly establish a church presence in a needy area.

"It is exciting to be part of a new church," comments the Rev. Cliff Cutler, "establishing a strong ministry for the future. God is doing a great thing in people's lives. It is such a joy to be part of that good news."

WORSHIP GUIDE

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom:

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. (781)-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantorial Soloist: Abby Gostein. Friday evening and Saturday morning worship. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. Visit www.shaaray.org for specific times and details.

Second Congregational Church:

The Second Congregational Church located at 43 Highland Ave. offers a quieter, more liturgical style of worship with communion at 8 a.m. on Sundays in the chapel. Our traditional service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. For further information please contact us at (781) 383 - 0345 or visit us on line at www.secondcongregationalchurch.com.

Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

First Parish Unitarian Church

First Parish Unitarian Church, on Cohasset Common, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Adult Christian Formation. Poetry and Spirituality Group meets Wed., 2:30 p.m. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Alpha Course at 7 p.m. Paths for a Just Peace in Israel/Palesine, Wed., 7:30 p.m.Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study twice a month Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Friday soup and sandwich at noon.. All welcome. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org

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John Kinchla puts on a scary face as he drives the tractor for one of the haunted hayrides. The event was sponsored by St. John Masonry and Kinchler Hydroseeding and benefits the Our World Children's Discovery Museum playground project.

At right: Claire and Trevor Glavin play in their costumes at the DPW building after going on the Haunted Hayride on Saturday to benefit the Our World playground project.

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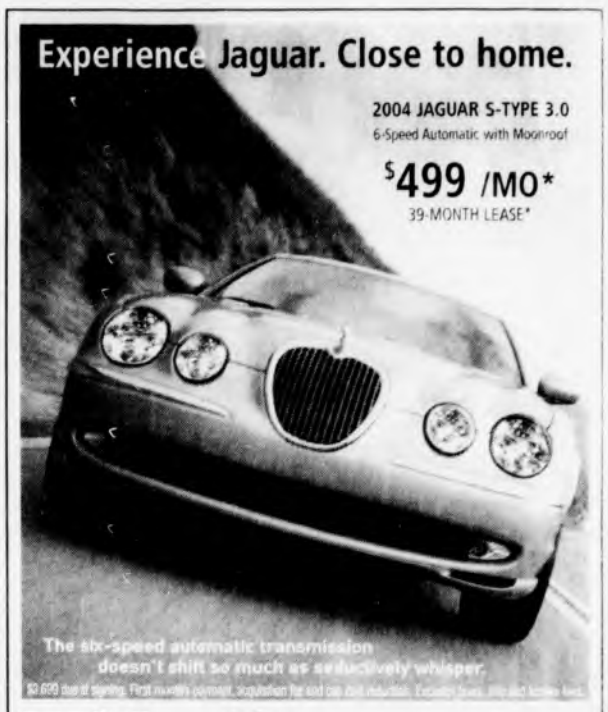
Below: A scary scene inside the barn on the Haunted Hayride.



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On the South Shore

OCTOBER 23 - 31, 2003

Thurs. 23

A meeting of the **South Shore Simmons Club** will be held Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Old South Union Congregational Church, Weymouth, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

The Pumpkin Patch, a Fundraising program of **The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project** - Daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 31.

Tara Drive Showhouse. Tour the Tedeschi family mansion, through Oct. 31. Tickets $30 per person can be purchased on site, at www.showhousemedia.com, or by calling 1-877-SHOHOUSE.

Cohasset Historical Society, 100 South Main St. presents **Mary Ellen Smiley** who will discuss "The Gilded Age: What the Other Half Wore." 7:30 p.m. 781-383-1168.

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Sisterhood, a mixed media exhibit of works by family members and artists, Denise J. Benavides, Rosemary Benavides Williams, and Doris [Williams] DeLorey, will be held during the month of October at the John Curtis Free Library in Hanover. Handicap accessible. 781-826-2972

Chris Zerendow: Nautical Paintings The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, month-long exhibit of his current work with a lecture and slide presentation. 781-925-5433.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth **Martini Night with Streamline** 9 p.m.

Afterschool Nature Programs South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. 781- 659-2559.

The Drama Group at the Irish Cultural Centre presents one-act plays on Oct. 23, 25, 30 and Nov. 1, at 8 p.m., at 200 New Boston Road, Canton. Tickets are $7 calling 781-821-8291. www.irishculture.org.

The Center for Spine, Sports and Rehabilitation located at Super Fitness Health Club, 150 Parkingway, is offering a free lecture on sports specific training and injury prevention, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m. To register, call 617-328-1242 or e-mail cssr_1@netzero.net.

The Woodward Alumnae Association will host **Judy Bernstein in "Hail to the Ladies,"** a tribute to America's First Ladies on Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Woodward School, 1102 Hancock St., Quincy Tickets are $7 for students and $10 for adults by calling 781-834-2173.

Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Road in Milton, will be holding two open houses on Oct. 23, 6:30 to 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 2, 1 to 3 p.m. Fontbonne's Lower Campus, located at. For additional information call 617-696-3241.

Jimbo's South, 405 Franklin St., Braintree, 8:30 p.m. Oct. 23, **John Turco, Annette Pollack, John Joyce, Corey Manning, Doug Mola, Janet Cormier, Sean Caulfied, Denise McDonald, Greg Howell,** $10, 781-848-0300.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, **Martini Night with Streamline** 8 p.m. Free.

Fri. 24

The Solid Gold Oldies Show, Plymouth Memorial Hall, 7:30 p.m., Oct.24. The sounds of the '50s & '60s Tickets $27-$32, and are on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, online at www.ticketweb.com or at 508-747-0234, and at all Strawberries outlets

The Unicorn Singers and the Broad Cove Chorale celebrate to present ***Gala***, a festive panorama of music on Oct. 24 and 25, at 8 p.m. at the Cushing Center in Norwell. www.bccus.com and brochures with ticket order forms are available at libraries in Cohasset, Hingham, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth. Tickets for ***Gala*** only are $20 ($15 student). Reservations 781 749-6561.

The Johnny Cat Café, St. John's Episcopal, Washington St. Duxbury, presents the **Coulter Brothers** to play with **The Swing Dixies** Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. Tickets $10, $15 couple, children are free.

The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's gala benefit party **Hooray for Hollywood,** Oct. 24, Indian Pond Country Club, 6 p.m. Admission is $60 per person; call 508-746-8008 www.plymouthphilharmonic.com.

South Shore Singles, smoke-free dance Oct. 24, DJ music, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Abington VFW, 30 Central St. Abington. Admission: $7/SSS Members, $10/Non-members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info: 781-331-0021.www.southshoresingles.org

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Orrjazzm**. For more information call 781-545-9898.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, **Booba Dubie** (electic pop and rock) 9 p.m.

Sean O'Tooles Irish Public House, Court St., Plymouth **Trax with Janelle Malafronte** 9 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. **Swinging Steaks,** Oct. 24. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Huntington Theatre Company, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston, presents **Butley**, a dark comedy starring **Nathan Lane**, Oct. 24 to Nov. 30 Press night Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Call 617-931-ARTS or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org for tickets.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell - **Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

"The Land's Eye," a show of black and white photography by **Lance Keimig**, at **the James Library and Center for the Arts,** 24 West St., Norwell Center, through Nov. 5. 781-659-7100.

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The Helen Bumpus Gallery at the Duxbury Free Library presents "Fall Harvest" by Lilly Cleaveland on display through Nov. 2003. An opening reception will be held Sunday, Oct. 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. The library is located at 77 Alden Street. For hours and information call (781) 934-2721.

Bridgewater State College, Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium presents **The Secret Garden** Oct. 24, 25, 30. 31 and Nov. 1, at 8 p.m. Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. Tickets $12; students and seniors $10 Reservations call 508-531-1321.

Hingham Symphony season opening Masterworks 1 concert: Oct. 24, 8 p.m. at Hingham Town Hall to benefit Habitat for Humanity $50 at the door. Pre-concert talk with Jin Kim at 7:15 and post-concert reception. Call 781-740-5694 for tickets

Art of Music Chamber Players Oct. 24, Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Tickets $20; Seniors $15; Students $5. 781-837-2705.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

South Shore Arts & Recreation Center, Cordage Park, Mill 1, Lower Level Plymouth – musical **Nightmare Before Christmas** Oct. 24, 25, 30 and Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 at 4:30 p.m. Adults $10 Child $5. 508-747-1234

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Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of The Dresser, Oct. 23, 24, and 25, at 8 p.m. Call 781-3565113 Tickets $12. Call 781-356-5113.

Sat. 25

NSRWA & Trustees of the Reservation sponsors **Walk at Two Mile Farm** , 320 Union St. Marshfield, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. Meet at 9:45 a.m.

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The Braintree Historical Society presents **A Nation Divided**, and exhibit of the Society's Civil War artifacts and documents through October. A Civil War Encampment will be held on the grounds of the museum, 31 Tenney Road, Braintree. 781-848-1640. www.braintreehistorical.org

Lance Keimig, current exhibit includes photographs of Ireland at **the James Library and Center for the Arts,** 24 West St., Norwell Center, through Nov. 5. 781-659-7100.

South Shore Model Railway Club, Open House and Show, Oct. 25 and 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bare Cove Park, Building 51, 19 Fort Hill St., Hingham. 781-740-2000; www.ssmrc.org

Village Faire, Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., .Old South Union Church, Columbian Sq, So. Weymouth.

Writing From The Heart with Nancy Aronie, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. $125 Call 781-319-0429 for more information.

Hingham Symphony Masterworks 1 concert: Oct. 25 at 8 p.m. at Derby Academy, Hingham. $25 adult, $20 senior, $10 youth through age 18. Pre-concert talk with Conductor Jin Kim, at 7:15 p.m. and post-concert reception. Call 781-740-5694 for tickets

The Marcellana Latin Jazz Trio, Oct. 25, 3 p.m. Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St. Braintree. Open to the public. Free. 781-848-0405.

Kingston Athletic Association, Oct. 25, 8 p.m., 65 Pottle St., Kingston. **Comedy with Paul D'Angelo, Annette Pollack, Bob Niles, Paul Keenan and Brian Melvin**. Call 617-872-1221 for tickets.

8-Minute Dating, Oct. 25. **Pat Flanagan's Quincy Center**, ages 23-34 www.8minutedating.com

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, Oct. 25, 9 p.m., **Tom Glenn with Deana.**

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. **Paul Rishell and Annie Raines Band**, Oct. 25. 9:30 p.m. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 26

St. Stephen's Sunday Concert Series, presents **Peter Sykes, Organist,** Oct. 26, 3 p.m. St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset. 781-383-1083

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Creative Writing For Teens – Oct. 19, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Marshfield. Contact Andrea Lovett at 781-871-5892 for more information. $15.

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Mon. 27

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Elizabeth Trubia** will exhibit her paintings for the month of October at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513

CALENDAR, see next page

Living changes

In our continuing efforts to provide as much comprehensive and local news as possible in some challenging economic times we have made a decision to scale back our Living section.

We will continue to provide a comprehensive weekly listing of South Shore events in the arts community and beyond in your newspaper. Beginning this week readers will find a two-page calendar section highlighting happenings around the region.

Portions of the Living section — including our popular garden column Green Thumbs Up — have moved inside the newspaper alongside our local news, features and editorial coverage. As additional space becomes available we hope to expand our regional arts and entertainment coverage.

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Halloween

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HALLOWEEN STORY TIME John Curtis Free Library, Hanover, Oct. 28, at 6:30 p.m. for some not so scary stories with Mike Myers. Children pre-K through grade 2, wear your favorite Halloween costume.

THE ACADEMY OF THE COMPANY THEATRE "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" on Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 2, at 3 p.m. Tickets $10 available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park Dr., Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787.

GHOSTS AND LEGENDS OF NEW ENGLAND LIGHTHOUSES Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Guest speaker, lighthouse historian Jeremy D'Entremont. Call 781-925-5433. Admission $5 museum members/$10 non members. www.bostonharborheritage.org

THE 22ND ANNUAL BRAINTREE HAUNTED HOUSE will be held, Oct. 24 and 25, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Blue Hills Commerce Center, 41 Brooks Dr. Admission is $5. Refreshments. Free childcare. Not appropriate for young children. 781-356-4865.

HAUNTED HOUSE - Oct. 24 and 25, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Marshfield Fairgrounds, to benefit The Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield. $5 for haunted house; $2 hayrides Recommended for children 8 years and above.

HAUNTED ORCHARD, South River St., Marshfield, Park at Marshfield High School, free shuttle bus. Oct. 24 to 31, and Nov. 1 and 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. Two paths, one for the faint of heart and one for braver souls. $6. 781-834-2880

HAUNTED HAYRIDES - Hartsuff Park, Hingham St., Rockland, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 23-25; 2:30 to 4:30 and 6 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 26. $8 Groups of 10 or more call for reservation. 7810-878-3960.

HAUNTED HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE, Cohasset Town Garage, 91 Cedar St., Cohasset. 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 18. $10 in advance; $12 on Oct. 18, 781-383-0666.

CREEPY CANDLELIGHT TOURS OF THE CAPTAIN SAMUEL ROBBINS 1820 MUSEUM HOUSE, 188 Main St. Avon. Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.

HALLOWEEN FAIR, Cohasset Common, Oct. 26, 2 to 4 p.m. benefits South Shore Community Center Nursery School. Costume parade at 2 p.m.

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HALLOWEEN STORY-TELLING - Oct. 29, 6 p.m. Captain Forbes House, Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton, 617-696-1815.

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The Braintree Art Association, artist of the Month, **Robert Weikel** will exhibit his paintings for the month of October at the Thayer Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Crafters Wanted South Shore Vo Tech High School, **9th Annual Fall Craft Fair** Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rte. 123(Webster St.) Hanover Contact Mary Quinn at 781-405-5732 to reserve a space.

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Tues. 28

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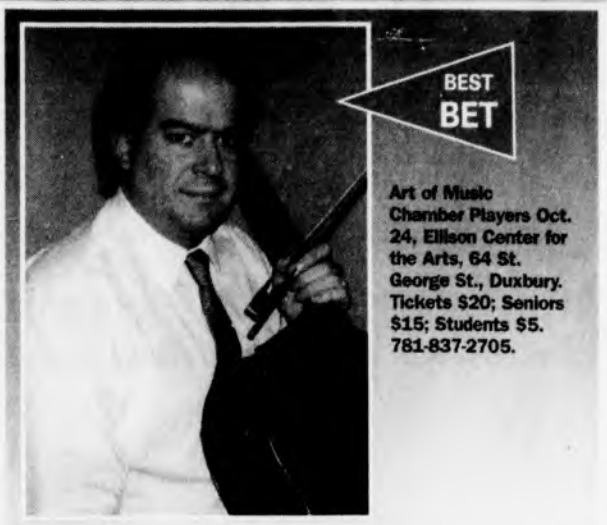

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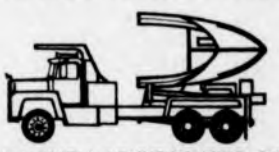
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A legion of questions, no answers

Two officers are still on paid leave

By Mary Ford
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Town officials are still mum on why two police officers are out on paid administrative leave, one of whom is commander of the 4 p.m.-midnight shift and has a high profile in town.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean, who are both officers in the police union, are not under any disciplinary action right now. Haddad said he is working with town counsel on the matter that might not be resolved for a month. He said the officers have not been charged with anything and only know that they are on paid leave.

Haddad's action has stirred the rumor mill in town with anonymous calls placed to the Mariner alleging Quigley is on leave because he arrested the police chief's 25-year-old son, Keith A. Jackson. Questions about preferential treatment for the chief's son are also being raised.

"This is no way to treat employees and it is a waste of the town's money. Essentially the town is paying the officers not to work."
— Doug Louison, attorney for the officers

Quigley arrested three men involved in what he described as a minor altercation outside the Legion Hall on Summer

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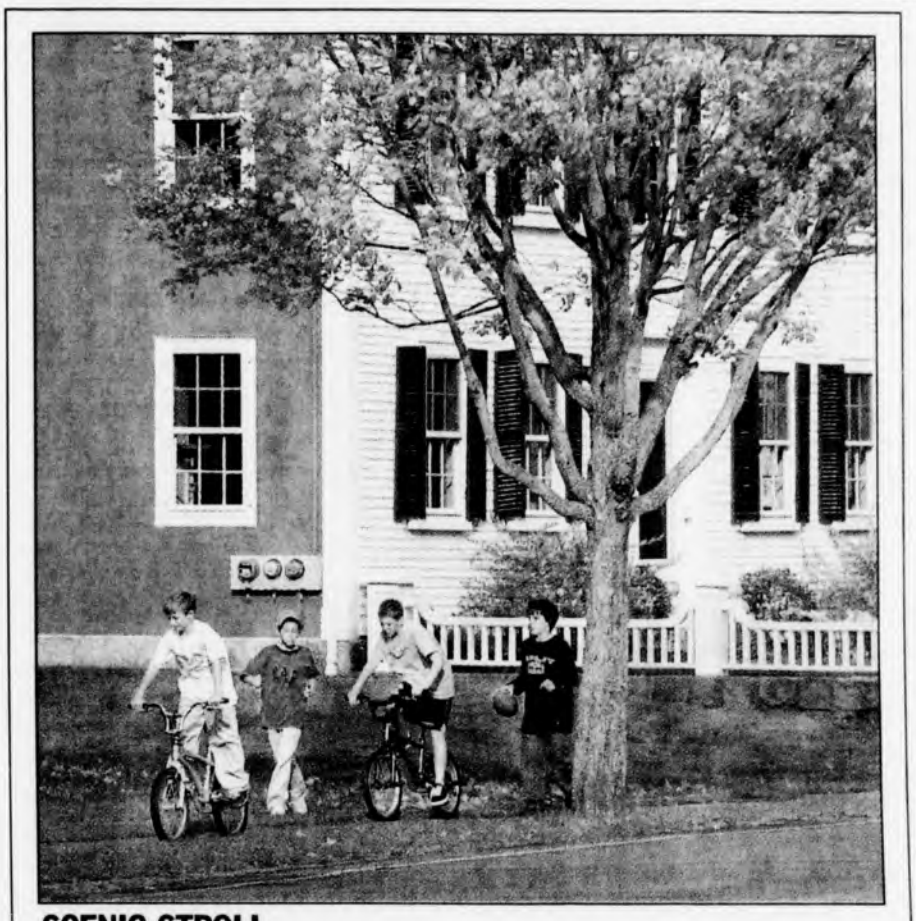

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Enrico Teruzzi, Keegan Flynn, Thomas Flibotte and Phil Galligan take a stroll along Summer Street on a gorgeous fall day.

ZBA OKs Avalon

200-units with 30 conditions

By Mary Ford
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At first there was total silence in the downstairs meeting room at Town Hall. Scott Dale, project manager for AvalonBay, looked concerned as Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Woody Chittick made a motion to deny the 200-unit apartment complex.

But the air of negativity was just Chittick's way of getting potentially unpleasant business out of the way first. His motion failed for lack of a second and the ZBA then voted unanimously to grant AvalonBay a comprehensive permit.

That means the Virginia-based company, which has apartment complexes in Hull and Weymouth, got the go-ahead to build the project on 62 acres on the west side of Route 3A, pending the expected

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Cedamere ready to do battle over access to town sewer

By Samantha Brown
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Members of the Cedarmere development team say they have put a lot of time and money into preliminary plans for their proposed development and are ready to take legal action should the Sewer Commission vote to deny their project access to the town's sewer system.

There are two major arguments the team is prepared to support, namely that it is illegal to reserve sewer capacity for the future, and after much research, that there is enough sewer capacity for Cedarmere to hook up.

Kelli and David Calhoun and Tom Ragno, the developers, were hoping to get their answer at a meeting with the Sewer Commission Wednesday night after the Mariner went to press, but in an interview Tuesday, Sewer Commission Chairman Ray Kasperowicz said if the issue did come to a vote, it was very unlikely it would pass.

"We can have sewer because we're willing to provide the infrastructure."
— Kelli Calhoun, Cedarmere

"My guess is, it would probably be declined," he said, adding he could only speak for himself as one of three votes necessary, but knows his vote hasn't changed. However, he did say views could change or the meeting could be continued, should new, compelling information come forward at the meeting.

But Monday, the developers said they have a case they're ready to present and feel it holds enough water that they would prevail in court, should that step become necessary.

In a letter to the Sewer Commission, dated Sept. 29, 2003, the Cedarmere team stated its argument that previous court cases have set the precedent in sewer matters like this. As a result of those cases, the Massachusetts Supreme Court has ruled that property owners have a legal right to a sewer connection upon a showing of adequate sewer capacity, provided they have made a proper application for a permit and the resulting sewage does not pose an immediate risk of overloading the existing common sewer system.

"The plant is sitting over there operating at two-thirds of its full capacity," said David Calhoun, adding the current plant has a design capacity of 400,000 gallons per day and has a current permitted 300,000 gallons per day.

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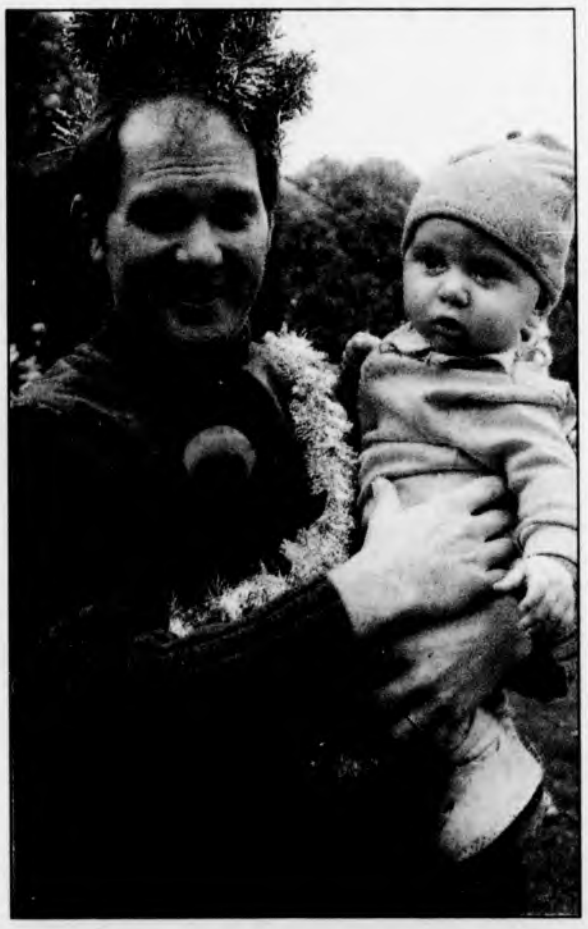

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HALLOWEEN HIGHLIGHTS

Aidan Kearns, who is in his duck costume, takes a moment to reflect by the duck pond on the Common during the annual Halloween parade Sunday. Kurt Hochkeppel, as a Christmas tree, brings his son Cole, dressed as a pumpkin, to his very first parade.

Deer danger is down the road

Police warn local motorists

By Mary Ford
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Deer accidents are way up in town, in fact they are the highest Chief Robert Jackson can recall in his 25 years with the police department.

"We usually have one or two deer-related accidents a season," he said.

There have been five motor vehicle collisions involving deer since Sept. 16, Jackson said.

In fact, a deer crossing sign by Wheelwright Park on North Main Street has been installed to alert motorists to the danger.

"Deer are in rut this time of year and they are moving around a lot," Jackson said. "Many motorists may not be aware there is a problem out there."

"Many motorists may not be aware there is a problem out there."
— Police Chief Robert Jackson

When the bucks are in "rut" — or heightened sexual activity — they looking for does, and therefore may cross the road.

No one has been injured in the accidents but one car sustained $2,000 in damage, he said.

"We've been very fortunate no one has been hurt," he said.

Another trouble spot is Route 3A between Sohier Street and lower King Street, near Sunrise Assisted Living.

The Insurance Institute in Washington, D.C., a communications organization supported by the insurance industry, says more deer-auto collisions occur from October through December than at any other time.

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Village Christmas festival approved

Amyra O'Connell of Village Wine and Spirits and Kathy O' Malley of the Historical Society were granted permission by Selectmen Tuesday night to have a Christmas festival Saturday Dec. 13 from 5 until 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 14 from noon until 4 p.m.. The two women spoke on behalf of 30-plus business owners and merchants in the Village who envision having a small, family-oriented Christmas festival, which hopefully will become an annual tradition. During the festival, the street will be closed from Cohasset Hardware to French Memories, and various booths will be set up in the street for food, drinks, and crafts, and possibly a children's carousel, children's activities, Christmas carolers, sleigh rides, and a best store window contest, where children vote for their favorite decorations. In addition to the outdoor activities, each merchant would have various activities in their shops as well.

Cedarmere public hearing postponed

Members of the Planning Board were scheduled to hold a public hearing on Cedarmere last week, but were asked for a continuance by members of the Cedarmere team due to Chairman Al Moore's absence. The new hearing will take place Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. Town Planner Liz Harrington said for anyone interested in the meantime, the Cedarmere team has filed a completed drain report as well as a traffic report, which are available in the Planning Board office.

Price could be set for Cook Estate

Town Manager Mark Haddad presented the Board of Selectmen with the latest draft of the Request For Proposals for the Cook Estate project, and have asked that they review it and come up with possible changes if necessary. In addition, Haddad has suggested the Board set the minimum bid price of $5,250,000 for the purchase of the property, which will be discussed and finalized at the next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Red Lion Inn changes manager

James Dean, 21 Atlantic Ave, has been appointed as the new manager of the Red Lion Inn. He has been employed at the Red Lion Inn for more than two years and is currently a managing partner. Michael Hayes, President and Treasurer of Cohasset Sarro, Inc. (the corporation that owns the Red Lion Inn) said "it has taken three years to get a solid management team, and we're not going anywhere."

Fence still an issue at Olympic Citco

While the Zoning Board of Appeals has decided to overturn the Building Commissioners denial of a permit for George Roukounakis to install a fence on his property at 55 South Main St., Town Manager Mark Haddad strongly recommended to the Board of Selectmen it should appeal the decision. Because Roukounakis' intention is to install a fence near the middle of James Lane, which runs between the Red Lion Inn and the Citco station, Haddad believes the ZBA has potentially caused a severe public safety hazard.

"Until the issue is resolved, putting a fence in the middle of the roadway isn't going to solve anything," said Haddad.

However, Michael Sullivan said someone should take action to cure the encroachment, not tell Roukounakis he can't put up a fence.. He suggested sending a letter to the owner of the Red Lion Inn, which is encroaching on the property lines with its new brick walkway and may have to move it in light of the situation.

Haddad said he will speak to Town Counsel to see if the Board can in fact appeal the decision and the issue will be brought up for discussion again at the Tuesday, Nov. 4 meeting.

Historical Commission has opening to fill

John Connell is moving out of town, and is leaving behind is position on the Cohasset Historical Commission. He hopes in his absence, the "Delayed Demolition" project that members of the Commission have been working on for so long will continue to gain support. Anyone interested in serving on the Historical Commission should contact the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105 or stop by Town Hall.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Health, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 30, Nov. 13 , 7:30 p.m.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, Nov. 12, 7 p.m., at the library.

Planning Board, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Nov. 6, 7 p.m., high school library.

Selectmen, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, Nov. 6, 8 p.m., water plant on King Street.

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Mon. 3	6:46	9.2	12:22	7:04	9.7	12:44
Tues. 4	7:44	9.4	1:22	8:03	9.6	1:45
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Land, budget, bills and wires – oh boy!

Special TM has a packed agenda

By Samantha Brown
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With the special fall Town Meeting just around the corner, voters can be assured there will be a variety of issues on the table for discussion this year. On Monday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium, residents can cast their votes on 21 articles covering everything from the downtown revitalization project to new buses for the schools, to upgrading memorial sites around town.

The town will be asked to vote on the amount of $73,471 to be paid to Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis, the firm the town contracts with as Town Counsel, as an unpaid bill, and will also be asked to approve $234,961 to balance the town operating budget. Other budgetary votes include the endorsement of appropriations for various accounts including the Department of Public Works, Board of Health and library as well as the addition of $28,769 to the town's stabilization fund.

While selectmen have already signed the purchase and sale agreement for the Cook Estate property, the town will vote to authorize the purchase of the land at $4,500,000, for the purpose of developing senior housing in accordance with the town's Senior Overlay District bylaw. Other articles dealing with the purchase of land include the Community Preservation Committee's request that the town approve money from the Community Preservation Fund for selectmen to use toward the purchase of property interests in the name of the town, and the Board of Water Commissioners' request to purchase one or more parcels of land in town, for the purpose of protecting the sources of the public drinking water supply.

As part of the Village's Downtown Revitalization Project, the town will be asked to vote to add an "Underground Utility Conversion" section to the current bylaws, which gives voters the final say in whether utility wires will be buried underground in the downtown area. Areas to be included in the article are South Main Street from Depot Court to Brook Street; Elm Street from South Main Street to Brook Street; Brook Street from Elm Street to South Main Street; Ripley Road from #100 Ripley Road (post office) to Depot Court; the Rear Parking Lot from James Way to Pleasant Street; and Pleasant Street from #2 Pleasant Street (Pleasant Street Parfait) to Ripley Road. The town will also be asked to approve a concept for a possible streetscape, which could include concrete sidewalks and a variety of other materials for borders.

Capital requests for the schools include $35,000 for a new special education van, and $60,000 for a new school bus. On the municipal side, requests in the amount of $823,000 must be approved to make equipment purchases for departments in town, including a new ladder truck for the fire department, departmental radios for both the fire and police departments, as well as a multi-purpose vehicle, brush chipper, and utility vehicles for the Department of Public Works.

In addition to the capital requests, the town will vote on whether to approve spending $90,000 to help cover the costs of the renovation, reconstruction, and repairs made to the police and fire station building located on Elm Street, including furnishings and all costs associated.

Other matters which will help make repairs in town include the approval of $25,000 to be put into the Private Way Repair Capital Account, which would be used to make temporary repairs to private ways in town. Voters will also decide whether to approve $15,000 in funds to make improvements, restore, and upgrade the various memorials around town, which honor those who gave their lives serving the United States.

Along those lines, the town will also decide whether to rename the intersection of Beechwood and South Main streets as "Allen A. Buffum Corner," after a World War I veteran who was killed during action in World War II in 1942.

The Office of the Building Commissioner may soon be required to publish all building permits issued during the previous week in the local paper, excluding those issued for interior alterations and re-roofing, if voters pass the article. It could also soon be necessary for the office to issue building permits for any signs larger than two square feet, provided the signs are used for identification purposes or are not political signs either attached to a residence or erected in the front yard of a home.

Zoning articles on the Warrant include turning existing apartments into affordable housing units, amending regulations for community buildings, downtown residential dwellings, and large houses. The definition of height in zoning could be changed as well.

Brick sidewalks may not be an option downtown

By Samantha Brown
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"Brick puts you right at your project limit."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

The town only has so much money to spend on the Downtown Revitalization project, and that could mean either the town chooses brick, or it chooses to bury the wires.

Now that it will be up to voters to decide at Town Meeting whether the wires in the downtown area should be buried or not, the Waterfield Design Group has been asked to come up with different cost scenarios for downtown streetscape options, including those with and without the wires.

Town Manager Mark Haddad told Selectmen he had reviewed information compiled by the company, which has been working closely with the town throughout the $1.8 million revitalization project. For upwards of seven years, the project has been in the works, and is being paid for by private funds and donations. While many residents have said they would like to see all brick for the sidewalks, recent figures compiled by Waterfield may not allow that to happen, should the wires be buried.

"Brick puts you right at your project limit," said Haddad.

Options compiled for the town in terms of streetscape paving include all concrete sidewalks, all unit paver sidewalks, (which can consist of either brick pavers, concrete pavers or asphalt pavers), concrete sidewalks with unit pavers at corners, and concrete sidewalks with a 16 inch wide unit paver edge.

Haddad told Selectmen there is roughly a $300,000 difference between all concrete, the least expensive option, and all brick, the most expensive. The town would pay $1 million to have all concrete sidewalks, and $1.3 million to have all brick sidewalks. If the wires are buried, it will cost the town an additional estimated $592,000, which would push the project over its total budget if all brick sidewalks were chosen.

Voters will decide the fate of the wires at the Nov. 17 fall special Town Meeting, which will then move the decision making process along. However, questions as to how much of a surcharge residents could see on their utilities bills, and for how long they might have to pay, should the wires be buried, are still up in the air.

Haddad said he will meet with representatives from Verizon and Mass Electric Monday morning to get some answers to utilities questions and will discuss the matter again with the Board of Selectmen at its Nov. 4 meeting.

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Fire Department moves back home

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the Fire Department will move back into its building on Elm Street next Tuesday. Renovations caused the department to take up temporary residence on Rte 3A in the former Graham waste site. In a related issue, Haddad said the Advisory Committee voted against recommending funds for the fire department to help cover the costs of unexpected changes in construction and a new alerting system, which totals roughly $90,000.

"If this fails, we'll be before the courts," Haddad said, because the money is needed to pay the contractors for work already completed.

Tom Callahan said he thinks the board needs to make a stronger commitment to push back against the architect because in his view, the architect should have been able to foresee some of the problems, like the height of the roof, which caused the town to have to pay more in the long run. However, Haddad said even if those problems were figured into the original bid price, it would have cost more in the beginning, but said he will be in touch with the architect.

Haddad said he, along with Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris, Police Chief Robert Jackson, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, and Fire Captain Mark Trask will meet with the Advisory Committee again tonight to discuss the matter.

Executive Session complaint issued

Town Manager Mark Haddad said a complaint was filed regarding executive discussions pertaining to the Cook Estate property. Haddad said the District Attorney will look further into the matter.

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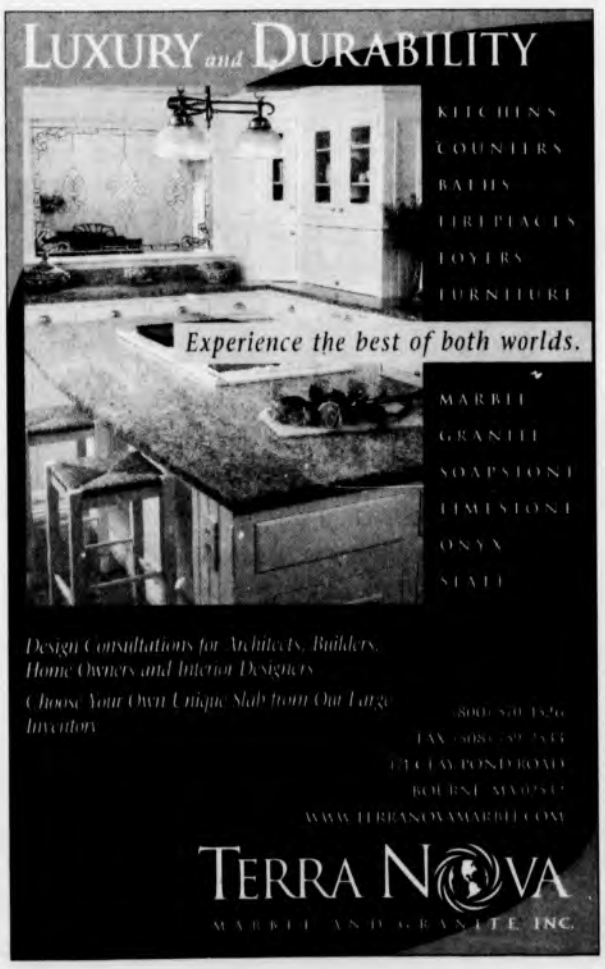
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A legion of questions, no answers

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Street at about 10:30 p.m., Oct. 11. But the men were not arraigned on the charges as was reported in the Oct. 16 Cohasset Mariner.

The Tuesday following the arrests, Police Chief Robert Jackson declined to comment on the arrests that appeared in the weekly log because of a conflict of interest and referred the Mariner to Quigley.

Quigley, who responded to the scene after being alerted by a passing motorist, said the altercation was over a remark one of the men made about a female. Quigley also observed the railing was broken along the handicapped ramp where the alleged altercation had taken place.

The men were charged with malicious destruction of property over $250, affray (two or more people fighting) and disorderly conduct.

In a telephone interview on Tuesday, Oct. 14 regarding the arrests, Quigley said he thought the men were arraigned that morning because court was closed for the Columbus Day holiday the day before.

The information about the arraignment was incorrect. Officer Rick Grassie, who is the Cohasset police prosecutor, apparently did not sign the complaint at court and a court official confirmed there was no record of the incident in the computer at Quincy District Court.

That was confirmed by Keith Jackson, 9 Ash St., who called the Mariner demanding a retraction because he had not been arraigned.

Keith Jackson said he and the two others on the night in question were wrestling on the ground outside the Legion but said they did not damage the fence, which he said was already broken. He said the three were laughing and described the arrest as a "false arrest."

In a telephone interview, Keith Jackson said his attorney, Ronald Rice, presented Grassie with a letter at the courthouse from the manager of the Legion stating the damage to the fence was preexisting. (Chief Jackson is the membership chairman of the Legion and his son is a member.)

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Haddad also called the Mariner stating a correction was in order because the men were not arraigned and referred the Mariner to Grassie to explain why. But Grassie declined to comment.

Rice said once he provided the letter from the Legion stating the fence damage was preexisting, the prosecutor could not sign the application for a complaint that he had believable knowledge did not occur because he couldn't swear to the facts as being true. Rice said he warned Grassie that he would perjure himself if he did so.

Rice also said "wrestling" is not a crime and that the arresting officer should not have jumped to conclusions about the fence. It is not clear why the charges of affray and disorderly conduct were not brought forward.

Last week, Haddad placed Sgt. Quigley on paid administrative leave along with McLean, who is a long-time friend of Quigley's. Haddad also fired Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy the same day. Murphy is a long-time family friend of Quigley's. Both police officers are union officials, who have recently been outspoken about some allegations of unfair labor practices and nepotism at the police department, sources say.

Sources also say Quigley was the shift commander when Keith Jackson's girlfriend and her father went to the Cohasset police in July alleging Keith Jackson had physically assaulted her on several occasions. An arrest warrant from Quincy District Court was issued for Keith Jackson stemming from that case. An internal arrest number was issued for Keith Jackson on his appearance for photos and prints at the Cohasset Police Department but Jackson's name, address and charges did not appear in the public log, sources say.

At the time, Chief Jackson told the Mariner his son was involved in a domestic incident, but the Mariner did not pursue it because there was no arrest noted in the weekly log.

In a telephone interview Tuesday, Chief Jackson said no arrest appeared in the log because his son was not arrested; he surrendered at Quincy District Court. He said there is a restraining order on file at Quincy District Court and the Mariner could go there and look at the file. He declined to comment about the officers; who are on leave, or allegations of preferential treatment for his son.

Haddad has stated categorically that his action regarding Quigley was not due to the arrest of the chief's son outside the Legion Hall but due to "on going" issues. He said Murphy, the animal control officer, was fired because of complaints.

Doug Louison, an attorney with Merrick and Louison, who is representing both McLean and Quigley, described the matter as "unsettling" for his clients. Louison said he wrote to Haddad as soon as the men were placed on leave asking for an explanation and had not received a reply as late as Tuesday afternoon.

"This is no way to treat employees and it is a waste of the town's money," he said. "Essentially the town is paying the officers not to work."

Louison explained that under Civil Service law, officers cannot be discharged without first being advised of any charges and then the town conducts a hearing.

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- Town Manager, Mark Haddad

But if they are not discharged or suspended, there is no law requiring the town to inform employees why they are on paid administrative leave. He said he would rather not speculate on whether Quigley's leave is related to arresting the chief's son.

Louison did say the officers "are anxious to be informed about this so they can address it."

Quigley has been involved with many arrests and has a high profile around town.

In response to a warning letter from selectmen over alleged liquor license violations, Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn, launched a scathing personal attack on Quigley in a Sept. 12 letter to selectmen accusing him of being on a "power trip." Quigley authored most of the police reports involving the alleged liquor license violations at the establishment.

"Part of my duty as the supervisor of the evening shift, which is when these types of violations present themselves, is to monitor all licensed premises in the town, and I do just that," Quigley responded in a letter to Haddad. "I am also following a written department directive from the police chief, which states to monitor and log all complaints at the Red Lion Inn."

But Quigley also received two recent commendations from Chief Jackson for his work establishing a student police academy and for his quick action knocking down a fire at Harborview Apartments. In the commendation from the fire, Chief Jackson stated in a letter to Quigley, "your actions taken at no small risk to your own personal safety bring distinction to you and the Cohasset Police Department."

The other two men arrested Oct. 11 with Keith Jackson were Jerry Cogill, 25, of 71 Doane St. and Adam Thibault, 22, of Winthrop Road in Hingham. Cogill is police Sgt. David Cogill's nephew.

Haddad said he would provide selectmen with a report next Tuesday on how much overtime would be used to cover shifts while the officers are on leave. He said with minimum manning three officers are required to be on duty at all times. However, if a shift has four officers only three would be required eliminating the need for overtime in that case, he said. Officer Brian Curran, who is the chief's son-in-law, resigned about a month ago, meaning the department is short another officer.

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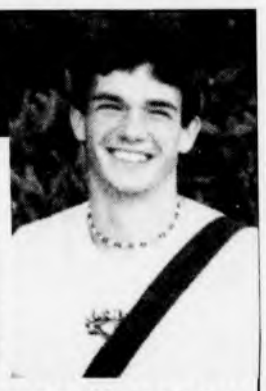

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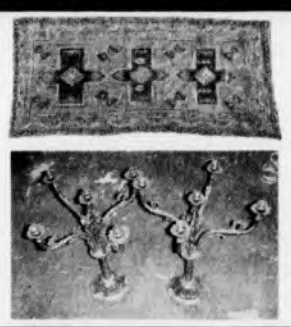

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Cedamere ready to do battle over sewer

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"There's lots of capacity," he said.

In addition, what they feel will negate the question of capacity altogether is the fact that they are willing to make improvements to the current system through an Infiltration Inflow program, which would help patch up areas of leakage, and therefore boost capacity of the plant by a little over 15,000 gallons per day — an amount equal to what Cedarmere would expend. Therefore, they believe their project will be one of "zero impact" in terms of capacity.

But the developers claim they are willing to do more. They also say they would pay for a cassette upgrade of the existing plant capacity, which they said would bump up the design capacity to roughly 450,000 gallons per day. But even without those extra gallons, by utilizing the 400,000 it is designed to handle, developers said the plant is still able to accommodate all of the anticipated tie-ins of the Little Harbor area, Atlantic Avenue, Jerusalem Road Extension, Old Coach Road, and a 60-unit senior housing development on the Cook Estate, along with the 105-units of Cedarmere. During a meeting Monday, they said there would also be enough capacity for Avalon.

But along with the cassette upgrade, developers said they will also explore access to the town of Hull's capacity for future Cohasset projects, and work to further the sewering of Little Harbor.

Cedarmere came forward and submitted a proper application so other projects in town, such as Avalon, don't have a legal claim on the capacity, the developers said. Because they say it is illegal to reserve capacity, and believe previous court cases will back them up, they feel any other project, which had come before the town in the past, should have been granted capacity, providing they went through the proper application process.

However, AvalonBay was told there was not enough capacity for its development to tie in, and it in turn began looking at on-site options. If Cedarmere was granted a connection, there has been some speculation as to whether Avalon would take legal action.

"The horse is out of the barn, they didn't apply and didn't look into it as far as we did," said Ragno.

In addition, residents of the Little Harbor area — deemed a priority by the Department of Environmental Protection — have also been seeking a connection, and would in effect be pushed out of line if Cedarmere is granted permission. But developers said in that case, the problem is still not an issue of capacity, but a lack of infrastructure. They claim it would cost the town between $10 million and $13 million for the Little Harbor area to put in the infrastructure, which it can't afford. Because it would take years before the town would have the money to hook up that section, Cedarmere says holding on to capacity for Little Harbor is illegal.

"We can have sewer because we're willing to provide the infrastructure," said Kelli Calhoun, adding they are private developers and will use their own funds to make the connection happen. There will be no cost to the town, no impact on and capacity, and the infrastructure will run by abutters homes who will be able to use the pipes to hook up as well, Calhoun said.

Cedarmere is being proposed under the town's new Senior Overlay District Bylaw, which requires a special permit from the Planning Board. The bylaw, which permits higher-density housing than would otherwise be allowed, requires the development include a percentage of affordable housing. It also requires those units be "counted" by the state Department of Housing and Community Development as part of the town's affordable housing inventory. It is the first project in town to file under the new bylaw.

If all goes well for the team, they hope to be able to break ground by the spring. However, if the Cedarmere team is denied access, David Calhoun said it is possible plans would change. He said planning for an on-site system is time consuming because of the state permitting process and there are always a number of technical issues that come up. In addition, site changes may mean design changes, which he is not in favor of. "We didn't spend all this money to change it."

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ONE-ACT PLAYS

Cohasset Drama Workshop is pleased to announce the production of "My Cup Ranneth Over" and "Vanities." Both one-act comedies will be presented on Nov. 21 and 22, starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 at the door of the Cohasset High School Auditorium. For additional information, please call **Jenna Emmons** at 781-378-1969 or email DramaWorkshop@aol.com.

SCHOLARSHIP BOOK DRIVE

The Cohasset Gridiron Club, Cohasset Skippers Football Team, and coaches would like to thank all the Cohasset residents who generously donated to this years Football Scholarship Book Drive held this past Sunday. Since its founding in 1971, the Gridiron Club has provided scholarships to 118 student athletes. If we missed you and you would like to send in a donation, please remit to the Cohasset Gridiron Club, P O Box 223, Cohasset, MA 02025.

COHASSET ARCHITECTURE

Cohasset Historical Society's historian, **David Wadsworth**, will give a slide presentation: "From Georgian to Gropius: Architectural Variety in Cohasset." David, who has an amazing depth of local historical knowledge, will take us on a visual tour of Cohasset's rich architectural history. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Society's headquarters at the Pratt Building, 100 South Main St. There is no charge for this presentation, refreshments are included and the public is welcome to attend.

WEDDING GUESTS

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Kristin Beth Gillooly and Daniel Thomas Anthony Buckley are surrounded by schoolchildren from Kristin's preschool class at their wedding Oct. 18 at St. Paul's in Hingham. Kristin is a teacher with the Cohasset Educational Collaborative.

COMMUNITY MURAL

The South Shore Art Center will hold a Holiday Marketplace on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 10a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The marketplace will feature a select number of craft artisans selling jewelry, glass ornaments, clothing, soaps, holiday soft sculpture, and doll clothing. The activities at the Art Center will be held in conjunction with the Annual Small Works Exhibition, showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's gallery artists.

Highlighting the activities on Nov. 1 will be the chance for all visitors to add their own artistic creation to a community mural. The Art Center will the materials for artists young and old, talented and those just experimenting, to contribute their personal touch to this group art project.. For more information call 781-383-ARTS.

MISTLETOE BOUTIQUE

The Mistletoe Boutique is being held on Nov. 9 to benefit Project Playground, a committee of Our World Children's Museum. The event is the first of its kind in Cohasset and we have approximately 25 high end retail vendors participating with us. Each vendor has kindly agreed to donate 10 percent of proceeds from the day towards Project Playground. Many of the vendors have also donated beautiful items for a raffle to be held during the event. This is a fantastic opportunity for husbands, wives, grandparents, etc. to do make a dent in their holiday shopping and contribute to a wonderful cause. The Mistletoe Boutique will be held inside the Our World Museum at the back of the Paul Pratt Library and shopping hours are between 10am-5pm...come early for a full selection...baked goods will be sold and wonderful raffle prizes will be offered! If you have any questions, please call or email 781-383-9911 or aocfitz@mac.com

BIRTHDAY PUMPKIN

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Drew Cobin, Harrison Taggert and Danny Housley visit the Pumpkin Patch at Wheelwright Park off North Main Street on Drew's birthday.

GYMNASTICS FUNDRAISER

Here is another great way to get some of your holiday shopping done while helping to benefit a wonderful gymnastic program here in town. A gymnastic fundraiser is being held on Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 6:30-9 p.m. at the South Shore Community Center Senior Center. This fundraiser will feature EK Designs, KTB Designs, Tupperware, Wrap Arounds-Hand Knit Fashions, Christines Bags and Belts and so much more. 20 percentof all sales will go to the SSCC, Gymnast In Motion program. For More Information, please contact **Ruthann Ardizzoni** at 781-383-0088.

HOCKEY RAFFLE

It's that time again! The Cohasset Hockey Boosters "Fourth Annual Holiday Calendar Raffle" is all set and ready to go! Beginning this Sunday, Nov. 2, members of the Cohasset Middle-High School Hockey team will begin selling raffle tickets to their family, friends and neighbors. Cohasset merchants have donated items and services to be raffled off during the entire month of December including restaurant gift certificates, savings bonds, Maui Jim Sunglasses, cash prizes, certificates to local hair salons and more.

This year's donated prizes are valued at a record $3400 with individual daily prizes ranging in value from $50 to $750. The drawings are done from Dec. 1-Jan. 1 and each winning ticket is re-entered into the pool so that every ticket has 32 chances to win. Tickets cost $5.00 each and will be sold from Nov. 2 - 28. They will also be sold at the Stop & Shop on Nov. 8 & 9. This fund-raiser has been a lot of fun in the past and this year will be no exception. All monies raised are used to support the CHS Hockey Team throughout the season. Watch this column for updates and a list of the lucky winners.

I want to wish all the ghosts, goblins, witches and devils a very safe and happy Halloween. Please make sure to slow down while driving tomorrow night and keep your eyes open for children. Also, to all the teens in town, have fun, stay safe and stay out of trouble!

That is all for this week. Make sure to get me all of your information by noon on Mondays.

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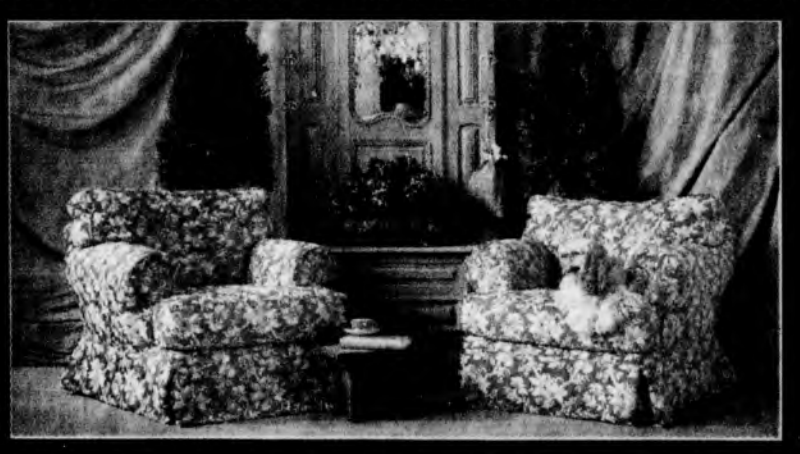

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Deer Hill says 'Thanks!' at rededication ceremony

By Samantha Brown
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Bubbling over with excitement, students wandered in single file to take their seats in the new Deer Hill "Gym-atorium." Waving to friends across the crowd, overjoyed at not only a celebration of the completion of renovations at their school, but the prospect of being out of class on a Friday afternoon, it was surely a day to be remembered.

"It's a terrific day and the sun is hopefully still shining down on us as we celebrate today," said Principal Keith Gauley, as he welcomed guests to the school last Friday. Members of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Building Committee, state legislators and the Cohasset community were all there to share in the celebration.

To begin the ceremony, the entire crowd rose to its feet as a procession of color guards from the Boy and Girl Scouts marched both the American and Massachusetts flags down the aisle and led everyone in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first distinguished speaker of the afternoon was Supt. Edward Malvey, who asked that all the students and staff stand and be recognized for living through this project without complaints and without missing out on any education.

"I want to thank you for going through this project successfully," he said.

Malvey also asked that any adults in the audience stand and be recognized for their contributions to the project.

"Let's give them a very strong ovation so they can hear north, south, east, and west how very thankful we are for what they have done for us here in Cohasset," he said.

Malvey also recognized the school "had an individual steering the bus," throughout the Deer Hill construction project, and that there will "always be a little part of Paul Callahan," in the Deer Hill school, to which the entire audience spontaneously erupted in applause and little voices could be heard cheering for the school's former principal, who was in attendance.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

The Boy Scouts present the colors during the Pledge of Allegiance at the Deer Hill rededication ceremony on Friday. For more photos, see page 19.

Other speakers included Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris, School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, and Building Committee Chairman Robert Spofford, who all expressed their thanks to each and every person and board that helped make the project such a success in such a timely fashion.

But representatives from the local community weren't the only speakers on hand. State Sen. Robert Hedlund and state Rep. Garrett Bradley were also in attendance.

"It is an honor to be here and be among so many nice and friendly people here in Cohasset," Hedlund began. He went on to say he was planning on giving his short speech to get the students home in time to do their homework, to which cries of "No!" burst forth from the crowd. "Ok, I heard you, then I'll give my long speech," he said, to which the crowd cheered "Yeah!" and clapped their hands.

Hedlund offered his congratulations to everyone and presented a special certificate in light of the momentous occasion.

"I understand through my spies you have a very active Student Council," he joked, and invited fourth grader Whitney Jaffe, who serves as Student Council Vice President, up on stage to accept it on behalf of her school.

And it was apparent the students love their new school, when Bradley asked, "Do you like the new school?" and was answered by a rowdy, "Yes," followed by an "I didn't hear you," and even louder applause, cheering and feet banging. "That's what I figured," he said. Bradley also had a certificate to present to the school, which Whitney gladly accepted as well.

McMorris said usually, for a celebration such as the one at Deer Hill, the Board of Selectmen present a gift as well as a proclamation. However, she thought it would be in the best interest of everyone not to have to sit through a lengthy speech, and asked what would be appropriate for this kind of a celebration. Although it was suggested to her that fireworks would be perfect, unfortunately, the Board of Selectmen "didn't have enough money in the budget for that," she said. Instead, she gave the school $250 on behalf of the Board, to be used to buy books for the new library on local history and government.

Kim Arouca, a representative from Congressman William Delahunt's office presented sixth grader, Emmi St. John, Student Council President, with a flag for the school, which was flown over the U.S. capital.

Lisa Pratt, Deer Hill PSO President gave the school $500, to be used for finishing off any last minute items such as landscaping or benches, and an additional $2200 which the PSO began setting aside when Adrienne MacCarthy was president, to be used specifically for the purchase of a new set of swings upon the completion of construction, which received possibly the loudest cheers of the day.

"Evidently, $500 talks, but six sets of swings moves spirits," said Gauley.

Deer Hill's renovations were part of a $52 million project to update the town's schools, which began with the building of the new Osgood School, to the tune of $10 million. Deer Hill and the middle-high school have been undergoing construction at the same time, at a cost of $10 million for Deer Hill and $32 million for the middle high school.

The day ended on a very positive note for everyone who attended, and with 375 children waiting to be dismissed to sheet cakes in the cafeteria, Gauley looked out at a student body, very grateful to everyone who helped make the day possible, who cheered, in unison on the count of three, "Thank you!"

HAPPENINGS

Townwide flu clinic

A townwide flu clinics will be held Saturday Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Ave.

Seniors please bring Medicare part B and/orSenior Health Insurance cards.

For more information, call Judy Fitzsimmons, RN Public Health Nurse at 781-383-2210. Please remember to wear a short sleeve shirt.

Tea and history at the Historical Society

The Cohasset Historical Society will offer an afternoon of "Tea and History" on Nov. 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Society's headquarters in the Pratt Building, 100 South Main St. Judy McColgan, proprietor of the Windsor Tea Shop, 763 Country Way, N. Scituate, will speak on the legends of tea and the discovery of the tea bag, as well as the process employed to bring this lovely drink from the plant to the table.

Please bring your favorite hot drinking vessel, whether it's a fine china tea cup or a faithful mug. Tea sandwiches and finger desserts will be provided.

The cost is $10 per person and it is open to anyone who loves tea, or wants to try it. Reserve you place by calling 781-383-1168 prior to Nov. 7.

Halloween dance at The Garage

There will be a Halloween dance at The Garage on Friday, Oct. 31 from 7-10 p.m. Everyone from Grades 6-8 is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well. Costumes are optional.

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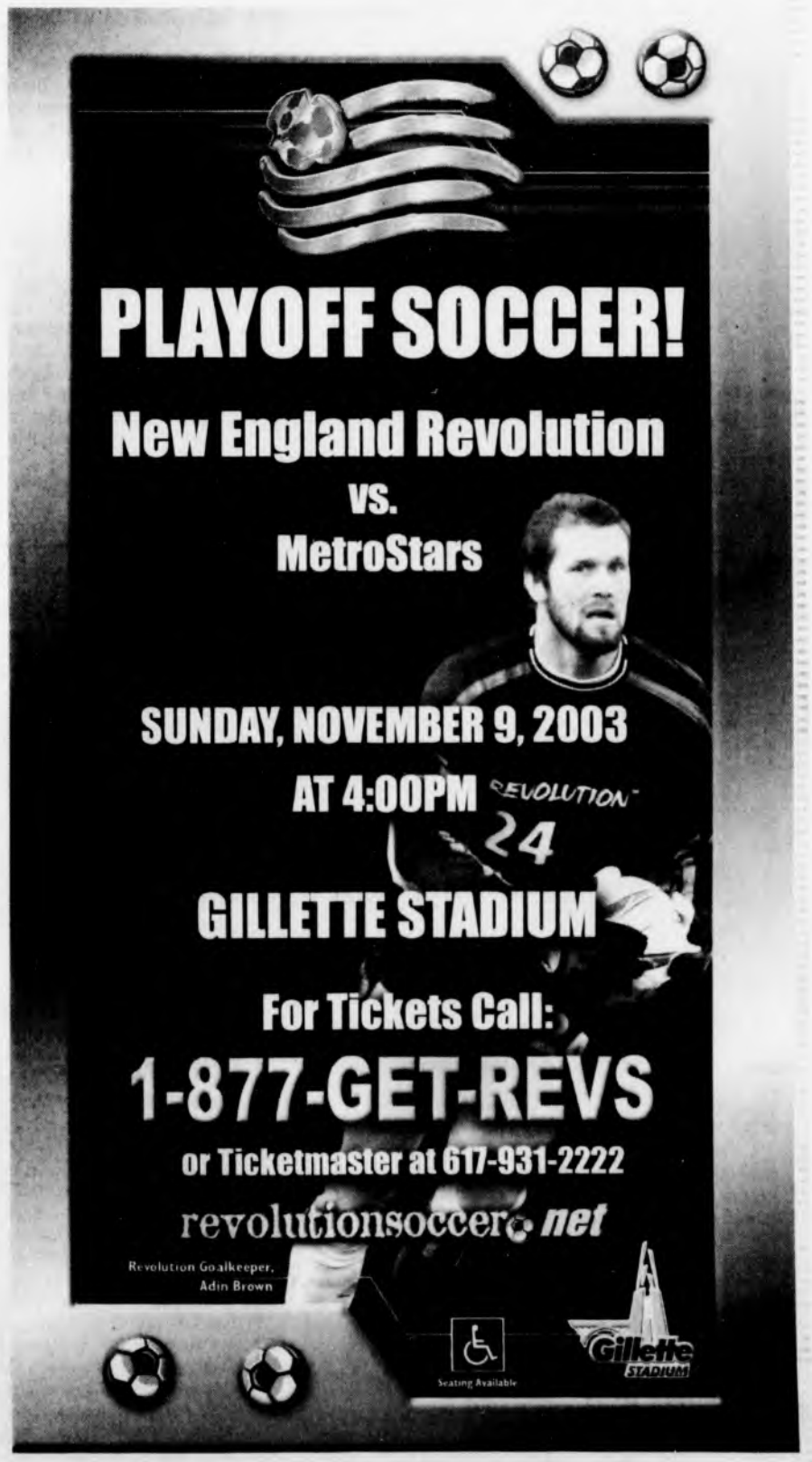

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Defensive driving to avoid hitting deer

We readily admit we're driving a lot more cautiously after writing our story on deer-car collisions this week.

We were amazed to discover that here in Cohasset there have been five accidents involving deer over the past month.

Unfortunately there is little we motorists can do to protect ourselves, but the Insurance Information Institute does recommend the following:

- Be attentive in early morning and evening hours, the most active time for deer.
- Be alert and drive with caution when you are moving through a deer-crossing zone. Look for other deer after one has crossed the road. Deer seldom run alone.
- Slow down and blow your horn with one long blast to frighten the deer away. If necessary, use your high-beam headlights to see the deer better.
- Brake firmly when you notice a deer in or near your path, rather than swerve to avoid them. Swerving can confuse the deer as to where to run.
- Wear your seatbelt. Most serious injuries in car-deer crashes occur because people were not wearing their seatbelt.

There's a combination of reasons the deer are more active this time of year. Male deer are looking for females, females want to fatten up for the winter, and there are a lot of deer. According to MassWildlife, our area has about 20-30 deer per square mile — about three times the recommended number.

In many ways it's nice to know deer, coyotes, wild turkeys and other furry and feathered friends like it here. Most people love animals and seeing them roam around makes us feel good. But no one wants to run into an animal, whether it be the neighbor's cat, a raccoon or a deer. Because deer are large animals, they can do a lot of damage to a motor vehicle and cause personal injury.

Awareness will certainly help somewhat. If you pass a deer, flashing your headlights at on-coming traffic to warn drivers something is up might help. Be sure to report any accident, even a minor one, to the police, who have a check off box on accident reports for deer collisions. That way the state will be better able to compile data on deer-related crashes.

— Mary Ford
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POLITICAL NOTES

GOP state committee kickoff event Nov. 2

Sunday, Nov. 2, Conley Ford and Polly Logan, candidates for the Republican State Committee, will host luncheon for all members of town committees in Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Weymouth and Duxbury at Bates Hall, 45 Highland Ave on historic Cohasset Common from 1 to 3 p.m.

Special guest state Sen. Bob Hedlund will introduce candidates of the Plymouth Norfolk District, who will be invited to give brief speeches.

The Massachusetts Republican State Committee consists of a man and woman elected from each of the 40 senatorial districts every four years. The members are to provide assistance and service to the local town committees, candidates and republican organizations. They help recruit candidates, raise funds, register new voters, encourage outreach, political education, computer networking, strategic planning, and general assistance to campaigns and local party efforts.

The presidential primary and state election for committee candidates is Tuesday, March 2.

For information call Logan at 781-383-0031 or Ford 781-545-0054.

Hedlund hours at Town Hall

The November office hours for Senator Robert Hedlund will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall on Thursday, Nov. 20 from 12 to 1 p.m. on the second floor in the 2A vestibule.

Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with the senator. The telephone number is 781-340-9866 or at the Statehouse 617-722-1646.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cook Estate deal is not all it appears to be

TO THE EDITOR:

Our selectmen and town manager have authorized spending tens of thousands of our tax dollars on the proposed development of the Cook Estate and town-owned land. They say the town will be reimbursed sometime next summer when the purchase/sale closes, but the truth is we will only receive reimbursement if a closing happens. If the town doesn't locate a buyer who can build the housing the selectmen want on the property, the deal doesn't go through and the money is gone, permanently. The result will be less free cash and potentially higher taxes for all of us.

I agree with those who say our seniors have few housing options and need alternatives that will allow them to stay in town. We passed the senior overlay to promote senior housing development under the control of our Planning Board and selectmen. It has been successful; several projects have already been proposed: Cedarmere, the proposal to build behind Shaw's and the proposal to build units off of Beach Street. In addition, Avalon Bay is still in the picture. It may be that some of these projects are not desirable to the town but some of them, like Avalon, we may not have the ability to control. Any or all of these projects may move forward and could generate more than 400 new units of housing in our town...more growth than this town has seen in the last 20 years combined.

On top of all these proposed developments is our selectmen's plan to build up to 95 units on the Cook Estate and the abutting town-owned property. If these other proposals were not in the works, and developers were not clamoring to build under our new zoning, I would agree with the town's involvement in an effort to promote senior housing. But the fact is these other developments are in the works and I have to ask, why is the town so determined to compete with these private developments at our expense and further increase the amount of growth?

If a developer wants to build senior housing on the Cook Estate, fine. If the town feels compelled to 'control' this development, fine. That is why we have the senior overlay. Any development would need to meet our zoning requirements and be supported by the selectmen as a local initiative project. We should not, however, be required to bundle the town-owned property with any development, nor should we be spending our tax dollars to pay for engineering, consulting, and the RFP and selection processes.

This project is being sold as an alternative for seniors of various income levels. We are being told the town will control this development and it will make it much better and more affordable than the other private developments being considered. While it is true that the project requires a developer to provide a minimum of 14 low income units and 14 moderate income units, this percentage of affordable units is very close to what has been proposed at Cedarmere. Beyond this and the ability to prove their financial viability, there are almost no other requirements for the developer to meet in the draft version of the RFP.

Developers are not required to price the other units in any way other than 'market rate'. It is entirely possible (some might say likely due to the high cost of the land) that any responses to the RFP will propose units as or more expensive than what is being proposed at Cedarmere.

We have already paid thousands of dollars for a consultant to assist us in the negotiations with the Cook Trustees and an appraisal of the Cook property land and the town-owned land. We have hired this consultant to continue to assist us for 9-10 months at an estimated cost of $10,000 per month. We are in the process of hiring engineers to perform due diligence at a cost of $20,000. Add it up; it's a lot of money.

I am not opposed to senior housing nor am I opposed to affordable housing. These are things we need in our town. We have private industry willing to step in and help us meet this need. We are already facing a potentially enormous amount of growth. Should town officials really be promoting more housing that, while it does provide some affordable units, is not substantially different from the proposed private developments? Should we be risking our tax dollars and town land to subsidize a project that may not be affordable for a large portion of our seniors?

Read the RFP, attend the meetings, educate yourself and come to Town Meeting.

David Crawford
64 Old Pasture Road

Don't package town land with Cook Estate

TO THE EDITOR:

Please take the time to read Article #4 on the warrant for the November town meeting. It combines a number of very important issues into a single decision for voters. It asks us to:

- Approve a $4.5 million bond in order to purchase the Cook Estate.
- Sell the Cook Estate to a developer to build up to 95 units of Senior Housing.
- Sell the town owned property abutting the Cook Estate to the same developer to build Senior Housing.

There is no reason to have these issues combined into a single warrant article, these issues can and should each be addressed in separate articles. I am not opposed to the development of senior housing on the Cook Estate but I don't see the need to also use the town owned land for this purpose.

The Cook Estate is comprised of 21.948 acres of mostly developed land. The town owned property is comprised of 8.715 acres of undeveloped woods and wetlands. The town seems determined to build on this land; in the past decade the town has attempted to put a police station, cemetery and school on this parcel. The most recent proposal for senior housing has been languishing for the past several years for the same reasons all the other proposals failed, the parcel has not been accessible, it abuts Peppermint Brook and it has a large amount of wetlands. Now that the Cook Estate is for sale, some town officials believe this is the perfect opportunity to access and develop this land.

Directly across Peppermint Brook and adjacent to the town land being eyed for development is the school property containing the Nature Trail and observation platform which are used by hundreds of Osgood school children each year as part of their science curriculum. This is a beautiful wooded area, when you are at the school platform no structures are visible except in the dead of winter. The destruction of the woods and the development of the land directly across Peppermint Brook from this area will have an impact on the nature trail. The children will have their lesson at the platform while looking at a large three story apartment building a few hundred feet away. Although the children should have a clear view of the residents coming and going, I'm not sure how much nature will be left for them to observe.

Some people believe we have enough open space and we should develop this land, I believe we have enough development in our town and should protect the open space we have, particularly this property which is environmentally sensitive and helps to protect our water supply. Once this land is sold, it is gone for good; we will never regain this area as open space again. The town has been supportive of both the development of senior housing and the protection of open space; by building only on the Cook Estate we can do both.

Nancy Farren
10 Evergreen Lane

Gas station fence clarified

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for the recent article concerning my fence situation. However, one point I feel that was missing is that this present situation was made worse by my neighbors when they rebuilt the Red Lion Inn. At that time I contacted the town and voiced my concerns that the stone wall, part of the porch and landscape were on the right of way. The right of way was made even smaller from the Red Lion Inn side. Now it looks as if I am making a bad situation worse.

I would like to thank Mr. Chitick and the Board of Appeals for their proper decision concerning this issue. Maybe they understand the bigger picture and realize it is not of my making. I am only asserting my right as a property owner outside of the footprint of the right of way.

George Roulounakis
Olympic Citco

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HEALTH NOTES

Cohasset has much to thank Joe Godzik for

By Steve Bobo

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last Friday, a party was held to honor the career and service of Joe Godzik our health officer since 1984. Actually, Joe retired on Aug. 7, but he has agreed to work on a part-time basis until we can find a way to provide the support to the Town which Joe has given us over the past 19 years.

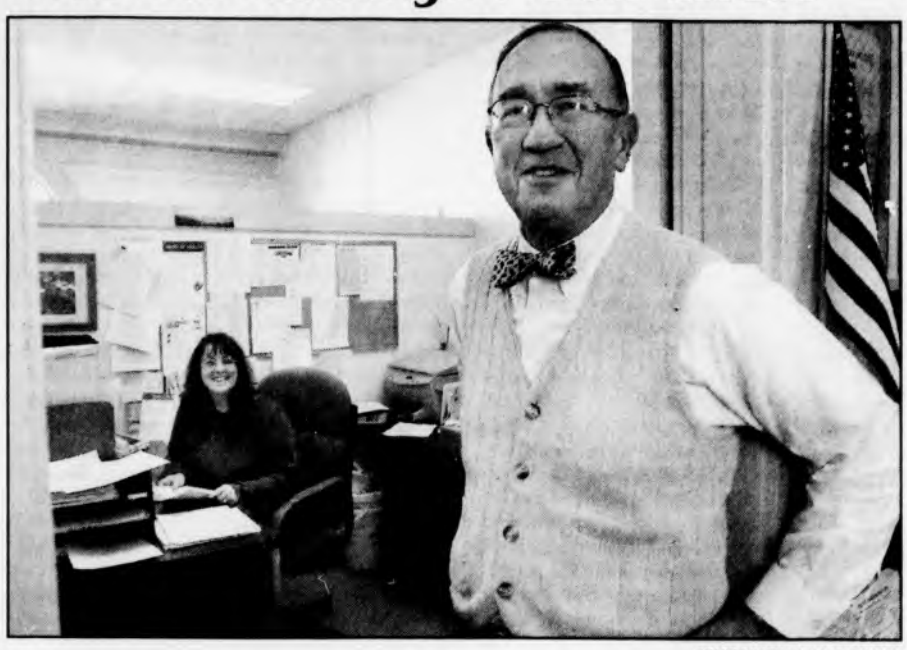
At the party, Neil Murphy, head of a local engineering firm succinctly summed up the associated eulogies given by various politicians, colleagues and others by saying, "I can't think of anything Joe has done badly." Those of his family who spoke seemed to have the same opinion. It would be difficult for any of us to find someone about whom we could make such a statement unless they had done nothing. But Cohasset is living proof that the Board of Health under Joe's leadership has done extraordinary things for this town:

• Most of the initiatives that you have read about in this column found their origin in discussions with Joe and his competent nursing staff of Judy Fitzsimmons and Corinne Cahill.

• Because of his broad knowledge and a gentle and persuasive manner, Joe was able to deal with a succession of Boards of Health during particularly difficult times when the state was trying to implement the new Title 5, a wastewater policy which would attempt to solve massive environmental problems which were facing our increasingly populous communities. Cohasset, a town with particularly difficult wastewater problems, was at the center of a battle about sewers and the scope of Title 5 implementation. Joe's inputs were crucial to the several health boards coping with this problem.

• Cohasset Heights and Cedar Street Landfill battles were given temper and reason by Joe's broad knowledge of the problems and his assessments of the health risks and benefits of the various measures being proposed.

• I've spoken long and hard about the environmental issues in town and the need for a special stewardship required from its inhabitants because of the difficult nature of the soils here. But it was Joe who proposed a regulation which will actually reduce the pollutants entering our water bodies — the so-called 400 foot rule which requires nitrogen removal from any septic system within 400 feet of a named body of water.



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Dr. Joseph Godzik stands outside his office at Town Hall, as Board of Health office manager Tara Tradd looks on.

• A town-wide non-smoking campaign was and led by Joe, in part, I suspect because of the loss of his wife, a smoker, to cancer.

• The school lunch improvement campaign was launched and resulted in substantial improvements of the healthy eating habits of our kids, initiated by Joe's constant, and sometimes not so gentle pressure.

• Joe espoused the concept of walking and increased exercise for the town and planned its development by working with walking advocate, Mark Fenton and by helping to secure funding for walking trails from the Community Preservation Committee.

• Joe single-handedly wrote and finished the Town's storm-water plan and obtained one of the state's first licenses for a joint EPA and State local National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit, saving the town thousands of dollars. Many towns have hired contractors to prepare these documents, leaving them with an expensive piece of paper with little understanding of its importance. Joe's careful scrutiny of the town's needs led to his preparation internally, of a plan which coordinated the Water Commission's activities with a planning and mapping grant prepared by the Board of Health and a school public service program to accomplish environmental monitoring which will have a long term impact on our town's effort to clean up its water bodies.

• These things have quickly come to mind; there are many, many more. So, while others have talked about Joe's activities statewide with the Lung Association, the Mass Health Officers Association, and many other causes, it is for us, in town, to recognize and appreciate his contribution to our health, comfort and safety.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Politically correct and boring holiday

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I can see it now. It's Halloween. My doorbell rings. I answer it. It's a little boy, maybe three or four years old. He has a pillowcase. I reach for the Mars bars I have cleverly placed beside the living room door.

But before I can drop it into the pillowcase, a hand older than three or four years old grabs it. A light is shined in my eyes. I am asked to produce identification. I show my driver's license. The man with the light checks it against some numbers on a handheld computer. He nods.

The first man passes it on to another man, whom I recognize as a member of the local chapter of the ACLU. He has a light, too. He examines the wrapper of the Mars bar closely. He too checks a handheld computer, finds that Mars is the Roman god of war, unsullied by the taint of Christianity. He nods and passes the bar on to a woman.

Don't laugh. It's been coming to that ever since the grownups hijacked Halloween from under the kids...

She is wearing a nurses uniform with a stethoscope around her neck. She snips a bit of chocolate from the Mars bar and puts it under a microscope. Then she dumps the snip into a test tube of bubbling green liquid. The liquid remains green. She nods her head, too.

Then and only then is the kid allowed to step forward and hold his pillowcase open and I am allowed to drop the Mars bar, battered but newly qualified as a legitimate trick or treat, into the pillowcase.

Don't laugh. It's been coming to that ever since the grownups hijacked Halloween from under the kids, took the fun out of it and turned it into what they determine to be a safe, healthy, politically correct — and boring holiday.

Take the current holiday, which comes Friday — reminds me that I gotta buy some Mars bars.

Police Chief Philip Consentino of Atkinson, N. H. (pop. 6,200) decreed that his town is off limits to Massachusetts youngsters who are in a trick or treat mood. And there are a lot of them, the city of Haverhill (pop. 56,000) being just across the state border.

"We've had problems in the past," the chief told the Manchester Union Leader. "Every now and then, we spot a car full of trick-or-treaters with Massachusetts license plates and we stop them and tell them to leave."

By the time Consentino's edict reached the Bay State, the chief had pulled back a bit. "If they're Massachusetts-registered vehicles, we would just politely ask them not to trick or treat in our town," he told the Lawrence Eagle Tribune.

At the same time, Cynthia Dunham, the principal of Wayland's Claypit Hill School, sent a note home to parents to let them know that the school's annual kindergarten costume parade, its biggest Halloween celebration, had been cancelled for reasons that sounded suspiciously PC.

"We do have children that don't celebrate Halloween and feel uncomfortable or stay home from school that day," she wrote. "We want to be an inclusive community and meet the needs of every child."

I'm not sure even the Pope recalls that Halloween originally was All Hallow's Eve, which, I suppose elevates trick-or-treating to the status of a sacrament.

And then there's Maria Buckley, a health care lawyer from Salem, who thinks we ought to substitute a small toy for the pieces of candy that we give out on Halloween in the interest of healthy, slender children.

"I try to watch what my child eats," she says. "Because of my work I hear a lot about childhood obesity."

Well, I'd better get ready for Halloween. But no toys, please. Just Mars bars and an occasional Snicker. And I'll give them to whoever shows up, Christian, Jew or Muslim or maybe even a Hindu. Then I may send them on to Atkinson, N. H.

Putting the gardens to bed this time of year

GREEN THUMBS UP

SUZANNE MAHLER

For many South Shore gardeners, the month of October is bittersweet. In typically colder areas, killing frosts tend to strike early in the month, often before we are ready to see the growing season come to a close. Meanwhile, neighbors who garden in warmer coastal locales or in sheltered areas may be fortunate enough to elude deadly chills until later in the month or perhaps, even into November. Eventually, often gratefully, temperatures plummet signaling the inevitable end to our growing season as plants enter dormancy and frosty evenings turn the foliage of delicate annuals black while the glorious yellows, golds, oranges and reds of sensational fall foliage come tumbling to the ground.

Once killing frosts blacken the foliage of tender annuals and vegetables and the leaves of perennials become brown and crispy, it is time to start the process of putting the gardens to bed. Perennial borders should be trimmed, raked and weeded in the weeks to come. A thorough cleanup reduces the possibility of suffocation or diseases caused by dying, decaying, soggy, wet foliage and minimizes the damage done by slugs, snails, insects, voles and chipmunks. Plants that have entered dormancy are best cut back to 3 to 4 inches tall. A heavy-duty hedge shears can effectively reduce a jungle of dead foliage to a neat and tidy border in minimal time.

Take a moment to observe and analyze the waning plants before chopping them to the ground. Some seed heads and foliages provide winter interest by contributing texture, motion and sound to the dormant landscape including those of ornamental grasses and sedums. Other seed heads, especially those of coneflowers (both Echinacea and Rudbeckia), asters and goldenrod, produce seeds loved by many bird species including chickadees, titmice and goldfinches. Selective pruning of unattractive, decaying foliage will maximize the appearance of evergreen perennials and shrubs, fruit-bearing plants, and attractive seed heads.

Prepare the vegetable garden now for planting next season. Begin by lifting and removing frost tender plants. Avoid composting tomato foliage or any other leaves which may have been diseased. To rejuvenate depleted garden plots or improve poor or heavy soils, spread several inches of organic material in the form of shredded leaves, seaweed, well-decomposed manure, or compost; topdress with lime or wood ashes and turn all the amendments into the soil with a digging fork or a tiller. In exposed areas, consider planting a cover crop of winter rye that can be tilled into the soil next spring. A fall cleanup, conditioning, and turning of the vegetable garden will ensure an earlier planting season next spring.

High on the priority list following a hard killing frost should be the digging and storing of what are termed "summer bulbs." Canna and calla lilies, caladiums, tuberous begonias, dahlias, and gladiolus should be lifted, dried and stored before freezing temperatures manage to damage their fleshy storage systems. Use a digging fork when lifting these tender bulbs to reduce the risk of bruising, slicing or injuring the bulbs which could lead to disease or rot during their winter storage.

Dry cannas, calla lilies, caladiums and begonias in an airy, dark place, without danger of freezing for a few days. Cut off dead foliage and gently brush off dried soil. In heavy, clay soils, it may be wise to wash off crusty lumps attached to the bulbs with a stiff spray from a hose to rinse and clean the bulbs prior to drying rather than risk damaging the bulbs in an effort to remove hardened earth. Soil allowed to cling to bulbs during their storage may contain insects and diseases. Be sure to thoroughly dry damp bulbs to prevent winter rot.

The corms of gladiolus should be lifted while the stems are still attached to prevent injury to the bulbs. Once they have been dug, the stems can be cut to about an inch from the top of the corms and dried in the sun for a few hours. Cure for about 2 weeks in a well-ventilated area. Store in a cool, dry environment.

When dahlia foliage has turned limp and black from a hard frost, cut the stems back to 4 inches prior to digging and carefully loosen the clusters of fleshy, tuberous roots from the surrounding soil. Wash away any remaining soil and dry completely for one or two days.

Store dried bulbs in shallow trays or porous bags containing dry peat moss, sawdust, perlite, or vermiculite which will absorb any excess moisture but will also prevent the bulbs from becoming dehydrated. Bulbs should not be exposed to freezing temperatures or excessive warmth during the storage period. Temperatures between 40 and 50 degrees are ideal. Brown lunch bags are handy for keeping bulbs through the winter months as they permit the bulbs to breathe but prevent the bulbs from drying out. Label the outside of the bag with the type and color of the enclosed specimen. If storing multiple bulbs together in boxes or trays, be sure to check them periodically during the winter months for any evidence of disease or insect infestations and remove any spoiled bulbs to prevent others from becoming infected.

Any cleanup that can be accomplished at this time of year will give you a head start on the spring rush and will lessen the risk of losses due to weather, disease, or critters during the winter months.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. Her weekly gardening column 'Green Thumbs Up' has appeared in the Mariner newspapers for nearly a decade. She is a member of two local garden clubs, past President of the New England Daylily Society, an overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and is employed at two garden centers.

'Givers' vs. 'takers' ignites debate over government services

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The give and take about the givers and takers was the most interesting news of the week. A speech given by Administration and Finance Secretary Eric Kriss activated the progressive wing. He said that while the ratio of "givers" (net contributors) to "takers" (net recipients of services) was 9 to 1 under Lyndon Johnson, it is now approaching 2 to 1. This, Kriss said, makes the current level of government services unsustainable, unless radical reform of the way government operates is adopted.

He said the hopeful part of the picture is that reform of government procedures truly can be the solution — but he used spending on courthouse construction and operation as his example, not delivery of health care and other human services that consume most of the budget and that are driving up costs the fastest. The administration's opponents seized on the speech as revealing what Kriss and Romney are really all about. "It's an attempt to create a narrative to justify another round of vicious cuts," said John McDonough, director of Health Care for All. Progressives also questioned Kriss' definition of "takers," and said he deliberately chose pejorative language to describe people who need help from the more fortunate.

As always, taxes loomed over the conversation. Michael Widmer of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation described Kriss' choice of words as "unfortunate" and said the administration is too quick to rule revenues out to get the ratio of givers and takers back in balance.

The University of Massachusetts weighed in with a study demonstrating that taxes were cut $5.5 billion between 1996 and 2002, fueling a fiscal problem of approximately the same magnitude when the economy soured. But for his part, Kriss made clear he believes the economy was better off in the first place because of the tax cuts, and raising them now would do very little to build the sustainability that is his goal, and presumably everyone's. "California is my Exhibit A," his speech said.

The controversy built to the point where the governor was forced to respond, assuring reporters that his people were "not going to change the responsibility of government to meet the needs of our citizens and fulfill its promise."

The progressives don't believe it. They believe ruling out taxes this year is a case of changing that responsibility. Still, the question of sustainability remained, and while everyone was expressing an opinion, no one — not the progressives, not Kriss, not Romney — was putting on the table the specifics of a plan to maintain services, at current levels, for the long run, without the necessity of future tax rate hikes.

Another group of Bay Staters is about to become takers – as in, "if you want to smoke, take it outside."

• *Statewide smoking ban clears house, by veto-proof margin* — The governor has yet to say for sure whether he'll sign the statewide smoking ban approved by the House, but it passed by more than the two-thirds margin needed to override a veto. The Senate is likely to follow suit, though Republicans slowed the bill's momentum last Thursday. The Herald reported Romney's Bain and Co. had extensive connections with RJ Reynolds, helping it distribute cigarettes more widely and boost sales. Romney said he doesn't know yet whether he is for or against a ban.

• *Push to get Canadian drugs for Mass. workers* — Some of the state's biggest public-employee unions are now lobbying the Group Insurance Commission to follow Springfield's lead and start illegally buying prescription medication from Canadian suppliers to contain costs. The governor said rather than breaking the law, he'd like to see the Legislature act on his proposed amendments to the bulk-purchasing plan he sent back during the summer. Federal officials joined pharmacists at the Statehouse to warn the trend opens avenues for the sale of counterfeit or adulterated drugs, while lawmakers pushed legislation to make Canadian drug buys legal and safe.

• *Romney turns to Harshbarger, signals corrections changes coming* — In the wake of revelations about inmate mistreatment and related problems in the prison system — possible factors in the death of defrocked child-abusing priest John Geoghan — Romney said the Harshbarger Commission could result in changes in the top management at the Department of Corrections. The governor named former Attorney General Scott Harshbarger head of the investigatory commission. A separate investigation into Geoghan's death continues.

• *Snow plows operators to be kept honest via GPS tracking* — "It's Big Brother, but what the he**." So said one snowplow operator, learning that the state is going to issue GPS-equipped cell phones to plow contractors this winter, to make sure they're doing the work for which they're paid. The plan was announced by the Highway Department. Lawmakers have long under-funded winter cleanup accounts and complained that the department is not controlling costs.

• *Senate, House in accord on DNA database expansion* — The Senate voted to agree with the House version of a bill expanding the DNA database to include all felons. After defeating an amendment exempting felons who steal poultry or forge railroad tickets, the Senate voted to create a five-member committee to study antiquated criminal laws and recommend crimes for reclassification. Supporters of the bill say it will help investigators solve more crimes and lead to the exoneration of the wrongfully convicted.

• *All emissions machines will be checked* — With federal authorities investigating the Department of Environmental Protection for possibly covering up problems in the auto-emissions inspection system, Commissioner Robert Golledge announced all 1,505 inspection stations in Massachusetts will be required to test and repair their emissions-inspections equipment. The state plans to keep the current testing system, and the $29 fee, in place, Golledge said.

• *Study: 35,000 students could have education cancelled* — A report submitted to the Board of Higher Education found that 35,000 people enrolled at public higher education institutions may have to drop out because of state budget cuts and a lack of financial aid. Student grants and loans will have to be increased by nearly $26 million to make up for budget-crisis tuition hikes, the study found. The study's authors added that more budget cuts are likely.

Tax bills due, OK to pay online

Fiscal Year 2004's second-quarter tax bills are due Nov. 3. Anyone who has not received their tax bill should contact the Board of Assessors at 781-383-4114 to confirm their correct mailing address or the Treasurer-Collector at 781-383-4102 for a copy of the tax bill.

The Town of Cohasset now offers residents the option of paying their real estate tax bills via the Internet. The eBill system takes the town's billing data and posts it on the Metropolitan Communications (MCC) Web site, which allows residents to view and pay their real estate tax bills. At 25-cents-per-transaction, the new payment option costs residents less than a postage stamp.

Residents can arrange for bill payments to be automatically withdrawn from their checking or savings account, and eBill will be accepting credit card payments shortly.

Currently, residents are able to pay their real estate tax bills with eBill. Next month, residents will also be able to pay motor vehicle excise taxes and water/sewer bills using the eBill system.

To find out more information, or to make a payment, please visit the eBill web site at www.mcc.net.

Register to vote for Nov. 17 STM

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register to vote for the Special Town Meeting on Nov. 17, is Friday, Nov. 7. The Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library and must be postmarked on or before the cut off date.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: BHRC records local representati

BAN SMOKING IN MOST WORKPLACES (H 4256)

House 127-25, gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate
rented rooms in hotels, motels, inns and bed and breakfasts, retail t
tial rooms in assisted living facilities and private fraternal members
ities may apply for an exemption for a part of the facility to permit s
place smoking bans. They argued the ban would save countless live
and revenues increase. Some opponents said smoking restrictions s
co sales. Others said these statewide restrictions would hurt many bu
the bill hypocritical because it allows workers in exempted workpla

POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF WORKPLACE SMOI

House 28-126, rejected a motion to postpone for one week consid
not had time to read it and draft amendments. Postponement oppon
ponement. A "Nay" vote is against postponement.)

BAN TOBACCO (H 4249)

House 131-23, upheld the ruling of the chair that an amendment
yond the scope of the bill banning smoking in most workplaces. Sup
health issue with an outrageous amendment. Opponents of the ruling
the state has a real interest in the health aspect of smoking, it should
ment banning tobacco. A "Nay" vote is against the ruling and favors

TAX CREDIT FOR SMOKING VENTILATION EQUIPM

House 41-112, rejected an amendment giving restaurants, bars an
ovations made in the construction of designated smoking areas desig
ply with local communities' smoking regulations. They argued it is u
commodate smokers and were warned that local regulations could c

EXPAND DNA DATABASE (S 187)

Senate 36-1, concurred with the House amendments to legislation
ing murder, kidnapping and rape, are required to submit samples. S
of convicted offenders. They pointed to statistics showing that exp
ple being exonerated. Opponents said the bill goes too far by violat
of a live concert and illegal clamming. They argued that the expans
this genetic data. (A "Yea" vote is for the House amendments to the

LIMIT DNA DATABASE EXPANSION (S 187)

Senate 10-27, rejected a new bill to replace the measure requiri
cludes 43 specific felonies and felons who are on probation or paro
adultery, illegal voting, altering lottery tickets and illegal clamming
is also flawed because it excludes thousands of violent felons on pr

Y = Yes; N = No; NV = No Vote

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ZBA gives Avalon greenlight with 30 conditions

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appeals.

"This has been a remarkable process," Chittick said after the meeting. "But it's not one I would want to live through again.

"But I've been impressed with how constructive everyone has been."

Dale said Avalon had confidence in the ZBA and that made the long and at times, grueling process worthwhile.

AvalonBay filed for a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B — the state affordable housing law — that allows developers to skirt local zoning regulations, such as housing density, in exchange for providing 20-25 percent affordable housing.

Although no one popped the champagne, there were handshakes all around following the decision to grant the permit with some 30 conditions ranging from a daycare center to reducing the grade of the driveway into the proposed complex from 8 to 6 percent.

Unlike the yearlong public hearing process that closed last month, the public has sparsely attended the ZBA deliberation sessions. Monday night Avalon officials and the Mariner were the only members of the audience.

But the lack of attendance stands in stark contrast to the controversy the project has generated over the past 14 months, with the Water Commission asking the ZBA for an outright denial because of concerns about its septic system polluting the town's water supply, and a citizens group, dubbed Cohasset Action, saying the project will drain town services and flood the schools.

Monday's vote did not come without some protracted discussion, which has been the norm throughout the process. Monday's discussion centered on the proposed daycare center, which is expected to be a condition of the permit, and the affordability "count" that the Avalon project would provide the town.

The final draft of the decision which will enumerate the conditions was not ready at the meeting but should be available at the Town Clerk's office by the end of the week.

The ZBA expressed concern that during any appeal — which would delay the project — the town would remain vulnerable to another 40B developer.

ZBA consultant Mark Brobowski explained the town wasn't out from under the onus of 40B until any appeals have cleared.

The good news about Avalon is the state counts all units in a rental project — because of the dearth of rental housing — toward a town's goal of attaining 10 percent of its housing stock as affordable by state standards. That means if Avalon survives the appeal process and gets a groundwater discharge permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection for its septic system, all 200 units would "count" putting the town at precisely the 10 percent threshold and getting the town out from the threat of more 40B projects.

But the prospect of what could be a long appeals process loomed in the minds of both Avalon and the ZBA.

"I can't imagine anything in Cohasset won't be appealed," quipped Avalon's battle-worn attorney Steven Schwartz during the discussion.

Chittick said an appeal would work against both the town's interest and the interests of the appellants because it would leave the town open to more 40-B filings.

Doing some math, the ZBA pointed out in condominium projects, only the affordable units "count" so the town would have to absorb a total of many more housing units to reach the 10 percent benchmark.

In other words, 800 condos would have to be developed under 40B with 25 percent affordability for the town to get the 200 units in its "count" that Avalon would provide.

The decision this week is expected to fine-tune the language in the condition seeking a daycare center for the project. Avalon says it is enthusiastic about a daycare center and will pursue it but only if it makes financial sense.

The ZBA, which has pushed for the daycare center because it thinks it will fill a need and help integrate Avalon into the community, still wants to have some oversight over traffic and other issues that might arise from the center.

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Rails with Trails study to step off

MBTA questions project's feasibility

By Samantha Brown
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The process of starting a "Rails with Trails" initiative in the town of Cohasset has begun, and if all goes as planned, could provide access to walking and biking trails, which would run parallel to the tracks of the Greenbush line, and could one day serve as a continuous path from Hingham to Scituate.

Members of the Board of Health, including Chairman Steve Bobo and Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik, as well as Community Preservation Committee Chairman Stuart Ivimey, met with members of the Alta Planning & Design team Tuesday, to discuss the feasibility study they have been hired to conduct, including any key issues that could affect the development of the trails.

Paul Smith of Alta Planning & Design said the largest obstacle in these beginning stages is going to be the MBTA. He said after speaking with one of its representatives, he was told the MBTA was "not on board with this."

Lisa Bailey of the Waterfield Design Group, which is affiliated with Alta Planning & Design, and who has also worked on the Downtown Revitalization project, said she contacted the MBTA to try to get information regarding the layout for the rail bed, and was told the Rails with Trails project the town is proposing doesn't sound feasible. However, Bailey noted that is exactly the reason a feasibility study is necessary.

The town decided on Alta Planning & Design to conduct the feasibility study because it had the most flexible set of plans as far as the MBTA and its plans were concerned. The feasibility study is being paid for with $25,000 from the Community Preservation Fund, and its completion is the first step in obtaining a 90 percent grant from the Federal Department of Transportation, which would pay for the path under state "greenspace" regulations.

However, aside from opposition from the MBTA, the town may have to gain the support of residents who live in close proximity to the tracks.

In order to make sure residents have a chance to become familiar with the project, tentative plans have been made for public hearings as well as a presentation at Town Meeting.

"There will be a certain amount of opposition," Godzik said, noting many people will most likely have concerns about people walking and riding their bikes near their homes. He feels there should be some sort of educational process where people in town can ask questions and get the answers they need, and hopefully be a part of the effort to move the project ahead. In order to make sure residents have a chance to become familiar with the project, tentative plans have been made for public hearings as well as a presentation at Town Meeting.

As far as Smith and Bailey are concerned, the next step for them in continuing on in their study will be to walk the corridor again to really become familiar with the area. Because some areas near the rail bed are wetlands, a solution will need to found as to how they should be dealt with. Smith suggested because there are going to be 11 grade crossings throughout the town, the trail doesn't have to run parallel to the tracks on one side for its entire length. If the path was diverted over a grade crossing, which is where the tracks meet the road, it could change the course of the path and steer it away from wetlands.

However, Ivimey worried about children having to cross not only the street, but the crossing as well, which Bobo said wouldn't be a problem once the MBTA completed the crossings and all safety measures were put in place.

Other possible alternatives to getting around wetlands include building wooden bridges in areas where they border the paths, or looking into access over a small percentage of resident's property, if necessary, which Ivimey did not think was the best alternative.

One aspect of the plans everyone at the meeting thought the MBTA would favor, is the fact that the trail could increase ridership on the train. Because the town parking lot does not accommodate a large number of cars, residents might decide to walk or ride their bikes, rather than fight for a parking spot and deal with the traffic. In light of that, Bobo said investing in bike stands should be looked into.

Because the trails are meant to provide easy walking and biking access to various points around town, Bobo said there is a list of connecting areas he would like to see included the feasibility study, including the library, downtown shops, playing fields, schools, ball fields on North Main Street, the cemeteries, town offices, restaurants, amusements, historical places and possibly the proposed Cook Estate property to gain access for seniors who would live in the housing there. He believes the trails should be utilized by people of all ages and physical activity is always beneficial.

Smith said he was very impressed with what he has seen in Cohasset because, "It's very unusual for the Board of Health to take the initiative on a project like this."

At the heart of the Rails with Trails project is the Board of Health's commitment to battling obesity, which it believes can be greatly helped with regular exercise. Bobo said the battle against obesity is one that will have to be fought for the next 30 years, much the same as the battle on smoking. Meetings will continue with members of various boards around town and the feasibility study is slated to be completed before the annual Town Meeting in March.

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Deer danger is down the road

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Jackson reminds everyone to wear their seatbelts and credits seatbelts with preventing injuries in the recent deer-car collisions. He warns drivers to try and "not to swerve all over the place to avoid a deer."

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- 4:50 p.m., Oct. 17, Wheelwright Park at North Main Street;
- 11:40 p.m., Oct. 20, by Stop & Shop on CJC Hwy.
- 6:30 p.m., Oct. 21, North Main Street at Powers Lane.

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A deer crossing sign has been installed near Wheelwright Park on North Main Street to alert motorists about potential danger.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Approving Avalon is unconscionable

TO THE EDITOR:

With AvalonBay, Cohasset's ZBA is in the unenviable position of having to spend months of drudgery reviewing and deliberating the issues surrounding this project, within the constraints of law a undeniably unfair to a town such as Cohasset. Yet it is they who are entrusted with the responsibly to decide what will best mitigate the project's impact on our town (or instead simply deny AvalonBay's request for exemption from the laws and regulations the rest of us must follow).

Certainly most believe it is in our best interest to deny AvalonBay or at least to reduce its size and scope to a level where the environmental threats and impact on our town are manageable.

Forcing a 200-unit mega-complex onto our town is perhaps the worst of all ways to meet state affordability requirements. Given the choice, who among us would choose that over comparatively innocuous local projects which allow us to maintain our town's character and environment, while also providing (rather than threatening) the town services we truly need?

Denial of AvalonBay is justified and defensible on the basis that Cohasset will meet state 40B requirements with greater than 1.5 percent of town land devoted to 'certified' housing projects. Our town boards and Town Planner have worked feverishly to demonstrate how this will by met by the senior housing projects now underway.

Working with our Planning Board, Water Commission and consulting engineers, our town's attorney has provided the ZBA with a brief containing the rational and supporting legal precedent for the denial of AvalonBay. Our Selectmen and other boards have requested the denial of the project. And recently a team of people in town have rallied to show how we can successfully beat 40B with Cohasset's own local projects.

Nathaniel Palmer
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by John Klefeker, BC-HIS
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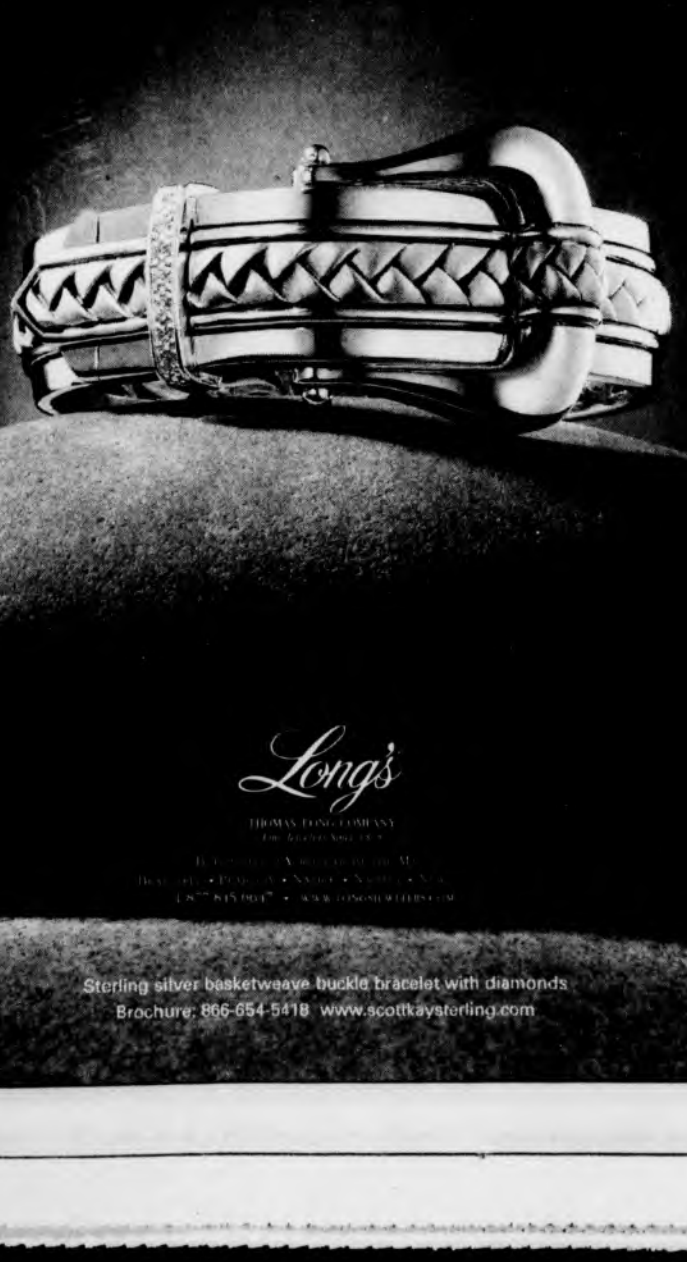

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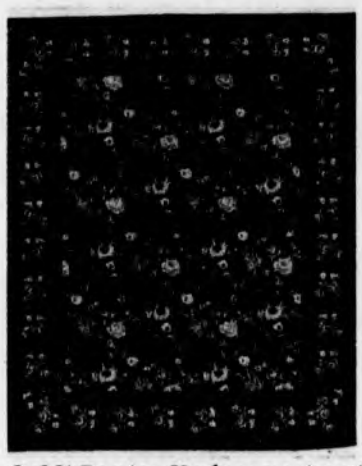

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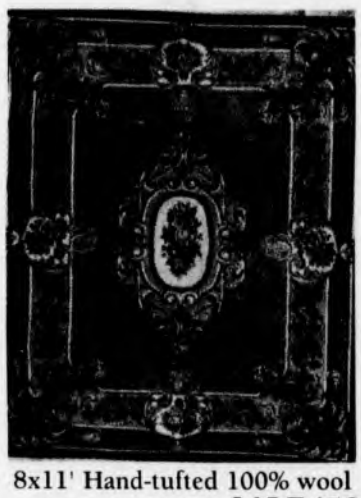

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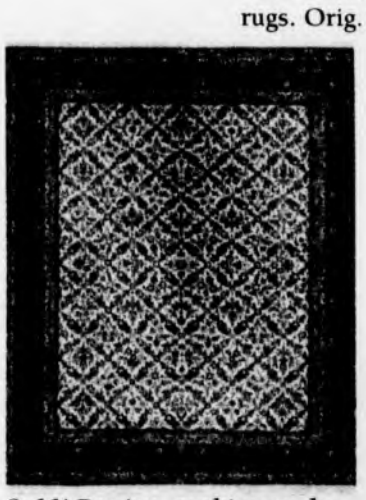

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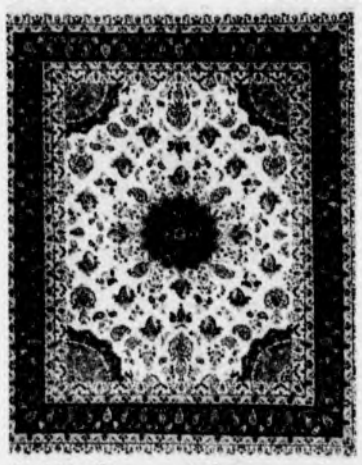

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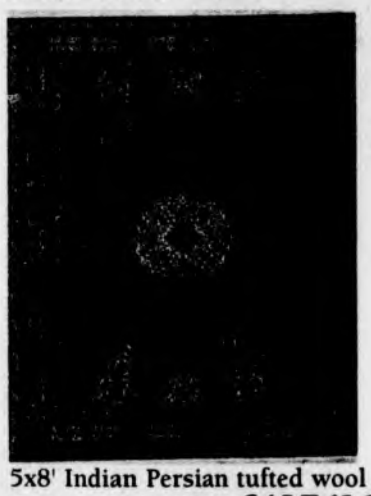

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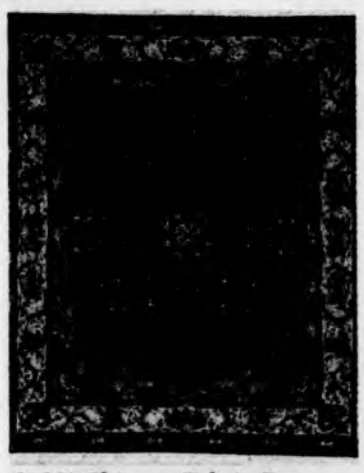

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Skippers skin 'Cats

And 'Dogs up next for unbeaten CHS gridders

The Cohasset Skippers football team improved to 6-0, (2-0 in the South Shore League), with a 13-0 blanking of the Independent League Weston Wildcats last Friday night in Weston.

With a couple of new elements to overcome in this non-league match-up — temperatures in the low 30's and having to play eleven minute quarters (South Shore League games have 10 minute quarters) — the Skippers defense forced Weston to four punts, took over possessions with two turnovers, and halted them twice on fourth down conversion attempts on their way to their second shutout of the season. The Skippers defense has limited opponents to 31 points to date, good for second place for teams in Eastern Mass.

Offensively, the Skippers ate up the clock with 40 rushing plays, and scored twice within an eight minute span in the second half to put the game out of reach for the Wildcats.

The Skippers returned the second half kickoff to their own 35-yard line to begin the third quarter. Senior tailback DeWayne Morris carried ten times for 52 yards on the drive, alternating behind the blocking of the left side, tackle Dan Tarpey, guard Nick Arment, and center Matt Casey, and the right side to include guard Steve Davis, tackle Dan McCarthy, and tight end Sean Connolly.

Fullback Ted Straughn led the way on each of Morris' attempts, punishing the first linebacker to step in his way. Senior QB Mike Dooley snuck into the end zone from one-yard out behind blocks by Casey and Davis to cap off the seven minute drive, and with Connolly's extra point the Skippers led 7-0 with 4:07 to go in the third quarter.

Cohasset's second scoring drive was set up on a third down sack by senior defensive ends Rob Carpenter and Steve Davis. Weston had to punt from its own 6-yard line and the Skippers took over on the

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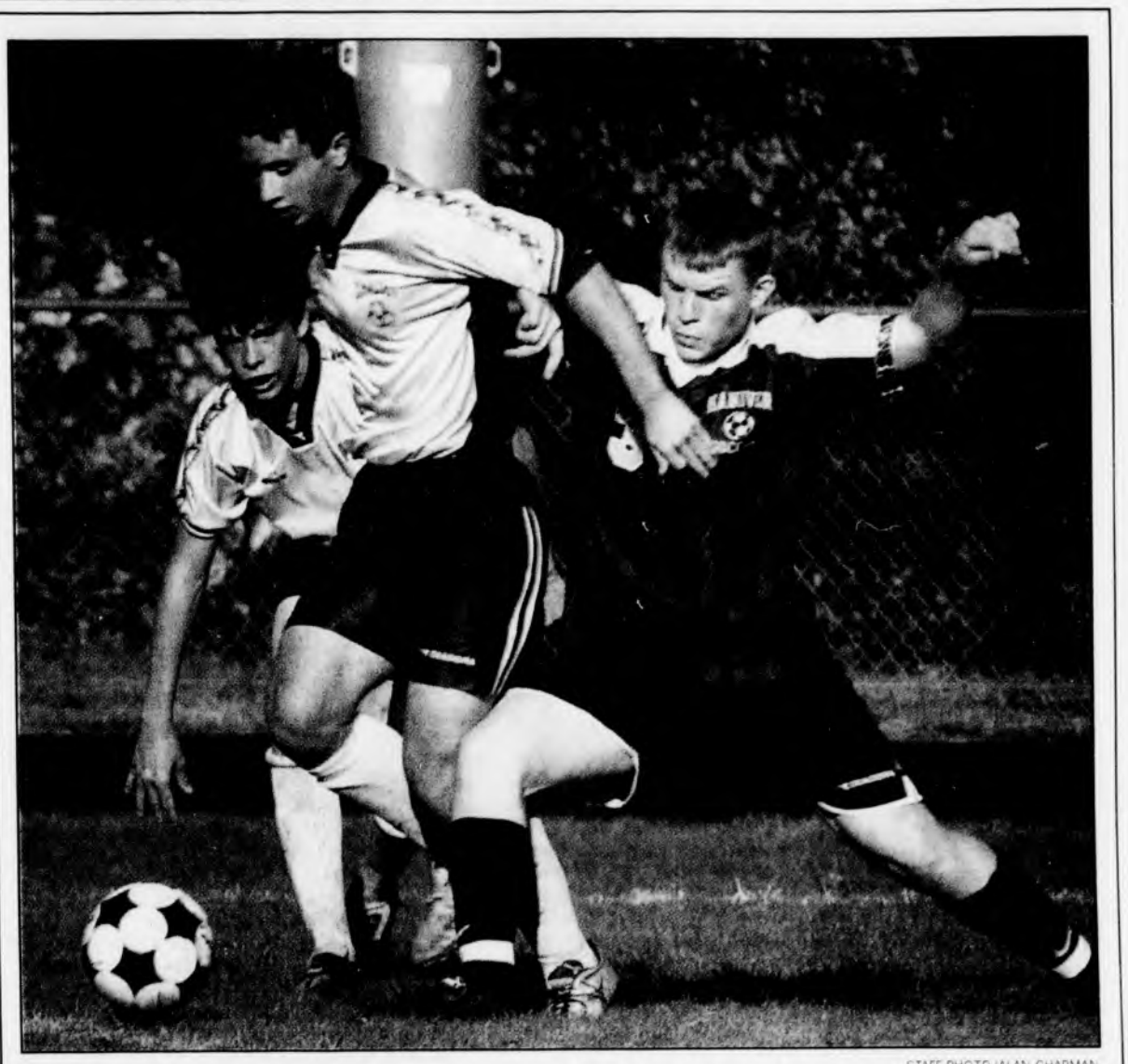

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Cohasset senior Chris Clark (middle)has been on a scoring tear since being moved from midfield to striker alongside Aidan Buick (left).

Finishing touch sought

Lack of scoring the only point of concern heading a postseason

By Mike Spellman
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Rob Leary is extremely pleased with about 95 percent of what his team is doing right now. However, the first year Cohasset High boys soccer coach is kept awake some nights worrying about how that substandard proficiency in the remaining five percent of the game could come back to haunt his team in the postseason.

State Tourney Boys Soccer
Cohasset @ Avon
Saturday, 2 p.m.

"We're just not finishing our scoring opportunities right now," said Leary, who takes his team into the postseason with a 14-4 record. "Obviously, that's a concern with the state tourney right around the corner. That's something that can come back and bite you in a big way."

Leary watched in disbelief as his team failed on one opportunity after another in Tuesday's regular season ending home match against a far inferior Coyle Cassidy team, and as the game approached the three quarter mark still scoreless.

Senior captain Chris Clark at long last broke the ice in the 52nd minute, and that opened the way to two more goals in the next six minutes. Sophomore Ben Libby doubled the Skippers lead less than two minutes later with his second tally of the season and senior Dave Santiago closed out the scoring in the 58th minute.

"I was happy that we were able to close the deal a few times in the second half, but I really wasn't happy at all after the first half," continued Leary, the former head boys soccer coach at Rockland High. "Our guys were doing a nice job of getting the ball upfield, keeping it wide and then getting it in close, but then we're just not putting the ball away."

State Tourney Field Hockey
Cohasset @ Mansfield
Today @ 2:30 p.m.

Leary said he is pleased with the setup work being done in the revamped midfield with sophomore Matt O'Connell and converted fullback J.T. Oronte in the middle.

And he is also positively delighted with the work in the defensive end, which hardly comes as a surprise considering he's got three league all-stars back there in seniors Jesse Brewer in goal, Conor Buick at sweeper at Craig Laugelle at fullback.

Buick was recently moved back from stopper to sweeper so that Laugelle could be returned to a marking fullback spot. This move was made easier, noted the coach, by the emergence of sophomore Sam MacDonald as a stopperback as well as the continued "extremely steady

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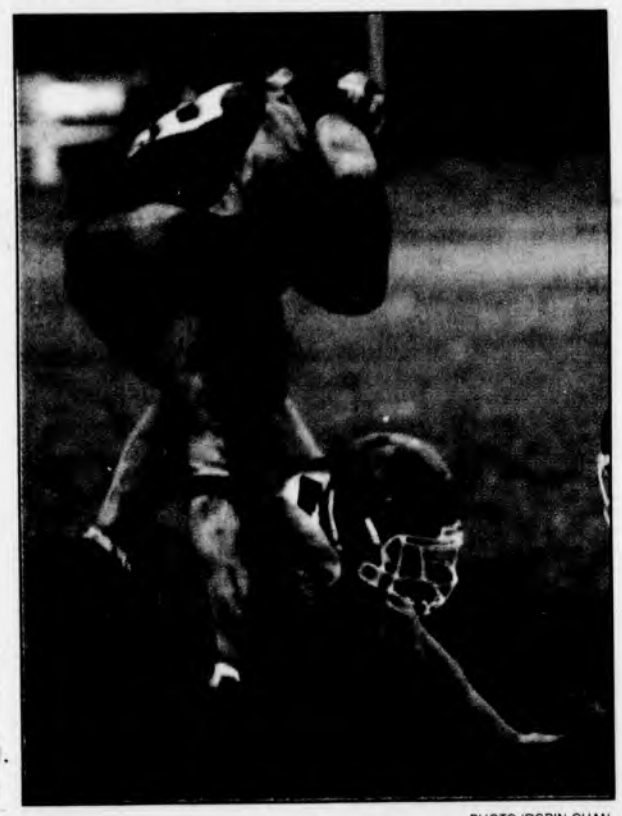

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Cohasset's Casey Coleman takes Cardinal Spellman fullback Mike Hinckley out at the knees in recent non-league action.

Ready to go

Field hockey team to play first playoff game since 2000 today

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Despite the drop in temperature, the Cohasset High field hockey squad continued to turn up the heat on the playing field. Last week's back-to-back victories catapulted them into the MIAA state tournament for the first time in three years with a 9-7 regular season record.

These wins earned the Lady Skippers the 19th seed out of 20 teams in the Div. 2 South Sectional, and had them travelling to Mansfield today (2:30 p.m.) to take on the 14th seeded Hornets (9-4-5). A win here would put the Skippers in Canton tomorrow (2:30 p.m.) to take on the third seed Bulldogs (14-1-3).

The first victory last week came on a Tuesday when the Lady Skippers avenged an earlier loss to Mashpee by beating the same team, 4-2. In short, the team wanted a victory in a big way. The dynamic duo of Courtney Caron and Katie James produced all four goals and four assists.

State Tourney Girls Soccer
Cohasset @ Sacred Heart
Saturday, 2 p.m.

On defense Tess Foley, Frannie Noble, Jessie Guilds and Rachel Doyle continuously unraveled Mashpee's momentum. Incredibly, Mashpee could produce only four shots on net.

"Every single person on the entire team played way beyond my expectations," lauded coach Deb Bostwick. "It was amazing to watch such a phenomenal team play to their full potential."

Two days later, the girls emerged with the same level of intensity. Under adverse weather conditions, the Lady Skippers stormed past Carver by a 2-0 score. Cohasset's first goal resulted from a textbook play. Jessie Guilds passed long to senior Courtney Caron.

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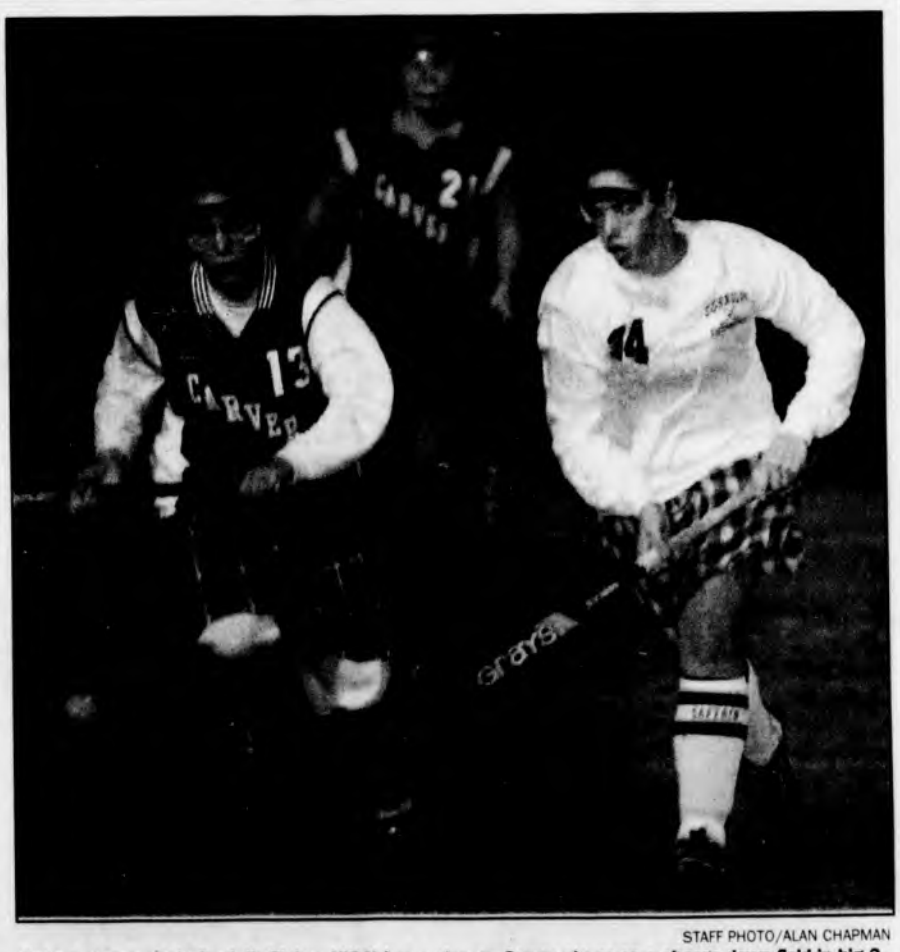

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Cohasset co-captain Danielle Pinkus (#24) has a step on Carver player on a charge down field in big 2-0 win last week for the Lady Skippers that helped them sew up their first state tourney berth since 2000.

Staying on a roll

Lady booters hope to continue winning ways in postseason

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

Four weeks ago, the Cohasset girls soccer team was 3-6-1 with eight games to go.

In order to make the state tournament for the second consecutive year, the team would have had to either win six games down the stretch, or win their last four league games and hope to sneak into second place there.

As it turns out, they did both.

Starting with a 3-2 win over Abington on the Green Wave's home field Oct. 7, something clicked for the Skippers, and they have been riding the momentum ever since.

The girls have been playing in sync on both sides of the ball. The defense, led by league all-stars Holly Graham and Christine Lovallo, has played some good soccer in front of keeper CeCelia Chapman, who has shown improvement with

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Ready to go

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Courtney quickly dished the ball to Katie James who deflected it into the net.

Caron wasn't done for the day. She assisted Danielle Pinkus, who made the second and final goal.

The Lady Skippers could have lost this game if they let Carver's league all-star player, Kathleen Pinto, dominate the play, but Aaron Bigley and Mia Lieb-Lappen stopped her in her tracks.

"We weren't actually expecting to win this game," admitted senior Kelly Hurley. "We owe this victory to Aaron and Mia, who shut down their powerhouse player."

Coach Deb Bostwick agreed: "Aaron and Mia stuck to Kathleen like glue, completely suffocating her explosive shots and powerful drives. I was amazed at their concentration and determination to keep Kathleen from scoring."

In a non-league battle the next night, however, the Skippers couldn't hold off bigger Patriot League powerhouse Hingham. Despite outstanding defensive play by seniors Tess Foley, Kelly Hurley, and Jessie Guilds, they couldn't prevent a last minute Hingham goal that ended the game with a 1-0 Hingham victory.

Coach Deb Bostwick spoke her mind.

This battle was slightly disappointing, but morally satisfying."

Added Corey Evans: "What a heartbreaker. I guess Hingham just capitalized on our one mistake at the end of the game."

Despite the loss, the Lady Skippers enter postseason play with a great sense of enthusiasm and confidence. Who knows? Maybe they will get another shot at Hingham in the playoffs and turn the tables on the Harborwomen as they did earlier on Mashpee. Win or lose, the field hockey players have gained the admiration of so many Cohasset fans.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Tess Foley (left) pokes the ball by a fallen Carver player in big South Shore League showdown last week.

Staying on a roll

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each passing game.

All of the defenders have had to step up their games this season, as Cohasset lost one of their best, senior co-captain Brenna O'Donnell, to an ACL injury the third game of the year. And while head coach Deb Beal says O'Donnell has been recovering nicely, her teammates have certainly picked up the slack in her absence.

The midfield and forwards, meanwhile, have been playing together and passing the ball effectively to create scoring opportunities that were missing in the first half of the year. All-star midfielder Jenn Buckley has been a consistent goal scorer and playmaker, while forwards Casey Anderson, Sarah McMorris, Gillian Weber and Lindsay Kennedy have led the attack up front.

And all of this while playing through a treacherous part of the schedule. Starting with a Sept. 22 home game against Harwich, the girls played nine matches in 19 days.

"You get no recovery time through any of those games, and it's tiring," said Beal. "The rest we got after that stretch was well deserved and much needed."

Well deserved indeed, as the Skippers ended the stretch with a three-game winning streak over Abington, Carver and Harwich. Those wins brought Cohasset back up to .500, and set the tone for rest of the season.

And if the Skippers have any luck with today's seedings, they will have drawn a team they've already played. The Skippers played marvelously against teams the second time around. Not including Cape Cod Academy, who they played Tuesday night, Cohasset was 2-5-1 versus teams they were playing for the first time.

In the rematches, Cohasset went 6-2, with their only losses coming to South Shore League champion Norwell and Scituate, a Div. 2 playoff team.

Everyone on the team has contributed at one point in the season. As Beal has said throughout the last month, it is a different girl that steps up each game.

During Monday's 3-1 win over Holbrook, it was junior forward Lauren Rizzotti who "stepped up." Normally a substitute, Rizzotti got the start and responded with a goal just over a minute into the match.

With McMorris hustling down the right side of the field and firing a pass to her in the middle, Rizzotti found the back of the net on a one-touch shot, a beautiful, textbook play that teams work on in August.

"Lauren was just so pumped after that goal," Beal said after the game. "It was a total team effort tonight."

Following the Holbrook win and Friday's 3-0 victory over Cape Cod Academy, Cohasset is 9-7-1 and stands a good chance of finishing with double-digit victories for the second year in a row. And, as their play has improved, team chemistry has been even better, according to the coach.

"They're such a great bunch of girls;" Beal said. "We have all these inside jokes that only we know. Although we want to win, we know that if we lose, it doesn't matter. Our season was a success."

Coastal Stars Youth Hockey Report

Squirt C2

The Coastal Stars Squirt C2 team got off to a fast start picking up their second win in as many games. The Stars defeated a tough Eagles team 5 - 0, behind the outstanding goaltending of Kevin Quinn. Kevin was able to hold the Eagles off with strong support from defensemen Sarah Evans and Jack Nelson. The offense broke out in a big way with Ryan Bertone scoring the hat trick. Charlie Coffman and Andrew Fontaine rounded out the scoring with a goal each. Girard Tierney picked up a pair of assists while playing solid defense. Dan LeBlanc played another outstanding game on defense while picking up an assist and initiating several big rushes into the offensive zone. Patrick Shay and Brian Craig continue their great passing and hustle each getting an assist. The line of David Greenwood, Kevin Friedland and RJ Nuels applied constant pressure in the offensive zone just missing on several scoring bids. The Squirt C2 team looks to extend their streak against Braintree next week.

Squirt C3

The Squirt C3 team continued their winning ways with a 6-1 victory over the Taunton Brewins at Bridgewater Arena. Mike Masciulli kicked off the scoring when he beat the goalie glove-side on a nice pass from John Sinkins. Moments later, Justin Henriksen snapped a pass from the point to Nick Craig at the left post who slid the puck across the crease to Allie Ryan who slammed it home from close range. In the second period Mike Masciulli picked off Taunton passes twice for two quick goals and his second hat trick of the year. Aggressive forward play by Ryan Foohey and Mike Timcoe gave the Stars numerous scoring chances, but all shots were rebuffed by the Brewins goalie who single-handedly kept his team in the game. With time running out in the second period Taunton forwards crashed the net and stuffed in a loose puck to get on the board. Opening the third period, Mike Foley who made a sweet pass to Allie Ryan hustling in from the left side. Ryan then roofed the puck over the sprawled goalie for her second goal of the game. Vinny Calorio closed out the scoring when he rushed in from his defensive position and rifled one just inside the left post. Sam Labo, played solid defense in the third period, breaking up a number of Taunton scoring opportunities. With less than 15 seconds to go, netminder Alec Hurd denied a Brewins breakaway shot with a beautiful kick save, putting the exclamation point on another masterpiece effort between the pipes. Great job Stars!

Mite A

The Mite A Coastal Stars lost a 3-2 thriller to the South Shore Seahawks at the Rockland Arena Sunday, the first loss of the year for the Stars. Strong positional and hustling play by the defensive corps of Kevin McDougal, Jared McCrystal, Jeremy Duchini, Andrew Geddes, and Brian Smith allowed the Stars offense to repeatedly test the Seahawks defense, but the Seahawks were up to the challenge. Jake McDonough was super in goal for the Stars, stopping everything that the Seahawks fired at him and bringing the crowd to its feet with several of his saves, leading to a scoreless tie after one. The Stars continued their pressure in the second period. Frankie Lemieux was stopped out front after a feed from Kenny Parnell, and Chris Cohen's passes to Terrence Doonan led to a couple of robberies by the Seahawks goalie. Colin Whalen played well until he was forced to leave because of illness. The Seahawks snuck a wrister just inside the right pipe near the end of the period to take a 1-0 lead. The Seahawks went up 2-0 on a breakaway goal early in the third period, but the Stars kept coming. Will DeCoste's shot was stopped after a pretty rush down the right side. McDougal made an Orr-like rush down the left side from his blue line, cutting in front of the Seahawk net for a shot that was saved and smothered. Kenny Parnell won the ensuing face-off and made a beautiful pass in the slot to Tommy Dixon, who wasted no time in firing a 15-footer to the five-hole to put the Stars on the board. One shift later, Terrence Doonan stole a Seahawks' pass, streaked down the right side and muscheld a shot that was deflected behind the Seahawks' net. Will Golden, who had hustled down the left wing to keep up with Doonan's rush, beat the defense to the puck and tucked a wraparound goal into the right side of the net. The Stars thought they had the go-ahead goal late in the third when Jeremy Duchini rebounded a Jonathan Spitz shot, but the play was ruled to be a save. The Seahawks went up 3-2 on a goal from a scramble in front of the Stars' net with 45 seconds left in the game. McDonough was pulled for a sixth skater after making a conservatively estimated 23 saves. The Stars kept the puck in the Seahawks zone and had chances to tie on shots by Doonan and McDougal, but the Seahawks goaltender stymied the Stars to the end.

PeeWee C1

The Pee-Wee C1 team defeated a strong Whitman Hanson (WHK1) team with a score of 4-3 in a fast paced game on Sunday October 26 at Hobomock Arena. The Stars got on the scoreboard first with a terrific breakaway goal by center Andrew Bell at 13:45 of the first period. Defensemen Connor Ofsthun made a nice pass to Bell, earning him an assist on the Star's first goal. WHK scored two quick goals late in the first period, however, to take a 2-1 lead into the second period. The Stars came roaring back in the second period following a terrific breakaway goal by the Stars' Andrew Bell. Brian Meehan, playing left defense, made a nice pass that enabled Bell to streak down the ice and slip the puck by the WHK goaltender. WHK scored its final goal near the mid-way point in the second period to take a lead of 3-2. Less than a minute later, however, Stars' center Justin Yeager broke away on a terrific lead pass from Ofsthun and after making a great move in front of the WHK goaltender flipped the puck into the net to tie the score at 3-3. With a game tied at three goals each, defensemen Kevin O'Connell. Mike O'Halloran, and Joe Fitzsimmons along with Ofsthun and Meehan turned up the heat at the blue line and were able to keep the puck in the WHK end for much of the third period. Also pressuring WHK throughout the game were forwards Geoff Evans, Mike Caira, Chris Fazzina, and Phil Murphy. The Stars' tenacity paid off when winger Gordie Smith fired a blistering shot from close range that flew over the WHK goaltender. Earning assists on the Stars' winning goal, which came at 6:41 left in the second period, were defensemen Kevin O'Connell and center Andrew Bell. Filling in for the Stars' regular goalie John Carrigg was Kevin Quinn who was just terrific in net for the Stars. In particular, Quinn made a tremendous glove save near the end of the third period that saved the lead for the Stars.

CHS weekly scoreboard

Varsity Football

Oct.
24 beat Weston, 13-0
31 Canton 7 p.m.

Varsity Field Hockey

21 beat Mashpee, 4-2
23 beat Carver, 2-0
24 lost to Hingham, 1-0
End of Regular Season
30 at Mansfield 2:30 p.m.

Boys Varsity Soccer

24 beat Hanover, 2-1
27 beat Coyle Cassidy, 3-0
End of Regular Season
Tourney seedings due yesterday

Girls Varsity Soccer

24 beat Cape Cod Acad.
27 beat Holbrook, 3-1
28 beat Cape Cod Acad, 5-0
End of Regular Season
Tourney seedings due yesterday

Boys Varsity Golf

22 Cape Cod Acad.- cancelled

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Finishing touch sought

play" of sophomore Trevor Brady at the fullback spot opposite Laugelle.

"These guys have been doing a very consistent job, but they're not perfect, and their margin for error gets smaller when we're not cashing in on those scoring opportunities," observed Leary.

Leary certainly feels his team has enough options up front, especially after the recent move of team leading scorer Clark from center midfield to striker alongside slick and speedy Santiago and talented sophomore Aidan Buick.

"We have the people there," insisted the coach. "We just need to be a little more patient in our approach."

Two goals from Clark helped the Skippers overcome an early 1-0 deficit on Friday and take a 2-1 win over Hanover in non-league play.

Hanover scored first at the seven minute mark, but Clark got the equalizer three minutes later. The game remained knotted at 1-1 until the 60th minute, when Clark buried a feed from Santiago for the game-winner.

Brewer, who was selected All-Eastern Mass as well as for the South Shore League all-star team, made seven saves in the game, including tow spectacular stops in the latter stages to preserve the win.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset senior keeper Jesse Brewer continues to shine between the pipes for the Skippers, and his exploits were rewarded last week when he was named not only a South Shore League all-star but also to the All-Eastern Mass. Squad.

Leary figured his Skippers, with their 14-4 record, would get a seed between five and eight for the Div. 3 south sectionals when the seedings were announced yesterday by the MIAA, which should mean at least one home game. The first game could be played anywhere between Friday and Monday.

"We do have high expectations for this playoff," said Leary. "We're playing well in a lot of areas and this is a veteran team that's been there before."

Skippers skin 'Cats

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Wildcats 40.

The initial key play had Dooley hitting junior wide out D J Silvia for 15 yards and a first down. Two plays later, Dooley lofted one to the right corner of the end zone from 25 yards out and senior wideout Chris Bilodeau made the catch of the year, diving straight out to haul it in. With 7:13 to go in the game, Cohasset built its lead to 13-0.

The Skippers had several earlier attempts to blow this one open, but had drives end with turnovers at the 1, 5, and 25-yard lines of Weston.

On the defensive side of the ball, the All-League linebacker trio, senior Tony Truglia and juniors Ted Straughn and Matt Casey, accounted for 24 tackles with Casey throwing in a sack for good measure.

Senior defensive back Sean Connolly had his best game of the year with seven tackles, and combined with junior defensive end Kelvin Ferriera (six tackles in only one half of action) to stop the Wildcats on a fourth-and-two attempt from their own 42 yard line.

Junior Matt Baroudi (seven tackles) and junior Leo Clougherty clogged the middle all night from their defensive tackle positions, as Weston tried to no avail to penetrate the center of Cohasset's defense.

The Skippers defensive backfield, juniors Joe Durkin and Crandon Leahy, seniors Bilodeau and Connolly, held the Weston air attack to two completions on 12 attempts.

Turf Notes

Junior Joe Durkin forced Weston to punt after a jolting hit on a third down passing attempt. In his punting duties, he dropped one on the 3-yard line of Weston.

Seniors Chris Bilodeau and Tony Truglia had successive pass breakups to halt a fourth quarter drive by Weston.

Senior Steve Davis caused a fumble by Weston, which Connolly was then all over.

Cohasset 13, Weston 0

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Cohasset (6-0)	**0**		**0**	**7**	**6**	**13**
Weston (4-3)	**0**		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

C-Mike Dooley 1 yd rush, Sean C'onnolly kick.

C-Chris Bilodeau 25 yd pass from Dooley, conversion failed.

Senior Rob Carpenter had the Weston QB in his grasp, causing an ill advised pass which Bilodeau proceeded to pick off to ice the game.

Senior DeWayne Morris, the go-to-guy all night long on offense, had a career high of 30 rushing attempts, good for 140 yards.

Offensive Stats

Passing: Mike Dooley 4 for 11, 55 yds, 1 TD, 3 Ints

Receiving: Chris Bilodeau 2 for 31 yds, (1) TD, DJ Silvia 2 for 24 yds.

Rushing: DeWayne Morris 30 carries for 140 yds, Dooley 7 for 12 yds, Straughn 3 for 5 yds.

Defensive Stats

Tackles: Tony Truglia 10, Matt Casey 8, Sean Connolly, Matt Baroudi 7, Kelvin Ferriera, Ted Straughn 6, Rob Carpenter 5, Chris Bilodeau 3, Crandon Leahy, Steve Davis 2, Leo Clougherty, Dave McKenna, DeWayne Morris, Dan Tarpey, Dan McCarthy 1.

Interception: Chris Bilodeau

Sacks: Matt Casey, Steve Davis 1/2, Rob Carpenter 1/2

Fumble Recovery: Sean Connolly

This week's Preview

Cohasset travels up Route 128 for the second consecutive week, this weeks stop is Canton High School, Home of the Bulldogs. Game time is 7 PM Friday October 31st. Canton has a 4-2 record, playing an Independent League schedule. The Bulldogs beat Holliston, Norton, Holbrook-Avon, and Randolph, and have been shutout in their last two games versus Weston and Sharon. Canton is averaging 21 points a game, while allowing 7. Cohasset is the number two ranked defensive team in Eastern Mass having yielded a mire 31 points in 6 games, while averaging 20 points a game offensively. Last year Cohasset prevailed at home by a score of 20-6

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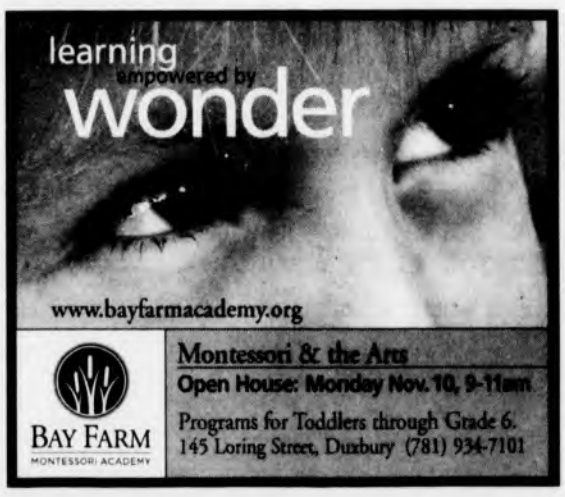
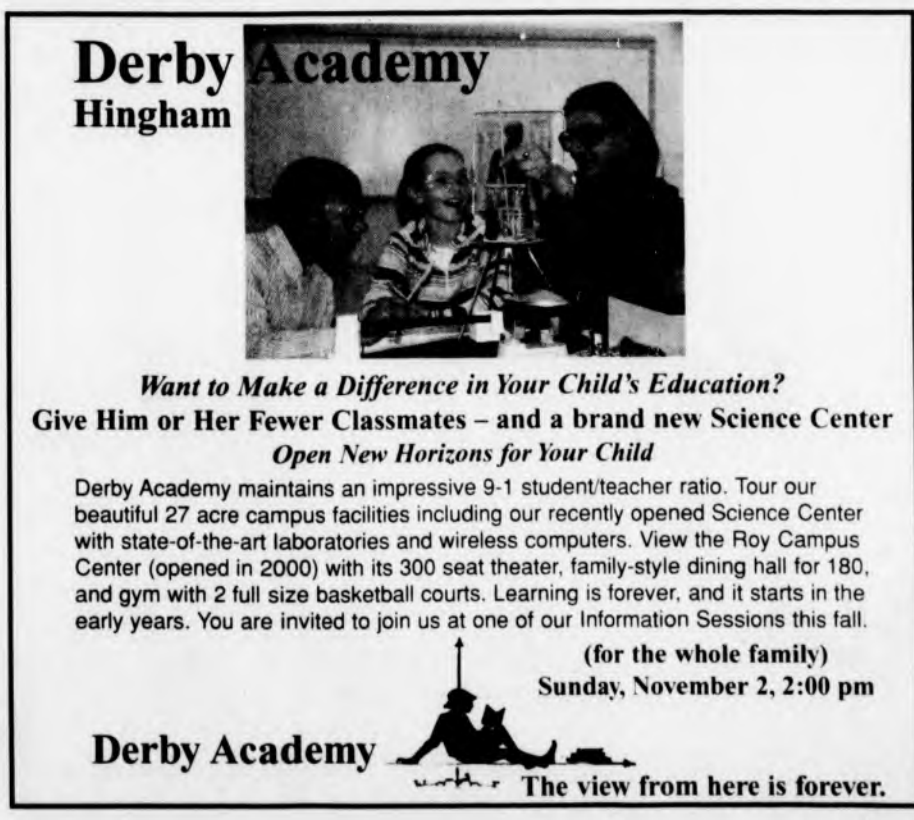
South Shore League Standings

	League /	Overall
Cohasset	(6-0)	2 0 0
Abington	(6-1)	2 0 0
Norwell	(4-1-1)	2 0 1
Mashpee	(1-4-1)	0 1 1
Hull	(0-6)	0 2 0
Carver	(1-6)	0 3 0

This week's SSL games: Norwell at Abington, Mashpee at Hull





Cohasset 10-and-under softball team competed in summer league

The Cohasset 10-and-under softball team completed a successful season this past summer in the South Shore Softball League. The 10-and-unders competed in a division which included teams from Braintree, Whitman, Hanover, Abington and Duxbury. The team finished with a 4-6 record and was competitive against most of its opponents.

"This season definitely was a learning experience for our girls, most of whom were playing on a travel team for the first time," said co-coach Carol Davis. "Every one of our players improved during the season in every aspect of their game."

Erin Fontaine, who performed most of the pitching duties during the season, was the choice of the coaches for the team MVP Award. "It was a difficult decision because many of the girls on the team made major contributions," said Davis. "But pitching is a crucial part of softball and Erin was the person we depended upon to handle most of our pitching duties." In addition, Erin hit .363 on the season with an on-base percentage of .774 (second best on the team) and led the team in runs scored.

Honors for the Sportsmanship Award went to Lucy Noble. "Nobody worked harder than Lucy to improve," said co-coach Andrew Quigley. "Lucy always did whatever was asked of her. Her commitment to a team effort was outstanding at every game and every practice." After making the adjustment to the stronger pitching in a travel league, Lucy finished with a .466 batting average (fourth on the team) and a .652 on-base percentage (fifth on the team).

However, Erin and Lucy were far from alone in their contributions to the Cohasset squad. Meredith Kelly led the team in hitting with a .647 average and steamed around the base paths for three home runs from the clean-up spot. She led the team in the categories of hits and RBI. Meredith also anchored the right side of the infield at her usual shortstop position with a deft glove and a strong arm. "Meredith is a tremendous athlete who truly was one of the top players in the league," said co-coach Ed Fontaine.

Lucy Noble of the Cohasset 10-and-under softball team displays her Sportsmanship trophy.

Erin Fontaine of the Cohasset 10-and-under softball team displays her MVP trophy.

Samantha Crough, who was another defensive anchor at either the third-base or first-base positions, also was one of the top hitters with a .391 average and a .600 on-base percentage. Sam was second on the team in the categories of hits and runs scored. "Sam is another superb athlete who unquestionably was one of the best players in the league. Sam has it all — a good bat, a good glove, an outstanding arm and great instincts," said Quigley.

In addition to this foursome, the Cohasset team received major contributions during the season from all of their players. In the pitching department, Vicki Wade, Kayla Orner, Jen Mullin and Emma Quigley all tried their hand on the mound and came through with significant efforts throughout the season. "The development of pitchers is crucial to our softball program, both for in-town and travel teams," said Quigley. "Hopefully these girls will continue to have a desire to pitch and will pick up on their effort from this season as they go forward into next year."

Major contributors at the plate and in the field were as follows: Logan Pratt led the team in on-base percentage (.818) and was fifth in batting average (.555); Emma Quigley was second in batting average (.571), third in on-base percentage (.760) and third in base hits and runs scored; Lindsey Davis was fifth in batting average (.421), third in base hits and sixth in RBI; Danielle Sookiasian had an excellent on-base percentage of .566 and was fourth on the team in runs scored; Claire Pozniak hit .300 with an on-base percentage of .444 and was sixth on the team in base hits; Brittany Pinkus had an outstanding on-base percentage of .636, good for sixth on the team, and was third on the team in the RBI department; Dylanne Axelson came though with an on-base percentage of .500 while also turning in a consistent effort in the field at second base; Vicki Wade had a .590 on-base percentage and was sixth on the team in RBI; speedy Kayla Orner achieved a .428 on-base percentage; and Jen Mullin was seventh on the team in on-base percentage (.629) and third in RBI.

"All of the coaches agreed that it was a pleasure to coach this team," said Davis in conclusion. "All of the girls worked hard and improved. We're looking forward to next year's travel team."

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Cohasset Alumni Soccer Game

Saturday, November 29, 2003 is the date for the first Annual Cohasset Alumni Soccer game. The game will be played at 2:00pm at either Alumni Field or Milliken Field depending on field availability. All CHS graduates who participated in the soccer program are invited to participate. The format will be a normal 90 minute game with graduates of odd numbered years playing against graduates of even numbered years. Please contact Jeff Donze, Class of '73, if you are interested in playing, contact Jeff Donze at jeff.donze@comcast.net or 781-383-9734. More details will follow.

Learn to ski program registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with Buckles and Boards Ski Shop of Marshfield will hold registrations at the Cohasset Recreation Dept. Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 3 to 6 p.m. for a learn to ski program at Ragged Mt., N.H.

The program will be open to all ages but children must be able to participate on their own. There will be an adult chaperone to assist, however, children must be able to function with minimal assistance.

The fee for the program is $259.99 per student.

The Rec Department is located at 41 Highland Ave., in the Town Hall.

Lessons will be available to both ski and snowboard students. Details are as follows and the bus will leave from and return to Cohasset Town Hall.

Highlights: luxury motorcoach to/from mountain; adult chaperone on bus; five 1.5-hour ski or snowboard lessons; six full-day tickets, one Sunday and five Saturdays.

Dates: Sunday, Dec. 14; Saturdays, Jan. 10, Jan. 24, Feb. 7, Feb. 28 and March 5.

Ski bus will leave from Cohasset Town Hall at 6:30 a.m. and return to Town Hall between 6:30 and 7 p.m. each trip.

Youngsters will be able to ski/snowboard both prior to and after their ski lesson each trip. The bus will leave from Ragged Mt. between 4 and 4:15 p.m.

Rentals of either ski or snowboard equipment can be done on a seasonal basis, allowing each participant to rent and keep all the necessary equipment for the entire time period of the lessons. You will need to go to Buckles and Boards just one time to rent your equipment returning it after March 5, 2004.

Seasonal rates are $129.99 for ski equipment and $169.99 for snow board equipment.

Cohasset Recreation Dept. Basketball Clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Dept. will accept telephone registrations for Basketball clinic for boys and girls in grades 3-8 to be directed by Coach Ron Ford. All clinics will be held at Cohasset High School gym on Tuesdays, Nov. 4 and 18.

Grades 3-5 will meet from 5-6:15 p.m. and grades 6-8 will meet from 6:30 -7:45 p.m. The fee for this program is $50 per person and checks should be payable to South Shore Basketball School.

Please call the recreation office at 781-383-4109 to register. Space is limited.

Girls travel basketball

On Wednesday October 29th, from 5:30 to 7pm at the Deer Hill School Gymnasium, there will be an information and skills evaluation practice for girls in grades 7 & 8 who would like to try-out for the Old Colony Travel Basketball League.

Old Colony Games are on weekends and run from December 7th through March. There is a registration fee of $125 for those girls placed on a team. Practices will be once each week beginning the first week in November. If you have any questions please call Matt Salerno at 781-383-2230

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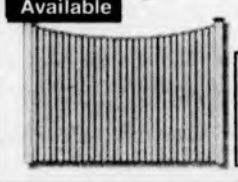

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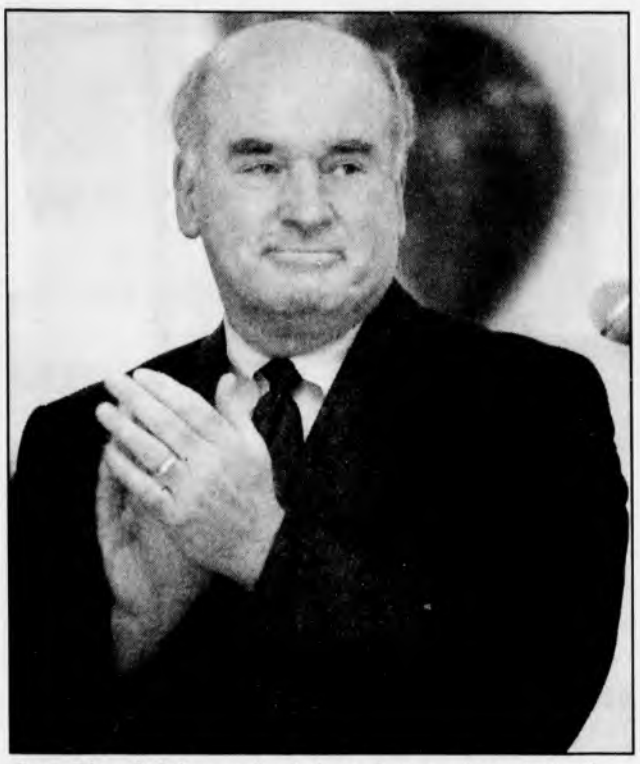

Supt. Edward Malvey applauds the students, teachers, staff and town officials that helped make the renovation and expansion project possible.

Building Committee Chairman Rob Spofford addresses the audience.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris speaks for the town during the ceremony.

The Deer Hill fourth-grade chorus sings "Never Stop Learning" under the direction of John MacInnis.

Above: Kim Arouca from U.S. Rep. William Delahunt's office presents a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol to Emmi St. John, president of the Student Council.

At left: State Sen. Robert Hedlund presents a citation to Whitney Jaffe, who is vice president of the Deer Hill Student Council.

Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley and other dignitaries stand for the Pledge of Allegiance during the rededication ceremony Friday.

Halloween Parade scares up some fun!

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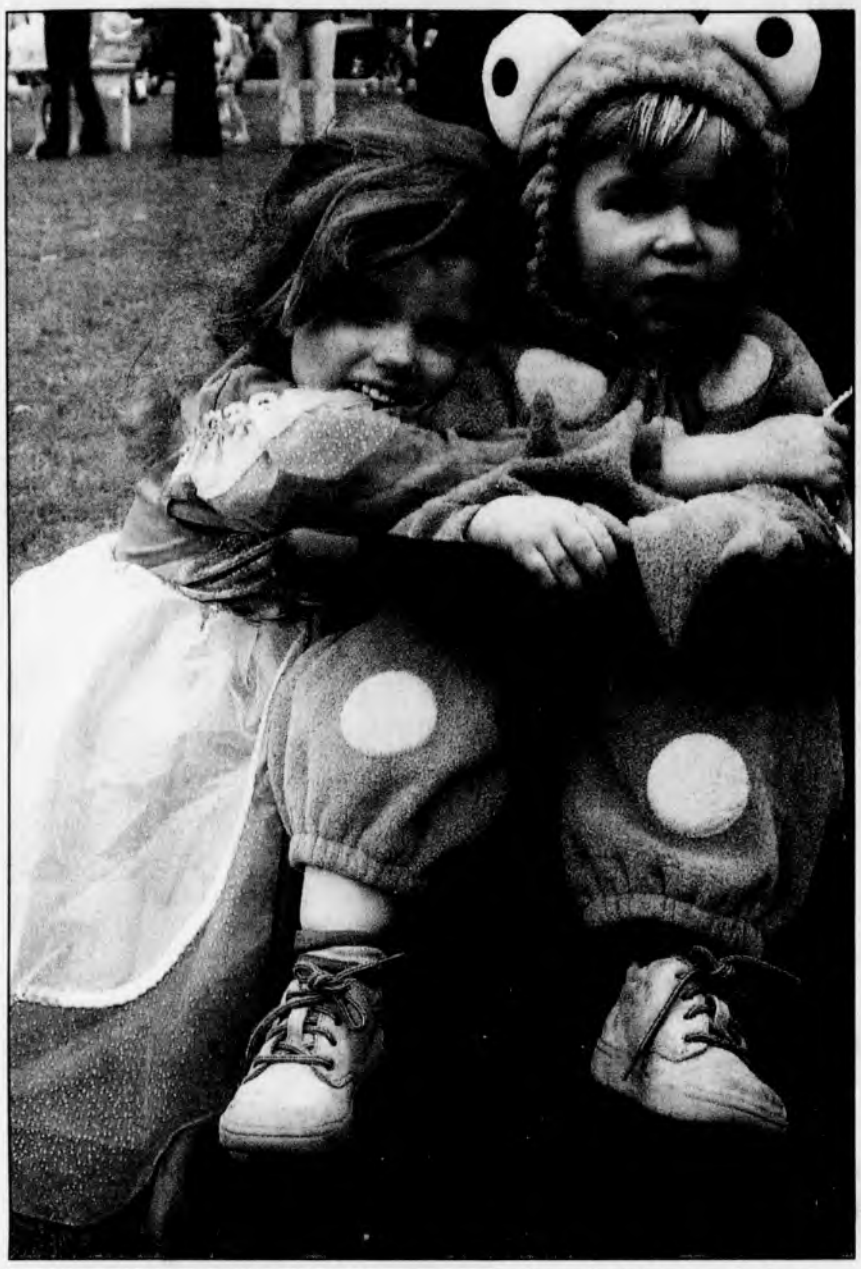

Above: Keely Hunter as Ariel and Aleksander Hunter as Kermit share a hug at the parade.

At left: Emily Dormitzer as a gypsy and Julia Canney as a princess enjoy some of the snacks offered at the annual event.

At right, top to bottom: Tiger, Charlie Dubiel, with brother Henry the Lion, join mom and dad, Mari and Doug Dubiel, at Sunday's Halloween Parade on the Common.

Mary Tardey, James Mensching and David and Thomas Driscoll wait to board the train ride at Sunday's Halloween party on the common. The event is sponsored by the South Shore Community Center Nursery School.

Twins Jason and Ryan Kauper – dressed as Thomas the Tank Engine – keep the costume parade moving.

Mary Schwarzer as a fairy and Emma Campbell as a mouse are all smiles at the annual Halloween Parade and Fair, sponsored by the South Shore Community Center Nursery School.

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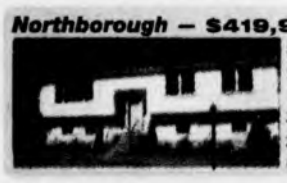
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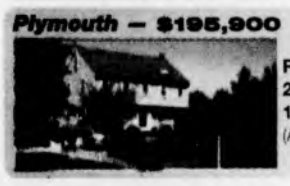
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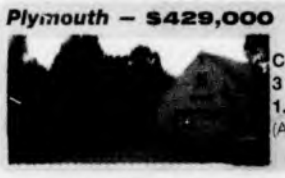
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UN Day celebrates Cohasset diversity

More than 130 people showed up to celebrate international United Nations Day for the Diversity Committee FRIENDraiser party, held on Friday, Oct. 24.

Many of those attending were pleased to discover the richness of cultures and variety of internationalism within our small community. Guests included those who have emigrated from more than 15 different countries, those who have adopted children from outside the U.S., those who work and travel around the world, as well as those committed to education around international politics, culture and economics. Bringing together representatives of a wide variety of religions, ethnic and racial backgrounds made the evening together a spectacular experience.

The Cohasset Diversity Committee acknowledges its eighth year of providing educational programs and professional workshops on world awareness, respect and understanding of difference to the Cohasset community. Organized by Kathryn Earle, Allison Moskow and Chartis Tebbetts, the genesis of the UN Day party was to provide an event for our adult friends, neighbors and families committed to these values.

Extreme thank you's are in order to Gerd Ordelheide at the Red Lion for donating the Salon De Soleil and administrative staff. The following restaurants provided amazingly delicious selections from their menus: Atlantica, Le Calypso, Casa del Rey, French Memories, Punjab Cafe, Red Lion Inn and the Red Parrot. We welcome new members on the Committee as well as donations or volunteer time from Cohasset residents.

"We deeply appreciate each guest who joined the Cohasset Diversity Committee to make the United Nations Day event a truly successful friendraiser!" said Susan Etkind, former chairman of the Cohasset PSO Diversity Committee.

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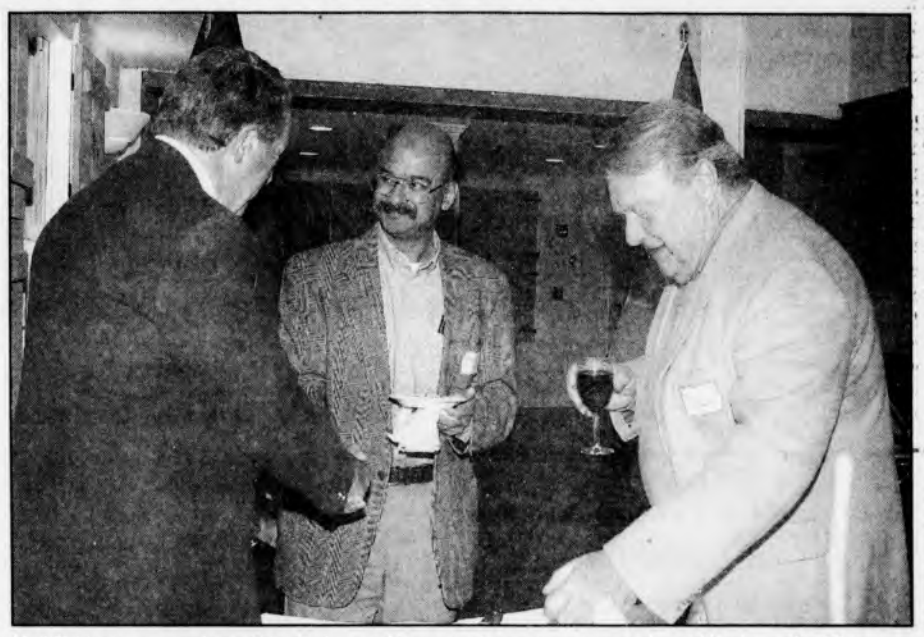
Mindy Evans and Chris Evans, who is English, enjoy the UN celebration.



Ned Tebbetts, a member of the Cohasset Diversity Committee, greets Junaid Yasin at the UN party held at the Red Lion Inn on Friday. At right is David Replogle.

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Harvest Ball to benefit area Breast Care Center

By Samantha Brown
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For many women on the South Shore who have been diagnosed with breast health conditions, receiving treatment often means waiting at least a month to schedule an appointment, followed by a trip to Boston through heavy traffic. But the new South Shore Hospital Breast Care Center hopes to change all that by teaming up with Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, to provide the first comprehensive diagnostic and treatment program in the region.

But to provide patients with the best care available takes funding, which is why members of the Cohasset, Hingham, Norwell and Scituate town committees of the South Shore Health and Educational Foundation are holding a Harvest Moon Ball to help raise funding for the center. Through their foundation, volunteer members help raise funds to support various programs at the hospital.

Cohasset resident Victoria Hurley and Hingham resident Jane Hoffman have been working together as co-chairs of the Harvest Moon Ball. Last year, a similar cocktail hour to benefit the center was held at the Casa del Rey in Hingham as a trial fund raiser, to gauge what kind of local support the center would have. The event had a large turnout, and from there, it was evident the local community was very interested in supporting the project.

"Everyone had a really great time," said Hurley, adding when the night was over, no one wanted to leave.

"The energy from it was phenomenal," she said, and after that night, she and others on the committees realized that by "taking away the stuffiness," of a formal dinner and allowing people to mingle around the room, it provided the perfect setting for people to talk to each other.

"Friends are just as important as funds," she said.

In light of the success last year, Hurley and Hoffman decided to take on a second fund raiser this year, on a slightly larger scale. On Saturday, Nov. 1 from 7 p.m. until midnight, the Black Rock Country Club in Hingham will host the event, where guests will enjoy a buffet style dinner, cash bar, and dancing to the tunes of Java Jive. A Rolex watch, donated by Hingham Jewelers, will also be raffled off. The event will be black-tie optional and all proceeds from the evening will go to benefit the Breast Care Center. Tickets are already sold out, and a little more than 300 guests are expected to attend.

Proceeds from the event will go toward helping expand the programs currently offered at the Breast Care Center, which could include hiring more nurse practitioners or purchasing more educational materials, said Michael Rogers, philanthropy officer for the hospital

Because Hingham Jewelers donated a Rolex watch for the event, Hoffman thought raffling it off would be a good way to "generate an additional amount of money" for the center, as well as serve as an alternate from the typical silent auctions many fund raisers hold. Guests will pay $50 for one chance at the Rolex, and will be given a small jewelry sized box, wrapped with a bow. When unwrapped, the box contains the numbers to be drawn for the raffle, and a pink ribbon breast cancer awareness pin.

"For $50, it's nice to get a little something," Hoffman said.

The breast cancer pins were donated by ekdesigns in Cohasset, and all proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Breast Cancer Center as well.

"Breast cancer seems to be one of those rampant things," Hurley said, and Hoffman noted most of the people who will attend this year's function have some sort of affiliation with breast cancer. Whether they are survivors, have had a family member or loved one diagnosed with breast cancer, or just know someone who has been affected in their life from the disease, it is a cause many people want to support and now have a way to participate in the fight.

The planning and construction of the Breast Care Center was part of a $16 million renovations project at the hospital, which included the surgical, maternity, and emergency services portions of the campus. The Breast Care Center, which is located in the Stetson West medical building at West Street and Route 18, held its grand opening in December 2002.

Rogers said he has been very impressed with the way the towns have joined forces and have done all the "heavy lifting," of raising funds for the center.

"These are people in the community who want to make a difference in the community," said Rogers, adding the women who are involved in the town communities are a very diverse group, who have all devoted their time to help the cause. Through their efforts, he believes the Breast Care Center will continue to grow in its ability to provide quality care in the community through its combined local medical teams and city hospital affiliates.

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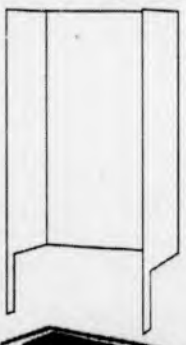

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE SERVICES
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The Town of Cohasset invites qualified responders to submit a proposal to provide real estate brokerage services in connection with the sale of approximately 30 acres of real estate located in the Town of Cohasset and the subsequent development of the land as elderly housing project. Proposals will be accepted at the Town of Cohasset, Selectmen's Office, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025 until 10:00 A.M., November 10, 2003. Three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AD#362110
Cohasset Mariner 10/30/03

SEL/TAX ALLOCATION

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
COHASSET, MASSACHUSETTS
TAX ALLOCATION

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cohasset will conduct a public hearing under Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983, on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 at 8:00 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the issue of allocating the local property tax among the five (5) property classes for Fiscal Year 2004. The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors will provide information regarding the various policy decisions available. All interested persons and/or parties wishing to be heard will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at this time.

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall on Thurs., November 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 12 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Kevin E. & Lisa F. Dooley,** seek to appeal the Building Inspector's denial of a permit at **124 Doane St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-10-06.

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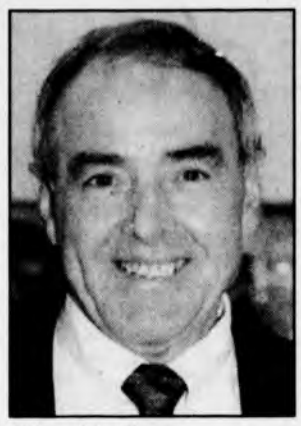

Edward L. Chase

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Edward L. Chase, 82, of Cohasset, a founder of manufacturer Chase Corp., died Oct. 21, 2003, at home.

The multimillion company has offices in Bridgewater and Randolph. Mr. Chase served as treasurer and president of the company until 1988. He served as president emeritus and director of the company from then until January.

He was a captain in the Army Air Forces during World War II, serving in the European Theater.

He was a past chairman of Catholic Charities of the Old colony area, a past trustee of Brockton Hospital, a director of South Shore Bank, a past director of SHARE of New England (now SERVE) and a member of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts. He was a communicant of Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham.

Born and raised in Canton, he lived for many years in Brockton, and moved to Cohasset 25 years ago. He previously summered in Scituate.

Mr. Chase was a 1939 graduate of Canton High School and attended the University of New Hampshire.

He leaves his wife, Claire (Richards) Chase; five sons, Peter Chase of Bridgewater, Mark Chase of Cohasset, E. Stephen Chase of Scituate, Richard Chase of Chiang Rai, Thailand, and Andrew Chase of Duxbury; five daughters, Janet C. Gibson and Jean Chase, both of Marshfield, Mary C. Chase of Newton, and Sarah Chase and Caroline C. Condon, both of Scituate; and a sister, Elizabeth Clark of Eastham. He was also the father of the late Christopher Chase.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Burial was private.

Donations may be made to Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Hingham 02043.

Arrangements were made by J. Frank Conley Funeral Home in Brockton.

Mary E. O'Brien

Mary E. O'Brien (Harrington), age 73, of Duxbury formerly of Cohasset, retired credit manager of the South Shore Medical Center, died Oct. 24, 2003, at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth.

Born and raised in Charlestown, Mrs. O'Brien graduated from Mt. St. Joseph's Academy in Brighton. She and her late husband, William G. O'Brien, raised their family in Cohasset. Mrs. O'Brien has lived in Duxbury for the past seven years.

She leaves her children, Maureen Reardon of Hanover; Monica Hemmah and her husband Mark of Goleta, Calif., Dianne Fagan and her husband Richard of Duxbury, Erin Flynn and her husband Joseph, Kerry Murphy and her husband Sean of Ventura, Calif., Patrick O'Brien of Gardner and Daniel O'Brien of Sunrise, Fla; 12 grandchildren, Daniel, Lauren and Terrence Reardon, Cori and Cody Hemmah, Matthew, Sean and Christopher Fagan, Aubree, Conner, Brendan Flynn and Liam Murphy. She was mother-in-law of the late Mark Reardon.

Mrs. O'Brien will be remembered as a loving wife, generous mother, adoring grandmother and loyal friend.

She enjoyed making crafts, attending quilt shows, craft fairs and capturing special moments on film.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment was private.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to The Sisters of St. Joseph, Development Office, 637 Cambridge St., Brighton, 02135.

Sheldon B. Stoddard

Sheldon B. Stoddard, 89, of Portsmouth, N.H. died on Sept. 25 at home on his 89th birthday. He was loved and supported by his family and in his final days by the women and men of Portsmouth Hospice.

On May 17, he and his wife, Myrtle G. (Morrison) Stoddard celebrated 61 years of marriage. Th couple have resided in Portsmouth for the last 25 years having moved back to New England from Fayetteville, N.C. after his retirement from the U.S. Army in 1969.

Mr. Stoddard was born on Sept. 25, 1914 in Cohasset to the late Charles and Nellie Stoddard and was the second oldest of nine children. He grew up in Cohasset graduating from Cohasset High, Class of 1935. From 1938-41 he attended Boston University Divinity School. With war raging in Europe, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941 taking basic training at Fr. Bragg, N.C. After marrying Myrtle in Dillion, S.C., followed by a short honeymoon, he shipped out for England. During WWII he saw combat duty in North Africa, Sicily, and participated in the D-Day landing at Normandy Beach. Further combat took him to the Battle of the Bulge and on into Germany. He was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and a Battlefield Commission in 1945. After a brief taste of civilian life he reentered the Army and served for total of 28 years retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer-4.

Mr. Stoddard was a 25 year member of Middle Street Baptist Church, Portsmouth, serving as a member of the Board of Deacons, member of The Men's Club & Roger Williams Club and RSVP. He was a life member of the Military Officer's Assoc. and a member of the National Order of Battlefield Commissions. For several years in the 1980's he was a senior citizen volunteer in the classroom at New Franklin School. An avid gardener, reader and history buff, he helped others generously, brought smiles to faces young and old, and was a great story teller.

He leaves his wife, Myrtle now a resident at the Mark Wentworth Home in Portsmouth, two sons Peter and Tom Stoddard both of Portsmouth, one brother, David Stoddard of Lancaster, Calif. and two sisters, Nellie Lincoln of Cohasset and Hannah Sawyers of Chelmsford, nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his beloved daughter Mary Lou (Stoddard) Holdsworth, three sisters, Mildred Salyards, Lillian Lincoln and Olive Morris and two brothers Charles and Elmer Stoddard all from South Shore towns.

A funeral service was held at Middle St. Baptist Church, 18 Court St., Portsmouth on Sept. 29. He was buried from Verne Wood Funeral Home. The family requests memorial donations be made to Portsmouth/Derry/Salem Home Health and Hospice Services, 95 Albany St., Unit 11, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801.

Donald E. Leslie

Donald E. Leslie, 98, of Cohasset, died Oct. 25, 2003, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth following a brief illness.

Mr. Leslie was born in Nova Scotia, Canada. He lived in Hull for many years before moving to Cohasset 15 years ago.

He was a school bus driver in Hull for many years.

Mr. Leslie was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Husband of the late Phyllis (Mitchell) Leslie, he leaves a close friend, Barbara C. Elliott of Cohasset.

A funeral service was held at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset. Interment was in Hingham Center Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Leslie may be made to St. Anthony Church, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, 02025.

WORSHIP NEWS

The Laity's Role in the Catholic Church

The Scituate Affiliate of Voice of the Faithful invites you to a talk by Ann Carroll, Vice President of the Catholic lay organization Voice of the Faithful (VOTF) and John Hynes, a VOTF Regional Coordinator for the South Shore. A lay organization of over 30,000 Catholics and 188 Parish Voice affiliates worldwide, VOTF was formed in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis and works to be a voice of healing, hope, and renewal. Come learn about VOTF's mission and goals and VOTF's efforts to work side by side with clergy to heal and renew the Catholic Church from within. The talk will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Jenkins Elementary School cafeteria (54 Vinal Avenue, Scituate). Please park in the Jenkins School parking lots and, if needed, at St. Mary of the Nativity Church on First Parish Road. (Please do not park on the streets.) All are welcome to this engaging and thought-provoking evening!

HAPPENINGS

Books, CDs and DVDs are sought

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave. is accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVD's, CD's and videos for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6.

If your book shelves are spilling on the floor, and DVD's CD's and videos are busting out of the entertainment center like superman out of a phone booth, the church has got the solution for you. Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "church offices." Alternatively, the church would be happy to arrange pick up of your donations. For donation pick-up or information, call Alix White at 781-383-1829. Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Monday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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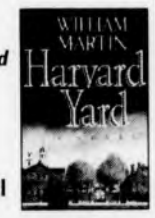

William Martin is a native of Boston, a graduate of Harvard University, and a Harvard parent (his son is currently a senior at the university). His other novels include *Citizen Washington, Annapolis, The Rising of the Moon,* and *Nerve Endings.*

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MONDAY, OCT. 20

11:05 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:23 a.m. Fernway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:29 a.m. North Main St., animal control.

4:11 p.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

4:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:25 p.m. Hull St., lost property.

7:24 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, animal control.

11:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21

6:57 a.m. Border St., general services.

8:16 a.m. Norfolk Lane, annoying phone calls.

9:37 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:59 a.m. South Main and Summer sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:12 a.m. King St., fire, investigation.

1:16 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:31 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:41 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:54 p.m. North Main and Cedar sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

3:25 p.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

5:35 p.m. Pleasant St., assist citizen.

6:32 p.m. North Main St. and Powers Lane, MV crash.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22

10:57 a.m. Pleasant St., parking complaint.

11:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:53 p.m. Hugh Strain Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

8:36 p.m. Ripley Road, suspicious activity.

9:56 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, suspicious activity.

THURSDAY, OCT. 23

6:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV crash.

9:17 a.m. Deep Run, disturbance.

9:30 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:11 a.m. Highland Ave., fire, inspections.

11:15 a.m. Buttonwood Lane, fire, inspections.

1:50 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

1:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

2:14 p.m. Hull St., officer wanted.

5:19 p.m. Headquarters, parking complaint.

6:13 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid.

7:22 p.m. Summer St., assist citizen.

11:04 p.m. Woodland Drive, fire.

FRIDAY, OCT. 24

5:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:11 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, log entry.

7:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:34 a.m. Gammons Road, animal control.

10:11 a.m. Atlantic Ave., fire, inspections.

10:36 a.m. Forest Ave., fire, investigation.

11:55 a.m. Buttonwood Lane, fire, inspections.

12:21 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

3:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.

4:20 p.m. Tad Lane, vandalism.

5:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.

6:26 p.m. Beechwood and King St., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., shoplifting.

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

6:01 a.m. King and Sohier sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:48 a.m. Norfolk Road, parking complaint.

11:53 a.m. Ledgewood Drive, medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, verbal warning.

1:45 p.m. Border St., MV crash.

4:12 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:58 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., assist motorist.

9:10 p.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, OCT. 26

8:12 a.m. North Main St., medical aid.

8:21 a.m. King St., medical aid.

9:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.

10:07 a.m. Rocky Lane, property damage.

11:01 a.m. King St., medical aid.

12:48 p.m. King St., medical aid.

4:32 p.m. Locust Road, animal control.

4:49 p.m. Windy Hill Road, parking complaint.

5 p.m. N. Main St., traffic complaint.

Halloween safety recommendations

The National Confectioners Association has established the following safety tips to help make this Halloween a safe and enjoyable one:

- Wear light-colored clothing that's short enough to prevent tripping and add reflective tape to the sides, front and back of costume.
- Make sure children can see well through face masks, or use cosmetics to create fun or scary faces.
- Adults should accompany young children.
- Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes you know.
- Watch for traffic.
- Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy.
- Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.
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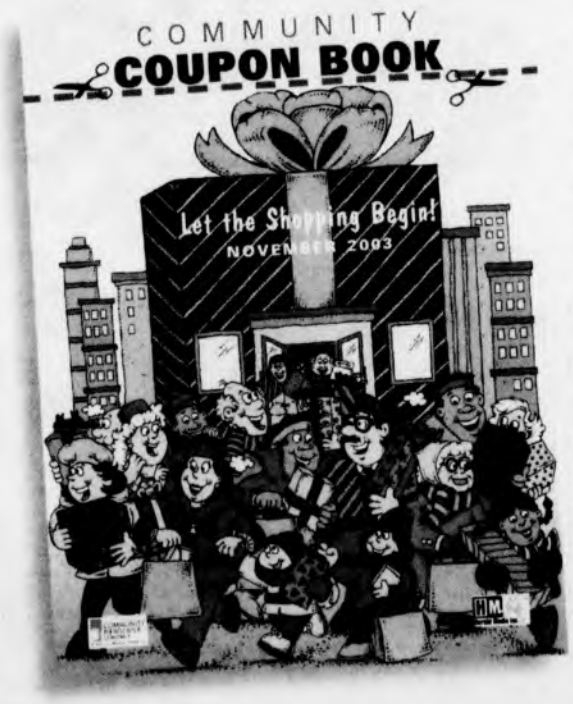

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On the South Shore

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 7, 2003

Halloween Happenings

SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER, NORWELL - Halloween Howl A Not-Too-Scary Celebration of the Season for children ages 3 and up. Oct. 31, 4:30 to 7 p.m. $10 members/$12 non-members (Adults are $1) Reservations a must. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

HALLOWEEN STORY TIME John Curtis Free Library, Hanover, Oct. 28, at 6:30 p.m. for some not so scary stories with Mike Myers. Children pre-K through grade 2, wear your favorite Halloween costume.

THE ACADEMY OF THE COMPANY THEATRE "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" on Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 2, at 3 p.m. Tickets $12 available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park Dr., Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787.

GHOSTS AND LEGENDS OF NEW ENGLAND LIGHTHOUSES Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Guest speaker, lighthouse historian Jeremy D'Entremont. Call 781-925-5433. Admission $5 museum members/$10 non members. www.bostonharborheritage.org

THE 22ND ANNUAL BRAINTREE HAUNTED HOUSE will be held, Oct. 24 and 25, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Blue Hills Commerce Center, 41 Brooks Dr. Admission is $5. Refreshments. Free childcare. Not appropriate for young children. 781-356-4865.

HAUNTED HOUSE - Oct. 24 and 25, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Marshfield Fairgrounds, to benefit The Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield. $5 for haunted house; $2 hayrides Recommended for children 8 years and above.

HAUNTED ORCHARD, South River St., Marshfield, Park at Marshfield High School, free shuttle bus. Oct. 24 to 31, and Nov. 1 and 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. Two paths, one for the faint of heart and one for braver souls. $6. 781-834-2880

HAUNTED HAYRIDES – Hartsuff Park, Hingham St., Rockland, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 23-25; 2:30 to 4:30 and 6 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 26. $8 Groups of 10 or more call for reservation. 7810-878-3960.

HAUNTED HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE, Cohasset Town Garage, 91 Cedar St., Cohasset. 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 18. $10 in advance; $12 on Oct. 18, 781-383-0666.

CREEPY CANDLELIGHT TOURS OF THE CAPTAIN SAMUEL ROBBINS 1820 MUSEUM HOUSE, 188 Main St. Avon. Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.

HALLOWEEN FAIR, Cohasset Common, Oct. 26, 2 to 4 p.m. benefits South Shore Community Center Nursery School. Costume parade at 2 p.m.

HANOVER MALL – Children age 12 and under Trick or Treat 5 to 6 p.m. Costume Contest 6 p.m. in center court. Free. 781-826-7386 ext. 237.

SOUTH SHORE PLAZA Kidgit Halloween Costume Party Oct. 25, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Trick or Treating Oct. 31, from 4 to 6 p.m. 781-843-8200.

HALLOWEEN STORYTELLING - Oct. 29, 6 p.m. Captain Forbes House, Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton, 617-696-1815.

Thurs. 30

The Pumpkin Patch, a Fundraising program of **The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project** - Daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 31.

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset will host **John R. Stilgoe**, Norwell resident and Professor in the History of Landscape at Harvard University, on Oct. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Hairspray, Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon is coming to The Colonial Theatre, through Nov. 1. Tickets through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at box office at 106 Boylston St.

Tara Drive Showhouse. Tour the Tedeschi family mansion, through Oct. 31. Tickets $30 per person can be purchased on site, at www.showhousemedia.com, or by calling 1-877-SHOHOUSE.

Cohasset Historical Society, 100 South Main St. presents **Mary Ellen Smiley** who will discuss "The Gilded Age: What the Other Half Wore." 7:30 p.m. 781-383-1168.

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Sisterhood, a mixed media exhibit of works by family members and artists, Denise J. Benavides, Rosemary Benavides Williams, and Doris [Williams] DeLorey, will be held during the month of October at the John Curtis Free Library in Hanover. Handicap accessible. 781-826-2972

Chris Zerendow: Nautical Paintings The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull. month-long exhibit of his current work with a lecture and slide presentation. 781-925-5433.

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Ariel Winds, will perform at the first concert of the Candlelight Concerts' 26th season on Nov. 2, at Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham at 4 p.m. Free and handicap accessible. Call 781-749-1679 or 781-749-5493.

South Shore Arts & Recreation Center, Cordage Park, Mill 1, Lower Level Plymouth – musical **Nightmare Before Christmas** Oct. 30, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 2 at 4:30 p.m. Adults $10 Child $5. 508-747-1234

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, Oct. 30, 8 to 11 p.m. **Martini Night with Streamline.**

Afterschool Nature Programs South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. 781- 659-2559.

Fri. 31

Huntington Theatre Company, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston, presents **Butley**, a dark comedy starring **Nathan Lane**, through Nov. 30 Press night at 7:30 p.m. Call 617-931-ARTS or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org for tickets

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell - **Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

"The Land's Eye," a show of black and white photography by **Lance Keimig**, at **the James Library and Center for the Arts,** 24 West St., Norwell Center, through Nov. 5. 781-659-7100.

South Shore Arts & Recreation Center - Halloween Concert, **Twitch 27, Left to Prove, Cloverfield and Donkey Box**, Oct. 31, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, lower level. Tickets $8 per person. 508-747-1234.

Bridgewater State College, Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium presents **The Secret Garden** Oct. 30, 31, and Nov. 1, at 8 p.m. Tickets $12; students and seniors $10. Reservations call 508-531-1321.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, Oct. 31, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. **Halloween Party - The Good Friends**

Sean O'Tooles Public House, 22 Main St. Plymouth 6 p.m. **Lonesome Jukebox** 508-746-3388.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Stout/Costume Party**. 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach., **Fat City Band, (Halloween Party)** Oct. 31, 9:30 p.m. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 1

Gospel Concert featuring **The SnugTones, Sweet Harmony Singers and Mixed Company** at the North Community Church Parish Hall, Marshfield Hills, Nov. 1, at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. $10 adult/$7 seniors and children under 12. Reservations call 781-934-8443.

The annual Oktoberfest event to benefit the **South Shore Natural Science Center** will be held on Oct. 32nd (Nov. 1st!!) at the Cushing Center in Norwell from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Tickets are $100 per couple/$50 per person and are limited ,but are still available by calling the Science Center at 781-659-2559.

The South Shore Art Center 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will hold a **Holiday Marketplace** on Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 781-383-2787 ext. 13 www.ssac.org.

Sacred Heart High School, Kingston, will present the highly-acclaimed musical **Titanic** on Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets are $5 and will be available at the door.

Edaville USA, Route 58, South Carver, **Day Out With Thomas and Sir Topham Hatt**, Nov. 1 to 2 and Nov. 7 to 10, tickets $14 for ages one and up. Call 866-468-7630 for tickets or visit call 877-332-8455 or visit www.edaville.com for information.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents a workshop in **Pet Portraits with Andrea Tamkin**, fee $90. 781-934-6634, ext. 15.

Harvest Craft Fair, hosted by The Kingston Parent and Teacher Organization Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kingston Elementary School, 150 Main St. Kingston.

The Braintree Historical Society presents **A Nation Divided**, and exhibit of the Society's Civil War artifacts and documents through October. A Civil War Encampment will be held on the grounds of the museum, 31 Tenney Road, Braintree. 781-848-1640. www.braintreehistorical.org

Lance Keimig, current exhibit includes photographs of Ireland at **the James Library and Center for the Arts,** 24 West St., Norwell Center, through Nov. 5. 781-659-7100.

Writing From The Heart with Nancy Aronie, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. $125 Call 781-319-0429 for more information.

Peter Wolf, legendary front man for the **J. Geils Band**, will appear at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets $25 and $30 are available at the Plymouth memorial Hall box-office, located at 83 Court St., in Plymouth online at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com/>, via phone at 508-747-0234, and at all Strawberries outlet.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth. **Tex, Mad Dog & the Cat** 9 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. **Big Al and The Heavyweights**, Nov. 1. 9:30 p.m. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Raffael's Restaurant, Quincy presents "Gotta Get Gershwin" Nov. 5, 6, 12, and 13 featuring Carol O'Shaughnessy (left) and Jan Peters (right) Tickets are $35 for matinee series and $45 for the evening shows. Included are dinner, show, tax and gratuity Call 617-328-1600 or visit JMProductionspresents.com

Sun. 2

Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, presents "Am Tae" Music for Daniel Webster's Day. 2 p.m. 781-834-5535.

Saengerfest Men's Chorus will appear on Nov. 2, at 4 p.m. at Duxbury High School. Proceeds benefit Duxbury Maritime Academy School. Call 934-7555. Tickets $20.

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Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents **Zoe B. Zak** and **Dean Sharp** on Nov. 2, at 4 p.m. 71-934-6634 or visit www.artcomplex.org

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host a wine and cheese reception for Norwell resident **Leslie Silvia**, co-author of "Once Upon An Island" on Nov. 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Buttonwood in Cohasset

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Bridgewater Goddard Park Medical Associates, and Fitness Forum present **5K Road Race/Walk (3.1 mile)** Children Fun Run, Nov. 2. Activities start at 10:15 a.m. 5K Road Race/Walk at 11 a.m. 110 Liberty St. Brockton. www.BGPMA.com

Brockton Train Show, Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St., Brockton. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 508-583-5810.

Art Historian Gershon Weisenberg presents a slide lecture entitled "Woman Artists of the High Renaissance" on at 2:30 p.m. at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

Fine Arts Chorale opens 38th concert season with Mozart **"Requiem"** at 4 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Sq., South Weymouth. 1-800-30-7555 or fineartschorale@aol.com

James Library and Center for the Arts 24 West St., Norwell, presents **Walden Chamber Players of Boston,** Nov. 2, at 3 p.m. $20 adults/$18 seniors/$10 students 781-659-7100.

Creative Writing For Teens – Oct. 19, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Marshfield. Contact Andrea Lovett at 781-871-5892 for more information. $15.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday **Jazz brunch** 10:30 to 2 p.m. $13.95. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

Mon. 3

The South Shore Natural Science Center will present Perspectives From Above: Boston to the Cape and Islands, featuring the work of aerial photographer Margot Cheel in the Vine Hall Gallery Nov. 3 to 30. Artist's reception on Nov. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. 781-659-2559 or visit us on the www.ssnsc.org

The Braintree Art Association, artist of the Month, **Elizabeth Pohl** will exhibit his paintings for the month of November at the Thayer Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will

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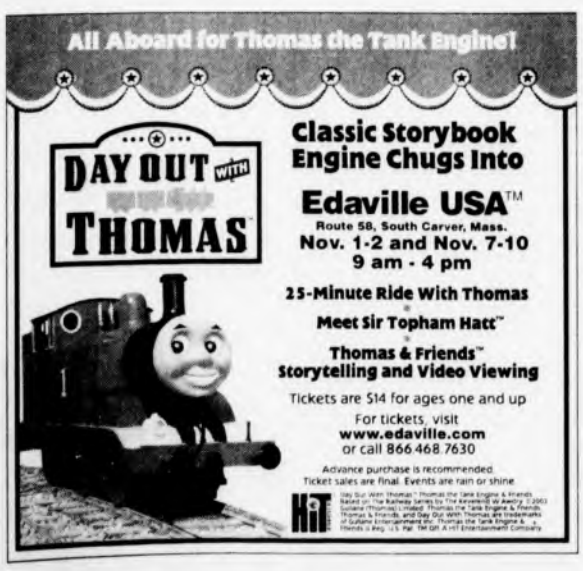

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Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 4

Life Line Screening will offer three primary health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and vascular disease on Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kingston Council on Aging, 33 A Summer St., Kingston. To register call 1-800-407-4557.

The John Curtis Free Library, Hanover Center, is sponsoring an introductory internet class for patrons learning basic navigation skills. Each one hour class is held on Tuesdays, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Call 781-826-2972 to register.

North River Arts Society presents **At the Fair**, original works depicting scenes from the Marshfield Fair, NRAS Little Gallery, G..A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Oct. 21 to Nov. 20. 781-837-8091.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

Crafters

CRAFTERS WANTED FOR HOLIDAY FAIR, First Congregational Parish in Kingston, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. $25 for 8 by 4 foot space. Call 508-830-9408 for information.

BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 18 Spear St. Quincy - Seeks crafters for craft fair in the social hall on Nov. 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost of a craft table is $35. Call 617-479-3570 or 617-479-7300.

SOUTH SHORE VO TECH HIGH SCHOOL, Crafters wanted 9th Annual Fall Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rte. 123 (Webster St.) Hanover Contact Mary Quinn at 781-405-5732 to reserve a space.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 5

Paul Pratt Memorial Library and **Buttonwood Books** present **William Martin**, best-selling author of "Cape Cod" and "Back Bay", on Wed. Nov. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset. Free and open to the public. Call 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Selected paintings by Cohasset artist **JoAnne Chittick** will be exhibited at the **Paul Pratt Memorial Library** from Nov. 5 through Dec. 31. An opening reception for the exhibition will be held on Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. South Shore Art Center 781-383-2787

Norwell Sociables Meeting, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. Call 781-659-4095 for information.

Big Reds & Winter Whites, A Wine Tasting Event for the Holidays. Captain Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Nov. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. $30 per person. Paid, advance reservations required. 617-696-1815

Raffael's Restaurant, Quincy presents "Gotta Get Gershwin" Nov. 5, 6, 12, and 13. Tickets are $35 for matinee series and $45 for the evening shows. Included are dinner, show, tax and gratuity Call 617-328-1600 or visit JMProductionspresents.com

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

8minuteDating Nov. 5, at Raffael's North Quincy. Singles age 30-40. Advanced registration required. To sign up, visit www.8minutedating.com and enter code "8md" to save $8.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 6

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St. Plymouth 8 p.m. **Martini Night with Streamline.**

Fri. 7

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" opens dinner theater season at the Barker Tavern In Scituate on Nov. 7 and 8, at 7 p.m. and on Nov. 9, at 4:30 p.m. Ticket price is $45.95 per person, which includes dinner, tax, gratuity and ticket to the show. Tickets for that performance are priced at $39.95. Advanced reservations are required by calling 781-545-3643. Reservations will be accepted up to 48 hours before each performance. Groups are welcomed.

The Massasoit Theatre Co., presents **Cabaret** Nov. 7 to 23, at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Route 27, Brockton. $16 general public/$14 students and senior citizens. For tickets call 508-427-1234. Handicap accessible. Free parking.

The Quincy Symphony Orchestra will perform on Nov. 7, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of the North Quincy High School. 781-961-3790.

South Shore Arts & Recreation Center will hold a Fund Raising Auction, Nov. 7, at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Silent auction starts at 6 p.m. Live auction 7 p.m. 508-747-1234.

South Shore Folk Club presents **Dave Mallett** on Nov. 7, at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106 Kingston. No smoking. Handicap accessible. 781-871-1052 www.ssfmc.org

James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell - "Plein Air Pleasures" oil paintings by J.M. Hugenberger. Opening reception Nov. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. 781-659-7100.

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St., Plymouth 9 p.m. **The Situation** (unplugged).

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. **The Spurs,** Nov. 7, 9:30 p.m. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing Events

Toastmasters Club - The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September to June, from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at The Fore River Club 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. 617-770-4303 or visit our web site at ww.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

Parental Stress Line - Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury. First rehearsal Sept. 8, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

The North River Arts Society presents **Fields and Farms** – an exhibit of original pastel paintings by **Liz-Haywood-Sullivan** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. The show runs through Oct. 11.

The North River Arts Society presents **WaterWorks,** an exhibit of original paintings by **JoAnne Chttick** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. The show will run until Nov. 1. NRAS 781-837-8091.

Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

Pilgrim Hall Museum presents **Bringing Up Baby: 300 Years of Childhood in the Old Colony**, now through May, 2004 a new exhibit that explores the world of the very young in the Old Plymouth Colony from its beginning to the 20th century. What was it like to be a child 1620, 1850, or 1920? What can we learn from furniture, clothing, toys, games and other objects from the children who used them? What were the beliefs and sentiments of the parents who provided for them? How do letters, journals, literature, and other writing help to tell the story of the children of the Old Colony? Who were their teachers, what kinds of knowledge were important to learn? What did they do for fun? The exhibition is free with Museum admission. Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court St. (Route 3A), Plymouth. Information: 508-746-1620; web address: www.pilgrimhall.org Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Admission: adults $5; Seniors (62+) and AAA members $4.50; Children (5-17) $3.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) $15. Residents of Plymouth, admitted free.

The fifth season for South Shore Quests opened May 1. Quests are a fun way to get the kids out in nature and a great way to learn of new hiking trails in the area. Clues lead the hiker along a trail in search of the treasure (a stamp and stamp pad). Quest books, which contain directions, maps and the clues for 19 Quests on the South Shore, are available at the Bookport in Hingham, Hingham public library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for $4. If you have any questions contact Kim Juric at 781 749-6121 or kjuric@attbi.com <mailto:kjuric@attbi.com>

Walk 'n Mass: Walk Quincy - "The City of Presidents." Walk Quincy, and explore the "City of Presidents" The 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) walk route passes historic landmarks including the Adams National Historical Park and the Dorothy Quincy home. Walkers will also be able to view Quincy's coastline and natural beauty. The walk is seasonal and runs through Nov. 10. The start point the Visitor Center (Galleria at Presidents Place) 1250 Hancock St. Quincy. Start times are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The walk is easy suitable for strollers but not for wheel chairs. Quincy may be reached by public transportation (MBTA) and parking is available at the Presidents Place parking Garage. For more information, call 781-834-8952.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays.

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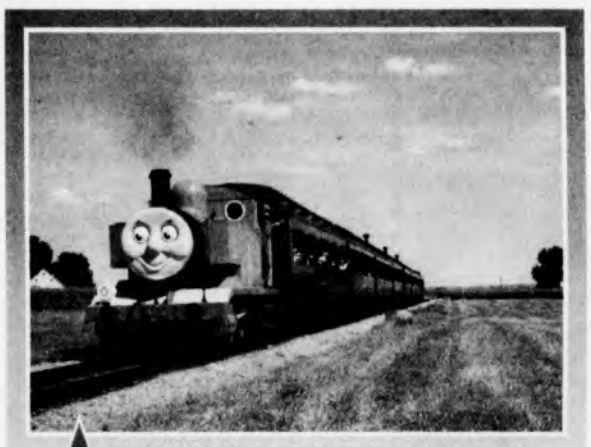
James Library and Center for the Arts 24 West St., Norwell, presents Walden Chamber Players of Boston, Nov. 2, at 3 p.m. $20 adults/$18 seniors/$10 students 781-659-7100.



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Edaville USA, Route 58, South Carver presents Day Out With Thomas and Sir Topham Hatt, Nov. 1 to 2 and Nov. 7 to 10, tickets $14 for ages one and up. Call 866-468-7630 for tickets or visit call 877-332-8455 or visit www.edaville.com for information.

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Peter Wolf, legendary lead singer for the J. Geils Band, will appear at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets $25 and $30 are available at the Plymouth memorial Hall box-office, located at 83 Court St., in Plymouth online at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com />, via phone at 508-747-0234, and at all Strawberries outlet.

Reunions

ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1983 It is 20th Reunion AHS class of '83 Nov 28, 7 p.m. to midnight at the Sons of Italy, 19 Prentiss Road, Arlington,. $25pp now, $35pp at door. Make check out to Arlington High 1983 and send to P.O. Box 1002 Arlington, MA 02474. Call Hotel Hawthorn Suites, 781-643-7258 for special rate. call 781-648-5406 for information.

NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL, Class of 1983 Nov. 28, 2003, Back Bay Hilton Boston, Cost: $50 For more information, go to the reunion website at www.nrhsreunion.com http://www.nrhsreunion.com/> or call Sean Hennessey at 617-943-4323.

J.E. BURKE HIGH SCHOOL - Class of 1961 annual brunch Sunday, Nov. 2, North Main St., Randolph, 11 a.m. lobby at 10:30 a.m. $5 deposit. Call 617-327-4939 or 781-925-2535 for information.

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1983 - 20th year reunion Nov. 28, from 7 p.m. to midnight at The Ridge Function and Meeting Center, 710 West St., Braintree. The event will feature live music, dancing, dinner buffet and a cash bar. $55 per person. Jill Hahn, 86 Cedar Road, Marshfield, MA 02050, 781-837-6113 or Tina Emanuel Moss, 479 West St., Reading, MA 01867 781-944-2705 or contact MHSCLASS198320@hotmail.com

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 15th year reunion at the Nautical Mile, Humarock, Nov. 28, 6 p.m. to closing $30 person/$50 per couple made payable to Christopher W. Jordan, 36 Pearl St. Charlestown, MA 02129, at the door $35/$55.

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1984 Is looking for classmates to join in a 20th reunion celebration to be held Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004 at the Scituate Country Club. The reunion committee needs immediate help tracking the whereabouts of '84 alumni. Please email your address, phone number, and contact information for any of your classmates to Matt Brown at katemattbrown@attbi.com.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1959, 29 Oak Ridge Circle, Weymouth, MA 02188 is seeking classmates for the 45th reunion. Drop a note to the above address.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL -The 13th annual reunion for anyone graduating from Weymouth High School and their friends will be held on Feb. 27 and 28, in Kissimmee, Florida. For more information call 727-345-4323 or email Lureman72@juno.com or visit www.geocities.com/Lureman72.

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Senior housing for Beach Street is on the table

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset has not seen the last of developers filing under the Senior Overlay District just yet, as preliminary plans have already been brought to the table for another affordable senior housing development in town.

Ellen Morrissey, 488 Jerusalem Road, came before the Planning Board to gain feedback for a new project, before moving ahead and submitting more definitive plans. Morrissey has already filed an application with the town to build a 40B project on her 14 acres of land located off Beach Street, but said in light of the new bylaw, she would be willing to change her plans and work with the town to give it a project she thinks everyone will benefit from.

While nothing has been set in stone, Morrissey's proposed 40B project would include 103 units, with 25 percent affordable housing, spread out over three buildings. She expects her new proposal would reduce the number of units by about 40 to 50 percent, leaving roughly 60 units to be spread over two buildings.

Her plans have changed from three to two buildings because she is considering donating a roughly four-acre parcel of land to the town for future use, which is located directly behind Town Hall, and would provide access to Great Brewster Woods.

In addition, Morrissey brought up to Planning Board members she would be interested in learning whether a parcel of land owned by the town might be offered as a swap for the land she would give the town. While the swap is not contingent on

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Planners still seek village train station

By Mary Ford
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It's 2003, right? The Board of Selectmen might be checking their calendars this week to make sure the clock hasn't been turned back to the fall of 1996.

That's because the Planning Board is again advocating for a train station in Cohasset Village and has written to Douglas Foy, chief of Commonwealth Development, to say just that. Foy, a member of Gov. Mitt Romey's cabinet, coordinates the departments of housing, transportation and environmental affairs.

The Planning Board wrote to then secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe back in December 1996 backing a village train station after the selectmen voted to kill the concept and opt for the Route 3A site.

The selectmen's action that December followed months of debate over where the station should be located, including a non-binding "straw poll" at the Special Town Meeting that advised the commuter rail station should be on 3A. The vote was 311 in favor of a Route 3A station and 112 in favor of a village station.

Miffed by the Planning Board's letter, selectmen decided to send a letter of their own to Coxe stating why they support the 3A site.

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PATRIOTIC PRESCHOOLER

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Hank Waters (aka Uncle Sam) gets a kick out of the Cohasset-Scituate Newcomers Club party last Friday at the Second Congregational Church. For more photos, see page 25.

Some cops worry who's next

But Haddad sees no morale problem

By Mary Ford
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Sources both inside the department and civilians close to the police say Cohasset police officers are walking on eggshells wondering who might next get the ax.

Officers are worried if they make a misstep they, too, might be out the door. They describe the department as a dysfunctional family that is out of control with officers afraid to talk to one another.

Some police are still reeling from the news that two union officers, Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean, are out on paid administrative leave with no reason given. They won't talk publicly for fear of any possible retaliation against them.

But Town Manager Mark Haddad disputes there is a morale problem in the department.

"The officers I talk to are happy," he said. Haddad doesn't think it is hurting the department by not being more forthcoming about why the officers were placed on leave. He also views his actions as fair because the officers are being paid a salary.

Haddad declined further comment but did say he backs "Chief Jackson 100 percent."

WHO'S NEXT?, PAGE 4

Move over coffee lovers – tea is true brew

Expert will leave guests as believers

By Samantha Brown
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Tea has long been a part of the history of New England, with perhaps the most well known tea party in history taking place in Boston. But tea has a history all its own, which may go unnoticed in a time where coffee seems to be the drink of choice.

"I taste all my tea first. If I don't like it, I won't put it up."
— Judy McColgan, Windsor Tea Shop

But Judy McColgan, owner of the Windsor Tea Shop in North Scituate knows more about tea than she ever could have imagined, and through her shop hopes to get interest brewing. In fact, she has taken to giving educational talks and holding tea tastings to familiarize people with all kinds of tea, not just the bag variety typically found in a local supermarket.

McColgan has given lectures at the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs, and will speak at the Cohasset Historical

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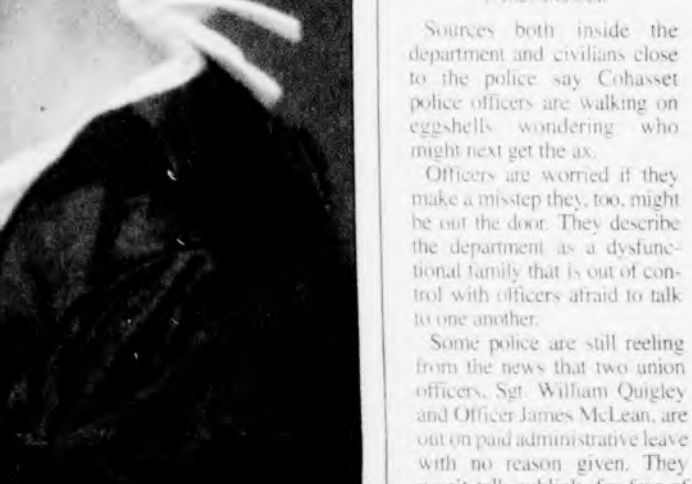
Judy McColgan of the Windsor Tea Shop will share her knowledge of the beverage Nov. 9 at the Cohasset Historical Society.



VETERANS EVENT

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Dr. Ed Woods enjoys a special veterans reunion program at the Senior Center this week. The American Legion Post is also planning Veterans Day observances Tuesday at 11 a.m., at Veterans Memorial Park at the harbor.

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Through a series of public forums on the "Ecology of Straits Pond: A System Out of Balance," the Straits Pond Watershed Association plans to inform the public on management alternatives and issues for Straits Pond; solicit sufficient community input to develop a working consensus on a management plan; and present the results to the appropriate officials in Cohasset and Hull by December, 2003.

The remaining forum is 7-9 p.m., Wed., Nov. 10 — "Vision of the Next Steps." Louis B. Costa (Selectmen's Room) at the Hull Town Hall and will re-broadcast on the other Cohasset's local cable-TV station. Check your local cable station for dates and times. For more information email viaspeech@comcast.net or visit the Straits Pond link on the Weir River Watershed Association's website: www.weirriver.org.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Health, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.

Community Preservation Committee, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 17, STM

Conservation Commission, Nov. 13 , 7:30 p.m.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, Nov. 12, 7 p.m., at the library.

Planning Board, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Nov. 6, 7 p.m., high school library.

Water Commission, Nov. 6, 8 p.m., water plant on King Street.

ZBA, Nov. 20, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Hedlund hours

The November office hours for Senator Robert Hedlund will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall on Thursday. Nov. 20 from 12 to 1 p.m. on the second floor in the 2A vestibule.

Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with the senator. The telephone number is 781-340-9866 or at the Statehouse 617-722-1646.

Hedlund letter on quad gates

Senator Robert Hedlund has requested a meeting with Secretary of Transportation Daniel Grabauskas, to discuss the possibility of having four-quadrant gates in the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Scituate, and Weymouth along the Greenbush line. In a letter dated Oct. 21, sent to the Cohasset, Hingham, and Scituate Boards of Selectmen, as well as Mayor Madden inWeymouth, Hedlund stated his support for the gates, and acknowledges while they may cost a little more, "I know you are not the type of person to put a bottom line before the safety of our residents. If four-quadrant gates save even one life, it will be a priceless return on our investment."

Hedlund also said while he and Grabauskas "evidently disagree" on whether four-quad gates should be built, he understands there is no disagreement where the safety of commuters and residents are concerned, and while towns have compromised to ask for four-quad gates at only the most warranted grade crossings, the MBTA continues to resist.

Mass Electric outages

Town Manager Mark Haddad sent a letter to Massachusetts Electric regarding the many power outages which have affected residents in the Hillside Drive area of town recently. Account Manager Joe Cardinal responded with a letter, which stated residents in that area have experienced six interruptions in the last 22 months, four of which were related to tree limbs falling on wires, while two were related to a bad fuse on a Beechwood Street pole. The letter also states two of the six events happened on Oct. 15 and were both tree related.

Cardinal said the length of the outages varied, with the shortest being 24 minutes, and one hour 44 minutes for the longest. He said he has asked his arborist to patrol the area to determine if there are any obvious tree problems which could be immediately corrected, adding when either trimming or removing trees, concerns for power outages need to be balanced with concerns for residents' trees being trimmed.

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BOSTON TIDES
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Thurs. 6	9:17	9.9	3:00	9:41	9.6	3:26
Fri. 7	9:56	10.1	3:41	10:22	9.5	4:09
Sat. 8	10:32	10.1	4:19	11:02	9.4	4:48
Sun. 9	11:07	10.2	4:56	11:40	9.3	5:26
Mon. 10	11:43	10.1	5:33	——	——	6:04
Tues. 11	12:18	9.1	6:11	12:19	10.0	6:43
Wed. 12	12:57	8.8	6:50	12:58	9.8	7:24
Thurs. 13	1:38	8.6	7:31	1:39	9.6	8:06

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Sabin Willett is the author of two previous novels, *The Deal* and *The Betrayal*. He graduated from Harvard and Harvard Law School and lives outside Boston.

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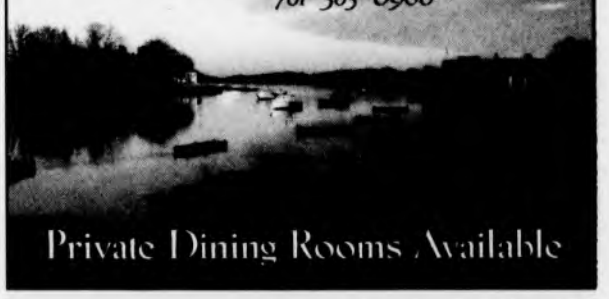

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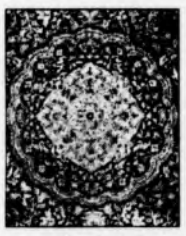
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Putting the cost cuffs on police-fire station overrun

Advisors cool to back request

By Samantha Brown
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If voters at the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting vote no on allocating an additional $90,000 to cover the cost of renovations made to the police and fire station building, it may be up to a judge to decide how and when the town's contractor gets paid.

While waiting for the Town Meeting vote carries a certain amount of stress, Town Manager Mark Haddad is also worried because the Advisory Committee unanimously voted against recommending the allocation of funds. In an effort to try to change that vote, Haddad, along with Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, Police Chief Robert Jackson, and Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris came before the Advisory Committee again last week, to answer questions and hopefully gain the committee's support.

Haddad thoroughly explained each step of the renovations process and outlined every change order, what it entailed and how much it cost, to help members understand what the process was during the renovations. While he admitted he was "ultimately responsible for everything that happened," during construction because he was the one making final decisions to go ahead with the changes, it became evident throughout the discussion, that had committee members been kept more in the communication loop throughout the project, many questions at this late stage of the project could have been avoided.

However, with the information given by Haddad, the committee also began questioning whether the architect could be at fault for many of the change orders that became necessary throughout the process, and if he should be held accountable. The architectural firm hired for the renovations was Strekalovsky and Hoit, Inc., which is based out of Hingham.

Haddad said one of the major problems during construction was discovered when the roof was taken off and contractors found there was no bond beam to support the building. Bond beams help reinforce the structure of a building and particularly help protect a building against the high winds of a hurricane. Building codes now require bond beams for adequate support, but in 1963 when the police and fire station was originally constructed, that was not the standard.

"They should have known the bond beam wasn't there. It wasn't in the code when the building was built, and whether you can see through the walls or not, they should've known it wouldn't be there," said committee member Roger Hill.

But the bond beam only covers a small portion of the $90,000 Haddad is asking for. He also said once the roof was off the building, other problems crept up, including the fact that the planned height of the roof would not accommodate the new ladder truck the department planned on buying. Haddad said the architect used a detailed drawing to figure how high the roof needed to be, but when the actual truck was on site, it wouldn't fit in the building. Therefore, the roof needed to be raised another two inches to accommodate for the anticipated truck and any other trucks that may be purchased by the department in the future.

While the roof was being raised, Haddad said it made sense to make the garage doors all the same height, instead of two 12-foot, 6-inch doors and three 10-foot doors as had been planned at the outset of construction. By having three of the larger doors, it would eliminate the need for assigned spaces in the garage. In addition, by taking out a large window in the back of the building and adding a door, it would allow for another drive-through bay, and Haddad thought that change made sense as well.

'Colossal screw-up'

While many aesthetic changes were made including painting, new windows, updating hardware and other small items, Haddad said there was one mistake he would classify as a "Colossal screw-up without question," by the architect. When wires were pulled out during construction, the bid specs did not include putting the wires back in place, which obviously needed to be done and was an oversight on the plans. While that is a cost the town would have paid for, Haddad said he thought the cost would have been less originally than the roughly $10,000 the town paid after the fact.

"What responsibility has the architect owned up to?" asked Maureen Jerz, to which Haddad said he has contacted the architect, but hasn't received an answer as of yet.

But even if the architect is responsible for some of the problems during construction, the Advisory Committee still maintains it doesn't feel as if it was kept informed of the changes throughout the entire process. While it participated in the original approval of $800,000 for the project, the majority of its members felt this additional request was being asked out of the blue. If change orders were being made, were other construction changes being sought as an attempt to alleviate costs?

But Haddad said in total, the project was only a little over $30,000 over budget because there was a $71,500 contingency fund set up from the start. He also asked the committee to remember the $90,000 included the addition of a new alerting system, because during the renovations, he made the decision to put the conduits for the system in while the walls were open, rather than have to pay someone to come back and tear them down, put in a system and put them back after construction had already been completed. But in his own defense, he said once the roof was off the building decisions had to be made quickly because the longer construction was held up, the more money it would cost the town in rent for the former Graham Waste building where the fire department was housed.

In the end, the general consensus of the Advisory Committee was that none of the requests seemed unjustifiable, but they wish they would have been more informed along the way. While other boards were kept up to date, the Advisory Committee was not, and in the future, communication should be kept more open.

"Next time, pick up the phone," said James Gilman.

Advisory Committee members did not vote after the meeting, but said they will continue in their discussion of the matter and possibly vote again before Town Meeting. Whatever the committee decides, it will still only be a recommendation to the town, and voters will ultimately cast the deciding vote as to whether the fire and police stations receive the money they need.

Cost of burying wires may show up on utility bills

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The lowest estimated cost Town Manager Mark Haddad has received for the conduits and burying wires together is $900,000. He said roughly $500,000 will go toward installing the conduits and $400,000 will go toward the wiring.

The Board of Selectmen have voted to recommend burying the wires for the downtown area, but questions still remain as to the specifics the process will entail, should voters pass it at town meeting.

If Article 5 on the warrant passes, the town will adopt a bylaw which says anyone who has been granted permission to maintain poles and overhead wires in the downtown area shall remove them immediately, which would leave utilities companies no choice but to use the conduits installed. Anyone found in violation of the bylaw would pay a fine of between $1,000 and $5,000 for each consecutive 15 days of the violation.

The original plan for the downtown wires had been to install the conduits and then deal with the wires at a later date. However, Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said Town Counsel advised the town to proceed like other towns do and adopt a bylaw to protect itself. If a town has conduits but no bylaw to say any other method of running wires is illegal, utilities companies have more control over how the town gets its services than if a bylaw says they must use what the town has provided.

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Because Selectmen had many questions pertaining to the charges residents could see from utilities companies when putting the wires into the conduits, Haddad met with representatives from Mass Electric and Verizon to iron out the issues.

Haddad said both companies agreed to charge no more than a 2 percent surcharge on utilities bills. The charge for each individual home will vary, depending on the total cost of the individual bill. The duration of the surcharge will depend on how much money the town owes the companies, which will be a result of how much money the town can afford to contribute up front.

The burying of the wires is all part of the $1.8 million Village Revitalization Project, which has been in the works for upwards of seven years and is being paid for through grants and private donations.

A surcharge would apply to everyone in town who uses the utilities, including town buildings. Haddad said he will also be in touch with local cable-TV companies.

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Pumpkin Patch a huge success

Selectmen Tom Callahan publicly thanked the town for their support during the Appalachia Service Project Pumpkin Patch fund raiser. He said more than $20,000 worth of pumpkins were sold and it was such a success residents will most likely see Wheelwright Park transformed again next year.

Beach talk held

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she and Town Manager Mark Haddad met with Sandy Beach Association president Robin Lawrence to discuss ongoing problems with the beach which came up over the summer months. McMorris said Lawrence was given names of concerned individuals and another meeting will be held in the spring to come up with solutions before beach season starts up again.

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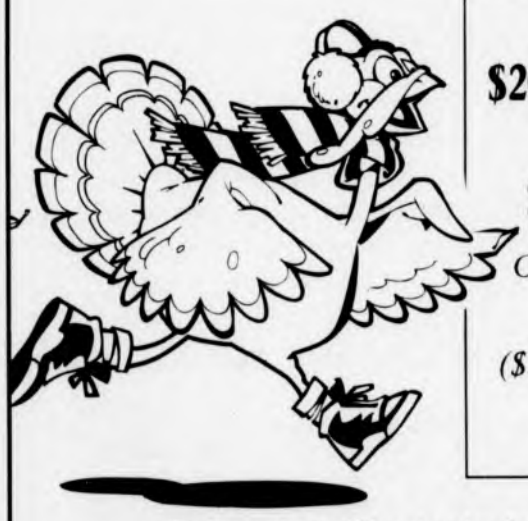

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Senior housing for Beach St. is on the table

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her plans to donate her parcel, it is a piece of property which is under an acre and not buildable as far as she knows. She said the title has been cleared for the parcel and could be used as an alternate entrance to her property.

While access to the property has been an issue of contention for Morrissey in the past, she insists there is no problem, and she in fact has three ways on to her property, two of which she owns. Because her property was tied up in what she describes as "frivolous lawsuits," her plans have not formally been able to come before the Zoning Board of Appeals, but from the feedback she has heard from some Planning Board members, they think the idea of senior housing on her property is a good one. She said the lawsuits have been resolved and she is eager to move forward with her new project.

Plans have been approved for an on-site sewer system, so the project would not be looking for a town connection, and because it would be all senior housing, there would be no impact on the school system, Morrissey said.

There would be three floors of one level units, and a parking garage located in the basement level. Elevators would take residents up to their units, which would all have two bedrooms. It is expected there will be between 1,000 to 2,700 square feet of living space, Morrissey said.

"I think it could be a great lifestyle," she said, adding the property has a great location near the downtown area, which will soon include access to public transportation, and has easy access to the ocean.

Morrissey said she will be putting this new application before the town very shortly, and changes can be negotiated to help provide something the town needs. She said she thinks the Overlay Bylaw is a great way for the town to meet housing requirements and "I applaud Cohasset on its strengths," in recognizing how beneficial the bylaw would be and making it happen.

Village train station sought

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MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo said without an endorsement by selectmen, it is highly unlikely the train station site would be moved at this late date.

"We have a mitigation agreement with the town that is predicated on the station being built where we said," he explained. "At this point in the game it is not likely we will reconsider the location of the station."

Pesaturo also said the land acquisitions have already taken place.

However, he did say if the selectmen had changed their minds about the location of the station, "we would like to discuss it."

Greenbush is the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration Project and runs 17 miles from Weymouth to Scituate's Greenbush neighborhood. Romney recently gave the go-ahead to resume construction on the rail line after his administration reviewed the economic feasibility of the project, a process that took about seven months.

But Town Manager Mark Haddad said selectmen have not changed their minds and were not in favor of moving the station.

The Planning Board said the 3A station is in direct conflict with several of the "Principles of Enhancing Our Commonwealth," issued by Foy's office including supporting the revitalization of town centers and creating walkable districts and increasing job opportunities.

The board noted the draft of the Cohasset Master Plan says it is unlikely Greenbush would provide a major direct economic stimulus because it is not near existing residential neighborhoods or places of employment that would provide retail demand outside of peak commuting hours.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore stated in his Oct. 28 letter to Foy, "The train station will bring scores of commuters and, likely, spouses into the downtown in the morning and evening hours, folks that will patronize the card shop, deli, hardware store, bank and other local businesses."

The letter enumerated several other benefits of a village station including elimination of the sharpest curve in the Greenbush project; increased ridership; commuters being able to walk to the station; no bottleneck of "one way in/one way out" because the downtown is served by a number of feeder roads, among other benefits.

Negatives of the 3A station include, further impacting the level of safety at several 3A intersections; close proximity to the Nantasket Junction Station in Hingham; lack of sidewalks and pedestrian and bicycle access to the station; and lack of residential neighborhoods in close proximity.

"This board is ready to assist your office in facilitating the further discussion of this topic or in providing any relevant materials you may require," Moore stated. "Given the aggressive schedule of the Greenbush project, we kindly request this matter be reviewed as soon as possible."

Some cops worry who's next

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Although Police Chief Robert Jackson is forthcoming with the Mariner regarding other police matters, he repeatedly declines to comment on the case involving the officers and the current morale of the department. He said he doesn't want to comment on any aspects of the case because it "isn't prudent to do so at this time."

But nevertheless, Haddad's action is raising questions about leadership, nepotism and unfair labor practices in the police department.

There is also growing concern around town about the cost to the taxpayers of filling overtime shifts. With Brian Curran's resignation a month ago, the department is now down three officers. Although some shifts that normally have four officers can be filled with three, there may be vacation and sick days that also need to be filled. At full force not including the chief, there are 13 patrolmen and five sergeants, including a detective and a detective sergeant. Those numbers are now down to a total of 15, four sergeants and 11 patrolmen.

Haddad said he did not have the overtime numbers ready and did not plan to discuss them with Selectmen at their meeting Tuesday night.

Two-and-on-half weeks ago when Haddad put the officers on leave, he also fired Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy the same day.

Murphy is alleged to have made disparaging remarks around town about the way the department is run, although Haddad said he was let go due to "complaints."

International Brotherhood of Police Officers sources say, McLean admonished then Officer Curran, the chief's son-in-law, with a written letter on union letterhead to Haddad for not following proper grievance procedures relative to an overtime grievance. Eighteen hours later McLean was called into the chief's office and fired from his job as fleet manager, a collateral duty, a source at the IBPO said. McLean contacted IBPO national which resulted in a meeting between IBPO lawyers, Haddad, and the chief over a possible suit involving unfair labor practices.

McLean also complained after another officer returned from vacation and allegedly showed off a nude photo of himself at the station.

Quigley arrested Chief Jackson's son, Keith Jackson, and two other men, who allegedly had been drinking and who were wrestling, outside the Legion Hall at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11., where Keith Jackson and the chief are both members. In an unusual move, after receiving a letter from the Legion that the handicapped railing was damaged before the incident, the Cohasset Police Prosecutor Rick Grassie didn't sign the complaint at court and the men were never arraigned on charges of affray, disorderly conduct or malicious destruction or property.

Quigley was also on duty the afternoon Keith Jackson's former girlfriend and her father came to the police station alleging Keith Jackson had hit her on multiple occasions, once outside the Legion. That case is still before the court and Quigley is expected to testify, although it is unclear what impact his "on leave" status would have on his credibility.

Although there was a warrant issued and an internal arrest number given, Keith Jackson's name, address and domestic violence charges did not appear in the police log which the Mariner publishes. Chief Jackson told the Mariner at the time his son was involved in a domestic incident but the paper did not pursue it because there was no arrest noted.

Last week Jackson said the entry did not appear in the log because his son turned himself in at Quincy District Court and was not in fact, arrested. However, the log record shows the entry was modified by "R. Jackson" to state booking procedure.

According to the state Ethics Commission, public officials are prohibited from even giving the impression of preferential treatment to members of their immediate family, a charge some are making behind the scenes regarding the chief.

However, Haddad has said emphatically that the cases involving the two suspended officers have nothing to do with their relationship to Chief Jackson or his family.

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No sewer connection for Cedarmere project

But developer won't give up

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No amount of testimony on behalf of the Cedarmere development team could convince the Sewer Commission the project should be allowed access to the town's sewer lines. Armed with lawyers, engineering consultants, and an argument they were behind 100 percent, a hopeful Cedarmere team left empty handed.

Based on the facts that the team said they have a valid permit, there is capacity in the system, and no prior legal claims to the sewer have been made, members went into the meeting very optimistic they would leave with permission to tie their project in. In addition, a report written by their engineering consultant, Meredith Zona, vice president of Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, whose firm helped in the design of the plant, said capacity was available, and Cedarmere would not have any negative impacts on the town's system.

But the Sewer Commission was taking the recommendation of its consultant very seriously, who had reviewed the report submitted by Zona and had a much different take on the situation than what her report entailed.

Daniel Coughlin, Senior Associate for Tutela Engineering Associates Inc., the town's consultant, said in his report, "It is our opinion that excess capacity at the Cohasset WWTP is not adequately demonstrated by the submissions; and on that basis, we would recommend denial of the application at this time. Reconsideration several years in the future may be an option, if acclimated flows are less than currently anticipated."

In the Cedarmere report, Zona presented graphs outlining the average daily flow and average daily organic loading for the 2002 calendar year. Based on her report, the town would be able to take its current average flow of 644 connections, add the 773 connections which would complete the hook up of the downtown area, tie in Little Harbor, Atlantic Avenue, Jerusalem Road Extension, Old Coach Road, and 60 units of senior housing on the proposed Cook Estate property, and the Cedarmere development, and would total a capacity of 450,000 gallons per day.

David Calhoun said the plant is currently working at a 300,000 gallon per day, and was designed to handle 400,000. He said his team would pay to upgrade the plant's cassettes, which would expand the town's sewer capacity to roughly 450,000 gallons, which would accommodate for all other planned hook ups, and the town could "take [the cassettes] for a test drive," for roughly a year until Cedarmere gets to a point where it could begin to connect. He said even after that year, before the development comes on line, if the town doesn't get the result it was hoping for, the team would be willing to upgrade the cassettes again and expand capacity further.

In her professional opinion, Zona states, "Based on our analysis of projected flows and loadings and recent plant performance data, we believe the upgraded Cohasset WWTF will easily accommodate the wastewater flow and organic loading (BOD) that the Cedarmere project will generate."

Conflicting report

But not only did Couglin of Tutela's report say there is not enough capacity, it stated the amount of data collected by Zona was not sufficient. He states the figures given by Zona deal exclusively with the 2002 calendar year, "which represented a period during which there was a significant flux in the number of sewer connections." He added there were sill many homes yet to be connected in the Central Sewer District, of which Cedarmere is not a part. After updating the charts done by Zona to include information through September 2003, he found the average flow was increasing dramatically and will probably continue to do so, if the current trends keep moving forward as they have been.

His recommendation was to wait for the system users to become acclimated to using the system before placing added stress on it.

Sewer Commission Chairman Ray Kasperowicz said after hearing both presentations, the town's was very conservative and Cedarmere's was very optimistic, adding "Either one could be somewhat right," but still wanted to have the data from years of monitoring the plant before he would feel comfortable making a decision in favor of Cedarmere. He said in this case, he would have to take a conservative approach because the risk wouldn't be worth taking.

"As far as I'm concerned, I'm ready to vote on this tonight," he said, adding while he loves the project, from a timing standpoint, it won't work.

However, Calhoun had timing issues of his own and said he couldn't believe after submitting materials to Tutela, including reports from Fay, Spofford, and Thorndike, letters from attorneys, and an application for sewer, dated Sept. 5, he did not receive a response from Tutela until late afternoon of the day they were slated to come before the commission.

"That's not fair and it's unprofessional," he said, adding his tax dollars were paying for the report to be looked over by the town's consultant, and "Any taxpayer should scream, and I'm about to."

Sewer Commissioner John Beck said he too was not convinced adequate capacity to accommodate for Cedarmere does not exist, and would like to have more information. "Personally I'm not convinced they know everything they need to know about that plant," he said.

But the Cedarmere team insisted there is capacity now, because the town is only using 300,000 of the 400,000 current total capacity. "You're not using what you've got," Calhoun said. In addition, the team said it has previous court cases which will back them up, and that reserving capacity for future developments is illegal.

But Kasperowicz said because Little Harbor has been deemed a priority by the Department of Environmental Protection, and is caught up in a legal judgement by the state, it becomes a special case which has to be taken care of because the state has ruled on it.

He said he thinks the pollution of Little Harbor may be a problem the town can only solve through sewer, and he doesn't want to commit to another project, "When our heads are still in the guillotine."

But developer David Calhoun said, "The Little Harbor sham is about to end," adding there is no money for that area of town to hook up, and won't be in the near future, so it shouldn't even be a consideration.

"That judgement needs to be adhered to," Kasperowicz said, adding the town would be taking a risk if it hooked up Cedarmere before Little Harbor, because the plant might not be able to handle the added capacity, which could spur on a whole new round of legal battles, bringing on "the state's wrath for another 20 years."

But whether the issue of capacity is argued or not, Kasperowicz noted Cedarmere is located outside the Central Sewer District, and said "I would feel I was performing my job negligently if I let someone new in, from outside the district," he said, adding he would feel much better if the town had more time to study the plant and new hook ups, and could "establish a baseline, then we can look outside to other applications."

Kasperowicz was ready to put the issue to a vote, when Robert Tuchmann, attorney for the developers, came forward. He said if the Commission would be willing to hold off on a vote, perhaps an impartial third party would be able to come forward and take a look at both engineering reports and the project could move forward from there.

"There will be another decision, but it will come from a judge," he said, asking whether it is worth it to go that route, or does it make more sense to let the Cedarmere team come before the Commission again and avoid a potential court battle.

Tuchmann also asked if the Commission is basing its decision mainly on the view of its consultant, to which Kasperowicz said they had also been in touch with Town Counsel on the matter. Sullivan asked again if it would be "cheaper in the long run to refer to another organization and be bound by that decision," or have the courts decide.

While Kasperowicz and Beck were ready to vote no on the issue, Cunning was the lone Cedarmere supporter on the Commission.

"I've seen the site and it's exactly what the town is looking for. It's a shame it has to come to the sewer to say whether this is going forward or not," Cunning said. However, because Cunning is an insurance agent and the Cedarmere developers had a small policy through him, he was advised by Town Counsel not to vote on the matter because if there was a chance he could make a profit in the future from the project's going through, he should abstain. However, because the policy was so small and he only made a total of $380 from it, he said if it had come down to his vote being the deciding factor, he would have written a check for the $380 and given the money back, because it's not worth it to keep a multi-million dollar project from going forward.

Cedarmere is being proposed under the town's new Senior Overlay District Bylaw, which requires a special permit from the Planning Board. The bylaw, which permits higher-density housing than would otherwise be allowed, requires the development include a percentage of affordable housing. It also requires those units be "counted" by the state Department of Housing and Community Development as part of the town's affordable housing inventory. It is the first project in town to file under the new bylaw.

Before a vote was taken, Cunning said he wondered if all options had been looked at, and whether some sort of arrangement with the town of Hull could be made. He suggested possibly setting up a safety net by putting money in and Escrow account that would let Cedarmere tie in now, and the money would be there should other homes need to hook up to Hull's capacity in the future. He also said he would be willing to let the team come back and discuss the matter further in the future.

But Cunning's suggestion was not enough to hold the vote off, and was denied by Kasperowicz and Beck.

Calhoun then asked the Commission if there were any other projects before them at that time, to which Kasperowicz said no.

"There will be a new application filed in the morning," Calhoun said.

Fence talks held

Town Manager Mark Haddad said after speaking with George Roukounakis, owner of Olympic Citco, 55 South Main St., he has verbally agreed hold off installing a fence in the middle of James Lane.

While the Zoning Board of Appeals has decided to overturn the Building Commissioner's denial of a permit for Roukounakis to install a fence on his property, Haddad has been discussion the matter with Selectmen to see if an appeal can be filed. He believes the ZBA may have caused a severe public safety hazard by allowing a fence to be installed in the middle of a roadway.

Haddad thinks because the Red Lion Inn is encroaching on James Lane, the issue will have to be resolved on that end before a fence can be constructed.

"I will continue to work with him and Town Counsel to see if we can work it out that way," Haddad said.

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Ted Noon competes in Marine Corps Marathon

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MARATHON RUNNER

Ted Noon of Cohasset participated in the 28th Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, Oct. 26. Ted ran the course in 3 hours, 13.07 minutes., finishing in 218th place out of more than 18,000 competitors.

A 2001 graduate of Middlebury College, Ted is the son of **Nick and Connie Noon**, 11 North Main St. he is also a graduate of both Derby Academy and Milton Academy.

Ted Noon finished the Marine Corps Marathon in 3 hours, 13 minutes.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

I want to start this week by sending out a very special Happy Birthday wish to a wonderful lady from her family and friends. "Lots of celebrating for **Katherine Stanton** for her recent birthday! First, a large family party the weekend before, with her brother, cousin, and several grandchildren – a three-generation event! Then, on her actual birthday, her son **Jerry** flew in from the Midwest and joined Katherine and her daughters **Kate** and **Mary** for a festive dinner. A grand celebration for a great lady — 85 years young!" Happy birthday, Katherine.

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TEA AND HISTORY

The Cohasset Historical Society will present "Tea and History" on Sunday, Nov. 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. **Judy McColgan**, proprietor of the Windsor Tea Shop in North Scituate, will talk about the legends of tea, and bring four different teas for tasting. Tea sandwiches and finger desserts will accompany the beverage. The program and afternoon tea is open to all at $10per person. Bring your favorite hot beverage drinking vessel for a lovely afternoon. In order to insure adequate quantities of food, please reserve you spot by calling the Society at 781-383-7058 prior to Nov. 7.

LITTLE LEAGUE FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars....You won't want to miss the Cohasset Little League fundraiser at Black Rock Country Club on Friday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. Join your friends and neighbors for a Talent Show featuring Cohasset musicians and performing artists. The night will also include dancing, hors d'oeuvres and a live auction.

Tickets are $50 per person and are available at Shoe Market Kids, Good Sport or by calling (781) 383-CYBA.

All proceeds will go towards the completion of the new fields and concession stand. It will be a night to remember!

MISTLETOE BOUTIQUE

Get ready to shop till you drop at the Mistletoe Boutique being held to benefit Project Playground at the Our World Museum. The event is in the Paul Pratt Library at 100 Sohier St. this Sunday, Nov. 9 from 10 am to 5 p.m. This special shopping day will feature the following along with some surprise ways to start(and maybe finish) your holiday shopping and help to support a great cause.

Jewelry: EK Designs (Elizabeth Kissick), KBP Designs (Tommy Bukowski), Nelli Designs, KEP Designs (Kelley Pillman)

Women's Clothing and Accessories: Blue Dragonfly, Julia Kew Clothing, Sea Bands, Fruit Punch Designs

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And more: Jensen Fine Arts, Me Designs, Creative Memories, Hypertone, Beauty from the Inside Out, Tupperware.

A portion of the proceeds will

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Food pantry donations at Pilgrim cooperative

Cohasset's Craigie Zildjian, CEO of the Avedis Zildjian Company with Brad Baker, Chief Marketing Officer, display a banner from the South Shore Conservatory in recognition of the leadership role the company has played in support of the "Building the Future" capital campaign.

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benefit Project Playground whose mission is to build a playground outside the Our World Museum. A raffle will be held with featured items from some of the participating vendors. Admission is free.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Pilgrim Co-operative Bank will be accepting donations during the month of November to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry at the South Main Street office. The Pantry is in dire need of the following items: canned fruit, tuna, cereal, snack items, and personal care items such as laundry detergent, soap, toothpaste, etc. Pilgrim Cooperative wishes you and your families a joyous holiday season, and thanks you in advance for sharing with those who are less fortunate.

CONGO CAPERS

Looking for a musical way to spend an enjoyable evening? Well, look no further as the music of Broadway comes to town with the "Congo Capers" show being held on Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. The show will feature many of Cohasset's finest as they belt it out and dance to the sounds of our favorite show tunes. Come one, come all to the Cohasset High School Auditorium where tickets can be purchased or you may call (781)383-0345 to assure that you have a seat to enjoy this magical performance.

A GREAT SYMBOL

Hat's off to Cohasset's **Craigie Zildjian**, CEO of the Avedis Zildjian, for the leadership role her company has played in support of the "Building the Future" capital campaign at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. The Zildjian Company has named the Jazz/Rock Studio. The new building at the Conservatory will provide an expanded center for the arts for area communities. In addition to enhancing already existing programming, the new space will allow for an arts principled full-day Kindergarten, a new ballet program through collaboration with Jose Mateo's Ballet Theater of Boston, Music Therapy programs and, the South Shore Music Circus Gallery and the Dorothy and Robert Palmer Gallery, both of which will be curated by the South Shore Art Center.

The Conservatory invites local businesses to show their support for cultural education in our community by joining the banner program. Banners may be displayed in your place of business until the Grand Opening in the spring of 2004 when a gala corporate reception will be held in the new facility with the festive banners displayed in Cox Hall for the year. Call 781-749-7565, ext. 23 for more information.

That is all for this week. Make sure to get me your news and information no later than Mondays at noon.

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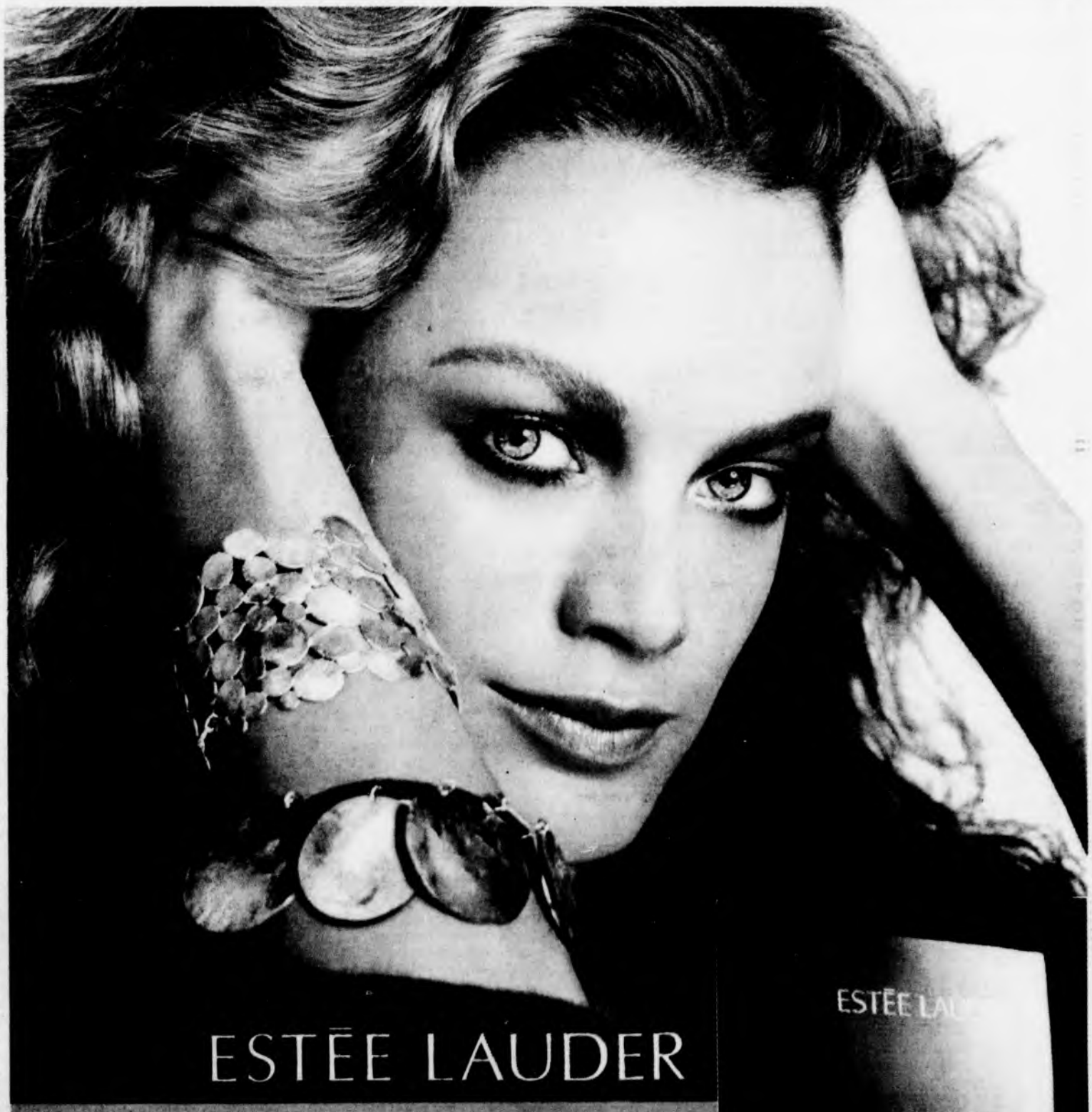
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The gang that couldn't shoot straight?

Something doesn't seem right at the Cohasset Police Department. Officers are privately saying they are tip-toeing around and are worried they might be next to get the ax while realizing they may have no one to turn to in a leadership position either at the police department or Town Hall.

They're worried because they don't understand why two of their fellow officers have been placed on paid administrative leave pending the results of an investigation that appears on the surface to some to be a witch hunt to trump up charges to get the men the heck out of Dodge.

Caught up in the tangled web are two young, veteran officers Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean, who are anxious to know what the charges are so they can address them. But officials are mum on the matter, saying it may take up to a month before even the officers, whose careers may be in jeopardy, will know. In the meantime, the men — who are both officers in the police union — are the subjects of a rumor mill that is taking on the form of character assassination alleging the officers are unfit for duty.

From where we sit, we've had enough corroboration from multiple sources — including civilians, close to the department — to question the validity of the paid suspension.

We are also being told the police department is in disarray. Even if half of what we've heard is true, it's enough to call for an independent investigation.

So what could Quigley and McLean have done to be singled out?

Both men seem to have crossed paths with members of Chief Robert Jackson's family, sources say.

Quigley, who is union president, arrested the chief's son, Keith Jackson and took the report from his former girlfriend at the police station where she went with her father alleging Keith Jackson had hit her on multiple occasions.

McLean, also a union officer, admonished the Chief's son-on-law, former Officer Brian Curran, for not following union procedures in filing an overtime grievance. In apparent retaliation, McLean was stripped of his job as fleet manager, according to a source at the IBPO.

The police are sworn to serve and protect but their ability to carry out their duties is coming into question. In the meantime, taxpayers are footing the bill which will amount to thousands of dollars.

There may be more than a few Cohasseters out there that remember the 1977 Boston Magazine article likening Cohasset police as "the gang that couldn't shoot straight" and enumerated problems in a small-town department.

In those days few if any Cohasset officers had formal training and those that did used Cohasset as a stepping stone to go elsewhere. Officers even bought their own ammunition and equipment.

As the article quoted one cop, "As soon as a guy gets his academy training, he transfers to another force and gets the hell out of this town. Can you blame him?"

This is no longer the 1970s, and while Cohasset is still a small town, today it is a sophisticated place and is not an oasis that is immune to serious crime. Sadly, what's going on now is undermining a department that has worked for a generation to become more professional and dispel that image painted by Boston Magazine.

Town Manager Mark Haddad needs to call for an independent consultant to come in — someone with no political ties or agenda — to examine the department and to come up with a plan for changes that would be enacted.

And the two officers deserve to know what they are facing, so they can address it, or they should be allowed to come back to work.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supports chief, Town Manager

TO THE EDITOR:

In reference to the latest employee adjustments within the Cohasset Police Department, and in lieu of requiring you all to endure my lengthy opinions about the Cohasset Police Department, I will bravely (because I have 3 adolescents who live in this town) leave you with this one short sentence:

"One down — two to go". Kudos to Mark Haddad and Chief Jackson.

Scared of repercussions,

Lyn Congdon Previte
38 Summer St.

Cook estate: a golden opportunity

TO THE EDITOR:

Article 4 on the warrant for the Town Meeting Nov. 17 is the result of thoughtful study and much effort by a group of responsible citizens, and deserves an affirmative vote. A recent letter suggests that we will have enough senior housing if other developments go forward, but even if Cedarmere and Avalon come into existence, there will remain a serious shortage of senior housing at both "market" and "affordable" prices.

Blending the Cook estate with adjacent town property (otherwise unusable because of access problems) is a golden, one-time opportunity to add about 87 units to our stock of "market priced' and "affordable" senior housing (though still not enough). The nickel-nursers among us can take comfort that the insignificant cost to the taxpayers is recovered if the project goes forward! The neighbors can take comfort in realizing that this is better than a development over which the Town would have far less input control. And seniors tired of yard word but wishing to stay here can have hope!

The representatives of the Cook estate have been co-operative and generous in agreeing to a method to assist the town while complying with the strictures of the estate trustees. The Town's ownership of the real estate would be transitory, being transferred to a developer from the Town concurrently with the transfer from the Cook estate to the Town, so that the funding comes from the developer, not from the Town. The Request for Proposal (provided to potential bidding developers) would include requirements that are much more specific than could be imposed by our regulatory bodies on developers who had purchased their real estate in the normal way, but of course the regulatory bodies would retain their normal oversight authority. The RFP would stipulate a minimum bid that would cover the price asked by the Cook estate plus a value placed on the town property plus the Town's legal and consulting costs.

If Cohasset fails to take advantage of this unique opportunity, the Cook estate will be sold to someone else, probably to a developer over whom we will have far less control than is provided by this proposal, and with far less amelioration of our pressing need for more senior housing.

We have until mid 2004 (assuming an affirmative vote on article 4) to effect the transfer of the real estate to a developer who meets our requirements, after which time the Cook estate may sell to another developer. We would not, of course, recover the consulting costs incurred in working up the concept, and would have lost the opportunity to add about 87 units of "affordable" and "market priced" senior housing., most of which would become the homes of current or future Cohasset residents.

A recent letter opposes the concept on the grounds that tax money is being spent on consultants etc. Well, there are few of our problems that can be addressed without some cost. Relying on other developments to solve our senior housing needs may cost little, nor does it effectively address the need. It would be penny wise and pound foolish not to proceed on the grounds that we have to risk a few dollars on preparation, dollars that should be recovered if it goes forward.

Just a few months ago, a very large area was added to our stock of land to be preserved in its natural state. So surely we can allow a mere 8.715 acres of town land to be used to help satisfy the pressing need for more senior and affordable housing (a need that eventually must be satisfied somehow).

A few years ago, the Town flubbed an opportunity to buy the former Cox estate (now occupied by the Roys and worth many millions of dollars) for less than a million, on the grounds that we couldn't afford to lose that tax base! Let's not make a similar mistake, but take the long and realistic view.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Taxpayers beware! at the Nov. 17 STM

TO THE EDITOR:

The upcoming Special Town Meeting reminds me of a sign I recently saw that read: "More is Never Enough".

Right at the start between two articles we are asked to come up with close to $1/2 million to balance the current budget. Remember the powers that be asked us for a $350K override in the spring to balance the budget. Well we all know that wasn't really all they wanted back then, but it was the number they came up with that would 'sell' with the voters.

Please note, these amounts do not cover the $260K the schools need to meet their utility bills. It seems that the building contractor notified the schools before the March Town Meeting that their utility bills would be $300K more when the renovations were complete and for reasons unknown the school kept that figure from the rest of the town until just recently. Remember when the new Osgood came on line, its utilities more than tripled. During the last few years interested citizens have offered alternatives for energy conservation and reducing costs that were rejected by the building committee and superintendent.

A really big ticket item is the $4.5 million for the purchase of the Cook Estate for a 55-plus housing development. The current plan is for 87 units — 45 pricey condominiums plus 42 apartments, 14 of which to be earmarked for those in the 80 percent of median income range. The entire development will not count for the senior overlay district or for affordable housing. But do we really need 87 more housing units in town between the elementary school campus and Stop & Shop when the ZBA just approved the 200-unit Avalon Estate apartments which will give us affordable and Section 8 housing and supposedly meet our 40B requirements. Of course the main argument for buying the Cook estate is so the town will be able to control the type of housing and prevent it from being mansionized. It is true that 10 mansions will not bring in the congestion or the $400K in real estate taxes that is projected from the 87 units

The real twist in the Cook plan is that the town would like to find a developer to buy the land and do the project and is throwing in close to 10 acres of town land to sweeten the deal. The town land earmarked for development is in the Peppermint Brook vicinity where Water Commissioner John McNabb wants the town to buy more land. So, we can "give away" some land with one hand and "buy" other land with the other hand. Interesting way of doing business.

But what would a town meeting be without buying equipment. After getting one school bus at the March Town Meeting, the School Committee now wants two more. It was pointed out in March that there was enough "cash" in the taxpayer subsidized school babysitting revolving account to pay for a bus, but the school still wants to hang onto that "cash" and hit up the taxpayers for more. But that is not surprising considering that even in these tough times, the School Committee saw fit to give our outgoing super a hefty 6percent raise and 3percent to the business manager after $50K was lost in the last two years in the lunch program

And of course we need a new $800K ladder truck to go into the renovated fire station that is looking for another $90K over the $800K that the renovation was supposed to cost. Some residents are wondering why the taxpayers have to pay for an architect's miscalculation in the height of the building.

We all know that *no* is never *no* in Cohasset. After voters turned down paying outright for burying the wires downtown, the new scheme is Article 5. This is a bylaw change for said "Underground Utility Conversion" whereby each utility company's permission, license and authority is revoked from constructing or maintaining poles and associated overhead structures and they must be removed immediately from the downtown area. The direct cost of said work will be covered by an amount of not less than 2 percent of gross revenues from charges to its customers over a nine-year period. Translated that means that all utility companies involved will be increasing their rates to Cohasset customers for a nine-year period and then we have to trust that after that time the added expense will disappear.

This is just a brief overview of what will be happening at the Special Town meeting on Monday, Nov. 17. If you want your voice heard about the future amounts on your tax bill and how our town will be changing, I suggest that you make every effort to attend.

L. C. Jenkins, President
Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers
198 Jerusalem Road

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HEALTH NOTES

Rails with Trails concept keeps on trekking despite some obstacles

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In September, Health Notes had an article telling about Cohasset's Rails with Trails (RwT) initiative. Last week another Mariner article appeared citing progress to date. The article accurately reported that the MBTA was "not on board" with the RwT concept.

Nevertheless, the Board felt that it's important to the Town to continue with the feasibility evaluation, since we seek a broader benefit than just a trail along the MBTA right of way. So, on Tuesday this week, Joe Godzik and I visited the MBTA with Paul Smith, Alta Planning & Design contractor doing the RwT feasibility report, and Kristina Patterson, Ombudsman for the Town on the MBTA Greenbush project, to discuss the specific nature of the objections. We met with Joe Nolan, MBTA executive coordinator, and Eric Flemming, deputy program manager, DJM Harris, the MBTA's consultant, and Tom Carroll, community outreach director, with Cashman, which is building the train.

The first thing we learned, is that some elements of the BoH's dream of a broader pedestrian communication with important features in the towns open spaces are already being planned and will be implemented as a part of the MBTA's construction program. For example, the MBTA as a part of it's remediation program will be creating a trail from the train station to Wompatuck park and Turkey Hill by converting an old spur on the former rail bed to a pedestrian and bike trail. Other features are good pedestrian transit at crossings, and sidewalks in the downtown area, particularly Beechwood Street to North Main Street.

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The second thing learned is that the MBTA's priorities, both appropriate and rational, are to avoid delays and extra cost by bringing the project in on time and within budget. Finally, the MBTA's operating staff have a dedication to avoiding accidents and harm to those near its rail bed. Accordingly, they have a commitment from long practice and experience that it is best to keep people as far away from the tracks as necessary for safety. Hence their reluctance to grant permission for people to walk in places near the right of way. Nevertheless, these are competent and reasonable people, and therefore they are, if not enthusiastic about nearby walking paths, at least reasonable, and will listen and make judgments based on their experience.

A most important issue discussed at some length was the integrity of conservation lands. Both parties, the RwT people and the MBTA, are sensitive to the need not to disturb wetlands and environmentally sensitive areas. But the rails run in wetlands. Just as town dumps are often in swamps. It must be remembered, however, that as a young country, when we gave rights of way to rail companies and waste disposal businesses, we thought we were giving away swamps, unplantable till and waste land which could be used for no other purpose. It's now up to us to resolve these opposing viewpoints to suit everyone.

A report which will be prepared and, hopefully will be presented at the spring Town Meeting will give us much information about how to enhance pedestrian connectivity and communication between important places in Town. And the RwT concept is far from dead.

Classroom odors

On Friday last week, Joe Godzik informed me that an odor had been detected in one of the classrooms at the Joseph Osgood School. The Board had been notified and we learned that the classroom with the odor was being inspected by a school service contractor who reported possible mold spores. Students from the classroom were moved to another room where lessons continued while the source of the odor was investigated.

Upon removal of part of the wall, it was found that the wall was open to the outside where, during the recent rains, water had leaked into a void and saturated some of the wall material. Tests were taken for mold spores from the wall material, and the room was closed until test results are obtained and repairs are completed. This is an example of the frequent and cooperative interaction between the Board of Health, the school staff and other responsible personnel. This interaction generally goes on with little fuss, but you should know that it is only one of the ways your children are being protected and supported by the Town's personnel.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Spotlight on new biographies

We have some beautiful new biographies done in picture book style. They are pleasing to look at as well as informative. "Leonardo Beautiful Dreamer", by Robert Byrd, contains author's notes and a timeline on the life of Leonardo da Vinci. "Muhammad", by Demi, relates the life of the Prophet Muhammad using clear text and stunning illustrations. "As Long as the Rivers Flow", By Larry Loyie, is the story of Lawrence Loyie, a member of the Cree Nation.

It tells of his last summer learning the traditional ways before he, and the other children, were rounded up and sent to government-sponsored residential schools. "Harvesting Hope, The Story of Cesar Chavez", by Kathleen Krull. This story begins at age 10 when he and his family lived happily on their Arizona ranch and continues through age 38 when he led a peaceful protest against California migrant worker's miserable working conditions. The illustrations, by Yuyi Morales, are done with acrylics, handmade stamps, and computer-created cutouts.

"The Tree o Life", by Peter Sis, depicts the life of Charles Darwin. It presents the life of Darwin using text from Darwin's writing and detailed drawings by Peter Sis. "Saladin Noble Prince of Islam", by Diane Stanley. Diane Stanley tells of a hero whose attributes make him a model for all time. Detailed illustrations inspired by Islamic art enhance this biography. "Audubon Painter of Birds in the Wild Frontier", by Jennifer Armstrong with illustrations by Jos. A. Smith tells of Audubon's journey through America. "Armed with paintbrushes and canvas, Audubon trekked the untamed West in search of birds and animals".

"Adventurous Chef: Alexis Soyer", by Ann Arnold. This is the story of a successful French chef who invented kitchen tools, opened soup kitchens during the Irish potato famine, and who taught the army how to feed itself during the Crimean War. "Ansel Adams America's Photographer", a biography for young people by Beverly Gherman. The text is punctuated by the photographs of Ansel Adams.

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The library will be closed on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11.

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Cohasset artist

Selected paintings by Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick will be exhibited at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library from Nov. 5 through Dec. 31.

The subjects of these luminous, colorful watercolors include familiar South Shore coastal scenes, still life arrangements, flowers, and a variety of boats. In her paintings, Ms. Chittick depicts the effect of light on form, as it defines shapes and creates interesting patterns. She conveys her own sense of a subject through suggestion and impression as well as careful rendering. Ms. Chittick is a Gallery Artist of the South Shore Art Center and the Cambridge Art Association. Her work has been shown in numerous solo and juried exhibitions in the Boston and South Shore area and is represented in many private collections.

An Opening Reception for the exhibit will be held on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! Reserve your copy in advance by calling the library or by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order: "Trojan Odyssey," by Clive Cussler. This 17th Dirk Pitt action packed suspense novel starts with a hurricane that endangers both Pitt's newly discovered offspring and a luxury resort ship. The book ends with the revelation of big changes in Pitt's personal life. "Pompeii," by Robert Harris. British novelist Harris sets his latest historical novel in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius, which in A.D. 79, is about to erupt. Well researched and exciting, the book re-creates an ancient world on the brink of destruction. "Odd Thomas," by Dean Koontz. Odd Thomas, a short-order cook in a small desert town, communicates with the deceased. Struggling to head off a catastrophe that only he is aware of, not even Odd's dead informants can help him.

Computer help

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Computers

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Out with the snollygosters

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I am told that the 11th edition of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary has hit the stands and, if I read the publicity blurbs right, I'll be labeled an old fuddy-duddy if I ever use the word "snollygoster" again.

That's one of the old favorites that have stood us so well over the years that are now being dropped from the Collegiate to make way for more modern terms like "dead presidents" and "I was aware that the folks at Merriam-Webster added words to the dictionary and published them every 10 years or so but I did not know that they also pruned their product of words no long in use.

I suppose "snollygoster" was hot stuff back in the days when campaigning politicians called each other "mugwumps" (a word that's still in the dictionary) and debated the gold standard.

Luckily, I had a copy of the 10th edition of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary at hand to look up "snollygoster" and discover it means (or meant) "a shrewd, unprincipled person, especially a politician."

And a "mugwump" is a politician who can't make up his mind, one who sits on the fence "with his mug on one side and his wump on the other."

It's comforting to know that "snollygosters" have left the political scene and we have only the "mugwumps" to contend with at election time, isn't it?

Another word that bit the dust in the 11th edition of the Collegiate is "ten-cent store." Remember when Woolworth's was the Five-and-Ten? Five left long ago, a sign of the times. Can 25-cents be far behind?

"Record changer" is out, too, and "long play," which shows you how fast things move in the record industry. It was only yesterday that we were talking about 75s and cactus needles and changing records by hand.

The 11th edition swarms with new words — 10,000 of them to be exact, most of them coming from the streets, the laboratories or the Internet.

"Dead presidents," of course, is slang for paper money, namely the one dollar Washington, the five dollar Lincoln and the 20 dollar Jackson. I understand there are larger denominations but I've never seen one.

"Frankenfood" is that which has been cloned or genetically engineered — the Frankenstein of food products, get it? Needless to say, this is a term used by its detractors.

There is also "McJob," describing work that doesn't pay a lot of money, which I suppose comes from flipping hamburgers at McDonald's where everything is "Mc" including Ronald.

I can think of a number of words that could stand being stricken from the 12th edition of the Collegiate.

One of my high school teachers, I think it was Miss Waldron, couldn't stand the word "elegant." Only a daring student would use the word in a sentence and watch smoke come from her ears.

Myself, somewhere along the line I've picked up an intense dislike for the word "mellifluous." At least, I think it's spelled that way. That's one word I'm not going to look up.

And, while they're at it, the folks who put together the 12th edition might give some thought to restoring the Old English word "swiving." No, I'm not going to define that, either. This is a family newspaper.

Taking steps to insure your lawn is green in the spring

GREEN THUMBS UP

SUZANNE MAHLER

Weary from hours of raking, chopping, trimming and hauling, I paused for a few moments to soak in the sun's warmth and savor the sights and sounds of a glorious autumn afternoon. Overhead the familiar high-pitched whistles and twittering of a small flock of cedar waxwings could be heard. As they drew near these gregarious, crested, avian visitors swooped down in unison to roost among the branches of my Zumi crabapple tree laden with clusters of bright red berries. Moments later, they were joined by an equally vocal gathering of robins. During the next few weeks, they will systematically devour the multitude of shiny fruits as finches, cardinals, bluebirds, flickers, and mockingbirds join the feeding frenzy.

The mild temperatures and balmy breezes of an Indian summer day prompted a renewed enthusiasm for gardening. Although the warmth was destined to be fleeting, weeding, planting, and cultivating seemed appropriate during this momentary flashback to summertime. I wandered from garden to garden, planting bulbs and squeezing perennials into tight spaces unfit for them to prosper, knowing they would most likely have to be moved next season. Squirrels and blue jays seemed to share my excitement as they scurried about burying nuts and seeds for future consumption. The majority of these secret-hiding places are likely to be forgotten during the upcoming months and there are sure to be innumerable sunflower sprouts and miniature oak trees when the warmth of spring initiates new growth.

By November, even the most passionate gardeners finally develop a sense of urgency as our innate desire to hibernate compels us to accept that the growing season has finally come to an end. The time has come to put the gardens to bed and begin our preparations for the holiday season. Our lawns require only an occasional mowing until the grass eventually stops growing later this month. Mower blades should be gradually lowered from midsummer heights to approximately two inches by your last mowing. An application of lime at any time during the fall is beneficial and early November is an ideal time to spread a winterizer fertilizer to promote a healthy root system and an early greening of the lawn next spring.

Before this final ritual can be performed, however, it may be necessary to participate in another rite of autumn, the raking of copious quantities of leaves. Scattered frosts, brisk breezes and intermittent rainfall have undressed many of our trees and shrubs. For some, raking fallen leaves is an endless chore, but for the experienced gardener, the gathering of autumn foliage is a valued activity providing a multitude of benefits. Many of us actually enjoy the physical labor involved in vigorously raking. In addition, the accumulated leaves may be used as a winter mulch, a beneficial additive to the compost pile, or as a soil conditioner.

Every effort should be made to rake drifting autumn leaves frequently until all our deciduous trees have shed their foliage. While many gardeners view this leafy covering as Mother Nature's way of providing a protective, cozy winter mulch, a prolonged accumulation of leaves can actually be detrimental to many plants. The broad leaves of maples and even the smaller leaves of cherry, birch and a wide variety of shrubs are likely to mat together when they become wet. The presence of a dense layer of damp leaves can quickly suffocate underlying grass or plants and reduces air circulation around the base of shrubs which may eventually promote diseases in addition to providing an ideal refuge for foraging rodents and voracious slugs and snails. Instead, the leaves that have been collected can be selectively put to use.

To use most leaves to their best advantage, shred them with a lawn mower or "leaf-eating" device. This will help them to decompose more rapidly when composted or turned into the garden and they are less likely to blow away should they be used as an organic winter mulch in the perennial border.

Compost is a gardener's black gold and autumn leaves are a valuable ingredient in its composition. A mixture of shredded leaves, weeds, manure, and chopped debris from the perennial gardens produces a rich, dark organic blend. By next season, this glorious mixture will be ready and serve as an ideal additive for new beds, depleted soils and planting trees, shrubs and perennials.

An inch or two of shredded leaves could also be spread directly around perennial plants as a winter mulch after the borders have been trimmed and raked, although care should be taken not to bury crowns or cover evergreen rosettes or foliage. As the winter progresses, the shredded leaf mulch will gradually decompose and work its way into the soil during freeze/thaw cycles providing valuable organic material. Similarly, new beds or vegetable gardens will profit from the addition of several inches of shredded leaves, which can be turned in to improve drainage, moisture and nutrient retention, worm populations, and an overall enhancement of the soil. When spring arrives, soils will be ready for early planting.

It was pitch black outdoors before I reluctantly abandoned my gardens, desperately clinging to what might well be the last remnants of summertime. One large island bed was neat and tidy, raked, weeded, mulched and ready for winter. Perhaps Mother Nature will delay her wintry offerings this year and all the gardens will be properly put to bed before the snow flies.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. She is a member of two local garden clubs, past President of the New England Daylily Society, an overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and is employed at two garden centers.

A few fall lawn tips

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Economic stimulus plan is no silver bullet, lawmakers say

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL LEVENSON

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Reviving the economy is like trying to kill a werewolf, Senate President Robert Travaglini said. "There is no silver bullet to solve our economic problems," he said, in announcing that the Senate would do what it could by passing a $115 economic stimulus plan that includes housing, tax policy, and worker training proposals. Travaglini found an apt metaphor for Halloween, but one that also reflects the Legislature's limitations in trying to turn around an economy that hinges as much on the balance of international trade and the resolution of turmoil in Iraq as it does on restrictive zoning rules that make affordable housing tough to build in Massachusetts. Facing a $2 billion budget shortfall of its own, the Legislature cannot afford to pour hundreds of millions into economic development or give business the big tax cuts many would probably prefer.

Instead, Senate lawmakers said they can provide small loans, create tax credits for housing, and cut regulatory burdens, to set the stage for an economic recovery and jumpstart a few small companies in the hopes they will grow into big companies, in need of hundreds of new workers. At a press conference announcing the plan, lawmakers declined to offer job creation estimates for the new proposal — a risky gambit should the predictions fall short — but said it was important for the state to do what it could to create a favorable business environment, and try to assist fledgling companies. "We are under no illusions that somehow the state of Massachusetts or this package is going to create thousands of jobs in the first year. It simply can't," said Sen. David Magnani, D-Framingham. "We think that over the long-term it will send a clear message to businesses that Massachusetts is ready to be pro-business and sympathetic to the business community."

The headlines made clear the extent to which state officials can, and cannot, control the economy. Secretary of State William Galvin and federal regulators accused Putnam Investments, with $272 billion in assets under its management, of defrauding investors, charges the firm denies. Then citing broken trust, the state pension fund withdrew $1.7 billion it had given the hometown firm to manage. Bank of America bought FleetBoston Financial in a $48 billion deal that removed the last big area-based bank from the regional scene. Pundits predicted big job losses ahead and cautioned that Boston is fast becoming and outpost for big companies, rather than a host.

And Northeastern University's Center for Labor Market Studies reported that Massachusetts workers are suffering for longer stretches of joblessness than their peers in other states. The jobless recovery here is defying easy solutions and forcing state policy makers to adjust to a prolonged period of slow-to-no growth in tax revenues.

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It wasn't all gloomy though. The US Commerce Department reported the national economy grew at a 7.3 percent annualized clip in the third quarter, the fastest rate since 1984, and economists in Boston forecast moderate job growth for the year ahead. "A mixed picture is better than a bad picture and we'll take it for now," said Frederick Breimyer, an economist with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

• *Church says no to benefits for gays and lesbians* — The state's Catholic bisho, said the media misinterpreted their testimony at a legislative hearing and they released a statement saying they firmly oppose benefits for gay and lesbian couples. The statement came after Worcester Bishop Daniel Reilly told lawmakers at a hearing that the Church was "willing to join the discussion if the goal is to look at individual benefits and determine who should be eligible beyond spouses."

• *Senate ready to debate stimulus plan* — The Senate released a $115 million economic stimulus bill, funded mostly with tobacco reserves and rainy day funds, which appeared to meet with general approval from the House and Governor. The bill was slated for debate yesterday (Nov. 5). The measure seeks to lift the ban on Sunday liquor sales, protect stem cell research from legal challenges, reinvigorate international tourism with new promotional funding, and boost worker training programs, among many other provisions.

• *Lions, tigers and bears, no more* — Animal rights activists lobbied for a bill that ban lions, tigers, bears and elephants from circus acts, saying the animals are too often subject to abuse. The circus industry says the ban would ruin their business. "The number one reason people come to our show is to see elephants and exotic animals," said Cassie Folk, a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey spokeswoman. "Sometimes it's the only chance children will get to see the animals in their lives."

• *Activists protest rising health care costs* — Health Care for All activists roamed the Statehouse with kids in Halloween garb to protest a spike in the cost of children's health care. As of Saturday, Nov. 1, more than 10,000 children on the Children's Medical Security Plan will have to pay four times as much for basic health coverage that does not include emergency or hospital care. Families earning $37,000 will see premiums jump from $21 per month to $90 per month, Health Care for All said.

• *Medical error reports surge* — The Department of Public Health said that medical error reports from health care providers jumped 76 percent since 1996, although officials attributed much of the surge to better reporting and awareness. The department also said that errors may have contributed to 65 deaths over the last year. The Massachusetts Hospital Association said the report "is an indication that the hospital community, working with state officials, has succeeded in improving reporting rates. We note that the DPH data shows an increase in reports, not incidents." Nurses said there are more errors because hospitals do not have enough nurses on their payrolls to adequately care for all patients.

• *Romney seeks full-day kindergarten, with parenting classes* — Gov. Mitt Romney proposed full-day kindergarten for students in struggling school districts — provided parents in those communities also attend weekend parenting classes. He appointed a task force led by Boston Foundation chief Paul Grogan to look at developing the idea and other ways to "get our underperforming school districts back on track." The American Civil Liberties Union said mandatory parenting classes would appear to violate the Constitutional provision that services provided to one child in a district must be provided to all, regardless of their parents' attendance in a weekend class.

Michael Levenson writes for the State House News Service.

POLITICAL NOTES

Local Republican news

At its last meeting the Republican Town Committee welcomed three new members: Matthew Grech, Al Moore and Rich Silvia. The town committee now has a full slate of members on the nomination papers that are filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. These 35 members will appear on the 2004 Republican Primary election ballot.

Nathaniel Palmer, Peter Guild and Ken Roth have been working on a website for the Town Committee that will be carrying all the committee news and events plus links to other Republican Web sites. The address is: www.cohasssetrepublicans.com — stay tuned for further details.

Several people have jumped into the race for the two district seats on the state committee. Polly Logan and Anne Hilbert are running against each other. As are Conley Ford, John Cafferty and Ron Wheatley. It is good to see so many local energetic Republicans stepping up to the plate.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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October 31, 2003

QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on three roll calls and local representatives' votes on two roll calls from recent sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME FUND (H 4248)

House 149-0, Senate 36-0, approved and Gov. Romney signed into law a bill restoring the Inland Fisheries and Game Fund. The fund, supported by license fees from fishing, hunting and trapping, is used for the management of wildlife and the protection of habitats and endangered species. It was abolished in the fiscal 2004 budget under a plan that transferred these revenues to the general fund but required that they still be spent for the original purpose. The federal government recently informed state officials that Massachusetts would lose $4.7 million in federal matching funds because a separate fund must be maintained by the state in order to qualify for the federal money. Supporters said the bill would ensure that the state receives the $4.7 million. They noted it is important to restore this separate fund that was created 60 years ago to guarantee that the hunting, fishing and trapping fees be spent for environmental purposes. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

MBTA HEALTH BENEFITS (H 4124)

House 132-21, Senate 33-3, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a supplemental budget section that exempts Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) employees from the recent changes requiring state workers earning over $35,000 per year to pay 20 percent instead of 15 percent of their health insurance premiums. Override supporters said the MBTA is a special case because it is an independent authority that independently collectively bargains for health benefits. They said the MBTA's agreements must be honored and noted that MBTA workers would pay the higher 20 percent rate when the agreements expire in December. Override opponents said an exemption from the higher rate for one group of employees is unfair to all the other state workers and noted the exemption would cost the state additional money during the ongoing budget crisis. (A "Yea" vote is for the exemption for MBTA workers. A "Nay" vote is against the exemption).

EMPLOYERS AND HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS (S 98)

Senate 37-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill expanding the current law that imposes financial penalties and/or jail sentences on employers who deduct wages from employees for health care insurance but fail to pay the premiums. Current law covers indemnity plans like Blue Cross Blue Shield. The bill would expand the law to include HMOS and dental and vision plans. Supporters said that some executives have misused their authority by neglecting to pay these health care premiums. They noted the current law is outdated and argued the bill would protect more employees from this fraudulent and dangerous practice. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

EXPAND DNA DATABASE (S 187)- The House gave final approval to a bill requiring all convicted felons to submit DNA samples for inclusion in the state's DNA database. Under current law, only criminals convicted of 33 crimes, including murder, kidnapping and rape, are required to submit samples. The measure needs only final approval in the Senate prior to it going to Gov. Romney.

SCHOOL DRESS CODES (H 1447)- The Education Committee held a hearing on legislation allowing local school committees to adopt a code of personal dress and appearance for students. Current law prohibits schools from abridging the rights of students' personal dress and appearance except when school officials determine that a student's personal dress and appearance violate reasonable standards of health, safety and cleanliness.

BAN PAGERS FOR STUDENTS (H 122)- A bill heard by the Education Committee would prohibit public school students from possessing pagers on school grounds or while attending a school-sponsored activity. The proposal allows officials to confiscate the devices but exempts pagers required for a student's health and safety.

TOBACCO ADVERTISING (H 2702)- The Taxation Committee held a hearing on a bill prohibiting tobacco manufacturers, distributors and retailers from taking a tax deduction for expenses they incur for advertising tobacco.

SCHOOL BULLIES (S 261)- The Education Committee held a hearing on legislation requiring all public schools to develop and implement a plan to prevent bullying from occurring and to discipline students who bully.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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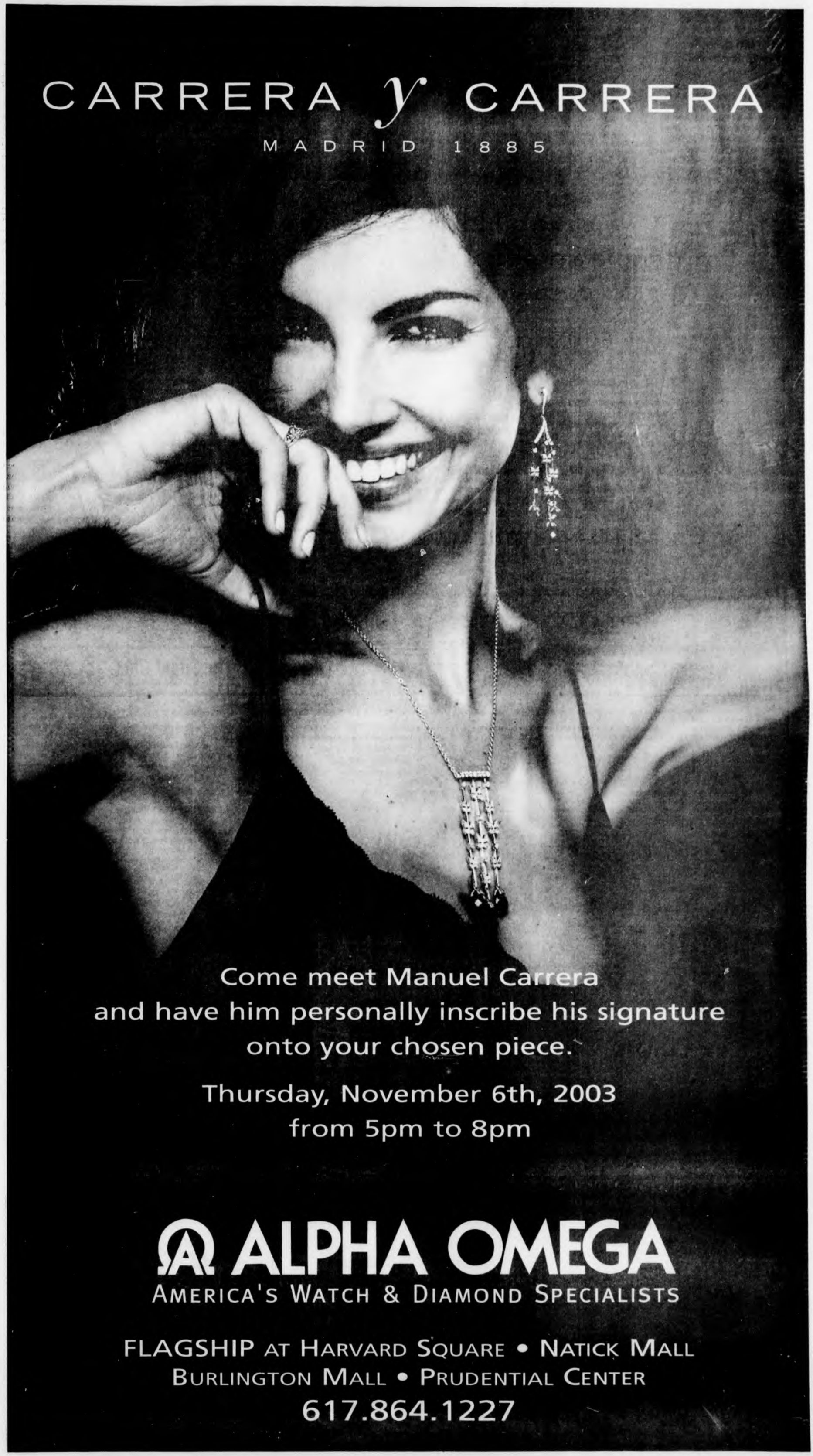
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Don't build sidewalk below St. Stephen's

TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Tewksbury sent this letter to Town Manager Mark Haddad and the Board of Selectmen.

Do we need a fatal accident to be convinced not to build a sidewalk on South Main Street below the Episcopal Church? I repeat — is the death of someone necessary to convince you — the governing body of our town and the Town Manager — that the sidewalk should not be built?

I wish I'd had a camera the other day when I saw the "almost death" of a mother and two children (in a stroller) on that stretch of sidewalk.

Why do we build it? It's unnecessary and dangerous. The answer I'm given is that we have the $169,000 in hand to do this job so we must do it. My answer/question is this — do you spend the money on a project just because you have the cash when you know it's a mistake?

Return the money — cancel the contract — and sleep at night knowing that's one less source of lawsuits that you'll be faced with.

Hamilton T. Tewksbury
81 Elm St.

Shedding light on Straits Pond

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Straits Pond Watershed Association please allow me to publicly thank the presenters who participated in the four Straits Pond Forums. We are grateful to them as they freely gave of their time and expertise to help us to better understand this complex ecosystem. They include:

Forum 1: Dr. Declan DePaor, BU Research Professor (geologic history), Judeth van Hamm (social/cultural history), Linda Beres (1992-1994 Straits Pond studies), Lawry Reid (Forum 1 organizer / other past studies)

Forum 2: Samantha Woods, President of the Weir River Watershed Association / Director of the North and South Rivers Association (Forum 2 organizer / water quality and greenscaping), Christian Krahforst –marine chemist affiliated with the MassBays Program and UMass Boston (nutrients / water quality), and Jason Burtner, South Shore Regional Coordinator for the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (water quality and flushing studies)

Forum 3: Rich Kleinman and Carl Nielsen of ESS Group, Wellesley MA (midges and vegetative matter), Fred St. Ours, entomologist affiliated with UMass- Boston (midges-fish-other insects), John Kenney, retired employee of the State Pesticide Board (pesticides), Rob Gilman (organizer)

Forum 4: Katie Lund, Resource Planner with the ACEC Program (Steps in the management process), Tim Smith from CZM Wetlands Restoration Program (Pilgrim Lake Restoration Project in Truro, MA), Eric Hutchins of NOAA (Saratoga Creek Salt Marsh Restoration in Rockport, MA), Jason Burtner of CZM (organizer / Flushing options)

A special thanks you to Larry Cowen for technical assistance with the audio on the Forum 1 videotape. Through his and others help we were able to reach more members of the community via local cable.

I am pleased to announce the "Straits Pond Collection" and copies of the Forums on videotapes are available at both the Hull and Cohasset Public Libraries. The "Straits Pond Collection" contains copies of approximately 20 past studies / reports, as well as numerous news accounts about Straits Pond. I am extremely grateful to Pam Coffman of SC Videography for preparing video and DVD copies of the forums.

The problems with Straits Pond go back over 100 years and are complex. To solve the pond's problems there must be long term community support for a management plan that can be implemented and that works.

We invite any resident of Hull, Cohasset or Hingham to participate in the Feedback/Wrap-up Session on Monday, Nov. 10 from 7-9 p.m. at the Hull Town Hall. (Video broadcast of the Session will be in Cohasset 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12 and in Hull 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13.) The purpose of this meeting is to gain input from the community as to what they want to see in a management proposal for Straits Pond. Input from this session will be incorporated into a proposal to be forward to the Hull and Cohasset Boards of Selectmen in December.

Lawry Reid
President Straits Pond
Watershed Assoc.

No vote urged on Article 15

TO THE EDITOR

Municipalities across the state are facing a united effort by disparate forces on both sides of the economic and political spectrums whose clear mission is to eliminate the concept of single family zoning in small towns such as ours. The proposed zoning by-law under Article 15 further erodes the concept of single-family zoning as we know it in Cohasset.

Town Meeting in the spring of 2002 approved a similar zoning change, known as the Accessory Dwelling Unit by-law. That by-law has as its stated purposes many of the same goals as the by-law proposed under Article 15, including the creation of affordable rental housing units in our community. Proponents at that time also stated that the Accessory Dwelling unit by-law would help families who might not otherwise be able to afford a single family home in our town to be able to do so by means of the income-producing accessory apartment unit.

However, unlike the proposed by-law in Article 15, the Accessory Dwelling Unit by-law incorporates a number of safeguards to prevent runaway use — and abuse — of the by-law to protect the essential integrity of our zoning by-laws. Most notably, the Accessory Dwelling Unit by-law limits both the number of permits which may be granted per calendar year and the size of the Accessory Unit. The proposed by-law in Article 15 contains no such limiting provisions, other than a seemingly arbitrary sunset provision for its expiration in the year 2007.

I believe that before Town Meeting takes up consideration of Article 15, my fellow residents need to think about these questions:

Why do we need a new zoning by-law, which significantly chips away at single-family zoning, when we already have the Accessory Dwelling Unit by-law which purports to accomplish the same objectives?

Is the Accessory Dwelling Unit fulfilling its objectives, and if not, why not? If not, then rather than place a new and more far-reaching zoning by-law on the books, why not address the deficiencies, if any, in the Accessory Dwelling by-law?

Moreover, why is there a need to create still more apartment-unit housing in our town in light of the recent approval by the ZBA of the Avalon Bay development which will bring us 200 apartment units, of which 25 percent will be for residents of low and moderate income? Can anyone seriously suggest that there is a need in our town beyond what Avalon Bay will be fulfilling?

How many additional apartment units does the Planning Board feel will be created under the new by-law and in what neighborhoods? How many more children for our school system will this proposed by-law bring into our town, thereby exacerbating the problem which everyone seems so concerned about with Avalon Bay?

Why is the Planning Board proposing this article in such haste, before the final adoption of the town Master Plan?

Why is the Planning Board willing to grant amnesty to individuals who knowingly, intentionally, and willfully have been breaking the law by means of these illegal apartments? What message does this send about the enforcement — or non-enforcement — of our zoning by-laws, other than to say, "If you can get away with it for long enough, we'll eventually grant you amnesty?"

When the Accessory Dwelling Unit by-law first came up two years ago, opponents at that time (including our Planning Bd.) spoke not only of their concerns with that by-law as initially presented (most which were rectified for the spring Town Meeting, which then passed the article), but also of the proverbial slippery slope which our community would encounter once it started down the path of tinkering with our zoning by-laws. It is inevitable that once that door is opened, special interest groups will seek to jump on the bandwagon with further incursions into the status quo.

That prophecy has been realized with amazing rapidity. Last fall's Town Meeting approved the Senior Overlay District which already has resulted in two plans for high-density developments.

Now we have Article 15 on this year's Town Meeting agenda which by its very terms promises both to be another bureaucratic nightmare for our town and to bring us closer to the total elimination of single-family zoning anywhere and everywhere in Cohasset – with the primary beneficiaries being those who have been flouting our zoning by-laws for their economic self-interest.

Zoning – high density, low density, or in-between – is what defines a community to its core. Rather than yielding to those who seek to develop land to its maximum economic potential for their own gain, our Planning Board and other town boards should be slowing this train down. Even a casual observer of town affairs must realize that our community as we know it is at an historic crossroads. We are at a point in time when we are being confronted with the dramatic changes to our community in the form of the return of the train and the developments of Avalon Bay, Cedarmere, and the Cook Estate which will strain many of our town services and infrastructure for which we are ill-prepared to handle.

Article 15's drastic changes to our zoning by-laws unquestionably will change the look of our town in the immediate future. We need to stop the steamroller of special interest groups, catch our breath, and see how all of these imminent changes are going to impact our community before we continue to roll ever faster down that slippery slope which has brought us the Accessory Dwelling Unit by-law, the Senior Overlay District, and Article 15 – what's next?

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Move over coffee lovers – tea is true brew

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Society Nov. 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. on the legends of tea and the discovery of the tea bag, as well as the process employed to transform the leaves of a plant to a beverage fit for kings and queens. McColgan will introduce the attendees to four different teas, each a little further along in the processing continuum. Participants will sip white tea, green tea, oolong tea, and black tea, and are asked to bring their favorite drinking vessel. Tea sandwiches and finger desserts will be also served.

But McColgan was not always as knowledgeable about tea as she is today, and did not always have the interest in tea she currently does.

As a young girl, McColgan had no interest in tea to speak of. Her mother would sometimes brew her a cup when she was sick, and she carried that negative connotation with her all the way into adulthood. However, becoming reacquainted with the loose leaves of today, she's changed her tune and believes with a little taste-testing, anyone can find a blend to their liking.

"There are over 10,000 varieties of tea," she said, and her shop carries an array of palate pleasers from mango to licorice to standard black tea, all ready for the brewing. She aims to please even the most finicky tea connoisseur, trying each and every tea herself before allowing it on her shelves, knowing all too well how important a first impression with tea can be.

"I taste all my tea first. If I don't like it, I won't put it up," she said.

But sometimes it does take a little prodding by a loved one to try something new, which is what it took to change McColgan's mind. Having disliked tea for years, McColgan was somehow convinced by her husband one day to visit a tea shop in Quincy, and at his request, they purchased a loose leaf Irish breakfast tea. When they returned home, her husband brewed the tea, and once she tried it, she couldn't believe it was actually tea. It was "not anything like what you buy in the grocery store," she said, and from there she became interested in trying other varieties. Because she would have to travel back and forth to Quincy to purchase the loose leaf tea, she and her husband thought the South Shore should have a tea shop of its own, and decided they would be the ones to bring it.

In January of 2000, McColgan opened her first shop in Hanover, and moved to her current location in North Scituate in October of 2001. Through much study and research, she has been able to expand her business to include tea tasting workshops and various educational tea talks.

But before beginning her new business venture, McColgan was a cosmetologist by trade. She began looking into reflexology and healing herbs to add to her business experience, and because her interest in tea had already been sparked by her husband, she began researching what she had heard in terms of its healing properties. After doing some research, she was intrigued by the claims of its health benefits, and knew getting into the tea business was something she had to do.

"Tea is antibacterial," she said, adding she would recommend everyone drink at least one cup a day to help boost immunity. Green tea is high in antioxidants and has reported health benefits, but she said everything she has read points to all tea different tea varieties having antioxidants. She also said tea is a good beverage to drink if you travel. In many countries, tourists are advised not to drink the water, and McColgan said drinking tea while on vacation may help ward off different kinds of food poisonings by killing off the bacteria.

But a common misconception McColgan has come to find in her studies is that many people call any kind of leaves brewed in hot water a tea, which is not true. True tea comes from tea leaves, and no matter what kind of tea a person drinks, whether it be black, green, or oolong, it all comes from the same plant.

"People call anything tea, but peppermint tea really isn't tea," she said, adding only tea leaves which are blended with peppermint leaves can be called a true peppermint tea.

In her shop, McColgan offers many different varieties of tea leaves blended with other ingredients to give the leaves flavors. Chopped fruits give a fresh spin on regular tea and different herbs blend to make wonderful aromas during brewing. But McColgan does specialty teas of her own, blending all-natural ingredients, which she said she tries to do whenever possible, to create a tea unlike any other. One of her best selling items is the Minot's Light tea, which is Ceylon tea with apple, blackberry, blueberry, cranberry, and raspberry fruit bits. She said people like to drink the tea all year long because of it's fruity taste and she said it is just as good hot as it is cold. But she might say that about any tea.

"I think people should really drink tea all year long. It's a good thing to do."

The cost of the Historical Society tea is $10 per person and is open to anyone who loves tea or wants to try it. In order to prepare the appropriate amount of food, please reserve your place by calling the Historical Society at (781)-383-1168 before Nov. 7.

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Fans are encouraged to show up early and share a ride if possible.

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On the South Shore

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Third time still not the charm

CHS boys ousted in quarterfinals by Norwell, 2-0

By Mike Spellman
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The third time was still not the charm for the Cohasset boys soccer team.

For the third time this season, on Tuesday, the Skippers fell to their South Shore League rival Norwell Clippers. Of course, this 2-0 setback was infinitely more painful than the previous two losses combined, as this one ended their season.

The host Clippers would get all the offense they would require in this Div. 3 south sectionals quarterfinals match-up just 65 seconds in, as sophomores Scott Kitchen and Andrew Olsen combined on a very pretty goal. A nice fake and move to the outside gained Olsen a step on his mark on a charge into the top left corner of the box, and let him see the streaking Kitchen on a run toward the opposite post. The diagonal pass led Kitchen perfectly, slipping just beyond the reach of his mark, and the sophomore one-timed the shot back far-side past helpless Cohasset keeper Jesse Brewer.

The 10th seeded Skippers — who'd defeated Avon, 7-1, to advance to go round number three with second seeded Norwell (18-2)—seemed to be fired up by this goal, and bounced back with some of their most inspired play against the powerhouse Clippers this year, creating several solid scoring chances over the remainder of the first half.

In the 16th minute, Cohasset senior Kevin Dinsmore hit the

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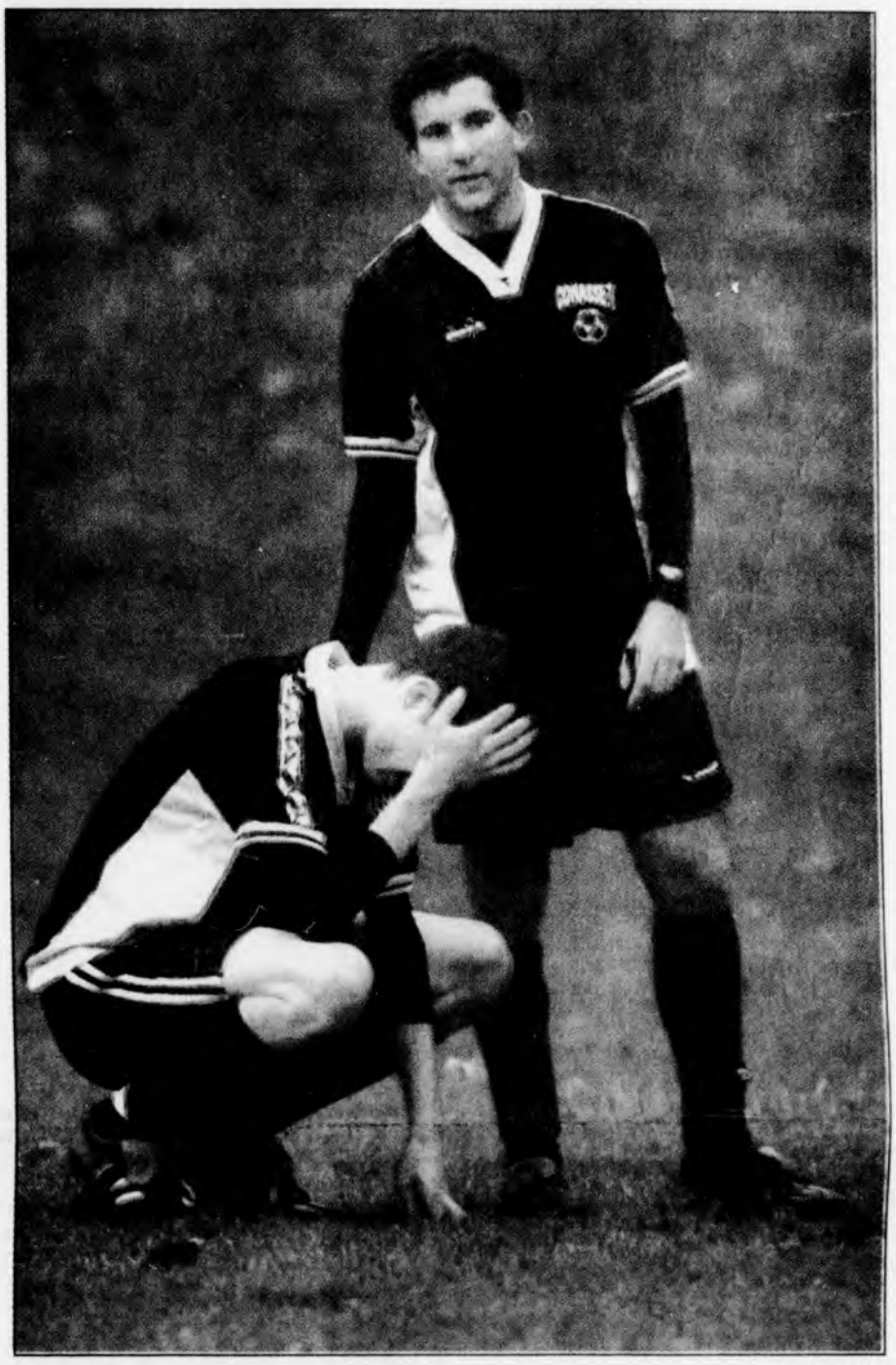
Heartbreakers

All three CHS teams ousted from postseason



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J.T. Oronte (standing) consoles fellow CHS senior Conor Buick after the final whistle sounded on their unsuccessful showdown with Norwell and their high school soccer careers on Tuesday afternoon.

Hornets sting Skippers

CHS field hockey team no match for Mansfield in postseason opener

Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

What a great season for the Cohasset field hockey players.

The Skippers finished third in the South Shore League with an overall record of 9-8 to qualify for the state tournament for the first time since 2000. Postseason hopes shifted to disappointment, however, as they lost to a highly talented Mansfield squad on Thursday.

The Mansfield Hornets decisively beat the Lady Skippers by a score of 5-1 last Thursday on Hornets' home turf. The Hornets had earned the home team advantage because they lost three fewer games than the Lady Skippers did during the regular season.

The Hornets stung early and often. At halftime, they led 2-0 thanks to their many breakaways and precision stick-work. Their impressive transition playmaking resulted in three more goals before the ref blew the final whistle.

"Mansfield was an extremely quick team with admirable finishing skills," note Cohasset head coach Deb Bostwick. "We played to our full potential, but just didn't have what it took to beat such an experienced team."

Cohasset's lone score came on a dazzling pass from Danielle Pinkus to Courtney Caron, who sent a rocket shot past Mansfield's goalie. The game seemed out of reach to the Skippers for much of the game.

Looking back upon the season, senior Frannie Noble commented: "This was such a wonderful season. The team was so unified. We all worked so well together."

FIELD HOCKEY, PAGE 17

Bad bounces do in lady booters

CHS girls fall in tourney opener to Sacred Heart, 2-1

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

Even in the playoffs, it is not enough to simply outplay your opponents.

You need a little luck, and a few bounces to go your way.

Luck was not on the side of the Cohasset girls soccer team on Saturday, as it lost their first round playoff game to Sacred Heart in Kingston, 2-1.

The score was not indicative of how the game was played. The Skippers played better than the home Saints, getting to more loose balls and creating better scoring opportunities.

Cohasset finally made good on one of those opportunities with one minute to go, as striker Lauren Rizzotti scored a beautiful one-touch goal off of a cross from Casey Anderson.

Unfortunately for the girls in blue, it was too little too late.

The Saints got their first goal in the 51st minute, as junior midfielder Jill Skrzyniarz headed in a corner. The corner kick was right at Cohasset keeper CeCelia Chapman, but it glanced off her shoulder and right to Skrzyniarz standing behind her.

Thirteen minutes later, Sacred Heart would strike again off of another bad bounce for Cohasset.

Senior sweeper Holly Graham, who played an exem-

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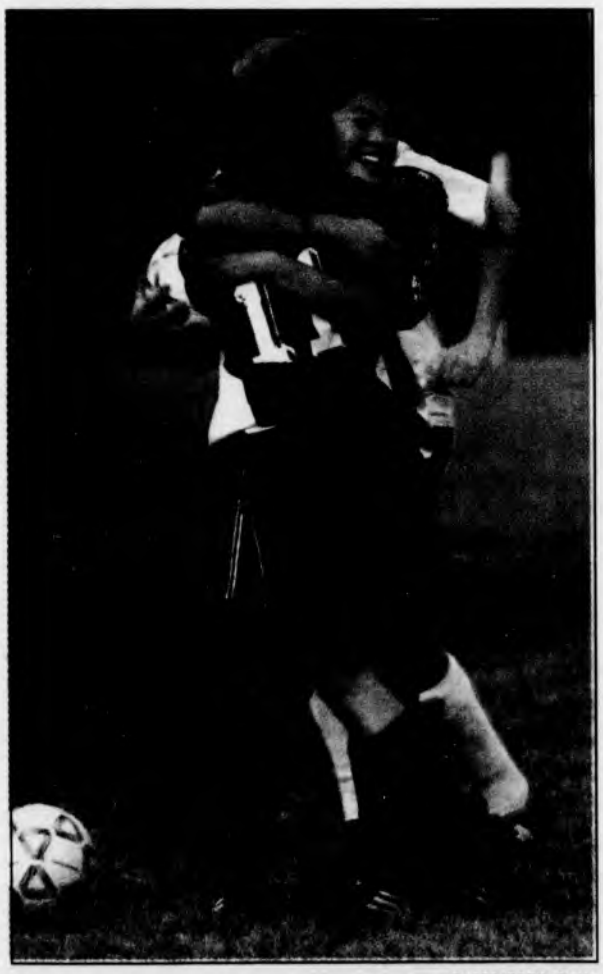

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CHS senior Holly Graham tried to remain upbeat as she hugged teammate Christine Lavallo (#11) at the conclusion of Saturday's tough 2-1 loss to Sacred Heart.

Bulldogs bite Skippers

Canton ends CHS gridders' run at unbeaten season

Friday night football
Abington at Cohasset
7 p.m. kickoff

Cohasset had three shortcomings in their Halloween night contest with the Canton Bulldogs: failure to convert on three of four extra point/conversion attempts, the inability to knock down three long pass plays which resulted in two touchdowns and setup a third from the 6-yard line, and three drive ending turnovers, two on the final two series of the game.

The result was a three point loss, 29-26, that ended the Skippers run at an unbeaten season.

Cohasset now stands at 6-1, 2-0 in South Shore League play, with a Friday night date with SSL rival Green Wave from Abington (6-2, 2-1).

The Bulldogs scored first on a fourth down-24 yard pass play to their tight end. The Skippers had turned the ball over to Canton at their own 43-yard line. The extra point made the score 7-0.

The Skippers answered with a three play-64 yard drive. On second down, senior captain quarterback Mike Dooley (76 yards rushing and 128 yards passing) ran the option play to the right. Senior captain Steve Davis wiped out a few would be tacklers from his right guard spot and senior tight end Sean Connolly threw a nice block, helping Dooley to a 31-yard gain down to the Canton 29-yard line. Senior tailback DeWayne Morris, not to be outdone, ran left behind senior Dan Tarpey at left tackle and sophomore Nick Arment at left guard, a nice lead block from junior fullback Ted Straughn, and downfield blocking from wideouts, senior captain Chris Bilodeau and junior Crandon Leahy, ran to pay dirt with rela-

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Cohasset-Scituate Youth Football rules

Five of six teams advance to Super Bowl games on Sunday

By Dick Cushman
CORRESPONDENT

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football teams seem to have put together a winning combination with the Sharks Division 1 and the Stingrays Division 5 Leagues of the Old Colony Youth Football Program.

"It' unbelievable all six teams representing the town of Scituate," Director of Scituate Youth Football Ed Crowley said. "All made the play-offs. Then to have five of those teams win to get them a vie for a Super Bowl Title is super in itself.

"Joe Obert took this second team program and made it work. The time and effort he put into it with the other towns should not go unnoticed. The kids have benefited from his dedication, in the fact that more of the kids in the program have more playing time. My hats off to Joe Obert."

The **Sharks Midget** team squeaked by a very good Barnstable team, 8-6, at home this past Saturday night.

"The kids have not lost all year and their toughness showed against Barnstable with this win," offered coach Dan O'Brien. "The Barnstable team gave us a big scare in the final minutes of the game, but a big interception in the red zone by Blaine O'Brien helped us put this one in the books."

' The **Sharks Mites** also came up big on their game at the high school field Saturday night. Kyle Livingstone's two-point safety stunned Marshfield early in the game.

The Sharks Mitch McNary touchdown would ice this game with an impressive 8-0 score.

"The kids based their year on speed, quickness and toughness and Marshfield had problems with our teams mind set," stated Head Coach Ralph Froio. "The team and my fellow coach's are

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Third time still not the charm

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left post from eight yards out off of a well served free kick from just outside the right corner of the goal area by fellow senior John Andrade. A few minutes earlier, Cohasset sweeper Conor Buick nearly caught the Norwell defense sleeping when he quickly blasted a free kick from 40 yards straight out that keeper Mike Allen had to knock away at the last instant as it was hooking back inside the right goal post. Allen was also forced to come out aggressively and play three balls served into the goal area in the opening half.

Of course, this inspired play probably had more than a little to do with the realization the Clippers were somewhat vulnerable, with one of their three All-Eastern Mass players (team leading goal scorer Robbie Beach) out for the remainder of the season due to a fractured orbital bone, and a second (Garret Bates) slowed by a rib cage bruise.

Bates, who many feel was the top player in the South Shore League this year, showed he was better than reports, however, as he played all 80 minutes of regulation.

"I'll take Garrett Bates at 80 percent over most of the players in the South Shore League," noted Norwell coach Jack Browne. "He's just such an important part of our team."

The inability to cash in on any of these aforementioned chances came back to haunt the Skippers in the second half, as the Clippers settled into their beautifully run ball possession offense, and rarely let the Skippers get anything going on their side of midfield.

And, on those few forays into Clippers territory, Norwell's talented and so in sync back four of Pat Manning, Jason Kulik, Chris Pisarkewicz and Matt Sammartino were seemingly there to get to every 50-50 ball first and work the ball quickly back upfield.

"Those four guys were just huge again today," appraised Browne. "There all such fundamentally solid players who play so well together. Right now, I can't remember as single misplayed ball or bad kick today. They just made the plays they needed to time after time."

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

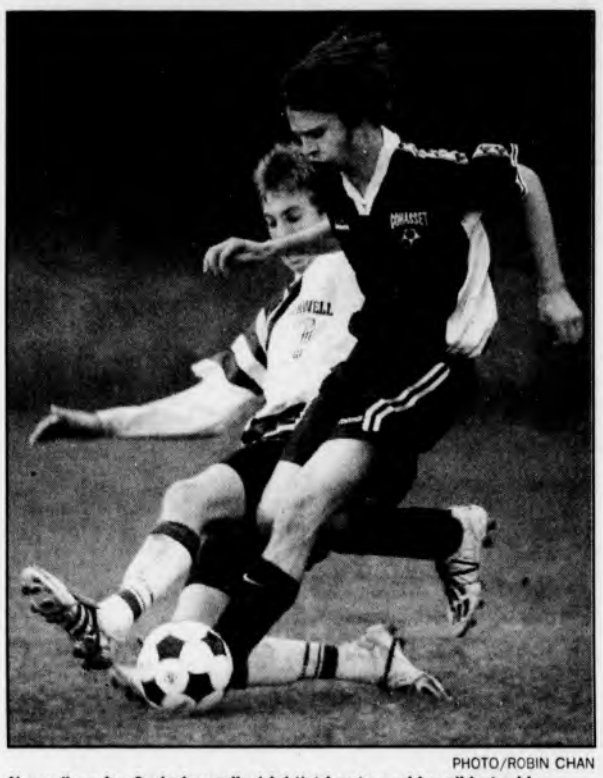
This one says 1,000 words. Cohasset goalie Jesse Brewer is in no hurry to get up after Norwell's second goal was booted over him in Tuesday's 2-0 season ending quarterfinals loss.

Cohasset received some extremely strong play in back as well led by league all-stars Brewer and Buick, both seniors. The 6-foot-2 Buick alone headed or booted away no fewer than a dozen balls served into the Cohasset box over the course of the game, and was clearly the Skippers best player on the field on this afternoon.

"We probably would have had a few more goals if it wasn't for their sweeper," noted Browne. "He's just a great player. But I've been saying that for years. I'm glad we won't have to face him anymore."

However, Buick and Brewer couldn't get to everything. Norwell got its insurance goal in the 55th minute off of a corner kick from the left of the Cohasset goal. With Cohasset packing it into the box, Curt Alpert served up a soft pass toward the top corner of the area to Olsen, who then touched it toward the middle of the box where captain Ryan Henry ran on to it and blasted away. This salvo was deflected by a quick reacting Cohasset defender, but it bounced right to Alpert who unloaded from 12 yards out. Brewer made a nice diving stop to his left on this one, but Norwell's James Finkenstaedt reached the carom first and roofed it from eight yards out over the downed and helpless Brewer.

The win advances Norwell to the semifinals and a meeting tonight (6 p.m.) with 11th seeded Cardinal Spellman (15-3-2), who stunned just about the entire Eastern Mass soccer following community on Tuesday by edging third seeded Ashland, 1-0.



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Norwell senior Craig Laugelle (right) tries to avoid a slide tackle attempt by Norwell's Andrew Olsen.

The other two semifinalists—eighth seeded Medway (15-1-4) and fourth seeded Carver (17-2-1), who finished second to Norwell in the South Shore League this fall, with the two teams splitting their two regular season meetings—will also face off against one another at Brockton High tonight. The winners from these games will meet in the South Sectional championship game over the weekend, likely on Saturday right back at Brockton High.

Check massachusetts.ihigh.com for game details.

Soccer Notes

Skippers 7, Avon 1

The Cohasset boys had little trouble in the opener on the road against seventh seeded Avon (15-3) on Saturday, although there were a few anxious moments after the host Panthers scored the first goal at 7:45.

However, senior Kevin Dinsmore got the equalizer less than four minutes later, finishing on a pass from senior captain Chris Clark, and senior Dave Santiago gave the Skippers the last goal they would need just 90 seconds after that.

Three Cohasset goals five minutes apart late in the first half would break the game open.

Santiago made it 3-1 in the 31stt minute. John Andrade and Clark scored their first of two goals in the 33rd and 35th minutes, respectively, to send the game into the break, 5-1.

Coastal Stars Youth Hockey report

Squirt A

The Coastal Star Squirt A team extended their winning streak to 4 games with a 4-1 win over Duxbury. The Stars forechecked and cycled the puck as well as they have all year and kept the puck away from Duxbury for most of the game. A first period goal by John Collins, assisted by Ryan Donovan and Tyler Martina, put the Stars up 1-0 nothing and they never let let up from their. They crashed the net looking for rebounds the entire game and got their second goal when a hustling Pat Cull made a terrific play down the left wing beating two duxbury defenders to a loose puck and firing it at the net where Connor McLean was perfectly positioned for the rebound. The Duxbury goaltender made two terrific stops but couldn't handle the next rebound that was put in the back of the net by Ryan Donovan for the first of his two goals. Ryan's second goal came in the third period and was unassisted putting the Stars up 3-0 and in toatal control of the game. Connor Mclean made it 4-0 when he put in a rebound of a Jeff Durkin shot mid way through the final period. Travers Craven also had an assist on the play. Brian Scott was a defensive standout playing his best game ever. He consistently beat the opposition to loose pucks and made smart passes out of the defensive end. Also worth noting was the play of Kevin Kelly in net as he made many big saves early in the contest and he continues to get better and more confident each week. His shutout bid was spoiled with less than two minutes to play.

Mite C1

It was a nail-biter this week between the Coastal Stars Mite C-1's and Braintree. It could have gone either way but the Stars pulled out a goal in the last few minutes to end it in a 3-3 tie. Braintree took the lead early in the first period but Patrick Shea, left wing on the first line off the bench, leveled the score with an assist by Tommy Prendergast, the center. Pendergast followed with his own goal, a textbook lifter that nailed the corner. Working hard to protect the lead, Brodie Jackisch and Owen Burchill again proved to be effective at defense, keeping the puck out of the Star's end. However, with a few well executed board passes, Braintree had a few opportunities to take the puck in deep. Thanks to the strong, fast skating by right winger Adam Benson, the plays were broken up each time before a shot could be taken. The second line off the bench, anchored by Colby Comeau at center, faced a strong Braintree line who repeatedly used the boards well to move the puck along and keep the stars defensive team of Jake Burchill and Brendan O'Connell hustling. Burchill and O'Connell showed their own passing skills, consistently putting the puck on the sticks of wingers Derek Benson and Justin Fein. The Stars third line off the bench had Tucker Ambrose at center, Cameron Lamaureux on right wing, Colin MacDonald at left, and Charlie Blackington and Brian Palmieri on defense, fought hard for every loose puck. Despite their efforts, Braintree scored to take a 3-2 lead half way through the third period. Stars goalie Kevin Meehan was put to the test but did an excellent job keeping Braintree to just three goals. The excitement and pressure mounted as Braintree took their second penalty and the Stars tried to capitalize, only to be shut down again. But the Stars were rewarded eventually for their persistence and determination when Charlie Blackington followed up on a shot by Colin MacDonald and popped it in. The last six minutes of the game brought the crowd to their feet as each team fought hard to produce a goal and keep their own net protected. It could have gone either way with some very close shots, but it ended in a draw and a huge sigh of relief that the Stars still have a 0 in the losses column.

Mites C2

On Sunday, the Coastal Stars Mites C-2 dropped a tough decision to Weymouth 2-1 at the Hobomock Arenas. From the outset, Weymouth turned up the pressure on Stars Goalie Matt Doyle but he proved to be up to the task, stopping everything sent his way during the first period. After a continued attack by Weymouth, the Stars finally began to shake their first period jitters. Both Michael McPartlin and Joe Proctor battled their Weymouth opponents in the corners coming up with several loose pucks creating opportunities for teammates. Jack Evitts could not capitalize on an open rush to the net as the Weymouth goaltender made a right pad save. On the defensive end, Kal Maier and Robbie Bertone held tough and were solid controlling the puck in their own zone. Defensemen Aidan Beresford and Thomas Coyne were a force playing the blue line and keeping the puck in the offensive end. Unfortunately though, the Stars were unable to fend off their opponents in the second period as Weymouth scored on a 20 ft shot from the right side making it 1-0. Matt Boudreau, Jack Kaetzer and Brendan Evitts contributed with scrappy play in the offensive zone but Weymouth countered with tough position play. The Stars had plenty of chances but could not convert them into goals. Jeremy Archibald was stopped on an impressive break away rush, one of several exciting scoring bids he had in the game. Weymouth answered with another goal making it 2-0 at the end of the 2nd period. Three minutes into the 3rd period, the Stars finally put one up on the board with some nifty skating by Patrick Graham who went in uncontested and beat the Weymouth goalie on the left side. The Stars continued to kick it up a notch with great offensive play by John Leahy, Tristan Wiggin and Joey Redfearn. Later in the period, Robert Reidy made a key clear out of the zone to thwart the Weymouth attack and relieve pressure on his goalie. The Stars continued to work hard in the last period but were unable to put it together for the tie.

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The Shark Mites players and cheerleaders take the field.

Cohasset-Scituate Youth Football rules

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looking forward to the Super Bowl game against Barnstable, we have only lost to then once in the past years."

Scituate/Cohasset's third victory came at the hands of a much improved Hingham squad. The **Stingrays** come-from-behind 8-6 victory came on a Kyle Crowley 11-yard touchdown run in the third quarter and a Dean Kennedy 2-point conversion.

"Hingham played us tough," smiled Head Coach Larry McInerney. "We had handled them relatively easy in our two other meetings. The difference in this one might have been Kyle Ewanoski's monster defensive play. He had the team fired up, not to mention the parents being fired up by Will Charles the newly appointed parent cheerleader.

"This team's undefeated record has been a super year for the team, most of the teams we handled pretty easy. The kids had to very impressive wins against the Hanover team."

The wins continued with a **Stingrays PeeWee** 6-0 shut-out of Hingham. This game played scoreless for three quarters and a bear power pass late in the fourth quarter would give the Stingrays Pee Wee their vie at the Super Bowl.

"We tried everything against this Hingham team," said head coach Cole Hawkins. "Their line was tough. Anthony Antonino stepped up big when we needed it. All of my team played outstanding, it was a great win for the kids."

Yes, the **Stingray Mites** also won. This reporter is running out of words for victory - win - etc., etc.

The Mighty Mites racked up an impressive 28 points to give them a win over Barnstable at Battis Field in Middleboro.

"This was a much improved team, 100 percent tougher than we expected," coach Kevin Dooley said of the Barnstable squad. "This one went back and fourth. We were tied at the half with a Matt Cousins 55 yard touchdown and Mike Hassett to Mike Tangherlini passing touchdown."

Casey Burns lugs the rock for the Stingray PeeWees.

The Mites would gain control again with a third quarter touchdown on a QB Mike Hassett sneak only to find Barnstable knocking on the door with a long touchdown run.

"Thank goodness Mike Stewart iced it for us with his touchdown at the 1:30 mark," said coach Dooley. "Thank you, Mike."

Unfortunately, the **Sharks Pee Wee** team played against a very tough and talented Barnstable Silver Bullets team. Their 34-6 lost dashed any hope of a clean sweep to the Super Bowl.

"We come off a 10-0 season; we knew it was going to be hard to repeat with losing eight starters," offered Sharks head coach Craig Dias. "The whole team played well. The captains — Craig Dias, Morgan Billings, John Maher and Kevin Barberry— stepped up this year and had great games. I told the kids it is tough to be perfect every year, but we enjoyed the year and our football teachings has made the players better for future play."

The Sharks Midgets will go head-to- head with the Silver Lake team at Silver Lake High School on Sunday, Nov. 9,at 1p.m. for the Super Bowl Title.

The Sharks Mites will be playing just a head of them at 11:30 against Barnstable.

All three teams representing the Stingrays will be traveling to host Hingham to play Barnstable, Middleboro and Hanover, respectively, starting at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

President Bob McQuad added to the program high lights of this year.

"As well as we will be represented by our football players in the upcoming Super Bowl, let us not forget the cheerleaders," said McQuaid. "Lori Niel has done a great job heading up this part of our youth program. She has almost 200 girls to coordinate. It shows well out on the field. The girls have done a fantastic job cheering on the football players. Their halftime performances are picture perfect."

Michael Corcoran, of the Scituate Shark Mites, makes a move to the outside.

SPORTS NOTES

CHS Winter sports meeting Nov. 19

Cohasset High athletic director Ron Ford will hold his annual pre-winter sports meeting Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6:45 p.m. in the Cohasset High gymnasium. All student athletes and a guardian should attend.

CHS spirit items for sale

Cohasset High Spirit items are for sale right now through the high school. Blankets are $50, flags $45 and beach towels $20. Purchases can be made through Athletic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103) or at all home football games.

Kudos to Flynn

Cohasset ninth grader Patrick Flynn was recently one of 43 players named from Eastern Massachusetts from the Top Gun Indoor Lacrosse Leagues in Acton and Plymouth to the exclusive "Littlenecks" All Star team.

These players will make up one 7th/8th grade team and two 9th/10th grade teams that will travel to Ithaca, New York this weekend to compete in the Junior Turkeyshoot Tournament.

The players were selected from the Top Gun Indoor Lacrosse League, which provides offseason lacrosse to nearly 1,500 boys and girls.

Cohasset Little League Golf fundraiser

Mark your calendars....You won't want to miss the Cohasset Little League fundraiser @ Black Rock Country Club on Friday, November 21st, 7:30 pm. Join your friends and neighbors for a Talent Show featuring Cohasset musicians and performing artists. The night will also include dancing, hor d'oeuvres and a live auction.

Tickets are $50 per person and are available at Shoe Market Kids, Good Sport or by calling (781) 383-CYBA. All proceeds will go towards the completion of the new fields and concession stand. It will be a night to remember!!!

Cohasset Alumni Soccer Game

Saturday, November 29, 2003 is the date for the first Annual Cohasset Alumni Soccer game. The game will be played at 2:00pm at either Alumni Field or Milliken Field depending on field availability. All CHS graduates who participated in the soccer program are invited to participate. The format will be a normal 90 minute game with graduates of odd numbered years playing against graduates of even numbered years. Please contact Jeff Donze, Class of '73, if you are interested in playing, contact Jeff Donze at jeff.donze@comcast.net or 781-383-9734. More details will follow.

Girls travel basketball

On Wednesday October 29th, from 5:30 to 7pm at the Deer Hill School Gymnasium, there will be an information and skills evaluation practice for girls in grades 7 & 8 who would like to try-out for the Old Colony Travel Basketball League.

Old Colony Games are on weekends and run from December 7th through March. There is a registration fee of $125 for those girls placed on a team. Practices will be once each week beginning the first week in November. If you have any questions please call Matt Salerno at 781-383-2230

Hornets sting Skippers

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Like some of her classmates, Frannie hopes to play intramural field hockey in college.

Joining Frannie in their last field hockey game for Cohasset were goalie Caitlin Condon, sweeper Rachael Doyle, and defensive players Kelly Hurley, Carling Sturino, Tess Foley, and Jessie Guilds. Midfielders Corey Evans, Danielle Pinkus, Meghan Marr, and forward line players Courtney Caron and Kristin Howard will all graduate in 2004.

Coach Deb Bostwick recognizes the daunting task lying ahead.

"There are so many spots to fill for next year," said Bostwick. "We will need to rebuild another powerful team.

"I'm counting on some JV players and freshmen to step up to the plate. I'm hoping all players will take advantage of the indoor leagues in Plymouth and East Bridgewater to work on their games."

Just about every member of the team seemed to agree this was a fabulous season.

In addition to the aforementioned seniors, the team also included Liz Condos, Allison Dean, Courtney Hurley, Christina St. Pierre, Colby Durant, Allison Fludder, Brooke Allen, Aaron Bigley, Katie James, Remy Lee, Mia Lieb-Lappen, and Katherine Whoriskey.

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plary game in the Skippers' back line, attempted to clear out a long ball in her direction. The ball ricocheted off a charging Saint and to the feet of forward Shannon McNichols, who gathered the ball and scored on the breakaway.

Sacred Heart had only one serious threat after that, another McNichols breakaway that led to a nice save from Chapman. Cohasset put on an all-out attack on their opponents' goal, an attack that came up a little short in the end.

The teams battled to a scoreless tie in the first half, but again, the score did not accurately represent the tenor of the game. A large majority of the action came in Sacred Heart's end of the field.

Seniors Jenn Buckley, Gillian Weber and Sarah McMorris led the Skippers attack, keeping Saints goalie Anne Marie Pooler and sweeper Tory Belliveau busy.

Buckley was the best player on the field, dominating from her center-midfield position. Any loose ball in the middle of the field was hers, and she was consistently able to turn it into a quality scoring chance for Cohasset.

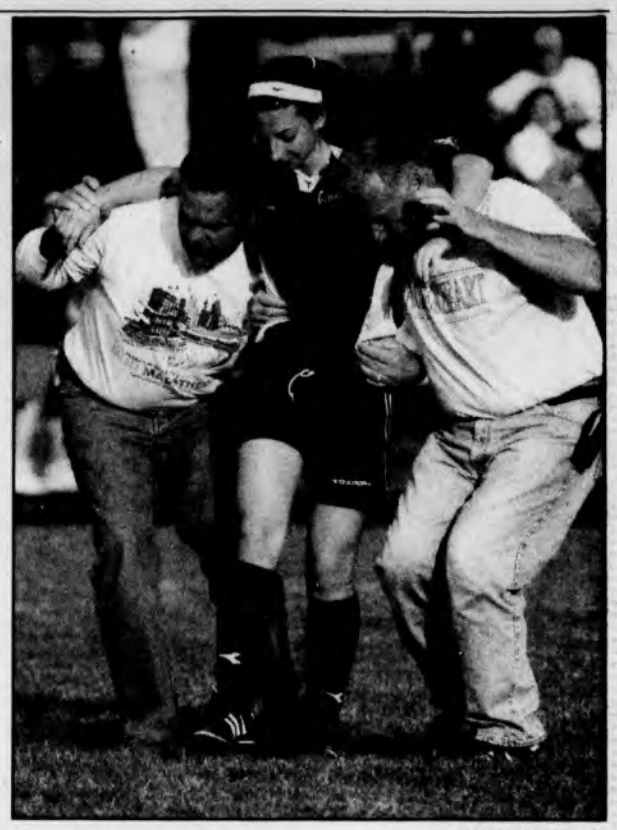
Buckley, Weber, Rizzotti and junior midfielder Nicole Whitney all got off good shots at the Sacred Heart net in the first 20 minutes. All of them either just missed the net or required a good block or save from a defender or Pooler.

The contest was clean, yet physical, and saw a few injuries. Rizzotti and Weber went down at the 34th and 41st minutes, respectively, but both came back later in the game.

The same could not be said for McMorris, who injured her right knee while battling for the ball in front of the Cohasset goal. The senior forward, one of the Skippers' top athletes and goal-scoring threats, had to be helped off the field and did not return.

Despite playing wounded up front, Cohasset managed to create more scoring chances in the second half. At one point, Anderson had three straight corner kicks, which all required good defensive plays from Sacred Heart. Weber and Buckley each got off their own long, booming kicks toward the goal that were saved.

It was simply not meant to be for the Skippers, who finished their season with a 10-8-1 record. Considering where they were a month ago, the Cohasset girls deserve a lot of credit for even getting to this point, as they saved their best soccer for the second half of the season.



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Adding injury to insult, CHS senior Sarah McMorris is helped from the field after she twisted her knee. Sarah, a senior, did not return in the heartbreaking 2-1 loss for the Lady Skippers.

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Bulldogs bite Skippers

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tive ease. Straughn followed junior center Matt Casey, Davis at right guard, and sophomore right tackle Dan McCarthy for the two point conversion. Cohasset had an 8-7 advantage with 4:44 left in the first quarter.

Canton botched a punt attempt in the second quarter and the Skippers took over on the Bulldogs' 11-yard line. Cohasset kept it on the ground. On third down, Dooley went between Arment, Tarpey, and behind Straughn for a 6-yard score. After the pass conversion was broken up, Cohasset led 14–7.

The teams swapped punts. Junior Joe Durkin booted it out of the end zone for Cohasset and Canton started out on the Skippers 40-yard line. A first down 34 yard pass completion set the Bulldogs up at the 6-yard line. They proceeded to run it in, and the extra point tied it up at 14 a piece.

Cohasset returned the ensuing kickoff back to its 27-yard line. On first down, Dooley lofted one to Bilodeau (six catches for 119 yards) fromCanton's 48-yard line. The gifted senior wideout caught it between two defenders and proceeded to sprint untouched to the end zone. However, the conversion again failed, leavign Cohasset with only a six point lead at the half, 20-14.

Canton's opening drive of the third quarter was a 75-yard march capped off with a 13-yard burst to the right side. The kick was successful, giving the Bulldogs a 21-20 lead.

Cohasset returned the favor with a 60-yard drive. In the time consuming push, Morris carried seven times. On the last carry, he sprinted in around the left side behind Tarpey, Arment, and Connolly. The pass conversion failed, leaving Cohasset with a five point of 26-21.

The Bulldogs aerial attack then struck again. After returning the kickoff to their own 28 yard line, the Bulldogs scored the go ahead touchdown on a 72-yard pass play down the left side on first down. The conversion pass was good and the score stood at 29-26 Canton at the end of the third quarter.

The Skippers hadn't given up all season, and weren't about to start here. The offense advanced the ball from their own 28-yard line to the Canton 35 halfway through the fourth quarter. However, a blitzing Bulldog linebacker forced a turnover.

The Skippers defense held strong, trying to get the offense one more chance. Junior defensive linemen Kelvin Ferriera and Matt Baroudi clogged the middle, and the linebacking trio cleaned up and forced a punt by Canton.

Cohasset started out on its own 20, as the punt went through the end zone. On a crucial fourth down-and-seven, Dooley hit Bilodeau again for eight yards and a first down, moving the ball to Cohasset's 45-yard line. On the subsequent third down play, the blitz did Cohasset in for the final time, creating yet another turnover that allowed the hosts to run out the clock.

Canton 29, Skippers 26

	1	2	3	4	F	
Cohasset (6-1)	8	12	6	0		26
Canton (5-2)	7	7	15	0		29

Can-24 yd pass, kick conversion
C-DeWayne Morris 29 yd rush, Straughn conversion rush.
C-Mike Dooley 6 yd rush, pass failed.
Can-2 yd rush, kick conversion
C-Chris Bilodeau 73 yd pass from Dooley, rush failed.
Can-13 yd rush, kick conversion.
C-Morris 6 yd rush, pass failed.
Can-72 yd pass, pass conversion.

Turf Notes

Defensive tackle junior Leo Clougherty tracked down a Canton tailback from behind and made a nice touchdown saving tackle.

Senior captain Tony Truglia again led the team with 11 tackles from his outside linebacker slot, and was solid on special teams play.

Sophomore Dave McKenna made a crushing tackle on special teams play.

Offensively Cohasset had over 300 yards, 175 on the ground, 128 through the air.

Offensive Stats

Passing: Mike Dooley 7 for 16, 128 yards, 1 TD.

Receiving: Chris Bilodeau 6 for 119 yds, 1 TD, Crandon Leahy 1 for 9 yds.

Rushing: DeWayne Morris 22 carries for 95 yds, 2 TDS, Dooley 11 for 76 yds, 1 TD, Ted Straughn 3 for 4 yds.

Defensive Stats

Tackles: Tony Truglia 11, Chris Bilodeau 6, Matt Casey, Ted Straughn, Leo Clougherty, Joe Durkin, Crandon Leahy 4, Kelvin Ferriera 3, Matt Baroudi 2, Steve Davis, Sean Connolly, Dave McKenna 1.

Interception: Bilodeau

Fumble Recovery: Casey

This week's Preview

Cohasset hosts the Abington Green Wave Friday night at 7 PM, their final home game of the year. This has become an annual battle to remain in the hunt for the League championship, Abington prevailed last year on their way to the Division 5 Super Bowl crown, while Cohasset pulled out a dramatic victory in 2001 (with over 2,000 fans in attendance at Alumni field) on their way to the Super Bowl tournament. There is sure to be another huge crowd for this crucial contest. An Abington loss will eliminate them from capturing first place in the SSL. A Cohasset win will setup a battle for the league Championship the following week against Norwell.

With cooler weather in store, breakout the LJ's, the turtlenecks, the earmuffs, gloves, scarfs, and The Minks, and arrive early to help support the Skippers from the get go, and to obtain a parking spot that won't require the use of a shuttle bus.

South Shore League Standings

	overall/ league
Cohasset (6-1)	2-0-0
Norwell (7-1)	3-0-1
Abington (6-2)	2-1-0
Hull (1-6)	1-2-0
Mashpee (1-5-1)	0-2-1
Carver (1-7)	0-3-0

This weeks SSL game: Mashpee at Carver

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SPORTS NOTES

Learn to ski program registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with Buckles and Boards Ski Shop of Marshfield will hold registrations at the Cohasset Recreation Dept. Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 3 to 6 p.m. for a learn to ski program at Ragged Mt., N.H.

The program will be open to all ages but children must be able to participate on their own. There will be an adult chaperone to assist, however, children must be able to function with minimal assistance.

The fee for the program is $259.99 per student.

The Rec Department is located at 41 Highland Ave., in the Town Hall.

Lessons will be available to both ski and snowboard students. Details are as follows and the bus will leave from and return to Cohasset Town Hall.

Highlights: luxury motorcoach to/from mountain; adult chaperone on bus; five 1.5-hour ski or snowboard lessons; six full-day tickets, one Sunday and five Saturdays.

Dates: Sunday, Dec. 14; Saturdays, Jan. 10, Jan. 24, Feb. 7, Feb. 28 and March 5.

Ski bus will leave from Cohasset Town Hall at 6:30 a.m. and return to Town Hall between 6:30 and 7 p.m. each trip.

Youngsters will be able to ski/snowboard both prior to and after their ski lesson each trip. The bus will leave from Ragged Mt. between 4 and 4:15 p.m.

Rentals of either ski or snowboard equipment can be done on a seasonal basis, allowing each participant to rent and keep all the necessary equipment for the entire time period of the lessons. You will need to go to Buckles and Boards just one time to rent your equipment returning it after March 5, 2004.

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Cohasset Recreation Dept. Basketball Clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Dept. will accept telephone registrations for Basketball clinic for boys and girls in grades 3-8 to be directed by Coach Ron Ford. All clinics will be held at Cohasset High School gym on Tuesdays, Nov. 4 and 18.

Grades 3-5 will meet from 5-6:15 p.m. and grades 6-8 will meet from 6:30 -7:45 p.m. The fee for this program is $50 per person and checks should be payable to South Shore Basketball School.

Please call the recreation office at 781-383-4109 to register. Space is limited.

Cohasset Boys travel basketball tryouts

Tryouts for the Cohasset Boys Basketball Travel Team (Grades 6,7 and 8) will be held on two nights as follows:

When: Monday, October 27 AND Thursday October 30

Time:

Grade 6 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. both nights

Grade 7 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. both nights

Grade 8 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. both nights

Place: Cohasset High School

Questions: Please call Tim Bilodeau 781-925-1792

There is no fee for the tryouts. Boys should attend both nights if possible. Once team rosters are decided, the teams practice one night each week and play games on Saturday and Sunday during the season (December-March).

Gymnasts get into the spirit!

Halloween meet was a level 2, 3, 4,5, and 9 competition for gymnasts aged 6-16. Most improved gymnast was Juliette Karp (Level 4) with a 9.0 on the Floor, 9.1 on the Vault; 8.60 on the Bars; and 8.0 on the Balance Beam.

Level 5 gymnast, Betsy Crawford, first place costume Statue of Liberty; Floor 8.3; Beam 7.9; Bars 7.4; and Vault 7.0.

Level 4 gymnast, Paige Desisto, won prize for costume "Misstake – Beauty Contestant;" Floor Exercise 8.50.

Above: Level 3 gymnast, Micaela Durkin, second place costume "Bubble Bath; Floor 7.8; Beam 7.7; Bars 7.5; and Vault 8.4.

At left: Level 4 gymnast, Amber Silvia, "50s Teeny Bopper;" Floor 8.90; Beam 8.50; Bars 8.50 and Vault 8.60.

Level 9 high school "Hula Girls" from left, Alison Krupczak, Floor Exercise, 7.60; Nancy Durkin, Floor and Beam 8.5; Bars 8.3; Kate Carpenter, Floor Exercise 7.90; Bars 7.40.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Collecting box tops for education

The employees of the Cohasset Recycling Center have been collecting the box tops as they take in cardboard boxes to be recycled. They were responsible for collecting more than one third of the funds earned this past year.

The Deer Hill School has been participating in the Box Tops For Education program, sponsored by General Mills. It is a great opportunity for the school to earn extra money. They have slated the money earned, to purchase new books for the school library. The students have been collecting box tops from many General Mills products, and sending them into the company for cash! Last year alone, they collected more than $1,500 in box tops for the Deer Hill library. Their efforts earned the students an ice cream party for the entire school last spring! The prospect of purchasing some very needed books for the students, has greatly pleased Mrs. Murphy, the school librarian at Deer Hill.

Cohasset residents can participate in this program as well. Collecting the Box Tops for Education labels, found on many food products from General Mills, and sending them over to the Deer Hill library, will help the students earn new books.

People all over town have been collecting these box tops for the school. The employees of the Cohasset Recycling Center have been collecting the box tops as they take in cardboard boxes to be recycled. They were responsible for collecting more than one third of the funds earned this past year. Please thank them as you drop off you recycling each week. Deer Hill School appreciates their efforts, as well as the efforts of the students and their families.

The school is hoping that all residents will get into the box top groove. For more information, contact Pam Wilson-coordinator for the Deer Hill PSO at 781-383-3076.

Elementary schools menu

MONDAY, NOV. 10

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Tumble Bugs

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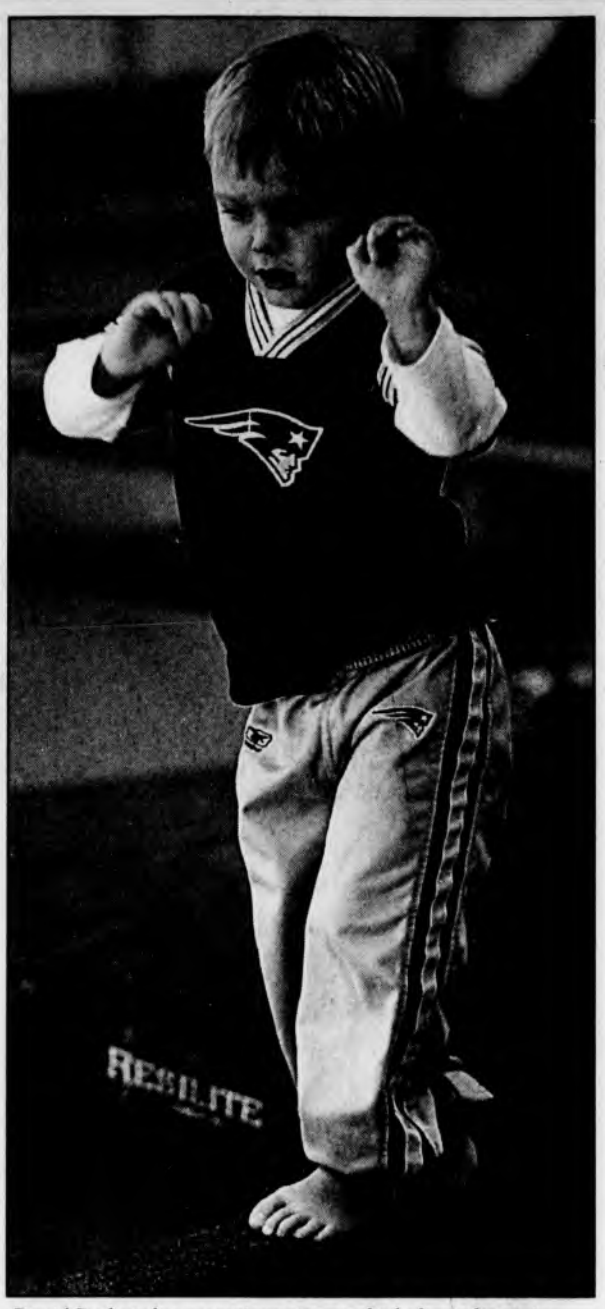
Ellie Walsh pulls herself up on the bar during Tumble Bugs at the South Shore Community Center as Isabel Buckley looks on.



David Burke takes a cautious step on the balance beam in Tumble Bugs.

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Local television anchorman Anthony Everett outside Bancroft Hall, site of the League's benefit and auction Sunday, Nov. 9.

Wine tasting benefit and auction

The Social Service League of Cohasset is dishing up a wonderful Wine Tasting benefit and auction at Bancroft Hall this Sunday, Nov. 9, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Carolina Wines and Curtis Liquors will have an array of fine wine samplings on hand to complement the culinary offerings of Bernard's, Chef Brendan Catering, Black Rock Country Club, The Silent Chef and Kinnealey Meats.

Television news personality Anthony Everett will auction off such items as a week at Palm Springs Desert Resort, a round of Golf at Black Rock Country Club and an Italian Feast for 10 prepared by Cohasset Chef Anna Abbruzzese. Other items on the auction block include Bruins tickets, overnight stays at the Ritz Carlton, artwork, clothing and more.

Tickets for the evening are $45. Proceeds benefit the League's Fall Health Education and Lecture Series. For more information and tickets, call the League today at 781-383-0771.

Veterans Day services at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post is planning a brief service honoring all veterans at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11 at Veterans Memorial Park at the Harbor. Everyone is invited to attend and honor the nation's soldiers past and present.

Thanksgiving breakfast

The Sons of the American Legion are sponsoring an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 7-10 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning at the Legion post on Summer Street. The charge is $5 per person and everyone is welcome.

Celebration Walk on Maxwell Trust land

On Sunday, Nov. 9, everyone is welcome to attend a Celebration Walk in order to view the forest, east of Bates Lane, which Scituate's Community Preservation Act money has preserved this year. The walk is hosted by the Maxwell Conservation Trust, a local land trust in Scituate dedicated to saving open space. The location of this property is just south of the Cohasset town line which impacts valuable water resources in both towns.

>eet at 12:30 p.m. at 292 Clapp Road for a moderately challenging two-hour walk led by ecologist J. Andrew Walsh and naturalist Garret Van Wart. These knowledgeable guides will take walkers through some of the most beautiful and diverse woodland in Scituate. Come observe bird life, plants and trees, outcroppings and other unique landscapes now protected in perpetuity. Ample parking is available in the field next to the driveway at 292 Clapp Road, home of Cynde and Wayne Robbins, co-trustees and founders of the Maxwell Conservation Trust.

The rain date is Sunday, Nov. 16.

'Charlotte's Web' to premier at Town Hall

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents, "Charlottes Web" at the Cohasset Town Hall, Highland Avenue, Nov. 14.15.21 & 22 at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 16, 22 & 23 at 2p.m.. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Front Street Books in Scituate, Springbrook Kids and Buttonwood Books, both in Cohasset, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304. Girl Scout Troops of five or more receive a $2 discount off tickets when purchased through Wendy Guyder at 781-545-1655.

Women's shopping night at Lightkeepers

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OBITUARIES

Robert Cowen II

Robert Cowen II

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 11 a.m. at First Parish Unitarian Church in Cohasset for Robert Cowen II. Mr. Cowen, 79, of Cohasset, the founder of Martek Inc. in Hingham, died Oct. 28, 2003, in Rockland of pneumonia.

He founded Martek in 1969 as a manufacturer of specialty coatings for the air pollution control industry. He had earlier worked on the management team at Bauer & Black Inc. in Chicago and for 12 years at Boston Insulated Wire and Cable Co. as vice president of sales.

He graduated from the Choate School in 1943, from Harvard College in 1947 and from Harvard Business School in 1949. He played varsity hockey and football at both schools and was Harvard football captain in his senior year. 1946. During his senior year at Harvard in 1947, his classmates elected him second class marshal. He served as hospitality chairman at all 12 of his class reunions.

His education at Harvard was interrupted by Navy service in World War II. While at Harvard, from 1943 to 1945, he was in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. Commissioned an ensign, he was assigned to the Newport Navy base, then served as engineering officer on a troop transport in the Pacific. He returned to Harvard in 1946.

Mr. Cowen lived in Cohasset for three decades and was a member of the Cohasset Yacht Club and chairman of the club's junior activities committee. He taught Sunday school at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

He was a lifelong supporter of charities concerned with dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

For his 50th college reunion, he listed his hobbies as tennis, sailing, skiing, watching grandchildren play soccer and potato farmer upon demand."

He leaves his wife of 54 years, Paulina (Lishon) Cowen; two daughters Carolyn Wilpers of Marshfield and Margaret Bye of Cummington; two sons, William Cowen of Hingham and Robert Cowen of Durango, Colo.; three brothers, Charles T. Cowen of Chestnut Hill, Rawson R. Cowen of Medfield and Clark A. Cowen of Wolfeboro, N.H.; and six grandchildren.

Interment was private.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Homes, Brighton, Cohasset and Norwell.

Donations may be made to the International Dyslexia Association, 8600 LaSalle Road, Chester Bldg., 382, Baltimore, Md. 21286-2044, Atnn. Rob Hott.

Louise M. Keefe

Louise M. (Connolly) Keefe of Cohasset, retired executive administrative assistant for the FBI, died Oct. 30, 2003, at South Shore Hospital, following a brief illness. She was 91.

Formerly an executive administrative assistant in the Boston office of the FBI, Mrs. Keefe retired in 1951 after 17 years of service.

Born in Roxbury, daughter of the late Timothy Connolly and the late Catherine McWeeney, she was a graduate of Jamaica Plain High School.

She was a member of St. Anthony's Ladies Sodality in Cohasset.

Formerly of Jamaica Plain, she lived in Cohasset 52 years.

Wife of the late John E. Keefe, she leaves four sons, David Keefe M.D. of Newport, R.I., Stephen Keefe of Washington D.C., John Keefe of Waltham and Thomas Keefe of Turner Falls; four daughters, Betsey Keefe and Diane Keefe, both of New York, Janet Keefe of Danvers and Kathleen Keefe of Stanhope, N.J.: a sister, Catherine Eastman of Needham; 15 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. Mrs. Keefe was also sister of the late Raymond, Laurence, Arthur, Robert and Timothy Connolly, Bess Wenger and Esther Brewer.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, to support research to enable older women to have children, memorial contributions may be made to the Generation Fund, 101 Dudley St., Providence, R.I. 02907.

Gordon L. Goodwin

Gordon L. Goodwin, 74, of Cohasset and Cape Coral, Fla., died on Oct. 10, 2003, at his winter home in Cape Coral with his family after a long illness.

Mr. Goodwin was born in Boston and attended Boston Public Schools. His family then moved to Miami, Fla., where he graduated from high school. He has been a Cohasset resident for the past 47 years.

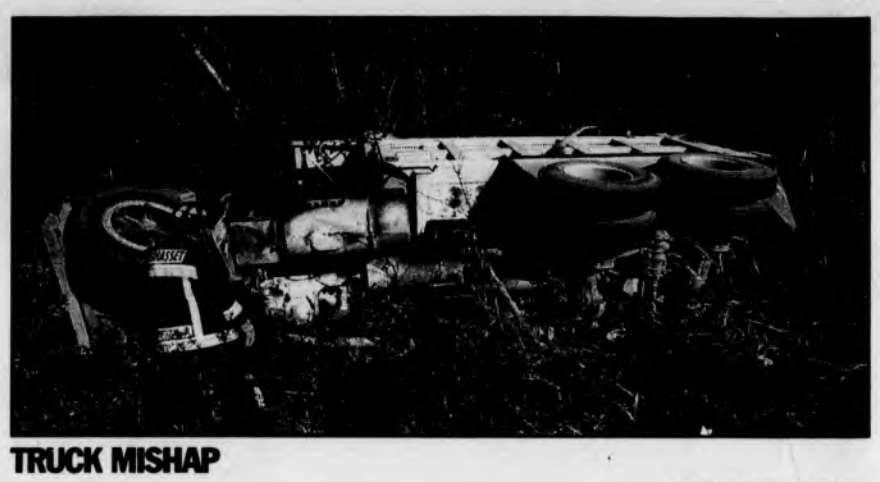
He worked as an auto mechanic at several locations on the South Shore and then had his own business in Cohasset before retiring, He enjoyed boating and cruised the east coast; north into Canada and south to Florida.

Mr. Goodwin leaves his wife of 47 years, Helen E. (Knight) Goodwin; three daughters; Carolyn A, and her husband Mark Browne of Grafton, Sandra J. Goodwin of Hudson, N.H. and Susan J. and her husband Andrew Willard of Cohasset; two sisters Joan Redden of Bushnell, Ill., and Doris and her husband Eugene Mock of Cape Coral, Fla.; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service and interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (www.multiplemyeloma.org), 3 Forest Street, New Canaan, CT 06840.

Local arrangements were handled by the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham www.downingchapel.com



TRUCK MISHAP

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Firefighter/EMT Robert Protulis looks over a truck that overturned at about 1:49 p.m. last Thursday into the Bancroft Bird Sanctuary wetlands at lower King Street. Police Chief Robert Jackson said the driver who was travelling from Rte. 3A onto Lower King Street lost control of the truck that was carrying crushed stone some of which spilled into the wetlands. No hazardous materials spilled but it did take time to right the vehicle. Chief Jackson said the truck is owned by J. F. Price Co. of Weymouth and the driver, Michael Crowley of Weymouth, was cited for bald tires and marked lanes violation. Jackson said no one was injured and traffic was shut down one-way from 3A along lower King Street for about two hours.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, OCT. 27

5:19 a.m. Nichols Road, power outage.

7:20 a.m. King St., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:25 a.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:52 a.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

8:26 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:31 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:58 a.m. Elm St., larceny, investigated.

9:28 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:06 a.m. Bound Brook Lane, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:46 a.m. Beechwood St., message delivery.

11:07 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:36 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

2:44 p.m. Beechwood St. and Wheelwright Farm, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:29 p.m. Haystack Lane, well-being check.

TUESDAY, OCT. 28

12:01 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

1:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

1:55 a.m. Sohier St., open door/window.

2:55 a.m. Sohier St., general services.

5:03 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

5:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

6:05 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, verbal warning.

6:38 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:37 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:52 a.m. Nichols Road, disturbance.

9:01 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:20 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, MV crash, investigated.

10:35 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:29 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:39 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

1:37 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

1:56 p.m. Doane St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:03 p.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, verbal warning.

3:04 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:06 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:26 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:11 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious activity.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29

1:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash.

3:03 a.m. Derby St., animal control.

6:47 a.m. North Main St., general services.

7:45 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

8:32 a.m. Linden Drive, property damage.

10:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint.

1:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., vandalism.

2:01 p. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, traffic citation issued.

5:06 p.m. King St., medical aid, investigated.

7:10 p.m. King St., medical aid.

11:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., assist citizen.

11:49 p.m. Nichols Road, assist citizen.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30

7:08 a.m. Short St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:53 a.m. Mill Lane, fire, investigation.

10:20 a.m. Elm St., lost property.

11:40 a.m. Stanton Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Lower King St., MV crash, investigated.

2:16 p.m. Elm Court, officer wanted, 209A served in hand.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

7:16 a.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.

7:38 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:55 a.m. Atlantic Ave. and Jerusalem Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

10 a.m. Beechwood St., fire, inspections.

6:06 p.m. King St. and Rose Hill Lane, MV crash.

6:25 p.m. Beechwood St., vandalism.

6:30 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

8:12 p.m. Doane St., MV violations.

8:27 p.m. .Ripley Road, suspicious activity.

8:51 p.m. Aaron River Road, suspicious activity.

9:30 p.m. Linden Drive, property damage.

10:12 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious auto.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 03P1454GI
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN WITH AUTHORITY TO TREAT AND/OR COMMIT

TO: THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND TO: Albert W. Paradis of Cohasset in the County of Norfolk and spouse or next of kin or other interested person(s):

A petition has been presented to the Probate & Family Court requesting the appointment of a suitable limited guardian of the person and property with authority to monitor the administration of antipsychotic drugs. Petitioner further prays that Phyllis Paradis of Duxbury in the County of Plymouth and Christina M. Strauss of Scituate in the County of Plymouth be appointed co-Guardians of Albert W. Paradis of Cohasset in the County of Norfolk and his estate with authority to administer antipsychotic medication for reasons more fully set out in said petition.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 12TH day of DECEMBER 2003, the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court.

Date: June 18, 2003

Patrick W. McDermott, Register

AD#370671
Cohasset Mariner 11/6/03

TAX TAKING
LEGAL NOTICE
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Cohasset
OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Townof Cohasset in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the year hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Cohasset, by the Board of Assessors of said Cohasset, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Cohasset, on Thursday, November 20, 2003, at 9:00 A.M. for the non-payment of said taxes and interest, if any, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

Thomas S. Barrett and Elinore K. Barrett. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 42 Sohier St., shown as Parcel 60 on Assessors' Map 18, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 9652, P. 699.
2003 tax (bal) $6,076.58 2003 CPA tax (bal) $48.82

Philip D. Bolster and Linda M. Bolster. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 15 Stockbridge St., shown as Parcel 69 on Assessors' Map 30, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 11907, P. 323.
2003 tax (bal) $2,534.89 2003 CPA tax (bal) $9.73

Robert H. Crane and Frances Thayer Crane. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 4 Stanton Road, shown as Parcel 32 on Assessors' Map 34, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 5563, P. 356.
2003 tax $5,136.52 2003 CPA tax $59.06
2003 water lien $353.80 2003 water lien penalty $50.00

Mary F. Frugoli. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 53 Norfolk Road, shown as Parcel 45 on Assessors' Map 38, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 11258, P. 566.
2003 tax (bal) $9.84 2003 water lien $398.58
2003 sewer lien $155.10 2003 water lien penalty $50.00

Grosvenor Trust Company LTD, Trustee of Freedom Trust. Land in said Cohasset on Beechwood St., shown as Parcel 12 on Assessors' Map 60, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 11297, P. 532.
2003 tax $231.41

JOSEPH A. DIVITO, JR.
Collector of Taxes for the Town of Cohasset

(This form approved by the Commissioner of Revenue.)

AD#369499
Cohasset Mariner 11/6/03

ZBA/124 DOANE ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Thurs., November 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 12 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Kevin E. & Lisa F. Dooley,** seek to appeal the Building Inspector's denial of a permit at **124 Doane St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-10-06.

AD#365417
Cohasset Mariner 10/30, 11/6/03

ZBA/23 SUMMER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Thurs., Nov. 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b & 9.7.8 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Chris Whalen** seeks to construct additions at **23 Summer St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-10-28.

AD#368579
Cohasset Mariner 11/6, 11/13/03

ZBA/4 OTIS AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Thurs., Nov. 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Otis Ave. Realty Trust** seeks to demolish/construct new dwelling to at **4 Otis Ave.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-10-31.

AD#370900
Cohasset Mariner 11/6, 11/13/03

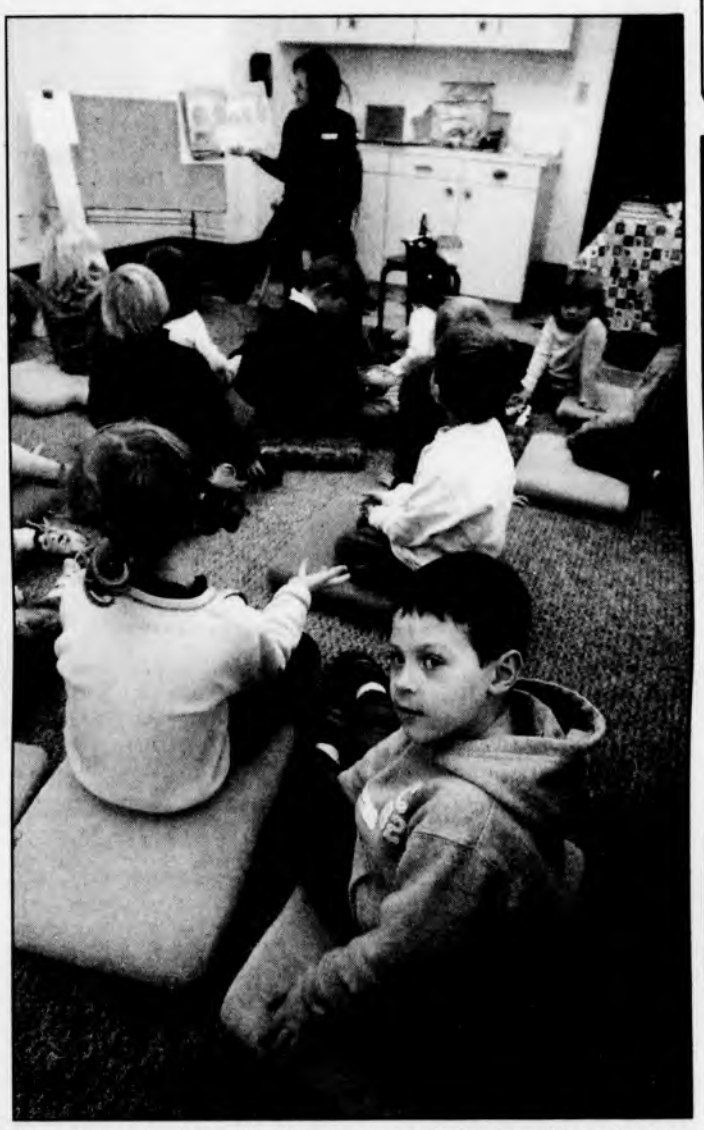
Story-time faces

Corey Golden participates in the story and finger play.

Nikki Federle is proud of the pumpkin she made at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

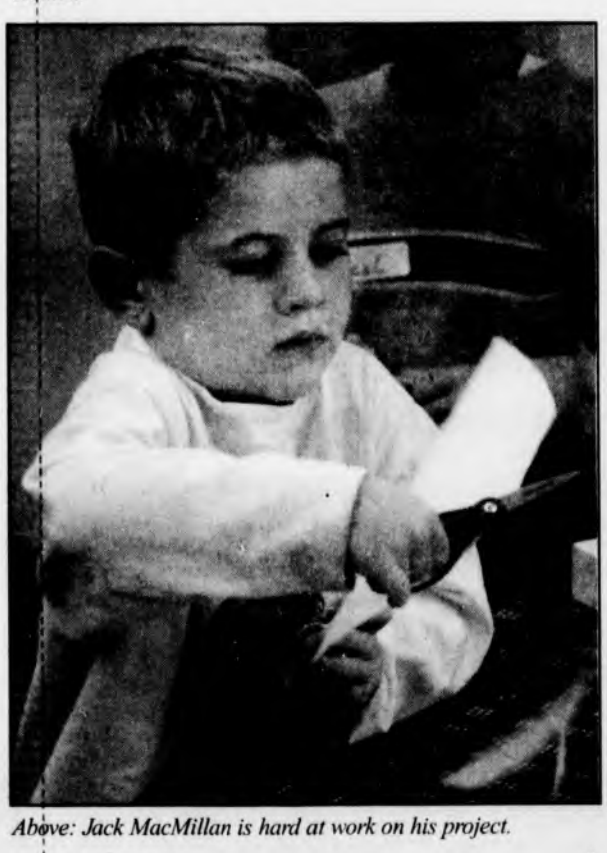
Tate Reitkerk works carefully during story and craft time at the library.

Kate McGowan displays the jack-o-lantern she created.



Hank Waters checks out the Mariner camera during pumpkin stories during story and craft time at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Staff photos by Alan Chapman



Above: Jack MacMillan is hard at work on his project.

At right: Michelle Degroat listens to a story with daughters, Kyra and Anabel during story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

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P.S. Consult with a doctor if earwax resists your effort to remove it or if you experience pain, tenderness, swelling, persistent hearing loss, or milky discharge.

Local author shares memories of life on Peddocks Island

The late Matilda Sylvia is author of the book.

PHOTOS/ COURTESY OF HOT HOUSE PRESS

Alexander Bies was the father of the author, attached to the 59th Coastal Artillery Corps stationed at Peddocks Island in the first decade of the 20th century.

Matilda is front and center as a child in this undated photo taken on the lawn of the Hull Village School.

By John Galluzzo
CORRESPONDENT

If you were living in Hull, Hingham or Weymouth in the late spring of 1904, you probably looked across the water to the bustle of activity on Peddocks Island and wondered what exactly was going on. By then you would have been used to the sight of military uniforms all around the harbor, but across the water at the yet-to-be-completed Fort Andrews (named for Major General George Leonard Andrews), something big was happening.

Then, if you were one of the hundreds who read any one of the nine papers of publisher Floretta Vining's South Shore Syndicate of newspapers each week – the Hull Beacon, the Hingham Bucket, the Cohasset Sentinel, and so on – you would have seen this single entry on the first page of the May 20, 1904 edition:

"With the 59th company coast artillery which arrived at Fort Andrew this week from San Juan, P.R., are seven native women, wives of members of this company. The 59th Co. will form a permanent garrison at Fort Andrew, which has been a sub post of Fort Strong, taking the place of the temporary garrison, a detachment of men from the 46th Co. under Lieut. Wheatly. The men are praying for warm weather as yesterday's rain and fog gave them a decided chill after the tropics, and until more extensive barracks are built the men will be greatly crowded unless the weather permits of their living in tents."

For about a year, the men of the 59th Company coastal artillery unit did live in tents as their buildings were constructed. Somewhere among that mob of uniformed men marched Alexander Bies, and it is with Mr. Bies' arrival to Peddocks that one of the most important books on Boston Harbor island life yet to be published, "Once Upon an Island," begins.

Alexander Bies did not know how to load any of the cannon that would be placed on the island, nor could he fire one in an emergency, but he could make any soldier look damn good in his uniform, or a suit of civilian clothing for that matter. Bies was a soldier, for sure, but he was not your typical soldier. He was the 59th company's tailor. And he was the father of the author of "Once Upon an Island," the late Matilda Sylvia of Norwell.

"Fort Andrew was a beautiful Post," she writes, "The landscape only enhanced the beauty of the architecture. The red brick barracks sat in an impressive, slightly terraced row, bordering one side of the parade grounds with the road running in front of them, and facing the hospital and officers' quarters on a steep double terrace." Visiting Peddocks Island today, or, indeed, just looking across Hull Gut to East Head from Pemberton Point in Hull, one can see the crumbling remains of the once vibrant and crisp military complex Sylvia describes.

According to Sylvia, Bies' first six years on the island passed by quickly, with at least little to tell from a family standpoint. Then, sometime in 1910, he met Salem's Matilda Walker, born during the great March blizzard of 1888. Her first visit to what would be her island home for a quarter of a century proved to be the genesis of an amazingly comical event. Unhappy at the prospect of living on the base, she persuaded her fiancé to move his home/tailor shop, at that time next to the boat dock and facing Pemberton Point, around the point to the southern shore of the island. Bies enlisted the help of some able-bodied men and floated the house by makeshift barge to its final foundation, but not before it slipped off its floats and half into the sea, as the tailor stood on shore tearing at his hair. The house eventually reached its destination and became the home of the Bies family until it burned in a fire in September of 1934, after which they constructed a new house. Between 1910 and World War II, Bies and Walker married and raised three children on the island.

"I arrived on the scene on October 23, 1917. I'm not sure just exactly where I was born," writes Sylvia. "The story goes that Mother was on her way to the hospital. However, the boat was very late and I was very early. So, she didn't quite make it. I arrived on the government boat, as the army boat was called, somewhere between Fort Andrews and Boston – at sea, so to speak."

Youthful days

Sylvia's Once Upon an Island recreates her youthful days on Peddocks, from the joy of holiday celebrations to the sadness of watching young men walk off to World War I to the biting cold experienced while standing waiting for a boat to return the island children to the their homes after a winter's day at the Village School in Hull. The author offers the unique perspective of being an insider at an early twentieth century coastal artillery site. Through the book's pages one sees the old Hull to Boston steamers through the eyes of one who watched them pass by firsthand, meets the Italian prisoners of war that inhabited the island in World War II, and learns what the native islanders really felt about the endless stream of questions from historian, storyteller and regular island visitor Edward Rowe Snow.

Sylvia's love affair with the island stretches far beyond her eventual parting with it as her year-round home, following her marriage in 1938. She lives for some years on Peddocks through the warmer months, while forging a dancing career in New York the other half of the year. She watches Fort Andrews go from active to caretaker status, to active again for the Second World War to being sold as surplus military property. Yet although the soldiery sailed away, the civilian families remained. Then came the Metropolitan District Commission's purchase of the island in 1970 for $192,000, a price adjusted in an out-of-court settlement to $3.2 million thirteen years later.

Through all the land transactions, Sylvia kept up the family home as best she could, and observed the never-ending flow of political posturing, grandstanding and ultimate total neglect of the once beautiful buildings of Fort Andrew. "There were many plans over the years from different Metropolitan District Commissioners, but none as of yet that has come to fruition," she writes. "There have been a few building studies, but with budget cuts and island vandalism, the fort buildings have become dilapidated and unsafe to explore...the island has become its own living ghost and memories of days of yore."

Published by Cohasset's Hot House Press, Once Upon an Island falls neatly in place with other island memoirs such as Harold Jennings' "A Lighthouse Family," about growing up as the son of the Lovell's Island lighthouse keeper, and, to a lesser extent, "First Light," the collected letters of the mother and children of Boston Light's Norwood family, covering two decades of life on Little Brewster Island. Apart from certain sections of William M. "Doc" Bergan's sometimes-apocryphal "Old Nantasket," these books represent the only first-person accounts of life in and around the Hull peninsula during the early years of the 20th century.

As Matilda Sylvia passed away before the book wound its way through the editing and formatting process, her daughter Leslie, of Norwell, helped steer it to completion. Editor Sally Weltman expertly shuffled and collated Matilda's series of short sketches on island life into its final format. Former state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray (whose husband knew Sylvia, because, as Murray says, "when I was young, you knew everyone, since towns such as Scituate, Hull, Hingham and Cohasset were small") gladly penned a postscript detailing her Statehouse fights on behalf of the rights of the island's long-time residents. The end result is a beautifully recounted, pleasing-to-the-reader's-eye life history of Peddocks Island in the 20th century, captured for all time.

"There is still the faint sounds of artillery in the breeze," says Sylvia, "as the men long ago practiced their marksmanship; the rattle of equipage on the horses and mules as they drew the caissons; the sound of the bugle calls for various activities; our grand flag as she would ripple on the wind and would be lowered at the end of a busy day. Also listen and you might hear the mournful sound of 'Taps' as the bugler announces the end of the day and night settles over Peddock's Island and a once magnificent Fort Andrews. For all of these memories, we give thanks."

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HAPPENINGS

Blood drive in Hull

The Hull Knights of Columbus and The American Red Cross are having a blood drive Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 440 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Donor hours are 2 to 8 p.m.

Anyone 17 years of age or older, weighing 110 pounds or more feeling in good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1800-448-3543) with any questions about donating blood, or visit website at: www.newenglandblood.org.

Holiday toy shopping is tonight, 7:30-9 p.m.

The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers club will host a Discovery Toys Party on Thursday, Nov. 6. Discovery Toys are educational and uniquely fun toys geared to children from birth to age 8. The toys that include games, computer software and books focus on sensory, problem solving, motor and creativity skills. The party is scheduled for 7:30 – 9 p.m. at the home of Karen Loftus, 72 Satuit Trail in Scituate. Please RSVP by Nov. 4 to Karen at 545-9230.

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Halloween party is a real hoot

Newcomers Club hosts annual event

Above: Paula Tyrcha holds her daughters, Sarah and Rhiannon, during the Newcomers Club party.

At left: Heidi Shepnta gets painted like a tiger, "Alice Texas," during the Newcomers Club Halloween Party.

Above: Jennifer Gallagher holds her daughter, Julia, a tigress.

Above, far left: Andrew Blanchard got into the spirit at the Cohasset-Scituate Newcomers Club Halloween Party last week at the Second Congregational Church.

Above, left: Finn Cooley is dressed up as Captain Hook at the Halloween Party.

Far left: Samantha Campedelli has tons of fun at the annual event held at the Second Congregational Church.

At left: Jenn Wreen was wickedly bewitching at the Halloween Party, sponsored by the Cohasset-Scituate Newcomers Club.

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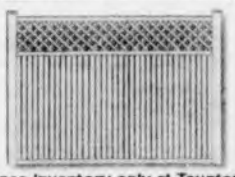

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CALENDAR

On the South Shore

NOVEMBER 6 - 14, 2003

Thurs. 6

Marcia Wieder, author and speaker, will present a "Dream Seminar" at Lantana in Randolph on Nov. 6. $25 in advance ($35 at the door) for area residents.

Ask the Professionals - a Roundtable Event Nov. 6, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Clarion Nantasket Beach Hotel, 45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull Call Sharon L. Fisher Come To Order Professional Organizing 781 925-8925 organizing@juno.com

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St. Plymouth 8 p.m. **Martini Night with Streamline.**

Chris Zerendow: Nautical Paintings The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, month-long exhibit of his current work with a lecture and slide presentation. 781-925-5433.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

Fri. 7

The 17th Annual Christmas Festival " Celebrates Boston" with the Starbucks Coffee Gingerbread House Competition at the World Trade Center, Boston, Friday through Sunday, Nov. 7 to 9. Tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens, and free for children under 14. Call 617-385-5000 or visit www.christmascraftfestival.com to print a discount coupon.

Annie will be performed at the Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School St., Foxboro, on Nov. 7, 8, 14, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. and on Nov. 9, 15, 16 and 22 at 2 p.m. An opening night reception will be held after the performance. Tickets: $21 for adults, $18 for seniors and students, and $15 for children under 12. Handicapped accessible. 508-543-2787 or www.orpheum.org.

Thomas the Tank Engine and Sir Topham Hatt make second appearance Edaville USA in Carver, Nov. 7 to 10, for another Day Out With Thomas Friday through Monday, Nov. 7-10. For information and tickets call 866-468-7630 or 877-332-8455 or visit www.edaville.com.

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" opens dinner theater season at the Barker Tavern In Scituate on Nov. 7 and 8, at 7 p.m. and on Nov. 9, at 4:30 p.m. Ticket price is $45.95 per person, which includes dinner, tax, gratuity and ticket to the show. Tickets for that performance are priced at $39.95. Advanced reservations are required by calling 781-545-3643. Reservations will be accepted up to 48 hours before each performance. Groups are welcomed.

The Massasoit Theatre Co., presents **Cabaret** Nov. 7 to 23, at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Route 27, Brockton. $16 general public/$14 students and senior citizens. For tickets call 508-427-1234. Handicap accessible. Free parking.

The Quincy Symphony Orchestra will perform on Nov. 7, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of the North Quincy High School. 781-961-3790.

South Shore Arts & Recreation Center will hold a Fund Raising Auction, Nov. 7, at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Silent auction starts at 6 p.m. Live auction 7 p.m. 508-747-1234.

South Shore Folk Club presents **Dave Mallett** on Nov. 7, at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106 Kingston. No smoking. Handicap accessible. 781-871-1052 www.ssfmc.org

James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell - "Plein Air Pleasures" oil paintings by J.M. Hugenberger. Opening reception Nov. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. 781-659-7100.

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St., Plymouth 9 p.m. **The Situation** (unplugged).

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. **The Spurs,** Nov. 7, 9:30 p.m. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Huntington Theatre Company, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston, presents **Butley**, a dark comedy starring **Nathan Lane**, through Nov. 30 Press night at 7:30 p.m. Call 617-931-ARTS or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org for tickets.

BEST BET

The 5th Dimension brings stylish soul to Plymouth

Billy Davis, Jr., Ron Townson and Lamonte McLemore grew up together in St. Louis, Missouri, but went their separate ways in their teens; before each ended up in Los Angeles with hopes of making it in the music business — which they did as members of "The Fifth Dimension." With seven Grammy Awards and hits like "Up, Up and Away," "The Age of Aquarius/Let The Sunshine In," "Stoned Soul Picnic," and 'Wedding Bell Blues," the three men along with Marilyn McCoo and Florence LaRue formed one of the most stylish and soulful pop vocal groups of the 1960s and 1970s.

In 1975, real-life married couple Davis and McCoo departed to become a duet act. The group's original members last performed together over a decade ago. Towson retired in 1998 and died in 2001, so it has been left to LaRue and McLemore — the only original members never to leave "The Fifth Dimension" — to sustain the group over the decades.

The pair will continue that tradition when "The Fifth Dimension" comes to Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street in Plymouth, for a 7:30 p.m. show on Saturday. For tickets and information, call 866-468-7619 or visit www.plymouthmemorialhall.com.

- R. Scott Reedy

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell - **Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

The South Shore Natural Science Center will present **Perspectives From Above: Boston to the Cape and Islands,** featuring the work of aerial photographer Margot Cheel in the Vine Hall Gallery Nov. 3 to 30. Artist's reception on Nov. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. 781-659-2559 or visit us on the www.ssnsc.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Sean O'Tooles Public House, 22 Main St. Plymouth 6 p.m. **Lonesome Jukebox** 508-746-3388.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, Nov. 7, **Justin Beach,** 781-545-9898.

Sat. 8

NSRWA Sponsors Guided Walk at Colby Phillips Conservation Area, Hanover, Nov. 8, at 10 a.m. Join NSRWA member Doug Thompson to explore new and improved trails. Suggest donation is $5. Meet at the Hanover Middle School parking lost at 45 Whiting St. 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org

The Bay Players production of **Acting Together: Three Stories to Entertain You** opens Nov. 7, at the Kingston Intermediate School. Performance dates are Nov. 8, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. Call 1-800-290-6825 for reservations or go to www.bayplayers.org.

Friends of the Timothy O'Connor Family of Abington are hosting a Memorial Tribute to the late Abington Police Officer on Nov. 8, at the Rockland Sons of Italy Hall from 8 p.m. to midnight. Abington's own "Back It Up" Band is providing the music. To purchase tickets at $25 each or to donate a raffle or auction item, call the police station at 781-878-3232. Donations can be made directly to the Timothy O'Connor Family Fund, c/o North Abington Cooperative Bank, 6 Harrison Avenue, Abington, MA 02351

The Cambridge Society for Early Music, Chamber Music by Candlelight series, presenting "Music for Voice and Virginal by Byrd, Dowland, Morley, Schuetz and Sweelink," with Alastair Thompson, tenor, and James Nicolson, virginal. will be held Nov. 8, at 8 p.m. at the First Parish Church, Tremont St. (Rte. 3-A), in Duxbury

Temple Beth Emunah of Brockton, 479 Torrey St. corner Pearl St., Brockton will be holding it's semi-annual **Las Vegas Night** on Nov. 8. Doors open from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Call the Temple office 508-583-5810 or the web site temple-bethemunah.org Admission $2.00.

Holiday Craft Fair, South Shore Christian Academy, 45 Broad St., Weymouth, Nov.8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafters call 781-331-3068

9th Annual Fall Craft Fair, South Shore Vo Tech High School, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rte 123 (Webster St.) Hanover, Admission: Adults $1 Seniors $.50 Children free Raffles, Food Court and Bake Table, Handicap accessible.

Bethany Congregational Church, 18 Spear St., Quincy **Annual Church Fair and Craft show** Nov. 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free Admission. 617-749-7300.

Holistic Health/Psychic Fair, Trinity Parish, 1 Blue Hill River Road. Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free Admission. 617-429-2568

Braintree Art Association Fall Art Sale, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 781-3356-4675.

Edaville USA, Route 58, South Carver, **Day Out With Thomas and Sir Topham Hatt**, Nov. 7 to 10, tickets $14 for ages one and up. Call 866-468-7630 for tickets or visit call 877-332-8455 or visit www.edaville.com for information.

South Shore Arts and Recreation Center presents **Combo Guy, Silvan and Donkey Box** in concert at the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center on Nov. 8, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $8 per person. 508-747-1234.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, **Tom Glenn with Deana** (Midi Pop and cover) 9 p.m.

Bridgwaye, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Irish Family Night** featuring live music by the volunteers, 9 p.m. to midnight. No admission. 781-834-6505.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. **Barrence Whitfield and his Groove Juice Symphony,** Nov. 8. 9:30 p.m. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, Nov.8, **Midnite Collective** 781-545-9898.

Sun. 9

"Kidding Around" Kids Expo Fun, will be held at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St. (Rte. 3A) Plymouth, on Nov. 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information, visit www.plymouthmemorialhall.com/kidsexpo.

Decorative Painting Comes to Life at the Fuller Museum, 455 Oak St, Brockton Nov. 9 to Dec. 14, Opening reception: Nov. 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Painted Tapestry: Paula DeSimone and Decorative Painting Student Exhibition: Furniture, Floorcloths and Objects 508.588.6000 www.fullermuseum.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach (Hull) presents **Compaq Jazz Band**, 21-Piece Big Band Swings Nov. 9, from 7 to 11 p.m. Cover Charge $10. www.seanote.com. For special discount visit www.compaqbigband.com

Single Executives Club and The Presidents Club of Boston, will sponsor **single dances** every Sunday night at **Raffael's Restaurant**. One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St.,. 781-446-0234. Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Free door prizes. Single professionals, age 35-+ years old. Music by Beau Paris. $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. www.se-4u.com <http://www.se-4u.com/>

The Silver Ribbon, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke Crossing, will host an open house on Nov 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free and handicap accessible. 781-826-1525.

The American Federation of Musicians, announces a **Scholarship Band Concert** on Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Rockland High School Auditorium. Guest Solist Mischa Grandel, trumpet of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra. Tickets available at the door $10.

The First Congregation Church, 12 Elm St., Braintree, presents an organ recital by **Dr. Paul Kaatrud**. For more information call 781-843-3616 or visit www.firstchurchbraintree.org

The Art Complex Museum, Duxbury, presents "On Their Program" featuring **Jane Goldman**, opening reception Nov. 9, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday **Jazz brunch** 10:30 to 2 p.m. $13.95. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

Mon. 10

The Braintree Art Association, artist of the Month, Elizabeth Pohl will exhibit his paintings for the month of November at the Thayer Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Afterschool Nature Programs South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. 781- 659-2559.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

The North River Arts Society presents **Recent Paintings from Life works by Vivian Harlow**, Nov. 1 to Jan. 3 at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center.

Tues. 11

South of Boston Knitters' Guild monthly meeting "Social Knit" at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church, Route 139, Marshfield. New members and guests welcome. 781-740-4961.

South Shore Women's Business Network Hingham Luncheon/Informal Networking, Red Sauce, 12 to 1:30 p.m.

The John Curtis Free Library, Hanover Center, is sponsoring an introductory internet class for patrons learning basic navigation skills. Each one hour class is held on Tuesdays from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Call 781-826-2972 to register.

North River Arts Society presents **At the Fair**, original works depicting scenes from the Marshfield Fair, NRAS Little Gallery, G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills through Nov. 20. 781-837-8093.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

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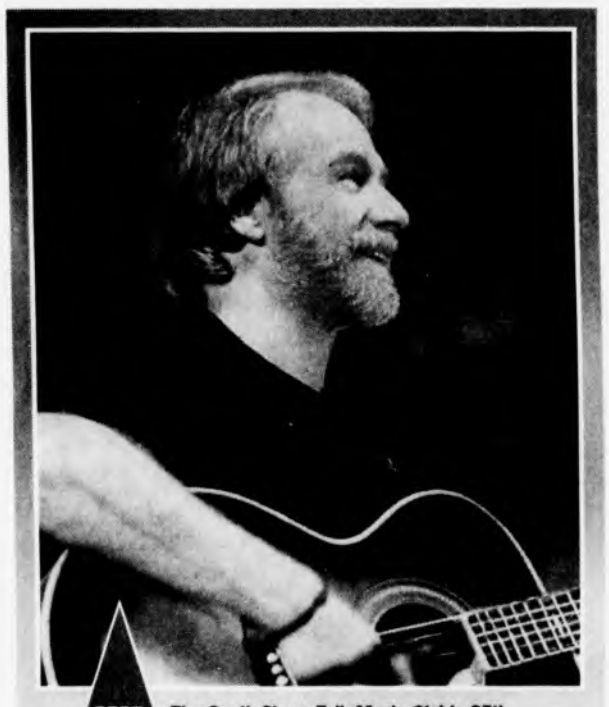
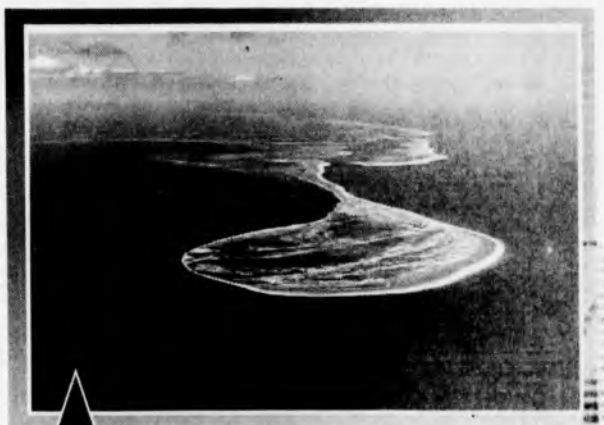


BEST BET

The South Shore Folk Music Club's 25th anniversary season celebration continues with a concert featuring folk legend Dave Mallett, Friday, Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106 Kingston. Tickets are $13 for members, $15 for non-members. For more information call 781-878-1683.



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Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera.**

The Theatre Royal Bath presents **As You Like It** Nov. 11 to Dec. 21, at the Wilbur Theatre. Call Ticketmaster for tickets at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 12

Selected paintings by Cohasset artist **JoAnne Chittick** will be exhibited at the **Paul Pratt Memorial Library** from through Dec. 31. An opening reception for the exhibition will be held on Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. South Shore Art Center 781-383-2787

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

8minuteDating Nov. 12, at **Grill On the Pond**. Weymouth Singles age 38-49. Advanced registration required. To sign up, visit www.8minutedating.com and enter code "8md" to save $8.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Raffael's Restaurant, Quincy presents "Gotta Get Gershwin" Nov. 12, and 13. Tickets are $35 for matinee series and $45 for the evening shows. Included are dinner, show, tax and gratuity Call 617-328-1600 or visit JMProductionspresents.com

Thurs. 13

Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main St., Hingham will host an open house on Nov. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. 781-749-5930.

TIC (Talking Information Center for the Blind) 11th Annual Wine Tasting - Barker Tavern, Scituate, Nov. 13. The TIC Fall Wine Tasting Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Barker Tavern in Scituate. Cost is $75 per person, with proceeds going to TIC's receiver fund. A silent auction will also be held at this event. To purchase tickets and reserve your seat, call TIC at 1-800-696-9505

Norwell Sociables Book Club, 7:30 p.m. 7 Glen Ridge Terrace, book discussion **The Secret Lift of Bees** by Sue Monk Kidd. Interested in joining call 781-659-4399.

Folksinger/songwriter Jess Klein will be performing at Mass NARAL's Stand Up For Choice Concert on Nov. 13, at the First Parish Brewster, 1969 Main St. Brewster. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.f or coffee and cake. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are 15. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please visit www.massnaral.org, or contact Katie at 617-556-8800, ext. 14.

Buttonwood Books & Toys and the new Middle School Book Group Leader. **Barb Mullin** of Cohasset will lead the discussions on the second Thursday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. All sixth, seventh and eighth graders are welcome.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, **Gifts from the World to the White House**. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra at the annual fund-raising gala Tutti con Gusto - the Speed of Sound. Nov. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. at F1 Boston, Wood Rd. Braintree. Teams of three and individual racers will race on the country course, fans cheer them on. Bistro buffet dinner and silent auction with great prizes - the evening appeals to active listeners! $75 fan; $125 individual racer; $500 team of 3. Call 781-740-5694 for details.

Jimbo's Braintree Five Corners, **Comedy Night** featuring **Michael Petit,** Master of Voices and Impersonations, along with **Lauren Verge, Annette Pollack, Jeff Clough, Elizabeth Young-Collins, Chris Tabb** and host **Joe Holden.** 781-848-0300 or www.annnettepollack.com

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, **Martini Night with Streamline** (Midi Pop and cover) 9 p.m.

Fri. 14

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be Wiggin Sisters, and Karen Woodhall. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $5 members and performers, $6 non-members. Alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. 781-871-1052 or www.ssfmc.org

The Marshall Tucker Band, will perform at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for The Marshall Tucker Band and **special guest John Ford Coley**, priced at $32 & $27, at the Plymouth Hall box-office, online at www.ticketweb.com or at 508-747-0234, and at all Strawberries outlets.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Nov. 14, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington, Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes.781-331-0021or www. southshoresingles.org

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Donna Green, author of **To My Son With Love**, will be at **Westwinds Bookshop**, Duxbury Marketplace, on Nov. 14, between 4 and 6 p.m. 781-934 2128

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Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

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Pilgrim Hall Museum presents **Bringing Up Baby: 300 Years of Childhood in the Old Colony**, now through May, 2004 a new exhibit that explores the world of the very young in the Old Plymouth Colony from its beginning to the 20th century. What was it like to be a child 1620, 1850, or 1920? What can we learn from furniture, clothing, toys, games and other objects from the children who used them? What were the beliefs and sentiments of the parents who provided for them? How do letters, journals, literature, and other writing help to tell the story of the children of the Old Colony? Who were their teachers, what kinds of knowledge were important to learn? What did they do for fun? The exhibition is free with Museum admission. Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court St (Route 3A), Plymouth. Information: 508-746-1620; web address: www.pilgrimhall.org Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Admission: adults $5; Seniors (62+) and AAA members $4.50; Children (5-17) $3.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) $15. Residents of Plymouth, admitted free.

The fifth season for South Shore Quests opened May 1. Quests are a fun way to get the kids out in nature and a great way to learn of new hiking trails in the area. Clues lead the hiker along a trail in search of the treasure (a stamp and stamp pad). Quest books, which contain directions, maps and the clues for 19 Quests on the South Shore, are available at the Bookport in Hingham. Hingham public library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for $4. If you have any questions contact Kim Juric at 781 749-6121 or kjuric@attbi.com <mailto:kjuric@attbi.com>

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BEST BET

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BEST BET

"Garden Chair," by Paula Vilanova
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Breaking down senior stereotypes

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The terms "senior citizen" and "elderly" don't seem to fit today's active older generation.

"I wish I had a fun name for seniors – a term everyone likes," said Scituate Council on Aging director Joan Wright. "Some older people don't like to be called by those terms because of the frail, dependent perception often associated with them."

In sharp contrast to such stereotypes, Wright points to Scituate's three-year-old senior softball league. "It started out with 20 men and now there are about 120," she said. "These men could run laps around me in a heartbeat they're in such great shape. We also have a couple of folks who are actively involved here who are in their 90s. I don't have their energy and I'm a lot younger. It's all in your perspective."

Depending on who is providing a particular service or discount, senior citizens are often considered to be individuals 55 and over, or in the case of the American Association of Retired Persons, 50 and up. Recruiting materials AARP sends to new 50-year-olds inspired Tom Paxton's song, "The Letter You Hate to Receive." Some senior citizens are refusing discounts because they feel that accepting them detracts from their younger self-image, while others welcome the savings.

Overall, long-held stereotypes of the "declining senior years" are being replaced with more appealing images. That's due in large part to the fact that today's seniors are eating more well-balanced meals and staying physically active, a major part of healthier lifestyles, which can lead to a more youthful and vigorous appearance.

"I think the image of seniors has changed," said Hingham Department of Elder Services Director Barbara Farnsworth. "Over the last 10 to 15 years, older people have been viewed as active, healthy consumers of society, in general because they often stay much more active in their later years, working longer and looking for more hobbies, even when they still have a job," she said. "Older citizens really do make an effort to stay more active these days for the health benefits."

For some, walking does the trick. Others do aerobics, strength training, yoga, and other types of exercise. The Hingham Senior Center even offers an exercise program for those with arthritis. "Chair yoga is a little more gentle than other forms of exercise," Farnsworth said. While some older citizens have physical conditions that make participation in certain activities difficult, others limit themselves, Wright notes.

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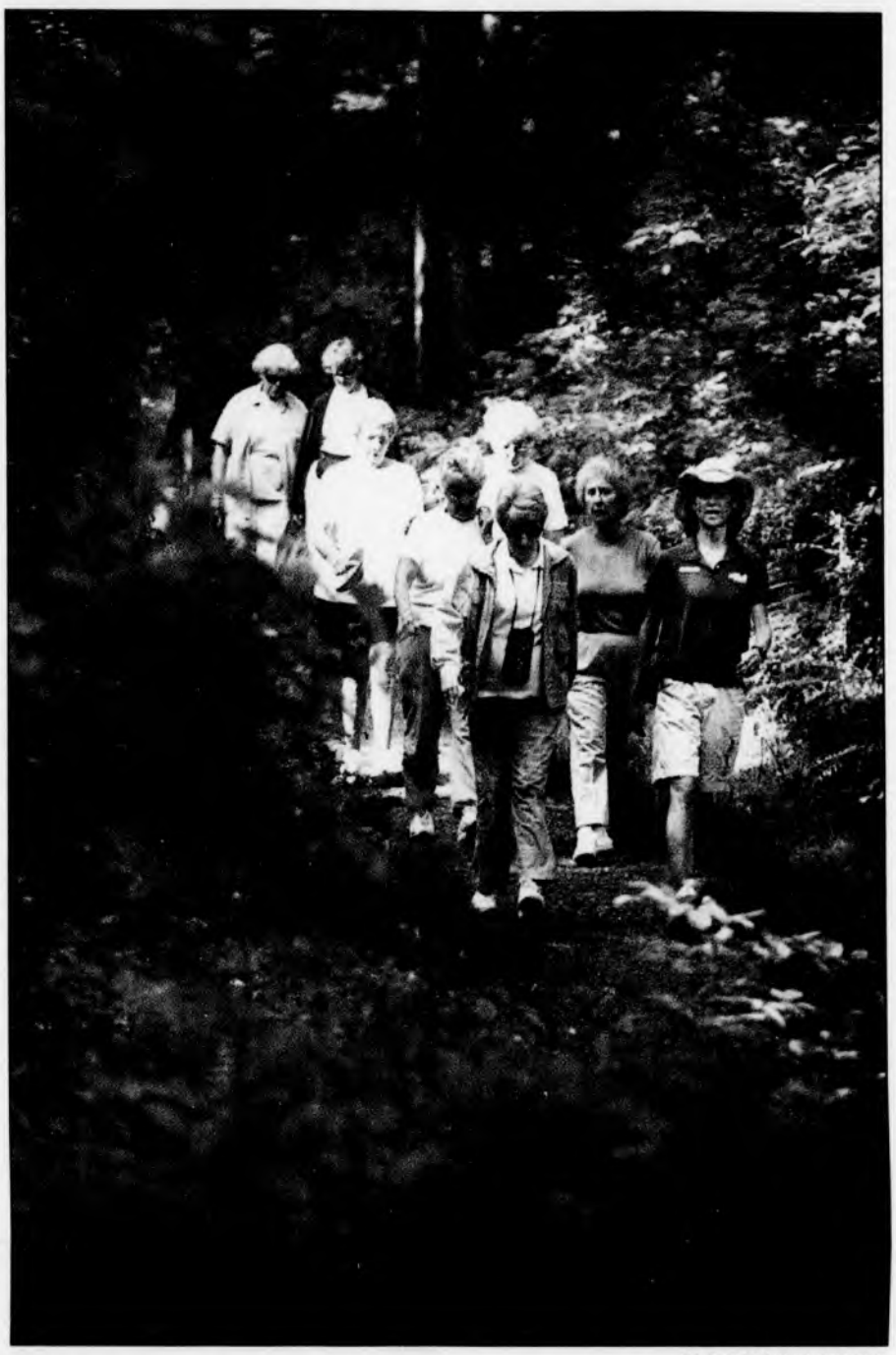
Hingham resident
Shanna Nicholson

Before her recent retirement after 14 years as Hingham's Director of Elder Services, Sandra Kent suggested the word "senior" be replaced by other terms because "you just can't lump the people we serve, who range in age from 60 to 100, in one category. You can meet a youthful 80-year-old and an old 60-year-old. You're as young as you feel, in a manner of speaking. It's all about attitude and one's approach to life."

One gentleman suggested using "individuals in their late middle-age years" as an alternative term.

Shanna Nicholson, who is active at the Hingham Senior Center, doesn't mind being called a "senior citizen," but she has heard some others object to it. "I don't pay attention to the term, because I do what I want to do anyway, although some find it offensive and prefer the term 'elder,'" she said. "Life is a one-time gift and I'll be darned if I'm going to waste a minute of it. I try to learn or do something new every day."



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Trustee of Reservations manager Mary Doherty leads a walk for seniors through World's End in Hingham.

The energetic and youthful Nicholson, whose father told her when she was a young girl to never ask anyone's age, has an adventurous spirit. "I've gotten a lot of flack when I've talked about doing some things, such as when I went sky diving," she said good-naturedly. "But I have so much that I want to do that I don't let anything stand in the way, even when people say, 'What, at your age? Are you crazy?' Age is nothing but a stupid number. If you sit around feeling sorry for yourself and dwelling on your aches and pains, you're not going to get much out of life."

One senior citizen found inspiration in Lewis Carroll's poem, "You are Old, Father William," which begins: "'You are old, Father William,' the young man said, 'And your hair has become very white; And yet you incessantly stand on your head – Do you think, at your age, it is right?'"

Farnsworth said a number of older citizens she's talked with also don't seem to mind the term "senior citizen," in large part due to lack of a better word – in short, they don't let the term get in their way. But none mind the transformation from jaded stereotypes about seniors to the realization that Senior Centers are overall serving a more active type of senior.

She further noted that many of today's active seniors expect to live a long while and aren't afraid to make some changes. "In the past, senior citizens were often hesitant to leave the houses they'd lived in for a long time, but now more are downsizing to meet their current needs or even building the dream house they never had," she said.

The Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs mostly serves a population from 75 years old up to age 94, according to Outreach Coordinator Carol Barrett. "What I'm seeing is people in their 90s interested in good diet and exercise habits who live a healthy and active life," she said. For example, a number of seniors in their 90s often participate in the CEA walking club at the high school. "We also have 90-year-olds who had a difficult time when they first started chair yoga but who are now wonderful at it."

The CEA also serves congregate meals and hosts holiday celebrations, which provide an opportunity to socialize and keep mentally active.

"Many of our elders do the serving and clean-up or volunteer in other ways at our center, too," Barrett said.

In October the Cohasset CEA

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Seniors are taking care of business

STAFF PHOTO/TOM GORMAN

Skip Dykstar, Weymouth Wal-Mart community involvement coordinator, has found a second career and is among a growing number of retirees returning to the work force.

Work continues past retirement age for many

By Amanda Gontarz
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For those not near it, the idea of retirement tends to draw up images of daily golf outings, lunch dates with friends, winter trips to warm destinations, spending time with grandchildren and doing those leisurely things people never had enough time for when they were working.

But for many people the concept of those retirement years being filled with nothing but spare time has changed. More people are choosing to work past the age of 65, which for a long time was considered the age at which people retired from their careers.

Since 1999, the number of people age 65 and older working or looking for work has increased by half a million. According to the U.S. Administration on Aging, 4.5 million seniors were working or actively looking for work in 2002, constituting 3.1 percent of the U.S. work force. Of this total, 1.9 million were women and almost 2.5 million were men. Three years before, 4 million older Americans working or seeking work made up 2.9 percent of the country's labor force.

Conducted by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), a national study of 2,001 people between the ages of 50 and 70 who are working full or part-time showed that 46 percent of respondents planned to work into their 70s.

Ruth Dann first entered the workforce as a 13-year-old soda jerk. Now, at 74, she said she doesn't plan on quitting any time soon, as long as there is work available for her.

For the past eight years, Dann has worked 20 hours a week as a receptionist at the Marshfield Council on Aging.

"Working has really become a necessity now, but I enjoy it. I enjoy the people. I like working."
— Ruth Dann

"It pays for Blue Cross, pays some of the rent, some of the bills," she said. "I have some money for a little bit of fun, for clothes. Working has really become a necessity now, but I enjoy it. I enjoy the people. I like working."

She added that working is the "best solution" to keeping her feeling well both physically and mentally.

More than half of the respondents in the AARP's Working in Retirement study for 2003 said their retirement would include working for enjoyment,

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Senior Lifestyle

Breaking down senior stereotypes

Scituate's Lou Chien takes a lead off third base as players stay alert to the action. The senior men's softball league is just one way today's seniors are staying active and young.

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hosted a presentation on living an active and healthy life after retirement based on the findings of Longevity Researcher Dr. Thomas Perls, who did much of his research on centenarians who live quality lives.

"Dr. Perls talks about healthy diet, exercise, and having a purpose in life," Barrett said. "It's important to have something to do each day, whether getting together with family or baking a cake for someone's birthday. Dr. Perls also found that good medical care and no smoking or excessive drinking leads to a better and longer life."

Donald Young of Scituate takes a swing during a senior men's softball game.

Many senior centers also offer flu clinics, free legal advice, and other information on a variety of subjects.

Key to keeping seniors happy, though, Barrett said, is finding ways to enable them to remain in the towns where they've spent many years. "Statistics show people want to continue living in their own communities," she said. "It's important for towns to focus on the changing housing needs of seniors by encouraging developers to help elders remain an active part of their communities."

Wright sees the senior years as something to look forward to. "You don't have to follow convention or work full-time. Now's the chance to develop interests you've had to put on the back burner before because you were too busy rushing through life," she said. "Seniors can choose to look at their later years as ones of decline or an opportunity to do some of the fun stuff they always wanted to do but couldn't find the time."

Seniors are taking care of business

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not money. On the other hand, 42 percent said they would be doing some sort of work to help pay the bills.

For Dann, working part-time not only helps financially, but it also affords her plenty of time to do the things she loves, including spending time with the man in her life — her great-grandson. The Kingston resident said she also likes to write and hopes to get a computer to type up her journal. She has been writing an autobiography, not to publish, but to share with her family.

Dann's position at the Marshfield COA came through the Old Colony Planning Council, a Brockton-based organization that provides a variety of services to seniors.

As the Area Agency on Aging for 23 communities in southeastern Massachusetts, the Old Colony Planning Council serves a number of South Shore towns, from Marshfield and Kingston to Rockland and Abington. Through its senior aide employment training program, the council places seniors in a variety of subsidized public service positions, such as with Councils on Aging and housing authorities, for a maximum of two years.

In 2002, the guidelines of the senior aide training program changed, placing a maximum time period on a senior's employment in one place. Dann began working at the Marshfield COA through the planning council before the two-year limit was imposed.

"It is to be looked at as a training program, not as subsidized employment," said Patrick Hamilton, the council's Area on Aging Administrator. The Area on Aging helps local Councils on Aging with supportive services.

The program was designed to aid seniors in finding a position on their own by giving them a period of time to learn skills and train for another job.

"They sometimes don't have the necessary skills that are transferable to the kinds of positions that are available right now," Hamilton said. "Some have limitations in regards to travel or the type of work they can do, such as standing or lifting. That concerns a lot of them."

Almost 70 percent of respondents to the AARP study said they never intend to never retire or at least work part-time during retirement. Twenty-nine percent said they had no plans to work for pay after retirement.

Of those who intend to work in their senior years, more than a quarter of the respondents said their definition of retirement included having the opportunity to leave their job to try a different type of work.

Morgan "Skip" Dykstar had planned to work for at least five more years at Kraft Foods. After being with the company for 33 years, he was offered an early retirement package almost two years ago after the corporation bought out Nabisco.

More than half of the respondents in the AARP's Working in Retirement study for 2003 said their retirement would include working for enjoyment, not money. On the other hand, 42 percent said they would be doing some sort of work to help pay the bills.

"There was a lot of transitioning happening," he said. "I really enjoyed my job, but the package was good and you never know if the offer is going to come back again."

At the age of 57, Dykstar retired from his position as an account executive and immediately jumped into a new career, doing something completely different as the community involvement coordinator for 10 local Wal-Mart stores.

"I knew I'd get another job after I retired," he said. "I knew what I wanted to do. I have different goals than before. I didn't want the pressure of my previous job. Corporations are willing to pay, but they're expecting their employees to produce and that pressure is increasing.... Now, you're no longer some kind of prisoner to the job. You're less worried about not getting a raise or losing your job."

Though he could have survived with his retirement package from Kraft, Dykstar said it would have meant a change in lifestyle.

"It's never as much as you're used to living on," said the Boston native. "Living off my retirement would have meant giving up things I enjoy — the theater, fine dining, a nice car, vacations. I'm bringing in some money and maintaining the lifestyle I had. I'm working, but I get to help people through it. I've got the best of both worlds."

While he was with Kraft, Dykstar worked in coordination with Wal-Mart, organizing golf tournaments and other fundraisers. Dykstar was speaking at a Wal-Mart management meeting and mentioned he was retiring from Kraft. After that announcement, a district manager asked Dykstar if he would come to work for Wal-Mart.

"They created a position for me," he said. "It was based on something that already existed, that good relationship and trust I had created with them over the years."

His responsibilities started in the Weymouth store on Route 53, but since have grown to encompass 10 stores. Expanding his position locally is fine with Dykstar, but he doesn't expect or want his position to be promoted to a national level. Happy with what he's doing, Dykstar, who'll turn 59 in a few months, said he has no plans to stop working by the age of 65.

"I don't like to be idle," he said. "It's not what life is about. I don't want to run out of things to do. I love having people around and working with them. I have no intention of leaving."

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, people age 55 and older will make up 17 percent of the U.S. work force by the year 2010. That number is expected to rise 2 percent by 2050.

In the past few years, Dykstar has helped the Weymouth Wal-Mart and other locations raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for local programs, charities and organizations. For Dykstar, it is the opportunity to work with others and accomplish goals as a team that's the draw of the job.

"I may have an idea, but everybody's a part of it," he said. "We all come together to get it done. This job is all together different from my other one, but it's more rewarding. I'm helping someone."

Dykstar points to a photo of two smiling children. Years ago, those children were confined to wheelchairs, but because of the money raised by Dykstar and Wal-Mart, the two boys are able to walk like any other child their age.

"That's what it's all about," he said. "That's why I do this."

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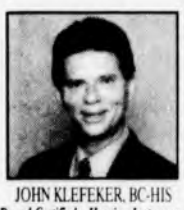

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Senior Lifestyle

Esther scales off 80 pounds in eight months

By Cathy Conley
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Who was that lovely lady in the1920s bathing suit complete with ruffled cap, bloomer knickers, bright red rouge on her cheeks and a long blond wig that won the Halloween contest at the senior citizen complex last year?

It was Esther Savoie.

Three years ago, Esther would not have been making waves at a Halloween contest.

She would have been sitting in a corner dressed in a smock and drawstring pants trying to cover her 225 pound girth.

"My friends would say — 'Get out of the way, here comes Esther' as I power walked through the corridors."
— Esther Savoie

But three years ago, in October, 2000, Esther's doctor said her cholesterol was sky high and, after years of trying to get her to lose weight, he was putting her on a low cholesterol diet.

"I decided to lose weight on my own," she said.

And the 5-foot-4, 74-year-old mother, grandmother and great-grandmother shed 80 pounds in eight months and has kept the weight off for more than two years.

"I was 115 pounds when I got married," she said. "But with my first child I gained a huge amount of weight and then just added to it with the next three," she said.

Esther and her husband of 51 years Leonard, a retired shipyard worker, had four children. Their youngest son was killed by a truck while hitchhiking on the highway when he was 19.

"I just kept packing on the weight. I like to cook and I like to eat what I cook. And I made sure I cleaned the plates of what my children didn't eat," she said.

Esther Savoie at 225 pounds.

Once Esther made up her mind about losing weight, there was no stopping her. "I don't even know where the motivation came from," she said.

She started with a cabbage soup diet.

First day just cabbage soup, second day cabbage soup and a fruit, third day cabbage soup and a vegetable, fourth day cabbage soup and a fruit and a vegetable, fifth day cabbage soup and bananas, sixth day cabbage soup and a tiny piece of meat, then the cycle started all over again.

Esther lost 20 pounds in a month, going from 225 to 205. But she was all cabbaged out.

So she decided to try Weight Watchers, a program in which every bit of food or drink has a point value. The dieter has a numerical maximum each day and keeps meticulous records of everything eaten in a 24-hour period. Exercise adds points to the maximum points allowed.

Esther lost weight slowly at first, a pound one day, a half pound the next. Some days she even gained a pound. But for eight months she was a fanatic point-counter. She never wavered.

Dieters earn gold stars each time they weigh in if they lost weight.

Esther's book rivaled a clear night sky, star after star after star.

At the same time, the retired warehouse worker who had never exercised in her life, decided to start a physical fitness regime.

She began by walking the hallway in one wing of the senior citizen high rise where she lives on Bicknell Street in Quincy.

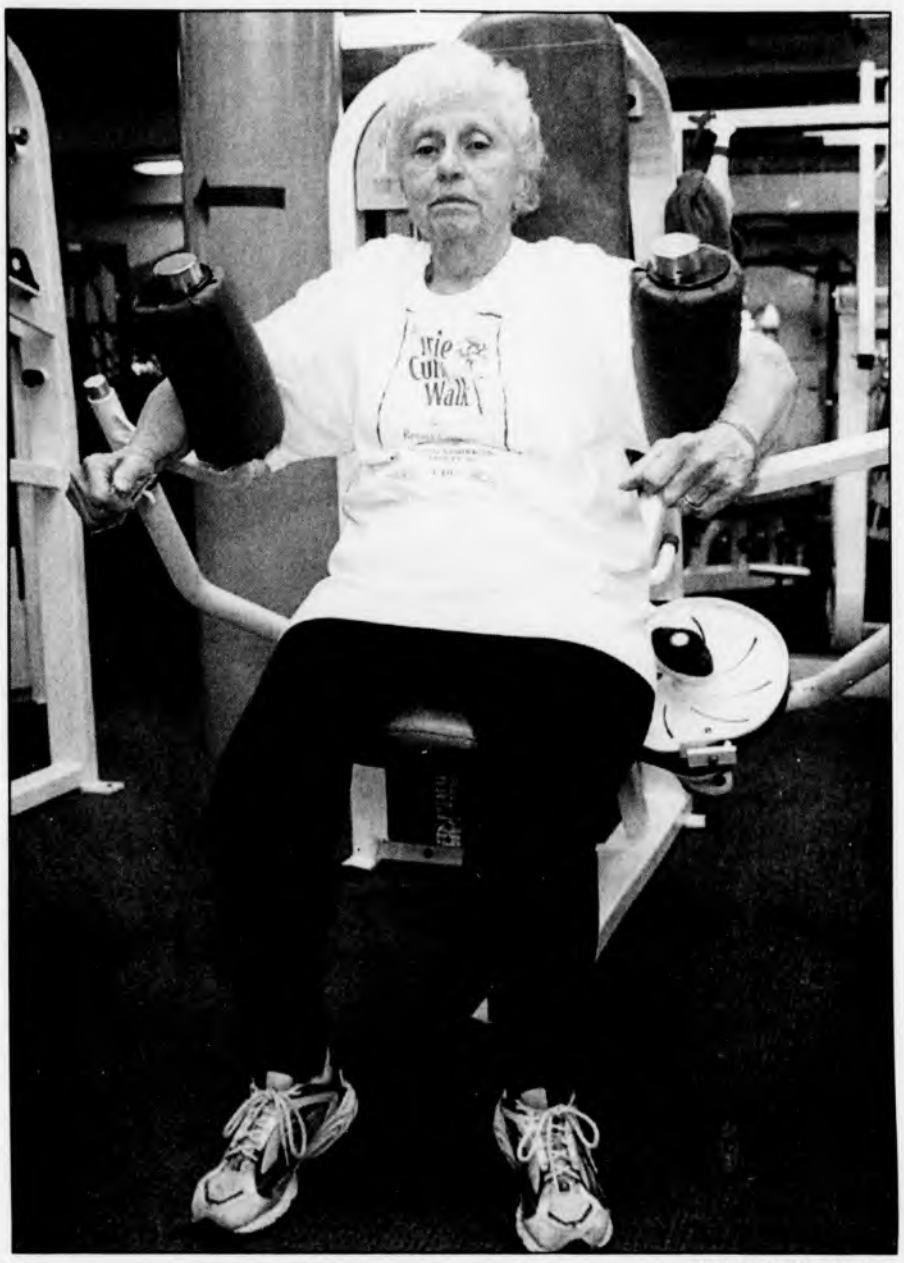
"I could barely make it down the corridor," she said.

But, little by little, she became comfortable walking the corridor of one wing. She added the corridor of a second wing, then a third. She built herself up to walking the three wings five times every day — a total of one mile. Then she added the same one-mile walk after supper.

"My friends would say — 'Get out of the way, here comes Esther' as I power walked through the corridors," she said.

She became part of a study at the Quincy YMCA which measured muscle and fat content. Being at the Y for the study, she became interested in the exercise equipment.

At 71, she joined the Y and again, little by little, has built up a physical fitness regime that would test the mettle of a New England Patriot —one and a half hours every day doing the nautilus, the rowing machine, the treadmill and the bicycle.



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Esther Savoie uses the rowing machine at the Quincy YMCA during her physical fitness regime which helped her lose 80 pounds in eight months.

"My husband didn't think I'd keep it up."

But she did.

The pounds melted away like snow in the noonday sun.

On June 21, 2001, Esther reached her goal of 144 pounds.

Her cholesterol was perfect. Her doctor told her to throw away the blood pressure pills she had been taking for 12 years. "I felt great. I had so much more energy," she said.

She began dancing again. At a surprise 50th anniversary party, she and Leonard did a special rendition of "Sweet Caroline" that her husband had taught her for their wedding a half century ago.

Into the trash bin went 45 years worth of smocks and drawstring pants.

She bought a whole new wardrobe.

For a New Year's Eve party last year, she wore a gold lamé top and long black skirt. Size 10.

Seniors invited back to school

Wampatuck 'tea' steeped in tradition

By Matthew J. Gill
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While talking with her father about her new job, Debbie Donovan noticed that he appeared extremely surprised about some of the things she told him regarding the Wampatuck School and the changing tide of elementary school education. A lot had changed, it seemed, in the many years since he had been a student. Prompted by his queries, Donovan invited her father to visit the school to see what a modern elementary school is all about.

That was in 1995 — Donovan's first year as Wampatuck's principal — and what began as an intra-family inspiration has grown to become an autumn tradition at Wampatuck: the grandparent/special friend tea.

According to Donovan, the annual Sunday event is an opportunity for grandparents to visit Wampatuck and get an insider's look at the elementary schools they're now two generations removed from. During the day, the school's students, grades K-6, serve as tour guides and lead their parents' parents around the school to show them their books, their desks, and their school.

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In September, Scituate's Wampatuck Elementary School hosted its annual grandparents and special friends tea, where students proudly lead their grandparents or special friends on a guided tour of their classroom, desks, and school. Principal Debbie Donovan, (pictured top right) has been hosting the annual event since she became Wampatuck's principal in 1995.

According to Donovan, elementary schools including Wampatuck usually host an open house at the beginning of a new school year, and it's most often attended by students' parents. Grandparents, however, are often left out of the loop.

"We do have an obligation to educate our seniors," Donovan said. "Schools today are not the same as when they went to school."

"It makes sense to invite them back," she said.

This year, the event was held in September and Donovan took on the role of grandparent-greeter at the door to welcome in the 200 grandparents, children, and special friends who came out for the event.

Two of the day's many attendees, grandpar-

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Senior Lifestyle

Fun, friends, and feather boas

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Scituate Red Hatters, including Queen Mother of the "Meeting House Roses," Lorraine Quinn (center), enjoy friendship and festivity at a society luncheon.

It began with one simple poem and has spread like wildfire across the country. In almost every town on the South Shore, women of the 50-plus crowd are donning their red hats, purple outfits, and feather boas, ready to take on the world. The Red Hat Society is all about fun, and the women who participate know how to have it.

The Red Hat Society has its roots in California, where founder Sue Ellen Cooper lives. Taking a cue from a poem titled "Warning" which begins, "When I am an old woman..." and makes reference to wearing a purple dress with a red hat, "which doesn't go and doesn't suit me," she became inspired to start a club where women would meet wearing just that for various social events. The trend caught on and chapters have spread all the way to the East Coast.

While the Society is intended for women who are 50 or older, an exception can be made for those who are "under-age" and would like to join. However, those who are under 50 are not entitled to wear purple and red, and must wear a lavender outfit and pink hat until they have earned the right to wear the bolder colors.

"I am a lover of purple and fun," said "Queen Mother" Jeanne Murphy, who began the Hingham chapter, "Viva Vermillion." Only one week after officially registering, she went from a possible five or six interested members to more than 20. "It just exploded," she said.

Murphy is a member of a tennis team called the "Dirty Dozen" which has been meeting once a week for many years from May through October. Right after signing up to start her own chapter, Murphy said she met with her tennis group to find two other women wearing Red Hat Society shirts. When she told her friends she was starting a chapter in Hingham, they said they'd love to join. Before she knew it, every one of her tennis buddies said they wanted to join, and an instant chapter was born.

"It's a great group of people," she said.

In fact, the inaugural event for their chapter will be a Halloween Gala, which the tennis group holds every year, and will now incorporate the Red Hat theme. Everyone must not only wear a Halloween costume, they must wear their red hat too.

Grace Barlow and Shirle Shea are dressed to the nines for a Red Hat Society outing.

Murphy said since starting her chapter, she has encountered other members wherever she goes. Recently, she attended a memorial service and the woman giving the eulogy placed a red hat and a feather boa on the casket at the end of the service.

"I had no idea this thing was so huge," Murphy said.

When Murphy approached the woman afterward to ask her about the Red Hat Society connection, she mentioned she was starting a new chapter in Hingham, to which the woman said, "Well, I'm in."

Murphy said she and her group have been discussing attending the third annual Red Hat Society Convention, which will be held April 2004 in Dallas, Texas. Other possible outings for the future include tea at the mansions in Newport, R.I., visiting friends in Florida, and maybe visiting a ranch in Texas while attending the convention.

Members of the "Scituate Red Hat Society" aren't planning any trips to Dallas, but have thought about planning a cruise. However, their group has had so much success, that it has almost 80 members.

"Moving 70 people around is difficult," said Queen Mother Kathy Asmar, so her chapter has broken itself down into two sub-chapters to make planning easier. Now, Scituate not only has the "Scituate Red Hat Society," which began the trend, but its offshoot chapters, the "Red Hot Mermaids," and the "Meeting House Roses."

So far, she said the individual groups, whose members often mix depending on the activity planned, have gone on Duck Tours with one of the Weymouth chapters, a train ride along Lake Winnipesaukee, and will see a Showstoppers performance of "I love you, you're perfect, now change," at the Barker Tavern in Scituate, with some Marshfield Red Hatters. Asmar said she sends out a newsletter every couple of months to all 80 members to keep them informed of any new outings planned.

Grace Barlow and Mary Ward relax by the fire during a Red Hat Society luncheon.

Lorraine Quinn has taken over as the Queen Mother of the "Meeting House Roses," one of the Scituate offshoots, and said her smaller group has been working out well because most of the members are her neighbors. Quinn lives in the Meeting House Estates senior condominiums, and the close proximity of all the women provided an easy way to start their chapter.

Quinn goes on outings with her own group, in addition to those offered through the larger group.

"There are lots of places to go," she said, adding plans for going to dinner and the theater are at the top of the list. "We all have our red hats ready to take off!"

Recently, Quinn attended a Red Hat Society luncheon at Atlantica in Cohasset, and, as with every Red Hat activity, everyone dressed completely in Red Hat regalia.

"Of course, a lot of people were wondering what we were doing, but it was wonderful," she said.

Because Cohasset doesn't have a chapter of its own just yet, residents of the town may not be familiar with the sight of a gaggle of girls in their red hats and feather boas. However, the town won't have to wait much longer, as plans for a Cohasset chapter are already in the works.

Gracie Thompson said she will serve as Queen Mother for the first Cohasset chapter, which she hopes to have up and running sometime in November.

"I've got my red hat already, and my purple suit," she said, and now it's just a matter of getting a group together. Thompson said her chapter will be open to anyone who would like to join, whether they are from Cohasset or not.

"You meet new and different people when you open it up to new people," she said.

But the Red Hat Society isn't just all about fun, it's also about giving back to the community. The Marshfield chapters are a shining example. Queen Mother Carol Stone said while her 150 members are always up for fun, they do many fund raising events throughout the year, with proceeds going to the Marshfield Council on Aging boosters.

"Life is short and I want to give back," she said.

Because she has so many members, Stone has split her Red Hatters into two chapters, the "Marshfield Red Devils," and the "Marshfield Mermaids." She said her chapter began because she was looking for a fun theme for the lunch program at the Council on Aging, where she works as a nutrition site manager. After looking up "hats" on the Internet, she came across the Red Hat Society, thought starting a chapter might be a fun thing, and decided to hold a tea for anyone interested.

"I expected 25, and 82 showed up!" she said, and she couldn't believe how fast it caught on. Now that the one year renewal is coming up for her chapter, she's holding another tea for members wishing to stay in the program. However, she said she's been getting phone calls every day, not only for those interested in renewing, but from women who want to join.

"I'll probably have two more chapters by the time the tea is over," she said.

Other events planned in Marshfield include a variety show, which will tentatively take place Jan. 4. Stone said participants have been practicing since August and she's amazed at the dedication they have.

"They're 80 years old and dance to 'Hot, Hot, Hot.' These women are remarkable," she said.

But Stone also notices how important the bonding of members is, especially since many of them have lost their husbands and may live alone.

"I'm seeing women at the age where they're widows, and they're finding friends and bonding," she said, adding she gets so much joy from seeing their happy faces.

But the bottom line is, no matter what your age, there is still room to have fun, and that is what the Red Hat Society is all about. Having a good sense of humor and a sense of adventure can make anyone feel young at heart again, no matter what their chronological age.

"It's better than staying at home doing nothing," Quinn joked.

For more information on the Red Hat Society, or to find a chapter near you, log on to the official web site at www.redhatsociety.com.

Senior Lifestyle

Senior advocate smoothes elders' way

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Who knows the needs of senior citizens better than another senior?

Today's 50-plus set is healthier and better educated than ever before. Senior citizens are increasingly active in advocating for better lives for themselves and their fellow "evergreens" (as elders are called in Scandinavia).

"The senior population has been a driving force in advocating to regain programs and level funding in the state budget," said Susan DiTullio, Weymouth's director of elder affairs. "Governor Romney proposed the elimination of prescription advantage, and seniors were on the phones and writing emails to their representative and area aging networks to seek their support. They made themselves heard and prescription advantage was reinstated."

How vigorously seniors reach out to help is indicated by a recent AARP survey that reported those over 50 are virtually the backbone of American volunteerism: there are 28 million senior citizen volunteers, making up about half of the country's volunteer force. While there are no readily available statistics on what percentage of these millions of seniors regard themselves as advocates for their peers, every community can point with pride to an evergreen who is making the way smoother for other seniors.

One example is a Weymouth senior who successfully completed a year-and-a-half-long campaign to have a sidewalk installed along heavily-traveled Route 18 in front of her Main Street condominium complex.

Many seniors live in Gaslight Village, outside South Weymouth Square, next to Pleasant Mall, and neighboring Fountain Lane Condominiums.

Because the mall is a short walk away, it is a favorite destination for seniors in the two complexes. There is a supermarket, restaurant, card shop, coffee shop, an optical company, and a hairdresser, among other businesses.

Yet the journey to the mall is very difficult for seniors at Fountain Lane, who have to navigate an unpaved stretch of dirt, grass, and rocks before reaching where the sidewalk in front of Gaslight Village begins. Once on the asphalt, the rest of the walk isn't bad. But reaching the sidewalk in the first place is no cake walk.

"The elderly have a difficult time as it is, without adding hindrances," said Anne Sullivan, 85, who lives at the Fountains. "Some seniors are encumbered. They have canes, they have walkers. They can't walk on the stones, so they walk on Route 18 near the curb."

Last year, a couple, also living at the Fountains, attempted to get a sidewalk put in, but nothing came of it.

Then Sullivan stepped in.

"I'm used to helping people out."
Anne Sullivan, 85, advocate

"That's when I put my two cents in," Sullivan said. "Nobody had anything to do with it but me."

In January, 2002, Sullivan circulated a petition supporting the need for a sidewalk in front of the Fountains. Then she followed up by making an appointment with Mayor David Madden. At first Madden said there was no money in the budget for a sidewalk. So Sullivan made another appointment, bringing home the message that the elderly walking in the street to get to the mall were at risk for an accident.

"For a while, it was back and forth, back and forth," Sullivan said.

Then, a little more than a week ago, the phone rang in Sullivan's condominium. It was the mayor, saying he had been successful in getting the necessary approvals for the sidewalk to be constructed.

Work is now underway, and the sidewalk should be completed by the end of the month.

Anne Sullivan stood her ground and advocated for a sidewalk near her condo complex in Weymouth.

"If they had given me $1 million, I couldn't have been more thrilled. I've had a lot of people thank me. It took me a year, but I never gave up," Sullivan said. "I made up my mind to do it, and I did it."

Enriching the lives of those around her is nothing new to Sullivan.

"I'm used to helping people out," she said.

Sullivan's husband, Daniel Edward Sullivan, who died seven years ago, spent his retirement years sharing his love of art with the elderly.

"My husband was so gifted," Sullivan said. "He taught painting for 25 years through the Rhode Island Council on the Arts, taking care of 200 seniors in eight classes all over the state. He was one in a million. He had a wonderful sense of humor. Not only did he teach them art, he kept them in stitches."

She set up all the exhibits of his students' paintings by herself.

When her husband died seven years ago, his former students presented Sullivan with a lovely collection of porcelain dolls as a remembrance.

Nowadays, Sullivan keeps very busy, going to the movies, visiting with her daughter who lives in Cohasset, and taking day trips. For three years, she volunteered her time at The Cottage Gift Shop at South Shore Hospital.

"They said I was the best saleswoman they ever had," Sullivan said.

What keeps Sullivan working so hard as an advocate for making the lives of seniors a little easier?

It is the end result, achieving something that helps others.

Madden should be prepared to have a place on his appointment calendar for Sullivan as the holiday season approaches, when great-aunts and great-uncles and grandparents send out greeting cards and letters in droves.

There is no mailbox at the Fountains. Yet.

"That is a big issue to me," Sullivan said. "I'm going to go for a mailbox up here. We've never had one."

Area councils on aging offer many services to help seniors tone their advocacy skills.

"Weymouth Elder Services, a division of municipal government, provides resources for promoting the physical, social, emotional and financial well being of elders so that they can continue to live independently," DiTullio said. "Weymouth Elder Services offers a myriad of services to accomplish this goal and we urge seniors to contact us to inquire as to how we may assist them, either with insurance counseling, transportation, wellness seminars, exercise classes and much more."

The voices of elder advocates will soon increase by many decibels. There are 76 million baby boomers nearing retirement age.

"The 'baby boomers' will arrive in 2006 demanding more services and we need to by ready," DiTullio said.

Driving isn't only a senior issue

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Barbara Farnsworth, Hingham's director of elder services, doesn't mince words when the sensitive topic of seniors and whether they should be driving is brought up.

"I don't think that driving is just a senior issue," she said. "Good driving is an issue that transcends all generations."

Many seniors Farnsworth knows are still driving.

"The majority of the ones who come to the Hingham Senior Center drive," she said.

Based on her own experience, Farnsworth can appreciate what driving means to seniors.

"I know what it's like when my car is in the shop for a day or two," she said. "Having to rely on other people for a ride is difficult."

Statistics demonstrate the significance of the situation.

There are nearly 25 million people 70 years and older in the United States. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Commission, this age group makes up approximately nine percent of the total population, but annually accounts for close to 14 percent of traffic fatalities and around 18 percent of pedestrian deaths..

Some experts believe that there is a need to help seniors recognize their changing abilities and adjust their driving practices accordingly.

Others think that it's necessary to identify and regulate older drivers with diminishing abilities who can't or won't voluntarily change their driving habits.

In Ocean County, New Jersey, a senior task force has been in existence for about a decade which promotes defensive driving and reinforces the need for such design improvements as larger letters, bigger signs, and reflective materials. This effort is being expanded to other counties in the state.

Farnsworth pointed out that the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) offers a refresher course for senior drivers.

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John Polio, 80, behind the wheel.

"From what I've seen, it gives people a lot of useful tips," she said.

John Polio, 80, who retired as Braintree's police chief in 1987, now serves as chairman of the town's Council on Aging.

"I enjoy driving," he said. "I don't feel as though I have anything that impedes the way I operate."

Polio acknowledged, however, that driving is "a delicate subject" for seniors.

"When talking about physical changes, we all know that we slow down, but we should remember that changes can happen to anyone at any time," he said. "It doesn't matter how old you are."

Polio emphasized that many factors become involved, including depth perception.

"I can remember when they gave us depth perception tests, but I don't think they do it any more," he said. "Hopefully, we're aware of that and are more vigilant when we're on the road. Having these things in mind, you can drive more carefully."

To Polio, someone's age doesn't necessarily mean that he or she is either a good or a bad driver.

"Some people at 50 shouldn't be driving, and some 18-year-olds are excellent drivers," he said.

Asked how he feels about the idea of testing older drivers, Polio replied, "I don't think that you can do that. It would be rather irresponsible to act in a discriminatory way. If you start talking about testing, you should say that all drivers should be tested periodically, regardless of age."

Polio explained why he feels this way.

"Things happen to each of us that could impair upon the way we operate a motor vehicle," he said. "The only way to find out is to test, but that may be too cumbersome and expensive. It would be folly to test only older drivers. I think that you'd really have to do it to everyone."

Polio has doubts about the feasibility of this.

'I don't know if you could authorize it through the legislative process, and I don't know if the Registry of Motor Vehicles could do it," he said. "Thought should be given to that area."

Testing for all would be the only way to avoid creating even the suggestion of discrimination, Polio argued.

"If you get a large portion of the public thinking that something is discriminatory, I don't think that it'll ever be done," he said. "If it's going to be even-handed, let's test everyone."

Poor driving, to Polio, is not a problem which deserves to be solely associated with seniors.

"Bad driving should not be put on to seniors as though they are a dangerous lot," he said. "For every well publicized incident of a senior getting into an accident, I can tell you about a young driver, on drugs or booze, running into a tree."

Polio regretted what he described as "a natural tendency to have a certain stereotype" about seniors.

"Yes, some seniors shouldn't be driving, but I could say that about some drivers in their 20s, 30s, 40s, and 50s," he said.

Polio agreed with what Farnsworth said about seniors and driving.

"With many seniors, driving is their last vestige of independence," he said. "It's a tough thing for family members to judge and make decisions about whether their father or grandfather should still be driving. That's why I feel that the fair way would be to test everyone."

Most of the seniors Polio knows continue to drive, including one who is 87 and one who is 92.

"They both drive their own cars, and they both go to our council's different functions on their own," he said. "There are also those who do call for rides, but that's a good thing."

Polio mentioned another key point.

"There are many people who call for rides but are much younger than those who drive," he said.

Senior Lifestyle

Realtors become senior specialists

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Today, an astounding 80 percent of senior citizens own real estate or are purchasing new property, according to the Massachusetts Association of Realtors.

Census figures show there are more than 4 million people in the U. S. who are 85 or older. By 2025, this number is expected to reach 10 million. And what all this means is that a whole range of services has been created to address the special real estate needs of seniors and tap into this growing market.

Senior citizens, and by most definitions that includes everyone over age 55, face major decisions about how and where they will live as they get older. Is it time to move to a retirement village, sell the house and buy a smaller condo, or move to an assisted living facility?

For those who decide to remain independent and live in their own homes, the challenges are significant. How to continue paying rising insurance costs and property taxes, are just a few.

Most communities offer services that help seniors stay in their own homes. Seniors get a reduction in their property tax bills, fuel assistance if they qualify, and many seniors can take advantage of outreach services such as Meals on Wheels and the "Are You OK" safety program offered by the Councils on Aging and police departments in their communities. All these programs help seniors maintain their independence and autonomy for as long as possible.

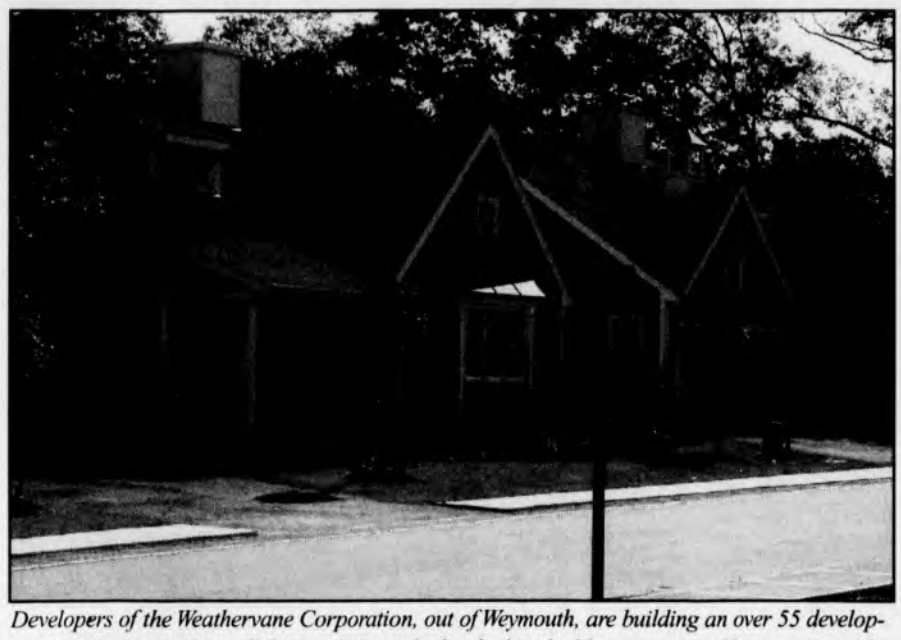
But for many seniors, there comes a moment when they realize it's time to sell the big home in which they've raised their families and have lived for years.

To meet this need, the MAR and a number of real estate companies are offering special training. The MAR in October offered realtors a Seniors Real Estate Specialist Course. The course helps real estate agents and brokers better address the special housing needs common to senior citizens. The seminars offer instruction about designing a home to fit the changing lifestyle of seniors, mortgage financing, and real estate counseling. Other issues include capital gains and the tax implications for seniors selling their home.

Realtors note that most older clients want a low-maintenance home and in many cases this calls for new construction. Senior citizens like the idea of an open floor plan with additional bedrooms for when older children and grandchildren come to visit. Two-levels are not highly desirable in new construction for seniors, Realtors say. And of course, a low maintenance lawn is a must.

In a previous interview with the Mariner about the real estate preferences of seniors, Pat Macauley of Curtis Real Estate in Quincy agreed that real estate companies and developers are finally starting to respond to the needs of senior citizens.

"It's one of the biggest changes in the industry in the past several years," she said. "The biggest challenge is that we need more housing for that group of people. I have several clients who want to sell their big family home. They can't find the right place to go to, though, and so they stay put."



Developers of the Weathervane Corporation, out of Weymouth, are building an over 55 development in Weymouth that will feature 119 single-family detached homes on a golf course. A similar proposal is being considered in Rockland on land owned by the YMCA.

As the baby boomer population ages, over-55 residential developments have sprung up all around the South Shore suburbs in Norwell, Scituate, Pembroke, Marshfield and Duxbury. In Quincy and Weymouth there are apartment complexes just for seniors.

Barbara Armstrong, a geriatric counselor in the Weymouth area, says there are new trends in senior housing. "There has been a lot of focus in the real estate industry on the active retirement-aged population and that's a good start."

Armstrong said seniors "need a place to live and they represent a totally untapped market. Of course, they will all have different needs and will all be at different places financially. But the fact that senior citizens are staying stronger and healthier longer emphasizes their need for housing beyond the nursing home."

Karen Bayha, a Realtor with Codlwell Banker's Marshfield office, is a local agent who has earned the seniors specialist designation. Bayha says the course enables real estate agents to help seniors make sound decisions about selling the family home, buying rental property, dealing with capital gains and tax implications of selling their home, obtaining a reverse mortgage to use the equity they have accumulated in their homes, and moving to a senior facility. She said the course has given her the knowledge and expertise she needs to work with seniors.

Debra Hagerty, a Realtor with Jack Conway & Co. in the Hull office, said senior citizens need extra special attention when they decide to sell their homes.

"They've been in their home for 40 years, in some cases," she said. Hagerty has completed the Conway Senior Real Estate Specialist Course and found it extremely helpful. "They don't know what to do and where to go. They've been in their home their entire life."

Hagerty said their are many emotional issues that can come into play. "There may be family members who get involved and don't want to sell. They are very emotionally attached to their house. It's a very tough move."

Realtors who complete the senior specialist course have at their fingertips a list of referral suggestions for attorneys, accountants, assisted living facilities, over-55 communities, and financial planners who are familiar with the real estate needs of seniors.

Hagerty said she approaches seniors with compassion because her own mother died a few years ago. The family kept their mother's home for a while in case she wanted to move back from Florida where she was living in an assisted care facility. "We couldn't just sell it out from under her."

Hagerty recalls one client, an 80-year-old woman who had lived in her sprawling home for decades. "The taxes and insurance were killing her." Active and fully responsible for herself, "she was an incredible senior," Hagerty said.

The elderly woman finally decided it was time to move to a smaller place, so she sold her house and bought a condo close to the center of town. "It made her life so much easier," said Hagerty. "I got her a little shopping cart. I get a Christmas card from her every year."

Investing in probability

Long-term care 'not your typical insurance'

By Seth Jacobson
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While long-term care insurance can prove to be a valuable investment for many senior citizens, the experts say people should read the fine print before buying such a policy.

"It isn't for everybody," said Chris Carroll Jr., president of the Norwell-based insurance company, Novidian Financial LLC.

The Web site Consumerlawpage.com explains in a nutshell what long-term care insurance is, stating, "As a result of a disability or a prolonged illness, long-term care is the assistance provided when a person is unable to provide for himself or herself. It ranges from providing personal care at home, such as bathing and dressing, to skilled nursing services in a nursing home."

Carroll said long-term care policies also typically cover services like respite and hospice care. However, he stressed each policy is different, noting you have to make sure you know what you're getting when you buy.

Carroll said there's usually two reasons why people buy long-term care policies — to make sure they get the care they need where they want it and also to protect one's assets.

Carroll said he got into selling long-term care after he saw what happened to his own grandmother. He explained his grandmother had a stroke in her 50s, which left her paralyzed on one side and unable to speak. He said his grandfather stepped up and took care of her at that time, but by the time his grandmother was about 70 years old, he said his grandfather passed away.

Carroll said his grandfather left his grandmother a lot of money and other assets, but soon, he said he had to move his grandmother to a nursing home in Cohasset because nobody was able to care for her anymore.

In order to pay for the nursing home care, many of the assets and much of the money Carroll's grandmother once had in her possession needed to be spent.

"Soon, all her assets were gone and she had spent down to just $2,000," Carroll said. "It was heartbreaking."

Carroll said it costs about $230 to $240 per day to stay at the average nursing home in Massachusetts.

"Let's say you have about $300,000 in assets and you're paying $240 per day for 365 days," he said, noting the average stay in a nursing home for someone is about two-and-a-half years. "That comes to about $87,600. How long do you think that $300,000 will last?"

When it comes to the options for paying for long-term care, Consumerlawpage.com states, "It comes from your cash and your assets, your family's assets and for those without assets it is paid by Medicaid programs administered by state government. More than half of nursing home bills are paid out-of-pocket by individuals and their families and somewhat less than half are paid by state Medicaid programs. Insurance, and that includes Medicare, Medicare supplemental insurance and health insurance provided by employers, does not pay for most long-term care expenses."

Carroll said Medicare will typically cover the first 100 days of nursing home care. If you have a long-term care policy, you're covered when Medicare stops paying. He said if you don't have a policy in place, after Medicare's payments expire, you have to spend down your assets until Medicaid kicks in, which is after you've basically spent down everything you've saved your whole life.

Carroll explained by buying a long-term care policy, you're basically buying something which will provide money for the daily cost of nursing home care or whatever type of care you've chosen within the policy. He explained if you have assets to protect, getting a long-term care policy will help you maintain them without spending everything you have.

Long-term care policies may be less appropriate for people who have limited assets to protect.

Carroll said people should start looking at buying long-term care around the age of 55. However, he noted as with all insurance, as you get older, the premiums for the policies can skyrocket. He added a long-term care policy may be one which the buyer may never need to use, even after shelling out the cash for hefty premiums.

There are many different policies to choose from when it comes to long-term care. People can choose how long their policies will cover nursing home/in-home care whether it's two years, three years, four years, five years, six years 10 years or for a lifetime.

When buying long-term care policies, people should look at inflation options. Those options allow you to let your benefit grow as the cost of nursing homes and other forms of care goes up. For instance, Carroll explained if a young person buys a long-term care policy, they would want to choose an inflation option because by the time that person needs the policy, the cost of nursing homes would be much higher. However, he said if a 70-year-old senior citizen bought the policy, it is likely no inflation option would be needed.

Inflation options and benefit period choices are just a few of the options offered under long-term care policies and Carroll stressed it is important to take all of these elements into account. When someone comes to him wanting to buy a long-term care policy, he usually suggests that person work with an estate planner or an attorney to make sure the policy is what that person wants.

"A lot of folks will say, 'I may never use this policy,'" Carroll said. "But that's a risk that comes with any type of insurance. The chances of your house burning down is not that good but still, many people have insurance for it. Nobody knows if they'll get into a car accident, but still, they have insurance for that."

Ed Flynn, executive director of South Shore Elder Services in Braintree, said he tells all senior citizens who ask him about long-

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The new Marshfield Senior Center.

Seniors invited back to school

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ents Susan and Carl Schleiff, were escorted throughout the school by their six-year-old granddaughter Olivia Higgins —a beaming 1st grader.

"She was very proud and showed us all over the whole school. It was lovely," said Susan.

Susan added she was amazed at some of the things she saw in her granddaughter's school — including a computer room with individual stations for each child in the class — accoutrements she said were a far cry from those in her elementary experience in Quincy more than 50 years ago.

"I thought the school was beautiful," she said, adding the interior rooms, halls, and walls were "immaculately clean."

"I noticed the class size," she added. "They're small, 15 or 16 in Olivia's class. That's terrific for both students and teachers."

For seven-time grandfather Paul Carroll, who completed elementary coursework more than six decades ago, this year's Wampatuck tea was his first.

Carroll was guided around the school by two of his grandchildren, first-grader Tess Malerbi and second-grader Caroline Smart —a young lady Carroll says has a fitting name for a student.

"They were enormously proud of their building, and their accomplishments," he said.

According to Carroll, the chalkboards have changed color, there's individual seating now, and overall today's classrooms are more "flexible."

"There's a genuine warm feeling in the school itself," he said.

As his grandchildren have several years left at Wampatuck, Carroll said he'll be happy to attend future grandparent teas.

"I'll be there with bells on," he said.

According to George Duggan, the students of Wampatuck are flourishing in a great environment.

"They've made great changes," he said, "changes for the better."

Duggan's very familiar with Wampatuck. As a former Wampatuck principal, he's been to more than one grandparent's tea.

Duggan, who has been retired for approximately 20 years, has three grandchildren at Wampatuck.

"Debbie Donovan's doing a super job in getting people into the school to show people what's going on," he said.

"I thought it was great to see the changes that have taken place in that building, and in education."

According to Duggan, however, some things have still remained the same.

"Some areas of the tile on the floor are the same as when I was there," he said.

According to Donovan, the grandparents' tea isn't the only connection the school offers to seniors .

Donovan said her students have taken part in letter-writing campaigns to seniors in nursing homes, and often visit them to sing during the holidays.

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term care policies to be careful when deciding whether to buy such a policy.

"Some of the policies are good, but it depends what they cover," he said. "A lot of people buy these policies expecting they'll cover in-home care, but a lot of them don't cover that at all. People should really look into what the policy they are looking at covers. It's always good to have insurance for things, but you need to understand what you're getting.

"Exploring the idea of buying long-term care is not a bad idea. But if it's going to cost you thousands of dollars every month, it may not be worth it. But it really depends on the situation. When investigating a policy like this, the buyer really needs to work with someone other than the agent that's selling it."

Regarding the fact that people who buy them may never use their long-term care policies, Flynn said, "All insurance is based on risk."

Marshfield Council on Aging director Carol Connolly said buying a long-term care policy "is really an individualized thing. You have to evaluate your own situation."

She said the topic does come up in Marshfield from time to time.

"People have to be careful in terms of what the policies cover," she said. "Here, by the time many seniors are thinking about buying it, the cost is huge. Plus, there's a lot of things to consider when you're buying a long-term care policy. Sometimes, when people are told about it, they seem overwhelmed."

"People need to look at three different plans before they buy one," added Norwell Council on Aging director Rosemary O'Connor. "It's like getting an estimate on a house. It's just a good rule of thumb. I also tell people that they should never sign onto anything until they look at and understand the policy. With this kind of insurance, I think people are becoming more educated, consumer-wise.

"I'm not going to say long-term care is good or bad, you just need to know what you're buying."

"Everyone is different and as I said before, long-term care insurance is not for everyone," Carroll said. "This is not your typical insurance."

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Senior Lifestyle

Collecting their thoughts

Seniors learn to share memories

By Mike Spellman
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Among the first tidbits of advice seasoned writers will invariably offer to any that aspire to join their ranks is "write what you know."

This simple suggestion, coupled with the innate desire most people have to leave behind a lasting legacy, has given rise to an army of fledgling authors in the senior ranks.

"I don't know how exciting anyone would think my life has been, but I've enjoyed writing down my memoirs," said 90-year-old Ann Reardon of Hingham. "It's something I want to pass along to my family."

"I think it's important to remind younger people about how some things have changed, but also about how some things haven't," Carol Regan, 75 and also of Hingham, offered in the way of explanation for her new hobby.

Reardon and Regan are two of the many seniors who have been inspired to trade in the TV remote or knitting needles for a computer keyboard or pen and pad after taking a "Writing Workshop for Seniors" conducted earlier this year by published author Marc Widershien, of Boston.

"I've always enjoyed writing, but that workshop helped get me rolling," noted Regan, who grew up in Winthrop. "I think a lot of people have no sense of history, and where they came from. And I think that's sad."

This is an opinion very much shared by the 59-year-old Widershien – who three years ago published *The Life of All Worlds*, a lyrical 62-page collection of personal memoirs that was penned over a period of 28 years. The Boston native recalls that he first began recording his memories dating back to his boyhood after his father's death in 1972 and then endured his mother's urgings over the next few decades to get these published. He finally took the collection of memories to a publisher in 2000, three months after his mother passed away, and realized every writer's dream when the manuscript was purchased by the first publisher he brought it to, Ibbetson Street Press in Somerville.

The sense of fulfillment that came with not only writing *The Life of All Worlds*, but learning there was indeed a captive audience out there for personal observations and musings from a simpler time, compelled Widershien to help others find the same kind of fulfillment. And, thus, a teacher was born.

"I don't know how exciting anyone would think my life has been, but I've enjoyed writing down my memoirs. It's something I want to pass along to my family."

90-year-old Ann Reardon of Hingham

Of course, one of the first things you learn in talking to Widershien is that he considers himself anything but a teacher.

"I don't feel I'm really teaching them, but more like they're teaching me," said Widershien, who holds a doctorate in comparative literature from Boston University and has a wide experience in publishing poetry, translations, book reviews and articles.

"One of the things I like to say to the people who come to my workshops is 'if I want to learn about a computer, I go to a 10-year-old, but if I want wisdom, I go to my elders.' "

The author said it's sad more people don't share his view.

"In general, these people I've met are a lot sharper than the majority of the population. They see what's going on around them, and have a better perspective than most people give them credit for. It seems our grandparents have slowly become marginalized since the 1950s. Instead of patriarchizing or matriarchizing them, we've gone the exact opposite way."

Among the more important lessons Widershien says people can glean from older citizens is the sense of community.

"I think we've slowly become a nation of nomads rather than a nation of neighborhoods," he observed. "And that's why I think the time is ripe for literature of this kind. You're seeing a lot of books out there about personal memories from the 1950s and earlier, and these are the people who are writing them.

"There is definitely an interest out there."

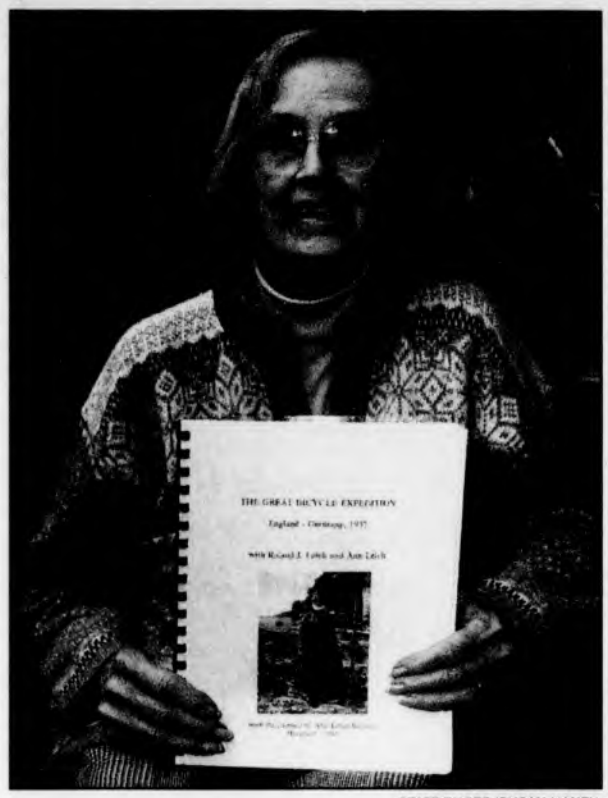
In short, Widershien considers himself more of a facilitator than a teacher.

He notes that many of the people who attend his workshops do so even though they are convinced they cannot write. Widershien begins breaking down these notions by getting them to simply begin talking. All of his "students" are encouraged to bring tape recorders, and often all they do in that first session is talk. The writing springs from those recordings, with focus on detail and writing style coming in the following sessions.

"Any reasonably intelligent person can learn to write well," asserts Widershien in his written introduction to the course. "Yes, talent plays a role, but hard work makes up for every shortcoming. After over 40 years of writing, I am not even sure how to define talent. The closest I can come is eagerness. When we are curious about a subject, sometimes we become passionate about it. If you become passionate about writing, you will find that the message is embedded in your writing."

Judging by the numbers at his workshops, this message is getting through. Widershien has made more than 100 appearances at senior centers, libraries, bookstores and schools over the last few years, and is booked to more than 40 between now and the end of March.

Hingham Elderly Services Director Barbara Farnsworth said she was "very happy" to book Widershien for a Nov. 5 lecture and a three-part workshop set for Jan. 21, Feb. 11 and March 11 at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St.



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Ann Reardon with her book 'The Great Bicycle Expedition.'

Ann Reardon in 1938 (on another bicycle trip). She was working as a camp counselor in Vermont and was traveling to Concord, Massachusetts. She went to the train station with her bike and her suitcase. It was a nice day, so she put the suitcase on the train and rode her bike down instead.

after a very favorable response last winter.

"Dr.W. is an impressive and delightful teacher and person," stated Kay Amendalare at the conclusion of Widershien's Hingham workshop earlier this year. "He holds our interest from the first moment of class right until the last. He reminds us of the familiar and the unfamiliar, always pointing out the correct or incorrect in writing, then leaving us to choose without any sense of our being 'locked in to any way but our own.'"

"My heart is sad that our third and last class has come to an end," added Phyllis Davis. "Hopefully we will meet in 2004 for more uplifting hints that will encourage us to write."

Regan, who plans to sign up for Widershien's return engagement, claims that writing about her past has proven an extremely enriching experience on the whole, but notes it has not been without its bittersweet realizations.

"The world used to be a much happier place for children," noted the grandmother. "Kids used to roam all over their neighborhoods. I could walk to the beach or play outside with my friends well after dark under the streetlights. But you just don't see that anymore. It seems like everyone's afraid that someone or something will grab their kids. It's so bad now. It's almost like there's nothing that can be done to help it.

"And we used to be able to do a lot of fun things that didn't cost a lot of money, or even any at all. We'd play hopscotch or kickball, or just go to the beach. Nowadays, everything seems to have to come with a price tag. Why is that?"

Good question.

Reardon joked about her life not being very exciting, but a lot of people might not agree. The Hingham 90-year-old has penned a book detailing here bicycle trip through Europe prior to World War II. Although it's not a prominent point in the work, there are a few references in there to "dodging Nazis."

"We'd be staying in youth hostels here and there, and there were a lot of times we'd hear the Nazis going by in their tanks or Jeeps," Reardon recalled. "Once we even saw out our window that they came into the place we were staying with bayonets on their rifles. We didn't think they were coming looking for us or anything, and I think they were just stopping for a beer or something, but it was pretty exciting and scary."

Reardon also writes about staying at her uncle's house briefly in Germany. He was a staunch Nazi supporter, but his daughter, who was approximately Reardon's age, was an opponent of what that party was professing.

"That was an interesting household," noted Reardon.

Clearly, there aren't many people around who can lay claim to the kinds of memories and observations offered by these two Hingham women. And this is precisely what drives Widershien to do what he does.

"If we don't get these kinds of things down they could be lost for all time," he said. "As they say, you can't take it with you. History is an important thing to pass along too."

And Widershien said he feels blessed to have fallen into his role as facilitator.

"Believe me, I'm not getting rich off this. I feel extremely fortunate to be in a position to help these people. I walk out of these sessions feeling better than I did going in about 99 percent of the time."

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ZBA files Avalon decision

By Mary Ford
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Woody Chittick, chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, talks like a man who wants to get something important off his chest.

While he recognizes the controversy that has swirled around the proposed, 200-unit AvalonBay apartment project off Route 3A for the better part of two years, he also is proud of how the ZBA tackled what could be the town's first — and perhaps only — 40B project.

"We were able to craft a set of conditions that protect the best interests of the town," he says, adding there could also be a net benefit by improved safety along 3A near Sohier Street.

Chapter 40B is the more than 30-year-old state affordable housing law that allows developers to skirt local zoning regulations in exchange for providing affordable housing in municipalities that fall below the 10 percent "affordability" threshold.

That means if a town has less than 10 percent of its total housing stock deemed affordable by state standards, it is vulnerable to "40B projects,"

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ON STAGE

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Charlotte (played by Sinclair Dean) protects her baby spiders in the Cohasset Dramatic Club production, "Charlotte's Web" on stage this weekend and next at Town Hall. For more photos, see page 22.

Cook Estate, wires are likely to spark debate

Zoning articles also hot topics

By Samantha Brown
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The fall Special Town Meeting is just around the corner and voters need to be prepared for what could be a long night of important decision making including the town's $4.5 million purchase of the Cook Estate for senior housing and whether to bury the wires in the village.

Town Moderator George Marlette said the meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m. on Monday Nov. 17, at the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium and the discussion will focus on 20 articles, which are items of business detailed in the Town Warrant mailed to all households. Extra Warrants will be available at the meeting as well as the Town Manager's recommended motions.

Special Town meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m. on Monday Nov. 17, at Cohasset High School's Sullivan Gymnasium.

A quorum of 100 registered voters is required before Town Meeting can get underway, but Marlette said that shouldn't be a problem as approximately 50 residents serve on town boards and will be there.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he "always hopes for a large crowd because the meeting is such an important part of town government."

While the annual Town Meeting is held on a Saturday, the fall Special Town Meeting is traditionally held on a Monday night. If all the articles cannot be tackled by 11 p.m., Town Meeting will be continued to a second night.

"I might extend for a half an hour or so," Marlette said, if the meeting could be adjourned in that timeframe, but at that point it really becomes a judgement call as to how much energy those in attendance have.

If the meeting is going to be continued, it will most likely carry over to Tuesday night, but the date can be changed on the floor of the meeting.

Marlette said he will be

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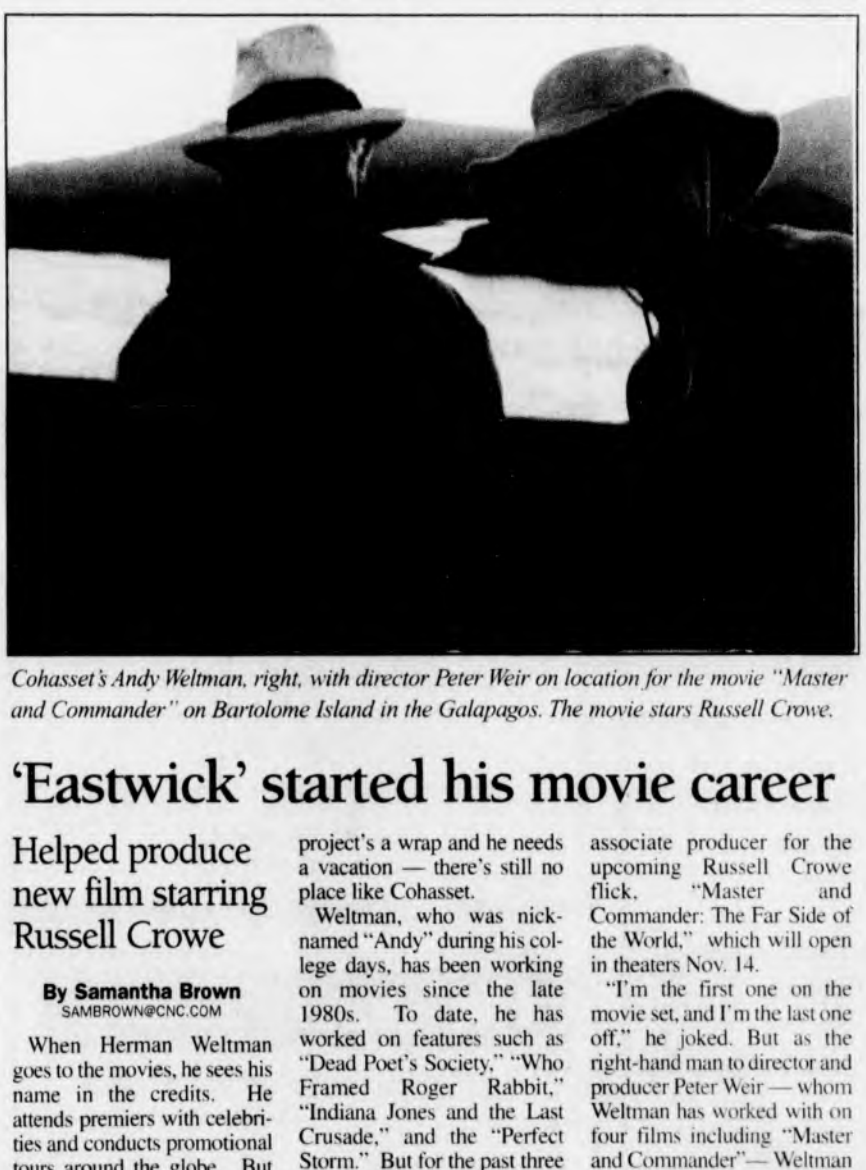

Cohasset's Andy Weltman, right, with director Peter Weir on location for the movie "Master and Commander" on Bartolome Island in the Galapagos. The movie stars Russell Crowe.

'Eastwick' started his movie career

Helped produce new film starring Russell Crowe

By Samantha Brown
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When Herman Weltman goes to the movies, he sees his name in the credits. He attends premiers with celebrities and conducts promotional tours around the globe. But when the lights are off, the project's a wrap and he needs a vacation — there's still no place like Cohasset.

Weltman, who was nicknamed "Andy" during his college days, has been working on movies since the late 1980s. To date, he has worked on features such as "Dead Poet's Society," "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," and the "Perfect Storm." But for the past three years he has been working as associate producer for the upcoming Russell Crowe flick, "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World," which will open in theaters Nov. 14.

"I'm the first one on the movie set, and I'm the last one off," he joked. But as the right-hand man to director and producer Peter Weir — whom Weltman has worked with on four films including "Master and Commander"— Weltman

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A hometown honors its veterans

By Samantha Brown
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As U.S. troops are stationed around the globe fighting a war on terrorism, Veterans Day has taken on a new meaning for many families and friends of those who have sacrificed so much in the name of our country, and Cohasset is no exception.

"God bless this beautiful nation, the United States of America."
— Thomas Wigmore, Sons of the American Legion

With flags flying high on every side of the green at Cohasset's Veterans Memorial Park and "Amazing Grace" sounding from a loud speaker, a crowd of around 30 gathered Tuesday at a special ceremony held to honor veterans old and new.

Members of the American Legion presented the colors and everyone held their hands over their hearts as the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members saluted, and seemed to stand a little taller while the National Anthem played, while others in the crowd took out handkerchiefs. Some wore patriotic jackets or scarves, others held flags in their hands, but everyone held patriotism in their hearts.

"We honor all veterans, those

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WWII veteran Louis Bailey leads the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance during Tuesday's Veterans Day observances. Saluting in the background is WWII veteran Ralph Perroncello.

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This week in COHASSET

Vote correction

The Advisory Committee voted down the allocation of $90,000 for repairs on the police and fire station by a majority vote of five to three. Last week's Mariner incorrectly reported the vote was unanimous and regrets the error.

Use of facilities

The School Committee approved a motion to impose a custodial fee for recreation groups or boosters who use facilities at any of the three Cohasset schools. Any group which uses the facilities will be responsible for providing their own monitor for the day, to ensure all rules are followed, such as no food or drink in the gymnasium areas and no wandering in the halls.

School Committee heads to conference

Members of the School Committee traveled to Worcester this week to attend the annual joint conference between the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents.

Each year during the three-day conference, the MASC Delegate Assembly is held, and resolutions to the MASC bylaws are considered, with legislation often filed as a result. Pat Martin is serving as the Cohasset representative.

Of very high importance to Cohasset is a charter school moratorium. Because towns are held financially accountable for the public schooling of its children, which includes footing the bill for those who opt to attend charter schools, many communities have been having financial trouble in their public schools. In Cohasset, charter school tuition ranges from between $7,000 and $8,000 per student, not including what the town must pay for transportation for those students.

Another resolution will reaffirm the position of the MASC that state officials should suspend the MCAS test as a graduation requirement until critical issues with the test have been addressed. The MASC feels a variety of assessments need to be made for students, to ensure one single test doesn't determine the student's fate. In addition, the length of the test and the time it takes away from "teaching learning." Another weak area is the fact that the test cannot effectively analyze the skills of students with special circumstances such as a disability or limited English proficiency.

Another resolution deals with the licensing requirements for superintendents, and would require a minimum of a master's degree for vocational school superintendents and assistant superintendents and still another would support initiatives to stop cuts in local aid, education, and health and human services.

Resolution six is dubbed the "No Child Left Behind" act, and would support the latest reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which endorses the goal that all students be proficient in critical academic areas by the year 2014.

Resolution seven deals with Medicaid Revenues and would direct Medicaid dollars received for special education students to the school departments of cities and towns rather than go the general funds of the communities.

Flag depository at American Legion

The American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 in Cohasset has a way for the public to be able to bring them their tattered and worn flags so they may be properly and ceremoniously destroyed. The Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag. This solid metal Flag Depository protects the flags until they are removed for storage and kept until the time of the desecration ceremony. The Herb Chambers Automobile Dealerships made this service possible through a donation to the post. Everyone is invited to bring his or her retired flags to the depository.

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which usually include higher-density housing than a town might otherwise allow. Currently Cohasset has about 2,700 households per the 200 census and only 76 units of affordable housing.

Chittick says the 50 Avalon units will help keep people who live in Cohasset in town and enable people who work in Cohasset to live in town.

The much-anticipated Zoning Board of Appeals decision issuing a comprehensive permit to the 200-unit Avalon apartment off 3A is now on file at the Town Clerk's office.

The 16-page decision includes 31 conditions that the developer must meet for the project to go forward including obtaining a ground-water discharge permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

If Avalon gets a ground-water discharge permit from the DEP for its septic system, and survives anticipated appeals to the ZBA decision, Avalon would be the town's first 40-B project, as two others filed in the late 1980s did not go forward. It would also remove the town from the threat of further 40B projects until at least, the next US census comes out in 2011, when the number of households in town could be adjusted, Chittick says.

That's because the state counts all units in a rental 40B complex toward a town's affordable housing stock even though, in Avalon's case only 25 percent (or 50 units) are actually affordable to those making 80 percent of the median income in the greater Boston area. All rental units are counted because the state recognizes the dire need for rental housing.

Chittick explains the reason the decision took two weeks to be finalized after the close of deliberations was to have "legally vetted" some of the conditions including how to handle issues that are subject to the approval of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

He is optimistic the project will survive any appeals and move ahead.

"I am very confident given the 40-B law," he says.

While those conditions, such as Route 3A sidewalks and a traffic signal, are strongly recommended — if MassHighway should say "no," Avalon is not off the hook, so to speak and must still provide some compensation for the town to use at its discretion.

Here are some of the highlights of the decision:

- Minimizing impact on the schools, all units will be one- or two-bedroom, there will be no three-bedroom units;
- 70 percent of the affordable units will be local preference for Cohasset residents, parents or children of Cohasset residents, or employees of the town
- Affordable units must remain so for 30 years and conversion to condominiums is prohibited for at least 30 years
- Avalon must adhere to a comprehensive storm-water management plan detailed in the decision, as well as a landscaping plan;
- Avalon must obtain a groundwater discharge permit from the state DEP prior to construction and must pay for a peer review by the town of the groundwater discharge permit process

As mitigation:

- Avalon is to design and install a sidewalk up Sohier Street to Fair Oaks Lane
- Install a sidewalk southerly along 3A, estimated at $100,000, subject to MassHighway approval; if not, approved, Avalon must provide donate the sum to the town to expend as it wants
- Install traffic signals at 3A & Sohier Street, at an estimated cost of $250,000; if MassHighway does not approve, Avalon must donate the sum to the town to expend as it wants
- Donate or place a conservation restriction to preserve as open space the 10-pluse acres near Boulder Trail, adjacent to Thayer and Whitney Woods
- Contribute $150,000 to the town to expend as it wishes
- Provide $20,000 to cover legal costs incurred during the public hearing
- Use good faith efforts to investigate the feasibility of a daycare center at the site.

Chittick also wants to put to rest "misinformation" around town that all 200 Avalon units would not count toward the town's affordable housing stock.

"That is utter nonsense," he says. "The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) web site makes the count unequivocal.

"It is not as though there is a gray area — it is black and white."

Chittick says if the 40-B law is adjusted, all indications are that it would be more liberal in determining the "count."

He said the Avalon units must remain rentals for 30 years or as long as the site is used for residential purposes, which ever is longer.

"We feel as comfortable as we can be," Chittick says about the decision. "We protected the town given today's set of circumstances — it's as good a deal as the town can get."

Chittick said it is his "fervent hope" that with the Avalon project out of the way, the town can move ahead with comprehensive long-term plans for whatever subsidized housing it wishes without the threat of a 40B project.

The Water Department has considered appealing the ZBA decision; a citizens group, Cohasset Action, and some abutters also oppose Avalon.

Cohasset water sale to Hingham to provide growing revenue stream

By Samantha Brown
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Water Commission Chairman John McNabb said the amount increases from about $28,000 in fiscal year 2005 to about $600,000 in fiscal year2015.

The Water Department estimates it could receive about $600,000 a year when Hingham's Erickson development, dubbed Linden Ponds, is fully built out in about 10 years.

Water Commission Chairman John McNabb said the amount increases from about $28,000 in fiscal year 2005 to about $600,000 in fiscal year2015.

McNabb said the Water Department's current revenue stream is about $1.7 million per year, so the Erickon agreement would increase revenue by about one-third.

Members of the Water Commission came before Selectmen recently to give an update on the commission's efforts to sell water to the Erickson development. John McNabb, as well as Water Commissioner Rob Kasarmeyer and Supt. of the Water Department Hugh Spurway presented information and answered questions for the board.

Kasarmeyer said the major part of the negotiations are complete and Cohasset would be supplying the water through the Aquarion water company. He said there will be two core agreements, one between Erickson, the Water Commission and Aquarion and a second party agreement with only the Water Commission and Aquarion.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said he thinks it's a good flow of revenue and at the end of the day, we'll see a significant source of water.

Selectman Chairman Robert McMorris asked whether there would be a way to track how much water Erickson would use, so the town wouldn't end up paying more than it needed from Kasarmeyer assured every gallon would be accounted for.

Survey on taste and odor of water is planned

Cohasset residents served by the Water Department will be getting the questionnaire in the mail near the end of November.

The Water Commission will soon initiate a survey of the taste and odor issues in Cohasset tap water.

"We fully understand that many Cohasset Water Department customers have complaints about the taste and odor of their tap water," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "We plan to do what we can to improve that situation."

"Even though we have spent about $10 million since 1993 to rehabilitate about 40 percent of the distribution system, have made major upgrades to the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant and have started to take more active watershed protection measures — which have improved fire protection and water service throughout Cohasset — the fact is that still there are many customers who have problems with the taste and odor of their tap water," said McNabb.

"This survey will identify the taste and odor issues that exist, the chemical characteristics of the water that cause taste & odor problems, and will recommend solutions," he said.

The survey will include testing of the tap water in a representative sample of locations in Cohasset that will be tested to identify taste and odor issues and a questionnaire that will be mailed to all customers of the Cohasset Water Department asking them to describe the taste and odor of their tap water.

Cohasset residents served by the Water Department will be getting the questionnaire in the mail near the end of November. The Water Commission – consultant, Norfolk Ram, will take

Search for superintendent to begin

Supt. Edward Malvey has made suggestions to the School Committee on what steps should be taken to fill his shoes once he retires at the end of the school year.

"Get the process going," he said, adding it can take a good number of months to find a good candidate, especially with all the superintendent vacancies that will be cropping up around the state. He said the Committee should establish a timeline and put together a brochure highlighting the "good things we're doing," and what the schools want prospective candidates to see.

He said it is also important to find someone with a lot of energy, enthusiasm, and innovation, but it is important not to mislead any contenders. "If someone's specialty is starting programs," they need to know there is no money to do that right now, he said.

He suggested deciding whether the Committee would like to involve a consultant, which they have the right to do, but said because "You're all seasoned School Committee Members," he thinks they can handle it themselves if they so choose. Three of the current members were on the School Committee when Malvey was hired.

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Accessory dwellings, big houses, building height and lot coverage

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If Monday night is a gauge, then the Special Town Meeting should spark debate on the somewhat complex and controversial zoning articles.

At this week's selectmen's meeting, the Planning Board and Growth and Development Committee presented their recommendations on the zoning articles for Monday's Special Town Meeting – but even with votes cast, it's not clear where the boards come down on the issues.

There were some questions that remained unanswered and some members of boards who wanted to change their votes after certain issues were brought up.

Article 15: Permits for Preexisting and Unpermitted Dwelling Units and for New Dwelling Units in Existing Structures

Article 15 was the first item to be tackled, and Planning Board member Peter Pratt said the Planning Board recommended it with a 4-1 vote and the Advisory Committee was unanimously in favor. Selectmen did not vote on the recommendation because they would like Town Counsel to review it and provide feedback.

The article deals with the creation of an amnesty program for those who own illegal apartments in town, or any new apartments which would qualify under the regulations set up in the bylaw. For those who currently own illegal apartments, it would require they come forward to seek a permit for their illegal dwelling and formally register the apartment as being an affordable residence, which the town could count toward their affordable housing stock. For future apartments, amnesty would be granted for illegal dwellings as long as they fell under the affordable regulations.

The town must have 10 percent of its total housing stock deemed affordable per state regulations, and those towns which don't make that cut are vulnerable to 40B projects, which can skirt most town regulations in exchange for providing affordable housing.

If this article passes, someone who owns an apartment which is currently considered illegal by town zoning standards could come forward, seek amnesty and file for a permit to turn it into affordable housing. Both the town and owner would potentially benefit because the apartments would add to the affordable housing stock in town, and the owner would have a legal apartment.

However, Selectman Michael Sullivan said he didn't see why anyone in town would want to come forward and admit to having an illegal dwelling, and then be forced to bring the apartment up to code.

But selectman Tom Callahan said rather than building more developments where for every four units you construct, only one counts toward the affordable housing stock, taking what the town has and making it legally count makes sense.

"I don't like the idea of saying something is illegal, and then we say it's legal to get a few points," Sullivan said.

Pratt said rather than having neighbors "complaining over the back fence," about illegal apartments, the town needs to make them legal by notifying abutters and having a public hearing where the issues can be discussed.

Sullivan said right now, if a person has an illegal apartment, "you're exposing yourself and you may not be able to get your place up to code, and then your neighbors can say something," once the problem is out in the open.

Callahan said Sullivan was assuming apartments wouldn't be up to code, when they very well could be.

But Sullivan said currently, these apartments are considered illegal because they are in conflict with the zoning regulations the town has set and it doesn't make sense to change the zoning laws all over town.

The article also says new units can be created under the Accessory Dwelling Bylaw, and considered under the amnesty program, as long as the apartment is a single unit accessory to an owner occupied single-family dwelling.

"I think it's a crazy bylaw," said Planning Board member Bob Sturdy, who added he was the negative vote on the article. Sturdy doesn't feel comfortable making the zoning bylaws any larger than they already are, and was not comfortable recommending this article.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she thought by adding this aspect of new dwellings, it was really expanding the scope of what the bylaw should have entailed.

However, Pratt said no matter how many people come forward to take part in any aspect of the amnesty bylaw, there are two sunset provisions. First, the amnesty program expires in June 2007, and second, if the owner sells the property, the apartment would revert back to its illegal status and the new owners would be required to file under the amnesty program should they choose to do so.

Selectman Merle Brown thought an apartment that reverted back to illegal status didn't make much sense. "You've still got the apartment, it's just illegal again," he said laughing.

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Cook Estate, wires are likely to spark debate Monday night

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addressing the articles in the order they appear in the Warrant, and expects the zoning articles to spark much discussion. Zoning articles on the Warrant include turning existing apartments into affordable housing units, amending regulations for community buildings, downtown residential dwellings, and large houses. The definition of height in zoning could also be changed. *(See related story).*

Haddad agreed the zoning articles could be some of the most discussed topics, in addition to the purchase of the Cook Property and the downtown issues.

Here is some of what voters can expect:

• Being asked to authorize the purchase of the Cook Estate for $4-1/2 million for the purpose of developing senior housing in accordance with the town's Senior Overlay District bylaw.

• Being asked to add an "Underground Utility Conversion" section to the current bylaws, which gives voters the final say in whether utility wires will be buried underground in the downtown area as part of the Village Revitalization Project. Voters will also be asked to approve a concept for a possible streetscape, which could include concrete sidewalks and a variety of other materials for borders.

• Capital requests for the schools include $35,000 for a new special education van, and $60,000 for a new school bus. On the municipal side, requests in the amount of $823,000 must be approved to make equipment purchases for departments in town, including a new ladder truck for the fire department, departmental radios for both the fire and police departments, as well as a multi-purpose vehicle, brush chipper, and utility vehicles for the Department of Public Works.

• Spending $90,000 to help cover the costs of the renovation, reconstruction, and repairs made to the police and fire station building located on Elm Street, including furnishings and all costs associated.

• $18,000 to be put into the Private Way Repair Capital Account, which would be used to make temporary repairs to private ways in town.

• $15,000 in funds to make improvements, restore, and upgrade the various memorials around town, which honor those who gave their lives serving the United States. Along those lines, the town will also decide whether to rename the intersection of Beechwood and South Main streets as "Allen A. Buffum Corner," after a World War I veteran who was killed during action in World War II in 1942.

• If voters give the OK, the Office of the Building Commissioner would be required to publish all building permits issued during the previous week in the local paper, excluding those issued for interior alterations and re-roofing. It could also soon be necessary for the office to issue building permits for any signs larger than two square feet, provided the signs are used for identification purposes or are not political signs either attached to a residence or erected in the front yard of a home.

• Appropriating $234,961 to balance the town operating budget; $73,471 to be paid to Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis, the firm the town contracts with as Town Counsel; and $28,769 to the town's stabilization fund.

Because the articles will be addressed in order, Marlette expects there could be a good turnout should the meeting carry over to a second night, because of the placement of the zoning articles on the Warrant.

Voters are reminded to arrive on time because Marlette will gavel the meeting into session at 7 p.m. as long as a quorum is present. As soon as the count reaches 100, and it is past 7 p.m., he will begin. He said even with the construction that has been taking place at the school, there should be no problem with parking and anything that is unclear will be marked.

"It worked out very well last time," he said, because students from the high school were asked to direct the traffic.

To keep the meeting moving along, "No one may speak on any subject for more than 10 minutes in total," Marlette said. "No one may speak a second time on any subject for longer than five minutes. No one may speak more than twice on any questions unless all others who have not spoken on the question shall have spoken if they desire to do so." Other reminders on speaking procedures can be found in the Moderator's message, beginning on page 18 of the Warrant.

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Town Meeting to tackle zoning issues

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Article 16: Coverage of buildings

Article 16 deals with the coverage of buildings on a lot, and was presented by Mark DeGiacomo. Pratt said the article was passed 4-1 by the Planning Board and 6-1 by the Advisory Committee, and Selectmen voted unanimously to recommend.

DeGiacomo explained the article was drafted to change the bylaws dealing with the percentage of land a house can cover on its site. Currently, homeowners cannot cover any more than 30 percent of their total property with impervious materials, which in the past has led to homeowners changing a paved driveway to gravel because they were exceeding the 30 percent. The bylaw would change to say the home itself could not cover more than 20 percent of the total land, leaving 10 percent for other features such as driveways, walkways, brick and stone walls.

"How often do we run into this?" asked Sullivan, to which DeGiacomo replied not very often, but in the future "People are going to try to put the biggest homes on lots," and this change could regulate a little better what goes on a site.

Sullivan wondered if the bylaw was too restrictive and what would happen to the lots which currently exist and want to add on to their homes. McMorris asked whether the homes would be grandfathered and after some discussion it was determined any existing homes would have to apply for a variance to have any kind of addition to the home, but would be considered grandfathered to some extent.

"It would impact some [older homes], but very few, and mainly would effect new developments," said DeGiacomo.

Article 17: Multi-family units in the downtown business district

Article 17 deals with multi-family units being allowed in downtown areas above shops. Pratt said the Planning Board recommended it 4-1, the Advisory Committee voted unanimously in favor and the Selectmen voted 3-1 to recommend with Sullivan abstaining.

This article would make it legal for anyone to build multi-family units as of right on the second floor in a downtown business district. Peter Pratt said this article is not tied to any kind of affordability standards.

McMorris wondered if by not specifying the article is meant to deal with the downtown village, this would promote storefronts in other areas of town. Because there are other areas in town where storefronts exist, the changes would affect those areas too, but others in attendance thought the feasibility of other areas actually constructing apartments wasn't enough to change the way the article was written.

Article 18: Large House Site Plan Review

Article 18 was approved unanimously by the Planning Board and 6-1 by the Advisory Committee. Selectmen did not vote on this article and will try to reconvene for a vote prior to Town Meeting.

This article deals with the "mansionization" of homes in the area, said Mike Westcott of the Growth and Development Committee, and would give the town more control over large homes on large sites.

There are 11 points a home would be required to comply with and McMorris and Sullivan both had problems with the fact that the points mainly said "the development shall" instead of requirements pertaining to a home. One of particular concern was number five, which said "the development shall provide for safe vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and to adjacent ways, including sidewalks, crosswalks and the like." The general consensus was it was ridiculous to say a family home needs crosswalks or safe pedestrian access.

In addition, number six said the landscaping should be in harmony with the character of the neighborhood, and number eight said exposed storage areas, machinery, service areas, truck loading areas, utility areas, and other structures shall be set back or screened, which also does not apply to a family home.

One other point said the building should preserve scenic views from publicly accessible locations.

"You can't deny someone the right to build because someone has a view," said Sullivan.

"Not all these will apply to everyone," said Callahan, but even so, other members were feeling less and less in favor the more the discussion continued.

"I feel my support diminishing," said Planning Board member Chris Ford. "In my own mind, I think we have a problem."

Callahan said a good portion of the article was added by Town Counsel and he thought it was fine the way it was originally drafted, which did not include many of the points which used the word development.

Sullivan said the article is very conflicting as well as subjective and said "We're going to put people through hoops like you wouldn't believe."

Article 19: Height of buildings

Article 19 would set the standards for measuring the height of buildings. It was recommended 4-1 by the Planning Board, and unanimously by the Advisory Committee and Selectmen.

The article would make everyone follow the same guidelines when measuring the height of a home.

Schools strive for energy efficiency

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Cohasset schools have begun taking action to help conserve energy and defray utilities costs, after last year's heating and electricity bills came in much larger than had been budgeted for and put the town in a financial bind.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn came before Selectmen to give an update on the situation and said conservation methods are already in place and will hopefully make a difference when the bills come in this year.

"From a conservation standpoint and a neighborly standpoint," Flynn said the lights at the schools should now be turned off at 8 p.m. when there are no events going on at the schools. Automatic timers have been installed, and while there have been some quirks in the system, lights should now be turned on and off at the appropriate times.

While the Deer Hill and Osgood schools are not usually as busy at night, the Middle High School is more of an issue. Flynn said for safety reasons, it is important to have adequate lighting, especially in the months from November to April when it gets dark earlier, but the possibility of having only certain lights on outside at night was discussed as a way to help cut back on costs. However, with the new fields, outside lighting is necessary, which costs more, but is only a factor during the fall sporting season.

"It is a catch-22 because you have a new building people want to use, but that costs extra money," Flynn said.

However, because the lighting systems in the schools are still so new, setting the timing has taken some getting used to and has not been a completely smooth transition. Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she was at the Middle-High School for a soccer game, and as she was walking back to her car, the lights went out. Flynn said there are still kinks being worked out in the system, and that will be taken care of.

Flynn also said the Deer Hill school has changed all its inside light bulbs and will receive a rebate for roughly $20,000 for being energy conscious. He said the same process will be done for the Middle-High school and a rebate should be given to that school in March. Both rebate checks would be used to help cover the costs of utilities.

In terms of heating, Flynn said the new system at Deer Hill is much different from the old one, and will cost more because of the way it heats the building. Previously, the heating system would take in air and keep circulating and heating that same air all day long. The new system, which Flynn said is, "efficient from a health standpoint, not a utilities standpoint," takes in fresh air all day long and therefore is continuously working to heat cold air from the outside. While it is more efficient, it takes more energy.

Flynn said the heating system at Deer Hill will eventually be calibrated to an even temperature all the time, just as it is at the Middle High School now.

"We've gone back and scrubbed our budget and we need to figure how we're going to get through this thing," said Flynn, adding these simple methods can add up in the long run.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the $260,000 deficit represents a worst-case scenario and he hopes the cost will not be that large again this year. For now, Haddad said some money will be shifted around to help cover the costs, but depending on the money accrued from rebates and how much the bills end up costing, the best the town can do is try to prepare and hope for the best.

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Some say door too closed on proposed Cook Estate purchase

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At Monday's Special Town Meeting voters will be asked to approve the purchase of the Cook Estate property for $4.5 million dollars, for the purpose of building housing under the Senior Overlay District bylaw.

But some residents are concerned the purchase is moving ahead too fast and that voters don't have all the facts to make an informed decision. They are also charging town officials, who conducted negotiations with the Cook Estate heirs in executive session, violated the Open Meeting Law.

But Town Manager Mark Haddad said the Cook Estate purchase provides the town with a unique opportunity. He said deliberations concerning the purchase of real estate were allowed to be conducted in executive session.

Karen Quigley, 27 Clay Spring Road; Bernadette Crawford, 64 Old Pasture Road; and Eileen Hart, 48 Old Pasture Road, have filed complaints with both the District Attorney and the Secretary of State, alleging the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, and the Advisory Committee may have violated the Open Meeting Law by the alleged use of executive session to retain and fund a consulting firm, GLC Development; that the Senior Housing Committee is not keeping minutes of its meetings; and the women say they have been denied copies of various documents, including the executive session minutes. The District Attorney's office said Tuesday the matters pertaining to the violation of the Open Meeting Law are still an open investigation.

Quigley said she has tried to obtain documents on the Cook property from Haddad since last July. She sent multiple letters requesting both the minutes of executive session meetings and any other information the town has pertaining to the Cook Estate property.

Haddad did not release the executive session minutes until the reason for the executive session had passed, per state law. The minutes are now available at the selectmen's office and were included in the weekly correspondence packet that is available to the public.

Quigley is concerned because the purchase was negotiated behind closed doors, and wonders if the process is being rushed through. She said there are so many questions that have not been addressed that residents can't feel comfortable voting Monday to allocate a large sum of money on a project for which the details have only been public a short time. She said there has not been an adequate forum provided to express concerns such as public hearings, which have been highly publicized for other projects in town, namely Avalon and Cedarmere.

But Haddad said if the town votes to approve the purchase of the property Monday, this is only the beginning of a long process which will unfold over the next year. He said the town needed to act fast because the Cooks had given a window of opportunity to purchase the property and "they can't sit on the property forever." Haddad said the Selectmen have been discussing the matter for six months and the Request for Proposals was put out a month ago. He said the RFP has been changed in its draft form more than once as a result of public feedback. Should a developer not come forward, he said the town is protected and can back out of the deal.

Haddad, who said the property is appraised at $4.1 million, said the money for consultants was approved by the Advisory Committee and was taken out of a reserve fund which is set up specifically for extraordinary and unforeseen costs. Haddad said because the Cooks came to the town, it was unforeseen and "that is what the fund is there for."

Quigley said she obtained a copy of a contract, which she admits was unsigned, but nevertheless represented a proposal given to the town by GLC Development that would charge a fee to be capped at $10,000 a month, for roughly nine to 10 months.

"We don't know that it went out to bid, and there was no vote to approve funds," Quigley said, adding she wonders where the money is coming from to pay for the services that have already started even before approval of the project.

However, Haddad said that contract was not signed because it was a deal he knew the town couldn't make. He said he had $25,000 to spend on the due diligence, OK'ed by the Advisory Committee, and that is all the money he had to work with. The due diligence process had to be done before he would feel he could recommend the site for building at Town Meeting.

Because the town has hired GLC on an hourly basis, which was all the town could afford, a contract is not needed, Haddad said. "It's done on an as needed basis. If I don't call him today, he doesn't charge us for it," he said.

Last fall, the Board of Selectmen sent a letter to the heirs of the Cook Estate, asking if they would be willing to grant the town an easement to access the 8.7 acres of town property that abuts the Cook property, because the town had interest in building senior housing on the parcel of land it owns. The town was told the Cooks weren't interested in providing an easement to the town property, but would be interested in working with the town to create senior housing on the site. The two options at that point were to either consider buying the Cook's 22 acres for $4.5 million or opt for a joint venture to market both properties together for a developer to create senior housing on the combined site. The town opted for the latter and began the process of discussion with the Cook heirs. The town now has plans to build about 87 units of senior housing on the combined 30 acres.

Some Cook Estate answers

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Because there have been many questions expressed around town, there are a few points Town Manager Mark Haddad said he would like cleared up before Town Meeting on Monday.

- On Sept. 16, the Purchase and Sale agreement was signed by Selectmen for the 22-acre Cook Parcel on Sohier Street, which would combine with the adjacent 8.7 acre town owned parcel. A private developer will be solicited to develop approximately 87 units of homes and apartments for seniors. The residences would be affordable for a wide spectrum of Cohasset residents.
- At the Nov. 19 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, the Board approved the final draft of the Request for Proposals for the sale of the combined Cook and Town property for the creation of affordable senior housing. However, the RFP can be modified pending concerns that arise throughout the discussion process. The town is proposing to work with the private sector to achieve its objectives to keep Cohasset seniors in town and insure that a potential development site is developed in a manner that is sensitive to the local community and beneficial to the town.
- The town will not accept any proposals which do not meet its requirements. The Selectmen have set the minimum requirements in the RFP, including a minimum bid price. If no proposals are received which meet these requirements, the transaction will not be completed.
- The property will be taken care of by either a condominium or homeowner's association. The rental units will either continue to be owned by the developer or investor and maintained by a management company. Because the owner will continue to need to rent the market rate units in the apartment buildings at market rates, the landlord will have every incentive to keep all of the units in good condition.
- For those who wonder why the land needs to be developed at all, Haddad said the Cook property will be developed in any case, and probably in a less desirable way without the town's acquisitions of land rights. By Combining the parcels, the Selectmen believe they will be able to reduce the development impacts on the town that might occur if the parcels were developed separately and still take advantage of the private sector creativity and expertise. The Senior Housing Committee has determined there is a need for housing in town for active seniors which this development could provide.
- The nature trails south of the Deer Hill School will not be affected by the development. The nature trails are owned and controlled by the School Department, and no development is planned for that property.
- The Assessors and Planning offices have estimated more than $375,000 in new net tax revenues would be generated by the development.

For further information please contact Town Manager Mark Haddad at (781) 383-4105.

No mold problem at Osgood School

As a precautionary measure, portions of the tiles and wall were taken for additional testing, and the results came back negative.

Supt. Edward Malvey said an odor coming from a kindergarten classroom at the Osgood School recently was due to moisture seeping into the building, not mold.

When the teacher of the class smelled a strange odor in her room, she reported the problem and the DPW was called to investigate the situation.

What workers found was a section of the wall where moisture had seeped in from the outside where a pile of leaves had gathered. Somehow the water seeped in through cracks in the brick and got into the wall.

Malvey said he went up to the school the day the problem was reported and described the odor like that of "wet cardboard."

Because so many schools on the South Shore have had problems with mold recently, the room was gone over thoroughly to check for any mold that may have formed as a result of the moisture, but nothing was found.

As a precautionary measure, portions of the tiles and wall were taken for additional testing, and the results came back negative.

Malvey said additional follow-up tests will be done as an additional precaution, and areas of the building will be checked for possible seepage as well.

Once the affected area of the classroom dries out, the wall will be closed back up, and the entire room will be thoroughly cleaned. Students are expected to be able to return to the classroom by the end of this week or beginning of next.

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Affordable Senior Housing on the Cook Estate
Too Good to be True?

At first glance the Cook Estate Development is a good deal, but once you look closely it's not all it's purported to be... not for our seniors and not for Cohasset.

GROWTH: Boon or Bane?
If approved, Avalon Bay & Cedarmere will increase our housing stock by over 300 units. The proposals to build 60 units off Beach Street and 39 units off Beechwood Street bring the total to over 400 potential new units. If 95 units are added at the Cook Estate, this total will now be 497. This is more growth in Cohasset than in the last 20 years combined. Can our Town absorb this much growth and maintain it's character? What will the affect be on our services, schools and infrastructure?

Does it really meet a NEED?
The Town Survey of 2000 states that less than 1/3 of our seniors think it's important to live in segregated age-restricted housing. Why is the Town subsidizing this type of development?

The Senior Overlay was passed to encourage the building of age-restricted housing for Cohasset seniors. It's working. The Cedarmere, Beach Street and Beechwood proposals are either before the Planning Board or in the process of applying. Private development is meeting this need.

How much CONTROL will the Town have?
The combined properties will be sold to a private developer who will be the sole owner. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is the controlling vehicle but sets minimal restrictions beyond our existing zoning bylaws. Development guidelines reflect the objectives and desires of the Town but are not requirements. The RFP states these are intended to be preferences and guidelines only, and they are qualified in the RFP by the words 'should' and 'when possible' not 'shall'.

How much CONTROL will residents have?
If this article passes at Town Meeting, we will have no further input on this project. Selection of the developer will be at the sole discretion of the Board of Selectmen who have set the terms of the RFP. In the permitting phase, the Planning Board is constrained by existing zoning bylaws.

AFFORDABLE for whom?
Affordable is a relevant term. Just like Cedarmere, the for-sale units will be sold at market rate. Many of our seniors will not net enough from the sale of their existing homes to purchase one of these units. These same seniors will not qualify for low or moderate income units because the sale of their homes will net more assets/income than allowed by State guidelines. A Town-sponsored senior housing project should benefit more of our seniors. Otherwise, why are we involved?

What affect will this have on our WATER?
We don't know, but it's not going to make it better. What we do know is that it lies within our watershed, upland from Peppermint Brook, a main tributary to Lily Pond as well as upland from the Sohier Street Wellfield and Sanctuary Pond. We do know no matter how good the technology, septic systems fail, and even if they say it meets EPA drinking water specifications do we really want to drink it?

The RFP has no additional protection for our watershed, nearby wetlands, and wildlife habitats. The concept plan allows buildings and roadways as close to the watershed & riverway as environmental regulations allow.

Why are we being asked to sell publicly-owned open space largely comprised of wetland and riverfront protection areas for high density housing?

This project is being pushed through too fast.
The Cook Estate Development came to public light just 8 weeks before Town Meeting. Since then the public has had little opportunity for comment, and few if any relevant documents have been released for public scrutiny. Despite this, we are being asked to approve a 4.5 million dollar bond to finance the purchase and sale of this property, and to relinquish to our Selectmen all authority over future decisions. Decide in Haste. Rue in Leisure.

Please Vote No on Article 4
at Special Town Meeting November 17

A 2/3 Majority Vote is Required. A 1/3 Nay Vote will Defeat this Article.

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Local watercolorist sheds light on Cohasset's world

Paintings on display at Paul Pratt Library

By Samantha Brown
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Boats floating calmly in a harbor are framed in rectangles of gold. Empty chairs seem to rock back and forth from their canvas porch overlooking the harbor. Bright sunflowers and tiger lilies mimic the colors of the sun, with a vibrancy not typically seen in watercolor paintings, a technique which has been mastered by artist JoAnne Chittick.

From now until Dec. 31, a variety of Chittick's paintings will be on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, with an opening ceremony to be held Sunday Nov. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m.

"It's nice to get them out of my studio," where people can enjoy them she said, adding her home studio on South Main Street is filling up fast.

Her paintings mainly consist of coastal scenes, still-life arrangements, flowers, and a variety of boats, but no matter what the subject, the common theme of using light to create interest and define shapes can be seen in all her work.

"I love color," she said, adding she especially likes to depict the rich contrast of light against dark, which is evident in her series of paintings featuring boats on the water. "I look at water all the time to figure how to paint it. I like to paint what I see. The interesting shapes and they way they fit, I try to capture the light on different forms."

And by spending time in the area surrounding her subjects, she is able to really pay attention to the small details that make the scene unique.

In her paintings depicting the Cohasset "Skyline," Chittick concentrates specifically on the highest points of buildings, which are surprisingly detailed pieces of architecture. The steeples of the Second Congregational Church and the First Parish Church, along with the highest point of Town Hall make up her three part series of the skyline, which sometimes may go unnoticed.

"You don't think the Town Hall is that special, but it has such fine workmanship," she said, adding both churches have intricate details as well. By painting on site, Chittick watches as the light changes, which brings out the fine points in the architecture. "The more you look at something, the more character it reveals."

"I love to paint architecture," she said, adding sometimes in the summer she will set up her easel in Boston and paint the different buildings she sees. But Chittick also likes to paint buildings of a smaller scale, and has had many requests by customers who would like watercolor portraits of their homes. She also paints various Cohasset scenes and landmarks, of which some are featured at the North River Frame Shop. Some of her works have also been turned into note cards, for which Cohasset scenes can be purchased at Fleming's in the Village, Scituate scenes can be purchased at the Welch Company in Scituate Harbor, and Hingham scenes can be purchased at Treasures in the Square.

Chittick has been practicing her craft for more than 20 years. While attending Smith College in Northampton Mass., she studied drawing and began to have an interest in wood carving under the teaching of famous artist, Leonard Baskin.

"He was very inspiring and pushed us to challenge our limits and try something new," she said, adding the whole technique of wood carving is interesting because it forces you to see everything in reverse.

But Chittick didn't take any formal painting classes until just after her first child was born. Looking for something interesting to do, she took a watercolor class at the South Shore Art Center and hasn't put her brush down since.

"Watercolors are a real challenge. It takes a long time to become comfortable with it, and I'm still working on it," she said.

Chittick uses two different kinds of watercolors in her exhibit paintings, regular watercolors and the opaque gouache version.

"I like to experiment with different things," she said, adding when using the gouache paints, the paper doesn't shine through and it's a much different result.

But recently, Chittick has become interested in oil painting as well. She inherited a set of oil paints from a friend about a year ago, and said she took an oil painting class and "liked it very much," adding she intends to use them more. She said she finds painting with oils easier than watercolors because you can paint over mistakes, where painting over watercolors "takes away from the freshness." She also said the creamy texture of oil paints makes them nice to work with.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

JoAnne Chittick is at work in her studio. Visitors to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library can enjoy an exhibit of Chittick's work through the end of December.

But when she starts painting, it may take all day before she's satisfied with what she has created. She said for some of her larger paintings, if she works non-stop, she can typically finish in one day, but if she needs to, she'll go back to it. She said some of the smaller paintings in her exhibit are basically sketches and don't take nearly the time the larger ones do, but those are some of the paintings she enjoys the most.

"I like to capture the moment," she said, which is why she enjoys her painting titled "Safe Harbor" so much. Painted on Sept. 11, she went down to the docks of the Yacht Club to look out at the water, and wanted to convey her feelings on canvas, that no matter what kinds of destruction and chaos are going on in the world, there will still be places of peace.

Living in Cohasset has provided much inspiration for Chittick, and not just on the canvas. She has been very involved with the community for quite some time, serving on the School Committee and School Building Committee, in addition to her work coordinating meals for Rosie's Place. She moved to the town in 1971 and has been enjoying life here ever since.

"It's a wonderful area, there's almost too much to paint!" she said.

Chittick is a Gallery artist of the South Shore Art Center and the Cambridge Art Association. Her work has been exhibited in numerous solo and juried exhibitions in the Boston and South Shore areas and is represented in many private collections. For more information please call the South Shore Art Center at (781) 383-2787.

LIBRARY CORNER

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Box Tops for Education, the General Mills sponsored program, can be dropped off at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. There is a poster and receptacle above the coffee brewer in the Community Room. Each week Children's Room volunteers, from the Deer Hill School, bring the box tops to Mrs. Murphy, the Deer Hill Librarian.

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U.N. DAY

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Betsy Ogden, art teacher at Osgood; Ann McCarthy, Osgood librarian; and Steve Etkind of the Cohasset Diversity Committee, celebrate diversity at the United Nations Day Party at the Red Lion. The event was held to share ideas on how to encourage more diversity in Cohasset. The Red Lion Inn donated the space and six area restaurants donated food for the event.

O'Connell, Pilczak and Stanley earn NDA honors!

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

LOST BRACELET

Calling all eagle eyes... Somewhere between Sunday at the very successful Mistletoe Boutique and Monday morning, a gold bracelet was lost. This bracelet belongs to **Jeanne Astino** and has a lot of meaning and memory attached. If anyone has found a bracelet, please give Jeanne a call at 781-383-2206 or 781-738-1332.

DEAN'S LIST

Timothy Vincent Grassey, Class of 2005, of Cohasset, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Babson College. Great work Timothy.

NDA HONOR ROLL

The following Cohasset residents were named to the honor roll for Term I at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham. They are: 10th graders, **Caitlin O'Connell** and **Margaret Pilczak** and 11th grader, **Megan Stanley**. Congratulations to all of you on a job very well done.

YOUNG PHILANTHROPIST

The future of philanthropic giving looks very positive if 10-year-olds like Cohasset's **Greyson Elkins** are any indication. Greyson decided to celebrate his recent birthday by asking his friends to donate to a worthy cause rather than give him a present. The worthy cause that Greyson chose this year was the South Shore Art Center.

Friends **Morgan McCarthy, Greyson Elkins, Ben Pratt, Tucker Oddleifson, Jack Nelson, Eric Studley, Adrian Dunne, Kyle Studley, Dana Childs, Stephen Bumstead, Carly Oddleifson**, and **Sophie Elkins** all joined Greyson for his birthday party. They had a great time while contributing to a wonderful cause!

Art Center Executive Director **Sarah Hannan** was so proud of these young art enthusiasts, "We are honored to be the recipient of this gift and deeply moved that children believe in what we are doing, and are willing to make a statement about the value of the arts in their community."

The children's generous contribution was the first donation to this year's South Shore Art Center Annual Appeal. Thank you Greyson and friends!

5K HOLIDAY RUN-WALK

Get in the spirit and sign up for the 5K Jingle Bell Run/Walk through picturesque Cohasset on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 10am. Come dressed in jingle gear and ready to sing carols along the way - all to benefit Project Playground. The race starts and ends at Our World Discovery Museum where there will be hot apple cider and a bake sale following the race!

Registration forms are available at The Good Sport, Fitness 1st and Scituate Racquet & Fitness or e-mail amy_farber@comcast.net for an electronic version.

Families are encouraged to participate (kids under 16 run for free)!

POST PROM PARTY

The Cohasset Post Prom Party Committee is holding a general meeting on Nov. 20at 7:30 p.m. in the CHS library. All senior class parents are welcome!

Needed: School Liaison Committee and Committee Chairs of Entertainment, Decorating, and Fundraising Committees. Core groups of committee volunteers are ready to go, but there is enough work and

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More than 300 guests attended the Nov. 1 "Harvest Moon Ball" at Black Rock Country Club, an event which raised $50,000 to benefit South Shore Hospital's breast care center. The center, which is affiliated with Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, is the region's first to offer comprehensive care for patients diagnosed with breast-health conditions. Pictured, from left, are event co-chair Jane Hoffman and her husband, Jeffrey, of Hingham and co-chair Victoria Hurley and her husband, Michael, of Cohasset.

Help gymnasts and get jump on holiday shopping

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room for more helping heads and hands! This annual project is big, but fun and participants who work together on it experience special bonding with fellow parents. So please come and get on a committee or become a chair – Support the CHS 2004 Senior Class! For questions, please call **Mary** at 781 383-6341!

Fashions, Tupperware, Christines Bags and Belts and much more. Twenty percent of all sales will go to benefit this program. The event will be held at the South Shore Community Center Senior Center. For more information, please contact Ruthann at 781-383-0088.and get ready to shop 'till you drop.

LITTLE LEAGUE FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars....You won't want to miss the Cohasset Little League fundraiser at Black Rock Country Club on Friday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. Join your friends and neighbors for a Talent Show featuring Cohasset musicians and performing artists. The night will also include dancing, hors d'oeuvres and a live auction. Tickets are $50 per person and are available at Shoe Market Kids, Good Sport or by calling (781) 383-CYBA. All proceeds will go towards the completion of the new fields and concession stand. It will be a night to remember!!!

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Pilgrim Co-operative Bank will be accepting donations during the month of November to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry at the South Main Street office. The Pantry is in dire need of the following items: canned fruit, tuna, cereal, snack items, and personal care items such as laundry detergent, soap, toothpaste, etc. Pilgrim Cooperative wishes you and your families a joyous holiday season, and thanks you in advance for sharing with those who are less fortunate.

SANTA STROLL!

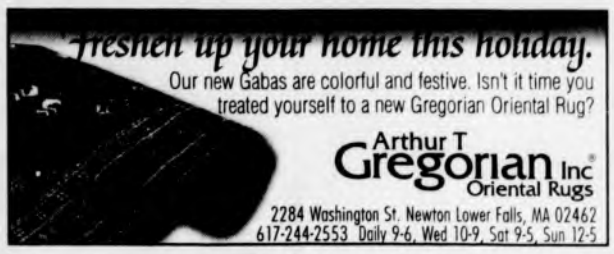
The South Shore Community Center invites family and friends to join in the holiday spirit at the Jingle Bell Walk. This annual tradition begins at 2 p.m. on Nov. 28 when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor on Border Street. At 2:30 p.m., after Santa and his elves arrive at the South Shore Community Center, everyone is invited to come inside and partake in cookies, a beverage and a holiday sing-along. Holiday music and carols will also be sung by all.

At 3 p.m. on Cohasset Common there will be a Turkey Tot Trot for ages 3-10. You may pre-register for this event for $2 or post register on the day of the event for $3 per participant. Proceeds will benefit the Nursery School and all participants will receive a prize. Hayrides will be available from 3-4 p.m. and at 3:45, gather at the Cohasset Common to hear the Rusty Skippers Marching Band.

In the event of rain, all outdoor activities will be cancelled and Santa will arrive in the Community Center at 2 p.m. Mark it on your calendars, invite family and friends and plan to enjoy a wonderful time for all.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Come one, come all for another way to get a jump on your holiday shopping. Save the date, which is on Nov. 19 from 6:30-9 p.m. and is a fundraiser being held for the South Shore Gymnasts In Motion program under the direction of **Ruthann Ardizzoni** . This shopping event will feature vendors from EK Designs, KTB Designs, Wrap Arounds-Hand Knit



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"Master and Commander" is based on a series of novels written by Patrick O'Brian, and tells the story of a ship's captain in the British Navy, played by Crowe, and a ship's doctor, played by Paul Bettany. When their ship is suddenly attacked by an enemy, leaving the crew and ship battered and bruised, Crowe's character is torn between friendship and his duty as head of the ship, as he chases his foes on a journey across two oceans to the far side of the world.

But working in the movies was not something Weltman always knew he wanted to do. While attending college at Brown University in Providence, R.I., he majored in English, and had planned on being a lawyer like many of his family members are. His father, David Weltman is an attorney with Foley Hoag, and his grandfather and brother have practiced law as well.

But during a summer home from college, the cast and crew for "The Witches of Eastwick" had turned Cohasset Village into a movie set, and Weltman decided he would ask if there was room for an intern, which luckily for him, there was. As the summer drew to a close, and classes were drawing near once again, Weltman suddenly found himself with a decision to make: would he take the ticket he had been given to continue working on the film in Los Angeles, or would he go back to school? He decided school would have to wait.

Having only been on a movie set in Cohasset, Weltman remembers how huge it seemed walking onto the Warner Brothers' lot. Added to that, he was greeted by a completely surreal scene, as he walked onto the stage and was instantly transported back to his hometown. Giant screens of the Cohasset seascape hung in the background, and people held

Andy Weltman on location on Bartolome Island in the Galapagos. The backdrop is featured in the film, "Master and Commander," starring Russell Crowe.

boats in front of a screen to make them look as if they were sailing by the replicated beach house.

"I'll never forget it," he said.

But when production of the movie was finished, Weltman knew he wanted to finish school, so he moved back to the east coast. However, after graduation, he knew the career path he wanted to follow, so he hopped a flight to move back to California permanently in 1987.

"It was a very hard transition," Weltman said, adding he didn't have a job moving out there, and working in the movies is a very unpredictable career. "It's not a very easy field to go into. It's who you know, and luck."

But fortunately for him, Weltman had met the right people in Cohasset and landed a job within six weeks.

But starting a new job wasn't enough to quell the overwhelming homesickness he felt being on the other side of the country. In fact, he said he watched the "Witches of Eastwick" so many times, the movie theater employees knew who he was.

"I was so homesick they let me come in to watch the opening credits," he said, which showed various Cohasset scenes and reminded him of home.

But the homesickness passed and now he can say he has had a hand in not only the "Witches of Eastwick," but "Emperor of the Sun," "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?," "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," "Dead Poet's Society," "Green Card," and "The Perfect Storm," to name a few.

Because the new film, "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World," is set during the time of the Napoleonic wars, there was a lot of history and research that needed to be done prior to filming. For one solid year, Weltman was in charge of the research efforts to be sure historical accuracy was portrayed throughout the film. Now that filming is complete, he's overseeing the foreign language translation of the film, to ensure no matter what language the film is shown in, the context will be accurate. In addition, he is overseeing the movie's release to DVD, compiling the director's cut with deleted scenes, and overseeing the movie's web site.

"It has been one of the most wonderful professional experiences of my life," he said.

But the prestige that comes with working on million dollar films doesn't seem to phase Weltman in the least.

"In some ways it seems very glamorous, but it can be a double-edged sword," he said, adding it can be very easy to lose perspective if you stay in Hollywood too long.

Weltman lives 10 miles south of Los Angeles in a little beach town with "a lot of surfers." He said it's a very quiet, peaceful area which reminds him a lot of Cohasset. While growing up, Weltman lived on Gammons Road, where his parents David and Lois Weltman still live today. Weltman said when he's not working, he tends to spend time with people who aren't involved with the movies, which helps keep him grounded. But he does enjoy working with the people he has over the years.

"My whole career has been based on relationships. I care about the projects and the people," he said. "No matter what job you have, it's really about the people you work with."

Weltman will be traveling with some of those people to premiers in Europe next week and he's very interested to see how the public will react to "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World."

"With 'Dead Poet's Society,' I didn't think it was going to do well, but I didn't care because I loved it," he said, adding he's really proud of this film as well.

"It's been an interesting journey," he said.

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Wild turkey release at Wompatuck State Park

With a flurry of feathers, a special flock of wild turkeys will stretch their wings in front of captivated onlookers during a Thanksgiving wild turkey release at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham on Nov. 18 at 10 a.m.

"The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and the National Wild Turkey Federation are hosting the special release to celebrate the 30th anniversary of wild turkey restoration in Massachusetts.

"The partnership and support of the National Wild Turkey Federation has been an integral part of our successful restoration of the wild turkey in Massachusetts," said Wayne MacCallum, MDFW Director.

During the event, wild turkeys will be released into the wild from special boxes designed to safely transport wild turkeys from the locations where they were trapped to the release site at Wompatuck.

"Massachusetts has been a leader in the comeback of the wild turkey in New England," said Dr. James Earl Kennamer, NWTF Senior Vice President of Conservation Programs. "We commend the MDFW for its efforts to restore wild turkey populations and our hunting heritage, especially during the 30th Anniversary of Massachusetts' successful restoration program."

"It is very fitting that we honor this great holiday by releasing wild turkeys along the same stretch of coast as their landing site."

— Rob Keck, National Wild Turkey Federation

The release also will be a rare opportunity for everyone to learn more about wild turkey restoration and the importance of conservation and our hunting heritage during a time when many people are thinking turkey.

"Our national Thanksgiving tradition is based on the pilgrims' now famous meal," said Rob Keck, NWTF CEO. "It is very fitting that we honor this great holiday by releasing wild turkeys along the same stretch of coast as their landing site."

According to Keck many people don't seem to realize how much influence the wild turkey has had in America. It fed the pioneers during our quest to become a nation, and continues to feed many today through the millions of dollars spent by turkey hunters each spring and fall on everything from food, firearms, guides, trucks, gasoline, lodging and more.

"We at the NWTF urge everyone to attend, so they can learn more about this grand symbol of Thanksgiving," Keck said.

For information about the MDFW, call 508-792-7270 or visit the website at www.masswildlife.org.

To learn more about the NWTF or the turkey release call 1-800-THE-NWTF or visit the website at www.nwtf.org.

About the NWTF

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Towns to meet on four-quad gates

State Sen Robert L. Hedlund, R–Weymouth, has organized a meeting with Secretary of Transportation and MBTA Chairman Daniel A. Grabauskas to discuss the issue of including four-quadrant gates in the design for the construction of the Greenbush line.

Hedlund will host the meeting with himself, Grabauskas and officials from the impacted communities of Cohasset, Hingham, Scituate, and Weymouth. At this meeting, Hedlund will join local officials in the effort to press the MBTA to utilize four-quadrant gates at grade crossings along the Greenbush line.

"The use of four-quadrant gates along the Greenbush corridor is an issue that directly impacts the public safety, traffic patterns, and character of every community along the line," said Hedlund. "I am pleased that Secretary Grabauskas is being receptive to our concerns on this important matter."

The MBTA has recently informed the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Weymouth and Scituate that it is planning to go back on earlier pledges to include four-quadrant gates at grade crossings throughout the Greenbush lines in favor of the less expensive and less safe two-quadrant gates, Hedlund said. This has sparked dissatisfaction from local officials, and has led to today's meeting

MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo said Tuesday the MBTA has not changed its position on four-quad gates.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Stand up and be counted!

Special Town Meeting gets underway at 7 p.m. sharp, Monday at the middle-high school. We urge you to attend and please be prompt because the evening's agenda is packed with weighty issues affecting everything from burying the wires in the village to purchasing the Cook Estate for senior housing.

For those of you who might be "first-timers" and have never attended at Town Meeting — you don't know what you are missing.

Town Meetings are not boring; on the contrary they are just the opposite. The setting provides great theater. Often, a single individual with impassioned rhetoric can sway voters to his or her way of thinking. Many who attend with a particular vote in mind, change their view and vote the other way after listening to the arguments on both sides.

Over the years, the biggest complaint we've heard about Town Meeting is special interest groups can dominate the arena and get their way by bringing in the votes.

We've never agreed with that way of thinking. There is nothing preventing those of the opposing view from attending and letting their voice be heard.

OK, OK, we're Town Meeting groupies. We wouldn't have gone into journalism if we didn't like government and enjoy seeing how it works.

But there are others out there too, just like us. We see the same faces at Town Meeting year after year. While Town Meeting "regulars" come out of a sense of civic duty, they also enjoy the most venerable form of government in the country.

Another benefit of Town Meeting is that issues are thoroughly explained. Voters listen to the pros and cons, can ask questions, and listen to the answers before making up their mind.

There are a lot of very important Articles, which are items of business before Town Meeting, to be tackled on Monday, not the least of which is the precedent-setting purchase of the Cook Estate for the purpose of developing much-needed senior housing in town.

Please make a point to be there Monday — come with an open mind — and participate in the process.

You won't regret it and you might even enjoy it. We look forward to seeing you there.

— Mary Ford
mford@cnc.com

POLITICAL NOTES

Logan, Ford file nomination papers

Polly Logan of Cohasset and Conley W. Ford of Scituate, both candidates for Republican State Committee in the Norfolk and Plymouth district, filed their nomination papers at the election division, Boston. The Massachusetts Republican State Committee, which elects one man and one woman from each of the senatorial districts, is the governing body of the Republican Party in the state. The State Committee establishes party policies, provides a central headquarters, gives leadership to the city, ward and town committees in electing Republican candidates to office, raises money for the purposes of the party, and seeks new members for the Republican Party.

All citizens are urged to vote Tuesday, March 2. One can vote at town hall by absentee ballot, Conley Ford and Polly Logan are going to have a registration drive to encourage unenrolled voters to register Republican.

Hedlund holds Town Hall hours

The November office hours for Senator Robert Hedlund will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall on Thursday. Nov. 20 from 12 to 1 p.m. on the second floor in the 2A vestibule.

Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with the senator. The telephone number is 781-340-9866 or at the Statehouse 617-722-1646.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supports train station in Cohasset Village

DOUGLAS FOY
CHIEF OF COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT

I am writing to urge reconsideration of the location of the Cohasset railroad station on the Greenbush line.

I am not unaware of the problems your department has faced nor the cost involved in changing plans at this stage.

The recommendation of the Route 3A site was made at the height of the protest against restoring train service at all. However, now that the question has been resolved, I think that in the interest of the future welfare of Cohasset it would be worthwhile to re-examine locating the Cohasset station in the downtown area.

Cohasset has the unique good fortune to have preserved its village character with its Town Hall, churches and homes surrounding its central common and the Post Office, Library, Police and Fire Departments, charitable facilities, with stores, inns, and eating places close at hand. It is truly a New England village. Yet it is anything but quaint; it is real. While many of our people commute, justifying the renewed need for rail service, a great many make their living right here, including, as has been the case, since it was first settled, a very sizeable fleet of fisherman.

From the point of view of safety as well as operational efficiency, I suggest that it would be preferable to have the stop located at the downtown end of the big curve where the station used to be, rather than on a straightaway on a lonely vacant lot 400 feet from the Hingham Town Line.

In the light of new realities and the long term good of the Town of Cohasset, I would deeply appreciate your early consideration.

Daniel C. Cotton
27 King St.

Mr. Cotton provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter.

A 'no' vote on Article 5 urged

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to express my deep disappointment with the decision by a majority of the members of the Board of Selectmen to bring forward Article 5 on the Special Town Meeting warrant. Although the article purports to amend a town by-law so as to force the utility companies to remove all overhead power lines from the village area, the real purpose of Article 5, based on my reading of the stories in the Mariner the past two weeks, appears to be a back-door means of imposing a 2 percent surcharge on all utility customers in the town to pay for the costs of burying the power lines as part of the village renovation project.

I spoke at last fall's special town meeting in favor of the article to place on the ballot the question of town assumption of the costs of burying the power lines by means of a property tax increase. I also voted in favor of the project. However, a majority of townspeople decisively rejected the measure. So what part of the word "No" does the majority of the selectmen not understand?

I supported last year's article, but I am opposed to Article 5 for the following reasons:

1) If the estimated $900,000 cost of burying the power lines had been assessed with our property taxes, each taxpayer would have been able to deduct that additional expense from his or her income for purposes of their federal income tax. Our town residents collectively would have realized a savings of about $250,000 on their federal income taxes, bringing the actual cost of the project to taxpayers down to $650,000. But under the selectmen's utility surcharge plan, we will pay the full $900,000 cost with no tax benefits.

2) A surcharge in utility bills is a more regressive means of paying for this project than the property tax would have been. If the $900,000 cost had been assessed with our property taxes, those with the biggest homes, presumably the wealthiest people in town, would have borne the greatest burden. But the opposite will be true under the selectmen's proposed 2 percent surcharge plan. Indeed, many lower-income people may even end up paying more than higher-income people if the former have more electric appliances than the latter (e.g., electric ranges and clothes dryers.) My electric bill is $160 per month, but a friend with a four-bedroom house and with kids has an electric bill of $60 per month because she has gas appliances. Many renters have primarily electric appliances and no doubt the low and moderate income housing proposed in the senior overall projects also will have electric appliances. Moreover, unlike the property tax, low-income seniors will not be able to defer these utility surcharges. Thus, the net effect of Article 5 is that those low and moderate income people we are trying to help by means of the senior overlay projects will be the ones who will have it socked to them with higher utility bills.

3) From what I gather from the Mariner stories and my reading of Article 5, the utility companies now will have carte blanche to add a 2 percent surcharge onto our bills for an indefinite period of time. Does anyone doubt that by the time their accountants get done figuring out the costs of this project, we will end up paying far more than the $900,000 which has been estimated? From my lifetime of experience with utility companies, I have no confidence that the reporting provisions of the proposed by-law (which require the companies to provide annual reports to the town about their receipts and expenditures for this project) will result in an accounting process which is faithful to the original estimates.

4) Asking our citizens to pay for the $900,000 cost of this project was an iffy proposition last year. But it truly makes no sense now given the worsening fiscal climate for our town. In light of reports of a $2 billion deficit which the state is facing next year, Cohasset can expect further cuts in our local aid and aid for education. If the selectmen want to take $900,000 out of our pockets for needed projects in our community, burying the utility lines in the village would be the last thing on anyone's list. Indeed, our town is still so cash-strapped, that we have been unable to turn back on the many street lights in town which were turned off during the last fiscal crisis in order to save a few hundred dollars per month. What's next — will all of the street lights in town be shut off? (But at least the lines will be buried!)

5) My principal objection to Article 5 however, is the manner in which this has been presented to us by a majority of the board of selectmen. This is coming to us under the guise of an amendment to a town by-law directed at the utility companies, but the bottom line is that consumers will be the ones paying for the cost of burying the village utility lines. A tax is a tax is a tax – and people are not stupid. There is no doubt in my mind that once people start seeing this surcharge appear on their cable, electric, and phone bills, month-after-month-after-month, for years to come, they will be outraged at the way that this has been foisted upon them after they already had voted *not* to do it.

After reading the stories in the Mariner the past two weeks, my initial reaction was that I never will vote for an override in this town again. I realized that if I am feeling this way — and I have voted for every override and school project since have I lived here — the negative reaction among those who range from neutral to hostile on tax issues will be even more pronounced once people start paying these surcharges month-after-month.

Article 5 is nothing less than a deceitful means to accomplish the goals of a small, special interest group which was unable to obtain its objective at the ballot box (and they had my support at that time!). The majority of the selectmen who voted for this article should be ashamed of themselves for failing to accept the clear will of the people and for launching this end-around maneuver. In my view, the worst aspect of Article 5 is that it threatens to drain whatever reservoir of credibility the selectmen still may have with the average taxpayer and homeowner as we enter a time of incredible fiscal difficulty.

Andrew P. Quigley
38 Jerusalem Road

Case for legalizing existing apartments

TO THE EDITOR:

As a leading proponent of Article 15, I must respond to Mr. Quigley's letter of last week.

Art. 15 arises out of the Master Plan (emphasis on Plan), attempting to address both the mandates of the citizenry "to preserve the character of Cohasset" and to address the affordable housing issue. Art. 15 copies a bylaw from Barnstable to create an amnesty for illegal apartments that already exist in Cohasset. In exchange for legality, the apartment would become affordable under state definitions for the duration of the current ownership.

I happen to agree with the state's premise of encouraging the development of affordable housing in all communities. I do not subscribe to a gated community mentality that would prevent apartments from being created in an otherwise single-family home community. At the same time, however, I believe that 40B is the wrong way to approach this issue, and I oppose the ZBA's Avalon decision on principle as well as on the merits. That being said, I am enough of a realist to accept that 40B is the law, and like it or not, we must play on its playing field. To ignore this reality, to think and study

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Protecting our environment, our resources, and our character

MASTER PLAN

RICH SWANBORG

The final reviews and fully published Master Plan are finally wrapping up. There will be highlights at the Nov. 17 Town Meeting, and a full plan available for anyone who wants to either receive an electronic, or published, copy by the end of this month.

This effort has taken three years and required extensive public meetings, reviews with town boards (especially the Planning Board and Selectmen), formal town surveys, and the use of consultants to help apply best practices from other successful towns. This effort revealed a number of major issues that rose above all other in the minds of residents. Near term concerns include fiscal management, train impacts, town services and resource protection. Long term, residents were clear on their priorities for the future:

- maintaining town character, open space and resources (over 90 percent agreed on this)
- managing growth (75 percent believe house sizes should be limited and 70 percent agreed that residential development should be limited)
- providing appropriate senior and affordable housing solutions and improved waterfront access

The plan covers everything from open space and walkways to economic development and cultural heritage. It outlines a vision for the future of Cohasset, with an inventory of assets, liabilities, specific goals and recommendations with nine major areas:

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2. The Waterfront
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The plan covers everything from open space and walkways to economic development and cultural heritage

4. Open Space and Recreation
5. Housing
6. Economic Development
7. Community Facilities and Public Services
8. Transportation and Mobility
9. Action / Implementation Plan

November Town meeting features several articles (15, 16, 17, 18, 19) that represent thoughtful, but modest changes to the zoning bylaws to preserve character, encourage appropriate housing solutions and prevent further development abuses. Cohasset is under a great deal of development pressure right now and these measures are designed to provide more control and better solutions to some of the immediate challenges we face in protecting the character of Cohasset:

Maintaining Character — The average house size has nearly doubled since 1980. If this trend continues we will have houses built to the maximum size permitted. While property rights need to be considered, it is time to take a fresh look at our zoning laws to moderate the influence of oversized houses built on small lots. Article 18 was created to limit the size of housing on small lots and provide a public review for homes over a certain threshold to avoid overbuilding and ensure public discussion.

Affordable Housing – The Master Plan cannot control the threat of 40B challenges by developers. It can only offer smarter and more appropriate solutions to integrating affordable housing into the community. Our growth calculations for the entire town forecasts 500 to 1,000 units assuming that existing town zoning laws are honored. However, that number could be far higher under current 40B law, as all of our commercial property is also vulnerable to high-density residential development. This threat makes it more important than ever to proactively implement changes that will allow us to increase our housing stock in a manner that will maintain character and control. By studying the best practices from other towns such as Lincoln and Barnstable, we have evidence that offering amnesty for current illegal in-law apartments and encouraging rental units in the downtown area are effective deterrents to larger more invasive developments.

Even though we project a small number of current apartments will convert to affordable, the 40B mathematics are quite convincing. For instance, if just six units are created, this reduces our affordable "total town" count by 60 units. Do you want 60 units added to the town in a densely packed location, or six units spread throughout the town? Articles 15 and 17 are intended to show the state that we are open to solving our affordability issues, and may help us create affordable housing that is less onerous then just building more apartment complexes.

It is time for all of us to get proactive in the maintenance and management of Cohasset's future to protect what needs to be protected and build only what needs to be built. Before those decisions are taken from our control. We must protect our environment, our resources and our character.

Please join us in voting yes on articles 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Rick Swanborg is chairman of the Growth & development Committee.

Take it off! Take it off!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth the movie that every red-blooded 11-year-old American boy simply had to see was a European film called "Ecstasy." And you know those Europeans!

In it a nubile young Austrian girl named Hedy Kiesler was reported to have doffed her clothing and splashed and cavorted in the altogether for a full 10 minutes while the cameras rolled and audiences watched through befogged glasses.

I say reported because I never got around the seeing "Ecstasy" since it never played the neighborhood houses like the State in Quincy or the Loring in Hingham and the Watch and Ward Society was still looking out for my morals in the Boston cinemas.

Hedy Kiesler, the actress who was 19 at the time "Ecstasy" was made, later appeared in American films as Hedy Lamarr. I think I saw every one of them but she never took off her clothes again. Not all of them, anyway.

I thought of Hedy Kiesler and "Ecstasy" the other day when I learned that Meg Ryan, the cute little girl next door from "Sleepless in Seattle," is about to take it all off for the cameras. And no one seems to be batting an eye!

The name of the flick is — all you readers who are under 17 close your eyes now — "In the Cut" in which Meg plays an English teacher with a lousy love life and a half-sister, Jennifer Jason Leigh, an old pro at the clothes doffing game.

And that's not all. A-list actresses Nicole Kidman dances and lounges around in the nude in "The Human Stain," and Gwyneth Paltrow takes it all off in "Sylvia," and, as a veteran of Shannon Tweed skin flicks on late night Cinemax, I'd like to know what's going on here.

"It's about box office, as the permissiveness of movies leads to competition to push the sexual envelope," says Elayne Rapping, professor of women's and media studies at the University of Buffalo. In other words, look to the money.

Every new social development has to have its chronicler and for naked actresses it's Jim McBride, known to the trade as "Mr. Skin," who can tell you every nude scene in mainstream Hollywood movies dating back to Clara Bow in 1927.

He does on his Web site — don't look now, kids — "mrskin.com" and in frequent appearances on the Howie Carr Show on WRKO, where we learned that Julia Roberts has never done a nude scene except for a second or two an hour and 35 minutes into "Pretty Woman."

Incidentally, "Mr. Skin's Skincyclopedia" is due out in early 2005 when we can learn that Meryl Streep took it all off in "The Bridges of Madison County." So did Clint Eastwood but who cares. Reese Witherspoon did it in "Twilight," and Molly Ringwald in "Malicious."

"It is very rare for an actress who had a good nude scene to win an Oscar," said Mr. Skin, but Halle Berry did just that in "Monster's Ball," which won for her an Academy Award in 2001.

"An actress is now more likely to undress for a director who she feels is making a work of art," says Brad Prager, who teaches film culture at the University of Missouri.

Now if "Ecstasy" would only come around again!

HEALTH NOTES

Pneumonia can be difficult to understand

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO MARINER

Recently, there have been several communications with the Board of Health about pneumonia. At least three families in town have reported serious cases of pneumonia traveling among family members. Pneumonia, how it's acquired and passed to others, as well as its diagnosis, treatment and morbidity statistics are difficult to understand.

The first thing to know about pneumonia is that there are many types of the disease because pneumonia merely means an acute or chronic disease marked by inflammation of the lungs, and caused by viruses, bacteria, physical or chemical agents. Accordingly, there are several forms of pneumonia and there is vaccine for only one: Pneumococcal, caused by the bacterium Diplococcus pneumoniae. Other forms of bacterial pneumonia, such as Klebicella pneumonia are not defeated by this vaccine, and viral pneumonia is not affected at all. A test of the sputum (coughed up spit) from a sick patient is required to determine which form of pneumonia is affecting a patient.

Years ago, when we knew less about the various agents causing disease, pneumonia was frequently called the old person's blessing because it killed so many elderly ill patients. Now, however, we know more about the specifics of an illness, and we know that viruses, through natural selection have changed and are infecting a greater diversity of people; young, old, and all those who might otherwise have avoided a specific illness.

Clearly communication, travel, transportation, population density, and togetherness all affect the transfer of the various viruses, bacteria and other agents which cause illness.

Specific situations cause groups of people to develop the same illness. Members of families, because of close associations, rapidly spread certain types of pathogens which can exist independently for a time in our environment. Such things as the SARS virus, or the Diplococcus bacterium, or the Rhinovirus, which causes the common cold are examples.

Many pathogens can live independently on articles in everyday use, which is why we carefully wash our dishes and silverware and are so careful about meat and vegetable storage temperature. But many of these agents can live for extended times on hands, lips, and the things they touch.

These are called fomites such as playing cards, toys, door knobs, keys and locks, and the myriad of other things we handle.

In some countries, face masks are de rigueur — but it's better to wash your hands frequently.

"The majority of infections are spread by touching," said Dr. Elaine Larson of the Columbia University School of Nursing. "Keeping your hands away from your face, and washing them, can make a big difference — just rubbing with water and wiping with a paper towel removes a lot of germs." More are removed by soap. Plain soap doesn't kill bacteria, but instead emulsifies them so they wash down the drain.

Dr. John Boyce, chief of infectious diseases section at Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven, Conn., coauthored new hand-hygiene guidelines for health-care settings, published in 2002 by the Center for Disease Control. For the average person, he said, hand sanitizers can be useful "when you don't have ready access to a sink, water, and clean towels."

Elementary-school students are often considered cold-virus breeding grounds. But when three classrooms in Pennsylvania were instructed on hygiene and hand-sanitizer use, absenteeism because of infectious illnesses dropped significantly, according to an article published last year in the American Journal of Infection Control. Children in study classrooms who cleaned their hands more frequently got sick less often.

In order to help control infection, it's good practice to:

- Find out what agent is doing the harm.
- Find out how it likes to spread
- Identify what will curtail the dissemination of the agent.
- Practice hygiene methods which will limit the contagion of the dangerous agent.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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some more, and to ultimately do nothing is not a practical policy. Such a policy, followed in this town since the last 40B threats of the late '80s, has led us to the present state of affairs.

The underlying presumption of 40B is that suburban zoning is exclusionary. This was stated in a recent court decision that also holds that your town boards, which opposed Avalon, will be unable to appeal a decision clearly not in the best interests of the town. We are thus constrained from fighting 40B head-on, and so if we want to be in control of our own destiny, we must look for other solutions within our own power. Arts. 15 and 17 are such proposals, as were the Accessory Dwelling Bylaw ("ADB") and the Senior Overlay District ("SOD"). I would suggest that no one alternative solution is the answer.

Mr. Quigley incorrectly equates Art. 15 to the ADB. The amnesty program is very different from the ADB. The ADB permits creation of new apartments, whereas Article 15 is a legalization of existing, illegal apartments. The distinction is important in measuring actual impact on the town. The ADB correctly has detailed standards to govern the creation of a new housing unit. Since Art. 15 apartments already exist, design standards need not be as detailed, although any such apartment must be code-compliant.

The apartments addressed by Art. 15 are already among us. The thought is to have as much of our existing housing stock working for us and counting for us under 40B as possible, trading illegality for the 40B benefit. We cannot comply with 40B without also building some new units. However, the more we have counted amongst existing housing, the less new housing is needed, and the less the impact upon the character of Cohasset, a guiding principle we took very seriously. Remember that 40B works by requiring only 25 percent of units be affordable. Thus, we need 100 units built to get 25 affordable, a 4-1 ratio. Under the amnesty, all of what is approved is both affordable and counts, at a 1-1 ratio. There is thus a multiplier benefit by qualifying existing housing as opposed to building new.

In answer to Mr. Quigley's other questions:

1. Nothing is wrong with the ADB per se. I guess no one wants a new in-law apartment. Granted, in my view, the ADB was a knee-jerk reaction to our senior housing lobby, and to the extent it allows for new apartments anywhere, I would tend to agree with Mr. Quigley's view. I would not mourn its repeal. However, until we have other tools in place, it also serves a purpose. To overcome the state's presumption of being exclusionary, bylaws like this on the books provide a concrete example of our non-exclusionary intent. With the state, what's on paper is as important, almost more so, as what is on the ground. Art. 15, even if also under-utilized, will serve that this same purpose without changing anything about Cohasset as it now exists.

2. The exact number of illegal apartments is unknown. Barnstable has approved 60 amnesty units in about two years. Maybe a drop in the bucket, but 60, or the proportionate number in Cohasset, is not an inconsequential number to add to one's 40B count. Any number is good compared to the 4-1 hit a 40B project brings. It is also reasonable to assume that the apartments that exist a) are small, one bedroom at most, and b) thus do not generate a large number of schoolchildren, if any, and c) already have tenants that probably meet the rental and income limits of 40B. They do not adversely impact the quality of the town at present. They simply do not count for us & should.

3. Whether we should excuse the illegality is a legitimate question. This town, and others, does a lousy job enforcing these types of bylaws, and it has only come up in Cohasset recently when a neighbor turned someone in. This is a value judgment the town must make. We who put together the Master Plan think that waiving the illegality in return for the benefit, while not adding any new units to the town and thus preserving its character, is worth the trade-off

4. Does Avalon make this unnecessary? NO! First of all, Avalon is not permitted yet (if rumored appeals occur), and until it is, we are vulnerable. Second, even if Avalon is approved, it does not achieve 40B's 10 percent threshold! If the ZBA or anyone else is saying that, they are plain wrong. We remain vulnerable and two developers in the mix in town at present have threatened 40B's use. Do the math. Tools such as this proposal might make up the difference, and allow us to fend off these other threats, without adverse impact or new construction.

5. As for the SOD projects, if they are built along with Avalon, yes we will reach the 10 percent threshold and yes we'll have 400 new units (half senior-only). If they don't get built, however, and there are ifs, where are we? Unprotected as usual, blissfully wishing 40B away. Look at how many 4013s our neighbors face - I suggest Avalon would not be the end for us. While the SOD projects bring us 40B benefit, and are thus important to show as such to the state, I think they also must be judged on other grounds, independent of 40B, Art. 15 and the like, i.e. whether it is important to have downsizing options for seniors available in the community.

6. I don't buy the slippery slope argument. If we are assured of 40B protection, we can undo what we have done or will do at this town meeting. Art. 15, however, properly understood, has little impact on existing or future Cohasset.

7. Art. 15 is not drafted in haste, and I resent any implication otherwise. Indeed, it had much more vetting and thought than ADB and SOD, neither of which arose from the long deliberative process of the Master Plan. It's been worked on for well over one year, pushed off two TM warrants to fine tune it for just the concerns raised. It works with minimal hassle and we've talked to Barnstable extensively. The Zoning Advisory Comm., Planning Board and Advisory Board recommend it, and I hope my Board last Monday did so as well. Granted it's new, different, perhaps innovative, but it is not to be feared. You, the community, have asked us to think and plan, and we have done our best to come up with solutions that meet the town's directives.

Tom Callahan, Member
Growth & Development Comm.
Board of Selectmen

Questions & answers on Cook Est. purchase

TO THE EDITOR:

"Why include the 8-pluse acres of town land in the senior housing project?" people ask. Well, although much of the 8-plus acres can't be built upon because it is wetland, when bundled with the Cook parcel, the combined acreage can be counted in determining the housing units to be permitted on the site. Although otherwise the town land has little commercial value because of the wetlands and access limitations, it has real value when added to the Cook estate.

Much of it would be preserved in its natural state, although a walking path could be provided to the contiguous Cohasset Plaza, a significant plus for senior housing. The land is superfluous to school department needs, and had been judged unsuitable for a cemetery, so adding to the Cook parcel is a sensible use of the land. "With all the projected developments, won't we soon have a surplus of affordable housing?" people ask. No, and remember that the market rate units added to the town's housing stock automatically increase the mandated number of affordable units by 10 percent of the addition! If the town adds 200 units of housing, and only 19 are "affordable", we have fallen one unit behind; we aren't 19 or 20 ahead!

The warrant article "requests" $4,500,000, but the town does not supply the funds; the developer does in the simultaneous transfer of the Cook parcel to the Town and from the Town to the developer. The minimum bid specified in the RFP will include the $4,500,000 price for the Cook parcel(s) plus a value determined for the Town land plus most of the Town's costs in developing the concept.

Developers already are casing the Cook estate, so it is going to be developed soon, so we have only one chance (voting yes on article 4 Nov. 17) to guide the development to help satisfy our pressing for housing designed for seniors.

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Lobbyists want legislature to gamble on casinos

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Senators ultimately decided that stimulating the economy with gambling was too, well, dicey, but just by talking it over they did boost one segment: the lobbying industry.

The state capitol was obsessed last week with the tough task of deciding how to help businesses and citizens get out and stay out of the economic difficulties that have plagued Massachusetts even more keenly than the rest of the nation for the past three years.

Were casinos the answer? Slot machines at racetracks? Those were the most difficult questions facing the Senate as it began its jobs bill debate. The governor and House have put economic stimulus plans before the body politic, as mixed signals about the economy continue abounding; while economic growth nationwide was a fantastic 7.2 percent last quarter, Associated Industries of Massachusetts' October business-confidence index showed employers here are more pessimistic.

The debate rages as to whether new gambling venues create new economic activity or merely shift it, but one facet can't be denied: the proposition itself is terrific for the lobbying industry. If you think about it, because the house always wins in the long run, starting a gambling venue is (ironically) one of the safest bets in the risky enterprise of business-building. But gambling has just about the highest barriers to entry of any industry, because the government dictates everything about what form it can take. Therefore, what's in the legislation determines who benefits from this semi-sure thing – to put it more plainly, who gets extremely wealthy.

Only the most irrational would-be operator would lack a lobbyist, and to succeed, the gaming industry combines the rationality of businesspeople with the irrationality of thrill-seeking customers. Thus, there was at least one lobbyist – at least – for every would-be casino or slot mogul on the third floor outside the Senate last week. In the relative quiet of the lobby itself, and the chamber, the leading voices pro and con for gaming among the 40 senators were doing their own lobbying – not in the loud tone of floor debate, but the quiet conversations that really set policy. The anti-casino side won this time, but the issue – and the lobbyists – aren't going anywhere.

It's easy to get caught up in the politics just of the casino question, and forget that the debate really wasn't about gambling – it was about far more. For example, the Senate debate on the jobs bill began with local farming and ended with tobacco control. It's instructive to note that part of encouraging local farming in Massachusetts is not doing too much tobacco control; hundreds of jobs along the fertile Connecticut River valley out West depend on production of the high-quality tobacco cigar wrappers for which the region is famous. That gamut underscored the difficulty lawmakers face when they try to place winning economic-policy bets.

The State House discernibly turned the corner toward the home stretch before the end of formal sessions Nov. 19.

• *Senate passes DNA bill; saves stem cell projects*— In noteworthy Senate votes, the Upper Chamber sent Gov. Mitt Romney legislation requiring the establishment of a DNA database that will store genetic material submitted by all Commonwealth felons. During debate on the jobs bill, senators turned back an attempt to remove language legally protecting stem cell research by Bay State biotech researchers; stem cells are often obtained from fetal tissue. Provisions allowing liquor sales on Sunday and establishing two sales tax "holidays" made it through the Senate and now will be subject to conference committee deliberations. The House is on record against Sunday liquor sales and House budget chief John Rogers, D-Norwood, called the tax holidays a "bad idea." The fate of the proposals will likely be decided in the next two weeks.

The core of the Senate stimulus package remained intact, supported by revenues drawn from state reserve funds. It includes provisions to:

Provide expanded job training Make permanent the 3 percent investment tax credit Fund $35 million in business assistance to emerging-technology companies Grant $10 million to the health care industry for facility improvement Provide $20 million in assistance to research-based corporations Increase funding for housing and community development by $13.5 million Provide $18.4 million to assist the tourism and hospitality industry

• *House approves military pay bill* — The measure allows state employees serving in the military overseas to receive health benefits and a state-funded supplement to their military pay, bringing their total pay up to the level they earned working for the state. The Senate approved the measure in May. Lawmakers said the supplement will cost $3.1 million, but said it's the right thing to do for men and women serving their country.

• *Subway, bus fare increase approved; rates to rise Jan. 1* — After many months of discussion and controversy, the MBTA Board of Directors made it official: fares on most subway rides will rise to $1.25, and most bus trips will go to 90 cents from 75 cents. Monthly passes in service areas furthest from Boston will rise to nearly $200, fueling speculation that the change will force public transit users back to their automobiles. The T has promised some modest service improvements, but most of the additional revenue will be used to preserve the status quo in an era when the T no longer enjoys a guaranteed subsidy from the Legislature to cover its costs.

• *Consumer affairs chief named to state lottery board* — Beth Lindstrom, who headed the Lottery under Republican Treasurer Joseph Malone, was named by Gov. Romney to one of the five seats on the state Lottery Commission. The state treasurer heads the commission and the governor appoints two of the other four members; the state comptroller and public safety secretary round out the board. Lindstrom is also the state's consumer affairs and business regulation director.

• *Jacques will leave senate to head up gay rights organization* — Sixth-term Sen. Cheryl Jacques, D-Needham, accepted the post of president and executive director at Human Rights Campaign, a national organization dedicated to winning legal rights for people with non-traditional sexual orientations.

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Neighborhood friendly bylaw changes sought

TO THE EDITOR:

The Special Town Meeting on Monday night provides an opportunity for the residents of Cohasset to strengthen the letter and intent of Town Bylaws as the instrument that individuals, neighborhoods and the community as a whole rely upon for protection from indiscriminate and detrimental development as it affects their respective properties.

Articles 14, 16, 18 and 19 amend or change the Bylaws to provide for public awareness, conscionable lot coverage, building size criteria and a standard for height calculations.

These articles are, in part, a product of the 14-month-long ordeal of the Jerusalem Lane neighborhood and are an attempt to improve and clarify the Bylaws that our Building Department, Planning Board and ZBA will be obligated to enforce. At issue, is not so much a limitation of a developer's plan as the requirement that any property owner would have knowledge of the scope and impact of building activities which may affect their property. Property owners would have the communication necessary for comment before, rather than after a project is commenced. A developer would be required to communicate the scope of work upon issuance of the permit vs. an evolving work in progress.

Had the Articles been in place for the permitting of 3 Jerusalem Lane the ongoing frustration, time, expense and property detriment of the countless meetings, Requests for Enforcement, Appeals, etc. would not have occurred. The neighbors' reactions and input would have had an opportunity, a voice, and perhaps consideration, before the fact, not the pursuit of a runaway train. In a time where right and wrong has given way to the oxymoron "legal opinion", the interpretation of the Bylaws has become a function of a developer's legal coffer and the inability of Town staff, Town Boards and Town Counsel to function fully (and within budget) to protect the community and neighborhoods.

If each of us looks at our neighborhood we will see properties whose alteration might impact our own. The Articles before us are an effort to insure a basic level of communication and understanding of mutual impacts that, as demonstrated by 3 Jerusalem Lane, are not currently controlled by our Boards without extended legal action borne by individuals charged with protecting themselves. Please consider carefully your vote for approval of these Articles.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: BHRC records local representatives' votes on two roll calls and local senators' votes on three roll calls from the week of November 3-7.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (S 2127)

Senate 39-0, gave near final approval to a $115 million economic development plan. Provisions include legalizing the Sunday opening of stores that sell liquor, creating two sales tax-free shopping days, making the three percent investment tax credit permanent, banning human cloning and allowing stem cell research on certain donated human embryos. Other provisions include providing $35 million for emerging technologies, $10 million for improvements to health care facilities, $8 million for the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund and $6 million for workforce training and development. Supporters said the bill would be a real shot in the arm for the state by stimulating the economy, creating jobs and making Massachusetts friendlier to business. The House has approved a different version of the measure and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y

STEM CELL RESEARCH (S 2127)

Senate 3-37, rejected an amendment striking a section that bans human cloning and also allows stem cell research on donated human embryos, three to five days old, remaining after in vitro fertilization for fertility treatment. Supporters of the section said it is important to make cloning illegal. They also argued that current state law is vague and could be interpreted to prohibit stem cell research. They noted the section would clearly legalize this research that could yield treatments or cures for many conditions including spinal cord injuries, juvenile diabetes and Lou Gehrig's disease. Some opponents of the section said it is poorly drafted and noted that they have problems with the specific language rather than the moral issue of stem cell research. They also noted that they would support a separate bill banning cloning. Others said they are morally opposed to stem cell research because it uses human life as research material. (A "Yea" vote is for striking the section that allows stem cell research and bans cloning. A "Nay" vote is against striking the section and favors allowing stem cell research and banning cloning).

Y

SUNDAY OPENINGS FOR LIQUOR SALES (S 2127)

Senate 17-22, rejected an amendment striking a section allowing stores that sell liquor to open on Sundays, prohibiting employees from being forced to work on Sundays and mandating that they be paid time and one-half if they do work. The section also allows cities and towns the option to prohibit these Sunday sales. Current law allows these stores to seek local approval to be open at noon on the Sunday before Thanksgiving through the Sunday until New Year's Day and every Sunday if the community is located within 10 miles of the New Hampshire or Vermont border— two states that allow Sunday openings. Supporters of Sunday openings said it is time to leave this decision up to local cities and towns and noted that communities on the New Hampshire and Vermont border currently have an unfair advantage. They said that Sunday openings would generate up to $2.1 million in additional tax revenue and argued it is unfair that other retailers are allowed to be open on Sundays. Opponents said Sunday openings would force small storeowners who want to remain competitive to work on their only day off or to pay employees extra money. They noted that Sunday is still considered to be different than all other days and argued that Sunday sales would not increase sales but simply shift the same sales from six to seven days per week. (A "Yea" vote is for striking the section that allows Sunday openings. A "Nay" vote is against striking the section and favors the Sunday openings).

Y

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN MILITARY SERVICE (H 4307)

House 151-0, gave near final approval to a bill providing that state employees who are granted a military leave of absence for active military service after September 11, 2001, continue to receive their base state salary reduced by their military salary. It also ensures that these employees do not lose any seniority, accrued vacation or leave time. The proposal, effective until September 11, 2005, also gives cities, towns and counties the option to accept the law and apply it to their local employees. Supporters said the bill would assist these brave citizens who are helping the nation in the war against terror and ensure that they and their families do not suffer financially while defending the freedom of the United States and the world. The Senate has approved a different version of the measure and the House version now goes to the Senate for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y

$239,946 FOR SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY (H 4004)

House 151-0, overrode Gov. Romney's $239,946 veto reduction (from $3,596,891 to $3,356,945) in funding for the operation of the sex offender registry. Override supporters said this is a public safety issue and argued that the $239,946 is crucial in order to pay for six more employees to help eliminate the backlog that is prohibiting the state from properly tracking sex offenders. In his veto message, the governor said the $239,946 cut would reduce the funding to an amount consistent with his original recommendation for this program. (A "Yea" vote is for the $239,946).

Y

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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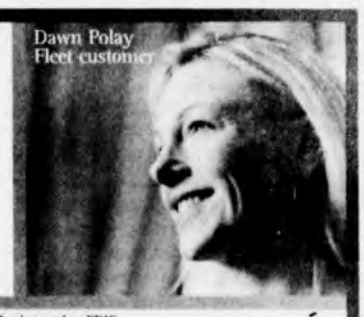

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who are still living and those who gave the supreme sacrifice," said Steve Wigmore, commander of the George H. Mealy American Legion Post. After saying a few words of thanks, Wigmore turned the podium over to his son Thomas who serves as National Chaplain of the Sons of the American Legion.

"Our nation is making new veterans every day," Thomas Wigmore said, adding it is time for everyone to focus on "these brave warriors who have done their job well."

"We are mostly a gathering of veterans," Thomas Wigmore said of the crowd that day, adding while he has never been called on to fight in a war, he has dedicated his life to supporting veterans. "We cherish our way of life and recognize the sacrifice your comrades made."

He reminded everyone of the importance of Veterans Day, formerly called Armistice Day, which commemorates the signing of an Armistice between the Allies and Germany, ending the four years of fighting endured throughout World War II. And the day is remembered on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11 o'clock, as a tribute to veterans past and present who have given so much for our country.

"God bless this beautiful nation, the United States of America," Thomas Wigmore said.

The crowd fell absolutely silent as Taps was played, and the memorial service was called to a close. As the crowd filed out, "God Bless the U.S.A" could be heard even across the street, and maybe somehow in the hearts of those who are stationed across the oceans defending our country.

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The color guard marches into Veterans Memorial Park for Tuesday's ceremony.

Steve Wigmore, at right, Commander of the George H. Mealy Post, salutes during Tuesday's Veterans Day observances at the harbor.

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Now the real work begins

Graduation takes heavy toll on CHS boys soccer program

By Mike Spellman
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Rob Leary stepped into a pretty sweet situation this year.

Taking over a Cohasset High boys soccer program that finished second in the South Shore League in 2002 and returned seven senior starters and nine seniors in all, much of the work was already done for the former Rockland High head coach.

The Skippers proceeded to go 14-4 in the regular season under their new head coach, blew out Avon in the opening round of the state tourney, 7-1, and then fell to eventual sectional champion Norwell in the quarterfinals, 2-0.

"It was a great year, I felt, especially considering I was bringing in a new system," said Leary. "I'm real proud of what we accomplished, and the kids should be too."

Now the work begins.

Among the nine players the Skippers lose to the caps and gowns are two-time South Shore League all-stars Chris Clark, Conor Buick and Craig Laugelle, and first time SSL all-stars Dave Santiago and Jesse Brewer. Brewer, the team's keeper, also earned All-Eastern Mass honors this year, and Buick, the team's sweeper, just missed the honor. Clark, the team's leading scorer the last two year, was a 2002 All-Eastern Mass selection.

Clark, Laugelle, Santiago and Buick were the team captains. Leary noted that he would miss all of these players on the field, but noted that the off-the-field loss of Buick may be the most difficult to overcome.

"Conor is just a great kid and a great leader," lauded Leary, who also coaches the Scituate boys tennis team and is an assistant with Rockland boys basketball team. "He made my life so much easier coming into a new situation. Honestly, he was one of the best captains and leaders I've ever been around in any sport."

Also graduating will be two-year starters J.T Oronte, a valuable presence in the midfield, and John Andrade, who scored several key goals this year, along with Andrew Wise and Andrew Busk.

"Obviously, it won't be easy to replace any of these guys," conceded Leary. "But I don't think the cupboard is anywhere near bear, and I do think the guys coming back will have the advantage of having my system down. Also, they know me now and I know them. That will help the transition next year."

The makeup of the 2004 team appears as if it will be quite similar to that of the 2002 squad, in that much of the premier talent is a year away.

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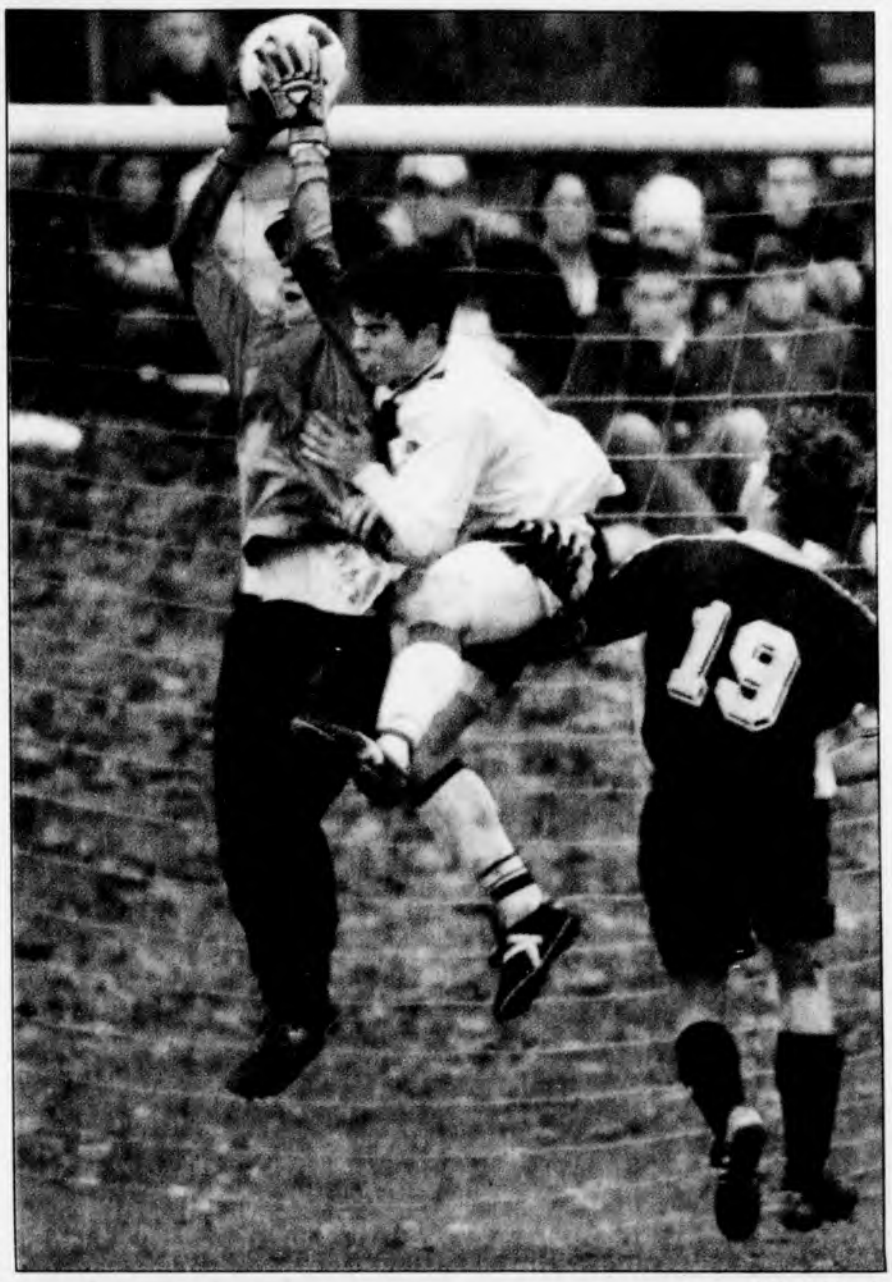

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Cohasset All-Eastern Mass keeper Jesse Brewer, seen here taking the ball before Norwell star Ryan Henry (#12) could get a head on it, will certainly be missed. He made plays like the one pictured here look almost commonplace.

Character hiring

New CHS hockey coach lauded for what he brings both on and off ice

By Mike Spellman
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Character is the word that kept popping up throughout the endorsement of new Cohasset High hockey coach Ben Virga by CHS athletic director Ron Ford.

"I think it's a slam dunk hire," stated the CHS AD/head boys basketball coach, using an analogy from his sport of choice to represent his feelings over the hiring of Virga, a former B.C. High and Stonehill College hockey standout. "Everyone I've talked to has raved about this guy's character and how good he is with kids, and it seems like he's obviously got a strong background in hockey.

"I'm really excited to have him. I really like his whole values system and everything I've heard of his background."

Since graduating from Stonehill in 1998, Virga has cut his coaching teeth at hockey hotbeds B.C. High and Catholic Memorial, and most recently worked as a varsity assistant with the Milton High team that opened some eyes in last year's state tourney. He's also coached volleyball at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham.

"I think he's one of those young guys who just needs a break to get his first head coaching job, and then will just take off with it, like John did last year," said Ford, referring to Virga's predecessor, John

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PHOTO/SUZY PARK

Andrew DiPaolo (#88) and his Stingrays teammates celebrate their Super Bowl victory.

Midgets 'Bowl' opponents over

Two Cohasset-Scituate youth football teams win Super Bowl

By Dick Cushman
CORRESPONDENT

Defense, defense and some more defense was the difference in both the Midgets Sharks and Stingrays Super Bowl title wins. Both Midget teams hammered out shut out victories over their opponents this past Super Sunday.

Coach Dan O'Brien Sharks Midget team exploded out of the gates with an Alex Courno 63 yard touchdown run on the their first possession. Laying the ground work for a 22-0 slamming of the Silver Lake Warriors midget team.

"Alex Courno had a unbelievable game, he nearly ran for a hundreds yards on offense and his defensive game was his personnel best, he had probably 12 tackles. Those 12 tackles are huge, the (Warriors) had the ball very little on offense." stated Coach Dan O'Brien.

The Division 1 Super Bowl Champion Sharks offensive bite was on it's way. Scituate's second possession would be punched in on a quarterback keeper by Blaine O'Brien. The Sharks touchdown was set up by Sean Cooneys (10 runs for 130 yards) hard running. The 14-0 lead early in the second quarter stunned the well improved Warrior team.

The Sharks defense continued to shut down the Warriors giving them little to no yardage during the first half of play Coach Dan O'Brien went onto say "P.J. Webb (Defensive Coach) did a great job, he had his players ready for this game. They completely shut them down."

Pat Mahoney and Steve Ferriter's defensive play added to the Warriors offensive woes. The overall

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Skippers ride Wave

Grid win over Abington sets up winner take all showdown tomorrow at Norwell

SSL football title game
Cohasset at Norwell
Friday, 7 p.m. kickoff

A Battle with the Clippers awaits

Cohasset improved to 7-1, 3-0 in the South Shore League, with a hard fought 20-6 victory of the defending Division 5 Super Bowl Champions, the Green Wave from Abington, on Friday night at Alumni Field before the largest crowd of the season.

The Skippers advance to battle Norwell (6-1-1, 3-0-1 in the SSL) this Friday night for the South Shore League championship. A date in the Super Bowl Tournament awaits the winner.

Cohasset's defensive unit shutdown the high powered passing attack of Abington (4 completions in 15 attempts, with 2 interceptions), while the offensive line had perhaps their best game of the year, routinely blowing the Green Wave five to 10 yards off the line of scrimmage, enabling senior tailback DeWayne Morris to have his best game of the season racking up 197 yards on 17 carries with one touchdown (Overall season totals of 972 yards, 9 rushing touchdowns, and a total of 56 points scored).

The Skippers took the opening kickoff and had a 12 play time consuming march down to the Abington 3-yard line only to be stopped on fourth down on a rush attempt up the middle. The Green Wave returned the favor, as they ate up the clock for the balance of the first quarter, and moved the ball deep into Cohasset territory. Senior captain Chris Bilodeau then stepped in front of an Abington receiver at the 16 yard line and picked off the first of two interceptions he would have on the night and returned the ball to the 49 yard line of Cohasset.

This scoring drive for Cohasset started with a 17 yard pass from QB Mike Dooley to junior fullback Ted Straughn. After a penalty moved the ball back, Dooley hit junior wideout D J Silvia with a 33 yard completion. Another penalty moved the ball in the wrong direction. However, Morris brought it down to the 9-yard line, then Dooley found Bilodeau, this time on the 1 yard line. Following sophomore left guard Nick Arment, Dooley scored on a quarterback keeper (his seventh rushing touchdown of the season). The extra point clanged off the uprights and with 6:14 to go in the second quarter, Cohasset led 6-0.

The lone offensive highlight for the Green Wave occurred on a 63 yard touchdown pass from QB Brian McSharry to wideout Anthony Sulmonte on their next

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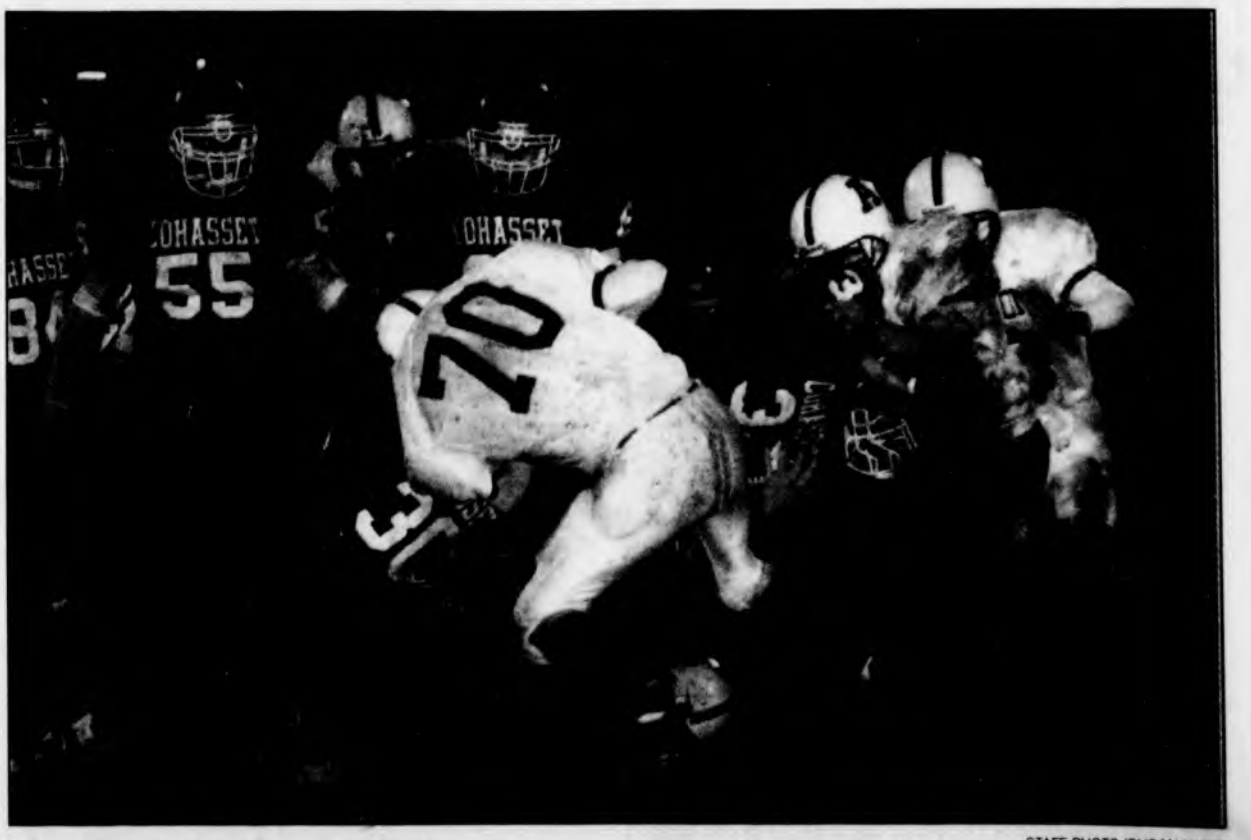

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Cohasset fullback Ted Straughn lowers his head to pick up some tough inside yards in Friday's huge 20-6 win for the Skippers over league rival Abington.

Now the real work begins

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The Skippers featured a number of sophomores who stepped into key roles this fall with the varsity squad, among them forwards Aidan Buick (Conor's little brother) and Ben Libby, center midfielder Matt O'Connell and defenders Nils Sceery, Trevor Brady and Sam McDonald.

Buick and Libby shared playing time opposite Clark for most of the season at striker. O'Connell stepped in as the all-important center midfield spot and was actually the primary quarterback of the offense down the stretch. MacDonald and Brady started he season coming off the bench, but both worked their way into the starting lineup pretty quickly, MacDonald at stopper and Brady at fullback.

Two other sophomores who saw varsity playing time were midfielder Chris Ofsthun and keeper Prescott Busk, who had a very good season at the JV level and Leary sees as a worthy successor for Brewer next season.

"This is a very strong sophomore class and one that should help us remain quite competitive next year," asserted Leary. "All of them should get bigger, faster and stronger, so I'm pretty optimistic."

This is not to say the current junior class is anything to be sneezed at. Sam Steele and Kevin Dinsmore, a transfer from Xaverian, saw a good deal of playing time this season, and Colin Regan and Jake Kovach are two players the coach believes could make the jump from the J.V. ranks next season to help.

Leary also figures seniors-to-be John Grimm and Jon Littauer should figure into the mix in 2004. Both players missed this entire season with leg injuries.

"Some people are saying we're going to really be hurt by graduation, but I like the talent we've got coming back," concluded Leary. "Cohasset's had a good soccer program the last few years, and that means new players have stepped up to fill holes. I don't see any reason that won't continue next year."

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The graduation of two time South Shore League all-star defender Craig Laugelle (left) will clearly leave a big vold.

Skippers ride Wave

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possession. Bilodeau broke up the conversion pass attempt with a jarring hit. The teams hit the locker rooms knotted at 6-6.

The third quarter commenced with Abington moving the ball at will, shooting for the go ahead touchdown. The play of the game then took place when junior defensive back Joe Durkin ran down an Abington tailback and stripped the ball. "Ever present" senior captain Tony Truglia (69 tackles on the season to lead the squad, and one and a half sacks on the night) pounced on it and the momentum had swung back to the Skippers.

On the second play from scrimmage, Morris sprinted 72 yards to the end zone, as the entire offensive line— senior Dan Tarpey at left tackle, Arment at left guard, junior Matt Casey at center, senior captain Steve Davis at right guard, and rookie right tackle Dan McCarthy— pushed the Green Wave defensive front five yards off the ball, and junior fullback Ted Straughn then crushed the lone linebacker left. Morris had no sooner caught his breath, when Dooley found him in the corner of the end zone for the two point conversion. Cohasset 14, Abington 6 with 6:36 to go in the third.

The defensive front for the Skippers— junior end Kelvin Ferriera, and senior Sean Connolly (5 tackles, one and a half sacks, several tackles that resulted in negative yardage) was back at the other end slot, along with the "junior rocks in the middle" Matt Baroudi and Leo Clougherty— took turns chasing the Abington backfield around on the next series.

A punt by Abington was returned 20 yards by Bilodeau (102 return yards on the night on two punts and two interceptions) to set the Skippers up on their 45 yard line. Morris went left behind Arment, Tarpey, and Connolly at tight end, for 35 yards, then he went right over Davis for 12, and three up the middle over Casey.

D J Silvia then found the clearing in the right corner of the end zone and hauled in a five yard pass from Dooley, Silvia's first touchdown of the season. After a failed conversion attempt, the Skippers had an insurmountable lead of 20-6 with :54 left in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was relatively uneventful. Tthe teams each had five possessions in the quarter, as the soggy field conditions deteriorated to the point were rushing and passing attempts had players from both teams slipping and sliding with little success moving the ball.

Soggy turf notes

Cohasset's defensive backfield, Bilodeau, Durkin, juniors Crandon Leahy and Silvia, held Abington to zero completions on ten attempts in the second half.

The linebacking trio, Casey (9 tackles to lead the crew)., Truglia, and Straughn, accounted for 20 tackles and 2 and a half sacks.

Dave McKenna and Rick Grassie combined on a crushing special teams tackle.

Mike Dooley was 6 for 6 passing for 85 yards in the first half, and later threw his fifth touchdown pass of the season, giving him 610 yards through the air along with 300 yards rushing for the season.

Chris Bilodeau has 21 receptions, 4 touchdowns, and 4 interceptions as a d-back on the season.

Kudos to Matt Dooley, the best "waterboy" in the South Shore League. He's always there when needed, through the heat, the rain, the freezing temps, and the mud.

The (9) seniors escorted their Mothers across the field in the annual Senior's Last Home Game festivities. Chris Bilodeau and his Mom Cathy, Robbie Carpenter and his Grandmother Rita Durkin, Sean Connolly and his Mom Betsy, Steve Davis and his Mom Donna, Mike Dooley and his Mom Diane, Jamie Litchfield and his Mom Peggy, DeWayne Morris and his host Mom Jean Hajjar, Dan Tarpey and his Mom Beth, and Tony Truglia and his Mom Lidia.

Defensive Stats

Tackles: Matt Casey 9, Tony Truglia, Kelvin Ferriera 7, Sean Connolly 5, Ted Straughn 4, Joe Durkin, Matt Baroudi 3, Chris Bilodeau, Leo Clougherty 2, Crandon Leahy, Dave McKenna, Rick Grassie 1.

Interceptions: Chris Bilodeau 2.

Sacks: Tony Truglia, Sean Connolly 1 and 1/2, Ted Straughn 1.

Caused Fumble: Joe Durkin.

Fumble Recovered: Tony Truglia.

Abington Passing: 4 for 15, 1 TD, 2 Ints.

Offensive Stats

Passing: Mike Dooley 7 for 12, 90 yards, 1 TD, 1 Int.

Receiving: D J Silvia 3 catches for 51 yards, 1 TD, Chris Bilodeau 3 for 22 yds, Ted Straughn 1 for 17 yds.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset tailback DeWayne Morris (#2), already covered head to toe with mud, is sent back onto the field in Friday's huge Skippers win. The senior tailback compiled 197 yards on the ground against the Green Wave.

Skippers 20, Abington 6

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Abington (6-3)	0	6	0	0	6
Cohasset (7-1)	0	6	14	0	20

C- Mike Dooley 1 yard run, kick failed.
A-McSharry 63 yard pass to Sulmonte, pass failed.
C-DeWayne Morris 72 yard run, Morris pass from Dooley.
C-D J Silvia 5 yard pass from Dooley, pass failed.

Rushing: DeWayne Morris 17 carries for 197 yards, 1 TD, Ted Straughn 5 for 9 yds, Mike Dooley 8 for 3 yds, 1 TD, Joe Durkin 1 for 3 yds, Joey Kehoe 2 for (1) yd.

SSL standings

Cohasset (7-1)	3-0
Norwell (6-1-1)	3-0-1
Abington (6-3)	2-2
Hull (1-7)	1-2
Carver (2-7)	1-3
Mashpee (1-6-1)	0-3-1

This weeks SSL games: Abington at Mashpee, Carver at Hull.

This Weeks Preview: The Skippers travel to Norwell tomorrow night, 7 PM Kickoff. The winner clinches the South Shore League Championship and will advance to the Super Bowl semi-final round the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

Last year, the Skippers prevailed at home, with a dramatic touchdown in the final minute, by the score of 16-13.

The Clippers have been a run orientated offensive team todate, with a stingy defense. They lost in week 1 to Hopkinton at home, and squeaked out a tie at Mashpee, overall they have a 6-1-1 record. They have scored 158 pts and allowed 83.

Cohasset remains in first place in the South Shore League with a 3-0 record, beating Carver 28-0, Mashpee 28-6, and Abington 20-6. They have scored 164 pts and allowed 66. They can move the ball on the ground with carries by DeWayne Morris, Mike Dooley, and Ted Straughn, and have a potent aerial attack with wideouts Chris Bilodeau, D J Silvia, tight end Sean Connolly, fullback Ted Straughn, and tailback Morris, all favorite targets of Dooley.

The offensive line, Dan Tarpey 6-3 205, Nick Arment 6-4 250, Matt Casey 5-10 170, Steve Davis 6-2 250, and Dan McCarthy 6-1 210 have excelled at run blocking as well as pass protection all season.

Defensively, the All League linebacking trio of Truglia, Casey, and Straughn account for the majority of the tackles each game. The backfield of Bilodeau, Durkin, Leahy, Connolly, and Silvia have shutdown so-called high powered aerial attacks of Nantucket, Archbishop Williams, Weston and Abington. And the Fearsome Foursome of Kelvin Ferriera 6 199, Matt Baroudi 5-10 215, Leo Clougherty 5-10 205, and Rob Carpenter 6-0 180 have QBs scrambling and running backs reversing direction with their all out rush.

Head Coach Tony Rolfe, and his assts; Bob Silvia, Dave Terry, Brian Pattison, Tom Ventresca, Chris Bridges, and Don Silvia have an arsenal of offensive plays at their disposal that have not been showcased all season. Defensively the squad is peaking as sacks, hurries, interceptions, and running backs being thrown for losses, are a regular occurrence of late.

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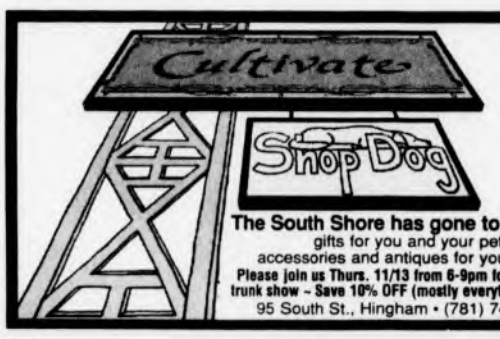

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Cohasset High athletic director Ron Ford will hold his annual pre-winter sports meeting Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6:45 p.m. in the Cohasset High gymnasium. All student athletes and a guardian should attend.

CHS spirit items for sale

Cohasset High Spirit items are for sale right now through the high school. Blankets are $50, flags $45 and beach towels $20. Purchases can be made through Athletic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103) or at all home football games.

Late basketball registration for boys and girls grades 1 to 7

You may register late for the Cohasset Basketball Boosters/Recreation Dept. Grades 1 to 7 basketball program for boys and girls, at the recreation office during the next week, prior to Dec. 1.

The fee is $75 per player, registration forms must be completed and signed by a parent.

Evaluations for grades 4 to 7 will be held on Dec. 6, and schedules are available at registration.

There will be no grades 1 to 3 evaluations this year and all grades are scheduled to begin play on Dec. 13. Team coaches will call prior to then.

Cohasset Little League Golf fundraiser

Mark your calendars....You won't want to miss the Cohasset Little League fundraiser @ Black Rock Country Club on Friday, November 21st, 7:30 pm. Join your friends and neighbors for a Talent Show featuring Cohasset musicians and performing artists. The night will also include dancing, hor d'oeuvres and a live auction.

Tickets are $50 per person and are available at Shoe Market Kids, Good Sport or by calling (781) 383-CYBA. All proceeds will go towards the completion of the new fields and concession stand. It will be a night to remember!!!

Cohasset Alumni Soccer Game

Saturday, November 29, 2003 is the date for the first Annual Cohasset Alumni Soccer game. The game will be played at 2:00pm at either Alumni Field or Milliken Field depending on field availability. All CHS graduates who participated in the soccer program are invited to participate. The format will be a normal 90 minute game with graduates of odd numbered years playing against graduates of even numbered years. Please contact Jeff Donze, Class of '73, if you are interested in playing, contact Jeff Donze at jeff.donze@comcast.net or 781-383-9734. More details will follow.

The Cohasset Blades won the first session championship of the MaxLax indoor 5th/6th grade division.

Cohasset Lax thrills crowds in OT victories

Two Cohasset teams playing in the **MaxLax Lacrosse** programs in Hingham provided plenty of thrills and excitement for lax fans as they both produced stunning victories in sudden death overtime. The 5/6 grade **BLADES won their Divisional Championship** game in a 6 – 5 OT triumph over Marshfield to close out the first session; while their "big brothers" in the HS JV Division used OT to cap off a rousing come-from-behind win to start up their current session.

Blades Win Championship

The core 5/6 grade lax players from Cohasset managed to fend off numerous challenges to reach the Divisional Championship game of the **MaxLax** College level where they went head to head with their perennial rivals, the Marshfield Lasers. When these two teams met in the regular season, they gave us a preview of what was to come as that match also ended in an OT decision with Marshfield edging out the hometown boys. With that memory still burning bright, Cohasset was determined not to have the replay end the same way.

The first half featured some amazing defensive play from both sides as the game went a full 5 minutes without a score until Marshfield's **Zach Robertshaw** found a seam and tallied the first goal, only to follow it up quickly with another sniper shot from the right side of the cage on an impossible angle that put the Lasers up by 2. Cohasset got several chances, especially with a penalty situation, but the brilliant play of the Lasers 'keeper **Zach Carpman** stifled their efforts with one amazing save after another. Not to be outdone, **Jack Murphy** who was minding the net for the Blades, kept the game within reach by using every trick he knew – kid saves, flying leaps, shoulders, you name it – to keep the ball out of the goal. The Lasers demonstrated that they belonged in the game when **William Contento** found the corner with goal number 3 on an assist from **Conor Bagby** after some outstanding ball movement down the court. **Olly Forrer** (look for his name in lights later on) broke the ice for the Blades on an end to end rush and a finish from a "sick" angle that snuck past the Lasers goalie, but this was immediately answered by a "trickle in goal" that was originally stopped by **Murphy** only to fall limply into the cage off of the deflection. **Forrer** wasn't done however, and they showed some finesse ball movement of their own as he fed a sprinting **Justin Yeager** with a perfect pass in full stride that allowed **Yeager** to blister one past **Carpman** for the 2nd Blades score. With the clock running out on the first half, **Murphy** came out to stuff a "sure thing" only to have the rebound picked up by the Lasers Schiele who got it to **Contento** who took a zinger from the left side to get it into the upper corner to close out the half with the Lasers up 5 – 2.

Cohasset opened up the 2nd half with a quick score from **Alex Everett** on a rocket from the top of the cage and then the defensive "freeze" came over the game as both sides shut out the other for an impressive 6+ minutes of frenzied activity. **Yeager** decided that he had seen enough and single-handedly bulled his way through 3 or 4 Laser defenders to light it up with a low bouncer to bring them to within 1. With time becoming a factor, both squads "Cowboy'd Up" and the goalies both contributed to a highlight reel with one tremendous save after another with both facing down possible situations that could have ended the contest without scoring in a single round. **Yeager** once again came up big with a blocked return for the score to tie it with less than a minute to play and **Murphy** made an astounding save stuffing a last break to preserve the tie and to take it into OT. In this sudden death format, usually the first possession proves to be the deciding factor and it's one was more weighted as **Forrer** won the face off, dodged two defenders and blistered the corner into the lower corner for the victory and the right to meet the Championship squad. **Congratulations to both teams as they truly gave everyone a game to remember.**

Though this was a tight-style, congratulations go to the OT finisher – **Olly Forrer** – who earned the **MVP Nomination** for the Championship and his choice of **MaxLax** logo'd gear as the reward. Great job Olly!

MaxLax Game of the Week - **Cohasset JV Laxers Make GREAT First Impression**

In their first debut in the **MaxLax** program this past weekend, the core JV lax squad tuned up for the season with an unbelievably exciting first installment. Facing a tough BC High Eagles squad, Cohasset seemed to be making a statement in "business as usual" as they took a quick 2 goal lead on scores from **Mike Bunstein** (A-Jeff Brown) and **Ryan Kucinski** (A-Dan Trendowicz). They were in for a bit of an awakening from there on in however, as the Eagles took over the game both defensively and offensively, racking up 10 unanswered goals to close out the first half 10 – 2 leaving the Cohasset crew looking a little [illegible] Julien Carbone – Bernhard Rousseau and Mark Mellor – [illegible] Brown, Trendowicz – Jarod Kinch and Bunstein – [illegible] Trendowicz [illegible] Kinch [illegible] MaxLax [illegible]

Player of the Week: [illegible] Kinch (Cohasset JV) – With the game winner in the [illegible] MaxLax logo'd [illegible] his efforts.

Play of the Week: With [illegible] running out on the clock and [illegible] Eagles goalie [illegible] manufactured a miraculous [illegible] save on a "pro-style" quick shot from point blank range to [illegible] Cohasset's BC high JV game.

Character hiring

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Blake, who is taking over the head coaching reins at Duxbury High (where he is also an assistant athletic director) after leading the Skippers to a South Shore League title last year.

Off the ice, Virga has taught in Boston Public schools, and is currently the Resident Director of the Berklee College of Music. The Duxbury native also serves as a Youth Minister at St. Paul's Church in Hingham.

"I've always looked for coaches who preach sportsmanship first, and that's especially important in hockey," continued Ford, "and I think Ben is that kind of guy. He wants kids to do the right thing."

The 28-year old Virga has already met with about half his players, and says he plans to forge a game plan based on what he sees in early workouts, which get underway on Dec. 1.

"These last few weeks before hockey starts are always the longest of the year for me," said a laughing Virga, who was the man between the pipes for the 1994 state champion B.C. High hockey team. "I can't wait to get the kids on the ice and start working with them. I'm extremely excited about this opportunity.

"I know Cohasset's a team that's had a lot of success the last few years and I want to see that that continues. It's also a program with some very good community support, and that's something I hope will continue too."

In general, the new coach said he'd like to put a team on the ice this winter that "plays sound fundamental hockey."

"I'm looking to help give the kids a positive experience on and off the ice," offered Virga. "I'd like to put a team out there the community is proud to support. I want to help these kids learn to win and lose with class and grace."

Beyond that, he has only one goal:

"My expectations is to go as far as we can and ultimately win a state championship," states the rookie head coach matter-of-factly.

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New Cohasset High hockey coach Ben Virga.

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Midgets 'Bowl' opponents over

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defense stopped the Warriors again on their third possession, forcing another punt. The Sharks controlled the ball the remaining end of the second quarter giving the Sharks a 14-0 lead going into the half.

Ryan Cooney wasted no time to put another 70 yards of offense in the books. Scituate's second play after the halftime break saw Cooney explode for that touchdown run. The Sharks added the point after giving them a commanding lead (22-0)

The Sharks continued to play tough solid defense throughout the remaining second half, while controlling the clock to take home the Super Bowl Division I Title.

The Stingrays midgets were in control of their Super Bowl Title from the beginning also. Best stated by Bob McQuad at the Super Bowl Award Ceremony after the game at Hingham Hugh School. Great victory kids, you come out like Buzz-saw!" Indeed they were.

The Stingrays first drive pounded the ball 50 yards to watch Kyle Crowley punch in their first score, Kyle Ewanouski added the extra points giving the Stingrays their first blow.

Scituate's first touchdown drive was set-up on a great defensive play by Paul McInerney. McInerney's blocked punt gave the Stingrays excellent field position. The Stingrays man handling of the Middleboro Cougars offense continued throughout the first half.

"Robert Carlezon and cornerback Marty Noenikx steady defensive play all year proved beneficial on this victory." explained Coach Larry McInerney of the Stingrays.

Scituate/Cohasset Stingrays mustered up touchdowns in each quarter of play. Their balanced scoring attack saw four different players score and proved to be unstoppable with a 28-0 victory.

The Stingrays second score by Kyle Ewanouski early in the second quarter gave the Stingrays their second blow. The Cougars failed to respond and the control of the ball by the Stingrays played out the first half clock.

Stingrays defense continued to sting Middleboro completely shutting down all offense. "Al St. Peter did a tremendous job confusing the Middleboro offensive coaches. His using and rotation of players was great 11 added Coach McInerney.

The Stingrays added to second half score on a Chris Morgan on a 50 yard touchdown from Quarterback Dean Kennedy. Kenton Toney would rap up the scoring with a sweep to give the Scituate/Cohasset Stingrays their first Division 5 Midget Title.

Coach McInerney added to the Super Bowl victory. "The best part of coaching this year has been the kids, naturally - but the group of guys that coached with me made our undefeated season and Super Bowl victory a season to remember.

On a sad note to end this article, unfortunately the Scituate/Cohasset other teams being represented in Super Bowl play lost. At the Mites level both teams lost close games to very good Hingham and Barnstable teams. At the PeeWee Stingrays level Coach Cole Hawkins team exploded 20 seconds into the game with a touch down, only to watch a late fourth quarter touchdown by Hanover give them the victory.

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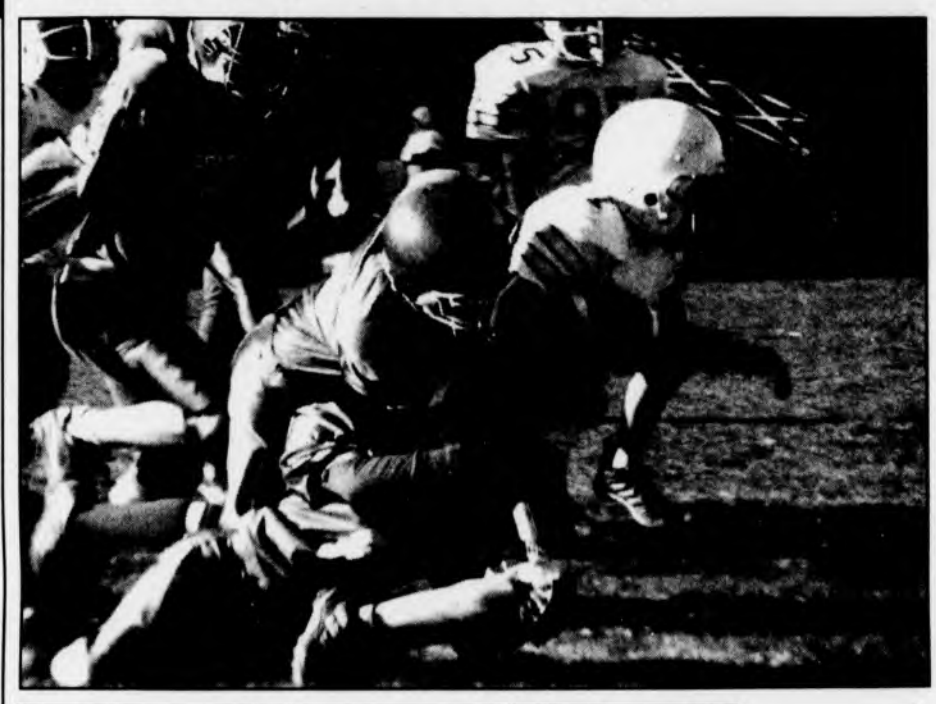
Pee Wee Stingrays head coach Cole Hawkins with team and runner-up trophy.



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Above: Stingray Midgets players Kurt Ohrenberger (#85) and Kevin Duffy (#58) make a tackle in their Super Bowl game Sunday.

At left: Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football President Bob McQuaid presents the Championship Trophy to the Midget Stingrays.

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Coastal Stars Youth Hockey Report

PeeWee C1 (Ages 11 & 12)

Center Justin Yeager scored a hat trick and goalie John Carrigg earned his third shut-out in only four starts in leading the Coastal Stars Pee-Wee C1 team to a strong 7-0 win over a previously undefeated Brockton 1 team on Sunday. Joe Fitzsimmons started the scoring for the Stars at 13:48 of the first period with a terrific back-hand shot. Gordon Smith, playing left wing, earned an assist on the first goal. The Stars' second goal was scored by winger Mike Caira, who scored the first of his two goals at 5:31 of the first period. Center Andrew Bell and winger Gordon Smith each earned assists on Caira's first goal. Justin Yeager scored the first of his three goals at 15:54 of the second period. Yeager fired a hard shot from the left circle that slipped by the Brockton goalie. Earning an assist on the Stars' third goal was Geoff Evans, who played a great game at left defense. Yeager also scored the Stars' next goal on a terrific break away play that was capped off with a great move in front of the net that enabled Yeager to slip the puck under the Brockton goalie. Scoring the Stars' fifth goal, and his second on the day, was Mike Caira who lifted the puck past the Brockton goalie at 3:27 of the second period. Winger Brian Meehan earned an assist on Caira's second goal of the day with a fine pass from the corner to Caira who was parked in front of the Brockton net and in position to fire the puck past the goalie. Yeager scored his third goal and the Stars' sixth of the day at 11:26 of the third period. Brian Meehan scored the Stars' final goal at 5:01 of the third period with a terrific shot into the top left corner of the Brockton net on a nice pass from center Justin Yeager. Also making key plays all day on defense were Kevin O'Connell, Chris Fazzina and Mike O'Halloran. Winger Phil Murphy also contributed to the Stars' fourth win in five games.

Mite A (Ages 7 & 8)

The Mite A's rose early from their Halloween slumbers Saturday and skated to a 2-2 tie with their Braintree counterparts. The Stars got off to a quick start, buzzing the net for several shots on the game's first shift. Kenny Parnell fed Frankie Lemieux, whose shot from the left was saved. But Tommy Dixon was perfectly positioned on the right crease for the rebound, and he put the biscuit in the basket for a 1-0 lead. Braintree shook off its shaky start and tested the Stars with smart passing and close shots. Connor Maher was sensational in net and saved several shots from in front, but he had no chance on the point-blanker that tied the game. The Stars responded. Terrence Doonan had two wraparound attempts and Will Golden set up Jake McDonough out front twice, but the Braintree goalie was on, and the period ended in a tie. The Stars defense asserted itself in the second period. Connor Maher continued his stingy netminding by stopping an estimated ten shots in the period. Jeremy Duchini and Jared McCrystal sacrificed their bodies to block Braintree shots. Brian Smith was solid on the blue line, allowing the front line of Jonathan Spitz, Will DeCoste, and Colin Whelan to pressure the Braintree goaltender. Andrew Geddes created some offense on a pretty give-and-go with Jake McDonough. Geddes got shots from in tight, but the Braintree netminder smothered the flurry. With about four minutes left, Kevin McDougall made a bold play at the blue line, stepping up against two Braintree skaters to keep the puck in the zone. McDougall slid the puck to Terrence Doonan's feet in the left circle. Doonan danced the puck to his stick and passed to Jake McDonough out front. McDonough faked a forehand, swept the puck to his backhand, and slipped the puck past the down-and-out goaltender for a 2-1 lead. Braintree tied the score on a rebound with about thirty seconds left, but Will DeCoste's rifle shot from the right side at the end of the period created a buzz. The Stars carried the play in the third period. Will Golden was denied by a kick save. Chris Cohen and Jeremy Duchini stopped separate Braintree rushes, and the Stars kept constant pressure in the Braintree zone. The Stars' best chance for the go-ahead came on another blast by Will DeCoste. The goalie just tipped the puck with his glove just before it reached the top corner, and it ricocheted off the crossbar. The Stars played most of the last two minutes shorthanded after a tripping penalty, but Braintree couldn't capitalize. Nice plays by Jared McCrystal and Andrew Geddes denied potential breakaways, and Terrence Doonan threatened a short-hander from close range. But for the second time in as many games, the Stars were snake-bitten by a hot goalie.

Mite C3 (Ages 7 & 8)

Coastal Stars Mites C-3 extended their unbeaten streak to four games, remaining undefeated for the season. The team traveled across the Bridge to Gallo Ice Arena and sailed home with a 5-0 victory over the mites of Cape Cod I. The team's third shut out of the season came as the result of continued strong blue line play by defensemen Andrew Tautkus, Jake Denton, Ryan Davis and Robert Gargano. Goaltender, Garrett Leahy, was outstanding in net, stopping all the shots fired at him and denying the Cape Cod shooters on several breakaway attempts to preserve the shut out. The overall team hustle enabled the Coastal Stars to control and maintain the play in their offensive zone getting many quality shots on goal only to have many stopped by a "hot" Cape Cod goaltender. Max Hemingway opened the scoring for the Stars in the first period firing a hard wrist shot from just inside the right circle. The goal was the result of a strong effort and good passing by line mates Jeffery Powers and Brian Bowman to control the puck in the opponent's offensive zone. Mark McGoldrick chipped in a rebound of a blistering shot by Sam Topham for the Stars second goal of the period. The second period began with

strong offensive zone play by Declan Leahy and Ryan Melia which resulted in a goal scored from the left circle by winger Curtis Golden to make the score 3-0. Ryan Melia continued his consecutive game goal scoring streak in the third period redirecting a shot fired by defenseman Hugh Healey past the Cape Cod net minder. Mark McGoldrick scored his second goal of the game late in the third period by slamming home the rebound of a whistling shot fired by center James Daley. Injured Star, Matthew Tautkus, supported his teammates from the stands anxiously awaiting his return to the ice. Teamwork combined with strong positional and hustling play has propelled the Stars to a great start of the season. The team looks to extend their undefeated season against W/H/K 1 next week. Great job Stars!

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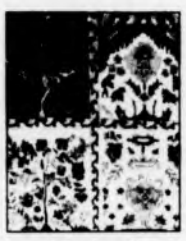
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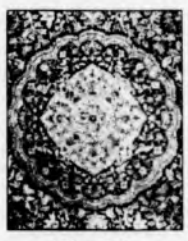
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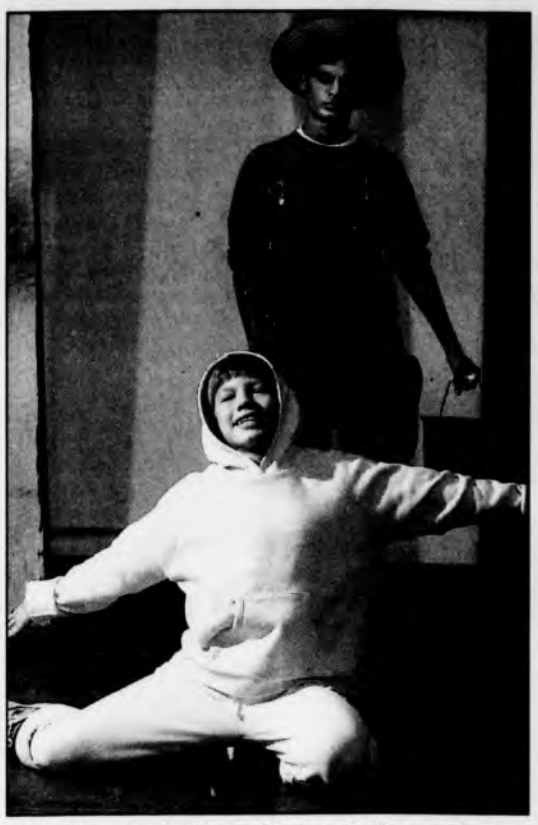

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Above: The Gander (Thommie Jaffe), Goose (Claire McCarthy), and Baby Gosling (Jessilyn Tassini) are part of the cast of "Charlotte's Web," which premiers this weekend.

At left: The Arables – Fern (Kristin Tassini), Martha (Caroline Cooker), Avery (Scott Wilson) and John (Tom Carmody) head to the County Fair in the heartwarming story about the meaning of friendship.

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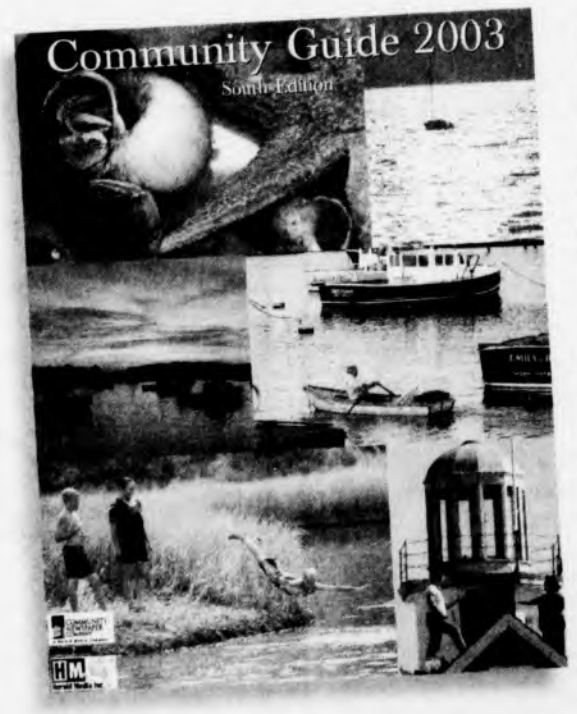

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Building 19 cartoonist drawing on success

Mat Brown shares the tricks of his trade in library lecture

By Matthew J. Gill
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Have you ever wanted to meet the man behind the quirky, creative, and often hilarious Building 19 advertising brochures?

You've seen Jerry Ellis, Building 19's founder creatively parodied in nearly all of the stores' drawings and brochure covers —but what about the man behind the cartoons?

On Nov. 19, local residents will get a chance to meet Scituate artist Mat Brown and see some of the work he's done during nearly four decades with Building 19 during the Scituate Arts Association's program "An Evening with Mat Brown." The program is the latest in the association's "Meet the Artist" series at the Scituate Town Library.

The discussion which will feature a display of several of Brown's favorite pieces from his years at Building 19, in addition to the stories behind them. The free program begins at 7 p.m.

While he's been working for Building 19 for almost 40 years, Brown's first career was in education.

As a math teacher at Scituate High School in 1967, Brown said he responded to an ad in the Building 19 circular seeking a part-time artist, and after a series of interviews and tests, he landed the job.

It was many years later that Brown learned he had been the only applicant for the position, which he still holds today.

"There's no titles at Building 19," he said, "I just draw the pictures."

When Brown started drawing sketches, creating artistic composites, and writing text for The South Shore's most famous over-supply store, it was open only three days a week, and Brown would sit down at his drawing board only after his day teaching math at Scituate High School was complete.

He kept up the schedule — teaching by day and drawing by afternoon —for ten years.

"It was a good job, because I always liked to cartoon," said Brown, who added that he considered the job would "give him something to do before [he] got a real job.

He never thought the store — and the artwork he drew for it would achieve the success it knows today.

"It was half-baked," said Brown. "It wasn't serious, but one thing led to another, and now it's a million dollar company."

When he first started, Brown said every aspect of the advertisements the company produced were completely drawn by hand.

"We put it together like you put together the junior high school newspaper," he said.

In 1978, Brown left teaching after 19 years in education to take on the artist's position full time.

The opportunity allowed his artwork to flourish, he said.

"I finally started doing good pictures. If you draw everyday you get better at it."

Today, Building 19 has 15 stores that are open everyday, and in order to properly advertise the store, Brown and a small team of artists produce one 24-page circular every week, in addition to store signs, radio advertisements, and occasional television spots.

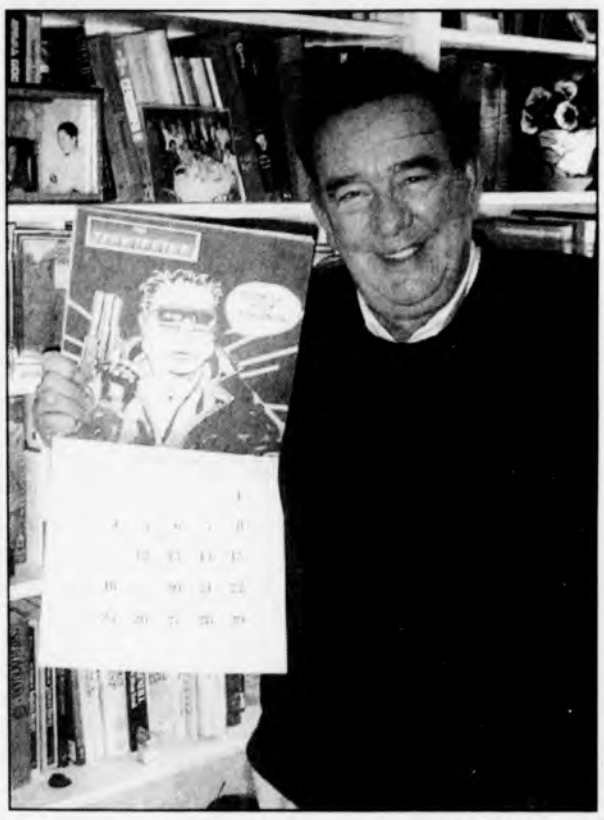
The process for completing the ads has modernized since the early days, and an increased amount of computer work is used today, but the ads' charm —like the store itself —lies within their rough edges, Brown said.

"It's still a slap-dash operation," he said, "but it's funnier now than in the beginning."

"We try very hard to make it not look modern," he added.

At Building 19, each individual artist completes every aspect of an advertisement, from coming up with a creative concept or joke, to interviewing the merchant, drawing the artwork itself, and incorporating any and all text and photographs.

"And you have to be funny," Brown emphasized. "It's hard to find people [that can do all] that."



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Scituate artist Mat Brown poses alongside one of his Building 19 works —the company's new calendar which features Building 19 owner Jerry Ellis inserted into various scenes from famous films.

Brown said The Building 19 circulars are very popular with store customers and many South Shore residents, and the artwork within their pages has earned Building 19 artists a variety of awards.

In 1998, The Boston Phoenix named Building 19's flyer "the best avant-garde newspaper supplement" of the year and in 2002, Brown's work was featured in Boston's ONI gallery.

Three of the artists who work alongside Brown in the art and advertisement department — Bill McGowan, Diane Houghton, and Bill White — are also from Scituate.

According to Brown, the reason the store is called Building 19 is simply because when Ellis was just getting started, he decided to rent some warehouse space for one day in the Hingham Shipyard.

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Brown said he will discuss a host of humorous Building 19 tidbits like this one, at the meeting.

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'Charlotte's Web' to premier at Town Hall

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Women's shopping night at Lightkeepers

A South Shore Women's Entrepreneur Night is brought to you by the Scituate/Cohasset Newcomer's Club and Bead Combers. Enjoy an evening of meeting new friends, hanging out with old buds, and enjoying food while getting a jump on your holiday shopping! There will be a selection of unique holiday gifts featuring the many different talents of creative women. Vendors include Sea Bands, MGS Design Studios, A Little Bit of Dot, Me Designs, Cotton Patch, Creative Memories, Tupperware, The Bag Lady Imperfections, and many more!

So hold your evening open on Nov. 13 at the Cohasset Lightkeepers Residence (15 Light House Lane) from 7-10pm.

GEMS of Hope gala

"An Evening of Elegance" is planned for Nov. 21 to benefit GEMS of Hope, USA. The event, to be held at Atlantica Restaurant, will include dinner, a fashion show and boutique provided by Neiman Marcus. There will also be a silent auction of items and events , the proceeds of which, will add to the support given to families in poverty-stricken countries to help them become self-sufficient. This particular event will assist the poorest of the poor in Guadalaljara, Mexico. GEMS also works with several local charities: the Mary Martha Learning Center, the Odwin Center, Magnificat Global Healtah Foundation, and Wellspring.

Reservations can be made by calling Joan Shockman , 781-383-6366.

Impact of Alzheimer's on the family is topic

Carol Westheimer will talk about "The Impact of Alzheimer's Disease on Family Systems" on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. Westheimer has lectured locally and nationally volunteers for the Alzheimer's Association as well as facilitates two caregiver support groups. Westheimer is also founder of Independent Living, a geriatric care management company of Needham. Her 30 years of experience in geriatric social work includes outpatient clinics, inpatient med-psych units, nursing homes and private practice.

This meeting is free and open to the public at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St.

For further information, call Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426 or Toni Abbott at 781-749-1823

Holiday gifts art sale

Hull Artist Studio Connection will present 'Arts at the Abbey' on Nov. 29 and 30, at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 29 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 30. Free admission and parking. Sale includes, paintings, drawings, photography, jewelry, wood carving and crafts made by local artists.

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The men of "The Blues Brothers," — foreground: Jack DeLorenzo on saxophone, Jeff Pratt on harmonica; and background, from left, Michael Hubley, Stephen Parnell, Howard Taylor, George Baumgarten, Gary Anderson, Bruce Indek — warm up for their performances this Friday and Saturday Nov. 14 & 15 as part of the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset's Broadway Musical Review, "The Best of Congo Capers". The show takes place at the Cohasset High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 and are available at (781) 383-0345 or at the door.

Kicking up their heels in "Bye Bye Blackbird" from the Broadway musical "Fosse" are from left, JoAnne Lehr, Pam DeLorenzo, Debbie Anderson, Lisa Pratt, Tina Cline from "The Best of Congo Capers" running this Friday and Saturday, the 14th and 15th at the Cohasset High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 and are available at (781) 383-0345 or at the door.

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Something for everyone at the Village Fair on the Common

Be sure to stop by Cohasset Common on from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6 for some good cheer and a great start to your holiday decorating and shopping. Hosted by four of the town's churches and the non-profit Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (ASP), the Village Fair has been a wonderful holiday tradition for more than 60 years.

Town crier John Coe will again be on hand to welcome visitors and direct people to the different attractions on and around the common.

"The Fair is a great way to start celebrating the season," says Coe. "So many people come and make a day of it, bumping into old friends and stopping for a bite to eat. Folks can do a little shopping and support local charities at the same time."

Volunteers from the First Parish Unitarian Church, Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Second Congregational Church, The Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church and ASP work together to create this holiday marketplace.

Inside the doors of the Second Congregational Church (next to Town Hall) you'll find a holiday boutique filled with beautiful hand-crafted holiday gifts and decorations. While you shop, children can visit the Kids' Craft Corner where they can make an ornament of their own. The church's popular New England chowder bar and bake table are always a great reason to stop by. And don't miss the churches Surf 'n Turf Raffle where fresh lobsters and filet mignon will be raffled off hourly beginning at 11 a.m.

Volunteers from the Greek Orthodox Church will transform Town Hall into a cozy Athenian Café featuring Greek pastries and delicacies, alongside an array of olives, oils and cheese. Visitors will also find beautiful holiday greens including fresh balsam wreaths and decorative boughs perfect for your front door. Volunteers will also offer a craft activity for children so adults can relax a bit while they eat and shop.

First Parish's Jumble Sale is back by popular demand offering pre-owned treasures of all kinds for adults and children. Stop by their Swedish Bake Shop for their popular home-made cinnamon buns, coffee, tea or hot chocolate. A small boutique will offer Table-top Christmas Trees in 12 in., 18 in. and 24 in. sizes in traditional Christmas designs as well as theme-oriented trees sure to delight lovers of birds, teddy bears, the sea shore and others. Visitors will also find delicious homemade soup mixes and a tree of new and used ornaments. Tickets will be on sale for the Annual Christmas Concert at First Parish held Dec. 14 at 4 p.m.

St. Stephen's Country Store is the place to find the perfect hostess gift and wonderful Herbes de Provence. Its Bake Shop is famous for its homemade toffee, fudge, cakes and pies, while their snack bar will offer donuts and bagels, hot dogs and homemade soups. Volunteers have been busy collecting hundreds of used books, CDs, tapes and videos for their popular Book Sale.

Santa Claus will be the guest of honor on the Common (or the Second Congregational Church Nursery, if it rains) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children can visit with Santa and have a picture taken by an ASP volunteer. And every child should be sure to visit the Secret Room at St. Stephen's Church where ASP volunteer elves help little ones select and wrap the perfect surprise for Mom and Dad, a sister or brother, even the family pet! All gifts are priced for a child's wallet and start at just 50 cents. Proceeds support ASP's home repair program.

Last, but not least, the Rusty Skippers will be performing their Annual Holiday Pops Concert at First Parish Church at noon the day of the fair. The Skippers have been preparing a variety of holiday selections sure to appeal to all ages. The concert is free, and a freewill offering will be taken for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

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At right: Santa's elf Polly Murray races down Highland Street during last year's Village Fair.

First Parish gears up for Village Fair

First Parish Unitarian Church is bustling with the preparation for its part in this year's Christmas Fair on the Common on Dec. 6. Its jumble sale and Swedish Bake Shop in the Parish House across from the Common will accompany the sale of table top trees, bean soup mix and an ornament sale — all surrounded by the excitement of the Rusty Skippers Band playing at noon and the annual Christmas concert ticket sale .

The famous jumble sale is back by popular demand in the newly renovated Parish House! Don't miss this great selection of pre-owned treasures of all kinds for adults and children. Accompanying this sale is the Swedish Bake Shop with cinnamon buns and coffee, tea and hot chocolate as well.

Tickets are available at the Parish House for the 25th First Parish Christmas Concert (concert date Dec. 14 at 4 p.m.) featuring Margo Euler and the Unicorn Singers performing John Rutter's "Magnificat," included is an audience-participation sing-a-long of familiar and less-familiar carols. The concert's beneficiary is the "Artist in Residence Program" at Mass. General Hospital — Hingham artist Joan Drescher and her "Imagination Kart" of art supplies help children with cancer express their feelings through art. Concert Patron donations of $50 or more may be sent to First Parish in Cohasset (two tickets included and published acknowledgement); advanced tickets at $10 go on sale Nov. 24 (781 383-1100); tickets are $12 at the door.

This year's concert is being dedicated to the late Rev. Ed Atkinson who conceived of the idea in 1978 to raise funds for a local charity. Proceeds over the past 24 years have benefited many local, regional, and international charitable organizations.

The First Parish Coming of Age youth group will be selling table-top Christmas trees in 12 ins., 18 ins. and 24 ins. sizes. These hand-decorated trees include traditional and fun Christmas designs as well as theme-oriented trees sure to delight lovers of animals, birds, sports, gardening, baking, the sea shore and teddy bears! The Coming of Age group will also sell its popular nine bean and barley soup mixes and a Christmas ornament sale too.

Jingle Bell walk is November 28

The South Shore Community Center invites family and friends to join in the holiday spirit at the Jingle Bell Walk. The Jingle Bell Walk, a Cohasset tradition offered by the SSCC, begins at 2 p.m. on Nov. 28, when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor (Border St.). After Santa distributes jingle bells to the children, he and his elves will board a hayride and the walk continues along the sidewalks of Elm to Main St. in Cohasset. At 2:30 p.m. the South Shore Community Center welcomes you to partake in cookies, a beverage, and a holiday-sing-along. Holiday music and carols will also be sung by all.

Santa will be upstairs in the Center to pose for pictures with you and your children. Please stroll through the village to share in the local shops' holiday ambiance.

At 3 p.m. on Cohasset Common there will be a "Turkey Tot Trot" for ages 3 to 10. You may pre-register for this event for $2 or post register the day of the event for $3 per participant. Proceeds will go to benefit the Nursery School. All participants will receive a prize!

Listen to the bells of St. Stephen's playing from 2:30 to 4 p.m., while enjoying a hayride around the Common. Hayrides will be available from 3 to 4 p.m. At 3:45 p.m. gather around the Cohasset Common to listen to the Rusty Skippers Marching Band. The festivities culminate on Cohasset Common at 4:15 p.m. with the lighting of the tree.

There is something for everyone this year at the Jingle Bell Walk. It's a great way to appreciate our picturesque surroundings, while involving the whole family in a Cohasset tradition.

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- persons over 70 years of age — $1,000 off

Clause 41C – if annual income is less that $13,000 (single person) or $15,000 (married couple), and the value of your assets, excluding your home, is less than $28,000 (single person) or $30,000 (married couple).

- surviving spouse — $350 off

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- disabled veterans — $500 off

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Clause 41A — Applicant must be 65 years of age as of July 1, 2003 with income less than $40,000 and must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding ten years. All or part of the tax may be deferred.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Food drive at CMHS

The Cohasset High School Social Awareness Organization is sponsoring its 10th annual food drive. We would like to invite the members of our community to participate in this event. All items will be donated to the Cohasset Food Pantry. This event continues through Nov. 26. It would be greatly appreciated if you could donate any of the following:

- Toilet paper
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap
- Tooth paste
- Dish or laundry detergent
- Mustard
- Ketchup
- Relish
- Mayonnaise
- Canned fruit
- Coffee grounds
- Spaghetti sauce
- Tuna
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Chips
- Granola bars

Collection boxes are located at the main entrance of the Cohasset High School. The CHS Social Awareness Organization says many thanks and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Elementary school menu

MONDAY, NOV. 13

Hot dog on a bun or turkey sandwich, beans, fresh fruit.

TUESDAY, NOV. 14

Beef ravioli with meat sauce or ham and cheese sub, carrots, mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

Early Release K-12.

Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, oven fries, pudding.

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

Turkey dinner, mashed potato with gravy, stuffing, green beans, dessert.

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

Pizza, cheese or pepperoni or fish fillet on a bun, veggie sticks, fruit.

Collecting box tops for education

The Deer Hill School has been participating in the Box Tops For Education program, sponsored by General Mills. It is a great opportunity for the school to earn extra money. They have slated the money earned, to purchase new books for the school library. The students have been collecting box tops from many General Mills products, and sending them into the company for cash! Last year alone, they collected more than $1,500 in box tops for the Deer Hill library. Their efforts earned the students an ice cream party for the entire school last spring! The prospect of purchasing some very needed books for the students, has greatly pleased Mrs. Murphy, the school librarian at Deer Hill.

Cohasset residents can participate in this program as well. Collecting the Box Tops for Education labels, found on many food products from General Mills, and sending them over to the Deer Hill library, will help the students earn new books.

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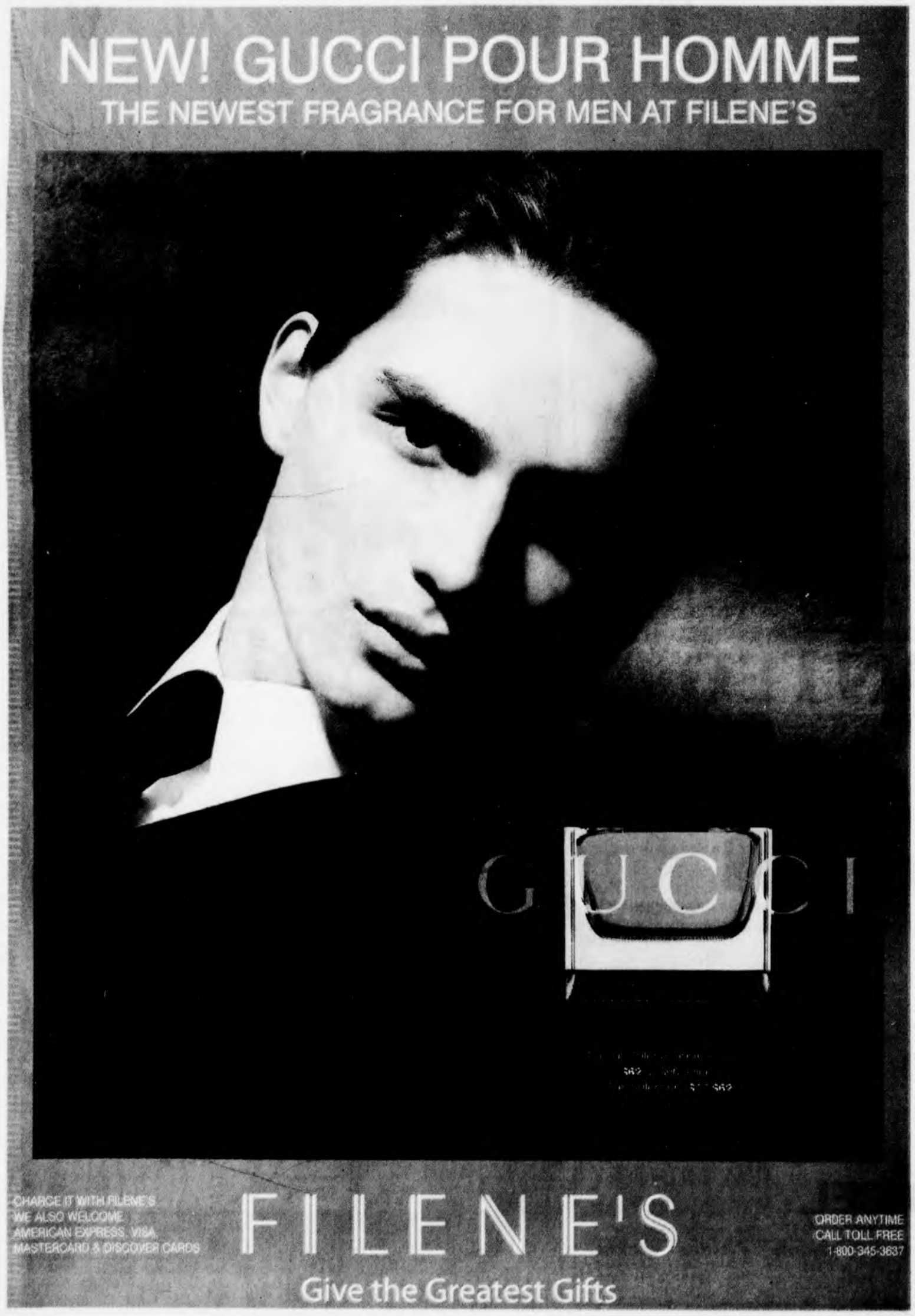

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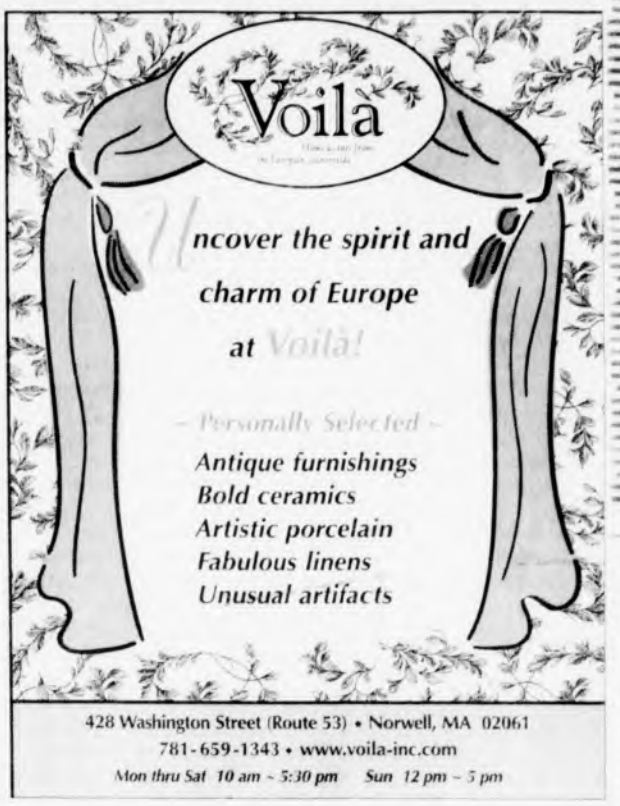

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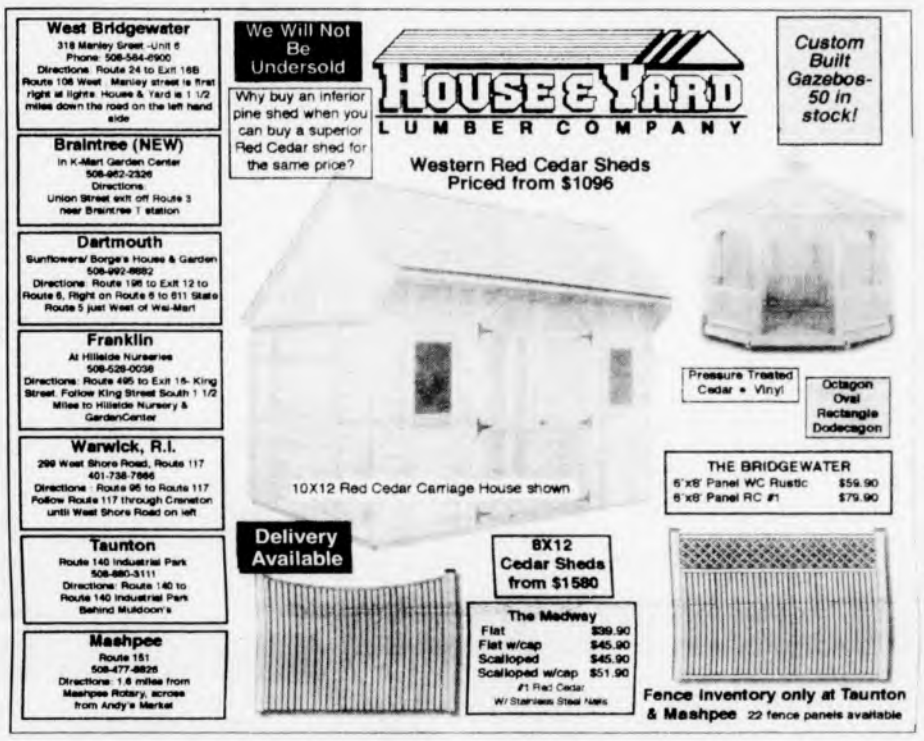

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Clause 41C – if annual income is less that $13,000 (single person) or $15,000 (married couple), and the value of your assets, excluding your home, is less than $28,000 (single person) or $30,000 (married couple).

- surviving spouse — $350 off

Clause 17D – also minors of deceased parents and persons over 70 years of age. There is no limit on income, but the value of your assets, excluding your home, must not exceed $40,000.

- disabled veterans — $500 off

Clause 22 – At least 10 percent disabled as determined by the Veterans Administration. Purple Heart Award recipients qualify, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross. Other exemptions are available for more seriously disabled veterans and paraplegic veterans.

- blind persons — $875 off

Clause 37A – Must be registered with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

- tax deferral — all or part of the tax

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Food drive at CMHS

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- Toilet paper
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap
- Tooth paste
- Dish or laundry detergent
- Mustard
- Ketchup
- Relish
- Mayonnaise
- Canned fruit
- Coffee grounds
- Spaghetti sauce
- Tuna
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Chips
- Granola bars

Collection boxes are located at the main entrance of the Cohasset High School. The CHS Social Awareness Organization says many thanks and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Elementary school menu

MONDAY, NOV. 13

Hot dog on a bun or turkey sandwich, beans, fresh fruit.

TUESDAY, NOV. 14

Beef ravioli with meat sauce or ham and cheese sub, carrots, mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

Early Release K-12.

Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, oven fries, pudding.

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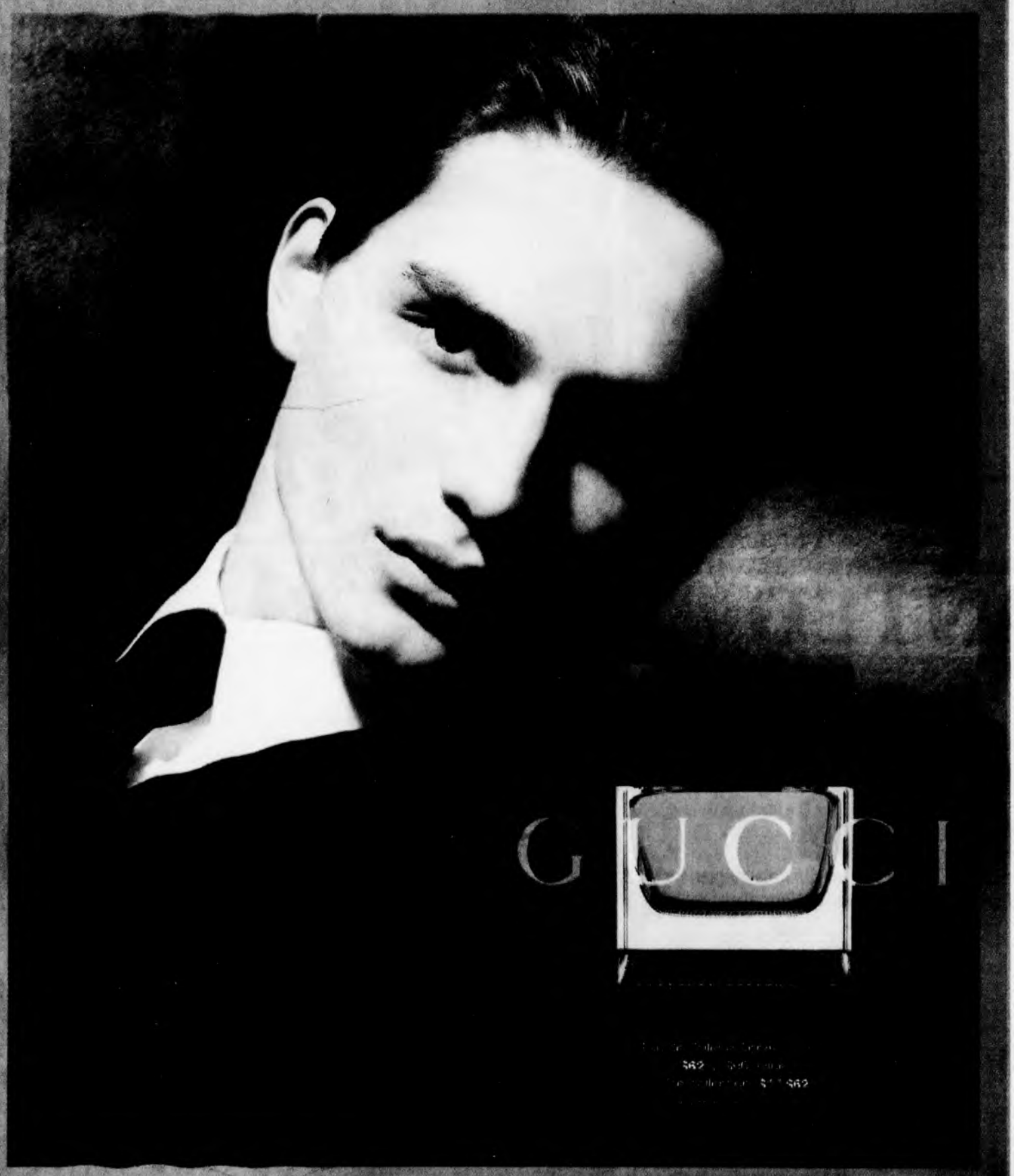

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8:16 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:22 a.m. Schofield Road, threats to do bodily harm.

11:17 a.m. North Main St., MV crash.

12:43 p.m. Sandy Beach Lane, tree down.

2:31 p.m. North Main St., vandalism.

6:35 p.m. North Main St., suspicious auto.

9:40 p.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

11:22 p.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint.

SUNDAY, NOV. 2

1:21 a.m. Headquarters, registration inquiry.

2:04 a.m. Howard Gleason Road, general services.

2:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Henry Turner Bailey Road, assist other police department.

8:02 a.m. Ledgewood Farms Drive, suspicious activity.

11:52 a.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

12:35 p.m. Ridge Top Road, parking complaint.

1:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash.

2:21 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity.

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MONDAY, NOV. 3

2:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

9:03 a.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

10:37 a.m. Elm St., property.

11 a.m. Elm St., assist other police department.

11:33 a.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

11:50 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.

1 p.m. Pond St., general services.

3:51 p.m. Old pasture Road, medical aid.

6:17 p.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

5:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., transport.

8:56 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

TUESDAY, NOV. 4

7:03 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

7:11 a.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

7:14 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, power outage.

9:10 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

9:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

10:10 a.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

11:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic complaint.

1:58 p.m. Elm St,. property, lost.

4:51 p.m. Howe Road, serve restraining order.

9:01 p.m. Howe Road, serve restraining order.

11:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious auto.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5

12:06 a.m. Headquarters, fire log entry.

2:45 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

5:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

6:06 a.m. North Main St,. motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

6:14 a.m. South main St,. and Depot Ct., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

6:20 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

6:25 p.m. South Main St, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

7:13 p.m. Schofield Road, assist citizen.

7:37 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

8:50 p.m. South Main St, vandalism.

9 a.m. South Main St., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

9:49 a.m. Woodland Dr., animal control.

10:33 a.m. Jerusalem road, suspicious auto.

11:56 a.m. Ox Pasture Lane, fire inspections.

12:50 p.m. South Main St., fire inspections.

12:58 p.m. South Main St., medical aid.

2:26 p.m. Beechwood St., traffic complaint.

4:12 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

6:33 p.m. Black Horse Lane, medical aid.

7:50 p.m. Hull St., suspicious.

11:30 p.m. King St., medical aid.

THURSDAY, NOV. 6

6:13 a.m. North Main St, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

6:22 a.m. North Main St. and Joy Place, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

9:19 a.m. Surry Dr,. medical aid.

2:56 p.m. Sohier St,. animal control.

4:37 p.m. Hingham line to Scituate line, assist other police department.

5:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other police department.

5:25 p.m. North Main St, general services.

9:16 p.m. Shier St. and Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle stop. Vehicle stored/impounded.

9:34 p.m. Elm St., vandalism.

9:42 p.m. Cushing Road, medical aid.

10:09 p.m. North Main St, general services.

FRIDAY, NOV. 7

5:22 a.m. King St., medical aid.

8:06 a.m. Elm St, medical aid.

8:08 a.m. Gammons Road, assist motorist.

9:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire inspections.

9:35 a.m. North Main St., fire.

11:14 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.

11:36 a.m. North main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle crash.

2:53 p.m. Jerusalem Road, threats..

4:33 p.m. Country Way, medical aid.

4:56 p.m. Forest Ave,. traffic complaint.

6:29 p.m. Norfolk Road and Bancroft Road, officer wanted.

7:19 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

6:07 a.m. Depot Ct., open door/window.

7:47 a.m. Jerusalem Road, violation restraining order.

10:08 a.m. North Main St., property, found.

10:12 a.m. Norfolk Road, general services.

5:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway registration inquiry.

5:47 p.m. North Main St., medical aid.

6:46 p.m. North Main St., noise complaint.

7:31 p.m. Margin St, medical aid.

7:44 p.m. Kendall Village St., fire inspection.

SUNDAY, NOV. 9

12:28 a.m. Depot Ct., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

6:39 p.m. James Lane, fire investigation.

6:55 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

Police arrested seven in October

October was a very quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were seven arrests, three for Malicious Destruction of Property, two for Assault and Battery, one for Possession of a Class D Substance, and finally one for Protective Custody, Police Chief Robert Jackson said.

During the month of October the police department investigated 19 motor vehicle accidents, four of which resulted in personal injury. There were 62 Motor Vehicle citations issued totaling $1,750 in fines. Additionally, there were 21 parking tickets issued for $600 in fines, Jackson said.

Also in the month of October the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 917 calls for police services, of those 108 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls, he said.

In the month of October there were no Breaking and Enterings. Additionally there were four Criminal Complaints issued for the month.

During the month the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau announced the Cohasset Police Department would be awarded a $7,000. Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant. This grant will fund five traffic mobilizations starting with the November Click it or Ticket mobilization from Nov. 10 to 30, and $3,000 for purchases of traffic enforcement equipment.

Police receive grant for traffic enforcement

Chief Robert W. Jackson announced the Cohasset Police Department received a $7,000 grant to conduct extra traffic enforcement during the second year of the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's (GHSB) Click It, or Ticket and You Drink & Drive. You Lose. Campaigns. The GHSB, a program of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety, is providing $2.2 million in grant funding for these two campaigns to 217 local police departments and to the State Police.

The first Click It or Ticket Mobilization will take place from Nov. 10 to 30. The first You Drink & Drive. You Lose. Mobilization will be from Dec. 15 to Jan. 4, 2004.

"This Click It or Ticket Mobilization will reduce the danger we all face from motor vehicle crashes during the heavily-traveled Thanksgiving Holiday period," said Chief Jackson . "In addition to preventing aggressive and impaired driving and speeding, this mobilization will allow us to increase compliance with the Massachusetts safety belt and child passenger safety laws so more people will be protected."

The GHSB's Click It or Ticket and You Drink & Drive. You Lose. Campaigns, made possible by federal highway safety grants, combine traffic enforcement, public information, as well as community education. The Click It or Ticket Campaign helped to increase safety belt use from 51 percent in 2002 to 62 percent in 2003. For more information, go to www.mass.gov/ghsb.

There were four motor vehicle crashes that resulted in four fatalities during the four-day Thanksgiving Holiday period in Massachusetts in 2002.

Chief Jackson provided the following information on safety belts, booster seats and child safety seats:

• Safety belts reduce the risk of death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash by up to half. Yet a 2003 statewide survey conducted by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau found only 62 percent of front seat occupants wear safety belts in Massachusetts as compared to 79 percent belt use nationwide. The lowest usage rate was among teen drivers at 58 percent.

• Massachusetts law requires all drivers and passengers to be properly restrained in a safety belt, booster seat or child safety seat. A driver may be stopped by police solely for having a child 12 years of age or younger improperly restrained ($25 fine per unbuckled occupant).

• Massachusetts law requires children under five and weighing 40 pounds or less to ride properly secured in a child safety seat. Children five and older and weighing more than 40 pounds must wear a safety belt. For maximum safety, children 40 to 80 pounds should ride in a booster seat. Children over 80 pounds and taller than 4 feet 9 inches are ready for an adult safety belt.

• Children 12 years of age and under, especially those riding in a rear-facing child safety seat, should always ride properly restrained in the back seat away from an air bag.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF COHASSET

ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN

In accordance with the Town of Cohasset's Traffic Rules and Orders:

"SECTION 7. No All Night Parking. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle other than one acting in an emergency, to park said vehicle on any street for a period of time longer than one (1) hour between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day, beginning November 15th and ending April 1st, inclusive."

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LEGAL NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P2669EP

In the Estate of ALLAN PRESCOTT LOCKE

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death September 4, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that STEPHEN A. LOCKE of HINGHAM in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 3, 2003.**

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Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P2555EP

[illegible] the Estate of HAZEL L. SMITH

Late of COHASSET
[illegible] the County of NORFOLK

NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P2609EP

In the Estate of TERESA N. MAURER

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death April 3, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that LOUIS H. MAURER of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 10, 2003.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, October 24, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#375381
Cohasset Mariner 11/13/03

Date of Death September 29, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that DAVID J. SMITH of RIDGEFIELD in the state of CONNECTICUT or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 3, 2003.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, October 24, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#375381
Cohasset Mariner 11/13/03

ZBA/23 SUMMER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Thurs., Nov. 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b & 9.7.8 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Chris Whalen** seeks to construct additions at **23 Summer St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-10-28.

AD#368700
Cohasset Mariner 11/6,

11/13/03

ZBA/430 ATLANTIC AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues. Dec. 2, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.8 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Virginia DeVitre/Shahinian, Tr.** seeks to construct garage/studio at **430 Atlantic Ave.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-11-10.

AD#375382
Cohasset Mariner 11/13, 11/20/03

ZBA/4 OTIS AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Thurs., Nov. 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Otis Ave. Realty Trust** seeks to demolish/construct new dwelling to at **4 Otis Ave.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-10-31.

AD#370901
Cohasset Mariner 11/6, 11/13/03

ZBA/754 C.J.C.H.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues. Dec. 2, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Variance** pursuant to 6.5 of the Zoning ByLaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Road to Responsibility, Inc.** seeks to erect sign at 754 C.J.C.H according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-11-10.

AD#375384
Cohasset Mariner 11/13, 11/20/03

OBITUARIES

Robert M. Davenport

Robert M. Davenport of Cohasset died Sunday, Nov. 9 of complications from heart disease. He was 63.

Mr. Davenport was born in Chicago and raised in Winnetka, Ill. After graduating from New Trier High School in Winnetka, Mr. Davenport studied Business Finance at Northwestern University, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1962 and served as President of Beta Theta Pi. In 1964 he received his MBA from Northwestern's Graduate School of Business Administration, concentrating in Marketing.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1962-63, and was honorably discharged a Sergeant from the 7th Battalion, 3rd Artillery, U.S. Army Reserve in 1968.

In 1968 he moved to Cohasset and worked with the International Division of The Gillette Company in Boston as the Assistant Director of Marketing Research. From 1972 to 1975 he served in Cali, Colombia as Gillette's Marketing Research Manager. After retiring from Gillette, he was a regular substitute teacher at Norwell High School.

He was an avid sailor, and was actively involved in the Cohasset Sailing Club, Flying Scot Fleet, Government Island Advisory Committee, Historical Society and Library.

Mr. Davenport leaves a son, Bill of Sudbury; a daughter, Heather of Scituate, two brothers, John of Minnetonka, Minnesota, and David of Dover, Massachusetts, six grandchildren, and a close, personal friend, Pam Mateu of Quincy.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mr. Davenport's memory will be welcomed by the Cohasset Sailing Club, P.O. Box 111, Cohasset, MA 02205 or by the American Heart Association, Attn: Memorial Gifts, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

John "Harry" Marr

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John "Harry" Marr, 87, died Nov. 8, 2003, at Cape Cod Hospital on Nov. 8, 2003 after a brief illness.

Born and raised in Waltham, Mr. Marr attended Boston College High School. He was a 1937 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Notre Dame, where he lettered in football and while there he was an amateur boxing champion. He was an assistant coach of the Orange Bowl bound Boston College Eagles. He was a veteran World War II as a Naval Aviator. He was a major influence in the growth of interest in scuba diving, while a sales manager at the U.S. Divers Corporation. He capped his career as a founder and owner of Pro Divers U.S.A. in Braintree. He was noted as a handball ball player in his younger years, a competitive golfer in his middle and later years, and an avid sports fan his whole life.

He was a member of the South Shore and Furnace Brook Country Clubs. He also had the rare distinction of surviving an exhibition boxing match with the legendary Joe Louis in 1934. He and his family lived in Hingham for more than 40 years until his retirement to Osterville on Cape Cod, where he enjoyed the last years of his life in the loving care of his daughter, Constance.

Known for his sense of humor, he entertained his family and friends with his clever and witty limericks.

Husband of the late Margaret D. (O'Connell) Marr, he leaves his children Warren of Thousand Oaks, Calif., Maureen C. Carven of Marstons Mills, Michael of San Felipe, N.M., Peter of Newton, Matthew of Cohasset, John J. "Jay" of Haleiwa, Hawaii, Constance Marr of Osterville, Mark of Havazu City, Ariz. and Irene Marr of Washington, D.C., and the late Paul Marr; 17 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He was the brother of the late Sister Mary Justine.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Paul's Church, Hingham. Internment was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, Ma. 0 1701

Frank O. Pattison

Frank 0. Pattison, 89, of Cohasset and Del Ray Beach, Fla., died Nov. 1, 2003, after a brief illness at the Cardigan Nursing Home in Scituate.

Born, raised and educated in Cohasset, Mr. Pattison worked for 20 years as a foreman at the Fore River Shipyard.

For 25 years, he worked as a real estate broker for Petersen Realty in Cohasset, and he retired in 1979.

In his retirement, he enjoyed refinishing furniture as one of his hobbies,

He leaves his wife Dorothy (Bates); a daughter Joanne M. and her husband, Brian Cogill of Cohasset; grandchildren, Brian F. Cogill of Maine, Bethann Buckley of Scituate, Brett Cogill of Carver, David M. Pattison of Florida, and Dennis Pattison of Florida; three great-grandsons, and 10 great-granddaughters. He was the father of the late David Pattison.

A memorial mass will be celebrated, Saturday, Nov. 15, in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset, at 10 am. Relatives and friends are invited. Internment private. Visiting hours omitted.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to, Activities Fund of the Cardigan Nursing Home, c/o Lisa Curley, 59 Country Way, Scituate, Ma, 02066.

Arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, One Summer St., Cohasset, Ma.

Joseph F. Kehoe

Joseph F. Kehoe, age 73, of Cohasset, died Nov. 5, 2003, at Brockton Hospital following a long illness.

Mr. Kehoe was a retired supervisor for Ernest Minelli Inc. in Hull. He worked for the construction company for more than 40 years, and retired in 1994.

Born in Brookline, he was raised in Hingham and was a graduate of Hingham High School, class of 1950. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict. Mr. Kehoe lived in Cohasset for 50 years.

He leaves his wife Shirley C. (Salvacor) Kehoe; two daughters, Bonnie Taft of Florida, and Brenda Kehoe of California; two sons, Jody F. Kehoe and Joey F. Kehoe, both of Cohasset. four brothers, Thomas "Bunky" Kehoe and James Kehoe, both of Hingham, Richard Kehoe of Scituate, and John Kehoe of Florida. He was the grandfather of Emily, Allison, and Nicholas Taft of Florida and Sarah and Samantha Kehoe of Cohasset.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 7, in St. Anthony's Church. Interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Donations in Mr. Kehoe's memory may be made to the Cohasset Wrestling Boosters Club, Cohasset High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset, Ma 02025.

Charles Infusino Jr.

Charles Infusino Jr.,88, died Nov. 10, 2003, at South Shore Hospital in South Weymouth, after a brief illness.

Born in Cohasset, the son of the late Charles and Theresa (Andraccio) Infusino, he attended Cohasset High School.

Mr. Infusino was employed for 25 years as a welder, retiring in 1976.

He was an avid gardener.

Husband of the late Shirley (Gauley) Infusino, he leaves two sons, David of Scituate and Danna of Cohasset; one sister, Frances Calvi of Hingham; one brother Albert Infusino of Cohasset; two grandsons.

A funeral Mass officiated by the Rev. John Mulverhill, pastor, will be celebrated on Nov. 14, at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery.

Visiting hours will be Thursday, Nov. 13, from 3 to 7 p.m.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jimmy Fund, 375 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

Edward J. Sweeney Jr.

Edward J. Sweeney Jr. 72, of Cohasset, died Nov. 8, 2003, at New England Medical Center, after a short illness.

Born in Jamaica, N.Y., the son of the late Edward J. Sweeney Sr. and Dorothy (Hillman) Sweeney, he attended Cohasset High School, class of 1949.

A Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, Mr. Sweeney served for 20 years and retired as a lieutenant. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He enjoyed fishing and was an animal lover and advocate.

He leaves his brother, Robert L. Sweeney, of Scituate, and three nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom:

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. (781)-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantorial Soloist: Abby Gostein. Friday evening and Saturday morning worship. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. Visit www.shaaray.org for specific times and details.

Second Congregational Church:

The Second Congregational Church located at 43 Highland Ave. offers a quieter, more liturgical style of worship with communion at 8 a.m. on Sundays in the chapel. Our traditional service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. For further information please contact us at (781) 383 - 0345 or visit us on line at www.secondcongregationalchurch.com.

Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Parish Unitarian Church

First Parish Unitarian Church, on Cohasset Common, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Adult Christian Formation. Poetry and Spirituality Group meets Wed., 2:30 p.m. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Alpha Course at 7 p.m. Paths for a Just Peace in Israel/Palesine, Wed.. 7:30 p.m.Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study twice a month Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Friday soup and sandwich at noon.. All welcome. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org

In the Scripture lessons for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, the Book of Daniel gives a vision for the end of human history. The Letter to the Hebrews warns of God's judgment and encourages the Christian community not to shrink back but to endure in the faith that God will soon make salvation known. In the Gospel of Mark, the disciples are forewarned of an act of sacrilege, a time of fearful tribulation, and the appearance of persons claiming to be Christ. Preacher: the Very Rev. E. Clifford Cutler.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service; Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

Temple Beth Sholom

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On the South Shore

NOVEMBER 13 -21, 2003

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Thurs. 13

South Shore Natural Science Center Thursday Tea: Italy - Sue Setterland from the Rockland Trust Company takes us on an armchair adventure throughout the Italian countryside on Nov. 13, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. $7 for members, $10 for non-members.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury, presents **Stories and Art with Sally for Preschoolers**, every second Thursday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Preregistration required. $5. Call 781-934-6634 ext. 15.

Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main St., Hingham will host an open house on Nov. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. 781-749-5930.

TIC (Talking Information Center for the Blind) 11th Annual Wine Tasting - Barker Tavern, Scituate, Nov. 13, The TIC Fall Wine Tasting Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Barker Tavern in Scituate. Cost is $75 per person, with proceeds going to TIC's receiver fund. A silent auction will also be held at this event. To purchase tickets and reserve your seat, call TIC at 1-800-696-9505

Norwell Sociables Book Club, 7:30 p.m. 7 Glen Ridge Terrace, book discussion **The Secret Lift of Bees** by Sue Monk Kidd. Interested in joining call 781-659-4399.

Folksinger/songwriter Jess Klein will be performing at Mass NARAL's Stand Up For Choice Concert on Nov. 13, at the First Parish Brewster, 1969 Main St. Brewster. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.f or coffee and cake. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are 15. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please visit www.massnaral.org, or contact Katie at 617-556-8800, ext. 14.

Buttonwood Books & Toys and the new Middle School Book Group Leader. **Barb Mullin** of Cohasset will lead the discussions on the second Thursday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. All sixth, seventh and eighth graders are welcome.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, **Gifts from the World to the White House. Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra at the annual fund-raising gala Tutti con Gusto - the Speed of Sound. Nov. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. at F1 Boston, Wood Rd. Braintree. Teams of three and individual racers will race on the country course, fans cheer them on. Bistro buffet dinner and silent auction with great prizes - the evening appeals to active listeners! $75 fan; $125 individual racer; $500 team of 3. Call 781-740-5694 for details.

Jimbo's Braintree Five Corners, **Comedy Night** featuring **Michael Petit,** Master of Voices and Impersonations, along with **Lauren Verge, Annette Pollack, Jeff Clough, Elizabeth Young-Collins, Chris Tabb** and host **Joe Holden.** 781-848-0300 or www.annnettepollack.com

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, **Martini Night with Streamline** (Midi Pop and cover) 9 p.m.

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

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Annie will be performed at the Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School St.. Foxboro, Nov. 14, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. and on Nov. 9, 15, 16 and 22 at 2 p.m. An opening night reception will be held after the performance. Tickets are $21 for adults, $18 for seniors and students, and $15 for children under 12. For information call 508-543-2787 or visit www.orpheum.org.

Fri. 14

South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will hold **Kids Dances** for ages 7 to 10 on Nov. 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A Teen Dance for ages 11 to 15 will follow from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, lower level. Tickets are $6 per person.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be Wiggin Sisters, and Karen Woodhall. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $5 members and performers, $6 non-members. Alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. 781-871-1052 or www.ssfmc.org

The Marshall Tucker Band, will perform at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for The Marshall Tucker Band and **special guest John Ford Coley**, priced at $32 & $27, at the Plymouth Hall box-office, online at www.ticketweb.com or at 508-747-0234, and at all Strawberries outlets.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Nov. 14, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington, Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes.781-331-0021or www.southshoresingles.org

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents, **Charlottes Web** at the Cohasset Town Hall, Highland Avenue, Cohasset, Nov. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 16, 22 and 23 at 2 p.m. Tickets $10 and can be purchased at Front Street Books in Scituate, Springbrook Kids and Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304

Holly Fair of Holy Nativity in Weymouth will held Nov. 14, all day along with roast beef dinner and computer raffle. 781-331-2030.

Adam Trudeau Benefit, Nov. 14, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Emerald Hall in Braintree. For tickets call Teresa at 781-848-9885. Donation may be made by calling Suzanne, 781-585-8499.

Donna Green, author of **To My Son With Love**, will be at **Westwinds Bookshop**, Duxbury Marketplace, on Nov. 14, between 4 and 6 p.m. 781-934 2128

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach (Hull) presents **Chris Fitz Blues Band**, Nov. 14, 9:30 p.m. www.seanote.com. 781-925-4300

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, **The Good Friends** 9 p.m.

Sean O'Tooles Irish Public House, Court St., Plymouth, Nov. 14 at 9 p.m. **Trax with Janelle Malafronte**

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, Nov.14, **J & B** 781-545-9898.

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The Massasoit Theatre Co., presents **Cabaret** Nov. 7 to 23, at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Route 27, Brockton. $16 general public/$14 students and senior citizens. For tickets call 508-427-1234. Handicap accessible. Free parking.

Huntington Theatre Company, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston, presents **Butley**, a dark comedy starring **Nathan Lane**, through Nov. 30 Press night at 7:30 p.m. Call 617-931-ARTS or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org for tickets.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell - **Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

The South Shore Natural Science Center will present **Perspectives From Above: Boston to the Cape and Islands,** featuring the work of aerial photographer Margot Cheel in the Vine Hall Gallery Nov. 3 to 30. Artist's reception on Nov. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. 781-659-2559 or visit us on the www.ssnsc.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

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Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Sat. 15

The Hingham High School PTO is holding its annual **Ski & Sport Sale** on Nov. 15 from 8 a.m. to noon in the HHS cafeteria, 17 Union St. Consignors may drop off their items on Friday, Nov. 14 between 3 and 8:30 p.m. at the HHS cafeteria. 40 percent of each sale goes to the consignor and 60 percent is retained by the PTO. In addition, *County Ski & Sport* of Quincy will be selling new and used equipment with a portion of their sales going to the Scholarship Fund. 781-749-5435.

First Baptist Church of Abington, 219 Adams St., corner of Routes 58 and 139 **The Annual Fall Sale**, Nov. 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

22nd Annual Hollyberry Craft Fair - Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Highway Kingston. Nov. 15, 6 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission Adults $2, Under 10; $1 Pasta Dinner Saturday evening. Adults $8, Under 10 $6 781-585-7511, ext 345.

Christmas Stocking Craft Fair, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington.

Santa arrives at the Hanover Mall at 10 a.m. on Nov. 15**.** Activities begin at 9:30 a.m. with the **Hanover Middle School band**. Santa will arrive at the entrance near Beautiful Nails and Weight Watchers.

The Weymouth Art Association will meet Nov. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. **Carole Lociacomo** will demonstrate watercolor. 781-337-1402.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Sundaes on Saturdays** between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Nov. 15 and 29 and Dec. 6, 13, 29, 27. Create your own sundaes. This event coincides with Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection. For more information call 866-JFK-1960 or www.jfklibrary.org

South Shore Genealogical Society meeting, Nov. 15, at 1:30 p.m. at the John Curtis Free Library, Route 139, Hanover. 781-837-8364.Ken Painter will present Genealogy in Cyberspace: Armchair Researching.

Tanglewood Marionettes presents **Sleeping Beauty** Nov. 15, at 10 a.m. at Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall, tickets: $8 at door; $7 pre-sale advanced sale tickets at Bookport, Hingham, or Hingham Public Library

The Hingham Coffeehouse off the Square presents the energetic, inventive modern bluegrass band, Resophonics, and the traditional a cappella ballad singer Marie Duprey on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. Open mike. Admission is $10. The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square. Handicapped accessible.

The Bay Players production of **Acting Together: Three Stories to Entertain You** at the Kingston Intermediate School., Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. Call 1-800-290-6825 for reservations or go to www.bayplayers.org.

Joan Jett, backed by her longtime band **The Blackhearts** will perform at Plymouth Memorial Hall, Plymouth, Nov.15. Tickets, priced at $37 & $32, are on sale at the Plymouth Hall box-office, online at www.ticketweb.com by phone at 508-747-0234, and at all Strawberries outlets.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, **David James Duo** 9 p.m.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, Nov.15, **Stirred Not Shaken** 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach (Hull) presents **Big Jack Johnson**, Nov. 15, 9:30 p.m. www.seanote.com. 781-925-4300

Sun. 16

Clift Rodgers Free Library presents **Brian Lies** at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov.16, at the North Community Church Parish Hall, 100 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, author/illustrator Brian Lies will be making a presentation.

Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, presents Sunday Concert Series 2003-2004 Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. **Nancy Carr** Big - band vocalist, accompanied by her husband, **Michael Cardoza. Elmer Drotos** and **Genevieve Rose**. Free and open to the public.781-834-5535

Brockton Symphony Orchestra presents its first concert of the season in an all Beethoven concert. Brockton High School auditorium. 508-588-3841.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, Documentary filmmaker **Robert Drew** presents **Filming JFK**, Nov. 15, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free and open to public. Call 617-514-1643 for reservations. www.jfklibrary.org

Interfaith Book Group, Wollaston Congregational Church, 48 Winthrop Ave., Quincy, Nov. 16, 6 to 8 p.m.

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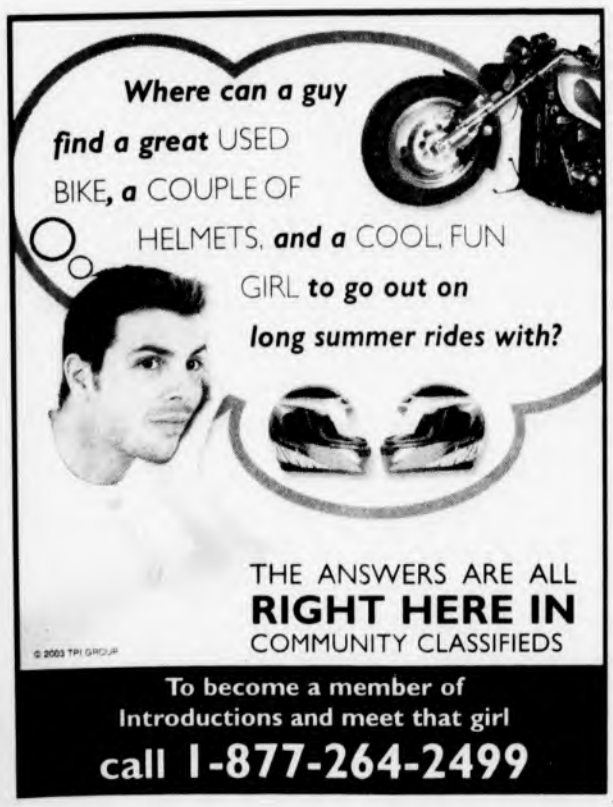

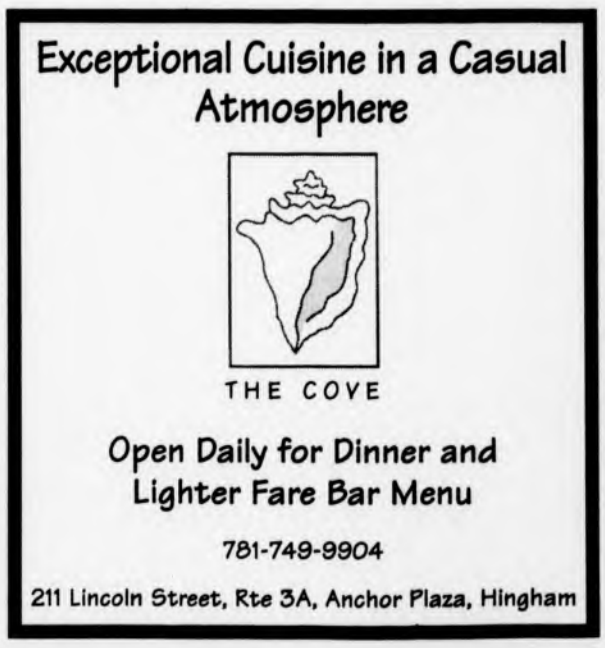

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Ave., Quincy, Nov. 16, 6 to 8 p.m. **The Lovely Bones** by **Alice Sebold** will be discussed. No fee or membership required. 617-773-1036 or 781-843-8346. The group meets every third Sunday of every month through June.

The Boston Classical Guitar Society and the Hingham Public Library presents the classical guitar and flute duo **Sharon Wayne** and **Bridget Kazukiewicz** in performance on Nov. 16, at 3:30 p.m. 781-741-1405 ext. 2600 or visit www.hingham.ma.com

The Holiday Greater Boston Antique & Collectible Toy Show will be held at the Dedham Holiday Inn on Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Route One, Exit 15A, off route 128/95. 508-379-9733.

Temple Beth Emunah Brotherhood, Corner of Pearl and Torrey St, Brockton, **29th Fall Flea market and Craft Show**, Nov. 16 and Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. 508-588-80-85 or 508-583-5810.

Independence Mall, Kingston, will be celebrating its **7th annual Evening for Charities** on Nov. 16, from 6 to 10.pm.

Brad Sherwood and **Colin Mochrie** from the red-hot TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" take to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. Tickets priced at $33 & $38 on sale at the Plymouth Hall box-office at 83 Court St., in- Plymouth, online at www.ticketweb.com by phone at 508-747-0234, and at all Strawberries outlets.

Carolyn Houghton Walsh will be the featured guest at the next Author Talk and Signing program co-sponsored by Westwinds Bookshop and the Duxbury Free Library on Nov. 16, at 1:30 p.m.

Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance every Sunday evening at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., 781-446-0234. Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35+ years old. Dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Tarot Card Reader available. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club, and The Presidents Club of Boston, www.se-4u.com

Decorative Painting Comes to Life at the Fuller Museum, 455 Oak St, Brockton through Dec. 14. The Painted Tapestry: Paula DeSimone and Decorative Painting Student Exhibition: Furniture, Floorcloths and Objects 508.588.6000 www.fuller-museum.org

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday **Jazz brunch** 10:30 to 2 p.m. $13.95. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

Bridgwaye, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Dixieland Jazz concert featuring Jeff Hughes' Lost in the Sauce Band,** 4 to 7 p.m. Admission $10 dining optional beginning at 3 p.m. 781-834-6505.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach (Hull) presents **Pursuance & Gregg Miller Band** Nov. 16, 6 p.m. www.seanote.com. 781-925-4300

Mon. 17

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents a screening of Robert Drew's documentary crisis: Behind a Presidential Commitment – **Integrating the University of Alabama,** along with **Vivian Malone Jones,** and **Nicholas Katzenback**. **Juan Williams** will moderate this forum. Call 877-616-1652 or www.jfklibrary.org for more information.

The Braintree Art Association, artist of the Month, **Elizabeth Pohl** will exhibit his paintings for the month of November at the Thayer Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Afterschool Nature Programs South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. 781- 659-2559.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

The North River Arts Society presents **Recent Paintings from Life works by Vivian Harlow,** Nov. 1 to Jan. 3 at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center.

Tues. 18

The Norwell Sociables: Pie Class, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. $15 per person. RSVP Call 659-1464.

South Shore Women's Business Networking Breakfast Meeting - Shopping Extravaganza on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 781-749-8883 www.sswbn.org

The Quincy Art Association will offer a **Children's Holiday Workshop** class for elementary age children on three Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, and 9, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the QAA building, 26 High School St., Quincy. 617-770-2482.

North River Arts Society presents **At the Fair,** original works depicting scenes from the Marshfield Fair, NRAS Little Gallery, G..A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, through Nov. 20. 781-837-8091.

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets every Tuesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus.

Westwinds Bookshop and the Duxbury Senior Center will host a luncheon program featuring author **Amy Whorf McGuiggan** as she presents her new book, My Provincetown, on Nov. 18.The program will begin with a luncheon at the Senior Center at 11:30 am. Immediately after lunch, the presentation will begin. Advance reservations must be made at by calling 781-934-5774. $3 for Duxbury seniors and $4 for everyone else.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Theatre Royal Bath presents **As You Like It** Nov. 11 to Dec. 21, at the Wilbur Theatre. Call Ticketmaster for tickets at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com

8-Minute Dating - Finbar's Norwood, ages 26 to 34 preregistration at www.8minuteDating.com New daters save $8 by entering code "8md" when registering.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 19

Weymouth Art Association artist of the month, **Arnold Turner** will exhibit his paintings for the month of November at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Call 781-337-4513.

Quincy Medical Center, 114 Whitwell St., Quincy. will offer a bereavement seminar for individuals who recently experienced the death of someone close to them. **Coping With the Holidays** Nov. 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Preregistration 617-376-5502.

Insight Education Center presents **Disciplining the "Defiant Child** Nov. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Route 3, exit 17 Braintree. Call 781-294-8004 for preregistration.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group, Carol **Westheimer**, M.Ed., LSCW, LMC presents **The Impact of Alzheimer's Disease on Family Systems.** Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. Free and open to public at Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St., Hingham.. Call 781-740-2426 or 781-749-1823.

The South Shore Multicultural Club will hold it's first meeting for the Celebration of Nations Festival held at the Vinal Elementary School.The meeting will be held on Nov. 19, at 9:30 am at the South Shore YMCA in Hanover. All are welcome to attend to discuss the upcoming annual festival. Call Kathleen Callahan 781-659-1454 or Jo Burns 781-659-4899 or e-mail ssmulti-club@yahoo.com

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Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 20

Cape Cod Artist, Elinor L. Martin will exhibit at the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery throughout the month of November.

The Braintree Art Association will meet Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the COA Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Douglas Turner** will demonstrate painting in oils. Free and open to the public. 781-335-4675

Thayer Academy in Braintree presents **West Side Story** Nov. 20, 21, 22, at 7 p.m. in Frothingham Hall at Thayer Academy. Tickets $5 in advance $10 at the door. To buy tickets in advance, come in to the student office in the Main Building at Thayer Academy.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, **David James Duo** 9 p.m.

Fri. 21

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center will present four performances of **A Month of Sunday** by Bob Larbey, on Nov. 21, at 7 p.m.; Nov. 22, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10; $8 for senior citizens and students and $5 for Dreamchasers students. Senior citizens are invited to a dress rehearsal on Nov. 20, at 4 p.m. 508-224-4548.

Plympton Folk Arts presents its **22nd Annual Christmas Shop in the Country** at the Town House, Route 58, Plympton, Friday, Nov. 21, from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town House, Route 58, Plympton

South Shore Arts & Recreation Center, Cordage Park, Plyumouth, Mill #1, Lower level. Signature **Move and 100% Cotton** will perform in concert Nov. 21, from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets $8. 508-747-1234.

A Tribute to Tony Bono, Sons of Italy, 120 Quarry St., Quincy. **Comedy Show** featuring 26 comics presented by Annette Pollack. Local DJ Paul Z, silent auction, raffles, 50/50. Purchase tickets at Gymboree Roche Bros. Plaza or Caruso Jewelers, Braintree or call 781-848-2317 or 781-843-4833 or 781-843-0126 for more information.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, **2 Shady** 9 p.m.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, Nov.21, **Crooked Angels** 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach (Hull) presents **Funky White Honkies** Nov. 16, 9:30 p.m.. www.seanote.com. 781-925-4300

Ongoing Events

Toastmasters Club - The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September to June, from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at The Fore River Club 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. 617-770-4303 or visit our web site at ww.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoast-masters.

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Parental Stress Line – Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury. First rehearsal Sept. 8, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

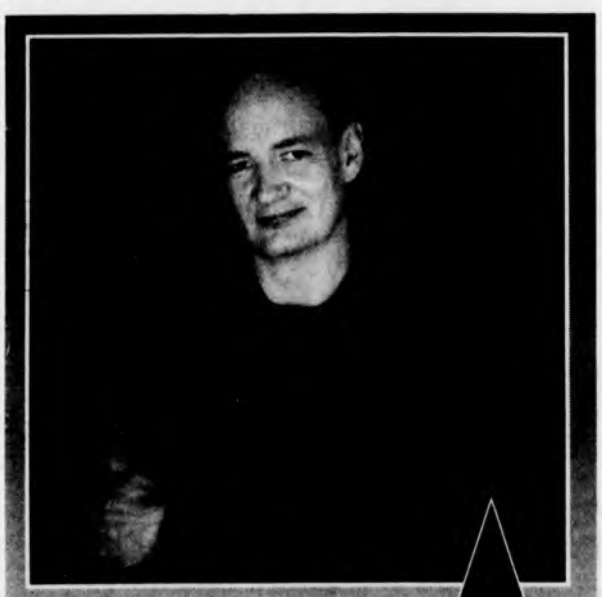
Walk American's Hometown - Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill and Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and the "Mayflower II are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrim's Life. The walk is seasonal running from April 11 to Nov. 30 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. For information contact Jean Jackman 508-824-5906

Pilgrim Hall Museum presents **Bringing Up Baby: 300 Years of Childhood in the Old Colony**, now through May, 2004 a new exhibit that explores the world of the very young in the Old Plymouth Colony from its beginning to the 20th century. What was it like to be a child 1620, 1850, or 1920? How do letters, journals, literature, and other writing help to tell the story of the children of the Old Colony? Who were their teachers, what kinds of knowledge were important to learn? What did they do for fun? The exhibition is free with Museum admission. Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court St (Route 3A), Plymouth. Information 508-746-1620; web address, www.pilgrimhall.org. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Admission: adults $5; Seniors (62+) and AAA members $4.50; Children (5-17) $3.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) $15. Residents of Plymouth, admitted free.

The fifth season for South Shore Quests opened May 1. Quests are a fun way to get the kids out in nature and a great way to learn of new hiking trails in the area. Clues lead the hiker along a trail in search of the treasure (a stamp and stamp pad). Quest books, which contain directions, maps and the clues for 19 Quests on the South Shore, are available at the Bookport in Hingham, Hingham public library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for $4. If you have any questions contact Kim Juric at 781 749-6121 or kjuric@attbi.com <mailto:kjuric@attbi.com>

BEST BET

The Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, presents its Sunday Concert Series 2003-2004 Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. featuring Big-band vocalist Nancy Carr accompanied by her husband, Michael Cardoza, Elmer Drotos and Genevieve Rose. The concert is free and open to the public. For information call 781-834-5535



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Brad Sherwood and Colin Mochrie from the red-hot TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" take to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall Sunday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. Tickets are $33 & $38 and are on sale at the Plymouth Hall box-office at 83 Court St., in- Plymouth, online at www.ticketweb.com by phone at 508-747-0234, and at all Strawberries outlets.

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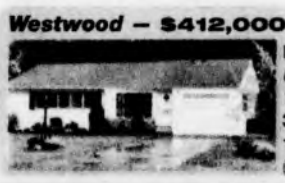
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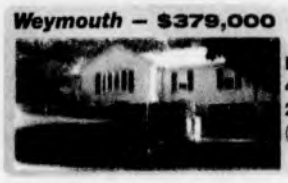
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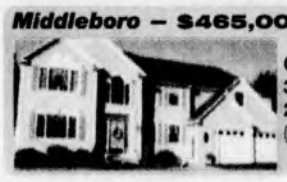
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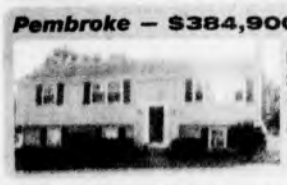
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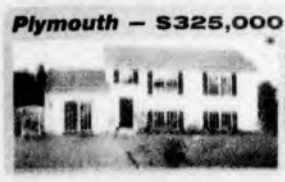
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'Fence-gate' results in DA ousting police prosecutor

By Mary Ford
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What the arresting officer described at the time as a "minor altercation" outside the American Legion Hall on Summer Street on a Saturday night in October involving the police chief's son continues to have major reverberations at the Cohasset Police Department.

After conducting an investigation, the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office has removed the Cohasset police prosecutor, Officer Rick Grassie, from Quincy District Court because he didn't sign a complaint involving the arrest of the police chief's son, Keith A. Jackson, and two other men. The complaint, therefore, did not go forward and there would have been no court record of the proceedings.. The men were arrested following an alleged fight at the Legion Post during which they reportedly broke the railing to the handicapped ramp.

Grassie's action caught the attention of the Norfolk County District Attorney's office that convinced Judge Mark Coven to issue the complaint. Keith Jackson and the two others involved in the incident at the Legion, Jerry Cogill of Cohasset and Adam Thibault of Hingham, were scheduled to be arraigned in court this morning on the charge of malicious destruction of property (valued over $250). The court proceeding is taking place more than a month after the men were arrested the night of Oct. 11.

"I continue to have the utmost confidence in Rick Grassie as a police officer."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

Grassie had held the post of court prosecutor for 18 months. Chief Robert Jackson appointed Grassie to the specialty position that includes an annual stipend of about $1,250 and a regular daytime schedule with weekends and holidays off, after Jackson became chief in March 2002 when Brian Noonan retired.

The Norfolk County District Attorney's office has jurisdiction over police prosecutors. The DA's office had a State Trooper present Chief Jackson with a letter late Thursday afternoon, informing him Grassie was out as police prosecutor.

"The DA in each county has complete jurisdiction over who is the prosecutor in criminal matters unless the Attorney General asserts jurisdiction over a matter," said David Traub, spokesman for the DA's office.

Grassie is out sick until the end of the week, according to sources close to the police department. Grassie did not return phone calls to his home from the Mariner.

Town Manager Mark Haddad did not want to speculate on the DA's reasons for dismissing Grassie from the court. "But I continue to have the utmost confidence in Rick Grassie as a police offi-

PROSECUTOR, PAGE 10

Voters give nod to Cook estate

By Samantha Brown
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With senior housing projects being proposed in various locations around town, voters seemed hesitant at first to approve the purchase of the Cook Estate at Monday night's Special Town Meeting. However, after much discussion and a change of motion on the floor, voters passed article four and the process of finding potential developers for the site can begin.

Voters were asked to approve the allocation of $4.5 million for the purchase of the 22-acre Cook parcel of land, which would be marketed and sold to a developer with the adjacent 8.7 acres of town property for $5.2 million for senior housing. There would be a double closing, transferring the property from the Cooks to the developer, and therefore no money would be expended by the town.

The Cook Estate purchase was one of 15 articles of business before Town Meeting which voters tackled over two nights this week.

During the Cook discussion, Tom Gruber, 8 Pratt Court, made the point that the motion on the warrant did not specify the selectmen could not spend

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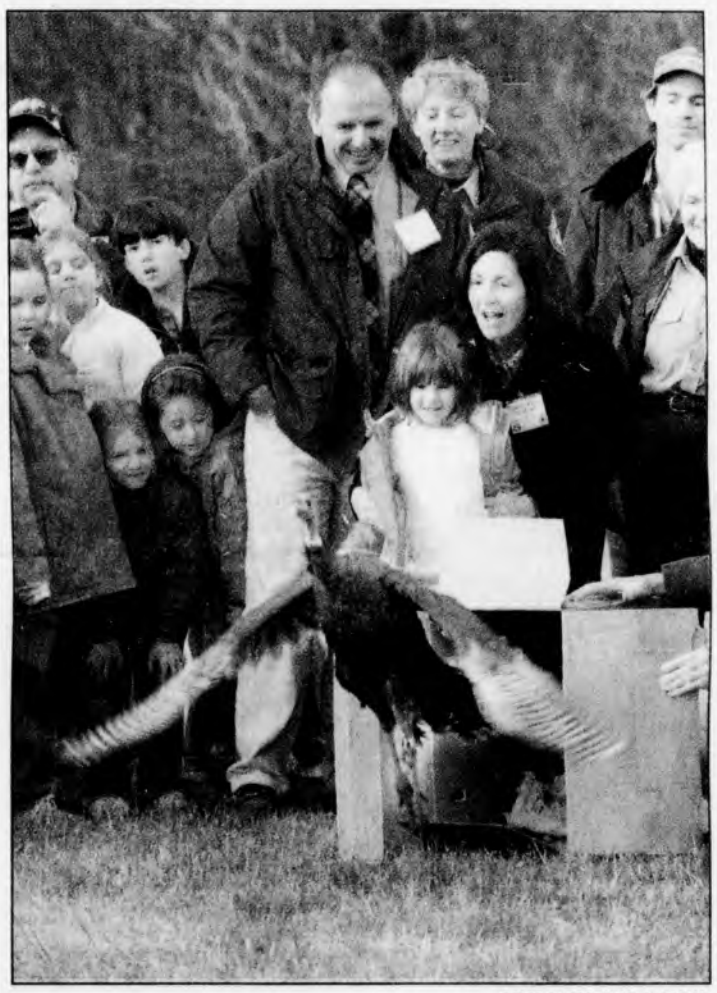
THINKING AHEAD

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Lucia Woods and Kitty Whitley of the Community Garden Club plant daffodil bulbs outside the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The daffodils should be up and blooming when the Spring Flower Show begins May 12 at the library. Others who pitched in include, Barbara Power, Sue Grant, Willoughby Hood, Iku Isihara and Shirley Marten.



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State Secretary of Environmental Affairs Ellen Roy Herzfelder and her daughter Julia, 5, watch in awe as a wild turkey is released at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham on Tuesday.

Turkeys have their own Thanksgiving

By Mary Ford
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The wild turkey is one of the best comeback stories.

And at no place was that more evident than in a clearing in Wompatuck State Park on Tuesday, when four wild turkeys were released in a ceremony that celebrated the 30th anniversary of wild turkey restoration in the state.

One by one the large gobblers were released from the boxes in which they were transported. Then with a big swoosh and lots of applause from bystanders, the impressive birds swooped up into the sky and flew to nearby woods.

The gathering, which was hosted by the National Wild Turkey Federation and the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, included hunters, interested citizens, and a handful of elementary schoolchildren from the South Shore Charter School in Hull.

State Secretary of Environmental Affairs Ellen Roy Herzfelder said it best when she opened her remarks by saying, "Let's talk turkey!"

Roy Herzfelder made the event a family affair with her husband, Bruce Herzfelder, and children, Julia, 5, and Desmond, 2-1/2, all of Cohasset, who came along to see the turkeys released.

TURKEYS, PAGE 4

Decisions etched in concrete

Voters say no to buried wires, brick walkways

By Samantha Brown
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When construction begins on the downtown streetscape, burying the wires and adding brick sidewalks will not be among the improvements.

The voters have spoken and rejected both proposals at Monday's session of Town Meeting. Instead, voters gave the nod to used colored concrete on the walkways.

Peter Pratt, 75 Ripley Road, who sits on the planning board and spoke as a resident, reminded those in attendance of a special election held in January which tallied a final vote of 750 opposed to burying the wires, in contrast to 350 in favor.

"The taxpayers voted against it at the beginning of the year," he said, adding he wishes the selectmen well in their efforts, but doesn't see how it will pass when the people have already made up their minds.

"I think it is bad public policy. The town has spoken on this."
— Rob Spofford ,
14 Heather Drive

Rob Spofford, 14 Heather Drive, who is school building committee chairman, said he felt having the article come up at town meeting was a "do-over" which did not honor the requests of all the voters who came out to vote the last time.

"I think it is bad public policy. The town has spoken on this," he said.

Andrew Quigley, 38 Jerusalem Road, had stronger words than Spofford and said, "It's absolutely shameful because it's nothing different from what they've already voted down."

Selectman Fred Koed, who presented the article, said Monday night's vote provided an alternate means of financing the project, but it was not enough to sway voters. Paying for the project through a surcharge on utility bills, as was proposed, did not go over well with the majority of people in attendance.

When it was decided the utility poles would stay, voters were given the second option of deciding on streetscape materials. Brick, the more expensive option, could be chosen only if the wires were not buried, because the town does not have the money available in the budget to cover both.

Tom Gruber, 8 Pratt Court, asked how much would be added to the cost of the project, should brick sidewalks be chosen, and Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris informed the group that figure was $250,000. If concrete was chosen, the sidewalks could be extended to expand the area in the revitalization project, she said. The $1.6 million revitalization project is being paid for through grants. By using concrete sidewalks, the town will have a $325,000 surplus that can be used to extend the sidewalk along Deport Court.

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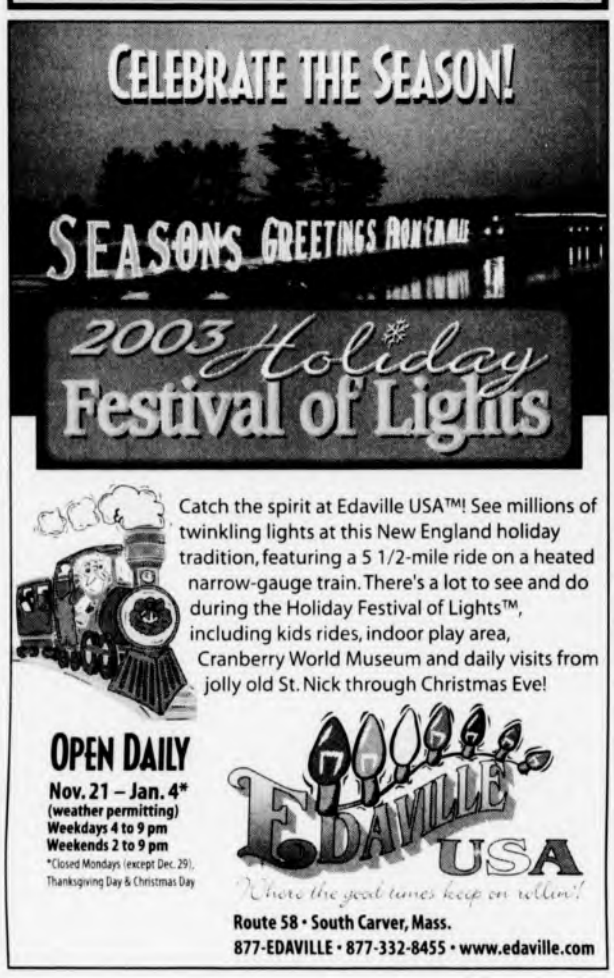

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It is urged that the following groups at risk for complications from influenza be immunized:

A yearly flu shot is recommended for the following groups of people who are at increased risk for serious complications from the flu:

Σ persons over 50;

Σ residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities that house persons of any age who have long-term illnesses; adults and children over 6 months of age who have chronic heart or lung conditions, including asthma;

Σ adults and children over 6 months of age who need regular medical care or had to be in a hospital because of metabolic diseases (like diabetes), chronic kidney disease, or weakened immune system (including immune system problems caused by medicine or by infection with human immunodeficiency virus [HIV/AIDS]);

Σ children and teenagers (aged 6 months to 18 years) who are on long-term aspirin therapy and therefore could develop Reye Syndrome after the flu; and women who will be more than 3 months pregnant during the flu season.

Σ People 50-64 years of age who do not have chronic (long-term) medical conditions might not be at high risk for serious complications from the flu. However, about 26 percent of people aged 50-64 years have high-risk conditions and are at increased risk for flu-related complications. Beginning in 2000, a flu shot was recommended for all people 50-64 years old each year to increase the number of high-risk 50-64 year olds who get a flu shot.

Σ Because young, otherwise healthy children are at increased risk for influenza-related hospitalization, influenza vaccination of healthy children aged 6-23 months is encouraged when feasible.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Dec. 2, 4 p.m.

Council of Elder Affairs, Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Conservation Commission, Dec. 11 , 7:30 p.m.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, dec. 10, 7 p.m., at the library.

Planning Board, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.

Recycling Committee, Dec. 6, 10 a.m., DPW garage

Selectmen, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Nov. 20, 7 p.m., high school library.

Wastewater Study Committee, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.

ZBA, Nov. 20, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

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Fri. 21	8:22	10.8	2:08	8:51	10.3	2:41
Sat. 22	9:11	11.4	2:59	9:44	10.6	3:34
Sun. 23	10:01	12.0	3:49	10:37	10.7	4:26
Mon. 24	10:50	12.3	4:39	11:30	10.7	5:18
Tues. 25	11:41	12.4	5:30	——	——	6:09
Wed. 26	12:24	10.5	6:21	12:34	12.1	7:02
Thurs. 27	1:18	10.3	7:15	1:28	11.7	7:57

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Cohasset to host Wrestling Tournament

Cohasset High School will host the 2004 Division 3 State Wrestling Finals on Feb. 20-21, the weekend at the end of February Vacation.

The school was contacted by the M.I.A.A. Wrestling Committee and asked to host the tournament, which Athletic Director Ronald Ford said he sees as not only an opportunity to showcase the school's new facilities and outstanding wrestling program, but an opportunity for the school's food service, athletic department and the Cohasset Wrestling Booster's to raise some funds.

In addition, because the tournament spans the entire weekend and students from all over the state are invited to participate, Ford said families spending the weekend for the tournament could provide a boost to the local economy.

An M.I.A.A. wrestling tournament host agreement will be signed by the school, which says a stipend will be paid by the M.I.A.A. to cover costs of hiring personnel to work the tournament.

School Committee Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts said this tournament could be used as an opportunity to set up a template to gauge how events of this magnitude should be handled in the future, and perhaps if things go smoothly, the tournament can be held in town again.

Ford said the tournament has been hosted in Wayland for many years, and the School Committee approved moving the event to Cohasset providing the proper custodial help and police presence is provided.

Ford said a tournament committee will be formed which will consist of Jack DeLorenzo, Torin Sweeney, Bob Levy, Tony Rolfe, a representative from the Cohasset Wrestling Boosters, and Ford, who will plan and run the tournament.

Hedlund holds Town Hall hours

The November office hours for Senator Robert Hedlund will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall on Thursday. Nov. 20 from 12 to 1 p.m. on the second floor in the 2A vestibule.

Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with the senator. The telephone number is 781-340-9866 or at the Statehouse 617-722-1646.

Volunteers needed at NE Wildlife Center

The New England Wildlife has opportunities available for volunteers in a variety of areas such as mailings, administrative, events, maintenance and animal care. More information is provided in mandatory orientation meetings. Call 781 331-4662 for the next scheduled meeting.

Volunteers needed at Wellspring shop

The Thrift Shop at Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, is searching for caring, responsible and trustworthy volunteers to work in the shop and to assist with inventory.

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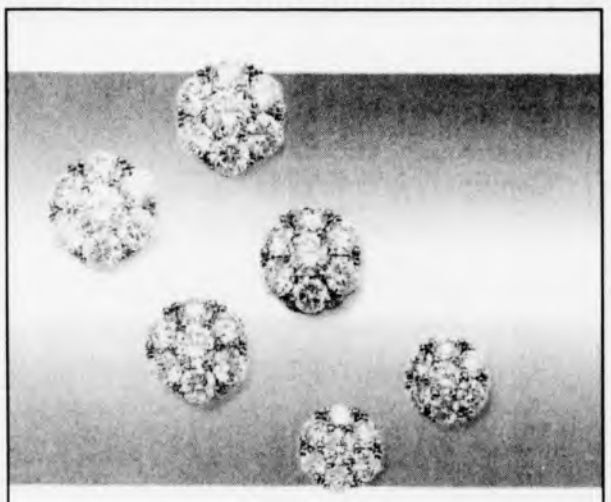

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Water commission appeals ZBA approval of Avalon project

The Water Commission has filed an appeal in state Land Court of the Zoning Board of Appeal's Oct. 27 approval of the 200-unit Avalon housing development.

"We are taking this action because we must," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "because the Avalon housing development threatens to contaminate our public drinking water supply, and because the ZBA has not just improperly approved this ill-advised project, but also, in their final written decision, has failed woefully to impose sufficient conditions to minimize the adverse impacts Avalon will have on our drinking water supply."

The Water Commission's attorney said the project cannot move ahead while the appeal is pending.

"The filing of this appeal today stops the Avalon project dead in its tracks," said Kevin O'Donnell. "We are confident that we can convince the Court that the ZBA decision was improperly made and that if the decision is allowed to stand that Avalon will cause environmental damage."

The Water Commission unanimously supports the appeal, said McNabb. In the appeal, the Water Commission asserts that:

Σ Lily Pond is in an eutrophic state and thereby is under great stress, threatening the current water supply. The granting of the comprehensive permit specifically impacts the Water Commission by allowing additional nutrient loading, further stressing Lily Pond and further degrading drinking water quality for the Town's drinking water supply supplied to the citizens of the Town.

Σ Avalon's wastewater disposal plan is insufficiently developed, inadequately investigated and not sufficiently tested to give the Board an adequate basis to determine whether the site is suitable for the new wastewater disposal plan. Avalon has failed to meet its burden of establishing that the new wastewater disposal plan will function in a satisfactory manner for this housing development on this site

Σ Hazardous waste contamination has been identified in the soil and groundwater at the site. The wastewater treatment facility effluent disposal may impact these areas, through groundwater mounding or altered groundwater flow direction, causing increased risk of contaminant migration which would render the proposed effluent disposal site unsuitable.

Σ The ZBA Decision removes all of the conditions pertaining to the wastewater treatment facility that the Board's consultant, Edwards & Kelsey, had previously proposed. These conditions have been relegated to a list of potential suggestions that a peer review consultant may propose to the DEP for consideration. Many of these items, such as providing more frequent effluent monitoring and setting more stringent effluent standards, had previously been suggested by Avalon, or agreed to by Avalon, during the ZBA hearing process.

The appeal is not unexpected. Both the ZBA and Avalon have said they expected the ZBA decision to be appealed.

McNabb said the Water Commission believes it has standing to appeal because the water department has permanent easements on the Avalon property. He also said the project would harm the water resource that the Water Commission has a legal right to protect.

Town counsel pleads his case at special Town Meeting Monday

Voters reconsider pay issue for attorney

By Samantha Brown
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A wave of panic must have come over both the Board of Selectmen and attorney Paul DeRensis, when residents voted against allocating funds to pay for services completed by Deutch, Williams, Brooks, and DeRensis, the firm the town contracts with as Town Counsel on Monday. However, at approximately 10:30 the same evening, a motion was made to reconsider the vote, and was then adopted by Town Meeting

Perhaps it was because it was the first article of the first night, but initially, the topic did not generate much discussion. The article was explained to voters as being money to cover legal expenses not budgeted for the year, including some zoning board cases which went to trial.

However, when the vote was taken, moderator George Marlette was unable to tell if there was 9/10ths approval, which was required. A hand count was taken with 154 in favor and 42 opposed, and the motion was defeated.

"I think people expected it to pass," said Selectman Michael Sullivan on why he thought the vote didn't carry the first time.

However, the article was brought up again by Leland Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, who had voted against it initially, but thought the topic deserved more discussion. Some residents stood up to state their support for the article, including Bob Sturdy, who sits on the planning board.

"We have to spend the money necessary to defend the town, or you're not going to like what happens in your backyard," he said, noting he spoke as a private citizen and not on behalf of the planning board.

"I seldom agree with Bob Sturdy, but I do now, you pay your debts," said Steve Bobo, Board of Health chairman.

Added Murray Campbell of 75 Old Pasture Road: "We have an excellent Town Manager and he needs to feel he has some flexibility and the means to back him up."

In addition, Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, came forward to ask voters to change their minds.

"We were asked to do the work, we did the work. People in our office did a lot of work to defend Cohasset. We're innocent parties in this. Please pay us."

Those still in attendance voted again, and this time approved the allocation of $73,471 to be paid to Town Counsel for legal services.

TOWN MEETING BRIEFS

Composting commode causes a stir in hallway

When walking toward the doors of the Sullivan Gymnasium Monday night, those who had come for Town Meeting were greeted by various maps and handouts for projects in town, which provided more information to ensure informed votes were cast. However, what many voters may not have expected to see was a composting toilet on a white tiled table, serving as a model for what could be installed in Cook estate bathrooms.

Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo had pushed for composting toilets at a few meetings leading up to Town Meeting and got the OK to set up a display for voters. While it will be up to potential developers to decide whether composting toilets will be a part of their plans or not, at least now there are a few more people in Cohasset who are familiar with the concept.

Voters OK'ed the purchase of the Cook Estate that will be developed into housing for senior citizens.

What changed on the Warrant?

While voters may have expected to see 20 articles discussed over the two nights of Town Meeting, last minute changes left only 15 articles to be addressed. Article 9 was reserved for the Community Preservation Committee in case any projects came forward that Town Meeting would need to vote on.

While Selectmen had asked the CPC to consider funding the due diligence for the Cook property, it declined. No matters were before the CPC, so it had nothing to recommend and the article was dropped.

Article 10 which dealt with the private way capital account was not necessary because that money was shifted into the reserve fund in article 3 to help offset the school utility costs which were over budget. The article was therefore unnecessary.

Article 18 was discussed at length, but because the meeting was dissolved before a vote was taken, it is as if the article never came forward. Articles 19 and 20 were going to be dropped on the floor because the Planning Board did not take action on them prior to the meeting, so they were therefore unable to be voted on.

Fire department will get new ladder truck

Voters approved the appropriation of $660,000 for a new ladder truck at Town Meeting Tuesday, but it wasn't without some discussion. Fire Chief Roger Lincoln asked for the funding to replace the 1978 truck, which has had many problems over the years.

While he said he wasn't for or against the purchase of the truck, Leland Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, said he didn't feel he had heard enough information on why the town needs a new ladder truck, and motioned to indefinitely postpone the article.

"How many buildings can't be serviced with sprinklers?" he asked. He also wanted to know if the truck will go out on every call, if there will always be someone to man the truck. He asked if anyone talked to neighboring towns about mutual aid.

"I think there needs to be more thought before we spend," he said, adding a group of taxpayers might want to take over the role of independently investigating the need for a new truck.

Lincoln explained having a ladder truck isn't as much for height, as it is for reach. When obstacles like fences and stone walls are in the way, the trucks need to have the reach of a good ladder to get at it.

"I'm one of the guys you pay to fight the fires, so I can give you a quick answer," said Robert Silvia, 65 Forest Avenue. He explained that Cohasset relies on mutual aid all the time and when there is a big fire, the town is not equipped to handle it alone. Cohasset teams up with Hingham, Scituate and Hull on a regular basis and all the towns help each other out.

He also explained the way the department fights fires now, is to ventilate a building to let the heat out, so the fire can be fought from the inside. Without letting some of the heat and smoke out the top, which often requires cutting a hole in the roof or breaking windows up high, the firefighters on scene cannot enter the building to put the blaze out. The ladder truck is the only way to reach that height.

"It's a safety issue," he said.

In addition, Fred Siegel, 4 Bates Lane, said his house burnt down three years ago and a ladder truck was absolutely a necessity for the department.

"The homes in this town deserve a truck that can do the job properly," he said.

Jenkins' motion was defeated and the department can look forward to receiving its new truck.

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Wompatuck Park ceremony honors wild turkey comeback

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"It's the only bird that has a national holiday in its honor, and that's extraordinary," she said. "But it hasn't always been a good news story."

In fact by the 1930s, wild turkeys that numbered in the millions before colonial settlers arrived centuries earlier, had dwindled down to only 30,000 birds nationwide due to loss of habitat and unregulated hunting.

But today thanks to volunteers from the National Wild Turkey Federation and the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, there are more than 20,000 wild turkeys in Massachusetts and 6 million in North America.

Hunters have also helped in the restoration effort through fees on hunting equipment that are earmarked for conservation.

In the early 1970s, MassWildlife obtained permission from the state of New York to trap wild turkeys there that were to be released in southern Berkshire County. Over the years, birds from that growing population were then transplanted to other parts of the state.

Today, the birds are a common sight on the South Shore.

A self-professed turkey fan, Holly Weber, 8, of Hull released the first bird during Tuesday's ceremony.

"It was kind of scary," she said about the gobbler that took off.

State wildlife biologist, James Cardoza, who did the field work and played an integral role in developing the plan in the state to bring the wild turkey back, was gratified to see youngsters show such an interest in the birds.

"I like to see young people enthusiastic — they're the key to our future," he said.

James Earl Kennamer of the NWTF fielded questions from the children, ranging from how a baby turkey breathes inside its egg to the life expectancy of a wild turkey.

"They can run at 45 mph and fly at 45 mph," Kennamer said. "Their eyesight is excellent and they hear very well.

"They like to eat acorns, bugs and even lizards."

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James Earl Kennamer of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation, left, talks turkey with children from the South Shore Charter School while state wildlife biologist, James Cardoza, right, holds one of the gobblers.

Dozens gather at Hingham's Wompatuck State Park to watch the ceremonial release of wild turkeys on Tuesday. The wild turkey is one of the great comeback stories, officials said.

Thanksgiving history facts from the NWTF:

Σ At the first Thanksgiving in 1621, it is not certain if turkeys were served. Historical reports state only that fowl was served.

Σ Thanksgiving was an irregular event after the first Thanksgiving Day in 1621. The day was set aside by a proclamation of the governor of a colony or state until the President of the United States assumed the duty when Thanksgiving became an annual event.

Σ In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln appointed the national day of Thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday.

Σ Benjamin Franklin did not suggest our national symbol be the wild turkey until after the three attempts it took to come up with the bald eagle. Only after the selection process did Franklin say he admired the turkey and enjoyed a good turkey dinner. He also wrote, "I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country...the turkey is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America.

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Cohasset brothers run (and swim and bike) for their lives

Pair completes Florida triathlon

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"Anything is possible."

That is the motto of the Ironman competition, an intense triathlon, which pushes contestants to their physical limits as they swim, bike and run their way toward the finish line.

But for Cohasset residents and brothers, John and Bill Cavanaro, who have just completed an Ironman competition, their sense of accomplishment and pride cannot compare with the gratitude they feel for those who supported their efforts along the way.

On Wednesday Nov. 5, John and Bill packed up their wet suits and bikes, and hopped in the car to make the 1,550 mile drive down to Panama City Beach, Fla. Both participated in the challenging 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and 26.2 mile run.

"The Ironman has always been a dream of ours," said John, adding he and Bill have worked their way up to the Ironman competition over the years by participating in various athletic competitions, including marathons. Bill has run nine Boston Marathons and John has run eight, and both have run four New York City Marathons. In addition, the two have both been competing in various smaller triathlons since 1992.

"It takes this long to slowly build up to it," said John, adding it would be very hard to wake up one morning decide to start training for a triathlon.

But both say the training that goes into preparing for a challenge such as the Ironman, is harder than the actual competition itself and they wouldn't be able to compete at all if it weren't for the support they receive at home.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

John and Bill Cavanaro with their Ironman triathlon medals.

"It needs so much support. You can't do anything in Ironman alone," John said, adding as life goes on its regular course, it's a real adjustment for family and friends to cope with their rigorous training schedule. Both men have committed to a lifestyle where exercise is a focal point and maintaining a level of fitness means dedicating a portion of every day to working out. Both watch what they eat carefully to make sure they are in the best shape possible with foods high in nutrition serving as their fuel.

"We don't drink, we're not big social butterflies," said Bill, adding events like the Ironman are the kinds of activities the two really look forward to.

"For us to go out and run, bike, and swim, it's a treat for us," said John.

"We love doing it," Bill added.

But the brothers say the real unsung heroes are the families and co-workers who "Support the habit," jokes John.

"The commitment other people make to allow us to do this in incredible," said John, adding both he and Bill have businesses they run as well as families. John and his wife Sandra have three children, Timmy, 7, Joe, 5 and Jane, 2. Bill and his wife Cindy have two children, Casey, 14 and Jeff, 11.

"They're our biggest fans," said John, although he said he thinks both families would like to see the men compete in shorter competitions.

As the date of the Ironman drew near, workouts became more and more intense. The brothers worked on two of the three events each day, which could mean an hour and a half swim followed by a four to six hour bike ride. The following day, they might run for 20 miles. If the two are at work, they may sneak out during lunch and swim for an hour, having run that morning prior to coming in. However, because the brothers work so close to each other, last minute plans for a quick workout are never a problem. Bill owns Cohasset Collision on Rte. 3A and John's engineering consulting business is located in the same building.

But the most intense workouts always take place during the weekends, with back to back workouts that begin at 3:30 a.m. and sometimes last for around 10 hours.

"Your body has to rest," said John, adding while they always build up their workouts to the most intense by the end of the week, they reserve Monday as a day to relax so as to avoid injury. But on Tuesday, it's back to work and the exercise cycle starts up again.

Living in Cohasset, the two agree they have the most beautiful place to train, and have come to know its streets and ocean waters very well, having traversed them so many times.

"One time we swam from Sandy Beach to Minot Light," John recalled.

But no matter how much the two prepare before a competition, they realize others are also ready for the challenge. "Everyone's in shape. It comes down to an eating contest," John said.

While eating right is part of their everyday lifestyle — during the marathon, what you eat can make or break the race. The men say they have to eat all day long to keep their energy up, which includes a lot of energy bars and gels, which John describes as almost "like eating apple pie filling." The men drink a lot of Gatorade, which Bill said is to keep electrolytes up, and they take salt tablets throughout the course of the day.

Both men completed the 17 hour triathlon in less than the allocated finish time, with Bill coming in at 13 hours, and John at 11. While they'll leave it up to the professionals to take first place, they enjoy being able to participate and set goals together.

"As brothers, we've always gotten along great," Bill said, and enjoys having this common thread between them.

"We're lucky," said John. "Plenty of people do it alone, but it wouldn't be as much fun."

Even though the memories are still vivid of their latest competition, the two say they don't see any end in sight to their triathlon days just yet.

"We have to have goals and we have to keep going. That's just the kind of people we are," Bill said.

On the day the two got back from Florida, they started talking about trying to reserve spots for the Hawaiian Ironman competition, which Bill said is the "Granddady of all Ironmen competitions," because it brings the competition home to where it started in 1978.

In the meantime, the two have medals they earned at the Florida Ironman competition that serve as a reminder of their accomplishment. But the humble brothers say they're "just regular guys," and it's the people behind the scenes that really deserve the credit for all they have achieved.

"We get all the accolades. The people who don't get that are our friends and family. They deserve the medal," said John.

"Well said," said Bill.

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Town meeting voters give nod to Cook estate

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the $4.5 million until a suitable buyer was found, and suggested amending the motion. Wayne Sawchuk, 432 Beechwood St., then suggested a second amendment to raise the $4.5 million to $5 million, to ensure the town gets paid for its parcel of land, but Sawchuk's amendment was voted down. Gruber's amendment to the motion was approved and Cook purchase was approved by a two-thirds vote.

The next day Town Manager Mark Haddad met with Drew Leff of GLC consulting to get the process started, and the final draft of the Request for Proposals is being put together, complete with charts, graphs, and pictures, to be advertised beginning next Wednesday.

The Cook Estate purchase generated nearly two hours of debate. Selectman Michael Sullivan presented the article and reminded voters the Cooks will sell the property to someone else, if the town doesn't buy the site.

"The best way to control a piece of property is to own it," he said.

Sullivan said the project would be a positive for the town because the combination of the two properties increases the value of the town land and allows more of that land to remain undeveloped. Portions of the town parcel will serve as a buffer zone to neighbors of the development.

Sullivan also said the town needs to pursue senior housing because there is no way to tell what the outcome will be from other senior housing projects proposed around town.

"We have one [senior housing project] in the proposal stage. We don't know if it will come on line. They're required to hook up to sewer and they've been denied," Sullivan said about the proposed Cedarmere development. "Avalon has been granted conditional approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals, but they need a DEP permit, and we don't know what will happen there," he said.

Sullivan said if the town passes on the Cook property based on other projects that may or may not move forward, the town is at risk of not having enough senior housing and may open the door to the development of single-family homes which could add more children to the schools.

Leonora Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, asked how many affordable units would be offered and what the requirements would be for qualifying to live in them. She mentioned the Harborview Apartments located off Elm Street and asked how the Cook project would be different from those apartments, monetarily speaking.

Plans are for about 85 units to be developed on the property including market-rate and affordable apartments and market-rate condominiums.

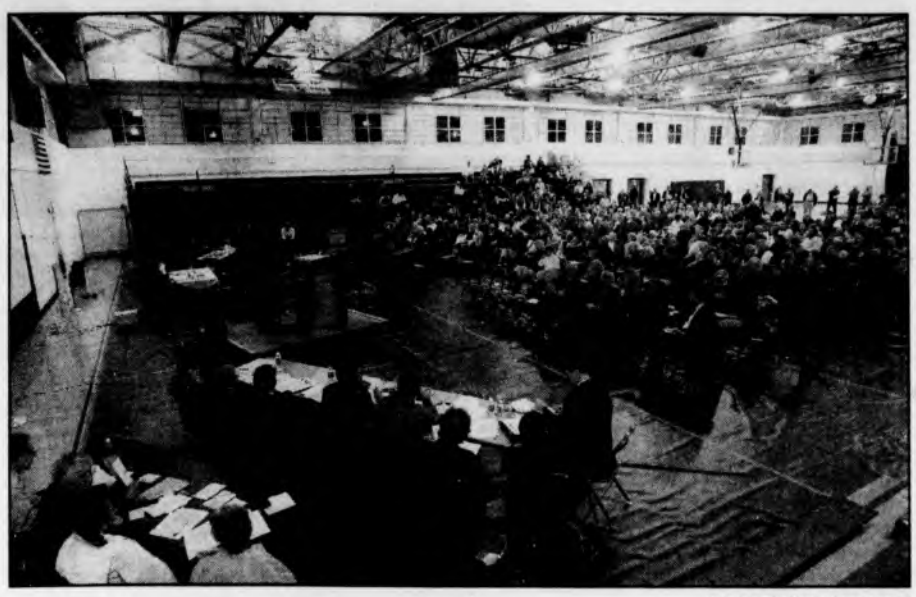
Sullivan explained there will be roughly 14 apartments deemed affordable by state low-income standards and 14 by moderate-income standards, for a total of 28 affordable rental units. The state mandates what is considered affordable and rents have to reflect that. Because there is such a shortage of rental units, all 42 rentals — including the market rate units — would count toward the affordable housing stock in Cohasset, which would lead the town toward the 10 percent affordability threshold it needs to meet to be out from under the threat of more 40B projects.

While developers will draft their own proposals and the actual number of units may differ slightly than has been proposed, the RFP will provide guidelines for the contractors to follow, he said.

Kathy Bryanton of the Council on Elder Affairs expanded on Jenkins' comment and said currently, the town has 64 units of state subsidized housing with the Harborview Apartments.

Bryanton said she supports the project because the town needs more senior housing to keep seniors in the community. She said 25 percent of the town's population is over the age of 60 and she's "seen many people move to Duxbury," because they had no place else to go.

"Never before have we had such a large number of seniors coming on board. It's like a freight train coming at us," she said. Bryanton went on to say, "It would make Jane Cook very proud to see this happen," knowing how much support she gave to seniors in the community before she passed away.



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Upwards of 200 voters listen to debate on the Cook Estate and whether to bury the village wires during the first session of Town Meeting on Monday.

Kathleen Guinee, 11 Surry Drive, asked what would happen to the Cook house currently located on the property once development begins. Leff said depending on the proposals brought forth by developers, contractors may choose to transform the current residence into a clubhouse for the development, or not include it in the plans.

But with the added volume of homes off of Sohier Street, Bill White, 162 Sohier St., said he worried about what the impact on traffic would be. Stating the street already has cars traveling to Osgood, Deer Hill, the library, the Music Circus and the swim center, not to mention emergency vehicles who use the street, he wanted to know how can the town be assured traffic won't be an issue.

Sullivan said historically senior housing projects generate the least amount of traffic of any development because many seniors have retired and are on a different schedule than those heading off to school or work in the morning. He said it would generate much less traffic than a development of single family homes.

But Edward Woods, 231 Jerusalem Road, said it was a "cut and dry issue," because the property is going to be sold no matter what and the town should take advantage of the opportunity it has in front of it.

The town agreed. Moderator George Marlette ruled the motion passed, and many residents clapped their hands in support of the town's newest senior housing project.

Decisions etched in concrete

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Taffy Nothnagle, 36 Atlantic Ave., said she was against brick not because of the cost, but because of the safety issues it poses. She said for handicapped individuals who need to use wheelchairs or walkers, it is not the best material to navigate on. She said she slipped and fell last winter on paving stone and broke her shoulder and would feel better even having a combination of materials with concrete as the main paving material for safety's sake. With so many projects also focusing on seniors around town, their safety should be a major consideration as well, she said.

If the project is all or nothing, she said she would have to vote against brick.

Peggy Chapman, 25 Virginia Lane, who sits on the board of health, but spoke as a resident, agreed brick is much more slippery and said she wondered if it would be harder to remove snow in the winter.

McMorris said she had spoken with the DPW and was told they would prefer concrete specifically for the reason of snow removal.

Ralph Dormitzer, 111 Atlantic Ave., backed using brick for aesthetic reasons and noted how the concrete used in Scituate Harbor looks "sterile." But he failed to persuade a majority of voters.

Food drive underway at CMHS

The Cohasset High School Social Awareness Organization is sponsoring its 10th annual food drive. We would like to invite the members of our community to participate in this event. All items will be donated to the Cohasset Food Pantry. This event continues through Nov. 26. It would be greatly appreciated if you could donate any of the following:

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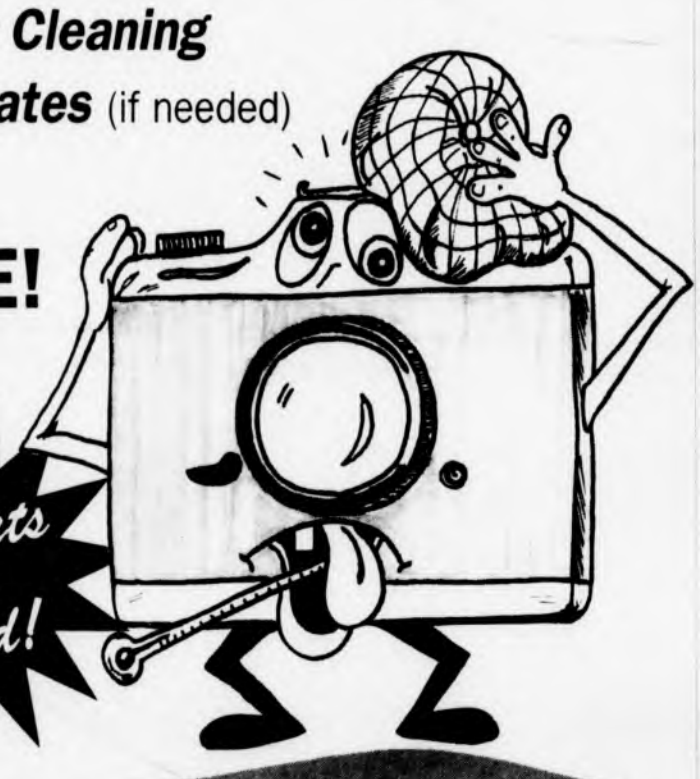

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Illegal apartments will stay that way

By Samantha Brown
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Turning an illegal apartment into an affordable rental unit recognized by the state will not be an option for Cohasset residents. Article 15, which would have provided an alternate means for the town to count what it already has toward the 10 percent affordability threshold it has to meet per order of the state, was voted down Tuesday night, but by the smallest margin possible.

Because the bylaw requires a two-thirds vote to pass, the 63 residents who voted in favor of the bylaw were not enough to cancel out the 33 who were not. By only one vote, the motion was defeated.

"These units are here now, we just think they should count for us," said Selectman Tom Callahan who also sits on the Growth and Development Committee and has worked on the draft Master Plan. He said the Selectmen were in favor of the bylaw by a majority of 3-2, and it is an innovative solution to the affordable housing problem the town is facing.

Selectman Michael Sullivan was one of the two who were not in favor of the bylaw.

"To legalize apartments that are now illegal seems contrary to what the town wants," he said, adding he doesn't think the bylaw is in the town's best interest.

Andrew Quigley, 38 Jerusalem Road, asked why the town is discounting the 200 units approved for Avalon, which would bring the town very close to meeting the criteria it needs to meet from the state.

Callahan said because the Water Commission owns property near the proposed project, it is considered an abutter and can file an appeal, which it has done.

"Avalon is not permitted today," he said. However, Callahan added assuming the project does get developed, the town will still be short by 5 affordable units, at least for now. Because the affordable component is based on a sliding scale which is proportionate to the number of homes in town, the more single family development, the more affordable housing needs to be built.

"It continues to be a moving target," he said.

However, Quigley said zoning is what defines a community and the town might want to "Stop, take a breath and see the overall game plan," adding if the town voted in favor of the Cook estate project the night before, that is another means to reach the end goal which should be considered.

Stuart Ivimey, 7 Sankey Raod, who is Community Preservation Committee Chairman but spoke as a resident, said if he understood correctly, "Does this do nothing more than take a look at the status quo?" He said currently, no one is complaining about illegal apartments, so this would provide the means to take a look at what the town has and use it. "It doesn't create anything," he said.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt said Ivimey was right, the bylaw would not create any new dwellings and would give the Zoning Board of Appeals the power to make illegal apartments legal if they want.

There was a motion to close discussion followed by a vote which was too close to call and a hand count had to be conducted. It was ruled at a loss of one vote and no one asked for a recount.

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Diane and Mark Remlinger enjoy a light moment during Monday's Special Town Meeting.

Agnes McCann makes a comment about the Cook Estate article.

Moderator George Marlette listens to a comment during Monday's session, as Town Counsel Paul DeRensis stands by.

Town Meeting rundown

These are the results of votes cast at Town Meeting

Article 1- Unpaid bills to Town Counsel - first defeated in a vote of 154 to 42, then reconsidered and approved by a 9/10 vote.

Article 2- Balancing the operating budget - motion adopted by a majority vote.

Article 3- Additional modifications for operating budget - motion adopted by a majority vote.

Article 4- Cook Estate purchase - motion amended then approved by a 2/3 vote.

Article 5 - Undergrounding utilities - defeated by a majority vote

Article 6 – Downtown streetscape concept - original motion of incorporating concrete adopted by a majority vote.

Article 7 – Police and fire station funds - motion adopted by a 2/3 vote

Article 8 - Stabilization fund - motion adopted by a majority vote

Article 9 – Community Preservation Committee recommendations - indefinitely postponed - motion adopted unanimously

Article 10 - Private way repair capital account - indefinitely postponed - motion adopted unanimously

Article 11 - Capital requests

Motion A: fire department ladder truck and departmental radios - motion adopted by a 2/3 vote

Motion B: police department radios - motion adopted unanimously

Motion C: multipurpose vehicle and brush chipper for the town – motion adopted unanimously

Motion D: school bus and special education van – motion adopted unanimously

Article 12 - Renaming of intersection to "Allen A. Buffum Corner" - motion adopted unanimously

Article 13 - Memorial improvements funds transfer – motion adopted unanimously

Article 14 - Publication of building permits - motion adopted by a majority vote

Article 15 - Unpermitted dwellings amnesty bylaw - motion defeated by one vote

Article 16 - Building site coverage - motion carried by a 2/3 vote

Article 17 - Creation of residential dwellings in commercial areas - motion adopted by a 2/3 vote

Article 18 - Large house site plan - a motion to dissolve meeting cut off discussion and the meeting was ended without a vote on the article.

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Members of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset's hardworking Committee for the Christmas House Tour take a break from their planning. The committee includes, from left, Ann Pompeo, Mary Hickey, Claire Cardell, Marcia Diekmann (front), Judy Dickstein, Kim Jalewsky, Sandra Durant (front) and Kathy Gray. The tour is Dec. 13 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets are $20 in advance and $23 on the day of the tour and are available at the South Shore Community Center. Call 781-383-9689 for more information.

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SUPER STINGRAYS

Congratulations are in order for the Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football team, specifically the seventh-grade team, "The Stingrays." This team has a perfect record of 9 wins, 0 losses and on Nov. 9, won the Superbowl against Middleboro with a score of 28-0! The defense stats with only 12 points allowed feature Cohasset players, **Derek St. Peter, Mike Froio, John McKenna** and **Paul Pozniak**. The offense features **Andrew DiPalo** and **Marcus Charles.** Get ready **Tony Rolfe** and **Bob Silvia** for some very talented and determined young men! Great work to all.

METCO WREATH SALE

The Annual METCO wreath sale will be held on Saturday, Dec 6 at the Cohasset High School from 9a.m.-noon. Order forms will be sent home through the Osgood and Deer Hill schools and will be available at the Cohasset High School.. Proceeds from this sale benefit the METCO program here in town.

CULINARY STAR

A recent Cohasset graduate is well on his way to culinary stardom! **Brendan Goff**, son of **Ann Marie and Richard**, attends Newbury College in the culinary program and was featured on Thursday, Nov. 13 on a segment done by the TV show, "Chronicle." Brendan was in the kitchen cooking as the show discussed the hidden jewels of 5 star restaurants. Keep up the great work Brendan and when you are ready to open your own restaurant, make sure to let us all know!

CLASS OF '93 REUNION

Attention all members of the Class of 1993.... Your 10-year reunion is being held on Friday, Nov. 28 at 8p.m. at the Legion Hall in Cohasset. All alumni and significant others are invited. There will be a charge of $15 at the door to pay for the event. Please call or email **Mike Reynolds** with questions. He can be reached at (781) 749-4843 or miguelreyn@aol.com

REPORTED FOR DUTY

Navy Ensign **Matthew K. Lewis**, son of **Margaret E. and Kevin F. Lewis** of Cohasset, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas. Lewis is a 1998 graduate of Xaverian Brothers High School of and joined the Navy in May 2002. He is a 2002 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. with a BS degree.

JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGING

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 9 a.m. The art of Japanese flower arranging, "Ikebana", can be traced back to the fourth century. This month the club is delighted to have Frances O'Toole, a past club President and a Master Flower Show Judge, discuss some of the rules, forms, and artistic insight this discipline requires.

All who attend will have a very interesting and informative morning.

GARDEN CLUB HOUSE TOUR

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Chittick exhibit

The work of Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick will be exhibited at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library from now through Dec. 31.

The subjects of these luminous, colorful watercolors include familiar South Shore coastal scenes, still life arrangements, flowers, and a variety of boats. In her paintings, Ms. Chittick depicts the effect of light on form, as it defines shapes and creates interesting patterns. She conveys her own sense of a subject through suggestion and impression as well as careful rendering. Ms. Chittick is a Gallery Artist of the South Shore Art Center and the Cambridge Art Association. Her work has been shown in numerous solo and juried exhibitions in the Boston and South Shore area and is represented in many private collections.

Author event

On Sunday Nov. 30, members of the Kitchen Table Writers will read prose and poetry at the library. Readers include: Frances Murphy Araujo, Kate Young Caley, Marion Reed, Nancy Hewitt, and Joan Stack Kovach. The reading will be held in the library Meeting Room and will begin at 3pm.

Araujo, is a resident of Weymouth whose fiction has appeared in Kalliope, Lynx Eye, Reed Magazine, Washington Square and other journals. Her work has received a Pushcart Prize nomination. Araujo is a contributor to Intensive Care, an Anthology of Prose and Poetry by Nurses, recently published by the University of Iowa Press. Currently she is working on a Master of Arts in English, with a specialty in writing, at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. She is also an instructor of nursing at Boston College.

Reed of Norwell is a psychiatric nurse practitioner. She has published extensively in Nursing Spectrum and writes regularly for the life and religion pages of the Patriot Ledger.

Caley of Quincy is the author of the acclaimed spiritual memoir The House Where the Hardest Things Happened (Doubleday, June 2002). Her poetry has won a first prize from the Academy of American Poets. She is a college English teacher and a well-received speaker at conferences such as the Festival of Faith and Writing at Calvin College in Grand Rapids Michigan.

Hewitt is a clinical social worker and poet from Salem. She holds a Masters Degree in Fine Arts from Vermont College. Her poems have appeared in The Anthology of New England Writers, The Cumberland Poetry Review, The Bridge, and Kalliope. She has contributed to The Use of Personal Narratives in the Helping Professions and is also the recipient of an Academy of American Poets Award.

Kovach, also a contributor to Intensive Care, currently contributes to Nursing Spectrum Magazine. Kovach has written feature articles for the Patriot Ledger, and is a co-author of the book, Peer Consultation. She lives in Cohasset and works as a nurse manager.

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POST PROM PLANNING

The Cohasset Post Prom Party Committee is holding a general meeting on Nov. 20at 7:30 p.m. in the CHS library. All senior class parents are welcome! Needed: School Liaison Committee and Committee Chairs of Entertainment, Decorating, and Fundraising Committees. Core groups of committee volunteers are ready to go, but there is enough work and room for more helping heads and hands! This annual project is big, but fun and participants who work together on it experience special bonding with fellow parents. So please come and get on a committee or become a chair – Support the CHS 2004 Senior Class! For questions, please call **Mary** at 781 383-6341!

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That is all for this week. Make sure to have all news to me next week no later than SUNDAY by noon for the holiday edition of the paper!

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'Fence-gate' results in DA ousting police prosecutor

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cer," Haddad said.

Chief Jackson introduced Grassie's replacement, Officer Bill English, to officials at the court on Monday morning. English, who came on board last December after graduating from the police academy, has been on patrol less than a year.

Keith Jackson, 24, is also scheduled to appear in court today on domestic violence charges for allegedly hitting his former girlfriend on several occasions last summer. Keith Jackson, who is currently in the U.S. Navy, is first on the Civil Service local preference list for aspiring Cohasset police officers. It is not clear what effect these criminal charges would have on his chances to become a police officer. A message left on his cell phone was not returned.

Also caught in the crossfire are two Cohasset officers, Sgt. William Quigley, who arrested Keith Jackson and the other men outside the legion hall on Oct. 11, and patrolman James McLean. Both were placed on paid administrative leave Oct. 20 and have crossed paths with either Keith Jackson or former Officer Brian Curran, the chief's son-in-law. Haddad, the town manager, has categorically denied the issues are linked.

Doug Louison, the officers' attorney, said Tuesday the men still do not know why they are on leave. And sources close to the police department say other officers are worried they might be next, although Haddad says there is no morale problem at the department. Haddad said again this week he does not know how long the men will be out.

On the morning of Oct. 14 at Quincy District Court, Keith Jackson's attorney Ronald Rice presented Grassie with a letter from Legion post commander Steve Wigmore stating the handicapped railing was broken before the incident. (Chief Jackson is membership chairman at the Legion, and Keith Jackson is also a member there).

According to court papers, after Grassie said he discussed the Legion letter with Rice, fellow police prosecutors, and a court official, he decided not to file the complaint and retrieved the applications he left to be processed with an operations supervisor at the court, so no criminal complaint form was generated.

However, Quigley's police report and a subsequent report filed by Officer Shellee Peters, who also responded to the Legion that night, stated Cogill and Thibault, admitted they broke the fence during "play fighting."

In a memo to Chief Jackson that is part of the court record, Grassie stated he provided First Assistant Jury Clerk John Dalton with the arrest report and letter from Wigmore, which Dalton read.

Grassie quoted Dalton as stating, "I think if you go forward with this arrest, as well as the others, you very well could be putting yourself in the position of looking at a frivolous lawsuit against you by the people arrested."

However, Dalton stated in a sworn affidavit on Nov. 13 that Grassie indicated he had doubts whether there was probable cause for the arrests after speaking to police prosecutors. Dalton told Grassie if he had concerns, he could ask the court to dismiss the charges at the arraignment, or refuse to sign the application because of potential civil liability.

But Dalton also states, "I was never presented with application for complaint, a statement of the reasons for arrest, or a criminal complaint that was to be sworn to, before me prior to issuance. I have since learned that neither the Clerk Magistrate or any other Assistant Clerk-Magistrate was presented with any of the documents."

Grassie also alleges in his memo to Chief Jackson that Quigley asked him to "make the cases go away." But Quigley's report also contradicts Grassie's statements.

Quigley's attorney Louison said Grassie's version of events is ludicrous.

"It would be illogical for Quigley to make the arrest and then ask police not to go forward," he said. Louison said to do so, would open Quigley up to civil liability and false arrest charges.

First Assistant District Attorney Dennis Mahoney maintains in a motion filed with the court that Grassie lacked the authority not go forward with the complaint and that was supported by Judge Coven after a motions hearing last week. Probable cause was found to arraign the three on the charge of willful malicious destruction of property over $250. Mahoney also stated it is not the clerk's or prosecutor's function to decide if there was probable cause when a police officer makes a felony arrest. That should be left up to a judge, he stated.

The Norfolk District Attorney's office is appealing the judge's ruling to not proceed with the misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and affray, according to published reports.

'Fooling around'

The alleged altercation at the Legion post all started when Cogill made an inappropriate comment about Thibault's girlfriend – Kaitlyn Jackson, who is Keith Jackson's sister – and the three men, Cogill, Thibault, and Keith Jackson, stepped outside. According to Officer Peters' report, Thibault said the men were just fooling around but he was pushed while wrestling and the railing broke.

Quigley wrote "Cogill stated he made the comment in jest and that after he made the comment suspect Jackson and Thibault asked him to step outside the bar. Cogill stated that's when the 'play fighting' started and the property was damaged."

Quigley and McLean are both officers in the police union. After McLean admonished then Officer Curran, the chief's son-in-law, with a written letter on union letterhead to Haddad for not following proper grievance procedures relative to an overtime grievance, he was called into the chief's office and fired from his job as fleet manager, a collateral duty. McLean contacted the national office of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, which resulted in a meeting between IBPO lawyers, Haddad, and the chief over a possible suit involving unfair labor practices.

With Brian Curran's resignation about six weeks ago, the department had been down three officers until yesterday when Michael J. Carini came on board. Carini, who was recommended for the job by Chief Jackson, stood higher on the Civil Service rehire list than Erin Metcalf, another candidate for the job.

The overtime numbers released by Haddad on Tuesday show in the five weeks since the two officers' leave, the department has incurred approximately $800 per week additional OT expense.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Quitters wanted for Smokeout

The numbers don't lie.

— 47 million adults in the United States smoke;

— Cigarette smoking among high school students rose substantially from 28 percent to 35 percent between 1991 and 1999;

— 171,900 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year;

— 157,200 are expected to die from lung cancer this year, 9,000 in Massachusetts alone.

Lung cancer, which has been strongly linked with tobacco use, is the number one cancer killer among men and women, according to the American Cancer Society. It is also the most preventable cause of death in our society, yet a staggering number of people continue to risk the health dangers associated with smoking.

Smoking is also associated with increased risk for cancers of the mouth, nasal cavities, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, stomach, pancreas, liver, cervix, kidney, bladder and myeloid leukemia.

Quitting is not easy. Tobacco has been shown to be addictive and it's not as simple as snuffing out that last butt and calling it quits.

But there are steps that that can be taken and it could start today.

The American Cancer Society is holding its 27th annual Great American Smokeout in which smokers from across the nation are asked to give up cigarettes and tobacco use for one day. Nearly nine million smokers took part in last year's Smokeout and the American Cancer Society is expecting to see that number increase to 10 million this year. The American Cancer Society is expecting one million people from Massachusetts to take part in the event.

While the Great American Smokeout is just one day a year, there have been a number of significant victories along the way in the battle against the dangers of tobacco.

In 1977, Berkeley, California became the first community to limit smoking in restaurants and other public places. A federal smoking ban on interstate buses and domestic flights of six hours or less was passed in 1990. Today, the Massachusetts Legislature is dealing with a bill that would ban smoking in bars and restaurants across the state. The House recently overwhelmingly passed the bill and it's been sent to the Senate for approval. If passed there and signed into law by Gov. Mitt Romney, the law would go into effect in July 2004, making Massachusetts the sixth state with a statewide smoke-free workplace law, joining California, New York, Connecticut, Maine and Delaware.

The tide is certainly turning in this difficult battle and the American Cancer Society continues to attack on the front lines. The Great American Smokeout is one avenue, but its effort does not begin and end there. A 24-hour support line is available by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or log onto the Web site, www.cancer.org.

While the statistics listed above are startling, there is hope. Nearly half of the adults in the United States who ever smoked are now former smokers, according to the American Cancer Society. And smokers who quit by age 35 can avoid 90 percent of the risk from tobacco.

The numbers don't lie.

Early deadline next week

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Cohasset Mariner will go to press on Tuesday next week, a day earlier than usual. That means all copy for next week's issue must be received by noon, Monday. Items may be emailed to mford@cnc.com or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in the Village.

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They've been hugging ever since the Norwell game.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trashing vs. the public interest

TO THE EDITOR:

An old story is about a senior lawyer advising a newly-minted lawyer: "If the facts are on your side, argue the facts; if the law is on your side, argue the law; if neither, pound the table"!

Well, we have some among us who, when bereft of logic and the facts don't fit their prejudices, run crying to the state agencies that the open meeting law has been violated, advisors improperly engaged etc. Such attempts to trash the constructive work of local officials and the volunteers who serve on town committees can't be justified as "citizens exercising their right to question". Before exercising that right in such an extreme and harmfully costly manner, we have a responsibility to appreciate and understand the work of those who are working to address the issues. The doers aren't malefactors just because someone doesn't understand what they are doing, even if the poor understanding is because of poor communication from the doers to the critics.

Informed criticism is a beneficial moderator, but it should be tempered by appreciation that the doers are trying to serve the community. They sometimes may be a little short of knowledge themselves, or of ability, or of open-mindedness, or of communication skills etc. but it shouldn't be assumed that they are short of honesty.

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TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Douglas Bumstead
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The furniture provides comfortable and efficient work areas for employees. It further allows the town's new Emergency Operation Center/Roll Call Room, Report Writing Room, Detective's Office, Sergeant's Office, Secretary's Office and Fire Captain's Office to operate smoothly.

The support of family-owned businesses such as Key Office Interiors Inc. and generous citizens like you make the job of public safety easier and allows for us to continue delivering vital services. Your support is especially heartening in tight fiscal times and times in which public safety is assuming new missions.

Once again thank you and your three very important family members.

Robert W. Jackson
Chief of Police

Chief Jackson provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter.

HEALTH NOTES

Pushing all the storm-water buttons

On Thursday last week, Joe Godzik and I went to Norwell to listen to some people who had real storm-water issues. Chicopee has a problem called CSOs, an acronym for Combined Sewer Outflows. That is, they have, in their city, a situation in which their sewer outflows and their storm-water, catch-basin connections are joined at many places in their system. It appears that Chicopee is the worst example of CSO in the northeast, if not in the country.

The city has more CSO than Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire combined; more than Boston. For Chicopee, an old city; one of the first to grow its infrastructure during the industrial revolution, the cost to fix this situation will be between $150 and 400 million. Since, the Chicopee Sewer Commission and the DPW have on the order of 1,400 dwelling units and budgets in the range of $200,000 total, it's going to take a long time for them to solve the problem.

It's so bad that, during heavy rain events, sometimes the sewers flood some basements of the houses to which they are connected. There's even a black joke about providing credits for homes which have overflows as a resource for backup effluent storage under overflow conditions.

For these reasons, there is a compelling reason to manage storm-water in Chicopee and a large cadre of public support. After all, who wants to live under the threat of having sewage back up onto their home during a heavy rain?

In Cohasset where, since I've been on the Board of Health, we've had only one incident of high pollution readings in a cellar from septic effluent. And this was caused by blasting, which permitted polluted groundwater from failed septic systems in the neighborhood to enter cracks in cellar walls of one home. The blasting was for a sewer that eventually solved the problem.

If we wish to keep Cohasset's bucolic small-town charm, we still must worry about storm water.

Accordingly, there is not much enthusiasm to spend money on storm-water management here in Cohasset. But a need exists, although less compelling. If we wish to keep Cohasset's bucolic small-town charm, we still must worry about storm water.

Basically, Cohasset is a town made up of impermeable rock and soil surrounded and covered in large part, by water. When it rains, we have an enormous amount of surface water runoff. Because of the nature of much of the soil in Cohasset, very little surface water enters the ground where nutrients and harmful chemicals are trapped and the water is subjected to the purifying action from bacteria in the soil.

One thing we learned at the meeting last Thursday was; if you want something to happen, attach your cause to a hot-button issue. Since we probably don't have many CSOs in town, and almost no complaints about sewage in cellars, our hot buttons are not Chicopee's. In fact, our interest now seems to lie in keeping the character of Cohasset. Accordingly, we have spent a lot of time and money in trying to maintain our small-town look. We're also interested in managing growth, as well as providing for economic diversity. These are our hot-button issues, along with keeping the town affordable. And storm water is associated with all of them.

As to small-town character, for more than 200 years, Cohasset used cesspools and harbor outfalls for sewage disposal. Then in 1920 or so, when we started to have too many houses, we started to use more advanced systems. After the boom years of the 60s when more and more subdivisions were introduced, we started to worry about what the straight pipes were doing to our clam beds and estuaries.

In 1978 we implemented Title 5 version 1. In '95, we came back with Title 5 version 2. We still have a straight pipe or two, and our older septic systems are giving trouble, but by and large, we're doing well.

Now we have mansionization. The current building boom is not affecting wastewater very much if at all. Nowadays, substantially the same flows come from our new big houses as come from the smaller houses. The problem is with our roofs and driveways, and our manicured lawns. What little capability Cohasset's poor soils had for absorbing and treating rainwater and snowmelt is fast disappearing. Where, before, a few feet of soil and front yard could absorb at least some of the rainwater from a plot of land, now, storm water runs off the roofs and driveways down the street and almost none goes into the ground.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Home movies of St. Anthony's are a walk down memory lane

LINCOLN HILLSIDE

KATHLEEN O'DONNELL

One in an occasional series about growing up on Lincoln Hillside in the 1960s.

A number of years ago my family had a decade of family home movies transferred to videotape as a gift for our parents' anniversary. The films were set to a 1960s soundtrack which added another layer of warmth and poignancy to them.

The nicest thing about transferring home movies to video is that it eliminates all that fussing with 8 mm reels, spools, sprockets, screens and replacement bulbs when you want to view them. All my early Christmas memories are linked with my father struggling to film his blinded and impatient children trooping down the staircase at 6:30 on Christmas morning while balancing a bank of 500 watts of light across his thin shoulders.

Earlier this month, on a cold rainy day I easily pulled myself away from household tasks to put our 1960s home movie video into the VCR. I settled down with a cup of tea to walk down Memory Lane (conveniently located at the corner of Lincoln Hillside).

Each time I view this video different aspects of it move me. In this most recent viewing it was the St Anthony's May Procession of 1962. St Anthony's Church was a significant part of life for many Catholic children who grew up in the Lincoln Hillside neighborhood in the 1960s. There were Sunday Masses, religion classes, services for Holy Week and Advent, CYO events and the annual May Procession. Banners featuring key religious figures were raised high as children, teens and adults of the parish walked in formation down South Main Street and processed to the church with a careful balance of cheer and solemnity. The procession culminated in the crowning of the statue of Our Lady with a wreath of flowers, after which a church service was held.

The procession itself was carefully structured and included our dedicated religion teachers in floor-length black habits, the youngest children of the parish in Sunday best, a full battalion of altar boys, Father Brennan in white lace surplice, recent First Communicants in white suits and dresses, recently Confirmed and other teens of the parish, uniformed Catholic Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies and Girl Scouts.

At the end were mothers and fathers, babes in arms, grandparents and other senior members of the parish. Children's clasped hands pointed heavenward in prayerful attitude. Little girls held bunches of lilacs and mayflowers, the stems of which had been carefully wrapped in wet cotton hankies and then tin foil. As the boys all had short hair and many of the girls wore soft knitted hair bands, all those sweet eager faces were easily visible to the many still and moving-film cameras which lined the street.

Hundreds of Cohasset faces, which were part of my childhood drifted by on this film, preserved and smiling in the May 1962 sunshine. Chickie and Peggy Marks and family, the always giggling little Antoine girls, Patrolia's and Protulis's, the Dennis Desmond family and a hundred others. What dear and precious images these are, captured on that peach-colored May day.

For me, being part of St Anthony's parish in the 1960s was a very good thing. Like being a member of Brownies, awareness of my Portuguese-Irish ancestry, attending Joseph Osgood School and living on Lincoln Hillside, being part of the St Anthony's community contributed to my feeling of place in my little world.

It comprised another layer of my belonging to a specific and special place, and this was an important part of my identity. I'm old enough to remember the rich and mysterious experience of Mass in the old St Anthony's, a white clapboard building which was directly across from the Rectory on South Main Street. This was the St Anthony's where my parents, grandparents and great-grandparents were married, when part of the Mass was in Latin, the place from where phrases rise up in my memory; *Dominus vobiscum* and *Mea maxima culpa*, where the domes above the altar had golden stars, when the priest faced away from the parishioners for the Mass.

I was so young that I thought that the tomb Jesus had been placed in was actually on St Anthony's altar. I was too young then to understand any of the meaning behind the rituals and phrases, but slowly these celebrations and other parts of the Church year seeped into me and became part of who I was and who I am.

Forty years on, my understanding of my religion and my faith is much different from what it was in 1962; it's both wider and deeper and certainly more mature. Like strands taken from coarse fabric, my religion is woven into every fiber of who I am. I'm proud to be a modern Catholic woman and I'm grateful for the 1960s grounding that St Anthony's gave me.

While visiting Cohasset last month I attended Sunday Mass at what I'm old enough to still consider the "new" St Anthony's. I never attend Mass there without recalling my Lincoln Hillside childhood and the role that both the new and old St Anthony's played in my upbringing. Both of these buildings, the life that surrounded them, and the periods in Cohasset Catholic history which they represent form parts of the Lincoln Hillside memories that I'll always have, no matter how far away from it I live.

Kathleen O'Donnell, a CHS graduate, grew up in Cohasset and now lives and works in the UK with her family. Her reflections about growing up on Lincoln Hillside appear occasionally in the Cohasset Mariner.

This Massachusetts bog berry is a true beauty

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

If, during these days of autumn, you find yourself meandering through the old villages of southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod, you're certain to see a scene played out season after season, generation after generation: farmers on the bogs, strapped into waders, rakes in hand, corralling Early Blacks and Howes, the native American fruit the locals call red gold.

Thousands of years ago, when the retreating glaciers left the landscape pocked with spongy, swampy, boggy depressions into which were deposited layers of sand, peat and clay, they provided the acidic and low nutrient conditions that were ideal for the wild cranberry — *Vaccinium macrocarpon* — to take root and thrive.

By the time the first European settlers arrived on these shores, Native Americans — who called the cranberry sasemin — knew well its benefits. They ate the tart fruit raw, mixed cranberries with honey or maple syrup to make a sauce, and dried and mashed the berries for use in pemmican, a survival ration made from dehydrated meat and cornmeal. The local Native Americans, Wampanoags and Narragansetts, also knew what modern science has recently discovered, the medicinal value of cranberries. Infusions were taken to calm nerves, to treat nausea and disorders of the urinary tract. Mashed into a poultice, the bacteria-blocking power of cranberries healed infection when applied to wounds.

Early settlers, introduced to the wild cranberry by Native Americans, quickly made the fruit — they called it crane berry because the blossom resembled the head and neck of a crane — a part of their own diet, boiling the berries with sugar to make sauce, and baking the fruit into tarts and pastries. Like Native Americans, colonists made infusions from the wild bounty to treat fevers, liver disorders and stomach and urinary troubles. Because the fresh berries would keep for months at a time, they were packed in spring water and carried on sailing vessels to protect against scurvy. As plentiful on common lands as wild cranberries were, colonists recognized that the fruit risked being overharvested. By the mid-1700s, laws had been passed restricting the collection of the fruit and imposing penalties for the taking of unripe fruit.

'It was one man's observation of natural events that spawned the cultivated cranberry industry. In 1816, Henry Hall of Dennis noticed that during a winter storm a wild cranberry bog had been covered by blown sand. The cranberry vines, rather than being smothered and damaged by the sand, instead flourished and produced a heavy crop of fruit the next fall. What Mr. Hall had discovered, though perhaps didn't then understand, was that the sand, by covering the long lateral shoots called runners, allowed the runners to root and produce more fruiting uprights. Mr. Hall further experimented with "sanding" and with transplanting wild cranberry vines to his cleared and drained cranberry yards and an industry was born.

Above: American cranberry, vaccinium macrocarpon

Top right: Native Americans knew well the health benefits of the wild cranberry.

At right: When the last of the glaciers retreated, they left behind layers of clay, peat and sand, conditions ideal for the American cranberry to thrive.

A member of the Heath family and a perennial evergreen, the cranberry's trailing vines, if undamaged, can bear fruit for 150 years. Though a wetland crop, cranberries do not, contrary to popular belief, grow under water. They require good drainage, either the natural drainage that the sandy wild bog offers, or the drainage that the network of ditches in cultivated bogs provides, to assure that only the roots of the plants remain moist during the growing season. But, if cranberries have long been thought of as a "water" plant it is because water, in generous quantities, is necessary at every stage of the cranberry's growth. Bogs are flooded during winter dormancy to protect the vines from winter injury, and again in spring to manage insects and weeds. Sprinkler systems protect bogs from spring and fall frosts and from summer heat. And in the fall, if the crop is to be brought in by the wet harvest method, the bog is again flooded.

Late in the current growing season, the buds for next year's crop are formed. The new growth survives the rigors of the fall harvest and a winter under water and ice. By April, the buds swell and in time send out a shoot of new growth from which four to eight downward hanging pinkish blossoms develop. In June and July, bees are released to pollinate the crop and over the next three months the tiny white berry (from which the new white cranberry products are made) swells and begins to turn red until it is ripe and ready for harvest.

The cranberry harvest has become so much a part of the tradition and folklore of our region that many towns host weekend festivals to celebrate the flooding of the bogs and the herding of cranberries into the vast fields of red. The water — or wet — harvest method, the most common method of picking (for berries that will be processed for sauce or juice) uses an "eggbeater" that agitates the water and loosens the berries from the vines. Four small air-filled pockets inside the fleshy fruit give the cranberry its buoyancy. Corralled by a boom, the cranberries are pumped onto conveyor belts and loaded onto waiting trucks.

Until the late 19th century, cranberries were picked dry, by hand, by family members who, like generations before them, went cranberrying with little more than a pail. As the industry grew, entire communities participated in the harvest and labor from Portugal and the Cape Verde Islands was brought in to work the bogs. Wooden scoops, with teeth that "combed" the berries from the vines, replaced handpicking, and by the 1940s, virtually all dry picking was done with lawnmower-like mechanical harvesters. A gentler method of picking, the mechanical harvester is still used today for the fresh cranberry market.

In markets everywhere, bags of fresh cranberries are now stacked up, waiting for the Thanksgiving table. In a pinch, I'll buy a bag or two, but my freezer is filled with wild cranberries from Provincetown's dune bogs, the last fragments of the once-vast bog expanses on public lands. Though it would be more convenient to buy my cranberries, I go to the dunes for the same reason Thoreau went to the woods, to "live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach." I trek into the wild — as I do during blueberry and beach plum season — to those out-of-the- way places visited only by the occasional wanderer. There, nestled in swales among the scrub pines and oaks are nature's bogs, small elliptical clearings scoured out by winter winds.

I plunk myself, and my pail, down and hand pick, as my forebears did, and like those few other kindred spirits who make the journey every autumn, I seek to slow life down, to make every action thoughtful, to reconnect with nature and, for just a few hours in this frenetic life to simplify, simplify, simplify.

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Townsfolk went a cranberrying with little more than a pail.

Entire communities participated in the dry harvest of cranberries from the cultivated bogs.

Get ready for the big chill

GREEN THUMBS UP

SUZANNA MAHLER

Crystal clear skies provided ideal viewing for this weekend's lunar eclipse as the bright, shimmering glow of the full Beaver Moon was temporarily dimmed by the earth's shadow during the early evening hours. In its wake, temperatures plummeted to unseasonable lows as frigid weather instantly erased our lingering memories of last weekend's summertime warmth.

Many of the colorful leaves that had endured previous chilly temperatures and usually persist well into the month of November were unable to withstand Mother Nature's current polar blast. The glowing red, yellow, gold and mahogany leaves of beech, willow, pear, oak and dogwood disappeared overnight as freezing temperatures shriveled their multicolored foliages. Brisk breezes stripped most of these last few remnants of autumn leaving behind bare branches and the stark silhouettes of the winter landscape. A thin layer of ice on my fishpond and a frozen layer of mulch on my perennial borders were a sure sign that wintry weather is on the way.

As the season progresses and our deciduous trees, shrubs and perennials shed their colorful autumn garb, many gardeners assume that cold weather and bare branches are an indication that these plants no longer functioning. Although most plants are entering a dormant period and may show no signs of life above ground, most root systems continue to absorb moisture and nutrients until the ground freezes to assist with winter survival and spring vigor. Mother Nature has been generous with the provision of rainfall this season, reducing the need for supplemental watering except for newly set plants but an application of an organic fertilizer, such as Plant-O-Ganic or Plant-tone, around trees, shrubs and perennials will promote strong, healthy growth next season. For those plants that have demonstrated sparse, diminished or nonexistent bloom in recent years, work superphosphate into the soil. This nutrient, which is the middle number listed in a fertilizer's formulation, promotes flower production and travels slowly through the soil. For woody plants, use a stake to create shallow holes at the outer reach of the plant's branches and fill with a mixture of soil, peat and the superphosphate to enable this critical nutrient to reach the root zone in a more timely fashion.

Pruning of nearly all trees, shrubs and particularly roses should wait until late winter or early spring. If rose canes are especially long, however, it may be advisable to trim these back to approximately 3 feet in height to lessen the possibility of damage caused by wind or snow. Remove dead or diseased shoots and any suckers that may have sprouted from beneath the bud union. Be sure to rake up and dispose of rose foliage to minimize diseases overwintering in the ground surrounding your plants. Tall, vigorous butterfly bushes should also be pruned to a similar height as they may be uprooted during winter storms.

Although the ground is not likely to be frozen solid for several weeks, frosty nights often produce a solid crust on damp soils that deepens as temperatures continue to drop and pose a serious challenge to planting bulbs, perennials or woody plants. Should our cold temperatures continue, many of my unplanted treasures will have to be heeled in, container and all, when time and space run out. Potted plants left unprotected above ground often succumb during the winter months due to alternate freeze-thaw cycles or severe cold, both of which are minimized when containers are surrounded by soil in the ground. Although there may still be a number of casualties using this method, prior attempts to gather pots together above ground and cover with a layer of mulch has proven disastrous. Collections of potted hostas have been especially hard hit as critters have taken up residence in the cozy covering and devoured the plants during the winter months.

If you do not have a place to sink the pots, many will overwinter successfully in an unheated garage or cool basement. Hardy plants should be exposed to several killing frosts to encourage dormancy but should be moved into these unheated spaces before temperatures drop consistently below freezing. The soil should be slightly moist and barring a very dry environment in your garage, they should require little or no attention for the entire winter. They can be moved back outside in April. Avoid unheated sunrooms as warm temperatures on sunny days may cause the plants to break dormancy at inappropriate times. Sheds could be used as an alternative but may not provide sufficient protection from the cold and might be subject to rodent invasions. Wet conditions in combination with freeze/thaw cycles are usually the primary cause for potted plants above ground succumbing during the winter months.

Due to the unseasonably chilly temperatures, many little critters have been scurrying about looking for suitable cozy spots to hibernate for the winter. Evidence of tunneling mice, voles and chipmunks is everywhere. Since it is unlikely that I will find time to thoroughly tidy all my borders before many of these destructive creatures establish their winter residences, I will focus on clipping back Siberian iris and hosta foliage first as these have been decimated in years passed by these furry rodents.

Brilliant sunshine belied the chilly weekend temperatures as brisk breezes scattered the crisp leaf litter like the dying embers of a smoldering fire, creating a tapestry of fiery red, gold and orange against a carpet of green velvet. Can snowflakes be far behind?

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Fun won't last when FY05 budget season gets underway

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

This is the fun part on Beacon Hill, and the fun is clearly not going to last.

As they gathered to say "yes" to $105 million in additional spending for "critical needs," mostly in human services, lawmakers made clear they're getting ready to say a least a billion dollars' worth of "no" next spring.

The mid-year spending bill provides funding for negotiated and overdue raises for faculty and staff in the UMass system, and small upticks in the accounts where budget cuts or simple miscalculation were causing the most suffering — or where interested parties made the most effective case that accounts ought to get a little more money.

The supplemental budget began with 86 outside sections, and 54 more were added in the House. The Senate and House versions, which also include many items that have little to do with pressing needs and underfunded accounts, were expected to be reconciled in a conference committee this week.

There's about $1 billion left in the Commonwealth's reserve funds, and tax collections are running a bit ahead of the calculations on which this budget is based, making the modest spending adjustments more palatable. But in addition to the mini-budget, lawmakers are eyeing another $100 million plus from reserves to pay for a jobs bill.

And with $2 billion in projected budget imbalances waiting to be addressed for next year, lawmakers painted a picture of the near future so grim that it was odd to see them giving the okay to spending in accounts they almost certainly will have to go back and hit with cuts again in just a matter of months. With taxes apparently still not an option, and hundreds of millions in cuts already made, the coming budget season may wind up more painful and politically unpopular than even the debacles of the early 90s, which sent incumbents tumbling out of office.

Last week's bill started as a request from the administration for fully funding various accounts, and escalated as a political issue when Gov. Romney's people threatened to lay off social workers and release youthful offenders if the bill wasn't approved by September. That never happened, as Democratic lawmakers proved a point.

Especially in the House, they love showing the governor who's in control. The administration wanted to change state government's approach to underfunded accounts, providing full funding with a supplemental very early on in the fiscal year to prevent deeper cuts in the spring. It's a reasonable approach, but untraditional.

House Speaker Thomas Finneran turned out to be in no mood to break tradition – perhaps not on policy grounds anyway, but certainly not after Romney denigrated the probable impact of Finneran's original economic stimulus bill, and then absolutely not after the Speaker felt double crossed by the governor over a plan allowing him to raise the pay of House leadership without gubernatorial approval.

This kind of sentiment — "you went back on your word" — is the most deadly on Beacon Hill, and totally fatal to bipartisan cooperation. It actually may not matter too much, since Romney's message-makers are clearly locked on an anti-Legislature, anti-Democrat message. But it's a dynamic that, combined with the intractability of the fiscal numbers, indicates the fun is going to stay out of budgeting for quite some time to come.

•*Angst builds as jobless benefits fund runs out of money* — After months of throat clearing, legislative leaders still have not stated their point of view on refunding the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund system. They've already acknowledged short-term help from the federal government will be necessary to keep the fund solvent into next year, and keep unemployment benefits flowing. The latest offering from the Romney camp proposes a combination of increases in employer contributions to the insurance system and reductions in eligibility for benefits. Workers would bear $185 million of the cost in the form of benefit reductions, and employers would kick in $305 million in higher premiums. If the Legislature does nothing, employer premiums are scheduled to soar by a collective $600 million next year.

•*Busy – and worrisome – week in education* — The education community was buoyed by some positive developments, but for the time being they were overshadowed by news that Commissioner David Driscoll was in Massachusetts General Hospital, after suffering what may have been a heart attack. Driscoll, 61, was recovering last week from angioplasty administered to remove a blockage to his heart. Driscoll checked himself in after announcing Bay State students produced outstanding results on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, given for the first time this year in all 50 states, though it's long been used as a benchmark for comparing performance. At a separate event, Romney proclaimed that he is "quite confident" that his upcoming budget will not propose any reductions in state aid for education.

• *Timperi acknowledges, removes spurious credential* — After employees in his division signaled their unhappiness, the head the state's disease lab, Ralph Timperi, removed the "PhD" from his email signature; he'd obtained an Internet degree based on life experience for $500. Public Health Commissioner Christine Ferguson said Timperi, who apologized to his colleagues for being naïve and embarrassing them, will not be fired or punished.

• *Romney says he's committed to diversity and equality* — In a speech at the New Covenant Christian Church, Gov. Romney said his attempt to eliminate the state's affirmative action program should not be interpreted as an abandonment of the principle of advancement for minority groups. "I want you to know that I am absolutely committed to hiring people of color," he said. "That is a hallmark of what I believe in." The governor's critics are skeptical.

POLITICAL NOTES

Janet Fogarty

Fogarty announces bid for state GOP committee

Former Cohasset Republicans Town Committee Chairman Janet R. Fogarty has announced she will run for Republican State Committeewoman.

Fogarty's announcement comes after Republicans from across the district made a "recruit Janet" effort and collected signatures to nominated her to run for State Committeewoman.

"I was pleasantly surprised to see the effort on my behalf," Fogarty said. "With such a ground swell of support, I can think of no way better to thank my supporters than run and serve as State Committeewoman."

"Janet is a successful businesswoman, has a love for politics and helping candidates at all levels, and knows the rewards of good government are worth making a commitment," said David Farrag, Chairman of the Norfolk County Republican Club. "We should be so lucky to have her represent us on the Republican State Committee. I cannot think of a better candidate."

Fogarty brings a wealth of experience to the race, as well as a new perspective and energy. She has spent the last decade working with Republican Town Committees to help recruit Republican candidates, raise funds for them and raise awareness for a need for a two-party system.

Fogarty will be putting together an agenda for the next four years and announcing it to the public shortly.

Republicans to party

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee is hosting its annual Holiday Party on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 5-9 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's Cottage in Cohasset Harbor. Come and celebrate the joy of the season with good food, good cheer and good Republicans. RSVP by Dec. 1 to Heather Palmer at 781-383-3339.

Local GOP to meet

All interested Republicans are invited to the November monthly meeting of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee on Nov. 25 starting at 7:30 at the Lightkeeper's Cottage.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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Nov. 10-14

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on four roll calls and local representatives' votes on one roll call from the week of November 10-14.

POST SEX OFFENDERS ON INTERNET (H 4308)

House 152-6, approved a supplemental budget amendment requiring the state to post the names, addresses, physical descriptions and photographs of level three sex offenders on the Internet. Level three sex offenders are those determined by the sex offender registry board to pose a high risk of offending again. Amendment supporters said these offenders are the most dangerous ones and argued that people should have quick and easy access to information about these criminals. They argued it is important for people to know whether an offender is living in their neighborhood. Some amendment opponents said the amendment is improperly before the House because it goes beyond the scope of a supplemental budget that does not deal with sexual offenders. Others argued that this controversial issue should be dealt through a regular bill that is in the Criminal Justice Committee and should not be slipped into a budget bill. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment requiring Internet posting. A "Nay" vote is against Internet posting).

ABOLISH KENO (S 2139)

Senate 2-37, rejected a supplemental budget amendment abolishing the game of Keno in Massachusetts. Amendment supporters said this game has spread to far too many convenience stores and Bars and noted that the state treasurer recently increased Keno drawings from once every five minutes to once every four minutes. They questioned whether the state belongs in the gambling business. Amendment opponents said that the state is facing up to a $3 billion deficit in next year's budget and argued that abolishing Keno would result in a loss of $163 million in local aid for cities and towns. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment abolishing Keno. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment and favors Keno).

$3.1 MILLION FOR SCHOOL BUILDING ASSISTANCE (S 2139)

Senate 35-2, approved a supplemental budget amendment providing $3.1 million for the School Building Assistance Program. Amendment supporters said the program was underfunded by $3.1 million in this year's budget and noted that this would restore the money and honor the state's commitment to communities that were promised this reimbursement for school building projects. They argued it is unfair that many communities voted for local tax increases to fund these projects based on promised state aid on which the state has reneged. Amendment opponents said it is unfair for the state to restore full funding to this program when many human service programs have not had million of dollars in cuts restored. They said thousands of vulnerable citizens are still being affected by the drastic human service cuts. (A "Yea" vote is for the $3.1 million for school building assistance. A "Nay" vote is against the $3.1 million).

$239,946 FOR SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY (H 4004)

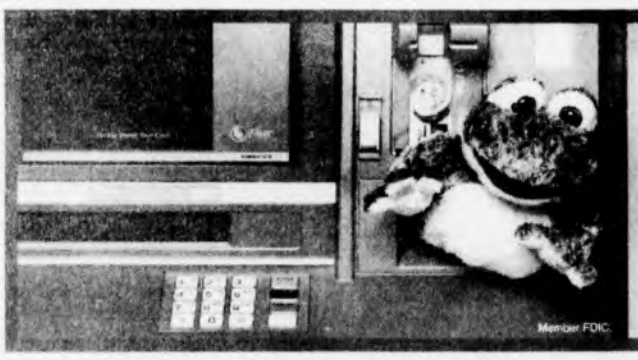
Senate 39-0, overrode Gov. Romney's $239,946 veto reduction (from $3,596,891 to $3,356,945) in funding for the operation of the state's sex offender registry. Override supporters said the $239,946 is crucial in order to pay for six more employees to help eliminate the backlog that is prohibiting the state from properly protecting the public by tracking sex offenders. In his veto message, the governor said the $239,946 cut would reduce the funding to an amount consistent with his original recommendation for this program. (A "Yea" vote is for the $239,946).

HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS

Senate 32-7, adopted resolutions supporting International Human Rights Day on December 10 and the fundamental rights of workers to form and join unions. The controversial language in the resolutions states that employers across the nation routinely violate the rights of workers to choose whether to have a union. Supporters said the resolutions simply express support for the freedom to unionize that is one of the basic rights of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ratified in 1948 by four-fifths of the nations in the United Nations. They noted that studies have shown that one in four employees who seek to unionize are illegally fired. Opponents said the resolutions are well-intentioned but poorly drafted. They argued that they cannot vote for resolutions that are a blanket indictment of all businesses and urged that the resolutions be redrafted to single out offending businesses. (A "Yea" vote is for the resolutions. A "Nay" vote is against the resolutions).

Y = Yes, N = No, NV = No Vote

POST SEX OFFENDERS ON INTERNET (H 4308)	Y
ABOLISH KENO (S 2139)	N
$3.1 MILLION FOR SCHOOL BUILDING ASSISTANCE (S 2139)	Y
$239,946 FOR SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY (H 4004)	Y
HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS	N



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HEDLUND REPORT

BOB HEDLUND

But there's more work to be done

After the Fiscal Year 2004 budget was passed and veto overrides were concluded, the pace of the Legislature dramatically slowed for the better part of the summer and early fall. However, there was action on some important pieces of legislation, which I am pleased to report were enacted in a timely manner. Recently, the Senate passed House Bill 4248, which was critical as it re-established the Inland Fisheries and Game Fund in order to prevent the loss of more than $4 million in federal funding for fisheries and wildlife in Massachusetts. The Senate also passed two important consumer protections by enacting Senate Bill 113 and Senate Bill 2019. SB 113 prohibits negative option mailings, and SB 2019 regulates "spam" e-mail so that it may be easily filtered. Most importantly, the Senate debated and passed Senate Bill 187, which requires all felons to give a DNA sample upon conviction. The establishment of this expanded DNA database provides an essential tool to our local and state law enforcement officers.

With the Nov. 19 deadline for action to be taken on legislation prior to 2004 rapidly approaching, the Senate is poised to debate and hopefully act upon some very pressing legislation. The following are a few of the most important matters scheduled to be taken up:

Unemployment insurance

We are currently facing a crisis with our Unemployment Insurance system that if not addressed will severely impact the Massachusetts economy. With the projected balance of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund scheduled to be depleted, the Legislature must act soon to prevent what is scheduled to be a huge automatic increase in the amount employers pay. Without Legislative action, rates will increase by $620 million on January 1st, which represents an overall increase of 75percent. This is also an increase of up to 157percent for employers with a long history of stable employment! The Legislature passed a temporary fix at the end of the session last year; however, I will be pressing for the Senate to finally establish legislation that will provide for long-term predictability and stability of Unemployment costs for business and benefits for workers. Many different ideas are being floated around on how to achieve that important goal and I will be working hard with the rest of my colleagues to make sure that we come up with a solution to this crisis that is not detrimental to businesses or their employees.

Supplemental budget

As is the case with far too many of the recent budgets, we will soon be forced to act upon a supplemental budget in order to augment certain appropriations that were systematically under-funded in the final Fiscal Year 2004 budget. The legislative leadership has long employed a tactic of underfunding certain essential services in order to prevent cuts to some of their more favored programs and pet projects. One example of this tactic is how the legislature routinely is forced to supplement the funding for snow and ice removal. For the FY 2004 budget, this tactic was grossly abused, as many different accounts were under-funded with the express expectation that the Legislature would pass a supplemental budget later in the year.

Economic development

Currently, the Senate, House and the Governor have each released a version of an economic stimulus package with the lofty aim of spurring the recovery of Massachusetts' economy. Each package mostly uses funds from the tobacco settlement trust fund and other off-budget sources to fund a series of grants and other business incentives. The proposals also include aid to regional economic development counsels and worker retraining efforts. While parts of both the House and Senate packages are constructive, I believe the overall efforts fall short. These two packages seem far too weighed down with pet projects for various members of Legislative leadership or special interests.

On the other hand, the package submitted by Governor Romney more fully recognizes just what state government's relationship with business is and what realistic impact government programs can have upon the overall economy. Some important Romney provisions include a targeted tax rebate for new manufacturing jobs, the restoration of appropriations for the Workforce Training Fund, the institution of a training partnership between community colleges, career centers and industry groups, and an increase in the economic opportunity credit for brownfield sites. When the legislature takes action on a final version of an economic development package, I will fight to make sure that only spending for development purposes – not special interest purposes – is ultimately included in this bill.

Chapter 40B news

While it is unlikely that the legislature will act upon any Chapter 40B legislation prior to 2004, it is important to note that the Housing and Urban Development Committee has released its recommended changes to the Commonwealth's 30-year-old affordable housing law. Despite the best efforts of myself and other proponents for real change to Chapter 40B, this recently released legislation does little to protect towns from the onslaught of forced overdevelopment, and is similar to the recent recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Affordable Housing. I have already begun meeting with other Legislators who are supportive of real reforms to 40B, and we are planning a series of amendments for when this bill does make it to the floor. These amendments will be targeted at restoring local control over zoning and planning decisions in order to retain the quality of life and character of towns across Massachusetts.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund represents the Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes Hingham.

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Village Fair is for everyone

The church's popular New England chowder bar and bake table are always a great reason to stop by.

Be sure to stop by Cohasset Common on from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6 for some good cheer and a great start to your holiday decorating and shopping. Hosted by four of the town's churches and the non-profit Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (ASP), the Village Fair has been a wonderful holiday tradition for more than 60 years.

Volunteers from the First Parish Unitarian Church, Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Second Congregational Church, The Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church and ASP work together to create this holiday marketplace.

Inside the doors of the Second Congregational Church (next to Town Hall) you'll find a holiday boutique filled with beautiful hand-crafted holiday gifts and decorations. While you shop, children can visit the Kids' Craft Corner where they can make an ornament of their own. The church's popular New England chowder bar and bake table are always a great reason to stop by.

Volunteers from the Greek Orthodox Church will transform Town Hall into a cozy Athenian Café featuring Greek pastries and delicacies, alongside an array of olives, oils and cheese. Visitors will also find beautiful holiday greens including fresh balsam wreaths and decorative boughs perfect for your front door.

First Parish's Jumble Sale is back by popular demand offering pre-owned treasures of all kinds for adults and children. Stop by their Swedish Bake Shop for their popular home-made cinnamon buns, coffee, tea or hot chocolate. A small boutique will offer Table-top Christmas Trees in 12 in., 18 in. and 24 in. sizes in traditional Christmas designs as well as theme-oriented trees sure to delight lovers of birds, teddy bears, the sea shore and others. Visitors will also find delicious homemade soup mixes and a tree of new and used ornaments.

St. Stephen's Country Store is the place to find the perfect hostess gift and wonderful Herbes de Provence. Its Bake Shop is famous for its homemade toffee, fudge, cakes and pies, while their snack bar will offer donuts and bagels, hot dogs and homemade soups. Volunteers have been busy collecting hundreds of used books, CDs, tapes and videos for their popular Book Sale.

Santa Claus will be the guest of honor on the Common (or the Second Congregational Church Nursery, if it rains) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children can visit with Santa and have a picture taken by an ASP volunteer.

Last, but not least, the Rusty Skippers will be performing their Annual Holiday Pops Concert at First Parish Church at noon the day of the fair.

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We are the champions

CHS gridders top Norwell in thriller to clinch playoff berth

A thrilling last minute win over Norwell, Friday night, has earned the Cohasset football team a home date in the Super Bowl tournament on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Senior Sean Connelly provided the game's only score when he pounced on a fumble in the end zone with just 1:05 to play in this showdown for the South Shore League championship.

Playoff football
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Dec. 2, 7 p.m.

Cohasset improved to 8-1, 4-0 in South Shore League play, and will close out the regular season on Thanksgiving morning at Hull versus the Pirates.

The visiting Skippers won the battle of field position, with an outstanding punting game and their best defensive effort of the year, holding Norwell (6-2-1, 3-1-1 in SSL) to 114 yards of total offense.

Junior punter Joe Durkin receives this week' star of the game award. Durkin received eight perfect long snaps from senior captain Steve Davis, and on four of those punts pinned Norwell at their 5, 7, 3 and (with under two minutes to go in a scoreless game) 5-yard line.

With 90 seconds to go in a scoreless game, the Skippers took advantage of an unsuccessful fourth down play by the Clippers at their 5- yard line. Norwell had a fourth-and-10 from their own five. If they punted and settled for the 0-0 tie, the Clippers would be resting their playoff hopes on a Hull victory over Cohasset on Turkey Day. Norwell coach Jim Sullivan obviously felt this scenario was unlikely and went for the first down and a chance to continue the offensive drive. The fourth down pass play went incomplete.

"A tie would have done us no good," explained Sullivan, in his 14th year of steering the Clippers football fortunes. "We felt we needed to make out own break there. Unfortunately, it just didn't go our way."

"I was surprised (Norwell) kept the ball there," conceded Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe, "but our defensive coordinator, Bob Silvia, figured they'd be going for it there. That's why he's the defensive coordinator. We have pretty much the same players out there on punt team and regular defense, so it wasn't that big a deal. Bob had the right guys in the right place."

Cohasset took over with a first-and-goal from the 5-yard line. On first down, senior QB Mike Dooley handed off to senior tailback DeWayne

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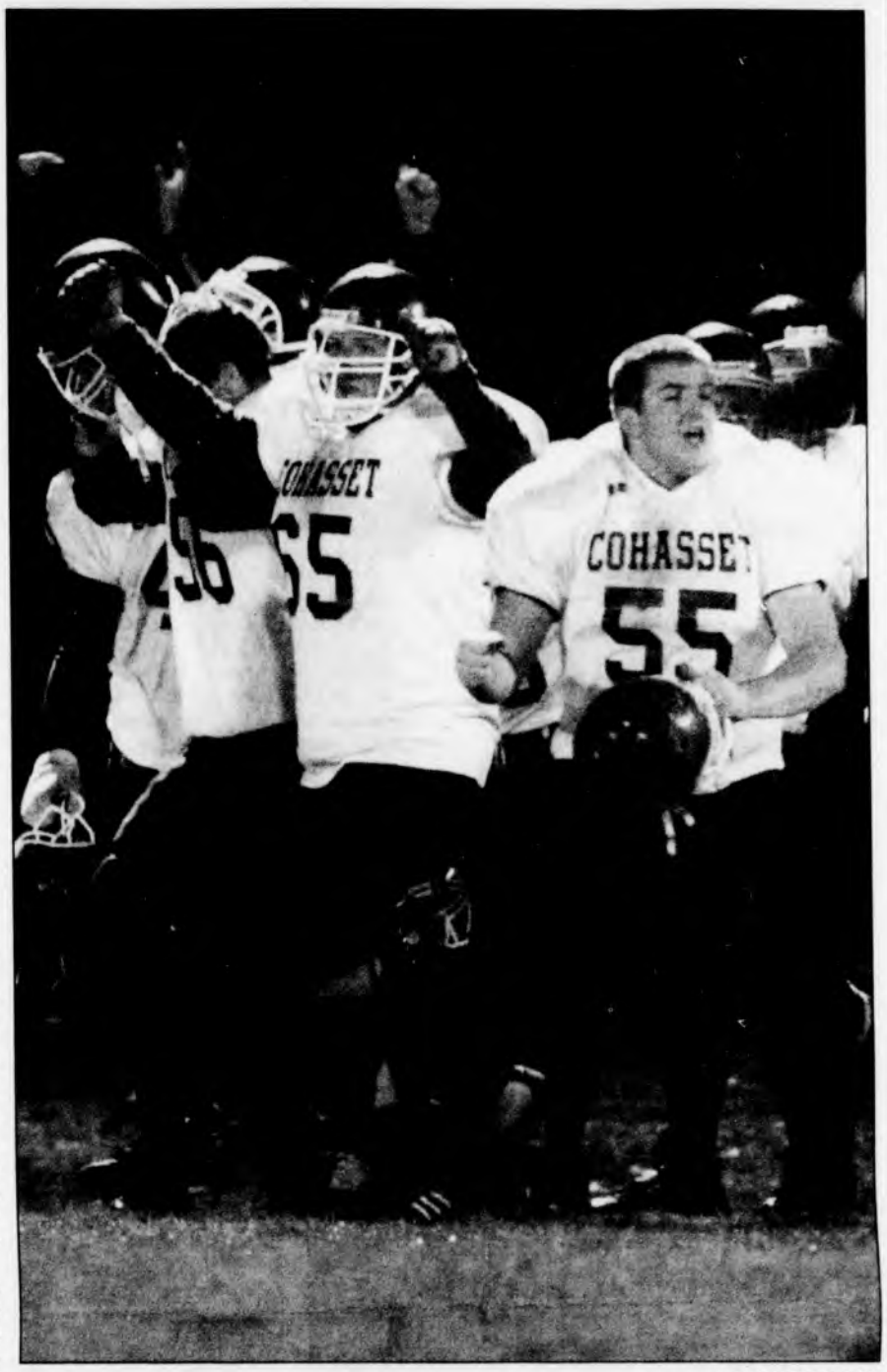

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Cohasset's Nick Arment (#65) and captain Stephen David (#55) lead the celebration following the final whistle in Friday's thrilling 7-0 win over South Shore League rival Norwell.

Success story

CHS field hockey squad achieved most of their goals in '03

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

For the Cohasset girls field hockey players, this season will go down in history as overall both very positive and significant. In an in-depth interview with the Mariner, coach Deb Bostwick candidly described the many high points and a few disappointments.

Clinching a playoff berth topped her list. The Lady Skippers won it in style by beating back a very tough Mashpee squad, 4-2, in Mashpee. Earlier in the season, Mashpee pounded the Skippers.

"This victory was our highlight moment of the season," said Bostwick. "When the final buzzer sounded and the tourney spot was clinched, the girls went wild. It was such a joyful thing to see them prevail."

As the season progressed, an incredible chemistry grew among the players.

"The seniors were like a small family, on and off the field," reflected Bostwick. "Their communication and friendships were remarkable."

In fact, the team took on special customs reflecting their tight-knit team. At the beginning of every game, Jessie Guilds would lead a "hoorah" chant. During each halftime, coach Bostwick would say, "Hello. Wake up. Smell the coffee. It's time to play field hockey."

The customs worked. The team boasted three SSL all-stars

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Mariner All-Scholastic golf team

Three Cohasset golfers named Honorable Mentions

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

After consulting with area coaches, though, we do feel secure that we chose the top 11 golfers in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Nick Fee -
Senior - Hingham

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Fee was a medalist in five matches this season...One half of Hingham's solid one-two punch, Fee helped lead the Harbormen to a tie for the Patriot League title (10-2), their third in four years...A four-year starter on the Hingham (12-3) team, the PL All-star shot a 78 as a freshman at the Div. 1 South Sectionals, helping to lead the squad to the title and go on to the State finals...Has played at the No. 1 or No. 2 slot all throughout his four-year career...Was co-MVP last season and was edged by teammate Ryan Collins this season...Fee plays Jr. Golf year round taking on some of New England's best players and has worked at Harmon Golf in Rockland...Uncertain of his future plans, Fee is looking into attending either Loyola, Quinnipiac, or Bentley and plans to continue playing golf. Hingham coach Jack Curran: "Nick is a long-ball hitter with a nice, fluid swing. He can get streaky but has worked hard to fine tune his game. He's always helped in big matches. He really and Ryan (Collins) solidified the top two spots."

Nick Fee

Ryan Collins -
Senior - Hingham

Ryan Collins

Also a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Collins was voted by teammates as their MVP this season...A medalist in six matches this year, Collins helped lead the Harbormen to their third Patriot League title in four years with a 10-2 mark, which tied Duxbury for the honor...Collins — splitting the No. 1 and 2 spot with Nick Fee — helped the squad tie for seventh at this year's Div. 1 South Sectional with a 76 and went on to compete at the State Individual Championships...There, the PL All-star again shot a 76 tying him for sixth in Div. 1...Missed some matches this season with an injured wrist but came back strong...Collins is considering attending either Quinnipiac or Bryant and intends to continue his golf career. Hingham coach Jack Curran: "Ryan is very competitive but in a quiet way. He was a very consistent high 30's golfer and would take on a No. 1 kid with the utmost confidence."

Paul Seaberg -
Senior - Abington

A three-year starter on the Abington squad, Seaberg is making his first appearance on the All-Scholastic squad...His

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Freshman Kevin Barber, a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention, provided an exciting sneak preview of what he's going to do over the next three years for the Cohasset High golf team.

Another step in the right direction

CHS lady booters eye third straight playoff berth in '04

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

With another step forward this year, Cohasset girls soccer is becoming a force to be reckoned with in the South Shore League.

The Skippers finished 10-8-1 this year, then lost to Sacred Heart in the first round of the Div. 3 state tournament despite outplaying their opponent.

The next step? Getting over that first-round hump and advancing in the playoffs. Cohasset will have the talent to do it next year.

That is not to say, however, that there won't be some holes to fill left by this year's seniors. The Skippers will be losing two of their three all-stars, Jenn Buckley and Holly Graham.

Buckley was perhaps Cohasset's best all-around player, providing goal scoring, playmaking and solid defense from her center-midfield position. Graham played very well all season long from her sweeper position.

The team will also lose seniors Gillian Weber, Sarah and Leah McMorris, and Alicia Sanchez. Weber and the McMorris twins were among Cohasset's best offensive threats up front, while Sanchez stepped in for an injured Brenna O'Donnell and did a great job on defense.

So much so, in fact, that Sanchez was voted by her teammates as the "unsung hero" of the team.

Head coach Deb Beal praised her co-captains, Buckley, Graham, and O'Donnell, for the leadership they provided over the course of the season.

"I got really lucky with my three captains this year," said Beal. "It's a tough role, because you want to do the right thing, but there are other times where you just want to be a kid. They knew when it was time to goof off, and when it was time to get some work done."

There will be plenty of talent returning next year, led by defender Christine Lovallo and striker Casey Anderson.

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Mite C3s tops WHK to remain perfect

Coastal Stars Youth Hockey Report

The undefeated Mite C3 team notched their 5th victory with an action packed 6-0 win over Whitman/Hanson/Kingston at Bridgewater Arena.

In the 1st period, the Stars fired many quality shots on the W/H/K net minder who was able to keep the puck from entering the net. Stars goaltender, Jeffery Powers, was equally up to the task, stopping several W/H/K quality shots including a brilliant save on a two on none breakaway.

Garrett Leahy, opened the Stars scoring late in the first period with a great individual effort, going "coast to coast" up the left wing and beating the goalie to make the score 1-0, which held through the end of the first period.

Bryan Bowman and Declan Leahy provided some inspirational defensive play early in the second period breaking up several opponents' rushes up the ice.

Jeremy "Remy" Archibald scored the second Stars goal with some nifty stickhandling up the right wing then beating the goalie with a wrist shot. Jeremy and linemates Ryan Davis and Garrett Leahy kept constant offensive zone pressure on the W/H/K goalie.

James Daley scored the third goal for the Stars of the contest after splitting the W/H/K defensemen upon receiving a slick pass in the neutral zone from winger Andrew Tautkus.

Several fine "end to end" rushes by defenseman Sam Topham finally paid off late in the second period as right winger Mark McGoldrick followed Sam's shot and scored on the rebound.

The third period opened with some excellent offensive zone play by center Ryan Melia and wingers Curtis Golden and Hugh Healy. The line generated several good scoring opportunities only to be stopped by the opposing goaltender.

As the third period continued Stars defenseman, Max Hemingway, who constantly stood his ground at the blue line hustled back and broke-up a W/H/K clean breakaway with a nice stick check.

Mark McGoldrick, parked in front of the crease, scored his second goal of the game midway through the third period off a nice feed from center James Daley to make the score 5-0. The goal came as the result of defensemen Jake Denton and Sam Topham stepping up into the play and keeping the opponents trapped in their defensive zone.

Garrett Leahy closed out the scoring with his second goal of the game on a great move around the goalie then tucking the puck behind the tender and into the empty net.

Stars defensemen Max Hemingway, Bryan Bowman,

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Three Cohasset golfers named Honorable Mentions

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Paul Seaberg

consistent play this season helped the Green Wave get off to a 4-0 start and eventual 8-5-1 record... The Abington squad was 6-3 in the South Shore League, good for second and its best finish in years...An SSL All-star, Seaberg won or tied 11 out of 15 matches this season thanks to his impressive short game...Shot an 86 at the SSL Championships, good for a top 10 finish individually and fourth place finish as a team...Spent last summer working at the Scituate Country Club...Seaberg is still considering several college options some of which include Roger Williams, Wentworth, UMass Amherst, and the University of Rhode Island. Abington coach Bill McMann: "He's very quiet and unassuming, but he really comes to play. He has terrific wedge play and good putting skills. He's also just a really nice kid."

Steve Dionne -
Senior (Capt.) - Rockland

Steve Dionne

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Dionne was again the premier player on the Rockland squad... Dionne's performance at the No. 1 spot helped the Bulldogs capture second in the Patriot League (8-4) behind co-champs Hingham and Duxbury...Dionne shot 76 at the South Sectionals, placing 9th and qualifying for State Individuals...There, he shot a 79 and finish 10th overall...Dionne was instrumental in a home victory over Hingham back on Sept. 24, in which he shot two over par...The senior captured his best performance of the season at East Bridgewater's Ridder Country Club, where he shot at two under par...Dionne averaged three over par for the season...The PL All-star finished 6th overall at the All-League Match and was a medalist in six matches this year...Also a captain and forward on the RHS hockey team. Dionne plans to attend Bentley and continue his golf career. Rockland coach Jack Murphy: "He's a very smart player with fine skills and a nice swing. He doesn't get rattled on the course. He plays his game and knows that its the score at the end of the round that counts."

Matt Lombard -
Junior - Hanover

Matt Lombard

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Lombard averaged 3 1/2 over par this season and shot for par five times this season...Lombard tied for fourth at the Patriot League Championships...The junior led the Indians to a winning season at 8-6 (6-6 PL tie for third), which qualified them for the South Sectional...There, Lombard's performance resulted in a fourth-place finish out of 14 teams...His score was just off qualifying for State Individuals...Just a junior, this two-time PL All-star still has another year of golf at HHS. Hanover coach John Sullivan: "His strength on the course is that he has few weaknesses in his play. He doesn't get into much trouble. He's extremely dedicated to the game and never missed a practice, even those that were optional. That really shows leadership to the younger players."

Derek DeSantis
Senior (Capt.)- Silver Lake

Two-time Old Colony League all-star elevated his game this season to move into the number one spot for the Lakers and lead them to an 8-5-1 season...averaged a score of 38 per nine holes this season...home course was tricky par-72 Halifax Country Club...had a team best record of 13-1-1...on average, won six holes per nine this season in match play...shot under 40 in 10 of 15 rounds this season...shot a team best 82 at the Div. 1 south sectional tourney at Poquoy C.C. (Lakeville)...has been playing golf since the age of five...member at Halifax Country Club...a long hitter who improved with all clubs in his bag as a senior...has won a few private local tourneys, including the Rockland Junior Open at the Rockland Golf Club this summer, shooting a three under par 51 on the par-three course...was also a very good soccer player growing up, but had to choose between golf and soccer when he got to high school...good student...would like to play golf in college...is leaning toward majoring in architecture...among the schools he's looking at are Wentworth and Methodist College...Silver Lake coach Eric Flaherty: "Derek is just so consistent. He's got the ideal personality for golf. He never gets flustered. He walks off the course with the same expression and temperament whether he shoots a 35 or 45. He was also a very good captain."

Derek DeSantis

Eric Zadorian
Senior (Capt.)- Silver Lake

The Lakers steady and sometimes spectacular number two player...averaged a score of 38.5 per nine holes this season to help SL to an 8-5-1 regular season...previous member of Halifax Country Club, where the Lakers play their home matches...long hitter...on average, won 4.7 holes per nine this season in match play...works at Pine Hills Country Club in Plymouth, where he gets to play with regularity...started playing golf at the age of five...also a varsity member of the Silver Lake tennis and basketball teams last season...Honor Roll student with a 3.6 GPA...would like to play golf in college if he winds up at a Div. 2 or 3 school...is looking at UConn, Jacksonville, Florida State, Elon (N.C.) and Eckert (Fla.), among other colleges...leaning toward majoring in Communications or Business Administration...is considering pursuit of a career in sports broadcasting...Silver Lake golf coach Eric Flaherty: "Derek was a very good captain. He could really drive the ball, and there were times he'd go on a roll and hit every shot just about perfect. He had the ability to start a rally. If he can harness that a little more, he could be quite a player."

Eric Zadorian

Max Schenkein
Senior (Capt.)- Norwell

Max Schenkein

This is the second golf all-scholastic honoring for the Norwell High senior, and third overall (also a selectee for the 2003 all-scholastic tennis team)...averaged an outstanding score of three over par per nine holes this season (37.0), while compiling a 10-2-1 record...one of only two captains in the 10-year history of the program...helped lead the Clippers to a 5-6-1 record in the extremely competitive South Shore League...a very consistent and well-rounded player...three-time SSL all-star...four year regular in Norwell's rotation...shot an 81 at Cranberry Valley (Harwich) to finish just three strokes off the winner at the state sectional tourney to advance to all-states...shot a six over par 78 on Farr Corners (Boxboro) to finish in a tie for seventh at the all-state championships...works at Fore Seasons Golf Club in Hingham, so he gets to play there...also a standout tennis player at NHS...previously played basketball and baseball for school teams as well...has a 3.88 grade point average and an unofficial class rank of 3 (NHS doesn't do class rank)...scored over 1,300 on SATs...other extracurricular activities: Student Body president, class Vice President sophomore and junior years, Student Advisory Council, Peer Educator, Junior High School Mentor, Habitat for Humanity (team raised $5000), Prom Committee, Math Team, Handbook Committee, New Faculty Dean of Students Interview Team (one of two students selected), Sportswriter and General News Editor for NHS newspaper (Norwell Navigator)...Awards: N.A.S.S.P. Principal's Leadership Award, Yale Book Award, 2-time Principal's Award winner, National Honor Society inductee, Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award Scholarship (awarded by University of Rochester), 2-time National Latin Exam Silver Medalist (magna cum laude), Norwell High School nominee for statewide Scholar-Athlete Award....correspondent for Norwell Mariner...looking at Ivy League schools... Norwell coach Ken Camerota: "The big thing about Max is his consistency. He's a long hitter and very steady in all parts of his game. He really works hard on improving."

Ryan Parker
Senior (Capt.)- Braintree

This two-time Bay State Conference all-star has played out of the number one or two spot each of the last two years for the Wamps... averaged an excellent score of 38.5 per nine holes this fall...has a handicap of four or five...finished fourth at the BSC all-star match this fall out of 33 players (shooting a 75 at Franklin Park) and sixth last year...four year varsity player and three year regular in rotation...started playing golf at the age of five...member at Braintree Municipal Course and Marshfield Country Club...oldest of three brothers in a big golfing family...sophomore brother Kevin joined him on varsity team this year...previously played basketball and baseball at Braintree High...Honors student... has student rank of 80 in class of 322...is being recruited by a few college golf coaches, including Bentley's...leaning toward a major in Business...Braintree coach Bob Crook: "Ryan did a great job as captain. He was the only senior on the team, and was like a big brother to just about everyone. As a golfer, Ryan is never satisfied with being fairly accomplished. He really, really works at his game. He wants to get better and better."

Ryan Parker

Ben Brigham
Junior (Capt.) - Scituate

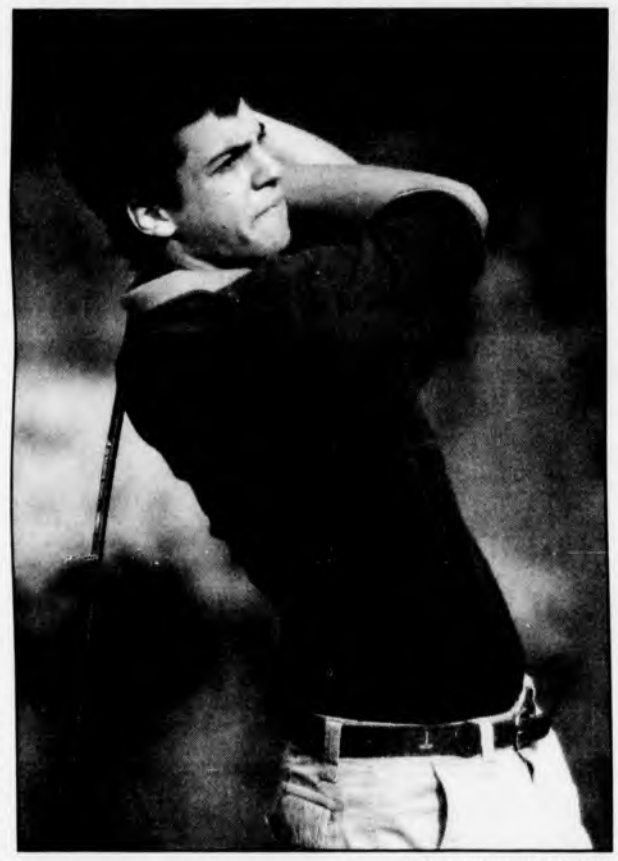
Ben Brigham

Ben earns his second Mariner All-Scholastic selection after a strong regular season and a superb postseason...led the way to a second place finish for the Sailors at the south sectional championships at Cranberry Valley (Harwich), finishing fifth overall with a score of 81, three strokes off the winning score...then tied for seventh individually at the All-State match at Far Corner (Boxboro), shooting a six over par 78, the best ever individual showing for a Scituate golfer at that event ...won the individual championship at the Patriot League all-star match at Hatherly (Scituate)...named team MVP...two time Patriot League all-star...won league Sportsmanship Award...played out of a top two spot all year for the Sailors, who put together a 6-6 season in an extremely strong Patriot League that saw four teams advance to the postseason...averaged a score of 37 per nine holes, approximately two shots over par...has been playing golf since he was seven...member of Hatherly Country Club, the Sailors home course...also a standout lacrosse player at SHS who has been named a captain for this year's team...will join the SHS ski team this year...hopes to play college golf, and is leaning toward a southern Atlantic college...good student who barely missed Honor Roll this term...Scituate coach Bob Beatty: "Ben really proved to be a pressure golfer this year. He was everything you want your captain to be. He was definitely out MVP. Anything this team needed, he provided."

Hunter Talcott
Sophomore - Scituate

Hunter Talcott

This two-time Patriot League all-star provided the Sailors with a great one-two punch all season along with fellow All-Scholastic selection Ben Brigham...had a team best 9-3 record in match play playing primarily out of the number two spot...averaged a score of 38 per nine holes, approximately three shots over par...has been playing golf since he was five...shot a team second best score of 85 to help the Sailors take second at south sectionals and advance to All-States...best half round score at Hatherly this season was a one over par 36...best round at Widow's Walk was a two over 74...member of Widow's Walk (Scituate) and Green Harbors Country Club (Marshfield)...had hole-in-one as seventh grader at Green Harbors on the 165-yard 17th hole... played out of a top two spot all year for the Sailors, who put together a 6-6 season in an extremely strong Patriot League that saw four teams advance to the postseason...is trying out for the SHS basketball team this winter...Honor Roll student...Scituate coach Bob Beatty: "Hunter and Ben (Brigham) really helped one another raise the level of their games this year competing against each other in practice every day. Without the way these two picked it up, I don't think we would have even made it to the postseason. Best of all, I get them both back next year."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Senior Mike Devine, a previous Mariner All-Scholastic for hockey, decided to try his hand at golf this fall and wound up a South Shore League all-star and Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention.

Honorable Mention:

Bill Carey - Jr. - Abington
Mike Hajjar - Sr. (Capt.) - Cohasset
Mike Devine - Sr.- Cohasset
Kevin Barber- Fr.- Cohasset
Mark Jackson - Fr. - Hanover
John Foley - Sr. (Capt.) - Hingham
Mike MacCune - Hingham
Chris Nicotera - Marshfield
Anthony Reggianinni- Sr.- Norwell
Mike Dempsey- Jr.- Norwell
Kaitlin Healy - Sr. - Rockland
Mike Levanchy- Fr.- Scituate
Adam Mueller- Jr.- Silver Lake
Rory Maguire-Jr.- Braintree
Pasha Crowell - Sr. - Weymouth

— This team was selected by Mariner Sports Editors Julie Ann Nevero and Mike Spellman with the help of area coaches. Only public school athletes were considered for the honor because our lack of resources does not allow us to regularly cover private institutions. It is unfortunate but is a policy we must insist on maintaining.

FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Senior captain Mike Hajjar was a solid four year performer for the CHS golf team, and his leadership this fall helped hold things together for the young Skippers squad

Mite C3s tops WHK to remain perfect

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Jake Denton and Declan Leahy thwarted opponents third period center ice play making attempts and along with net minder Jeffery Powers preserved the teams fourth shut out of the young season. Stars player, Matthew Tautkus, with arm cast now removed, should see ice action soon. Keep up the good play Stars!

Squirt A

The Coastal Stars Squirt-A Team got back to their winning ways with a 4-3 victory over a very strong Brockton team. The stars jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead on goals by John Meehan and Tyler Martina. Meehan's goal was a rebound of a quick Martina shot from the slot. Ryan Donovan also had an assist on the play as he showed great patience holding onto the puck until Martina found an opening in the slot. Ryan made a perfect pass to Tyler who one timed the puck off the post and the rebound fell on the stick of a perfectly positioned Meehan. Martina scored the second goal from nearly the same position where he hit the post on the previous goal. This time the release was just as quick and the puck found the back of the net before the Brockton goaltender knew it was on it's way. Donovan and Meehan registered assits on the play after a nice job of cycling down low. As dominant as the Stars were early Brockton was equally dominant in the final five minutes of the first period and evened the score with two well deserved goals. The Stars regained the lead five minutes into the second period on John Meehan's second goal of the game on a terrific feed from Ryan Donovan. Brian Scott also assisted on the play with a strong pass from the neutral ice area. Meehan displayed great hands on the goal as he accepted the Donovan pass and in one motion let go a wrist shot that beat the Brockton goaltender high over his glove hand. With the score tied at three heading into the third period the Stars were determined to tighten up in the defensive zone and did a great job of maintaining posession of the puck, thus limiting their opponents chances of scoring. Pat Cull has been exceptional all season on defense and he consistently made smart outlet passes to the forwards enabling them to break out and apply pressure in the Brockton defensive zone. The Stars have been getting better each week working on carrying the puck and not simply throwing it away when they are challenged. This patience lead to the winning goal by Travis Craven who completed a great three on two rush by splitting the Brockton defense and snapping off a hard shot that beat the Brockton goaltender and gave the stars a hard fought 4-3 win. Jeff Durkin and Conor McLean assisted on the play and did a nice job of spreading out the defense on a perfectly executed three on two. The Stars continue to get consistent goaltending from Kevin Kelly and solid defense from Scott, Cull, Entwistle, and Schorle. This team is really working hard at the little things that define a good hockey team and are becoming more complete each week.

Mite A

The Mite A's scored an impressive 7-1 victory against Duxbury at the Rockland Arena last Sunday. Led by Will Golden's hat trick, the Stars played a complete game, limiting Duxbury to three shots on goalie Jonathan "Le Papillon" Spitz and peppering the Duxbury goaltender throughout the game. The Stars applied relentless pressure from the outset. Colin Whelan and the other Stars forwards backchecked and dug in the corners tirelessly. Will DeCoste set up first Connor Maher, and then Andrew Geddes, out front. Chris Cohen rushed and shot from the right side, and was sent in on net by Kenny Parnell for another shot that was saved. Duxbury drew first blood on a sneakaway with about 1:30 left in the period. Things appeared to worsen for the Stars when they were called for a penalty at the 1:05 mark, but Terrence Doonan grabbed the puck in his own end, skated the length of the rink, and lifted one to the top corner to tie the game. Doonan's goal lit a fire for the Stars. On the first shift of the second period, Connor Maher picked up a loose puck at his blue line and outraced Duxbury's defense to their net. His shot beat the goalie to the left side for the 2-1 lead. Will Golden scored the first of his three from a scramble in front of the net with 7:35 left. Brian Smith and the Stars' defense not only killed the team's second penalty, but allowed the offense to make several shorthanded attempts. Jared McCrystal displayed textbook defense by playing the body and separating a Duxbury rusher from the puck, which allowed defensive mate Kevin McDougall to scoop up the puck. Chris Cohen's wraparound attempt was saved. Will Golden set up Jake McDonough out front. The shot was saved, but McDonough, Doonan, and Golden followed the shot for the rebound, and Golden banged it home after a flurry to put the Stars up, 4-1. McDonough and Doonan had later attempts saved, and Connor Maher fed Andrew Geddes out front, but the buzzer prevented any further scoring. The Stars didn't let up in the third. Jeremy Duchini's pass sent Will Golden on a breakaway that was saved, and Andrew Geddes' shot from the slot was also saved. With 8:00 left in the game, Will Golden kept the puck in at the blue line, skated to the net, and fired to the top right corner from 10 feet out for his hat trick and a 5-1 lead. With 2:15 left, Terrence Doonan picked up the puck just outside the Duxbury blue line, split the D, and rushed to the net. T-Dog's shot was saved, but Jake McDonough hustled to the follow-up and netted the rebound. Doonan and McDonough paired again with 1:48 left when Doonan skated the puck down the left side and passed out front to McDonough. Jake found the five-hole for the game's final tally. The Stars' record now stands at 4-1-1.

Mite C2

On Saturday, Mites 2 team shut out Hanover 4-0 at the Pilgrim Arena. The Stars came out shooting in this contest, quickly wearing down the Hanover defense. Patrick Graham was outstanding in net logging the shut out for his squad. He received great defensive support from defenseman Jake Burchill who stopped several Hanover attacks and pushed the puck up the ice for the Stars. Robbie Bertone contributed to the effort with solid puck control and consistent overall play on defense. The Stars scored their first goal with 6:33 left in the first period on an attempt by Hanover to clear the puck out of the zone. Aidan Beresford intercepted the clear out and promptly beat the Hanover goaltender on a wrist shot from the slot. The Stars were ahead 1-0 after one period of play. The second period was all Stars as the frontline of Tristan Wiggin, Matt Doyle and Brendan Evitts attacked the Hanover defense with a barrage of shots. Playing right wing, Jeremy Archibald cut through the middle and scored with 9:38 in the period off a rebound by a Joey Redfearn scoring bid. Jack Evitts assisted the team effort with yeoman work in the corners. Also during the period, Patrick Graham made an outstanding save on a rush by Hanover, challenging the shooter and taking away the angle. The Stars went into the third period with a comfortable 2-0 lead. This last period proved to be a continuation of the second with more offensive pressure by the Stars. Matt Boudreau broke in all alone on the Hanover goalie only to be stifled by a pad save. Joseph Proctor won two key face-offs in the third period and Thomas Coyne chipped in with great blue line play that allowed the Stars to maintain possession in the offensive zone. With 10:02 left, Michael McPartlin made a truly creative play. McPartlin curled around from behind the Hanover net, stopped and pulled the trigger, scoring on a tough angle. Kal Maier joined the offensive party with a nice rush in on the Hanover goaltender but could not convert. With a minute left, Matt Doyle made it 4-0 as he cruised through the middle and fired the puck into the left corner of the net. The Stars look to continue their winning ways when they match up with Weymouth next Sunday at the Hobomock arena.

Squirt B1

The Coastal Stars Squirt B1 team had a successful weekend, as they overpowered the South Shore Seahawks 8-0 on Saturday, and followed up with a 2-2 tie against a tough Taunton Brewins team on Sunday. Against the Seahawks, the Stars carried the play from the opening face-off and had several early scoring chances turned away by the Seahawks goalie. They finally broke through, scoring twice in the last four minutes of the period. Carter Denton scored the first of his two goals, putting the puck

just inside the right post after picking up the rebound of a DJ Evans shot from the slot. Ryan Talanian also picked up an assist on the play. With just over a minute to play in the first, the always hustling John Kenney came up with the puck at center ice and broke in on a two-on-one with Jared Coletta. The Seahawks goalie made a great stop on Kenney, but Coletta was perfectly positioned and flipped the puck over the goalie to make it 2-0. In the second period, Jared Coletta battled for the puck and got it to Ryan Talanian, who broke in alone, put the puck on his backhand and slid it through the goalies pads for a 3-0 lead. Two minutes later, it became 4-0, as Bobby Harrington, a force in both games, stole the puck and broke in on a two-on-none, with Mike Carbone streaking down the right wing. Harrington looked to Carbone, freezing the goalie, and then beat him with a low wrist shot. The third period was all Stars, as they controlled the tempo and scored four times. Mike Carbone made it 5-0, skating in from the point to pick up the rebound of a John Kenney shot and firing the puck into the top corner. Ryan Talanian then scored his second of the game, with assists from Neil Conway and Jared Coletta. Coletta followed that with a goal off a Carter Denton rebound to make it 7-0 and Denton closed out the scoring with his second goal and third point of the game, putting in a rebound after Brian Ford beat his man and broke in alone. On Sunday, the Stars came out flying against the Brewins, and top to bottom, played their best game of the year. Goalie Danny Durkin had a strong

game, controlling rebounds and making several saves on point blank shots. He had a lot of help from his defensemen and his forwards, particularly Ross Horan and Bobby Parelli, as they hustled to get back and battled for the puck along the boards. The Stars went up 1-0 in the first when Neil Conway battled for the rebound of a Bobby Harrington shot and tucked it in the net. The play went back

and forth for a while with both goalies being tested. Then Brian Ford made a nice play to keep the puck inside the Brewins zone. The Brewins gained possession but Mike Carbone stole the puck and whistled a wrist shot by the goalie's glove for a 2-0 lead. The Brewins battled back, tying it on a tip-in from in front and a low wrist shot from the slot. Both teams had scoring chances down the stretch, but strong team defense and goaltending kept it deadlocked.

SPORTS NOTES

Mandatory CHS Winter sports meeting Nov. 24

On MONDAY NOVEMBER 24, there will be a mandatory sign-up meeting for all high school athletes interested in participating in a winter sport at Cohasset High School. The meeting will begin at 6:45 pm. We ask that all student-athletes be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian to the meeting. Principal Dr. Michael Jones and Athletic Director Mr. Ron Ford will be on hand to review the Cohasset High School Athletic Department and Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association policies and answer any questions you may have.

Mr. Everett Henderson, Jr., the Area Director of National Scouting Report, will give a brief overview of the college recruitment process for student-athletes. He will remain on hand after the program to answer any specific questions you may have about college recruiting.

Student athletes and parents will then meet with the CHS Coaching Staff to distribute schedules, discuss team rules and expectations, and answer any questions you may have. We also ask you to bring the $75 user fee payment to this meeting.

Practices for the all high school winter season sports will begin on Monday, December 1. The following sports are offered during the winter season: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Gymnastics (co-operative team w/ Norwell H.S.), Ice Hockey, Skiing (funded by the Cohasset Ski Club), Co-ed Swimming (co-operative team w/ Scituate H.S.), and Wrestling.

Late basketball registration for boys and girls grades 1 to 7

You may register late for the Cohasset Basketball Boosters/Recreation Dept. Grades 1 to 7 basketball program for boys and girls, at the recreation office during the next week, prior to Dec. 1.

The fee is $75 per player, registration forms must be completed and signed by a parent.

Evaluations for grades 4 to 7 will be held on Dec. 6, and schedules are available at registration.

There will be no grades 1 to 3 evaluations this year and all grades are scheduled to begin play on Dec. 13. Team coaches will call prior to then.

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Another step in the right direction

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Lovallo was Cohasset's third all-star this season, dominating many games from her fullback position. Beal announced at the team's season-end dinner last night that Lovallo was voted as the team's most valuable player.

The junior will move to the sweeper position next year, Beal said.

Anderson, meanwhile, led the team in goals and scored in clutch situations, including a game-winning corner that went directly into the net against Abington. That victory spurred the Skippers second-half run.

Others returning who saw significant playing time this year are defenders Danielle Hajjar and Mary Silvia, midfielders Nicole Whitney, Molly Kirk and Rachel Garber, and forwards Lindsay Kennedy and Lauren Rizzotti.

Beal said she is looking forward to the infusion of talent that will come from this year's JV squad. One of those girls will be Lindsay Durkin, a freshman this year who saw some playing time at the forward position in the game against Sacred Heart. She showed good speed and awareness on the field, and should provide a solid scoring threat for Cohasset next year.

Other girls Beal is expecting to step up are Charlotte Sida, Katie Bolger, Lara Novak and Melissa Crowley-Buck, who will team with CeCelia Chapman to provide a 1-2 goalkeeping tandem.

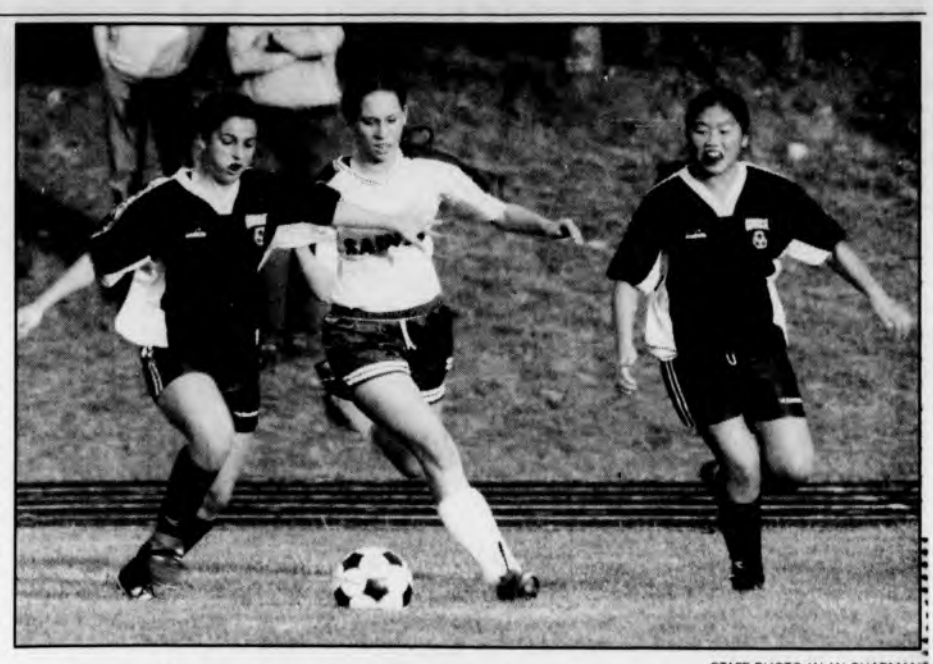
The girls started off slow this year, but ran off wins in seven of their last eight games going into the playoffs. And if it hadn't been for a few bad bounces, the Skippers would have advanced to the second round.

"That was by far the best game we played all year," Beal said of the match with Sacred Heart.

The coach said the team needs to get better at some of the finer skills of the game, such as finishing, but that the first thing is physical fitness.

"One of my goals is to prepare them so that by the time school gets out in June, they have a program to follow, and they will come in [to August practices] in shape and ready to play," Beal said.

If the Skippers can come together for the entire 2004 season the way they did the last nine games of this year, the rest of the league is in for a big challenge.



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The graduation of two-time South Shore League all-star Holly Graham (right) will leave some big shoes to fill for Danielle Hajjar (left) and the rest of the CHS defensive corps.

Success story

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in Courtney Caron, Danielle Pinkus, and Rachel Doyle. Doyle captured the season "MVP" trophy. Captain Kelly Hurley received the "coach's award" for her organizational skills. Caitlin Condon, who racked up eight shutouts during the season, got the nod for the "most improved player." Jessie Guilds captured the "most versatile player" award.

The chemistry among the players also reached toward their coach's direction.

"We couldn't have done it without coach Bostwick,' noted senior goalie Caitlin Condon. "She was so lively and assuring. We owe our season to her."

Bostwick quickly deflected attention away from herself and towards her assistant coach, Alexandra Williams. She also cited the very important role CHS Athletic Director Ron Ford played in coordinating league matters.

When the Mariner interview shifted to next year's schedule, coach Bostwick said Mr. Ford and she will finalize the details in July. This much she knows: Norwell, Hull, Carver, Harwich and Mashpee will take on the Skippers again. She predicts Mashpee and Harwich will give Cohasset the greatest challenge. Like Cohasset, Carver will lose several players to graduation.

Even though she has coached field hockey for 14 years, Deb Bostwick holds high standards for herself. In the off season, she will go to clinics and work on designing innovative offensive strategies.

She voiced expectations for her returning players as well. She wants them in good condition when the season starts. Coach Bostwick also hopes players will take advantage of the off season opportunities, such as indoor leagues and summer camps.

Players likely to return include:

Juniors - Liz Condos, Allison Dean, Courtney Hurley, Christina St. Pierre, Colby Durant, and Alison Fludder.

Sophomores - Brooke Allen, Aaron Bigley, Katie James, Remy Lee, Mia Lieb-Lappen, and Katherine Whoriskey will return.

With another encouraging season under her belt, Deb Bostwick realizes it won't be an easy task to fill in the spots of this year's graduating players. All but two starters from this season graduate in June. She faces the prospect of grooming two goalies, a sweeper, two fullbacks, three half backs and at least two offensive line players

The rebuilding task for Coach Bostwick will prove daunting. As her players will attest, though, if anyone can do it, she can.

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Cohasset senior goalie Caitlin Condon, who racked up eight shutouts during the season, won the "Most Improved Player" Award for this season.

Cohasset Little League Golf fundraiser

Mark your calendars....You won't want to miss the Cohasset Little League fundraiser @ Black Rock Country Club on Friday, November 21st, 7:30 pm. Join your friends and neighbors for a Talent Show featuring Cohasset musicians and performing artists. The night will also include dancing, hor d'oeuvres and a live auction.

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CHS spirit items for sale

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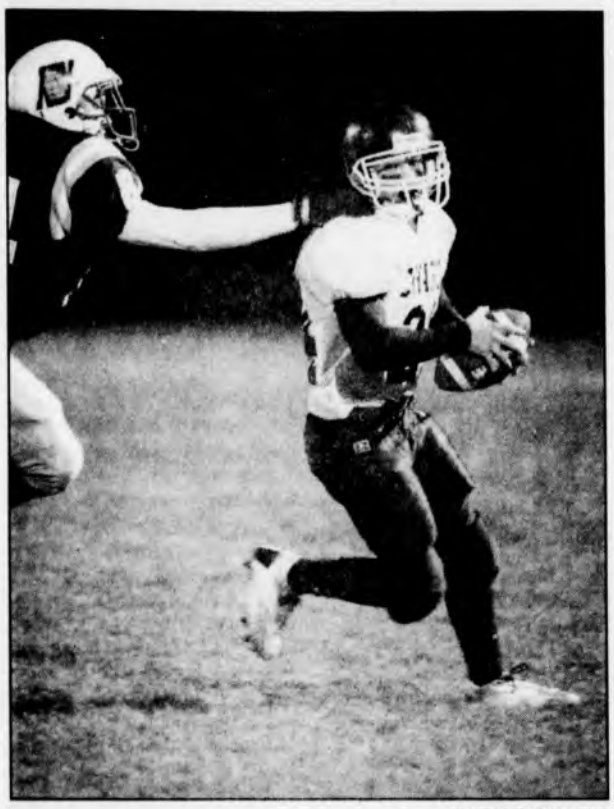
Morris, who carried down to the 3-yard line behind blocks from the right side of his offensive line: junior Matt Casey at center, Davis at right guard and sophomore Dan McCarthy at right tackle.

On second and goal, Cohasset tried the same play. Morris carried to the 1 and then the ball squirted loose into the end zone on a hard hit delivered by Norwell captain Frank Granara. Senior tight end Sean Connolly recovered the loose ball, and with 1:05 left in the game, the Cohasset faithful went crazy. Connolly added the extra point and the celebration continued.

The host Clippers had one last opportunity to score. They advanced the ball to the Skippers 38-yard line, but then four straight incomplete passes ended their dream of an SSL crown.

Offensively, the Clippers had 13 possessions. Eight ended with a punt, three with a turnover, and two on downs. Senior captain Tony Truglia, at linebacker, led the Skippers with eight tackles, followed by Durkin with seven from his defensive backfield position.

Senior captain Chris Bilodeau recorded his fifth and sixth interceptions of the season to halt two of Norwell's drives. Junior defensive tackle Matt Baroudi recovered a fumble on Norwell's first possession of the game at the Skippers 36-yard line. This would be Norwell's deepest advance into Cohasset territory all night.



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Cohasset quarterback Mike Dooley escapes the grasp of Norwell's Billy Arria.

Turf notes

DeWayne Morris went over the 1,000 yard rushing mark for the season. He now has 1,062 yards on the season. Morris had a long gain of 24 yards behind the blocks of senior left tackle Dan Tarpey, sophomore left guard Nick Arment, and a lead block from junior fullback Ted Straughn.

The Skippers played before their largest away game crowd of the season.

Cohasset's defensive backfield of Bilodeau, Durkin, juniors Crandon Leahy and D J Silvia held Norwell to four completions on 20 attempts.

Cohasset's front defensive four — Connolly, juniors Kelvin Ferriera, Matt Baroudi, and Leo Clougherty— accounted for 18 tackles.

Defensive Stats

Tackles: Tony Truglia 8, Joe Durkin 7, Sean Connolly 6, Kelvin Ferriera, Matt Baroudi, Crandon Leahy 5, Ted Straughn, Chris Bilodeau 4, Matt Casey 3, Leo Clougherty 2, D J Silvia, Joey Kehoe 1.

Interceptions: Chris Bilodeau 2.

Fumble Recoveries: Matt Baroudi, Sean Connolly.

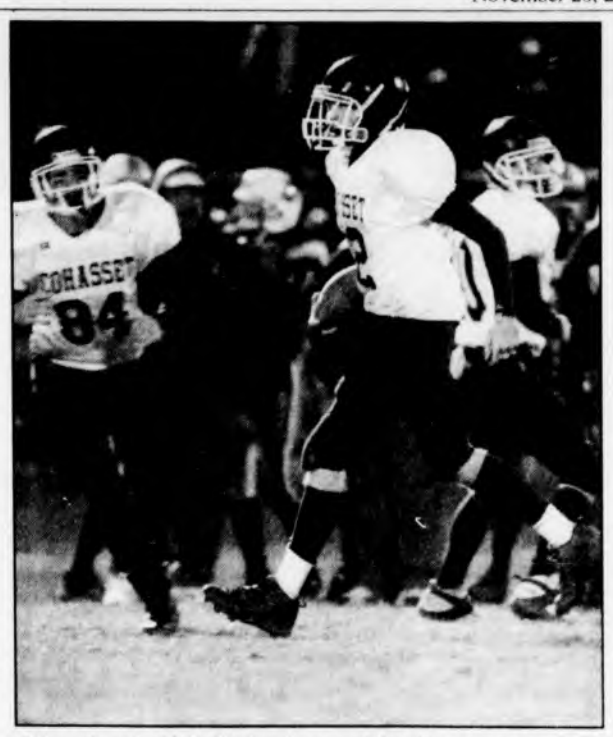
Norwell Passing: 4 for 20, 2 interceptions.

Offensive Stats

Rushing: DeWayne Morris 23 carries for 90 yds, Ted Straughn 3 for 9 yds, Mike Dooley 6 for -2, Chris Bilodeau 1 for -4.

Passing: Mike Dooley 3-for-15, 23 yards.

Receiving: Chris Bilodeau 2 for 12 yds, D J Silvia 1 for 11 yds.



Cohasset senior Chris Bilodeau is congratulated by teammates after his second interception in Friday's 7-0 win over Norwell.

SSL Standings

	overall	league
Cohasset	(8-1)	4-0-0
Norwell	(6-2-1)	3-1-1
Abington	(7-3)	3-2
Hull	(2-7)	2-2
Carver	(2-8)	1-4
Mashpee	(1-7-1)	0-4-1

Remaining SSL Games: Cohasset at Hull on Thanksgiving Day

Skippers 7, Norwell 0

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Cohasset (8-1)	0	0	0	7	7
Norwell (6-2-1)	0	0	0	0	0

C- Sean Connolly fumble recovery in the end zone, Connolly kick.

Cohasset Alumni Soccer Game

Please join us Saturday, November 29, 2003 for the first annual Cohasset Alumni Soccer game. All CHS graduates who participated in the soccer program are invited to play. The game will be a normal 90 minute game with graduates of odd numbered years playing against graduates of even numbered years. The game will be played at 2:00pm at Milliken field. Players should arrive at 1:30 for team jerseys and warm up.

The game will feature several star players from recent CHS teams including; Eric Henry (96) Ely Kahn (97), Nate Cotter (98), Steven Sceery (99), Ben Peterson (01), Matt Bilodeau (02), Pete Maitland (02) Curt Kahn (03), some stellar players from the 80's (Dave Shultz) plus a few old timers from the first CHS teams of the 70's (Jeff Donze (73), Dan Jones (73), and Victor Vanderlucht (77)). Most of this year's seniors from the 14-4 playoff team will also be playing. George Fortin will coach the odd year team (coach of the original 1973 team), Larry Shultz will coach the even year team.

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Enrollments put squeeze on Cohasset Middle-High School

By Samantha Brown
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"The high school is going to be required to increase in staffing over the next few years."
— Principal Michael Jones

More students and less money for hiring teachers mean additional changes could be happening in the schools than just the reorganization process.

With crowding classrooms and the desire to offer as many courses as possible, those in school administration say they have some planning to do before reorganization takes place.

To try to gain a better picture of what the Middle-High school should expect as the sixth-grade class moves up and grade class size increases a little more each year, Middle-High school Principal Michael Jones gave the school committee a presentation of an enrollment analysis of past and current grade class sizes and class section sizes. He said the presentation at a recent school committee meeting was an effort to provide the data necessary to understand staffing needs for Fiscal Year 2005 and help project long-term enrollment patterns.

"The middle school is in pretty good shape right now," Jones said, adding the high school will be more of a challenge regarding increased enrollment.

He estimated the school could be graduating as many as 100 to 200 students in the coming years. He explained the enrollment "bubble" that hit the Middle School in 2000-2001 is now affecting high school class sizes. In October 2000, the middle school had 192 students, which jumped up to 235 students in October 2001. This, in turn, led the numbers in the high school to grow from 320 in October 2000 to 386 in October 2003.

As a result of the increased number in students, Jones said grade classes which used to number in the 70s, 80s and 90s over the past four years will grow to possibly the 120s over the next four. He estimates that by late in this decade, high school enrollment will have increased to possibly the mid 400s.

Another concern Jones had was the fact that some high school class sections have become unacceptably large in certain subject areas. As students advance in their studies, a greater variety of class sections are offered, some of which are only offered once. If a student wants to take a class which is only offered in one time slot, scheduling around it becomes more challenging. For example, currently there is only one marine biology class offered, which means any student who wants to take it has only one option to fit it into their schedule, and other class choices may have to be forfeited.

But class section size itself is a problem. Jones said currently, seven of 23 mathematics sections are larger than 26 students each, and three of them have more than 30. In social studies, five of 26 sections have more than 30 students, and in science, two of 26 sections have more than 26 students.

More students are opting to take independent studies as a result of limitations in course offerings and caps on class section sizes, and Jones said journalism enrollment has dramatically increased because of the introduction of the Spinnaker, the school newspaper. That class is now limited to seniors only because of its popularity.

Because the school wants to be able to offer as many classes as possible to students, some teachers such as Jack Buckley, are doubling up on the subjects they teach. Buckley not only teaches science classes, but also French and outdoor education classes.

But even with teachers doing the best they can to offer a variety of classes, Jones said more will need to be done in terms of gaining staff for the high school.

"The high school is going to be required to increase in staffing over the next few years," Jones said, in order to be able to keep up with the expected increase in students. He said possibly the best way to help fill positions would be to hire one or two new teachers a year to eventually add five more teachers to the staff.

The high school gained an art teacher for the 2001-2002 school year, and both a social studies and English teacher for the 2002-2003 school year. A science teacher was added for the 2003-2004 school year as well. The science teacher is teaching two sections of math this year to help maintain class size.

But members of the School Committee wondered if the presentation took any of the proposed development projects into account, which Jones said the estimates do not. Members worried that if projects such as Avalon, Cedarmere and the Cook Estate project go through, the potential increase in the number of students could drastically impact the enrollment numbers and further impact the numbers at the school.

"This doesn't take anything else into consideration," said committee vice chairman Chartis Tebbetts, adding more support staff will be needed the more students there are, and potential developments could make those numbers rise.

But committee member Mark DeGiacomo said in light of the situation, he's just glad talk years ago didn't put the town in a bigger bind than it is in now.

"I can't believe there was actual talk about closing Osgood," he said.

Students to make the switch

Grades will reorganize in Sept. 2004

By Samantha Brown
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"As much as we don't want to lose our students and teachers, we're very happy with the reorganization."
— Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan

Students returning to school next fall will have more than just new teachers to get used to. With construction projects either at or nearing completion in the next month, plans for a reconfiguration of grades are underway and many people are working hard to make sure the transition will be a smooth one.

In an effort to ensure all concerns surrounding the reorganization process are addressed, a group of parents, teachers, support staff, and administrators have taken the time to form a Reorganization Task Force, which has compiled a report detailing how the transition of grades should be approached.

The grade reconfiguration will mainly affect students entering grades three and six in September of 2004. Currently, students in grades kindergarten through three attend the Osgood School and students in grades four through six attend Deer Hill. Next fall, sixth graders will be shifted up to become part of the middle school, and third graders will move to Deer Hill to take their place.

"As much as we don't want to lose our students and teachers, we're very happy with the reorganization," said Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan. Currently there is a preschool operating out of Osgood which is run by the South Shore Educational Collaborative and by having a smaller Osgood student body, not only will there be more room for the estimated growth in children over the next few year, but the two schools can work together more inclusively.

"Having pre-K through grade two will really be a new culture," she said, adding she knows the purpose for the change has been well researched and will be well prepared for.

"We're ready to go," she said.

Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley said he thinks the dynamic of his school will change a little as a result of the reorganization and said he is very excited for the sixth graders who will have the opportunity to move up to the middle school and out of an elementary setting.

"You have a fair number of kids at that age who are ready to take that next step," he said, adding the third graders who will be moving into Deer Hill will have more of the same needs as the fourth and fifth graders. By becoming a part of the middle school, he thinks the sixth graders will be better able to assert their independence, and the new situation "Will be easier all the way around."

Middle high school principal Michael Jones agreed with Gauley and said, "I think the change to a grades six-seven-eight middle school will be a major benchmark in creating an educational environment in Cohasset appropriate to children in early adolescence." He added the reconfiguration will give Cohasset a middle school as it should be, which will better accommodate the academic and social needs of the students.

According to the Task Force Report, when grade three moves to Deer Hill, the staff and curriculum will remain the same, but the grading structure may not. Because Osgood and Deer Hill currently have different grading styles and grade three teachers and students are accustomed to the Osgood method, a sub-committee will need to be formed to address whether the structure of grading and report cards should change for grade three to mimic the Deer Hill method of grading. To keep the curriculum much the same, it is hoped third graders will be able to have the last lunch schedule to accommodate for a longer morning teaching block.

PSO sponsored programs such as Great Books, intergenerational luncheons at the Senior Center, and nature trail outings and maintenance will continue, as well as other activities such as the Breakfast Club, KEDS, and the after school enrichment program.

Transportation will continue for students at the Osgood and Deer Hill levels as it is currently run. However, Jones said some parents have expressed concern over younger children riding buses with older children, and that issue is currently being studied. He said one possible solution is to stagger the opening times of the middle and high schools so the students arrive at different times on different buses. However, the issue is still under review and Jones said very few high school students take the bus, and many that do are freshmen. In addition, "counts" are being taken so the schools have actual data to bring forward to the discussion. Jones fully believes any transportation questions will eventually "be answered to the satisfaction of everyone."

To come to those final decisions, Gauley said many meetings are still to be had as school administrators try to work out the specifics. "We're trying to hit the issues point by point and iron out all the fine details," he said, adding some dates have already been set for orientation programs of incoming students and those who will be moving on to the middle high school.

Jones said the middle school will hold a parent orientation for the parents of fifth and sixth grade students late in May, as both will be making the transition up to the middle school in the fall. A parent-student breakfast will also be held at the middle school on June 10, 2004.

Although the middle school is housed in the same building as the high school, the two are considered entirely separate entities. The renovations to the schools have allowed for both to operate independently, with only a few shared common spaces such as the cafeteria, gymnasium complex and the library media center.

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Students to make the switch

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"All of the sixth grade and most of the seventh will be located on the second floor in the same wing of the building. It will be like taking two-thirds of the Deer Hill population and relocating them to a new building. Their classmates will be familiar and the teachers moving up from Deer Hill will be familiar," Jones said.

Grades six through eight will all be run under the same middle school philosophy, and sixth graders will maintain their current structure as much as is possible, in terms of teacher teaming and allocation of time for different subject areas. Grades seven and eight will maintain their current middle school structure.

Possible changes to the middle school recommended by the Task Force include the hiring of an administrator to be in charge of that school, who will have overall administrative responsibility for its management, including supervision of faculty and staff. It has also been recommended that the school hire a counselor or dean of students, who would provide academic counseling and assist in scheduling, parent meetings, maintaining discipline, and generally help oversee the middle school. The hiring of a middle school secretary has also been recommended as well as a school nurse and team leader.

But with the hiring of staff comes a price to pay, and the recommended additions are expected to total roughly $167,500. Estimated salaries are $80,000 a year for the administrator, $40,000 for the guidance counselor, $25,000 for the secretary, $20,000 for the nurse, and $1,500 for the team leader.

While Jones said there are sure to be challenges along the way, one problem he doesn't see in the future is a lack of classroom space. While there will be 370 students in the middle school and 390 in the high school, for a total of roughly 760 students under one much-expanded roof, he said the construction projects have ensured the facility can accommodate the students the town has.

"Of course, we will need to maintain and operate a facility that is larger than any that has been familiar to the town of Cohasset, so an adequate budget and staffing plan is necessary," he said.

But overall, preliminary plans look good for the reorganization and both Gauley and Jones are looking forward to the change.

"I think the middle school will have a greater autonomy next year and a sense of identity that it has been working toward for the last six or seven years. We have a great staff, a modern facility, and the best students in the Commonwealth! It's going to be a big success," Jones said.

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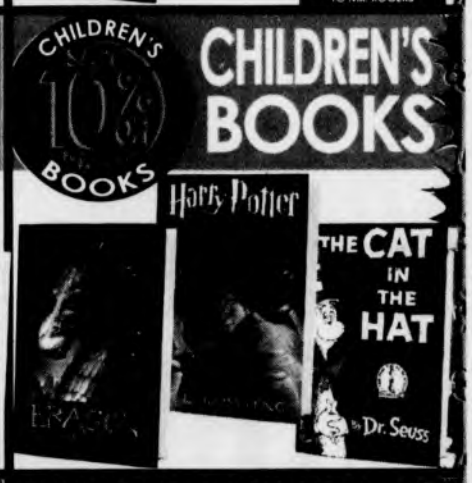

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Christmas concert helps kids with cancer

First Parish has been holding Christmas concerts and donating the proceeds for the past 24 years. Thanks to generous support, over $45,000 has gone to worthy local, national, and international organizations. This year's Concert is dedicated to former minister Ed Atkinson who conceived of the idea in 1978.

This year's Christmas Concerton Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. features Margo Euler and the Unicorn Singers performing John Rutter's "Magnificat.". The seven movements set the text as found in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, with the addition of a tranquil setting of the 15th-century "Of a rose, a Lovely Rose." The remainder of the hour-long 25th anniversary Christmas event will feature favorite carol settings for the audience to sing with the choir.

A reception will follow celebrating the event's 25ht year. Concert Patron donations of $50 or more may be sent to: First Parish in Cohasset, 23 No. Main Street, Cohasset, MA 02025 (two tickets included and published acknowledgement); advanced tickets at $10 go on sale Nov. 24 (781 383-1100); tickets are $12 at the door.

The beneficiary of the Christmas Concert this year is the "Artist in Residence" program at Mass. General Hospital for Children with Cancer. The current artist is Joan Drescher of Hingham. Twice a week she moves her "Imagination Kart" through the bustling halls of the hospital. The Kart is covered with little spinning kites, moons, stars and streamers. It is filled with art supplies to inspire hospitalized children to explore their imaginations and cope with the stress of illness and loss. Her dream is that the simple images of hope and beauty created by the children will open hearts and make the world a better place.

GEMS of Hope gala

"An Evening of Elegance" is planned for Nov. 21 to benefit GEMS of Hope, USA. The event, to be held at Atlantica Restaurant, will include dinner, a fashion show and boutique provided by Neiman Marcus. There will also be a silent auction of items and events , the proceeds of which, will add to the support given to families in poverty-stricken countries to help them become self-sufficient. This particular event will assist the poorest of the poor in Guadalaljara, Mexico. GEMS also works with several local charities: the Mary Martha Learning Center, the Odwin Center, Magnificat Global Healtah Foundation, and Wellspring.

Reservations can be made by calling Joan Shockman , 781-383-6366.

Jingle Bell walk is Nov. 28

The South Shore Community Center invites family and friends to join in the holiday spirit at the Jingle Bell Walk. The Jingle Bell Walk, a Cohasset tradition offered by the SSCC, begins at 2 p.m. on Nov. 28, when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor (Border St.). After Santa distributes jingle bells to the children, he and his elves will board a hayride and the walk continues along the sidewalks of Elm to Main St. in Cohasset. At 2:30 p.m. the South Shore Community Center welcomes you to partake in cookies, a beverage, and a holiday-sing-along. Holiday music and carols will also be sung by all.

Santa will be upstairs in the Center to pose for pictures with you and your children. Please stroll through the village to share in the local shops' holiday ambiance.

At 3 p.m. on Cohasset Common there will be a "Turkey Tot Trot" for ages 3 to 10. You may pre-register for this event for $2 or post register the day of the event for $3 per participant. Proceeds will go to benefit the Nursery School. All participants will receive a prize!

Listen to the bells of St. Stephen's playing from 2:30 to 4 p.m., while enjoying a hayride around the Common. Hayrides will be available from 3 to 4 p.m. At 3:45 p.m., gather around the Cohasset Common to listen to the Rusty Skippers Marching Band. The festivities culminate on Cohasset Common at 4:15 p.m. with the lighting of the tree.

There is something for everyone this year at the Jingle Bell Walk. It's a great way to appreciate our picturesque surroundings, while involving the whole family in a Cohasset tradition.

In the event of rain, all outdoor activities will be cancelled and Santa will arrive in the Community Center Gym at 2 p.m.

HSO Welcomes Yule!

Join the Hingham Symphony Orchestra and conductor Jin Kim for two festive concerts to usher in the Yule tide season. On Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. the HSO will perform in the historic Old Ship Meeting House in Hingham Square. The Meeting House, built in 1681, provides a unique historic backdrop for the full orchestra. Seating is limited to 250 in the box pews and balcony.

On Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m., the HSO performs in St. Anthony's Church, South Main Street, Cohasset. With its excellent acoustics and open seating, St. Anthony's naturally amplifies the sound of the orchestra, filling the space with music. Also, at this concert HSO Fanfare members will host a reception for all during intermission.

At both concerts, the HSO will perform Stravinsky's Pulcinella Suite from the ballet of the same name, and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8. Audience members will also sing several carols played by the orchestra and conducted by Jin Kim. An annual event, the Welcome Yule concert is known to spark the holiday spirit with its joyous music and enthusiastic audiences. The encore, Anderson's Sleigh Ride, is beloved by all.

Tickets at $25 adult, $20 senior, and $10 youth through age 18, are available at Hingham and Weymouth Main Libraries, Nobles, Hingham Square, Buttonwood Books, Cohasset and Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, or call 781-740-5694 to order by phone.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage Friday, Nov. 21, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone from grade 6 and up are welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Cruise to Alaska raffle

There's a 1 in 300 chance you could win a Cruise for Two to Alaska – a 7-Day Princess Cruise from Vancouver to Anchorage stopping at Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and cruising Glacier Bay. Simply purchase a $50 raffle ticket from First Parish. The chances of winning are high, and the proceeds support the church's efforts at the same time.

The cruise departs Vancouver August 14, 2004. Winners will enjoy an ocean-view cabin. Transportation to and from the ship is not included, and some taxes and fees will apply. All arrangements will be made by Cruise Holidays, Seekonk.. For more information on Princess Cruises and cruises to Alaska, see www.princess.com.

The drawing will be held at the Christmas Village Fair on the Common, Dec. 6. Send your check to "First Parish", 23 No. Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025 (please make sure to note your return address) or visit the Parish House on the Common on Monday-Thursday from 9 – 2 p.m.

Holiday gifts art sale

Hull Artist Studio Connection will present 'Arts at the Abbey' on Nov. 29 and 30, at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 29 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 30. Free admission and parking. Sale includes, paintings, drawings, photography, jewelry, wood carving and crafts made by local artists.

Who's the top citizen in Cohasset?

See form page 4

By Mary Ford
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In keeping with a nine-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Arthur Year as Citizen of the Year for a lifetime of service to the town including myriad good works, and always as a volunteer — whether that be mowing the "cap" of the town landfill with his red tractor or serving as the town's Civil Defense Director.

The deadline for nominations for the 2003 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 2. Please see the nomination form on page 4. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2003 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2004.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the11th person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

1993: the late **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset": for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998**: Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: the late **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

2002: **Arthur Lehr** for more than 50 years of volunteer service on worthwhile projects including the Boy Scouts; serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals and as a Registrar of Voters; Clerk of the Works for the DPW garage, Little League Complex, and Mariners Park; serving on the Recycling Committee, as town Civil Defense Director, on Gravel Pit Reuse Committee and more.

Holiday house tour in Hingham

The Hingham Mother's Club will hold its annual Holiday Open House Tour on Dec. 7. The tour features five beautiful Hingham homes decorated for the holidays. In addition, a boutique open only to ticket holders will be at Wilder Memorial Nursery School at 666 Main St., The boutique will feature gift items and decorative accessories not readily available in the Hingham area.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Hingham Mother's Club Scholarship Fund, which provides college scholarships to local high school seniors.

Tickets are $20 in advance, and $25 the day of tour. Tickets available at the following Hingham locations: Andrew Zona Studio, Black Rock Country Club, Brewed Awakenings, Carolann's, Hingham Centre Realtors, Island in the Square, Round Hill Designs, Talbot's, Treasures and William Raveis Realtors.

Tickets are also available at Buttonwoods in Cohasset, Rugged Bear in Hanover, Home Good and Topiary Designs in Norwell. Tickets may also be purchased at each house on the day of tour. The event is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 781-749-3051.

Thanksgiving breakfast

The Sons of the American Legion are sponsoring an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 7-10 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning at the Legion post on Summer Street. The charge is $5 per person and everyone is welcome.

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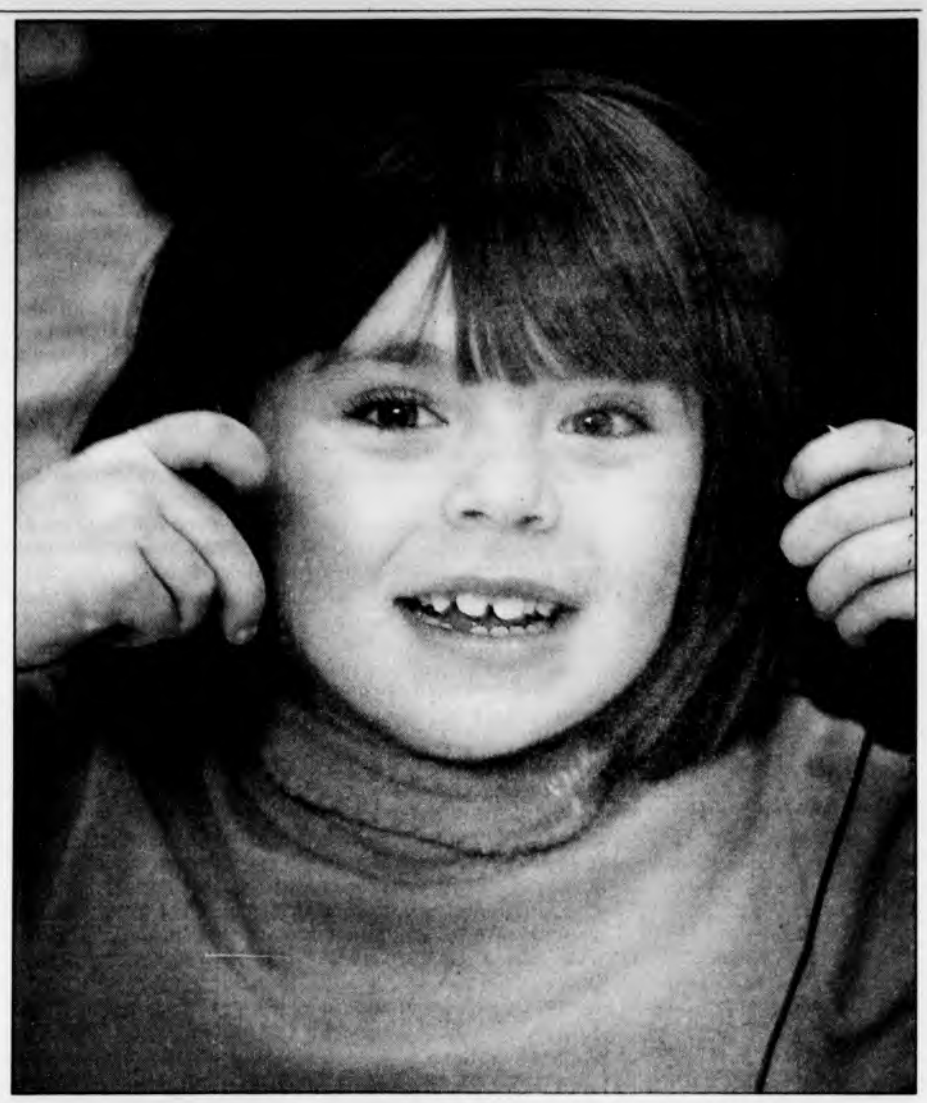
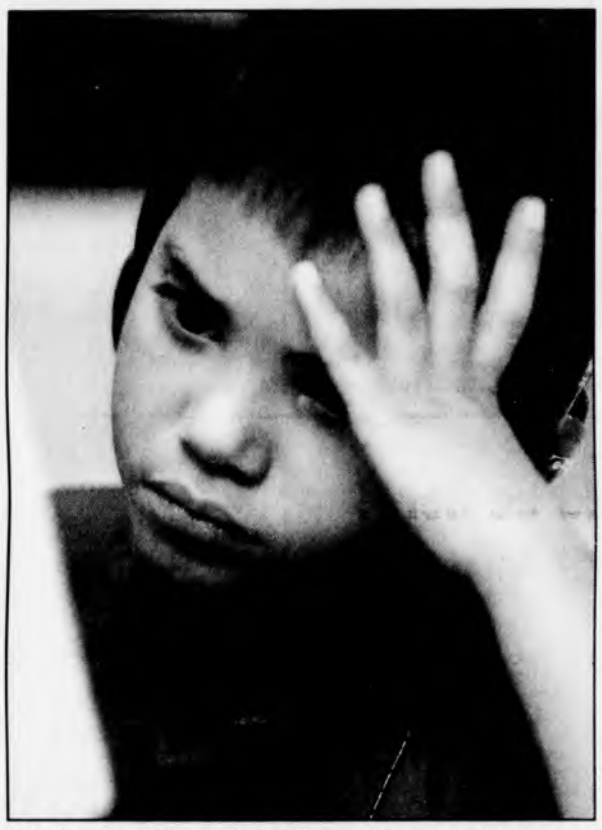
At right: Michaela Braun excitedly dons her headphones to get started on her computer project.



Jeffrey Powers tries to escape Tim Giuggio in a game of Fitness Tag during gym class.



Jake Harper of Mrs. Sullivan's first grade contemplates his next entry in computer class.

First grader Asia Smith helps Cassandra Lieberman in computer class.

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19 Parker Ave, Patterson, Jr., remove addition, replace foundation, $10,000; 11Beach St., O'Donnell, finish basement, $19,000; 546 Jerusalem Rd., Cody, 2 car garage with loft, $24,500; 354 Jerusalem Rd., Leo Meehan, re-roof 63 squares slate/copper, $200,000; 20 Schofield Rd., O'Brien, 1 story addition & screen porch, $48,000; 11 James Lane, Brown, reside 8 sq. and mis. repairs, $5,800; 27 Parker Ave, Dick, remodel bathroom, $10,000; 336 North Main Rear, Williams/Salvaggi, fence, $1,000; Norman Todd Rd., Elliott, re-roof 20 squares, $5,000; 479 Jerusalem Rd., Robert Meers, re-roof 20 squares $20,000; 20 Parker Ave., Dick, re-roof 20 squares, $6,000; 306 Fairoaks Lane, McElgunn, shed 8 x 12, $4,000; 243 Hull St., Blante, Jr., demolish/rebuild/extend, $60,000; 555 Jerusalem Rd., Black Rk. Hous Real, remodel within footpt, replace decks, $200,00; 207 North Main St., Whilton, extend porch and enclose, $19,100; 87 Elm St., Kimball's, replace window with dr. Ext. deck. $400; 3 Grace Drive, Reichardt, rem/rep deck 10 x 20 with stairs, $3,200; 244 Cedar St., St. John, shed open face 50 x 20, $1,000;

6 Hugh Strain Rd., Buckley, reshingle, renov bath, entryway, $20,000; 91 Nichols Rd., Troupe, remodel kitchen new window, sliding, $35,000; 22 Depot Court, Brown, renovate store front, $15,000; 181 Atlantic Ave, King, re-roof 18 squares, $14,000; 431 South Main St., DeWaal, renov 2 bedrms into 1 & laundry rm, $1,000; 18 Bancroft Way, Tarpey, shed, $4,000; 56 Deep Run, Lauldi, re-roof 30 sq, rep/rep rot trim, $15,000; 25 Red Gate lane, Chase, re-roof 15 squares misc repairs, $10,000; 98 Howard Gleason, Pratt, re-roof 10 squares misc repairs, $10,000; 110 Atlantic Ave, Booner, repair rot and update to code, $30,000; 90 Doane St., Ash, addition sunroom/deck, $20,000; 101 Pond St., Peter Conway, remodel 2nd floor bathroom, $4,000; 12 Pleasant St., Jed Grimm, remove/replace porch 10 x 15, $30,000; 3 Spindrift Lane, Suddath, sidewall 3 squares with repairs, $3,500; 19 Parker Ave, Pattison, Jr., addition, $50,000: 38A Stockbridge St., Pounder, addition 2 story, $30,000; 243 Hull St., John Blante, Jr., demolish, replace, expand existing; 135 King St., Intern. Karate Center, interior renovations, $10,500.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Elementary school lunch menu

MONDAY, NOV. 24

Meatball sub, parmesan cheese or ham and cheese sub, carrots, fruit and choice of milk or fruit juice.

TUESDAY, NOV. 25

Bagel with soup of the day or tuna sub, mixed vegetable, pudding and choice of milk or fruit juice.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

Early Release Day

Cheeseburger on a bun, oven fries, raisins and choice of milk or fruit juice.

THURSDAY, NOV. 27
Happy Thanksgiving
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FRIDAY, NOV. 28
No School

South Shore Voke conducts open house

The South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School will hold its annual open house Wednesday, Dec. 3, 6:30 to 9 p.m. (snow date: Dec. 4).

Charles Homer, assistant director/principal of the high school, reports that "all 13 technical programs will be staffed to explain their programs to future students and their parents." The South Shore Regional School District includes the towns of Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Whitman.

The four-year technical night school offers programs in auto body, automotive, carpentry, cosmetology, culinary arts, drafting, electrical, graphics, health careers, heating ventilation and air conditioning, electronics, precision machine technology and welding metal fabrication.

The annual open house will also have technical and academic displays along with baking and pastry displays. For more information on the open house, call 781-871-4153.

Collecting box tops for education

The Deer Hill School has been participating in the Box Tops For Education program, sponsored by General Mills. It is a great opportunity for the school to earn extra money. They have slated the money earned, to purchase new books for the school library. The students have been collecting box tops from many General Mills products, and sending them into the company for cash! Last year alone, they collected more than $1,500 in box tops for the Deer Hill library.

Cohasset residents can participate in this program as well. Collecting the Box Tops for Education labels, found on many food products from General Mills, and sending them over to the Deer Hill library, will help the students earn new books.

The school is hoping that all residents will get into the box top groove. For more information, contact Pam Wilson-coordinator for the Deer Hill PSO at 781-383-3076.

Send in your school news

The Cohasset Mariner wants to develop a school news page to run every week. Short news items from teachers and school organizations are welcome. Photographs of events, accompanied with a short article or longer story are also sought. If you have "Stars of the Month", an interesting program or student volunteer effort, artwork, student writings, interesting field trip, or special projects, please share them with us.

Also, if you would like to request a photographer for your school event, please let us know. Contact editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933. News items my be sent by email to mford@cnc.com or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in the village.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, NOV. 10

8:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., traffic complaint.

10:02 a.m. South Main St., fire, investigation.

11:46 a.m. North Main and Cedar sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

12:49 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

12:57 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

2:15 p.m. Stagecoach Way, fire, inspections.

2:28 p.m. South Main St., fire, inspections.

2:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, inspections.

2:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, inspections.

2:54 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

3:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, inspections.

3:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, inspections.

5:32 p.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:29 p.m. Beechwood St., disturbance.

TUESDAY, NOV. 11

5:58 a.m. Pond St., noise complaint.

9:37 a.m. Border St., illegal dumping, area search negative.

3:05 p.m. Bancroft Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:26 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.

7:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:27 p.m. King St., suspicious activity.

11:15 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist other police department, no police service necessary.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12

8:32 a.m. Jerusalem Road, annoying phone calls.

10:41 a.m. Jerusalem Road, animal control.

1:54 p.m. Jerusalem Road, traffic safety inspection.

3:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint, area search negative.

4:17 p.m. Spring St., well-being check, returned to home or family.

4:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., MV crash.

8:03 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13

7:36 a.m. South Main and Spring sts., tree down.

9:52 a.m. Forest Ave., fire inspections.

1:08 p.m. Pond St., serve restraining order.

2:22 p.m. Pleasant St., fire, investigation.

3:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

3:35 p.m. Lamberts Lane, fire, inspections.

4:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

5:52 p.m. Beechwood St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

6:22 p.m. Brewster Road, power outage.

FRIDAY, NOV. 14

1:16 a.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., tree down.

9:47 a.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:56 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, wires down.

11:50 a.m. South Main St., fire, inspections.

1:01 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

3:11 p.m. South Main St. and Depot Court, MV stop, verbal warning.

3:19 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

Quick action thwarts theft

A quick response from Cohasset police officers apparently thwarted a burglary at Curtis Liquors stopping two men from making off with the safe from the liquor store.

Det. Garrett Hunt said the alarm came in at 9:45 p.m., Sunday from Curtis Liquors in Tedeschi Plaza. Officer Shellee Peters was the first on the scene; backup was provided by Officer Frank Yannizzi and Officer Lisa Matos.

Two men were observed quickly exiting the rear of the building and appeared to be attempting to remove the safe that had been moved from the front office to the back door. Once police arrived, the men fled on foot without the safe.

The Norfolk County Sheriff Department's canine unit was called in to assist in the search with negative results, Hunt said. The two men were described as each being about 5 ft. 8 ins. tall and weighing about 165 lbs.

Hunt said they were wearing hooded sweatshirts, jeans and running shoes.

The incident is under investigation. Anyone with information, should call Hunt at 781-383-1055.

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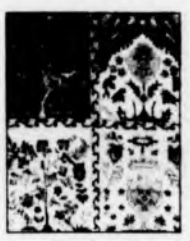
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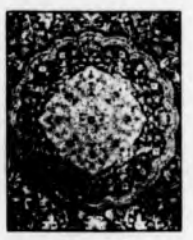
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MAD3	Oushak	5.7' x 8.5'	Iran	$2975	$1295
MJ50014	Kashan	8' x 10'	China	$3900	$1900
ID11921	Savonere	8.2' x 10'	India	$4500	$2495
MJ00013	Tree of Life	8' x 10'	Pakistan	$8500	$3900
16547	Arabesque	9.2' x 12.2'	Pakistan	$10,995	$4900
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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate & Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 99P2270GC
Notice Of Fiduciary's Account

To all persons interested in the estate of Eileen T. Melanson of Cohasset Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first account(s) of Bryan Morrissey as Guardian (the fiduciary) of the property of said Eileen T. Melanson has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before the **eighteenth day of December, 2003** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this twenty-fourth day of October, 2003

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#377984
Cohasset Mariner 11/20/03

ZBA/430 ATLANTIC AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues. Dec. 2, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.8 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Virginia DeVitre/Shahinian, Tr.** seeks to construct garage/studio at **430 Atlantic Ave.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-11-10.

AD#375383
Cohasset Mariner 11/13, 11/20/03

ZBA/754 C.J.C.H.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues. Dec. 2, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Variance** pursuant to 6.5 of the Zoning ByLaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Road to Responsibility, Inc.** seeks to erect sign at 754 C.J.C.H according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-11-10.

AD#375385
Cohasset Mariner 11/13, 11/20/03

Legal Notice

TOWN OF COHASSET
ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN

In accordance with the Town of Cohasset's Traffic Rules and Orders:
"SECTION 7. No All Night Parking. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle other than one acting in an emergency, to park said vehicle on any street for a period of time longer than one (1) hour between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day, beginning November 15th and ending April 1st, inclusive."
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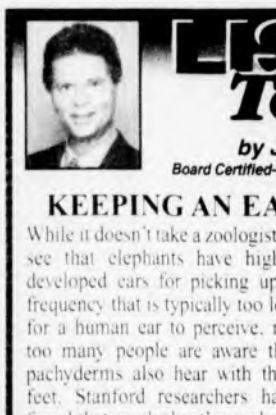

LISTEN To Life
by John Klefeker, BC-HIS
Board Certified-Hearing Instrument Specialist, MA Lic. #127

KEEPING AN EAR TO THE GROUND

While it doesn't take a zoologist to see that elephants have highly developed ears for picking up a frequency that is typically too low for a human ear to perceive, not too many people are aware that pachyderms also hear with their feet. Stanford researchers have found that an elephant's vocal call actually generates two separate sounds: the airborne one and another that travels through the ground as a seismic wave. All the more remarkable is the fact that elephants perceive the ground signals through their feet. In fact, the elephant's feet (and trunk) contain specialized nerve endings that detect faint motion and vibration. Once the feet pick up the seismic vibrations, the information is sent to the elephant's brain.

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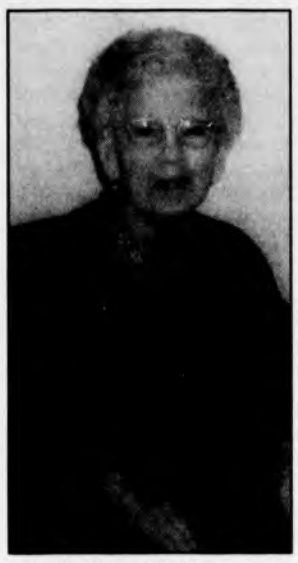
P.S. Humans hear sounds by bone conduction when sound vibrations are transmitted directly from the skull and jawbones to the cochlea (inner ear).

OBITUARIES



Myrtle M. Stoddard

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Myrtle Morrison Stoddard, 91, of Portsmouth, N.H., formerly of Stoneham, Mass. and Fayetteville, N.C., died Nov. 16, 2003, at the Mark H. Wentworth Home in Portsmouth.

On May 17, 2003, she and her husband, Sheldon B. Stoddard, formerly of Cohasset, now deceased, celebrated 61 years of marriage. The couple resided in Portsmouth for the last 25 years having moved back to New England from Fayetteville, N.C. after their retirement in 1969.

Mrs. Stoddard was born in Stoneham to the late Donald and Ada Morrison and was the oldest of five children. She grew up in Stoneham, graduating from Stoneham High School. She attended and graduated from a one-year college-level training program at the Children's Convalescent Home in Wellesley. After marrying Sheldon in Dillon, S.C. followed by a short honeymoon, she took up home-front duties as Sheldon shipped out for the duration of World War II in the European Theater.

She was a 25-year member of Middle Street Baptist Church in Portsmouth, the Ann Judson Fellowship, Ladies Bible Club, Roger Williams Club and RSVP. She was the first recipient of the Middle Street Baptist Church Faithful Good Samaritan Award. This honor recognized her strong Christian witness of extraordinary care and devotion to the membership of the church through personal visitations in the hospital, nursing homes and in the homes of the shut-ins, and for her daily life of devoted prayer for others.

She was active for many years as a church volunteer to the Salvation Army's meal program and the church's flower program for ill members of the congregation. She spent much of her adult life in volunteer roles with the American Red Cross, meal programs and other church and civic-related activities.

Wife of the late Sheldon B. Stoddard, she leaves her children, Peter and Jan Stoddard, Ashley and Miranda Stoddard and Tom Stoddard, all of Portsmouth, N.H.; a brother, Donald (Bud) Morrison of Belmont; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was mother of the late Mary Lou (Stoddard) Holdsworth; and sister of the late Ruth Thorp, Russell Morrison and Kenneth Morrison.

A funeral service will be held at the Middle Street Baptist Church, 18 Court St., Portsmouth, N.H. Thursday at 1 p.m.

Arrangements were by the J. Verne Wood Funeral Home - Buckminster Chapel in Portsmouth.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Portsmouth/Derry/Salem Home Health and Hospice Services, 95 Brewery Lane, Unit 11, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

Edward J. Sweeney Jr.

Edward J. Sweeney Jr., 72, of Cohasset, died Nov. 8, 2003, at New England Medical Center after a short illness.

Born in Jamaica, N.Y., the son of the late Capt. Edward J. and Dorothy Sweeney Sr., he was a 1949 graduate of Cohasset High School.

He was in the U.S. Navy for 20 years serving in Vietnam. He retired as a Lieutenant. After retirement from the Navy he worked for General Dynamics in Quincy for 15 years as a security/fireman.

Mr. Sweeney was a member of the VFW for many years.

He enjoyed fishing and was a pet lover and advocate donating to many pet organizations.

Mr. Sweeney leaves a brother, Robert L. Sweeney of Scituate; three nephews Shawn M. Sweeney of Scituate, Torin G. Sweeney of Scituate and Kirk A. Sweeney of Hanover; six great-nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Nov. 22, at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom:

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. (781)-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantorial Soloist: Abby Gostein. Friday evening and Saturday morning worship. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. Visit www.shaaray.org for specific times and details.

Second Congregational Church:

The Second Congregational Church located at 43 Highland Ave. offers a quieter, more liturgical style of worship with communion at 8 a.m. on Sundays in the chapel. Our traditional service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. For further information please contact us at (781) 383 - 0345 or visit us on line at www.secondcongregationalchurch.com.

Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Parish Unitarian Church

First Parish Unitarian Church, on Cohasset Common, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St., Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Adult Christian Formation. Poetry and Spirituality Group meets Wed., 2:30 p.m. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Alpha Course at 7 p.m. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wed., 7:30 p.m. Youth Group Rock-a-Thon Friday, 7 p.m.Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study twice a month Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Friday soup and sandwich at noon.. All welcome. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org

In the Scripture lessons for the last Sunday after Pentecost, the Book of Daniel presents a scene of judgment in heaven and a vision of one like a son of man coming to rule an everlasting kingdom. The lesson from the Book of Revelation begins with a greeting from the everlasting God, from the seven spirits that worship him, and from Jesus Christ, the first born from the dead. In the Gospel of John, Jesus comes face to face with the Roman Governor and seeks to explain the nature of his kingship.

Preacher: The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service; Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

Temple Beth Sholom

600 Nantasket Ave. 925-0091, 925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Books, CDs and DVDs are sought

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave. is accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVD's, CD's and videos for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6.

If your book shelves are spilling on the floor, and DVD's CD's and videos are busting out of the entertainment center like superman out of a phone booth, the church has got the solution for you. Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "church offices." Alternatively, the church would be happy to arrange pick up of your donations. For donation pick-up or information, call Alix White at 781-383-1829. Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Monday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The book sale is a mission program of St. Stephen's Church to more strongly establish a church presence in a needy area.

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New book takes novel look at life in 'McMansion' world

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Sabin Willett's latest novel, "Present Value," is hitting home with many South Shore readers, regardless of the size of their current abode or income. Local readers heard the novelist speak at a recent reading at Hingham Public Library.

Fritz Brubaker and his image-conscious wife, Linda, seem to have it all – good jobs (she's a high-powered, million-dollar-a-year lawyer and he's a toy company executive), a "McMansion" in the affluent Boston suburb of Dover, along with a cottage in Nantucket, two children in private school, and an SUV. But the author and readers sense that something seems to be missing.

The potential impermanence of riding high comes into sharp focus as the plot of this witty social commentary unfolds, delivering Willett's sobering message based on a passage from the Bible. As the author said, "'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also,' (St. Luke) meaning our heart can only be in one place. We need to place our heart in heaven." Simply put, "There's a conflict today between the practical values, referring to capitalism, and real values."

Willett provided insights into his writing of "Present Value" at a recent book reading/signing at the library co-sponsored by Buttonwood Books of Cohasset, where the novel is selling like hotcakes. It's at once fast-paced, engaging, irreverent yet compassionate, insightful, thought-provoking, funny, and much more, as readers will discover. Willett's writing style, while reflecting his originality, has been likened to that of Tom Wolfe and Jonathan Franzen.

Ann Dalton of the library staff, introduced Willett as an author "who gets a strong message across in an entertaining, creative, and honest way." She described the book as a "fascinating story of people who have already attained status and material goods who find their cushy world" falling apart.

Jim Cope of Cohasset is a big fan of the book. "I loved it and read it on the commuter boat," he said. "People were looking at me because I was laughing out loud."

His comment pleased Willett. "I still giggle myself at some of it, and I'm glad others do, too," he said.

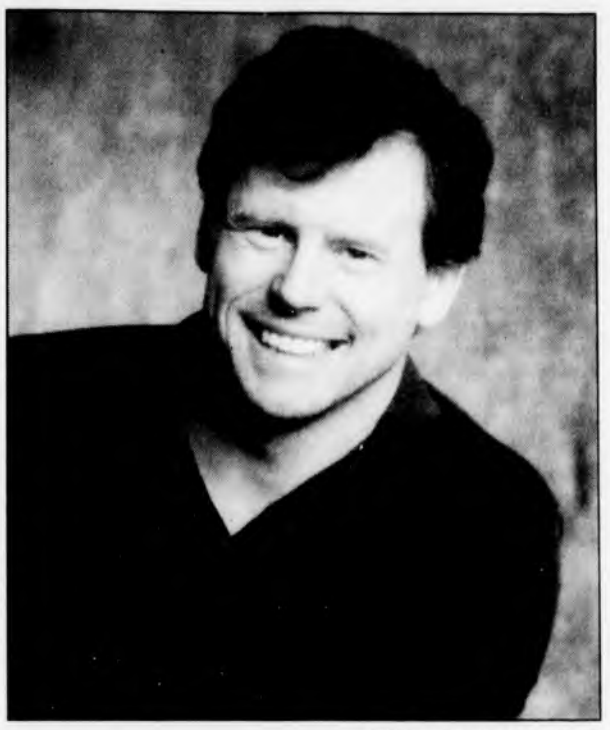
The book was among the staff favorites at Buttonwood, according to owner Betsey Detwiler, who called it a "keen satire on upper-middle class values in America: cell phones, Blackberries (among the latest in e-mail technology), SUVs, and the like. It's a wonderful send-up on the values of our current society, where having money and spending it in the most conspicuous way seems to be considered the ultimate sign of success. The book deals with so much of what is going on these days – choices, lifestyles, values."

Still, Detwiler wondered "if people with all the accoutrements" find the book amusing.

"I think they do!" Willett said. "I think people enjoy seeing themselves in a book." At the same time, he quipped, "No one from Dover has invited me to dinner for a long time, although the librarian there has asked me to speak." Besides, he said, the kind of lifestyle led by the Brubakers "is everywhere, not just in Dover."

When asked why he took the risk of using the names of real communities, Willett noted that while he had given the issue some thought, he ultimately decided, "Let's just go for it."

Even though Fritz finds himself competing with his wife's Blackberry when he's trying to enjoy a warm summer evening in Nantucket and the children sometimes get on their nerves, the Brubakers seem to have it all. That is, until Fritz is arrested for insider trading and his wife's image-conscious firm suspends her, both homes get repossessed, and the kids go haywire. In losing their most prized material possessions, the family is forced to reset its course in a changed world. The book ends on an upbeat note. "I'm essentially hopeful," the author said.



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Sabin Willett, author of "Present Value."

"I loved it and read it on the commuter boat. People were looking at me because I was laughing out loud."
— Jim Cope, Cohasset

Even though Linda comes across as a mere cliché and source of humor at first glance, Willett worked "to give her a little more depth to explain how she got to be so obsessive, how the culture fed into a naturally obsessive nature, and how the predicament of having to accomplish all the external 'successes' as a woman compounded her stress. I wanted the reader to root for her, just a little, by the end."

Willett, a partner with the law firm of Bingham McCutchen LLP, graduated from Harvard and Harvard Law School. He is also the author of two legal thrillers, "The Deal" and "The Betrayal." Deciding he needed a change of pace, Willett decided to write an entirely different kind of novel his third time around. "Trying for a third thriller seemed like cramming a square peg into a round hole," he said.

While Willett exaggerates some of the behavior and lifestyle patterns of the Brubakers, he said he does live in a town outside of Boston that "is not wholly unlike Dover, and I see in big-firm urban practice the lifestyle of the rich and powerful. . . . There are both women and men – particularly lawyers – for whom the combination of money hunger, nerves, and instant communications goads into this perpetual state of anxiety."

Willett also believes some people in his generation are spending too much time in their children's lives. "I think the middle-aged moneyed class spends a lot of time trying to show off its exquisitely sensitive parenting. . . . We didn't have play dates when I was a kid. We biked to our friends' houses. Now children are taken to play dates in SUVs and watched over by their parents to be sure everything goes okay. Somebody needed to put a stop to it, and this book does that. . . . Perfection in a family is love, and if you have that, you don't need to pretend to have anything else."

Willett, who admits to owning an SUV, isn't hesitant to poke fun at them in his book: "'Carpool lane' was one of the school's many charming euphemisms, for there wasn't much pooling evident. The fewer the kids, the bigger the vehicle. The SUVS idled in rank, pumping out pizza-oven blasts of superheated exhaust, inching forward toward the alcove, where each would discharge from 78 cubic feet of cargo space its seven cubic feet of Precious Cargo." The line of SUVs was "broken only once by a minivan that looked as though it were being held hostage."

Willett is sure to evoke gales of laughter – and perhaps some protests – with his comments about the politically correct behavior patterns of some parents waiting in line in their SUVs:

"They didn't wait impatiently, mind you – they advanced smartly, even eagerly, the moment they could, but not impatiently. No impatience would be expressed as the SUV at the front of the line stopped at the alcove and the driver hopped down from the front seat; none as she (usually but not always, either Mom or the nanny), came around to the passenger side to unbelt the cargo with a cheery wave to the vehicle behind; none as she greeted the welcome teacher (this morning it was Mavis Potemkin, one of the team-teaching second-grade pair); certainly no one would express vehicular urgency as the parent straightened the Patagonia backpack on the child's shoulders (the backpack must be an approved backpack: while the $79.99 JanSport would do in a pinch, a good parent really ought to spring for the $109 Patagonia number); no one in line would be so gauche as to rev a 300-horsepower engine as the parent checked the water bottle (children must be properly hydrated at all times); and then, perhaps most important of all, as the line of idling SUVs pumped remorseless cubic meters of carbon monoxide into the hot morning air, no impatience would be expressed as the parent escorted the Precious Cargo 30 feet across the gravel and through the doorway of Fielding Hall."

In Chapter 5, Linda complains about her husband's complacence to her $400 an hour therapist. Although Fritz makes $155,000 a year as senior assistant controller at Playtime, that's not enough to pay the mortgage on their $2.1 million brick mansion, she asserts. Why, that salary barely covers the nanny and the nanny's car! Apparently, Fritz is "content to float along, not working to get ahead, when he could have been a CFO a long time ago. No, not him." Linda is unsettled by the fact that he wants to leave the office at five, wants his sailing and his "latest thing," cycling, leaving Linda with most of the responsibility in the marriage. Unbelievably, Fritz doesn't even check e-mail on weekends! In Linda's eyes he is "just lazy," and if it weren't for her, they "wouldn't be able to afford Dover at all."

How does Willett find time to write considering family, business, and other obligations? "I carve time out of nights and weekends," he said. His fourth book, which is nearly finished, centers around efforts to bring a gambling casino to a small New Hampshire village.

When asked if writing is his first passion, Willett answered, "No, my wife is my first passion," evoking approving murmurs from the audience.

"Present Value" is dedicated to his late father, Peter: "Values mattered to Dad, and value too; but he cared nothing for money."

CALENDAR

On the South Shore

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Thurs. 20

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull Author's Talk: **Stephen R. Gagin**, "Bravo Two Sierra" Nov. 20, 7 p.m. 781-925-5433. $3 members, $5 non-members.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, **Gifts from the World to the White House Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician John Henry** of Easton.

Cape Cod Artist, Elinor L. Martin will exhibit at the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery throughout the month of November.

The Braintree Art Association will meet Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the COA Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Douglas Turner** will demonstrate painting in oils. Free and open to the public. 781-335-4675

Thayer Academy in Braintree presents **West Side Story** Nov. 20, 21, 22, at 7 p.m. in Frothingham Hall at Thayer Academy. Tickets $5 in advance $10 at the door. To buy tickets in advance, come in to the student office in the Main Building at Thayer Academy.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, **David James Duo** 9 p.m.

MOSELEY'S on the Charles, Country and Swing Dance. Nov. 20, by Country Dance Productions New dance "Go With Her" will be taught by Arlene Verity from 7:30 to 8. Couples and Linedancing until 11:30 p.m. to DJ music by Paul DeMaria. Coffee, Tea, snacks; cash bar. $10. Mimi - 781-925-1170; Paul - 508-653-7937; John 401-861-3114

Fri. 21

South Shore ARC – Developmental Screenings for children birth to age 3, Nov. 21, from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. at the New Nursery, United Church of Christ in Norwell. Call 781-331-2533 for appointment.

A Tribute to Tony Bono, Sons of Italy, 120 Quarry St., Quincy. **Comedy Show** featuring 26 comics presented by Annette Pollack. Local DJ Paul Z, silent auction, raffles, 50/50. Purchase tickets at Gymboree Roche Bros. Plaza or Caruso Jewelers, Braintree or call 781-848-2317 or 781-843-4833 or 781-843-0126 for more information.

Art of Music Chamber Players will perform Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St, Duxbury. Guest pianist **Bonnie Anderson** returns and is joined by Also performing is AMCP, violinist **Piotr Buczek** and Artistic Director and cellist **Timothy Roberts** AMCP violist. Free parking. Tickets are $20 General Admission, $15 Seniors, and $5 for Students. 781-837-2705 www.artofmusicchamber-players.org

The Holiday Festival of Lights, at **Edaville Railroad**, Rt. 58, Carver, runs through Sunday, Jan. 4. Hours are 4 to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 2 to 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Edaville Railroad is closed Mondays (except Dec. 29), Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Tickets are $16 for all visitors 3 and older. Prices include all rides and attractions. 508-866-8190 or 877-EDAVILLE. www.edaville.com.

BEST BET

South Shore singers shine in "Follies In Concert"

Tony Award-winner Len Cariou is the marquee name in the Overture Productions presentation of "Follies In Concert," but it is a large and very talented company of local performers — including eight from the South Shore — who are really bringing the concert version of the Stephen Sondheim musical to vivid life in Boston this month.

Under the direction of Spiro Veloudos, and with Musical Director Michael Joseph of Weymouth leading an impressive on-stage orchestra, Cariou, Maryann Zschau, Leigh Barrett and Frank Gayton play the old friends at the heart of the story by James Goldman. The quartet does an excellent job not only with the singing, but also the acting required to portray two long-married couples who find themselves at mid-life crossroads. Set at a reunion of Ziegfeld Follies-like girls at the theater where they performed, and which is now slated for the wrecking ball, "Follies" features some of Sondheim's best-known songs including "I'm Still Here," "Losing My Mind," and "Broadway Baby," belted out in this production with vampish verve by Weymouth's Mary Callanan. Holbrook native and current East Bridgewater resident Paula Markowicz gets her own moment in the spotlight, too, when she leads the ladies in a spirited tap dance to "Who's That Woman."

The South Shore is further represented by sisters Caroline and Kate deLima of Cohasset; Bill Stambaugh of Plymouth, and Heather Hannon and Sean Roper of Quincy. "Follies In Concert" will be performed Nov. 21-22 at John Hancock Hall, 200 Berkeley Street, Boston. For tickets, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

—**R. Scott Reedy**

The Cobasset Dramatic Club presents, **Charlottes Web** at the Cohasset Town Hall, Highland Avenue, Cohasset, Nov. 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 22 and 23 at 2 p.m. Tickets $10 and can be purchased at Front Street Books in Scituate, Springbrook Kids and Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, at the door or by phone at 781-544-0304

Annie will be performed at the Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School St., Foxboro, on Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. and on and Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.. An opening night reception will be held after the performance. Tickets: $21 for adults, $18 for seniors and students, and $15 for children under 12. Handicapped accessible. 508-543-2787 or www.orpheum.org.

The Massasoit Theatre Co., presents **Cabaret** Nov. 7 to 23, at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Route 27, Brockton. $16 general public/$14 students and senior citizens. For tickets call 508-427-1234. Handicap accessible. Free parking.

Huntington Theatre Company, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston, presents **Butley**, a dark comedy starring **Nathan Lane**, through Nov. 30 Press night at 7:30 p.m. Call 617-931-ARTS or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org for tickets.

Bridgewater State College presents **Tom Stoppard's** critically acclaimed **Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead** Nov. 20, 21, and 22, at 8 p.m. and Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. 508-531-1321.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center will present four performances of **A Month of Sunday** on Nov. 21, at 7 p.m.; Nov. 22, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10; $8 for senior citizens and students and $5 for Dreamchasers students. Senior citizens are invited to a dress rehearsal on Nov. 20, at 4 p.m. 508-224-4548.

Plympton Folk Arts presents its **22nd Annual Christmas Shop in the Country** at the Town House, Route 58, Plympton, Friday, Nov. 21, from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town House, Route 58, Plympton

Annual Christmas Bazaar, St. Mary's Church, 392 Hanover St., Hanover, Rte. 139, Nov. 21,from 5 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

South Shore Arts & Recreation Center, Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower level. Signature **Move and 100% Cotton** will perform in concert Nov. 21, from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets $8. 508-747-1234.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, **2 Shady** 9 p.m.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, Nov.21, **Crooked Angels** 781-545-9898.

The Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth - **The Cindy Daley Band**

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach (Hull) presents **Funky White Honkies** Nov. 21, 9:30 p.m.. www.seanote.com. 781-925-4300

Hingham's South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, along with Arthur T. Garrity Jr. announces the first in a Lecture Series: "The Beginning Collector/Collection Development" for art lovers and investors from 1 to 3 p.m. Nov. 22. 781-749-0430.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Post 3169 Scituate, will be hosting it's **Annual Christmas Craft Fair** on Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VFW Hall, Rt. 3A, Scituate. This event is open to the public and admission is free. 781-545-5995.

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Happy-Dog House, A Cageless Dog Boarding and Day Care Center, 398 Ashland St,. Abington will host Dog Photo's with Santa, Nov. 22. 781-857-1239.

Maura Porte, Senior Declassification Archivist for Boston's Kennedy Library will present a free lecture on Nov. 22, at 1 p.m. in the Hingham Library's Whitton Room entitled: "President John F. Kennedy's race to the moon." 781-741-1405.

Buttonwood Books & Toys presents **Donna Green**, Author/Illustrator for "To My Son, With Love: A Mother's Memory Book" on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. 781-383-2665, www.buttonwoodbooks.com

David Drummond, author of "The Shipyard: Will It Float," will sign copies of his book and present a visual slide lecture on the Quincy Fore River shipyard at the Front Street Book Shop in Scituate Harbor on Nov. 22, at noon.

Starbucks Holiday Entertaining at Home Workshop - Starbucks

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Sat. 22

12th Annual Open Studios – 4th floor artists at Plain Street Studios - Nov. 22 and 23, from noon to 5 p.m. Open to the public. 185 Plain St., Rockland 781-792-1705, www.plainstreetstudios.com

Annual Christmas Bazaar, St. Mary's Church, 392 Hanover St., Hanover, Rte. 139, Nov. 22, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Silver Bells Fair Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Beal House on Main Street, Route 106 Kingston.

"Spirit of Christmas" in Hanson, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. Joseph the Worker, located at the intersection of Routes 14 and 58.

The First Baptist Church, 660 Country Way in Scituate will hold its annual **Holly Day Fair** on Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Luncheon is served from 11 a.m to 2 p.m. 781-545-0058.

The Girl Scouts and Wellspring have formed a partnership that will get winter coats to anyone who needs one. Coats and many other winter items will be available at no cost on Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Avenue in Hull.

BEST BET

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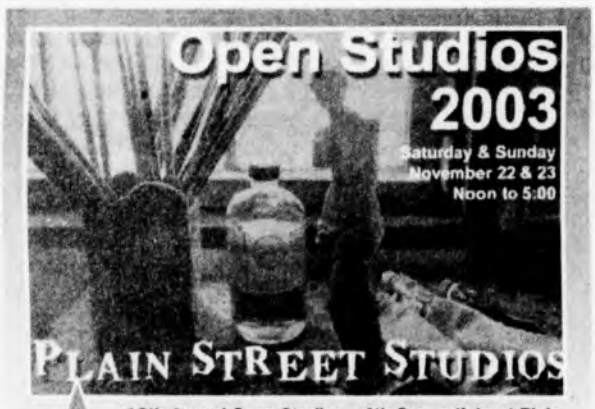

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will teach customers many ways to entertain with coffee. Nov. 22, 10 a.m. at 980 Main St., Route 18, Weymouth, and 790 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset.

Benefit Concert for Humanitarian Relief in Iraq at **First Parish-Old Ship Church**, 107 Main St., Hingham, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m. in the Parish House, featuring "Woodwork, " a Boston area folk group. Opening act performers include Robbie Walsh, Ken Read-Brown, and Eric Cornetta. The suggested minimum donation is $10 per person, or $25 per family. Call 781-925-0205 or 781-749-1679. Wheelchair accessible.

Lo Spuntino! 530 Corporate Park 300 Oak St., Pembroke, will be hosting a wine tasting on Nov. 22, from noon to 4 p.m. 1-800-814-0108

Purple Eggplant, Route 18, 400 Bedford St., (Rt 18), Abington. **Mr. Elmore James Jr.** on Nov. 22 backed by his own Chi-town (Via Weymouth) drummer, **Jimmy DiSpirito** and The New Blue Revue! 781-871-7175.

Comedy Night, Braintree Elks Hall, 205 Elm St., Braintree featuring **Jim Lauletta along with Annette Pollack, Mark Riley, Troy Diamond, Glen Gordon, host, Malisssa Hunt**. $15 per person or $25 couple, www.annettepollack.com

Quincy Art Association's Masquerade Ball, Nov. 22, Sheraton Tara Ballroom, Braintree from 7 p.m. to midnight. Order tickets by calling 617-770-2482. $75 per person.

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **The Best of Boston Comedy Night with Bob Niles, Danny Miller, Paul Keenan and MaryBeth Cowan.** $10 admission, DJ at 8 p.m. Show starts at 9 p.m.

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, **2 Shady** 9 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach (Hull) presents **Toni Lynn Washington**, Nov. 22, 9:30 p.m. www.seanote.com. 781-925-4300

Sun. 23

5th Annual Holiday Craft Fair, Woodsdale Elementary School, 120 Chestnut St. (off of Rte 139) Abington, Nov 23, from 9 a.m to 3 p.m. 60+ craft tables, raffles, baked goods, hot dogs and drinks. Admission is $1 per adult.

Plympton Folk Arts presents its **22nd Annual Christmas Shop in the Country** at the Town House, Route 58, Plympton, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town House, Route 58, Plympton.

Body to Soul Fitness, 33 Riverside Dr., Pembroke, is offering a **Women's Self Defense Class** on Nov. 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost $49, mother-daughter discounts. Call 781-829-2002 to register.

Art Historian Gershon Weisenberg will present a slide lecture "The Human: The Life and Artistry of Rembrandt van Rijn" Nov. 23, 2:30 p.m. in the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.781-848-0405 ext. 4410. Free an open to the public.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday **Jazz brunch** 10:30 to 2 p.m. $13.95. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

Fifth Annual Charity Night at The Hanover Mall, Nov. 23, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. tickets 45 781-826-7386 ext. 222

Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-Sponsored by the Single Executives Club and The Presidents Club of Boston, www.se-4u.com

Mon. 24

The Braintree Art Association, artist of the Month, **Elizabeth Pohl** will exhibit his paintings for the month of November at the Thayer Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

David Drummond, author of "The Shipyard: Will It Float," will sign copies of his book and present a visual slide lecture on the Quincy Fore River shipyard at the Thayer Public Library on Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m. 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Afterschool Nature Programs South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. 781- 659-2559.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

The North River Arts Society presents **Recent Paintings from Life works by Vivian Harlow**, Nov. 1 to Jan. 3 at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center.

Tues. 25

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets every Tuesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Handlebar Harry's, Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Theatre Royal Bath presents **As You Like It** Nov. 11 to Dec. 21, at the Wilbur Theatre. Call Ticketmaster for tickets at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 26

First Church Pembroke in the town center near the intersection of Rtes 14 and 36. will have their annual Thanksgiving Service in the sanctuary on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m. This service is open to everyone in the community and is an important time to consider and reconsider the many blessings. First Church Pembroke is located

Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St. corner Pearl St., Brockton, will be holding a Chanukah Tot Shabbat on Friday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. for families with young children grade 2 and under. Children will learn about the joys and customs of Shabbat, hear stories, and sing songs. The short service will be followed by a Shabbat meal. The cost is $7.50 for each adult meal and reservations must be made by Nov. 26. Call the temple office for reservations and information 508-583-5810.

Weymouth Art Association artist of the month, **Arnold Turner** will exhibit his paintings for the month of November at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Call 781-337-4513.

Selected paintings by Cohasset artist **JoAnne Chittick** will be exhibited at the **Paul Pratt Memorial Library** from through Dec. 31. South Shore Art Center 781-383-2787

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m., All styles are welcome. Free.

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, Nov. 26, **Matt Chase Group** 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach (Hull) presents **Fat City Band,** Nov. 26, 9:30 p.m. www.seanote.com. 781-925-4300.

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **The Infractions** Annual Thanksgiving Reunion 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.781-834-6505.

Thurs. 27

Thanksgiving Football - Krispy Kreme donuts will be sold at Duxbury High School before and during the Marshfield/Duxbury football game, from 8 a.m. until they are sold-out. Proceeds will benefit the Duxbury Appalachia Service Project.

Dreamcatcher Classic Road Race - Race starts at 8 a.m. at the Weymouth Junior High School, 360 Pleasant St. $15 registration fee, $18 race day. Proceeds benefit Julie Rodick Scholarship Fund. 781-331-0600.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach (Hull) presents **Friday Night Fights,** Nov. 27, 9:30 p.m. www.seanote.com. 781-925-4300

Fri. 28

Marshfield Kiwanis will be selling Christmas trees at the Country Market Place on Rt. 139, Nov. 28, at 8:30 a.m. on weekends and 9 a.m. on weekdays. Santa and Rudolph will make an appearance on Dec. 6.

David Drummond, author of "The Shipyard: Will It Float," will sign copies of his book and present a visual slide lecture on the Quincy Fore River shipyard at the Paperback Booksmith, Hanover Mall, at noon.

The Company Theatre in Norwell, **A Christmas Story** from Nov. 28 to Dec. 20. Friday (8 p.m.), Saturday (4 p.m., 8 p.m.) and Sunday (3pm) at $25. Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) and Thursday (7:30 p.m.) at $22. Tickets are on sale at the box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

BEST BET

The Holiday Festival of Lights, at Edaville Railroad, Rt. 58, Carver, runs through Sunday, Jan. 4. Hours are 4 to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 2 to 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Edaville Railroad is closed Mondays (except Dec. 29), Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Tickets are $16 for all visitors 3 and older. Prices include all rides and attractions. 508-866-8190 or 877-EDAVILLE, www.edaville.com.

BEST BET

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Ongoing Events

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell - **Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

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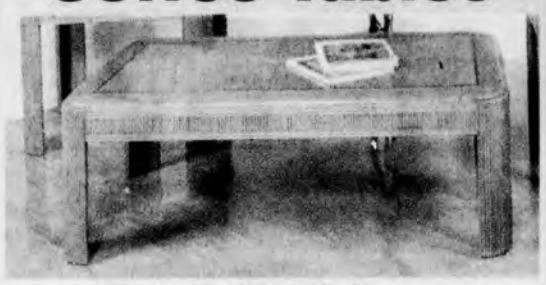

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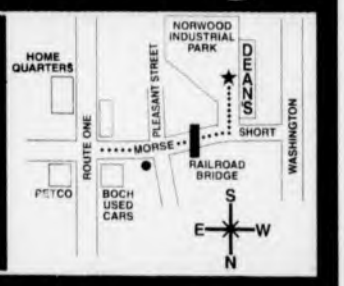

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Joint effort focuses on forming park

Plans zero in on preserving towns' Weir River Estuary

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset are working together to preserve the Weir River Estuary, which features more than 100 species of birds and rare volcanic and glacial geology, through a public-private partnership.

Residents from all three communities are invited to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Hingham Town Hall to hear a progress report and participate in a discussion about land protection, habitat monitoring, stewardship education, and recreation using the water as the path. The meeting is a follow-up to a visioning session held earlier this year.

The Weir River Estuary Committee, drawn from the three towns, would like to create a park, including much of the estuary's remaining unprotected shoreline. The Committee is now identifying key parcels of privately owned land which could be incorporated into the park. Good news came recently in the form of a grant, which will fund the Dec. 3 follow-up session and the development of a land protection plan and a paddling access brochure.

Faith Burbank, Hingham's representative on the Committee, has called the area "another jewel spot for our town."

The estuary goes from the end of the fresh river portion of the Weir River at Foundry Pond Dam in Hingham to the tip of World's End and Sunset Point in Hull, where it enters Hull Bay. It also includes Strait's Pond between Hull and Cohasset, which is partially tidal and flows to the estuary through a pipe at West Corner. The river originates in Hingham and empties into the Bay. The protected land at World's End borders the estuary and would provide a scenic backdrop for the proposed park.

A tri-town Estuary Committee would be appointed to oversee the park. Volunteers from all three communities are needed to transform the vision into a reality.

Over the past 10 years, the Town of Hull has drafted several plans for a Weir River Estuary Park to capitalize on its recreational and educational potential. Recently the geographic scope was broadened to include the other two towns. The state designated the estuary

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Madison Hindley places a Wampanoag headdress on Davis Cronin during a special enrichment program at the Osgood School.

Broken railing charge heard

Selectmen mum on police matter

By Mary Ford
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Three men including the police chief's son are scheduled to be back in court Dec. 2 for a pretrial conference on charges they broke the handicapped railing at the American Legion post on Summer Street during an alleged fight in October.

Keith A. Jackson, 24, and Jerry Cogill, 25, both of Cohasset and Adam Thibault, 22, of Hingham were arraigned on the charge of malicious destruction of property valued over $250 before Judge Mark Coven at Quincy District Court on Thursday.

The routine arraignment in the crowded courtroom was one of many scheduled for Thursday and took less than five minutes. As the three accused and two of their attorneys faced Judge Coven, the Assistant Clerk Magistrate Stephen Abany warned the men to stay out of trouble until the matter is resolved or risk having their release on personal recognizance revoked. The standard warning is required under state law.

The scene belied the controversy swirling around the aftermath of the Oct. 11 incident outside the Legion post that

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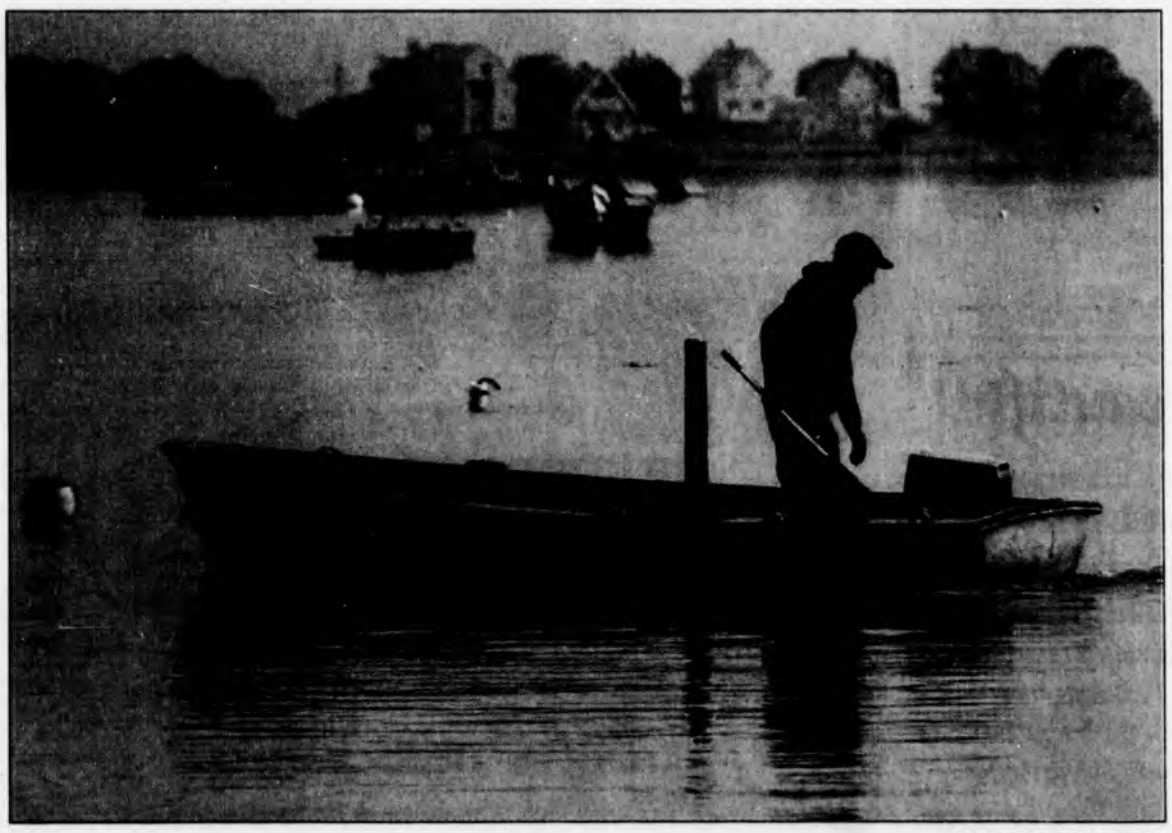

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Frank Carey makes his way across Cohasset Harbor in his dinghy with Scituate's Glades Road in the background on a peaceful fall day.

Cohasset to host Superbowl playoffs

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset's big win over Norwell last week has qualified the school for post-season football, and Cohasset has been asked to host what could be the biggest sporting event of the year.

On Tuesday Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. on Alumni Field, Cohasset will host the Division Five Superbowl playoffs, which Athletic Director Ronald Ford said could possibly qualify as the biggest Cohasset sporting event of the year.

"We've had great crowds," all season he said, adding this game could rival the Thanksgiving Day game in terms of crowd size. Cohasset will play its Thanksgiving Day game in Hull.

There are four teams, which have qualified to compete in the playoffs, and the two that win will continue on to the Superbowl. While the destination of the Superbowl has not been announced yet, Ford said there are currently three possible sites in the running, including Brockton High School, a turf field in Chelsea, and Worcester State College.

"We're all very excited. This could be the biggest and best attended event that Cohasset High School has ever hosted."
— Mark DeGiacomo, School Committee

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo, a 1974 graduate of Cohasset High School, said the fact that the town has been asked to host a game of this magnitude "is huge."

"We're all very excited. This could be the biggest and best attended event that Cohasset High School has ever hosted," he said.

DeGiacomo said when he was in school, Cohasset was never asked to host an event like this, and the football team was only "mediocre." He said he remembers at one time,

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New flyer policy at Cohasset schools

The schools have been receiving many flyers from various organizations around town, and have written a new flyer policy to help regulate some of the materials allowed to be sent home in backpacks.

"We got to the point where so many people wanted to send home flyers," that a policy needed to be written to set guidelines, said Supt. Edward Malvey.

The new policy states "The School Committee prohibits, in the schools, any advertising or otherwise promoting the interest of any commercial, political or non-social agency, individual or organization. Limited exceptions may be granted to this prohibition by the superintendent."

In the future, the policy will allow flyers, which benefit students to be sent home, but anything that would use children as the vehicle to get information out to others would not be allowed.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Dec. 2, 4 p.m.

Council of Elder Affairs, Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Conservation Commission, Dec. 11 , 7:30 p.m.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, Dec. 10, 7 p.m., at the library.

Planning Board, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.

Recycling Committee, Dec. 6, 10 a.m., DPW garage

Selectmen, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Nov. 20, 7 p.m., high school library.

Wastewater Study Committee, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.

ZBA, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Teachers band together

Roughly 35 teachers from all three Cohasset public schools crowded the middle high school library last week during a School Committee meeting. A grievance hearing was on the agenda for the meeting and Supt. Edward Malvey announced the board would be going into executive session to discuss the matter. Anyone not directly affected by the grievance was asked to leave the room and a swarm of teachers congregated in the hall. While there was some discussion back and forth between Malvey and a representative for the teachers regarding who would and would not be allowed into the session, eventually around 10 teachers left and roughly 20 went back into the library to be a part of the executive session discussion. After that discussion ended and the teachers left, the School Committee continued the discussion in executive session, then called the regular meeting back to order. At the end of the meeting, the committee entered into executive session once again.

In an interview after the meeting, School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said both executive session discussions pertained to collective bargaining issues. Collective bargaining often deals with contract negotiations. While he wouldn't say whether both discussions were on the same topic, he did say the issue with the teachers will be an ongoing one. "We're hoping it gets resolved quickly and in an amicable way," he said.

Bobo wants seat on bid selection board

Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo told his fellow members he would like to be a part of the bid selection committee being formed for the Cook Estate project. Because the Request for Proposals has been finalized and advertised, the town can finally begin looking at bids for the project, and Bobo said he would like to be a part of that process.

He is particularly interested to see if any developers will come forward with plans for composting toilets, which he is a strong advocate for. While composting toilets may not be a required feature of the RFP, Bobo said he would encourage it and hopes to see a plan which takes them into account. All members of the board gave Bobo their support.

Flu vaccine is still available

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- children and teenagers (aged 6 months to 18 years) who are on long-term aspirin therapy and therefore could develop Reye Syndrome after the flu; and women who will be more than 3 months pregnant during the flu season.
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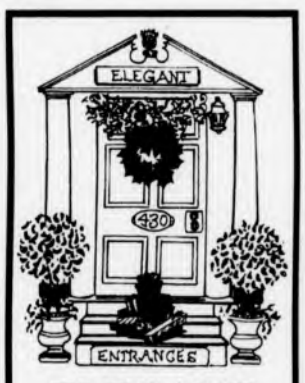

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Cook complaints addressed

State rules on range of matters

By Samantha Brown
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The decisions are in and officials have ruled the town, for the most part, did not violate either the Open Meeting Law or the Uniform Procurement Act during discussions on the purchase of the Cook Estate.

The multiple complaints filed span three separate agencies and various town entities, including the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, and Senior Housing Committee.

Investigations are being conducted by the District Attorney, the Inspector General, and the Secretary of State's Office of Public Records. The DA is investigating three charges of Open Meeting Law violations, one of which was transferred over to the Secretary of State. The Inspector General's office is also investigating claims that the town violated the Uniform Procurement Act during negotiations with the Cook property heirs.

Voters allocated $4.5 million for the purchase of the 22-acre parcel of Cook-owned property, which will be marketed and sold to a developer with the adjacent 8.7 acres of town property for $5.2 million for senior housing. There will be a double closing, transferring the property from the Cooks to the developer, and therefore money would not be expended by the town.

Pamela Alford, assistant district attorney, sent a letter ruling on the three Open Meeting Law complaints put forth by residents Karen Quigley, 27 Clay Spring Road, Eileen Hart, 48 Old Pasture Road, and Bernadette Crawford, 64 Old Pasture Road. The complaint said the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen allegedly denied them copies of various documents pertaining to the Cook property discussions including minutes of executive session meetings; that the town had improperly engaged in executive session to retain and fund a consulting firm, GLC Development Resources, LLC; and that the Senior Housing Committee is not keeping minutes of its meetings. The letter states under the Open Meeting Law, it is legal to hold executive session to "consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property," which the DA's office said was clearly the purpose of the town's meetings.

Because the heirs of the Cook property had requested confidentiality for the discussions, the Selectmen chose to conduct all business in closed meetings. Town Manager Mark Haddad said for matters pertaining to real estate, executive session makes sense because it allows all information pertaining to a purchase to remain private and therefore not compromise the deal between the two parties.

While the letter from the DA's office said the discussion surrounding the acquisition of the property was protected under the Open Meeting Law, under normal circumstances, funding for a consultant would not be considered a matter for executive session. However, because the town had an extenuating circumstance where making the hiring of the consultant public knowledge would have made known both the town's interest in the property as well as the Cooks' wish to sell, case law dictates the matter can fall under the collective bargaining exception to the Open Meeting Law.

David Traub, spokesperson for the DA's office, explained that the town has also been cleared of the violation because when there is a question as to whether an issue should or should not be discussed during an executive session, one of the remedies is to order the town to go back and reargue in open session, to involve the public in the discussion process. He said because the matter was so unique and the GLC contract was slated to be discussed at Town Meeting, that would qualify as an open forum and satisfies the open session requirement, which means the town was not in violation of the Open Meeting Law.

But hiring GLC took on a broader scope when a complaint was filed with the Inspector General's office, stating the town may have violated the Uniform Procurement Act, or Chapter 30B of the Mass. General Laws. Chapter 30B sets up the rules and regulations for procurement, depending on the value of the contract, and the complaint states the town may not have followed those regulations.

The complaint questioned whether the town should have signed a contract with GLC, and whether the appropriate bidding procedures were followed when choosing to obtain its services.

The town has asserted a good portion of the work done by GLC was for design, and is therefore exempt from signing a formal contract under the law according to Chapter 30B. Mass. General Law states, a person who prepares studies, surveys, soil tests, cost estimates, and preparation of drawings is considered a designer. The letter from the Inspector General said certain services provided by GLC can therefore be classified under the designer exemption, such as preparation of construction cost estimates and the septic evaluation. However, for services such as the rental revenue projection and the negotiation of the purchase price of the property, the designer exemption does not apply.

Haddad said he has hired two consultants to work on the Cook project, Gellar Associates and GLC. To date, Gellar has completed a little more than $7,000 of design work, but where GLC is concerned, funds are not as easy to distinguish. GLC was hired on an hourly basis, and Haddad receives a bill for all work done. Because the bill does not specify whether the work done was design or not, it would require going back through each bill to figure what the specific costs were for design and other work.

However, Haddad said his total cost for matters pertaining to the Cook property is roughly $29,000, which after the known design costs from Gellar leaves around $22,000 in GLC costs. That would leave approximately $18,000 in the non-exempt category. While Haddad was under the impression a contract was not needed for costs under $25,000, the letter from the Inspector General's office clearly states anything over $5,000 should be contracted.

"There's not much we can do because it's been paid for," said Jack McCarthy, spokesperson for the Inspector General's office. He said the letter will serve as a warning to the town that they should have a contract for any continuing work and other projects in the future. Haddad said the warning has been well taken and contracts will be signed in the future

While going through the bidding process, the town was not found to be in violation of Chapter 30B. Because costs were under $25,000 for the total GLC cost, Haddad's soliciting three oral quotes for the work to be done followed protocol.

The complaint alleging the three residents have not been granted access to various documents was passed on from the DA's office to the Supervisor of Public Records in the Secretary of State's office, and the issue is in the process of being resolved. Haddad said he has not received any formal response from that office as of yet, but because the matter was voted on at Town Meeting, and all information is out in the open, the issue should be resolved.

The DA's office ruled the Senior Housing Committee is subject to the Open Meeting Law, which means it must begin to post meetings and take minutes, to comply with Open Meeting Law standards.

New officer joins police force

Replaces Curran who resigned

By Samantha Brown
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There is a new employee on the payroll at the Cohasset Police Department, now that officer Michael Carini has joined the force.

Carini served for two years as a full time patrolman on the Abington Police Department before he and four other officers were laid off due to budget cuts this summer. He reported for his first day on duty in Cohasset last Wednesday, and on his second day, said he was very pleased with the way things were going.

"I've met a lot of really nice people," he said last Thursday, adding he's "really looking forward" to working in Cohasset.

Police Chief Robert Jackson said on the department's end, everyone is very pleased with the new officer and look forward to working with him as well.

"I liked him the minute I met him."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

Carini said he has always known he wanted to be a police officer, and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Bridgewater State College in 2001. He is also currently enrolled in a master's program at Western New England College. He said being a police officer is a job that never gets boring because each day on duty is completely different from the next.

"I didn't want to do the same thing every day, I wanted variety," he said.

Carini is filling the position formerly occupied by officer Brian Curran, who resigned from the department at the end of the summer. When the position opened up, those who were on the Civil Service rehire list were notified of Cohasset's opening and invited to come down to fill out an application. Of the roughly 100 officers on the rehire list, three responded to Cohasset's opening.

Of those three, one changed his mind, leaving Carini and former Pembroke officer Erin Metcalf as the two vying for the position. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he and Jackson interviewed the two candidates and were "immensely impressed with both."

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Officer Michael Carini outside the Cohasset Police Department.

"Both candidates were very well qualified," said Jackson, adding he was impressed with Carini's educational background and the fact that he is still continuing in his studies.

"Very significant background checks were done on both," by Cohasset detectives Gregory Lennon and Garrett Hunt, said Haddad, adding both came back with "outstandingly impeccable records."

However, in the end, because Carini's name was higher on the Civil Service list, which ranks officers by Civil Service test scores, the town was required to hire Carini over Metcalf.

While Haddad said it is unfortunate Metcalf cannot join the force at this time, he was excited Carini was able to come on board.

"I liked him the minute I met him," said Haddad.

Carini has some outside training which is sure to provide additional assistance to his role on the police department. Since the age of 10, he has been training in the martial arts, specifically Parker Kenpo, a type of karate. Over the years through much training and competition, he has earned a second degree black belt. Carini said while he doesn't compete anymore, he continues to practice because of the benefits of self-discipline as well as the self-confidence he gains.

Carini currently lives in Abington with his wife, Kelli. While the two don't have any children just yet, they do have a pure-bred boxer named Rockie, named after the famous Brockton-born boxer, Rocky Marciano.

While Carini's shift hasn't been set in stone and his schedule will continue to jump around until a permanent position can be decided upon, it seems so far, the department has made a good match with their newest officer.

"I think he's going to be a great addition to the department," Jackson said.

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Selectmen mum on police matter

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now involves the Norfolk County District Attorney's office, which removed the Cohasset police prosecutor from the court.

Keith Jackson, the chief's son; Cogill and Thibault should have been arraigned in Quincy District Court Oct. 14. But then prosecutor, Officer Rick Grassie, did not sign the complaint after receiving a letter from Legion post Commander Steve Wigmore that the fence was already broken. However, the DA's office said it was not up to the prosecutor but a judge to decide if there is probable cause when an arrest is made and removed Grassie from the court.

Also Thursday, a jury trial was scheduled to address charges of domestic assault against Keith Jackson, who allegedly hit his former girlfriend on several occasions. But during first call, Assistant District Attorney Lisa Beatty requested the case be "*nol Pros*" because the alleged victim was unwilling to testify. A *Nolle Prosequi*, commonly called "*nol Pros*", is a formal entry made on the record that leaves the door open for the DA to pursue the charges should the alleged victim wish to come forward at a later date. Beatty stated that although probable cause exists to believe the Keith Jackson committed the charged offenses, the alleged victim and her family have requested the District Attorney's Office not require her to testify. Therefore, Beatty stated, the District Attorney's Office will be unable to proceed at this time.

At the center of the storm are two veteran Cohasset police officers, who are still out on administrative leave with pay pending an inquiry that now reportedly includes a private investigator. Although Town Manager Mark Haddad categorically denies the issues are linked, Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean, have both crossed paths with Chief Robert Jackson's family. The officers have not been told why they are on leave, their attorney Doug Louison said.

Quigley arrested Keith Jackson and the other two men the night of the alleged altercation at the Legion and was on duty when Keith Jackson's former girlfriend and her father went to the station to file a complaint that Keith Jackson had hit her on several occasions.

The alleged incidents are unlikely to help Keith Jackson become a police officer. He is first on the Civil Service local preference list for Cohasset. The town just hired a new police officer from the rehire list, which it is required to go to first under Civil Service rules. The new officer replaces the chief's son-in-law, Brian Curran, who resigned in September.

McLean, the other officer out on paid leave, admonished then Officer Curran for not following proper union procedures relative to an overtime grievance that resulted in the chief stripping McLean of his collateral duty as fleet manager. McLean then notified the national police union about unfair labor practices.

There are allegations swirling around town that several officers had a few beers while on duty at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club following a training exercise last May. However, sources close to the police department say the officers, who were not in uniform, were off duty and were guests of a member of the club.

In a letter to Town Manager Haddad in September, which was in response to a letter from Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide, Quigley states he has never consumed alcohol at any firing range, while on or off duty. He also stated after qualifying on his weapon that day he returned to duty on the 4-midnight which could be verified through attendance records.

The Board of Selectmen is declining to comment on the matter in a substantive fashion, citing privacy issues.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said all town employees have a right to privacy and the policy of not commenting respects that regardless of what department is involved.

She said Town Manager Mark Haddad has kept the Board of Selectmen fully informed on all the issues surrounding this case and the board fully supports his action.

But McMorris' comments conflict with those of Selectman Merle Brown, who said he is not in the loop and doesn't want to be until the matter is resolved.

"The decision to put the officers on administrative leave was between Mark Haddad and Town Counsel," Brown said. Brown said he'd like to see the matter resolved in a good manner by whatever is necessary whether the officers come back to work or not.

"I want what is best for the town," he said.

Selectman Fred Koed declined to comment, referring the Mariner to McMorris.

Selectman Tom Callahan said he could not comment on personnel matters, but accused the Mariner of being irresponsible in its reporting of the story by relying on "rumor and innuendo." He said the paper should have let the matter run its course.

Selectman Michael Sullivan did not immediately return phone calls.

However, both Brown and McMorris agree it is part of Haddad's responsibility, under the Town Manager Act, to be involved in police personnel matters. Cohasset has a "weak" chief as opposed to a "strong" chief, who would be protected by Civil Service. A weak chief reports to either a Board of Selectmen or Town Manager. Jackson reports to Haddad.

McMorris said the Board of Selectmen continues to have confidence in the police department.

"We have an excellent police department in Cohasset," she said. "The Board of Selectmen has full confidence in its ability to provide high quality service to the residents, and people can be confident that they will continue to do so."

Joint effort focuses on forming park

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an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in 1986. That designation provides an extra layer of protection for the area's cultural and ecological resources.

The 23.4-square-mile Weir River Watershed supplies drinking water to about 38,000 residents of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, and Norwell. The watershed drains to the lower Weir River estuary including Straits Pond, which lies between the three towns, although most of the Straits Pond sub-watershed is in Cohasset. The Weir River ACEC consists of 922 acres, 31 percent of which is land and 69 percent is water. Forty-two percent of the ACEC lies within Hingham, including upland areas and wetlands. Most of the land in the Hingham portion is undeveloped. The open fields and forests of World's End located in and adjacent to the ACEC comprise the largest protected undeveloped natural landscape in the area.

A tri-town Estuary Committee would be appointed to oversee the park. Volunteers from all three communities are needed to transform the vision into a reality.

Through a recent volunteer effort, a building at 333 George Washington Boulevard in Hull, known as the "Green Building," was recently transformed and the area cleaned up to provide a more welcoming entrance to the Weir River. Last spring three non-profit groups, the Weir River Watershed Association, Hull Performing Arts, and Surfrider Foundation collaborated on a short-term lease of the building for office, lecture, and laboratory space, the first step in a long-term effort to create an environmental education center.

The three nonprofits would like to update the interior, repair the roof, get water to the building, and refinish the rest of the building. For more information or to volunteer or make a donation, visit www.weirriver.org, email info@weirriver.org, or call Samantha Woods, President of the Weir River Watershed Association at (781) 925-5544.

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Town to host football playoffs

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Cohasset even eliminated football altogether for a couple of years because there weren't enough interested players to have a team.

Ford said he remembers when he came to Cohasset High School in the early 90s, the football team had dropped from varsity status and was only playing on the junior varsity level. Over a few years, the team built itself back up, gained participation and came back to become a very popular varsity sport. Now, Cohasset has football players at the middle school level, junior varsity, and varsity levels, and all players "have had a good season," he said.

"We've come a long way," DeGiacomo said.

And Ford said part of the success of the teams is due to coach Tony Rolfe, who has "done an awesome job recruiting." Rolfe has been working with Cohasset athletes for the past six years.

Now that the renovations are complete at the school, DeGiacomo said this event will provide a wonderful opportunity for the town to showcase the new building. Because the event will draw a large crowd, it will also provide a boost to the town's economy.

DeGiacomo said if the middle school players are any indication, making it to the Superbowl playoffs could become a tradition in Cohasset. He said their record has been 6-1 this year. Ford said he has been equally impressed with the junior varsity team and thinks the numbers will stay up in terms of participants.

"Hopefully we'll see the same continued success," said De Giacomo.

Ford said the M.I.A.A. will give the school $2500 to host the event, which should cover the cost of hiring police, custodians, workers, and any unforeseen costs that may arise. The M.I.A.A. will keep 75 percent of the profits, and the school will keep 25 percent. Admission for the game will be $9 for all adults, $7 for students (12 and over) and senior citizens, and children under 12 are free. M.I.A.A. passes will be the only passes accepted at the door.

Because such large crowds are expected, spectators should carpool whenever possible. Parking will be located in the main parking lot in front of the school, with additional parking along the entrance driveway by the main office, and at Milliken Field. Attendees should not park beyond the no parking signs on Bancroft Extension (road that leads to visitors' side gate). Handicapped parking is available in the parking lot directly across the main entrance to the field. Spectators should be aware of the new landscaping that has been done on campus and keep off the newly seeded areas, Ford said.

Ford said he will try to make some arrangements to have temporary fencing or some kind of barrier put around landscaped areas to help prevent any damage.

Ford said he has spoken with Police Chief Robert Jackson who said he may be able to send a cruiser over at the end of the night to help direct traffic. There will be four police officers on duty during the game.

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There is something for everyone this year at the Jingle Bell Walk. It's a great way to appreciate our picturesque surroundings, while involving the whole family in a Cohasset tradition.

In the event of rain, all outdoor activities will be cancelled and Santa will arrive in the Community Center Gym at 2 p.m.

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The cruise departs Vancouver August 14, 2004. Winners will enjoy an ocean-view cabin. Transportation to and from the ship is not included, and some taxes and fees will apply. All arrangements will be made by Cruise Holidays, Seekonk.. For more information on Princess Cruises and cruises to Alaska, see www.princess.com.

The drawing will be held at the Christmas Village Fair on the Common, Dec. 6. Send your check to "First Parish", 23 No. Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025 (please make sure to note your return address) or visit the Parish House on the Common on Monday-Thursday from 9 – 2 p.m.

New consignment shop has two familiar faces

By Amanda Gontarz
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Road to Responsibility President Rick Walker with managers Andrea Merrill and Colleen Roth of RTR's newest business venture — Sea Chest Consignments.

Marshfield-based Road to Responsibility is gearing up to open a new consignment shop in Cohasset, but it won't be going down this road alone.

With more than 35 years of clothing retail experience combined, Andi Merrill and Colleen Roth, formerly of the Cohasset Consignment Shop, have teamed up with RTR to open the Sea Chest Consignments. Located in the Dwyer Building along Rt. 3A, the store should be open by Dec. 13 , in time for the holiday shopping. Cohasset Cycle Sports, Mullaney's fish market and Lapels dry cleaners share the same building.

Merrill says she and Roth are extremely pleased to be working with RTR.

"They are business-oriented and generous in their ability to help people," Merrill says. "I can't think of a better combination (than RTR and Sea Chest Consignments)."

A non-profit organization that provides recreational, residential and employment programs for adults with disabilities, RTR has created numerous job opportunities throughout the years with its business ventures. Sea Chest Consignments in Cohasset will join other RTR businesses, including Jan's Ice Cream, the Ocean Village Motel and the Ocean Village Bookstore, all in Marshfield. RTR also has bookstores in Plymouth and Falmouth, as well as a Kingston motel and a function hall in Weymouth.

This opportunity came about for RTR when Roth and Merrill, after parting ways with the Cohasset Consignment Shop earlier this year, were searching for a charity to team up with and open a consignment shop. RTR president Rick Walker said he was impressed with the way the pair managed the Cohasset store and believes their working manner will match up perfectly with RTR.

"It wasn't a place where junk was thrown all over the floor," he said, looking at pictures Roth and Merrill gave him of the other store. "It was clean, bright and organized. That's what we want. We put our best foot forward. It's not going to be something people scratch their heads at and say it's crummy. It's going to be a top-notch operation."

Merrill is pleased with the location which has ample parking around the entire building. The entrance will be on the side of the building facing Katherine McArthur's dentist office. The 3,000 square-foot space is where Dwyer's cleaning plant was located.

Merrill plans on tapping into the army of volunteers that helped her over two decades at the Cohasset Consignment Shop, which is owned by the non-profit Social Service League. Unhappy with the split between the Social Service League and the Merrill-Roth team, many of the volunteers quit the Cohasset Consignment Shop, which reopened last month under new management.

"They've been waiting for us to open," Merrill says about the volunteers. "They are anxious to see each other again.

"I've told them to rest up and get ready to work really hard." She said the store hours may be expanded beyond 10 a.m.-4 p.m., when they first open to accommodate consignors and customers.

She also explained that many people have also called her to say they are holding merchandize to consign at the new shop. Merrill, who will serve as general manager, has also been storing items at another location in anticipation of the opening. Roth will be accountant and assistant manager.

The Cohasset Consignment Shop, which is in nearby Tedeschi Plaza, was packed again on Saturday with shoppers buying everything from bric-a-brac to designer suits.

Merrill says the neighborhood is big enough for both shops.

"I've always believed in competition – it keeps you on your toes and provides for a better operation," she says.

While the shop will depend heavily on the help of volunteers, Walker believes the shop will add about eight employment opportunities for people with disabilities, which is what RTR is all about. From lifting of heavy objects to cleaning and pricing items to manning the cash register, Walker said a clothing store provides a variety of jobs.

"Very few of our people can do all of those jobs, but working as a team they can get it done," he said.

Walker said the consignment shop and RTR's seven other businesses under its Ocean Village Ventures division give disabled people the chance to work in a job they want, rather than taking a position they don't care for really.

"There are only so many supermarket jobs and some people don't want that," he said.

Editor Mary Ford also contributed to this story.

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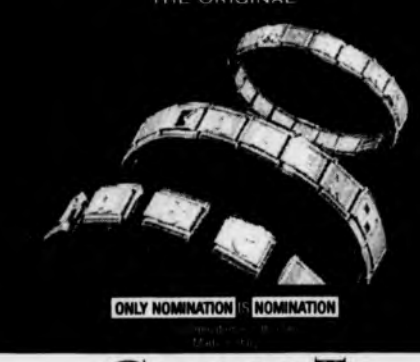

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Barbara Cook sorts books at St. Stephen's to be sold at the Village Fair. The book sale is a mission program of St. Stephen's Church to more strongly establish a church presence in a needy area.

Books, CDs and DVDs are sought

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave. is accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVD's, CD's and videos for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6.

If your book shelves are spilling on the floor, and DVD's CD's and videos are busting out of the entertainment center like superman out of a phone booth, the church has got the solution for you. Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "church offices." Alternatively, the church would be happy to arrange pick up of your donations. For donation pick-up or information, call Alix White at 781-383-1829. Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall Monday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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When home is where the hurt is, South Shore Women's Center helps

Editor's note: This year the Gifts of Hope campaign on the South Shore aims to raise funds and awareness about the South Shore Women's Center. This is the first of several articles focusing on the Center and its work.

By Maureen Walsh
CORRESPONDENT

The shame can run as deep as the fear.

I let this happen. I deserve this. I don't want anyone to know…

And perhaps the deepest fear of all is the fear of being alone.

No one will love me. No one will understand. No one can help…

For women subjected to abuse in their own homes, the South Shore Women's Center offers a message of Hope: *You are not alone. It is not your fault. You don't have to do anything you don't want to do. Just know that we are here to help.*

Since 1979, the SSWC has provided support and an expanding range of services for women living with domestic violence. Last year more than 2,200 women in the 16 towns serviced by the women's center turned to the agency for information and emotional support, for help in leaving an abusive situation, or for advocacy and counseling services to help them rebuild their lives in the community.

So far in 2003, the Center's Crisis Hotline, 1-888-746-2664, has fielded more than 3,700 calls. From January to June, the Center provided emergency safe shelter for 38 families, compared to 20 families for all of 2002.

"We spend a lot of time on safety planning," said Barbara Fuyat, executive director of SSWC. "Because domestic violence is about power and control, it's when a woman is breaking away from that control that she is most at risk to be hurt."

SSWC works with a network of agencies and towns to establish families in a safe residence, whether that is their own home, an emergency shelter or a safe home with trained volunteers, she said. The center may also supply the family with food, clothing and other necessities.

"Many things may be happening simultaneously. We may be taking the woman to the emergency department and then to court. Whatever services the family needs, we'll bring them in right away," Fuyat said. "They may have services for a couple of years while they're getting their lives back together."

Domestic violence advocates working with the hospitals, police, courts and social services agencies provide both emotional support and practical assistance to women who are easily intimidated by these institutions, she said. The SSWC also provides individual and group counseling for abused women and teens, for women over 55, and for children who have witnessed abuse.

In its mission to end domestic violence, the SSWC goes beyond direct services to abused women and their families to educate the wider community and to provide training for professionals in medical, legal, law enforcement and other related fields.

"Domestic violence happens in the home, but it doesn't stay in the home," Fuyat said. "We partner with all facets of the community."

This year, the SSWC has made in-school presentations to more than 6,000 area students, stressing anger management, non-violent conflict resolution and healthy relationships. At the other end of the spectrum, Fuyat said the SSWC is forming more partnerships through the Councils on Aging to reach older women who may have been in abusive relationships for 20, 30, 40 years or more.

The center is also working with businesses on how to provide a safe work place and educate their employees on domestic violence issues.

"We provide a psychological education on the continuum of domestic violence. Most people seem to understand what physical abuse is, but when it comes to emotional, mental, financial and other forms of abuse, they have more difficulty," said Fuyat. "Domestic violence won't end until we break open the secrets and shed light and information on this issue throughout the community."

The South Shore Women's Center is a private, nonprofit organization funded in part by the Mass. Dept. of Social Services, federal grants and private fundraising. SSWC is a member agency of the Old Colony United Way and the Massachusetts Coalition of Battered Women's Services Groups.

During the holidays, SSWC has a particular need for families, companies and individuals to adopt a family affected by domestic violence. The center will provide ages, sizes and wish lists to the sponsors, who can bring wrapped gifts, merchandise cards or cash donations to SSWC for distribution to families. For more information on the Adopt-a-Family program, call Suanne at 781-582-0078.

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From left, Judy Dickstein, Marcia Diekmann, Mary Hickey, Kathy Gray and Claire Cardelle are hard at work preparing for the Christmas House Tour.

Mark your calendar for the Cohasset House Tour

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset is delighted to present "Christmas Gatherings", a tour of five beautifully decorated and uniquely different homes, a Holiday Tea, and a Christmas Boutique. The tour is Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The featured homes include:

• A Villa style home, built in the late 1800's as a large summer cottage and converted in 1947 into a religious retreat situated on a cove-like stretch of beach. The Villa, with its wrap-around porch, is literally a house built on a rock; its foundation includes the ancient ledge of the Cohasset shoreline.

• A stately Queen Anne Victorian, built by shipbuilder Thomas Bourne and often dubbed the "Christmas House", features a classic exterior of turrets, bays, and an arched stone foundation. Inside it exudes warmth through its carved built-in cupboards, fireplaces, deep crown moldings and tiger maple floors. In this setting, the owner's antique furnishings make it a perfect spot for a Victorian Christmas gathering.

Tickets are $20 in advance, $23 day of Tour and are available at the Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St.

• Built in 2002, this house stands on the footprint of a small cottage that dates back to Cohasset fishing days with its own dock and small guest cottage. The house has a very open plan that makes the most of the limited space while taking advantage of magnificent views from every room.

• Ancestors of Abraham Lincoln, whose forbears were from the Hingham-Cohasset area, originally owned this Queen Anne Victorian home. It boasts five fireplaces including a wide hallway with a fireplace at the end. The home has been extensively renovated and the new kitchen has appeared on HGTV's kitchen show.

• A gracious home that was, at one time, part of a five building estate known as "Twin Tree". Constructed of imported fieldstone, with an impressive fieldstone fireplace in the family room, the main house has been completely renovated but its historic charm has been preserved. The grand foyer sits between the living and dining rooms that contain the original leaded glass windows. It is an inviting house for a Christmas gathering.

Tickets are $20 in advance, $23 day of Tour and are available at the Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St. or send a check to The Community Garden Club of Cohasset, c/o Windy Hill Road, Cohasset, MA 02025. Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope. For more information and tickets, call 781-383-9689. Adults only.

Light refreshments will be served in Bates Hall, Second Congregational Church, Highland Avenue.

Proceeds from the house tour will be used to support the numerous projects of the garden club, which include historic restoration and preservation, civic beautification, scholarship grants, and community education programs. In addition, the club contributes time and money to various environmental and conservation agencies.

Five Hingham homes dress up for holidays

The Hingham Mother's Club will hold its annual holiday house tour on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. All profits from this event will benefit the Hingham Mother's Club Scholarship fund, which provides college scholarships to Hingham High School seniors.

Featured on the tour will be five beautiful Hingham homes decorated for the holidays. Come see The Hartley Home at 34 Howe St., The Tripp Home at 9 Ringbolt Farm, The Donovan Home at 36 Myers Farm Road, The Giblin Home at 7 Brandon Woods Circle and Black Rock Country Club Model Home at 1 Clubhouse Drive. In addition, a boutique open to ticket holders only will be held at Wilder Memorial Nursery School at 666 Main St. The boutique will feature gift items and decorative accessories not readily available in the Hingham area.

Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 day of the tour and are available in Cohasset at Buttonwood Books. Tickets also available at each house and the boutique on the day of the tour. For further information, call 781-749-3051

Who's the top citizen in town?

See form page 22

By Mary Ford
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In keeping with a nine-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Arthur Year as Citizen of the Year for a lifetime of service to the town including myriad good works, and always as a volunteer — whether that be mowing the "cap" of the town landfill with his red tractor or serving as the town's Civil Defense Director.

The deadline for nominations for the 2003 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 2. Please see the nomination form on page 22. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2003 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2004.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the11th person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

1993: the late **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset": for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998: **Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: the late **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

2002: **Arthur Lehr** for more than 50 years of volunteer service on worthwhile projects including the Boy Scouts; serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals and as a Registrar of Voters; Clerk of the Works for the DPW garage, Little League Complex, and Mariners Park; serving on the Recycling Committee, as town Civil Defense Director, on Gravel Pit Reuse Committee and more.

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Dec. 13: Santa in the Model T - 2-4pm, Criss-Cross the Juggler, Celebrity Story Reading with Dan & Stephanie of The Morning Crew, 96.3 The Rose - 11am - Noon, *Manhattan Motor Coach Tour 7am - Midnight
Dec. 14: Santa in the Model T 2-4pm, Criss-Cross the Juggler, Celebrity Story Reading with Maria Stephanos Co-Anchor Fox 25 at Ten News - 11am - Noon, Christmas Craft - Reindeer Ornaments 1pm, Holiday Music - Mastersingers of Cape Cod 3pm
Dec. 18: *Holiday by Night Motor Coach Tour - Boston 1:30pm - 10:30pm
Dec. 19: Holiday Centerpiece Workshop 10am
Dec. 20: Christmas Music - Ain't Misbehavin' 2pm, Santa in the Model T 2pm - 4pm, Criss-Cross the Juggler
Dec. 21: Chanukah Celebration sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Cape Cod, Traditional Stories, Food & Music 10:30am - 3pm, Chanukah Ornamental Craft Session 1pm
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From left, Cohasset residents Ryan Connor as the bully Scut, and Marcus Bennett as Ralphie in the Company Theatre's production, "A Christmas Story," on stage from Nov. 28-Dec. 20.

Connors, Bennett in 'A Christmas Story'

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

I want to start off this week by wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends and to make sure to take the time to really reflect on what you are truly thankful for. I am thankful for my family, friends and the times that we are able to share with each other. I am thankful for the ability to forgive and to be forgiven and for each day that we have and are able to enjoy. Life changes as we all know so quickly and in so many cases, from day to day. Enjoy each day as it comes and stop to enjoy all those small moments that happen as those memories are worth their weight in gold. Happy Thanksgiving!

ON STAGE

The Company Theatre in Norwell will present its stage version of the holiday movie "A Christmas Story" Nov. 28-Dec. 20. Set in the 40s, it's the classic story of Ralphie, a young boy who wants nothing better for Christmas than a Red Ryder BB gun. But his parents are reluctant, as they warn him – "You'll shoot your eye out!"

Cohasset residents **Ryan Connors** as the bully Scut, and **Marcus Bennett** as Ralphie are sure to light up the stage in this holiday production. For tickets call 781-871-2787.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Happy 55th wedding anniversary to **Peg and Cliff Dickson**! Could the secret of their success be that they're never seen together? Well they were together at the Red Parrot in Hull where they celebrated with friends and family. Many who traveled up from the warm south just to surprise Cliff and Peg. Best wishes to you both!

NEW NONAGENARIAN

In honor of **Betty Madden's** recent 90th birthday, her daughter **Sally Avery** and family will be hosting an art retrospective displaying her works from 3-5pm on Friday, Nov. 28 in Walton Rogers Hall at St. Stephens Church. Many will remember the beautiful eggs and slates Betty sold over the years at Village Fairs. Come and wish Betty a happy birthday and enjoy her paintings and crafts.

SPECIAL DAY

Happy Birthday wishes to one of the sweetest little girls that I know. Miss **Abbey Johnson** is celebrating her "free year old" birthday on Saturday and she is so happy to be "FREE!"(three) When asked what she wanted for her birthday her reply is, "pink". I am sure that will be accomplished for her. Happy Birthday Miss Abbey, we all love you a great big bunch.

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The Dicksons celebrate 55 years

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VILLAGE FAIR

Get ready to Deck Your Halls! Beautiful holiday greens including decorative boughs, fresh balsam wreaths and tabletop trees will be sold alongside sleigh-loads of handcrafted gifts and ornaments at Cohasset's Annual Village Fair on the Common on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Cohasset tradition for more than 60 years, the Village Fair is a great way to begin your holiday season. Come greet friends and get a head start on your holiday decorating and shopping. Stop by Town Hall (hosting the Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church); the Second Congregational Church, St. Stephen's and the First Parish House to see all of the beautiful holiday decorations and gifts for sale, and to sample scrumptious foods from around the world. Proceeds support the charitable work of the churches and the ASP.

Rusty Skippers Holiday Concert The Rusty Skippers, Cohasset's adult concert band, will be performing their annual Holiday Pops Concert at First Parish Church at noon on Saturday, Dec. 6, during the Village Fair on the Common. The Skippers have been busy preparing a variety of new holiday selections including a Nutcracker medley, Sleigh Ride (made famous by the Boston Pops), Jingle Bell Rock and many other familiar tunes and carols. The concert is free and all ages are welcome. A free will offering for Cohasset's Food Pantry will be taken.

DEER HILL BOOK FAIR

The Deer Hill Holiday Book Fair is being held on Dec. 8-12. Students will attend during their regular library period. Parents and grandparents are welcome during school hours or on Thursday evening, Dec. 11, before and after the Holiday Concert.

Mrs. Murphy will be on hand to help children select books for themselves or to give as gifts. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, call **Karen MacCormack**, 383-6901 or **Barb Mullin**, 383-0953.

BLANKET, TOILETRY DRIVE

The sixth-grade Religious Education Class at St. Anthony's is holding a blanket and toiletry drive to benefit the Shattuck Shelter in Jamaica Plain the weekend of Dec. 6 & 7. Last year, four carloads of gently used items were donated. As well, with the $3000.00 raised, the shelter purchased more than 600 army style blankets, sleeping bags, and waterproof mats for distribution by outreach workers to those living on the streets. With even more budget cuts this year, the need for assistance is even greater. Donations can be dropped off at St. Anthony's Parish Center on the 6th and 7th. Any questions, please call **Darilynn Evans** at 781-383-0644 or **Beth Seraikas** at 781-383-9154.

ST. PAUL SCHOOL BAZAAR

On Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6 St. Paul School in Hingham will be having its annual Christmas Bazaar. The Bazaar will be held in the school hall which is located at 18 Fearing Road in Hingham across the street from Citizens Bank. On Friday the Bazaar will feature a silent auction, raffle prizes, handmade crafts, wreaths, boxwood trees, refreshments and children's games. On Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. the Bazaar continues with Breakfast with Santa. This is an opportunity to have your picture taken while you talk to Santa and to enjoy a nice breakfast. Tickets for the breakfast are $5 per adult and $3 per child.

SEASONAL MESSAGE

The ladies of the Tuesday Morning Bible Study would like to extend an invitation to all women in town to attend their fourth annual Christmas Tea on Tuesday Dec. 9 from 12-2 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's Residence. It is a wonderful opportunity to escape the busy rush of the holiday season and enjoy a special speaker with a seasonal message. It is also a fun chance to see your friends and neighbors. Please contact **Joan Busk** at 383-6110 if you have any questions.

That is all for this week. Make sure to have all of your news and event information to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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Luncheon, fashion show benefit Dec. 11

A festive holiday luncheon and Talbot's fashion show will be held Dec. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Atlantica Restaurant on the harbor.

The event will benefit Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, now under construction in the two-story wing behind the Paul Pratt Library. Planners for the museum and its associated playground are aiming for a 2004 completion.

For information or reservations, call 781-383-0407.

Tickets for the luncheon and fashion show will be $50. Seating is limited and reservations are necessary. For information or reservations, call 781-383-0407.

Holiday angels at Wellspring in Hull

Wellspring's Holiday Angel Gift program provides clients with gifts for their children. Gifts are donated by caring individuals who give to a designated child or family.

Clients who are involved with any of Wellspring's Programs (food pantry, adult learning, crisis or domestic violence counseling, and thrift shop clients) and are in need of assistance with holiday gifts for their children are encouraged to contact Wellspring for an application. Deadline for accepting applications is Dec. 5.

Individuals, businesses or organizations that wish to adopt a child or family by providing gifts (or gift certificates) should contact Wellspring at 781-925-3211 or visit the "Angel Tree" table at the upcoming Holiday Showcase at the Clarion Hotel on Nov. 29.

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EDITORIAL

Hope for the holidays

Help stamp out domestic violence

The statistics speak for themselves:

- Each year between 1 million and 4 million women experience serious assault by an intimate partner.
- Some 47 percent of men who beat their wives do so at least three times per year.
- Nearly one in three adult women experience at least one physical assault by a partner during adulthood.
- Each year an estimated 3.3 million children witness their mothers or female caretakers being abused.
- Some 57 percent of homeless families identified domestic violence as a primary cause of homelessness.
- Between 40 percent and 60 percent of men who abuse women also abuse children.

Domestic violence is one of the biggest issues facing our culture. And yet, most who suffer at the hands of an abuser feels she is alone. The South Shore Women's Center was established to reassure victims they are NOT alone and help is available.

"These are challenging times. Towns are facing financial constraints and we are feeling that pinch. But there is still so much work to do."

— Barbara Fuyat, executive director of the South Shore Women's Center

The Center services some 16 towns on the South Shore and in Southeastern Massachusetts. The group's efforts include working with a network of agencies and area towns to establish families in safe residences, providing food, clothing and other needed items, and educational programs.

Yet just as the need for more help increases, the Center finds itself at a crossroads. Center officials want to reach out to as many people as possible, but they are finding their funding is shrinking due to financial cutbacks in our towns, eliminating a crucial budget source.

That's why this year our Gifts of Hope campaign will focus on helping the Center raise funds and awareness about domestic violence and the commitment of the South Shore Women's Center. In the coming weeks we'll feature articles about the Center and its programs, interview those who have benefited from the Center's outreach and the challenges facing the Center in the future.

"We're grateful for any financial support we can get," noted Barbara Fuyat, executive director of the South Shore Women's Center, based in Plymouth. "These are challenging times. Towns are facing financial constraints and we are feeling that pinch. But there is still so much work to do."

During the holidays in particular, the Center provides assistance through its Adopt a Family for the Holidays campaign. The Center seeks out generous "Santas" who can provide various items for a family in need. The "Santas" will be given the ages, genders and wish lists for a family's children. The sponsoring Santa will then shop, wrap and drop off the presents.

Financial donations also go a long way in developing yearlong programs and assistance for the center. Through our Gifts of Hope campaign you can do your part, however large or small, to help ease the pain of domestic violence.

Donations to Gifts of Hope should be made payable to the South Shore Women's Center, designated for Gift of Hope, and sent to:

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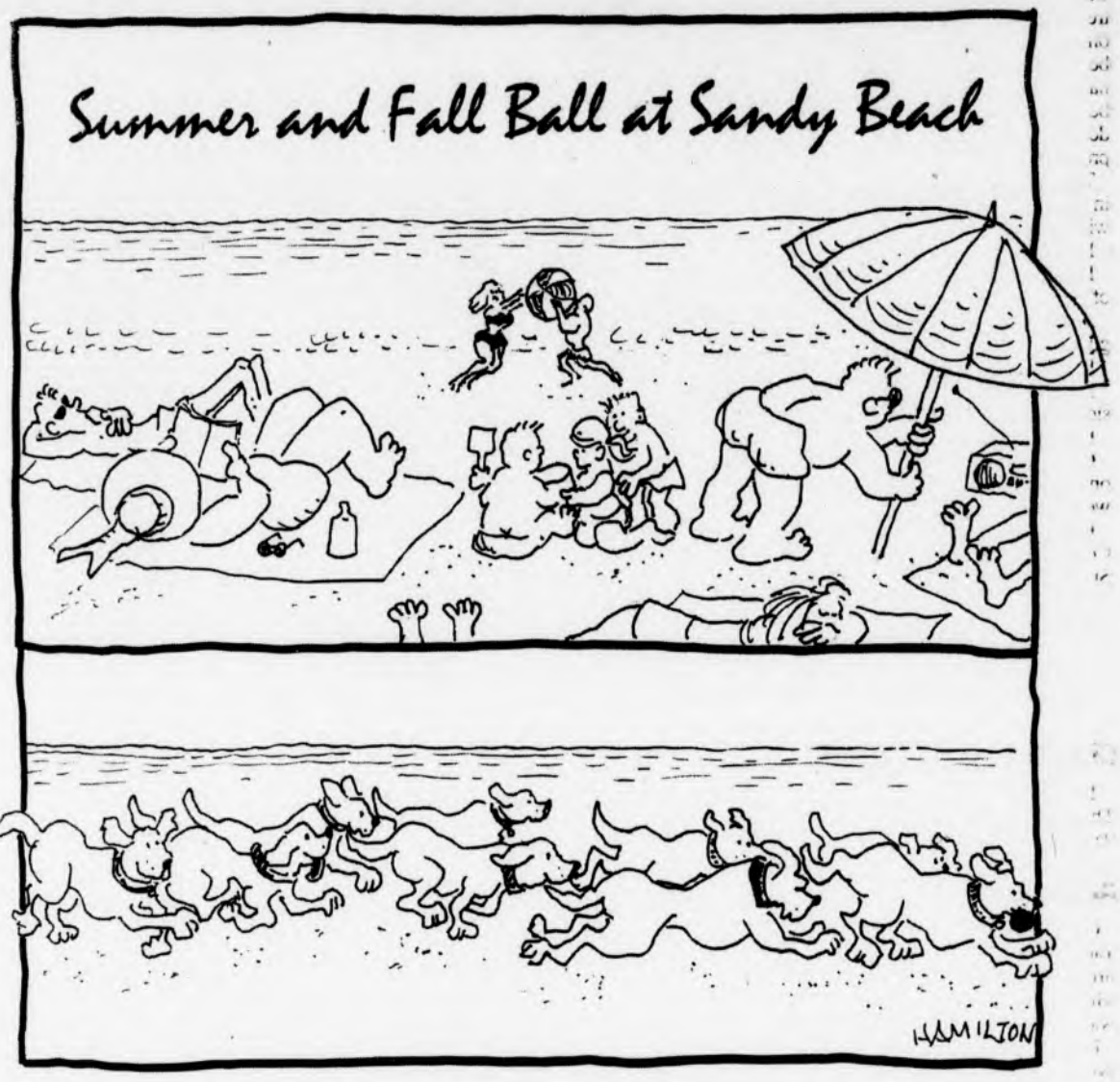

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open space should have value in itself

TO THE EDITOR:

It struck me, after I left the Town Meeting last Monday night, after I had heard the discussion of the Town-owned property that has just been annexed to the Cook property, and after I had time to digest what was said, that we treated a beautiful piece of open space as useless, not of importance for itself, without value.

By this we meant that it was not able to be "developed" and had been rejected by the various organizations in the town, who had sought to use it, for a variety of purposes. Is that land, the home of small animals, bugs, birds and gorgeous trees not of value? Are not the planet-sustaining things that exist in a piece of property like this not worthy of honoring and respecting? Does this piece of land need to be devalued so that we can develop our town according to our perception of what is important?

I am in favor of affordable housing for the elderly in Cohasset. I am one of them. Maybe this use of the Cook property is a good use of this land. But we should certainly view land that has renewed our atmosphere with its trees, created an eco system that enhances our water supplies, and a myriad of other things for our town and planet as of value in itself.

Mimi White
22 Sheldon Road

A post mortem on Special Town Meeting

TO THE EDITOR:

It was another quiet week in Woebegone East, where all children are above average, McMansions sprout, and the boutique at the recycling center is rewarding. Quiet, except for Town Meeting, from which people stayed away in droves.

Once again we invited a losing lawsuit, by voting not to pay for legal services incurred in defending an unexpected lawsuit, apparently on the grounds that the funds hadn't received prior approval by the voters.

However, a savvy citizen recognized the bottom line (an inevitable court order to pay up plus court costs and more legal fees), and much later asked for a vote reconsideration. The redone voting was affirmative, thus reversing the initial shortsightedness. Some whined about re-voting by a much reduced attendance, thus revealing high principle but low common sense.

Some probably dandy speeches, especially those from the front microphone, were unintelligible because of poor acoustics and rapid fire delivery. (The reverberations from the hard surfaces cause each syllable to be reinforced and garbled by primary, secondary, tertiary etc echoes from previous syllables, so those who think the purpose of speech to communicate should have spoken slowly and distinctly. Those who speak primarily for the joy of hearing themselves, it doesn't matter much if it's incomprehensible).

The article about the Cook estate and senior housing passed handily, but only after the usual process of airing irrelevancies, dark suspicions and unfamiliarity with pertinent facts. Someone grumped that there was no philanthropic aspect, apparently unaware that for many years almost every project in town was given financial assistance by the Cox and Cook sisters, and several current endeavors have continued to benefit from post mortem benevolence provided for in their wills. Giving Cohasset several months to consummate an advantageous deal (for us), with no strings if we can't, rather than selling out immediately to the highest bidding developer, is a continuation of positive interest in the town. That benevolent interest over the years should have been recognized and appreciated by everyone, not just by the leaders who took on projects for the town and scrounged up the funds.

Hardly anyone has yet checked out their snow blowers, nor burned the fall collection of brush, nor finished weather stripping, but the leaf collecting is progressing well, if achingly. A few Christmas light extravaganzas are up already, or else are still up from last year.

Quiet weeks are best!

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

HEALTH NOTES

Teflon flu is a sticky issue

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last weekend, in making breakfast, I let the pancakes burn in my Teflon frying pan. The net result was that there was a small odor, and a set of griddlecakes in the wastebasket. In a few minutes, I came down with a case of hay fever sneezing, runny nose, headache, etc. I was slow to put the two together, but according to the Environmental Working Group, a public interest research organization, cooking with Teflon can make a person sick with a temporary flu if a non-stick pan gets overheated.

"It feels like the flu," said a representative, "headaches, chills, backache, temperature between 100 and 104 degrees."

Studies by the Environmental Working Group show that pre-heating Teflon® (PTFE) pan creates ultra-fine particulate matter at 230 degrees C (456 degrees F) — potentially damaging to the lung. Other non-stick pan coatings, using compounds like PTFE, may breakdown at lower temperatures. At 680 degrees Fahrenheit, toxic gases can begin to come off of heated Teflon,"

It turns out, DuPont has known about the "Teflon flu" for years. According to a representative for the company, "You get some fumes — and you get a flu-like symptom, which is reversible." Also a warning about the flu, while not on the pans themselves, is on the DuPont Web site. The fumes are released from the pan when it is overheated, which they say occurs at temperatures that are not reached during normal cooking.

"You get some fumes — and you get a flu-like symptom, which is reversible."

One way you can keep track of the temperature of your pan is to add some water to the oil used to sauté or fry. This will boil at about 220degrees, and sputter at about 250-300 degrees anyone who's read Vonnegut knows that paper burns at 457 degrees F, as do most pancakes. It's probably not overly dangerous to heat Teflon ware to these temperatures, but there seems to be a substantial risk to heating them any higher. Especially if you own birds, because the gasses given off by Teflon have been determined to be lethal to most birds, which are exposed to it.

Further heating is worse. According to the Environmental Working Group, (www/ewg.org) at 360 degrees C (680 degrees F), a Teflon® pan gives off:

- Tetrafluoroethylene (TFE), a compound that the US National Toxicology Program describes as a human carcinogen.
- Hexafluoropropene (HFP), a chemical implicated as the cause of certain types of illness and birth defects, and which in acute (short-term) exposure can cause irritation of the air passages and the lung.
- Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), which, as a breakdown product of the commonly used HCFC-123 (hydro-chloro-fluro-carbons, a compound introduced to replace the CFCs that deplete the ozone layer) has been implicated in liver and bone damage.
- Monofluoroacetic acid (MFA), a very toxic compound that affects the nervous system, and which at high levels can cause irregular heart rate, convulsions and respiratory failure.

Perhaps the most nasty is per-fluoro-octanoic acid (PFOA). It has become a ubiquitous organic contaminant (it has been found in 92 percent of human blood samples in the US), it is a known carcinogen, and has serious neuro-toxic effects, impacting the developmental health of the young.

At these temperatures you've ruined the pan because if, it's aluminum, the chances are that it's probably melted in places. Just open doors, get out of the kitchen and wait for the smoke to clear.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Put a light on the memory tree

Remembering, in a tangible way will enrich this holiday season, the joy our loved ones have shared with us in seasons past.

Commemorative lights will shine on The Memory Tree on the Lawn of South Shore Community Center, as well as a star placed on the tree in the lobby with the name (s) of your loved one (s). As contributions are received, bulbs will be illuminated throughout the season, and the names of the donors and those remembered will be published in the Cohasset Mariner. Your tax-deductible contribution will help continue quality programs at SSCC.

The star atop the 2003 Memory Tree will shine in honor of our departed loved ones whom you wish to honor.

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Forget-me-not white lights.

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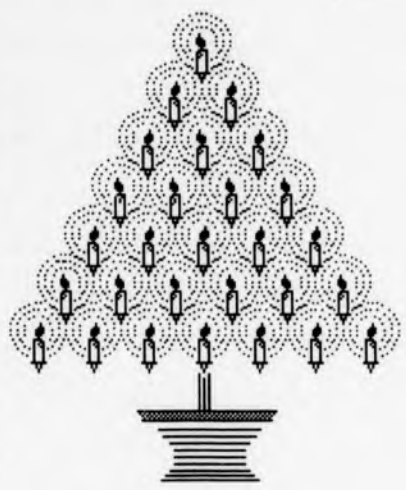

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Closed on Thanksgiving

The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving Day. We will re-open Friday from 9a.m. to 5p.m.

Author event

On Sunday Nov. 30, members of the Kitchen Table Writers will read prose and poetry in the library Meeting Room. Readers include: Frances Murphy Araujo, Kate Young Caley, Marion Reed, Nancy Hewitt, and Joan Stack Kovach.

Frances Murphy Araujo, is a resident of Weymouth whose fiction has appeared in Kalliope, Lynx Eye, Reed Magazine, Washington Square and other journals. Her work has received a Pushcart Prize nomination. Araujo is a contributor to "Intensive Care, an Anthology of Prose and Poetry by Nurses," recently published by the University of Iowa Press. Currently she is working on a Master of Arts in English, with a specialty in writing, at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. She is also an instructor of nursing at Boston College.

Marion Reed of Norwell is a psychiatric nurse practitioner. She has published extensively in Nursing Spectrum and writes regularly for the life and religion pages of the Patriot Ledger.

Kate Young Caley of Quincy is the author of the acclaimed spiritual memoir "The House Where the Hardest Things Happened" (Doubleday, June 2002). Her poetry has won a first prize from the Academy of American Poets. She is a college English teacher and a well-received speaker at conferences such as the Festival of Faith and Writing at Calvin College in Grand Rapids Michigan.

Nancy Hewitt is a clinical social worker and poet from Salem. She holds a Masters Degree in Fine Arts from Vermont College. Her poems have appeared in "The Anthology of New England Writers," "The Cumberland Poetry Review," "The Bridge," and "Kalliope." She has contributed to "The Use of Personal Narratives in the Helping Professions" and is also the recipient of an Academy of American Poets Award.

Joan Stack Kovach, also a contributor to Intensive Care, currently contributes to Nursing Spectrum Magazine. Kovach has written feature articles for the Patriot Ledger, and is a co-author of the book, "Peer Consultation." She lives in Cohasset and works as a nurse manager.

The readings will begin at 3pm. Copies of some of the authors' publications will be available at the reading through the courtesy of Buttonwood Books.

Literature contest

The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores presents, "Letters About Literature," a national reading and writing contest for children and young adults. To enter Letters about Literature, think about a book that inspired you, then write a personal letter to the author and explain why.

The letter should not summarize the plot, but should explain how the book impacted or made a difference in your life.

This contest is for grades 4-12, and is broken up into three levels. The submission deadline for all levels is Dec. 6. The top essayist on each competition level will receive a cash award and a $50 Target GiftCard. The first place winners in each state Will then advance for national judging. Contest entry forms and rules are available in the Young Adult Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and online at www.loc.gov/letters. Bring all entries and completed forms to Mrs. Moody for mailing on or before Dec. 4.

Irruptive species — on again, off again winter visitors

A BIRDER'S-EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

Some migrations are regular as clockwork. The famous arrival of the swallows at Capistrano every year on March 19 is an example. Other migrations are irregular and unpredictable. These are called "irruptions". An irruption is the arrival of large numbers of birds in a place where they are not ordinarily found. Some people call this an invasion, an incursion, or a big flight year. In any case, it is not an eruption. Volcanoes erupt. Violent tempers erupt. Birds irrupt. Technically speaking, of course, the mass leaving of birds from an area could be called an eruption. People, however, take more notice of irruptive arrivals than eruptive leavings.

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Common Redpoll.

Why do irruptions occur? There is a lot we do not understand yet about irruptions. One thing we can say with authority is that irruptions are irregular. One might think that harsh winters would be the cause. Instead it is now pretty clear that food shortages trigger these movements. Poor seed crop years do not necessarily correlate with severe weather. The winter of 1976-77 was the worst northeastern winter in 200 years of U. S. Weather Service record keeping, yet only Purple Finches irrupted to the south. The next year, although cold, was not as difficult in terms of snow and ice and extreme low temperatures. That year there were several species irrupting to the south.

It is also true that irruptions are very hard to predict with any certainty. There is some correlation between irruptions of Snowy Owls and the size of lemming populations, their main food source in the Arctic. Lemming populations tend to crash about every four years and sometimes Snowy Owl irruptions seem to occur about every four years. The picture gets muddy though. There are at least five different species of lemmings, presumably crashing in different years. Owls in different areas eat different types of lemmings. Owls also sometimes will supplement their diet with Snowshoe Hares if lemmings are not available. Snowshoe Hare populations tend to crash about every 10 years. In years when small mammal populations are up, owls will raise more young. If the next year is a down year, the greater number of birds looking for food exacerbates the food shortage problem. All these variables keep predictions from being trustworthy.

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Most irruptive birds are boreal or northern species. Some of these birds are raptors such as Snowy and Great Gray Owls, Rough-legged Hawks, or Northern Goshawks. The largest group of irruptives are what are known as "winter finches". These include such birds as crossbills, redpolls, Purple Finches, Evening and Pine Grosbeaks, and Pine Siskins. Other irruptives are Red-breasted Nuthatches, Bohemian Waxwings and Northern Shrikes. In years past these birds needed to find a plentiful natural source of seeds. More recently they have discovered that bird feeders are also a good source of food for them.

Redpolls and siskins are similar in size and, from a distance, in looks to the American Goldfinch. Upon closer inspection, however, one will see that these two irruptives are streaky underneath, not plain. Common Redpolls have red crowns, and a small yellow bill protruding out between a black throat and black lores (feathers between the eye and the bill). Pine Siskins have a very thin and pointed bill in contrast to the goldfinch's typical conical bill. The Red-breasted Nuthatch is a smaller version of our regular White-breasted Nuthatch. It has a prominent white eye stripe and a red breast. The winter of 1999-2000 was a year when I had a Red-breasted Nuthatch at my feeder regularly all winter long. Red and White Crossbills do indeed have crossed bills. The upper mandible crosses over the lower one in a way that allows them to extract seeds from cones with a prying motion.

Since irruptives don't have advance information about exactly where the best food supply will be in any one year, they frequently wander as nomads during the early fall months, looking for a good place to settle in for the rest of the winter. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology through its FeederWatch program and its Irruptive Bird Study collects data from thousands of amateur birders across North America who count birds at their feeders between November and April each year. As the data collect, we are learning more about when and where irruptions occur. If you go to www.birdsource.cornell.edu and follow links, you can pull up maps and graphs showing patterns of irruptions for various species from past years.

Birders are always looking for some extra excitement for their winter birding. We know that predictions are unreliable, but the Cornell Lab of Ornithology thinks this just might be a good flight year for winter finches. It is certainly worth keeping a lookout for those irregular irruptives. Are those goldfinches on the feeder really all goldfinches? Is that a mockingbird, or could it be a Northern Shrike? Does one of those Cedar Waxwings look different enough to be a Bohemian Waxwing? It is definitely worth taking a closer look with binoculars. We can always hope that this will be The Year!

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for Project FeederWatch and International Shorebird Surveys.

Planning the first Thanksgiving

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

It was just 382 years ago this week that a group of Pilgrim fathers got together with a band of friendly Indians to plan a big feast and maybe take a drag or two on the peace pipe.

You can tell that this took place 382 years ago because Native Americans were known as Indians and the anti-smoking crowd had not yet gotten around to outlawing the peace or any other pipe.

I'll wager the Pilgrim mothers were in on the conference, too, because who else was there to do the cooking? When have you seen a Pilgrim father do anything to a turkey but shoot it, huh?

"I think we should have it on a Thursday," Bill Bradford was saying. "That way, if any of our young men imbibe a flagon or two of adult beverages they'll be clear-headed enough to go to church on Sunday."

"It should be in the morning, too," said John Alden.

"Uh-uh," said Massasoit. "Wampanoag High is playing Pequot Prep in their annual game in the morning. My son, Metacom, who you English call Philip, is the star halfback for Wampanoag. If he has a good game he may get a scholarship to Dartmouth out of it."

"I guess we could hold it in the evening," said John Alden.

"Uh-uh," said Squanto. "I have to be at the casino that night, keep an eye on Wamsutta, who you English call Alexander. I think he's skimming the black jack tables."

"That's settled then," said Bill Bradford. "The dinner will be on a Thursday afternoon, just before the big Sunday Christmas parade in Quincy. That will leave Saturday free for shopping. Who knows, maybe we'll be starting a new custom."

"But what'll we have to eat?" asked Massasoit.

"We have to have turkey," said Bill Bradford.

"My men can supply them," said Massasoit, "if you can get us an exemption from the Bartley-Fox law against firearms."

"I don't know about that," said Capt. Myles Standish, who had a military man's reluctance to letting Indians have muskets, which he called "weapons of mass destruction."

"Don't worry, I can fix that," said Bill Bradford. "I'll speak to The Speaker about it."

Bill Bradford was already gaining a wide reputation as a politician. Some said he might run for president in 1624 but others thought he'd have a better chance going for the Democratic nomination in 2004.

"Priscilla can cook the turkeys," said John Alden, referring to the birds, not the candidates.

"And we'll have mashed potatoes and butternut squash," said Ed Winslow.

"Priscilla can cook those, too.

"And cranberry sauce."

"Priscilla makes cranberry sauce out of this world," said John Alden.

"And mince pie."

"Priscilla . . ."

"Why don't you speak for yourself, John," said Priscilla crossly.

Later, taken out of context and badly misinterpreted, this comment by Priscilla Alden, nee Mullen, became the basis for a romantic poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

LETTERS

Broken promises over private ways

MARK HADDAD AND SELECTMEN:

It is noted with chagrin that you have broken your commitment to fund maintenance of private ways in good times and bad.

You are now following the same path that led to them becoming deplorable hazards during the 1970's and 1980's.

Your continued failure to consider such roads as Windy Hill, Old Pasture and Fair Oaks Lane as public ways remains outrageous. You are guilty of doing exactly what you said you would not do; i.e. using private ways as inappropriate tool to substitute for zoning bylaws.

Six years ago, Selectman Callahan, wanted to wait for the Master Plan that he promised to champion and that we are still waiting for. In the meantime, "Rome burns."

Certainly, not all private ways are realistic candidates to be pubic ways and in some instances the residents on those streets may even want them to remain private. However, you have an obligation to brief private way residents on the pros and cons to include legal and financial exposure.

The first private way appropriation during the mid-1990's was for $50,000 and then you dropped it to $25,000 per year. You have never put together a maintenance plan for private ways and you have frequently diverted the paltry funding. At least the $25,000 per year could have been used to gradually remove hazards on private ways, improve drainage, have a paving plan and gradually upgrade them to public way standards. Shame on all of you.

Joe McElroy

59 Windy Hill Road

Mr. McElroy provided The Mariner with a copy of his letter.

Will state GOP use gay marriage to gain Republican seats?

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

And in other news, the Legislature banned smoking in nearly every public place statewide, allowed Sunday liquor sales for the first time in 400 years, cancelled the sales tax for a day, and saved the unemployment system from insolvency. Oh, yes, they're building that new runway at Logan, too.

Now for the big news, as in three-deck, two column headline leading the New York Times — but you already know what the big news was, don't you? As the Supreme Judicial Court ruling on gay marriage made headlines across America, the political community here marveled at how big the story was nationally — and pondered how many more big stories it's going to generate locally in days to come.

Election Day, in particular. It is beyond question that the Republican Party nationally will use gay marriage and civil unions as a wedge issue in races from state government to the presidency. Not beyond question — quite urgent, in fact — is to what degree the state GOP here in Massachusetts will do the same thing.

Tuesday's 4-3 ruling comes in the context of a party leadership trying to push the penetration of the Republicans beyond their long lock on the Corner Office, and into the House and Senate chambers. In the Legislature, a Republican governor here has little clout, because the currency of lawmaking is votes, and the GOP is broke.

Mitt Romney is out to change that, and among the points of fascination involved is the issue of how his strategists will try to play the sanctity of marriage. The basic strategy for GOP ascension is clear: recruit good candidates (the hardest part), fund and support enough winners to make sustaining gubernatorial vetoes possible, and win some policy fights to build momentum going into subsequent campaigns. On the issue of gay marriage itself, the governor has long since come out (so to speak) in support of a constitutional amendment defining marriage as one man and one woman; the Legislature's next consideration of the proposed amendment is slated for Feb. 11. But that's a referendum for 2006 at the very earliest in any event — the question is how strongly will Romney and the state GOP exploit gay marriage to recruit candidates and win votes in 2004.

A lot depends on how the current Legislature responds to the decision. Justices gave the House and Senate 180 days to codify the court's imperative that the laws of Massachusetts recognize same-sex couples as legitimate units. If a person were to project the likeliest outcome at this moment, it would be approval of a Vermont-style civil union statute, and the Democrats would love to do that without roll call votes. But if the Republicans want to recruit hard on the gay marriage question, they'll try to position incumbents as pro-gay couples, and then develop a "pro-family" message and candidates to deliver it.

At bottom is the attitude of the electorate. Nationally, polls show people in their 20s and 30s evenly divided on gay marriage, but older people decisively against. In Massachusetts, though, a Boston Globe poll showed 55 percent of likely voters actually supporting the idea of gay marriage. So the issue might not do the GOP much good, especially if the Legislature enacts a civil union statute instead of outright same-sex marriage. Both parties will eagerly devour the next opinion survey on the question. And it won't be the last.

Any one of four other stories could easily have been the top story of most weeks. One easy-to-overlook, yet noteworthy, development was how smoothly the final week of formal sessions was handled, with a comparative lack of shenanigans, a compromise reached on a jobs bill, and a low level of stress among the rank and file.

Republicans made the valid point that the process included some eyebrow-raising rules suspensions, like an unprecedented carryover of budget matters from one annual session to the next, and the blithe dismissal by the House of a rules "reform" on the question of allowing members to study conference committee reports. But even there, the counter argument seemed plausible: leadership wasn't bringing forward anything members couldn't have reasonably expected for months. How much devil is contained in the details has yet to be determined; if no outrages emerge it will appear to have been one of the most orderly and successful formal-session conclusions in years. And it involved some striking developments:

- A compromise emerged from a conference committee on the economic stimulus package that began life when Speaker Finneran proposed a business-assistance fund of $110 million back in July. The components of the actual plan weren't too controversial, though an item to help Virgin Atlantic Airlines establish a hub at Logan Airport was left out. What the media and their consumers noticed most was a provision allowing Sunday sales of alcohol statewide, with a local opt-out clause. That ended a decades-long conversation in the Legislature and abolished one of the most important remaining "blue laws" that had been enforced. Also, a sales tax holiday was declared for next Aug. 14; on that day, only the largest and most expensive items, like cars, will still be subject to the sales tax. Legislators are promoting the day as a "back to school" tax break. The bill awaits Romney's consideration.
- The Senate went along with the House and passed a ban on smoking in most private businesses in the Commonwealth. There is no local option. Differences are still subject to a conference committee or informal resolution of disagreements between the two branches' versions. The smoking ban was played like a fait accompli in the press but veterans under the Dome will wait and see if getting to yes, and the governor's desk, is really that easy. Romney is so far noncommittal on the smoking ban, and Sunday alcohol sales as well. As drafted, the ban is not evenly applied to all workplaces, and some Republicans have cried foul over special interest exemptions.
- Lawmakers sent the governor a bill to raise unemployment insurance premiums a total of $450 million, though Republicans said the increase would be $580 million. The average employer payment per worker will rise to $546 from $341. Romney said he'd likely let the increase take effect though it contains virtually no benefit cuts, as the administration wanted. He predicted the reliance on the employer payment hike will cost the state "tens of thousands" of jobs, but is preferable to the even higher rate hike due to take effect Jan. 1 unless the law is changed. The measure will replenish the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, which was drained by the recession.
- Superior Court Judge Margot Botsford ruled that it's permissible for the Massachusetts Port Authority to construct a new runway 14/32 to help ease flight delays and cancellations due to frequent northwest winds at Logan Airport. The 27-year old injunction against new runway construction was lifted in a suit filed after the Federal Aviation Administration approved the project in 2002. Normally, the apparent conclusion of a long and bitter Boston battle would have topped the news; it was relegated to a side story because it came the same day as the gay-marriage ruling. The reaction from former fierce foes such as Boston Mayor Thomas Menino was muted, indicating the fight probably does end here and it looks as if the runway will be built.

The end-of-formals flurry brought other developments as well: the House and Senate appointed a conference to settle differences in spam-control bills. Leaders signaled legislation to study how much business property taxes should be allowed to go up, so residential property rates can be held in check, will likely advance in 2004. Boston Mayor Thomas Menino had been hoping for last-minute passage of a stronger measure allowing them to adjust business tax rates right away, and stave off impending taxpayer anger when residents receive their new bills.

Another measure, to allow mothers in crisis to abandon their newborns at "safe havens" like police stations without fear of prosecution, stalled in the House

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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Nov. 17-21

QUESTIONS

Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) (617) 722-1646 Room 413F

Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) (617) 722-2120 Room 472

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on five roll calls and local representatives' votes on four roll calls from the week of November 10-14.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (H 4328)

House 146-12, Senate 39-0, gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney a $100 million economic development plan. Provisions include legalizing the Sunday opening of stores that sell liquor, creating an August 14 "back to school" sales tax-free shopping day and making the three percent investment tax credit permanent. Other provisions include providing $25 million for emerging technologies, $6 million for the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, $2 million for a program to attract international tourists and $6 million for workforce training and development. Supporters said the bill would be a real shot in the arm for the state by stimulating the economy, creating jobs and making Massachusetts friendlier to business. Opponents said the package helps only businesses by offering tax breaks and grants and does not include any guarantees that jobs will be created. They argued that the tax breaks would result in further cuts in education, local aid and human service programs. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against the bill).

Senator: Y — Representative: Y

PAY FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN MILITARY SERVICE (H 4307)

House 159-0, Senate 39-0, gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney a bill providing that state employees who are granted a military leave of absence for active military service after September 11, 2001, continue to receive their base state salary reduced by their military salary and do not lose any seniority, accrued vacation or leave time. The proposal, effective until September 11, 2005, also gives cities, towns and counties the option to apply the law to their local employees. Supporters said the bill would assist these brave Americans who are helping to fight the war against terror and ensure that their families do not suffer financially. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Senator: Y — Representative: Y

RAISE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX (S 2150)

House 134-24, Senate 39-0, approved and sent to Gov. Romney a bill making changes in the state's unemployment insurance system. The major change increases the unemployment insurance tax paid by employers to fund the unemployment trust fund that provides benefits to laid-off workers. Estimates of the increase range from $450 million to $578 million. Other provisions include higher tax rates for businesses that frequently lay off employees and lower rates for those that do not and a reduction from 30 to 26 in the number of weeks laid-off workers can collect unemployment when the unemployment rate is below 5.1 percent. Supporters said these reforms are fair and necessary to generate revenue and prevent the insolvency of the fund. They argued that without legislative action, an automatic scheduled hike of $610 million would take effect on January 1 and would not include any reform of the system. Opponents said the bill would make Massachusetts' unemployment insurance costs the highest in the nation, drive employers to move out of state and result in the loss of tens of thousands of jobs. They argued that the bill puts the entire new burden on businesses and noted that they support Gov. Romney's plan that takes a balanced approach by sharing the burden between businesses and employees. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against the bill).

Senator: Y — Representative: Y

INCREASE NUMBER OF WEEKS FOR ELIGIBILITY (S 2150)

House 36-122, Senate 8-31, rejected an amendment increasing from 15 to 20 weeks the minimum period of time an employee must work in order to be eligible for unemployment benefits. Amendment supporters said 45 states require more than 15 weeks. They argued that the change would save employers some $30 million and noted that workers should shoulder some of the burden in fixing the unemployment system. Amendment opponents said the increase is unfair and would hurt many workers including seasonal employees and others who are only able to find jobs that last less than 20 weeks during this economic downturn. (A "Yea" vote is for the increase from 15 to 20 weeks. A "Nay" vote is against the increase).

Senator: Y — Representative: N

BAN SMOKING IN MOST WORKPLACES (S 2130)

Senate 29-10, gave near final approval to a bill banning smoking effective July 5, 2004 in most enclosed workplaces with one or more employees including offices, taxis, restaurants, bars and vehicles owned by state and local governments. Exemptions include rented rooms in hotels, motels, inns and bed and breakfasts, retail tobacco stores, smoking bars that derive more than 51 percent of their revenue from tobacco sales, patients in state hospitals, state-run substance abuse treatment centers, soldiers' homes, designated areas in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, vehicle, vessels and buildings owned or operated by the state's armed forces and religious ceremonies in which smoking is part of the ritual. Another exemption is for "membership associations" when they are not open to the public. These associations range from some private country clubs to American Legion halls and other non-profit entities that are organized for a charitable, educational, political or social purpose. Supporters said the bill would make public places virtually smoke free. They argued the ban would save countless lives and reduce medical costs by billions of dollars. Some noted that restaurants and bars with smoking bans actually see their business and revenues increase. Some opponents said smoking restrictions should be left up to local communities and criticized the state for imposing severe restrictions on smoking while reaping billions of dollars in tax revenue from tobacco sales. Others said these statewide restrictions would hurt many businesses and take away the rights of business owners, workers, smokers and non-smokers to make their own decisions without unwarranted government interference. Some called the bill hypocritical because it allows workers in exempted workplaces to be exposed to second-hand smoke. The House has approved a different version of the measure and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill banning smoking in most enclosed workplaces. A "Nay" vote is against the ban).

Senator: Y — Representative: Y

LOCAL OPTION SMOKING BAN (S 2130)

Senate 13-26, rejected an amendment allowing cities and towns to opt out of the smoking ban if a majority of voters at a regular or special election vote to reject it. Amendment supporters said most cities and towns do not currently have a workplace smoking ban and argued that this issue should be decided by local communities where voters can have input instead of being forced into a ban by the state. Amendment opponents said the amendment would severely weaken the effectiveness of the bill and argued that this is a public health issue that requires action by the state in order to protect its citizens. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment allowing local communities to opt out of the ban. A "Nay" vote is against the opt-out amendment).

Senator: N — Representative: N

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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POLITICAL NOTES

Anne M. Hilbert

Hilbert announces bid for G.O.P. Committee

Anne M. Hilbert of North Weymouth has officially announced her candidacy for Republican State Committeewoman for the Plymouth Norfolk district in the Republican primary on March 2, 2004.

"The primary mission of the Massachusetts Republican Party is to recruit and elect Republican legislative, statewide and congressional candidates across the Commonwealth. I have the grassroots experience needed to build coalitions and build the Massachusetts Republican Party in our district from the ground up," Hilbert said. "Successful builders never concentrate on the roof first, yet that seems to be how the Massachusetts Republican Party has functioned for years.

"The only promise I will make to you is that I will work hard to achieve the mission and goals of the Republican Party. When elected, I will build coalitions that make our organization strong and successful. My goal is for Massachusetts to be a two-party state."

Hilbert has been actively involved in many organizations and associations working for the community. She has held several elected offices, including Weymouth Town Meeting Member and Vice Chairperson of the Weymouth Charter Commission. She is currently an active member of the Weymouth Republican Town Committee, where she serves as Treasurer. She has been a member of Citizen for Limited Taxation for many years.

Mrs. Hilbert and her husband Richard have been residents of North Weymouth for over 38 years.

Republicans to party

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee is hosting its annual Holiday Party on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 5-9 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's Cottage in Cohasset Harbor. Come and celebrate the joy of the season with good food, good cheer and good Republicans. RSVP by Dec. 1 to Heather Palmer at 781-383-3339.

Gay marriage and the state GOP

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when a supermajority couldn't be attained to take the bill up right after it came out of committee. The measure will be scheduled for debate early next year. A long-awaited supplemental budget finally made its way to the governor's desk; it contains funding for a number of human services accounts, though a large proportion of the actual dollars allotted go to negotiated raises for UMass staffers and various other underfunded or overdue purposes. Human service lobbyists didn't get all they hoped for in the $102 million measure to stem the human pain caused by this year's budget reductions, and they still have their work cut out to keep their programs from being cut out as a new budget cycle arrives. And besides the high-profile action at the end of the session, there were the more routine developments in politics and policy.

• *Jacques will leave senate on democrat-friendly terms* — Sen. Cheryl Jacques, D-Needham, submitted her resignation last week. Senate Democrats offered and approved an order that had Republicans fuming. It directs the Senate president to order a special election to fill the vacancy in her seat in such a way that the general election will be held March 2. The governor has a promising recruit on the Republican side, but March 2 is the same day as the presidential primary – an event expected to attract far more Democrats than Republicans, because there's a fight on the Democratic side. The order allows Jacques to resign in calendar year 2004, increasing her state pension as she departs to become director of the Human Rights Campaign, a national gay-rights group. The seat was held by a Republican before Jacques and it's the kind of district the governor must win to change the status quo.

• *Big Dig ready for southbound opening in December, managers say*— The southbound tunnel of the Big Dig, 20 years in the planning and building, will be ready for a ribbon cutting on Dec. 19 or shortly thereafter, Mass. Turnpike Authority Chairman Matthew Amorello said. The project's leaders hope to have the old Central Artery mostly removed by the time the Democratic National Convention opens in July. The project received its first refund from a contractor that made mistakes. Jacob Civil Inc. will repay $3.5 million for mistakes it made in the design of the Ted Williams Tunnel and the depressed portion of I-93. "For once, there's a check coming in to the people of Massachusetts, rather than one going out," Amorello said. "But there needs to be more of them."

• *Reilly sues manufacturers of bulletproof vests* — "Officers who put their lives on the line every day must be able to trust the equipment they use to protect themselves," Attorney General Thomas Reilly said as he announced the lawsuit seeking to force two makers of bulletproof vests to replace 5,000 vests for free. "We are taking this action to correct the problem with these vests and assure that our officers have the best possible equipment." At issue is defective zylon, a tough material used for inserts in the vest; California and Pennsylvania have successfully moved for replacement of vests after showing defective zylon led to inadequate protection and injuries to officers in those states.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

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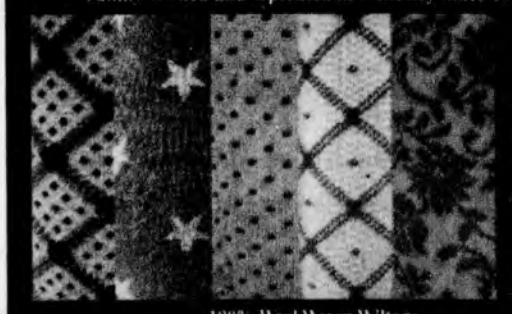

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EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

It's time again to purge a whole lot of random unrelated musings, observations and news tidbits from my consciousness. In other words, it's high time I clean all these yellow sticky notes off my computer monitor.

This fall's run by the Norwell boys soccer team to Div. 3 south sectional championship was made all the more remarkable considering what happened to two of their three All-Eastern Mass players.

Leading scorer Rob Beach (21 goals 15 assists in 17 games) was lost to a fractured orbital bone a week before the postseason even got underway. Then, just a few minutes into the state tourney opener with Hopkinton, Garrett Bates, arguably the best player in South Shore League this season, pulled cartilage in rib cage. He was a shadow of himself for the entire postseason. As coach Jack Browne noted: "It hurt him to breathe never mind run around and bump into people."

As is so often the case with truly special teams, though, several players took it up a notch to compensate for the absences of these star performances. Two, in

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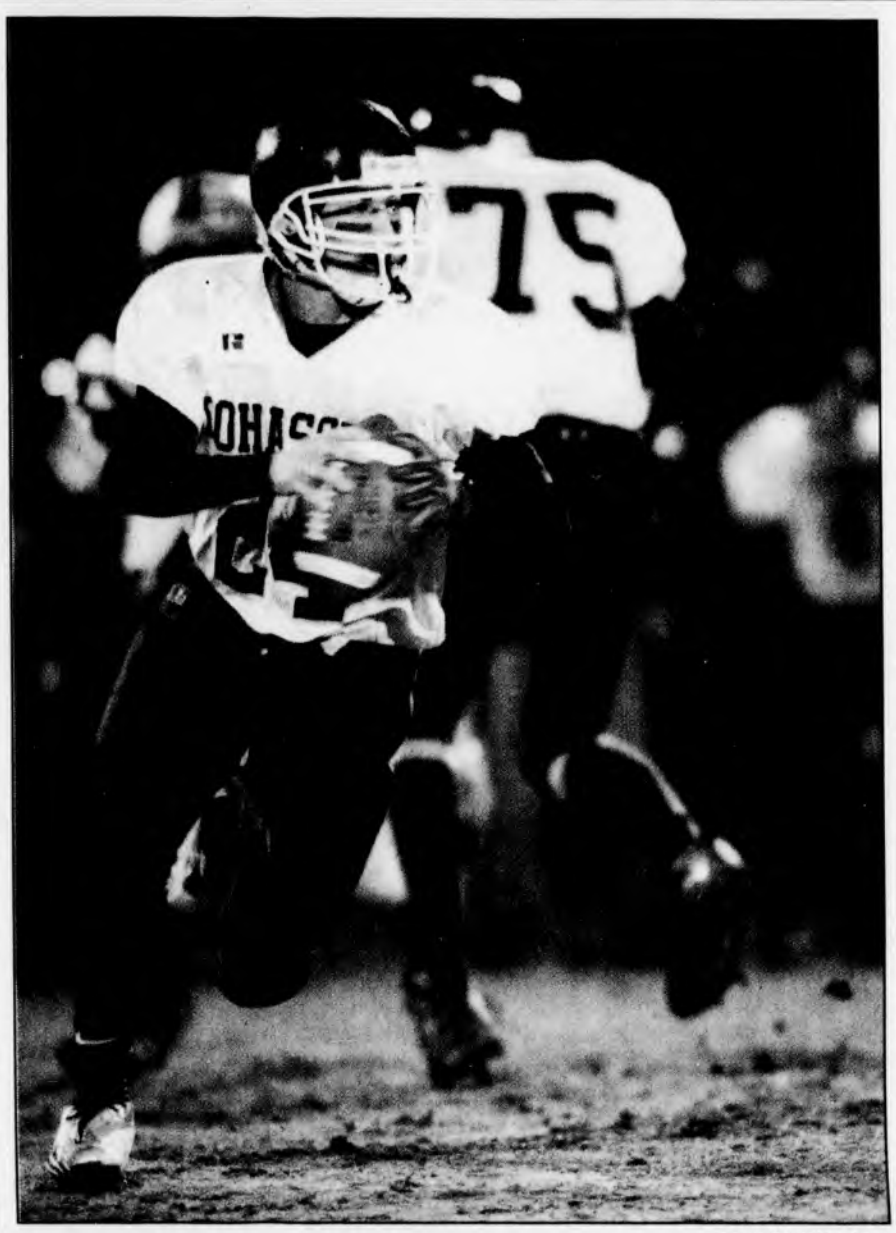

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CHS quarterback Mike Dooley, a senior captain, has thrown for five TDs and run for seven more this season.

Turkey Day tune-up

Pilgrimage to Hull will ready Skippers for Dec. 2 playoff game

Having clinched first place in the South Shore League, and the first home tournament game in Skipper history— with a thrilling 7-0 victory over Norwell with 1:05 to play, last Friday, when Sean Connolly pounced on a loose ball in the end zone — the Skippers will visit Hull on Thanksgiving morning at 10 AM, in a tune up contest for a date with the Tri Valley League champion on Tuesday night.

The Hull Pirates have a 2-7 record overall, 2-2 in SSL play. The 2003 Skippers enter the game with an 8-1 record, 4-0 in SSL play. Hull prevailed last season by the score of 32-15 on the frozen tundra known as Alumni Field, while the 2001 Skippers clinched the first ever tournament berth for Cohasset with a 13-3 victory on the Skippers last visit to the Tip of Hull.

Cohasset leads the 16-year old Turkey Day series heading in, 9-6-1.

This year's Championship Skippers squad of 44 players will be graduating nine seniors. This Class of 2003-2004 has a four year varsity record of 30-10. Having compiled a 5-5 record in 2000, 9-2 in 2001, 8-2 in 2002, and 8-1 this year to date.

The long range weather forecast looks promising, with a balmy day predicted for Thanksgiving morning. So break out the sunscreen, and motor on down to Hull High School to cheer on your Skippers, and catch up with your fellow alumni and neighbors.

2003 Senior Players

#28 Chris Bilodeau, 6' 175, Wide Receiver/Safety/Kick and Punt Returner-Captain

Chris is a four year starter for the Skippers. Chris has 23 receptions this season, four for touchdowns…made the catch of the season versus Weston, a diving TD reception to ice the game…had six receptions for 119 yards versus Canton…six interceptions, two each in the crucial Abington and Norwell contests, and is the leading tackler in the secondary. Chris has also excelled at both kick and punt returns for the Skippers.

#80 Rob Carpenter, 6' 180, Defensive End/Linebacker

Rob has stepped in on the defensive front and been a force in his rookie season with the Skippers…led the team with eight tackles, a sack and fumble recovery in the Carver

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Mariner All-Scholastic field hockey team

Cohasset's Caron and Pinkus named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

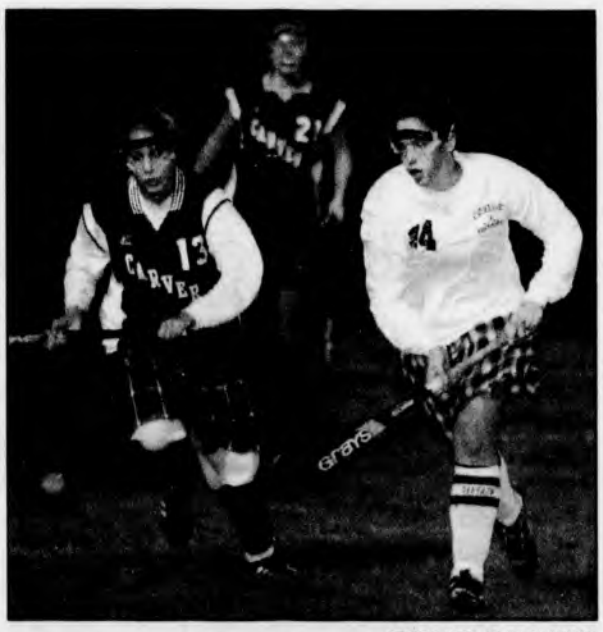
Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 16, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top field hockey players in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Danielle Pinkus
Senior (Capt.)
Center Midfield - Cohasset

Danielle Pinkus

A great two-way performer who was key at both ends of the field for the Lady Skippers …a very intelligent and well balanced player…South Shore League all-star…finished with five goals and six assists…would often move back to center-defense to catch her breath and/or bolster the defense, and even moved to the forward line a few times when a big goal was needed…was used on defensive corners…won team "Unsung Hero" Award…also a top basketball and softball player at Cohasset High…a South Shore League all-star Honorable Mention in both sports last year…2003 Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention for softball for her work at shortstop…will be a three sport captain at CHS this year…Honor Roll student…enjoys working with children, and has done a good deal of community service in that area…also interested in art…may major in Pre-Med studies…is leaning toward attending UConn or Syracuse, major Div. 1 NCAA schools… hence, Danielle believes her athletic career will continue at the intramural or club level… Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick: "Danielle has unbelievable desire as a player and is a very strong athlete. For us, the experience and knowledge and anticipation she brought to the game was just immense. She sees the field so well. She's a great team player and sportsman.



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Cohasset senior captain Danielle Pinkus (right) earned all-scholastic honors with her sensational and consistent two-way play for the Lady Skippers this season.

Courtney Caron - Senior
Forward - Cohasset

Courtney Caron

In just her second year of varsity lacrosse, Courtney exploded on the scene to lead the Lady Skippers back into the postseason after a two year absence…was second in the South Shore League in scoring with 23 goals and 12 assists… SSL all-star… had just nine points (four goals, five assists) as a junior… was a flyer on defensive corners…a gifted and extremely determined athlete… switched from soccer to field hockey after her freshman year, and played her sophomore year at the JV level…won team "Top Offensive Player" Award the last two years… a Mariner All-Scholastic in tennis this past spring who helped lead the Cohasset team to a state championship…team manager the last few years for CHS girls basketball team…plays tennis year round as a member at the Driftway Club and Weymouth Tennis Club…hoping to play tennis and possibly field hockey as well in college…applying to St. Regis, Williams, Wheaton and Salve Regina, among others…may do a year of prep school first… Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick: "Courtney's overall athletic ability, stick skills, speed and aggressiveness, anticipation and unselfishness all set her apart. She formed a great tag team offensively with Katy James. Her offense was one of the key reasons we got back to the postseason. She'd do anything for the team. And she's a great sportsman too."

Meghan Sweeney
Senior (Capt.)
Sweeper - Braintree

Meghan Sweeney

Second team All-Bay State Conference selectee helped leads the Lady Wamps to their first two victories in three seasons this fall with her yeoman-like work at the defensive end…among her many defensive gems this season were three goal line saves…an

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FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Jenn Buckley (rear) proved a great leader both on and off the field for the Lady Skippers this fall.

Triple threat

Buckley, Graham and O'Donnell proved perfect captains for CHS lady booters

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

A career-ending loss in the state tournament can be a joyous or a saddening experience.

For Cohasset girls soccer co-captains Jenn Buckley and Holly Graham, it was both.

The girls, who have played together since middle school, took the field for the last time as high school athletes when the Skippers lost to Sacred Heart in a first round tournament game.

Although the Cohasset girls came out on the short end, 2-1, they played one of their best games of the year, outplaying their higher-seeded opponents. It was a potentially frustrating way to go out, but Buckley was able to put a positive spin on it.

"Instead of last year, when we got blown away by Ashland [in the tournament], it was a great game," she said. "It was an awesome way to go out, even though it was a loss."

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Cohasset's Caron and Pinkus named among area's elite

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extremely hard worker and powerful player… battled through thumb and back injuries this season…has played softball at Braintree High as well…coaches youth soccer… Class President… Honors student… applying to several colleges…may play club or intramural sports…leaning toward majoring in general science and minoring in secondary education…BHS Student Council President… student representative to Braintree School Committee… Braintree coach Christine Day: "Meghan gave 110 percent every minute she was on the field. She was the backbone of our defense. She did everything well in our end. She was under pressure quite a bit, but did a great job of handling it."

Keri Gerrish - Senior (Capt.) Midfield - Hanover

Keri Gerrish

One of the leading scorers in the Patriot League and in Eastern Mass. Gerrish recorded another solid season at center midfield…The three-year starter and PL All-star led the team in scoring for the second-straight season, netting nine goals, 20 assists for 29 points…This put her in the top three in the PL and among the top 10 in Eastern Mass…Her consistent play in both the offensive and defensive midfield helped the Lady Indians to a 12-3-2 overall record (7-2-1 in the PL for second)…Was a big part of an offense that scored 42 goals this season and qualified for the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney… Also a talented gymnast and softball player at HHS…Gerrish plans to attend college and continue her athletic career…Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "She was our playmaker. She was involved in all of our offensive and defensive corners as a flier. She has great stick skills and always knows exactly where to be. She's going to be missed."

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

In just her second season of varsity play, CHS senior Courtney Caron exploded to finish second in the South Shore League in scoring with 23 goals and 12 assists.

Nicole Downs Senior (Capt.) Goalie - Hanover

One of the Patriot League's best goalies for the past two seasons, this two-time All-star recorded 10 shutouts for the Lady Indians…One of the biggest shutouts came midway through the season in a 1-0 victory over previously unbeaten PL champs Duxbury…Was the backbone and last line of a defense that allowed just 15 goals in 17 games this season…Downs only let 10 goals go by her in league games and her goals against average of 1.13 led the PL for the second-straight season…Downs plans to attend college next year. Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "She's just so solid back there. She was the backbone of the defense. There were a couple of games where our defense wasn't at its best, but she was always there. She's a great player."

Kate Shea - Senior Forward - Hanover

It was a breakout season for this senior…A two-year varsity player, Shea is a first-year starter on the left wing...There, the Patriot League All-star racked up 11 goals, 8 assists for 19 points, good for second on the team…As is customary with wings, speed was one of Shea's best assets this season, as was her role as the passer on corners…Her dominance on the wing helped lead the Lady Indians to a 12-3-2 record (7-2-1 PL for second) and berth in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney…Shea also plays basketball at HHS and is still considering her options for next year…Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "I think her confidence this season came from being a senior and it showed. She was so accurate when passing on corners and runs like a gazelle."

Diana Trebino - Senior Midfield - Hingham

Diana Trebino

The most consistent player in Hingham's midfield, Trebino contributed both offensively and defensively… Quickness, agility, and patience were among this player's greatest assets on the field…Though used primarily as a defensive midfielder, Trebino started taking shots towards the end of the season and netted the game-winning goal in the team's 2-1 victory over Plymouth NorthThe goal was the first of her career…Also a talented tennis player, Trebino made our All-Scholastic team last year and will return to the court this spring…Trebino plans to attend a Liberal Arts College next fall and continue her field hockey career. Hingham coach Meredith Gordon: "She just plays so well and was so important in all our games this year. She's a real complete player and has excellent skills. She gets the job done with grace and poise."

Alli O'Leary - Senior Midfield - Hingham

Alli O'Leary

Another player in the Harbor-women's strong midfield, O'Leary is making her first appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team…A very quick player, O'Leary often marked the opposing team's best player…Also contributed to Hingham's offense by getting the play started in the back…A Patriot League All-star, her all-around play helped Hingham record a 10-7-1 record and berth in the Div. 2 South Sectional…O'Leary is ranked within the top five percent of her senior class and is the stage manager of all the drama club's productions…O'Leary also competes on Hingham's indoor and outdoor track teams and received the "Coach's Award" last spring…Plans to attend a Div. 3 college and continue her field hockey career…Franklin & Marsh, Connecticut College, and Bowdin are among her top choices. Hingham coach Meredith Gordon: "She and Diana complimented each other well. Alli is not a flashy player, rather she plays with finesse."

Ashley Hubbard - Senior Forward - Marshfield

Ashley Hubbard

Was a prime example of the phrase "speed kills"… Perhaps better known for her dominance on the track, Hubbard is equally as dominant on a field hockey field…Playing primarily on the left wing, Hubbard combined explosive speed with solid skills to produce several scoring opportunities for Marshfield (10-8, 7-5 Old Colony League for second)…The two-time OCL All-star and field hockey All-Scholastic was the Lady Rams' leading scorer for the second-straight season, netting 10 goals, 3 assists for 13 points…Hubbard is also a highly accomplished sprinter at MHS, winning state titles both indoors and outdoors last season…She plans to attend college and continue her track career. Marshfield coach Carol Anderson: "She's definitely the fastest player in the area and when you coupled that with her stick work, she made our offense tough to beat. She was both not afraid to go to the goal or know when to get rid of the ball, and always knew where to be."

Jenna Picco - Senior Defense - Marshfield

Jenna Picco

It was a breakout season for this defensive stalwart as her fierce play on the backline helped Marshfield (10-8, 7-5 Old Colony League for second) achieve one of its better seasons in years…Voted the MVP by teammates, this OCL All-star drew the assignment of marking on the opposing team's best player and relished the role…Was the leader on a defense that recorded five shutouts this season, including one against Patriot League power East Bridgewater (2-0) that clinched a berth in the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney, its first in years…Picco plans to continue her field hockey career at Merrimack next fall. Marshfield coach Carol Anderson: "Kids say to me 'Jenna looks like a college athlete' and I think she plays like one. She loves the game and it shows. She did it, showed it, and the kids followed her."

Katerina Koutrobis Senior (Capt) Sweeper - Norwell

Katerina Koutrobis

Lone member of the Norwell team named to South Shore League All-Star team… three year varsity team member, starter the last two years…anchored an inexperienced defensive unit this year, helping to keep the Lady Clippers close in several games against high caliber opponents… Honor Roll student… played lacrosse when younger… Member of Junior States of America, a debating club, and Mayor of the New England Region of that organization… plans to major in Political Science in college, but does not see athletics in her future… very interested in music and plays the flute in the NHS pep band and marching bond… would like continue to pursue music in college…Amnesty International member…member of NHS Mock Trial team…participates in Oratorical competitions…has applied to George Washington Fordham, University of Chicago, Johns Hopkins and Columbia… took AP level courses at Stanford University (Cal) this past summer…Norwell coach Jen Schad: Katerina is a very sound all-around player. She's a good communicator, has nice field perception, and those were very important for us with her working with a new goalie this year. She was just an extremely important player for us."

Hannah Hewitt - Junior Center Defense - Scituate

Yvonne Chiampa

The lone Scituate player named to he Patriot League all-star team… moved from midfield to center defensive back this season to anchor a young defensive corps, and helped keep the rebuilding Lady Sailors close in many games against high caliber teams…had a goal and four assists this season…was the main shooter on offensive corners and a flyer on defensive corners…three year member of varsity team… also a standout softball player at Scituate High, and played basketball for the school team the previous two years… starting third baseman for varsity softball team last year, but will move to catcher this season…very interested in art…Commended Honor Roll student this past term…plans to go to college and would like to play either field hockey or softball at that level…has attended college softball showcases, and has already been contacted by mail by a few college softball coaches…Scituate coach Heather True: "I moved Hannah to center back because I wanted her to anchor the entire field for us, and that's just what she did. She has incredible aggressiveness and drive and has great defensive skills. She almost always marked the top opposing scorer, and did a phenomenal job of that. She was also indispensable on penalty corners."

Yvonne Chiampa Senior (Capt) Sweeper- Silver Lake

The Old Colony League co-Most Valuable Players was the anchor of the league's stingiest defense this fall, and was a key to the Lady Lakers 15-3 season and run to the OCL championship… Brockton Enterprise All-Scholastic… Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention last year…two time OCL All-Star…three year starter… a strong athlete who often appeared unbeatable in the open field…half of best captain tandem (along with Erica Kroon) coach Marlene Lopes said she's had in her 15 years of coaching…plays field hockey year round… previously participated in track and basketball at Silver Lake… High Honors student… National Honor Society Treasurer… Sports Editor of Silver Lake school newspaper, *Laker Legend*… would like to play college field hockey…is looking at Harvard, Tufts, UConn and Brown, among others…leaning toward majoring in Education … Silver Lake coach Marlene Lopes: "Shoulder to shoulder, Yvonne just didn't get beat. She was confident, had great defensive instincts and did a phenomenal job of getting the ball away from our net and up the field."

Erica Kroon - Senior (Capt) Forward - Silver Lake

Erica Kroon

A gifted and well rounded offensive player who finished the season with 10 goals and 10 assist for the 15-3 Lady Lakers…had nifty assortment of moves to get opposing goalies out of position, and was then equally adept at passing or shooting…Brockton Enterprise All-Scholastic…Old Colony League all-star…also plays basketball at Silver Lake… missed most her junior field hockey season and the entire basketball season with a broken disc in her back…half of the best captain tandem (along with Yvonne Chiampa) coach Marlene Lopes said she's had in 15 years of coaching… plays field hockey year round… High Honors student with a 3.4 GPA… National Honor Society President of school Captains Council…will play Div. 3 field hockey and has already talked to several college coaches…among the possibilities are Endicott, Plymouth State and Keene State…plans to major in Art Therapy… already an accomplished artist, Erica has sold paintings in her own art show…sister Stacy Kroon was a top volleyball player at Silver Lake…Silver Lake coach Marlene Lopes: "Erica and Yvonne (Chiampa) were just outstanding captains. They were so committed and came in in such great shape. They definitely raised the bar around here for leaders to a whole new level. Erica was just so good at moving the ball quickly and making things happen. She's a very skilled offensive player."

Stephanie Barry - Junior Forward - Silver Lake

Stephanie Barry

Junior enjoyed a breakout season to lead the Lady Lakers in both goals (14) and scoring (23 points) for the OCL champion Lady Lakers (15-3)…Old Colony League all-star… Brockton Enterprise All-Scholastic… finished third in the OCL scoring race, being

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COASTAL STARS REPORT

Mite C1

The Stars Mite C1's racked up another win this week, taking Weymouth by a score of 9-2. The Stars continue to play aggressively. They dominated Weymouth from the opening faceoff, consistently getting the jump on every play and keeping Weymouth's offensive opportunities limited. Tommy Prendergast, Brendan O'Connell, Justin Fein and Colin MacDonald produced four quick goals answered by only one from Braintree to give the Stars a 4-1 lead after the first. The excitement of those first four goals seemed to spark a fierce determination in all the Stars to get to the net and score their own goal. Center Adam Benson came very close taking several long but unsuccessful shots. Wingers Tucker Ambrose and Jake Burchill gathered momentum throughout the game also producing some "oh so close" shots. Brodie Jackisch got a solid one off right in front of the net, adding his name to the list of scorers. Next came number two for Colin MacDonald. He blasted a slapshot up and over the goalie's shoulder, by far the shot of the game. Tommy Prendergast answered with his second goal giving the Stars a 7-1 lead at the start of the third period. While the offense was focused on getting to the net, they were backed up by excellent defensive play. Stars goalie Brian Palmieri had great protection on each line as the defense played strong positional hockey. Weymouth gave Palmieri a few solid shots but he was ready and there with the save. Colby Comeau and Pat Shea, Charlie Blackington and Derek Benson, and Kevin Meehan and Charley Michalowski all deserve credit for holding the line and keeping play mostly out of the zone. Even on defense, Meehan and Michalowski each added their names to the list of scorers producing the last two goals for the Stars and showing their capacity to remain strong and effective to the last buzzer. While it was not a tough win for the Stars, it was a good win as the guys played their positions with intensity and determination and continue to raise the level of play as a team.

Mite C2

The Coastal Stars Mites-2 continued their winning ways on Sunday with their third win in a row, beating Weymouth 4-0 at the Hobomock Arenas. Weymouth played tough but could not stay with the Stars offensively. With 6:40 left in the first period, Colin MacDonald began the scoring with a nice drive to the net, beating the Weymouth goalie with a wrist shot to the left corner. Robert Reidy continued the offensive attack, skating the puck up the ice and just missing wide of the post. Robbie Bertone and Thomas Coyne were unwavering on defense limiting Weymouth's scoring opportunities through solid position play. The Stars turned up the offense in the second period. At times, the attack was relentless with multiple shots on the Weymouth goalie who held his own amidst the pressure. Michael McPartlin playing center for the Stars got off several shots on net and played well in the corners. John Leahy took advantage of a loose puck off the faceoff and unloaded a shot on net. Then with 2:15 left in the second period, Joey Redfearn made it 2-0 on a nice backhand follow-up to a Patrick Graham shot and rush up the right side. With 1:10 left, Colin MacDonald lit up the lamp again with a flip shot over the fallen Weymouth goalie just below the crossbar and into the net. The Stars took a commanding 3-0 lead over Weymouth into the final period. The third period was much like the second with great Stars play on both offensive and defensive ends. Matt Boudreau at right wing was like a shark gliding in and around the offensive zone after the puck. Jack Kaetzer and Joseph Proctor were a defensive tandem clearing the puck out of the defensive zone and neutralizing Weymouth's offensive prospects. With 13:22 left in the third period, the Stars made it 4-0. Matt Doyle cut left across the zone and scored on a shot that sailed diagonally along the ice and into the right hand corner. Jack Evitts and Jake Burchill delivered great hustle on the front line continuing the pressure on the Weymouth goaltender. Tristan Wiggin set up shop in the corners during the third period, digging out loose pucks and creating opportunities for teammates. And defenseman Kal Maier battled at the blue line, preventing Weymouth from clearing the puck out of the zone. The Stars preserved the win as well as the shutout for Stars goalie Brendan Evitts who saw minimal shots on net.

Mite C3

The Stars Mites C-3 team collected their eighth victory of the season with a 9-0 win over the Brewins 2 Mites hockey club. The game was highlighted with a four-goal outburst by left winger Garrett Leahy and another team shutout recorded by Stars goaltender Sam Topham. The team welcomed the return of Matthew Tautkus who returned after injury to play a steady game at defense. Andrew Tautkus opened the Stars scoring midway through the first period after receiving a pass from linemate James Daley. Garrett Leahy then scored the next two Stars goals on feeds from both Andrew Tautkus and James Daley making the score 3-0 Stars at the end of the first period. The second period began with a goal from Max Hemingway as he slammed home a "tape to tape" pass from center Bryan Bowman, after a hustling effort by defenseman Jeffery Powers to keep the puck in the zone. Garrett Leahy scored his third of the contest on a rush up left wing after receiving a mid ice pass from defenseman Jake Denton. Stars defensemen Jeffrey Powers, Matthew Tautkus, Ryan Melia and Mark McGoldrick stood tall at the blue line killing off two power play opportunities by the Brewins club. The third period opened with Stars net minder Sam Topham making some brilliant saves including a Brewins blast from the left circle. Garrett Leahy stalled the Brewins offensive attack scoring his fourth tally on a "wrap around" goal off a feed from winger James Daley. Several fine offensive rushes by right wing Declan Leahy paid off for the Stars midway through the third period as defenseman Bryan Bowman collected Declan's rebound and passed to Ryan Melia who fired the puck past the fallen Brewins goal tender. Linemates Curtis Golden and Hugh Healey along with Declan Leahy applied constant offensive pressure throughout the game only to have the Brewins goaltender come up with some big saves. The end of the third period saw Mark McGoldrick score the final two Stars goals, one skating from the offensive corner and the other on a nice pass in front from linemate Jake Denton. The Mites C-3 team improved their season record to 8-0-0 while recording an amazing seventh shut out.

Mite A

Terrence Doonan's remarkable goaltending and a sterling defensive effort by the entire team led the Mite A Coastal Stars to a 4-0 shutout win over Norwood. The Stars showed their defensive prowess early by killing a penalty, with Brian Smith and Jake McDonough blocking shots, and Kenny Parnell making a short-handed attempt that was saved. The Stars applied some pressure of their own after the kill. Jeremy Duchini kept the puck in the Norwood zone and fed Parnell out front, and the front line of Jonathan Spitz, Chris Cohen, and Colin Whelan forechecked persistently, but the Norwood defense was quick to deny the bids, and the period ended in a 0-0 tie. The defensive battle continued into the second period. Kevin McDougall hustled back to break up a 3-on-1 Norwood break. Jared McCrystal twice stepped up for steals at the Norwood blue line and passed out front. Andrew Geddes blocked a shot and cleared it from the zone. Terrence Doonan was terrific in net, making a glove save on one shot headed for top corner, and saving another shot through a screen. But Norwood stifled any Stars' scoring chances, including a give-and-go between Will DeCoste and Frankie Lemieux, and the score remained 0-0 after two. The Stars broke the ice early in the third. Brian Smith and Kevin McDougall kept the puck in the Norwood zone, and passed out front to Tommy Dixon. Dixon's initial shot was saved, but he hustled for the rebound and banged it in for the 1-0 lead. With about ten minutes left, the Stars picked up their second penalty. Skating shorthanded, Will Golden got the puck in his own end, carried it through the neutral zone to just inside the Norwood blue line, and ripped a shot from about 30 feet that was still rising when it caught the top corner of the Norwood net for the 2-0 lead. Still shorthanded, Jake McDonough took the ensuing face-off and stickhandled to Norwood's right circle. His shot from there beat the Norwood goaltender to the right side. Terrence Doonan made a spectacular save to keep the shutout alive, and Jake McDonough finished the scoring by deking his way to the front of the Norwood net and finding the five-hole.

Squirt C2

The Stars Squirt C2 team bounced back in a big way this week, defeating Hingham, 10 - 1. Kevin Friedland kicked off the scoring in the first period with a nice one timer of a Brian Craig back hand pass from behind the net. Defensemen Dan Leblanc continued to contribute to the offense by potting two more goals, both unassisted, while defensive partner Sarah Evans took care of things in their own end. The BIG THREE continue their outstanding offensive output with Ryan Bertone getting a goal and an assist, Charlie Coffman getting a goal and Andrew Fontaine getting 2 goals and an assist. Brian Craig broke into the scoring action with a goal and 2 assists, with great help from his hustling wingers Pat Shay and Kevin Friedland. Gerard Tierney and David Greenwood rounded out the scoring with a goal each. With Gerard also picking up an assist. The defensive pair of Jack Nelson and RJ Nuels did a great job of keeping the Hingham offense in check, really limiting their opportunities. Kevin Quinn played another great game in net for the Stars, just missing another shutout game.

Squirt A

The Stars Squirt A team got their typical solid defensive effort this week and for the second game in a row they added some offense in a 7-3 total team victory over Cape Cod Canal. The Stars have had some past problems putting the puck in the net, but this week they got production from 6 different goal scorers, which is very promising for the future.

Ryan Donovan led the attack with a goal and 4 assists, but what was even more impressive than his production was his backchecking and strong positional play. Tyler Martina chipped in with 2 goals and John Collins also had multiple points with a goal and an assist. Jeff Durkin, Conor Mclean and John Meehan were the other goal scorers, while Alex Evans, Pat Cull and Brian Scott each registered assists. Kevin Kelly continues to get the job done between the pipes and has certainly benefited from the great coaching of John Scott, a former standout in net. Pat Cull, Matt Entwistle, Brian Scott and Will Schorle continue to move the puck out of the zone with confidence and continue to get strong defensive support from the forwards. Another sign that this team is growing is that for the second week in a row they took control of the game in the third period by shutting down Cape Cod in what was a close game going into the third period.

PeeWee C1

The Coastal Stars Pee-Wee C1 team rallied behind strong goal tending from John Carrigg and tremendous play making from Mike Caira on Sunday with a 4-1 win over a very competitive Seahawk-1 team. After a lackluster start, the Stars got on the score board at 8:31 of the second period on a tremendous back-hand shot by Joe Fitzsimmons. Assisting on the first goal were center Justin Yeager and winger Mike Caira. The Stars picked up their next goal late in the second period on a hard shot from Gordy Smith who was set up in front of the net and in perfect position to fire a pass from Yeager, who earned an assist along with Fitzsimmons. The Seahawks got on the scoreboard at 12:20 of the third period. Less than one minute later, however, Joe Fitzsimmons fired a strong wrist-shot that beat the Seahawk goalie to put the Stars' up by two goals. Mike Caira assisted on the Stars' third goal. The Stars' final goal was scored by Justin Yeager who fired a quick slap shot between the Seahawk goalie's legs at 7:22 of the third period. Geoff Evans and Mike Caira earned assists on the fourth goal. Also making key plays all day in the offensive zone were Kevin O'Connell, Brian Meehan and Andrew Bell. The Stars defensive unit led by Chris

All-Scholastic field hockey

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overtaken for the lead when she missed the final two games of the regular season...three year starter...exceptional speed and stick handling skills set her apart...also plays basketball at Silver Lake... plays field hockey and basketball year round... High Honors student...brother Brian (2002 graduate) was a Mariner All-Scholastic football player in his senior year... would like to play field hockey in college...would like to pursue a career working with animals... Silver Lake coach Marlene Lopes: "Stephanie gave so many teams trouble with her speed and ability to create her own shot. It'll be great to get her back next season."

Coleen McKenna - Junior Midfield - Silver Lake

Coleen McKenna

This Old Colony League all-star was a force in the middle of the field, playing a key role in the transition game for the OCL champion Lady Lakers (15-3)...Brockton Enterprise All-Scholastic Honorable Mention... three year starter...finished with eight assists...also plays softball at SL... Honor roll student... involved in school Drama... sister of former SL football standout Andy McKenna, now at Bryant College...would like to play field hockey in college... helps coach youth softball and basketball...Silver Lake coach Marlene Lopes: "Coleen made our transition game go. She did a very good job of getting the ball up field quickly, and then keeping the pressure on by not letting the ball get back out of our zone."

Honorable Mention:

Kate Morrissey- Jr.- Back- Braintree

Julie Crowley- Sr (Capt)- Back- Braintree

Shannon Devlin- Sr. (Capt)- - Midfield- Braintree

Rachel Doyle – Sr.- Sweeper- Cohasset

Cara Ciriello - Senior (Capt.)- Defense - Hanover

Leah Marani - Sr. (Capt.) - Midfield - Hanover

Chrissie Nims - Sr. (Capt.) - Goalie - Hingham

Kristin Webber - Jr. - Defense - Marshfield

Abbey Scott- Fr.-Midfield- Norwell

Jacqueline Hall- Jr.- Forward- Norwell

Kelly Clinton- Jr. - Forward- Scituate

Jaclyn Brith- Jr. - Forward- Scituate

Sarah Meyrick- Jr.- Goalie- Scituate

Jen Kane- Jr.- keeper- Silver Lake

Cassie Hickey- Sr.- Midfield- Silver Lake

Lauren Widing- Sr.- Defense- Silver Lake

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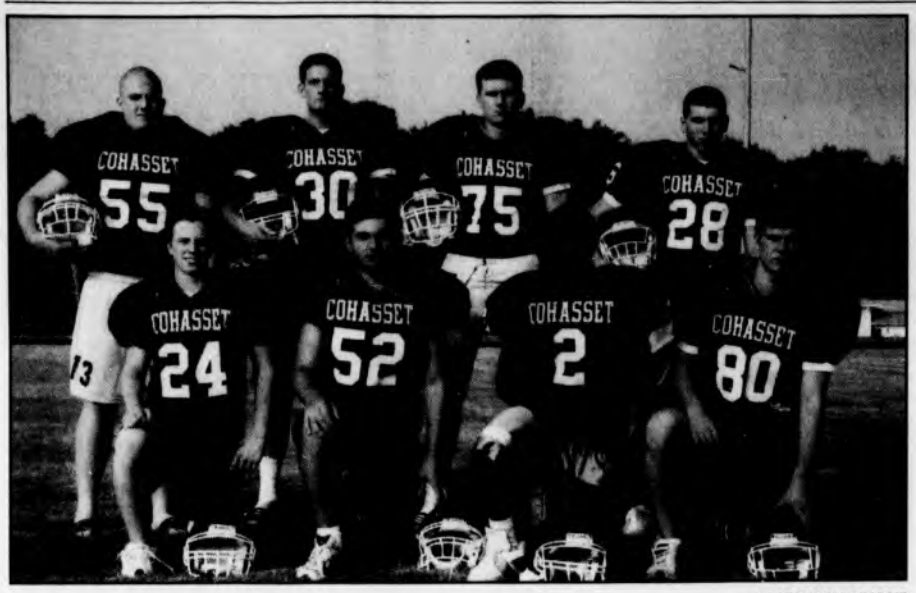

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CHS senior gridders. Front (L-R): Mike Dooley, Tony Truglia, DeWayne Morris, Rob Carpenter. Rear (L-R): Steve Davis, Sean Connolly, Dan Tarpey, Chris Bilodeau. Missing from photo: Jamie Litchfield.

Turkey Day tune-up

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game…Rob has missed the last three games due to a back injury

#30 Sean Connolly, 6'5" 210, Defensive End/Tight End/Place Kicker

Sean recovered a teammate's fumble in the end zone for a touchdown to defeat Norwell and earn the Skippers the SSL Championship…has been successful on 9-of-12 extra point kick conversions…had one and a half sacks, and several tackles in the backfield, in his best game defensively versus Abington…provided numerous crack back blocks from his tight end position to spring Morris and Dooley throughout the season.

#55 Steve Davis, 6'2" 250, Right Guard/Defensive Tackle/Kickoffs-Captain

Another four year starter for the Skippers… Steve routinely boots the Skippers kickoffs inside the twenty yard line… Defensively, had a huge tackle to prevent Cardinal Spellman from reaching striking distance for an attempt to boot a winning field goal… An outstanding run blocker, usually seen making two blocks on a play… Steve's blocking is arguably the main reason the Skippers have run for over 1,500 yards as a unit, and have 19 rushing touchdowns.

#24 Mike Dooley, 5'7" 160, Quarterback-Captain

Mike has thrown five touchdown passes, three pass conversions, and rushed for seven touchdowns….has rushed for over 300 yards, and passed for nearly 700 yards… Mike has a career record of 9-1 as a quarterback… Mike had 48 yards rushing and 110 yards passing versus Nantucket to open the season, and 76 yards rushing and 128 yards passing versus Canton.

#44 Jamie Litchfield, 6'1" 200, Special Teams/Halfback

Jamie has contributed on special teams and as a reserve halfback in his rookie season for the Skippers...Has missed a good portion of season due to a broken hand.

#2 DeWayne Morris, 5'8" 160, Halfback/Kick Returner

DeWayne has 1,062 yards rushing, and nine rushing touchdowns…Had three touchdowns in the dramatic comeback victory over Archies…Carried 30 times for 140 yards to control the clock versus Weston…rushed for 197 yards versus Abington, and broke the game open with a 72 yard scamper to the end zone…Leads the team in scoring with 56 points.

#75 Dan Tarpey, 6' 3" 205, Left Tackle/Special Teams

A two year starter at left tackle, Dan provides the blind side blocking on passing situations, and has been the lead blocker for Morris when the play goes to the left side…Sprung Morris on the 72 yard Abington jaunt, and touchdown runs of 29 and 6 yards versus Canton…Has played every offensive down, and has been a standout on special teams play.

#52 Tony Truglia, 5' 10" 180, Linebacker/Fullback/Special Teams-Captain

Three year standout as a linebacker… Leads the team with 77 tackles…Made the play of the year, a blocked punt versus Archies, which started the comeback, and set the tone for the season… Setup the winning touchdown versus Spellman with a 41-yard pass reception, bringing the ball down to the 1-yard line…Recovered a fumble by Abington to swing the momentum back to the Skippers and to start of the Championship march…Led the defense, with eight tackles, to a Championship clinching victory over Norwell…Also, the leading special teams player in the league.

MIAA Super Bowl Tournament Game, Dec 2nd, 7 PM, Alumni Field, Cohasset.

Cohasset will be hosting the winner of the Tri Valley League, who will be determined on Thanksgiving Day (Front runner at this point is Westwood). Plan to arrive early, for a parking spot, and to cheer on the Skippers from the opening kickoff.

Scoring

	TDs	2 Pt Conv	Ex Pts.	Total
DeWayne Morris	9	1		56
Mike Dooley	7	1		44
Chris Bilodeau	4			24
Ted Straughn	3	1		20
Sean Connolly	1		9	15
D J Silvia	1	1		8
Tony Truglia		1		2
Crandon Leahy		1		2

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Fall cleaning time

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particular, who rose to the occasion were sophomore Scott Kitchen and senior keeper Mike Allen.

Inserted into the starting lineup for Beach, Kitchen scored three of the Clippers six postseason goals, including the lone goal in regulation versus Medway in the sectional championship game with under five minutes to play, forcing the game into overtime and ultimately making it possible for the Clippers to win by shootout.

The frequently overshadowed Allen was the real hero of the Medway game, though. He made two positively scintillating saves in regulation to send that game to OT and then allowed only one of four shooters to beat him on penalty kicks to backstop the historic win.

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Speaking of boys soccer, congratulations to former Marinerland stars Chris Corcorran, of Marshfield, and Luke Vercollone, of Silver Lake and Pembroke. Both players were named Big East First Team All-Stars last week.

Corcoran, a junior at St. John's, and Vercollone, a senior at Seton Hall, will lead their teams into the NCAA tourney this week.

Corcoran, who helped direct the Marshfield High team to an Eastern Mass championship in 2000, moved between forward and defense for the Red Storm this year, and finished with seven assists, fifth best in the Big East.

Vercollone, a team captain, led a 9-5-4 Pirate squad with 21 points (five goals, 11 assists). His 11 assists led the BIG EAST and he was tied for sixth in points. He recorded three or more points in a game four times this season. Vercollone's assist total is also tied for third most on the single-season list at SHU.

Both players appear destined to be MLS draft picks.

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The Celtics new starting power forward sure bares a remarkable likeness to that kid who was drafted out of the University of Hartford in 1993, and preceded to become an NBA All-Star four years in a row, 1995 through 1998…I think his name was Vin Baker.

What's more shocking: the extent to which Baker has turned around his game in a matter of months or the sudden realization of just how much alcohol can screw up one's life?

Nine games in, Baker is already looking like a lock for the NBA's Comeback Player of the Year.

But never mind that. Do they have a Comeback Athlete of the Decade?

It's so sad to think he basically threw away four years of his career to alcohol addiction.

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Of course, Baker's resurrection does prompt me to re-visit the Antoine Walker trade.

I was in favor of that trade initially even with the impression the Celtics were giving up more talent that they were receiving. Danny Ainge had no intention of re-signing 'toine for the kind of money a player of his stature stands to make. So, rather than letting him walk for nothing at the end of this season, the new GM went out and made the best deal available to him, landing some solid prospects (Jiri Welsch certainly looks like he's going to be a player, doesn't he).

But I can't help asking: with Baker becoming a viable number two scoring option in the low post, might Walker have finally settled into the support role to which he was best suited; a 14-point, nine rebound, five assist per game guy?

Walker may have been "The Guy" too long in Boston to change his ways, as some have surmised, and might actually have gotten in the way of Baker's re-emergence had he remained. I guess we'll never know for certain.

Regardless, Walker is already settling into just this type of "support role" with the Mavericks, which is hardly surprising given their glut of offensive talent. I would not be the least bit surprised to see him be recognized at season's end as the guy who finally pushed the Mavs over the top.

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It's still WAY too early to get excited about the Bruins.

A hot start from a young team in the NHL means almost nothing in the long run. We've learned this the hard way too many times.

The season is such a grind that many veteran players have learned to pace themselves. Conversely, young players such as the ones the Bruins are loaded with expend a lot of energy in the early going while trying to open eyes. Often, they return to earth with a resounding thud well before the stretch run.

Don't talk to me about the Bruins and postseason scenarios until the end of February.

That said, I sure do like the long term prospects for Andrew Raycroft, Nick Boynton, Jeff Jillson, Sergei Zinovjev and, in particular, Patrice Bergeron.

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I guess I'll sound like a complete nattering naybob of negativity if I fail to jump both feet onto the Patriots bandwagon, but I just can't do it.

Call me what you will, I just don't see a team with this little a semblance of a run game going far in the playoffs.

While I love the defense, coaching staff and personnel decisions and truly believe that Tom Brady deserves to be mentioned among the three or four truly elite quarterbacks in the game today, I just don't see this team getting any further than the second round of the playoffs.

Tennessee and Kansas City are simply superior teams.

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Lastly, let me tackle the question no commentator on sports in these parts can get away with sidestepping: Do I think Grady Little deserved to be fired.

In short, "yes, I do."

However, that opinion has less to do with the indefensible eighth inning non-decision than the belief that there's no way he could have worked with the present braintrust.

Theo Epstein and Mike James are new school baseball people and Grady is old school. Management is providing players based on tangible evidence Grady doesn't even recognize (does he even know what OPS stands for?). There's simply no way this union was going to work.

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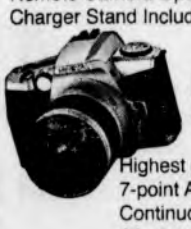

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Triple threat

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Nonetheless, it was a bittersweet moment for Cohasset's best all-around player.

"My first thought was that this might be the last time I play soccer," Buckley said. "It's probably the last time I'll walk out to the middle of the field as a captain."

That match finished what had been a down and up year for the Skippers. The team started 3-6-1, then ran off seven victories in eight games to get into the state tournament.

The captains recognized pretty early that something was wrong, and it was their leadership on the field, both during games and in practice, that steered the ship back on course.

"We knew something bad was happening," Buckley said. "We said, 'We have to fix this, or else this season isn't going to turn out the way we wanted.'"

A big blow to the team early in the season was the loss of Cohasset's third co-captain, Brenna O'Donnell, to an ACL injury in the third game of the year. With the injury, the Skippers lost a player that, like Buckley and Graham, had been a steady presence on the varsity squad since they were sophomores.

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Holly Graham was a two-time South Shore League all-star sweeper for the Lady Skippers.

"We lost one of our best players," Buckley said of the injury. "She gave the team a sense of security for our defense."

Watching the rest of the season from the sidelines, O'Donnell said that the team's sub-par start could be attributed to players making adjustments not only in terms of position, but also in teamwork.

"People had to work on trusting others that they had never played with before," she said.

The three girls have all been part of a remarkable turnaround in the Cohasset girls soccer program. Throughout the late 1990's and into this decade, the program had trouble fielding a full squad at the varsity and JV levels.

Now, as O'Donnell points out, coaches have to make cuts in the pre-season. This year, over 40 girls combined made up the varsity and JV rosters. The varsity team played most of the regular season with just juniors and seniors on the roster, before calling up several underclassmen for the tournament.

The turnaround can be attributed to younger girls playing more soccer, in part because of the recent success they are seeing with the high school team.

"Instead of playing just during the season, a lot more kids are taking the initiative to play year-round," O'Donnell said.

Buckley, Graham, and O'Donnell are all still in the process of deciding where to go to college. All three expressed an interest in playing intra-mural soccer, and Buckley said she may try out for varsity depending on where she goes to school.

SPORTS NOTES

Late basketball registration for boys and girls grades 1 to 7

You may register late for the Cohasset Basketball Boosters/Recreation Dept. Grades 1 to 7 basketball program for boys and girls, at the recreation office during the next week, prior to Dec. 1.

The fee is $75 per player, registration forms must be completed and signed by a parent.

Evaluations for grades 4 to 7 will be held on Dec. 6, and schedules are available at registration.

There will be no grades 1 to 3 evaluations this year and all grades are scheduled to begin play on Dec. 13. Team coaches will call prior to then.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse Looking for Coaches

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is looking for volunteer assistant coaches at all levels for its spring season, with a particular emphasis on finding coaches for its girls teams.

Cohasset currently expects to field at least 10 teams this spring, although the growth in the number of participants could push that number even higher, provided there is adequate coaching available to protect and develop the youngsters involved.

In all, Cohasset will field boys teams at the 14 & Under (7th and 8th grade), 12 & Under (5th & 6th grade) and 10 & Under (3rd and 4th grade) levels, and girls teams at the 14-U and 12-U levels, plus a weekly clinic for girls players in grades 3 and 4.

The shortage of coaches is particularly acute for girls, where the current coaching staffs are so limited that roster sizes may be kept particularly small unless more coaches volunteer.

In the younger boys' age groups, more coaching volunteers could enable the program to add additional teams, keeping roster sizes smaller and more manageable, resulting in a better experience for all kids involved.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse currently has head coaches at all age level , but with the probability of more than 300 children spread throughout the program this year, increasing the size of coaching staffs is essential for player development.

Through its nine-year history, the foundation of the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse coaching staff has been volunteers who do not have children on the teams involved. In seeking additional coaches, the program is hoping to get both community volunteers and parents whose children will play. Experience playing or coaching the game is desired, but not necessary; coaches must be able to throw and catch with a lacrosse stick in order to teach others and facilitate drills. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will pay registration costs to coaching clinics for those individuals interested in participating.

At all but the youngest age levels, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse holds two practices each week, and has games on Sunday afternoon. The youngest boys have one weekly practice, while the girls clinic program will be one weekly 90-minute session. Assistant coaches are not expected to attend every event, although they should be able to appear often enough to be perceived by the players as a team leader.

In addition to coaches, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is interested in developing referees who can work its games. Interested individuals will be required to take some officiating instruction classes during the winter, and may then be eligible to work games either with a partner or solo in the spring.

For more information or to express your interest in coaching or officiating, call Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of youth lacrosse, at 781-383-9858.

CHS spirit items for sale

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HSO Welcomes Yule!

Join the Hingham Symphony Orchestra and conductor Jin Kim for two festive concerts to usher in the Yule tide season. On Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. the HSO will perform in the historic Old Ship Meeting House in Hingham Square. The Meeting House, built in 1681, provides a unique historic backdrop for the full orchestra. Seating is limited to 250 in the box pews and balcony.

On Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m., the HSO performs in St. Anthony's Church, South Main Street, Cohasset. With its excellent acoustics and open seating, St. Anthony's naturally amplifies the sound of the orchestra, filling the space with music. Also, at this concert HSO Fanfare members will host a reception for all during intermission.

At both concerts, the HSO will perform Stravinsky's Pulcinella Suite from the ballet of the same name, and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8. Audience members will also sing several carols played by the orchestra and conducted by Jin Kim. An annual event, the Welcome Yule concert is known to spark the holiday spirit with its joyous music and enthusiastic audiences. The encore, Anderson's Sleigh Ride, is beloved by all.

Tickets at $25 adult, $20 senior, and $10 youth through age 18, are available at Hingham and Weymouth Main Libraries, Nobles, Hingham Square, Buttonwood Books, Cohasset and Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, or call 781-740-5694 to order by phone.

Christmas concert helps kids with cancer

First Parish has been holding Christmas concerts and donating the proceeds for the past 24 years. Thanks to generous support, over $45,000 has gone to worthy local, national, and international organizations. This year's Concert is dedicated to former minister Ed Atkinson who conceived of the idea in 1978.

This year's Christmas Concert on Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. features Margo Euler and the Unicorn Singers performing John Rutter's "Magnificat.". The seven movements set the text as found in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, with the addition of a tranquil setting of the 15th-century "Of a rose, a Lovely Rose." The remainder of the hour-long 25th anniversary Christmas event will feature favorite carol settings for the audience to sing with the choir.

A reception will follow celebrating the event's 25ht year. Concert Patron donations of $50 or more may be sent to: First Parish in Cohasset, 23 No. Main Street, Cohasset, MA 02025 (two tickets included and published acknowledgement); advanced tickets at $10 go on sale Nov. 24 (781 383-1100); tickets are $12 at the door.

The beneficiary of the Christmas Concert this year is the "Artist in Residence" program at Mass. General Hospital for Children with Cancer. The current artist is Joan Drescher of Hingham. Twice a week she moves her "Imagination Kart" through the bustling halls of the hospital. The Kart is covered with little spinning kites, moons, stars and streamers. It is filled with art supplies to inspire hospitalized children to explore their imaginations and cope with the stress of illness and loss. Her dream is that the simple images of hope and beauty created by the children will open hearts and make the world a better place.

Holiday Fair at Greek Church

The Philoptochos (ladies group) will sponsor a Holiday Fair at the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be Boxwood trees, decorated wreaths and many holiday sweets and baked goods that the community has come to enjoy. Come one, come all to the beautiful church at 811 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset.

For information call Fay Papadopolous at 781-545-7876.

Holiday gifts art sale

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Buttonwood to host Santa Claus, Dec. 6

Santa Claus will be at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10-11:30 a.m.. Feel free to bring your camera and take a picture. This is a free event and the public is welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 for more information.

Winterfest is coming

December 2003 marks the 12th year for the Hingham Winterfest Folk Art and Craft Show. The show, which benefits the Hingham Historical Society, is being held Dec. 6 and 7, at the Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $6 per person for the entire weekend and children under 12 years of age are free. Bring a non-perishable food item for the Hingham Food Pantry and receive $1 off the regular admission price. In addition to parking at the school, a free shuttle bus will be available all day from the rear of the Resurrection Church parking lot on Main Street to the Hingham Middle School.

Celtic Christmas at Coffeehouse

The Coffeehouse off the Square presents a Celtic Christmas with celebrated Irish harpist/singer Aine Minogue on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m. Her music will range from Celtic Christmas and Solstice numbers to familiar carols.

Minogue's renowned harp playing, beautiful, nearly ethereal voice, and oft-times enchanting guests have made these sell-out events the high point of three recent seasons. From her time as harpist in residence at Ireland's Bunratty Castle to her playing and teaching here, where she introduced many to the harp at Hingham's Aisling Gallery, Minogue only gets better. Though rooted in the tradition of the Shanachie — a traveling harpist/storyteller/singer — she reveals many influences as her music stretches from the past to the present and beyond.

Celebrate the season with Minogue's lilting voice and soaring harp. Come early as the coffeehouse welcomes her back. Failte'!

A framed Irish landscape print donated by John and Maureen Connolly of the Aisling Gallery will be raffled during the intermission. The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. ItAdmission is $10 at the door. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. There will be no open microphone preceding this concert. For further information, call Jim Watson 781-749-1767.

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'Tis the Season for the Village Fair on the Common

'Tis the season for Cohasset's annual Village Fair on the Common, Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hosted by four of the town's churches and the non-profit Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (ASP), this fair is a wonderful way to begin celebrating the season.

The Jumble Sale at the Unitarian Church's newly renovated Parish House includes pre-owned treasures of all kinds for adults and children.

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Santa waves to passersby on Cohasset Common during last year's snowy Village Fair.

Hundreds of volunteers work together each year to create a festive holiday marketplace on and around Cohasset Common. Visitors will be sure to get a great start on their holiday decorating and shopping, while supporting local charities at the same time.

The Country Store at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is the place to find the perfect hostess gift and wonderful Herbes de Provence. Their Bake Shop is famous for its homemade toffee, fudge, cakes and pies. The church has also been busy collecting hundreds of used books, CDs, tapes and videos for their popular Book Sale.

Volunteers from The Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church will transform Town Hall into a cozy Athenian Café featuring scrumptious Greek pastries and delicacies. The Greek Church will also be selling beautiful holiday greens at Town Hall, including fresh balsam wreaths and decorative boughs perfect for your front door.

Inside the doors of the Second Congregational Church (next to town hall) you'll find a holiday boutique filled with beautiful hand-crafted holiday gifts and decorations. While you shop, children can visit the Kids' Craft Corner where they can make an ornament of their own. Stop and sample their delicious New England clam chowder, and don't miss their popular Surf 'n Turf raffle where fresh lobsters and filet mignon are raffled off hourly.

The Jumble Sale at the Unitarian Church's newly renovated Parish House includes pre-owned treasures of all kinds for adults and children. The church will also offer lovely Table-top Christmas Trees, 12" to 24" high, in traditional Christmas designs and many clever themes. Stop by their Swedish Bake Shop for a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and a delicious cinnamon bun.

Santa Claus will be on the Common (or the Second Congregational Church Nursery, if it rains) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children can visit with Santa and have a picture taken by an ASP volunteer. And every child should be sure to visit the Secret Room at St. Stephen's Church where ASP volunteer elves help little ones select and wrap the perfect surprise for Mom and Dad, a sister or brother, even the family pet! All gifts are priced for a child's wallet, just $1 to $4. All proceeds support ASP's home repair program.

Cohasset's own Rusty Skippers will be performing their Annual Holiday Pops Concert at First Parish Church at noon the day of the fair. The Skippers have been preparing a variety of holiday selections sure to appeal to all ages. The concert is free, and a freewill offering will be taken for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

Rusty Skippers Holiday Concert The Rusty Skippers, Cohasset's Adult concert band, will be performing their annual Holiday Pops Concert at First Parish Church at 12 noon on Saturday, Dec. 6, during the Village Fair on the Common. The Skippers have been busy preparing a variety of new holiday selections including a Nutcracker medley, Sleigh Ride (made famous by the Boston Pops), Jingle Bell Rock and many other familiar tunes and carols. The concert is free and all ages are welcome. A free will offering for Cohasset's Food Pantry will be taken.

The Rusty Skippers were formed in 1995 as part of the Cohasset HarborFest at the enthusiastic suggestion of the late Rev. Ed. Atkinson of First Parish. The Skippers play under the direction of Steve Biagini, Director of Instrumental Music at Deer Hill School. The band performs locally, and over the years has played for the Cohasset Memorial Day Parade, South Shore Festival for the Arts, Community Center Christmas Tree-Lighting, American Cancer Society Relay for Life and at various nursing homes. The band will be playing some of its selections at the lighting of the town tree on Nov. 28.

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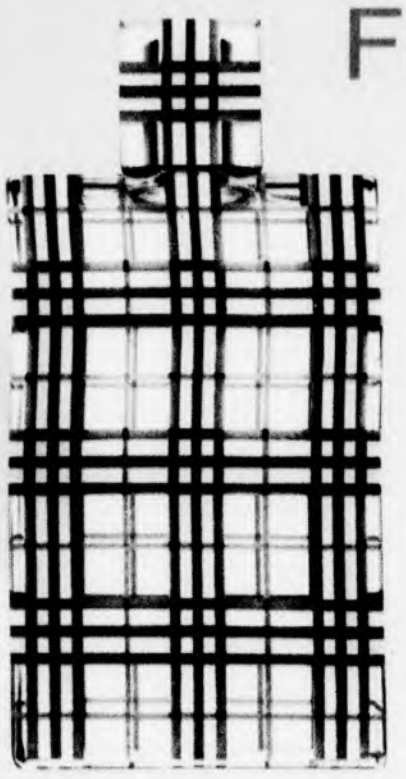

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'What I am most thankful for…'

Elementary students share their thoughts

By Samantha Brown
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For many elementary-level students, anticipation of the Thanksgiving holiday starts with construction paper turkeys and cutout Pilgrims wearing giant gold buckles. Sometimes, faint "gobbles" can be heard throughout the halls. Bulletin boards are covered with the colors of fall; and the long weekend sets the perfect stage for excitement.

But ask students what they are thankful for and their tone is sure to change from the excited holiday pitch, to something more serious, as they very thoughtfully consider what in the whole world they are most grateful for.

"I'm thankful that I have a television in my room," said fourth grader Carly Schwantner with a giggle.

Fifth-grader Jake Kissick said he is thankful "I'm living in this town."

Fifth grader Colby Smalzel said she is thankful for "All my close friends and family — and my pets."

Many other students are also thankful for their pets.

Fifth grader Khiana Clemons said she is thankful "For my cat Monty." Her classmate, Samantha Bobo said "I am thankful my dog can walk again."

Alec Heurd said he is thankful for his dog, Sam because "He's really fun to play with."

Many students are grateful for the special people in their lives.

"I am thankful for my best friend," said fifth-grader Emily Condos.

Kindergarten student Kevin Reynolds said he is thankful for "My friend Cal," and classmate Kyle Burke said she is thankful for her family.

Fifth-graders Danny Aherne and Scott Wilson, and fourth-grader Kyra Carnes said they too are thankful for their families, as is fourth-grader Chase Baldwin who said "I am thankful for my family — and apple pie."

But to see the friends and family so many students are thankful for requires traveling some distance. While many will stay local to visit with family, some will be going out of state to spend time with relatives they don't see very often.

"I am going to New York City to my grandma and grandpa's house," said kindergarten student Jake Bennett.

Second-grader Angel Hunter said she is going to Jamaica to visit her grandmother. She said she is planning on helping her grandmother cook the turkey and maybe the mashed potatoes too.

Fifth-grader Carly Martin said she will be going to her aunt and uncle's house in Connecticut for the holiday.

But some students will spend the holiday at their own house, which can be more exciting than taking a trip.

"I'm having Thanksgiving at my new house in Cohasset," said kindergarten student Davis Cronin, who recently moved from Kingston.

While many students look forward to the eating portion of Thanksgiving day, some are great helpers in the kitchen.

"I help my mom make the turkey," said kindergartener Kerry Dunn, adding she might help with the mashed potatoes as well.

Second-grader Molly Fitzgerald said she is making chocolate strawberries for Thanksgiving Day for her family, and fourth-grader Emily Dormitzer said she's going to be making pies. Emily said she will probably bring an apple pie, pecan pie, and pumpkin pie when she goes to her aunt's house on the big day.

But no matter what the destination and no matter what the menu holds, the true meaning of Thanksgiving may be summed up best by fourth-grader Michaela Hastings who said, "I am thankful for the things I have."

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Osgood kindergarteners Davis Cronin, Kyle Burke, Kerry Dunn, Jake Bennett, Madison Hingley, Kevin Reynolds, and Jack Donoghue proudly show off a turkey they made.

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'Beech' glass candy is confection perfection at annual church fair

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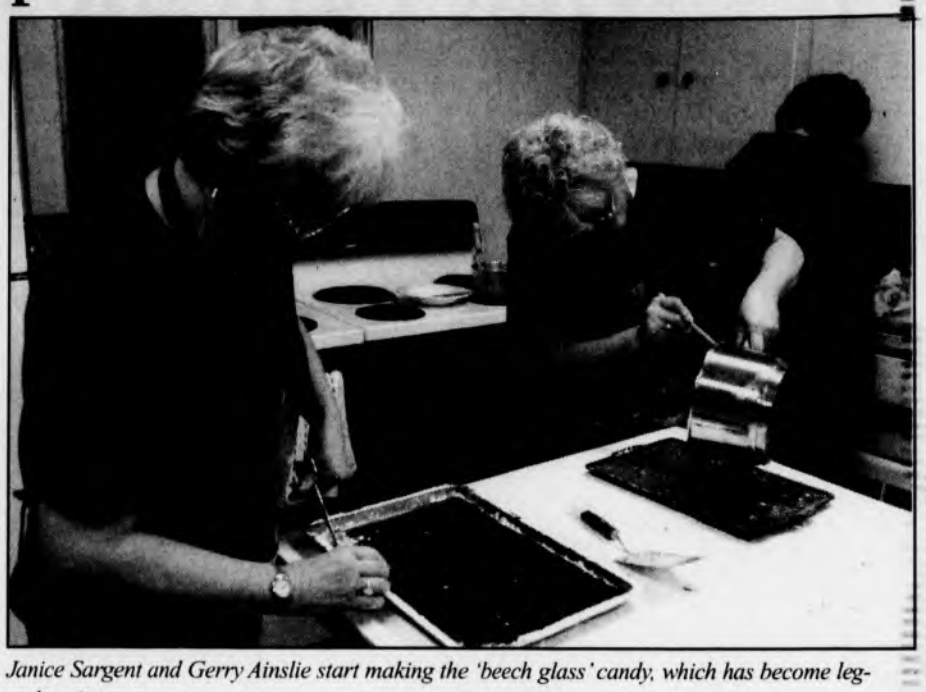
Marion Douglas and Marge Wilder form part of the candy-making assembly line at the Beechwood Congregational Church.



Janice Sargent and Gerry Ainslie start making the 'beech glass' candy, which has become legendary in town.

By Samantha Brown
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It has been said the kitchen is the heart of the home, and that statement rings especially true for the kitchen at the Beechwood Congregational Church. For the past 25 years, apron-clad volunteers have been gathering around the large rectangular table to make beach glass candy, a treat which has become a Christmastime tradition.

Every year the church holds its annual Christmas Fair, complete with crafts, games for children, and plenty to eat. This year, the fair will be held Saturday Dec. 6, and if past years are any indication, the candy resembling treasures from the sea is sure to be the most anticipated aspect of the day's events.

"With so many things changing in this world, this hasn't," said Gerry Ainslie, who heads up the candy making effort at the church. She said while the recipe for the candy has been kept the same over the years, no one is really sure where the original recipe came from.

For two weeks prior to the festival, volunteers gather at the church to make batch after batch of the colorful confections. On the third week, the women pack the candy into sterilized baby food jars, donated by members of the church, and top them off with some decorative Christmas fabric and a bow. Jars will be sold at the fair for $3.75 a piece.

But making the candy is not an easy process. First, a mixture of sugar and syrup is heated, "plus our secret ingredient," said Ainslie's sister Marion Douglas, who is also Cohasset Town Clerk. Once the mixture reaches exactly 310 degrees, it is taken off the stove to reduce the temperature to a slightly less than boiling point, then the flavor and color can be added. Ainslie said only natural oils are used to flavor the candy, which include lemon, lime, licorice, root beer and spearmint to name a few. After mixing, the candy is poured from the pan onto a cookie sheet covered in about a centimeter of packed and leveled confectioner's sugar, which keeps the mixture from sticking.

"Instead of a bed of lettuce, it's a bed of sugar," said volunteer Janice Sargent.

As the candy cools, it begins to harden, and little bubbles appear in the mixture. The women are careful to pop them with their scissors to ensure the candy will have a smooth, even texture. It is essential that once the candy is cool enough to be handled that it get cut into small strips which are then passed to the other women who cut them into bite-sized pieces of candy. Because the candy becomes hard as it cools, speed is required. Although it would be quicker to let the entire pan of candy harden and then be cracked into smaller pieces, by taking the time to cut pieces with scissors, it prevents sharp edges.

"With so many things changing in this world, this hasn't."
— Gerry Ainslie

"You have to work fast because once it sets — boy!" said Ainslie.

But with the amount of volunteers that come together to help with the candy, the process goes smoothly, especially since they've had so many years working together as a group. Volunteers during the second night of candy-making included Cohasset residents Peggy Herman, Mary Volpe, Cora Ainslie, Janice Sargent, Peggy Wheelwright, Norwell resident Marge Wilder, and Scituate resident Carol Straight.

Once the candy is cut, it falls into piles of confectioner's sugar, which coat not only the candy, but the women as they work. Aprons and hands get covered in the sweet powder, and sometimes a little spot will end up on the face when sneaking a piece of candy or two.

But at the heart of all the hard work, the women say the candy is really fun to make, and they have the added benefit of being able to spend time with each other while working for a good cause.

"It's like playing in the sandbox," said Wilder.

"That's why I like it so much," added Wheelwright.

"As my father would say, we're all kids, some of us have just been around a little longer," joked Ainslie.

While Ainslie said many people come to the fair just for the candy, the church offers much more than that. There will be many baked goods, a "fancy work" crafts table, wreaths, and a game table for the children.

"This place will be hopping come Saturday morning," Ainslie said.

In addition, raffle tickets will be sold for a beautiful hand made patchwork quilt, sewn together by roughly 12 volunteers, some of which aren't even members of the church and come to "craft night" to donate their sewing talents to help the cause.

"It an ecumenical quilt," joked Ainslie.

Raffle tickets will be sold for $1 a piece or six for $5 at the Christmas Fair and other church events throughout the year, and the quilt will be raffled off sometime before next Christmas.

The quilt is backed by thick muslin and some yarn accents were added using wool processed from sheep Ainslie used to own. While the quilt is made for a twin sized bed, Ainslie said it was made slightly larger than a regular twin so it will "fall nicely" over the sides of a bed. Volunteers have also made a pillow sham and crib blanket and pillow as well.

The Beechwood Congregational Church Christmas Fair will be held at the church located off Beechwood Street, on Saturday Dec. 6, from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.. The Village Fair on the Common, hosted by four other town churches and the Appalachia Service Project will be held the same day from 10 a.m.-3 p.m..

Beechwood Church holds Christmas fair

The Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., will hold its annual Christmas Fair Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In the morning enjoy a cup of fresh coffee and hot fried bread dough or at lunch time your choice of chowder (corn or clam), hot dogs and homemade dessert.

As you enter the church you can smell the aroma of fresh evergreen wreaths and homebaked goods that will be on display and for sale. Take your time and browse at one of the many tables — food, candy, white elephant, fancy work and ornaments. A special table is set up for the children with prizes and games. Back by popular demand is the famous beach glass candy. Once again, this hard candy, cut by hand offers many flavors (such as peppermint, spearmint, butter rum, anise, lemon-lime — to name a few) is sure to please just about everyone. Arrive early while the supply lasts.

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Above: Nikki Federle, who is flanked by Kristi McNary and Michael Iantosca, straightens out her Indian headdress at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School.

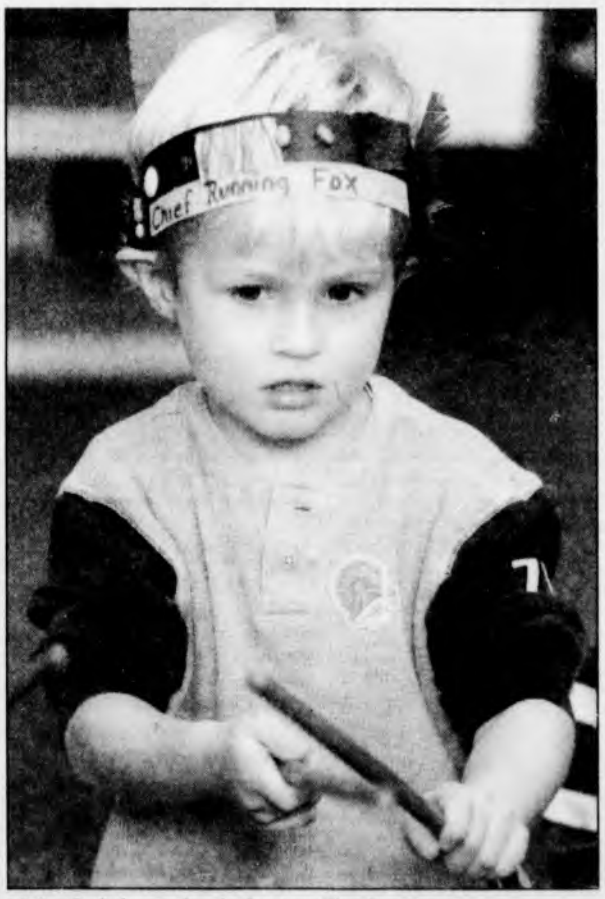
At right: Jane Greenip polishes off the last of her morning snack.

Above: Sam Montgomery swings high above his school mates on the new playground outside the Community Center.

At left: Mark Bodner and Noel Hart don't know what to think about their distorted images as they see themselves in Native American garb in the mirror.

At right: Audrey Hart plays the bells during Thanksgiving activities.

Sophia Pitts concentrates on her playtime while Patrick Hagerty and Matthew Donahue look on.



Aiden Dale keeps the rhythm to a Thanksgiving song.

Marina Longo claps to a tribal song at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School.

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Robert J. Henn II

1968 CHS graduate

Robert J. Henn II, 53, of 124 Old Colonial Drive, formerly of New Ipswich, N.H., died Thursday, Nov. 20 at the Henry Heywood Hospital, Gardner, Mass. after a brief illness.

Mr. Henn was born in Weymouth, July 14, 1950 a son of Pauline (Blakeman) Henn and the late Robert J. Henn Sr. and grew up in Cohasset. He also resided several years in New Ipswich, N.H. before moving to Gardner nine years ago.

He was a 1968 graduate of Cohasset High School and received his bachelor's degree in teaching from Bridgewater State College. He later graduated from Honeywell Institute in Burlington where he studied computers.

Besides his mother of West Bridgewater, he leaves a son; Roger Henn of Spring Hill, Fla.; a daughter; Jennie Henn - Dupont of Jefferson, Maine; his fiancé; Tessie Peluffo of Gardner; a sister and brother in law, Carolyn and John Tramontana of Whitman; and three grandchildren; Timothy Dupont, Falecia Dupont and Joshua Henn.

For the past 25 years, Mr. Henn owned and operated the R.J. Henn Insurance Company in Townsend.

He enjoyed traveling and was an accomplished billiards and dart player.

The T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main St., (Rte 119) Townsend is handling the arrangements. Please see www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Townsend.

Memorial contributions my be made to the American Cancer Society, 21 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

Elise M. Cohen

Elise M. (Sargent) Cohen, 92, of Scituate, died in her home on Nov. 18, 2003.

Born and raised in Cohasset, she was the proprietor of The Country Package Store of North Scituate for many years.

She was the wife of Israel "Itchy" Cohen, owner of Itchy's on the Square, west end of Scituate.

She leaves her children, Eugene G. Cohen and his wife, Penuel, of Winthrop, Donald S Cohen of Scituate, Richelle M. Saunders and her husband, Stephen, of Scituate; grandchildren Jeffrey S. Cohen and his wife, Deborah, of Winthrop, Gregory J. Cohen and his wife, Carolyn, of Swampscott, Jennifer A. Casey and her husband, John, of Scituate, David B. Cohen and his wife, Linda, of Winthrop, Charles B. Cohen of Sandwich, Jason I. Cohen and his wife, Amy, of Scituate, Daniel A. Cohen of Plymouth, Keith C. Saunders and his partner, Lorna Rivera, of Jamaica Plain, and Todd M. Saunders of Tahoe City, Calif.; nine great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She was the mother-in-law of the late Carolyn Cohen of Scituate.

A graveside service and internment was held at Beechwood Cemetery, Cohasset.

Contributions may be made to South Shore Hospice, 100 Bay State Dr., Braintree, 02185 or the Jimmy Fund, or a charity of your choice.

Dorothy Barnard Jenkins

Dorothy B. Jenkins, 94, of Stoughton, formerly of Braintree Highlands, Holbrook and Cohasset died Nov. 18, 2003 after a long illness.

Born In Johnstown, Penn. she was a member of the class of 1927 of Westfield High School in N.J. and graduated with a business major from Simmons College in 1931. During her career she worked for the Union Club of Boston; Henry L. Shattuck; Ropes, Gray, Boyden and Perkins; Britex Corp; Universal Products and Engineered Advertising.

Mrs. Jenkins was a 50-plus year member of the Second Congregational Church in Braintree, a member of the South Shore Simmons Club, active for many years in the Braintree Philergians and a life member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) with a local membership in the General Sylvanus Thayer Chapter. She has traced her lineage to Captain John Webster who incorporated Salisbury, N.H.; Thomas Barnard who was one of the original proprietors of Nantucket, and was a first cousin, six generations removed from Benjamin Franklin.

Wife of the late Dr. Ebenezer Kelley Jenkins she leaves her daughter, Arlene Graber and her husband S. David of Stoughton.; her two sons, Leland H. Jenkins and his wife Leonora of Cohasset, and E. Kenneth Jenkins and his wife Beverly of Medfield, ; her grandchildren, Steven D. Graber and his wife Laura of Lakeville, Brian E. Graber of Stoughton, Keven L. Graber of Colchester, Vt., Allen E. Graber and his wife Jana of Stillwater, Okla., Jennifer M. Jenkins of Winthrop, Leighanne Eide and her husband Marty of Bloomsbury, N.J., Jessica L. Jenkins of Mountain View, Calif. and Rebecca L. Jenkins of Somerville; two brothers Harvey P. Barnard and his wife Joann and Milton C. Barnard and his wife Glennie both of Melbourne, Fla.; a sister Carrie-Lee Klie and her husband William of Fort Myers, Fla. and many nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Helen Hunter of Swedesboro, N.J. and Florida.

A memorial service will be held on Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. at Mortimer N. Peck Funeral Chapels, 516 Washington St., Braintree. There will be no visiting hours. Burial will be private in Blue Hills Cemetery, Braintree. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Old Colony Hospice, 14 Page Terrace, Stoughton, MA 02072; Simmons College Scholarship Fund, 300 The Fenway, Boston MA 02115 or the Alzheimer's Disease and related Disorders Association, Inc., 225 North Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL

Harry W. Rose

Harry W. Rose, 92, of Cohasset, a retired manager with the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, died Nov. 19, 2003, at South Shore Hospital.

Born, raised and educated in Cohasset. Mr. Rose was an Army Veteran of World War II serving in the Pacific Theatre. He was a member of the Veterans Foreign War Post 9146 in Cohasset. Mr. Rose was one of the original founders of the Cohasset Little League, serving as its first treasurer.

Husband of the late Alma Johanna (Stoddard) Rose, he leaves three sons Richard and his wife Kathy of Sterling, Va., Alexander and his wife Anne of Cohasset, and Philip and his wife Laurie of Scituate; four grandchildren Benjamin of Sterling, Va., Christopher of Cohasset, Harry of Scituate, and Nickie of Brighton.

The funeral service and interment were private.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Donations may be made in his name to the Cohasset Little League. CYBSA, P.O. Box 121, Cohasset, Ma, 02025.

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In the Scripture lessons for the first Sunday of Advent, the Prophet Zechariah offers a dramatic vision of the coming of the Lord to Jerusalem and the beginning of a new age. The lesson from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians expresses gratitude to God and tells the Christians in Thessalonica of his prayers for them. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells his disciples of the awe-inspiring crisis to come, which they may also recognize as the beginning of the time of their redemption.

Preacher: The Very Rev. E. Clifford Cutler.

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service; Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

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600 Nantasket Ave. 925-0091, 925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, NOV. 14

3:36 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:41 p.m. Sohier St., fire, investigation, unfounded.

10:43 p.m. Lantern Lane, medical aid.

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

12:13 a.m. Ripley Road, assist citizen.

8:06 a.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

10:13 a.m. Ash St., medical aid.

1:55 p.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.

2:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

4:33 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

4:50 p.m. Beach St., animal control.

5 p.m. Elm St., lost property.

5:33 p.m. Beach St., animal control.

5:48 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:12 p.m. Linden Drive, general services.

8 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

11:53 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, patient sign off.

SUNDAY, NOV. 16

12:40 a.m. Border St., assist citizen, 39-year-old Connecticut man in protective custody.

7:48 a.m. Linden Drive, assist citizen.

8:37 a.m. Ash St., assist citizen.

1:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, verbal warning.

2:10 p.m. Elm St., fire, brush fire, extinguished.

3:38 p.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

5:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, investigated.

8:39 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:17 p.m. Summer St., general disturbance.

MONDAY, NOV. 17

12:08 a.m. Castle road, suspicious activity.

1:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, open door/window.

8:23 a.m. Beechwood St., assist citizen.

2:48 p.m. Pleasant St., parking complaint.

3:01 p.m. Margin Ct., medical aid.

4:26 p.m. South Main St, motor vehicle crash.

5:28 p.m. Highland Ave., general services.

5:55 p.m. Pond St, parking complaint.

TUESDAY, NOV. 18

6:59 a.m. N. Main St, motor vehicle stop.

7:49 a.m. King St. and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

11:08 a.m. Surry Dr., and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

11:23 a.m. North Main St. and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

11:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster road, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

3:11 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle crash.

4:24 p.m. Norman Todd Road, investigation.

5:40 p.m. Bayberry Lane, motor vehicle violations., traffic citation warning.

6:22 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

6:30 p.m. Beach St., fire investigation, referred to other agency.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

12:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, public service.

7:08 a.m. Border St., animal control.

7:12 a.m. S. Main St. and spring St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

8:18 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

8:26 a.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

8:45 a.m. South Main St., traffic complaint.

11:05 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

12:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

1:48 p.m. Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

2:37 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

6:12 p.m. Ripley road, motor vehicle crash.

6:13 p.m. King St. and Rose Hill Lane, animal control.

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Docket No. 03P2701EP

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Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death October 21, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CLAIRE CHASE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor named in the will to serve without surety.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, November 12, 2003.

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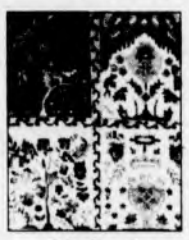
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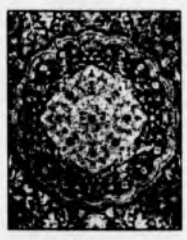
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CALENDAR

On the South Shore

Thurs. 27

Thanksgiving Football - Krispy Kreme donuts will be sold at Duxbury High School before and during the Marshfield/Duxbury football game, from 8 a.m. until they are sold-out. Proceeds will benefit the Duxbury Appalachia Service Project.

Dreamcatcher Classic Road Race - Race starts at 8 a.m. at the Weymouth Junior High School, 360 Pleasant St. $15 registration fee, $18 race day. Proceeds benefit Julie Rodick Scholarship Fund. 781-331-0600.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach (Hull) presents **Friday Night Fights,** Nov. 27, 9:30 p.m. www.seanote.com. 781-925-4300.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston. **Gifts from the World to the White House. Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Cape Cod Artist, Elinor L. Martin will exhibit at the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery throughout the month of November.

Fri. 28

Marshfield Kiwanis will be selling Christmas trees at the Country Market Place on Rt. 139, Nov. 28, at 8:30 a.m. on weekends and 9 a.m. on weekdays. Santa and Rudolph will make an appearance on Dec. 6.

David Drummond, author of "The Shipyard: Will It Float," will sign copies of his book and present a visual slide lecture on the Quincy Fore River shipyard at the Paperback Booksmith, Hanover Mall, at noon.

The Company Theatre in Norwell, **A Christmas Story** from Nov. 28 to Dec. 20. Friday (8 p.m.), Saturday (4 p.m., 8 p.m.) and Sunday (3pm) at $25. Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) and Thursday (7:30 p.m.) at $22. Tickets are on sale at the box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

South Shore Singles will sponsor our semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Nov. 28, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021 www.southshoresingles.org

Boston Ballet presents its 40th Anniversary Production of Boston's Annual tradition **The Nutcracker** at the Wang theatre, 270 Tremont St. Boston. Tickets $19 to $77 available by phone through Telecharge, 800-477-7400 or www.telecharge.com

Starcreations Theatre from South Shore Arts & Recreation Center, will present the **Little Mermaid and the Prince**, an audience participation play adapted on Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. held at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission 45. 508-747-1234.

The Plymouth Ballet Company will perform **The Nutcracker Suite,** featuring professional ballet stars and the best of local ballet talent, the Nov. 28, 29, and 30, at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St. (Rte. 3A).Plymouth. Tickets may be purchased at call the box office at 508-747-0234. Tickets purchased by phone will be mailed to purchasers, and all phone sales will be subject to a $2 handling surcharge per ticket. Online, tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com 866-468-7619.

The Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth. Nov. 28, Jim Bailey and the **MoJo Kings**

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, Nov. 28, **Three Blind Mice** 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach (Hull) presents **Young Neal & The Vipers,** Nov. 28, 9:30 p.m. www.seanote.com. 781-925-4300

Run of the Mill Pub, Spring St., Plymouth, **Tex Mad Dog, & The Cat** 9 p.m.

The Holiday Festival of Lights, at **Edaville Railroad**, Rt. 58, Carver, runs through Sunday, Jan. 4. Hours are 4 to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 2 to 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Edaville Railroad is closed Mondays (except Dec. 29). Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Tickets are $16 for all visitors 3 and older. Prices include all rides and attractions. 508-866-8190 or 877-EDAVILLE, www.edaville. com.

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Girly Junk, located at 454 Washington St. will host an open house Saturday, Nov. 29 featuring complimentary makeovers, massages and champagne and hors d' oeuvres. from noon to 5 p.m. Donations will be made to the Norwell food pantry by offering donors a 10 percent discount on all purchases. For more information on the open house and benefit event call 781-659-4424

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Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

"Single Executives Club" Thanksgiving Ball and Fundraiser Nov. 28, 8:30 to midnight. Sheraton Tara Hotel, Conference Center, 37 Forbes Rd., Braintree. 781-848-0600. Live dance music by **Beau Paris**, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. For single professionals 35+ yrs. old. Silent auction and vacation raffle. Ties and jackets required. Admittance is only $25, or $20 by prepaying by calling 781-446-0234; tuxedoes admitted for $10. A non-smoking event. A portion of proceeds donated to Children's Food Pantry. Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club USA, www.se-4u.com

Sat. 29

Author Dave Drummond will discuss his book and show transparencies at **Buttonwood Books,** Route 3A, on Nov. 29, at noon. Free and open to the public.

St Peter's Women's League will be holding a Christmas Bazaar on Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at our newly renovated parish Center at 10 Memorial Dr., Plymouth.

Star Creations Theatre from the **South Shore Arts & Recreation**

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Hull Artist Studio Connection - Arts at the Abbey, Nov. 29 and 30, Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St. Hingham. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 29, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 30. Free admission, parking. www.hullartiststudioconnection.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Sundaes on Saturdays** between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Nov. 29 and Dec. 6, 13, 29, 27. Create your own sundaes. This event coincides with Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection. For more information call 866-JFK-1960 or www.jfklibrary.org

Comedy Night - Ground Round, 475 Providence Hwy., (Rt. 1), Norwood,. featuring Tommy Dunham, Tommy Dunham Joe Finn Brenda Nason (Comedy & Magic) Jim Celeste. Host: Malissa Hunt Admission $10 Call (781) 769-8087 Reservations recommended

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Sun. 30

Westwinds Bookshop, 45 Depot St., Duxbury, will host Duxbury resident and historian **Norman Forgit** as he signs copies of the new book, **Duxbury...An Album**. Mr. Forgit will be in the shop Nov. 30, between 1 and 3 p.m. 781-934 2128.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday **Jazz brunch** 10:30 to 2 p.m. $13.95. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

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Mon. 1

South Shore Women's Business - Braintree Luncheon Informal Networking, **Jimbos South**, noon to 1:30 p.m. 781-749-8883

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Afterschool Nature Programs South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. 781- 659-2559.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 2

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at Quincy District Court on Dec. 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For more information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum, Columbia Point, Boston. Dec. 2, 5:30 to 7 p.m. **Space Exploration: Then and Now**. Former astronauts **Mae Jemison, Ph.D** and **Harrison "Jack Schmitt**, will discuss space exploration moderated by ABC News correspondent **Lynn Scherr.**. Free and open to the public. 877-616-4599, www.jfklibrary.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets every Tuesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Handlebar Harry's, Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera.**

The Theatre Royal Bath presents **As You Like It** through Dec. 21, at the Wilbur Theatre. Call Ticketmaster for tickets at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com

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Wed. 3

South Shore Women's Business Network, Food and Wine Tasting event at Lombardos, Randolph, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. 781-749-3130

Joyce Wilson of the Poetry Porch is holding a poetry reading at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Whiton Room, Hingham, on Dec. 3, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. The public and all poets are invited to come and listen and/or read their original poems. The featured reader is **A. M. Juster.** Open mike session with a signup sheet will follow. Sign up at the door or register ahead by telephone 781-545-0731 or email jpwilson@poetryporch.com. Free and open to the public. For more information call 781-741-1405 or 781-545-0731.

A Tribute to the Rat Pack will perform its Las Vegas show at the **Sixth Annual "Feed the Hungry"** event on Dec. 3 at Lombardo's, 6 Billings St. Randolph. Proceeds from the event will benefit Interfaith Social Services' Tickets $50 each. Table of 10 for $500. 617-773-6203 or email issquincy@verizon.net.

8-minutedating at **North Key West Saloon**, Bridgewater: ages 28 to 38. Advance registration required at www.8-minutedating.com Save $8 by entering code "8md"

Business & Professional Women monthly meeting will be held Dec. 3, at **Wood Acre Farm Soap**, 46 Columbia Park in Pembroke, at 7 p.m. Learn about organic soaps and do some holiday shopping. BPW advocates for Working Women. Contact Jennifer at 781-760-3217 or jdurant@adelphia.net

Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St. corner Pearl St., Brockton, will be holding a Chanukah Tot Shabbat on Friday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. for families with young children grade 2 and under. Children will learn about the joys and customs of Shabbat, hear stories, and sing songs. The short service will be followed by a Shabbat meal. The cost is $7.50 for each adult meal and reservations must be made by Nov. 26. Call the temple office for reservations and information 508-583-5810.

Selected paintings by Cohasset artist **JoAnne Chittick** will be exhibited at the **Paul Pratt Memorial Library** from through Dec. 31. South Shore Art Center 781-383-2787

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 4

Winterdance 2003 will be presented Dec. 4, 5, and 6 in the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium., at Bridgewater State College. Thirteen advanced student choreographers will stage their work in a varied concert demonstrating many styles of dance. 508-531-1321.

The Friends of Cranberry Hospice's 14th Annual Festival of Trees is open to the public Dec. 4 through Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 5 until 9 p.m. featuring more than 50 beautifully decorated trees, visits with Santa, and entertainment at Plimoth Plantation's Hornblower Visitor Center, in Plymouth. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are $5 for adults, $4 for senior citizens, and $2 for children under 12. For more details about the Festival, check the Web site at www.cranberryhospice.org/festival or call 781-834-7281.

Comedy Night Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, featuring **Spike Tobin, Mike Hanlon, Annette Pollack, Dave McDonough, Mike Hanlon, Mike O'Neill. Host: Lamont Price**. Admission $10. 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300.

The Life and Music of Irving Berlin performed by **Joel Davidson** and **Judy Cobble**, on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Logan Auditorium of Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Free and open to the public.781-848-0405, ext . 4420.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

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Rebecca Callard (Celia), Rebecca Hall (Rosalind), Joseph Millson (Orlando) and Glenn Carter (Oliver/Amiens) in the Royal Shakespeare

"As You Like It" is Shakespeare done right

All the world may indeed be a stage, but at this time of year the stages of most theaters are inhabited by one version or another of the story of Ebenezer Scrooge. If like you like Shakespeare, however, and you want a real treat this holiday season, then you won't want to miss the delightful "As You Like It" now at the Wilbur Theatre.

Directed by the legendary Sir Peter Hall, this Theatre Royal Bath production is done with minimal staging for a simple yet powerful interpretation of Shakespeare's tale of love, friendship and human frailty. The story of Rosalind and her cousin, Celia, who have run away to the idyllic Forest of Arden is a romantic comedy about just what can be overcome by blind love. When Rosalind — dressed as a boy so as not to attract attention while she is on her adventure — encounters the infatuated Orlando she offers to cure him of his lovesickness by letting him court her as if she were his sweetheart. Little does he know, of course, that his new male friend is actually also the female object of his affection. As Rosalind, the director's own daughter, Rebecca Hall, is nothing short of superb. Disguised as a boy, she tests Orlando's love for her in what many consider to be perhaps Shakespeare's most captivating female character.

She is in good company, too, surrounded by an excellent cast including Rebecca Callard, as the strong-willed Celia, and Joseph Millson whose Orlando is confused, captivated and always sweetly charming in his earnest pursuit of true love.

"As You Like It" will be at the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont Street, Boston, through Dec. 21. For tickets, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

- R. Scott Reedy

Fri. 5

Bettina Lesieuris Eighth Annual Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge Dec. 5 . Exhibit hours: Friday, Dec. 5, 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m to 10 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 7, noon to 5 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 10 - 12 and Dec. 17 - Dec. 19 , 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 13 , 14, 20, and 21, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gala Reception Dec. 6, from 6-10 p.m. Lesieur Gallery is located at 301 Saint George St. in Duxbury.

Musical Holiday Party XVI at Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center. Dec. 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21. Four Course dinner and show $39.95 weekends; $37.50 weeknights; show only $20. Reservations call 781-843-5862.

Harbour Choral Arts Society presents **A Mediterranean Holiday** on Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Rt. 139 in Hanover. This concert is in conjunction with the Preview Party of the Stetson House, which is decorated for the holidays. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the door. 781-834-5808.

The Marshfield High School Drama Club is presenting "It Runs in the Family", a comedy, on Dec. 5, and Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Furnace Brook School Auditorium. Tickets are $7. $6 for students and seniors. Bring a canned good for the Marshfield Food Pantry and receive a dollar off admission.

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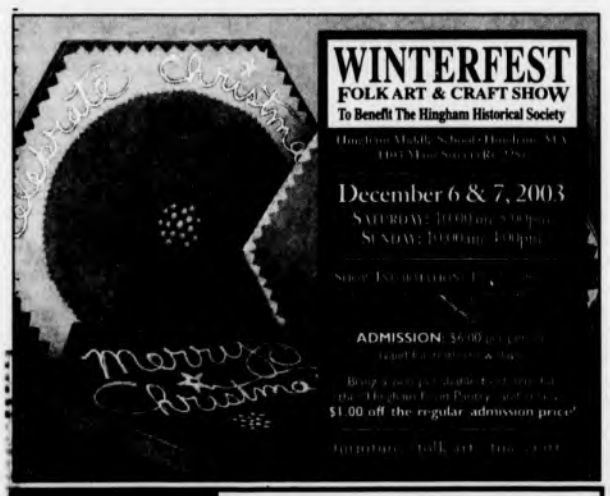
The Company Theatre in Norwell, Presents "A Christmas Story" from Nov. 28 to Dec. 20. Performances are Friday (8 p.m.), Saturday (4 p.m., 8 p.m.) and Sunday (3pm) at $25. Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) and Thursday (7:30 p.m.). Tickets are $22 and are available at the box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787.



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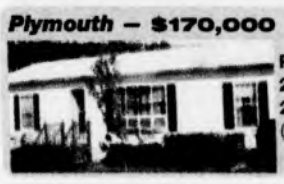
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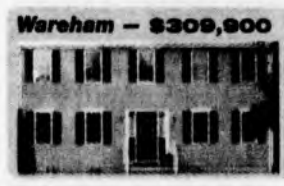
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Breh Hickey, one of Santa's elves, welcomes his boss to the South Shore Community Center during last Friday's Jingle Bell Walk. For more photos, see page 13.

Cedarmere sues for sewer access

Says town has enough capacity

By Samantha Brown
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The denial was also based on the fact the project is located outside the Central Sewer District.

Despite a lawsuit, the Sewer Commission is not going to back down on its decision to deny Cedarmere access to the town's sewer, and rejected a second application to tie the project in at its meeting Monday.

Members of the Cedarmere team, who are proposing a luxury condominium complex on the former Hayes Estate, are suing the Commission for denying the project access to the town's sewer system.

The Commission has also voted to adopt a temporary change in its rules for granting sewer access to prevent this type of situation from occurring in the future.

The Cedarmere team filed the lawsuit against the Sewer Commission and Town of Cohasset on Nov. 25 claiming the development has a right to a sewer hookup. The lawsuit states the decision to deny was "based upon an error of law, unsupported by substantial evidence, unwarranted by the facts on the record..."

The Cedarmere team has been working since the summer to gain approval for its 105-unit development, which has been granted preliminary approval by the Planning Board. The project is being proposed under the town's new Senior Overlay District Bylaw, which requires a special permit from the Planning Board. It is the first project in town to file under the new bylaw.

The Cedarmere team believes the Commission has violated state law, by denying its application. The lawsuit states under Chapter 83, and cites the case law to support it, the Commission is required to grant Cedarmere a permit to connect its land, based on three conditions. First, it abuts a public or private way in which a common sewer has been laid; second, a proper application for the connection has been submitted with the board; and third, the developers believe the development would not pose an immediate

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Only two arrests in November

By Mary Ford
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Police Chief Robert Jackson says the low number of arrests in November in not due to reduced manpower. Two veteran officers are still on paid administrative leave and another is still out sick.

But several officers, who asked not to be identified, say arrests are down at the police department because officers are afraid of being second-guessed and if someone complains, they think they'll be the subjects of an investigation or forced out of their jobs.

"All shifts are being filled," Jackson said. "Frankly, I've never viewed the number of arrests as a reflection of the job the police department is doing."

On Nov. 8, a 28-year-old Roxbury man was arrested by Boston police at the request of Cohasset for violating a restraining order here; and on Nov. 16, a 39-year-old Connecticut man was taken in protective custody by Cohasset police.

Jackson said November was unusually quiet with total calls down at the civilian dispatch center that handles the phones for both the police and fire departments.

Besides the protective custody, which is a civil matter, the last arrest in Cohasset occurred seven weeks ago on Oct. 18 when Sgt. William Quigley arrested a 25-year-old man for possession of marijuana, according to the police log.

To put last month in perspective, there were seven arrests in October; 14 in September; 11 in August; and 29 in July. Last November there were 16 arrests; 14 in November 2001; 10 in

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Horsefield helps volunteers keep Senior Center running

By Samantha Brown
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Imagine relying on the help of dedicated volunteers to run any of the departments based at Town Hall. Without employees to answer the phones and provide general assistance to the public, residents could not always be assured they would be helped or their questions would be answered.

However, at Cohasset Elder Affairs, which is just across the Common at 3 N. Main St., volunteer efforts are a daily occurrence and are the main reason the office is able to provide a plethora of services to seniors in the community.

From answering phones to driving vans around town, volunteers make a huge impact on the lives of Cohasset seniors, and it all gets organized by Volunteer Coordinator Martha Horsefield who has been working with the CEA since April. While her position is part-time, "The day is very full and you have to be very flexible," she said.

Horsefield oversees roughly 100 volunteers, many of which have been donating their services for years. She said working with them and watching how selflessly they donate their time is one of the most rewarding aspects of her job.

"They're giving up their time, it's a real service," she said, adding volunteers range from Girl Scout troops, to mothers who help out while their children are at school, to retired residents who are looking to lend a helping hand. She said she is constantly amazed with the dedication of the volunteers, noting the services they provide are invaluable.

While Horsefield is very appreciative of the help volunteers provide, Kathy Bryanton, director for the CEA is very grateful for the services Horsefield provides.

"She's doing a full-time job in a part-time position," said Bryanton, adding it is no easy task to coordinate the volunteers because the town has such an outpouring of support. Bryanton also said many communities don't have volunteer coordinators, which she said is a shame because the position is so important, especially in small communities like Cohasset. Currently, elders make up 25 percent of Cohasset's population and a good portion of the in-town services they use through the CEA are dependent on volunteer support

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Members of the Cohasset High football team celebrate their win over arch-rival Hull on Thanksgiving morning at Hull High School. The festive mood among the Skippers was short-lived, however, as they fell in first round playoff action on Tuesday to Westwood, 20-7, bringing an end to their season. See Sports for more photos and coverage.

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Martha Horsefield is volunteer coordinator for the Council on Elder Affairs.

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This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Council of Elder Affairs, Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Conservation Commission, Dec. 11 , 7:30 p.m.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, Dec. 10, 7 p.m., at the library.

Recycling Committee, Dec., 6, 10 a.m., DPW garage

Selectmen, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Dec. 4, 7 p.m., high school library.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Strong vs. weak chief

An article in last week's Cohasset Mariner warrants some clarification. Town Manager Mark Haddad pointed out whether a town has a "strong" or "weak" police chief has nothing to do with Civil Service, and falls under a different chapter of state law.

A "weak" chief runs the day-to-day operations of the department but does not promote, hire or fire police officers. In Cohasset, the police chief reports to Haddad, who is the hiring authority.

Opening on the Rec. Commission

Police Officer Rick Grassie has resigned from the Recreation Commission. Recreation Director Jack Worley accepted Grassie's resignation with regret, thanking him for his "efforts, time, interest and concern for residents and the Recreation Department."

"It has been as both a Recreation Commissioner and police officer that you have been able to have an impact upon the quality of life of our residents," Worley stated in a Nov. 22 letter. "Via the Cohasset Police Association and police department, you have supported our goals and objectives for many years.

"More recently, as a Recreation Commissioner, you provide a bridge between our organizations and combined efforts, affording our residents many new opportunities.

"Speaking for the entire Recreation Commission, residents and especially our youngsters, I wish to thank you for all you have given of yourself," Worley said.

Earnest money for Cook Estate

The town has delivered $200,000 as a deposit on the purchase of the Cook Estate, approved at the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting. The money will be held in an interest bearing escrow account and will be refunded in full to the town regardless of whether the project goes ahead, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

The 22-acres, combined with 8.7 acres that the town owns, will provide up to 87 units of senior housing if a developer can be found.

The town has to close on the Cook Estate by July 31, 2004.

Cook Estate 'percs'

John Cavanaro Consulting has completed the first phase of an analysis for the Cook Estate to determine the feasibility of constructing 87 units of Senior Housing using a flow rate of 150 gallons/day/unit or a total of 13,050 gallons per day.

Cavanaro Consulting said flows in excess of 10,000 gpd require a groundwater discharge permit from the sate Department of Environmental Protection. But using the DEP threshold percolation rate of 20 minutes per inch, Cavanaro has located soils outside the watershed protection district for a suitable leaching area.

Now that an on-site system is feasible, Cavanaro recommended the town meet with the DEP to determine a realistic timetable for securing a ground-water discharge permit.

Cook RFP advertised

Starting Wednesday, Dec. 3 the Cook Estate project RFP will be advertised in the Central Register which will include it in publications such as Banker and Tradesman and the New England Real Estate Journal. The due date to receive proposals is Jan. 22, 2004. In a related item, Haddad said he has begun looking for interested residents to form a committee to aid selectmen in the bidder selection process. The size of the committee will depend on the number of residents interested. To be a part of the committee please contact Town Manager Mark Haddad at (781) 383-4105.

Bomb scare at the middle-high school

At 7:17 a.m. on Nov. 26, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving break, a bomb threat was phoned into Cohasset Middle High School, police said. The building was evacuated according to procedure and the school staff, Cohasset Police and Fire Department personnel checked the building before students were allowed back inside at approximately 8 a.m. Sgt. John Conte said the matter has been referred to the detective division and is under investigation.

Opening on ConCom

After many years of service, Susan Cope will resign from her position on the Conservation Commission, effective at the end of December 2003. There is an associate position available on the Commission as well. Those interested should contact Town Manager Mark Haddad at (781) 383-4105.

Town hires ACO

New Animal Control Officer Albert Currie reported for his first day of duty in Cohasset on Nov. 17. Currie is also the animal control officer in Hingham and will split his hours between the two towns, taking on 25 hours a week for Cohasset. He will be paid $13.16 an hour, the same rate as former Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy, who was let go Oct. 20.

Executive session held on AvalonBay

Members of the Board of Selectmen met in executive session Tuesday with Water Commission Chairman John McNabb to discuss the Water Commission's appeal of the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval of the 200-unit Avalon project. Because the Water Commission owns property near the proposed site, it can be considered a legal abutter and has the right to file an appeal, officials said. Pending litigation can be discussed in executive session under the Open Meeting Law.

Annual TM warrant opens

The town bylaws state the Board of Selectmen must set the date for the Annual Town Meeting on or before Dec. 1 of the preceding year, and it has approved fpr Saturday March 27 at 10 a.m. The date was recommended taking into consideration Easter Sunday, and school vacations. With the date set, the Warrant is now open and Town Manager Mark Haddad reminds residents that 10 signatures are required for any citizen petition articles. Monday, Jan. 12, 2004 is the deadline for submission of Citizen Petition articles.

Nomination papers

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election, which will take place Saturday, April 3, 2004 will become available Monday, Jan. 5, 2004. The last day to submit nomination papers is Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004.

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Cohasset students score high on MCAS

By Samantha Brown
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When the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test results came back to Cohasset this fall, school administrators were very pleased with what they found. With high test scores in all competing grade levels and very few students scoring at the "warning" level, the town can be proud of the efforts of both the teachers and students who work hard to ensure Cohasset is among the top scoring districts in the state.

But to achieve such high marks, students must prepare all year long for what will come in the spring, beginning in the third grade. Depending on grade level, students will be tested on reading skills, mathematics skills, or science skills.

Curriculum coordinator Ruth Fennessey said students take their first MCAS reading test in grade three. This year out of 124 students, 81 percent of third graders were found to be proficient, with 16.9 percent needing improvement and only 1.6 in the warning range.

"We like to have a zero," in the warning category, said Fennessey, which was the case for the 2001-2002 school year, but is still less than the 2 percent students scored in 2000-2001. "We always look to keep the warning numbers very low," she said.

Compared to other schools in the area, Cohasset's third graders are doing very well. Of the 253 students at the Alden School in Duxbury, 76 percent scored in the proficient category, 20 percent need improvement, and 4 percent were at the warning level. Of the 91 students at Hingham's South Elementary School, 84 percent were found proficient, 16 percent need improvement, and no students were at the warning level. Of the 80 students at Scituate's Cushing School, 90 percent was found proficient and 9 percent need improvement. One percent was at the warning level. Of 94 students at the Lillian M. Jacobs school in Hull, 63 percent were found proficient, 31 percent need improvement, and 6 percent were at the warning level.

Even though students take their first formal MCAS test in grade three, Fennessey said they begin preparations as far back as kindergarten. Children who have very little background learning to read when they are enrolled in kindergarten are identified as early as possible and some are given extra help if needed. When children advance to grade one, they might see a reading specialist, if recommended by their reading teacher. In addition, the schools have a Title One program for both reading and math for students in grades one, two, and three which also help students prepare for the tests ahead.

"We continue to do everything we can to prepare kids for it," said Fennessey.

Students in grade four take both reading and mathematics MCAS tests. English scores for 2002-2003 were very high, with 17 percent in the advanced category and 57 percent proficient. Only 25 percent need improvement and 1 percent were in the warning level.

"This is the first year students have to write a long composition," said Fennessey, adding it is a very significant portion of a student's score and much attention is paid to writing during the fourth grade to help in the preparation.

However, scores in math are not as high and Fennessey explained that is due in part to the fact that with math problems, students aren't just dealing with numbers, they must be able to read math problems, apply what they've read to math concepts, and for some open-ended questions, must be able to show all work done to achieve their answer.

"It's the most problematic of all test types," said Fennessey, adding it's not only the fourth graders that have trouble passing math. If a student has trouble with reading comprehension, that can carry over into the math word problems at any grade level.

Students scored 12 percent in the advanced category and 45 percent in the proficient category during the 2002-2003 mathematics test, with 34 percent in the needs improvement category and 9 percent at the warning level.

In order to help prepare students, teachers use past MCAS tests for practice to make sure students are familiar with typical open-ended questions as well as the multiple choice questions and other math problems found on the test. By seeing actual samples, students are better prepared to handle them again during the test, Fennessey said.

The 2002-2003 school year was the first year students in the fifth grade took a science and technology test and Fennessey said she was "pretty pleased" with the results. With 28 percent at the advanced level and 46 percent at the proficient level, it reflects a strong set of scores for the first time taking a science based test. Only 24 percent scored in the needs improvement category and 2 percent in the warning level and again, Fennessey said the amount of open-ended questions could have been a factor in some students not doing as well. Because students are used to reading fiction at the early grade levels, reading excerpts of non-fiction science is much different and sometimes hard to grasp. Therefore, in grades three and four the schools have started introducing students to non-fiction reading to help ease that adjustment.

"We place emphasis on [non-fiction reading] because it is so critical as they move to the upper grade levels," Fennessey said.

South Shore MCAS results

Third Grade - Reading	# Students	% Proficient	% Needs Imp.	% Warning
Osgood Elementary (Cohasset)	124	81	16.9	1.6
Alden Elementary (Duxbury)	253	76	20	4
South Elementary (Hingham)	91	84	16	0
Cushing Elementary (Scituate)	80	90	9	1
Lillian M. Jacobs School (Hull)	94	63	31	6

Eighth Grade - Science	% Advanced	% Proficient	% Needs Imp.	% Warning
Cohasset Middle School	7	39	45	10
Duxbury Middle School	15	37	32	16
Hingham Middle School	11	53	28	8
Gates Intermediate (Scituate)	23	49	21	7
Memorial Middle School (Hull)	8	19	26	48

Tenth Grade - Math	% Advanced	% Proficient	% Needs Imp.	%Warning
Cohasset High School	43	25	25	6
Duxbury High School	35	35	24	6
Hingham High School	48	32	17	4
Scituate High School	29	41	26	3
Hull High School	15	26	35	24

Students in the sixth grade take another math test, which Fennessey said is another test students do very well with. Curriculum during the year is centered around a text which she said is very compatible with the MCAS test and is very thorough in covering topics which are present on the test.

What has changed in the sixth grade from the past though, is the amount of time spent on math in the classroom, Fennessey said, which test scores could be reflecting.

"The minutes devoted has to increase based on what they have to cover," she said, adding students preparing to take the test in April must cover materials all the way up to the pre-algebra level. Students spend one hour and 15 minutes a day on math lessons, which Fennessey said not only prepares them for the MCAS, but for what will come at the middle-school math level.

Students in grade six scored 39 percent at the advanced level and 29 percent at the proficient level. Only 21 percent need improvement and 11 percent were at the warning level.

Middle School scores

In the seventh grade, students take a reading and writing test, which Fennessey said is similar to what students see in the fourth grade. Again, where English is concerned, students tend to do very well, coming in at six percent advanced and 84 percent proficient for the 2002-2003 school year. Only 9 percent scored in the needs improvement category and only 1 percent scored at the warning level. However, Fennessey said the test scores are not completely accurate because there was one student out of the country and under MCAS guidelines, that student was therefore given a minimum score of 200, which by default puts that student at the failing or warning level. That score also counts toward the district's performance level results. According to the Department of Education's web site, the guidelines for absent students were

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Only two arrests in November

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November 2000.

In addition to those taken in protective custody, arrests can include charges ranging from drunk driving and possession of drugs to outstanding warrants, underage drinking, and domestic assault & battery, to name a few. Protective custody is for people who are incapacitated due to alcohol and are not involved in any other offense.

Quigley is one of two veteran officers placed on leave Oct. 20 and are now part of an inquiry involving a private investigator. The officers still do not know why they are on paid administrative leave, according to their attorney Doug Louison.

"I sent a letter last week to Town Counsel Peter Barry requesting again to be advised of the basis for the administrative leave and why the officers are being asked to undergo medical and psychiatric exams," he said. "I've had no response."

Louison said hiring a private investigator smacks of a disingenuous investigation. "They've put the men on administrative leave and are trying to pin something on them."

He said a former employer of Quigley's a decade ago has been contacted by the investigator. "This makes no sense," he said. "Any background investigation would have been made when the officer was hired."

The town's lack of providing a reason for the officers' leave has opened the door to speculation about what the officers may or may not have done.

Allegations range from retaliation for arresting the chief's son in Quigley's case, to drinking on duty at the Rod & Gun club, a charge that both officers have denied. Quigley has denied he was even at the range during the time of the alleged drinking in May.

Town officials won't comment citing privacy issues surrounding personnel matters.

Several officers interviewed by telephone say the dearth of arrests since late October is a direct result of department morale and fear for their jobs.

"We're worried if someone complains, we'll be out the door," said an officer, who asked not to be named.

Although there have been few arrests, the police log is still full of parking tickets and motor vehicle violations, as well as other police matters. And on Sunday, Nov. 16, the quick action of officers Shellee Peters, Lisa Matos and Frank Yannizzi thwarted an apparent robbery attempt at Curtis Liquors.

"Police officers are doing what they have to do to keep the community safe," Chief Jackson said. "I'm satisfied with their performance. They are a good bunch of people."

Some officers said they also upset over the recent appointment of Officer Bill English replacing Officer Rick Grassie as court prosecutor, over four others who applied for the position and have been with the police department much longer. English, who holds a master's degree in criminal justice and is a former probation officer with the Plymouth District Court, joined the police department in July 2002 and attended the police academy. He went on patrol last December.

"I chose Bill because of his previous court experience and educational credentials," Jackson said. "Others were well qualified, but I felt Bill would be best able to serve the community."

Fence case continued to Jan. 7

By Mary Ford
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Three young men — one of whom is Police Chief Robert Jackson's son — who stand accused of breaking the handicapped railing during an alleged fight at the Legion post on Summer Street on a Saturday night in October, will be back in court on Jan. 7.

At their Nov. 20 arraignment, where the men pleaded not guilty, Ron Rice, the attorney for Keith Jackson, filed a motion for dismissal that he hoped would be acted upon at Tuesday's pretrial hearing.

But Judge Robert Tochka granted Assistant District Attorney Michael Connolly's request for a continuance on the motion for dismissal during second call in a courtroom at Quincy District Court over vocal objections from the men's attorneys, who did not want the matter to drag on any further.

At issue during Tuesday's pretrial conference is a tape recording of a Nov. 10 probable cause hearing before Judge Mark Coven during which the District Attorney's office successfully argued to bring forward the charge of malicious destruction of property over $250 (the broken railing). The DA's office says the tapes — transcripts of which will be provided to the defendants — will show there was probable cause for the arrest although the attorneys for the defendants argued Coven's ruling concerned only process.

The DA's office contends Keith Jackson, 24, and Jerry Cogill, 25, both of Cohasset, and Adam Thibault, 25, of Hingham, should have been arraigned on the malicious destruction charge along with disorderly conduct and affray on Oct. 14. However, the Cohasset police prosecutor did not file the complaint after seeing a letter from the Legion post commander stating the fence damage was preexisting.

The DA's office, which subsequently removed then Cohasset police prosecutor Rick Grassie from the court, said the determination of probable cause should be up to a judge and the prosecutor should have processed the complaint.

The arrest of the chief's son at the Legion post on Oct. 11 is alleged by police sources to be a reason why veteran officer, Sgt. William Quigley, has been put on administrative leave, and the lack of an arraignment of the three defendants on Oct. 14 has only stirred more controversy.

Jackson's attorney asked Judge Tochka to dismiss the malicious destruction charge because of insufficient evidence. Rice noted there was no testimony at the hearing before Coven, and nothing was presented that didn't exist in the police reports, which are part of the file.

Bolstering the argument about process, Rice noted Judge Coven issued a ruling on the malicious destruction charge only — not the two misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and fighting. It is unclear why Coven did not bring the other charges forward. However, the DA's appeals office plans to review the tapes of the probable cause hearing.

Attorney Robert Cohen, who is representing Cogill, argued the DA's office has had time to review the evidence.

"There is nothing in the tapes; [the evidence] is based on the police reports you have before you today," he said. Cohen urged the judge not to continue the hearing with the holidays ahead and suggested the matter be heard that very day before Judge Coven, who is familiar with the case.

Bill Bowling, Thibault's attorney, described the tapes as a "red herring" and noted the defense had not been notified the tapes had been ordered.

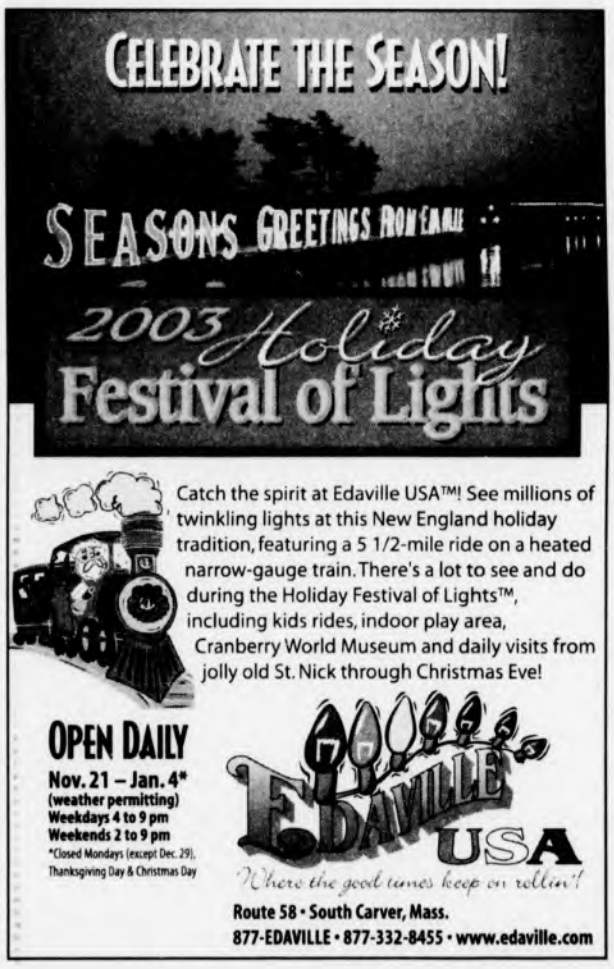
Connolly, the assistant district attorney, said the tapes would show what Judge Coven said at the probable cause hearing and was granted the continuance.

Comments on draft Master Plan sought

The Growth and Development Committee, appointed by the Selectmen in 2000 to help draft a thoughtful and long term strategy to manage town growth, seeks public input on the draft Master Plan. There are a number of ways to review the draft Master Plan, including:

- At the Town Website – www.Cohassetmass.org – click on the link for the Master Plan in the upper right corner of the home page
- At the Town Clerk or Paul Pratt Memorial Library – each location has a full-color, printed copy in a loose-leaf binder, for ease of copying specific chapters, maps or sections
- At the Town Planning Office on a CD-ROM (by request at 383-3517)

Please submit your comments by Dec. 15 to Liz Harrington, Town Planner at Town Hall.



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Holiday happenings sure are abounding around town!

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HOLIDAY HELPERS NEEDED

Hello Cohasset and welcome to this wonderful holiday season! As you will see as you read this week's column, many groups and organizations are looking to help people all over and are looking for your help. This is a great time for us all to look around and see how much we have and what we are thankful for and to give whatever we can to others. Blankets, toys, jackets and so much more really help those who are in need and can make such a difference at this time of year.

BLANKET, TOILETRY DRIVE

The blanket and toiletry drive organized by the sixth-grade Religious Education Class at St. Anthony's to benefit the Shattuck Shelter in Jamaica Plain will be held the Dec. 6 & 7. Toiletries and donations of blankets, comforters, and linens in good condition will be accepted at the Parish Center as follows: Saturday, Dec. 6, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For those townspeople that wish to make a monetary donation, contributions can be sent to St. Anthony's Blanket Drive, 129 South Main St., Cohasset. Your donation, large or small, can make a powerful difference for those in need. An army surplus blanket can be purchased for $5. With even more budget cuts and the prospect of another harsh winter, the need is even more acute. Please help in making this holiday mission as successful as last year. For more information, please call either **Darilynn Evans** at 781-383-0644 or **Beth Seraikas** at 781-383-9154.

FIELD HOCKEY MVP

Cohasset athlete **Michela Valente** was honored at the Newton Country Day Middle School November Awards Assembly. Recognized for building her individual and team skills, Valente, received the Most Valuable Player Award for Field Hockey. She was picked as MVP by her coaches and teammates.

IN THE NUTCRACKER

Let's hear it for this very talented young lady from Cohasset. **Thomson Jaffee**, daughter of **Chuck and Susan Jaffee,** is performing as a soldier in José Mateo's Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker" now on stage at the Sanctuary Theatre in Harvard Square. Thomson is a student at the South Shore Ballet Academy and the Deer Hill School. Congratulations Thomson on this wonderful experience!

HARBOR RESORT TOY DRIVE

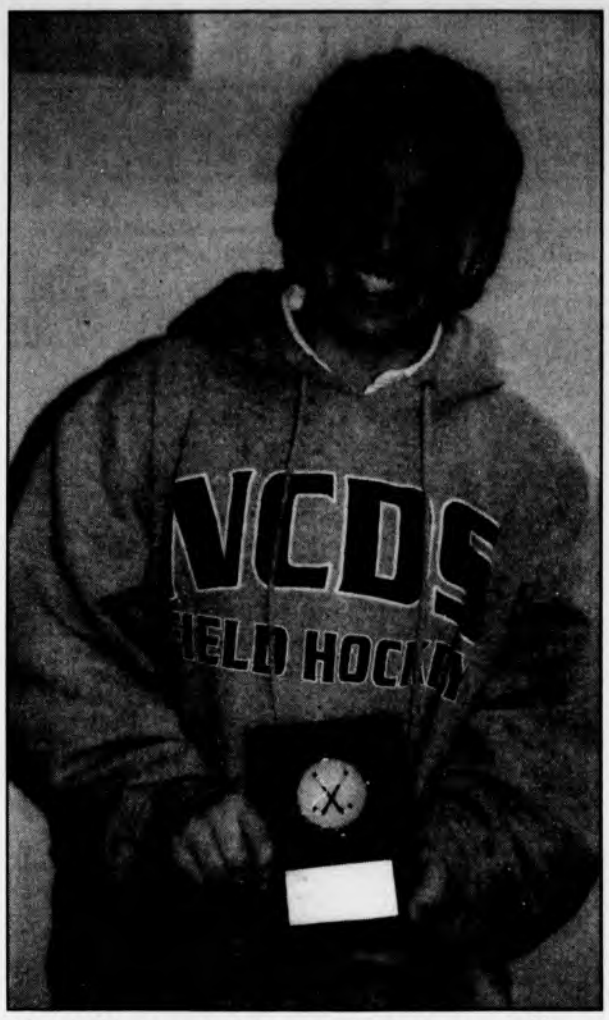
The Cohasset Harbor Resort (Atlantica & the Cohasset Harbor Inn) will be collecting "Toys for Tots" from Dec. 1-19. This program, facilitated by the U.S. Marines will help to bring needy children toys this holiday season. All are welcome to bring in a non-violent, unwrapped gift from Dec. 1 -19.

SUPER SAILOR

At the annual awards dinner of the Massachusetts Bay Sailing Association at the Sonesta Hotel/Cambridge **Frances McElwain Wakeman** of Cohasset received the President's Award for a Lifetime Achievement of Sailing. This is a wonderful achievement for you to have earned, congratulations!

UNION DEAN'S LIST

Victoria Hurley and **Sarah Kidder**, both members of the Class of 2005 at Union College, have both been named to the 2002-2003 dean's list. Victoria, 136 Border St., is a biology-computer science double major and Sarah, 2 Cushing Road, is a biology major. They are both members of the Cohasset High School Class of 2001. In order to be named to the dean's list at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., a student must have maintained an overall index of 3.5 or greater. Great job to both of you ladies!



Michela Valente received the most valuable player award for field hockey at Newton Country Day Middle School.

XAVERIAN HONORS

Mark Lewis, a Junior at Xaverian Brothers High School and son of **Mr. and Mrs. Kevin F. Lewis,** earned second honors for the first marking period of this year. Keep up the hard work Mark and we will read about you again I am sure. Super job!

SANTA IS COMING!

Santa Claus is coming to Cohasset's annual Village Fair on the Common, this Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hosted by four of Cohasset's churches and the non-profit Appalachia Service Project (ASP), the fair is a wonderful way to begin celebrating the season! Stop by and visit Santa on Cohasset Common between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (He'll be in the Second Congregational Church nursery if it rains.) Your child can share their wish list and have a photo taken for just $2 to $4. All proceeds support ASP's home repair program.

Santa's elves will also be on hand at St. Stephen's Church in the "Secret Room" where children, escorted by ASP's teen-volunteers dressed as elves, can pick out a special something for Mom, Dad, brother or sister. Volunteers will help each child carefully select, wrap and label their surprises so they're ready to go under the tree. All gifts range from just $1 to $4 each.

The Rusty Skippers will be performing their annual Holiday Pops Concert at First Parish Church at noon on Saturday, Dec. 6, during the Village Fair on the Common. The Skippers have been busy preparing a variety of new holiday selections including a Nutcracker medley, Sleigh Ride (made famous by the Boston Pops), Jingle Bell Rock and many other familiar tunes and carols. The concert is free and all ages are welcome. A free will offering for Cohasset's Food Pantry will be taken. The Rusty Skippers were formed in 1995 as part of the Cohasset HarborFest at the enthusiastic suggestion of the late Rev. Ed. Atkinson of First Parish. The Skippers play under the direction of Steve Biagini, Director of Instrumental Music at Deer Hill School.

VILLAGE CELEBRATION!

This inaugural celebration of the holiday season will take place in Cohasset's quaint seaside village. The Cohasset village merchants will participate by decorating their storefront and providing family fun, food and entertainment. In addition to kicking off the holiday spirit, the merchants association wanted to show appreciation to the residents of Cohasset during this special time of year. "A Cohasset Village Holiday" will take place on Saturday, Dec. 13, 5-8 p.m., and Sunday Dec. 14, 1-4 p.m.

Here is a sample of the holiday fun for everyone: Local merchant, The Dogwash will feature "pictures with your pet"; Realtors Dean & Hamilton will turn their office into a giant ginger bread house complete with refreshments for all. The Atlantica staff will be in the street promoting their new menu with a water view, The Red Lion Inn will host a "winter snow ball" dance for sixth-eighth graders in their barn. Also, Village Wine & Spirits will feature a wine tasting and a visit to Coldwell Banker will allow a picture with Santa himself.

The village merchants will be selling ornaments that can be purchased for a donation of $2 each. Ornaments are to be hung on the tree in front of Cohasset Hardware. All donations go to the Cohasset Food Pantry. All are invited to join in on this first time Cohasset village celebration (rain, snow or shine)!

DEER HILL FAIR

The Deer Hill Holiday Fair is happening Dec. 8-12. Students will attend during their regular library period. Parents and grandparents are welcome during school hours or on Thursday evening, Dec. 11, before and after the Holiday Concert. This is another wonderful way to help with your holiday shopping needs and to let your shopping dollars benefit the Deer Hill School. Mrs. Murphy will be on hand to help children select books for themselves or to give as gifts. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, call **Karen MacCormack**, 383-6901 or **Barb Mullin**, 383-0953.

ST. PAUL SCHOOL BAZAAR

On Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6, St. Paul School in Hingham will be having its annual Christmas Bazaar. The Bazaar will be held in the school hall which is located at 18 Fearing Road across the street from Citizens Bank. On Friday the Bazaar will feature a silent auction, raffle prizes, handmade crafts, wreaths, boxwood trees, refreshments and children's games. On Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. the Bazaar continues with Breakfast with Santa. This is an opportunity to have your picture taken while you talk to Santa and to enjoy a nice breakfast. Tickets for the breakfast are $5 per adult and $3 per child.

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Horsefield helps volunteers keep Senior Center running

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because although the CEA is a town department, it only receives one-half of 1 percent of the total town's budget.

"We look to Martha to help us make it through the day, the week, and the year," she said.

Perhaps because of her former work experience, Horsefield seemed to be a perfect fit for the position from the start. For 30 years, Horsefield worked at New England Baptist hospital in Boston and was the assistant to the CEO.

"You wear many hats," she said of her former role. One project she was very dedicated to while she worked for the hospital was the rekindling of the hospital's volunteer program, which she said was a very rewarding experience because the program expanded so greatly during her time there. In fact, she said it became too overwhelming for her to keep as a side project and a volunteer coordinator needed to be hired to take on the position.

But now that Horsefield is working in Cohasset, she doesn't need to go looking for volunteers because there is never a shortage of community support. Sometimes she said, volunteers will come forward out of the blue just when they are needed the most.

"It's amazing where the blessings come from," added Bryanton.

Horsefield said a Thanksgiving dinner was held for seniors at Atlantica last week and because many volunteers are retired and spend their winters in Florida, there has recently been a shortage of van drivers. She said there could have been a problem with transportation, but suddenly someone came forward who was interested in volunteering time to drive and he went into training the following day. He also happened to be a long-time resident and knew the streets of Cohasset extremely well.

"It's from heaven — absolutely," said Bryanton, adding how appreciative she was to Atlantica for hosting such a wonderful dinner, and to the staff who volunteered their time to ensure a nice day for the seniors.

Horsefield said there are volunteers who help out many times a week and some who donate services on a temporary basis, and everyone's help is highly appreciated. But no matter what amount of time is donated, she said across the board, "They all move in such nice ways to be helpful."

She said there are many women who come every week to answer the phones in the office, which get very busy. They confirm those who are coming for lunch and those who need transportation to various places around town, and no matter what, they always have a friendly manner on the phone, she said. Some volunteers will go on shopping trips to the grocery store with the seniors, and some will pick up a shopping list from those who cannot make the trip and will do the shopping for them. Horsefield said there is even one high school student who gives a computer class for seniors once a week which they thoroughly enjoy.

"I stand in awe," of the support the CEA receives, Horsefield said.

Because the volunteers are such a huge part of the operation at the CEA, Horsefield is coordinating a high tea in their honor. While she would love to be able to include all volunteers past and present, there have been so many it is only possible to include those who have donated time just over this past year.

"It's our way of saying thank you," she said.

And both women agree that the volunteer efforts put forth by the town not only speak volumes of the people who live here, but also help keep a valuable service available to some very special residents in town.

"Without the volunteers, it couldn't be done," Horsefield said.

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Volunteer Coordinator Martha Horsefield, left, and CEA Director Kathy Bryanton serve Katherine Baker at a special birthday party for the 80s and 90s set last spring at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

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to extend an invitation to all women in town to attend their fourth annual Christmas Tea on Tuesday Dec. 9 from 12-2 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's Residence. It is a wonderful opportunity to escape the busy rush of the holiday season and enjoy a special speaker with a seasonal message. It is also a fun chance to see your friends and neighbors. Please contact **Joan Busk** at 383-6110 if you have any questions.

PROJECT TURNABOUT

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting Christmas gifts for the children of the clients at Project Turnabout in Hingham. If you wish to participate in gift giving you may take a star from the Consignment Shop's Christmas tree. Gifts should be unwrapped and dropped off by Dec. 18. The Cohasset Girl Scouts decorated the tree and will wrap the gifts.

STUFF-A-BUS DRIVE

Get ready to donate a gift to a needy boy or girl at the Cohasset RTF (the dump) on Saturday, Dec. 13. **Dama Dow** and **Peggy Litchfield**, both local bus drivers are working together to "Stuff-A-Bus" filled with toys for the Toys For Tots program and would love to have you and your family come to the RTF during the regular business hours with a new, unwrapped, unused toy to donate. They will be located next to the very popular "Boutique" and will also be accepting financial donations to help benefit this cause. If you have any questions, you can call Dama at 781-706-7068 or Peggy at 781-923-1080.

That is all. Make sure to get me all your news and information no later than Mondays at noon.

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Hingham Symphony Welcomes Yule!

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On Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m., the HSO performs in St. Anthony's Church, South Main Street, Cohasset. With its excellent acoustics and open seating, St. Anthony's naturally amplifies the sound of the orchestra, filling the space with music. Also, at this concert HSO Fanfare members will host a reception for all during intermission.

At both concerts, the HSO will perform Stravinsky's Pulcinella Suite from the ballet of the same name, and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8. Audience members will also sing several carols played by the orchestra and conducted by Jin Kim. An annual event, the Welcome Yule concert is known to spark the holiday spirit with its joyous music and enthusiastic audiences. The encore, Anderson's Sleigh Ride, is beloved by all.

Tickets at $25 adult, $20 senior, and $10 youth through age 18, are available at Hingham and Weymouth Main Libraries, Nobles, Hingham Square, Buttonwood Books, Cohasset and Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, or call 781-740-5694 to order by phone.

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The Hull Lifesaving Museum is celebrating the holiday season with its annual Seaside Holiday Fair on Dec. 13 & 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ., at 1117 Nantasket Ave. The museum's newly painted Station is festively decorated with running greens and bows, and the Museum Store fully stocked with clothing, maritime books, music, ornaments, toys, soaps, and other gifts. In addition to the dozen artisans featured at the craft fair, the Station will be showcasing local artists with affordable watercolors, oil paintings and prints during the festival weekend.

The fair also features an array of exhibitors offering jewelry, soft sculpture ornaments, chocolate goodies, Christmas ornaments and wreaths, custom engraved giftware, scrapbooking supplies, Nantasket memorabilia, and book signings by local authors. Children's activities are scheduled throughout the weekend in the loft. Admission and parking are free. For more information, please call Corinne Leung at the Museum, at (781) 925-5433.

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Cohasset students score high on MCAS

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put in place to support the legal requirements that all students participate in the MCAS testing program.

Students in the eighth grade take a math and a science and technology test. Eighth grade math mainly consists of algebra, and because it is such a heavy course load, the high school department head is in charge of student's math classes, making sure adjustments in curriculum are made according to test scores and what the state reports as weak areas.

For the 2002-2003 math tests, scores went down from the previous two years in the advanced category coming in at 25 percent. However, scores have risen steadily in the proficient category and are up to 46 percent, while 20 percent need improvement and 8 percent are at the warning level.

The 2002-2003 school year was the first time eighth graders took a science and technology test.

"It has been highly criticized for its content," Fennessey said.

On Cohasset's first time out, 7 percent scored in the advanced level, with 39 percent at the proficient level and 45 percent at the needs improvement level. Ten percent were at the warning level.

Fennessey said the curriculum is being looked at to see how it matches what is asked of students on the test, and the head of the high school science department will be in charge of making any necessary curriculum changes.

Overall, Cohasset's eighth graders are doing just as well as other schools who took their first swing at the science and technology test last spring. At Hingham Middle School, 11 percent scored at the advanced level, while 53 percent were proficient, 28 percent need improvement, and 8 percent were at the warning level. At Gates Intermediate School in Scituate, 23 percent were in the advanced category, 49 percent scored proficient, 21 percent need improvement and 7 percent were in the warning level. At Duxbury Middle School 15 percent scored at the advanced level, 37 percent scored at the proficient level, 32 percent need improvement and 16 percent were at the warning level. At Memorial Middle School in Hull, 8 percent scored at the advanced level, 19 percent scored at the proficient level, 26 percent needed improvement and 48 percent were at the warning level.

High School scores

When students reach grade 10, they have reached the last round of testing and must take both an English and a math test to graduate.

"We've always been proud of our tenth grade scores," Fennessey said, adding everyone passed the English portion on the first time out during the 2002-2003 school year. Thirty-nine percent scored at the advanced level, while 43 percent scored proficient, and 18 percent need improvement.

But the grade 10 math test is described by Fennessey as the hardest test of all, and while a good portion of last year's class passed the test, there were some who came in at the warning level, which means students must retake the test to graduate.

In 2002-2003, 43 percent of students scored at the advanced level, which has steadily increased from the two years prior. There were 25 percent who scored at the proficient level and 25 percent at the needs improvement level. For the 6 percent who scored in the warning level, the state holds 5 dates to take the test again and the school provides tutoring opportunities which are funded by state grants. Fennessey said the school holds academic support tutoring in small groups and on an individual basis, both before and after school for those who need additional assistance. Last year's graduating class was the first class required to pass the MCAS test to graduate from Cohasset High School, and everyone received their diploma.

In neighboring towns, students did comparably well. Students from Duxbury High School had 35 percent at the advanced level, 35 percent at the proficient level, 24 percent need improvement and 6 percent at the warning level. Students at Hingham High School had 48 percent at the advanced level, 32 percent proficient, 17 percent need improvement, and 4 percent at the warning level. At Scituate High School, 29 percent scored at the advanced level, 41 percent scored at the proficient level, 26 percent need improvement and 3 percent were at the warning level. Hull High School had 15 percent at the advanced level, 26 percent proficient , 35 percent need improvement, and 24 percent at the warning level.

Fennessey said there are plenty of ways parents can help their children prepare for the MCAS test, in addition to the preparation they receive at school. Copies of previous tests can be found online and there are books geared toward passing the Massachusetts MCAS test available at many book stores.

For more information on school curriculum or the MCAS test, please contact Curriculum Coordinator Ruth Fennessey at (781) 383-3031.

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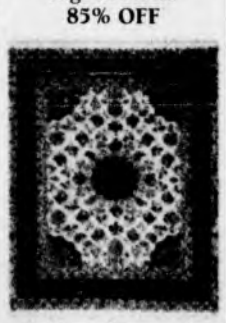

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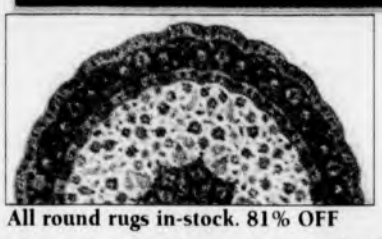

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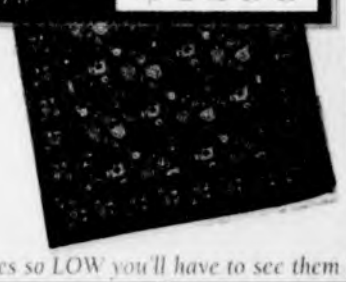

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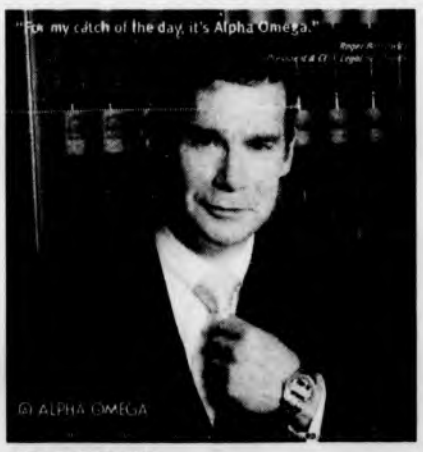

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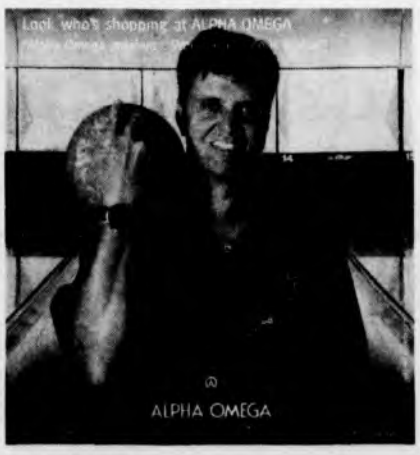

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OPINION

Holiday driving and common sense

GUEST EDITORIAL

STEVE BOBO

It's time again to remind everyone about the need to exercise restraint using or when offering alcohol to someone who may be driving. I heard the other night on TV about a Texas high school football coach who suspended six of his players for drinking before a Friday night football game. Naturally, the team lost, but the entire crowd that had watched the game, almost everyone in town — because Friday night football is a way of life in Texas — gave the team a standing ovation as it left the field. Surely that was a lesson we could use about permitting our kids to drink, would that we had something as compelling as Texas Friday night football to keep our kids from drinking.

Massachusetts is highest in the nation in repeat offenders in accidents involving alcohol.

An alcohol-related motor vehicle crash kills someone every 30 minutes and injures someone every two minutes. Each year, alcohol-related crashes in the United States cost about $51 billion. Most drinking and driving episodes go undetected, but in 2001, more than 1.4 million drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. That's slightly more than 1 percent of the 120 million self-reported episodes of alcohol–impaired driving among U.S. adults each year.

Rates have begun to rise after a decade of decline in alcohol-related fatal crashes. Since 1999, they have increased by 4 percent to 10 percent for all age groups except for ages 16 to 17 years and the trend is rising.

Massachusetts has few remedies for drinking and driving. Studies show that fewer alcohol-related crashes occur when sobriety checkpoints are implemented, according to a CDC report published in the December 2002 issue of Traffic Injury Prevention. Sobriety checkpoints are traffic stops where law enforcement officers systematically select drivers to assess their level of alcohol impairment. The goal of these interventions is to deter alcohol-impaired driving by increasing drivers' perceived risk of arrest. There will be few such checkpoints in Massachusetts, but they will be no substitute for a word of caution to young people.

According to recent articles in the Boston press, Massachusetts is highest in the nation in repeat offenders in accidents involving alcohol. We have a judicial system which is indulgent about alcohol abuse. It's difficult to control drinking in such an environment.

We've had our share of alcohol related deaths and injuries in Cohasset. Most parents manage their holiday revelry with good common sense. Don't wait to have a loved one stopped for an alcohol related automobile violation.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

POLITICAL NOTES

Democrats' party benefits food pantry

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee invites one and all to join them at their gala Holiday Party, to be held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 3-5 p.m.. The committee will be celebrating the season and collecting gifts of food for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

Town Committee Chair, Agnes McCann, adds, "This is the perfect stop for everyone attending the Village Faire on Saturday on the Commons. Just walk on down to join us. We ask that you bring your good cheer and a food donation to the Food Pantry."

For more information please contact Ms. McCann at 383-0222.

Republicans to party Sunday, December 7

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee is hosting its annual Holiday Party on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 5-9 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's Cottage in Cohasset Harbor. Come and celebrate the joy of the season with good food, good cheer and good Republicans. RSVP by Dec. 1 to Heather Palmer at 781-383-3339.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There is no painless answer to terrorism

TO THE EDITOR:

Many mothers are grief stricken in empathy with the mothers of our military casualties. Some feel that President Bush should have to meet face to face with bereaved families and feel the consequences of his policies.

What about the grief of the families bereaved from a long series of attacks by terrorists in the last several years, of which the 9/11 horror at the New York's Twin Towers is only the most remembered one! What about the grief of families of future casualties resulting from failure of the world's only remaining superpower (and favorite target) to have taken the war to the several nations where terrorism is based, but instead sat stupidly waiting to be hit again. And again! And again! What about the victims of naïve trust in sanctions, in diplomacy and in similar futile address to terrorists and their host nations? Weep for all the future victims of declining resolve, victims of sacrificing countless civilian and military lives in the long future rather than to have taken some military casualties in the near term.

There is no painless answer to terrorism!

Should we have limited our anti-terrorist campaign to Afghanistan, and not gone into Iraq? No, we have to demonstrate powerful and unflagging resolve in as many terrorist host states as it takes to force the remaining ones to abandon their support for terrorists, to defang them, to begin actively co-operating in preventing their resurgence. Unsatisfactory post war results in Iraq is not a valid argument to lose resolve and abandon the only policy that could achieve the long term goal of defeating terrorism. That President Bush never served in combat is irrelevant; neither did Franklin Roosevelt, who provided magnificent leadership in WW2!

As for requiring the President to visit the bereaved, not as a gracious act of sympathy, but a punishment for his policies, and to weaken his determination, how is that in the nation's interest? Presidents age visibly and terribly enough from the never-ending strain of their few years in office, coping with the whirlwind of events, competing pressures, powerful opponents; constantly agonizing over which of several answers to complex issues is the least of the evils, and so on. Need we erode his strength further by adding the burden of comforting the bereaved, especially if the motive is not really to comfort the bereaved, but to punish him and weaken his resolve to address the root cause of the tragedy?

Let him visit to the degree that his time permits from his awesome mountain of national and world issues, and as his own humanity urges him, and leave it at that! He is the man who has to make the awesome decisions for all of us!

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Crisis in confidence

Mr. McElroy provided The Mariner with a copy of his letter.

TO THE EDITOR:

Town Manager Mark Haddad
Chief of Police Bob Jackson

It is unfortunate that the altercation outside the American Legion ever occurred. It is also strange to many of us that there seems to be a "conspiracy of silence" on the Quigley/McLean situation. All we know is that it is costing about $800 per week in overtime pay.

However, my greatest concern is that the names of many good and probably totally innocent parties are being dragged into the media coverage and it is not the media's fault.

It is time that the truth is told to the media and the public so appropriate action can be taken and confidence restored. The crisis in confidence is spreading well beyond those so far mentioned in the media; to include both of you, so, please be more candid.

Joe McElroy
59 Windy Hill road

Development and Gulf River pollution

TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Oddleifson provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter to the Planning Board.

We are writing to express our concern about the potential harmful effects of the subject development to the Gulf River watershed and estuary. The Gulf Association has monitored the water quality of this estuary for over 10 years, and sadly, despite significant sewer hook-ups in Cohasset, continues to see serious water quality problems. In 2002 we had a major algae buildup, indicating the fragility of this waterway. Any additional runoff from its tributaries will exacerbate the eutrophic conditions arising from Cohasset's clay subsoils and rocky terrain which facilitate the flow of mineral and organic materials into the Gulf. Our land is impervious to normal filtration of water systems.

This spring we received a Natural Resource Inventory Report, commissioned by our Association, from the Urban Harbors Institute of the University of Massachusetts, Boston, which specifically cites pollution entering the river through its tributaries. Pegram's Brook, a principal tributary in Cohasset flowing into the Gulf, was reported to have high fecal coliform readings too numerous to count.

Pegram's Brook is fed by Mealy's Pond off Beechwood Street, and according to the Board of Health, "large amounts of storm water are proposed to be discharged into an intermittent stream. This discharge will increase water flow over the adjacent Nader property where a preliminary subdivision plan has already been approved, through a registered vernal pool into an intermittent stream and thence to Mealy's Pond." This additional load of surface water runoff represents a severe and unacceptable threat to the Gulf River.

The river is fed by four brooks — James, Pegram, Bound and Musquashcut. Failed wastewater systems and the silt and nutrients from storm-water runoff are on-going problems which will increase with more development and building.

The mission of the Association is to educate citizens about the trends we see in Gulf River conditions, and to suggest ways to reverse them. Accordingly, we embrace the Oct. 31 comments of the Norfolk RAM Group regarding the storm-water management system proposed for the Cedarmere Senior Multi-Family Overlay Development. They observe that the system should be designed to provide a sufficient level of environmental controls necessary to adequately protect all tributaries to the Lily Pond drinking water supply, and suggest specific design solutions. Lily Pond is already experiencing eutrophic conditions, and water from Lily Pond flows down Bound Brook to Hunter's Pond, and thence into the Gulf. We ask that the RAM Group recommendations be incorporated into the conditions necessary for project approval.

Eric Oddleifson
42 River Road
President
The Gulf Association

LIBRARY CORNER

Warm coats for Little Wanderers

The Cohasset Girl Scouts are collecting clean, gently used coats for children of all ages on behalf of Boston's Home for the Little Wanderers. A drop-off box will be available in the Children's Room at the Paul Pratt library beginning Monday, Dec. 1.

Box tops for education

Box Tops for Education, the General Mills sponsored program, can be dropped off at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. There is a poster and receptacle above the coffee brewer in the Community Room. Each week Children's Room volunteers, from the Deer Hill School, bring the box tops to Mrs. Murphy, the Deer Hill librarian.

Santa Claus comes to town!

Jingle Bell walk rings in the season

Above: Amelia Vinluan and son Jamie, listen as Mrs. Claus leads the singing at the community center.

At left: Denise and Parker Bowen join in singing carols at the South Shore Community Center Jingle Bell Walk last Friday.

At right: Will Bowen rocks with Santa.

STAFF PHOTOS BY ALAN CHAPMAN

Kathleen Errechetti makes Santa proud with her bowling prowess while David Dockendorff looks on

Kaitln McGovern races to get a glimpse of Santa who arrived by boat at the harbor.

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at the South Shore Community Center.

Mrs. Claus (aka Mary Brennock) leads the singing at the community center.

Frosty throws jingle bells to the kids as he makes his entrance.

Cedarmere launches lawsuit over denied access to sewer

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risk of overloading the existing sewer system, which the team's engineering consultants at Fay, Spofford & Thorndike said has been determined through much research.

However, Daniel Coughlin, Senior Associate for Tutela Engineering Associates Inc., the town's consultant, gave a report to the Commission, which contradicts what Cedarmere's engineer found. Coughlin said he was not convinced there would be enough sewer capacity for the project, and recommended a denial until further data could be collected over time.

"We made our decision based about 50 percent on Dan's engineering report," said Sewer Commission Chairman Raymond Kasperowicz at Monday's meeting. The denial was also based on the fact the project would be located outside the Town Meeting designated Central Wastewater Sewer Service District, and historically, the Commission has not granted approval on hook-ups outside the district without a Town Meeting vote. Therefore, the Commission does not believe it has any obligation to fulfill a sewer request for the Cedarmere team.

However, because it has been an unwritten rule that those outside the district will not be granted sewer access, and while Commission members say they have been consistent in following that rule, they felt it should be addressed in the board's regulations. Kasperowicz said Jerusalem Road Estates was denied access on the same grounds, as well as many other homes in town, and the proposed Avalon development.

Gary Vanderweil, who serves as an associate member for the Sewer Commission, said when Avalon came looking for a permit and was not granted access, "Instead of forcing the issue like Cedarmere," they went looking for alternate solutions.

By adopting a new regulation, Kasperowicz said he hopes those who do not qualify for access won't waste their own time and money applying, or the board's time in the future. The new regulation clearly states, "...the Commission has determined that entertaining applications for connection by property owners or their agents outside the above referenced Districts will not be accepted. The Commission cannot prudently accept additional flows to its own wastewater treatment plant or to its connection to the Hull wastewater treatment plant until a reasonable period of time has elapsed to allow evaluation of usage patterns after all potential users are hooked up and have had an opportunity to establish a usage record."

"This may change over time," said Kasperowicz, adding after having a few years of data behind the plant, and all planned connections in place, the Commission may find there is capacity to hook up those outside the district and the regulation could be removed. He suggested the plant be reviewed annually, and the appropriate decision will be made at each time of review.

The change to the regulation was approved by Kasperowicz and John Beck, with Sean Cunning abstaining. Cunning has recused himself from all voting regarding the Cedarmere issue due to a conflict of interest. Because Cunning works as an insurance agent, and the Cedarmere developers have a small policy through him, he has been advised by Town Counsel not to vote on any matters pertaining to Cedarmere.

But after voting the new regulation in, there was still business to be discussed by the board as it had the second Cedarmere application for a sewer connection in front of it. Kasperowicz said because the application was the same and the developers were not present to share any new information, he felt there would be no reason not to deny the application again, based on the previous ruling. Beck agreed, and the application was denied.

Cedarmere affordable units to take center stage

Developers come before Selectmen on Tuesday night

By Samantha Brown
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The Senior Overlay District bylaw is new to Cohasset and the kinks are still being worked out. Cedarmere is the first project to file under the bylaw and is therefore serving as the guinea pig in setting precedents for developments in the future. However, because it is the first, guidelines for the project will be open to some interpretation and some aspects of the bylaw have already caused some waves.

The Selectmen will meet with the Cedarmere team Tuesday to hash out some of the issues surrounding the process, but because the town has never worked with the bylaw or a LIP (Local Initiative Project) project before, the discussion is sure to continue into subsequent meetings.

Under the town's Senior Overlay District Bylaw, projects are required to have an affordable component, which Cedarmere does. However, because the affordable units are housed in a separate building on site, meaning they do not blend in with other housing on the property, they must meet the criteria of a "Lip Units Only," project under the state's Local Initiative Program in order to "count" toward the town's affordable housing stock. The town is trying to meet a 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state to get out from under more 40B projects, like Avalon.

The Selectmen will need to endorse the project in order for an application to qualifyas a LIP project. However, the Cedarmere team has its own interpretation of what the involvement of the Selectmen should be in the recommendation process.

A letter from Cedarmere's attorney Robert Tuchmann said members of the Planning Board had inquired about whether the project would meet the affordable criteria of the Senior Overlay District bylaw even without the endorsement of the Selectmen on the affordable components. Under the town's bylaw, "Affordable units in a SMRD must qualify as low or moderate income housing units eligible to be included in the calculation of such units," by the DHCD.

In the letter, Tuchmann explains he understands the law to read, units are eligible to be counted in the DHCD's calculation as long as they meet the seven requirements set by the DHCD. He thinks in terms of eligibility, it doesn't matter whether the Selectmen choose to endorse the project or not and the project's being able to qualify under the Senior Overlay would not be affected.

"The board's endorsement is a prerequisite only to the actual counting of the units by the DHCD, and not to their eligibility to be so counted," Tuchmann said.

Town Planner Liz Harrington said because the whole process of working with the bylaw is so new, these are issues that will have to be ironed out as it unfolds and what will happen in terms of the criteria Cedarmere must fulfill for eligibility requirements is anyone's guess at this point.

But some Selectmen want to be sure their role in the process isn't diminished.

"I don't think our role is a rubber stamp," said Selectman Tom Callahan at the board's last meeting, adding he thinks the Selectmen have an important role in the approval process and expects the proper discussions to be carried out. He said there are still many questions to be answered by developers not only for the board, but for abutters as well.

"We're going to hear it and we're going to need to address

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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November 28, 2003

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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on four roll calls and local representatives' votes on three roll calls from recent sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

RESTRICT USE OF HEALTH CARE FUNDS (H 4004)

House 136-23, Senate 36-3, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget section prohibiting health care facilities that receive public funds from using those funds directly or indirectly for political contributions, lobbying activities, entertainment expenses or efforts to assist or deter union organizing. The section requires that the funds be returned to the state if the health care facility violates the restriction. Override supporters said that the restriction would ensure that this public money received by nursing homes, hospitals and other health care facilities is spent on health care for the patients and residents and not on these other matters. They pointed to a case in which managers at South Boston's Marian Manor Nursing spent considerable time and effort harassing the home's workers and discouraging them from forming a union. Override opponents said they support the intent of the restriction but argued that it would impose new costs and responsibilities on a state agency to investigate and act on these violations without providing the funding to do so. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment restricting the use of the health care funds. A "Nay" vote is against the restriction).

Senator Hedlund: Y — Representative Bradley: Y

PLACEMENT OF BABIES (H 4325)

House 101-57, favored but fell short of the two-thirds vote required to suspend rules to allow immediate consideration of a bill allowing parents to leave their baby under the age of seven days at a police or fire station or hospital emergency room. The baby would then be placed into the state's foster care system. The measure requires the worker accepting the baby to make every effort to solicit identifying and background information from the parents. It also requires the state to begin the process of terminating parental rights but stipulates that this voluntary abandonment does not constitute an automatic termination of parental rights. Other provisions require the state to publicize the new law and provide that the law expires in January 2006. Supporters of rule suspension said 41 states have similar laws and noted it is important to immediately consider this bill that is designed to save lives and give young, scared mothers a choice. They argued that without this new law, unsafe abandonment or even the killing of babies would continue. Some opponents of rule suspension said members have not had time to read and understand the proposed new version of the bill and argued that the measure is a serious one that should not be rushed through the House and should instead be considered the following day. They said that supporters are bringing up the bill because the House has some spare time. Others said they oppose the bill itself because it sends the wrong message by legalizing child neglect and abandonment for the first seven days of a baby's life. They noted the state already provides ample opportunity to give up babies for adoption. (A "Yea" vote is for rule suspension to allow immediate consideration of the bill. A "Nay" vote is against rule suspension).

Senator Hedlund: Y — Representative Bradley: Y

BEYOND 9 P.M.

House 123-36, suspended rules to allow the House to meet beyond 9 p.m. and continue until midnight. Supporters of rule suspension said there are several important bills pending and argued that the House should remain in session and do the people's business. Opponents of rule suspension said late night sessions are unnecessary and irresponsible and argued the legislature should not act on important matters while taxpayers are sleeping. (A "Yea" vote is for rule suspension to allow the session to continue beyond 9 p.m. A "Nay" vote is against rule suspension).

Senator Hedlund: Y — Representative Bradley: Y

SPECIAL ELECTION

Senate 31-7, approved an order setting March 2 as the date for a special general election for the state Senate seat currently held by Senator Cheryl Jacques (D-Needham). Jacques has submitted a letter to the Senate stating that she will resign on January 4, 2004 to take over as head of the Human Rights campaign-- a gay and lesbian advocacy group. March 2 is also the date of the Massachusetts presidential primary election. Supporters said it is important to schedule the state Senate election as quickly as possible so that the 160,000 people in Jacques' district will not be without a senator for a long period of time. They argued that it also makes sense to set the special election date to coincide with the presidential primary in order to save the state thousands of dollars in administrative costs for the election. Opponents said this Democratic-supported order is an outrageous move that is designed to rig the special election so that a Democrat wins the Senate seat. They noted the contested Democratic presidential primary would bring many more Democratic voters to the polls than the uncontested Republican presidential primary on the same day. They argued that it is also unprecedented for the Senate to set the date of a special election prior to the effective date that a senator actually resigns. (A "Yea" vote is for holding the election on March 2. A "Nay" vote is against the March 2 date).

Senator Hedlund: N — Representative Bradley: Y

ALLOW ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE (S 2076)

Senate 39-0, approved and sent the Uniform Electronic Transactions Bill to Gov. Romney. The measure allows contracts and agreements to be signed and validated on-line with an "electronic signature" rather than the typical hard copy, handwritten signature. It also allows doctors to write prescriptions using an electronic signature. The use and form of an electronic signature must be agreed to by all parties in order to be valid and can range from a sender's name typed at the end of an e-mail message to a digitized image of a handwritten signature or a secret PIN used to identify the sender to the recipient. Supporters said the bill is designed to remove barriers to electronic commerce and would bring the state's signature laws into the 21st century while still ensuring that privacy and security are protected. They noted that the provision allowing electronic prescriptions would help patients, doctors and pharmacies and reduce medication errors caused by illegible prescriptions and drugs with similar sounding names. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Senator Hedlund: Y — Representative Bradley: Y

HOMESTEAD PROTECTION (S 995)

Senate 38-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill increasing from $300,000 to $500,000 the amount of equity in a homeowner's home which under current law is protected from seizure by creditors if the homeowner has filed a homestead declaration. The declaration does not provide protection against outstanding taxes, court-ordered support payments, first or second mortgages and any debts incurred prior to filing the homestead declaration. Supporters said that rising real estate values demand an increase in the protection in order to help the average homeowner protect his primary residence from creditors. They noted that homeowners should obtain information on how to obtain the exemption by contacting their local Registry of Deeds. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Senator Hedlund: Y — Representative Bradley: Y

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Someone to call in a crisis

Women's Center helps abuse victims

This is one in a series of articles about the South Shore Women's Center which is the beneficiary of this newspaper's Gifts of Hope campaign this holiday season.

By Maureen Walsh
CORRESPONDENT

The phone rings at the South Shore Women's Center 24 hours a day.

"How can I stop him?" one caller wants to know. "What can I say so he won't get mad?"

"I don't want to lose my kids. How can I support them if I leave?" asks another.

"We've got to get out now!" a woman cries. "Where can we go to be safe?"

Calls to the Center's Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-888-746-2664, come from women being abused in their own homes, often by those closest to them. So far in 2003, the hotline staff has fielded more than 3,700 confidential calls from women seeking information, support and safe shelter.

"A crisis can be any number of things. It can be emotional. It can be physical," says Suanne (last name withheld), SSWC's coordinator for emergency services. "'Hotline' implies crisis, but you don't have to be in fear of someone chasing you. If you just want to talk, if you have a question, you can reach out and know that someone is here. No one will force you to do anything."

Some women work up the courage to call the center, but can't make themselves come in, she says, because that's another level of admitting to what goes on.

"On the phone, we can give them validation and information on safety planning. We can help them at times when the batterer is not home."

A woman may stay in an abusive relationship for many reasons, including financial dependence, lack of family support, belief that the batterer can change, and fear that leaving will provoke greater violence.

The advocates at SSWC do not tell abuse victims what to do, Suanne says, but help them understand their options and plan for greater safety. A woman may not be able to avoid a confrontation with her batterer, for example, but she can try to move away from rooms with potential weapons (the kitchen) or no escape exit (the bathroom).

If a woman has decided to leave the abusive relationship, SSWC works to protect her safety and help her reestablish herself in the community. Advocates provide practical information on important records and documents she should take with her and discuss the options available to her through the courts and social services.

Often a woman's decision to leave develops over time as the batterer fails to live up to promises to stop the abusive behavior or the abuse escalates, says Suanne. Other times, it is made suddenly after a particularly severe incident, often when children see their mother hurt, or the abuser explodes against them.

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"We get calls from every part of the state that a woman has just been beaten up or filed for a restraining order and is seeking a safe place," Suanne says. "Most shelters and safe homes don't take in women from the immediate area because of safety."

SSWC may arrange short-term emergency housing for battered women and their children in a network of Safe Homes, she says. The host families in the network undergo careful screening and 30 hours of training in issues related to domestic violence.

"Essentially, you get up and walk away from your life as you know it," says Suanne. "You can't go to work; your kids can't go to school; you have limited contact with friends and family. There are a lot of obstacles to leaving. It's scary."

Once SSWC helps families to settle in a long-term shelter, they can start establishing roots in their new community. SSWC facilitates support groups for women of all ages, races, social and economic groups, and sexual orientations at all stages in the continuum of domestic violence.

"Some have been out of the abusive relationship for years, others have been out for a few months and some are still in the relationship," says Suanne. "They give one another the support of commonality they need. They can say, 'I've been there and it was the worst part of my life, but I've moved on and I'm living for me now.'"

The South Shore Women's Center is a private, nonprofit organization funded in part by the Mass. Dept. of Social Services, federal grants and private fundraising. SSWC is a member agency of the Old Colony United Way and the Massachusetts Coalition of Battered Women's Services Groups.

During the holidays, SSWC has a particular need for families, companies and individuals to adopt a family affected by domestic violence. The center will provide ages, sizes and wish lists to the sponsors, who can bring wrapped gifts, merchandise cards or cash donations to SSWC for distribution to families. For more information on the Adopt-a-Family program, call Suanne at 781-582-0078.

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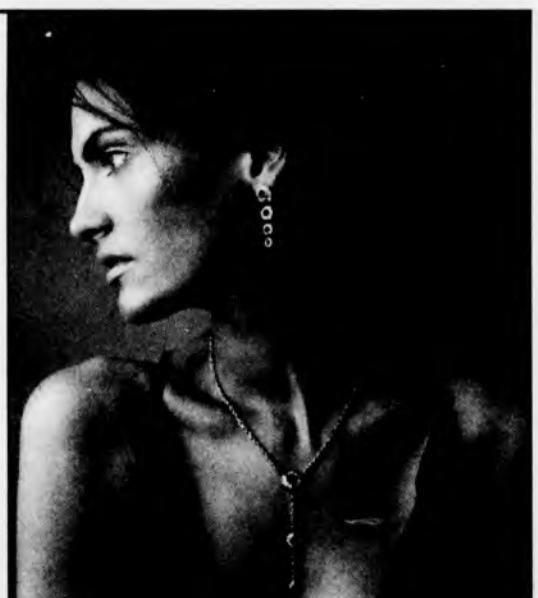

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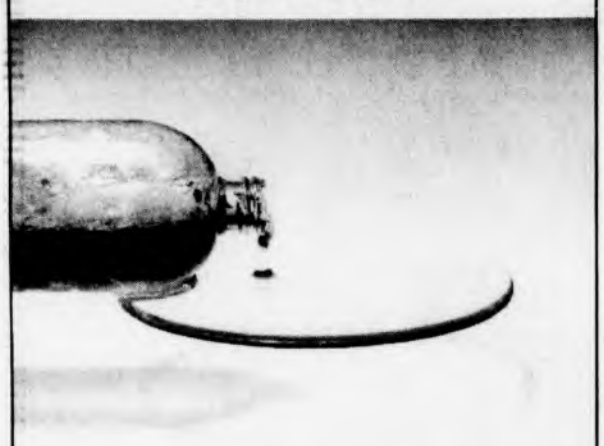

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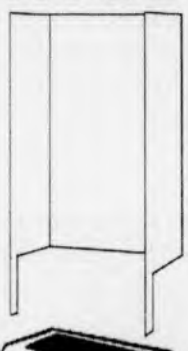

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Exactly who is Rachel Doyle?

CHS senior much more than a star field hockey player

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Who really is Rachel Doyle? Many recognize the Cohasset High senior for her pivotal role in landing the Lady Skippers field hockey team in the MIAA state tournament. So much so her coach and teammates voted her MVP a few weeks ago. The MVP award represents only the tip of the iceberg, which includes a strong dose of leadership, educational focus, and commitment to her community.

When not on the playing field frustrating the hopes of opposing field hockey teams, she dives into her role as the Editor-in-Chief of the school yearbook. This does not surprise her friends who admire her dual gift for leadership and writing.

Says long time friend Jessie Guild: "Rachel has such a good attitude. She serves as a role model for so many people. She can also make us all laugh."

Rachel's extracurricular activities extend well beyond writing, sports and the borders of Cohasset. She loves to volunteer, whether at Father Bill's homeless shelter or for the "Relay for Life" walkathon on behalf of cancer research.

During a recent Mariner interview, Doyle held no punches about her final year in Cohasset. She speaks warmly about her friends, field hockey and the town itself.

"Krissy Watts and Nicole Durant roped me into field hockey back in the seventh grade", she reflects with appreciation.

She credits Coach Bostwick with solidifying her interest in the sport.

"She is so supportive," said Doyle. "Coach Bostwick has clearly been the biggest influence in my field hockey career. When we make mistakes, she cheers us up and we move on very quickly."

Looking forward, Rachel

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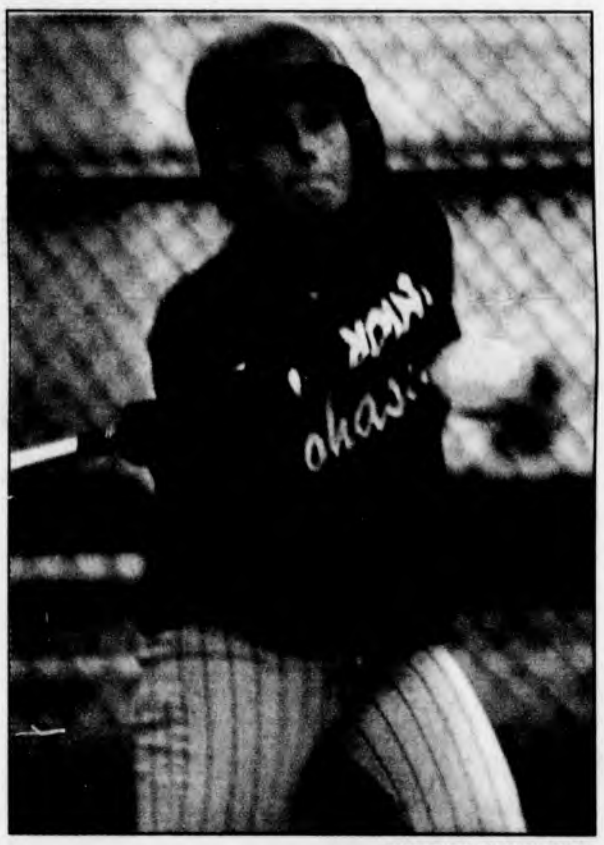

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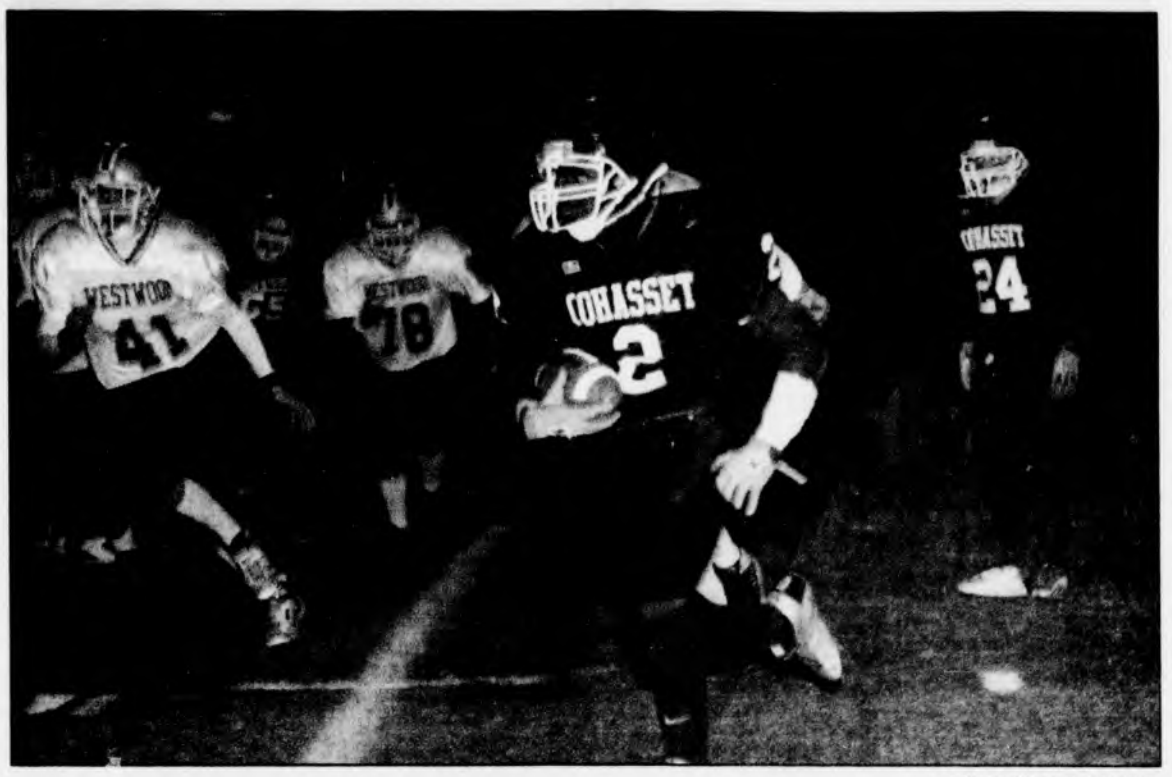
Rachel Doyle looks good in a softball helmet, as well as wearing many other hats.



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Happier times. Cohasset quarterback Mike Dooley (left) and halfback DeWayne Morris perform a "belly bump" to celebrate a first quarter touchdown in the Skippers thrilling Thanksgiving Day win at Hull High School. Unfortunately, the Skippers weren't so fortunate on Tuesday, fallign to Westwood in the first round of the Super Bowl playoffs, 20-7. **For Thanksgiving Day game story, see page 20.**

Wolverines claw Skippers

Big plays do in CHS gridders in playoff loss to Westood, 20-7

By Mike Spellman
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The story of Tuesday night's first round football playoff game at Cohasset High was big plays. Westwood made them, host Cohasset didn't. End of story.

With its 20-7 win, Westwood now moves on to face Tyngsboro on Sunday in the Div. 5 Eastern Mass Super Bowl, while the Cohasset team looks back on its second first round playoff loss in three years.

Veteran Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe felt Tuesday's showdown turned on a the Wolverines second big play of the game, a 63-yard touchdown run by fullback Russell Keene with 6:49 to play in the third quarter that, with the extra point kick, put Westwood up 14-0. Ironically, this gamebreaker came on a halfback trap run, a play Cohasset had defended quite well all season.

"That's a play we've seen a lot of times and never given up anything big on it," said Rolfe, who has directed the Skippers to South Shore League titles two of the last three years.

On the play, Keene took the ball on a delay and popped around a nice seal block at left tackle into open field. He got quickly to the left sideline, and bounced off the final Cohasset defender at the five-yard line and then high stepped into the end zone.

Up to that point in the game, neither team seemed to have

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All-Scholastic boys soccer team

Cohasset's Clark, Buick and Brewer named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 23, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top boys soccer players in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Conor Buick- Senior (Capt.)
Sweeper- Cohasset

Conor Buick

The iron curtain on defense... Buick moved from stopper to sweeper this season and became one of the best sweepers on the South Shore...the rangy 6-foot-3 athlete absolutely owned the goal box and simply did lose on balls in the air...took most free kicks for the 14-4 Skippers...missed All-Eastern Mass honors by one spot...two time South Shore League all-star...had a goal and a few assists this season despite being the "final line of defense"...plays lacrosse at CHS as well...plays soccer year round with the Cohasset Gunners, comprised mostly of fellow CHS seniors, including fellow Mariner All-Scholastics Chris Clark and Jesse Brewer... four year varsity team member...Honor Roll student...is the fourth of five Buick brothers to star athletically at CHS...brother Ronan (class of 2001) was a Mariner All-Scholastic in football and lacrosse and is now playing lacrosse at Providence College...sophomore brother was also a standout for the CHS soccer team this fall...would like to play college soccer...Bentley is among the school he's considering...leaning toward majoring in Mathematics or Computer Science...Cohasset coach Rob Leary: "Conor does all the little things well. You might not notice him all the time, but if he wasn't there all the time you'd notice that real quick. He's got so much composure and he's such a constant force. He plays the ball very quickly and is extremely smart with it. He reads the ball so well, which is why he just never seems to be out of position."

Chris Clark - Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Cohasset

Chris Clark

Two time Mariner All-Scholastic selection... moved from striker to midfield midway through his senior season, and wound up leading the 14-4 Skippers in scoring for the second straight season...finished with 28 points (17 goals, 11 assists)...an exceptionally talented dribbler and passer who has added to that a blistering shot over the last two seasons...plays soccer year round with a number CHS teammates... four year varsity team member...previously played in the extremely competitive LASA (Latin American Soccer Association) for the Taunton Eagles club team...Two-time South Shore League...named an Eastern Mass All-Star as a junior...a B student...plans to play soccer and major in Liberal Arts in college...has been actively recruited

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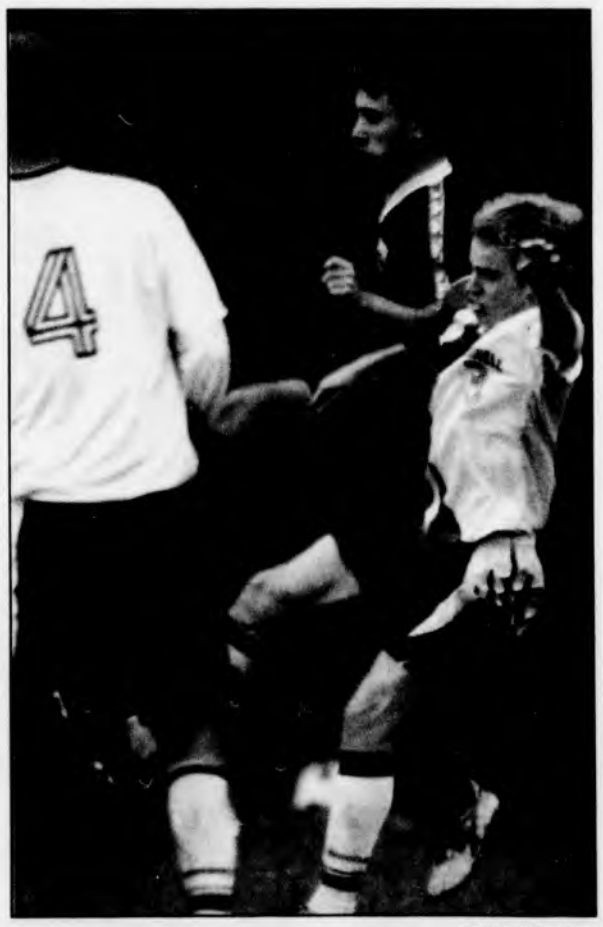

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Chris Clark (dark shirt) is a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic after leading the Skippers in scoring for the second year in a row.

First CHS alumni soccer game draws 39 players

Donze, Henry, Kahn Lead Teams To 2-2 Tie

Thirty years after the first varsity soccer team took the field for Cohasset High School, an alumni game featuring 39 former players was held Saturday afternoon at Milliken Field.

Organized by Jeff Donze, the captain of the 1973 Skippers' varsity - the first team to be officially recognized by the high school — , returnees split into two teams representing, respectively, odd and even years of graduation. Senior players from this season's squad were added to both teams.

"The turnout exceeded my expectations," said Donze. "We not only had a large number of players, but we also got two of our original coaches - George Fortin and Larry Shultz - to run the two teams."

The game featured wide-open play on both sides, with outstanding offense from forwards like Matt Belson (Class of 1997), Steve Sceery (Class of 1999), Ken Leahy (Class of 1996), and Andrew Ross (Class of 1998). Defenders who caught the attention of the large crowd in attendance included Dan Jones (Class 0f 1973), Dan Baird (Class of 1993), Dave Shultz (Class of 1988),. Joel Reidy (Class of 1990) and Chris Kondrat (Class of 1994).

The even-numbered years team scored first, on a header by former Bowdoin College star Eric Henry ('96) off a corner kick from Kondrat, that beat goalkeeper Curt Kahn ('03). The odd-years team responded

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by several Div. 2 and 3 college coaches, but is hoping to be accepted early admission to Emmanuel College…American International, Bryant and Assumption are also possibilities…Cohasset coach Rob Leary: "You don't see too many players with as many goals as Chris had and still have that many assists too. He's an extremely talented offensive player who really carried a huge load for us this season, especially down the stretch."

Jesse Brewer- Senior
Keeper - Cohasset

Jesse Brewer

Moved from midfield to take over for Curt Kahn (last year's team MVP) in net and wound up being regarded as the South Shore League's best keeper…named an Eastern Mass All-Star…had a goals per game averaged of just over one and an outstanding save percentage…an extremely athletic keeper with superb instincts…made sensational saves appear routine…had a knack for making the "big save" in games…recorded nine shutouts this season for the 14-4 Skippers…four year varsity team member…played tennis for the CHS team his freshman and sophomore year and plans to return to the team this spring…plays soccer year round with the Cohasset Gunners, comprised mostly of fellow CHS seniors, including fellow Mariner All-Scholastics Chris Clark and Coner Buick…National Honor Society member…member of the Cohasset Ping Pong Club…hoping to play college soccer…UMass-Amherst, St. Michaels and McGill (Montreal) are the leading college possibilities…plans to major in Communications…Cohasset coach Rob Leary: "Every game, Jesse would seem to come up with that huge save that either saved the game for us or turned the momentum. I think, being a field player last year, he was able to bring that mindset to keeper. He thought the same way forwards do."

Garrett Bates - Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Norwell

Garrett Bates

Norwell's raging bull is now a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, as well as a first time All-Eastern Mass selection and a three-timer South Shore League all-star…absolutely relentless in his pursuit of the ball at both ends of the field…had eight goals and 10 assists this season for the Div. 3 south sectional champion Clippers…at least once or twice per game would produce an electrifying rush combining superior speed, strength and skills…helped lead Norwell to consecutive SSSL titles the last two years…pulled rib cage muscles in state tourney opener, and was a mere shadow of himself for the rest of the postseason, but still missed nary a minute on the field…four year varsity team member and three year starter…plays club soccer for the Div. 1 Galway Rovers…plays in summer YMCA leagues and winter indoor leagues at the Hingham Sports Center…runs winter track for Norwell High, and has played lacrosse the last few springs for the school team…a good student with a 3.37 GPA…would like to play college soccer and has already talked to a few coaches…Babson, Stonehill, WPI and Bentley are among the possibilities… Norwell coach Jack Browne: "I think he was the best all-around player in the South Shore League this year. His work ethic is just amazing and he has one speed: all out, all the time. He's a talented player, but it's that relentless approach that sets him apart."

Ryan Henry- Senior (Capt.)
Midfield- Norwell

This All-Eastern Mass player battled through a number of injuries this season to have a sensational season and play a key role in the Clippers run to a second straight South Shore League championship and Div. 3 south sectional championship…an absolute force in the midfield…superior strength, speed and footwork make him virtually unstrippable when the ball is at his feet…wins a remarkable number of 50-50 balls…had six goals and six assists, but started a number of rushes that did not show up in the scorebook with his rushes and deft passing…two-time South Shore League all-star…three year varsity team member and starter… a member of the Galway Rovers soccer club team that recently finished as runners-up for the Mass. Premiere Elite League championship…also a track star at Norwell High in winter and spring…earned a Mariner All-Scholastic for spring track as a junior…an extremely accomplished Website designer, he created and maintains the Bostontrack.com website that reports on South Shore League track…a National Honor Society student…is hoping to attend Boston College and run track…plans to major in Business or something related to computers…Norwell coach Jack Browne: "Even with the various injuries this season to his legs, which are really his greatest strength, he managed to be huge for us whenever he was in there. He's just so strong in the midfield. A lot of our offense flowed through him."

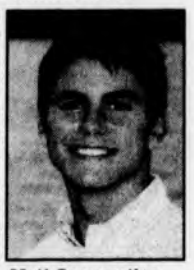
Ryan Henry

Rob Beach- Senior (Capt.)
Forward- Norwell

Rob Beach

The third member of the Div. 3 South Sectional champion Clippers named an Eastern Mass All-Star…Rob absolutely exploded on the scene this season, finishing among the leaders in Eastern Mass in scoring with 21 goals and 15 assists in 17 games…unfortunately, his season was cut short when he suffered a fractured orbital bone in a 3-2 win over Hingham a week before the postseason got underway…South Shore League all-star…At 5-feet-9, 125 pounds, Rob's not the biggest, strongest or fastest kids, but he has an uncanny knack for freeing up his shooting foot and unloading in the blink of an eye with hard and accurate shots…also runs winter and spring track for Norwell High… plays soccer in the off season for the Cambridge City Soccer Club…previously played club for the South Shore United Blazers and the South Shore YMCA…has played in Europe as part of a club team based out of Ohio and helped that team win a tourney in Denmark…Honor Roll students with a 3.6 GPA…plans to play college soccer and has even talked to a few Div. 1 programs…leaning toward majoring in Business…Norwell coach Jack Browne: "I expected Rob to have a big year this season, but he absolutely blew me away with the way he stepped up and became the type of scorer we needed. He's got an incredible trigger. It's amazing how little time and space he needs to get off a great shot. He's worked awfully hard on his speed and quickness, as well as his game, and it was great to see that hard work pay off."

Matt Sammartino- Senior (Capt.)
Fullback- Norwell


Matt Sammartino

Does this guy ever lose a ball in the air? Despite standing barely 5-foot-10, aggressiveness and superb quickness and instincts helped "Sammy" regularly out-duel much bigger marks for balls in the air…also exceptional at controlling the ball on the ground as well…was rarely beaten one-on-one…did a sensational job of not only stripping opponents, but also working the ball upfield quickly…a very vocal leader…South Shore League all-star…Three year varsity team member…plays soccer year round on various teams… previously played lacrosse and ran track at NHS…Honor Roll student with 3.5 GPA… enjoys surfing and snowboarding… older sister Lisa was a Norwell High track star who went on to run at Harvard University…was accepted for early entry to Providence College…leaning toward majoring in Business…may try to play soccer for the Friars Div. 1 college program after his freshman year…Norwell coach Jack Browne: "Matt is one of the toughest kids I've ever coached. Pound for pound, he's as tough as anyone I've seen at this level. I don't know how he's able to win and intercept all the balls he does. And he's just so consistent. In three years, I can't remember very many mistakes or breakdowns at all from him."

Andrew Olsen- Sophomore
Striker- Norwell

Andrew Olsen

The leading scorer for the South Sectional champion Clippers with 21 goals and 17 assists… supremely talented player follows in the footsteps of older brothers Ryan and Brett, former Norwell High stars who are now both playing at Williams College…near unparalleled foot skills…a superb passer who takes all corners and most free kicks for the Clippers…makes South Shore League All-star…finished among the top 10 scorers in Eastern Mass… plays club soccer for the South Shore United Blazers in the MAPLE…plays indoors at the Hingham Sports Dome…a High Honors student this term… hopes to play college soccer…Norwell coach Jack Browne: "Andrew is such an entertaining kid to watch and be around. There were times other teams concentrated on shutting him down, but he still got the job done. He got so much talent and poise. It's easy to forget he's just a sophomore."

Justin Flanagan - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Hingham

Justin Flanagan

This two-time Mariner All-Scholastic was the most consistent of Hingham's 11 goal scorers this season, leading the squad for the second-straight year with 26 points on 19 goals, 7 assists…This also put him atop the PL scoring standings…The four-year starter's strength and solid skills on the frontline helped the Harbormen capture its first Patriot League title (10-0-2) in three years…A two-time PL All-star and Eastern Mass. All-star this season, Flanagan rarely fouled and guided the top-seeded Harbormen (16-2-2) to the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional, where they dropped a 1-0 heartbreaker to PL rival and eventual state finalist, Middleboro…Flanagan also plays baseball at HHS and plans to attend college next fall. Hingham coach Ken Carlin: "He's was a player who could score without fouling, which is pretty unusual. He's strong and very coachable. He learned how to shoot with his left foot and actually won a game early on because of it. He's a perfect gentleman and plays like one too."

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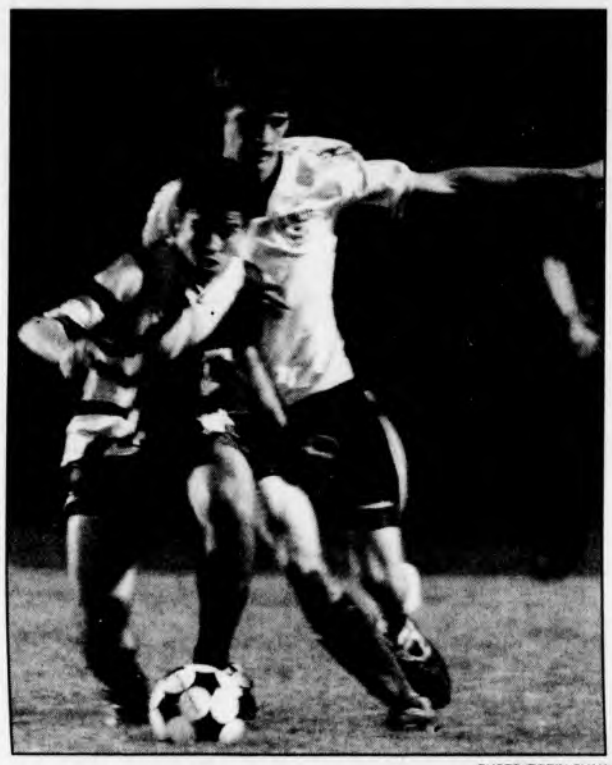
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Cohasset's Conor Buick (rear) leans on fellow All-Scholastic selection Ryan Henry during one of this fall's always classic Clipper-Skippers showdowns.

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Gaston Kelly - Fr. - Forward - Hingham
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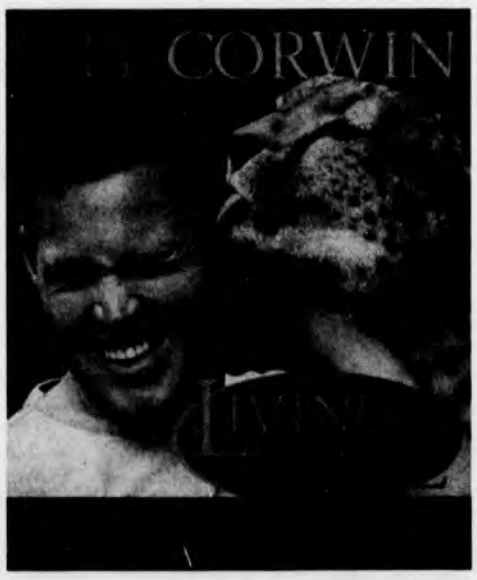

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Skippers nearly scuttled by Pirates

CHS gridders hold off upset minded Hull in Turkey Day showdown

The Skippers headed into post-season play with a 9-1 record, including a perfect 5-0 mark in South Shore League play, as they withheld a late charge by the Hull Pirates and escaped with a 7-6 victory on a sunny and mild Thanksgiving morning in Hull.

Cohasset was slated to host Tri-Valley League champion Westwood (10-1) in the preliminary round of the MIAA Super Bowl tournament this past Tuesday night.

The annual Thanksgiving Day showdown began with each team punting on their first two offensive possessions. Hull's second punt was fumbled by CHS senior punt returner Chris Bilodeau, but junior defensive back Crandon Leahy recovered the loose ball on the Pirates 42 yard line.

On the first play from scrimmage, an option play to the right side, senior quarterback Mike Dooley faked the handoff to junior fullback Ted Straughn and carried the ball 42 yards untouched down the right sideline to pay dirt. This was Dooley's eighth rushing TD of the season. On the play, senior right guard Steve Davis took out the defensive tackle, the defensive end went for the fake to Straughn, sophomore right tackle Dan McCarthy cleared out the linebacker, and senior tight end Sean Connolly blocked the cornerback, just as the coaches drew it up. Connolly hit his tenth (out of 13 attempts) extra point of the season and the Skippers had a 7-0 lead with 3:04 left in the first quarter.

Hull punted on their third offensive series, and Bilodeau returned it 25 yards to the Hull 34-yard line. Senior tailback DeWayne Morris (128 yards rushing) carried twice for to get the Skippers a first down at the 24.

Dooley then hit junior wideout D J Silvia for a 10-yard gain. The ball was stripped as Silvia struggled to advance the ball inside the 15-yard line, however. Hull's Brandon Albert picked it up and had clear sailing down the right sideline. Dooley tracked him down from behind and forced him out at Cohasset's 19-yard line, saving a Pirate touchdown.

The Pirates then ran for their first first down of the game and had the ball on the Cohasset four going in, but Albert fumbled on the one-yard line and junior defensive tackle Matt Baroudi recovered the ball in the end zone for a touchback.

A Cohasset punt and 15 yard penalty gave the Pirates the ball on Cohasset's 49-yard line midway through the second quarter. Straughn, at linebacker, ended this drive with an interception at Cohasset's 37-yard line and returned it all the way to the Hull 25.

Morris followed the blocking of senior left tackle Dan Tarpey and sophomore left guard Nick Arment, and sprinted 20 yards to the five-yard line. The Skippers gave it back, however, as Dooley was intercepted in the end zone on second-and-goal from the five.

The defense, led by senior linebacker Tony Truglia's 16 tackles (highest single game total of the season), got the ball back one more time for the Skippers before the half. On fourth down from the six-yard line Dooley's pass went through the hands of Silvia in the end zone.

The clubs hit the locker rooms with Cohasset holding a 7-0 lead.

The Pirates took the ball from their own 30-yard line, down inside the Skippers red zone on a time consuming drive to open the second half. Silvia, at cornerback, halted the drive and the Pirates momentum with an interception of Hull's QB Pat Good in the end zone.

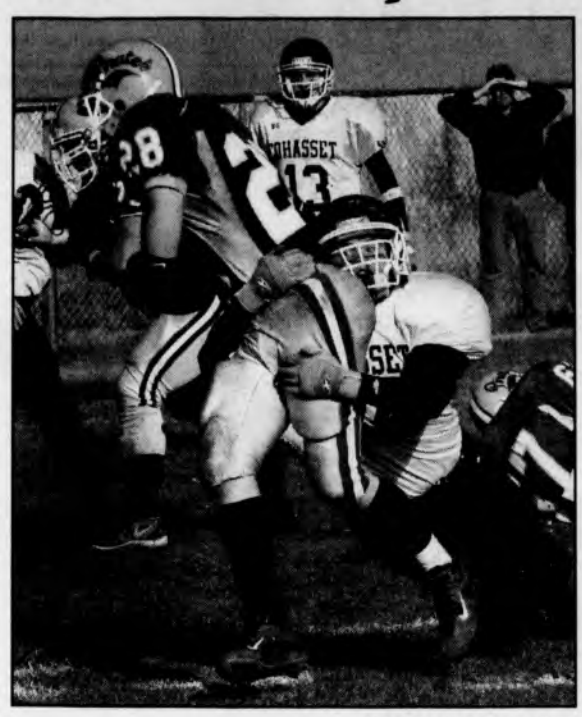
Cohasset's only possession of the third quarter had Morris carrying five straight times. On the last rush, a pitchout, Hull recovered his fumble.

The Skippers defense stiffened as junior linebacker Matt Casey stuffed a Pirate rush attempt, and juniors Kelvin Ferriera and Leo Clougherty on the defensive line forced a couple of incomplete passes with their all out rush, and the Skippers held the Pirates on downs.

Then the Pirates forced Cohasset to punt again after three more rushes by Morris netted only six yards. The Pirates fielded the punt by junior Joe Durkin and started another time consuming drive from their own 49-yard line with eight minutes to go in the game. The final play was a two-yard quarterback keep by Good up the middle with 1:37 left in the game.

Hull elected to go for the win with a 2-point conversion attempt. Straughn broke through from his linebacker slot and was dragging down Albert, who had taken the handoff and drove to the left side, as his desperation pass attempt went incomplete.

The drama didn't end there, as Morris fumbled on the ensuing first down and Hull took over at their own 45 yard line. Crandon Leahy intercepted Good's pass attempt on their first down play, which enable the Skippers to run out the clock by taking the knee on the next three plays.



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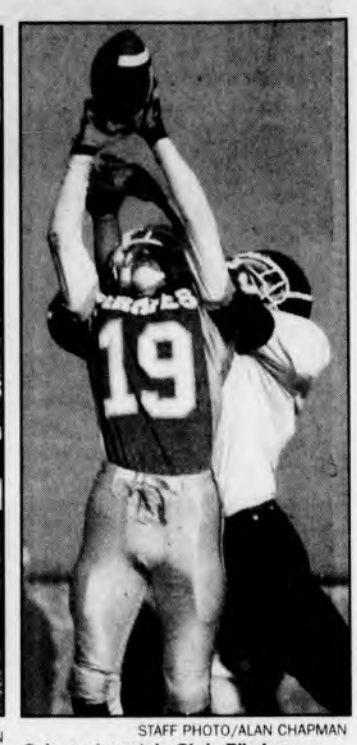
Game saving tackle. Cohasset's Ted Straughn pulls down Hull tailback Brandon Albert to stuff the 2-point conversion with 1:37 to play on Thursday, which turned out to be the difference in the Skippers 7-6 Thanksgiving Day win.



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Cohasset captain Chris Bilodeau (rear) goes high to break up a Hull pass on Thanksgiving morning.

Cohasset 7, Hull 6

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Cohasset (9-1)	7	0	0	0	7
Hull (2-8)	0	0	0	6	6

C-Mike Dooley 42 yard run, Sean Connolly kick.
H-Pat Good 2 yard run, pass conversion failed.

Turf Notes

The Skippers played before their largest crowd of the year to date.

Chris Bilodeau had punt returns of 25 and 21 yards.

Five of Truglia's tackles resulted in lost yardage.

Straughn returned his interception 38 yards.

Matt Casey handled Hull's onside kick attempt flawlessly with 1:37 to go in the game.

Defensive Stats

Tackles: Tony Truglia 16, Matt Casey, Joe Durkin 7, Kelvin Ferriera 5, Leo Clougherty 4, Sean Connolly, Matt Baroudi, Chris Bilodeau, D J Silvia 3, Ted Straughn, Crandon Leahy, Mike Dooley, Joey Kehoe 1.

Interceptions: D J Silvia, Ted Straughn, Crandon Leahy.

Fumble Recoveries: Crandon Leahy, Matt Baroudi, Mike Dooley.

Sack: Kelvin Ferriera

Hull Passing: 4 for 17, 3 interceptions.

Offensive Stats

Rushing: DeWayne Morris 22 carries for 128 yards. Mike Dooley 2 for 40 yards, 1 TD, Ted Straughn 1 for 0 yards.

Passing: Mike Dooley 3 for 9, 17 yards, 1 interception.

Receiving: Chris Bilodeau 2 for 7 yards, D J Silvia 1 for 10 yards.

Spring outdoor soccer signups

Registration for this Spring's Cohasset Soccer Club outdoor soccer season for Under 14 / Under 16 / Under 18 players is now underway. Teams will play in the Coastal League throughout the South Shore area. Players under 12 or younger that registered for the Fall season are automatically registered for the Spring season.

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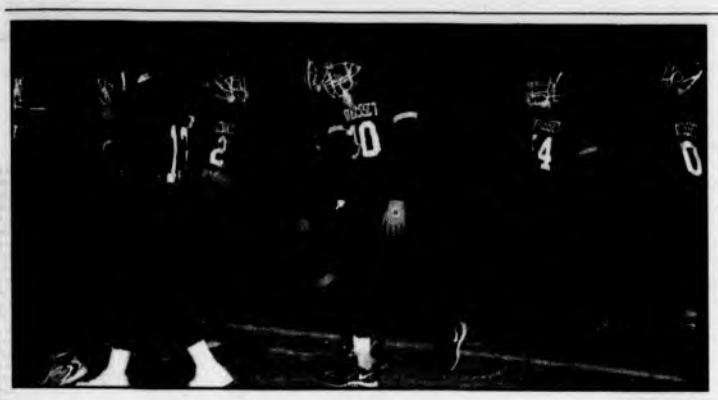

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This one really does say 1,000 words. Cohasset players walk off Alumni Field for the final time this fall with their heads hung low following the final whistle in Tuesday night 20-7 playoff loss to Westwood.

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Wolverines claw Skippers

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much going on on the offensive side of the ball. In particular, Cohasset front line defenders Tony Truglia, Matt Casey and Kelvin Ferriera did a superb job of bottling up the Wildcats vaunted running game. Star halfback Ryan Murphy was held to just 81 yards on 21 carries, but 63 of those came on just three carries when he was able to turn the corner on the outside. Inside, there was very little available all night.

The first score of the game came with 1:13 remaining in the first half when a wobbly pass from 28 yards out by Westwood quarterback Jeff White got over the head of slipping CHS senior captain Chris Bilodeau and fell into the arms of intended target Chris Laham in the right corner of the end zone. Laham's kick made it 7-0.

"Up to that point, I thought we'd played real well, and figured we couldn't get real down after that," said Rolfe. "That touchdown was just one of those things. I do think, though, that it set the tempo for the game."

The problem was, even with the Cohasset defense providing excellent field position for much of the night, the offense simply could not get untracked. The Skippers totaled just 48 yards of offense in five first half possessions.

"Really, until the fourth quarter, we just could get anything going on offense, and I don't really know what the problem was," conceded Rolfe. "(Westwood) did have some very good players on defense though. 44 (linebacker David Bernard) gave us fits all night and 23 (linebacker Russ Keene) was very good too."

Keene, in fact, seemed to spend more time in the Cohasset backfield than many of the Skippers backs, and Bernard was in DeWayne Morris' face all night, playing a key role in holding Cohasset's 1,200 yard rusher to just 62 yards on 25 carries.

The beginning of the end for the Skippers might have been their inability to seize the momentum provided when the defense stuffed the Wolverines on their opening possession of the second half on a fourth-and-one run, giving the ball back to Cohasset at the Westwood 41-yard line. Three straight incomplete passes from quarterback Mike Dooley and a fake punt that was sniffed out by Bernard gave Westwood back the ball at the 40-yard line.

It was just two plays later that Keene delivered the game-breaker.

The Wildcats essentially iced the game on their next possession when fullback James Vanaria went hard over right guard on a quick handoff, split the secondary and raced 48 yards for a touchdown. The extra point kick failed, leaving it a 20-0 game with 3:36 to go in the third quarter.

There was no quit in the Skippers, however.

A 20-yard return on a short kick by Crandon Leahy and a 25-yard bull run by fullback Tony Truglia set Cohasset up first-and-10 at Westwood's 18-yard line, its best first down field position of the night to that point. However, a fumble on third-and-six turned the ball back over to Westwood.

Dooley (six completions for 71 yards) would get it going on the Skippers next possession, completing a couple of passes to Bilodeau for a combined 29 yards to help move the Skippers to the Westwood 6-yard line. However, the Wolverines stood tall here, stuffing the Skippers on the next four plays to take the ball back on downs with 8:46 to play.

After the Cohasset D forced Westwood three-and-out again, the Skippers finally got on the board when Dooley capped a 36-yard drive by hitting DJ Silvia in the left front corner of the end zone from 13 yards out. The Sean Connolly kick made it a 20-7 game with 3:34 to play.

Westwood handled the ensuing on-side kick to kill any thoughts the home crowd had of a miraculous comeback.

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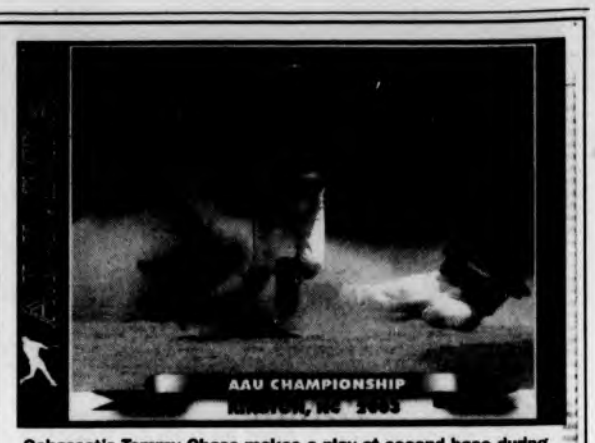

Cohasset's Tommy Chase makes a play at second base during last summer's 2003 AAU Div. 1 national championships in Kinston, N.C. Tommy played second base for the South Shore Seadogs 13-and-under team at the tourney. Tommy batter .340 during the season, and was one of four Seadogs players selected to participate in the 13-year old New England AAU Baseball All-Star tourney held in Providence, RI.

First CHS alumni soccer game draws 39 players

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just before halftime, as Ely Kahn ('97) triggered a breakout that led to current senior Chris Clark feeding Matt Belson with a setup. Belson fired the shot past current senior goalkeeper Jesse Brewer to tie the game at 1-1.

In the second half, the even-years again took the lead, with Henry's second goal just getting by a diving Brewer (the two goalies switched teams at halftime). But the odd-years came back, and evened things up again when Chris Clark put one just inside the post.

As the final minutes wound down, the even-years had a great chance to win it, but defender Leigh Atherton ('98) cleared the shot off the goal line in the last minute to preserve the tie.

At a post-game reception at the Red Lion Inn, organizer Donze announced that next year's game would be even better.

"We've set the stage for this to be an annual event," said Donze. "I wouldn't be surprised if we eventually have to have two games - one for the old guys, and one for the young ones."

The Maitland family won the award for best turnout, with three players (Tammy, '96, Justin, '99, and Peter, '02).

Six other families had two players apiece - the Bairds (Tim '02, Mike, '99), the Kahns (Ely, '97, Curt, '03), the Shultzes, (David, '88, Brian, '90), the Laneys (Andrew, '99, Steve, '02), the Buicks, (Devin, '99, Conor, '04, along with game referee David Buick), and the Leahys (Ken, '96, Pat, '98).

The roster of alumni players: Donze, Jones, Victor Vanderlucht ('77), Mike DeSantis ('85), Kevin Henry ('86), Steve Myers ('88), D. Shultz, J. Reidy, B. Shultz, C. Kondrat ('94), D. Baird, K. Leahy, T. Maitland, E. Henry, E. Kahn, M. Belson, Nate Cotter ('98), A. Ross, P. Leahy, Josh Flanagan ('98), L. Atherton, D. Buick, A. Laney, J. Maitland, Ben Peterson ('00), S. Laney, P. Maitland, Dan Kinchla ('02), T. Baird, C. Kahn, Evan Pestone ('03), Robert Hickey ('03), C. Buick, JT Oronte ('04), Craig Laugelle ('04), C. Clark, John Andrade ('04), J. Brewer and Rob Leary, coach of the Cohasset High varsity.

Exactly who is Rachel Doyle?

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says: "I will clearly miss the ocean and the beach if I decide to attend an inland college."

Not surprisingly, she has expressed a strong interest in pursuing course studies in both English and Linguistics.

She cites Mr. Leary, a 10th grade teacher, for elevating her attraction to language and writing.

She sounds ready to move on to new horizons where she can "explore different cultures.

"Cohasset remains a little limited in this area," she notes.

She harbors no intention of ditching field hockey or her other athletic love, softball.

She may find herself many miles from Cohasset next fall but the CHS field hockey squad will remain on her mind.

"I hope this year's sophomores will step up to the plate and fill the missing spots," said Rachel, pointing to Katie James and Brook Allen as two athletes to watch especially closely.

"They played fantastically this season," she noted of the pair of 10th graders.

The Lady Skippers will deeply miss their league all-star and MVP next fall. Coach Deb Bostwick refers to her exiting star in terms like "extremely hardworking, determined" and "an all around great person."

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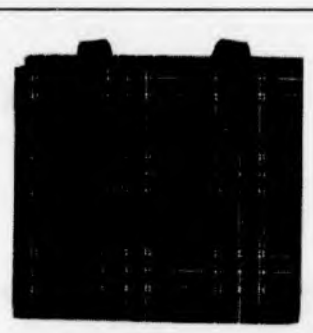

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Cohasset homes dressing up for Dec. 13 holiday house tour

The decorating workshops have begun for the Community Garden Club of Cohasset's very popular biannual holiday House Tour. This year it is called "Christmas Gatherings".

Head decorators have formed teams who have gathered natural material to make decorations for the five houses on this years Dec. 13 tour. Each group strives to use as much natural material as possible to maintain the club◊s naturalist philosophy. Once the decorations are completed, the committees will flesh out the designs and begin decorating according to the theme chosen for each of the homes.

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In choosing a theme, Kathy Gray, chairwoman of this year's event, asked each decorator to think of the ticket-holders as guests to an event at each home. The theme events, chosen in collaboration with the homeowners, are: a string quartet at the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph on Jerusalem Road; an elegant afternoon tea at the Flanagans and a wintry evening dinner at the Flints, both on South Main Street; a cocktail party at the Shockmans on Border Street; and a Christmas tea at the Ulmers on Margin Street.

Once the homes are decorated in the spirit of the season, committee members traditionally make a suggestion to those who have opened their homes for the tour: "Throw a party when the tour is over. Enjoy your decorations". They usually have a party that weekend. The Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph have decided to hold a tea.

Tickets for the tour include maps and are still available. They are $20 in advance, $23 the day of the tour. Tickets, a holiday tea, and a gift boutique will be at the Second Congregational Church on Cohasset Common. The Church will also be decorated. Tickets are also available in Cohasset at Flemings, 24 Elm St., The South Shore Community Center, 5 North Main St., and Buttonwoods Books in Shaw's Plaza on 3A. In Hingham they are available at Bowl and Board, 140 North Main St.. In North Scituate, they are available at Emporium Naturals, 763 Country Way.

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A festive holiday luncheon and Talbot's fashion show will be held Dec. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Atlantica Restaurant on the harbor.

The event will benefit Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, now under construction in the two-story wing behind the Paul Pratt Library. Planners for the museum and its associated playground are aiming for a 2004 completion.

Tickets for the luncheon and fashion show will be $50. Seating is limited and reservations are necessary. For information or reservations, call 781-383-0407.

Beechwood Church holds Christmas fair

The Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., will hold its annual Christmas Fair Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In the morning enjoy a cup of fresh coffee and hot fried bread dough or at lunch time your choice of chowder (corn or clam), hot dogs and homemade dessert.

As you enter the church you can smell the aroma of fresh evergreen wreaths and home-baked goods that will be on display and for sale. Take your time and browse at one of the many tables — food, candy, white elephant, fancy work and ornaments. A special table is set up for the children with prizes and games. Back by popular demand is the famous beach glass candy. Once again, this hard candy, cut by hand offers many flavors (such as peppermint, spearmint, butter rum, anise, lemon-lime — to name a few) is sure to please just about everyone. Arrive early while the supply lasts.

Also on display will be two patchwork quilts, one twin quilt with pillow sham and one child's. Tickets available at the fair. Mark your calendar for Saturday, Dec. 6. Come shop and share your personality.

Holiday Fair at Greek Church

The Philoptochos (ladies group) will sponsor a Holiday Fair at the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be Boxwood trees, decorated wreaths and many holiday sweets and baked goods that the community has come to enjoy. Come one, come all to the beautiful church at 811 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset.

For information call Fay Papadopolous at 781-545-7876.

Historical Society Wassail Party

The Cohasset Historical Society Wassail Party is Sunday Dec. 7 from 2-4 p.m. at 106 South Main St.

The Board of Directors cordially invites the public to attend the Society's Annual Wassail Party this year at our new headquarters. In addition to good cheer and hospitality, the society will draw the winners of its two raffle items, paintings by W. K. Gilbert, At the Edge of the Sea and Approaching Minot's Light - circa 1850. The values of the paintings are $1,500 and $3,500 respectively. Tickets are $75. Stop by the Pratt Building today or tomorrow between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. or call at 781-383-1434 to see the framed pieces and to buy your raffle tickets. There is a reserve and refunds will be given if the reserve is not met.

The drawings will take place at 4 p.m. What better gift could there be – a gift for the Society and a gift for you! You can do all your holiday shopping right at the Pratt. Stacy Rock's CD "Mother of Ireland" is available as well as her "Christmas Angel" CD . The society has note cards of the four commissioned paintings by W. K. Gilbert who will coming for the occasion. Gilbert is renowned for his marine paintings as well as sports, and racing car works.

At 2:30 p.m. the Beechwood Bell Ringers of the Beechwood Congregational Church will present a performance of Christmas Carols in the style of bell ringing on Beacon Hill in the early 1900s.

Christmas concert helps kids with cancer

First Parish has been holding Christmas concerts and donating the proceeds for the past 24 years. Thanks to generous support, over $45,000 has gone to worthy local, national, and international organizations. This year's Concert is dedicated to former minister Ed Atkinson who conceived of the idea in 1978.

This year's Christmas Concert on Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. features Margo Euler and the Unicorn Singers performing John Rutter's "Magnificat.". The seven movements set the text as found in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, with the addition of a tranquil setting of the 15th-century "Of a rose, a Lovely Rose." The remainder of the hour-long 25th anniversary Christmas event will feature favorite carol settings for the audience to sing with the choir.

A reception will follow celebrating the event's 25ht year. Concert Patron donations of $50 or more may be sent to: First Parish in Cohasset, 23 No. Main Street, Cohasset, MA 02025 (two tickets included and published acknowledgement); advanced tickets at $10 go on sale Nov. 24 (781 383-1100); tickets are $12 at the door.

The beneficiary of the Christmas Concert this year is the "Artist in Residence" program at Mass. General Hospital for Children with Cancer. The current artist is Joan Drescher of Hingham. Twice a week she moves her "Imagination Kart" through the bustling halls of the hospital. The Kart is covered with little spinning kites, moons, stars and streamers. It is filled with art supplies to inspire hospitalized children to explore their imaginations and cope with the stress of illness and loss. Her dream is that the simple images of hope and beauty created by the children will open hearts and make the world a better place.

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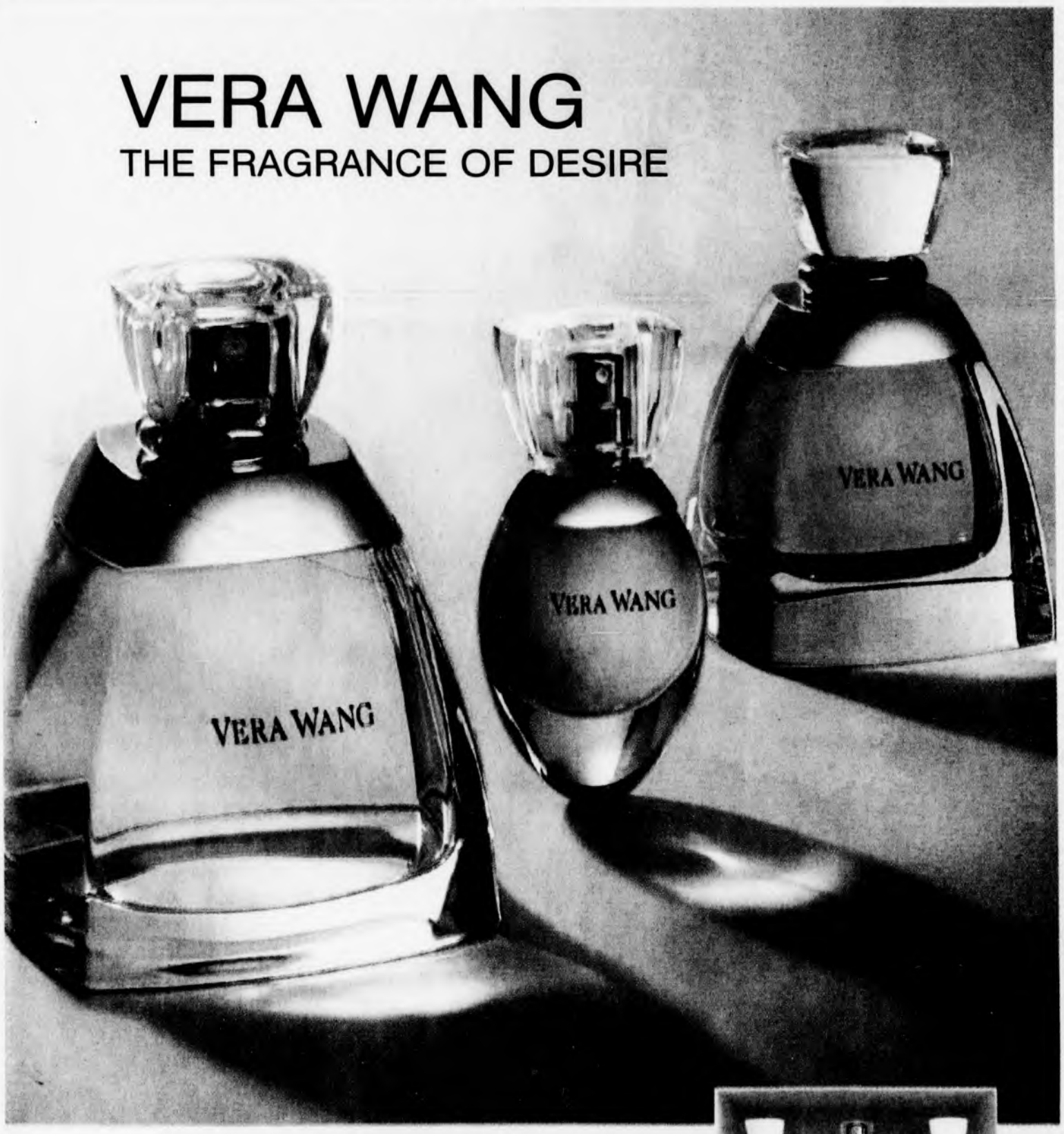

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Eva Sedell holds a silk flower arrangement from the Greek Orthodox Church at last year's Village Fair.

Volunteers make Village Fair special

Cohasset Common may look as peaceful as ever, all dressed in its holiday lights, but that image belies all the hustle and bustle going on behind the scenes in preparation for this Saturday's Village Fair on the Common.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 6, Cohasset Common, its three surrounding churches and Town Hall will be transformed into a holiday marketplace full of treasures of all kinds.

Hundreds of volunteers are busy knitting, sewing, baking, decorating and creating beautiful handmade decorations, gifts and culinary treats to support this important holiday fundraiser.

"We have so many great gift ideas this year including stylish bamboo-handled handbags, gorgeous hand-knit scarves, and those very popular polar fleece scarves and ski bands done up in Skippers blue and white and other local school colors," says Linda Indek, a volunteer from Second Congregational Church.

"So many of our volunteers have a special talent to offer," added Indek, who has herself created holiday decorations for Circa Home Furnishings in Norwell, and who helps to make the gorgeous dried wreaths and holiday garlands on sale at the Second Congregational Church.

The Greek Orthodox's Church's popular Café and General Store at Town Hall is testament to the wonderful variety of offerings at the Fair. Homemade Baklava and Spanakopita are just a few of the treats you'll find at Town Hall alongside beautiful fresh holiday greens and decorations.

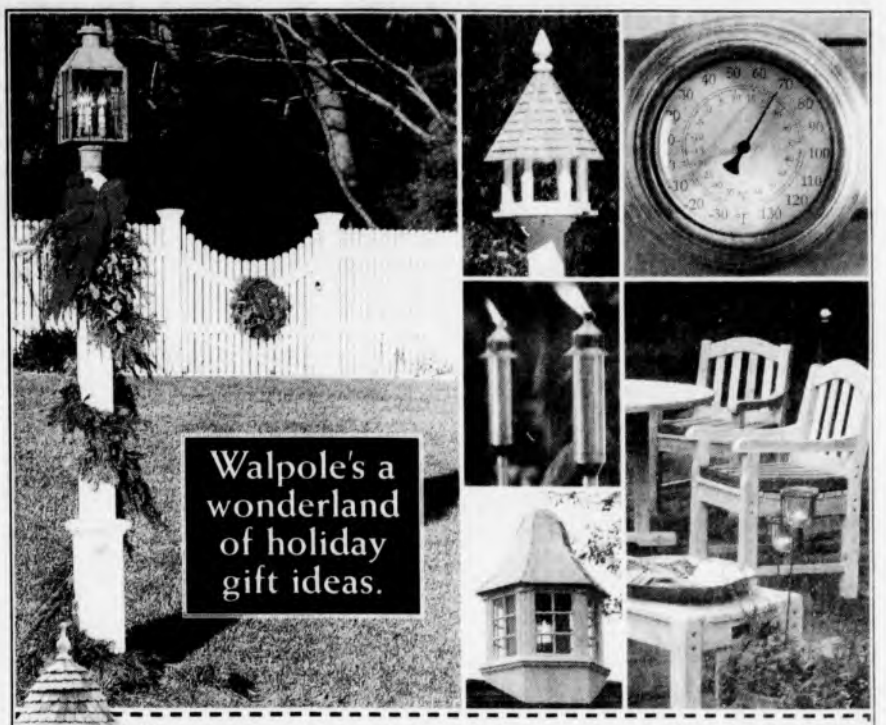
"Each church offers something unique," added Dienna Lehner, a volunteer from First Parish. "Our popular Swedish Bake Shop was established years ago by parishioner Sine Pounder, a Swedish American who once owned a bakery of her own. She recruits and trains new Swedish bakers every year who'll begin baking at 5:30 a.m. on Saturday to make the more than 1,500 popular cinnamon buns sold at the Fair every year."

"So many people — young and old — contribute to the success of this Fair," added Lehner, who noted that many young teens from First Parish's Coming of Age Group have worked hard these last few months to create the beautiful table top trees that will be sold at First Parish.

"It's a lot of work, but a lot of fun too," notes Sheila Wallingford, one of St. Stephen's many volunteers who've been busy baking, collecting and creating wonderful gifts and treats that will be sold at St. Stephen's Book Sale, Bake Shop and Country Store this Saturday. "This fair is such an important fundraiser and supports many local charities including the Cohasset Food Pantry, Father Bill's Place, The Mary Martha Learning Center in Hingham, and Wellspring in Hull."

Volunteers from Cohassset's Appalachia Service Project are also actively involved in planning and running the Children's Secret Room inside St. Stephen's Church, where young children can select and wrap a "secret" gift for Mom or Dad, or a sibling or pet, and have it ready to go under the tree. All gifts are just $1 to $4.

The Village Fair is sponsored by the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, the Second Congregational Church, Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Nativity Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, and the non-profit Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (ASP). All proceeds support the work of the churches, local charities and ASP's home repair program.



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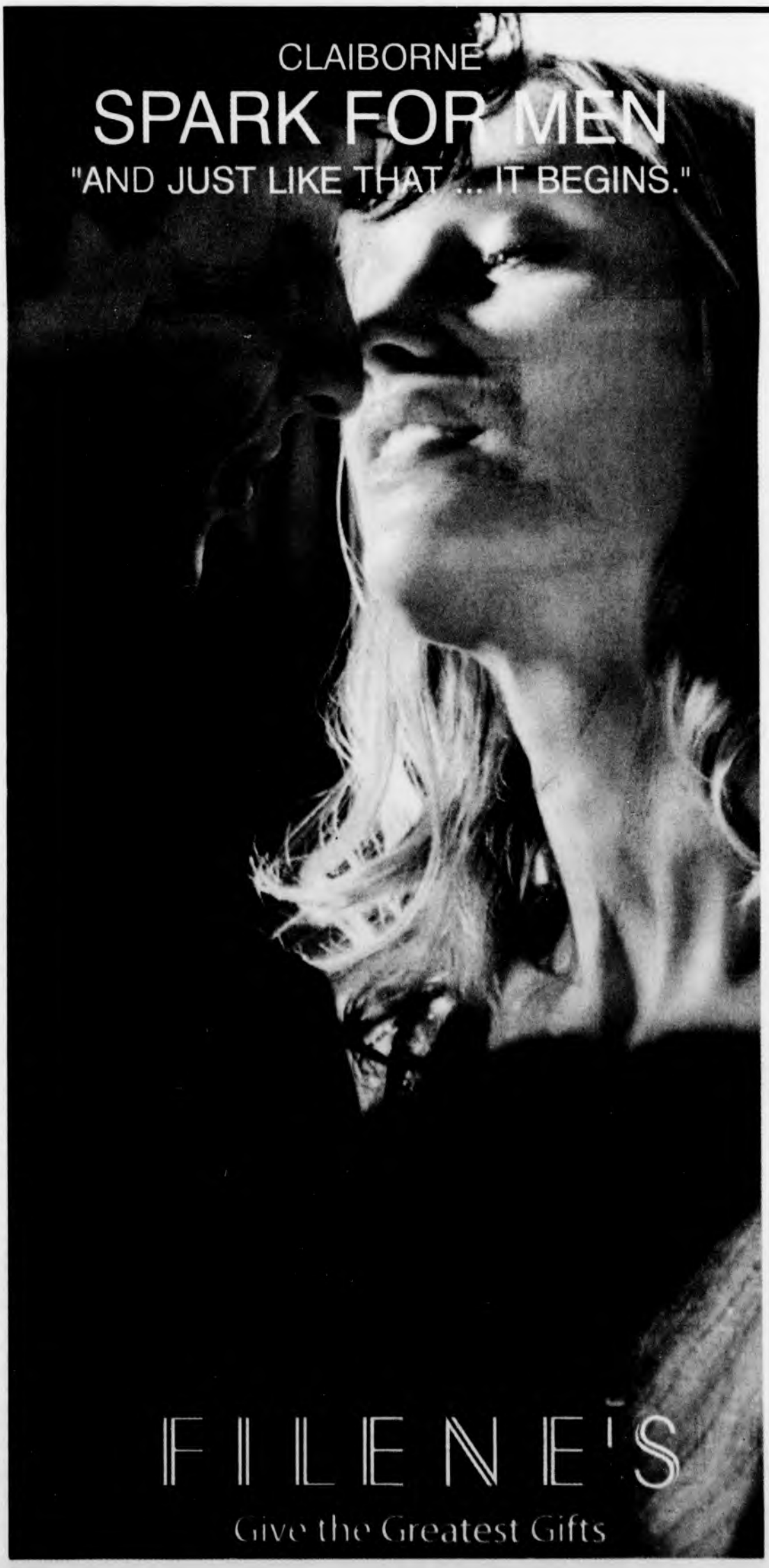

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OBITUARIES

Louis C. Souther

Louis C. Souther, 81, of Canton, formerly of Cohasset, died Nov. 27, 2003, at the Milton Hospital.

Son of the late Edward E.F. and Sally Fabens (Cushing) Souther, he was a 1940 graduate of Cohasset High School, he attended the New England Aircraft School in Boston and later moved to Virginia and became one of the original employees of NASA. After the outbreak of World War II, he returned home, joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Brazil throughout the duration serving as an aviation mechanic. During this time, he took flying lessons on his off duty hours, got his license and managed to become reasonably proficient in Portuguese.

In his early career he was a design machinist/engineer for local manufacturing firms. He then joined the U.S. Defense Department where he served as an industrial specialist for two decades. He retired at age 60 in 1981, and began Souther Engineering, a business in which he manufactured and marketed the Souther Linear Tonearm on a worldwide basis. Mr. Souther obtained a patent on the tonearm shortly before retiring. After seven years of operation, establishing a network of U.S. dealers and overseas distributors he sold the company to a German firm in 1988 when the growth of the compact disc began overtaking analog record sales in the U.S.

Following his second retirement, he renewed his interest in motorcycles traveling throughout New England, northern New York state and Canada. He liked to say that over the years he clocked more than 200,000 miles on his many bikes.

In his younger years he was active in boating. In 1970 he served as commodore of the Winter Harbor Yacht Club on Lake Winnipesaukee. In the 1960's he was an active competitor in gymkhanas held by the Plymouth Country Sportscar Club. He also maintained his interest in audio as an dedicated member of the Boston Audio Society for more than two decades.

Mr. Souther leaves his wife of 53 years, Catherine (Nancy) Greene Souther; a sister, Helen A. Hobbs of Brevard, N.C.; many nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 3. Interment was in Cohasset Central Cemetery.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Cohasset Central Cemetery Association, 44 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025

Edward J. Sweeney Jr.

A graveside service for Edward J. Sweeney Jr. was held at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Mr. Sweeney, 72, of Cohasset, a former employee of General Dynamics in Quincy and a retired Navy officer, died Nov. 8, 2003, at New England Medical Center.

He was a firefighter and emergency medical technician in Cohasset for 15 years.

Born in Jamaica, N.Y., he lived in Cohasset for 57 years. He was a 1949 graduate of Cohasset high School.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Mr. Sweeney served 20 years and retired as a lieutenant. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He enjoyed fishing and was an animal lover and advocate.

He leaves a brother, Robert L. Sweeney of Scituate; three nephews, Shawn M. Sweeney and Torin G. Sweeney of Scituate and Kirk A. Sweeney of Hanover; and six grandnieces and nephews. He was son of the late Capt. Edward J. Sweeney Sr. and Dorothy (Hillman) Sweeney.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of Scituate Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 823, Scituate, 02066.

Diana M. O'Loughlin

Diana M. (Ubaldini) O'Loughlin, 63, of Porte Vedra Beach, Fla., formerly of Cohasset, died Nov. 27, 2003.

Born in Carbondale, Pa., Mrs. O'Loughlin was a longtime member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and a resident of Cohasset for many years before moving to Porte Vedra, Fla. five years ago.

She was a member of the Porte Vedra Inn and Club, where she was also a concierge.

Wife of the late Peter J. O'Loughlin, she leaves a daughter, Linda A. O'Loughlin of Huntsville, N.C.,; two sisters, Phyllis Matlick of Baltimore, Md. and Loretta Ubaldini of Scranton, Pa.; a nephew, Robert Matlick; a niece, Sharon Potter; and two great-nephews, Robby and Jason Matlick.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

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Willard R. May

Willard Rogers May, 91, a longtime resident of Cohasset, died at his home in Jackson, N.H., Nov. 27, 2003, following a brief illness.

Born in Waban, Mass., Mr. May was raised in Cohasset, graduated from Derby Academy and attended Northeastern University.

After serving in the Army in World War II, he returned to Cohasset, and lived there until 1980, when he moved to New Hampshire.

Husband of the late Eleanor Hyland O'Brien, he leaves a daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Timothy R. Lister of New York, N.Y.; two grandsons, Geoffrey G. Eakin of Atlanta, Ga. and Jared M. Lister of New York, N.Y.; two sisters-in-law, Jonnie May of Jackson, N.H. and Lois O'Brien of Ashland; and 20 nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, c/o Tim Kennedy, NH-AMC Treasurer, 15 Garland Drive, Pelham, N.H. 03076.

Paul J. Johnson

Paul Joseph Johnson, 53, of Cohasset, a payroll manager for EMC2 in Hopkinton, died Nov. 24, 2003, at Massachusetts General Hospital following a brief illness.

Born in Boston, Mr. Johnson was raised in Quincy and lived in Needham before moving to Cohasset three years ago.

He graduated from North Quincy High School and Bentley College.

He leaves his wife, Maryellen (O'Toole) Johnson; a daughter, Lauren Marie Johnson of Cohasset; his mother, Louise (Desto) Johnson of Quincy; a brother, Richard Johnson of Florida; a sister, Nancy Bulman of Florida; and several nieces and nephews. He was son of the late Norman P. Johnson.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Father Bill's Place, 38 Broad St., Quincy, 02169.

Cedarmere affordable units to take center stage

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it," Callahan said of abutters concerns, adding while the board doesn't necessarily need to participate in the same arguments that have come up many times throughout the preliminary stages, it has an obligation to get the answers abutters want.

Callahan said there are many questions he and the other Selectmen still have surrounding the project, and he thinks the meeting should provide, "All the things we need to know for us to be able to tell the DHCD we endorse it."

But whether or not the board's recommendation to the Department of Housing and Community Development makes or breaks the project is still to be determined, and the discussion will begin at the Selectmen's meeting next week.

Callahan said at the meeting he would also like to discuss issues such as what the mix of rental and market rate units will be and what the estimated costs are for both. He also said the Cedarmere team is going to have to come up with a good wastewater policy, which he believes is in the board's purview to discuss.

The Cedarmere team came before the Planning Board last night after the Mariner went to press and were slated to discuss the letter sent to the Board of Selectmen from the DHCD and eligibility issues, drainage, and Town Counsel input on the Homeowner's Association agreement.

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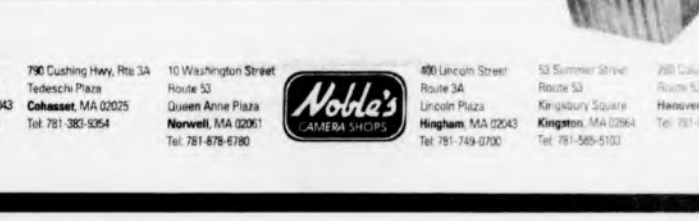

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Fashionable feast

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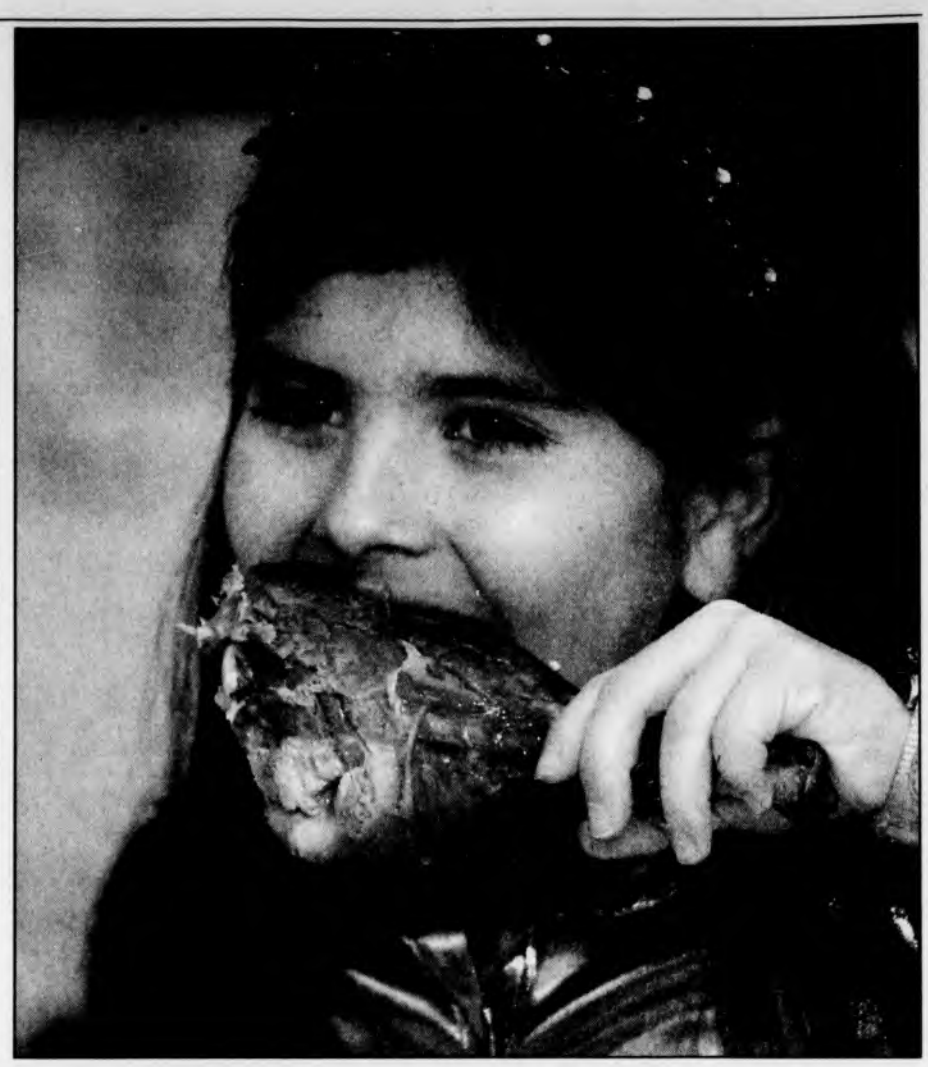
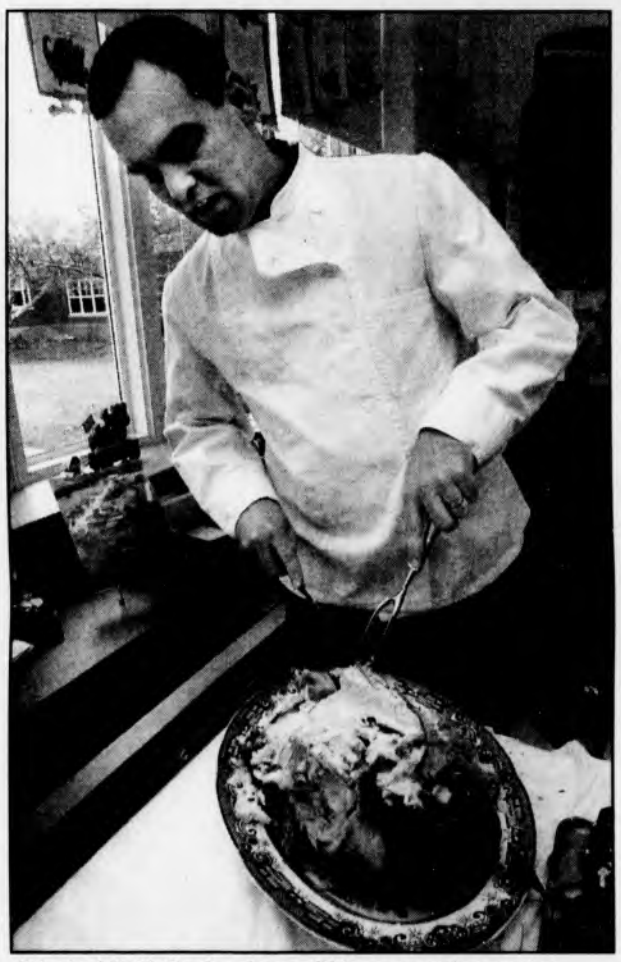
Kids learn turkey table etiquette

Above: Mrs. Clark, top left, eats a Thanksgiving feast with her fourth graders at Deer Hill. The event was the culmination of a social studies curriculum and included a program on etiquette.

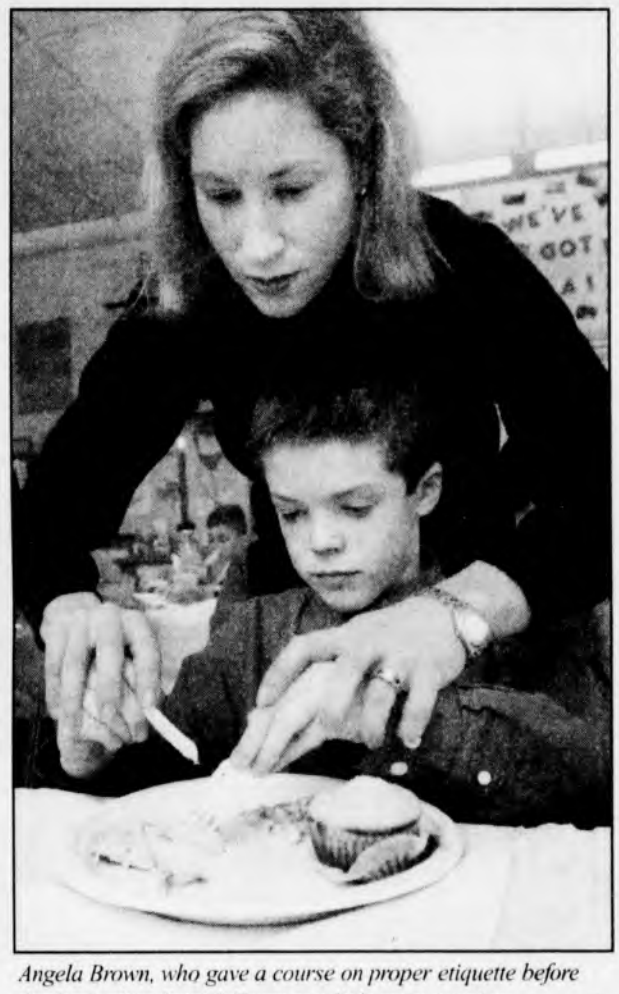


At right: Marie Hillman takes a bite out of a drumstick at the turkey feast in Mrs. Clark's fourth grade at Deer Hill last Wednesday.

Alexiree Hastings enjoys her turkey dinner.



Principal Keith Gauley shows off his expert turkey-carving skills at the fourth-grade feast.



Angela Brown, who gave a course on proper etiquette before the feast, gives Patrick Kearney a little extra tutoring.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

6:45 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

6:53 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

9:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

9:14 a.m. Beechwood St. motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

9:26 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

9:47 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

11:16 a.m. Forest Ave. and Wheelwright Farm, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

11:34 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

11:48 a.m. Pleasant St., officer wanted.

1:24 p.m. Hull St., burglary/breaking and entering.

2:32 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:09 p.m. Elm St., fire inspections.

3:40 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

4:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway animal control.

5:36 p.m. Norman Todd Road, parking complaint.

9:34 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

6:15 a.m. Pond St., fire, log entry.

7:10 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

8:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

10:15 a.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

12:10 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

12:39 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

12:42 p.m. Whitney Woods Lane, animal control.

1:37 p.m. King St., medical aid.

1:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.

2:30 p.m. Highland Ave., parking complaint.

3:38 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

4:25 p.m. Pond St., and King St., illegal dumping.

7:32 p.m. North Main St., general service.

8:26 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

9:07 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

9:24 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

12:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway assist other police department.

1:47 a.m. Weir St., assist other police department.

1:51 a.m., headquarters, fire log entry.

4:14 p.m. Headquarters, fire log entry.

6:10 p.m. Headquarters, fire log entry.

10:15 p.m. Elm St. assist citizen.

10:58 p.m. Windy Hill Road, medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

3:30 p.m. Nichols Road, animal control.

5:19 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, animal control.

6:23 p.m. Atlantic Ave., lost property.

7:38 p.m. Heather Dr., general services.

8:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.

9:36 p.m. Pleasant St., disturbance gathering.

SUNDAY, NOV. 23

9:59 a.m. Doane St,. motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

10:34 a.m. Beach St., medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

3:38 p.m. King St., assist citizen.

4:16 p.m. Route 3A and Kilby St., motor vehicle crash.

10:03 p.m. Forest Ave., animal control. Linda

MONDAY, NOV. 24

8:05 a.m. Elm St., lost property.

10:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire investigation.

10:27 a.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

11 a.m. King St., fire inspections.

11:57 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Bow St., traffic complaint.

1:55 p.m. Training.

2:49 p.m. Ash St. and Cushing Road, investigation.

3:01 p.m. Elm St., parking complaint.

6:43 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint, peace restored.

7:11 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:19 p.m. Norfolk Road, suspicious auto.

8:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.

9:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, NOV. 25

6:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:30 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:44 a.m. Hull St., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:04 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Little Harbor Road, traffic control.

9:08 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:20 a.m. Highland Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:27 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:34 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:41 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:44 a.m. Beechwood St. and Wheelwright Farm, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:06 a.m. Lower King St. and North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:08 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

11:45 a.m. Doane St., suspicious person, no police service necessary.

2:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:29 p.m. North Main St., suspicious person, area search negative.

3:58 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., animal control, unfounded.

5:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:21 p.m. Border St., annoying phone calls.

8:45 p.m. Hull St., animal control.

9:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:35 p.m. Elm St., disturbance.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

12:29 a.m. Pleasant St., vandalism.

12:43 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.

1:35 a.m. Howard Gleason Road, general services.

1:41 a.m. Stockbridge St., assist citizen.

2:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assault.

5:27 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

6:50 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:17 a.m. Pond St., threats.

8:04 a.m. Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:38 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

9:45 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:52 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:01 a.m. South Main St., fire, inspections.

10:03 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, MV stop.

10:16 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:24 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:44 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

11:21 a.m. Elm St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

12:20 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:45 p.m. South Main St., MV crash.

8:30 p.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

9:08 p.m. Lamberts Lane and Hull St., assist motorist.

10:27 p.m. Border St., malicious destruction, unfounded.

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Winterdance 2003 will be presented Dec. 4, 5, and 6, in the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium., at Bridgewater State College. Thirteen advanced student choreographers will stage their work in a varied concert demonstrating many styles of dance. 508-531-1321.

The Friends of Cranberry Hospice's 14th Annual Festival of Trees is open to the public Dec. 4 through Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 5 until 9 p.m. featuring more than 50 beautifully decorated trees, visits with Santa, and entertainment at Plimoth Plantation's Hornblower Visitor Center, in Plymouth. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are $5 for adults, $4 for senior citizens, and $2 for children under 12. For more details about the Festival, check the Web site at www.cranberryhospice.org/festival or call 781-834-7281.

Comedy Night Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners. featuring **Spike Tobin, Mike Hanlon, Annette Pollack, Dave McDonough, Mike Hanlon, Mike O'Neill. Host: Lamont Price**. Admission $10. 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300.

The Life and Music of Irving Berlin performed by **Joel Davidson** and **Judy Cobble**, on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Logan Auditorium of Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Free and open to the public.781-848-0405, ext. 4420.

Fri. 5

An exhibit and silent auction of Christmas decorations to benefit the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell Silent auction and Adult reception Friday, Dec. 5, 5 to 8 p.m. Admission: $5. Silent auction continues and Family reception Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dramatikos presents **Tales from the Great North Woods**, a new Christmas play for children, Dec. 5, 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.. at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. $5 reserved seating. 508-588-9100 ext. 1544.

Marshfield Kiwanis will be selling Christmas trees at the Country Market Place on Rt. 139. Nov. 28, at 8:30 a.m. on weekends and 9 a.m. on weekdays. Santa and Rudolph will make an appearance on Dec. 6.

Bettina Lesieur's Eighth Annual Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge Dec. 5 . Exhibit hours: Friday, Dec. 5, 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m to 10 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 7, noon to 5 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 10 - 12 and Dec. 17 - Dec. 19 , 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 13 , 14, 20, and 21, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gala Reception Dec. 6, from 6-10 p.m. Lesieur Gallery is located at 301 Saint George St. in Duxbury.

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Harbour Choral Arts Society presents **A Mediterranean Holiday** on Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Rt. 139 in Hanover. This concert is in conjunction with the Preview Party of the Stetson House, which is decorated for the holidays. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the door. 781-834-5808

The Marshfield High School Drama Club is presenting "It Runs in the Family", a comedy, on Dec. 5, and Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Furnace Brook School Auditorium. Tickets are $7, $6 for students and seniors. Bring a canned good for the Marshfield Food Pantry and receive a dollar off admission

Comedy Night Dec. 5, at 9 p.m. **JC Dee's Restaurant & Lounge**, 312 Bridge Street (Rte. 3A), No. Weymouth. Featuring: **Tommy Dunham with Annette Pollack, Lance Buchanan, Jan Flanagan, John Polli, Christina Kiriakos and Adam Copithorne**. Show starts at 9 p.m. Admission $10 at the door. Advanced tickets available at JC Dee's for $8. Reservations recommended. 781-337-1020.

Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. Third Annual Christmas Tree Sale, Dec. 5, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Dec. 6 and 7, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Doran Insurance Bldg. 33 Enterprise St., Duxbury. 781-582-2598 www.brittanylambertfoundatin.org

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Bettina Lesieur's Eighth Annual Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge Dec. 5 , Exhibit hours: Friday, Dec. 5, 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m to 10 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 7, noon to 5 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 10 - 12 and Dec. 17 - Dec. 19 , 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 13 , 14, 20, and 21, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gala Reception Dec. 6, from 6-10 p.m. Lesieur Gallery is located at 301 Saint George St. in Duxbury

The Second Annual Festival of Trees at the Paragon Carousel Grand Opening night is Dec. 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. Santa will officially light the trees 6 p.m. Tickets opening night are $2.75 per child $10. per Adults Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14, 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday - 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets: $1.75 per Child ; $5 per Adult.

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The Company Theatre in Norwell, **A Christmas Story** through Dec. 20. Friday (8 p.m.), Saturday (4 p.m., 8 p.m.) and Sunday (3pm) at $25. Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) and Thursday (7:30 p.m.) at $22. Tickets are on sale at the box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

Boston Ballet presents its 40th Anniversary Production of Boston's Annual tradition **The Nutcracker** at the Wang theatre, 270 Tremont St. Boston. Tickets $19 to $77 available by phone through Telecharge, 800-477-7400 or www.telecharge.com

The Holiday Festival of Lights, at **Edaville Railroad**, Rt. 58, Carver, runs through Sunday, Jan. 4. Hours are 4 to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 2 to 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Edaville Railroad is closed Mondays (except Dec. 29), Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Tickets are $16 for all visitors 3 and older. Prices include all rides and attractions. 508-866-8190 or 877-EDAVILLE, www.edaville.com.

The Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth. **Cindy Daley Band.**

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, **Justin Beech** 781-545-9898.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every **Trax w/Jannelle Malafronte**. at 9 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach (Hull) presents **NRBQ** 9:30 p.m. www.seanote.com. 781-925-4300

Sat. 6

The holidays can be stressful, especially for families. Call the Parental Stress Line, 1-800-632-8188. Trained volunteers offer a supportive, non-judgmental ear for parents who need someone to listen. The line is confidential, toll-free, and 24 hours a day. No problem is too big or small for a parent to call

The Donna Green Studio in Cohasset Village will be celebrating the Holiday Season with an open house to present her newly released book, "To My Son, With Love." New this year is Monique's Fairy Loft, which offers a lovely selection of Cecily Mary Barker Fairies, fairy books, gifts, bookmarks and much more. Shop hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open House hours are from 2 to 6 p.m.

Santa Claus at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Cohasset, on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Feel free to bring your camera and take a picture. Free and open to the public. 781-383-2665.

Sociable Singles is having their annual Christmas Party, Dec. 6, at the Buzzard Bay Eagles from 8 p.m. to midnight, music will be provided by SRO. 877-626-4900 www.sociablessingles.org Admission $10

The 3rd Annual HBIA Holiday Artisan Fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a..m. to 4 p.m. at the Bridgwaye Inn in Marshfield. Admission is $2 or bring a friend and get in for $1 each!

Hingham Winterfest Folk Art and Craft Show, Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St., Hingham, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $6; children under 12 free. Free shuttle bus from the rear of the parking lost of Resurrection Church.

Cohasset's Village Fair on the Common, Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Four of Cohasset's churches and the non-profit Cohasset Appalachia Service Project work together each year to create a holiday marketplace on and around Cohasset Common.

Christmas Fair at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate. Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church 17 Church St. Hanover. Christmas Fair on Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables available for crafters/artists, 781-826-2062.

Merrie Market, Old Ship Church's Annual Holiday Fair, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to1 p.m. at the Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-1679.

The North Community Church, located in Marshfield Hills, will hold its annual "It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like...Christmas" Holiday Fair on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10AM-3PM at its Parish Hall.781-837-3784.

Decemberfest holiday fair with an international theme will held on Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. First Parish Church, Route 3A at Depot St., Duxbury. 781-934-6532.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, for a **Nordic Christmas Gala Christmas in Norway**. on Saturday Dec. 6, The menu includes a spread of salmon, cheeses, breads, desserts, and much more accompanied by champagne, fine wines, and beers. Tickets are $35 Members, $40. Non-Members. To reserve tickets call Barbie Guild at 781-925-5433, or email lifesavingmuseum@comcast.netTickets

The Art Complex Museum will offer a chance to learn the art of painted canvas floor cloths in **Painted Floor Cloths** on Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. $50 includes materials. 781-934-6634, ext. 15.

The North River Arts Society is offering a two-day workshop for kids **Build A Snowman Without Snow** on Dec. 6, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to complete the project. Cost $30. The workshop will be held at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. 781-837-8091.

Scituate Artisan Group announces Holiday Open-Studio Tour Dec 6 and 7, demonstrations and refreshments from various artisans. All items are hand crafted in Scituate. Participating studios include Betty E. Tufankjian & Friends, 781-545-0380; Marj Bates Studio, 781-545-8290, www.glassthings.com; Paul Kukstis - Kukstis Woodcarving, 781-545-6103, www.kukstis.com; Darlene Bradlee, 781-545-0340; Susan Denniston, 781-545-3570; Rossman Pottery,781545-3171. More information available from the studios at the phone numbers listed.

South Shore Arts & Recreation Center will hold a craft fair fund raiser on Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cordage Park, Mill #1, Lower Level. 508-747-1234.

Second Parish in Hingham at 685 Main Street (Rt. 228) will hold its annual holiday sale of crafts and greens. Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Join the Hingham Symphony Orchestra and conductor Jin Kim on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets at $25 adult, $20 senior, and $10 youth through age 18, are available at Hingham and Weymouth Main Libraries, Nobles, Hingham Square, Buttonwood Books, Cohasset and Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, or call 781-740-5694 to order by phone.

North River Shipwreck: The Quest to Identify a 19th century Wooden Shipwreck Lecture by Paul McCarthy will be held at The Hull Lifesaving Museum is located at 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. $3 members/ $5 non-members. 781-925-5433.

"Holiday Lights on the Common" takes place Dec. 6, at the Cushing Center, located at 673 Main St. in Norwell, and nearby Norwell Common. A lively Christmas concert and refreshments at 2:30 p.m. will be followed by a visit from Santa Claus on an antique fire truck at 4:30 p.m. Caroling will accompany the event's much-loved finale, the tree-lighting ceremony on Norwell Common. The celebration continues on Sunday, December 7 with the Holly House Tour. This year's tour begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Marketplace at the Cushing Center. House viewings will take place from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Highlights of this year's tour include a unique houseboat on the North River and a "surprise" house that will delight visitors!

The South Shore Natural Science Center invites the public to its Fourth annual **A Natural Christmas**, a collection of wreaths, swags, tabletop trees and gingerbread houses decorated using a natural theme, to be displayed in Vine Hall Gallery Friday, Dec. 5, and Saturday, Dec. 6. 781-659-2559.

Express Thyself Entertainment's Dessert Theater is back with a new line up of one act plays. Enjoy fine entertainment and desserts on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center on the corner of Court and Brewster Streets in downtown Plymouth, across from the Court House. Tickets are $18 and include dessert. For reservations, call Director 508-833-1379 ext. *2

Star Creations Theatre from the **South Shore Arts & Recreation Center,** presents the musical **Christmas Inside The Littlest Angel** on Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14 at 3 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Adults $10; child $5. 508-747-1234.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Sundaes on Saturdays** between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Dec. 6, 13, 29, 27. Create your own sundaes. This event coincides with Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection. For more information call 866-JFK-1960 or www.jfklibrary.org

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, Dec. 6, **Midnight Collective** 781-545-9898.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach (Hull) presents **Steve Smith and The Nakeds** Dec. 6, 9:30 p.m. www.seanote.com. 781-925-4300

Sun. 7

Jeff Corwin, noted wildlife biologist and host of the Animal Planet series **The Jeff Corwin Experience**, will be appearing at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, for a book signing on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 3 to 5 p.m. 781-659-2559 or visit them on the web at www.ssnsc.org.

A breakfast followed by a speaker from the Islamic High School (Quincy), who will speak about Islam, its structure and philosophy, relationship with America, the Jews, etc., will be held Sunday Dec. 7, at 9:30 a.m. followed by replies to questions including those having to do with its attitude to Israel, the latter to be answered by a colleague of the main speaker CBJ Community Ctr, corner

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Scituate Artisan Marj Bates opens her Rebecca Road studio Dec. 6 & 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for her 9th Annual Open Studio and Sale. Bates will sell some of her beautiful bead creations and will offer beadmaking demonstrations during the two-day open house. For more information call (781) 545-8290 or visit www.glassthings.com.

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of Court & Brewster Sts., Plymouth ctr. A small donation will be welcome.

Temple Beth Emunah Brotherhood, 29th Fall Flea Market and Craft Show, Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. corner of Pearl and Torrey Sts., Brockton. 508-588-8085

St. Luke Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, hosts **Olivia Woodford with Faith: A Mother's Story**-a one woman play about the women who surround Mary during the events leading up to Jesus' birth. Open to all $5 admission. 781-545-9482.

The Boston Classical Guitar Society and the **Hingham Public Library** present **Alan Lee Wilson** on Dec. 7, at 3:30 p.m. in the Library's Whiton Room. No tickets required. Fully accessible.

The Fine Arts Chorale, will present its **23rd Annual Holiday Pops Concert** at 6 p.m. Dec. 7, at Lombardos, Randolph. 1-800-230-7555 or email fineartschorale@aol.com

Cohasset Historical Society, Open House and Wassail Party, 106 Main St., Cohasset, Free admission. 781-383-1434.

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra will perform in St. Anthony's Church, South Main St., Cohasset. On Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. Tickets at $25 adult, $20 senior, and $10 youth through age 18, are available at Hingham and Weymouth Main Libraries, Nobles, Hingham Square, Buttonwood Books, Cohasset and Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, or call 781-740-5694 to order by phone.

The Irish Rovers Holiday Show to Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Dec.7, at 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at $25 and $30, and are available at the Plymouth Hall box-office at 83 Court St., online at www.ticketweb.com or 508-747-0234, and at all Strawberries stores..

The Braintree Choral Society, will sponsor a silent auction and Messiah at Saint Clare's Church, 1244 Liberty St., Braintree at 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Admission $8 and $5 for seniors and students.508-583-5662.

The Friends of the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association (NVNA) are sponsoring the ***Holly House Tour*** on Sunday, Dec. 7. The tour, which features several private residences in Norwell, will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors will gather at the Marketplace at the Cushing Center, located at 673 Main St. in Norwell at 10 a.m.

"A Neighborly Christmas" 28th Annual Gardener's Guild Holiday House Tour Dec. 7, from 1 to 5 p.m. The Gardener's Guild will present two uniquely decorated homes for the Holiday House Tour. Roe Flaherty and Karen Connelly. Fresh greens, handcrafted decorating items and gifts will be available at the Guild's Boutique from 1 to 4 p.m. at the East Middle School, River Street. Admission $10 in advance from any Guild member or at the office of the Braintree Town Clerk. Tickets will be available for $12 at the door of the Houses, as well as at the Boutique. www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/gardenersguild

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Harbour Choral Arts Society presents **A Mediterranean Holiday** on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. at Old South Union Congregational Church in South, Weymouth. The chorus, accompanied by a string trio and organ, and directed by Allan Friedman, will feature songs spanning five countries and five centuries. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the door. For more information, call 781-834-5808.

The Hingham Mother's Club will hold its annual Holiday Open House Tour on Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour features five Hingham homes decorated for the holidays. In addition, a boutique open only to ticket holders will be at Wilder Memorial Nursery School at 666 Main St., The boutique will feature gift items and decorative accessories not readily available in the Hingham area. Tickets are $25 in advance, and $30 the day of tour. For more information, call 781-749-3051.

The St. Mary's Church Choir, under the direction of Ellen McDonough, at a rehearsal for the upcoming Christmas Celebration of Lights to be held on the Hanover campus of Cardinal Cushing Centers, 400 Washington St., at 6:30 p.m., Sunday Dec. 7 (rain date: Dec. 8). Free and open to the public

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, **Dixieland Holiday Jazz Festival**, more than a dozen musicians including Stan McDonald, who appeared during the year will be providing continuous music from 4 to 7 p.m. Admission is $12 and dinner is optional beginning at 3 p.m. Reservations 781-834-6505.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday **Jazz brunch** 10:30 to 2 p.m. $13.95. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. **Singles Dance every Sunday night**, complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m.. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-Sponsored by the Single Executives Club and The Presidents Club of Boston, www.se-4u.com

Mon. 8

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce and the South Shore Women's Business Network (SSWBN) will once again co-host the region's premiere holiday networking event. The 10th Annual Holiday Food and Wine Tasting Dec. 8, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lombardo's, located at 6 Billings St. in Randolph. Tickets are $30 in advance and $35 at the door.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. For more information, call 617-770-4303, or visit our website at www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincy-toastmasters.

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

Afterschool Nature Programs South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. 781- 659-2559.

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 9

Buttonwood Books & Toys Sponsors Book Angel Program Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset invite all to participate in the Book Angel program will run through Sunday, Dec. 14 and is designed to help put books into the hands of children who might not otherwise receive them. The Book Angel selects an angel from the tree in the store and purchases a book for the child described on the angel. Buttonwood will give a 15 percent discount on the book and deliver the book to the appropriate agency. 781-383-2665

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets every Tuesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus.

Weymouth Voice of the Faithful - December meeting will be held at St. Albert The Great Parish, 1130 Washington St., East Weymouth at 7 p.m. **Fr. Lennie Tighe** will be the guest speaker. His topic will be Vatican II documents. All are invited. 781-337-8778.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum, Human Rights Wars and America's Response, John Shattuck, former Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and labor and current CEO of the JFK Library Foundation will discuss his new book, Freedom on Fire: Human Rights Wars and America's Response, Dec. 9, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Call 617-514-1643 for reservations.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Handlebar Harry's, Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 10

Insight Education Center presents a workshop **Another Difficult Day…Understanding attention disorders** (ages 3 to 12) being held on Dec. 10, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Exit 17, Braintree, $25 per individual, $40 per co-parenting couple. Pre registration is required. 781-294-8004.

Selected paintings by Cohasset artist **JoAnne Chittick** will be exhibited at the **Paul Pratt Memorial Library** from through Dec. 31. South Shore Art Center 781-383-2787

Brockton Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Brockton High School, Route 123, Brockton .All seats $12.50 Tickets call 508-588-3841. Free parking. Wheelchair accessible.

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

8minutedating at Finbar's Pub, Norwood, Ages 32-42. Advance registration is required at www.8minutedating.com new daters can save $8 by entering code 8md when registered.

Thurs. 11

Holiday Luncheon and Talbot's Fashion Show, to benefit **Children's Global Discover Museum** at Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset. $50. Prizes and raffles. Handicap accessible. 781-383-0407.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston,

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Gifts from the World to the White House. Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 -or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum Third Annual Holiday Luncheon and Talbot's Fashion Show, Dec. 11, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border Street, Cohasset. To reserve your seat, please contact 781.383.0407

Fri. 12

Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Highway, Kingston, presents their **Annual Christmas Choral Show, *Songs of the Season*** on Friday, Dec. 12, at 10:15 a.m. and Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The show will feature more than 15 seasonal performances by the Intermediate School Chorus, High School Chorus and *Pizzazz*, the Sacred Heart High School Show Choir. A traditional live Nativity Scene will also be presented. Admission is free and Open to the Public.. 781-585-7511, www.sacredheart-hs.org

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South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Dec. 12. **Christmas Dinner Dance** featuring live music with The Emanon Orchestra from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $12 SSS members/$15 non-members. Proper dress required, no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

The Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth. Dec. 12, **Keepin The Gruve**

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The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, Dixieland Holiday Jazz Festival, more than a dozen musicians including Stan McDonald, who appeared during the year will be providing continuous music from 4 to 7 p.m. Admission is $12 and dinner is optional beginning at 3 p.m. Reservations 781-834-6505.

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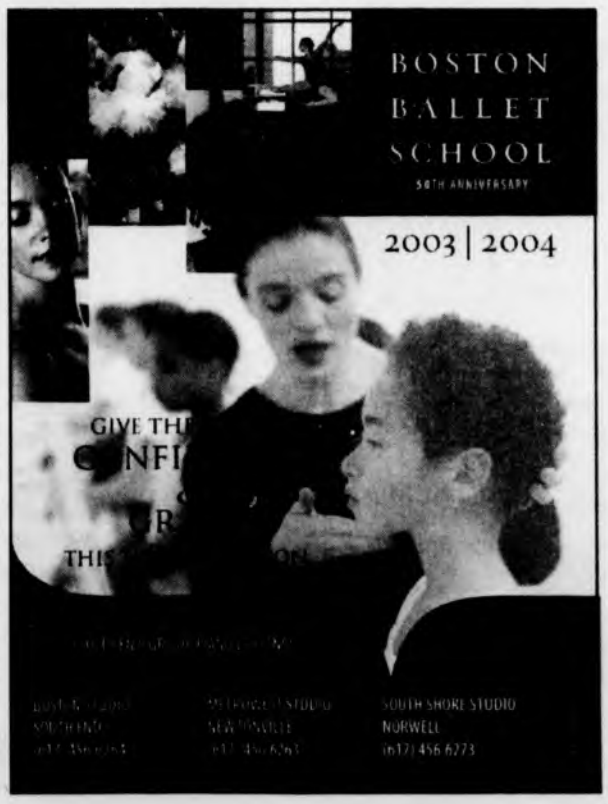

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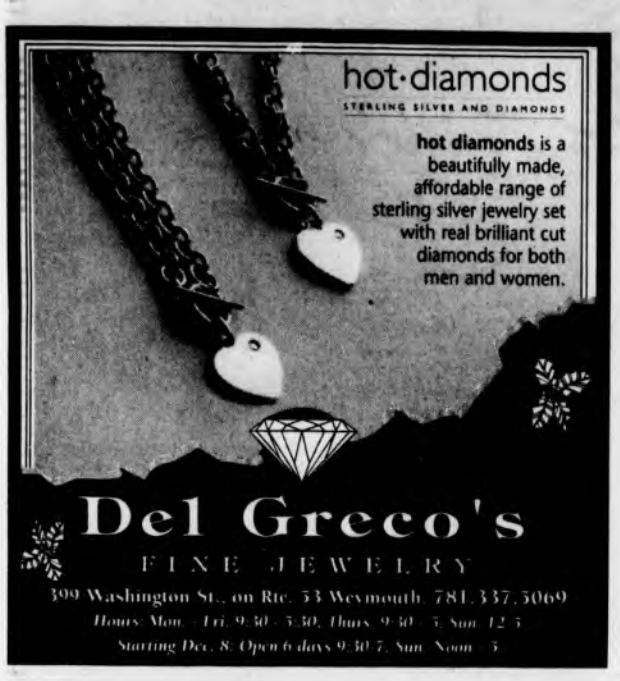

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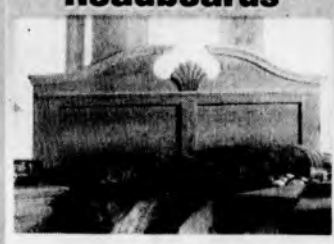

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Four-quad gates possible at some grade crossings

By Mary Ford
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There are railroad rumblings that four-quadrant gates without median barriers may be used at some grade crossings along the Greenbush Line after all.

Following a meeting with state Transportation Secretary Daniel A. Grabauksas, town officials are cautiously optimistic that the gates — which stop traffic in all directions by employing four arms instead of two — could be used at certain grade crossings to enhance safety and for aesthetic reasons.

"I came out of the meeting feeling positive," Cohasset Town Manager Mark Haddad said. "It appeared the issue was open for discussion."

Greenbush towns have been unanimous in seeking four-quad gates rather than standard grade crossing treatments with median barriers. The towns feel four-quad gates are safer and eliminate the need for lengthy median barriers that divide the roadway and could negatively impact neighborhoods.

But up until the Grabauskas meeting earlier this month, the MBTA had literally dug its heels into the ground over the issue, stating in no uncertain terms that the safety of stand-alone, four-quad gates is a technology that has not been significantly developed.

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DeGiacomo won't seek another term

By Samantha Brown
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Come springtime, there will be at least one School Committee incumbent who will not be out on the campaign trail.

Mark DeGiacomo, who has served on the School Committee since 1998, has decided to call it quits, leaving his three-year seat up for grabs.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my five-and-a-half, soon to be six years on the committee, but at this point I think we have a very veteran committee," he said, adding it would be a good time for new people to step in and share their ideas.

But even without his participation on the School Committee, DeGiacomo said he will still be very active in town, as he plans to spend more time on zoning reform and land use issues. He currently serves as a Director of the Cohasset Conservation Trust and is also a member of the Zoning Advisory Committee. He spent14 years on the Zoning Board of Appeals until he decided to run for the School Committee.

At this point, DeGiacomo said his plans include spending more time working with the Conservation Trust and ZAC, and now that the Growth and Development Committee has wrapped up work on the Master Plan, he expects he will be spending a lot of time reviewing and implementing the zoning suggestions the plan puts forth.

"He's done a fabulous job,"

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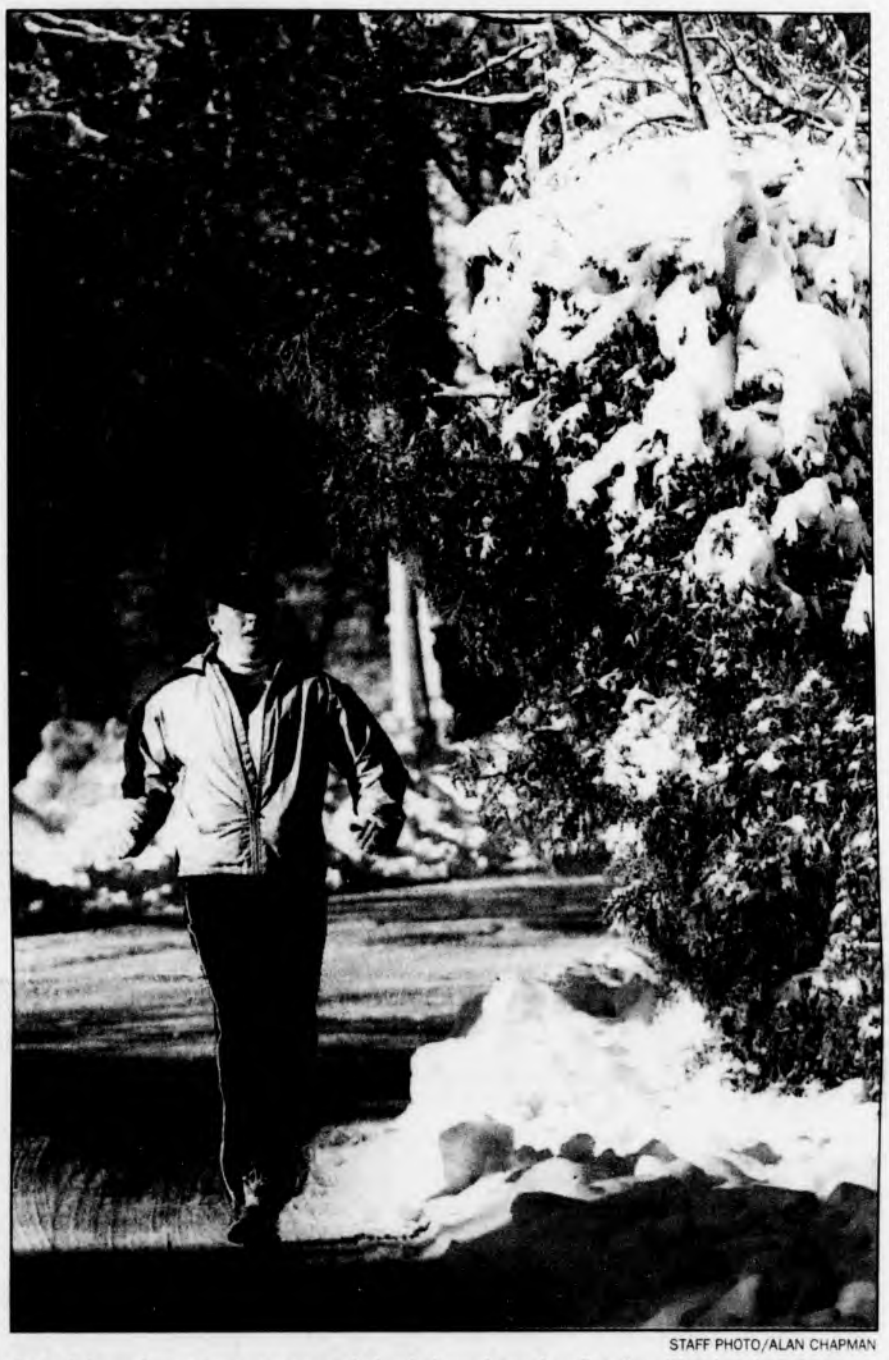
Like it or not – winter's early



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Lynn Schwandt jogs in a winter wonderland along Jerusalem Road on Monday. Anywhere from 10-20 ins. of snow blanketed Cohasset following the weekend-long nor'easter.

By Mary Ford
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Although winter doesn't officially begin until Dec. 21, few Cohasset residents mistook the weekend nor'easter for a late fall storm.

Ominous-looking snow clouds gathered late Friday sending the clear message that meteorologists may have been right on target. Many heeded the warnings and headed to local hardware stores for shovels and salt, to Blockbusters for movie rentals, and to the supermarket and liquor stores to stock up for an extended bout of cabin fever.

"Not having to contend with traffic was a big plus."
— Kenny Thayer, Cohasset DPW

But when the white stuff began to swirl in earnest in the wee hours of Saturday morning, most Cohasseters were tucked into bed and off the roads — a blessing for the plow crews.

"There were not many people out and that was a big help," said Kenny Thayer of the Cohasset Department of Public Works, about the weekend-long storm. "Not having to contend with traffic was a big plus."

The Cohasset DPW is responsible for the 37 miles of accepted roads in town and 11 miles of private ways. MassHighway takes care of Route 3A, a state road.

The need to shop for the holidays coupled with Saturday's slushy sleet opened the door for many to venture out to the annual Village Fair on the Common, which is hosted by

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Hats for homeless teaches life lessons

By Samantha Brown
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Since 1997, art teacher Ann Berman has been teaching Deer Hill students to knit and has invited them to participate in making hats for the homeless, which students deliver to area shelters for the holidays. The hats are knitted outside of class and are completely a volunteer effort, and the trend has spread from the students, to the staff, to parents, and even grandparents. To date, Cohasset has donated more than 1,000 hats to the cause.

"I never knew it would take off the way it did," Berman said, adding she is thrilled with the way the project has turned out. "The kids are pretty amazing."

This year, students will deliver hats to Rosie's Place, a Boston area homeless shelter for women and children. Unlike many other shelters, Rosie's Place is not funded by the government and relies on the generosity of volunteers to

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Clockwise from bottom, fourth-graders Vincent Kennedy, Francesca Astino, Abby Brown and Julia Thompson model the hats they knit for the homeless.

Taking the first step

Center guides abuse victims through complicated system

Editor's note: This is one in a series of articles as part of CNC's annual Gifts of Hope campaign to help raise funds for South Shore Women's Center.

By Maureen Walsh
CORRESPONDENT

I am not alone.

This belief, this hope, is the first big step toward healing for women suffering the isolation, fear and shame of domestic violence. Each day, advocates from the South Shore Women's Center work with hospitals, courts, the police and social services to get abuse victims the information and help they need.

"We advocate in any system that deals with the obstacles that are keeping a victim from going from violence to safety," says Barbara Fuyat, executive director of the Center. "We walk with them, we open doors in state agencies, social services, transition assistance, the court system, with police officers and health care providers."

Domestic violence affects every aspect of a woman's life, and the steps needed to rebuild her life outside of the relationship can be overwhelming. Often, her abuser has cut her off from friends, family and others she might turn to for help. He has undercut her efforts to earn a living, make decisions or form relationships on her own. He has made her feel different from, less than, other women.

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Village merchants host first holiday festival this weekend

By Samantha Brown
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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas — especially in Cohasset Village. Festive lights and decorations adorn storefront windows and red velvet ribbons hang from window boxes spilling over with greens. But it's not just the excitement of the holiday season that is getting merchants in the mood to deck their halls, but the anticipation of what is sure to become a holiday tradition in town, when they hold "A Cohasset Village Holiday" celebration this weekend.

From Friday Dec. 12 to Sunday, Dec. 14, the Village will be transformed into a holiday street festival as South Main Street from Cohasset Hardware to Dependable Cleaners will be closed to traffic, and merchants take to the streets to share what they do best with the residents of the town. Food samples will be available from many area eateries, as well as ornament decorating, visits with Santa, and attractions for the whole family — all provided by the merchants at no charge.

"This is our way to thank people for coming all year long, as well as showcase what we've been doing down here," said Amyra O'Connell of Village Wine & Spirits, who is one of the merchants helping to organize the festival. She said the best part has been getting to know her Village neighbors. While they work side-by-side on a daily basis, she said there were many people who came to the first organizational meeting not knowing each other.

"It really was amazing how we literally had to introduce ourselves," she said, adding 20 merchants came to that first meeting, which has ballooned to 35 total merchants participating in this weekend's event.

"There are creative people everywhere and a lot of creative energy in the town and we haven't been able to showcase it," O'Connell said.

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Susan Spellman paints the window at Cohasset News on Brook Street in preparation for "A Cohasset Village Holiday" this weekend.

But the merchants wouldn't be able to follow through on their vision without the help of those outside the Village. "We have had overwhelming support," said Katie Howard of the Cohasset Harbor Resort, who has also been heading up the planning efforts. She said it's been amazing how many people have been eager to come forward and donate whatever they have to help the cause.

The merchants were especially grateful to Neil Murphy for donating lights for the festival, the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, and Mark Tossi of Pastene Foods, for their generous contributions. An anonymous donation of trees to decorate the Village was also made in memory of Robert M. Davenport.

The Cohasset Historical Society is also contributing to the festivities and will host events throughout the weekend. The Beechwood Bell Ringers of the Beechwood Congregational Church will present a performance of Christmas carols on Sunday in front of the Wilson House and Maritime museums. Jacqueline Dormitzer will also be signing copies of the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III," at the Silver Spoon Café. Those, who wish, may bring their own copies to be signed. Copies will also be available for purchase.

The festivities will kick off with a dance for children in grades six through eight at the Red Lion Inn. While a $5 donation is requested, 100 percent of the proceeds will go to the "Make A Wish" foundation. Throughout the weekend there will be many events for children of all ages, including visiting Santa's workshop and a visit from the jolly old elf, himself. Children will also be able to cast their votes for the best decorated storefront window. Those closer to the teenage years are sure to enjoy the holiday make-up demonstration at Adamo Day Spa.

For adults only, there will be a wine tasting at Village Wine & Spirits. O'Connell said there will be three tables with representatives from different vineyards.

Many local restaurants will be donating food for the festival, including Atlantica, Grapevine Caterers, French Memories, which will have cookie decorating, and The Village Deli which will be serving complimentary hot dogs. Bia Bistro, which is new to the Village will also host a holiday tasting, which will provide the perfect way to introduce itself to the community, said Howard. Other new businesses, Studio C Book Publishing and Art Works will have activities going on in their shops. O'Connell said Studio C will invite children to make their own Christmas books during the festival.

Springboard

But the event will serve as much more than a holiday festival for the merchants who have organized it. O'Connell said she sees this first event as a springboard from which the merchants can plan other activities and get together to discuss matters that involve everyone who has their business in the Village. O'Connell said with the train coming to town, business owners want to discuss how they can best take advantage of having public transportation close by, and because it is such a huge issue in town, band together so their voice will be heard.

"We'll meet to talk about that after the holidays," she said.

But in the meantime, everyone is excited to get into the holiday spirit and share their enthusiasm with the whole town. O'Connell said every merchant in the Village has supported the fair in some way, and there will be something for everyone during the weekend. But the greatest aspect of the fair, is that it will bring the town together and start a revitalization in relationships for residents and merchants alike.

"It really is nice to get to know everyone," said Lisa Lynch of Ports and Company.

'A Cohasset Village Holiday' Schedule of Events

Friday night Dec. 12 "Kick-off"

Snowball Blowout dance (6th-8th graders) - Red Lion Inn 7-10 p.m.
($5 donation to the "Make a Wish" Foundation.)

Throughout the Festival

New England Chowder - Atlantica
Ornaments for sale to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry
Visit Santa's workshop - Coastal Countryside Properties
Holiday open house & raffles - Flemings
Holiday samplings - Grapevine Caterers
Seasonal sale - Hernan salon
Trunk Shows - Ports & Company
Wine Tastings - Village Wine & Spirits
Goodale Company Insurance - visit the Diversity Committee "window"
Holiday tastings - Bia Bistro
Ornament decorating - Cohasset News
Complimentary Hot Dogs - The Village Deli
Donate Canned Goods and/or buy an ornament to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry - Pilgrim Cooperative Bank
Candy canes for all - Tedeschi's
Pictures with your dog - Dogwash
Kids vote for best "window" at Cohasset Hardware
Music to bring out the holiday spirit - Lilly Sestito and The Rusty Skippers

Saturday Dec. 13, 5-8 p.m.

Decorate cookies - French Memories
Visit with Santa - Coldwell Banker Hunneman
Classical Guitar concert - South Shore Arts Center 8 p.m. (tickets available)
Gingerbread house making with Millie - Dean &Hamilton Realtors

Sunday Dec. 14, 1-4 p.m.

Jacqueline Dormitzer book signing - Silver Spoon Café 1-3 p.m.
Holiday make-up demonstration - Adamo day Spa 2-4 p.m.
Beechwood Bell Ringers - Wilson House/Maritime Museums 2 p.m.
Visit with Santa - Red Lion Inn 3-5 p.m.
Holiday Ornament Workshop - South Shore Arts Center (reservations required)

This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Jan. 13, 4 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Dec. 11 , 7:30 p.m.
Selectmen, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.
School Committee, Dec. 18, 7 p.m., high school library.
Water Commission, Dec. 16, 8 p.m. at the King Street Plant.
ZBA, Dec. 18, 7 p.m., 40A executive session.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Stream-flow gauges record level of water

The Water Commission has installed six stream-flow gauges in the watershed for Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir. These gauges constantly record the level of water and the rate of flow of the water through the watershed.

"These stream-flow gauges will help us to better protect the integrity of our drinking water supplies while preserving the natural environment," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "This information will help us to make sure that our use of our water resources is sustainable for the current demand and for any future increases in demand for drinking water."

A better understanding of the watershed hydrology and flow is essential to the successful management of the surface water supply, McNabb explained.

"With the information from the stream-flow gauges, the relationship between the stream flows, releases of water from the Aaron River Reservoir, and water withdrawals from Lily Pond can be quantified so the quantity and quality of the surface water supply as well as the wildlife habitats within the system can be better protected," he said.

The stream gauges were installed in August and have all been activated. Data will be downloaded monthly from the gauges for the first year and then every two months.

The installation of stream-flow gauges was recommended in the Water Commission's recently developed Surface Water Supply Protection Plan (SWSPP) for Lily Pond and Aaron River Reservoir, the sources of Cohasset's public water supply), and was partially funded by a $5,000 grant from the Massachusetts Riverways Program.

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Mon. 15	3:28	8.7	9:28	3:36	9.4	10:01
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Selectmen's role in Cedarmere process causes contentious debate

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If Cedarmere developers weren't frustrated before, they certainly are now, as they butted heads with Selectmen Tuesday, turning a presentation on the project's plans into a legal argument. During the contentious meeting, the exasperated developers faced the same questions they have been answering for the past six months.

Since early summer, the Cedaremere team, consisting of David and Kelli Calhoun of Sheldon Road and Tom Ragno of Lexington, and their consultants have sought feedback from town boards and their consultants, and abutters on the proposed senior housing development. The project is slated for 41-acres on the former Hayes Estate off Beechwood Street on the east side of 3A. Cedarmere would consist of 105-units of both affordable and market rate apartments and condominiums for seniors 55 and older.

Tuesday was the first time the development team came before the Selectmen and it won't be the last.

Frustration was high on both sides as conflicting opinions regarding the project came to a head. Because Cedarmere is the first project to be filed under the town's new Senior Overlay District Bylaw, there are no previous developments to look to for guidance, and this project will set the precedent for the future.

Just what role the Selectmen will play in the approval process is at the center of the debate. And for now, both sides have agreed to disagree. Selectmen will ask the Department of Housing and Community Development for guidance. The DHCD would have to OK the affordable part of the Cedarmere project for the units to "count" as affordable by state standards.

Selectman Tom Callahan says a DHCD letter to Selectmen states clearly without the endorsement of the Selectmen, the Cedarmere affordable units wouldn't qualify. However, Ragno said it is the developer's job only to make sure the units are eligible to count as affordable, which he said has been done, and therefore Selectmen approval is not necessary.

"I think this letter is very clear," said Callahan.

"I do, too," said Ragno.

Under the Senior Overlay District Bylaw, the project is required to include an affordable component. The Cedarmere team plans to construct its affordable building as a Local Initiative Program "units only" project. Currently, the town is trying to fulfill a 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state, and Cedarmere would help meet that requirement. The DHCD regulates all LIP projects, and the letter from the DHCD states Cedarmere will need to file an application signed by the Board of Selectmen because the, "DHCD cannot review or approve the application without the signature and endorsement of the town's chief elected official."

Developers believe the project will satisfy the requirements of the town's bylaw even without Selectmen approval, because the Board's endorsement is a prerequisite only to the actual counting of the units by the DHCD and not to their eligibility to be counted. In other words, for the units to "count" the Selectmen will need to endorse the project, but currently, without the board's endorsement, the units are eligible to be counted, which is all Cedarmers says matters under the bylaw.

But the development team's repeated comments, which reflected its opinion the Selectmen's endorsement isn't required, did not sit well with Selectmen. In addition, when questions were raised, the development team couldn't understand why issues that had been discussed time and time again during the previous months were still coming up when all the information the team had gathered had been made readily available to the Board for review.

"What we've been doing hasn't been a secret to anyone," said David Calhoun.

When Callahan brought up the issue of traffic, which has been a highly discussed topic at other meetings, Cedarmere lawyer Walter Sullivan became aggravated and said the team had "hired experts to deal with these questions and they're not here tonight," and after six months, the Selectmen should know these questions have been a part of the discussion.

"Why are you speaking to him that way?" asked Michael Sullivan of Walter Sullivan, to which Callahan added, "I'm sick of your saying we shouldn't have an opinion." Walter Sullivan apologized and said he meant no disrespect and Michael Sullivan added, "You don't need to jump down someone's throat because we've had a question."

But things did not improve from there.

Charlie Flint, 215 South Main St., said he and other abutters have been following the Cedarmere developments and said he's not against affordable housing, but the density. "It's an enormous burden on homeowners to not know what's going to happen," in terms of what effect it could have on home values. He added he looked into purchasing the land before the Calhouns, and had eight acceptable percs. At two homes per perc, there could be 16 single family homes developed on the site instead of Cedarmere. He also said that even with the many concerns of abutters, he has not seen a significant change in the plans.

Flint also brought up the affordability question and said typically, affordable units look no different from the market rate units and in his opinion, having worked in commercial real estate for years, the units put forth by Cedarmere wouldn't qualify because they are in another building.

"Charlie, it's not a 40B and you know it. I've been through too many public hearings, thank you, goodnight," said Kelli Calhoun, and she left the meeting too upset to hear another word.

Affordability

There would be a total of 31 units in the Cedarmere apartment building near 3A, and 26 units would be considered affordable. (The rest of the project consists of luxury condominiums on another part of the site). But no matter how many times developers said they did not need to have affordable units mixed with market rates, Selectmen still couldn't understand why the affordable units were all in one building.

"Why aren't your affordable units interspersed?" asked Callahan.

Members had assumed invisibility was necessary in order for the units to "count" in terms of affordability under state guidelines and said they weren't sure the units would "count" the way they were presented.

However, the Selectmen were told by developers the building will count as a LIP "units only" project, and not a regular LIP project, which means the criteria is different.

But Selectmen weren't familiar with the regulations of a LIP "units only" project, and said they didn't like how the affordable units were in a building of their own, rather than randomly included throughout the development. But developers said not only are there both affordable and market rate units in the building, they are under no obligation to have affordable units integrated throughout the project.

In the same letter from the DHCD which explained the Selectmen's role in the process, it clearly states, "Since the proposed affordable units are not blended into the overall development, the town would need to meet the criteria of 'LIP Units Only'," which is almost a sub-category under the standard LIP guidelines.

In essence, the Cedarmere developers are filing two separate projects. They are filing the entire Cedarmere development – including the affordable building — under the Senior Overlay District bylaw set forth by the town. But they will file their rental building as essentially a stand-alone LIP "units only" project with the state. Because the project needs to have the affordability component to meet the criteria of the town's bylaw, the question of whether the entire project will be meet the criteria if the Selectmen choose not to endorse the affordable component has been called into question.

Wastewater plans

But aside from whether the board has to endorse the project for affordable units to count, Selectmen also didn't believe they could approve the project without developers presenting a definite wastewater plan. Although developers submitted an application to hook up to the town's sewer lines, the Sewer Commission chose to deny it. While the developers have filed a lawsuit against the town appealing the Commission's decision, without an alternate plan for wastewater, Selectmen said they can't endorse the project.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said because the application for sewer has been denied and there is no alternate plan for wastewater in place, the developers do not have a complete application. But developers disagreed and said because they have filed an appeal, that counts as a plan.

McMorris told developers the board thought in spite of all the discussion, their application was incomplete, whether they thought it was or not. The board decided to take the matter under advisement, and the discussion will continue at a later date. Cedarmere was slated to come before the Planning Board Wednesday night after the Mariner went to press.

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School construction update is provided

Except for some minor roof work, construction at Deer Hill is complete and the expected date of completion for the middle-high school is Dec. 20, said Supt. Edward Malvey. While it is expected there will be "punch-list" items to be taken care of along the way at the middle-high school, Malvey hopes the school will be able to start moving in new furniture on the 20th — and on the 22nd and 23rd, students and staff can begin moving in to the new sections.

"Over Christmas we can make the adjustment on the high school side," Malvey said, and classrooms can be occupied accordingly. Malvey said if for some reason the deadline of the 20th is not met, the moving date can be bumped up.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn reminded everyone there will be landscapers back in the spring to take care of the grounds and finish up any work that needs to be done there. He also said the project "remains on time and on budget."

Flyer distribution policy changes

Some minor changes have been made to the flyer policy at the schools. While the policy bans any advertising or promotional materials, the policy states limited exceptions may be granted by the superintendent. The policy was written as such to leave the door open to possible advertising options in the future, should they become necessary as a means to cushion the budget. The policy has been changed to make clear all materials submitted to the schools will come before the superintendent first for approval.

Town goals being met

Town Manager Mark Haddad presented the Board of Selectmen with an update on the status of the town's 16 goals and objectives. To date, the town has completed four of its goals and continues to work to meet the others. Those issues the town has taken care of include:

• The completion of the upgrade project at Beechwood Cemetery, including signage and reseeding.

• The finalizing of the Hagerty property by making a decision on the building.

• The completion of all memorials at Cohasset Cove.

• The completion of the meeting room on the first floor of Town Hall.

Town Counsel on the Avalon appeal

In a vote of 3-2, Selectmen voted to authorize Town Counsel represent the Water Commission in its appeal of the Avalon Bay Chapter 40B decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA approved the project with 31 conditions, including obtaining a ground-water discharge permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Because Town Counsel is supposed to work for all town boards and the case involves two of the boards, some Selectmen were not in favor of having Town Counsel work against another board which would typically be seen as a client, and therefore could be considered a conflict of interest.

"He's supposed to be working for [the town boards] and he'd be going against the ZBA for the Water Commission," said Selectman Michael Sullivan, adding he would like to hear from the ZBA before making a decision. Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she agreed with Sullivan and both boards would be best served by hiring their own counsel. The ZBA has obtained outside counsel.

However, Selectman Tom Callahan said all the town boards were lined up with the Water Commission and all agreed in their views on Avalon, and in making its decision, the ZBA is on its own, legally speaking.

"They decided not to go along with what the rest of the boards said," said Selectman Merle Brown, who agreed the Water Commission is representing the views of the town and is entitled to have Town Counsel represent it.

Brown, Callahan and Selectman Fred Koed all voted in favor of authorizing Town Counsel to represent the Water Commission and McMorris and Sullivan voted against it.

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Four-quad gates possible at some crossings

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Under the Swift Act, a state law to reduce noise pollution, Greenbush is a "quiet zone" where train whistles won't be used on a regular basis. The MBTA has argued four-quad gates without medians would be experimental along a whistle-free corridor, and two-quadrant gates with medians would have less impact to historic resources.

MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo said the MBTA would do whatever it takes to make each grade crossing as safe as possible, but stopped short of saying the door had opened for four-quad gates without medians.

"The MBTA wants to do what is right and that includes looking at all available designs and technology for railroad crossings," he said.

But, according to state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, Grabauskas found the towns' approach to be reasonable and asked the towns to provide an overview of where they think four-quad gates are warranted. He said site visits may also be scheduled.

"I came out of the meeting feeling positive. It appeared the issue was open for discussion."

— Town Manager Mark Haddad

According to Hingham Selectman Melissa Tully, it was agreed that each town would submit to MBTA General Manager Mike Mulhern, who attended the meeting, an analysis of the safety, traffic flow and aesthetic issues associated with each unacceptable grade crossing as currently designed by the MBTA.

"We were able to define safety more broadly, as not just trains and cars but also involving pedestrians, bicyclists and emergency vehicles," Tully said. "We also agreed that there would be an independent review of the crossings the towns have issue with."

The towns have argued that with two-quadrant gates, pedestrian and bicycle traffic can cross the tracks while the gates are down.

The Greenbush towns have also signed on to a letter to the Federal Railroad Administration asking the FRA to participate in "a diagnostic review of grade crossing protection options within this rail corridor." The letter, signed by Hingham Town Administrator Charles Cristello, Cohasset Town Manager Mark Haddad, Weymouth Planning Director James Clarke and Scituate Selectmen Chairman Joseph Norton, cited studies in other states where four-quadrant gates were found to be the safest alternative.

"We hope you will not endorse, directly or indirectly, any 'one size fits all' determination that four quadrant gates are unsafe per se at every crossing on the Greenbush Line…" the letter states.

Hingham has identified four crossings in town where four-quadrant gates' technology without medians should be utilized: Fort Hill, West and South streets; Hersey, Thaxter and South streets; Water Street; and East Street and Hull Street.

Cohasset is asking the MBTA to examine the three crossings: Beechwood Street, Pond Street and lower King Street with an eye to installing four-quad gates. Haddad said selectmen have signed off on the use of two-quadrant gates with medians at Pond, Sohier and North Main streets.

Weymouth has asked for further evaluation at the Commercial Street crossings at Gibbons Street and Suwanne Road.

Scituate's request was not immediately available.

Construction resumed this fall on the controversial 17-mile Greenbush line, which is the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Project, that also includes the Middleboro and Plymouth lines that resumed service in 1997. Greenbush opponents had successfully stalled the project on environmental and financial feasibility grounds. Without further delays, service is expected to start on Greenbush sometime in 2005.

Christmas concert helps kids with cancer

First Parish has been holding Christmas concerts and donating the proceeds for the past 24 years. Thanks to generous support, over $45,000 has gone to worthy local, national, and international organizations. This year's Concert is dedicated to former minister Ed Atkinson who conceived of the idea in 1978.

This year's Christmas Concert on Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. features Margo Euler and the Unicorn Singers performing John Rutter's "Magnificat.". The seven movements set the text as found in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, with the addition of a tranquil setting of the 15th-century "Of a rose, a Lovely Rose." The remainder of the hour-long 25th anniversary Christmas event will feature favorite carol settings for the audience to sing with the choir.

A reception will follow celebrating the event's 25ht year. Concert Patron donations of $50 or more may be sent to: First Parish in Cohasset, 23 No. Main Street, Cohasset, MA 02025 (two tickets included and published acknowledgement); call 781 383-1100; tickets are $12 at the door.

The beneficiary of the Christmas Concert this year is the "Artist in Residence" program at Mass. General Hospital for Children with Cancer. The current artist is Joan Drescher of Hingham. Twice a week she moves her "Imagination Kart" through the bustling halls of the hospital. The Kart is covered with little spinning kites, moons, stars and streamers. It is filled with art supplies to inspire hospitalized children to explore their imaginations and cope with the stress of illness and loss. Her dream is that the simple images of hope and beauty created by the children will open hearts and make the world a better place.

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School budget talks start at the top, as wish list is presented

Fiscal reality will set in, Flynn says

By Samantha Brown
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"This is our starting point, we included everything."
— Ivan Klimko, school business manager

It's the Christmas season and wish lists are the norm, and at no place was that clearer than at the School Committee meeting last week when a budget increase was floated that even Santa Claus would have had trouble accepting.

Business Manager Ivan Klimko presented an overview of a "wish list" budget with a whopping increase of 13.22 percent that included everything the schools could possibly ask for.

"I want to make it clear — this is not happening," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, explaining the proposed, estimated budget provides a starting point and would be pared down as the board establishes funding priorities.

Klimko's proposed estimate for the 2004-2005 school year is $12,701,147, which is up roughly $1.5 million from last year's budget of $11,218,297.

"This is our starting point, we included everything," said Klimko.

However, because the town relies on state aid to help fund the schools — and state aid was dramatically cut last year — Supt. Edward Malvey said budget talks can't begin in earnest until the state aid forecasts are known. "We don't have a clear picture just yet," he said.

Items that may have to be cut as the budget becomes more finalized are perceived "extras", such as financial software. The proposed budget includes $5,000 for accessories to upgrade the online budgeting systems, and an additional $13,000 is slated for computer network support.

As part of the reorganization, $128,420 has been allocated for new hires for the middle school, which would include one administrator at roughly $80,000 a year, one secretary at roughly $25,000, one nurse at roughly$20,000, and one team leader at roughly $1,500.

Klimko will provide details on other figures, such as $10,000 for staffing development at a later date.

However, one figure that is unlikely to change unless there are layoffs, is the cost of contractual salary increases. A jump of 4.37 percent or about $490,000 is necessary to cover raises for all staff, except administrators, in next year's budget.

Also with little wiggle room in light of last year's budget figures, energy and cleaning costs will be the hot topics of discussion as the budget becomes more finalized.

Klimko estimates $223,000 will be needed to cover energy costs — up from $199,000 budgeted last year. Flynn said the increased cost of utilities is not going to go away now that the buildings are larger.

Klimko also proposes adding $36,000 to the cleaning budget, which would provide enough cushion to cover any increase in price from the cleaning company, One Source, as well as in-house costs. While cleaning is out-sourced, the school department is also maintaining a pared-down custodial staff.

"We have facilities we have to maintain," said Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts, adding money needs to be spent to take care of the buildings.

School maintenance going forward was a priority with voters who approved the $42 million middle-high and Deer Hill schools renovation and expansion projects.

But Flynn said voters did not OK the projects "with the caveat that we'd cut teachers in four years."

While layoffs are not currently planned, Flynn said everything has to be considered and prioritized in terms of spending. "This, from a town and state standpoint, is going to be a worse year [than last]. It's going to be difficult," he said.

The proposed budget also includes $75,000 to cover costs associated with substitute teachers. Last year, $46,500 was allocated to cover those costs, but $120,000 was spent.

The estimate also included $22,000 to help cover tuition for teachers who advance in their education.

"The teachers are really taking advantage of it," said Klimko. However, teacher turnover is down, which means money from higher salaried teachers who retire cannot be used to help offset tuition costs.

Flynn said he expects a challenging budget season.

"We have liabilities that have to be addressed," Flynn said. He noted how difficult a year last year was in terms of the budget and said, "The encore is not going to be pretty."

Budget talks will continue at the Dec. 18 School Committee meeting, when the principals of Deer Hill and Osgood, and the Middle-High School principal and Director of Student Services will present their school's budgets. The final budget presentation and summary of the total budget will be given by the Superintendent on Jan. 8.

Who's the top citizen in town?

See form page 17

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Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Arthur Year as Citizen of the Year for a lifetime of service to the town.

In keeping with a nine-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award; the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Arthur Year as Citizen of the Year for a lifetime of service to the town including myriad good works, and always as a volunteer — whether that be mowing the "cap" of the town landfill with his red tractor or serving as the town's Civil Defense Director.

The deadline for nominations for the 2003 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 2. Please see the nomination form on page 17. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2003 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2004.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

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I love when we get this bonus and are able to get outside and enjoy the fun! I hope that many of you were able to take this day and go and play but know that so many of you had to shovel, plow and get to work.

Hats off to the jobs that the town workers did, the police and fire departments, utilities crews, along with all of the plow drivers and "shovelers" who were out all weekend working to get the town back to normal. Please remember that when you are taking care of your driveways to make sure not to throw the snow back into the street and also to try and shovel out any hydrants or drains if possible.

5K JINGLE BELL RUN/WALK

Get in the spirit and sign up for the 5K Jingle Bell Run/Walk through picturesque Cohasset on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 10am. Come dressed in jingle gear and ready to sing carols along the way — all to benefit Project Playground. The race starts and ends at Our World Discovery Museum where there will be hot apple cider and a bake sale following the race! Registration forms are available at The Good Sport, Fitness 1st and Scituate Racquet & Fitness OR e-mail amy_farber@comcast.net for an electronic version. Families encouraged (kids under 16 run for free)!

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TOY COLLECTION

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The Cohasset Harbor Resort (Atlantica & the Cohasset Harbor Inn) will be collecting "Toys for Tots" through Dec. 19. This program, facilitated by the U.S. Marines will help to bring needy children toys this holiday season. All are welcome to bring in a non-violent, unwrapped gift.

VILLAGE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

A Cohasset Village Holiday" will take place on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 5-8 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 14, 1-4 p.m.. Here is a sample of the holiday fun for everyone: The Dogwash will feature "pictures with your pet", Realtors Dean & Hamilton will turn their office into a giant ginger bread house complete with refreshments for all. The Atlantica staff will be in the street promoting their new menu with a water view, The Red Lion Inn will host a "winter snow ball" dance for 6th-8th graders in their barn.

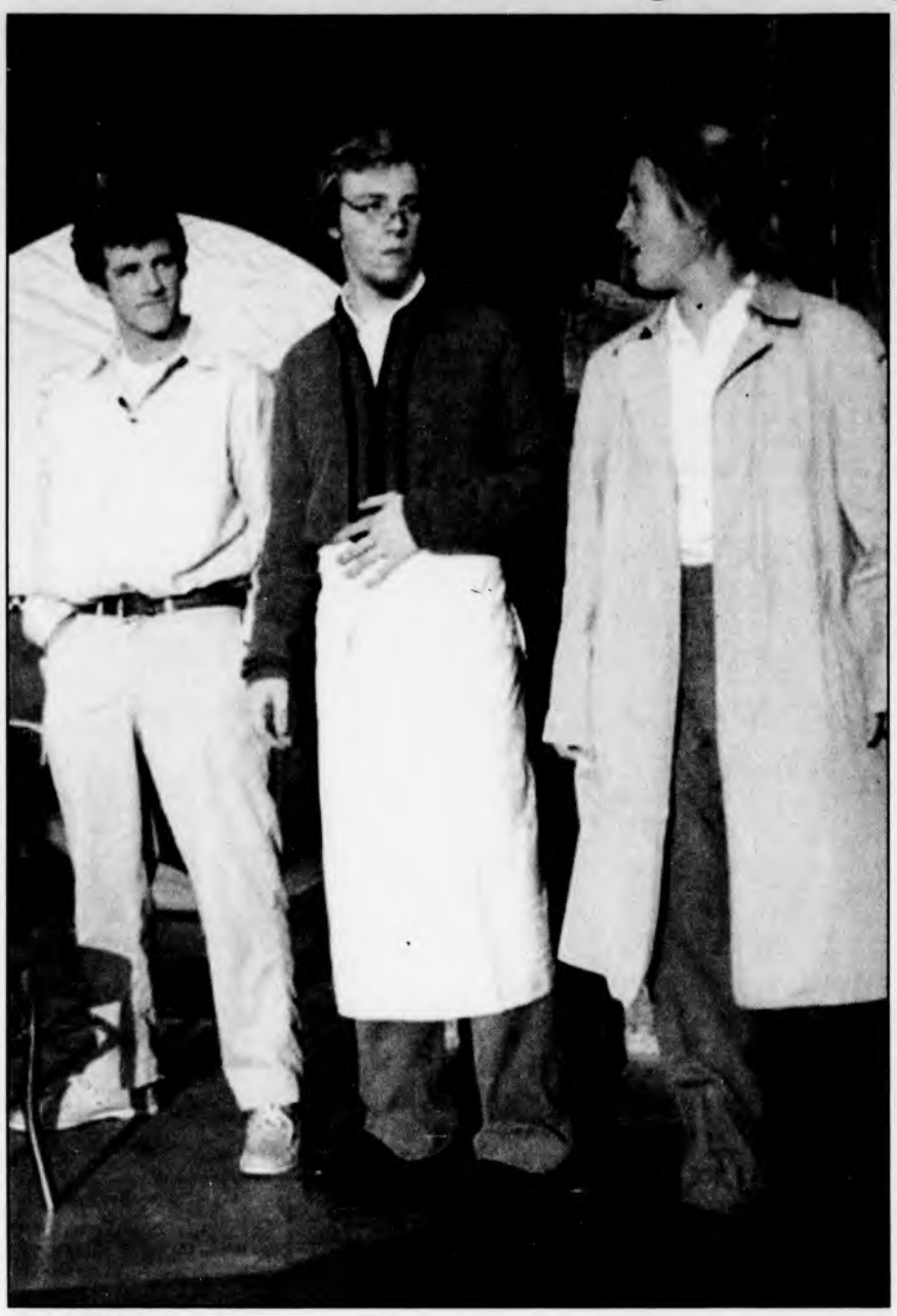
Also, Village Wine & Spirits will feature a wine tasting and a visit to Coldwell Banker will allow a picture with Santa himself. The village merchants will be selling ornaments that can be purchased for a donation of $2 each. Ornaments are to be hung on the tree in front of Cohasset Hardware. All donations go to the Cohasset Food Pantry.

All are invited to join in on this first time Cohasset village celebration (rain, snow or shine)!

Studio Sea will be welcoming in families all during the Village celebration to help make a Cohasset Holiday Book. Moms, dads and kids can all design, illustrate and write a page to be included in a hardcover book, 'A Cohasset Holiday'. This holiday book will be on display at Studio Sea along with some of the other books created by fabulous local authors. If you are in Grades 1-6 and are interested in joining a workshop at Studio Sea, please call us at 781-383-6994.

Also during the Village celebration, Studio Sea will be hosting 'The Third Room'. This room will feature a sampling of some of the new and exciting, locally operated small businesses. **Linda Bolster's** fabulous fruit wreathes, A Tennis Match, BeadCombers and **Christie Fitzgerald** Pillows are just a few of the things you'll find there. Everyone is welcome to come and browse, shop and enjoy 'The Third Room'.

Coastal Countryside Properties located at 17 South Main St. is going to be decorated as Santa's Workshop and will have a box for letters to be sent to Santa. They will be serving hot cocoa and cider.



ON STAGE

Cohasset's Lindsay Feig, a senior at Thayer Academy, performs in Thayer's recent production of "West Side Story." Lindsay is on the far right. On the far left is Mike Greeley of Scituate, and Mark Patch of Marshfield.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting Christmas gifts for the children of the clients at Project Turnabout in Hingham. If you wish to participate in gift giving you may take a star from the Consignment Shop's Christmas tree. Gifts should be unwrapped and dropped off by Dec. 18. The Cohasset Girl Scouts decorated the tree and will wrap the gifts.

STUFF A BUS

Get ready to donate a gift to a needy boy or girl at the Cohasset RTF (the dump) on Saturday, Dec. 13. **Dama Dow** and **Peggy Litchfield**, both local school bus drivers, are working together to "Stuff-A-Bus" filled with toys for the Toys For Tots program and would love to have you and your family come to the RTF during the regular business hours with a new, unwrapped, unused toy to donate. They will be located next to the very popular "Boutique" and will also be accepting financial donations to help benefit this cause. If you have any questions, you can call Dama at 781-706-7068 or Peggy at 781-923-1080.

PHOTO GLITCH

Susan Haney, Mariner photographer, trudged through the snow and sleet on Saturday to take photos of the Village Fair. However, the photo card in her digital camera was unreadable on deadline, so the photos are lost in digital space somewhere. Here at the Mariner, we apologize because we know how our readers look forward to our photographs of important events.

If anyone has photos of the Village Fair to share that we can use next week, please contact **Mary Ford** by email at mford@cnc.com or call her at 781-741-2933. Color photos are OK. Emailed photos are also fine. They must be sent by jpeg attachment. Please include a photo caption in the body of the email.

HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE LEGION

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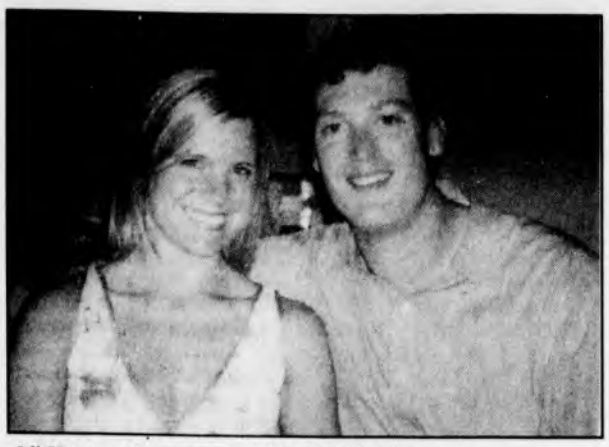

Jill Kristine Quattrone and David H. Leahy

Quattrone - Leahy

Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Quattrone of Baldwinsville, N.Y. announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Kristine, to Mr. David H. Leahy, III. Mr. Leahy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Leahy, Jr. of Cohasset.

Ms. Quattrone attended Baldwinsville High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Springfield College. She is employed as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Pfizer, Inc.

Mr. Leahy graduated from Cohasset High School in 1994 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Hampshire. He is employed as an Internal Wholesaler for Eaton Vance Distributors.

An Aug. 27, 2004 wedding is planned.

Anglin - O'Neil

Brian J. and Carol F. Anglin of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter Kerri Denise to Kevin O'Neil, the son of Thomas and Jean O'Neil of North Andover.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Boston College. She is employed as a certified public account in San Francisco, Calif.

Her fiancé is a graduate of North Andover High School and Syracuse University. He will be receiving his MBA in December from the University of San Francisco. He is employed as a securities lending operation supervisor at Union Bank of California.

A Sept. 25, 2004 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Smith

Smith - Mullin

Edward and Judith Mullin of Scituate, announce the marriage of their daughter, Julie, of Scituate to Jonathan Smith, of Cohasset, the son of Debra Smith of Cohasset and Charles Smith of Boston.

The ceremony performed by Deacon Charles Sullivan and Father Kevin O'Leary was held at Immaculate Conception Church in Salem on Sept. 27, 2003.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose Victoria Mullin as her maid of honor. Best man was Charles Smith.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Scituate High School, and a Western Maryland College.

Her husband is a 1992 graduate of Avon Old Farms, Avon, Conn., and University of Vermont. He is employed at Smith Companies in Boston.

The wedding reception was held at Hawthorne Hotel, Salem.

After a wedding trip to Curacao, the couple will make their home in Quincy.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Anderson

Anderson - Martin

Jennifer Martin, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Martin of Cheshire, Conn., married Christian Anderson, the son of Mimi Anderson of Scituate and Robert Anderson of San Diego, Calf., on Sept. 13, 2003, at St. Teresa in Woodbury, Conn. The Rev. Robert Kwiotkowski officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Maid of honor was Kimberly Martin of Cheshire, Conn. Bridesmaids were Angela Loin of Meriden, Conn., Brooke Whitman of Hanson, Katie Santarsiero of Romano, Calif., Melanie McCarthy of Scituate, Sandy Slattery of Freehold, N.J.

Michael Anderson of Fairfield, Conn., served as best man. Ushers included Jed Terry of San Diego, Brendan McCarthy of Scituate, Jason Thomson of Unadilla, N.Y., Jonathan Martin and Bryan Martin of Cheshire.

The bride is a graduate of Springfield College and is employed at TAP Pharmaceuticals.

Her husband is a graduate of Springfield College and is employed at Donahue Associates.

A reception was held at Dolce Heritage in Southbury, Conn.

After a wedding trip to San Francisco and Napa Valley, the couple make their home in Scituate.

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Seventh-grader takes aim at acting career in holiday show

Plays the lead in 'A Christmas Story'

By Samantha Brown
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There must be something in the water in Cohasset which makes it a great town for actors. It has served as the perfect setting for filming Hollywood movies and commercials, and even hosted Humphrey Bogart for a summer in 1934 while he acted with the South Shore Players at Town Hall.

More recently, Cohasset native Kate Bosworth is making a name for herself on the Silver Screen appearing in movies with Robert Redford and Denzel Washington.

Could Marcus Barrett be the next to see his name up in lights?

At only 12, it may be too soon to tell. But the seventh-grader has started laying the foundation for what could be a promising career. "I want to go to Hollywood," he said enthusiastically.

Marcus is currently starring as "Ralphie," one of the lead characters in The Company Theatre's production of "A Christmas Story." This holiday favorite is set in the 1940s and tells the tale of 9-year-old Ralphie who wants nothing more than to wake up on Christmas morning to find a Red-Ryder BB gun under the tree. He goes to great lengths to ensure his plea is heard, but his mother repeatedly crushes his dream telling him no, "You'll shoot your eye out!"

But for such a lofty role, it would seem years of acting experience would be necessary. However, Marcus said this is the first speaking role he has ever had. While he has taken dance lessons and has performed on stage, acting had never been something he had pursued. He held a small role in the chorus during the Company Theater's production of "West Side Story" a few years ago, but only reluctantly participated at the urging of his older sister Callie.

"She tried out and said, 'You have to come,' and he said 'no way'," recalls their mother, Elinore. Marcus landed the role of a "Jett" opposite Callie who played a "Shark," and now Marcus can't get enough of the spotlight.

When Marcus told his mother he was interested in trying acting this year, Elinore called the Company Theater looking for acting classes. Because Marcus had no acting experience, she figured a class would be the best place to start, but there were no classes available at the time. However, Elinore was informed of the open auditions for "A Christmas Story," and was told Marcus was welcome to try out. He auditioned for the play, was very excited to receive a call back, and was offered the part of Ralphie the night of his second audition.

"We just couldn't believe it," said Elinore, adding they drove home together completely shocked. Marcus said while he had hoped to get a speaking role, he never would have imagined he would get the lead. "I still can't believe it," Elinore said.

To prepare for his role as Ralphie, Marcus said he had to study his script at home, but with all the time he spent at rehearsals, which he said sometimes lasted until 10 p.m., it wasn't hard to commit his lines to memory.

"I also had to grow my hair out," and buy round rimmed glasses, he added, to mimic the look of the character in the movie.

But Marcus said the hardest part of all is the costume changing between scenes. "I only have like three seconds to get my coat on," during one scene he said, adding he has to run across the stage in the darkness, which is no easy feat. "I tripped over a wagon once," he said.

"I think that's the hardest part for you — the costume changes," Elinore said.

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Dramatic club holiday fundraiser is Dec. 20-21

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold a Holiday Family Night Fund Raiser on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 6-9pm at the Cohasset Town Hall. Enjoy food, raffles, crafts, holiday music provided by a brass quartet and staged readings of "The Polar Express" and "The Snowman." The evening will end with a special visitor. Tickets are $15 for adults and $5 for children. Then again on Sunday enjoy music and the staged readings. All tickets $7. Tickets are available at the door and by phone at 781-544-0304.

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But the amount of time and effort Marcus puts in is well worth it, as it seems he has found a career path even at his young age. As one of six children, he has been touring colleges for his oldest brother and said he has his sights set on NYU.

Marcus was offered the part of Ralphie the night of his second audition.

"He's very good in school," said Elinore, adding he recently made the honor roll, and that coupled with his talent, is sure to earn him a place in the NYU class of 2013.

Marcus' family is extremely proud of his accomplishments and with a family of that size, there is always a friendly face in the audience.

"I'm proud of him. I'd go to every show if I could," said older brother Brendon. Other siblings include brothers Andrew, Jeff, and Thomas and sister Callie.

When Marcus isn't on stage, he said he likes hanging out with friends, playing video games, and reading his Harry Potter books. He also enjoys playing with his dog, Riley, and skiing, and although his time has been occupied with the play recently, he has played on basketball, soccer, baseball, and hockey teams.

"He's very talented, but we already knew that about him," Elinore said.

Marcus Barrett of Cohasset plays the lead in the Company Theatre production, "A Christmas Story."

For more information on how to purchase tickets for the remaining 11 shows, please contact The Company Theatre in Norwell at (781) 871-ARTS, or visit their web page at www.companytheatre.com.

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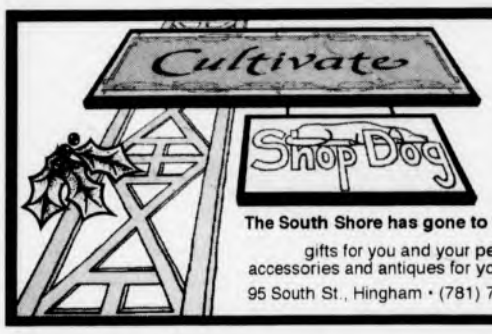

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Taking the first step

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"We always hear, 'Why do women stay?'" says Fuyat. "But how does the community welcome women and help them to leave? Usually they have two or three children, a job that pays minimum wage. They can't afford housing, they don't feel safe, they worry about what's best for the kids. It's a lot to face."

Many women who do leave abusive relationships turn to the court system for protection against their abusers or to attain rights to property, financial support or child custody. SSWC provides SAFEPLAN court advocates in the Plymouth Probate, Plymouth District, Hingham District and Wareham District Courts.

The program is designed to help women through the process of obtaining a restraining order, with safety planning, and with access to other community resources.

"There is a process the advocates go through with the victim," says Fuyat. "They conduct a lethality assessment on how endangered a woman and her children may be." The advocate explains their rights and options, helps them with the paperwork and supports them through the court proceedings.

"It's frightening and intimidating for them to share the embarrassing and humiliating details in open court with anyone listening who happens to be around. It's very traumatic," Fuyat says.

Sometimes, in talking through how the abuser may react to the restraining order, the victim may decide not to get one. Restraining orders are a "wonderful tool" and an important addition to the system, Fuyat says, but safety is the first consideration.

SSWC advocates at Jordan Hospital and local police departments also focus on the victim, her safety and the safety of her children. Advocates must report suspected abuse of children or elderly or disabled family members, but all other communications with victims are strictly confidential.

"Our civilian police advocates get the police reports so they can provide outreach," explains Suanne (last name withheld), the Center's coordinator of emergency services. "We can go to the home and say 'I know the police came out and I'm here to provide any support you want.' They're usually pretty responsive to that, because we're not working for the police."

Women may not be truthful with police officers because they don't want their partner arrested or fear more violence as punishment for talking, says Suanne, but they may accept information and referrals for help from the advocate.

"We have a wonderful partnership with the police departments," adds Fuyat. "We have different missions, but our goal is to try to get services to families right away."

SSWC has also had great success with a domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy program, cosponsored by Womansplace Crisis Center and Jordan Hospital. The advocates, based in the emergency services department, work with the hospital staff to identify and provide services for victims of abuse.

"This has made a big difference in raising awareness of the issue and having resources available when the patient comes in," says Fuyat. "There's a way you have to ask the questions and get the privacy you need to get honest answers."

Victims may not come into the hospital seeking treatment for abuse, says Suanne. "It's like the elephant in the middle of the room that nobody talks about. All of a sudden, a hospital person asks and offers the opportunity to talk to a counselor. It brings it to the surface. It's OK to talk about it."

Domestic violence victims and their advocates have "a coaching relationship," says Fuyat. "We educate them on the system and who can help them with resources. Then we support them through the system."

SAFEPLAN Court Advocates are available at the courts, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Advocates are on duty at Jordan Hospital seven days a week from 5 p.m. to midnight or by calling 508-830-2835. Help is available at any time by calling the SSWC Hotline at 888-746-2664.

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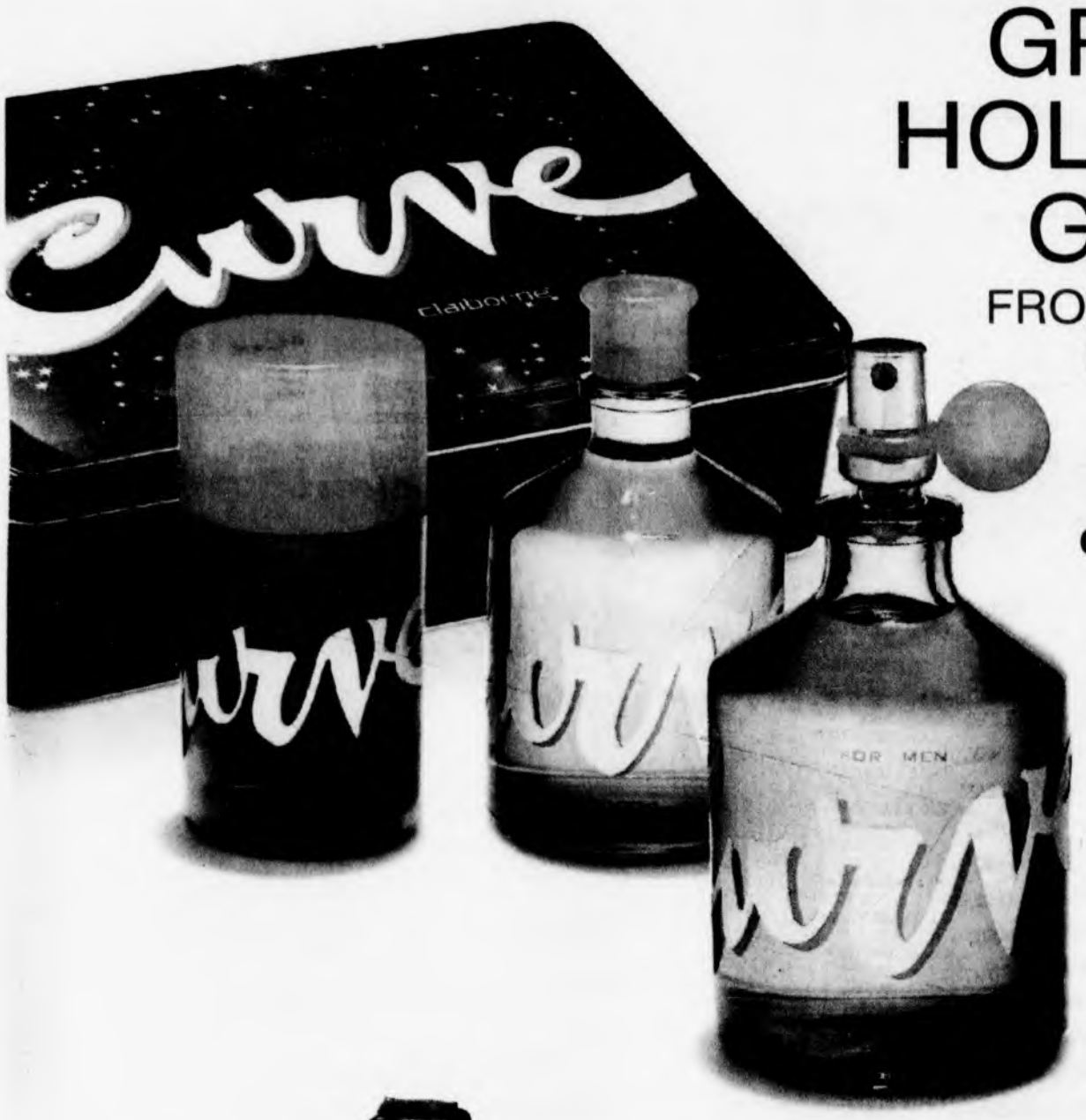

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Hats for homeless teaches life lessons

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help keep it running. Berman said all the students who have made hats — or are in the process and haven't finished just yet — are invited to deliver the hats, which the shelter's director gives out during the Christmas dinner.

Each student who has knitted a hat ties a white index card with their name, age, and a message to the recipient, and many share how long it took them to make it.

"They keep the little white cards," said Berman of those who receive the hats, adding it means so much for the people who come to the shelter to know someone made a gift especially for them. She added when a student takes the time to knit the hat, and after all that work, gives it away, it's not easy. However, the students recognize the importance in what they're doing and that, "They're keeping someone warm," in the physical and emotional sense, she said.

Students begin learning how to knit when they are in the fourth grade. Berman makes sure to tell her students a little bit about the history of knitting, including that it was originally started by fishermen when they needed to mend their nets out at sea. She stresses knitting is neither a masculine or feminine craft, and has an even mix of students who participate. To drive the point home even further, Berman has a picture hanging in the hall next to the hats, of burly actor Russell Crowe who played the heroic general Maximus in Gladiator, wielding knitting needles instead of a sword.

Among five of her first-year students, 14 hats have already been completed and more are on the way. Vincent Kennedy has made two hats, Francesca Astino is on her second, Morgan McCarthy is finishing her fourth, Julia Thompson just finished her first, and Abby Brown is finishing her eighth.

Because she is not allowed to watch much television during the week, Abby said she has been making hats in her spare time. "It gives you something else to do besides watch TV," she said.

Julia said she likes to knit while she watches TV because it gives her something else to do instead of just staring at the screen.

Morgan said he likes knitting because it gives him something to do on a rainy day. "I enjoy it," he said.

But Francesca said the part she likes the best is when she finally finishes, which depending on how fast you can knit and the intricacy of the pattern, may take a while. For Vincent, who said he wants to make a Patriots hat, it could be a lengthy endeavor.

Berman said knitting has really caught on in town and it's not unusual to see kids walking down the hall or sitting at a sports event knitting a hat. She said a few years ago, she had a group of sixth-grade boys who played basketball, and during a game in Scituate, they took out their needles and yarn while they sat on the bench. Their knitting caught the eye of one of the Scituate teachers, who called Berman the next day and said when the boys told her they were making hats for the homeless, she was almost moved to tears.

But it's not just current students who contribute to the cause. Berman said there are many students who move on to the middle-high school and still send their hats down to Deer Hill to be delivered to shelters. Even grandmothers, who just love to knit, will make hats and send them over to the school.

"One year, Grandma Livingston made 25 hats and brought them down in two shopping bags," Berman said of a friend the school made through the Senior Center, and with her addition, the hat count was instantly over 100. Berman said every year, the students at least shoot to make 100 hats to be delivered.

The staff has become involved in the project as well and one fourth-grade teacher, Kayne Beaudry has begun work on a hat.

"He's a good sport, he's working hard," said Berman.

"At first I thought I could make a hat for everyone in my family," said Beaudry, and joked it looks like maybe everyone will receive a headband instead.

Even new principal Keith Gauley he has been working on a hat, and said he hopes he will finish before the hats are delivered on Dec. 18. On that day, all students are invited to make the trip to the shelter and are driven by parents in what Berman describes as a "convoy." This year, the hats will at least total 140, but many more could be finished before the trip is made. But even if a hat isn't done on the day of the trip, Berman said it's never too late to submit one for the cause.

"If someone finishes a hat by the time they graduate and says here's my hat as they walk out the door," she said, at least there will be one more hat to add to the rest. It takes time to complete a project and Berman said she is always joking with students, "There is no knitting fairy — she retired a long time ago."

The project does more than introduce students to a world different from their own, it teaches a lesson in empathy.

"For kids to understand it's not just people who don't want to work," who are homeless, is an important lesson Berman said, adding for some, homelessness is caused when an illness makes it impossible to work, and for others, maybe the rent has gone up or the company they work for has gone under and the money just isn't available.

"So many people are homeless for lots of different circumstances," she says.

Berman hopes by introducing students to volunteering, it will be something they will continue doing for years to come. "If I can get [the students] to think about others and realize they can make a difference, maybe they will continue to volunteer as they get older," Berman said.

And the example set by the students is rubbing off on parents as well. Some who have driven students up to deliver the hats have made the commitment to volunteer their time at the shelter in various ways, sometimes serving meals. For parents, it can be a learning experience too, said Berman.

When students hear the overwhelming statistics of how rampant homelessness is, they wonder what else they can do when there are so many homeless people and only 140 hats. While she reminds students they are making a difference, the fact that they are aware of the problem and want to help is more than Berman could have ever hoped for.

"I'm so proud of them," she said.

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Morgan McCarthy admires one of the hats he knit.

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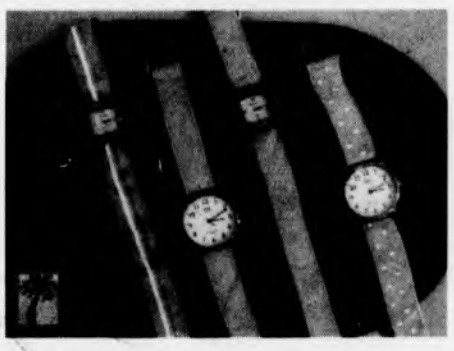

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Greenbush station to stay on Route 3A

State rejects request for village train stop

By Mary Ford
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The Planning Board has apparently lost its 11th-hour bid for a Greenbush train station in Cohasset Village.

In a Nov. 21 letter to Chairman Al Moore, state Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas stated given the North Cohasset station location is in an advanced state of implementation, it would be inadvisable to reconsider the station location at this time.

On behalf of the Planning Board, Moore wrote to Douglas Foy, chief of Commonwealth Development, who coordinates the departments of housing, transportation and environmental affairs in October advocating for a village station.

Grabauskas, who received a copy of the letter to Foy, noted the MBTA considered a Cohasset Village Station in 1996 but dropped the plans at the request of the Cohasset Board of Selectmen in favor on the Route 3A site.

"The selectmen were concerned about traffic impacts, residential and commercial displacements, and a sense that the station parking lot would be out-of-character in Cohasset Village," Grabauskas stated. "The MBTA respected the selectmen's request and the Village Station was dropped from further consideration."

Construction is underway on Greenbush, which is the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration Project, with service expected to start in late 2005.

Grabauskas said land acquisition for the North Cohasset Station (at the former Graham Waste site) was completed in 2002 and the business subsequently relocated. He said design has advanced to the 90 percent level and wetlands permits have been applied for based on the 3A location.

He also explained the 3A location is necessary to provide transit access to Wompatuck State Park via the 1.5-mile bike path that the MBTA will construct along an abandoned railroad spur.

The Planning Board had hoped to persuade Foy, who supports the revitalization of town centers in the "Principles for Enhancing Our Commonwealth" issued by his office, to reconsider the station location. The board noted the 3A station is accessible only by automobile and said the village location never received the full review and consideration it merits.

"The train station will bring scores of commuters, and likely, spouses into the downtown in the morning and evening hours, folks that will patronize the card shop, deli, hardware store, bank and another local businesses," Moore wrote.

Back in 1996, the Planning Board wrote to then Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe lobbying for a village train station. There was considerable discussion about the station location in town at the time.

Miffed by the Planning Board letter, selectmen sent a letter to Coxe advocating for the 3A location.

A straw poll was also conducted at the Special Town Meeting that fall with a vote of 311 in favor of the 3A station and 112 in favor of the village site.

DeGiacomo won't seek another term

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said Chairman Rick Flynn, adding DeGiacomo was a "seasoned veteran when I came on the scene," and what a great person DeGiacomo was to bounce things off of. He also praised DeGiacomo's efforts throughout the renovations process at the schools and said, "We owe Mark a debt of gratitude for that."

DeGiacomo joked with Supt. Edward Malvey that their tenure would be "co-terminus" as Malvey plans to retire at the end of this school year.

At the April Town Election, three School Committee seats will be up for grabs, two for the three-year terms currently held by DeGiacomo and Pat Martin, and one for the remaining year of Jane Pescatore's term. Pescatore stepped down in August to accept employment with the school department. Selectmen and the remaining members of the School Committee, in a majority vote, appointed Rick Shea to fill Pescatore's seat until the Town Election.

Others who vied for Pescatore's seat included, Scott O'Grady of Sohier Street, Rory Winters of Forest Avenue, Adrienne MacCarthy of Doane Street, and Betsy Connolly of Lily Pond Lane. At the time of the interviews in October, all said they would run again in the spring. Connolly and MacCarthy have both been regulars at School Committee meetings, as has Jaime Williams of Surry Drive.

While nomination papers won't be available until January, Williams has said she will run for one of the three-year seats on the School Committee.

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election, which will take place Saturday, April 3 will be available Monday, Jan. 5 at the Town Clerk's office. The last day to submit nomination papers is Thursday, Feb. 12.

Nomination papers available Jan. 5

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James Lane property rights launch a new war of words

Letters show issue is still up in the air

By Mary Ford
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Just what will happen along James Lane that runs between the Red Lion Inn and George Roukounakis' gas station at 55 South Main St. to the municipal parking lot in the village is still unclear.

Roukounakis owns four feet of the paved area and is considering moving his fence over so it is along his property line which would restrict what is already a narrow roadway.

The issue landed before the Zoning Board of Appeals in September after the building inspector rejected Roukounakis' request to erect a fence along his property line. But the ZBA ruled in favor of Roukouakis, prompting a spate of letters between the affected parties.

Robert W. Galvin, attorney for Roukounakis, says his client is willing to lease the space to maintain the pavement where it is, for $1,500 per month to be paid by the Town and Red Lion Inn.

Town Counsel has written to the Red Lion Inn demanding removal of an encroachment within the James Lane right-of-way that include a walkway, granite wall and a deck that impede the flow of traffic. The letter stated the structures must be removed to the extent they exceed the boundary of the Inn's property.

Neil Murphy, an engineer, writing on behalf of Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide, stated there are no Inn encroachments within James Lane that are impeding the flow of traffic on the lane.

He explained the encroachments are in the order of inches. He also noted none of the "encroachments" exceed the boundary lines of Ordelheide's property as the lane is a "private way". Murphy said Ordelheide's boundary line is the center of James' Lane as is Roukounakis' gas station.

"I would further suggest the town, in its infinite wisdom, would do better to seek out a permanent solution to the existing problem by acquiring the necessary property to widen the lane by acquisition than by sending poorly thought out and presented 'demand letters,'" Murphy stated.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the town is trying to resolve the matter to everyone's mutual satisfaction and to that end, will meet with Roukounakis and his lawyer, and representatives from the Red Lion Inn on Dec. 16.

Although the part of James Lane owned by Roukounakis has been used as part of the roadway for years, the land cannot be subject to adverse possession because it is registered land.

Like it or not – winter's early

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the local churches. Drenched fair-goers could be seen trudging from the Town Hall and Second Congregational Church, to St. Stephen's and the First Parish House — despite being whipped by the wind and pelted by heavy, wet snow.

"The day turned out to be a surprising success with a steady stream of people," said Judy Tedeschi, fair spokeswoman. "Most of the folks that came out seemed undeterred by the sleet and snow, although everyone seemed happy to linger at each of the church halls, giving themselves time to dry off while they did a little shopping and grabbed a bite to eat."

As temperatures dipped late Saturday and early Sunday morning, precipitation and wind gusts went on the upswing – creating a winter-wonderland effect on the trees that Cohasseters awoke to. But the picture-book scene weighed heavily on limbs that broke, downing power lines.

"At one time 1,700 customers in Cohasset were without power and we had some lengthy outages," said Debbie Drew, spokeswoman for Massachusetts Electric Company, which serves 1.2 million. About 30,000 MassElectric customers had lost power at any given point in time across the state.

"There were extreme weather conditions and travel conditions were a challenge," Drew said.

Driving also became treacherous, resulting in three accidents – but no severe injuries, although two vehicles involved had to be towed.

"Most people stayed in and that certainly helped," Police Chief Robert Jackson said. "The highway department was out all weekend and they did a super job."

The high tides and strong winds caused flooding along parts of Jerusalem Road, Atlantic Avenue, Lothrop Lane, and Margin and Border streets. Although the town is "blessed with a rocky shoreline" that protects it, if the tides had been a few feet higher, flooding would have been much worse, Jackson explained.

The storm did not let up all day Sunday, prompting about 250 school superintendents across the state — including Cohasset's — to call the first snow day of the 2003-2004 school year on Monday.

"After talking to the DPW in the interest of safety school was cancelled," Supt. of Schools Edward Malvey said. Malvey explained that while the parking lots could be cleared, walkways and sidewalks were still going to be covered with snow and ice for the most part.

"I felt it was in the best interests of students and staff to give the DPW ample time to clear out the buildings," said Malvey, adding this is the earliest snow day he can recall.

When it was all over, the 36-hour blizzard left anywhere from 10 to 20 inches of snow, providing many who tackled shoveling driveways and walkways, with an upper body workout they would have just as soon passed up for a visit to the gym.

"We worked almost non-stop since Friday morning," Thayer of the DPW said Monday afternoon. He said the DPW mounted the plows on the trucks on Friday in anticipation of the storm, so when the storm hit they could get right to work. Subcontractors, who usually team up with a DPW worker, were also called in to help with the streets.

"It was a heavy, wet snow that was hard to push," Thayer said. "It was hard on the equipment but nothing broke."

Thayer doesn't look at the early, snowy nor'easter as a sign of things to come. He said the DPW is ready for whatever Mother Nature may have in mind this winter. "When we wake up in the morning and see a bunch of snow, we know we have to get to work and remove it," he said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Opening door to four-quad gates

We've made no secret of our support for the Greenbush project over the years to the dismay of local opponents. But at the same time, we have promised to be vocal advocates of getting the best train possible for our towns.

What's now before the state Secretary of Transportation Daniel Grabauskas, who ultimately oversees the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), is whether four-quadrant gates make more sense at certain grade crossings in Greenbush towns.

Officials from Hingham, Cohasset, Weymouth and Scituate, along with state Senator Robert Hedlund, Grabauskas and MBTA General Manager Michael Mulhern and some MBTA technical people held a powwow last month to discuss using "four-quad" gates without median barriers at certain grade crossings.

To explain, two-quadrant gates with median barriers are the MBTA's preferred alternative for the Greenbush line, where train whistles won't sound on a regular basis. The MBTA, which has not used four-quadrant gates elsewhere, wants to stick with what it feels is a safer grade-crossing treatment. The MBTA thinks that stand-alone four-quadrant gates, which are more expensive because they are equipped with special sensors, are untested, unproven technology.

But the towns have data from several other states that shows four-quadrant gates, which have four arms that stop traffic in both directions, can actually be safer than the two-quad system that uses only two arms. And median barriers, which prevent a car from circumventing the gate to beat on oncoming train, can actually pose safety problems for emergency vehicles, as well as blocking driveways and being aesthetically unpleasing.

In fact the Federal Railroad Administration proposes four-quad gates be used when cross traffic, such as driveways, occur within 60 feet of the crossing.

The towns are submitting to the MBTA a list of grade crossings where they think the MBTA's current design employing the two-quadrant system with long, median barriers is unacceptable. In Hingham's case, the town wants the MBTA to employ four-quad gates at four crossings; Cohasset would like the technology used at three; and Weymouth at two.

The towns have clearly come to the middle ground on this issue by being open to the fact that the two-quadrant system might be acceptable in certain areas and the four-quad gates are better in others. We think the MBTA needs to meet the towns half way and be open to using four-quadrant technology without medians at these, selected intersections.

Hingham Selectman Melissa Tully put it best in her letter to Grabauskas.

"It is my sincere hope that the MBTA will be reviewing this policy design decision and will now recognize that the interest of public safety may be best served by four quadrant gates without median barriers at some intersections."

She went on to say, "the speediest way for resolution is an open-minded approach with a broad array of potential solutions that do not solely serve a policy but serve the public interest."

No rumor, innuendo

The Cohasset Mariner has used unnamed sources for its ongoing stories about the situation surrounding the two police officers who were placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation.

The Mariner is not using anonymous sources. In other words, we know who the sources are, and we are not using their names for their own protection.

Some town officials have accused us of relying on rumor and innuendo for the stories. Nothing could be further from the truth. Information in the stories has been corroborated by multiple sources and through documentation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mailing help appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter was provided to the Mariner.

Harborview Residents & Friends

Thank you all very much for helping with our mailing the other week. It was the largest such collaborative effort we have ever done to reach all of our residents here in Cohasset. You all helped to make this a successful endeavor.

Special thank you to the following:

Nancy Barrett, Rose Dooley, Carole Ann Goulart, Betty Grassie, Shirley Kehoe, Maggie Marshall, Minda McDonald, Synn McGlynn, Mary McNamara, Maria Perroncello, Jill Rosano, Kay Ryan, Arleen Tooehy and Marion Smith.

We appreciate your support and wonderful help with this special project.

Kathleen Bryanton, Director
Cohasset Elder Affairs
Martha Horsefield
Volunteer Coordinator

Playoff game story was overly negative

TO THE EDITOR:

Does Mike Spellman live in Westwood?

As the wife of the Cohasset Skippers' defensive coordinator and the mother of one of the Skippers junior varsity players I was very disappointed by the "tone" of the article in the Dec. 4 edition of the Cohasset Mariner titled "Wolverines claw Skippers".

These kids have had one of the greatest seasons CHS football has ever experienced but instead of accentuating the positive aspects of a fantastic season, the author of this article chose to dwell on the negative outcome of the game. I was under the impression that the "Cohasset" Mariner was a hometown paper, now I am beginning to question that assumption.

Alyson Silvia
65 Forest Ave.

History lesson

TO THE EDITOR

A few comments on R. Murray Campbell's letter titled "There is no painless response to terrorism." I have great respect for my friend, Murray, and I agree on nearly all his points: a. President Bush can't meet with the mothers of all Iraqi casualties, b. It is better to take the fight to the enemy and take casualties in the near term versus greater losses by procrastination, c. There is not painless answer to terrorism, d. Yes, we should have gone into Iraq (albeit with better coordination with our allies and better planning for post-war Iraq), e. We should demonstrate powerful and unflagging resolve in as many host states as it takes to force the remaining ones to abandon their support for terrorists.

I shuddered when Murray brought up GWB and FDR in the same breath. I am sure Murray remembers that FDR was Secretary of the Navy before WWI and that

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HEALTH NOTES

Taking control of your health

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

I had a friend who bought an old Rolls Royce with hardening of the arteries. In early Rolls' there was an oil tank and pump with a network of tubes running to lubrication points all over the car. After years of running, the small amount of moisture in the oil had circulated throughout the system and caused the lube lines to rust and plug up, progressively depriving various components of necessary lubrication and causing them to fail one by one. This prompted some thought about the corollaries between the old Rolls and people since, as one gets older, our components degrade, one by one. Many of our problems come from inattention to maintenance.

Flu shots are an example. We inhale aerosol droplets from someone's cough or sneeze and soon we have flu symptoms. Currently available flu vaccine is reported as being about 80percent effective for the strain now affecting most people. Getting a flu shot is like painting a piece of iron to prevent it from rusting. Regular screening of maintenance items like blood pressure, glaucoma, prostate screening and many others can frequently lead to intervention early enough to prevent much more serious conditions.

In other cases long term habits like smoking or over eating or even eating the wrong stuff lead to accelerated degradation of function; often without a person realizing it. As we age, arteries and veins which carry our blood can become clogged and experience reduced flow; a condition which can cause all sorts of effects from small, such as dizziness to severe, such as heart failure. Controlling blood flow and pressure can be accomplished using a variety of so called blood thinners which modify the rate at which blood flows through arteries, capillaries and other elements of our vascular system. But it frequently requires precise dosages of medication administered every day exactly on time. For this reason, it is very desirable to have a physician whom you trust, periodically check those factors which he knows are signs of change of function of some part of your body's complex system and prescribe the appropriate medications.

The point is that aging involves many seemingly insignificant changes which can be caused by other equally seemingly insignificant factors. It amounts to a gradual degradation of literally millions of different components which make up the organism that is a human being.

What's to be done? Most of us have reached some accommodation with fate and take popular advice about seeing the doctor at some fixed period and essentially painting the iron before the rust sets in. But as the number of people grow, and science churns out ever better solutions to living longer or better or less painfully, we are beset by advice good and bad from all sorts of sources. For almost every ailment, there is an expert. There is a tendency to try to find cures of our ailments from the welter of information which bombards us each day. Particularly, since it's frequently sorted, classified and digested for us as in the internet. It's easy to collect data from all sorts of sources which we can seemingly apply to our ills and find solutions.

With all the authorities giving advice, there is the tendency to take the information and consider one's self an expert. Dear friends, it takes more than information to become an expert. The difference between a holistic practitioner and a doctor is many years of formal study and even more years of studying those who have the ailment, which the healer seeks to cure. Anecdotes are not proof. Proof is hundreds of cases, carefully analyzed and considered.

So, the advice is to stick with the doctor whom you trust; who prescribes the routine tests which give him the information he needs to see what's wrong. Keep and provide your records to the specialists you see. These add to the experience he can use in solving your's and many others' problems. Then listen and think about what the doctor has told you, but you yourself make the final decision from his choices. After all, it's you who've felt the things he's just read about. But go to see him. You ignore your car's new noises or performance changes at your peril. You should listen to and sense what's going on in your body, then find someone you trust and feel you can depend on to help tell you what it all means. Even if it's a twinge that seems unusual; that is not something you've experienced before, get advice. We lose too many good people because, being optimistic, they're sure it'll get better.

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The gift of the labyrinth this holiday season

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

As is within
So is without

Walk into Fellowship Hall on most days and you'll hardly notice the design. But, on one Tuesday evening a month at the Old Ship Meeting Parish House, the chairs are pushed back, the room is cleared and a labyrinth, a single, meandering path with a six-petal rosette at its center, transforms the room from an everyday gathering spot to a sacred space. On that one evening, folks will come to walk the path, to hear what their soul is saying. They'll pause at the entrance, quiet their mind and open their spirit. They'll walk, with purpose, toward the center where they will pause again, with mindfulness and thoughtfulness. Then, they'll retrace their path and exit. They'll reflect on their walk, review their life, and with a new sense of empowerment take their new knowledge out into the world.

Unlike mazes that challenge our logic, confuse us with dead ends and wrong choices, and require us to use our analytical left brain to solve the puzzle, labyrinths are unicursal. The way in is the way out. That simplicity (though, paradoxically, the pattern is too complicated to be discerned at once), coupled with the labyrinth's geometric and spatial beauty, invites intuitive, creative right brain activity from which personal and spiritual discovery can flow.

The spiral or circular design of the labyrinth is an ancient and universal symbol representing wholeness (holiness?), oneness. Found across diverse cultures — from Peru, Crete, Scandinavia and Iceland to the United States, Britain, India, Egypt and France — spirals are also found throughout nature (Phi ratio/Golden Mean). The Hopi Indians, for instance, used the spiral to symbolize Mother Earth — the life source — and wove the spiral into clothing and baskets to represent man's union with his source. Other cultures, dating back centuries, carved the spiral into rock faces and stone tablets, cut spirals into turf, set spirals into mosaic pavements and etched them in sand. Often, the spirals were positioned out in nature at the entrances to sacred energy spaces.

It was a rite of passage in many cultures for individuals to spend time alone in such spaces, to receive nature's energy and connect with nature's divinity. Labyrinths, by inducing an altered state of consciousness through mind and body relaxation, become their own sacred spaces. They who give themselves to a labyrinth can step out of their own ego, inviting healing and restoration. Like nature's divinity, a labyrinth's divinity is an extension of our own potential.

Though various patterns have been used over the centuries for labyrinths, all share certain features: a starting point or mouth, the path or circuit, walls, and a goal or center. The classical pattern, also known as the Cretan pattern because the design was found on coins from Crete, is a seven circuit labyrinth whose paths are said to be associated with the seven primary chakras (from the Sanskrit meaning wheel of light) of the body, those centers of power and energy – crown, third eye, throat, heart, solar plexis, navel and root – that run from the top of the head to the base of the spine.

The Old Ship Labyrinth takes its design from the 13th century labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France. One of the most famous of all labyrinths, the Chartres labyrinth is typical of the elaborate pathways installed in Gothic Cathedrals during the Middle Ages. Its 11-circuit spiral is divided into four quadrants, between which the four arms of a cross are visible. The rosette at the center symbolizes enlightenment and divine love. For pilgrims who could not make the journey to the Holy Land during the dangerous days of the Crusades, the labyrinth offered an alternative. Often "walked" on knees, the faithful traced the long journey to the center, to the Kingdom of Heaven, and out again, symbolizing resurrection.

The modern day pilgrim finds his or own Kingdom of Heaven in the labyrinth. There is no right or wrong way to walk the sacred path. Some walk with joyfulness, others with somberness. Some walk with music, others with silence. Some dance. Some walk alone, others with companions. Some walk to purge worries and concerns. Others to give thanks or to celebrate. Some seek insight and answers. Others walk simply to relax. Whatever one's purpose, the labyrinth is a metaphor for the personal life journey, the journey to one's deepest self. There are twists and turns along the way, but no dead ends.

* * *

To honor this season of darkness and to celebrate the rebirth of the sun, a special Winter Solstice labyrinth walk, open to the public, will be held on Monday, Dec. 22 from 7:30-9 p.m. The evening will begin with a poetry reading in the parlor, followed by the labyrinth walk with candlelight, music and an atmosphere of winter's silence. Evergreens and pine cones will be scattered to represent the continuation of life and the assurance of rebirth and regeneration.

The labyrinth will again be open for a special New Year's Eve walk after which the regular Tuesday walks (second Tuesday of the month) will resume. For more information, visit the Old Ship website:

www.oldshipchurch.org

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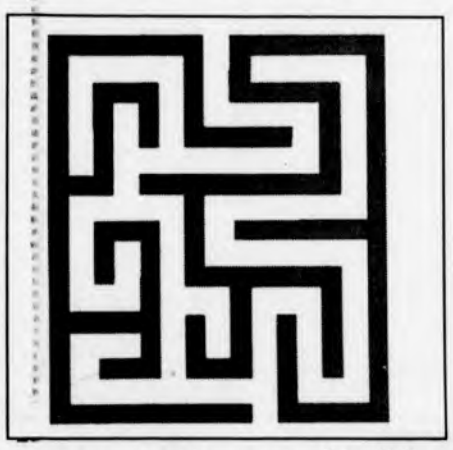
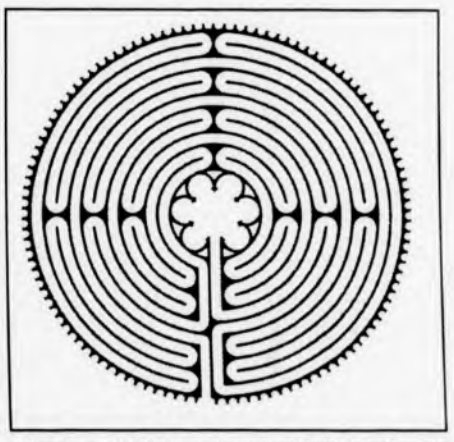


A maze requires us to use our analytical left brain to negotiate the confusing twists, turns and dead ends. Unlike the maze, the labyrinth offers one path, in and out.

The classical labyrinth pattern, also known as a Cretan labyrinth, has seven paths and is based on designs found on coins from Crete.



The beautiful labyrinth at the Old Ship Parish House in Hingham is based on the 13th century labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral in France. It is an elaborate design with 11 paths and a six-petal rosette in the center.

And you can quote me!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

"You can fool all of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

Abraham Lincoln said it. Right? Maybe not. At the very least, it's open to question.

Experts in Lincoln lore at the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, who have been sorting through the volumes of quotes attributed to our 16th president, have their doubts.

As far as can be determined, the quotation never appeared in association with Lincoln until 1904 when a book called "Lincoln's Yarns and Stories," by Alexander K. McClure, hit the stands.

McClure was quoting, not Lincoln, but a man who said he heard Lincoln say it in a speech in Clinton, Ill., in 1858.

Of course, it may have been used earlier than that in an offhand comment by P. T. Barnum, the con man who founded the best known circus.

"It's simply Lincoln's own status as a cultural exemplar that make these spurious quotations seem credible," Rodney Davis, co-director of the Lincoln Studies Center at Knox College, told the Associated Press.

"He seems to provide validation for just about anything anybody wants to have validated, and if you can't find a Lincoln quote, you make one up."

If you ask me, and nobody did, the quote sounds more like Barnum than Lincoln.

Politics is full of misquotes, most of them deliberate.

Democrats of a half century ago made a lot of ground by quoting Charles Wilson, the former head of General Motors who served as secretary of defense under Eisenhower, as saying "What's good for General Motors is good for the country."

Almost but not quite.

What he really said was: "For many years I thought what was good for our country was good for General Motors, and vice versa."

Quotations have a habit of getting twisted around, even if they're written down, like in a movie script.

Probably the best known quote from a movie (until Arnold said "I'll be back!") is "Play it again, Sam." The problem is no one said that either.

The closest comes when Ilsa tells Sam, the piano player, to, "Play it, Sam. Play 'As Time Goes By.'"

It makes you wonder if Arnold really said, "I'll be back!"

Somebody rearranged the words in Mae West's most famous quote, too.

She never said, "Why don't you come up and see me sometime."

What she really said in the film "She Done Him Wrong," was "Why don't you come up sometime, see me."

The military is always on the prowl for a good quote, the kind that would inspire a nation.

As Andy Crewson, the Navy Cross-winning, anti-hero of the novel "Shore Leave," mourns to his friends, "If I had come up with a good quote I might have won the Congressional Medal."

And then there was the case of Gen. McCauliffe, the man in charge at the Battle of the Bulge, whose response to a German call for surrender was a single word — "Nuts."

Or was it.

The story making the rounds at the time was that the general's response had to be cleaned up considerably before it was released to the public, that it actually involved two words, one of them a four letter Anglo-Saxon functional verb.

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his experience far exceeded GWB. He was Commander-in-Chief for nine years before Pearl Harbor as compared to the nine months for GWB before 9-11.

The world's only remaining superpower is always going to be a target and some terrorists cannot be reasoned with and must be killed. However, there are eight billion people on this planet and we are less than 5 percent of that number. We need to avoid radicalizing entire nations. Secretary of State Colin Powell (a retired four star general) is being undermined at every turn by the radical right. Israel (seven million people) has not bargained in good faith and has treated the Palestinians disgracefully. GWB should demand that the illegal West Bank settlements be torn down and the despicable "wall" be dismantled or relocated to the actual borderline between Israel and Palestine. Failing that, GWB should cut-off all financial and military aid to Israel. GWB needs to stop being influenced by political donations and Jewish lobbying in his "roadmap to peace"

Let us also remember that for the first time since the Civil War, the sons of the rich can easily avoid the hazards of military service because we legislated an "all volunteer defense force (AVDF). "The AVDF is better trained and more professional, but the pain of war is no longer distributed equally among our populace.

One last lesson from history: There is no "greatest American generation" as Dan Brokaw and others have characterized the armed forces of WWII. WWI soldiers commanded our magnificent young servicemen and women during WWII. WWII soldiers rose to command our magnificent young servicemen that served in the Vietnam debacle. There is no single generation; rather, it is a continum. What worked for Murray and Ariel Sharon in the WWII era is not going to work in fighting 21st century terrorism.

Joseph R. McElroy
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Jingle Bell Walk appreciates support

The South Shore Community Center in Cohasset would like to express its appreciation to the many merchants and volunteers who lent a helping hand at our Ninth Jingle Bell Walk.

As the bells rang out from St. Stephen's Church, thanks to Mary Kennedy, Santa and Mrs. Claus along with many elf assistants arrived at the Community Center despite the inclement weather. Although the outdoors events were cancelled, the volunteers were still ready to go with jingle bells, hot cocoa, and cookies waiting. Mrs. Claus and Santa, along with Frosty, Rudolph, and the merry Elves led a community sing-along of traditional holiday favorites. Photos with Santa, bowling, and face painting followed.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the many, many contributors and volunteers who helped make the day successful including, but not limited to, the following:

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We would like to thank all our volunteers. A special thanks to The Girl Scouts, The Rusty Skippers Marching Band, Cohasset Fire Dept., Cohasset Police Dept., The Patriot Ledger, and Mariner Newspapers. Thank you all!

Happy Holidays,
Stephanie Church Program Director

LIBRARY CORNER

Cohasset artist

Selected paintings by Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick will be exhibited at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library from now through Dec. 31.

The subjects of these luminous, colorful watercolors include familiar South Shore coastal scenes, still life arrangements, flowers, and a variety of boats. In her paintings, Ms. Chittick depicts the effect of light on form, as it defines shapes and creates interesting patterns. She conveys her own sense of a subject through suggestion and impression as well as careful rendering. Ms. Chittick is a Gallery Artist of the South Shore Art Center and the Cambridge Art Association. Her work has been shown in numerous solo and juried exhibitions in the Boston and South Shore area and is represented in many private collections.

Museum passes

Check out the museum passes available to you at the library, compliments of the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Reserve the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum pass and enjoy the special exhibit, Mrs. Gardner's Holiday Table, on display through Jan. 11.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! The following books are on order at the library. Reserve your copy in advance by calling the library or by placing a hold on any of these new titles: "The Kills," by Linda Fairstein is the latest addition to the Alexandra Cooper crime series. Assistant DA, Cooper unravels the puzzle of two seemingly unrelated cases, a date-rape murder and the murder of an elderly Harlem woman. The "Third Child," by Marge Piercy. This 16th novel of Piercy's, a contemporary love story, explores the psychology of families and relationships. Melissa Dickinson, the third and largely ignored daughter of a prominent political family, goes to college and falls in love with an unsuitable man, certain to cause her family distress. "The Amateur Marriage," by Anne Tyler. Married in haste during World War II, Pauline and Michael, mismatched and utterly incompatible, put aside their differences to raise their grandson.

Placing a hold

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Bradley fights childhood obesity

State Rep. Garret Bradley, D-Hingham, joins federal, state and city officials, along with area education, healthcare and fitness leaders, in a new effort to fight childhood obesity. The Coalition for a Healthy and Active America (CHAA) was launched in September in Boston to promote increased physical activity and nutrition education for children.

Childhood obesity is a problem which continues to grow at an alarming rate. According to the U.S. Surgeon General, only 25 percent of today's youth exercise at the recommended level of 60 minutes a day. In fact, Business Week reported recently that today's children spend more than 38 hours each week watching television or playing video games.

"As our children are leading more sedentary lives, there needs to be a rededication to physical fitness in order to curtail climbing obesity rates," explained Bradley. "Parents are the most prominent influence in our children's lives, however, they cannot fight this battle alone. The community as a whole must join together to find solutions to this complex problem."

The Coalition for a Healthy and Active America is a national organization with coalitions in more than a dozen states.

In addition to Rep. Bradley, the Massachusetts coalition includes nutritionist Debra Wein, M.S., R.D., L.D.N., Massachusetts State Auditor (and former world-ranked boxer) Joe DeNucci, Congressmen Stephen Lynch and Bill Delahunt, Boston City Council President Michael Flaherty, Governor's Councilor Kelly Timilty, State Representatives Brian Golden, Paul Kujawski, James Murphy, and Martin Walsh, Norfolk County Treasurer Joe Connolly, the Boston Teachers' Union and Stop & Shop Supermarkets among many others.

Murdock Middle High School gives Romney an MCAS lesson

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL LEVENSON

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

So much for letters from grateful schoolchildren. Inside the packed gymnasium of Murdock Middle High School in Winchendon, Gov. Mitt Romney met the angry faces of students for whom the label "underperforming" is a very personal mark of shame, not an official sign from the state that help is on the way. The visit seemed, at least momentarily, to jolt the MCAS debate away from the good-news charts and graphs that education officials have proudly displayed at Statehouse press conferences over the last several years and throw it back into the realm of emotion and anger.

Romney, a staunch MCAS supporter, met face-to-face with students who care about the test not because it promotes institutional change, education reform, or district accountability. For them, it's about the future: fail the MCAS exam, and students in the class of 2004 won't receive a diploma.

There was a particularly poignant encounter as Kim Thurlow, a senior at Murdock, escorted Jeremy Dell, a special education student whom she tutors, and asked Romney, her eyes welling with tears, "What are these kids going to do? Where are these kids going to go to school?" Other students refused to shake Romney's hand or held signs saying "I am the under-performer" and "I am a Statistic."

Officially, MCAS has been declared a success. Scores have progressively risen, as more districts and more poor, minority and disabled students have reached the 220 grade needed to pass the test. And test supporters say it has cast a light on schools that have been failing students in the past with less attention and accountability.

But there is a significant portion of students — 11 percent or about 7,000 in the class of 2004 — who have not passed. Winchendon is one of the first two school districts in the state (Holyoke is the other) that has been deemed under-performing on account of students failing to meet their expectations and their districts having exhibited "deficiencies in management and educational services."

For students in these communities, the under-performing designation is shameful, and that was the significance of the visit for Romney. Several students openly voiced their displeasure with his presence. "He didn't come here to help us," junior Sarah Mungeam told The Boston Globe. "He came here to look good for his public relations."

Romney tried to take the long view, telling reporters that students should not feel personally denigrated by their district's woes. "A declaration of under-performing says nothing about the kids," Romney said. "It says a lot about the way we as a state and district are managing education." The MCAS test, he added, "points out to us where we as a group of old guys responsible for schools have some more work to be done. By testing our students, we're testing ourselves as educators and administrators and even political leaders to see where we are failing."

• *Finneran: three options after SJC decision* — House Speaker Thomas Finneran, a staunch opponent of gay marriage and the last of the big three leaders on Beacon Hill to weigh in on the historic SJC decision, said the Legislature has three options, none of which included enacting gay marriage statutes. Finneran, without making clear his preference, said lawmakers could do nothing, enact civil union legislation or ban same-sex marriages through a constitutional amendment. The speaker's view seemed in line with those expressed by Attorney General Thomas Reilly and Gov. Mitt Romney, who feel the court left the Legislature considerable latitude to take action over the 180 days since the Nov. 18 ruling.

• *Romney shakes up public safety team*— The governor is now putting together a new public safety leadership team, in part due to the jailhouse killing of former priest John Geoghan and other scandals. Romney and ' is aides made clear they would begin easing aside Corrections Commissioner Michael Maloney, Public Safety Commissioner Joseph Lalli, Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Richard Davis, and Emergency Management Director Stephen McGrail. The moves were expected by Beacon Hill observers, but showed the extent to which Romney is willing to start with a clean slate to reestablish confidence in those agencies responsible for safeguarding the public.

• *MBTA changes tune on subway music ban* — It could have been MBTA unplugged. Instead, the T, after announcing it would ban all amplified music, heard a loud chorus of criticism from buskers and agreed to reverse course, setting an 80 decibel limit for plugged-in musicians. Several subway troubadours said their livelihood depended on being able to play amplified instruments, and expressed some relief with the new rule.

• *Romney's parole board nominees rejected* — The Governor's Council rejected Gov. Mitt Romney's first two nominees to the parole board. A debate continues to simmer over whether to install members with law-and-order experience or social and behavioral sciences backgrounds. The council rejected long-time parole board employee Tina Hurley and former board chairwoman Joyce Hooley. Romney aides say they are weighing their next moves, including bringing the nominations to another vote.

• *Pension fund gains return, tax revenues stronger, cash flow eases* — Three more bits of encouraging economic news: the state pension fund gained $4.5 billion this year and is poised to end three straight years of losses. According to Department of Revenue figures, November revenues totaled $1.045 billion, up $31 million, or 3 percent over November 2002. And state Treasury officials say the state's once tight cash flow position has eased significantly and beyond their expectations.

• *GOP sues to block special senate election date* — The Republican State Committee filed an official complaint asking the court to halt the scheduled March 2 special election to replace Sen. Cheryl Jacques, D-Needham. The GOP is upset because Democrats will turn out in greater numbers that day to cast votes in the Presidential Primary in which John Kerry is a candidate, giving their Senate candidate an edge in a district from which a Republican could be elected. They will ask the court to reverse the Senate action setting that date on grounds that the Jacques seat will not actually be vacant until she resigns in January and therefore no election can be ordered. Senate President Robert Travaglini released a statement calling the lawsuit a PR stunt.

• *Signature-gathering hurdle too high for all but one campaign* — Eight proposed ballot questions, addressing concerns ranging from repealing tolls to whale-safe fishing gear to the MCAS test, will not appear on the November 2004 ballot after their sponsors failed to turn in the 65,825 certified voter signatures required under state law. One proposal appears to still be on track. A proposed constitutional amendment that would obligate the governor and Legislature to provide universal, affordable health care for every resident of Massachusetts appeared to meet the signature requirement, after the amendment's sponsors strode into the Secretary of State's office in Boston and dropped off 11 boxes containing what they said were 71,000 voter signatures.

Michael Levenson writes for the Statehouse News Service.

POLITICAL NOTES

Democrats' food pantry benefit party Dec. 13

Due to last weekend's storm, the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee has rescheduled its gala Holiday Party, which will now be held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 2-5p.m.. One and all are invited to celebrate the season with people of good cheer and do something nice for your neighbor. Everyone is asked to bring a gift of non-perishable food for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

For more information, please contact Agnes McCann at (781) 383-0222

Republicans party despite snowstorm

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee kicked off the Holiday Season at its annual Holiday Party on Sunday, Dec. 7. Nearly 50 stalwart Republicans came out in the first snow of the season to enjoy good food, holiday cheer and make generous contributions to the Scholarship Fund.

Guests included state committee candidates Janet Fogarty, Conley Ford, Polly Logan and Weymouth Town Committee member Victor Pap representing John Cafferty; Adam Waitkunas a director of the AMRC; Hingham Town Committee chair Don Hussey and School Committee member MaryA nne McKenna; Lisa Tompson from the Scituate Town Committee; Kathleen Kane-Leach of the Wellesley Town Committee and Mary Burggraff representing Minority Leader, Brad Jones.

The Town Committee would like to extend a special thanks to Z-Chef of 94 Main St., Hull for their generous contribution of delectable goodies. Look for the opening of their new store at 102 North St., Hingham in the near future.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on four roll calls from recent sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

All four roll calls are on proposed amendments to the recently-approved Senate version of a bill banning smoking effective July 5, 2004 in most enclosed workplaces with one or more employees including offices, taxis, restaurants and bars. The amendments sought to strike some of the exemptions to the ban. Most opponents of the ban supported eliminating the exemptions and argued the exemptions were inconsistent, hypocritical loopholes. Most supporters of the ban supported the exemptions and argued the ban was a balanced one. Exemptions include rented rooms in hotels and motels, retail tobacco stores, smoking bars that derive more than 51 percent of their revenue from tobacco sales, patients in state hospitals, state-run substance abuse treatment centers, soldiers' homes, designated areas in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, religious ceremonies in which smoking is part of the ritual and performers engaged in a theatrical performance, film production or other artistic production. Another exemption is for "membership associations" when they are not open to the public. These associations range from some private country clubs to American Legion halls and other non-profit entities that are organized for a charitable, educational, political or social purpose.

BAN SMOKING IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING (S 2130)

Senate 10-28, rejected an amendment banning all smoking in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The amendment eliminates an exemption that allows smoking in designated areas of nursing homes if the area does not abut a patient care area and is not an employee workspace or other area used primarily by employees. Amendment supporters said it is hypocritical to allow workers in nursing homes to be exposed to second-hand smoke while protecting workers in other workplaces. They argued the exemption is supported by the powerful nursing home lobby and Senator Brian Joyce (D-Milton) on behalf of his mother who is in a nursing home and wants to be able to smoke. Amendment opponents said there is an element of personal residence in a nursing home and note that smoking would only be allowed in designated areas away from employees. They said the exemption is optional and pointed out that most nursing homes already ban smoking. (A "Yea" vote is for banning all smoking in nursing homes. A "Nay" vote is against banning all smoking in nursing homes). **Y**

BAN SMOKING IN VFW BUILDINGS AND COUNTRY CLUBS (S 2130)

Senate 11-27, rejected an amendment banning all smoking in the facilities of "membership associations." These associations range from some private country clubs to American Legion halls and any other non-profit entities that are organized for a charitable, philanthropic, educational, political, social or similar purpose. The bill allows smoking in these facilities only by members and only if a non-member or non-employee is not present. The amendment would ban smoking at all times. Amendment supporters said this outrageous exemption is being pushed by lobbyists for wealthy country clubs and noted it is hypocritical to expose lower-income workers in these clubs to second-hand smoke. They asked why a waiter or waitress at a posh country club is not entitled to the same protection as one at a regular restaurant or bar. Amendment opponents said the exemption is a narrow and reasonable one that allows these clubs to set their own policies when only their members, not the general public, are present. (A "Yea" vote is for banning all smoking in the facilities of membership associations. A "Nay" vote is against banning all smoking in the facilities of membership associations). **Y**

BAN SMOKING IN SMOKING BARS (S 2130)

Senate 9-30, rejected an amendment banning smoking in all smoking bars. The bill allows smoking in smoking bars that derive more than 51 percent of their revenue from tobacco sales and in which the sale of food or alcohol is incidental to tobacco sales. Amendment supporters said this exemption is the most egregious one and actually allows entire businesses based on cigar smoking to continue to flourish and endanger the health of their employees and customers. Amendment opponents said it is important to protect private businesses including cigar bars. They noted that employees of these bars make a choice to work there with the knowledge that they would be exposed to second-hand smoke. Amendment supporters countered that proponents of this exemption do not care about small businesses like restaurants and argued that there is no need to ban smoking in any restaurant or bar since those employees could also make a choice to work there with the knowledge they would be exposed to second-hand smoke. (A "Yea" vote is for banning smoking in smoking bars. A "Nay" vote is against banning smoking in smoking bars). **Y**

BAN SMOKING BY PERFORMING ARTISTS (S 2131)

Senate 7-32, rejected an amendment banning smoking by performers engaged in a theatrical performance, film production or other artistic production. The bill allows smoking in these circumstances. Amendment supporters said this is another special interest exemption that is hypocritical and would endanger workers and the audience in theaters and on movie sets. They also noted that the exemption continues the glamorization of smoking to impressionable children who watch movies. Amendment opponents said this is a tiny and reasonable exemption for a handful of performers in live theater shows and on movie or commercial production sets. (A "Yea" vote is for banning smoking by performers engaged in a theatrical performance or film production. A "Nay" vote is against banning smoking by performers engaged in a theatrical performance or film production). **Y**

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POLITICAL NOTES

Logan launches her reelection bid

Polly Logan

Paula E. "Polly" Logan — Republican State Committeewoman for the Plymouth-Norfolk Senatorial District and Vice Chairman of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee — will seek re-election for a four-year term in the March 2 GOP primary.

From grassroots town offices to the Statehouse to Washington, Logan has mentored and helped elect more Republican candidates than possibly any single figure in the history of the commonwealth. Acknowledged and respected by political activists of all persuasions, Logan was singled out for recognition by Gov. Romney at a recent fund-raiser for Rep. Rep. Daniel Webster in Duxbury as "the grand dame of politics in Massachusetts."

"I have a wonderful group of movers and shakers working with me — from Weymouth, Hingham, Hull and Cohasset to Norwell, Scituate, Marshfield and Duxbury — and I look forward to working tirelessly and full-time to continue to secure and elect good Republican candidates," Logan said.

Lt. Gov. Kerry Healy cites Logan as "the first person who offered me both moral and financial support when I began my political career — something for which I'll be eternally grateful." Both Presidents Bush; former Governors Swift, Cellucci and Weld; Congressional leaders Ed Brooke and Margaret Heckler; and prior area office-holders Fran Marini, Mary Jeanette Murray, Bob Stone, Bill Weeks, Peter Foreman, Charlie Mann, Ned Kirby and many others have all benefited significantly from Logan's personal involvement and expertise.

Logan's consistent and continual organizational and fund-raising skills over past terms have been instrumental in the election of state Sen. Bob Hedlund, U.S. Attorney and former Plymouth County District Attorney Mike Sullivan, current Plymouth County District Attorney Tim Cruz, Rep. Webster and others.

"It's simple," stated Logan's re-election chairman Guy Conrad of Hingham, "our district has maintained stronger Republican voter success and election of candidates from beginning offices to our nation's capital than any other in the Commonwealth, except perhaps the Cape. As we head into the critical 2004 election year, we need to take full advantage of the recognized experience, energy and successful track record of a Polly Logan. The loyalty Polly has engendered in all of us — as someone who has literally given her life to Republican candidates—will be critical to our success this coming fall and beyond."

Massachusetts Republican National Committeeman Ron Kaufman pledged assistance to the Logan effort, stating, "Having incumbents continue to run for the State Committee is necessary and vital to building a strong Republican Party because of the continuity it creates within our ranks. It has been my pleasure and honor to work with you."

At the Statehouse level, House Republican Leader Brad Jones has endorsed Logan saying, "Polly Logan has done more to encourage, enlist and elect Republicans than anyone I know — we need her and look forward to working with her in the four years to come."

The Logan steering committee, committee chairmen and town coordinators will be announced shortly, along with the initial series of events, activities, and additional endorsements. Those interested in helping out may contact Polly Logan directly at 781-383-0031, by e-mail at pollylogan1@comcast.net or, in early 2004, at www.GOPOLLY.net.

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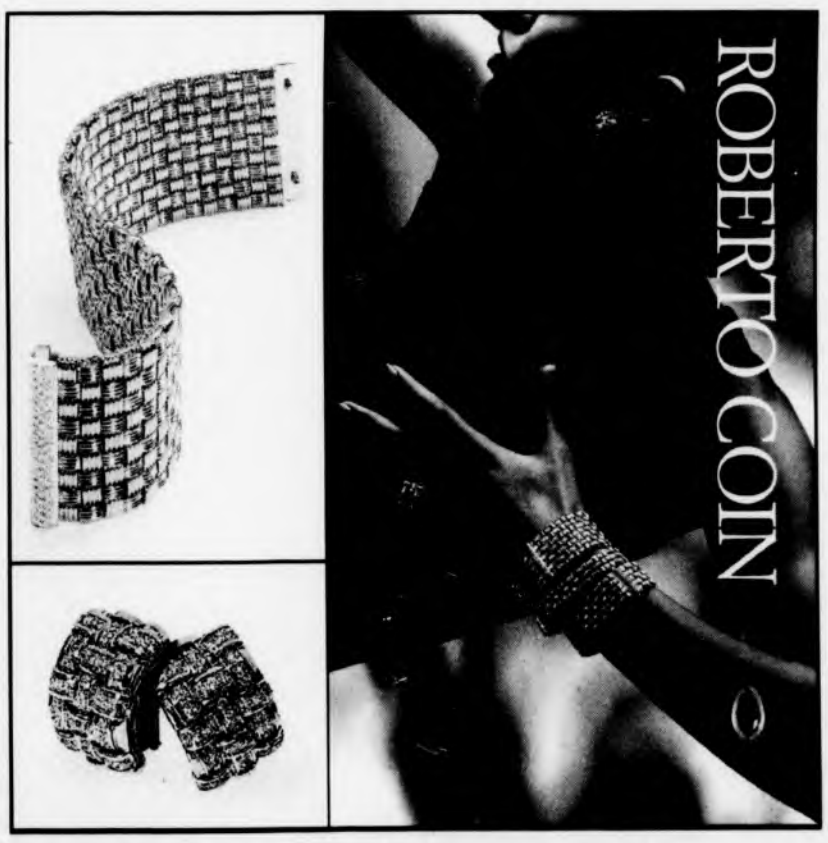

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Many residents will see tax bills go up

By Samantha Brown
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While residents may notice a decrease in the tax rate when they receive their quarterly property tax bills at the end of the month, it doesn't mean the check written will be any smaller.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the drop in tax rate is a result of many homes being valued higher this year than last. However, because the homes are worth more, taxes will go up, even though the tax rate is going down. Haddad explained the owner of a $560,000 home – the average value in town — will see an increase of roughly $400 in property taxes over 2002.

The tax bills reflect the Board of Selectmen's decision to continue with a uniform tax rate for all property classes based on the recommendation of the Board of Assessors.

Selectmen have signed off on a tax rate of $11.90 per $1,000 valuation, which could change by a penny or two after the state Department of Revenue reviews the town's financial information. "They certify everything, they make the decision," Haddad said about the DOR.

Last year, the average Cohasset home was assessed at $521,000 and with a tax rate of $11.99, the homeowner paid roughly $6,248 in property taxes. This year, that same home is valued at roughly$560,000 and with a tax rate of $11.90, the annual taxes are about $6,661 — an increase of roughly 6 percent over last year.

However, the price homeowners pay will vary depending on their home's assessed value. By taking the assessed value of the home, dividing it by 1,000 and then multiplying it by the tax rate, a homeowner can compute their property taxes.

Taxes on the average home in town have nearly doubled over the past 10 years along with their values. In 1992, the average home in town was assessed at $300,000 and the tax rate was $12, yielding a tax bill of $3,600. In 1993, that same home was assessed at $286,000, the tax rate was $13.48 and the tax bill, $3,855. Ten years ago, the average resident saw an increase in his tax bill from 1992 to 1993 of around $255 or 7 percent.

The Board of Assessors recommended selectmen approve the uniform rate for all property classes instead of a split tax rate because a split rate would shift more of the tax burden from residential to commercial, industrial, and personal property. Municipalities don't generally split their tax rate unless the combined valuation of commercial, industrial, and personal property equals 25 percent or more of the total taxable valuation of the town — in Cohasset, it is less than 10 percent. A split tax rate can also discourage businesses from locating in a community Haddad said, adding because the town only has around 7 percent commercial, "We don't want to discourage anyone from having a business here."

Legislative logistics create flap over mutual aid bill

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, says he is a staunch supporter of a key police mutual aid bill, which would provide the same protections to officers responding to mutual aid as the officers would have driving within their own districts.

The measure is advocated by the Massachusetts Police Chiefs. "I support the bill," Hedlund said.

And two weeks ago, he sent out a letter to local police chiefs saying just that.

But a misunderstanding stemming from action in the Senate that Hedlund had flip-flopped in supporting the bill triggered outrage from angry police chiefs.

The proposed legislation passed in the House on Oct. 6 and zipped over to the Senate, where the problem started.

While the local chiefs supported the bill, State Police had problems with the wording dealing with jurisdictional issues.

Unbeknownst to Hedlund, the Senate president wanted the bill to go back to committee so the chiefs and the State Police could work out their differences. Traditionally, in an informal session, the presiding officer can make a motion in any legislator's name which is what apparently happened in this case.

The presiding officer chose to make a motion in Hedlund's name to send the bill back to the Legislature's Public Safety Committee.

"He has assured me he is completely behind this bill and I don't doubt his word."
— Hingham Police Chief Steven Carlson

With all the hubbub in the chamber, Hedlund did not know it happened util he was confronted by an angry police chiefs. "I should have picked up on it," Hedlund said.

Hingham Police Chief Steven Carlson, who is president-elect of the Plymouth County Chiefs Association, said he and Hedlund have a good working relationship.

"He has assured me he is completely behind this bill and I don't doubt his word," Carlson said.

The bill will be reworked in committee.

"When the bill was written, some of the language had us concerned," said Lt. Marion McGovern, State Police spokesman. "There are no concerns over indemnification. We agree with that.

"We will be submitting our version shortly," McGovern said. "We are working with the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police on the rewording of the bill."

Hedlund hopes that he will be able to continue advocating for the bill after it emerges from committee.

"I support the bill the way it is worded now," he said. "It is hard to respond before I see the reworked bill."

Plainville Chief Edward M. Merrick, who is president of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, explained the scope of mutual aid has broadened significantly since 9-11. Towns need to pool resources on specialty services when faced with threats of terrorism or other activity that would put a strain on local departments.

As it stands now although towns have mutual aid agreements, a chief has to call each other chief to formally request help, which is a cumbersome process. The bill would not only help streamline the mutual aid system, but indemnify on-duty officers while they are travelling from their community to another on a mutual aid call. As it stands now when an on-duty officer crosses the town line he or she is a private citizen, Merrick explained.

"This bill would mean the officer is still a cop when traveling through another town (on his or her way to provide mutual aid)," he said.

He said the State Police are worried the bill will provide local police with state-wide jurisdiction. But Merrick said local police chiefs are not interested in changing the balance of authority.

Mary Ford also contributed to this report.

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Abbey priest subject of conduct investigation

By Mary Ford
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"We are facing the situation head on and are dealing with it as it is."
— Fr. Nicholas J. Marcone, abbot

Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham is investigating allegations of inappropriate sexual conduct that occurred in another state by one of its monks more than 25 years ago.

The Rev. Andrew Quillen, who has been at the Abbey since 1994, has been suspended from his pastoral ministry until the results of an investigation — that he engaged in inappropriate sexual activity back in 1977 in Iowa before he became a priest — are known.

The police are not involved because the alleged activity was not criminal, said The Rev. Nicholas J. Marcone, abbot of the monastery, in a telephone interview Monday. He said the alleged activity did not involve a child.

Fr. Nicholas made the announcement at Mass on Sunday morning and explained that Fr. Andrew will not have any contact with the public until the investigation is complete.

"I received a letter from an out-of-state attorney telling me about this, so I had no choice but to put our own process in motion, which I have done," Fr. Nicholas said Monday.

He explained the Abbey has had a process in place to investigate allegations of inappropriate sexual conduct since the mid-1990s when incidents of sexual abuse by priests first surfaced, and well before the more recent crisis in the Catholic Church.

"We've tried to keep the process updated ever since incorporating changes in the law and church policy," he said.

Fr. Nicholas said the process involves first determining if there is some credibility to the report and in this case, he did simply because an attorney wrote the letter.

The next step is to initiate an investigation and to activate an advisory board of lay people to provide advice and oversight throughout the process, which will be open to public scrutiny, he said. The committee will also determine a recommended outcome.

Fr. Nicholas said he is contacting the attorney, who is representing the alleged victim, to learn more and is also consulting with Abbey attorneys. "In the meantime, Fr. Andrew has been suspended from any assignments in the pastoral ministry," he said, until the situation is fully clarified or resolves itself.

"We are facing the situation head on and are dealing with it as it is," Fr. Nicholas said.

He declined to elaborate on the allegations, explaining to do so could do more harm than good and that he wanted to protect the rights of those involved.

Fr. Nicholas read a statement regarding the investigation at Sunday's Mass. He said reaction from those at the Mass was initially one of shock and upset. They were invited to stay and ask questions, which many did.

"They were supportive of the way we're handling the process, that there are lay people involved and that we are not covering anything up," he said.

Fr. Nicholas said Fr. Andrew is cooperating with the investigation and said this was a very stressful and trying time for him. "He is doing everything we have asked of him to do," Fr. Nicholas said.

There are 11 monks who live at the Abbey, including Fr. Andrew.

Because of last weekend's nor'easter that kept many at home, Fr. Nicholas will read a statement on the investigation again at this week's Sunday service.

Fr. Nicholas' statement in part states, "Our focus through all of this is to be pastoral to all concerned, toward the individual making the report and toward Fr. Andrew.

"I ask your prayers for us through all this. These are difficult days for our community. We are committed to the principles of truth, honesty, and openness in respecting the rights of all involved. Our goal is an effective pastoral resolution to this matter."

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Comments on draft Master Plan sought

The Growth and Development Committee, appointed by the Selectmen in 2000 to help draft a thoughtful and long term strategy to manage town growth, seeks public input on the draft Master Plan. There are a number of ways to review the draft Master Plan, including:

- At the Town Website – www.Cohassetmass.org – click on the link for the Master Plan in the upper right corner of the home page
- At the Town Clerk or Paul Pratt Memorial Library – each location has a full-color, printed copy in a loose-leaf binder, for ease of copying specific chapters, maps or sections
- At the Town Planning Office on a CD-ROM (by request at 383-3517)

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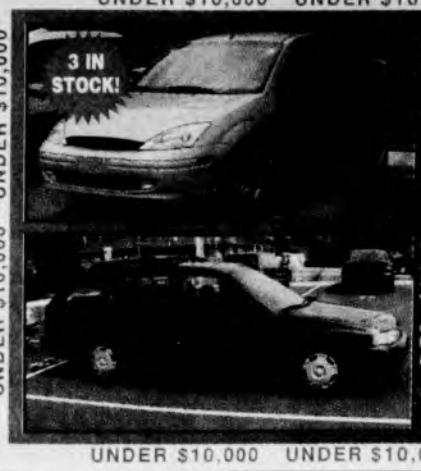

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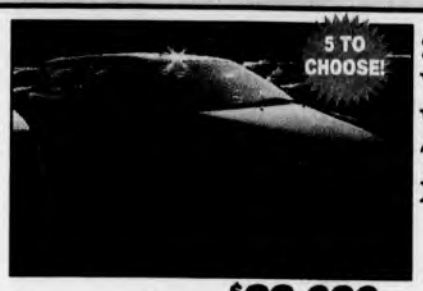

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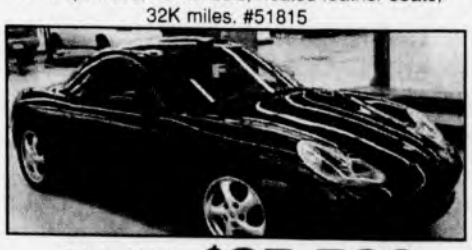

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Net gains

New coach, new attitude for CHS lady hoopsters

Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

For the Cohasset High varsity girls basketball team, energy piles up quicker than the December snow. The girls started practice last week and their enthusiasm has sparked a fire in their play. The girls eagerly sharpened their fundamentals in preparation of their first game.

Led by their new coach, John Levangie, the squad members cannot wait to strut their hoop skills. This winter marks the 25th season of John Levangie's coaching career, which has included runs at Wayland, Westwood and BC High Schools. He also knows what it takes to compete, having personally played for Merrimack College.

He describes his coaching skills as ordinary, but his players feel differently.

"Coach Levangie has helped us to improve our skills immensely just over the past week," says senior Jen Buckley. "We're ready to work as a team now."

Fellow team member Ashley Faber agrees

"He plans our practices well and focuses on the fundamentals," said Faber.

This electrifying team spirit has spread to Coach Levangie.

"I'm very excited to work with the girls," said the veteran coach. "Their willingness to work hard makes coaching them a real pleasure."

In a recent interview with The Mariner, coach Levangie compared Cohasset to other towns he coached.

"Cohasset pulls together far fewer players than other schools do," he notes, "yet the talent and will among the Lady Skippers are phenomenal.

"I find the parents and people of Cohasset very supportive of both the team and my efforts. Never have I seen a more impressive gym than that of Cohasset."

Looking forward, the Cohasset players travel this week to Westwood, Coach Levangie's old stomping ground, to do battle with a very tough team. This weekend, the Lady Skippers head to New York City via bus to face a local high school squad.

According to Coach Levangie, the teammates will put to the test their latest defens-

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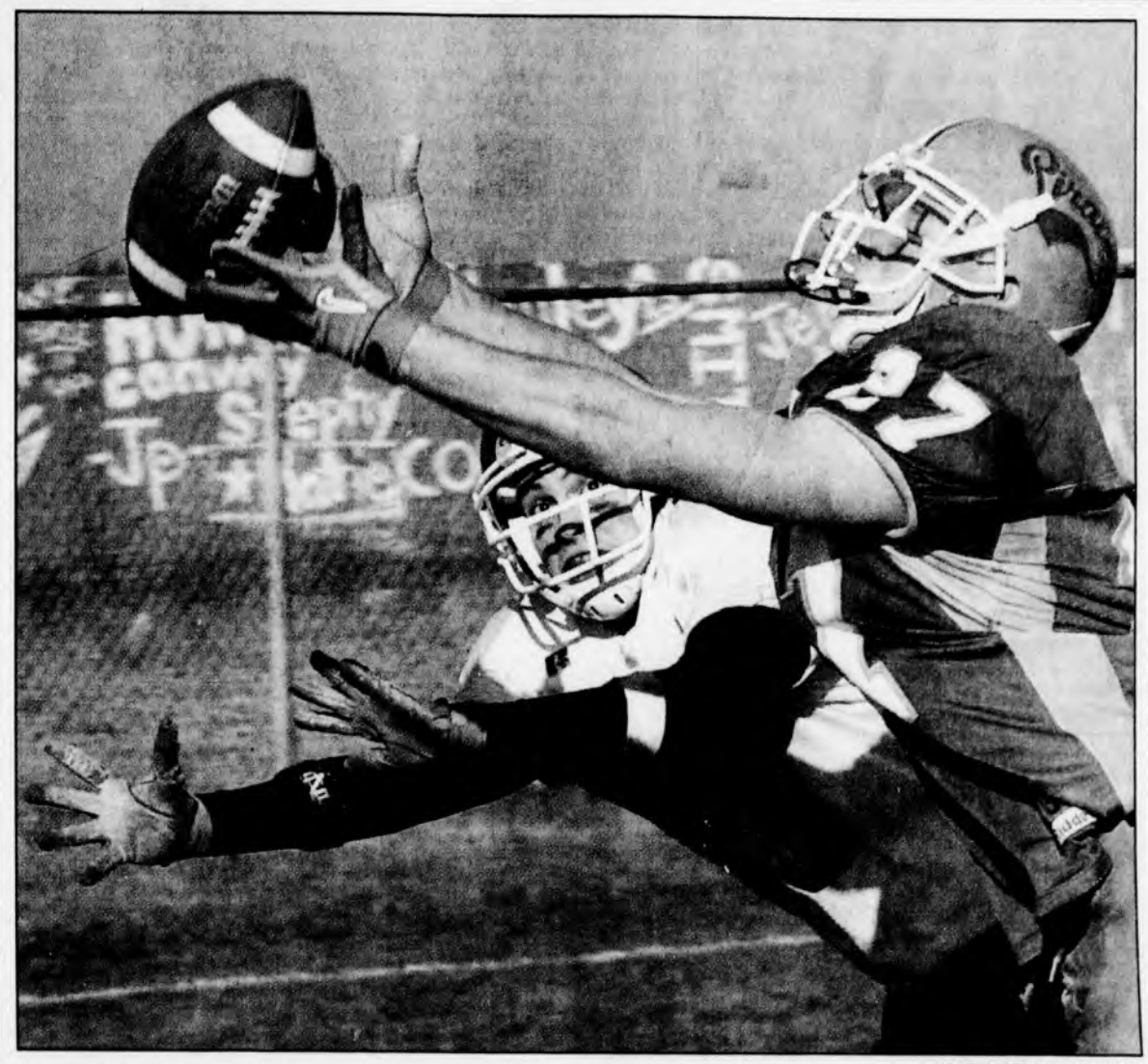

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D.J. Silvia (#13) will have some big shoes to fill next fall as the heir apparent to two-time SSL all-star receiver Chris Bilodeau.

This was a special season

SSL champion gridders look back and ahead

With the book closed on the 2003 season for the Skippers, the accolades are many.

This year's squad finished undefeated in South Shore League play with a 5-0 record to win the league crown for the second time in three years. They bested SSL rivals Abington, Norwell, Mashpee and Hull to close out the season with a 9-1 record. The last CHS team to go undefeated in league play and become League Champions was the 1960 team. This year's gridders have left their mark in CHS athletic history.

The seniors— Chris Bilodeau, Rob Carpenter, Sean Connolly, Steve Davis, Mike Dooley, Jamie Litchfield, DeWayne Morris, Dan Tarpey, and Tony Truglia— exceeded all expectations. Their hustle, determination, and leadership set the example for the underclassmen to follow.

With a 26-6 record over the past three seasons, and eight juniors and two sophomores accounting for 13 starting positions this fall, the outlook is bright for Coach Tony Rolfe's 2004 squad.

Defensive Unit

Defensive Coach Robert Silvia will have eight starters back to defend their #1ranked defense in the SSL and in all of Division 5.

The defensive line will return three starters, junior Kelvin Ferriera (the team sack leader) at defensive end, and juniors Leo Clougherty and Matt Baroudi at the tackle positions. Both tackles had exceptional rookie seasons. Seniors Rob Carpenter and Sean Connolly split time at the other defensive end slot. So, if you like to chase QBs, please apply.

Juniors Matt Casey (second on the team with 71 tackles) and Ted Straughn will return for another season at linebacker. Unfortunately, senior captain Tony Truglia (the team leader with 98 tackles) will be

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FILE PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Senior captain Mike Devine is the anchor of what appears to be an exceptional blue line crew for the Skippers.

Third time still a charm?

Coaching change won't take Cohasset skaters' eyes off SSL threepeat

By Mike Spellman
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So now it's three coaches in three years for the Cohasset High hockey team. Might a third straight South Shore League championship also be in the cards?

Newly appointed Skippers head coach Ben Virga is certainly in no position to answer that question yet, but he is not the least bit hesitant to sing the praises of what he's seen from his own troops through the first week of official workouts.

"Quite frankly, I've been blown away by what I've seen so far," said Virga, 28, who succeeds as bench coach John Blake, who himself succeeded Dennis Walsh prior to last season. Blake, 29, moved on to take the head hockey coaching position at Duxbury High, where he is also a teacher.

"I've definitely got a great group of young men and women here," continued Virga, a former assistant coach at hockey factories B.C. High and Catholic Memorial, and, most recently, at Milton High. "They've already shown me a lot of character and a tremendous willingness to work, not to mention a lot of talent."

Cohasset lost four seniors to graduation—tri-captains John Durkin, Matt Davis and Tom Anderson, along with defenseman Mike Calorio. The three captains were also league all-stars, with Durkin and Davis topping the league champion Skippers in scoring, and Anderson one of the league's most talented and physical defensemen. Durkin, the SSL scoring champ, finished the sea-

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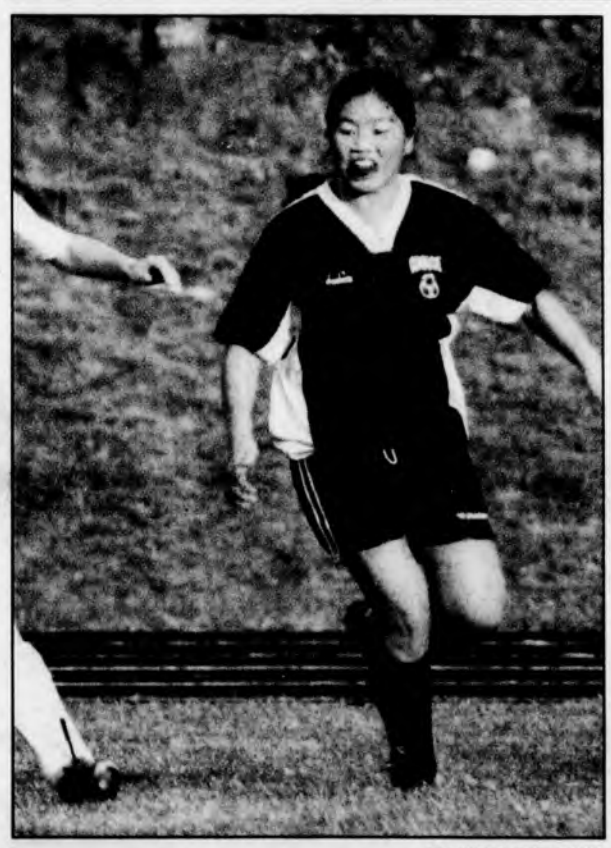

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Cohasset's steel curtain, Holly Graham, was a force at the all-important sweeper position the last three years for the Lady Skippers.

All-Scholastic girls soccer team

Cohasset's Graham and Buckley named among area's elite

With a total of 27 girls selected here, this is by far the largest group we have assembled in four years of doing All-Scholastic girls soccer teams. Honestly, narrowing it down to this number wasn't easy. There seemed an inordinate amount of female soccer talent this fall, an observation bolstered by the fact that all 12 of the public school teams from which we draw for this team qualified for postseason play.

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 27, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top girls soccer players in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Jenn Buckley-
Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Cohasset

Jenn Buckley

Now a four-time Mariner All-Scholastic (twice each for soccer and spring track)...a force at both ends of the field for the Lady Skippers...has led the team in scoring each of the past two seasons... finished with seven goals and five assists this fall, but

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Coastal Stars Youth Hockey report

Mite A

The Mite A Coastal Stars were on a mission against the Mohawks. With Will DeCoste in net, the Stars recorded their third straight shutout and their offense came alive for a 9-0 win. The Mohawks tested DeCoste on the games' first shift, but he flashed the left pad on a puck labeled for the right corner, and the Stars were on their way. With one minute gone, Will Golden passed out front to Jake McDonough. His shot was saved, but Terrence Doonan put the rebound away for the 1-0 lead. A minute later, McDonough skated the puck out of the left corner and beat the Mohawk goalie. Jared McCrystal's pass off the boards sprung Doonan for a break, but T-Dog's shot hit the crossbar. The offensive continued in the second period. Jake McDonough skated end-to-end and scored to the top right corner at the 6:40 mark. Terrence Doonan outraced everyone to the puck inside the Mohawk zone and slipped it inside the right post twenty seconds later. With four minutes left, Kenny Parnell kept the puck in at the blue line to Jonathan Spitz in the left corner. Spitz' shot was saved, and so was Connor Maher's rebound. But Colin Whelan fought out front and banged in the second rebound for the 5-0 lead. Whelan made a rush after the face-off, but his shot was saved. The game became a shooting gallery for the Stars in the third period. The Stars defense, including Kevin McDougall, Jeremy Duchini, Jared McCrystal, Kenny Parnell and Andrew Geddes, was aggressive at the blue line and kept the puck in the Mohawk zone. When the Mohawks did clear the zone, Frankie Lemieux and the other Stars forwards hustled to backcheck and regain the puck. Jonathan Spitz' shot from the left corner found the net for a 6-0 lead with nine minutes left. Terrence Doonan rushed the puck from the red line and put a backhander into the left side. After the face-off, the Stars put the puck on net. Tommy Dixon swept the rebound in. Kenny Parnell picked up a loose puck in the Mohawk zone and fired a shot from the top of the left circle. Chris Cohen hustled and scored on the rebound. The Stars changed up their lines after that, with the defense playing up front and the forwards playing back. The Stars played the final 1:35 shorthanded after a penalty, but Will DeCoste preserved the shutout and the Stars went home with their mission accomplished.

Mite C3

The Coastal Stars Mites C-3 team continued on their winning ways with a 9-0 victory over the Mites of Duxbury 3. The win improved the team's record to an unblemished 8-0-0. The game featured a balanced attack with seven different Stars skaters scoring and goaltender Declan Leahy recording a shut out. Defensemen Jeffery Powers and Jake Denton combined for the first Stars goal as Jeffery Powers took a mid ice pass from Jake beating the Duxbury goalie from between the offensive circles. Winger Sam Topham then received a pass off the sideboards from defenseman James Daley and streaked up the left side of the ice scoring on a wrist shot from the left circle. The line of Matthew Tautkus, Bryan Bowman and Max Hemingway applied constant offensive pressure when left wing Matthew Tautkus scored on a feed from Max Hemingway from behind the opposing net. Garrett Leahy scored the fourth goal of the first period with an unassisted rush up the right wing from his own defensive zone. The second period started with some aggressive play from forwards Curtis Golden, Timmy Cavanaro and defenseman Hugh Healey creating some quality scoring opportunities. Right winger Mark McGoldrick opened the Stars scoring in the second period sliding the puck past the Duxbury goaltender from a group of Stars players gathered in front of the net. In the same shift defenseman James Daley pressed from the left point and let a laser shot go, which found the inside corner of the Duxbury net. Center Andrew Tautkus closed out the second period scoring by redirecting a pass from linemate Sam Topham past the goaltender. Mark McGoldrick scored his second goal of the game midway through the third period firing a backhand along the ice past the Duxbury net minder after receiving a pass from Andrew Tautkus. Andrew Tautkus concluded the Stars scoring collecting his second goal of the contest slamming home the rebound of a shot by James Daley. Coastal Stars defensemen, Jeffery Powers, Jake Denton, Hugh Healey and Garrett Leahy played a solid game limiting the Duxbury skaters offensive opportunities. Stars goal tender Declan Leahy provided the "back stop" shutting down the Duxbury skaters to preserve the 9-0 shut out.

Mite C2

On Saturday, the Coastal Stars Mites-2 dropped a tough one to Braintree 5-2 at the Devine rink in Dorchester. The Stars battled for two periods before succumbing in the last period to the stronger offensive play of Braintree. Both squads came out strong and battled in the first period with end to end play and several scoring bids. It wasn't until midway into the first period that Patrick Graham logged the first goal, on a shot along the ice that beat the Braintree goalie left side. Braintree countered a minute later with an open breakaway bid but goalie Jack Evitts stood tall and made the pad save. Mike McPartlin had a couple drives to the net during the period, just missing on one shot that rang off the post. Jack Kaetzer played with great hustle at left wing, coming off last week's defensive assignment. Aidan Beresford and Robbie Bertone were a formidable pair on defense providing strong line play and keeping the puck in the Braintree end. Joseph Proctor made a key defensive play late in the first period, scooping up a loose puck in front his own net and clearing it out of the zone. As Braintree turned up the heat, Robert Reidy responded by skating the puck out of the defensive zone. The Stars controlled play for the majority of the first period but Braintree took advantage of a momentary lapse on defense to score with 5 seconds left in the period. The Stars continued to battle in the second period, with the front line of Joey Redfearn, Matt Boudreau and Patrick Graham combining for several fine passes and scoring opportunities. Center Matt Doyle contributed to the effort by winning key face-offs in the Braintree zone. Forwards John Leahy and Jeremy Archibald added tenacious play in the corners and around the net. Defensemen Thomas Coyne, Brendan Evitts and Kal Maier provided good coverage on defense, countering the Braintree attack with opportune puck clears out of the zone. But with less than six minutes in the period, Braintree struck again for another goal to take a 2-1 lead. Braintree would maintain this lead going into the final period. Braintree kicked it up a notch in the third with offensive attacks that produced two additional goals extending their lead to 4-1. But with 9:20 left, Patrick Graham answered with his second goal assisted by a Joey Redfearn pass off the boards. Moments later, Graham just missed getting the hat trick as he scored seconds after the line change buzzer. Trailing 4-2, with a couple minutes left in regulation, the Stars pulled their goaltender for the man advantage. However, Braintree scored on the open net making it 5-2.

Squirt C2

The Coastal Stars Squirt C2 team continued their winning role with a 6-5 win over Weymouth 1. The Stars jumped out to an early 6-1 lead before Weymouth came storming back in the third period to make things very close. The defense played a huge role in this game with Jack Nelson and Sarah Evans each picking up a pair of assists while playing terrific in their own end. Ryan Bertone lead the goal scorers getting the hat trick. Ryan was set up nicely on the first goal by Pat Shay and Jack Nelson. Things got interesting about ten minutes into the game when the electricity went out in the rink for about ten seconds. There were priceless comments and emotions from some of the players on the ice at the time, "coach we could have scored if they didn't blow the whistle, the goalie would have never seen us", "It's pretty scary in here when the lights go out, "can we play in the dark if all the lights don't come back on?" The lights returned and play continued after about 10 minutes. Andrew Fontaine came storming out after the break scoring two goals in a span of about 40 seconds, with great assists from David Greenwood and Matt Sullivan. Charlie Coffman came up with a very had working assist on Ryan's second goal with 37 seconds remaining in the first period. Matt Sullivan scored unassisted in the second period to extend the lead to 5-1. His goal was the result of great work in the defensive end by his line mates Kevin Friedland and Brian Craig. Things got tight in the third period when Weymouth came roaring back with four unanswered goals. Defensemen Girard Tierney and RJ Nuels really stepped up to make sure that was as close as things would get. Kevin Quinn also made some key stops at the end of the game to preserve the win.

PeeWee C1

The Coastal Stars Pee-Wee C1 team surrendered a goal late in the third period that enabled Weymouth-1 to escape with a 3-3 tie on Sunday in Hingham. Justin Yeager started the scoring halfway through the first period with a strong wrist shot that pinballed off players in front before getting to the net. Yeager's goal was assisted by Smith and Andrew Bell. Weymouth then scored the next two goals to take a 2-1 lead. Stars' winger Phil Murphy scored his first goal of the season to tie the game at 2-2 mid-way through the second period. Brian Meehan and Yeager assisted on the Stars' second goal. The Stars went ahead 3-2 late in the second period with a terrific wrist shot by Gordy Smith that slipped through the goalie's pads. Brian Meehan set up the strike when he dished a pass to Smith who was positioned perfectly for the score. Weymouth put pressure on Stars netminder John Carrigg in the third period but Carrigg held them at bay until very late in the period when Weymouth scored the tying goal. Despite a terrific last minute effort by the Stars, including a tremendous slap shot by Gordy Smith, the game ended with the score tied at 3-3. The Stars objective was to beat their opponents to the puck, and they accomplished that against a very competitive Weymouth opponent. Contributing to the Stars' strong offensive play throughout the game were Joe Fitzsimmons and Mike Caira. The Stars defense also put on an outstanding performance. Making big plays in the defensive end all day were Kevin O'Connell, Geoff Evans, Chris Fazzina, and Mike O'Halloran.

Net gains

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es, up tempo pace, and post patterns.

After these two pre-season tune-ups, the girls will direct their attention towards the first season real tip-off on December 17th against Holbrook at the South Shore Voc. Tech High School in that school's annual holiday tourney.

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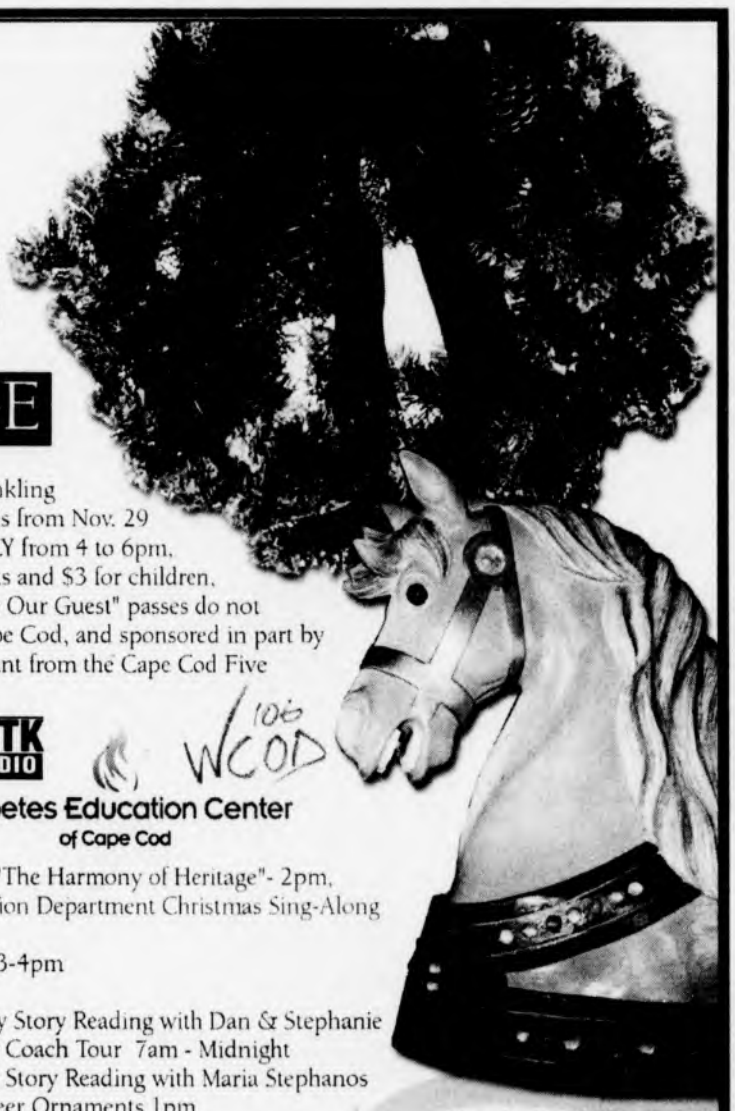

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Cohasset's Graham and Buckley named among area's elite

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had a direct hand in many more goals...was key in leading the Lady Skippers to consecutive postseason berths after a decade of sub-.500 seasons...had 12 goals and four assists as a junior...voted team Most Valuable Player last year...two-time South Shore League all-star...an absolutely tireless worker with outstanding athleticism and speed...helped out considerably at the defensive end, and the counterattack almost always started with her in the middle of the field...also a standout in basketball at C.H.S...involved in chorus at CHS...top collegiate choices are Northeastern, UMass-Amherst, BU, URI, UNH and UConn...plans to major in physical therapy or nursing...will likely not pursue sports at the collegiate level, but will play intramural sports...Coach Deb Beal: "Jenn was just incredible for us at both ends of the field. Her teammates looked to her for so much. She'd go 100 miles per hour to support the offense and then 200 miles per hour to get back and help out if the other team counterattacked. She probably did twice as much running as anyone on the field, but she never complained."

Holly Graham - Senior (Capt.) Sweeper- Cohasset

Holly Graham

Cohasset's final line of defense the last three seasons...two-time South Shore League all-star...was voted team MVP in her sophomore season...a very strong instinctive player with good overall athleticism...was key in leading the Lady Skippers to consecutive postseason berths after a decade of sub-.500 seasons...four year varsity team member and three year starter...had one assist this year... also a sensational tennis player who played third singles for Div. 2 state champion CHS team last spring...was member of Cohasset-Scituate swim team her first two years of high school...Honor Roll student...a volunteer with Elder Affairs...hopes to play college soccer or tennis...top college choices are St. Michaels, St. Anselm, Manhattenville and UNH...undecided on a major...Cohasset coach Deb Beal: "Holly was our rock on defense. Everything Jenn (Buckley) was for us in the midfield the last few years, Holly was on defense. She just carried us on her shoulders at times."

Lauren Jentzen - Senior (Capt.) Forward - Marshfield

Lauren Jentzen

One of the best soccer players in the state, Jentzen was the leading scorer in Eastern Mass. racking up 47 points on 32 goals, 15 assists...A three-year starter on the frontline, Jentzen ended her career as Marshfield High's all-time leading scorer with 80 career points (53 goals, 27 assists)...A two-year Old Colony League and E.Mass. All-star, this speedy and highly skilled player led her squad to an OCL title (13-1, 19-2-1) and to the Div. 1 South Sectional finals, where they fell in a heartbreaking 1-0 decision to league foe Falmouth...In the tourney, Jentzen netted six goals, while adding two assists...Also a talented lacrosse player at MHS, Jentzen plans to continue her soccer career at Syracuse University next fall. Marshfield coach Fred Podbelski: "Most players receive the ball and take three to four strides to get up to full speed. Lauren takes the ball and within two strides is already gone. She can get by absolutely anyone and her ball control and foot skills are incredible."

Joanne Gueverra - Senior Fullback - Marshfield

Joanne Gueverra

A two-year starter at forward her sophomore and junior seasons, Gueverra graciously accepted her coach's call to arms, moving to the fullback position the day of the team's season-opening tourney at Newton North...There, Gueverra helped Marshfield capture a shutout win over the host team and established herself as one of the area's most formidable defenders...The Old Colony and Eastern Mass. All-star always marked the opposing team's best scorer and shutdown many as part of a defense that posted 13 shutouts in 18 regular season games...Tall, fast, and strong, Gueverra could run with anyone and distributed the ball well from the backline or in the midfield...Netted 9 goals, 8 assists as a junior and helped lead the Lady Rams (19-2-1) to an OCL title (13-1) and to the Div. 1 South finals this season...Also a talented trackster at MHS, Gueverra has competed at the All-State and New England level with the 4x400-meter relay team...She plans to attend Sienna College and continue her soccer career. Marshfield coach Fred Podbelski: "I asked her to move from forward to fullback and she said 'OK Pod. Whatever the team needs.' From that point on, she really made the team click. She would be the Coach's MVP."

Alex Eckhardt - Senior (Capt.) Goalie - Marshfield

Alex Eckhardt

This three-year starter and two-year Eastern Mass. All-star solidified Marshfield's impenetrable defense with her stellar play in the net...Height and great anticipation were among her greatest strengths in a season in which she allowed only five goals and shut out 13 opponents in 18 games...For her career, Eckhardt posted 21 shutouts for a 0.42 goals against average...Came up huge in the Lady Rams' semifinal game in the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney against Oliver Ames, making a stop on a penalty kick to ice a 5-4 victory and send her team to the South finals...Helped Marshfield (19-2-1) capture the Old Colony League title (13-1) and made the All-star team for the second-straight year as a top three pick...Also a talented tennis player at MHS, Eckhardt hopes to attend Stonehill College and continue her soccer career. Marshfield coach Fred Podbelski: "She was in charge of our defense. She told everyone where to go, who to mark. She was always talking. She plays the angles extremely well, knew when to come and when to stay back and was just so aggressive."

Hilary Eckhardt - Senior (Capt.) Sweeper - Marshfield

No, you're not seeing double... Hilary is Alex's twin and was the last line of defense before her sister as the Lady Rams' solid sweeper...So quick to the ball, Eckhardt could run with anyone and effortlessly deliver a one-touch clear...Wasn't afraid to play out of position and take the ball through the midfield if necessary, netting a goal and two assists in the process...A three-year varsity player at Marshfield, this Old Colony League All-star helped lead the Lady Rams to the title (13-1) and appearance in the Div. 1 South Sectional finals, where their season ended at 19-2-1...Eckhardt was part of a defense that shut out 13 opponents in 18 regular season games...A member of the National Honor Society, Eckhardt hopes to join her sister in attending Stonehill and continuing her soccer career. Marshfield coach Fred Podbelski: "Hilary was so quick to the ball and could break out of the backfield. She's extremely strong, hardly ever miss-kicked, and had a great release."

Hilary Eckhardt

Karen Bagley - Senior (Capt.) Midfielder - Hanover

Karen Bagley

In one word, Bagley could be described as "tough"... The three-year starter was literally everywhere on the field, most effectively at center midfield...Was a defender last season, but got back to her preferred position this year and was named a Patriot League and Eastern Mass. All-star for the second-straight season... Offensively, Bagley produced 17 points on 10 goals, 7 assists and defensively clogged up the middle against some of the area's best scorers...Her play helped the Lady Indians capture a share of the PL title, tying Duxbury at 8-2-2 (9-4-4 overall)...Also a talented softball player at HHS, Bagley is still considering colleges, where she plans to continue her soccer career. Hanover coach Garth Nelson: "Karen really enjoyed being back at center midfield after graciously playing stopper last season. It is her position of choice and is where she really excels."

Lindsey Arria - Junior Forward - Hanover

Lindsey Arria

Was leading the Patriot League in scoring before suffering an ankle injury that caused her to miss three games down the stretch and in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney...Despite this, Arria still racked up 18 points on 13 goals, 5 assists and was named a PL and Eastern Mass. All-star for the second-straight season...Arria's speed and clever footwork on the frontline helped the Lady Indians capture a co-championship of the PL, tying Duxbury with a 8-2-2 record (9-5-4 overall)...Arria is also the point-guard on the HHS girls basketball team and a talented shortstop on the softball squad...She will return as a senior to all three teams next year. Hanover coach Garth Nelson: "Lindsey doesn't give up. She's a great athlete and is extremely competitive. She plays with a lot of confidence."

Morgan Mueller - Senior (Capt.) Fullback - Hanover

Morgan Mueller

It was a breakout season for this talented defender...Not flashy, Mueller's gritty and smart style of play at outside fullback helped shutdown some of the area's best goal-scorers as she was an important part of a defense that shut out seven opponents and allowed only 18 goals this year...Aggressive but quiet, her defensive play helped the Lady Indians capture its first Patriot League title in three seasons, tying Duxbury at 8-2-2...She was voted a PL All-star and was instrumental in leading Hanover to the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney...Mueller plans to attend Wake Forrest and play soccer on the club team. Hanover coach Garth Nelson: "Morgan has great defensive skills and deceptive speed. She's comfortable at outside fullback and in the midfield. She had a great season."

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Jen Buckley (standing), a force at both ends of the field for the Lady Skippers, was an easy selection for the second time for All-Scholastic honors.

Catie Whelan - Junior Midfielder - Weymouth

Kathleen Kennerley - Junior Sweeper - Weymouth

Valerie Jarvis - Senior (Capt.) Forward - Abington

Becca Marshall - Senior (Capt.) Forward - Hingham

Hayley Prendergast - Senior (Capt.) Midfielder -

Meaghan Wiley - Junior Sweeper- Norwell

Kristin Mulry - Freshman Forward - Hingham

Katie Helm- Senior (Capt.) Defense- Norwell

Jackie Vickers- Sophomore Forward- Norwell

Kacey Weafer - Junior Forward - Scituate

Margaret Tansey- Senior (Capt.) Sweeper- Scituate

Jessica Colman- Junior Sweeper- Silver Lake

Hannah Rapalee – Junior Midfield - Silver Lake

Amy Caldwell - Freshman Forward- Braintree

Liz Carroll - Senior (Capt.) Sweeper - Braintree

Kristina Lowe- Junior Keeper - Holbrook

Jessica MacNeil- Senior (Capt.) Stopper- Holbrook

For the rest of the athlete capsule write-ups, see cohassetmariner.com

Honorable Mention:

Kacie LaPointe - Sr. (Capt.) - Midfielder - Abington

Jenna Wells - Jr. - Sweeper - Abington

Brianna Whitehouse- Jr.- Sweeper- Braintree

Irene Botsolis- Jr.- Keeper - Braintree

Kara Ruggierio- Fr- Center Mid- Braintree

Alex Lopresti- Jr.- Defense- Braintree

Kaitlyn Virta - Sr. (Capt.) - Forward - Hanover

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This was a special season

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hard to replace at the outside linebacker position.

Juniors Joe Durkin, D J Silvia, and Crandon Leahy will all return to the defensive backfield as a more experienced unit. Chris Bilodeau's interceptions (6) and overall leadership on defense will need to be covered by the group as a whole.

Offensive Unit

The O-Line, which paved the way for over 1,700 rushing yards this season, will have three returning members, sophomore left guard Nick Arment will start his third year, junior Matt Casey will return at center, and sophomore Dan McCarthy will anchor the right side for a second season. Seniors Dan Tarpey, at left tackle, and Steve Davis, at right guard, will be lost to the caps and cowns, two crucial voids that will need to be filled.

Junior D J Silvia (14 receptions for 212 yards and 2 TDs) will return as the elder statesman of the receiving corp. Senior Chris Bilodeau's 28 receptions for 323 yards and 4 TDs will be the benchmark for his replacement to strive for. Connolly (4 receptions for 56 yards) was primarily a lead blocker at tight end. This slot is wide open for a number of underclassmen.

A replacement for senior QB Mike Dooley must be groomed. Dooley accounted for over 1,050 yards of offense, having rushed for 334 yards and eight touchdowns, and passed for 725 yards, with six touchdown passes. He also combined with Straughn and Morris to execute the option play with great success.

Half of the backfield will be back. Junior Ted Straughn, (25 carries for 67 yards and 3 TDs) at fullback was a devastating lead blocker for Morris all season, will return.

A big loss at tailback will be the graduation of DeWayne Morris. He rushed for 1,250 yards and 9 TDs, played the entire season and was the top surprise of the 2003 season. Underclassmen who saw limited action in the backfield included Joey Kehoe, Brendan Michaud, Dave McKenna, and Joe Durkin.

Special Teams

Punting is taken, as Joe Durkin had a solid year booting the ball, with the Norwell game a memorable performance. As with the below mentioned extra point trio, a long snapper will need to be found.

Kickoffs are available, as both Steve Davis and his backup Sean Connolly will be lost to graduation.

Senior Sean Connolly had one of the most successful extra point kick conversion seasons in quite awhile, as he converted 11 of 14 attempts.. Long snapper Steve Davis, and holder Mike Dooley, the other integral parts of the threesome, will need to be replaced as well.

Tony Truglia's exceptional play as a wedge buster will be passed down to Joey Kehoe, Rick Grassie, Brendan Michaud and Dave McKenna, to name a few.

Turf Awards

Coach Tony Rolfe has been selected to coach in the 2004 Shriners Football Game. Rolfe has a 39-22-1 record at CHS.

Receiver Chris Bilodeau and guard Steve Davis have been named to the 2004 Shriners Roster.

Steve Davis was the recipient of the Clark Chatterton Gridiron Club Award and the Cohasset Youth Football Award.

Golden Helmet Awards were presented to Bilodeau, Davis, DeWayne Morris, Sean Connolly, Mike Dooley, Dan Tarpey and Tony Truglia in recognition of three years of varsity team play.

Truglia, Morris, Dooley, Davis, Bilodeau, and Kelvin Ferriera were selected South Shore League All-Stars.

The following 2003 Team Awards were announced at the Annual Gridiron Club Break-Up Breakfast this past Saturday at the Atlantica Restaurant:

Team MVP-Chris Bilodeau
Coaches Award-Mike Dooley
Hustle & Desire-Tony Truglia
Best Back-DeWayne Morris
Best Lineman-Steve Davis
Unsung Hero(s)-Dan Tarpey & Sean Connolly
Hull Game MVP-Sean Connolly
Most Improved-Kelvin Ferriera
Matt Casey, Joe Durkin, Ted Straughn, and D J Silvia were named 2004 Team Captains.

Kudos to Trainer Jim Levenson for his professional assistance throughout the season.

Team Scoring

DeWayne Morris	56 points
Mike Dooley	50
Chris Bilodeau	24
Ted Straughn	20
Sean Connolly	17
D J Silvia	14
Tony Truglia	2
Crandon Leahy	2

2003 Results

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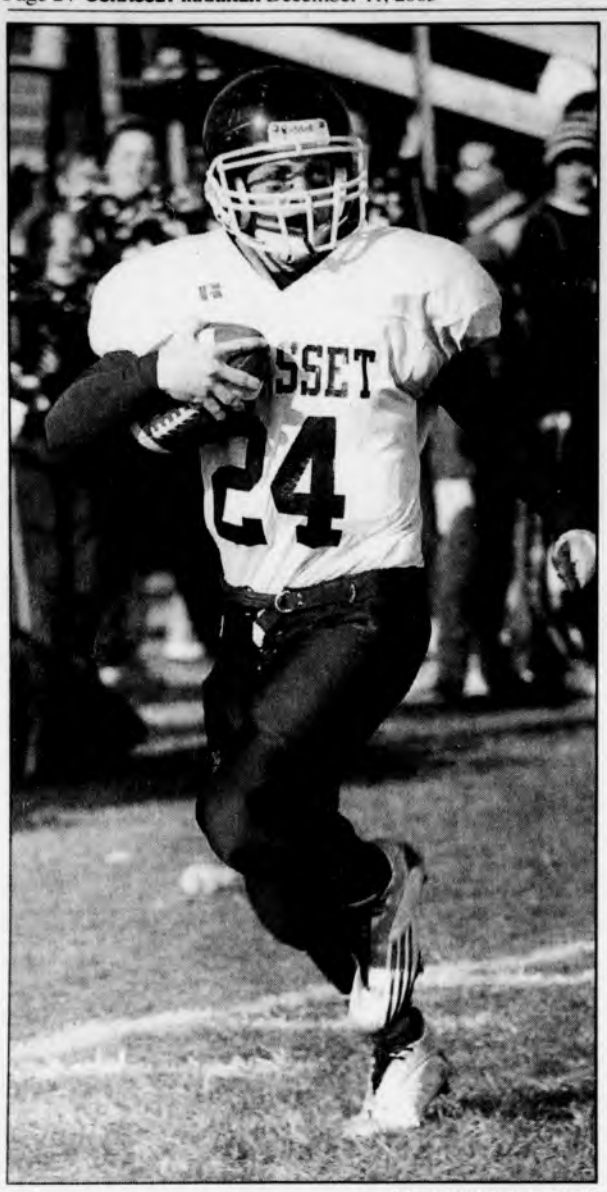
beat Arch. Williams, 23-19
beat Cardinal Spellman, 7-6
beat Carver, 28-0
beat Mashpee, 28-6



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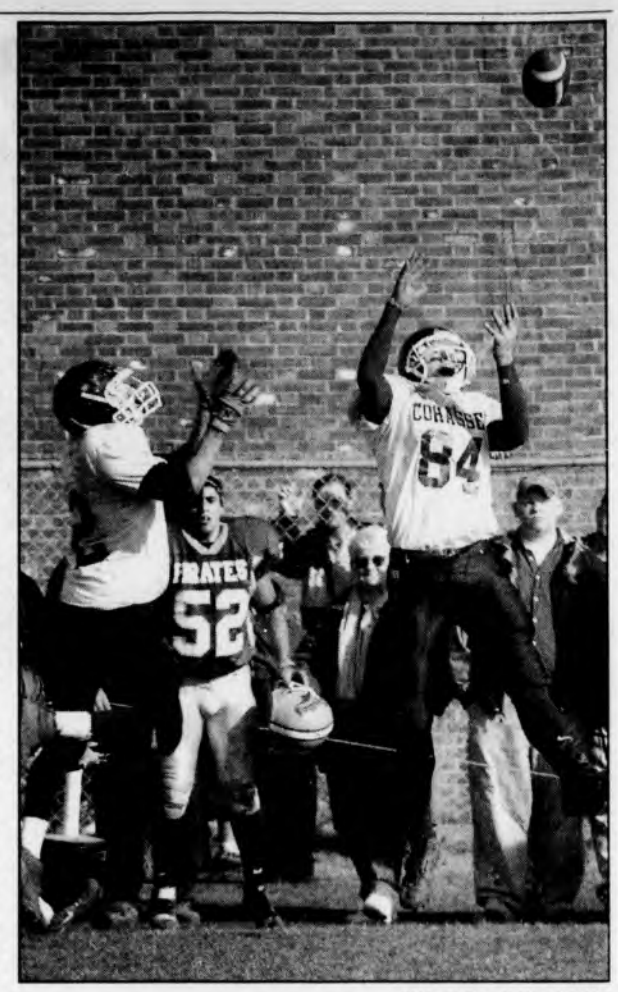
Quarterback Mike Dooley, who accounted for over 1,050 yards of offense, will prove difficult to replace.



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Crandon Leahy (#84) returns to the defensive backfield, but the loss to graduation of Chris Bilodeau (left) will leave a big void back there.

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Junior fullback Ted Straughn (#34) will be back to lug the rock and dish out punishment on both sides of the line of scrimmage next fall.

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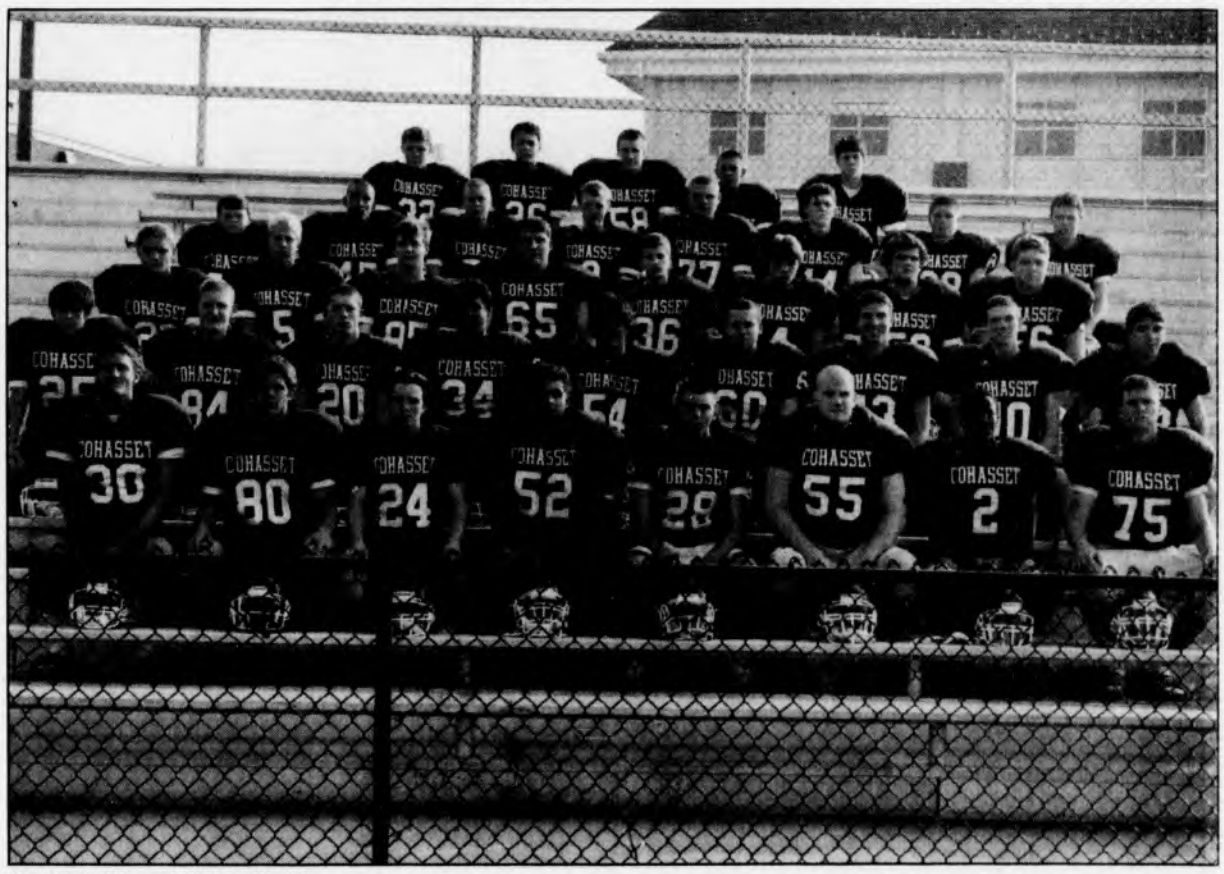
Senior tailback DeWayne Morris was the most pleasant surprise of the season by far, as he rushed for 1,250 yards and nine touchdowns.



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Oops, they did it again

A big cheer for the Scituate/Cohasset youth cheerleaders. The cheerleaders participated in an Old Colony League Youth Cheerleading Competition at Bridgewater State College on Nov. 22.

The locals saw their dedication and hard works paid off, as they placed first in their division.

Thanks to coaches Cindy Harrington, Tricia Margolis, Linda Harris, Maria Connolly and Terri Pelletier. Also thanks to Mrs. Foley for providing safe transportation, and a special thanks to the board of the Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading for all their support.

SPORTS NOTES

Youth lacrosse signups Jan. 10

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will hold its sign-up for the spring season on Saturday, Jan. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at Cohasset High School.

This will be the only day to register. Spaces are limited at all age levels; while Cohasset Youth Lacrosse endeavors to accept everyone who files their paperwork on registration day, the program has had to turn children away at some age levels in the past.

Registrations will be taken for both boys and girls in the 14 & Under (7th and 8th graders) and 12 & Under (5th and 6th grades) age groups. At the 10 & Under level (grades 3-4), Cohasset will field teams for boys and sponsor a weekly skills-development clinic for girls.

The youth lacrosse program is dedicated to introducing children to the sport. All players receive roughly equal playing time regardless of ability. Cohasset participates in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, the nation's largest youth lacrosse organization, which does not keep standings or have playoffs. Every team makes several road trips per year, which be as close as games in Scituate or as far away as Martha's Vineyard.

In addition, the program is hopeful of attending a jamboree near the end of its season, and is working to develop a special Memorial Day weekend program with teams from Vermont. The season ends with Cohasset's annual Family Day in June.

The youth program may field as many as 12 teams this spring, depending on demand and available coaching. In spite of that growth, roster spots at all levels will be limited and it is possible that some youngsters will be turned away.

"As popular as the program has become, the challenge for us is to keep rosters small enough so that everyone gets the right kind of experience," says Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of Cohasset Youth Lacrosse. "To that end, we are willing to guarantee anyone who makes sign-up day a spot on our teams. But if our rosters are at or beyond the ideal size when we close our registration, there will be no late registration whatsoever."

Parents who can not attend the Jan. 10 registration should contact Jaffe by e-mail at CAJaffe@aol.com in sufficient time to have registration materials mailed and returned prior to Jan. 10. Include your name, address and the number of children being registered.

The registration fee is $135, which includes a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to a magazine especially designed for kids. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse does offer discounts to families with two or more players; the cost is $250 for two players and $360 for three. The girls 10-and-Under clinic costs $85, or $75 if a family has two or more players in the program. Clinic players do not receive US Lacrosse membership.

Late registrations, if roster spots are available, will cost $225.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents; players at the 14-and-Under level can play regardless of whether they are active on Cohasset's Middle School teams, or if they play on the team of a private school.

In general, both boys and girls games are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set. The teams will begin practicing indoors in early March and begin playing games in April. The season concludes in mid-June.

In addition to players, the program is looking for additional coaches at all levels.

Lacrosse is a contact sport; at all levels for boys, practices and games include hitting. In accordance with Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League rules, all boys must be equipped with sticks, gloves, shoulder and elbow pads, and helmets with mouthpieces. Hockey helmets are not allowed, although hockey arm and shoulder pads are (hockey gloves are not flexible enough to allow a child to manipulate and control a lacrosse stick).

The girls game has less contact, but practices will be every bit as physical and demanding as for the boys. All girls must be equipped with sticks, mouthpieces and approved goggles.

There will be more information on the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program available at the Jan. 10 sign-up. If you need more information, or are interested in volunteering to coach, contact Jaffe at 781-383-9858 or CAJaffe@aol.com.

CHS weekly sports schedule

Boys Varsity Basketball

Dec.		
16	@ Holbrook (SSVT Tourney)	5 p.m.
18	@ Norwell	7 p.m.

Boys JV Basketball

18	@ Norwell	5:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity Basketball

17	@ Holbrook (SSVT Tourney)	5 p.m.
18	Norwell	6:30 p.m.

Girls JV Basketball

17	Abington Frosh	5:30 p.m.
18	Norwell	5 p.m.

Wrestling

Dec.		
13	@ Tri-County, Mansfield	10 a.m.
17	@ B.C. High	4 p.m.

Gymnastics

18	@Randolph-Milton	7:30 p.m.

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13	@ Scituate	6 p.m.

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13	@BCC Relay Carnival	11 a.m.
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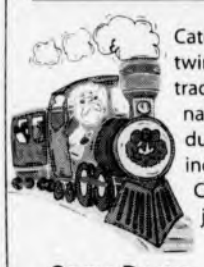

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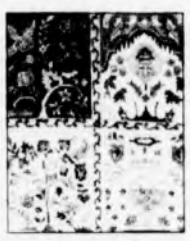
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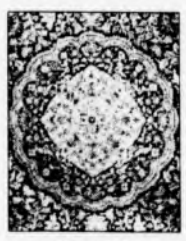
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son with a team best 42 points in 22 games (22 goals, 20 assists), while Davis ended up with 34 points (15 goals, 19 assists).

These players will obviously be difficult to replace, but it sounds as if several returnees have come back much improved, just as an upbeat Blake predicted would be the case at the end of last season.

The three captains, seniors Mike Rasmussen and Mike Devine and junior Ted Straughn, have certainly hit the ground running, so to speak.

"Those three guys have given me just what you want from captains so far," said Virga. "They've helped a lot with the transition to my coaching style. They set the example and their teammates are following along. Those guys have earned respect."

The big and hard-skating Rasmussen and Straughn figure to be the wings on the first line this winter, where they'll be centered by fellow senior Rob Carpenter, who has put a smile on the faces of all CHS hockey fans by returning to Cohasset High after a year of private school. Two years ago, as a sophomore, Carpenter skated right wing on a top line with Durkin and Matt O'Connell and finished fourth in the team scoring race with 28 points (eight goals, 20 assists).

"Rob has already shown me some things in practice that have left me speechless," reported Virga. "He made an end-to-end rush in practice this morning that you just aren't used to seeing at the high school level. Obviously, getting him back is a huge lift for this whole team."

Although it is not cast in stone, Virga sounds as if he's leaning heavily toward using an all sophomore second line, with Matt O'Connell (Greg's brother) centering Matt Bouchard and Brandon Smith. The former two saw top two line duty the majority of last season, and Smith showed flashes on the third line.

"Those guys certainly have the ability," said Virga. "They just need experience and confidence. They have a chance to grow together."

The third line will also be a work in progress, with sophomore Ben Libby likely to center freshmen Corbin Faber and Austin Lancilotti.

Given the lack of size on the second and third lines, backchecking could prove a matter of some concern for the team. Fortunately, the defense is shaping up as one of the area's best.

Mike Devine, a previous selection as a Mariner All-Scholastic and South Shore League all-star, may well be the league's top blueliner this season. Devine is a superb skater, extremely strong in both ends of the ice, and rarely seems to make a mistake.

Juniors Tim Pilczak and Joe Durkin were both fixtures on the blueline last year as well in a two pair rotation with Devine and Anderson. For the time being, Virga indicated he'll go primarily with a three man rotation in the back while looking to bring a few youngsters along slowly.

"I don't know much about the South Shore League yet, but I can't imagine there being a defensive trio much better than those three I have," said Virga. "They've all been outstanding so far."

The rookie head coach had similar praise for sophomore goalie Stefan Parnell, who is coming off a superb freshman season. All the 15-year old netminder did in his first year of high school hockey last winter was post an outstanding goals against average of 2.24 (47 goals against in 21 games.)

The Skippers are slated to scrimmage Latin Academy tomorrow and then open the season for real Saturday night (8 p.m. start) at Pembroke's Hobomock Arena versus 2003 powerhouse Scituate. The Sailors defeated Cohasset twice last season on their way to a 15-2-1 season and reports suggest they may be even more talented this season.

"Obviously, that a big early test," said Virga. "We should get a pretty good indication of where we stand on Saturday, and the things we might need to work on."

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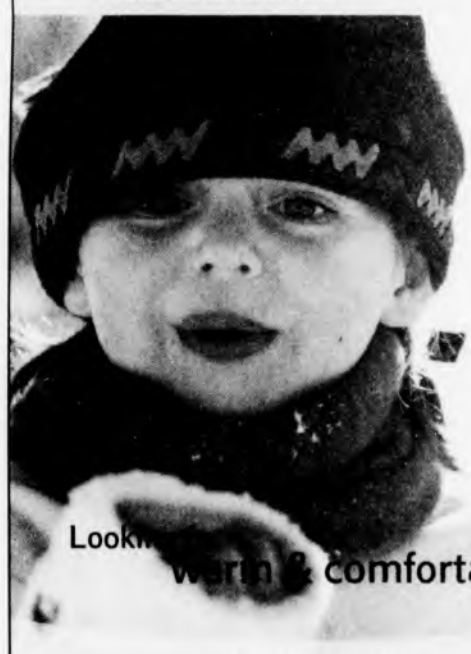

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Scott Leaver of Hingham works on one of his abstract paintings in his living room. Leaver discovered he could paint after having emergency surgery to remove a brain tumor.

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By Mary Ford
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Until one August day last summer, Scott Leaver of Hingham was a typical 33-year-old upwardly mobile married man with a promising career in the software industry.

None of that has changed with one exception: a tumor the size of the child's fist that has been removed from his brain.

An athlete who had always enjoyed great health, Leaver brushed off the headaches he treated with aspirin until an August flight to Atlanta for his job that caused him to feel dizzy and lightheaded. He ended up in the hospital there where surgeons took out the malignant tumor.

Where Leaver's story turns remarkable is that somehow, Leaver feels, the removal of the tumor released a creativity that he didn't know he had. With no formal training, he is taking out any frustration he has with his illness on the canvas and has become a painter, who wants his artwork to benefit worthy causes.

"After surgery, it was like something broke loose and enabled me to do this kind of stuff," Leaver says.

"After surgery, it was like something broke loose and enabled me to do this kind of stuff."
— Scott Leaver, painter

At 6-feet, 6-inches tall and carrying a little less weight than he'd like due to chemotherapy treatments, Leaver — who is as self-effacing as he is soft spoken — is reluctant to call himself an artist. And he's worried those "true" artists, who depend on their work for their livelihood, won't understand his motives.

But, nevertheless, Leaver hopes his abstract paintings will attract "buyers" and their purchase price will be donated 100 percent to one of four causes that are close to Leaver's heart for personal reasons. The charities are: brain cancer research; the American Heart Association (in honor of his father-in-law, who died of heart disease); the Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry (because of the Leavers' fondness for Hingham); or the Mary Martha Learning Center (Leaver, whose father died in the Vietnam War, was raised by a single mother).

As payment, Leaver will accept a photocopy of a check or a thank you note from the organization; no money will pass through Leaver's hands.

Leaver's paintings are decidedly abstract; he works only with a painter's knife that gives the artwork a rich, layered texture, and the colors and treatment provide a van Gogh-like feeling. His first works have involved waves. Leaver, who grew up in San Diego, loves the water and found painting waves following surgery was therapeutic and healing. But he's moved on to total abstracts using deep color and light, to a mixture of primitive art and abstract painting. A painting of his dog, Lucy, uses that combination and is both colorful and engaging. He is currently working on a piece that features Turkey Hill that will be recognizable but still unique.

Although he is back to work full time, Leaver is anxious for "commissions" in other words, specific orders for his work. To that end, he's launched a web site that will feature pictures of his paintings and interested

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Tumor opens door to unrealized talent

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customers" can also contact him by email.

Ironically his wife, Sharyn, bought Leaver the easel he uses for his creations for Christmas about two years ago in the hope he might take up painting. Having to take a month off of work after surgery and not able to exercise the way he'd like to, Leaver turned to the easel to release his pent-up nervous energy.

"It all came together and I didn't know how or why," recalls Leaver, who discovered painting was a release from the stress of living with cancer.

"It's a nice escape like going fishing," he says about the paintings that he initially thought would just fill up the walls of his home. But soon Leaver's friends and family were asking for paintings and Leaver decided to use the artwork to raise money to help others. He is asking for a minimum of $100 per painting, all of which will go to charity. The supplies for each painting are $60-$70, but Leaver isn't looking to recoup his costs.

Leaver hopes people will buy the paintings for art-sake first, not just for charity. He says those interested in the latter can write a check directly to the organization and bypass the art altogether.

"I'd love them to be interested in the art first and foremost," he says, adding there might be an art gallery in his future someday based on the same charitable premise.

Leaver describes his work as "empowered art" because the investor not only empowers the charitable organization with a contribution but empowers Leaver to continue to do what he has grown to love.

For more about Leaver's paintings visit his website: www.geocities.com/lleaver or contact him by email at: scottleaver@email.com

Holiday Fair at Greek Church

The Philoptochos (ladies group) will sponsor a Holiday Fair at the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be Boxwood trees, decorated wreaths and many holiday sweets and baked goods that the community has come to enjoy. Come one, come all to the beautiful church at 811 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset.

For information call Fay Papadopolous at 781-545-7876.

It's Holiday Party Time!

Kick off the season with good food and company at the Cohasset-Scituate Newcomer's Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 13 at the home of Maureen Pace. The party will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. and all club members and their guests are welcome. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert or appetizer to share. In addition, unwrapped gifts of toys and cash donations to benefit Scituate Community Christmas will be collected. Toys for older children such as footballs, basketballs, and board games are particularly needed. Please RSVP to Heidi Blanchard at 545-8066.

Girls' Night out!

The Cohasset-Scituate Newcomers are holding a Yankee swap on Thursday Dec. 18 at the home of Karen Hurd. Members are invited at 7:30pm and is asked to bring a wrapped gift of $15 or less if you want to participate in the swap. Please RSVP to Karen at 383-1827.

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Long-time Hull Flying Santa to pass reins to other elves

George Morgan, Flying Santa, is going to give up his wings.

By JohnGalluzzo
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Hull's George Morgan first donned the red suit and hat of the Flying Santa of the Lighthouses 22 years ago, and in that time he's seen the highs and lows of the annual gift-giving program. At one point, the once-proud tradition, established by Rockland, Maine, pilot William Wincapaw in the 1920s, diminished to a single symbolic helicopter visit to the Coast Guardsmen serving at Boston Lighthouse on Little Brewster Island.

But, after taking full charge of the program and forming a new nonprofit organization, the Friends of Flying Santa, Inc., after a split with the Hull Lifesaving Museum in the mid-1990s, Morgan helped to build the Christmas tradition back to its Depression-era glory, when Wincapaw and his son delivered gifts to dozens of lighthouse keepers along the New England coast. This year, three Santas — Morgan and Coast Guardsmen Tom Guthlein and Dave Waldrip — will visit 30 lighthouses from the Canadian border to Long Island Sound, delivering more than 1,000 personalized gifts to children of Coast Guard families, as well as boxes of goodies to the crews at the lighthouses and Coast Guard stations.

And then, after making the last run of the year, Morgan will hang up his red suit for good. "I guess this is my last hurrah," he said from his Nantasket Avenue home. "I'm just getting too old to do it. I'm definitely not tired of it. I'm just physically tired." Recuperating from knee surgery, Morgan knows that he will have trouble getting in and out of the helicopters that have become synonymous with the Flying Santa tradition for the rest of his days. "It's time to let someone else take it over."

But the last run will be an important one for Morgan, as he says good-bye to a labor of passion that has been, in essence, a full-time job since 1981. Bad knee and all, Morgan will be visiting 11 lighthouses and Coast Guard stations from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to Jonesport, Maine, for the last time. This year, he'll have a special helper with him, his own personal "Elf," Admiral Vivien Creigh, Commander of the First Coast Guard District.

Morgan has accomplished much of the work of Friends of Flying Santa, Inc., from the upstairs office of his Hull home. After a two-week hiatus every year to celebrate Christmas with family and friends, he has traditionally started work again on or around Jan. 1, planning bus trips and cruises, collecting raffle prizes, printing tickets, and generally figuring out how to raise thousands of dollars worth of funds for the helicopter fees needed to make the flights each year. Each year he has made personal appearances, visited schools to collect letters from children, sought donated goods for the special lighthouse keepers' goody boxes, and written and personally signed hundreds of thank you letters to donors.

This January, for the first time in more than two decades, he'll have to find something else to do.

Morgan takes with him 22 years of memories, most of which are recorded in photographs, but some tales that nobody outside of the nonprofit organization ever knew about. For the first 13 years of life as Flying Santa, Morgan held a full time job as a food service director for a chain of nursing homes, a job that came in handy when searching for goodies to put in the keepers' gift boxes. He began his own mini-tradition, cajoling his helicopter pilots into stopping at the nursing homes for which he worked — from Cohasset to Brockton to Connecticut — after the day's run was over, an act of kindness completely unrecognized until now. "I used to love seeing the looks on their faces when their own Santa came walking in," he said.

Then there was the story of the daughter of a Coast Guardsman who watched as Sen. Edward M. Kennedy stepped out of a helicopter at the service's facility at Woods Hole to personally thank the crewmembers that searched for the remains of his nephew John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s, plane after its fatal descent off Nantucket. The young girl, recognizing the

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Tickets for the tour include maps and are still available. They are $20 in advance, $23 the day of the tour. Tickets, a holiday tea, and a gift boutique will be at the Second Congregational Church on Cohasset Common. The Church will also be decorated.

Tickets are also available in Cohasset at Flemings, 24 Elm St., The South Shore Community Center, 5 North Main St., Nobles Camera Shop and Buttonwoods Books on 3A. In Hingham they are available at Nobles Camera Shop, 29 Main Street. In North Scituate, they are available at Emporium Naturals, 763 Country Way. Or send a check to The Community Garden Club of Cohasset, c/o Windy Hill Road, Cohasset MA 02025. Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope. For more information and tickets call 781-383-9689. Adults only

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helicopter as one similar to the one used by Flying Santa, took one look at the white-haired senator, and said, "Daddy, why doesn't Santa have his suit on?"

"I'm going to miss everything about it," said Morgan. "I'll miss all the people — I've got a personal mailing list I started in 1982. I'll miss the way the kids at Brown's Head Light in Vinalhaven [Maine] came over the hills like the Native Americans in the Old West movies when they got the OK signal. I'll miss the way kids would tug on my beard and whisper to their friends, 'He must be the real one.' And then they'd tug again, just to make sure. And I'll miss that moment when I was in my car at the end of the day, alone with my own thoughts for the first time in hours, when I would say to myself, 'Geez, did I have fun today.'"

From its earliest days, the Flying Santa has visited the lighthouses of Boston Harbor and the South Shore, from Boston Light to Scituate Light to the Gurnet, and the tradition continues today. Wincapaw, the original Flying Santa, and Winthrop and Marshfield's Edward Rowe Snow, who kept the ritual alive for 47 years, used to fly over the light stations in prop planes and drop heavily-wrapped packages out windows, to hopefully bounce to safe landing places. Morgan has had the benefit — and added pressure — of face-to-face meetings with children, landing at each site by helicopter and handing out presents. It's a role he's grown to love over the years.

"I made a lot of good friends over the years," he said, scrolling through his personal contact list, generated from 22 years of handshakes and smiles. "Because of the way the Coast Guard rotates, every year I met new people."

But now, though, his Nantasket Avenue home will go from being Santa's Workshop at the North Pole to just the plain old Morgan residence. He'll have plenty to do, though, as his three grandchildren will now get much more attention from their grandpa. "Believe it or not, they can take up a lot of your time," he said with a smile.

Morgan hasn't ruled out making flights in the future if called upon in an emergency, but for now, he's happy with his "retirement."

"All in all, it was a great experience," he said, "and I hope that anybody that stays with it from here on out has as much fun and loves every minute just as much as I did."

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Cohasset Chamber names new board

Outgoing Cohasset Chamber president Domenic Micarelli congratulates president-elect Dr. Mike Conlon.

Over the new couple of weeks Dr. Mike Conlon, owner and clinic director of Conlon Family Chiropractic located at 814 Rte.. 3A, Cohasset will meet with vice president-elect Ron Goodwin, Jane Higgins Norton and Frank Campbell of Pilgrim Cooperative Bank to make plans for an exciting 2004. Conlon says he has talked with numerous Cohasset businessmen and women over the past month who have expressed interest in serving on the board of directors.

Conlon will take over from former president Domenic Micarelli.

Conlon and his wife, Dr. Christina Conlon, have been providing chiropractic health are in the community since 1997. In addition to their Cohasset office, they provide service at two satellite clinics located in Quincy and Brockton. They have two young boys, 5-year-old Liam and Brady, almost two. A Quincy native, Mike Conlon and his family now reside in Scituate. He is a graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Iowa; received his undergraduate degree from Norwich University in Vermont; and is a 1983 BC High graduate.

Ron Goodwin, a Cohasset native, has been a member of the Cohasset Chamber for many years. He has previously served as a director of the chamber. Active in the Cohasset Rotary, he is a past president of that organization and received one of its highest honors when he was named a Paul Harris Fellow.. Since 1976 he has owned and operated Goodwin Graphics, a promotional marketing company, located on Rte. 3A in Cohasset. Goodwin and his wife Mary have two daughters.

A graphic design and illustration professional for 18 years, Jane Higgins Norton founded Oceanside Design in 1999. Jane provides clients with custom design and print services — from logo design, corporate identity packages, and brochures to creative maps and illustrations. Norton also markets her illustrations to greeting card, stationery and textbook companies in the U.S. and Canada. After living in Scituate for 10 years, she moved back to Cohasset with her husband, Chris, in May of 2003. She has served as a Member on the Board of Directors for the Scituate Chamber of Commerce the past two years and is the editor/designer of its newsletter "Sails." As an officer on the Cohasset Chamber she will be responsible for the newsletter.

Connie Zanoni, manager of Sovereign Bank New England, Cohasset Branch, has been involved with the Chamber for a number of years as treasurer and membership chairman. In 2004 she will take an off-board position in which she will be responsible for membership mailings, financial reports and other duties. Zanoni and her husband John are Scituate residents.

Melissa Clark of Cohasset, Melissa Clark Designs, will continue to put out a first rate web page only she will do this off-board.

Board members not returning but are "on call" if the new board should require their services are; Dom Micarelli of Christopher Gallery, Cohasset; John Flanagan, president of John Flanagan Investment, Cohasset; Nancy Butler, Image Acoustics, Cohasset who has served as clerk of the board and kept in touch with town hall through her position of government relations liaison; Deb Andrew of Rockland Trust, Cohasset and Tanna Kasperowicz, publisher of the Tinytown Gazette, Cohasset.

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Spreading awareness and hope through heartfelt words

Author shares stories about ovarian cancer

By Mary Jane Hanron
CORRESPONDENT

"I had known for some time deep down that something was wrong with me," reflects Maureen Ryberg, Hingham resident and noted author.

After spending her childhood in Liverpool, England, Ryberg married and moved to the United States. She found joy in researching historical information about her family and how they lived in Europe during the war years. This project approached completion when she received news that would change her life forever. She was diagnosed with an advanced form of ovarian cancer, which instantaneously shifted the direction and focus of her emotions, her family and her very will for survival.

Maureen Ryberg of Hingham, author of "Warnings, Sighs & Whispers."

"Rather than be angry and frustrated, I decided to see it as a duty to spread the word to other women about the symptoms and possibilities of earlier detection of this disease."
— Maureen Ryberg, author

"I felt as though I had not been describing my feelings and symptoms clearly enough to my physicians," she continued. "Though I was completely frustrated and shocked by my diagnosis, I felt it was my duty to give back. As a person whose passion is writing, it was natural to seek solace in the stories of others. I reached out across the internet, looking for others who might have had similar experiences. Instead of feeling alone, I was overwhelmed with the responses of empathy and hope."

In her search for support from women in similar situations, Ryberg discovered a new purpose and way to use her gift of words.

"Rather than be angry and frustrated, I decided to see it as a duty to spread the word to other women about the symptoms and possibilities of earlier detection of this disease," Ryberg says. "More and more stories from affected women and their families touched me and I was fortunate enough to become connected to doctors Arlan Fuller and Barbara Goff, both of whom are experts in the field of ovarian cancer.

"There has been research done indicating that there *are* early symptoms of the disease," she says. "Often they are general, however and can be dismissed as aging, stress, fatigue, or digestive problems. It is up to us as women to insist upon further testing or investigation when disturbing symptoms persist. If women are unable to be advocates for themselves, or find someone to speak for them they tend to give up. I want to spread the message that it is vital to listen to your own body. If persistent symptoms lead to abnormalities in life, it is not healthy!"

A collection of stories from people around the world became Ryberg's vehicle to communicate her message to as many people as possible. "Warnings, Sighs and Whispers", a book of "true stories that could save lives" is the culmination of unending hours and emotions Ryberg contributed to the project. The publication became her passion and, as she expressed, her "duty and mission to raise awareness, and spread a message of hope."

The cover of Maureen Ryberg's new book that shares the heartfelt stories of women who have ovarian cancer.

Speaking of her new book with deep sentiment, Ryberg described several of the women who tell their stories in the various chapters. It has been possible for Ryberg to meet several of these survivors face to face, however many have communicated only via the internet, phone or letters. Sadly, some have died since submitting their accounts; others thrive, living healthy and active lives. All have essential information to share that could save the life of any woman who reads the stories.

"So much in the world encourages us to ignore minor physical symptoms," continued Ryberg. "Even television ads use humor, or indicate that symptoms like bloating, discomfort or indigestion are normal. In most cases they are harmless, but when symptoms are persistent, they require further investigation. Everyone needs to know this. Even doctors need to be more aware; I hope the message is conveyed that they must listen to their patients."

Ryberg explained the book is not meant to create fear, but to inform and indicate the hope and fulfilling existence can follow a cancer diagnosis. Those who tell their stories her book speak in their own words to describe courage, tragedy, victory, laughter and joy. The depth of strength found in ordinary people touched by a life threatening illness is extraordinary and inspirational. Even the book cover by K. Ann Gibson depicts lovely tranquil colors, the eternity of nature and the soothing renewal of life.

Ryberg continues to live with ovarian cancer and receive treatment for the condition. "At this point, it is my understanding that I will never be free of the disease (barring the discovery of a miracle cure) but my treatment is intended to keep the cancer under control. Now, I am trying to make sure that I maintain a certain quality of life.

Hingham is a happy and peaceful home for Ryberg and her husband, Ed. "I don't know what I would do without him," she states. "He not only makes things bearable, he makes most times really fun!"

Their two daughters live nearby in Cambridge and Brookline. "We love Hingham!" she continued. "It was a wonderful place to raise children. The downtown area has such a great sense of community. One of my favorite things about the town is its closeness to the ocean. Being near the sea is like having a security blanket. The wide open feeling it stirs in me affirms a connection with something Greater than ourselves."

Ryberg has been a faithful volunteer for many years at the Hingham Food Pantry. Her health issues have kept her from participating there recently, but her commitment to the cause remains firm. Walks in the fresh air accompanied by her husband and dog are treasured moments. "We have each day and each moment," she declares. "....And most importantly, we have hope."

"Warnings, Sighs and Whispers" is available at the Bookport, Buttonwood Books, www.1stBooks.com/bookview/16449 , or by calling toll free:888-280-7715.

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- 'Full' feeling, even after a light meal
- Pain in the abdomen or pelvic region
- Backache
- Bleeding from the vagina; prolonged, heavy menstrual bleeding, mid cycle spotting, or post-menopausal bleeding
- Fatigue
- Constipation
- Diarrhea
- Indigestion, gas or nausea
- Frequent or urgent urination
- Pain during intercourse
- Weight gain or loss with no known reason.

Source: Symptoms/risk factors, Ryberg, Maureen, Warnings, Sighs and Whispers, pg.383.

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Wayne S. DeWald

Dr. Wayne S. DeWald, 86, of Cohasset, died at his residence Dec. 3, 2003, after a brief illness.

He was a retired member of the South Shore Anesthesia Group at the South Shore Hospital. A physician at the South Shore Hospital for 20 years, he retired in 1987.

Dr. DeWald was born in Picture Rocks, Pa. He was educated at St. John's University and the Long Island School of Medicine, N.Y. He began his career at St. Mary's Hospital and Knoxville, Tenn. Prior to moving to Cohasset 30 years ago, he was the chief anesthesiologist at St. Mary's Hospital, Waterbury, Conn.

He was a member of the Fellows of College of the Anesthesiology. In his retirement, Dr. DeWald was active in the Grandparents Program, giving his time to the elementary schools in Cohasset and Hingham. He volunteered his time as a driver for the Senior Citizens and was a member of the Chantecleer Club of Cohasset.

Husband of the late Grace S. DeWald (Sullivan), he leaves his children, Kathryn S. Nee of Chincoteague, Va., John W. DeWald, Attorney of Rockland; Diane M. Sale of Richmond, Va., Stephen J. DeWald of New Bedford. He was the brother of Aldine DeWald Pa.; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews.

A memorial mass was celebrated Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003 in St. Anthony's Church. Internment was private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dr. DeWald's memory may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Dr., Braintree, Ma., 02185.

The arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, One Summer St., Cohasset, Ma.

Virginia Nast

Virginia Robinson Nast, 80, of Cohasset, a longtime member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, died Dec. 1, 2003, at Southwood Long Term Care Nursing Facility from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

She was the daughter of the late Mae and Harold Robinson of Newton and West Yarmouth.

Before her marriage, she lived in Newton. She received a medical secretarial degree from Lasell Junior College.

During her daughters' school years, she was active in the parent teachers association and supported the Cohasset Swim Team.

At the church, she was a choir mother for the junior choir and a member of the altar guild. She served as head of the guild and treasurer.

She enjoyed arranging flowers, baking; needlepoint and taking photographs of family and events.

She leaves her husband of 52 years, W Roger Nast, and two daughters, Cynthia Nast of Westborough and Deborah Carey and her husband, Michael, of Braintree.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. at Jan. 3, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset.

There are no visiting hours.

Arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Contributions in her memory may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Clark N. Young Jr.

Clark N. Young Jr., 67, of Cohasset, a retired machinist and project manager for several South Shore companies, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth of a heart condition.

Mr. Young retired from the Seavey Engineering Firm in Pembroke in 2000.

He was a member of the Dramatic Club in Cohasset and the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset.

He enjoyed his boat, the C-Lark 11, a 35-foot wooden cruiser built in 1930. Beginning in the late 1980s, he and his family spent each summer on the boat moored in Oak Bluffs Harbor on Martha's Vineyard. His father, the late Clark N. Young, had brought the boat there since the early 1950s. Mr. Young also had a pilot's license during the 1960s.

He enjoyed playing the piano and had restored a 1912 player piano. He also enjoyed traveling and was an avid reader of novels and current events. He also enjoyed helping friends with their boating projects, fixing appliances and feeding birds.

Born in New Bedford, he was raised in Cohasset and lived there for 61 years.

Mr. Young was a graduate of Cohasset High School, attended the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston and earned teaching credentials from Northeastern University.

Husband of the late Margaret J. (Gibson) Young, he leaves two sons, Clark N. Young III of San Jose, Calif., and David J. Young of Hingham; a daughter, Susan Y. Willette of Whitman; three grandchildren; and a close friend, Susan Barron of Scituate.

A memorial service officiated by the Rev. Gary Ritts, was held at Second Congregational Church, Cohasset. Interment was private.

Arrangements were made by Mortimer N. Peck-Russell Peck Funeral Home in Braintree.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham 01701, or to Second Congregational Church, Cohasset 02025.

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Congregation Sha'aray Shalom:

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. (781)-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantorial Soloist: Abby Gostein. Friday evening and Saturday morning worship. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. Visit www.shaaray.org for specific times and details.

Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

Second Congregational Church:

The Second Congregational Church located at 43 Highland Ave. offers a quieter, more liturgical style of worship with communion at 8 a.m. on Sundays in the chapel. Our traditional service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. For further information please contact us at (781) 383 - 0345 or visit us on line at www.secondcongregationalchurch.com.

First Parish Unitarian Church

First Parish Unitarian Church, on Cohasset Common, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

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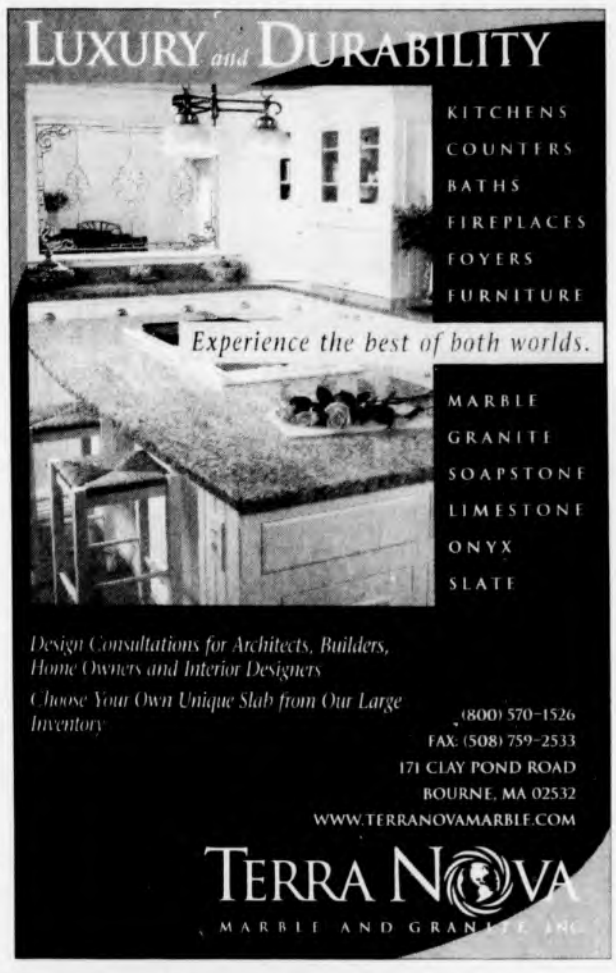
The Unicorn Singers, under the direction of Margo Euler, will perform the beautiful Magnificat of John Rutter. The seven movements set the text as found in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, with the addition of a tranquil setting of the 15th century "Of a rose, a lovely rose." The remainder of this hour-long concert will feature favorite carols for the audience to sing with the choir. This is the 25th anniversary Christmas Concert for the Unicorn Singers, and promises to be a splendid celebration of the season's spirit. Following the concert, all are welcome to stay for holiday refreshments and fellowship.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit Renewal House, a shelter program of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry which serves women and children who are victims of domestic violence, and the Woods Mullen Shelter for the Homeless, in Boston.

Tickets are available for a suggested donation of $10 ($5 for children/youth); a donation of whatever is possible from those with low income is welcome. For further information or for tickets, call the Parish House of Old Ship Church at 781-749-1679, weekdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.. Tickets will also be available at the door and beginning Dec. 1 at Noble's Camera in Hingham Square. House of Prayer is at 916 Main St.



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The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Adult Christian Formation. Poetry and Spirituality Group meets Wed., 2:30 p.m. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Alpha Course at 7 p.m. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wed.. 7:30 p.m. Pot Luck Supper with Advent Music by Texas John, Wed., 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study twice a month Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. All welcome. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service; Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

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19 Parker Ave., Pattison Jr., remove addition, replace foundation, $10,000; 11 Beach St., O'Donnell, finish basement, $19,000; 546 Jerusalem Road, Cody, 2 car garage with loft, $24,500; 354 Jerusalem Road, Leo Meehan, re-roof 63 squares, slate and copper, $200,000; 20 Schofield Road, O'Brien, one story addition and screened porch, $48,000; 11 James Lane, Brown, reside 8 sq. and misc. repairs, $5,800; 27 Parker Ave., Dick, remodel bathroom, $10,000; 336 North Main rear, Williams./Salvaggi, fence, $1,000; Norman Todd Road, Elliott, re-roof 20 squares, $5,000; 479 Jerusalem Road, Robert Meers, re-roof 20 squares, $20,000; 306 Fairoaks Lane, McElgunn, shed 8 x 12, $4,000; 243 Hull St., Blante Jr., demolish/rebud/extend, $60,000; 555 Jerusalem road, Black Rk. Hous Real., remodel with footpt., replace decks, $200,000; 207 Main St., Whitton, extend porch and enclose, $19,100; 87 Elm St., Kimballs, replace window with door, extend deck, $400; 3 Grace Drive, Reichardt, rem/rep deck 10 x 20 with stairs, $3,200.

244 Cedar St., St. John, shed open face 50 x 20, $1,000; 6 Hugh Strain Road, Buckley, reshingle, renov. bath, entryway, $20,000; 91 Nichols Road, Troupe, remodel kitchen, new window, siding, $35,000; 22 Depot Court, Brown, renovate store front, $15,000; 181 Atlantic Ave., King, re-roof 18 squares, $14,000; 431 South Main St., DeWaal, renov. 2 bedrooms into 1 and laundry room, $1,000; 18 Bancroft Way, Tarpey, shed, $4,000; 56 Deep Run, Lauldi, re-roof 30 sq. rep/rep rot trim, $15,000; 25 Red Gate Lane, Chase, re-roof 15 squares, misc. repairs, $10,000; 98 Howard Gleason, Pratt, re-roof 10 squares, misc. repairs, $10,000; 110 Atlantic Ave., Booner, repair rot and update to code, $30,000; 90 Doane St., Ash, addition sunroom/deck, $20,000; 101 Pond St., Peter Conway, remodel send floor bathroom, $4,000; 12 Pleasant St., Jed Grimm, remove/replace porch 10 x 15, $30,000; Suddath, 3 Sprindrift Lane, sidewall three squares with repairs, $3,500; Pattison, Jr., 19 Parker Ave., addition, $50,000; Pounder, 38A Stockbridge St.. addition two story, $30,000; John Blante Jr., 243 Hull St., demolish, replace, expand existing; Intern. Karate Center, 135 King St., interior renovations, $10,500; Fogarty, 34B Atlantic Ave., single family dwelling, 4625,000; Nohena Dev. LLC, 99 South Main St., demolish/reconstruct two family dwell, $255,000; Wilson, 76 Jerusalem Road, replace 21 windows, $37,000; Parks, 279 Jerusalem road, remodel kit., 3 baths, bedroom, $15,000; Tedeschi, 38 Atlantic Ave., $3,500; Figueredo, 12 Margin Court, re-roof 16 squares, 8,895; Delany, 595 Jerusalem road, addition 20 x 15 conn garage to house, $10,000; Routhier, 169 Pond St., remove/replace shed 12 x 16, $2,000; McCunney, 685 Jerusalem, remodel 2 baths and m. bedroom $60,000; Bia Bistro, 35 South Main St,. Bia Bistro, sign 8 sq. ft., $1,000; Brian Noonan, 26 Ash St., additin to rear of dwelling, $52,000; DiCenso, 90 Howard Gleason, re-roof 25 sq., $21,600; Patterson 12 Ledgewood Farm Dr,. finish basement for playroom, $5,000; Cadagan, 273 North Main rear, re-roof half of house, $650; Blackington, 10 Old Pasture Road, shed 8 x 10, $2,000; Abromowich, 498 North Main St., replace trim and repair stoop, $1,000; Stelljes, 249 Beechwood St., whole house rehab, $225,000; Berube, 3 Windy Hill Road, remodel kitchen, $12,000; Hajjar, 30 Heather Dr., shed 12 x 14, $1,000.

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LEGAL NOTICE
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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P2720EP

In the Estate of RICHARD A. HOWARD

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death September 18, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that BRUCE R. HOWARD of HINGHAM in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 24, 2003.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, November 12, 2003.

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POLICE LOG

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

10:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

11:20 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, NOV. 27

2:01 a.m. Forest Notch, noise complaint.

2:30 a.m. Forest Notch, noise complaint.

4:12 a.m. North Main St., noise complaint.

12:09 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

12:22 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist motorist.

2 p.m. Lamberts Lane, animal control.

7:28 p.m. Modici Lincoln Road, animal control.

7:50 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

FRIDAY, NOV. 28

1:05 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:09 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

2:26 a.m. Woodland Drive, suspicious auto.

Noon, Ripley Road, officer wanted.

2:24 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:37 p.m. Margin St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:14 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:24 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:37 p.m. Summer St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:03 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

4:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

5:43 p.m. Summer St., assist citizen.

6:36 p.m. Sohier St., fire, investigation.

7:03 p.m. Summer St., parking complaint.

7:09 p.m. Parker Ave., MV violations.

8:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:14 p.m. Rocky Lane, burglary/breaking and entering, investigated, report taken.

11:20 p.m. South Main St., assist other agency.

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

12:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., tree down.

3:57 a.m. South Main St., tree down.

6:52 a.m. Beechwood St. and Castle Road, tree down.

11 a.m. Summer St., escort.

11:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

2:55 p.m. Jerusalem Road, investigation, no police service necessary.

3:56 p.m. King St., assist motorist.

7:33 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:55 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious activity.

9:08 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity.

11:08 p.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

SUNDAY, NOV. 30

12:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., brush fire, area search negative.

12:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

3:59 a.m. Bancroft Road, suspicious person, unfounded.

8:27 a.m. Summer St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:03 a.m. Nichols Road, well-being check, good intent call.

11:27 a.m. Ledgewood Farms Drive, medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:38 p.m. North Main and Cedar sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV violations.

5:05 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, suspicious person.

5:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:38 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, DEC. 1

12:25 a.m. Black Horse Lane, medical aid.

12:57 a.m. Ripley Road, suspicious person.

5:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, auto fire, fire extinguished.

8:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and lower King St., general services.

10:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

12 p.m. Sohier St., fire.

1:47 p.m. North Main St., fire.

2:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire inspections.

3:11 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave., traffic complaint, no police service necessary.

5:15 p.m. Lamberts Lane, officer wanted.

TUESDAY, DEC. 2

4:14 a.m. Assist other police depts.

3:27 p.m. Ash St., animal call.

4:18 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

4:55 p.m. Cushing Road, fire investigation.

6:21 p.m. North Main St., fire investigation.

7:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citations warning.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

12:06 a.m. Elm Court, assist citizen.

12:41 a.m. Pond St., general services.

6:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted, services rendered.

12:45 p.m. Summer St., assist other agency.

2:45 p.m. Beechwood St., officer wanted.

5:48 p.m. Jerusalem Road, traffic complaint.

THURSDAY, DEC. 4

12:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane, general services.

7:06 a.m. Assist other police department.

7:21 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, animal control.

8:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

9:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, road rage.

9:32 a.m. Lamberts Lane, fire inspections.

10 a.m. Spring St., fire inspections.

10:20 a.m. South Main St., fire inspections.

10:34 a.m. Brook St., fire inspections.

10:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

11:16 a.m. South Main St., fire inspections.

11:22 a.m. South Main St., fire inspections.

11:54 a.m. Border St., fire inspections.

12 p.m. Stagecoach Way, fire inspections.

12:56 p.m. Nichols Road, fire investigation.

3 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

3:34 p.m. Lamberts Lane, animal control.

4 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.

4 p.m. Cushing Road and Spring St., general disturbance.

4:35 p.m. S. Main St., property damage.

6:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

7:37 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.

11:38 p.m. Stevens Lane, assist citizen.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

4:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane, general services.

9:29 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

12:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire.

2:39 p.m. Cushing Road, vandalism.

3:09 p.m. Hugh Strain Road, officer wanted.

6:19 p.m. Cedar St., assist citizen.

Police have a quiet month

November was a very quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were two arrests: one for Violation of a Restraining Order, and one for Protective Custody, Police Chief Robert Jackson said.

During the month of November, the police department investigated eight motor vehicle accidents; two of which resulted in personal injury. There were 67 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,275 in fines. Additionally, there were 35 parking tickets issued for $950 in fines, Jackson said.

Also in the month of November the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 765 calls for police services, of those 125 were emergency 911 calls.

In the month of November, there was one breaking and entering of a residence. Additionally, there were four criminal complaints issued for the month, Jackson said.

Toys for Tots at the CPD

The Cohasset Police Department is participating in the Toys For Tots program again this Christmas.

Unwrapped toys for needy children may be dropped off in the lobby of the police station on Elm Street 24-hours-a-day through Christmas, says Officer John Small.

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CALENDAR

On the South Shore

DECEMBER 11 - 19, 2003

Thurs. 11

Holiday Luncheon and Talbot's Fashion Show, to benefit **Children's Global Discover Museum** at Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset. $50. Prizes and raffles. Handicap accessible. 781-383-0407.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, **Gifts from the World to the White House. Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum Third Annual Holiday Luncheon and Talbot's Fashion Show, Dec. 11, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border Street, Cohasset. To reserve your seat, please contact 781-383-0407.

Fri.12

Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Highway, Kingston, presents their **Annual Christmas Choral Show, Songs of the Season** on Friday, Dec. 12, at 10:15 a.m. and Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The show will feature more than 15 seasonal performances by the Intermediate School Chorus, High School Chorus and *Pizzazz*, the Sacred Heart High School Show Choir. A traditional live Nativity Scene will also be presented. Free and open to the public.. 781-585-7511, www.sacredheart-hs.org

South Shore Conservatory presents ***Amahl and the Night Visitors*** in Duxbury, on Friday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 13, 3 and 7 p.m., at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St. Tickets at $15 per person, $12 for seniors and students, are on sale at South Shore Conservatory and the Ellison Center for the Arts and Westwinds Book Shop in Duxbury. For more information or to order tickets call Laura Carleton, 781-934-2731, ext. 14. The Ellison Center and Sanborn Auditorium are wheelchair accessible.

Marshfield Kiwanis will be selling Christmas trees at the Country Market Place on Rt. 139, Nov. 28, at 8:30 a.m. on weekends and 9 a.m. on weekdays. Santa and Rudolph will make an appearance on Dec. 6.

Bettina Lesieur's Eighth Annual Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 10 - 12 and Dec. 17 - Dec. 19 , 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 13 , 14, 20, and 21, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gala Reception Dec. 6, from 6-10 p.m. Lesieur Gallery is located at 301 Saint George St. in Duxbury.

Musical Holiday Party XVI at Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center. Dec. 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21. Four Course dinner and show $39.95 weekends; $37.50 weeknights; show only $20. Reservations call 781-843-5862.

The Second Annual Festival of Trees at the Paragon Carousel Grand Opening night is Dec. 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. Santa will officially light the trees 6 p.m. Tickets opening night are $2.75 per child $10. per Adults Dec. 13, 14, 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday - 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets: $1.75 per Child ; $5 per Adult.

The Company Theatre in Norwell, **A Christmas Story** through Dec. 20. Friday (8 p.m.), Saturday (4 p.m., 8 p.m.) and Sunday (3pm) at $25. Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) and Thursday (7:30 p.m.) at $22. Tickets are on sale at the box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

Boston Ballet presents its 40th Anniversary Production of Boston's Annual tradition **The Nutcracker** at the Wang theatre, 270 Tremont St. Boston. Tickets $19 to $77 available by phone through Telecharge, 800-477-7400 or www.telecharge.com

The Holiday Festival of Lights, at **Edaville Railroad**, Rt. 58, Carver, runs through Sunday, Jan. 4. Hours are 4 to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 2 to 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Edaville Railroad is closed Mondays (except Dec. 29), and Christmas Day. Tickets are $16 for all visitors 3 and older. Prices include all rides and attractions. 508-866-8190 or 877-EDAVILLE, www.edaville.com. Save $5 by donating two canned or boxed food items.

South Shore Arts & Recreation Center, 10 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 125, Plymouth, presents **Twitch 2, 3 Feet Short and Plan B** in concert, Dec, 13, from 7 to 10 p.m.508-747-1234.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Dec. 12, **Christmas Dinner Dance** featuring live music with The Emanon Orchestra from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $12 SSS members/$15 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

The Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth. Dec. 12, **Keepin The Gruve**

Second time's a charm for 'Jaques Brel' and Cohasset's Caroline deLima

Even after reading a raft of rave reviews, Caroline deLima admits she wasn't expecting last season's Gloucester Stage Company production of "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" to became such a hit that a separate team of producers would assemble to remount it in Boston for its current run.

"It's been surprising that something like this has been received so well," says the Cohasset native of the musical review that blends the romantic, funny and often bitingly satirical poetry of the Belgian-born Brel with his sophisticated music ('Carousel," "If We Only Had Love").

"Jacques Brel, the man and the show, both seem to have their own subculture of followers," explained deLima by telephone last week. "It doesn't matter where we perform it, there are always people in the audience who seem to know the lyrics to every song."

After spending her third summer as a counselor and assistant at the Britney Spears Camp for Performing Arts in South Yarmouthport, deLima resumed her stage career this fall with not one, but two appearances on Boston stages. In addition to reprising her Gloucester role, she was also featured with her sister, Kate, and her "Brel" costar, Leigh Barrett, in last month's acclaimed staging of "Follies In Concert," which starred Tony Award winner Len Cariou.

While deLima's three fellow performers from the first production joined her for the transfer the same could not be said for the entire creative team. Other commitments prevented original director Scott Edmiston from continuing with the Boston production — which is being re-staged by Musical Director Todd Gordon and Assistant Director Nicole Jesson — but deLima feels Edmiston's concepts have been key to the show's success in both venues. "Scott was our original director in Gloucester and he really invested a lot in reconfiguring this show and really making it work today. When I was first approached about the show, I thought the music was very dated," says deLima of the musical which made its New York debut in 1968. "Now that I've had the privilege of performing them, I've really come to like the songs a lot. They are so vivid and create such great imagery. Brel was brilliant, because he wrote music with messages that are very specific to their context and yet they also often have a larger, more global meaning."

While deLima may be booked with "Brel" for the foreseeable future, she doesn't rule out a return to a venue a little closer to home. "If the Company Theatre would have me, I would go back there in an instant," says the singer whose portrayal of Sally Bowles was a highlight of the Norwell theater's production of "Cabaret" just a few seasons ago.

"Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" will be at the Stuart Street Playhouse/2nd Stage, 200 Stuart Street, Boston, through at least Dec. 21. For tickets and information, call 800/447-7400.

- R. Scott Reedy

BEST BET

The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell presents "Changing Places"— a show of watercolors by Bill Goffrier on view through Jan. 7. The James Library is located at 24 West Street. For hours and information call (781) 659-7100.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach (Hull) presents **Jeff Pitchel and Texas Floods** Dec. 12, 9:30 p.m. www.seanote.com. 781-925-4300

Mackenzie's at Night, 250 Driftway (Widow's Walk), Scituate, Dec. 12, **Matt Chase Group** 781-545-9898.

Sat. 13

Christmas at the King Caesar House, Duxbury Rural and Historical Society, 120 King Caesar Road, Dec. 12-14, Fir. noon to 4 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. noon to 5 p.m. 781-934-6106. $10 adults; $8 seniors; $5 students.

Seaside Holiday Fair, Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, Dec. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission 781-925-5433.

Designs of France will hold two open house in Norwell on Dec. 13 and 20, from 2 to 5 p.m. Designs of France is located at the home of John and Peg Carpenter, 58 Meadowbrook Road, Hanover. 781-82608553 www.designsoffrance.com

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church 17 Church St. Hanover. Christmas Fair on Dec. 13 (rescheduled due to weather) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables available for crafters/artists, 781-826-2062.

Cohasset Homes on Christmas Tour, Christmas Gatherings a house tour of five decorated private homes, holiday tea, and gift boutique, Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets $20 in advance, $23 day of tour, available at the Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset. 781-383-9689.

The Braintree Choral Society, Christmas concert will be held at the Sacred Heart Church, Route 53, Weymouth at 4 p.m. Dec. 13, and Dec. 14, at the Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, Weymouth, at 4 p.m. $12; $10 seniors and students, both concerts handicap accessible. 508-583-5662 or 781-335-9947.

The Weymouth Art Association Members Winter Exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St. Weymouth, Dec. 13 through Dec. 20.

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City of Champions announce their annual **Jingle Bell Run/Walk** beginning at 1 p.m. Dec. 13, at the War Memorial Building on 156 West Elm St. The distance is two miles. Registration begins at noon. Entry fee $15; children under age 14 one wrapped toy. Costumes encouraged. 508-941-0252

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The Clift Rodgers Library 540 Pleasant Street, Marshfield Hills .will hold its annual Book and Bake Sale, Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Consignment Shop upstairs will also welcome shoppers and guests.

South Shore Conservatory presents ***Amahl and the Night Visitors*** and in Duxbury, on Friday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 13, 3 and 7 p.m., at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St. Tickets at $15 per person, $12 for seniors and students, are on sale at South Shore Conservatory and Nobles-Main Street in Hingham, and at the Ellison Center for the Arts and Westwinds Book Shop in Duxbury. For more information or to order tickets call Laura Carleton, 781-934-2731, ext. 14. The Ellison Center and Sanborn Auditorium are wheelchair accessible.

Express Thyself Entertainment's Dessert Theater is back with a new line up of one act plays. Enjoy fine entertainment and desserts Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center on the corner of Court and Brewster Streets in downtown Plymouth, across from the Court House. Tickets are $18 and include dessert. For reservations, call Director 508-833-1379 ext. *2

Star Creations Theatre from the **South Shore Arts & Recreation Center,** presents the musical **Christmas Inside The Littlest Angel** on Dec. 13, 14 at 3 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Adults $10; child $5. 508-747-1234.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Sundaes on Saturdays** between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Dec. 13, 29, 27. Create your own sundaes. This event coincides with Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection. For more information call 866-JFK-1960 or www.jfklibrary.org

Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, Classical Orchestral Holiday Pops with **The Pilgrim Festival Chorus**, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. and Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth.**Terry Runnels**, a Plymouth resident and bass/baritone will be the featured soloist. 508-746-8008.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. Rt. 139, Marshfield, features **Comedy Night** with **Bob Niles, Mark Riley, Annette Pollack, Joe Holden & Brian Melvin** 781-834-1910 Reservations recommended.

The monthly **Down East Dancers Country Western Dance** will be held Dec. 13, at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Beginner lesson at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Brett Buckius. Smoke free, $5. 508-995-9496.

South Shore Arts & Recreation Center, 10 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 125, Plymouth, presents **Signature Move, Left To Prove** and **Twitch 27** in concert, Dec, 13, from 7 to 10 p.m.508-747-1234.

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Sun. 14

The South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus will present **Holiday Harmonies** Dec. 14, at 1 p.m. in the St. Albert the Great Parish Hall, 1130 Washington St., Route 53, Weymouth, to benefit All Saints Color Guard program. $Adults $10; students and seniors $5, kids free. Performance by color guard. 781-337-8778.

The newly revived Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps will hold an open house and social, at the Pembroke Community Center, junction of RT. 14 & 36, Pembroke Center, on Dec. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This informational event will outline the music program to parents and children and to introduce instructional staff. The new Imperials will be a family style Drum & Bugle Corps program, open to people 13 to 100 years old who are interested in brass instruments, drums or flag squad. Experience in these areas helpful but not required. School band students are encouraged to stop by. An impromptu rehearsal also may take place; bring your Bb brass instrument if you have one. Light refreshments served. For more info or directions visit the Imperials web site at: www.pathwayproductions.org/imperials.htm.

Jazz Chorus to perform at **The Christmas Tea** on Dec. 14, at 4:30 p.m. at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. $25 museum members $30 non-members. Reservations required. 617-696-1815.

A Cudworth House Christmas, Scituate Historical Society, First Parish Road, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 781-545-1083.

The Coffeehouse off the Square presents a **Celtic Christmas** with celebrate **Irish Harpist/Singer Aine Minogue** on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m. Her music will range from Celtic Christmas and Solstice numbers to familiar carols. The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square. Admission is $10 at the door. There will be no open microphone preceding this concert..

Norwell Historical Society. Annual Christmas Open House, Jacobs Farms House, 4 Jacobs Lane at Main St. (Rt. 123), Norwell, Dec. 14, 2 to 5 pm. Residents and friends of Norwell are invited to this free event.

The Music Lady, (also known as Beth Green), will be **Buttonwood Books & Toys** in Cohasset on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. for a Family Fun Fest concert. An interactive hour of song and music appropriate for children ages 2-8 and their grownup. Free and open to public. 781-383-2665.

The Craft Factory, Route 3A Cohasset. Experience the wonder of Christmas. Christmas Carols, hot chocolate, paint an ornament, make a special gift. Free picture with Santa, Dec. 14, 1 to 4 p.m. 781-383-0740.

Jubilate Chorale presents **When Icicles Hang**, by John Rutter, a collection of choral settings to texts drawn from Shakespeare, Campion, and the 14th and 15th centuries. Christ Congregation Church, 1350 Pleasant St., Brockton, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. 508-584-8533

Decorative Painting Comes to Life at the Fuller Museum, 455 Oak St, Brockton through Dec. 14. The Painted Tapestry: Paula DeSimone and Decorative Painting Student Exhibition: Furniture, Floorcloths and Objects 508.588.6000 www.fullermuseum.org

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The Mill Wharf Patio, 150R Front St., Scituate Harbor. Every Sunday **Jazz brunch** 10:30 to 2 p.m. $13.95. Bar and grill open all day long. Call 781-545-3999.

Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. **Singles Dance every Sunday night**, complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m.. For single professionals. 35-+ years old. Dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-Sponsored by the Single Executives Club and The Presidents Club of Boston, www.se-4u.com

Mon. 15

The holidays can be stressful, especially for families. Call the Parental Stress Line, 1-800-632-8188. Trained volunteers offer a supportive, non-judgmental ear for parents who need someone to listen. The line is confidential, toll-free, and 24 hours a day. No problem is too big or small for a parent to call

BEST BET

The Wallace Anderson Gallery at Bridgewater State College presents Preston Saunders' Ceramic Sculpture on display through Dec. 19. For hours and information call (508) 531-1359 or visit www.bridgew.edu.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly, free, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 16

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's** Dillon Gallery 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

Buttonwood Books & Toys Sponsors Book Angel Program Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset invite all to participate in the Book Angel program will run through Sunday, Dec. 14 and is designed to help put books into the hands of children who might not otherwise receive them. The Book Angel selects an angel from the tree in the store and purchases a book for the child described on the angel. Buttonwood will give a 15 percent discount on the book and deliver the book to the appropriate agency. 781-383-2665

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

]The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

Handlebar Harry's, Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 17

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., will exhibit Paintings, Drawings, Prints by Lauren Harman during December and January 2004. A reception is scheduled for Jan. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. 781-934-2721.

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will host **Beverly L. Moore, RN, CS** on Dec. 17, discussing **Easing the Way Through Alzheimer's** at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St., Hingham.

Selected paintings by Cohasset artist **JoAnne Chittick** will be exhibited at the **Paul Pratt Memorial Library** from through Dec. 31. South Shore Art Center 781-383-2787

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St. every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 18

The North River Arts Society presents **What's Cookin'...Good Lookin?** an exhibit of original oil paintings by **Corinne Campobasso** through Jan. 17, at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact NRAS office at 781-837-8091 for more information.

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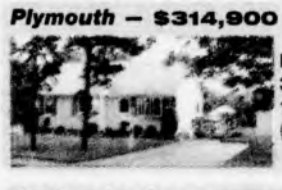
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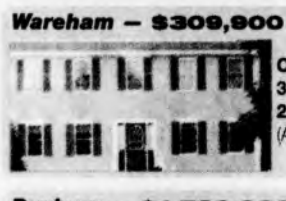
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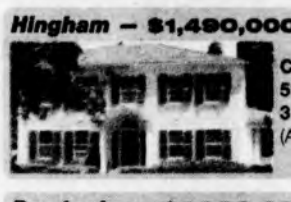
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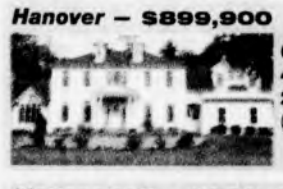
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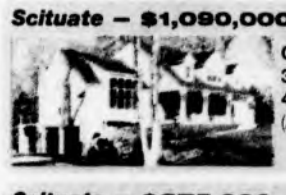
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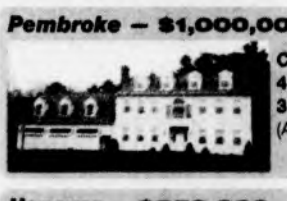
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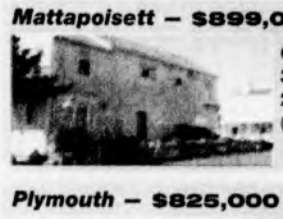
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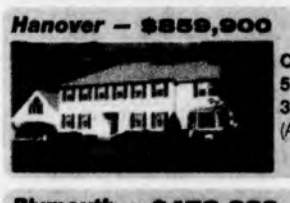
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Selectmen: DA's office wrong to dismiss prosecutor

Ask for patience during ongoing police investigation

By Mary Ford
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Selectmen say the First Assistant District Attorney of Norfolk County acted inappropriately by dismissing former police prosecutor Rick Grassie from the court for not processing the paperwork following an arrest.

The news came via a prepared two-page statement read by Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris to the live TV camera during the board's weekly meeting Monday night.

But David Traub, spokesman for the DA's office, said the District Attorney is the final arbiter of who prosecutes on behalf of the Commonwealth. He said the DA's jurisdiction to allow prosecution by police officers is clearly established in state law.

First Assistant District Attorney Dennis Mahoney removed Grassie from the court when he didn't file the complaint charging three men with malicious destruction of property, affray and disorderly conduct following an arrest outside the American Legion Hall the night of Oct. 11 when the men allegedly broke the railing on the handicapped ramp.

The selectmen's statement also criticized media coverage of the ongoing police matter involving two officers who were placed on paid administrative leave Oct. 20 pending the outcome of an investigation into their fitness for duty. One of the officers made the Oct. 11 arrests; one of the men he arrested was Keith A. Jackson, the police chief's son.

"The town believes the ADA does not have authority to dismiss the town's prosecutor and his actions relative to this matter are inappropriate," McMorris stated. [The complete text of the selectmen's remarks is on page 13.]

McMorris said Grassie acted to protect the best interests of the town. She also referred to the nine-page decision by Judge Mark S. Coven granting Mahoney's request to bring the malicious destruction charge forward to arraignment, citing its complexity.

"It is clear that a police prosecutor faced with these issues would have to proceed cautiously in order to protect the town," she stated.

Presented with a letter from Legion Post commander Steve Wigmore stating the railing was already broken and on the advice he would perjure himself to do so by Keith Jackson's attorney, Ron Rice, Grassie didn't file the complaint in Quincy District Court.

McMorris read the prepared statement during the selectmen's

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9-1-1 calls on cell phone are not enhanced

Home phones show address

By Mary Ford
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Thinking of going totally "cellular" by giving up your home telephone?

You may not be alone. Thanks to a new ruling from the Federal Communication Commission – which allows consumers to transfer their home telephone number to their cell phone – more people may decide to give up the "land line" altogether.

But emergency management officials want residents to be aware that when it comes to dialing 9-1-1, there's a difference. Through enhanced 9-1-1 – which is available when someone calls from a home or business telephone in town —

CELL PHONES, PAGE 16

Bleak budget season looms

By Samantha Brown
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Town Manager Mark Haddad has been working on preliminary budget figures and at this early stage, the financial situation for Cohasset doesn't look good for fiscal year 2005. At this point, Haddad said he is not planning to recommend an override, but with an estimated 5-10 percent cut in state aid, the money will have to be made up somewhere, and it could come in the form of personnel cuts.

"The 2005 budget is about as bad as we thought it was going to be," Haddad said, adding state aid has gone down 30 per-

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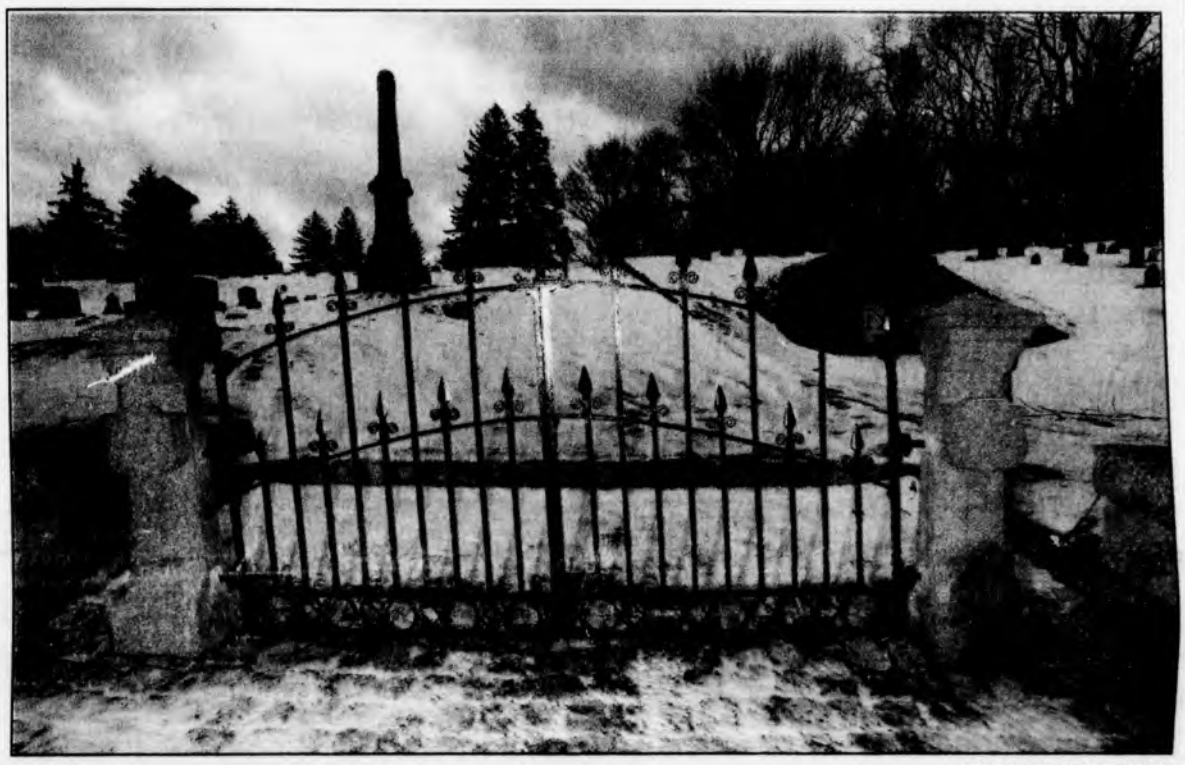

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Natalie Brandt (in the background) walks her dog inside one of the newly restored gates at Beechwood Cemetery.

Restored cemetery gates complete project

By Samantha Brown
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After decades of rusting in a shed at the Beechwood Cemetery, the intricate wrought iron gates which guarded its entrance more than 100 years ago have been restored and are now standing proudly back at their post. Like a hidden treasure, the gates could have easily been overlooked, but have been given a new life, serving as a shining example of fine craftsmanship and a piece of history the town

"Our wrought iron expert said we had an unusually good specimen of 1870s craftsmanship. We were told it would be a crime not to restore them."
— Glenn Pratt, Cemetery Study Committee

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CANDY CANE TWINS

Taylor Frederick and Cailey Hart compare facing paintings during the recent Jingle Bell Walk sponsored by the South Shore Community Center.

A safe circle of friends

Center's support groups bring abused women together

By Maureen Walsh
CORRESPONDENT

These women are not like her—the way they dress and talk, their jobs and families. How could they possibly understand? She doesn't belong here, not with women like the one who's speaking now. What's she saying?

Oh. That is what it's like. Yeah. That is how it feels. Yes. That is what no one else has ever understood before....

She reaches across the table to the woman who is just like her.

For women who have suffered physical, mental or emotional abuse, the support groups coordinated by the South Shore Women's Center offer a safe place to speak openly of their feelings and experiences. In group they find the acceptance, understanding and inspiration that can only come from someone who's been there.

"What they talk about is pretty typical, but each has a different twist," says Carolyn (last name withheld), coordinator of SSWC's center-based community services. "It's all about power and control. Society doesn't have an idea yet how far it does go."

Carolyn is facilitator for three of the groups that meet weekly in locations throughout the 16 towns served by SSWC. Each woman meets with the same group of five to 10 other women and two facilitators for 10 weeks. Child care is available for many of the groups.

"Right off the bat, they just look at each other. They're hesitant. They're learning who to trust," says Carolyn. "Before long, they've bonded and they start to open up. Once they open up, they all become pretty close. It's amazing."

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Jan. 13, 4 p.m.

Paul Pratt Board of Library Trustees, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. at the library

School Committee, Dec. 18, 7 p.m., high school library.

ZBA, Dec. 18, 7 p.m., 40A executive session.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Hedlund office hours

The December office hours for state Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall on Thursday, Dec. 18, from noon to 1 p.m. on the second floor in the 2A vestibule.

Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments. The telephone number is 781-340-9866 or at the Statehouse at 617-722-1646.

Watch your waste over the holidays

There are a few things that people tend to do a lot of over the holidays. One is the purchase of cards, gifts, wrapping paper and decorations. Another is throwing things away. Between now and the end of the year, for example, Massachusetts residents will buy:

- Nearly 70 million holiday greeting cards.
- About 1 million cut Christmas trees.
- Roughly $10 in packing materials and wrapping paper for every $100 they spend on gifts.

There are a number of ways to reduce the environmental impacts of all this holiday spirit, according to the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

"With a little effort, each of us can make a big difference in reducing the holiday season's toll on the environment," said Commissioner Robert W. Golledge Jr. in offering a series of DEP tips for conserving resources and reducing waste over the holidays:

- Consider buying a live tree that you can plant in the spring, or one of today's life-like artificial trees. Either way, you'll help spare a tree from being cut down.
- If you decide to purchase a cut tree, see if your community is one of more than 200 across the state with a program for recycling cut Christmas trees into compost or mulch — important, since landfills and incinerators no longer accept trees for disposal.
- Send electronic greetings instead of traditional holiday cards and recycle cards others send you.
- Use children's artwork, fabric, the Sunday comics or reusable gift bags instead of single-use wrapping paper, and recycle the boxes and packaging from presents you receive.
- Save packing "peanuts" and bubble wrap to either reuse when shipping gifts next year or drop off at a collection center near you (call 1-800-828-2214 for locations).
- As you make room for new holiday treasures, consider donating old, unwanted toys, electronics and clothing to charity instead of throwing them away.

To learn more about buying green, reducing holiday waste and recycling as much as possible, visit Earth's 911 at www.cleanup.org.

The Department of Environmental Protection is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills, and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

Apply for CPC funds

Anyone wishing to petition the Cohasset Community Preservation Committee ("CPC") for a funding recommendation at the March 2004 Town Meeting must submit an initial application to the committee *no later than Jan. 15.* Please note that the CPC may only recommend to Town Meeting those projects involving the acquisition and preservation of open space, historical preservation and/or promote low to moderate income housing.

Qualifying applicants will be asked to make formal presentations to the CPC during January and February.

Copies of the application may be obtained at the Town Hall or by calling the committee Chairman, Stuart Ivimey at 383-2604.

Protecting water supply from an act of terrorism

The Water Commission has awarded the contract for the preparation of a Vulnerability Assessment to Applied Risk Management (ARM), LLC of Boston.

ARM was the lowest qualified bidder, at $17,500. The proposals received from the 9 bidders ranged from $9,500 to $66,570. The project should be completed by April 15, 2004.

"The purpose of the Vulnerability Assessment," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission, "will be to comply with the requirements of the federal Bioterrorism Act to identify any existing weaknesses and to strengthen our security measures to protect our drinking water supply.

"Since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001," said McNabb, "the Water Commission has been taking every reasonable precaution to improve the security of the water system, including improvements to physical security and changes in procedures. This project will help us to further improve the security and safety of the public drinking water supply."

ARM will also prepare a revised Emergency Response Plan for the Water Dept., which will outline the action steps to follow if a primary source of drinking water becomes contaminated or if the flow of water is disrupted.

The federal Bioterrorism Act requires water systems such as Cohasset's that serve more than 3,300 people, to prepare a Vulnerability Assessment no later than June 30, 2004 and to update the Emergency Response Plan by December 31, 2004.

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Sun. 21	8:45	11.5	2:32	9:25	10.0	3:14
Mon. 22	9:39	11.9	3:26	10:21	10.2	4:08
Tues. 23	10:32	12.1	4:19	11:15	10.3	5:01
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Restoring the bridge over troubled waters of Straits Pond

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset is joining forces with the towns of Hingham and Hull to replace and expand the deteriorating West Corner culvert and tide gates which have caused major problems for Straits Pond over the years. The culvert, which not only serves as the only source of in and out-flow for the waters of Straits Pond, supports one of the two major roads in Hull and carries telephone and cable wires, as well as water and gas for Hull, and sewer lines for parts of Cohasset and Hingham. The structure is of major importance to the three towns as well as the ecological environment and is in dire need of an overhaul.

The pond, which is located between the southeast portion of Hull and the northeast portion of Cohasset, and is flanked by Atlantic Avenue in Hull and Jerusalem Road in Cohasset, has been in need of major improvements for years. Stagnant waters have provided a perfect breeding ground for algae and non-biting bugs called midges, which have been distracting from the natural beauty of the setting as well as causing problems for neighbors.

Because of its unique location, ownership of the culvert is 50 percent Hull, and 25 percent each Cohasset and Hingham. In light of the situation, members of the Straits Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) have been coming before boards of the three towns, asking they chip in their share to help fund a restoration project, which will cost roughly $1 million for the replacement of the culvert and $125,000 for the design and permitting of the project. Although grants have been given to the towns to help with the project, Cohasset, is being asked to pay $25,000 for its share, which will be included as an article on the annual Town Meeting Warrant.

"We're trying to focus on the causes," of pollution in the pond, said SPWA President Lawry Reid from Hull. Until now, any ecological improvements to the pond have only been temporary, but through the improvement of the culvert and tide gates he and SPWA members believe permanent changes can be made.

While ideas for cleanup efforts have been brewing for years, Reid said funding has been a problem until recently. Since 2001, SPWA has been working with the towns of Hull and Cohasset to bring in $66,000 of state and federal grants. In addition, SPWA has held more than 15 activities to help get the community involved, including semi-annual pond cleanups and annual coast sweeps. SPWA has also taken the time to learn about the region's geological history, native landscape plants, and bird population, and has constructed and installed 22 tree swallow birdhouses to help control the midge population. Insecticides have also been applied to the area in an effort to control the midge population. However, monthly samplings of midge larvae were taken after insecticides were applied to the area, and no conclusive results were found, Reid said.

Because Straits Pond has had problems for more than 100 years, Reid said SPWA's goal is to solve the causes of the pollution problems and avoid having them continue for another 100. With all three towns behind it, it seems the cleanup of the area is not far off.

"This is a unique opportunity and a compelling project," Reid said.

The tentative timeline for the Straits Pond Restoration Project will include the issue of an RFP in December 2003, the selection of a design consultant in February 2004, the finalization of a project design in July 2004 and project permits are expected to be secured in December 2004.

The project would have two distinct phases, the first of which will include engineering design, environmental restoration site work and permitting and the second would be implementation. The anticipated benefits to the area include the restoration of 92 acres of coastal tidal pond habitat and ecological function to a critically impaired system. The project will hopefully restore fish habitats which support the higher members of the food chain, and with an increase in tidal range, it is anticipated the inter-tidal flats and bordering wetlands will attract many wading and diving birds.

An increase in pond salinity and tidal variation may also help reduce fringing areas of the pond which have been infested with phragmites, or invasive freshwater marsh grasses that choke out other marsh plants and affect the surrounding environment. With an increase in salt content, the phragmites will not be able to survive and the ecosystem will balance itself.

Bleak budget season looms

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cent over the last three years, which is having a huge impact on the town. One of the most desperate situations is the school budget, which Haddad said is slated to receive roughly $325,000 over last year when he knows they have a base need of around $600,000.

"I'm recommending a $300,000 reduction (to the proposed school budget), but my job is to present a balanced budget," Haddad said.

The schools had an increase in utility costs last year which caused a $260,000 deficit. Last year's spike in utilities costs was a result of school construction so the cost was partially covered because it was construction related. However, that was a one-time piece of financial aid and because the buildings are now larger, costs are expected to remain high in the years ahead.

In light of the problem with the school budget, Haddad said there are three options. One, the town will have to decide it will fund the schools and make cuts on its side to help accommodate the situation; two, the town tells the schools it will have to come up with the money it needs and they make cuts on their side; or three, the town goes for an override, which Haddad does not want to do.

Haddad said the most likely places cuts would be seen on the municipal side would be personnel from the Department of Public Works, the library, and/or the Town Hall.

"That's the only place there's money," he said referring to personnel.

Other items which cause trouble in the budget are legal cases, overtime for the fire and police departments, and costs associated with snow and ice removal, because they are very hard to estimate ahead of time due to their unpredictability.

"I have to give my best guess — sometimes I'm right and sometimes I'm wrong," he said.

Because the budget is finalized by the town in January and the town votes in March, budget decisions have to be made well in advance of when the town is notified of what state funding it will actually receive.

"I would have had to know Cedarmere was going to sue the Sewer Commission last March," in order to prepare for that in the budget, he said. While the legal budget is set at $170,000, some cases are more expensive than others and there is no way to predict if the town's going to be sued.

Overtime costs are also unpredictable, and with the storm last week, many members of the fire department were called in to cover for other members out on calls. Haddad said Frank Mahoney of the fire department told him the department responded to more calls in a 24-hour period during the storm than they ever had before.

"The money for fire department overtime for this year has already been spent," Haddad said.

However, the police department overtime figures aren't as worrisome to Haddad as the fire department. He said in the six years he has been serving as Town Manager for the town of Cohasset, the police department has never been operating at full capacity at any one time, because there is always someone out on leave for various reasons. There is no way to predict when someone might have an injury or other circumstance which will require them to be off the job for a while. He said therefore, the two officers who have been put on paid administrative leave are not affecting the overtime budget for the police department any more than a regular year, even though they have been continually absent from the department, in addition to those who are working and might need to take time off.

"We've never been fully staffed, maybe once we've been at full staffing. To me, it's not a big deal," he said.

As it stands right now, the budget for fiscal year 2005 for Cohasset is roughly $29 million. While there are still many details to be worked out before he presents the finalized budget to Selectmen on Jan. 6, Haddad said he has meetings planned with various town departments and the budget will be ready by then.

"I need to present a balanced budget and I'll present one in January. That's my job," he said.

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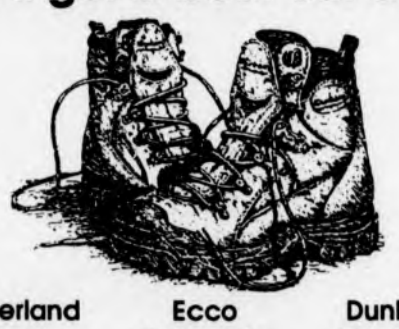
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Who's the top citizen in Cohasset this year?

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In keeping with a nine-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Arthur Year as Citizen of the Year for a lifetime of service to the town including myriad good works, and always as a volunteer — whether that be mowing the "cap" of the town landfill with his red tractor or serving as the town's Civil Defense Director.

The deadline for nominations for the 2003 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 2. Please see the nomination form on page 4. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2003 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2004.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the11th person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

1993: the late **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset": for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

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1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998: **Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: the late **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

2002: **Arthur Lehr** for more than 50 years of volunteer service on worthwhile projects including the Boy Scouts; serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals and as a Registrar of Voters; Clerk of the Works for the DPW garage, Little League Complex, and Mariners Park; serving on the Recycling Committee, as town Civil Defense Director, on Gravel Pit Reuse Committee and more.

Charges to change at RTF

As of Jan. 21, some charges at the RTF will change. For residents who wish to dispose of a mattress or box spring, the fee will be raised to $20. For construction and demolition debris, the charge will be $40 a pickup load.

Selectman Merle Brown said the fees are changing because the Department of Environmental Protection has raised its fees. Brown joked residents now have three options to dispose of old mattresses. Either have the company the new mattress is from take the old mattress out, pay the $20 and leave it at the RTF, or take the time to break it into small pieces and throw it away yourself.

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Selectmen say DA's office was wrong to dismiss prosecutor

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comment period that usually consists of each board member having the opportunity to share an issue, activity or some information that doesn't appear on the agenda but the particular selectman thinks is worth mentioning.

Monday's comment period began in typical fashion with Selectman Merle Brown talking about increasing fees to recycle mattresses and box springs at the Recycling Transfer Facility. The discussion included a little joking among members of the board about potential options that included residents taking their mattresses apart so they could fit into Pay As You Throw Bags to avoid paying the higher fee.

But the jovial mood of the board turned very serious moments later when chairman McMorris announced she had a statement she would like to read on behalf of the board relative to the Cohasset Police Department.

McMorris stated the board is concerned its silence on this matter has contributed to a "media frenzy which has distracted public attention from the serious matters under investigation, and focused attention elsewhere." McMorris, who asked the Mariner to print the statement in its entirety, asked for the town's patience while the investigation continues.

"The town believes the ADA does not have authority to dismiss the town's prosecutor and his actions relative to this matter are inappropriate."

— Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris

"As indicated earlier, this process began in September of this year and will continue until the town is satisfied that all issues have been fully addressed," she stated.

This can't be good news for the two officers, Sgt. William Quigley and patrolman James McLean, who have been on paid administrative leave since Oct. 20 amid serious — but unnamed — allegations that may be putting their careers in jeopardy.

To date, neither Quigley nor McLean, have been told why they are on leave.

Their attorney Doug Louison said the statement has left him more bewildered than before he read it.

"It's plainly wrong for the Board of Selectmen to make inferences of misconduct about officers placed on administrative leave and not give them the basic right or courtesy of advising them what the allegations are," Louison said. "My understanding based on information I have received, is that town and police department are going on a fishing expedition, hiring an investigator to try and come up with something about the officers.

"This is not the proper exercise of managerial power."

Louison explained that under Civil Service law the police chief has the power to immediately suspend officers for up to five days if he is aware of misconduct and thereafter, the town manager can take further action bringing charges against the officers – neither of which has been done.

He described the selectmen's statement as "two pages of nothing."

"Clearly the judge got involved and granted the DA's request. Apparently selectmen know more than the DA's office and the district court judge," Louison said.

He also accused selectmen of hiding behind "personnel matters" as their reason for not commenting.

"On personnel matters that is generally true," Louison said about officials declining to comment. "But as the officers' counsel I have asked to be advised and they won't tell me."

Traub, the DA's spokesman, said the DA's office considers the matter relating to Grassie resolved and welcomes the presence of the officer newly assigned as prosecuting officer for the Cohasset Police Department in Quincy District Court.

Regarding the role of the press, Traub said, "the judge in this case ordered that a felony charge issue against the defendants and a felony prosecution begin — a charge that never would have seen the light of day if the local media had not uncovered it and brought it to the attention of the District Attorney."

The pretrial hearing on the case has been continued until Jan. 7.

Fence talks resolved for now

Town Manager Mark Haddad said for now, the problems with George Roukounakis, owner of Olympic Citco, 55 South Main St., and the Red Lion Inn have been resolved. Roukounakis had been denied a permit by the Building Commissioner to build a fence on his property, which was overturned by the Zoning Board of Appeals, when it was found his property line runs through James Lane. The Red Lion Inn is encroaching on James Lane, which has caused a smaller roadway than is allowed and caused confusion as to where property lines are.

Roukounakis has wanted to build a fence on his property line, but that would cause a public safety issue, and at the request of Haddad, agreed not to build anything until a resolution can be found. The town is going to try to get an easement for James Lane, which will require a Town Meeting vote.

Haddad said the Red Lion Inn has agreed to reimburse Roukounakis for damage done to his fence and will put a new fence up on his property line at some point in the future.

"I am confident we'll be able to work it out for both Mr. Roukounakis and the Red Lion Inn," Haddad said.

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Cedarmere senior project public hearing comes to a close

Still no decision on special permit

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The public hearing phase of the Cedarmere special permit application process is over, and while developers will have to wait until January to receive a final decision on whether they will be approved, the majority of Planning Board members seem eager to vote in the affirmative.

While Chairman Al Moore stated at the beginning of Monday's meeting he expected to close the hearing that night, other members weren't so sure that would be an option. In light of a confidential Town Counsel opinion received by the Board, some members felt voting on the special permit would violate the Senior Overlay District Bylaw. A copy of the opinion, which was leaked to the Mariner, clearly states, "In our opinion, Cedarmere is not eligible to receive the special permit because the project as currently configured does not satisfy the requirements of the bylaws regarding disposal of septic waste."

Since early summer, the Cedarmere team, consisting of David and Kelli Calhoun of Sheldon Road and Tom Ragno of Lexington, and their consultants, have sought feedback from town boards and their consultants, and abutters on the proposed senior housing development. The project is first to be filed under the town's new Senior Overlay District bylaw, which requires a special permit from the Planning Board. The project is slated for 41-acres on the former Hayes Estate off Beechwood Street on the east side of 3A. Cedarmere would consist of 105-units of both affordable and market rate apartments and condominiums for seniors 55 and older.

While Cedarmere has applied for a sewer connection, its request was denied by the Sewer Commission. The developers have filed an appeal and will let a judge decide whether that decision will be upheld. However, it is the opinion of Town Counsel that an appeal for a connection does not qualify as a plan for wastewater and therefore part of the criteria to file under the bylaw is not being met, meaning the application is not complete and cannot be voted on.

Members Peter Pratt and Chris Ford agreed with the opinion of Town Counsel. Pratt said he would like to see the hearing continue for another 30 days in order to give applicants a chance to come up with a plan for wastewater. He said a feasibility study for an on-site system, much like the one John Cavanaro prepared for the Cook Estate, would count as a plan for Cedarmere, and the project would then be in accordance with the bylaw.

"He says we cannot vote on the special permit without the 'either or'," said Pratt in reference to the letter from Town Counsel. The "either or" pertains to the overlay bylaw's stating a project needs to provide, "Sufficient information, including soil evaluation and percolation test data, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Cohasset Board of Health and applicable Department of Environmental Protection regulations, to make a determination that adequate provision is made for the disposal of septic waste **or** written confirmation from the Town of Cohasset Sewer Commission detailing an agreement to accept the proposed wastewater flow."

Ford said he shared Pratt's opinion, adding the wastewater issue is too large an issue to look past when deciding whether to grant a special permit. He added the decisions made for this project will affect projects which come forward in the future and, "I have a true uneasiness," about the way the process is unfolding.

However, Chairman Moore was not going to let some legal advice stand in the way of his approving the project.

"Town Counsel's opinion is this board should not act on this application without a sewer connection. What are the ramifications of us doing what we want?" he asked. Moore then asked Town Planner Liz Harrington, who had spoken to Town Counsel Paul DeRensis that afternoon what he had said to her. She said DeRensis made it clear, if the Planning Board goes ahead and votes on the special permit, "it puts the Sewer Commission in a very bad position."

"The ability to deal with wastewater if of great significance," said Pratt, adding that is an opinion which is shared not only by Town Counsel, but the attorney representing abutters. "That part of the bylaw is very clear," he said.

However, member Bob Sturdy took the opposite approach and was more than ready to grant the permit for Cedarmere, provided the sewer information be included as a condition to the project.

"It's really at the point where the application depends on the applicant's being able to obtain a sewer permit," he said, adding if the courts decide not to overturn the decision of the Sewer Commission, the developers will have to come back to the Planning Board with some other plan. "I think there is adequate strength behind it as a condition," he said.

Attorney Robert Tuchmann is appealing the case for the developers and said he believes they have been denied improperly. Whether all members of the board agree with that, he said the fact is, they are going to wait for their decision by the court and would like to move forward as much as they can until that decision is made.

"We shouldn't be held hostage while we wait," he said.

Sturdy said he has a strong belief the courts will overturn the Sewer Commission's decision and he feels all senior housing projects should be allowed to hook up to the town's sewer lines.

"I have my own prejudices. I don't really want to see elderly housing with an on site septic system," he said, adding because many seniors are living on fixed incomes, and even though a system meets Title 5 requirements there is no guarantee the septic system will work. He doesn't want to see seniors faced with that burden and hooking up to the town's sewer would eliminate that in his view.

In addition, Sturdy said he believes the Sewer Commission sees it as its duty to deny sewer hook-ups in order to prevent development. "I'm not looking to see the town double in size, but this is a project that will benefit the town. It's time to cut out the nonsense," he said.

He said he believes there is adequate capacity to hook up Cedarmere and other projects, and the real reason the capacity is not being given out is to control development. He also said he "doesn't want to stick the elderly in some swampy area behind the Stop & Shop." He went on to say "I will not vote approval on the Cook property based on an on-site septic system. I will not expose the elderly to that."

Sturdy added he thinks Selectmen are looking for a reason to shoot down Cedarmere, "Maybe to benefit the Cook property." Selectmen have been brought into the decision making process of the Cedarmere special permit because the affordable portion of the project, which has been filed as a Local Initiative Program "Units Only" project requires Selectmen submit that portion of the project to the Department of Housing and Community Development for approval. The opinion given from Town Counsel to the Planning Board was forwarded to members as part of an inquiry Selectmen made as to what their role should be in the special permit process.

After much discussion, a vote was taken to close the hearing and Peter Pratt was the only one in favor of continuing the hearing, possibly for another 30

SENIOR PROJECT, PAGE 7

Abutters speak out for last time

By Samantha Brown
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While the Cedarmere team hasn't been granted a special permit by the Planning Board for its senior housing project yet, the closing of the public hearing process has taken them one step closer. For abutters who have been opposed to certain aspects of the project, this next step is not a welcome one, and their next step could be preparing to take legal action should the project be given the go-ahead in January.

Monday's meeting was the last opportunity for abutters to state their concerns, and of major significance is the proposed density of the project. Abutters who are used to living next to primarily open space on 41-acres of land aren't sure a 105-unit development will blend into the neighborhood.

John Kennedy, 115 Beechwood St., said from the very beginning, his major concern has been the density of the project. However, every time it is brought up, the conversation seems to die, he said. He added the majority of the land on the property is open space right now, and the trees on the plans do not exist. He said he was also under the impression the Senior Overlay Bylaw was meant to "build a senior community, not to cram as many houses as we can," onto a site.

But Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said density is at the heart of the bylaw. Last year, voters approved the bylaw which permits higher-density housing than would otherwise be allowed. It requires the development include a percentage of affordable housing, and that those units be "counted" by the state Department of Housing and Community Development as part of the town's affordable housing inventory. He added by increasing what is allowed in terms of density, the town gets the trade-off of acquiring affordable housing. The town is currently trying to meet a 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state.

But Kennedy said the plans show the main building, dubbed the "Manor House," at six times the size of the Hayes house which is currently on the property.

"The Manor House is the size of a hotel," he said, adding it's 44 feet high to its peak and compared it in size to the Sunrise Assisted Living Building on 3A. "I don't think it fits into the lay of the land."

However, Cedarmere architect Jim Sandell had heard the comparison to Sunrise before and had prepared an overlay of the building to show a size comparison with the Manor House. Although the Manor House is only two stories in comparison to Sunrise's three and is smaller in height, the layout of the Manor House actually extends farther lengthwise than Sunrise.

But even with the comparison, Town Planner Liz Harrington pointed out under the bylaw, developers are allowed to build10 houses per acre. Moore added the developers could have built much more and still be in accordance with the bylaw and said the plans, "are not a maximum of what the bylaw permits."

But Kennedy said he thinks the land is a beautiful piece of property and asked, "Why destroy it?"

Charlie Flint, 215 South Main St., echoed Kennedy's point and said he believes the development will be disruptive to the neighbors. He said it feels way out of scale and "we think we're being violated here."

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But Moore was quick to point out that "somebody had the right to buy the land and somebody had the right to develop it, and I don't believe it's in the purview of the board to tell a neighbor we're going to deny it because you don't like it." Moore went on to say the developers came to the board and asked members what they wanted to see in a project and he said he thinks they continue to do a good job in explaining their plans and making necessary changes.

"I personally believe [the project] works," he said.

David Calhoun, one of the developers of the project said under the bylaw, 330 units could have been developed, but the proposal only calls for 105. He reminded the board they gave their unanimous support two months ago during the preliminary hearings and said, "I ask the board to stay with their original opinion."

Flint said if the board votes to grant a special permit and plans for the project move forward, he is going to file against it.

Members of the Cedarmere team have been coming before various town boards since early summer, seeking feedback from the boards and their consultants, and abutters on the proposed senior housing development. The project is first to be filed under the town's new Senior Overlay District bylaw, which requires a special permit from the Planning Board. The project is slated for 41-acres on the former Hayes Estate off Beechwood Street on the east side of 3A. Cedarmere would consist of 105-units of both affordable and market rate apartments and condominiums for seniors 55 and older.

The Planning Board will meet again Jan. 14 and will have a finalized application with conditions for the project, ready to be voted on.

Senior project public hearing comes to a close

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days, to give developers the chance to file an alternate plan for wastewater and comply with the bylaw. However, the other four members voted to close and the discussion on what conditions the permit should have were brought to the table.

After the meeting, Pratt said he had hoped Ford would have voted with him and worries that while both this project and Avalon wait for a decision from the courts, there is nothing to stop anyone else from applying. His major concern is what will happen if suddenly another project is approved and then the courts make their decision and Avalon and Cedarmere can move ahead, the town will be faced with an enormous amount of housing all at once.

With the hearing closed, Harrington said she will meet with town engineer John Modelewski and Tuchmann, who had drafted an permit with waivers and conditions. Over the next few weeks until the next Planning Board meeting on Jan. 14, the three will fine-tune the language and come up with a final permit, which will most likely be voted on that night.

Shoppers flock to Greek Church fair

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Eugenia Syrmopoulos shows Mary Fillon a particularly good boxwood tree that the church women's group made for the fair.

Nancy Auensen gets some tips on how to hang one of the Christmas wreaths for sale from a church volunteer.

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Anya Gruber lights up stage in The Nutcracker

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HELPING LYDIA AND LAURA

I received this message from some very warm and caring friends of this family and it has touched me greatly. After reading this, please see if it is possible to make a donation to help this family. **Lydia Vigneau** is a beautiful, bright 2-1/2 year old who just weeks ago was playing with her friends at Sandcastles Nursery School here in Cohasset. Today, she is in Children's Hospital undergoing intensive chemotherapy for Lymphobastic leukemia.

Lydia's mom, **Laura**, is a single mother of two little girls from Hull and has been on unpaid leave for the past few months while she was in China adopting her second daughter. Just as she was to return to work, she was given this traumatic news and had to resign from her job to care for Lydia.

Laura has shown tremendous resolve over the past few weeks as she has watched her little girl undergo painful procedures and side effects, yet we know she is worried tremendously about how she will support her family in the months ahead. Given the critical nature of Lydia's treatment, we very much want to enable Laura the chance to focus 100 percent of her energy on helping Lydia receive appropriate care rather than worrying about feeding and supporting her family.

The Lydia Vigneau Fund has been established to pool financial support from friends, family, and businesses in the South Shore Community. We encourage you to consider making a tax-deductible donation. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly to help the Vigneau family. In addition, the Red Lion Inn has graciously donated their function hall and appetizers for a March 5, 2004 cocktail party/silent auction. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or donating an auction item, please contact **Jeanine Buckley Perrone** at 781-383-6764. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration; we wish you prosperity and good fortune during the holiday season.

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Anya Gruber is dancing in The Nutcracker.

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Chris, Liz and Bridget are all enjoying each other in these wonderful first days together. Make sure to congratulate the happy parents and the beaming grandparents when you see them around town.

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A safe circle of friends

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The women come from all walks of life and all points on the continuum of domestic violence. Some have left abusive relationships. Some still live with their abusers. Still others haven't recognized the extent of the abuse in their relationships. Their abusers are lawyers and laborers, technicians and tradesmen, executives and ex-cons.

"The one who comes in the best clothes may have the worst situation at home," says Carolyn. "They come from across all lines, but there's no distinction when they're in Group, and they don't act like it."

"Basically they want to hear their feelings validated, that they're not going crazy. One woman said, 'It sounds like we all got the same guy and we're just passing him around.'"

Some women describe Group as "an island of peace," says Carolyn. "A lot of them like to talk, but they're always being told not to. This is a safe place for them to let the feelings flow, and no one will put them down. They're not being judged."

The facilitators suggest topics for discussion, make sure everyone has a chance to speak, and watch for signs that a woman may need additional help outside the group, she says. They may arrange for guest speakers or movies that deal with domestic violence, like the Tina Turner story, "What's Love Got to Do With It?"

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"It's their group," says Carolyn. "We'll check in, see who has a court date coming up, because that's pretty hairy and scary. Then they'll support them, root them on. At the end, we'll wind down and ask, 'How does everybody feel?'"

The women come to the group for validation and empowerment, she says, and they end up giving it back.

"They love it when someone comes in and they say, 'Look, this is what you gotta do,' and they're giving support to this lady they've taken under their wing."

Part of the empowerment process is giving the women in the group the information and resources they need to understand the continuum of domestic violence and what they can do about it. One group, Carolyn says, helped her revise SSWC's list of "red flags" that help women to spot an abuser.

At the end of each 10-week session, members often say the group has helped them to come to terms with the fact of their abuse, to re-gain their confidence and self-esteem, to put the past behind them and to focus on the present and rebuilding their lives.

"I tell them, 'You're the ones who did the work,'" says Carolyn. "'We just made it safe for you to do it.'"

Some women come back for another group after the 10 weeks, and new members are always joining at the start of the next session. A weekly drop-in group provides support for any woman who needs it, whether she's in a regular group or not.

The Center also organizes groups for women with particular issues or traits in common, including groups for women age 55 and older, women age 18 to 30, women who don't have custody of their children, and women abused by other women.

All groups are set up to respect the confidentiality and protect the safety of the members. The women's identities, meeting places and times are not disclosed, and the members are cautioned to keep everything discussed within the group.

"Out in public, at the mall, I never recognize them unless they approach me first," says Carolyn. "That's their space."

The South Shore Women's Center is a private, nonprofit organization funded in part by the Mass. Dept. of Social Services, federal grants and private fundraising. SSWC is a member agency of the Old Colony United Way and the Massachusetts Coalition of Battered Women's Services Groups.

Help is available at any time by calling the SSWC Hotline at 888-746-2664.

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The shop is open Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The thrift shop continues to offer clothes, household items, toys and books at low prices. It also offers a friendly atmosphere and the opportunity to learn about other programs and services available.

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EDITORIAL

Wartime holidays

Thanksgiving, and now Christmas.

Then there will be his birthday, Easter, and the Fourth of July.

These are all important holidays in our family that include loved ones getting together at the same house. They also comprise a meal, big hugs, tons of conversation, and a lot of love.

But this holiday season, I find myself among a very special group of mothers – there are some 154,800 of us nationwide. We have a son or daughter in harm's way either in Iraq or Afghanistan.

We're naturally frightened for our child's welfare while we try to focus on the positive. We wait anxiously for a letter, e-mail message or precious phone call.

Some, like me, listen to or watch the news. So much of it is so very scary. We pray for peace and we search for strength.

We know far away on the other side of the globe, our son or daughter waits for any news from home. He or she most likely sleeps on a cot in a makeshift barracks, retrofitted from some other use.

What goes through their mind at the end of a long day, when they have a few minutes alone to reflect?

Do they know our thoughts are always with them?

How much we miss them?

Are they homesick?

Are they frightened?

Do they really know how much we love them?

How proud we are?

We wish we could tuck them in, like we did when they were little. We wish we could whisper in their ear that we love them and to be safe. Please, please be safe.

"Life in Iraq is going OK," my son writes. "Staying focused and determined on the mission at hand. A lieutenant was killed this week. I didn't know him, but he was a peer and I am sure I have seen him on post I am positive he gave his life for a cause that is just.

"I hope America doesn't forget the sacrifices we are going through everyday here in Iraq. We are making our nation proud."

As we watch others going bustling about as they shop for the holidays, we appreciate those we see wearing American Flag pins, or with bumper stickers on their cars that say "Support Our Troops." We're thankful to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, schools, veterans groups and other organizations that have sent "care" packages and adopted soldiers or entire platoons.

We're grateful to all those who haven't forgotten our sons and daughters in the all-volunteer Armed Forces, who are answering our country's call. For many it will be their first Christmas away from home.

— Mary Ford
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Early deadline next week

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Cohasset Mariner will go to press this Monday, not Wednesday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The case for early childhood education

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to comment on an issue that should be of great concern to all of us statewide — early childhood education. During this past year, the Legislature and Governor Romney began the process of making the delivery of early education and care services to the state's families more efficient. Especially during a budget crisis, I thank them for their foresight and for realizing the importance of high-quality early education to our children, our economy, and our community.

As a parent, I am compelled by the scientific research has shown that the first five years of life are a time of enormous cognitive, emotional, physical and social growth. In fact, 85 percent of who you are is developed by the age of 5. Children in high-quality early childhood education programs develop better language skills, score higher in school-readiness tests, have better social skills and fewer behavioral problems once they enter school, and are more like to graduate high school and go to college. And, as one renowned economist has stated, high-quality early education "...is economic development with an extraordinary level of public return."

I would like to thank Rep. Garrett Bradley and Sen. Robert Hedlund for their bipartisan support, and urge all of our state legislators to join a growing coalition of leaders from business, labor, religion, health care, education, child care and philanthropy in making An Act Establishing Early Education for All (H.1838, S.239) a priority when the Legislature returns to session in January.

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Some good news out of the runway ruling

LOGAN VIEW

DONALD LEVI

The impacts of the recent ruling by Judge Margot Botsford are not devastating to the goals of the SSJPC (South Shore Jet Pollution Council). While we are clearly disappointed, we did not expect complete rejection of Massport's attempts to lift the 1976 Injunction [prohibiting further runway construction at Logan Airport].

What is the good news that comes out of the ruling?

It is clear that, if the runway is built, Massport must, according to Judge Botsford, comply with the MEPA and FAA *usage* restrictions left in their approvals of the project. Specifically, that is:

- Wind-restricted – limitation to use only when winds are blowing at 10 knots or more from the Northwest AND at least three of the existing five runways have to be shut down for weather reasons
- Runway usage – only approved aircraft [generally private planes and commuter jets] can use the runway
- The runway must be used unidirectionally, that is for both take-offs and landings

Additionally, MEPA and the FAA, in their approvals, required a number of other mitigations to which Judge Botsfort refers in her ruling:

- A complete Noise Study [under FAA Regulations] must be completed prior to the construction of the new runway. The FAA also specifically required that the Communities involved [the CAC] be a party to that study.
- Peak Period Pricing – this is the implementation of a landing fee pricing scheme that would [hopefully] discourage take-offs and landings at particularly busy times thereby reducing delays and eliminating Massport's perceived need for an additional runway.
- The South Shore-proposed mitigation routes need to be studied [either as a part of the Noise Study] or not and implemented to the extent practical. *This is absolutely key to the future of the South Shore communities.* For more information, see the SSJPC website: www.southshorejetpollution.org

There is another issue regarding this lawsuit. It was initially brought by Massport against the original parties to the 1976 Injunction [those parties included the City of Boston, The Towns of Chelsea, Somerville & Winthrop and a community organization, MAPNAC which no longer exists. The South Shore Jet Pollution Council and CARE petitioned the court to allow us to intervene in this action. She declined; saying that the other parties would adequately represent our interests. However, no where in her Ruling does she mention the interests of communities other than those who were originally in the suits. In fact, she specifies that the noise and pollution to *those* communities may actually be lessened by the usage of new runway. Even Massport's own maps and diagrams point to increased impact on the South Shore. *While financial resources are clearly an issue, we will be discussing the appealability of the ruling on these grounds.*

While we concur that Massport may ultimately get to build the new runway, its usage will be heavily encumbered by rules.

So, while we were not a party to the suit just completed, we were disappointed in the outcome. However, we are a party to the US Court of Appeals action which we brought against the FAA and Massport. That suit was argued on Nov. 24 in Washington DC. In it, we allege that the FAA and Massport used misleading, incomplete, and inappropriate data to seek the approvals – in fact, in our view – they colluded in doing so, not only breaking their own rules, and Federal Law, they committed a fraud against the US taxpayers in doing so.

It is not clear when the Court will rule on this litigation – it is likely to be several months.

In the meantime, the FAA has stated publicly that they will not fund the construction of the new runway until this suit is resolved.

Finally, there is the lawsuit brought against Massport by the Town of Hull [and funded by Hingham and Cohasset as well]. While that suit was dismissed from the Plymouth County Court in October 2002, it is currently under appeal with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

The bottom line to all of this is: *it is not over*! While we concur that Massport may ultimately get to build the new runway, its usage will be heavily encumbered by rules. Additionally, while we disagree with the need for the additional runway, if we are able to achieve our other objectives, we will be satisfied.

Those objectives:

- Permanent noise monitors on the South Shore to ensure that we are included in any future discussions about noise and community impact.
- South Shore route mitigations which will push all air traffic which would otherwise be likely to take off or land over our communities, to the North and East over the mouth of Boston Harbor.
- The implementation of a Peak Period Pricing system
- The elimination of overland flights between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- A comprehensive Health Study to consider the impacts of airplane-caused pollution on our citizens and ecosystems.
- A guaranteed place at the table — the Massport Board of Directors is currently comprised of business and labor leaders who have no particular interests in the impacts on specific communities. In our view, the Board make-up should be modified to include representatives from Boston, North and South Shore Communities and in-close communities [Winthrop, Chelsea, etc.]. Appointments should be made by those towns [or inter-town organizations], not the Governor as "political candy."

In the meantime, we must call on the Governor, the legislature, the FAA and Massport not to begin construction on the runway until these open issues are resolved.

Donald A. Levi of 8 Paige St., Hingham, is co-chairman of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council.

Selectmen's statement on police matter

TUESDAY, DEC. 16, 2003

The Board of Selectmen, in consultation with Town Counsel, issues the following statement relative to the Cohasset Police Department:

In early September, 2003 the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager received several statements alleging misconduct by officers employed by the Cohasset Police Department. The seriousness of the allegations and the public's interest required that the Town begin an investigation at that time. Following an initial inquiry into the matters alleged, the Town Manager, Mark Haddad, decided it was in the best interest of the Town of Cohasset to place two officers on administrative leave. They remain on paid administrative leave at this time, as all matters continue to be the subject of an ongoing investigation conducted under the auspices of the Town's attorney. To the extent that these issues involve personnel matters pertaining to individual employees, it is the policy of the Town not to comment on those matters. The Town will safeguard every employee's right to privacy. There are however certain issues that the Board would like to speak to at this time.

First, the Board of Selectmen would never condone retaliation against a Town employee for an action taken by that employee. We are fully aware of the reasons for the Town Manager's decision relative to those two employees and support that decision wholeheartedly. Our foremost interest in this matter is the protection of the Town and its residents. We are concerned that the Town's silence to date has contributed to a media frenzy which has distracted public attention from the serious matters under investigation, and focused attention elsewhere. References to "Fencegate" insinuate that these issues involve a cover up of illegal activity. These insinuations are far from fact or truth. The Town Manager has acted affirmatively and deliberately to best protect the interests of the Town and its residents. As indicated earlier, this process began in September of this year and will continue until the Town is satisfied that all issues have been fully addressed.

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Second, relative to the dismissal of the Town's police prosecutor by the ADA for Norfolk County, the Town states:

1) The police prosecutor at all times serves at the discretion of the Chief of Police. The Town believes that the ADA does not have authority to dismiss the Town's prosecutor and his actions relative to this matter are inappropriate.

2) With reference to the prosecution of three individual arrests that occurred on Oct. 11, 2003, at the American Legion Post in Cohasset, the Town's police prosecutor Frederick Grassie has acted to protect the best interests of the Town of Cohasset. In a nine page decision entitled Findings of Fact and Rulings of Law issued on Nov. 20, 2003 by the Honorable Mark S. Coven, Associate Justice of the Quincy District Court, the complexity (if the law and the facts surrounding this case are discussed. It is clear that a police prosecutor faced with these issues would have to proceed cautiously in order to protect the Town. We believe that Officer Grassie acted responsibly and appropriately in his handling of these cases.

Finally, the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager cannot emphasize this point enough. The Cohasset Police Department, the Chief and the members of the department, continue to provide this community with the high level of service that we expect and demand. We are proud of the job they are doing and feel it is unfortunate that the media focus detracts from that effort. Cohasset continues to be a safe, well protected community. The Board of Selectmen also emphasizes the following point: The Town of Cohasset will not tolerate the use of police power to "send a message" to any individual, whether that individual is a member of the Board of Selectmen, a member of the Advisory Committee or any other Town board, the Chief of Police, or any officer in the police department, any resident of this Town or any person, period.

We ask for your continued patience and for your understanding and respect with regard to the Town's obligations. As always it is the goal of the Board, the Town Manager and the Police Chief to maintain a quality police force in which the public can place its confidence.

— Cohasset Board of Selectmen

HEALTH NOTES

When something harmful can be helpful

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Science has permitted us to detect the presence of ever smaller levels of toxic activity in our environment. Two decades ago, detection levels of parts per million were common and parts per billion were considered outside the range of practical detection for purposes of regulation except in extraordinary cases. Now, such ranges are not uncommon. In many ways, the technology of detection of trace amounts of pollutants in our environment has become a problem for regulators. Selenium is an example. Until the 70s, selenium was considered toxic, even in the smallest quantities. It was then discovered and demonstrated that selenium was required in some minimum amount for healthy human beings. But, in some dosage, selenium is highly toxic to most life forms. The EPA regulates minimum toxic dosage levels of a great number of elements and compounds. After much deliberation and experiment they decided that the maximum exposure level of selenium should not exceed about five times the margin of exposure above the recommended dietary allowance, determined by extensive testing and research.

This characteristic of some materials, and also some forms of radiation, to possess beneficial characteristics to humans in smaller dosages while being harmful in larger amounts is called *hormesis*. Many common materials have hormetic properties. Take zinc, as many people do. The EPA has determined the so called Reference Dose (RfD) and Reference Concentration (RfC); which, if taken by humans, is harmless. But this level is less than the dosage required for healthy pregnant and lactating females. Fortunately, zinc isn't *that* harmful, and one appears to be able to ingest amounts somewhat above the RfD without harmful effects. The EPA states that excursions above the maximum level are acceptable. The data is based on life expectancy statistics, and therefore represent lifetime ingestions of zinc.

Vitamin C in large doses can be harmful, while in smaller doses, as recommended by dietary experts, it is a vitally important dietary supplement.

There are many other materials with hormetic effects: Radon found in rock and which is leached out of the rock and goes into water, and then into the atmosphere has been found to reduce the death rate from lung cancer by a significant amount. At higher levels Radon can *cause* cancer. Many forms of radiation have a hormetic effect. Vitamin C in large doses can be harmful, while in smaller doses, as recommended by dietary experts, it is a vitally important dietary supplement.

A major center for studying the biological effects of low level exposure(belle) to various environmental factors is at the Public Health Center of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. For more information see their web page www.belleonline.com

The lesson which we can take from this foray into the esoteric realms of health science is that moderation is good. Too much of anything is bad; but then, so also may be too little. After all, look at alcohol where we have hormesis aplenty. We're in a world which is becoming more complex by the day, and it's difficult to be sure what is to be done in any given situation. The best we can do is to find people whom we can trust and get their advice, then think it out for ourselves . A good start is by talking to our public health nurse at Town Hall at 781 383-2210. Judy Fitzsimmons is there three days a week, and otherwise is out visiting those who can't make it in to her office.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

When stretch jeans won't give — the weight war is on

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

JEANE DALY

I was crawling on the floor in pursuit of my eight-month old granddaughter, Elizabeth, when I heard it. The shrill scream of abused fabric ripping through the air. My stretchable jeans had stretched to the limit. My pajama bottoms had said adios the same way last week and were now assisting Mr. Clean in wiping up spills.

The following morning I dug out the scale and dusted it off. Stark naked, I climbed on. Darn thing must be wrong. I got a 10-pound bag of potatoes and weighed that. Ten pounds, right on the button. Lordy, what had I done to myself? Knowing I had to, I peeked at my reflection in the full length mirror hanging on the back of the door. There I was, a living rolly-polly pear. I ran to the phone book, looked up Weight Observers, and made the call.

Two days later I attended my first Weight Observers meeting. I paid the dues, received umpteen booklets, free coupons, a pat on the back and was directed to the weigh-in line. I stood in line behind a young woman who introduced herself as Cheyenne. Then watched in amazement as she stripped herself of shoes, socks, nail polish, a belly button ring, and purple colored contact lenses. The woman working the scales shook her head sadly and told the stripper she had gained an ounce. Cheyenne slunk away, muttering something about a lousy graham cracker. I was next. My scale was right. All I could hear was whose got the beef? Me, I sighed.

Barbara, our leader, was a Crystal Gale look-a-like with long raven hair down to her tush. She was an enthusiastic speaker who spoke with her hair instead of her hands, which was entertaining to watch as she flung her long black hair from side-to-side to make a point.

"What's been happening this week ladies?" she asked, as her hair flew to the left and back. Silence.

I discovered where every bathroom on the South Shore is located. If anyone is interested in this information, I'll be happy to give you one of my maps.

"Did you all get outside in this beautiful weather and take your 30-minute walk?"

Her hair wasn't moving at this point. Silence.

"By a show of hands let me see how many of you are eating your five servings of fruits and veggies everyday."

One brave hand went up. The mop of hair was ecstatic.

"Would you like to share with us what those fruits and veggies were?"

"Well, I hate fruit — but I did have a bottle of V-8."

"Oh." The hair was immobile. "Remember group, the importance of drinking your eight glasses of water a day. Flush, flush, flush."

Armed with the WO scale, the special measuring cup, the food value wheel, food journals, exercise journals, water journals, and of course WO T-shirt, I was ready for my first week. I bought one WO dinner and had it the first night for supper. As directed, I heated the Tuna Noodle Casserole in the microwave, let it sit a minute, then poured it onto my plate.

Gagging, my son asked if a skunk got in the house. I told my darling (cough) to be still as I took a bite. It not only smelled disgusting, it was disgusting. I placed the meal (joke) back into the plastic container and placed it on the floor for Tom, our cat. He circled the dish twice, sniffed, hissed, and bolted out of the room.

Faithfully I kept all the journals, spun the food value wheel, and drank the eight glasses of water. My sleeping pattern suffered because of all the trips to the bathroom during the night and wee hours of the morning.

Something interesting did happen; I discovered where every bathroom on the South Shore is located. If anyone is interested in this information, I'll be happy to give you one of my maps.

Two months passed, tonight I weighed in and reached my goal weight. My peers applaud as Barbara happily, thank heavens she's wearing a pony tail, pins a blue ribbon on my blouse.

I'm out the door to buy my new, smaller jeans, then onto Elizabeth's house to play her favorite game, Gramma Kitty-Cat. To her delight, I get down on all fours, meow furiously and hiss loudly. Round and round the kitchen table we fly until we both collapse from laughing. To my amazement, I'm still in one piece. My bones and stretch jeans have cooperated nicely. Hallelujah!

Jeane Daly of Hingham is a dedicated student of humorous behavior and finds it everywhere she looks.

Buying for the dog who has everything

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Here it is a couple of weeks before Chri — oops, I mean the Winter Solstice Holiday — and already I have almost all my shopping done.

Almost but not quite.

Somehow, in the past few years, four dogs have wandered onto my Winter Solstice Holiday list and I have no idea what to get them that I haven't gotten them before.

My problem is this: What do you get for a dog that has everything?

Maybe I'll send away to the Blue Dog Bakery in Seattle for a box of Bark Bars. A 36-ounce box can be had for a mere $8.99. And I am told they are so good that their human companions have been known to sample them when no one is looking.

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The National Academy of Sciences' National Research Council took a long and expensive look at the situation and came up with a 500-page report that concluded at least 25 per cent of the dogs in the Western World are obese and need to lose weight.

Active dogs that weigh 35 pounds should consume about 1,000 kilocalories a day, according to the report, so you had better buy a set of apothecary scales or send away some boxes of Bark Bars or Peanut Butter and Molasses treats from the Blue Dog Bakery.

If that isn't enough, maybe I'll get the dogs on my Winter Solstice Holiday list something called a "Bow-Lingual," a device that, for a mere $120 at pet stores, can analyze barks and translate them into English, or so it is claimed.

It is made up of a dog collar equipped with a wireless microphone that records the barks, which are interpreted and transmitted as texts to a receiver. If I put one on the dog that lives at our house, the only messages would be "When do we eat," and "Let's play ball."

Of course, if I really want to splurge on the animals I could get them gift certificates for their summer vacations like the Beverly Hills Hotel, where dogs are greeted by name on arrival and find water bowls, dog cookies and doggie bed in their rooms.

Or line them up with one of Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline "Canine Cruises," a 90-minute ride, escorted by a human, on Lake Michigan and the Chicago River on a boat with a newspaper lined rest room. It's $5 for dogs and the escorting adult is soaked for $17.

Or I could get them Cloud Star's all-natural travel kit, which includes collapsible dog bowls, lavender and mint wash and biscuits free of sugar, salt, eggs or dairy products, suitable for vegan dogs. It's only $9.

Pass the Bark Bars — in case I get hungry.

LETTERS

Children's party sponsors thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to the sponsors and individuals that helped us out with donations for the children's Christmas party which was held at the George H. Mealy Post 118, Cohasset on Sunday Dec. 14. The party was not only for members children and grandchildren, but we invited the families of the 1058th Transportation Company out of Hingham, which are currently deployed in Iraq. The following were extremely supportive:

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Brenda Douglas, President
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Concern surfaces over life after the Big Dig job-wise

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Beneath the dustup — over the propriety and cost of a party to celebrate the opening of I-93 South under Boston — lies the story of the next century.

On the surface was a minor scandal about a celebration planned for under the surface — of the Central Artery project, that is. Turnpike Authority Chairman Matthew Amorello had a big party planned in the new tunnel, as the ribbons were to be cut to herald completion of the lion's share of the Big Dig.

But House Speaker Thomas Finneran denigrated the idea, citing the project's overruns and delays. Gov. Mitt Romney — who's already marked Amorello expendable by proposing the merger of the Turnpike Authority and the state Highway Department — said he wasn't going to attend. The contretemps worsened when it emerged that state taxpayers may have to pay upwards of $100,000 for security and other costs attendant upon the Dec. 19 event.

The flap heralded the beginning of the end of the Big Dig era. It's an era in the capitol region's economy, with thousands of jobs and billions in spending now disappearing along with the corpse of the elevated Artery.

With the trade unions, design firms and contractors wondering what's next, top-dog lobbyist Tom O'Neill put on a breakfast to ask, "What's after the Big Dig?" Attendees such as Jay Cashman, of the construction Cashmans, and Derek Sanderson (yes, that Derek Sanderson) of Boston Private Bank and Trust got together and seemed to agree: there's no Next Big Thing for Boston.

That led some attendees to criticize the Romney administration for lacking a vision of the state's economy. In the void left by the completion of the Big Dig are many small and medium-sized projects — the Greenbush rail line, biotechnology incubators, improvement of the Worcester Airport and the like.

But no mega-project looms, and the administration hasn't articulated what it wants to focus on next, some at the O'Neill forum complained, grumbling as well that the governor won't acknowledge it takes revenue, i.e., taxes, to get projects moving.

Development leaders on the Romney team gathered to update their view of the era beyond the Big Dig, and said the big picture consists of connecting all those smaller pieces, and fixing the ones that are broken now.

At MassInsight's 4th annual Infrastructure Summit, Chief of Commonwealth Development Douglas Foy and others said the administration is continuing to build a coordinated state strategy for infrastructure and development. They emphasized how important it is to repair what the state already has, and has neglected — an approach the administration calls Fix it First.

William Guenther, CEO of MassInsight, said if the strategy becomes more than paperwork, it is in fact the next big thing, and could be the biggest thing ever. "Fix It First is exactly what the business community is recommending," Guenther said. "It may not be sexy, but it is very much in line with the big picture. Snow removal is not the only thing we underfund in the Legislature – there's our parks, UMass, roads and our water systems. It is the next big thing, and that's what the administration said."

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Beyond Fix it First, Guenther said the administration has the chance to promote transportation links between regions of the state, transcending the notion of "regional" economic development and creating a true statewide economy. A first rate system of roads and rails would give corporate leaders the ability to build anything, anywhere in state because it's so easy to move people, products and equipment around.

The final piece, Guenther said, would be a massive investment in the University of Massachusetts. Such a public higher ed upgrade, such as North Carolina undertook, would give business leaders everything they need: good transportation, lots of expertise, and an steady supply of highly-skilled workers.

But: first things first. Generally, the big picture people agree that for the vision to become reality, the economy has to get better. That will not only create the revenue to pay for some of the upgrades, it will allow the governor and his Cabinet to shift their attention from crisis management to future-building. As it happens, with nearly every leading economic indicator now swinging upward, it would appear Massachusetts is about to find out how well the Romney people manage abundance.

In the best case, they'll make good on what Romney said was his reason for running, when he stood in his driveway last March and said he was entering the governor's race: that he could improve the management of Massachusetts' resources, and improve the quality of life for everyone. That's his big picture.

Of course, most of the news of the week was more about incremental change than grand visions.

• *Senate asks sjc for opinion on civil unions* — With the state's future policy on gay marriage the biggest open question on Beacon Hill, the Senate asked the SJC for advice on whether a "civil union" law would satisfy the court's November ruling that the state must grant full recognition of same-sex couples. At the same time, the Senate gave initial approval to its bill codifying civil unions, under which couples may register as being in a partnership and qualify for spousal rights, without the issuance of a marriage license by the state. The SJC may provide guidance for lawmakers or decline to answer.

• *Big Dig plans to sue contractors* — A working group headed by retired Judge Edward Ginsburg is recommending that the Big Dig's managing contractor, Bechtel/Parsons Brinkerhoff, be sued for $150 million for allegedly helping to cover up the project's true cost, the Boston dailies reported. The overage boosted the firms' profits, the lawsuit would claim.

• *Finneran: we'll give our GOP challengers what-for* — After Romney gathered about 200 legislative candidacy recruits at the Seaport Hotel for advice and inspiration, House Speaker Thomas Finneran told the Herald that the wannabes will face more than they can handle as they challenge incumbents next year. "There is an impressive record of stability and leadership and initiative here, and that to me is always the best defense," Finneran told the Herald.

• *Most Quinn Bill programs can't pass muster* — A state review of the 42 programs under which police officers have qualified for extra pay showed only 14 ready to meet new, higher standards that go into effect Jan. 1. The so-called Quinn Bill became controversial after media examinations of the questionable value of some of the courses and programs officers were taking to merit the pay bonuses. Standards were raised this year, and less than half of the institutions that participated in Quinn Bill education met those standards during a review by outside evaluators this fall.

• *Storm wiped out what remained in snow removal budget* — State officials acknowledged it will cost at least $11.4 million to clean up from the Dec. 6-7 storm – and that's 79 percent of what the Legislature budgeted for the entire winter. For whatever reason, lawmakers prefer underfunding the snow and ice removal account. This year's budget included $15 million, but $17 million has been expended already, before the first day of winter. It's unclear how the underfunding will affect the state's already frayed relations with its road-clearing crews, who now face the prospect of working all winter for a paycheck that may not arrive until the spring.

• *Finneran criticizes Menino's Canadian drug idea* — The same week Boston Mayor Thomas Menino said

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' and representatives' votes on three roll calls from November sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

MORE TIME TO ACT ON GOVERNOR'S VETOES

House 136-23, Senate 33-6, approved an order allowing the legislature to act in 2004 on Gov. Romney's vetoes of sections in the $102 million supplemental budget and $100 million economic development plan that were approved by the House and Senate in November. Under current rules, the legislature cannot act on these vetoes in 2004. The order also requires that any vetoes be listed in advance on the calendar prior to action. Current rules do not require vetoes to be listed in advance. Supporters said that these two bills were approved in November but under current rules the legislature would not be able to consider the governor's vetoes because there are no more formal legislative sessions scheduled for 2003. They said it is unfair to allow the governor to veto items unilaterally without the legislature having an opportunity to override them. Opponents said the legislature could have approved these bills weeks ago and then had the opportunity to override the governor's vetoes. They said it is outrageous to have rules and then simply change them because the legislature does not complete its work in a timely fashion. (A "Yea" vote is for allowing action on the vetoes in 2004. A "Nay" vote is against allowing action in 2004)

STUDY PUBLIC SECTOR PAY (H 4004)

House 134-24, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget section creating a 15-member commission to study the pay and benefits of government employees in Massachusetts and compare them to those of public employees in other states and to workers in the private sector. The commission would report with recommendations to the legislature by April 1, 2004 and include any proposed legislation necessary to carry out the recommendations. Override supporters said this is simply a worthwhile, information-gathering effort to help get a handle on how Massachusetts compares with other states in providing pay and benefits to public employees. Some override opponents said the legislature has many more important matters to consider and should not be wasting time debating and voting on this questionable commission. Others said the commission should be established by the executive branch. (A "Yea" vote is for establishing the commission. A "Nay" vote is against establishing the commission).

CONTINUE NIGHT SESSION

House 123-36, suspended rules to allow the House to meet beyond 9 p.m. and continue until midnight. Supporters of rule suspension said it is important to remain in session and act on several key bills that are pending. Opponents of rule suspension said late-night sessions are irresponsible and noted the legislature has had an entire year to act on these matters. (A "Yea" vote is for rule suspension to allow the session to continue beyond 9 p.m. A "Nay" vote is against rule suspension).

MEDICAL BOARD DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS (S 2151)

Senate 37-1, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill allowing a victim to give an impact statement at the disciplinary hearing of the doctor who is the subject of the proceeding. Other provisions include allowing a family member to give the statement if the victim has died or is not competent to testify and permitting the victim or the family member to be represented by an attorney and to recommend a punishment for the doctor's actions. Supporters said the bill, known as "Taylor's Law," is named after Taylor McCormack, a 13-month old girl who died in October 2000 at Children's Hospital. They noted that doctors testified at the closed hearing but members of Taylor's family were not allowed to present their side of the story and express their feelings. They argued that patients and their families should not be victimized a second time by not being allowed to testify. Opponents offered no arguments. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against the bill).

POLICE MUTUAL AID (S 1342)

Senate 39-0, approved and Gov. Romney signed into law a bill allowing Massachusetts cities and towns to enter into police mutual aid agreements with cities and towns in border-states. Current law only allows communities to enter these agreements with communities within Massachusetts. The agreements allow a community to share its police officers, equipment and supplies to help another community that has insufficient resources for special events or emergencies. The bill also provides that police officers that are temporarily helping another community have the same arrest and powers that they enjoy in their home community. Supporters said expanding the agreements to communities in other states is important in the post-911 world in order to help communities during a crisis or emergency. They noted that the bill also ensures that police officers that cross borders will have the powers of arrest and not be considered private citizens as they are under current law. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

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he'll start a pilot program for the purchase of medications from lower-cost Canadian sources, Speaker Finneran lambasted the idea. A longtime opponent of drug price controls, Finneran said such schemes, made nationally famous by former Springfield Mayor Michael Albano, rob pharmaceutical and biotech companies of the revenues they need to conduct research. That, Finneran said, hurts the Massachusetts economy more than Canadian purchase plans can help municipal coffers.

- *UMass presidency search down to 12 people* — As they entered the "next phase" of the search for a successor to William Bulger, UMass trustees said they've narrowed the field to 12, but are still open to intriguing new entrants. Spokesman Robert Connolly said the trustees hope to announce their choice in February or March.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

Runway critics fail to ground injunction

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, have expressed their disappointment with the recent Superior Court ruling on the expansion of Logan International Airport. Hedlund and Bradley have adamantly opposed the construction of a new runway and are disturbed with the blatant disregard of the concerns expressed by affected communities.

The legislators are members of the Noise Task Force and the Legislative Caucus on Air Transportation, and have worked closely with the South Shore Jet Pollution Council. Each of these organizations have put forth a tremendous effort to bring to light the detrimental impact Logan Expansion will have on the surrounding communities. South Shore Communities, as well as communities surrounding the City of Boston, have been fighting the proposed Logan Expansion for decades for reasons ranging form noise pollution to environmental impacts.

"The misinformation put forth by Massport is so egregious that maps released to the media by Massport this week demonstrate flight paths with no current or future flights over Hull. This is a joke," said Hedlund. "Anyone living on the South Shore knows the current and future flight paths include significant air travel over the Town of Hull. With the addition of a new runway, air traffic is expected to increase dramatically."

"Why Massport does not accept the premise that post 9/11 the main concern now is safety not delay. Any additional funding should be spent on ensuring safe travel. This decision is unfortunate but it does not put an end to this issue by any means," Bradley said.

The Superior Court ruling lifts an injunction imposed by former Governor Edward King in 1976 that prohibits the construction of the new runway. The Federal Aviation Administration approved the construction of the new runway in January of this year despite the decrease in air travel and projected increase in noise and air pollution.

Several lawsuits are still pending and Hedlund and Bradley said they will continue to support all responsible efforts to prevent the construction of the new runway.

POLITICAL NOTES

Boating association honors Sen. Hedlund

The Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association have named state Senator Robert L. Hedlund its 2003 Legislator of the Year. Association members Frank Callahan and John Spillane recently presented the award to Hedlund at his district office in Weymouth.

The Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association (M.B.Y.C.A) is made up of 80 different boating and yacht clubs across Massachusetts, including several south shore clubs such as Green Harbor Yacht Club, Hingham Yacht Club, Hull Yacht Club, Marshfield Yacht Club, Scituate Harbor Yacht Club and Wessagusset Yacht Club. The M.B.Y.C.A. promotes a fun, safe and active environment for the boating community while also protecting the rights of boaters and yachtsmen in Massachusetts.

Association members Frank Callahan and John Spillane present Hedlund with the Legislator of the Year award.

Hedlund was named M.B.Y.C.A.'s 2003 Legislator of the Year in recognition of his long-time concern and aid to the advancement of boating interests in Massachusetts. Representing several coastal communities on the South Shore, Hedlund has been an active supporter and friend of the boating community. Hedlund's efforts on behalf of the boating community include leading the fight against tax increases for boat owners and working to prevent the raiding of the waterways account, which is partially funded by the marine gas tax.

"It is an honor to receive this recognition from the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association," Hedlund said. "I represent many boat owners in my senate district, so I truly appreciate the partnership with the Boating and Yacht Clubs Association. I thank them for this honor and, more importantly, I thank them for their dedication and advocacy on behalf of Massachusetts boat owners."

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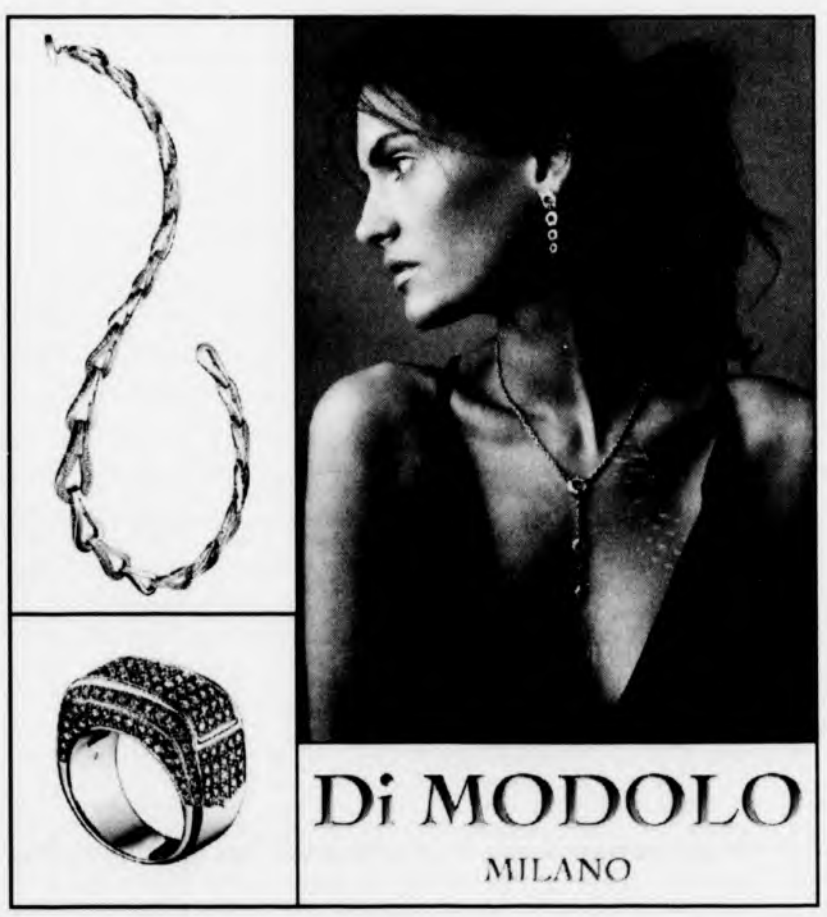

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Restored cemetery gates complete project

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can be proud of.

"They were in terrible shape," said Cemetery Study Committee member Glenn Pratt, who spearheaded the project, adding from a layman's viewpoint, it was hard to tell if the gates were worth saving.

Two sets of gates, one for each entrance, were being stored on the property and were discovered during the cemetery restoration project. Pratt said by looking at the damage, it was estimated one set of gates had probably been stored in the shed since the 1970s, and the other could have been there since the 1870s. While all the gates were covered in rust, some portions had missing pieces and others were badly broken. However, upon inspection from the experts, it was determined they were worth saving.

"Our wrought iron expert said we had an unusually good specimen of 1870s craftsmanship," said Pratt. "We were told it would be a crime not to restore them."

The gates were worked on for almost a year, and they came back as good as new this September. They were installed at both the cemetery's entrances on Sept. 9.

But the new gates are not the only addition to the grounds. Because there had never been a sign officially identifying the cemetery's name, one crafted to resemble a typical 1870s sign was hung at the cemetery's entrance. While people in town may have identified the land as being the Beechwood Cemetery, "It was all local folklore," Pratt joked, as there was nothing officially naming it as such.

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A new Beechwood Cemetery sign looking as though it could have been made in the 1870s hangs near the entrance.

In addition to the sign at the entrance, another was installed to designate the ancient burial ground portion of the property. Because the land can be divided into two distinct sections, the working cemetery and the ancient burial ground, which is no longer open to new graves, the sign helps set the historic area apart.

Funding for the gates and signs was provided by the Community Preservation Committee, which allocated $20,000 to cover expenses associated with both. Because the Cemetery Study Committee previously spent $700,000 on major expansions and renovations for both the Beechwood Cemetery and Woodside Cemetery, including expanding the available grave space and the repair and rebuilding of the existing infrastructure at both, the cost of the gate restoration project was outside of the committee's finances.

"Nothing had been done to the cemetery since the early 1970s," said Pratt, adding the improvements were long overdue. Problems with the cemetery date back to 1977, when the Planning Board, which Pratt sat on, began discussions on how the town would deal with its lack of cemetery space. At that time, the Planning Board estimated the town could run out of cemetery space in two years, and decided to write a letter to the Board of Selectmen to address the problem. From there, the Cemetery Study Committee was formed, and Pratt has been a member ever since.

"In 2001, we added 300 new plots," which were developed in the area at the back of the cemetery, said Pratt. Other expansions over the years include one in the early 1900s when the property was squared off, and another in the 1990s when an additional section on Beechwood Street was cleared.

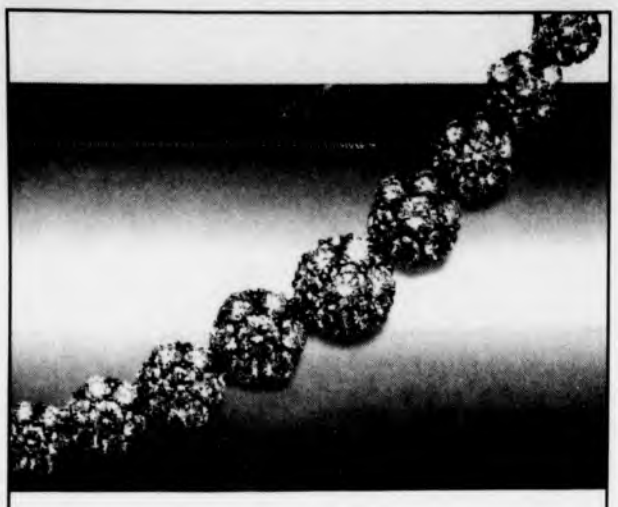
Pratt said the original land was donated to the town by a pair of Pratt brothers in1737, and that year is cast in one of the iron gates at the entrance. Additional land was donated in 1874, from another generation of Pratts, and it seems Pratts have been involved with the cemetery ever since.

"If you look around the cemetery, Pratt is one of the very predominant names," Pratt said, adding the original Pratts settled in Cohasset in 1681.

"The cemetery has quite a long history," he said.

With the restoration project complete, there won't be many other large projects before the Cemetery Study Committee for a while. However, Pratt said he's glad to be a part of the committee all the same. He said if something came before Selectmen or any other board in town which had to do with the cemeteries, he expects the issue would be deferred to his committee.

"We're cheap. We don't charge much," he joked.



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the address automatically pops up on the screen at the police-fire headquarters in Cohasset. Other pertinent information that is on file also appears such as, whether the caller is hearing or vision impaired or is in a wheelchair and has mobility problems.

But if a resident dials 9-1-1 from a cell phone, no address appears. In fact that call goes doesn't go directly to Cohasset but to the State Police wireless Public Safety Answering Point or PSAP in Framingham where the call taker receives the wireless telephone number and the location of the nearest cell tower that is transmitting the call, not the specific home or business address. Framingham then transfers to the call to the local PSAP — based on the ability of the caller and the call taker to determine the call's actual location.

"I'm encouraging people to keep their hard lines," says Cohasset communications supervisor Thomas Wigmore. "You just never know.

"If you have difficulty breathing or pass out, at least we have a location where you are. Cell phones are great but if you don't have your home phone anymore – you're not in our data base."

As of Nov. 24 Cohasset became one of about 170 Massachusetts communities in which consumers have the ability to switch wireless carriers and keep their existing telephone number within the same geographic area. In addition, they can switch phone numbers from a wireline (land line) to a wireless carrier and visa versa under the FCC's local number portability rule. The rest of the state will have the option by May 2004.

But consumers need to know when they switch from a wireline to a wireless phone, their home address will be deleted from the emergency 9-1-1 data base and they will only get the 9-1-1 features associated with wireless 9-1-1, according to the Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board (SETB).

Paul Fahey, SETB executive director, says 9-1-1 wireless technology is changing but won't be up and running in the state until 2005. The SETB will provide technical support, training, equipment and software for wireless 9-1-1 mapping capabilities at every local PSAP at no charge to the municipality. Receiver chips embedded in the consumer's telephone device will help pin a caller's location down. Dispatch centers equipped with new mapping software will be able to determine the latitude and longitude and track a wireless signal to within 50 meters.

The initiative is covered through a 30 cent surcharge on wireless telephone bills. (Wireline 9-1-1 is paid for through an 85 cent surcharge on regular phone bills and charges for directory assistance calls).

But in some places near busy highways, new wireless 9-1-1 technology could translate into a lot more calls and the need for more staff, which would be an added cost to the municipality. It would not be unusual for a dispatch center near a state highway to receive dozens of 9-1-1 wireless calls about an accident, for example. Therefore, while communities will all have the new wireless mapping technology, they can choose whether to take the calls directly or have them routed through the state police PSAP.

But in the meantime, Fahey said the SETB urges consumers not to make the decision to give up their home telephone without careful thought. Also, the new wireless 9-1-1 technology will still not provide an exact address.

"We're especially concerned about people who don't speak English well or the elderly, who have a high instance of using 9-1-1," he said.

He concedes that some young adults and working people, who have cell phones with them all the time and are not home that much, are opting to go without home telephones to save the money.

But consumers also need to realize their cell phones can run out of power.

"People should think long and hard before giving up their home phones," he said.

If they do, it's also important to note there may be a period of "mixed service" when transferring to a wireless phone when there would be essentially two phones with the same number. The enhanced 9-1-1 service could be affected and the 911 operator may not be able to call the consumer back if they get disconnected, the SETB says. The consumer should ask the wireless provider how long the "porting" process will take how that will affect 911 service.

For more information visit www.mass.gov/e911

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- Know the number of the mobile phone you are calling from.
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Skippers ice Sailors

Young CHS skaters shock Scituate in opener

By Mike Spellman
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Yeah, you can probably assume Ben Virga will remember his coaching debut for a while.

The rookie Cohasset High hockey coach directed his Skippers to a huge 4-2 upset win over perceived preseason powerhouse Scituate, Saturday night at Pilgrim Arena, behind some strong play from his top guns and solid play from his role players.

"What a way to start," said a smiling Virga, 28, the third CHS head coach in as many year, "but if there are many more like that, they're going to need a fourth coach next year."

Virga, who succeeds John Blake as the Skippers bench boss this winter, was obviously joking, heart palpitations and all.

The deep and talented Sailors, coming off a 15-2-1 season, which included a pair of lopsided wins over the two-time defending South Shore League champion Skippers, as expected, came out firing, and much of the early play was in Cohasset's end. However, the defensive trio of Tim Pilczak, Joe Durkin and senior captain Mike Devine did stalwart work in front of sophomore goalie Stephan Parnell (30 saves), who likewise came up big.

"We got a great game from a lot of players," said Virga, a former assistant coach at B.C. High, Catholic Memorial, and, most recently, Milton High.

"I thought our top line did an excellent job," he continued, referring to senior Rob Carpenter between big and skilled wings Mike Rasmussen and Ted Straughn, "And I thought all of our defensemen did an outstanding job against some very talented players, and Stephan was just immense a few times."

The one obstacle preventing the coach from calling this a perfect win was the seven penalties his team took, to Scituate's five, three of them coming in the third period with his team in the lead. On the upside, though, he was thrilled with the job his penalty killers did against the cavalcade of talented forwards Scituate coach Mike Breen trotted out.

The view from the opposite bench was, not surprisingly, quite a bit different.

"I hope that will be a bit of a wakeup call for some of our guys," said Breen. "A few of our big players like Chris Travis and Jamie Phinney and Sully

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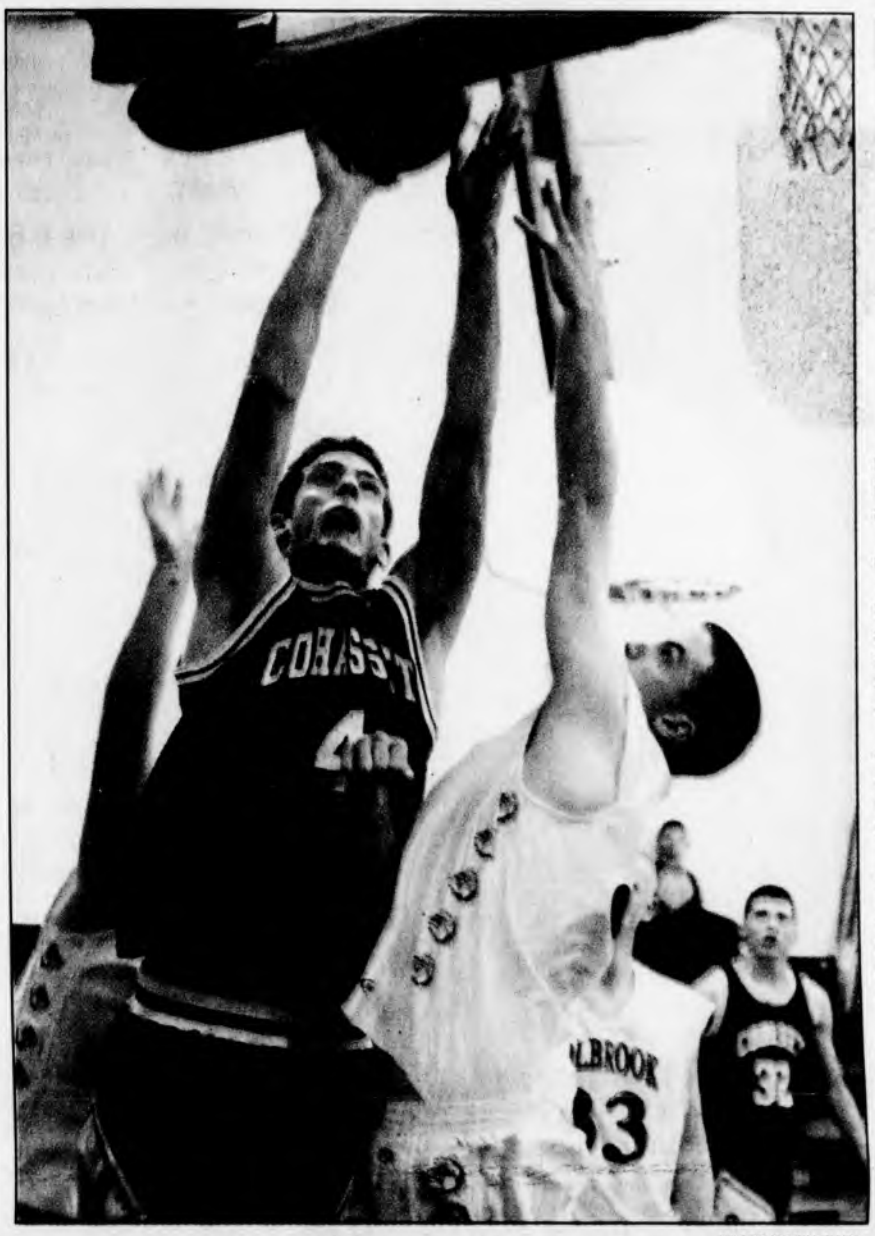

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Cohasset's Sean Connolly (#4) goes strong for two of his eight points in Tuesday's win over Holbrook in the first round of the South Shore Voc Tech Tourney.

Net gains expected

CHS boys basketball team eyes a bounce back season

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

The best thing that could happen for Ron Ford is that his team learns from last year's mistakes and tough times.

The worst is that they could be repeated.

Ford's Cohasset boys basketball team finished 7-13 last season, a record that easily could have been five games better, considering the number of close calls that saw the Skippers come up just short.

There will be a new, young cast of supporting players surrounding the talented inside-outside combination of Chris Bilodeau and Sean Connolly.

Bilodeau is a six-foot senior shooting guard who led the team last year in scoring, averaging over 16 points per game. He may have to bump that number up into the 20s this year, but Ford feels his top player is up to the task.

"I think he's going to be number one or two in the league in scoring," the coach said. "He is very talented, both offensively and defensively."

In addition to scoring and defense, Ford will be looking to Bilodeau for some leadership. Outside of the top four returning players, which includes Connolly, John Andrade and Dan Tarpey, the Clippers will be laden with

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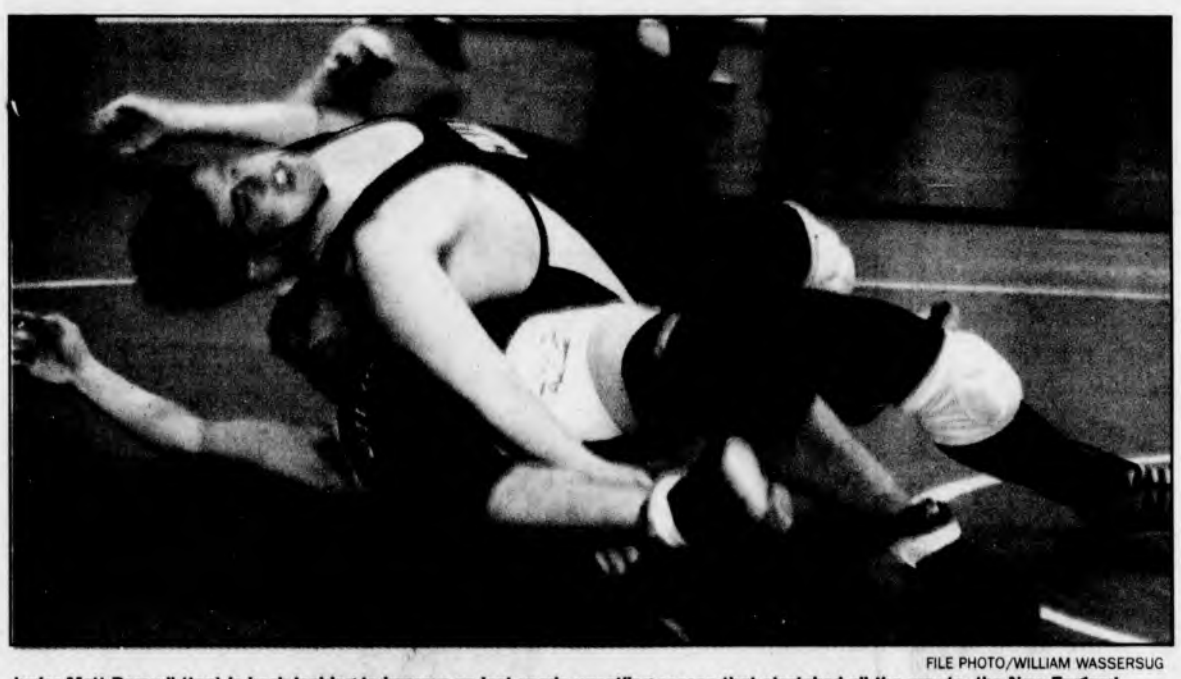

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Junior Matt Baroudi (top) is back looking to improve on last year's wrestling season that stretched all the way to the New England championships.

Opening with style

CHS wrestlers dominate Tri-County in first meet, 51-9

By Mike Spellman
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Even with their lineup decimated by illness and injury, the Cohasset High wrestling team got off to a great start on Saturday, knocking off Tri-County in decisive fashion, 51-9.

Seven members of the Pilgrim Conference defending champion Skippers recorded pins to open the season in grand fashion.

Sophomore Jake Watts got things rolling with a pin at 103 pounds, and freshman Ryan McLellan followed with a pin in his first high school match at 112.

Junior Kevin Dinsmore bumped up from 125 to 130 to help fill in for absent teammates, but had no problem going against the bigger opponent, as he too notched pin for six points.

Sophomore Dave McKenna bumped from 130 to 135 with the same result.

Senior captain Phil Strazzulla picked right up where he left off from his Mariner All-Scholastic junior campaign, notching a pin at 145.

Pins were also recorded by sophomore John Keniley at 152 and junior Matt Casey at

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Improving in leaps and bounds

Return of injured gymnasts has Norwell-Cohasset squad eyeing league title

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

The Norwell-Cohasset girls gymnastic team could be one of the best in the Pilgrim Conference II this season.

"We've had one of our best turnouts ever," said coach Kara Connerty, who is starting her seventh season as coach. "We have a total of 20 girls on the team. We have one senior returning and a lot of juniors, sophomores and freshmen.

"On top of that, we have two girls back this season who were out injured last year."

The Norwell-Cohasset team will get its first look at regular season competition Thursday afternoon when it takes on Randolph-Milton at Randolph. It will also be the league's opening meet.

The lone returning senior is Shelly Carter, of Cohasset, one of the three captains on the team. Shelly specializes on the beam and vault.

The other two captains are Norwell juniors Carly Arena and Samantha Rosen.

Samantha was one of the two gymnasts who missed last season due to injury. The other is Jen Guiney. Samantha and Jen both compete in the all-around.

Also looking for a big season in the all-around is junior Nancy Durkin, of Cohasset, a returning Mariner All-Scholastic.

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"We have a strong team," said the coach. "We have plenty of depth and, most of all, we have the two players who were injured last year, back and quite healthy, ready to go."

The coaches are still anxious to see how a rule change affects the teams this season. Scoring values have been changed and requirements are a bit different, according to coach Connerty.

Last year's Norwell-Cohasset team finished second in the league, but led in scoring.

"Our players have been looking very good in practice," she noted. "However, Thursday will certainly tell the story just how well we've progressed."

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sophomores and maybe freshmen with no varsity experience.

Ford says he is confident that Bilodeau, who could become the fifth boy in school history to score 1,000 points, will be up to the task.

"He's a good leader," he said. "He works hard, and he pushes his teammates to be better. He's just a tremendous athlete."

Helping Bilodeau will be Connolly, another senior who is penciled in to be Cohasset's starting power forward this season. Ford described Connolly as a versatile player who can score from inside and outside, and also pass well from his position.

Running the point this year will be John Andrade. As with Bilodeau and Connolly, Ford is hoping that Andrade will be able to contribute to several facets of the game.

"I think he'll do a nice job running the offense," Ford said. "He can get to the line, and shoots free throws very well. He's also able to step up on defense."

Rounding out the main core of players will be Tarpey, who Ford envisions as his starting center. Tarpey will provide some rebounding and inside toughness.

The fifth starter and main players are still to be determined, Ford said. He has a few games this week to begin to figure it out, as the Skippers took on Holbrook in the opening round of the South Shore Voke Tech tournament on Tuesday, face league power Norwell on the road tonight (7 p.m. start), and finish up the SSVT tournament on Saturday with Avon (4:30 p.m. start)

Due to the recent nor'easter and the school's participation in postseason football, the team did not get a chance to practice as a whole until last Tuesday. Despite that, Ford said his team is starting to come together, and played a more up-tempo game at a recent scrimmage in New York.

The coach said he expects to play a lot of zone defense this season.

Ford said things will be different in close games this year, saying that those tough losses made the team stronger and gave them experience in those kinds of situations. He also said that having a bona fide go-to guy in Bilodeau will help pull out games late.

Either way, Ford said the upcoming year should be enjoyable.

"I like this group a lot. They're fun to coach," he said. "They pick things up quickly; they're very smart."

Skippers 54, Holbrook 48

The boys got their season off to a nice start against Holbrook, which is being coached by former CHS JV coach Tim Owens.

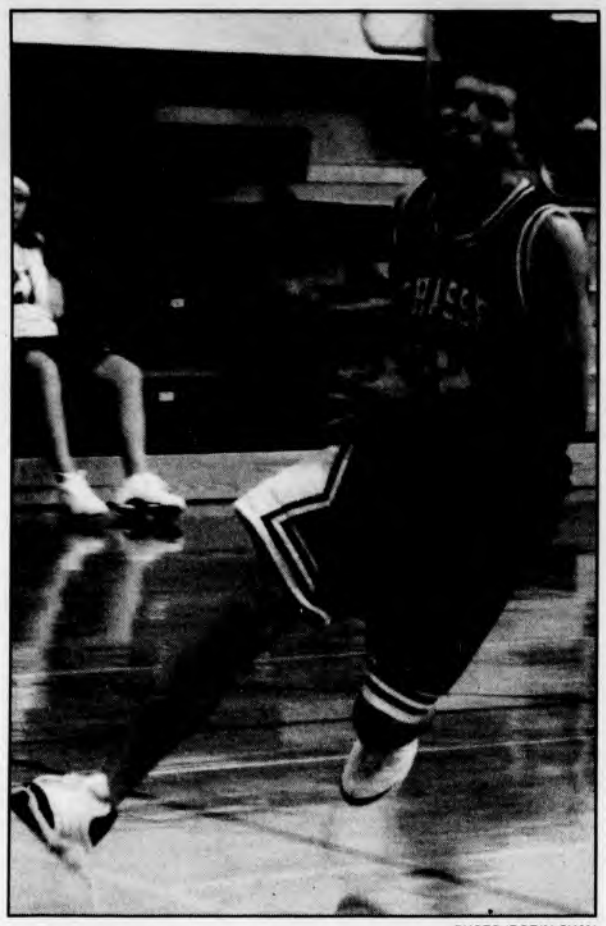
Bilodeau led way with 26 points, 11 rebounds and six assists, and, according to Ford, also played a "very strong game defensively."

Connolly chipped in with eight points, and sophomores Nick Arment and Trevor Brady (filling in at point guard for the flu-ridden John Andrade) added six points apiece.

Coach Ford gave four sophomores — Brady, Arment Chris Ofthsun and Chris Bryant) and freshman Jeff Brown meaningful minutes in the opener, and reportedly was quite pleased with the way they all responded.

Brady split the point guard duties with fellow soph Chris Ofsthun and the pair turned the ball over only four times between them.

"I'll take that from the point guard position any time at the high school level, and these two guys did that in their first varsity game," lauded Ford. "They did an excellent job."



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Senior Chris Bilodeau was the Skippers main man in Tuesday's win over Holbrook in the first round of the South Shore Voc Tech Tourney, as he led all scorers with 26 points and also grabbed 11 boards and dished out six assists.

All-Scholastic girls volleyball team

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 12, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top girls volleyball players in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Kristen Conrad - Senior (Capt.)- Outside Hitter - Hanover

Whitney Hoyle - Senior (Capt.) - Outside Hitter - Hanover

Megan Rodriguez - Senior- Libero - Hanover

Amy Crepsi - Senior (Capt.)- Outside Hitter - Weymouth

Vickey Walton - Senior (Capt.)- Outside Hitter - Weymouth

Jen Lowe – Senior (Capt.)- Middle Hitter- Holbrook

Kady Shea- Senior- Setter - Holbrook

Kelli Reardon- Senior (Capt.)- Outside Hitter- Silver Lake

Jesse Fernandes- Senior- Middle Blocker – Silver Lake

Jen Swick- Junior- Middle Blocker- Silver Lake

Merry MacDonald - Sophomore- Outside Hitter- Braintree

Megan Cook- Sophomore- Outside Hitter- Braintree

Honorable Mention:

Jacqui. Principi- Sr (Capt.) - Outside Hitter- Braintree

Stephanie Geehan- Soph.- Outside Hitter- Braintree

Alison Clancy - Sr. - Middle Hitter - Hanover

Kristina Prusik- Fr.- Setter- Holbrook

Brianna DiBona - Soph. - Outside Hitter - Marshfield

Caroline Craig- Jr.- Outside Hitter- Silver Lake

Jen Skillings- Sr. (Capt.)- Outside Hitter- Silver Lake

Sarah Hardy- Sr.- Setter- Silver Lake

Lauren McGrath - Jr. - Middle Hitter - Weymouth

Skippers ice Sailors

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(Steve Sullivan) were looking to do too much on their own tonight, and that cost us. They shouldn't feel the pressure to carry it all on their shoulders. They've got good players around them. Hopefully, what happened tonight will help them figure that out."

The Sailors opened the scoring just 1:47 in when returning Mariner All-Scholastic defenseman Andrew Elsmore took a feed from Sullivan just above the right circle and let fly with a high shot that got just over the screened Parnell's catcher on the near side.

Scituate would threaten to add to the lead several times before the first horn, but Parnell and crew stemmed the tide.

The Skippers offense would begin to get on track late in the opening period. Rasmussen swooped across the crease with six minutes to go, but couldn't get the puck off the ice over the pad of flailing Scituate goaltender Andrew Souza. Souza would make another nice save inside the final two minutes on a slapper straight out by Devine.

Cohasset would finally break through with the equalizer 91 seconds into the second period when Carpenter took a centering feed from Straughn in the high slot and whistled a slapper over the right shoulder of Sousa.

Momentum seemed to shift with this score, as the Skippers suddenly appeared to be skating stride-for-stride with the deeper and more experienced Sailors. Particularly noteworthy in this stretch was the strong up and down play of Cohasset's all sophomore second line of Matt O'Connell, Mark Bouchard and Brandon Smith.

Sousa made a pair of big stops on Carpenter and Rasmussen during a flurry in front of him midway through the second frame Parnell was equal to the challenge, however, stoning sophomore Tyler Hall on the doorstep a few minutes later and junior Garrett Callahan not long after that. In the waning moments of the period, Parnell stuffed Travis on an electrifying end-to-end rush, one of many the talented junior center had on the night.

After this relatively evenly played second period, Straughn would get the Skippers the lead for good just 1:09 into the third when he punched home the rebound of a Rasmussen shot from the bottom of the right circle.

Devine and Parnell combined to prevent the game from being tied up less than a minute later when petite but scintillating Scituate freshman Colin Donahue swooped in from the left circle with a nice solo move. His first shot from the low circle was taken off the pads by Parnell, but Donahue collected his own rebound with a wide open net in front of him. However, Devine raced into the crease and took the follow up attempt off his pads, and then cleared it away.

The agony over this missed opportunity increased less than a minute later when Devine put a slap shot by Souza from the right point, making it a 3-1 with 12:03 to go.

The Sailors weren't done yet, though. The deficit was cut back to one on the power play with 8:45 to play when Sullivan collected a feed from Tim Zona with his back to the net in the slot 15 feet out and, in one motion, spun and fired low. Parnell was able to get a pad on it, but the puck trickled over the line just inside the nearside post. Elsmore got the other assist for his second point of the night.

Thoughts of a Scituate comeback were extinguished two minutes later. After Travis barely missed tying the game on a pretty wraparound attempt, his shot going behind Parnell but right across the goalline, Devine fed the puck between the drawn-in Scituate defensemen to a breaking Bouchard. The Cohasset sophomore got Sousa to bite on the break-in with a nice backhand fake, and then wrapped it behind him on the forehand, pushing the lead to 4-2 with 6:43 to play.

Scituate had a couple more power plays down the stretch, but the extra man made no difference.

Scituate got back into action Monday night at Rockland, and is slated to host Norwell tomorrow night at Hobomock (8 p.m. start). The Skippers, meanwhile, weren't scheduled to play again until Saturday night, when perennial Div. 3 state power Blue Hills comes to Pilgrim Arena (5:40 p.m. start).

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

Boys Varsity Basketball

Dec.
16 beat Holbrook, 54-48 (at SSVT Tourney)
18 @ Norwell 7 p.m.
20 vs Avon 4:30 p.m. (at SSVT Tourney)

Boys JV Basketball
18 @ Norwell 5:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity Basketball
17 @ Holbrook (SSVT Tourney)
18 Norwell 6:30 p.m.
20 @ SSVT/Avon TBA (SSVT Tourney)

Girls JV Basketball
17 Abington Frosh
18 Norwell 5 p.m.

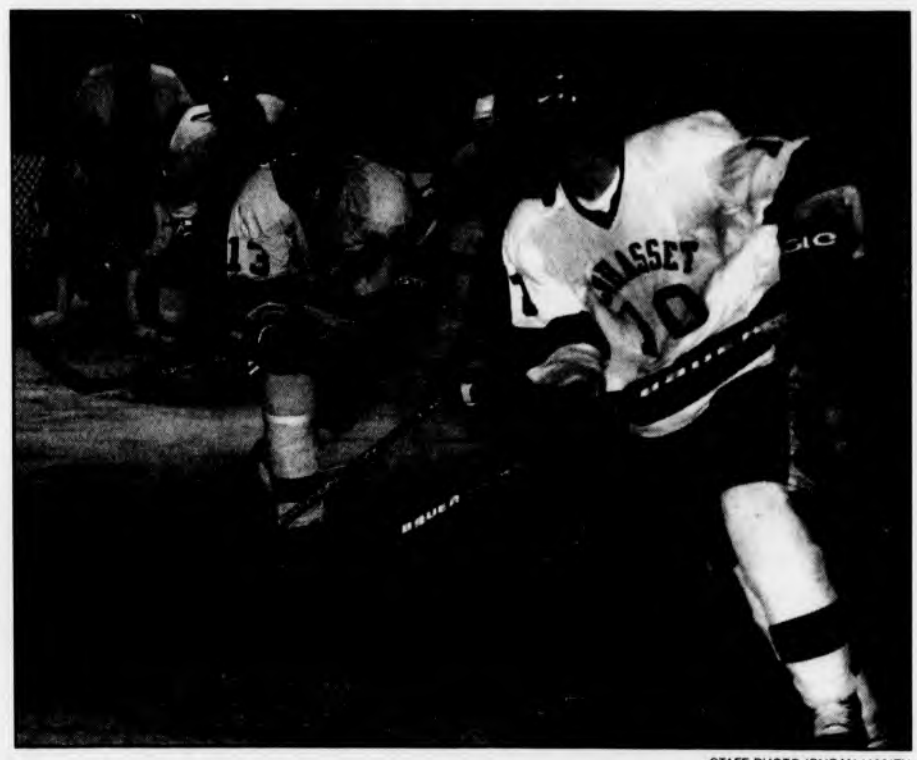
Wrestling

Dec.
13 beat Tri-County, 51-9
17 @ B.C. High
20 Dedham, Canton, Hanover 10 a.m.

Gymnastics
18 @Randolph-Milton 7:30 p.m.

Ice Hockey
13 beat Scituate, 4-2
20 Blue Hills Reg. Tech. 5:40 p.m.

Swimming
13 @BCC Relay Carnival
18 @Middleboro 4 p.m.



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Going right to left, Mike Rasmussen (#10), Ted Straughn (#13), Mike Devine (#9) and Stephan Parnell (#23) all played well in Saturday's season opening win over Scituate.

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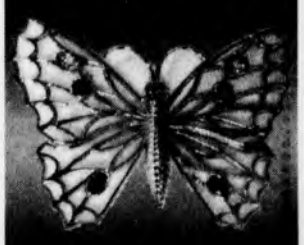

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Cohasset welcome draws crowd to holiday house tour

Decked halls and homes were splendid!

By Sandra Durant
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

After a week of storms, the weather was brisk and sunny on Saturday —perfect for the hundreds who were determined not to miss The Community Garden Club of Cohasset's Christmas Gatherings House Tour & Holiday Tea — and perfect for showing off the homes sensational outdoor settings and breathtaking water views. Although there was a steady stream of visitors through the five already spectacular homes made extra special for the holiday season, there were no lines or difficulty in parking.

"I am absolutely delighted with the success of the Tour," said event chairman Kathy Gray, "it was especially successful for the attendees as so many commented that all of the homes were so beautiful that it was impossible to choose a favorite".

The Tour began at the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph where the sisters mingled with the Garden Club hostesses warmly greeting the visitors to their spacious villa. Sisters Carol and Dorothy had been unusually helpful to the decorators as they transformed the pristine interior, with four beautifully decorated trees, crèches, and impressive garlands winding up the staircase leading to the Chapel, into a festive setting for a holiday afternoon string concert.

Opening the door of the stately Queen Anne Victorian home on Margin Street was like stepping back in time. The owner's antique furnishings, the sage greens and shades of wine in the stunningly arranged decorations, and the spectacular dining table holiday centerpiece made it a perfect home for a Victorian Christmas Tea. Especially breathtaking was the Christmas tree with dried hydrangea and roses hand-tied with ribbon, sheer voile and the owner◊s antique ornaments spiraling around it as it filled the round bay in the living room.

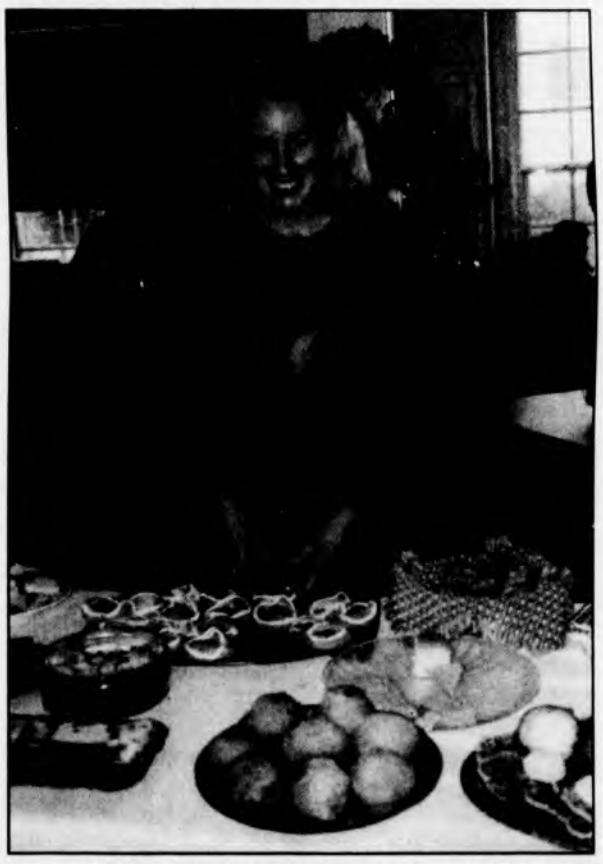
The biggest surprise and truly the most discussed home was on Border Street. Although it appeared small on the outside, it was spacious and breathtaking on the inside‹a tribute to the careful planning and the exquisite taste of the owners. The holiday decorations were simple yet elegant, reflecting the outstanding artistic talent and cumulative experience of the decorators who worked on this lovely home.

When Fran O'Toole, the head decorator of the Flanagan home, was asked about her holiday decorating approach she said, "this home is so beautifully decorated to begin with that it will be difficult to enhance such good taste". Nonetheless, every room was skillfully turned into a warm holiday setting using all natural materials and collectibles from the decorator's homes. One tree was lavish with hand-painted gingerbread men, popcorn and garlands of cranberries, another had clusters of rhododendron leaves sprayed silver, bowls were piled high with artfully made red cardinal Christmas cookies, and classic Christmas toys crowded sofas in the family room. As each visitor exited there was a Santa Claus suit once used by a decorator's grandfather hanging by the back door.

After winding down a long beautiful driveway through this 40-acre estate off Beachwood Street, visitors were captivated by the creativity of the decorations inside. In fact, the decorations on the dining room table, which was set for a wintry evening dinner party, fascinated virtually everyone. As an example, each place setting had a sparkly white Christmas ornament that was used as a small water-filled vase holding white roses and baby's breath. This understated elegance was carried throughout the house where everyone lingered, eager to learn how the decorations were created.

"I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the contributors to the Holiday Tea at the Second Congregational Church this year", said Claire Cardell, the chair of the Hospitality Committee. More than 100 gallons of coffee were donated by Cohasset's new Starbucks, Hingham's Fireking donated

A cherub sitting in a bed of Christmas roses, berries and greenery is the perfect start to the spectacular garland on the banister leading up the stairs to the Chapel in the villa belonging to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

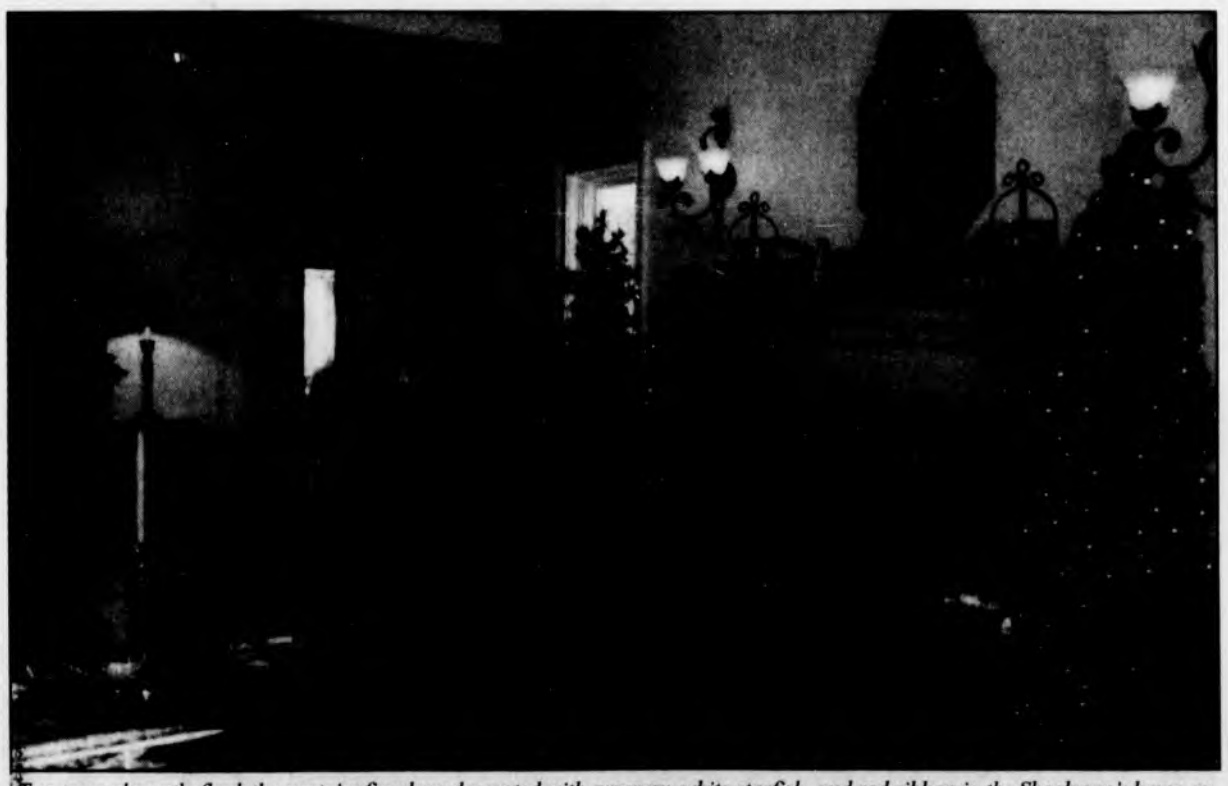


Hostess Cindy Alexander can no longer resist one of the pastries at the Holiday Tea in the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall.

500 scones and muffins, Cohasset's Red Lion Inn's pastry chef created 500 holiday cookies, Hingham's Zia's created custom cookies and cakes, and Plymouth's East Bay Grille contributed six overflowing trays of sandwiches. In fact, everyone was looking for seconds of their lobster sandwiches that were filled with chunks of lobster. Added to all this were the sandwiches and desserts made by the Club◊s volunteers making this year's Tea a feast for all its visitors.

"I was thrilled to find, for my grandchildren, the Audubon plush birds with their authentic calls. I've been looking for them everywhere", said one visitor to the boutique this year. Vendors chosen by the garden club displayed delightful items appropriate to the club. The birds were part of North Scituate's Emporium Naturals selection of truly natural herb scented soaps and candles. Nancy Wholley, an artist and member of Hull Studio Connection displayed her handmade and hand-painted Christmas decorations. Almost immediately sold out were Kathy Morgan's hand-decorated gift boxes. And the Club's own Debbie Jenks, of 1725 House Productions, original photos of flowers on blank greeting cards and calendars were eagerly purchased. In fact, she had a selection of cards with photos of cats taken at the Scituate Animal Shelter. "Every time I go there to photograph the cats, I want to take them home with me, said Debbie. This is my way of helping them find loving homes".

Finally, ticket purchasers and contributors will be pleased to learn proceeds from the house tour will be used to support the numerous projects of the garden club, which include historic restoration and preservation, civic beautification, scholarship grants, and community education programs. In addition, the club contributes time and money to various environmental and conservation agencies.



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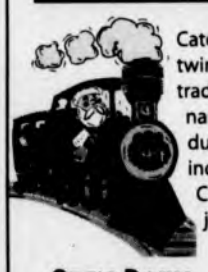

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FRIDAY, DEC. 5

6:25 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop.
6:43 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.
7:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.
7:17 p.m. Beechwood St. and Doane St., suspicious person.
9:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist citizen.
9:44 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

12:33 a.m. Pond St., parking complaint.
1:02 a.m. Elm St., suspicious motor vehicle.
2:48 a.m. Spring St., suspicious person.
8:18 a.m. Atlantic Ave., escort.
8:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
12:12 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.
3:21 p.m. Ripley Road, disturbance gathering.
5:21 p.m. Howes Lane, investigation.
6:12 p.m. Pleasant St., tree down.
6:44 p.m. King and Pond streets, tree down.
7:09 p.m. Beechwood St. and Riverview Dr., general services.
7:28 p.m. Jerusalem Road, tree down.
8:20 p.m. Forest Notch, wires down.
8:34 p.m. Nichols Road, assist citizen.
8:43 p.m. Beach St., wires down.
8:46 p.m. Border St., wires down.
9 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.
9:05 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, tree down.
9:11 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Hobart Lane, tree down.
9:17 p.m. Cushing Road, tree down.
9:45 p.m. Brewster Road, wires down.
9:51 p.m. Brewster Road and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, wires down.
9:53 p.m. Border St., general services.
9:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.
10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
10 p.m. Elm St., power outage.
10:06 p.m. Pond St., general services.
10:11 p.m. Margin Court, general services.
10:11 p.m. Bow St., general services.
10:26 p.m. Hull St. and Lamberts Lane, wires down.
10:46 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

SUNDAY, DEC. 7

12:11 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Nichols Road, wires down.
12:13 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Gammons Road, general services.
1:10 a.m. Ripley Road, fire investigation.
1:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Road, fire investigation.
1:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle crash.
2:30 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid.
2:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.
3 a.m. North Main St., fire investigation.
3:53 a.m. North Main St., fire investigation.
5 a.m. Margin St., assist citizen.
5:05 a.m. Windy Hill Road, suspicious motor vehicle.
6:14 a.m. Elm St., assist other agency.
6:21 a.m. Elm St., fire investigation.
6:28 a.m. Highland Ave., fire investigation.
6:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.
8:27 a.m. James Lane, tree down.
8:28 a.m. Beechwood St., wires down.
8:37 a.m. Beechwood St., wires down.
9:06 a.m. Old Coach road, fire investigation.
9:34 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Bow St., motor vehicle crash.
9:43 a.m. Locust Road, fire investigation.
10:25 a.m. South Main St., fire investigation.
10:31 a.m. Stanton Road, fire investigation.
10:55 a.m. Pleasant St., assist motorist.
11:27 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle crash.
2:07 p.m. Border St., vandalism.
2:27 p.m. Evergreen Lane, medical aid.
2:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.
4:30 p.m. Border St., general services.
5:11 p.m. Border St., vandalism.
6:04 p.m. Elm Court, parking complaint.
6:17 p.m. Mill Lane, tree down.
7:44 p.m. South Main St., notification.
9:04 p.m. Atlantic Ave., wires down.

MONDAY, DEC. 8

5:20 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
5:25 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.
6:27 a.m. Doane St., tree down.
6:44 a.m. Aaron River Road, assist citizen.
7:17 a.m. Doane St., assist citizen.
8:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.
10:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.
12:12 p.m. Stoneleigh Road, fire, investigation.
12:17 p.m. Linden Drive, suspicious activity, unfounded.
12:25 p.m. Jerusalem Road, well-being check.
12:34 p.m. Highland Ave., disturbance, gathering, area search negative.
2:26 p.m. South Main and Summer sts., disturbance, gathering, area search negative.
3:46 p.m. South Main St., vandalism.
4:57 p.m. Atlantic Ave., wires down.
5:10 p.m. North Main St., assist motorist.
5:44 p.m. South Main St., abandoned auto.
7:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.
11:54 p.m. Border St., fire, log entry.

TUESDAY, DEC. 9

8:32 a.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.
8:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.
10:04 a.m. Linden Drive, noise complaint.
10:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., notification.
11:21 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:50 a.m. Parker Ave., abandoned auto.
12:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.
2:06 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
2:57 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.
3:12 p.m. Norman Todd Road, MV stop, verbal warning.
3:23 p.m. Norman Todd Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
4:04 p.m. Cushing Road, officer wanted.
4:37 p.m. Nichols Road, animal control.
4:41 p.m. North Main St., well-being check.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

2:22 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.
2:39 a.m. All over town, general services.
3:56 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.
5:35 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.
7:19 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.
7:29 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.
9:06 a.m. King St., notification.
9:12 a.m. Hull St., vandalism.
11:44 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.
12:36 p.m. Highland Ave., assist citizen.
1:08 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.
3:54 p.m. Mill Lane, officer wanted.
4:10 p.m. King St., assist citizen, verbal warning.
5:31 p.m. Pond St., animal control.
5:38 p.m. Ash St., traffic complaint.
5:40 p.m. Margin St., assist citizen.
5:50 p.m. Town of Cohasset, power outage.
6:18 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.
10:07 p.m. Nichols Road, suspicious activity, unfounded.
11:36 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Sohier St., animal control.

THURSDAY, DEC. 11

12:11 a.m. Pond St., abandoned auto.
1:18 a.m. Summer St. and Black Horse Lane, general services.
1:32 a.m. Elm St., general services.
4:51 a.m. Doane St., suspicious activity.
7:27 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid.

Toys for Tots at the CPD

The Cohasset Police Department is participating in the Toys For Tots program again this Christmas.

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HONORS

Allen, Lauren; Barnes, Maura; Barrett, Marcus; Berger, Adam; Beukers, Natalie; Brady, Daniel; Brown, Lennart; Castro, Melissa; Charles, Widmaier; Daly, Ryan; DeSisto, Kyle; Dupre, Jessica; Flibotte, Gabriella; Hart, Torey; Hurley, Patrick; Landon, Owen; Leahy, Madeline; Lehr, Samantha; Mack, Lauren; Martin, Daniel; Masotta, Amanda; McGoldrick, Margaret; Mullin, Alyssa; Murphy, Conor; O'Grady, Christopher; Orner, Erika; Parnell, Megan; Sceery, Ivan; Sinclaire, Graham; Sturino, John; Tetreault, Elizabeth; Toomey, David; Treese, Timothy; Ulmer, Wesley; Wade, Jonathan.

GRADE 8
HIGH HONORS

Boehmke, Alexandra; Cundall Ian; Deutsch, Evan; Evans Rebecca; Hart, Sondra; Laa Alexandra; McCarthy, Clair; Meade, Jesse; Williars, Samantha.

HONORS

Anderson, Meghan; Belz, Stephanie; Bilodeau, Micael; Brennan, Oliver; Burgess, Matthew; Bushnell, Algail; Cahill, Jacqueline; Cakley, Meagan; Czerkawski, Garles; Davis, Ramsey; Dignam Colin; Dougherty, Brennan; Durant, Amanda; Durkin, MaKenzie; Fegreus, Elizabeth; Flibotte, Mark; Fludder, Siobha; Fortin, Samantha; Gallagher Gregory; Grimm, Michael; Haggerty, Anna; Hill, Brian; Kop, Juliette; Kent, Christine; Kula, Olivia; Mills, Christophe Morgan, Christopher; Mu Kenneth; Musto, Clifford; Ryter, Nathan; Pucillo, Sarah; Egan, Maura; Rose, Christoner; Shipp, Alexander.

GRADE 9
HIGH HONORS

Barber, Kevi; Campedelli, Laura; Garber Caren; Ingram, Ryan; Richalson, Colleen; Smith, Adn; Spofford, Virginia; Stazzulla, Lauren; Thompson, Amanda.

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Barrett, Caroline; Breslow, Austin; Brown, Jeffrey; Bukowski, Taylor Coggins, Emily; Day, Brent; Dattola-Harris, Kyl Dickinson, Donald Evans, Meredyth; Fewsmith, Stephanie; Gallagher, Molly; Landon, Charlotte; Murray, Zachary; Novak, Lara; Previte, Mary; Rorer, John; St. John, Robert; Tangherlini, Alida; Wilcox, Sara.

SECOND HONORS

Corry, Michael; DiPaolo, Anthony Durkin, Lindsay; Earle, Roger; Guinee, Aisling; Haracz, Haley; Hurley, Caitlin; Landon, Elizabeth; Lanzillotti, Austen; McCarthy, John; McLellan, Ryan; Miller Charles; Pinkus, Christina; St Pierre, Paul; Stevenson, Ower; Swain, Kiersten Toomey, Timothy; Wise, Ellen.

GRADE 10
FIRST HONORS

Allen, Brooke; Bell, Kelsey; Bolger, Kate; Crowley Buck, Melissa; Curry, Susan; Etkind, Zachary; Grossman, Chelsea; Hamilton, Joanna; Jensen, Katherine; Lee, Remy Lieb-Lappen, Mia; McBride Kate; Murphy, Katharine; Mus, Lisa; Nash, Emily; Reynolds, Christopher; Sceary, Nils; Trisler, Molly.

SECOND HONORS

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GRADE 11
FIRST HONORS

Asnault, Dominic; Casey; Matthew; Chapm, Cecelia; Condo, Elizabe Garber, Rachel; Gardner, Icy; Grimm, Jonathan; Jerz, Andrew; Kennedy, Lindsey; Murray, Jennifer; Norman, Toby; Ogrodnik, Molly; Previte, Justin; Rizzotti, Lauren; Roth, John; Silvia, Mary; Stone, Elizabeth; Strazulla, Domenic, Whitney, Nicole.

SECOND HONORS

Bellone, Alice; Daley, Jeannette; Dean, Allison; DeWaal, John; Durkin, Joseph; Kirk, Molly; Kovach, Jake; Lanzillotti, Miranda; Leahy, Daniel; Littauer, John; Ross, Thomas; St. Pierre, Christina.

GRADE 12
HIGH HONORS

Belz, Erik; Bilodeau, Holly; Durant, Nicole; Howard, Kristin; Novak, Brittany; Ofsthun, Ryan; Sturino, Carling.

FIRST HONORS

Bilodeau, Christopher; Buckley, Jennifer; Busk, Andrew; Carter, Shelley; Downing, Jonathan; Doyle, Rachel; Earon, Allison; Faber, Ashley; Flint, Kara; Gontarz, Caitlin; Graham, Holly; Guild, Jessica; Koed, Mariel; Lowe, Jenna; McMorris, Sarah; Musto, Andrew; Nie, Shan Shan; Ninde-Jerome, Elisa; O'Donnell, Brenna; Regan, Delia; Sanchez, Alicia; Strazzulla, Phillip; Sullivan, Emilie; Tarpey, Daniel; Turgiss, Nicole; Watts, Kristen; Wise, Andrew.

SECOND HONORS

Carpenter, Robert; Caron, Courtney; Connolly, Sean.

COOL CAPS

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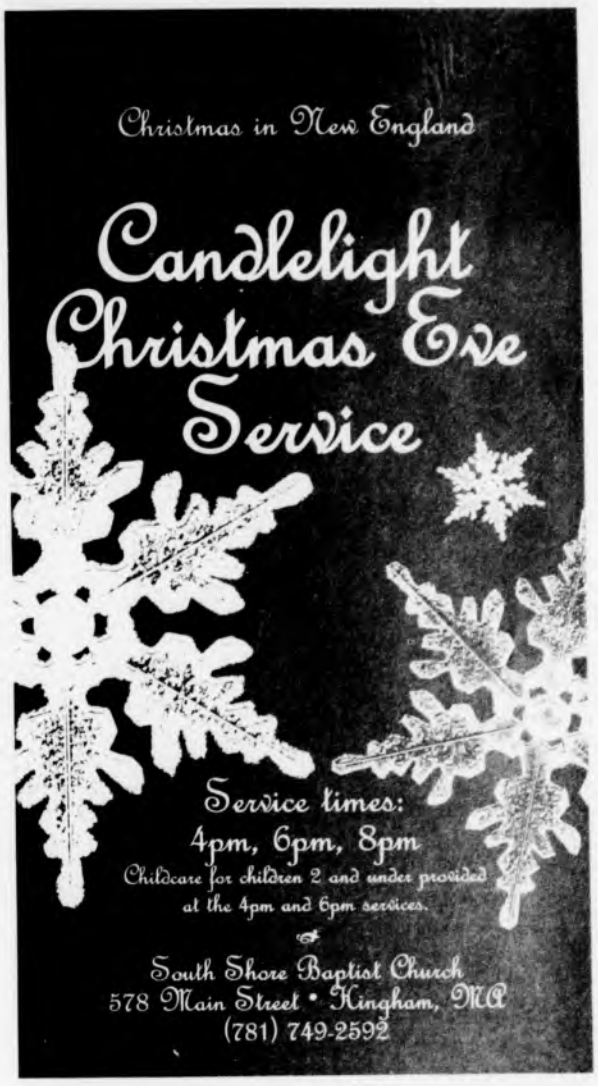
Kevin Reynolds and Cal Robbins try on their handmade headdresses during an enrichment program at Osgood just before Thanksgiving.



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Holiday shopping at the Art Center

The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery currently features an exhibition certainly to be of great interest to art enthusiasts and holiday shoppers alike.

The Small Works exhibition showcases the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 Gallery Artists. The work, in all media, is small in size and affordably priced for holiday giving. The gallery walls are rich with hundreds of watercolors, oil paintings, acrylic paintings, photographs, monoprints, collages, pastel paintings and one of a kind ceramic pieces. Favorite South Shore artists with a number of works on display include Irma Cerese, JoAnne Chittick, Nancy Colella, Ros Farbush, Becky Haletky, Anne Heywood, Brooks Kelly, Margaret McWethy, Mary Callahan, Jeanne Replogle, Sarah Roche, Diana Rousseau and Diane Panarelli Miller.

The South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 10a.m. -4 p.m. and Sunday noon-4 p.m.. The Art Center closes for the holidays on Dec. 22. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org. Monica McKenney Director of Development and Public Relations South Shore Art Center 119 Ripley Road Cohasset, MA 02025 781-383-2787 ext. 13.

Dramatic club holiday fundraiser

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold a Holiday Family Night Fund Raiser on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 6-9pm at the Cohasset Town Hall. Enjoy food, raffles, crafts, holiday music provided by a brass quartet and staged readings of "The Polar Express" and "The Snowman." The evening will end with a special visitor. Tickets are $15 for adults and $5 for children. Then again on Sunday enjoy music and the staged readings. All tickets $7. Tickets are available at the door and by phone at 781-544-0304.

Neoclassical art is subject of new exhibit

South Shore Art Center is hosting "Piranesi and His Contemporaries" from the collection of Elizabeth Morse and Richard Wendorf from Jan. 9–April 10 at the Dillon Gallery. The opening reception is from 6-8 p.m., Jan. 9.

This collection of 18th-century old-master prints has been assembled over a20-year period, with a focus on the work of Giovanni Battista Piranesi and other artists who depicted neoclassical culture, particularly in Rome and its environs. In addition to two dozen prints by Piranesi, the exhibition includes many plates from the publication of Sir William Hamilton's vase collection and an early twentieth-century architectural drawing directly inspired by Piranesi's work.

Don't miss the gallery talk at 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 25, "Living With Piranesi" with Richard Wendorf and Stanford Calderwood, director and librarian, the Boston Athenaeum. Free to the public.

For more information: 781-383-ARTS or www.ssac.org

Gallery hours: Mon. – Sat. 10 a.m. -4p.m., Sun. noon-4 p.m. Accessible to all

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Join The Phantom Gurmet's maitre 'd David Robichaud for The Taste of the South Shore to benefit Wellspring and the Hull Lifesaving Museum from 6-10 p.m., Sat., Jan. 24 at the Red Parrot in Hull. The South Shore is home to many fine restaurants including many hidden jewels! More than 30 restaurants will serve various specialties and a variety of wines from Fazi Battaglia will be provided for your tasting pleasure! Tickets are $50 per person and attendance is limited.

For tickets and Information, call 781-925-3211 or visit: www.wellspringhull.org

Carousel gift shop has holiday hours

Friends of the Paragon Carousel are having special gift shop hours in the Clock Tower Building located next to the Carousel in Hull. Hours are this Wed - Fri - Mon 10:30 am - 1pm and this Saturday the 20th till 3 p.m. The Friends have a wide range of gifts, prices range from one dollar and up. Stop by and see the carousel restoration artist at work and enjoy some wassle and cookies. Paragon Carousel is located at 205 Nantasket Ave., Hull 781-925-0472 or www. enjoy-hull.com

American Indian exhibit coming to science center

Start your New Year off on the right foot by following the tracks to an exceptional and educational art exhibit entitled, "Getting Acquainted with American Indian Artists" in the Vine Hall Gallery at the South Shore Natural Science Center off Jacobs Lane in Norwell, Jan. 1-31. Hosted by Betty Bourgault of Hanover, the exhibit features artwork in a variety of mediums representing a wide range of American Indian artists from different tribes across the U.S. and Canada. Many of the original paintings and prints are for sale, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Science Center. Artists include Wo Peen, who has ties to Massachusetts, and the famous Kiowa Five painters, who were prominent in the development of contemporary Indian painting during the 20th century.

The public is invited to an opening reception on Sunday, Jan. 4 from 4p.m. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge during the Center's regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30am - 4:30pm. The South Shore Natural Science Center is a non-profit environmental education center serving the entire south shore. We are located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off Route 3. For directions or more information, please call the Center at (781) 659-2559 or visit our Web site at www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

New Year's Day walk

The North &South Rivers Watershed Association welcomes the public to join us for this annual event which will take place on Jan. 1 starting at 1 p.m. This year's walk will be at the Trustees of the Reservation's Norris Reservation in Norwell. We will explore a recent addition to the property with a new trail and bridge over wetland areas. After a brisk walk we will kick off New Years with a hearty snack and hot beverage.

Visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA office at (781)-659-8268 for more information. Donations are welcome and pre-registration is not required.

Drowned Hogs dip for charity Jan. 31

The Drowned Hogs will hold its annual swim on Saturday Jan. 31at 11am at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse on Nantasket Beach in Hull. More than 400 swimmers and 1,200 spectators are expected. Swimmers recruit sponsors to help raise money for Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull. Pledge sheets and information are available at Wellspring now!

Wellbring is at 814 Nantasket Ave. Call 781-925-3211 or visit: wwwwellspringhull.org

Thrift shop donations cleaned free of charge

All clothing donations (excluding leather & suede) made to Wellspring in Hull may be cleaned free of charge by Family Ties Dry Cleaning, 534 Nantasket Ave., Hull, 781-925-2051.

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The star atop the 2003 Memory Tree will shine in honor of our departed loved ones whom you wish to honor.

Participation options are:

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Generosity will be acknowledged by with lights on the Memory Tree, and on the scroll published weekly.

Please make checks payable to South Shore Community Center, P.O. Box 631, 3 North Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

The following is a list of recent contributors to the 2003 Memory Tree:

Archangels: In Memory of Henry Brennock from Mary Brennock

In Memory of Assunta Train from Doris and John Golden

Angels: In Memory of Andrew Peter Moy from the Moy Family

In Memory of John C. Elliott from Barbara C. Elliott

In Memory of Mabel McWilliams from Linda, David, and Niki Farrag

In Memory of Dan & Mary Kearney from Gail Collins

Individuals: In Memory of Bampy/Gampy Brennock, from the Grandchildren

In Memory of William F. Malloy from the Malloy Family

In Memory of Thomas F. & Ellen R. Malloy from the Malloy Family

In Memory of John H. & Anna M. Day from the Malloy Family

In Memory of Dorie Leahy from the Malloy Family

In Memory of Mary Sinopoli from the Malloy Family

In Memory of Rita M. Struzziery from the Malloy Family

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Large print books

Large print books added to the collection. Nonfiction Titles: "Growing Seasons: an American Boyhood before the War," by Samuel Hynes. Described as an American version of "Angela's Ashes," Hynes recounts his Depression-era boyhood. "The Colossus of New York: a City in Thirteen Parts," is a creative view of New York City, by author Colson Whitehead. "Testament: a Soldier's Story of the Civil War," by Benson Bobrick, a new history of the Civil War, is based on the correspondence of the author's great-grandfather. Fiction Titles: "Moon Tide," by Dawn Clifton Tripp. Set in Westport, Massachusetts, this first novel follows the lives of three women during the years 1913 through 1938. "Blueberry Muffin Murder: a Hannah Swensen Mystery," by Joanne Fluke. Hannah's bakery becomes part of a crime scene when a rival baker is murdered in her kitchen. The author's recipes are included in the book.

Cohasset artist

Selected paintings by Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick will be exhibited at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library from now through Dec. 31.

Upcoming events

An introduction to Tai Chi with author and teacher John Loupos will be held in the library Meeting Room on Monday, Jan. 12 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Learn about the ancient art of Tai Chi and its benefits for modern living. The evening will also include a book signing of the author's books "Inside Tai Chi" and "Exploring Tai Chi."

On Thursday Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. in the Meeting Room, LinLin Choy will introduce Qi Gong, a Chinese self-healing art that combines movement and meditation.

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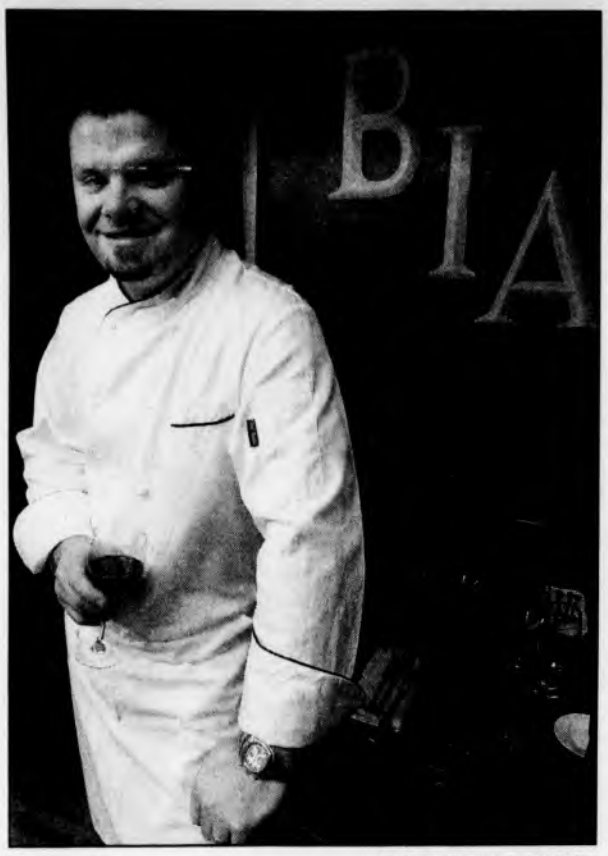

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Brian Houlihan in his new restaurant, Bia, on South Main Street in the Village.

By Samantha Brown
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For the past three months, the former Really Great Pizza, or RGP, restaurant has been undergoing some significant changes. Not only has it changed owners, it has become a European-style bistro, with walls the color of wine and elegant tapestry window treatments. While diners will still have the option of ordering grilled pizza, chef Brian Houlihan has created a menu of what he calls, "European comfort food," to ensure an elegant yet relaxing dining experience.

"It's French bistro food with Italian influence," he said, adding he wanted to create a restaurant similar to what might be found traveling through southern France and into northern Italy. Although he grew up in Ireland, he has been trained by the "creme de la creme," of French and Italian chefs and said, "I love the whole Mediterranean-type thing."

Houlihan has been cooking in restaurants and hotels since the age of 14. Growing up in Ireland, he needed to gain at least two years of experience in the field before applying to college. Because college is free for students in Ireland, "You've got to show that you are really serious," he said, and the training he received has paid off.

After graduating from culinary school in Ireland in 1993, Houlihan moved to the United States. For the past 10 years, he has been working as a chef in various Boston area restaurants. His first job upon arriving was as a chef at the Harvard Club where he worked for two years. He then continued on to the Four Seasons Hotel, where he was the head Saucier at Aujour d'hui for another two years. The next six years he served as the Executive Chef at Seasons Restaurant at the Bostonian Hotel, across from Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

At Seasons, Houlihan said he was responsible for every aspect of food service in the hotel, including 24-hour room service, breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the restaurant in the hotel, hors d'oeuvres in the Atrium Lounge, and banquets. He had a staff of 25 chefs to prepare all the food, but at the Executive Chef level, he was in more of a management position than a chef.

"I wanted to get back to cooking really great food," he said.

To that end, Houlihan decided he would leave the busy city life and open his own small restaurant somewhere on the South Shore. He knew he wanted his restaurant to be located in a small town with almost a European Village type feel, and not only did Cohasset fit that description, it's not far from Houlihan's home in Quincy, where he lives with wife Tristen and their three children, Conor,7, Hailey ,5, and Aiden, 2.

"I was looking for two years," Houlihan said, but eventually found what he was looking for, and his lifelong dream of operating his own restaurant has come to fruition.

While bia is now open for business and has received rave reviews, it's grand opening was not without complications. During the weekend before his grand opening on Dec. 9, Houlihan sent out invitations for local merchants to attend a "sneak preview" on Friday and Saturday nights. However, Saturday night's storm left portions of Cohasset without power, and bia was included.

"Everyone thought it was romantic eating by candlelight," he said, but without the power to ventilate, the ambiance was soon disturbed when the fire engines started rolling up in response to the smoke alarms. "Suddenly you have Captain Trask over here with all his buddies," Houlihan said. "It was a fun way to experience your second night open," he said sarcastically.

Bia is a 40- seat restaurant and Houlihan said he and a friend will be doing all the cooking. While Houlihan said he doesn't have one dish in particular which is his favorite to prepare, "Our signature dish is a local seafood bouillabaisse," which is served with saffron risotto and lobster nage. Other entrees on the menu include citrus glazed long island duck breast, grilled angus sirloin, roasted chicken provencal with herbed potato gnocci and hand cut pasta with tiny veal meatballs. Bia also serves appetizers, and lighter fare such as grilled pizzas and salads.

Houlihan's menu will be ever-changing to reflect the seasons, as well as take advantage of the local produce available. He said whether he has been on this side of the Atlantic or the other, his cooking style hasn't changed.

"I've always cooked the way I cook and it doesn't matter where you are."

Bia's doors are now open and dinner hours are currently Tuesday through Sunday from 5-10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for brunch. To make reservations please call (781) 383-0464.

Stop & Shop joins fight against hunger

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company announced that the Cohasset Stop & Shop store raised $2,040 for the Cohasset Food Pantry to help provide hunger relief to area residents.

The money was raised as part of the annual Food for Friends campaign. Through the sale of paper turkeys and fundraising events held at the store, Stop & Shop associates and customers supported the effort to provide assistance to local hunger relief agencies. In total, Stop & Shop raised more than $1.1 million to benefit local hunger relief agencies and Second Harvest Food Bank partners.

Kathleen Mansfield

First woman VP of United Group

Kathleen Mansfield has been named Vice President of Human Resources of the United Group, New England's largest liquor distributor, United Group Chairman of the Board A. Raymond Tye announced.

"Kathy has been an outstanding leader for us, and will continue to be an integral part of the United Group," Tye said.

Mansfield, of Cohasset, is the first woman to be named a vice president at the United Group and the first woman named to its Executive Committee.

Mansfield has been with the United Group for two years and has 28 years in the field of human resources. She has a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work, and is currently working on her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology.

The United Group is a holding and management company for many affiliated businesses, among them United Liquors, which does business primarily in Massachusetts, United Beverages, which services Maine and New Hampshire, and Hannah and Dunn, which supplies Virginia and North Carolina.

"I'm honored to be given this opportunity," Mansfield said. "The United Group is a family and I will make sure that it is one that continues to grow. I learned from Ray Tye to honor our history, but to never stop focusing on the future."

A Village Christmas...

Merchants host first-annual celebration

Elizabeth Vanderveen serves a taste of champagne to Nan Roth at Village Wine and Spirits.

Above: The Beechwood Ringers of Beechwood Congregational Church play for shoppers in the Village on Sunday. From left, are Linda Snowdale, Peggy Wheelwright, Becky Bates McArthur and Lisa Brown.

Elves at Cohasset News pose before assisting customers with the ornament making, front row from left, Amy Meikleham, Gabriella Flibotte, Thomas Flibotte, and Enrico Teruzzi; and back row, Sinclair Dean, Carli Haggerty, Anna Haggerty and Keegan Flynn.

Brooke Conroy, held by her mother, Heather, gets a candy cane from Santa on South Main Street during Christmas in the Village on Sunday.

Chris Calnan and Peter Hinman enjoy the roasted marshmallows handed out by Bia Bistro's, from left, Terry O'Donnell, Nicholas Mastrogiacomo and Brian Houlihan during Christmas in the Village that went on all weekend

Jim Howard watches as Katie Howard serves up the chowder from Atlantica during the first-annual Christmas in the Village, sponsored by local merchants and businesses.

Staff photos
by Susan Haney

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English children send Christmas message home

Stayed in Hingham during World War II

By Peg Charlton
CORRESPONDENT

Sixty-three years ago, in the month of August 1940, a dozen young English children arrived in Hingham after being evacuated from the unrelenting air blitz of bomb-ravaged London. They would leave behind their families, who for months to come would endure the German Luftwaffe's nightly air assaults on the city.

That summer, as war raged throughout Europe, and with civilian fatalities escalating from the fire bombings of British cities, the now- extinct "Boston Transcript" presented a London newspaper with a plan for evacuating its children to safer shores.

Parents indicated their preference for the overseas' destination where sponsors would be waiting. High on the list was the United States; followed by Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

With the necessary preparations complete, each youngster (wearing a nametag and carrying a single suitcase) said his "goodbyes." On their own, they stoically boarded a night train which transported them to an area close to the Liverpool docks, later to embark on an ocean-going liner that would make its way down the Mersey, en route to America.

The anticipated "adventure" of the crossing, in reality often became an unpredictable and dangerous voyage – with lifejackets carried at all times. The Port of New York was the usual destination, and several of the youthful sailors (the "Sea-vacuees") would later recount their own harrowing passage.

Joan White, the oldest at 12, and David Douglas, 11, sailed on the liner "Samaria" reaching New York in 12 days. Aboard the ship, according to Douglas, was a child-minder called "Miss Honeybun." She took care of the toddlers, leaving the older ones to their own devices. Siblings, Jan and Mildred Kennard, 11 and 9, embarked on the "Western Princess." There was a scare off Iceland, and though not in convoy, they arrived safely in New York. Later, that same ship, was torpedoed and sank on her return trip. Other siblings, John and Doreen Wright, ages 11 and 8, left Liverpool on the "Scythia" — often called the "singing ship," as the youngsters had composed a ditty titled "We are the Little Seavacuees." A normal 10-day crossing became one of three weeks as they were chased around the North Atlantic by German submarines.

Shortly after, another ship, the "City of Benares," was torpedoed with a huge loss of life — many of them children. With the sinking of the "Benares," the evacuations ceased immediately. [Recently PBS aired a dramatic documentary of this event.]

Sailing on other vessels, the remaining six of the "plucky dozen" were Derek-Dale Glossop, 12; Gerald Fishe, 11; Diana Crane, 11; and John and Maggie Pope, ages 10 and 6. (All went to Derby Academy on scholarship. Sisters, Cherry and Rosemary Leigh, ages 8 and 6, attended Center School.)

Upon arrival in New York, the group was held first in a place called the Seaman's Institute until it was decided exactly where they would be sent. Within a short time, the 12 young Brits were Boston -bound; but before heading for the South Shore, they were deposited at the New England Home for Little Wanderers (a place one evacuee remembered "as forbidding as it sounded." After what seemed a lifetime of waiting and filled with sudden anxiety and emptiness, each child was eventually "collected" by the couple whose home they would share for the next five years.

At the close of 1940, after three lonely and bewildering months in a strange new land and with Christmas just days away — they found themselves in for a much needed treat: All 12 would participate in a short-wave broadcast beamed to their war-weary families in England. On Friday, Dec. 20 (along with Derby headmaster Harrison Davis) they gathered at Station WRUL in the Back Bay to send holiday greetings to their parents — 3,000 ocean-miles away.

As described in the Boston Daily Record, "They stood tense, clutching each other's hands in excitement, and soon wished England 'a happy, safe and courageous Christmas.' Signing off with a final goodbye, their hands went up in a 'thumbs-up' salute."

A heartwarming and poignant moment — indeed, a very special Christmas.

This is part one of a two-part series.

Johnny Pope hams it up as he sends his Christmas greeting to his home in Surrey, England.

Sisters Rosemary and Cherry Leigh share a happy thought.

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Maggie and John Pope are shown at the mike as they send off holiday greetings to their parents in England.

12 young British wartime evacuees, who were living in Hingham, gather in 1940 around BU Professor, John C. Scammel, as they prepare for their shortwave Christmas broadcast to family back in England.

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OBITUARIES

Blanche Thompson

Blanche (Chandler) Thompson, 88, of Cohasset, a retired secretary for the federal government, died Dec. 13, 2003, at Life Care Center, Scituate, following a brief illness.

Mrs. Thompson was a resident of Cohasset for 28 years.

Born in Boston, daughter of the late Hubert and Gertrude (Wallace) Chandler, she graduated from Boston schools.

A secretary for the federal government for 20 years, Mrs. Thompson retired in 1972.

She was an accomplished pianist and organist and was in charge of the Charlestown Naval Yard Band for 20 years.

Mrs. Thompson was formerly an organist and choir director at the Zion Church, Boston and later the Concord Baptist Church, Boston.

She leaves her husband, Leslie G. Thompson; two sons, Hubert W. Morris of Everett and Kenneth Morris of New York; and two grandchildren. She was the former wife of Kenneth Morris of Randolph.

A funeral service was held at St. Stephen Episcopal Church in Cohasset.. The Rev. Cliff Cutler officiated.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Stephen Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, 02025.

Joan Wood

Joan (Franzen) Wood, 75, of Scituate, died Nov. 29, 2003, at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home.

Mrs. Wood was a lifelong resident of Scituate. She was a graduate of Scituate High School and was employed at Welch Co. in Scituate for many years.

She leaves her husband, Charlie B. Wood; two sons, Arthur O. Wood, III and his wife Dawn, of Scituate, and Charlie B. Wood, Jr. and his wife, Dayle of Scituate; a sister Betty Shortall of Rockland; two brothers, Fred Franzen of Rockland and Richard "Jimmy" Franzen of Scituate; seven grandchildren, Amanda, Alison, Jeremy, Kimberly, Christie, Andrew and Lindsay.

A memorial service was held Dec. 7, at The First Trinitarian Congregational Church, Scituate. Interment was private.

Those who wish may remember Mrs. Wood through donations in her name to Diaconate Fund and/or The Music; Fund, both C/o First Trinitarian Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate, MA 02066.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom:

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. (781)-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantorial Soloist: Abby Gostein. Friday evening and Saturday morning worship. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. Visit www.shaaray.org for specific times and details.

Second Congregational Church:

The Second Congregational Church located at 43 Highland Ave., Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Knitting group. Book study group to start in January. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at www.secondcongregationalchurch.com.

First Parish Unitarian Church

First Parish Unitarian Church, on Cohasset Common, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.; the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Church School, nursery through sixth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. The Greening of the Church follows worship, hanging wreaths to decorate the sanctuary. Sunday Vespers, a half hour of peace and prayer at 5 p.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Adult Christian Formation.

Worship on Christmas Eve include the Family Service at 5 p.m., Peace of Earth Service at 7:30 p.m. and Festal Worship at 11 p.m. with Program of Christmas Music beginning at 10:30 p.m.

Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study twice a month Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. All welcome. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org

In the Scripture Lessons for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Prophet Micah foresees the day when a new ruler shall come forth for Israel out of David's city of Bethlehem in Ephrathah. The lesson from the Letter to the Hebrews describes the purpose of Jesus' coming into the world – to make an offering in his body for our sanctification. In the Gospel of Luke, Mary visits her kinswoman Elizabeth, and sings of thanksgiving to the savior God who has called her to be the mother of the Lord. Preacher: The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesday, Rosary and Benediction. Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6580. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School, 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy. Children's Sermon Sundays. Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays, Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday, The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school, Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vedanta Centre

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide may be sent by e-mail to mbond@cnc.com.

WORSHIP NEWS

Christmas worship at St. Stephen's

Christmas worship at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave, features a variety of worship celebrating Christ's birth. The Christmas Eve Family Holy Communion service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. The Saint Gregory's Children's Choir will sing and the star of Bethlehem will be lit on the church tower. The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson will tell a story for children in place of the sermon. The three kings and their camels will be in the east at the altar ready to begin their journey to Bethlehem.

A second service, new this year, will be held at 7:30 p.m. This will be a more contemplative worship with music accompanied by string quartet. A candle for peace will be lit in acknowledgement of God's work of "peach on earth." This candle will stay lit throughout the Christmas season.

The Festal Candlelight Christmas Eve worship will take place beginning at 11 p.m. This is a worship reflecting the angel song, "Glory to God in the highest." A special program of Christmas music will precede the service beginning at 10:30 p.m. Musical selections sung by the Saint Stephen's adult choir will include "Torches" by John Joubert, "Good King Wenceslas" arranged by R. Jaques, and a composition by our Music Directory Fred Guzasky entitled "O Bethlehem, Receive." At this midnight worship, the traditional story from the Gospel of Luke is read from the King James Bible, the Eucharist is celebrated, and candlelight will illumine the singing of Silent Night. The bells of the church carillon will ring out the music of Christmas across the town under the stars of the still night sky.

Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25, will be celebrated with the worship of Holy Communion at 10 a.m. highlighted with the singing of Christmas carols. The church school is busy preparing an Epiphany Pageant to take place on Sunday, Jan. 11, at the 10 a.m. worship celebrating the appearance of Jesus to the Three Kings representing all the world. Children will portray angels, shepherds hurrying to Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary with baby, and the Three Kings bearing their gifts.

Hingham labyrinth holiday openings

Special openings for the holiday season present opportunities for personal meditation in a peaceful nondenominational setting on Boston's South Shore. Labyrinth walk take place in the Old Shop Parish Hall at the rear of 107 Main St. in downtown Hingham. The walks feature candlelight and meditative music thus providing a suitable contemplative atmosphere for individuals and companions. A sharing of poetry and walk will be held on the Solstice, Dec. 22. Individuals are invited to read a favorite poem appropriate to the season.

A New Year's Eve walk is scheduled for Dec. 31. The events take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free of charge and there are no religious services. The Labyrinth is an ancient means of personal meditation, which features a circular path leading to a center place and back out again.

The Old Ship Labyrinth is modeled after an example in the ancient Cathedral of Chartres and fashioned in the form of a terrazzo floor. Each individual walk is a different personal experience. How one walks and what one receives differs. Persons may experience a sense of healing or other profound experience, or it may be just a pleasant walk.

Labyrinth Public Openings

Solstice Poetry Sharing and Walk, Dec. 22, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Inquiries are invited: Old Ship Office, 781-749-1679.

Event Committee, www.berngreg@aol.com

CALENDAR

On the South Shore

DECEMBER 18 - 26, 2003

Thurs. 18

First Anniversary Country and Swing Dance at MOSELEY'S on the Charles, Dedham, Dec. 18, by Country Dance Prod. Dance lesson, 7:30 to 8 p.m. Couples and Linedancing until 11:30 p.m. to DJ music by Fred Rapoport. Coffee, tea, snacks; cash bar. $10. Mimi - 781-925-1170; Paul - 508-653-7937; John - 401-861-3114.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston. **Gifts from the World to the White House**. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Fri.19

Massasoit Community College will hold a holiday concert featuring **The Singing Sisters. Sr. Rosalie and Sr. Rosemonde**. the **Bridgewater State College Alumni Chamber Choir** and **The Unity Church Hand Bell Ringers** on Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. a the Buckley Performance Arts Center, One Massasoit Blvd. 508-588-9100 ext. 1541.

The North River Arts Society presents "Recent Works," an exhibit of photographs by **Mike Sleeper** at the Dolphin Gallery through Jan. 30, located at the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Call the library for current hours at 781-741-1405. For more information call 781-837-8091.

South Shore Arts & Recreation Center, 10 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 125, Plymouth, will hold **Teen Dances** from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 19. $6 per person. 508-747-1234.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

The Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth. **Russ Costa and The Passionate Gypsies Debut.**

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Tex, Mad Dog & the Cat.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Bettina Lesieur's Eighth Annual Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge Dec. 17 - Dec. 19 , 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 20, and 21, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lesieur Gallery is located at 301 Saint George St. in Duxbury.

Musical Holiday Party XVI at Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center. Dec. 18, 19, 20, and 21. Four Course dinner and show $39.95 weekends; $37.50 weeknights; show only $20. Reservations call 781-843-5862.

The Company Theatre in Norwell, **A Christmas Story** through Dec. 20. Friday (8 p.m.), Saturday (4 p.m., 8 p.m.) and Sunday (3p.m.) at $25. Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) and Thursday (7:30 p.m.) at $22. Tickets are on sale at the box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. Due to the snow the following changes for The Company Theatre's production of A CHRISTMAS STORY: The show that was cancelled on Saturday, December 6 at 4pm, will now be held Sunday, Dec. 21, at 3 p.m. The show that was cancelled Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m., will now be held on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. Patrons may use previous tickets for those date changes. Any questions, call the box-office at 781-871-2787.

Boston Ballet presents its 40th Anniversary Production of Boston's Annual tradition **The Nutcracker** at the Wang theatre, 270 Tremont St. Boston. Tickets $19 to $77 available by phone through Telecharge, 800-477-7400 or www.telecharge.com

The Holiday Festival of Lights, at **Edaville Railroad**, Rt. 58, Carver, runs through Sunday, Jan. 4. Hours are 4 to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 2 to 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Edaville Railroad is closed Mondays (except Dec. 29), and Christmas Day. Tickets are $16 for all visitors 3 and older. Prices include all rides and attractions. 508-866-8190 or 877-EDAVILLE, www.edaville.com. Save $5 by donating two canned or boxed food items.

Sat. 20

Clift Rodgers Library and North Community Church present **Andy Barnett** "Compose Yourself! - A Play on Music," a program with Andy Barnett, musician, recording artist, and educator, will be staged Saturday, Dec. 20, 2 p.m. at the North Community Church Parish House on Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Come and participate in this family interactive afternoon, enjoy a tour of musical traditions from four continents, and experience the musical nature of everyday life. He invites the audience to play along, and even help write tunes on the spot. A freewill offering will be accepted. For further information, 781-834-4597.

BEST BET

The South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery located at 1 Conservatory Drive in Hingham is featuring the watercolor paintings of Marshfield Artist Maureen Brookfield through the end of December. Admission to the gallery is free and hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold a Holiday Family Night Fund Raiser on Saturday, Dec. 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall. Enjoy food, raffles, crafts, holiday music provided by a brass quartet and stages readings of The Polar Express & The Snowman. The evening will end with a special visitor. Tickets are $15 for adults and $5 for children. Then again on Sunday enjoy music and the staged readings. All tickets $7. Tickets are available at the door and by phone at 781-544-0304.

The Weymouth Art Association Members Winter Exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St. Weymouth, Dec. 13 through Dec. 20.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Sundaes on Saturdays** between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Dec. 13, 20, 27. Create your own sundaes. This event coincides with Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection. For more information call 866-JFK-1960 or www.jfklibrary.org

Donkey Box and Worm will perform in concert at the **South Shore Arts Recreation Center** on Dec. 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, lower level. Tickets are $8 per person. 508-747-1234.

Starcreations Theater from the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center** will present "The Little Mermaid and the Prince," and audience participation play on Dec. 20, 26, 27, 29, 30 at 1 p.m. held at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower level. General admission $5. Reservations suggested.

Sun. 21

Due to the storm on Dec. 7, the **Fine Arts Chorale's 23rd Annual Holiday Pops concert**, originally scheduled for 6 p.m. at Lombardo's in Randolph, was cancelled for everyone's safety and rescheduled for Sunday, January 4 at 2 p.m. (Same location) All Dec. 7, tickets will be honored. Additional tickets are also available. Single tickets are $20 each and tables for 10 are priced at $175 For information or to purchase tickets call 1(800)230-7555 or email FineArtsChorale@aol.com.

Holiday Art Sale and Exhibit at the **South Shore Natural Science Center** Looking for that one-of-a-kind gift for someone special this year? Stop by the South Shore Natural Science Center from Dec. 10 - 31, for our Holiday Art Sale and Show. Our talented staff and volunteers have gotten together to bring you a wide variety of photographs, wood carvings and watercolors, perfect for gift-giving! And a percentage of the sales will benefit the Science Center. The show is open during regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

The Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series presents **Christmas with Bobby** on Dec. 21, at a **special holiday time of 1 p.m.** Trumpet player **Bobby Gallegos** of Weymouth will play jazz, pop and traditional tunes of the season accompanied by Jeff Williams of Cohasset on keyboards. 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. 781-834-5535. All concerts are free. Refreshments served.

The First Baptist Church, 660 Country Way, Scituate, presents a Christmas Pageant **Jesus was born in Bethlehem,** Dec. 21, at 3 p.m. Please bring a gift wrapped in white paper for distribution to the poor. Refreshments served.

Temple Beth Sholom's Bar(t) Mitzvah Style Family Chanukah party, Dec. 21, 4 to 8 p.m. 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. $781-925-0091.

Mon. 22

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical conceived choreographed and directed by **Twyla Tharp** and based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

The holidays can be stressful, especially for families. Call the Parental Stress Line, 1-800-632-8188. Trained volunteers offer a supportive, non-judgmental ear for parents who need someone to listen. The line is confidential, toll-free, and 24 hours a day. No problem is too big or small for a parent to call

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly, free, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 23

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's** Dillon Gallery 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

]The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera.**

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 24

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., will exhibit Paintings, Drawings, Prints by Lauren Harman during December and January 2004. A reception is scheduled for Jan. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. 781-934-2721.

Selected paintings by Cohasset artist **JoAnne Chittick** will be exhibited at the **Paul Pratt Memorial Library** from through Dec. 31. South Shore Art Center 781-383-2787

Sean O"Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 25

The Plymouth County Beekeepers Association will sponsor its **24th annual Beginners' Beekeeping School** at the Plymouth County Extension building on High Street in Hanson. Classes run seven, two hour sessions (7 to 9 p.m.) on alternate Thursday evenings. Registration and first class is on Thursday, Jan.15,2004 at 6:45 p.m. Course fee is $35. For information call, Lee Benford 781-837-9050, Charles Marchewka 781-585-8908 or Howard Scott 781-293-9027.

The North River Arts Society presents **What's Cookin'...Good Lookin?** an exhibit of original oil paintings by **Corinne Campobasso** through Jan. 17, at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact NRAS office at 781-837-8091 for more information.

Braintree Art Association artist of the month, **Ed Mikenas** will display his paintings for the month of December at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Weymouth Art Association artist of the month, **Rita Walsh,** will exhibit her paintings for the month of December at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St. Weymouth

The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents **Changing Colors,** a show of watercolors by **Bill Goffrier** will be on view through Jan. 7. 781-659-7100

Fri. 26

The Three Stooges Film Festival will be featured at the Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School St., Foxboro, MA, on Dec. 26, 27, and 28, at 2 and 7 p.m. each day. Tickets are currently on sale at the box office: $8 for all shows, all ages. Handicapped accessible. Call 508-543-2787 www.orpheum.org.

Scarecrow Hill and **Diptheria** will perform in concert at the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center** on Dec. 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $8 per person. 508-747-1234.

The Next Page Café'. 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, will host **Hannes and The Hevyweights**, 781-335-9796

Ongoing Events

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets every Tuesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

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South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell - **Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury, presents **Stories and Art with Sally for Preschoolers.** every second Thursday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Preregistration required. $5. Call 781-934-6634 ext. 15.

Parental Stress Line - Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

Pilgrim Hall Museum presents **Bringing Up Baby: 300 Years of Childhood in the Old Colony**, now through May, 2004 a new exhibit that explores the world of the very young in the Old Plymouth Colony from its beginning to the 20th century. What was it like to be a child 1620, 1850, or 1920? What can we learn from furniture, clothing, toys, games and other objects from the children who used them? What were the beliefs and sentiments of the parents who provided for them? How do letters, journals, literature, and other writing help to tell the story of the children of the Old Colony? Who were their teachers, what kinds of knowledge were important to learn? What did they do for fun? The exhibition is free with Museum admission. Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court St. (Route 3A), Plymouth. Information: 508-746-1620; web address: www.pilgrimhall.org Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Admission: adults $5; Seniors (62+) and AAA members $4.50; Children (5-17) $3.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) $15. Residents of Plymouth, admitted free.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents

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and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

The Gallery Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Rt. 18), East Bridgewater, presents **Monday Night Hand Drumming Circle** on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. The event is free and no experience is necessary. For more information and directions call 508-378-1584.

After The Bell Recreation Program Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive, So. Weymouth. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, 3 to 6 p.m. for youngsters 6-12 years of age. Energetic and exciting non-competitive sports and games designed to motivate, challenge, and build confidence. Time and quiet space also available for study and homework. Three, one-hour sessions each day. Members $8 per session, non-members, $10. Registration and information 781-337.4600 x111.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth - Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

An Adult Day Health Center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at The Salvation Army in Quincy) Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

NEWSLINE(c) for the Blind is a totally electronic talking newspaper service offered free of charge to individuals who cannot read regular print. It is accessible seven days a week, 24 hours a day, from any touch-tone telephone. Newsline provides today's, yesterday's, and the previous Sunday's issue of each newspaper. The newspapers available are: The Boston Globe, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post. Users can easily select newspaper, section, and article of interest from a menu. The menu also allows the user to change the speed and voice quality and even to spell out words. For more information or to request an application, call VISION Community Services at 617-926-4232 or (800) 852-3029 (MA only). E-mail: newsline@mablind.org. Website: www.mablind.org.

Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts is asking people with unwanted vehicles to consider donating to them. It will help their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. some restrictions apply. all a donor needs to do is call 1-800-720-6233.

Special Olympics Offers Free Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call for more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Stephens Church in Cohasset. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-393-0771.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at 781-829-4278.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at 781-294-1880.

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Reunions

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1984 is looking for classmates to join in a 20th reunion celebration to be held Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004 at the Scituate Country Club. The reunion committee needs immediate help tracking the whereabouts of '84 alumni. Please email your address, phone number, and contact information for any of your classmates to Matt Brown at katemattbrown@attbi.com.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1959, 29 Oak Ridge Circle, Weymouth, MA 02188 is seeking classmates for the 45th reunion. Drop a note to the above address.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL -The 13th annual reunion for anyone graduating from Weymouth High School and their friends will be held on Feb. 27 and 28, in Kissimmee, Florida. For more information call 727-345-4323 or email Lureman72@juno.com or visit www.geocities.com/Lureman72.

Alateen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hanover (in the back lower level) First Baptist Church at 580 Webster St. (Rte. 123) For more information call Kris at 781-834-5973. For information on similar fellowships at other times in Massachusetts towns, call 781-843-5300.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call 781-659-1857.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum program listing. Museum hours Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum Fees $3 adults (age 16 - 64), $2 seniors (ages 65 plus) $1.50 children (ages 3 - 15). Free for Massachusetts Audubon Society members with a valid membership card. Weekends programs: 11 a.m. - "Story time", (geared to ages 3 - 6) 1 p.m. "Live Mystery Animal", (geared to all ages) 3 p.m. "Theme of the month", (geared towards ages 6 and up). Located at 1904 Canton Avenue, Milton. For more information call 617-333-0690.

Lend a hand

PARENTAL STRESS LINE: Make a difference for children and their parents. parents' and children's services needs volunteers as telephone counselors for the parental Stress Line. A comprehensive training is given and volunteers can choose from a weekly three and a half hour shift, day or evening, weekday or weekends. Located by the Back Bay T stop. For more information call 617-528-5800 or email ceuler@pcsonline.org

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S ABINGTON RELAY FOR LIFE seeks volunteers for planning committee. For information about joining the committee or how to form a team, call 781-871-4339; 781-982-9309 781-878-6047.

THE NEW ENGLAND WILDLIFE has opportunities available for volunteers in a variety of areas such as mailings, administrative, events, maintenance and animal care. More information is provided in mandatory orientation meetings. Call 781 331-4662 for the next scheduled meeting.

BUSINESS/WORK FORCE/FAITH BASED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN offers a monthly council membership in order to build a coalition supporting quality childcare and education. Come join the local council representing Hingham, Cohasset, Hanover, Scituate and Norwell and become a community supporter for yourself or your organization. Call Carla Steen at 1-781-837-6837 for details and sponsorship

THE THRIFT SHOP AT WELLSPRING, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, is searching for caring, responsible and trustworthy volunteers to work in the shop and to assist with inventory. The Thrift Shop continues to offer clothes, household items, toys and books at low prices. The Thrift Shop at Wellspring also offer a friendly atmosphere and the opportunity to learn about other programs and service available. 781-925-3211, www.wellspringhull.org

THE VISITATION CENTER at Brockton Family & Community Resources provides a family-centered place promoting safe visits and exchanges between children and parents. The visitation center serves communities in southeastern Massachusetts. Volunteers are needed as supervised visitation specialists. Afternoon, evening, and weekend hours available. Training provided. 508-583-2045 ext. 127.

DEPT. OF MENTAL RETARDATION (The local Citizen Advisory Board)- needs your help. If you live or work in the area covered by the South Coastal office,(Milton, Quincy, Randolph, Weymouth, Braintree, Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Norwell) you are eligible to serve. The board meets every second month at 6:30 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Board members may be involved in activities such as quality assurance, education, advocacy, etc. If you are interested, call 781-337-2165 ext. 322 or visit KarynDion@dmr.state.ma.us

SHAREYOUR SIGHT - Did you know that your eyesight can be as valuable to others as it is for you? VISION Community Services, at the Massachusetts Association for the Blind, needs volunteers to read, visit or shop with a blind neighbor, to help that person maintain independence. Two or three hours per week and a desire to help is all you need; hours are flexible. We'll provide the training and support. Opportunities are available throughout most of South Eastern Massachusetts. To get started in your community, call Holly Heggie at (508) 584-1273, or visit our volunteer page at www.mablind.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED_Take steps to end Alzheimer's! Volunteers are needed to organize walkers, work on logistics, and help along the walk route for the eleventh annual Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts Chapter South Shore Memory Walk, Sunday, Sept. 21. The walk, at Heritage State Park Visitors Center in Fall River, benefits the Alzheimer's Associations programs that provide care and support for individuals and families touched by the disease. Volunteer and make a difference. For more information call Karen Foley at (781) 389-5496 or send an email to **plymouth.dcr@sunriseseniorliving.com** or visit our web site www.memorywalkma.org.

Talent Search

BAY PLAYERS, INC. will hold auditions for **The Children's Hour**, at Kingston Intermediate School on Jan. 5, from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. for kids; 8:15 to 9:45 p.m. for grown-ups. Jan. 6, from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. and Jan. 7, call backs, if necessary. Characters needed: five women (late 20s to 60s), one man (3os), nine 12 to 14 year old girls, one teenage boy. Productions dates: March 26, 27, and April 2, 3, 2004. Call 1-800-290-6825 and leave message.

CURTAIN CALL THEATRE in Braintree announces open auditions for **Into The Woods** on Jan. 5, and 6, at 7:30 p.m. Performance dates are March 5, 6, 7, 11, and 12, 13, 14, with Sunday afternoon matinees at 2 p.m. on the 7th and 14th. Auditions are held at the CCT clubhouse located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree, any further information needed, call CCT at 781-356-5113 or visit www-curtaincallbraintree.org

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The Company Theatre in Norwell, A Christmas Story through Dec. 20. Friday (8 p.m.), Saturday (4 p.m., 8 p.m.) and Sunday (3p.m.) at $25. Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) and Thursday (7:30 p.m.) at $22. Tickets are on sale at the box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. Due to the snow the following changes for The Company Theatre's production of A CHRISTMAS STORY: The show that was cancelled on Saturday, December 6 at 4pm, will now be held Sunday, Dec. 21, at 3 p.m. The show that was cancelled Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m., will now be held on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. Patrons may use previous tickets for those date changes. Any questions, call the box-office at 781-871-2787.

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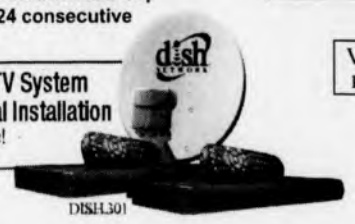

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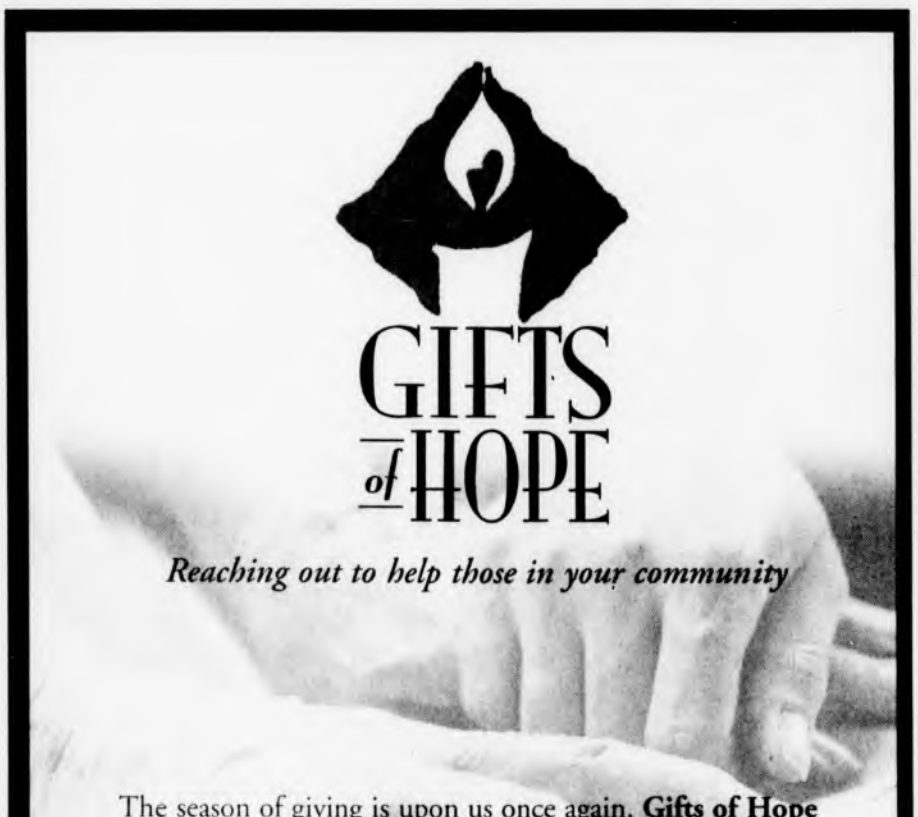

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School Committee says a Prop. 2-1/2 override needed

Raises, utilities drive the budget

By Samantha Brown
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While Town Manager Mark Haddad said he won't ask for a Prop. 2-1/2 override this year — the School Committee said it doesn't see how the budget can be balanced without one.

Principals from all three schools as well as Special Education Director Karen Watts presented draft budgets to the School Committee last week, outlining their needs for fiscal year 2005. However, School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said while many requests seem necessary, everything is going to be subject to funding.

Supt. Edward Malvey said in light of the tight fiscal situation facing the town, the school department would try to pare its budget request down.

"In summary, I know it's a lot," Malvey said after the administrators' presentations. "We've already started to look at adjustments."

In fiscal year 2004 the school budget was $11,218,297. However, schools have increased that number by 13.8 percent, or roughly $1.5 million, and are asking for $12,769,849 for fiscal year 2005, which starts July 1, 2004.

Haddad has allocated an increase of $325,000 for the schools for fiscal year 2005, but school department salary upgrades alone are going to jump to $496,000. Couple that with the $223,000 necessary to cover higher energy costs, and the schools need at least $394,000 more than what Haddad can give them for salaries and utilities alone.

Prop. 2-1/2 is a state law that caps the amount a municipality can raise its tax levy from year to year. Voters can "override" the tax cap through a majority vote at the ballot box.

Here are some highlights of what the schools are looking for.

Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan had an additional special education teacher as number one on her budget. The school currently has three special education teachers, one for third grade, one for second grade and one for first grade and kindergarten. Because the school has seen an increase in the number of students with multiple disabilities, it has required the schools to increase instructional time, coordination of services, and case management responsibilities, which requires additional support.

"We are looking to have one for each grade level," Sheehan said.

For the one teacher to be added to the Osgood staff, it would cost $42,000.

Other items on the Osgood budget include three part-time activity aides at $7,000 each, $4,500 for new window shades, $5,200 for rubber stair treads to replace the worn carpeting on the forum stairs.

Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley had three part-time activity aides at the top of his

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Tips for fending off the flu bug

Town has run out of vaccine

By Samantha Brown
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Judy Fitzsimmons reminds people who are feeling even the slightest bit under the weather, not to visit with the elderly and young babies.

The holidays are a time for giving, but the present no one wants to get this year is the flu. With the numbers of cases on the rise and news of flu deaths spreading across the nation, many Cohasset residents have been searching for a flu shot in vain, as the town has already run out.

"I gave my last shot of the regular supply on the eighth," said Cohasset Public Health Nurse Judy Fitzsimmons. Every year, the town is given a supply of the vaccine from the state, and for the last two years the number of doses has been smaller than previous years due to budget constraints. Overall, the town administered roughly 1,000 doses, including 20 doses the town bought on its own. Fitzsimmons said while the last dose of the state's allotment was given on Dec. 8, the last of the additional 20 carried through to Dec. 18. While she said she was thrilled to get the additional vaccine, it was not enough to cover the 40 people on the waiting list.

"I doubt very much we'll get any more," she said, but for a small town, Cohasset did very well in terms of being able to service the amount of people it did.

Because the flu has received such widespread attention this

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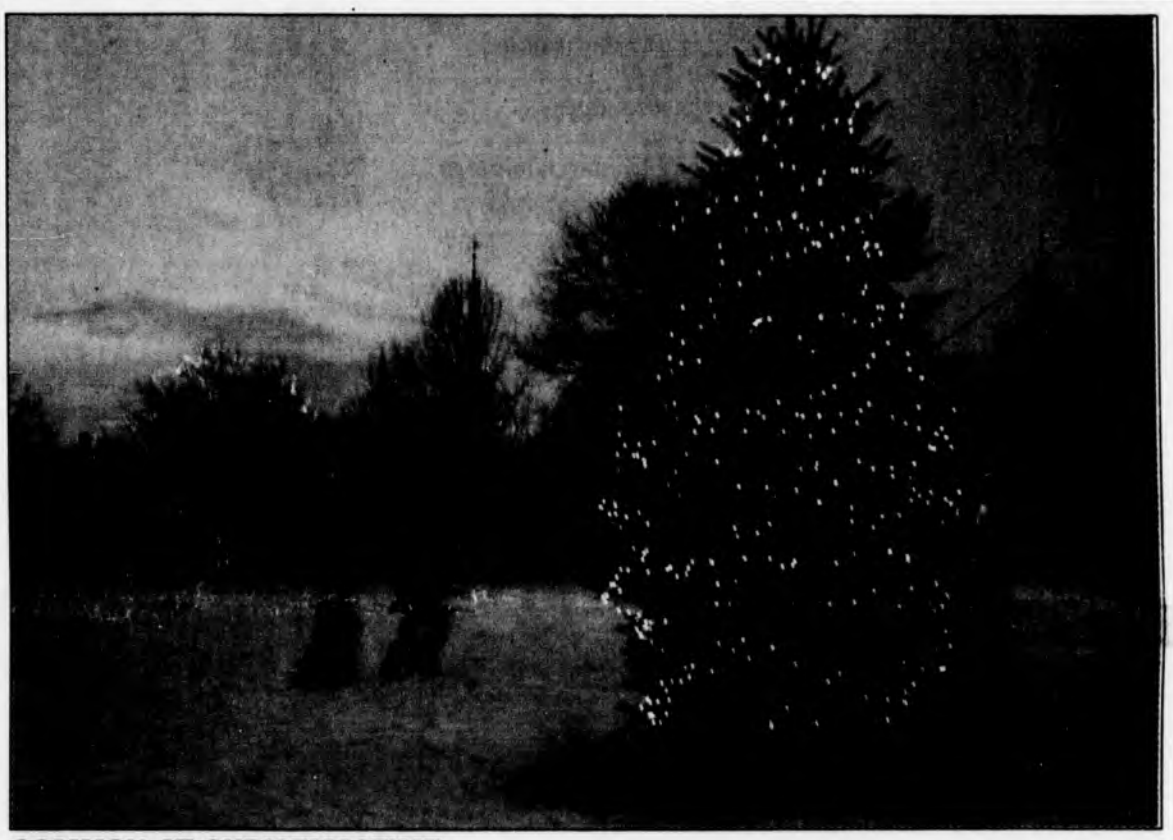

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Krysten Fiore and Gracie Clougherty race across Cohasset Common at sunset.

HOLIDAY HEADDRESS

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Tricia Litchfield is all dressed up complete with a snowflake headband for the annual Osgood School holiday concert. For more photos, see page 23.

Breaking the silence to help end domestic violence

Awareness and action needed

By Maureen Walsh
CORRESPONDENT

One woman was struck twice with a hammer, another beaten with a household iron. One woman was shot in front of her five children, another just 20 feet from a police station. One woman was strangled and then her 9-year-old daughter was raped and smothered. A 14-year-old girl, seven months pregnant, was stabbed, hit with a brick and then buried alive.

These are just a few of the domestic violence victims killed in Massachusetts in the past five years. Despite the efforts of agencies like the South Shore Women's Center, thousands of women live in fear, in shame and in constant danger of serious injury or death.

Because of agencies like the South Shore Women's Center, there is hope for these women and their children and for future generations of men and women to overcome the destruction of domestic violence.

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"We hear so much these days about other countries and the oppression of women and the need for world peace," says Barbara Fuyat, executive director of SSWC. "The truth is, we first have to take steps to attain peace in our families and our homes. Domestic violence is still the number one cause of injury to women in our own country."

In the fiscal year 2003, domestic violence homicides in Massachusetts increased almost 50 percent with the deaths of 21 women, men, and children, the youngest only five years old. Jane Doe Inc., which collects the statistics, also reports that more than 3,900 women and children sought safety at shelters or safe homes. More than 40,000 restraining orders were issued, and every domestic violence hotline in the state answered an increased number of emergency calls.

"We had no deaths this year in our service area, but we had many women with very serious injuries. Some came to us straight from the hospital intensive care; some we had to go pick up," says Fuyat. "Thank God, we had no deaths."

Safety is always the first concern in all SSWC's contacts with the women who call the hotline or ask for shelter or come to the Center for support and assistance, she says. "It's the first question we ask: Are you safe? How do we get you somewhere

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Citizen of Year nominations due

Time is running out to submit nominations for Citizen of the Year. In keeping with an 11-year tradition, The Cohasset Mariner will recognize an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset.

The deadline for nominations for the 2003 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 2. Please see the nomination form on page 11. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed, sent by email, or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931 and our email address is mford@cnc.com.

Following the close of nominations, a panel will select the 2003 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2004.

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The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Jan. 13, 4 p.m.

Board of Health, Jan. 5, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.,

Paul Pratt Board of Library Trustees, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. at the library

Planning Board, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.,

Recycling Committee, Jan. 10, 10 a.m. at DPW

Selectmen, Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Jan. 12, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Jan. 7, 8 p.m., at King Street plant

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

High school writers published in magazine

Cohasset High School English teacher Christine Berman's students have been published in "Teen Ink," a print magazine written entirely by teens. Any student can submit creative writing, art, and photographs at no charge, and those published will be read by teens in other schools nationwide. Those former and current students printed from Cohasset include: In the October 2003 edition — Ross Lieb-Lappen, Julie Shea, Gillian Weber, David Kupsc, John T. Oronte, Maura McKenney, and Leah McMorris. In the November 2003 edition — Kristin Howard, Andrew Busk, Drew Musto, and Brittany Novak.

Snow day reminders

With winter weather now upon us, Supt. Edward Malvey asks that in the event it looks as if school could either be delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather, parents and students should tune into the major media outlets for information. Television stations 4, 5, and 7 as well as WBZ 1030 AM and WATD 95.9 FM will all be notified of the decision, which is made after multiple calls to the Highway Department, which is able to determine if the roads will be clear and safe for travel.

"It does not help to call the police or fire. Watch the media stations, it will be there," Malvey said.

Malvey said on most occasions, the media outlets will be notified by 6 or 6:30 a.m., and should be included in the early morning reports. "We like to let our students know before they get out of their comfy beds," he said.

School building update is provided

The construction of the middle school is nearing completion. While it had been anticipated for completion on Dec. 20, there are still some items to be finished before the moving of furniture can take place.

"We may or may not be done by the 20th," said Supt. Edward Malvey told the School Committee Dec. 18. He added if construction is not complete, there is no harm in moving furniture after the holidays, perhaps sometime in January. He said he would like to make sure the area is properly cleaned before the move takes place, and he sees no problem in letting the cleaning company come in over the holiday break to make sure it has enough time to properly clean the area.

"I'm in no rush to get in there over the Christmas holiday," Malvey said, adding if the move takes place in January or even during February vacation, that will be fine with him. "We're really in very good shape," he said.

Interested in serving on town committees

Two Cohasset residents would like to get involved in town government.

Nathaniel Palmer, 9 Little Harbor Road, has expressed interest in serving on the Cohasset Historical Commission.

"Recently, at the invitation of Noel Ripley, I have participated in meetings of the committee. I would very much appreciate your assistance in being appointed to the committee," Palmer wrote in a Dec. 11 letter to Town Manager Mark Haddad.

David H. Farrag has applied for an open seat on the Conservation Commission. Farrag, who is a lawyer, stated he is committed to the protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources. "I strongly believe that my professional experience coupled with my familiarity with the town will be beneficial to the Conservation Commission," he stated in a Dec. 15 letter to Haddad.

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Mon. 29	3:42	9.5	9:42	3:57	9.7	10:14
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Protecting natural estuary is focus of tri-town committee

By Carol Britton Meyer
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It was standing room only at a recent brainstorming session about preserving the Weir River Estuary.

Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset are joining together in the effort. The estuary features many species of birds and rare volcanic and glacial geology.

With nearly 17 miles of shoreline, the estuary is considered by many to be one of the South Shore's most valuable natural resources. At the same time, only a small percentage is permanently protected open space. The Weir River Estuary Committee is working to identify key parcels of privately owned land which could be incorporated into a park to prevent the land from being developed in a manner that could be harmful to the environment and its aesthetic value.

The Weir River is already a popular place for fishing, bird watching, kayaking, sightseeing, and painting.

"The Park is a pathway for people in kayaks and canoes to observe and build an awareness of the estuary's natural resources, including habitats for more than 100 species of birds and other wildlife," said Faith Burbank, Hingham's representative on the Committee.

The recent discussion was a follow-up to a visioning session held last May. "The tri-town Committee and four subcommittees on land protection, habitat protection and restoration, education, and recreation and access are continuing the work started in the visioning workshop and this month's follow-up workshop," said Burbank. "Key priorities, implementation steps, and action plans are in progress. Participation by residents at the tri-town or subcommittee meetings is welcome."

The Committee would like to create a park, including much of the estuary's remaining unprotected shoreline, through a public-private partnership. Recently, the Town of Hull, which has drafted several plans for a Weir River Estuary Park, invited the other towns to join the effort. The purpose behind creating a park is to preserve wildlife, protect water quality, provide recreation, and promote education and awareness and complement existing parks and conservation land, including World's End, the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, and Wompatuck State Park. A building in Hull has been earmarked for a future educational and welcome center, serving schools in the three towns and visitors from many communities.

"The Weir River Estuary is one of the South Shore's and Boston Harbor's most valuable natural resources and is distinguished by the state as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)," Burbank said.

A report entitled "Building a Vision for Our Weir River Estuary," an inventory of open space and public access around the Weir River ACEC, also funded by the grant, was presented at the meeting. The document, which includes a summary of the prior visioning session, was prepared for the Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (formerly the Department of Environmental Management) by the Urban Harbors Institute, University of Massachusetts, Boston. Copies of the report are available at http://www.uhi.umb.edu/publications.htm. Some of the information was provided by Hingham, Cohasset, and Hull Committee members and town officials.

The report supplements the towns' existing open space and master plans and includes maps which relate to each community as well as water access and undeveloped land inventories. It is also meant to form a base from which the three communities can "work toward the common goals of preserving scenic beauty and local character, providing better access to the estuary and improving awareness of its natural and recreational resources." The state designated the estuary an ACEC in 1986, which provides an extra layer of protection for the area's cultural and ecological resources.

Through an ACEC Stewardship Grant, Urban Harbors Institute is working with the Committee to draft a protection plan for the estuary and develop a canoe-kayak access guide, which will be available next Spring.

For further information, including meeting schedules, call Faith Burbank at (781) 740-4913; Richard Avery of Cohasset, (781) 383-6043; or Committee Chair Judeth Van Hamm, (781) 925-5665.

The estuary goes from the end of the fresh river portion of the Weir River at Foundry Pond Dam in Hingham to the tip of World's End and Sunset Point in Hull, where it enters Hull Bay. It also includes Strait's Pond between Hull and Cohasset, which is partially tidal and flows to the estuary through a pipe at West Corner. The river originates in Hingham and empties into the Bay. The protected land at World's End borders the estuary.

About the Weir River Estuary

The Weir River Estuary straddles the communities of Hingham, Cohasset, and Hull.

The Weir River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) consists of 922 acres, 31 percent of which is land and 69 percent water. Forty-two percent of the ACEC lies within Hingham, including upland areas and wetlands. Hull encompasses 55 percent and Cohasset, 3 percent.

Most of the land in the Hingham portion is undeveloped. The open fields and forests of World's End located in and adjacent to the ACEC comprise the largest protected undeveloped natural landscape in the area.

The economic makeup and function of the three now-suburban communities has changed greatly since the first settlers arrived during the 1600s. The area originally served as pastureland and homesteads. Major fishing, shipbuilding, and salt works industries developed in the 1700s, followed by dairy farms, tanneries, and foundries in the 1800s and tourism in the early part of the 20th century.

Committee goals:

Weir River Estuary Committee goals are as follows:

- preserving the wildlife habitat
- protecting and improving water quality
- creating an educational outreach program
- providing recreational access

Keith Jackson takes his name off Civil Service List

Keith A. Jackson, whose father is Police Chief Robert Jackson, has decided not to pursue a career as a Cohasset police officer and will stay in the U.S. Navy.

In a Dec. 18 memo to Town Manager Mark Haddad, Keith Jackson said he is in the process of requesting removal from any affiliation with the Cohasset Police Department and Massachusetts Civil Service hiring process. Keith Jackson was listed first on the Civil Service "local preference list."

Keith Jackson, who was arrested by Sgt. William Quigley on Oct. 11 outside the American Legion Post after an alleged fight, is facing a charge of malicious destruction of property (broken railing) along with two other men. Keith Jackson, who is due back in court on Jan. 6 on the malicious destruction charge, said recent events influenced his decision.

"I have currently decided to continue my career in the United States Naval service due to recent and upsetting events within the Town of Cohasset and in direct relation to the Cohasset Police Department," he stated. "These events have destroyed any chance of effectively competing against any other candidates for service as a respectable police officer within the community of Cohasset.

"Effective retroactively to the date of these fore mentioned events, I feel that I have lost an option of employment and the privilege to pursue an excellent opportunity. I have worked very hard towards my goal of becoming a police officer through impeccable service within the military and continuing my education.

"In addition, I am one class away from having an associate degree in criminal justice from Roger Williams University. I pursued this field of education for two years during active duty and in the time of war, only to find out it was a waste of time, effort and not to mention the expenses of continuing my education."

Although the District Attorney's office said probable cause exists to believe the Keith Jackson committed domestic assault last summer, the alleged victim (his former girlfriend) and her family have requested the District Attorney's Office not require her to testify. Therefore, the DA's office said it could not proceed with the prosecution. Sgt. Quigley was on duty last July when the alleged victim and her father went to the station to file a report.

Sgt. Quigley is currently on administrative leave with pay pending the outcome of an investigation into his fitness for duty. Haddad and selectmen have denied his arrest of Keith Jackson is related to his being placed on leave.

Town pays $5K retainer for private investigator

The town has paid a $5,000 retainer to Town Counsel to retain the services of a private investigator to investigate the police department, Town Manager Mark Haddad said. Kevin G. Powers, an attorney representing Sgt. William Quigley, asked Haddad for the information under the Public Records Law. At Powers' request, Haddad also stated in a Dec. 15 letter the town has been charged $250 for a physical examination on Sgt. Quigley and at that time had not received any bills for a psychologist to evaluate the police officer. Quigley is one of two Cohasset police officers on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation on unnamed allegations of misconduct.

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CHRISTMAS IN COHASSET - 1953

Learning to dance and other memories of life in Cohasset

By Joel S. Pratt
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Throughout the '50s and '60s, young teens attended dancing lessons in the Cohasset Town Hall. Each month our teacher, John Knott, drove from New Hampshire with two ladies: a pianist and his dancing partner. His Wife? His Girlfriend? We never knew. They taught us the classic dances (waltz and foxtrot), Latin dances (cha-cha) and fun dances (Mexican hat dance and polka). Jazzy dances (bebop and boogie-woogie) were not taught. Had it existed, rock 'n roll would definitely have been off limits. Mr. Knott and his partner danced with poise and elegance. We did not.

We were supposed to learn etiquette as well. Boys asked girls to dance and thanked them afterward. Girls wore dresses and white gloves. Boys wore jackets and ties. Girls liked dancing class. Most boys went under compulsion. We wanted to be near girls — but not that near! You had to change partners for each dance. Fifteen-year-olds — boys or girls — did not want to dance with 12-year-olds. Girls tried to avoid partners who stepped on their shoes. No one wanted to be the last one chosen. Mr. Knott earned his money overseeing this tangle of teenage anxiety. When the 1952 – '53 classes ended in June, I told my mother I did not want to go again.

In 1953 I was 15. Not yet old enough to drive, at least to drive legally. Mother often let me drive. She would say, "you're a better driver than I am — we won't tell your father." Mowing neighbors' lawns was an excuse to drive our old pickup truck. To do lawns further away I rode my bike, towing the lawnmower on a little trailer. Grandmother Pratt's yard on Ripley Road was one of my jobs. One hot and sticky June afternoon a raging thunderstorm interrupted my mowing. As I watched from her porch, bits of shingles, splinters of wood and shredded leaves whirled down with the rain. The Worcester Tornado of 1953 — one of the worst storms in New England history — carried the debris 55 miles from Worcester to Cohasset!

On another very hot and sticky day that June, the Pratts drove to Winchester, Mass. for Uncle Burt Pratt's wedding to Helen Carroll. My sister Cynthia could not be there: she was working as a housekeeper at the Spruce Mountain Lodge in Jackson, New Hampshire. Mother and I drove up to see her — more accurately, I drove mother there and back. We were not the only visitors she had that summer. Bob Pensinger, a young Navy officer stationed at the Hingham Ammunition Depot, made the trip several times to visit her.

Summer party at Nana Pratt's — from left, Uncle Edwin Pratt serves ice cream to Alison, Glenn, Sheralyn and Judy Pratt.

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Fun at Sandy Beach — Norma Chiasson, Enid Dwinnells and Pamela Parker.

Halloween Party — from left, Constance Trickett, Marion Sullivan, Tim Buckeridge.

Summer party at Nana Pratt's — from left, Judy, Glenn and Carolyn Pratt; Joy and Joan Baynard; Russell Pratt, Nana with best baby ever Jon Winsor; Cynthia Sheldon, Alison, Bruce (Hopalong Cassidy), John and Joanna Pratt.

In addition to yard work I had my first real job that summer. I took the train to Boston every day to work at my father's company. I swept, did chores, ran to the deli with lunch orders and delivered packages all over the city. It was a great way to learn Boston's tangle of MTA subway and bus routes.

Many of my classmates also had summer jobs. Nonetheless we found time for fun. We hung out at the beach. From my house on Little Harbor I could get there by water in my kayak or our family rowboat. We caught flounder and dug clams in Little Harbor and dove from the rocks on Keene's point.

Family get-togethers at Grandmother Pratt's were a summertime tradition. Two of her eight children lived far away — John in Maryland and Honey in Florida. Their visits were reason for the clan to gather. When Grampa Pratt was alive, the family parties were clambakes. He would dig a large pit in the driveway. A fire would burn overnight to heat stones. In the morning, clams, lobsters, potatoes, corn and fish would be layered with seaweed in the pit. By the 50s, a grill for hotdogs and hamburgers had replaced the clambake pit. New grandchildren were arriving regularly. Nana always said the newest was 'the best baby ever'. Later each new great-grandchild became the best baby ever.

In October my sophomore class held a Halloween party. Our chaperones, teachers Marion Sullivan and Constance Trickett, watched as we bobbed for apples and joined us in a noisy conga line.

That fall, my sister Cindy and Bob Pensinger were engaged. They planned a Christmastime wedding for Dec. 19 - her 20thbirthday. I had outgrown my one suit so mother and I went to Sidney Gates in North Scituate for a new one. Grey Flannel, of course. Bob's parents and his best man came by train from Decatur, Illinois: they had never been to New England. Again and again Mr. Pensinger commented on Cohasset's ledges and the abundance of stones in our garden.

The wedding was held in our living room. Never had there been so many people in our house. My sister the bride sat on the stairs to don her shoes then walked into the living room to be married. After the newlyweds and all the guests had departed, I started upstairs to change out of my new suit. Mother stopped me. "Don't change," she said, "dancing class starts at seven." I said, "I'm not going." She said, "You are — we paid for it and that was that." So my sister set off on her honeymoon and I set off for another season learning dancing and etiquette.

Joel S. Pratt has been sharing his memories of Christmases past in Cohasset for 10 years. He lives in Roque Bluffs, Maine and can be reached by email:
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Cynthia's wedding — Ensign and Mrs. Pensinger cut their cake.

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LOCKS OF LOVE

Marie Giman wanted to do something very special this year to make a difference. She decided to cut her hair and donate it to Locks of Love in honor of her uncle and godfather, **Brian Marsden**. So, on Dec. 6, she cut off 10 inches and shared the day with her uncle at the U.S. Tennis Awards in New Hampshire. Locks of Love is a charity that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children with medical hair loss.

ST. SEBASTIAN'S HONORS

Paul Cotter has been named to the honor roll at St. Sebastian's School in Needham. Paul's proud parents are Dr. Paul and Margaret Cotter. Paul received honors with distinction, meaning he maintained a B or better in all subjects.

AT GEORGETOWN

Georgetown University in Washington, DC, has welcomed **David Francis Crowley-Buck** of Cohasset as a member of the class of 2007. David as already begun classes as a freshman. The class of 2007 includes 1,510 students selected from 15,420 applicants! David is a 2003 graduate of Boston College High School. Fantasic work Paul.

VO-TECH HONOR ROLL

Congratulations go out to **Kristen James** ard **Elyse Poranova** as they both have strong accomplishments to report from South Shore Vo-Tech. Kristen made high honors and Elyse made honors for term 1. Great job, ladies.

NEW PUPPIES!

The puppies are here, the puppies are here! **Billy and Melanie Schwantner's** dog, gave birth to 11 beautiful golden retriever puppies on Dec. 12. The whole Schwantner family, especially the dog's human kids, **Alex, Derek** and **CarlyJane** are thrilled. Congratulations times 11 to all of you as you play with and learn all about the new additions.

COOKIE SALE TO BEGIN

The Girl Scout cookie sale is around the corner and the sale is on Jan. 2- 25for the door to door sales. We will also be having booth sales around town until March 13. If anyone is looking for cookies or has a neighborhood they would like to visit, they can contact **Beth Marsden-Gilman** at 383-1811. We also have several troop leader openings- especially for the younger girls (K-2) and would love some volunteers!! The girls are waiting!!! If interested please contact **Thresa Dewar**, 383-1130.

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association welcomes the public to join us for this annual event, which will take place on Jan. 1 starting at 1 p.m. This year's walk will be at the Trustees of the Reservation's Norris Reservation in Norwell. We will explore a recent addition to the property with a new

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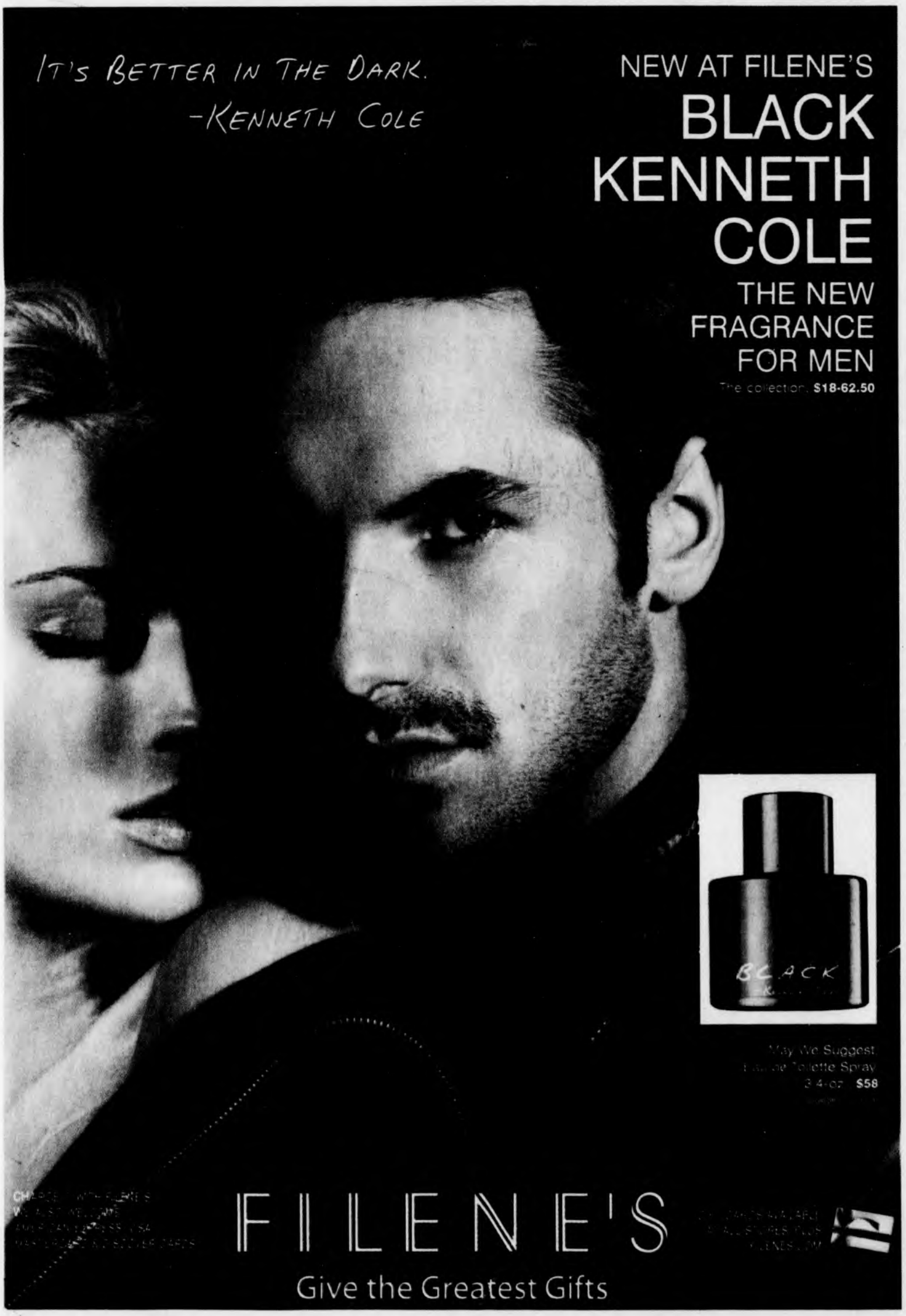

Schwantners have 11 new puppies!

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trail and bridge over wetland areas. After a brisk walk we will kick off New Year's with a hearty snack and hot beverage.

Visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA office at (781)-659-8168 for more information. Donations are welcome and pre-registration is not required.

HOMES FOR RUSSIAN ORPHANS

Next summer a group of Russian orphans will arrive in Massachusetts for the first time in their lives to experience a taste of American family life, through the Journey of Hope program.

The Home for Little Wanderers and the International Orphans Foundation is co-hosting a free informational meeting for families and individuals looking to take a child into their home this summer, with a view to adopting. Refreshments will be served. The meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 17 in the Fearing Conference Room at the Hingham Public Library.

To reserve a space for the meeting, contact Vicky Wu at 617.876.3838 or vwu@orphans-foundation.org. Or contact Paula Wisnewski at The Home for Little Wanderers on (617) 927 0642. Participants must RSVP by Jan. 5.

The first annual Journey of Hope program, a collaboration of The International Orphans Foundation and The Home for Little Wanderers, will be bringing Russian orphans age 5 through 11 to the Boston area. The children are also available for adoption.

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Plein Air artist exhibit in Cohasset, Hingham

Award winning, South Shore "Plein Air" artist Dianne Panarelli Miller is having two important shows in January to showcase her recent oil paintings.

Jan. 3- Feb. 29, her work will be displayed at the Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road in Cohasset. The public is invited to a reception with the artist Jan. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. The library is a satellite gallery of the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. She will be showing her versatility as an artist with her paintings of portraits and life drawing, still lifes and intimate local scenes.

Jan. 23-Feb. 5, Miller will be sharing the South Street Gallery, 149 South St. in Hingham with Cape /Cod artist, Hillary Osborne. Together they will show fresh and colorful oil paintings of your favorite local scenes.

Miller has achieved success as a oil painter and has recently received "Best of Show" at the Captain Forbes Museum in Milton and "Award of Excellence" at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. She has exhibited regionally at many of the important galleries and museums and is a prestigious "Copley Artist" at the Copley Society in Boston. She has also exhibited nationally at the Avenue Art Gallery and the Patel Society of America both of New York and the North Valley Art League in California. She is currently teaching at local art associations while maintaining her studio in Abington.

For more information on Miller, go to www.diannep-miller.com.

NEOCLASSICAL ART

South Shore Art Center is hosting "Piranesi and His Contemporaries" from the collection of **Elizabeth Morse** and **Richard Wendorf** from Jan. 9–April 10 at the Dillon Gallery. The opening reception is from 6-8 p.m., Jan. 9.

This collection of 18th-century old-master prints has been assembled over a20-year period, with a focus on the work of Giovanni Battista Piranesi and other artists who depicted neoclassical culture, particularly in Rome and its environs. In addition to two dozen prints by Piranesi, the exhibition includes many plates from the publication of Sir William Hamilton's vase collection and an early 20th-century architectural drawing directly inspired by Piranesi's work.

Don't miss the gallery talk at 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 25, "Living With Piranesi" with Richard Wendorf is the Stanford Calderwood director and librarian at the Boston Athenaeum. Free to the public.

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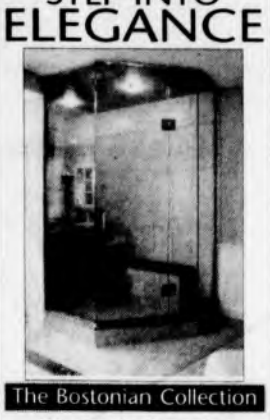

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- If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.
- If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.
- If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.
- If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare, even in the United States.
- If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer a healing touch.
- If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.
- If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can...but most do not.

Count your blessings daily, and remind yourself how truly blessed we all are.....*excerpted, author unknown*

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

or Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas by Clement Clarke Moore (1779-1863)

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now, PRANCER and VIXEN!
On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONDER and BLITZEN!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes — how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!"

According to sources cited at University of Toronto English Library, the original 1823 version has the last two reindeer named, "Dunder and Blixem." Also according to the UTEL, this ballad was written in 1822 for Moore's two daughters, Margaret and Charity, and a year later was anonymously published in the Troy [New York] Sentinel on December 23, 1823.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help with 'Margie' is much appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Figueiredo family would like to thank everyone who came to their aid in the recent sinking of their lobster boat the "Margie." We are very appreciative to all of the lobstermen, friends, family, and even strangers who helped make it possible to bring it back into Cohasset Harbor. With a lot of work, it is now back in the water.

Bob Figueiredo and Family
173 Pond St.

Misuse of alcohol by teens we love

TO THE EDITOR:

We wanted to write this letter anonymously in order to protect the innocent, however, we have been informed that anonymous letters are not printed. We are the parents of football players. My husband and I are very involved with Cohasset's football program, dedicating many hours each week from the summer into the winter and spring in order to support the football teams.

So it is disheartening to us that a few of these players and their friends would come into our home, leave what was regurgitated from their stomachs in the hallway, entryway and closet of our home, as well as samples from their urinary tracts on the deck. Brand new rugs were ruined and jackets were soiled. We know our family is not the only one who has had to deal with incidences like this.

Therefore, we called the police to find out what other people do when this happens to them. We were told that it is up to us how we handle it. My husband and I considered calling parents; we were told the ones close to us would care; some would turn their anger towards us, while others would be ambivalent about the situation. Quite frankly, we don't even know who we should call since we did not do a DNA analysis of the deposits left in our home.

This is the Christmas season. We were angered that instead of pursuing the pleasurable events of such a time, we were dealing with the effects of the misuse of alcohol among the teens we love so much.

Then, we remembered that it is indeed the Christmas season, which is really not at all about the insignificant missed Christmas activities that we were dwelling on as we dealt with the situation at hand. Rather, the real meaning of Christmas has so much more to do with the thoughtless things people do to each other and themselves. We realize that God came into the world because we do abuse the gifts He gave us, hurting others and ourselves as a result. Christ came to save us from our selfishness and to reveal His perfect plan for all humankind.

This alcohol related incident, reeking of disrespect, reminds us that no one is perfect, that we all need to turn to God to seek forgiveness for our hurtful ways and ask Him for help in order to change and live our lives according to the principles God has set before us in the Holy Bible. Now we thank God that He gave us two simple rules to live by: Love God with all your heart, mind and spirit, then love your neighbor as yourself.

The death of our neighbors and relatives due to drivers driving under the influence of alcohol, the abuse we suffer because a loved one chooses to make alcohol their god and the destruction of property at the hands of those who have too much to drink is going to continue no matter what we do to resolve the incident that interrupted the happy traditions our family celebrates at this time of year. We rejoice though, because Christmas is a reminder that God wants all of us to turn to Him to receive the most perfect gift that is offered to everyone born throughout the ages...the life changing spirit of God!

Our family has chosen to resolve the thoughtless acts perpetrated on us and others this season by praying that those abusing alcohol will turn to God and that they will ask to receive His life-changing power. May the joy, peace, hope and especially love, born as a baby over 2000 years ago be with you all now and forever!

Al and Linda Snowdale
Mill Lane

Broader look at history

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to Joe McElroy's Dec. 18 letter.

Much as I appreciate my good friend Joe McElroy's endorsement of my ideas on aggressive pursuit of the war on terrorism, I must disassociate myself from his statements about Israel. Beats me how he can segue from advising against radicalizing other nations to a recommendation that we abandon the only functioning democracy, and our one certain friend, in the Middle East!

The Palestinian problem resulted from the intent of Israel's neighbors to destroy it as soon as the British mandate ended and Israel seemed defenseless. Encouraging Arab residents to move out until the destruction was complete was part of the murderous plan. But the Israelis beat back their enemies, then and later, and have had to remain in a constant state of military readiness ever since. In the half century since the Palestinians became the collateral victims of the Arab world's hatred of Israel, no Arab country has moved to provide a haven or significant assistance for the Palestinian pawns. They have been deliberately left to fester in their crowded areas and to gestate generations of terrorists.

Rather than having treated the Palestinians disgracefully, as Joe contends, the Israelis have tried with great fairness to achieve peace, but have had to endure countless attacks on school buses, crowded markets, private homes, farmers working in the fields, and the vicious dissembling of Yasser Arafat. Joe's "despicable wall" is part of the eternal defense against the Palestinian terrorists, as are preemptive

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LIBRARY CORNER

Christmas hours

The library will be closed on Christmas Day and will reopen on Friday, December 26 with our regular 9 to 5 schedule.

Homebound delivery service is available

If you love to read but are unable to come to the library due to an illness or disability, we are very pleased to announce a new home delivery service. For those interested, a volunteer from the Friends of the Cohasset Library will visit you at your residence to discuss your reading preferences and take your requests for library materials. Selections will be delivered to you and picked up and returned to the library on a regular schedule. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in our program, please telephone the library and speak to our Reference Librarian, Judy Simons at 781 383 1348.

Cohasset artist

Selected paintings by Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick will be exhibited at the library through Dec. 31.

Upcoming events

• Award winning, South Shore 'Plein Air' artist Dianne Panarelli Miller's paintings will be on display at the library from Jan. 3 through Feb. 29. The public is invited to a reception with the artist Sunday, Jan. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m.

• An introduction to Tai Chi with author and teacher John Loupos will be held in the library Meeting Room on Monday, Jan. 12 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Learn about the ancient art of Tai Chi and its benefits for modern living. The evening will also include a book signing of the author's books "Inside Tai Chi" and "Exploring Tai Chi."

• On Thursday Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. in the Meeting Room, LinLin Choy will introduce Qi Gong, a Chinese self-healing art that combines movement and meditation.

Microsoft publisher

Microsoft Publisher 2000 is now available on most of our library's computers. Microsoft Publisher is an easy-to-use desktop publishing program that will help you create professional looking newsletters, flyers, brochures, programs and web sites. No design experience is necessary and the finished publication can be printed on our color printers.

Sgt. Bill Quigley responds to selectmen's police statement

This is in response to the accusation of serious police misconduct that Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris refers to in the statement that was read at the Dec. 16, 2003 selectmen's meeting. As a superior officer and union president with concerns about other officers' reputations as well as my own, I can't remain silent any longer amid these allegations that amount to character assassination.

The town has already paid a $5,000 "retainer fee" for a private investigator, who has been hired to "dig up some dirt" on Officer James McLean and I. If this was truly "serious police misconduct" the town should have called the Norfolk County DA's office and had the State Police investigate these allegations. This is a *free* service.

The only problem is that State Police would conduct the investigation fairly and with integrity and this seems to be the last thing that some want. Troopers would not be under the control of the Police Chief, Town Manager Mark Haddad, or Board of Selectmen. There would be no witch-hunt and no fishing expedition – just a fair and impartial investigation into the facts.

By way of background, Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide in early September 2003, penned various rantings to the Board of Selectmen after being called on the carpet about public drinking, fights, and parking concerns at his establishment. In his Sept. 12, 2003, letter to Haddad, Ordelheide admits to violations of his liquor license and then goes on to accuse me, the police official that alerted the police chief of the problems at the Red Lion Inn, of "drinking a six pack of beer" while on duty at the department's annual firearms training last May. Ordelheide also says that I was "lurking" around his property. But the fact is, I was following two written directives from the police chief himself. These directives, issued on July 21, 2002 and on June 25, 2003, to all police personnel, advise officers to "pay particular attention to patrons removing and consuming alcoholic beverages outside the Inn and the Barn."

Also, in early September 2003, Officer Brian Curran, the chief's son-in-law, resigned from the police department, after a two-year career. Officer Curran was assigned to my shift, and in Spring 2002, I was directed by the town manager to counsel Officer Curran relative to his interactions with a female employee of the department. Even though I was under orders from the town manager, this didn't go over well with the chief or Officer Curran. Neither did subsequent counseling sessions having to do with his on duty and off duty behavior.

Add those incidents to charges of domestic violence against the chief's son, Officer McLean admonishing Officer Curran relative to union grievances, and the arrest of Keith Jackson outside of the Legion, and the story begins to come together. As the private investigator told one of the people that he interviewed, "The town is looking for enough to either fire him or at least send him a message."

The only thing that I do know is that since the arrest of the Chief's son, I have been put on administrative leave, barred from the police station, sent to a medical doctor, ordered to a forensic psychologist three times, and had my name dragged through the newspapers.

With that said, after firearms training on May 22, I left the Scituate Rod and Gun Club at 3 p.m. and resumed my duties back in Cohasset. I worked until midnight that night. The department's log and other records easily corroborate this information. There were several officers at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club late that afternoon, drinking beer from a cooler after they were finished qualifying and off duty. These officers were neither in uniform nor carrying weapons. They were guests of a member of the club and sitting in the clubhouse, talking and having a beer. Although I'm not a member of the Scituate Rod and Gun Club, I understand that having a beer in the clubhouse is perfectly acceptable. I have stated in my written reports more than once, I was not drinking at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club in May 2003 or any other time, ever!

Notably, the police union and the town have a collective bargaining contract that clearly states that all officers "shall be informed in writing of any and all pending charges". I don't know why the town will not tell our lawyers or us what the charges are. The only thing that I do know is that since the arrest of the Chief's son, I have been put on administrative leave, barred from the police station, sent to a medical doctor, ordered to a forensic psychologist three times, and had my name dragged through the newspapers. I have also answered two internal affairs complaints. One having to do with the drinking at the rod and gun club, the other having to do with missing a court date that I was never summonsed to. Based upon my current treatment, it's hard to believe that prior to the arrest of Chief Jackson's son and the resignation of Officer Curran, I had no disciplinary record whatsoever. I was never even late to work in eight years!

As the town and private investigator pore over the last 15 years of our lives, and visit places where we worked in the late 1980's and early 1990's, Officer McLean and I sit at home, collecting approximately $1,000 each per week, asking repeatedly through our attorney, "What are the charges?" The only answer that we have received so far is Ms. McMorris's cryptic statement in which she alleges that the town is protecting us and then states that she and the town manager are proud of the job that the police officers in Cohasset are doing.

After an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Cohasset Police Association earlier in December, in which informational picketing of town hall was authorized, the executive board of the union decided to take the high road and not resort to such tactics. No matter what town hall is telling the citizens of Cohasset, one thing is fact. Based on the secret ballot that was cast, a majority of the members of the Cohasset Police Association believe that there is a serious problem with the way this "investigation" is being conducted and morale is at an all time low. A majority of the officers are afraid that they are one citizen complaint away from receiving the same treatment that Officer McLean and I have been subjected to over the past eight weeks.

Private detectives have been given private information from our personnel files and photos of us. They have been coming to our homes uninvited, and soliciting complaints against members of the union. When the union complains that our members fundamental rights to privacy are being violated, we are either ignored or sent a terse letter from town counsel stating that police officers have a diminished right to privacy and that the town has the right to supply the private investigator with our home addresses and telephone numbers.

We would propose that the money being spent on this investigation would be better spent on a complete independent study of the police department by a reputable outside firm that has no ties to the Town of Cohasset. We call for the Town of Cohasset to honor our contract and advise officers on administrative leave of any and all pending charges. Finally, if this fishing expedition does result in departmental charges against any officers, we call on the town to hire an independent mediator, with no ties to the Town of Cohasset, to hear and fairly judge the case(s). On behalf of the members of the Cohasset Police Association,

— William P. Quigley
President

The diversity of Ch——as

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I can't for the life of me understand why folks go running to the ACLU for protection at the drop of a C-bomb.

The C stands for Christmas (there, I said it!) to us unwashed who fail to see how fresh reindeer tracks in the snow on Dec. 25 can be a threat to the First Amendment.

The Christmas holiday in these United States is about as diverse as a holiday can get with being endorsed by the Boston Globe.

Take Dec. 25 as the birthday of Jesus Christ, for instance. They say He'd be 2,004 years old this year and still drawing Social Security, much to the consternation of the Republican Party.

But there is no more evidence that He was born on Dec. 25 than on any of the other 364 days in the year (365 if it's a leap year). It's just that, in the year 354 AD, Pope Julius I told his flock that "Christ was born on Dec. 25. Learn to live with it."

Red poinsettias were once banned from the Ramsey County Courthouse in St. Paul, Minn., because they offended one person who thought of them as symbols of Christmas.

Since the pagans celebrated the winter solstice on that day, the Persians saw it as the birthday of the sun god Mithra and the Romans observed Saturnalia and all that it means, the new holiday slipped smoothly into place.

The symbol of Christmas in the States is Santa Claus, a corruption of the name Saint Nicholas, who actually lived in the fourth century but probably not in the manner preserved in myth and legend.

In real life, he was probably born in Patara in what is now Turkey; he was bishop of Myra; he was jailed for his faith by the Emperor Diocletian; he was present at the Council of Nicaea; he died at Myra.

In myth, he saved three girls from a life of prostitution by paying their dowries; saved three innocent men who were condemned to death; and rescued three more by appearing to the Emperor Constantine in a dream.

Everything came to Nick in threes.

The Dutch called him Sinter Klaes and the money he paid for the girls' dowries became gifts, which led to the practice of giving gifts to children on that day, to the eventual delight of FAO Schwartz and WalMart.

The Christmas tree has no connection with Christmas at all but was adapted from the old Norse custom of worshipping the oak tree as the sacred symbol of the god Odin.

Do you suppose it's a coincidence that Odin's son Thor rode around in a chariot drawn by two goats named Cracker and Gnasher long before old Santa made his rounds on a sleigh drawn by the reindeer Dancer, Dasher, etc. Rudolph, America's contribution, joined the team later.

The fact that Santa has eight reindeer and enters by chimney to deliver his gifts also comes from the Norse, who had the god Wotan riding a horse with eight hooves and descending from the skies to enter homes by way of smoke-holes in the roofs.

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Actually, poinsettias in the United States only date back to 1829 when an amateur botanist named Joel Poinsett brought a sample back from Mexico as a window sill and table top decoration. He was later elected to Congress.

Quick now, while the ACLU isn't looking — Merry Christmas!

HEALTH NOTES

Students write reports at research center

Nathan Needle, Kara Wilcox, Dan Allen discuss data analysis with teacher Jack Buckley.

Teacher Nina Berkowitz and art student Dominique Arsenault share their work with research intern Mike Rasmussen

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Dec. 5, about 25 students from the high school went to the former Hagerty building at Mariner's Park at the end of Parker Avenue to prepare reports of last summer's work for the Board of Health. In the building, now named the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research, the students from freshmen to seniors found six computers, all connected and loaded with appropriate software and other equipment ready to do the necessary work. The equipment was made available by generous donations from numerous people in town augmented by help from a large number of dedicated volunteers, who gave of their time and services to get the building ready for the kids.

Data, collected by field work by the students over the whole summer, was organized and structured in the form of useful data to be added to data collected in former years. Such data has been used by the Board of Health in determining the origins of pollution entering our estuaries and permitting planning for remedial action. The pictures were taken during a day which was as exciting for the kids as it was for the teachers: Jack Buckley, Ann Thomae, and Patty McGrail. The Board thanks the Dr. Malvey and the others from the school system who worked to make this important liaison with the Board of Health possible.

Students write reports and analyze data for their Summer Institute Research Projects.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Early deadline next week

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Cohasset Mariner will go to press on Tuesday next week, a day earlier than usual. That means all copy for next week's issue must be received by noon, Monday. Items may be emailed to mford@cnc.com or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in the Village. Call 781-741-2933 for more information.

LETTERS

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strikes at focal points of terrorism. And who but the people displaced from their ancient lands by the Diaspora, and at long last restored, are best equipped to decide where the borders should be? Occupation of the West Bank is an essential part of Israel's defense against its dangerous neighbors. How the Israelis must despair of the specious advice from far-distant governments and opinion makers; advice that is inapplicable to the implacable enemies on the borders of that tiny nation!

Of the oceans of words on the subject, one of the most insightful summaries is a recent editorial by Mortimer Zuckerman on page 71 and 72 of the Dec. 15 2003 issue of U.S. News and World Report.

As Joe says, there is no "greatest generation" of military men and women. In each generation, in other countries as well as in the USA, people rise to the occasion and serve their country. Tom Brokaw's book annoyed me. I thought it was a disservice to people like my father who served in WWI from 1914 to 1918, and to the veterans of Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and numerous less-remembered actions.

Joe opines that what worked in WWII won't work in fighting 21st century terrorism. That's true for the technology, but willingness to keep slogging, despite reverses, partisan politics and the protests of the quitters, will always be extremely important. And unwavering determination by the leadership is essential always!

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Auto insurance fix was really about Reilly eyeing gov's job

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

When both Mitt Romney and Tom Reilly announced they were ready to fix auto insurance, in the same week, you knew it wasn't just about auto insurance.

On one level of course, it was, in fact, about auto insurance. After years of moderation and even serial decreases in insurance rates, Commissioner Julie Bowler decided on a 2.5 percent hike for 2004, sending the average rate to $1,047. Taking their cue from the Globe, media statewide locked on the four-digit figure, and the issue was in play. The attorney general went first. Responding to the decision, Reilly said competition should be returned to the market, using a phase-in process to avoid the debacles attendant on the last experiment with competition, in 1977. Massachusetts is the last state in the nation where a government official sets insurance rates, and Reilly said a plan could surely be crafted to deregulate the industry without destroying the household budgets of motorists.

Two days later, Romney was in the paper saying the issue has been one of his top priorities for six months, and he is developing his own plan to fix the system. He said he wasn't ready to release details, but did tell the Globe: "Our auto insurance structure is a mess" characterized by policyholders subsidizing fraud and inefficiency.

The reaction of the two state leaders, one a Republican and the other a Democrat, turned the heads of many in the Statehouse, not for the first time. As with the gay marriage issue, Reilly wants to make sure Romney's not the only high-visibility state leader opining on potential public policy solutions.

And Romney, who'd get asked anyway, wants to take care of the biggest political problem of what was generally a good year for him – a perception that he's reactive, focused more on image than substance, and doesn't stand for much beyond lower taxes (not that that's a terrible thing for a politician to stand for).

But in this case, as was true to some extent on gay marriage, Reilly beat him to the punch, and no doubt is intent on continuing to do so. Reilly is signaling his party he's prepared to be their leader in a few years, as they seek their first gubernatorial victory since the heyday of Duran Duran, Ronald Reagan and Bill Buckner.

For his part, Romney is so bent on becoming a change agent he's taking on unpopular members of his own party. That's what he did with scornful comments about Matthew Amorello, chairman of the Turnpike Authority. On what should have been a happy week for Amorello, as he prepares to open the biggest remaining part of the Big Dig to traffic, he had to read quotes from the governor like: "If Matt is going to get paid, then he is going to work for his job." On the Big Dig front, at least, one thing Reilly and Romney have in common is that they're both criticizing Republicans.

But the main point is it seems clear they're both after the same job – the one Romney currently holds. Of course, there's one wild card: will Romney run at the state level in 2006, or seek to move on? Interesting question for another day. For now, Romney and Reilly appear on a collision course.

• *Sagamore rotary not a done deal* — Though drivers and Capegoers may soon be expecting a new, much faster approach to the Sagamore Bridge, it turns out one formidable impediment to the rotary-bypass project remains. The Legislature must pass a bill, bottlenecked in committee for almost six months now, allowing land transfers and acquisitions in order for the Highway Department to proceed with construction of the bypass. Given opposition on the Cape and from the Conservation Law Foundation, the fate of the bill – and thus the project – remains unclear. The land bill requires a two-thirds vote of support in each branch to pass.

• *Romney calls for development near transit* — Riding the Blue Line to his media availability, Gov. Romney said his administration will press in a systematic way to encourage communities to direct new growth near existing transit resources. Kicking off the "Take It To the T" campaign, Romney told reporters: "Smart growth is good for Massachusetts . . . With smarter development, we can build more housing, create a better tax base, nurture active communities, create shorter commutes, and protect precious land resources." The state will do this by making development easier on state-owned land and assisting communities in steering growth around T facilities.

• *With Boston residents shocked, Finneran anticipates solution* — Without specifically endorsing a legislative approach, House Speaker Thomas Finneran said he believes a special commission by early January will develop a balanced solution to assist communities where residents are being hit with skyrocketing property tax bills. Finneran issued a statement from his home, where he's recovering from hip surgery, saying he expects his leadership team and members to pass some sort of relief plan this coming session. Boston Mayor Thomas Menino has been lobbying for a plan that would allow businesses to be taxed at a higher rate than the law now allows, so residents' rates could drop to compensate for the recent big rise in property values.

• *Pozen to depart as Romney's top economic advisor* — Robert Pozen, who oversaw $900 billion in fund investments at Fidelity and was expected to bring that expertise to bear on the economic problems of the state, departed his job last week. Pozen was rumored to be frustrated by the wheeling and dealing necessary under the Golden Dome, and the slow and complicated path of policy development.

• *Flynn won't seek jobs in Boston or Maryland* — Though both Montgomery County, Maryland and Boston were interested in his services (Boston as police commissioner), state Public Safety Secretary Edward Flynn said he won't pursue either of those opportunities, in return for a pay increase.

• *SJC asks for briefs in gay marriage debate* — The Supreme Judicial Court, having been asked by the state Senate whether a "civil union" bill would satisfy the dictates of the court's recent decision on gay marriage, asked interested parties to submit legal briefs on the matter this week. Briefs are due Jan. 12.

• *Ex-MTA official headed to jail for stealing $802,000* — The former finance director of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association was sentenced to two years in jail after pleading guilty to charges that he stole $802,000 from the union over a six-year period. Richard Anzivino, 49, of Needham, pleaded guilty in Suffolk Superior Court to five counts of larceny over $250 and six counts of making a false entry in a corporate book, Attorney General Thomas Reilly announced. Judge Carole Ball sentenced Anzivino, with one year to be served and the balanced suspended for five years with probation.

• *Flu worrisome but not yet a crisis, officials say* — As Massachusetts joined the list of states where influenza was said to be "widespread," officials at the Department of Public Health said it's too soon to know if this is an unusual year. The death of a Worcester State College student brought national attention over the past weekend.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Better budget plan needed at schools

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset School Committee meeting on Dec. 18 lasted into the late hours of the evening as one discouraging fiscal matter was communicated after another. A case in point, and one of major importance to the taxpayers of Cohasset, is the override that will be necessary to pay the Deer Hill and Middle-High School utility bill which looms around $470,000. This is nearly double the budgeted amount.

In 2001 these schools were budgeted $199,000 for heat and electricity. In 2002, the same $199,000 was budgeted. In 2003, the School Building Program increased the square footage of these buildings by nearly 65 percent. The utility budget, however, was increased by only $35,000 to $235,000 or 18 percent. The School Committee must now look for funds to close the gap on the $470,000 utility bill for actual usage.

This same situation occurred when the Osgood School moved from Ripley Road to Sohier Street. The result being a costly override expense to the taxpayers of Cohasset. Can we learn from history?

Yet, once again the draft budget estimates FY2004-2005 allow only $235,000 for energy costs at the Deer Hill and MS/HS. No longer do I ask can better planning, better communication, and common sense help to avoid an override. We shall see at the March Town Meeting.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' and representatives' votes on two roll calls from November sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

All four roll calls are on proposed amendments to a bill making changes in the state's unemployment insurance system. The legislature approved the bill and Gov. Romney recently allowed it to become law without his signature. The law increases the unemployment insurance tax paid by employers to fund the unemployment trust fund that provides benefits to laid-off workers. Estimates of the increase range from $450 million to $578 million. Other provisions include higher tax rates for businesses that frequently lay off employees and lower rates for those that do not; an increase from $10,800 to $14,000 in the amount of a worker's wages on which an employer pays the unemployment tax; stronger anti-fraud measures and a reduction from 30 to 26 in the number of weeks laid-off workers can collect benefits when the unemployment rate is below 5.1 percent. Supporters of the law said these reforms will combat fraud and argued that the increased taxes are fair and necessary to generate revenue and prevent the insolvency of the fund. They noted that without legislative action, an automatic scheduled hike of $610 million would take effect on January 1 and would not include any reforms of the system. Opponents said the bill would make Massachusetts' unemployment insurance costs the highest in the nation, drive employers to move out of state and result in the loss of tens of thousands of jobs. They argued that the bill puts the entire new burden on businesses and noted that they support Gov. Romney's plan that takes a balanced approach by sharing the burden between businesses and employees. Romney agrees with opponents but said he allowed the bill to become law without his signature despite the tax hikes because he supports some of the bill's reforms. He echoed supporters of the bill in noting that if the measure did not become law, an automatic scheduled hike of $610 million would take effect on January 1 and would not include any reforms of the system.

REDUCE BENEFITS FROM 30 TO 26 WEEKS (S 2150) — **N**

House 23-135, rejected an amendment reducing from 30 to 26 weeks the length of time a laid off worker is eligible to collect benefits. Amendment supporters said all 49 other states offer only 26 weeks and argued the reduction will save $90 million for employers and require workers to share in the burden of making the unemployment fund solvent. They noted that the federal government picks up the tab after 26 weeks only during periods of high unemployment. Amendment opponents said Massachusetts cares about its workers and should provide the additional four weeks. They noted that the federal government often picks up the tab after 26 weeks so the state in reality often pays for only the 26 weeks. They also said the bill already includes a compromise provision that reduces the period to 26 weeks when unemployment is below 5.1 percent. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment reducing the collection period to 26 weeks. A "Nay" vote is against the reduction).

TRIGGER A REDUCTION IN BENEFITS FROM 30 TO 26 WEEKS (S 2150) — **N**

House 23-136, rejected an amendment changing a provision of the bill that triggers a reduction from 30 to 26 weeks in the length of time a laid off worker is eligible to collect benefits when the unemployment rate is 5.1 percent. The amendment would trigger the reduction to 26 weeks when the unemployment rate is 5.5 percent. Amendment supporters said the 5.1 percent is a very low and unrealistic threshold because the unemployment rate rarely reaches 5.1 percent. They argued that the reduction to 26 weeks would rarely take effect unless the threshold is raised to 5.5 percent. Amendment opponents said the threshold is a reasonable one and noted the state's unemployment rate has reached 5.1 percent in four quarters over the past five years. They said raising the threshold to 5.5 percent would hurt many laid off workers. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment raising the trigger to 5.5 percent. A "Nay" vote is against raising the trigger).

REDUCE TAXABLE WAGE BASE (S 2150) — **Y**

Senate 8-31, rejected an amendment reducing from $14,000 to $12,800 the amount of a worker's wages on which an employer pays unemployment taxes. Prior to passage of the bill, the taxable wage base was $10,800. Amendment supporters said the hike to $14,000 is excessive and would cost employers an additional $175 million. Amendment opponents said the increase to $14,000 is a fair way to generate an additional $175 million and noted the wage base has not been raised since 1992. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment reducing the wage base to $12,800. A "Nay" vote is against the reduction to $12,800).

RAISE TAXES IF FUND IS IN JEOPARDY (S 2150) — **Y**

Senate 7-32, rejected an amendment eliminating a provision in the bill that allows the director of the department of labor to raise the taxes paid by employers if the solvency of the unemployment fund and/or the continuation of payments to laid off workers is in jeopardy. Amendment supporters said this gives too much power to one nonelected person to raise taxes and argued the legislature can act quickly to solve these problems by raising taxes or by other means. Amendment opponents said the power is only granted in an emergency situation and noted the director is appointed by an elected governor. (A "Yea" vote is for striking the provision and therefore against giving the director the unilateral power to raise taxes. A "Nay" vote is against striking the provision and therefore favors giving the director the unilateral power to raise taxes).

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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METCO program could suffer from funding cuts

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The Cohasset School Committee said it will join forces with the Lincoln, Mass. public schools in lobbying the State Legislature and Governor for increased funding for the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) program.

Members of the Lincoln School Committee have sent letters out to METCO participating communities, asking for support in their efforts to help with the dire financial situation surrounding the program. Across the state, schools are feeling the impact of a 10 percent decrease in funding for fiscal year 2004, which started July 1, that is causing individual districts to absorb many of the costs associated with the program.

The METCO program is a voluntary, state grant funded desegregation program, which Massachusetts schools have been participating in since 1966. Cohasset has been participating since 1968. The program is intended to expand educational opportunities and reduce racial imbalance, by permitting students in certain cities to attend suburban public schools in other communities which participate. Cohasset currently has 50 students participating in the program.

This year, state assistance for Cohasset has dropped to $175,000 from $190,000 last year. While the numbers show a $15,000 reduction, that doesn't take into account the necessary salary adjustments for employees, which really means the schools will be facing a $22,000 reduction.

"This year, we're facing a reduction in allotment of around $22,000 and some change. That is going to have a severe effect on us," said Supt. Edward Malvey.

"It's a slippery slope, each year our costs go up and funding goes down," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn.

However, on Nov. 25, the Mass. Board of Education voted to restore METCO funding to its fiscal year 2003 levels, which is encouraging for the schools. The Lincoln School Committee said it has sent a letter to the State Board of Education expressing its support for the increase in spending, but would like other schools to help keep the pressure on to make sure the increase goes through.

Malvey said there is only so much schools can do in terms of funding because school budgets are already stretched very thin. Cohasset has been sharing some METCO transportation costs with the town of Hingham, but with the reductions in funding, it's not enough to help cover what the state is asking the town to pay.

"I believe if this continues it will have serious state-wide implications for METCO," Malvey said. While he said he has not heard of anyone from the Department of Education coming forward to say the state would like to cut the METCO program, he doesn't see how the towns can be expected to keep moving on at the rate they're going.

Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts said from reading the letter from Lincoln, another major consideration is what would happen to the schools in the Boston area which many METCO students would attend, if the program cannot continue. Those schools would suddenly be faced with a sudden insurgence of roughly 3,200 students who currently participate in the program.

"We're going to continue to lobby. Lincoln wants to get the ball rolling and I'd be pleased to send something off on behalf of the Cohasset School Committee," Malvey said.

To show support for the METCO program, please contact State Senator Robert A. Antonioni at (617) 722-1230, or State Representative Marie P. St. Fleur at (617) 722-2070. Support can also be directed to Governor Mitt Romney's office at (617) 725-4005 or the State Board of Education at (781)338-3000.

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School board wants Prop. 2-1/2 override

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budget. Because the school will eliminate morning recess with the reconfiguration of grades next year, having three part-time aides will be enough to cover for the three hours during lunch and recess. He said currently, teachers are covering many of the duties aides could cover, and are missing out on valuable meeting time with parents and other staff. Part-time help will save on salary and benefits costs, and will cost the school $21,000.

Other items on the Deer Hill budget include a clerical aid for$14,821, additional copy supplies for $10,756, an increase for current services and the addition of a monitoring contract by ProtectionOne, and alarm service by Siemens for $1775.

Middle-High School Principal Mike Jones said one of the major problems at his school is there is not enough staff to offer the kinds of courses students are looking for. Currently, he has some teachers doubling up on subject matter, in an effort to give students more variety. He said one Social Studies teacher is teaching an outdoor education class which students can take for physical education credit. But of major concern was his request for an additional math teacher for $42,000. He said with the projected increase in enrollment of high school students, "If I don't get this position, we'll still have the same problem we have this year, it'll just be more acute," he said.

If an additional teacher cannot be funded, Jones said it could require a math class be cut, which would then affect the number of students in each class. But to cut any classes is something Jones said he would not like to do.

Depending on the changes that take place during the reorganization of schools, Jones may need additional staffing, but those needs will have to be addressed as the changes become finalized. He also said a system-wide technology aide, which could cost $18,000 would be highly appreciated as Ken Cisneros, the current technology specialist, "has a full plate."

Karen Watts said part of the Special Education budget will depend on whether the school decides to hire a school psychologist at $45,000. She said there are some students which will require more assistance as they get older, and without the proper help available, the school would have to pay to send them to another district that provides the service. If a school psychologist is not hired, she expects it could cost the schools $172,705 in tuition costs for its special education students to be sent out of district. In addition, schools are required to pay for their transportation.

But the bottom line is, there has to be enough money to cover the requests and still take care of the bills that are essential.

"We can't not pay utilities," said Flynn.

"And we're not going to take it out of education," said member Mark DeGiacomo.

Flynn said when the town has budget troubles, it can go to the Water Commission or Sewer Commission and ask if the costs can be put off for a while. For the schools, that is not an option.

"Somebody somewhere is going to pay this cost. We're in this thing together. It's a town issue," said Flynn.

The School Committee said it would like an override to cover the utilities costs and contractual raises, which are the most pressing issues. Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts said any new positions in the schools will need to be looked at as trade-offs because the schools can't come close to being able to fund anything right now.

DeGiacomo said in his opinion, the schools will need to "increase fees, make cuts, and we'll need an override."

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However, as with any outdoor skating area, the ice should be tested before venturing on it. There are specific. ways to test ice safety which do not include throwing debris such as rocks, sticks, etc. on the ice making it hazardous for everyone.

Rather, test the ice by the edge of a skating area by carefully stepping out 6 to 8 inches proceeding carefully to about 2 inches out from the edge only if the ice appears to be safe under your weight. Chip the ice with a tool or stick until you can ascertain a rough idea as to the thickness of the ice. You should always have another person with you when doing this.

Many outdoor skating areas do not have the same thickness of ice universally over the area. Always be on guard for soft spots or thin ice which manifest from underground springs, drain pipes, etc. This is especially true at Elm's Meadow by the Spring Street/Cushing Road corner of the area due to drains off the hillside.

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30-40 Degrees	40-50 Degrees
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4-3/4 inches	12 inches

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Also thickness in 40 to 50 degree column are safe depths for short periods of time only.

Tips for fending off the flu bug

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year, the flu vaccine has been in much higher demand. Cohasset Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo said the town has received an unprecedented amount of calls this year, and they are still coming in. Residents were being referred to Norwell for their shots after Cohasset ran out, but Bobo said Norwell ran out of its supply quickly as well.

"Every other year we've had plenty," said Fitzsimmons, adding this year it was important to prioritize the shots to cover residents over 65 and high risk cases. In addition, Bobo said the flu this year is attacking a different demographic than in years past and younger people are being unusually affected. Fitzsimmons said many mothers brought their children in looking to be vaccinated as a precautionary measure.

Flu shots are typically administered beginning in mid-October. The town typically receives its vaccines in late September and soon after begins advertising for flu shot clinics. It takes roughly two to three weeks for the vaccine to become fully effective, and it then stays active for three months, which is long enough to offer protection through the height of flu season, which is generally from January through March.

"This year it's earlier," said Fitzsimmons, adding it's still not too late to get a vaccination and be protected.

Fitzsimmons said every year the three strains of flu expected to be the most troublesome that winter are included in the vaccine. This year, the strain which has caused many deaths in the mid-west was not estimated to have been as strong as it has been, and while a similar strain is included in the vaccine, it is not an exact match. However, if someone has received the vaccine, Fitzsimmons said she was originally told the similarity in the strains are enough that a person will be protected about 70 to 80 percent from the more serious strain, but that number has since changed to around 40 to 60 percent.

If a person has been vaccinated, Fitzsimmons said the shot will provide at least some measure of protection, which is more than those who have not received the shot. It has been shown that those who have been vaccinated do not become as sick as those who have not been vaccinated, and are less likely to develop a secondary infection like pneumonia or a bacterial infection, which are usually what causes death in those infected, she said.

As far as precautionary measures, Bobo said the best advice he could give people is, "Wash your hands!" He said if a person is not near a sink, one of the best things to do is to use either alcohol or antiseptic wipes to kill germs on the hands, which are very effective because they don't need to be moistened. Fitzsimmons said she agrees totally and will hopefully be receiving some posters on how to properly wash your hands, which she is planning on putting up in the restrooms in Town Hall and other places around town.

"It sounds like a very basic thing," she said, but added while most people are accustomed to washing their hands after using the restroom, not many people wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day.

In addition to keeping hands germ-free, Fitzsimmons also advises people become very aware of others who are coughing, reminding those who have been afflicted to remember to cough into the crook of the elbow to prevent both the spread of germs onto hands and reduce the amount of germs which are spread up into the air. She also reminds people who are feeling even the slightest bit under the weather, not to visit with the elderly and young babies because while it might be nice to pay a visit, it won't be worth it to get others sick.

But above all, Fitzsimmons advises, "Drink lots of fluids and rest — even if you do feel well. It's the best way to get through the winter."

For more information on the flu or flu vaccinations, please contact Cohasset Public Health Nurse Judy Fitzsimmons at (781) 383-2210. In the event the town receives more doses of the flu vaccine, Fitzsimmons said she will let the public know via both the newspaper and in her voicemail message at the office.

Volunteers needed at Hull's Wellspring

The Thrift Shop at Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, is searching for caring, responsible and trustworthy volunteers to work in the shop and to assist with inventory.

The shop is open Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The thrift shop continues to offer clothes, household items, toys and books at low prices. It also offers a friendly atmosphere and the opportunity to learn about other programs and services available.

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Shop hours at Wellspring store

The Thrift Shop and Book Store at Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, are now operating on their fall/winter hours.

The book store is now open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Grade reconfiguration could create bus transportation headache

By Samantha Brown
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While nothing is currently set in stone, the School Committee has begun discussing possible solutions to the transportation problems that will arise when the reconfiguration of grades at Cohasset schools takes place in September.

The reconfiguration will move the third grade from Osgood to Deer Hill and the sixth grade from Deer Hill to the middle-high school. Because Deer Hill currently houses three grades, there will not be a significant change in the number of students who will need transportation to that school on a daily basis. However, the middle-high school will take on an entire grade level of students, which will require a change in the way the transportation program is currently operated. With an additional estimated 150 students, adding the extra children to the five buses currently running will not be an option because the buses can only operate to a certain capacity. Couple that with the concerns of parents, who do not want to see their middle-school aged students riding with older students on the bus, and the transportation issue becomes even more complicated.

"Transportation is an issue we have grappled with for the past few years," said School Committee member Pat Martin. Although the schools are in the process of inspecting one new bus to be added to its fleet, and the funding for an additional seventh bus was recently approved at Town Meeting, the School Committee does not want to see its buses pushed beyond capacity. Originally, one of the seven buses was slated to be reserved as a spare bus, which could help handle the transportation of students should problems with one of the buses cause a transportation crisis. However, if all seven buses are needed at once because of the influx of students at the middle-high school, it could put the district in a bind in the case of a mechanical problem.

Possible solutions to the transportation situation include staggering the start times for the middle and high schools, which would allow enough time for both schools to have their own, separate bus routes. With construction nearing completion at the middle-high school, next year will see facilities very much separate for the two schools, with only the cafeteria, gymnasium, and library serving as common areas.

In addition to easing the minds of middle school parents, School Committee members say by starting the school day a little later for high school students, it could help students in their academic work, as studies have shown teenagers perform better in school when they have had a good night's rest.

However, Martin did not feel separate start times would be beneficial for two reasons. She said the School Committee needs to remember most students who are in the seventh grade and attending the middle school are 13 years old and are teenagers as well. They too could benefit from some additional rest, and she thinks asking sixth graders, who will be included as the youngest members of the middle school, to wake up at 6 a.m. for school "is an awful young age." Also, because the schools are both in one building, it would make much more sense to have them run in harmony, rather than set up two different schedules which could pose problems for teachers and staff who work with both schools.

The middle-high school will take on an entire grade level of students, which will require a change in the way the bus transportation program is currently operated.

"I think it's going to make for strange issues," she said, of having one campus with two start times.

Some proposed schedules for the schools included having bus runs for the middle-high school from 6:50-7:15 a.m. with a start time of 7:20 a.m., bus runs for the high school from 7:45-8:10 a.m. with a start time of 8:20 a.m., bus runs for Deer Hill from 8-8:25 a.m., with a start time of 8:35 a.m., and bus runs for Osgood from 8:25-9:05 a.m. with a start time of 9:05 a.m.

However, the School Committee did not think the schedule was set up in the best possible fashion for the schools and students and they suggested taking other alternatives into consideration.

"There's a one hour gap between the middle and high school," said member Mark DeGiacomo, adding he thought the difference in time was much too large.

But middle-high school Principal Michael Jones said a similar program is currently working very well for Hingham. "They love it and the parent feedback has been great," he said.

Not only does the difference in start time give students a little extra time to sleep in the morning, it could provide an opportunity for extra help before school, Jones said. Because band and chorus involves both schools, a 45-minute practice before school would not be out of the question, he added. With students already in the building, extra help with various teachers could be set up during that same time period.

Jones said a later start time would also prevent students who participate in community service projects from having to wait for Town Hall to open before their work can begin. In addition, with the high school students leaving a little later in the afternoon, middle school students would essentially be provided with a late bus should they need to stay after school for any reason. But again, Martin said having a late bus which mixes younger children with older children will be a concern for parents.

Legally, the schools are only required to provide transportation for students up through grade six, whose houses are located beyond a two-mile distance from the school. All kindergarten students are given transportation regardless of where they live. Malvey said if it wanted, the School Committee could choose to impose a fee for students in grades seven through 12 who want to ride the bus. However, imposing fees could increase the traffic at schools as parents opt to drive students instead of paying a fee, and the school is already experiencing problems with morning traffic congestion.

Students in the upper high school grades do not ride the bus as frequently as the younger students, which has caused some speculation as to whether there would be adequate space for all students in grades six through 12 to ride the bus together, or if it should be mandatory for students in 11th and 12th grades to be responsible for their own transportation. If parents were assured the oldest students on the bus would be in 10th grade, the School Committee wonders if that could be seen as an option. Also, if students were required to either sign up or pay a fee to be ensured a seat on the bus, which would also provide drivers with the information necessary to determine whether buses would be running at capacity, it might alleviate some problems. Questions such as these will hopefully be answered in the coming weeks.

"I don't think we want to make a decision quickly," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, adding changing the schedules of the schools and its transportation is a major decision and should not be taken lightly. "I think we have to live within the transportation means we have," he said.

Martin said she would like to gain feedback from the community and the idea was floated to perhaps send home some kind of survey to parents, which would give them the opportunity to provide input for some of the questions brought up at the meeting, and the issue will be an ongoing discussion.

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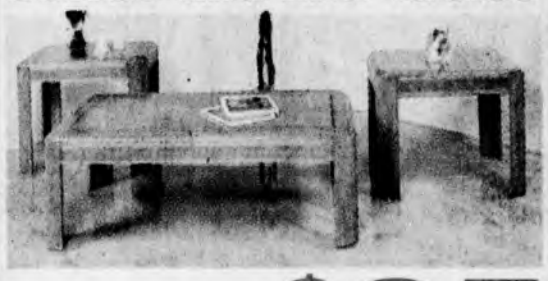

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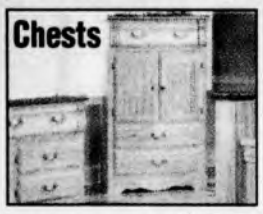

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A tie that binds

Lack of aggressiveness costs CHS skaters in Blue Hills showdown

By Mike Spellman
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There are some messages a coach can deliver hundreds of times over, and yet, until his or her charges see first hand the evidence supporting said messages, it simply does not sink in.

Hence, something positive may yet be taken by the Cohasset High hockey team from its disheartening 3-3 tie to Blue Hills on Saturday night on their home Pilgrim Arena ice.

"When we show up with a halfway effort, this is the kind of thing that's going to happen to us; these guys have got to see that," said first year Cohasset coach Ben Virga following the game. "I can't believe this is the same team that beat Scituate just one week earlier. That team was no where to be found tonight."

The Skippers seemed the stronger skating and more skilled team right from the beginning of this showdown with the perennially strong Warriors squad, a position bared out by their 22-9 advantage in shots on goal.

However, time and time again, the Cohasset players seemed a half step short of cashing in on solid scoring chances. And, at the other end of the ice, they at times seemed to have an inordinate amount of trouble working the puck out of their end. It was this latter failing that really got under the skin of

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset captain Chris Bilodeau goes strong for two of the South Shore Voc. Tech Tourney best 46 points. In the two wins for the Skippers, Bilodeau also grabbed 19 boards and dished out 11 assists on his way to being named to the All-Tourney team.

On a roll

First win over Norwell in 18 years highlights 3-0 start for lady hoopsters

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

For the Cohasset girls varsity basketball team, wins are piling up faster than the traffic at the South Shore Plaza.

With a 3-0 record, they have clearly started off in the right direction. To reach this point, they have worked very hard in practices and scrimmages.

As an example, the girls set off on December 12 to show their skills in Long Island, New York. The following morning the girls battled a tough Carle Place High School squad. Although no one kept score of the scrimmage, the Skippers' tough defense led them to an obvious victory.

Reflecting on the scrimmage, coach John Levangie stated: "This scrimmage greatly built the girls' confidence. Playing a respectable team like Carle Place prepared the girls for the season ahead."

Coach Levangie's hypothesis later proved accurate. The Skippers prevailed in their season

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All-Scholastic football team

Cohasset's Davis, Dooley, Truglia and Bilodeau named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Unlike individual league all-star teams, we did not choose our team in deference to positional considerations. The only criteria we considered was overall value these players had to their respective teams.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 30, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top public school football players in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Steven Davis
Offensive Tackle - Cohasset

Steven Davis

This four year starter anchored an excellent offensive line that paved the way for three different runners to have 1,000-yard rushing seasons over the last three years...the powerful 6-foot-2, 250-pound lineman is a two-time South Shore League All-Star...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...huge component in Skippers 26-6 run over the last three years, which included SSL championships in 2001 and '03...also played some on the defensive line and took the team's kickoffs this season...will play in the annual Shriner's game this summer...also plays lacrosse at

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FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset quarterback Mike Dooley (#24) was a big time double threat as a QB, accounting for over 1,050 yards of offense this season, rushing for 334 and eight touchdowns, and passing for 725, with six TD passes.

Avon calling? not this time

Bilodeau and Connolly lead Cohasset boys to SSVT tourney championship

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

Call it a clean sweep for Cohasset basketball.

After watching the girls win their championship game of the South Shore Vocational Technical tournament, the boys followed suit with a 57-44 victory over Avon.

The Skippers dominated with their rebounding, defense and hustle. Cohasset out-rebounded the Panthers, 36-23, while the pressure of guards Chris Bilodeau, John Andrade and Trevor Brady forced Avon into 26 turnovers for the game.

The effort on the boards was particularly pleasing to the eye of head coach Ron Ford.

"I'm going to watch this game tape over and over again," he said. "It was great. Fundamentally, we couldn't have rebounded any better than we did today."

Bilodeau and fellow senior Sean Connolly were named all-stars of the tournament for Cohasset. Bilodeau finished with 20 points, eight rebounds and five assists on Saturday, a good follow to his great all-around game in the win over Holbrook on Tuesday.

Connolly, meanwhile, had 12 points and five boards against Avon, while also playing a solid game defensively, shutting down most of Avon's attempts at driving the lane.

A case for a third all-star could be made for freshman Jeff Brown. The 6-0 forward cleaned up the glass with a game-high 11 rebounds, six coming on the offensive end. Ford had nothing but good words for the freshman following Saturday's win.

"Jeff gave us a great effort," he said. "I love his game right now. He's getting better and better."

Ford also gave credit to center Dan Tarpey for clearing out space for Brown to get a lot of his rebounds. The senior played a solid game of his own, chipping in with eight points and five boards.

Avon opened the scoring with a three-pointer from freshman guard Kevin Miranda. Cohasset quickly went on an 8-0 run, however, and never looked back.

The Skippers' defense carried the way through most of the first half. While they were struggling to find their shot, their consistent pressure in the back court forced the Panthers into 11 first-half turnovers. At one point, Cohasset forced turnovers on four straight possessions, spurring another 8-0 run.

Any chance for an Avon comeback was lost in the last seven minutes of the half. With Bilodeau on the bench because of foul trouble, Cohasset played their opponents even during that stretch, and went into the locker room with a 29-17 lead.

The start of the second half was more of the same, as Skippers guards did a magnificent job of playing the passing lanes for steals and fast break chances.

Ford said it was the defense and rebounding that keyed his team's victory.

"When I talked to the team before the game, that's exactly what I said would win it for us," he said. "I challenged Connolly and Tarpey to board and to play big down low."

Judging by the results, Cohasset certainly answered the

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Swinging into action

Norwell-Cohasset gymnastic squad kicks off season in dominant fashion

By Mike Spellman
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The members of the Norwell-Cohasset gymnastics team was not so much competing against the Rockland-Milton squad in last Wednesday's opener as they were feeling out the new scoring system.

A win, of course, was expected, so the 123.2-83.1 win by the locals was hardly surprising.

What was a slight surprise to Nor-Coh veteran coach Kara Connerty, of the pleasant variety, was how well her girls' skills translated to the new scoring system, which has seen a change in a few performance requirements.

"I was pretty happy with our scores right across the board," said Connerty. "Trying to predict what level we would be at as a team was kind of tough, so it was encouraging to see a score of 123.1 the first time out."

Cohasset junior Nancy Durkin led the way for the Nor-Coh squad, winning the all-around competition with a score of 31.7. This score included winning performances in the floor exercise (8.5) and uneven bars (8.3).

Sophomore Erin Kelly took third in the all-around (30.3) and won the balance beam competition (8.0).

Norwell junior Samantha Rosen was the winner on the vault (8.1) and classmate Jen Guiney was third on both the uneven bars (7.6) and for her floor exercise (7.7)

Cohasset junior Lisa Spirito added points with her third place finish on the beam (7.5)

The Nor-Coh team will have to wait until after the school vacation for meet number two. On Jan. 5, they'll host Pilgrim

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Cohasset's Davis, Dooley, Truglia and Bilodeau named among area's elite

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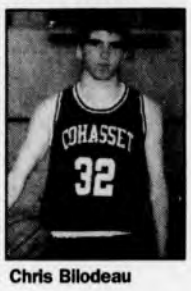
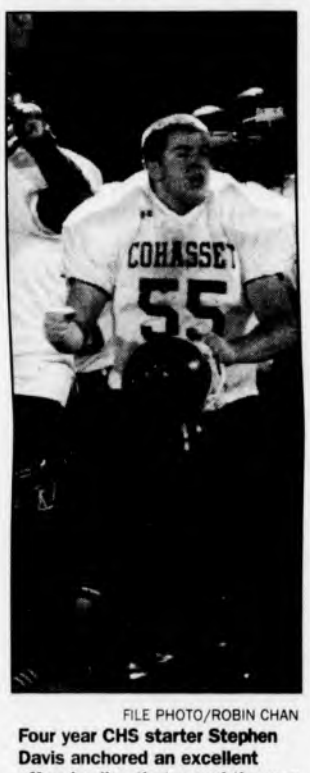
CHS…a weight room warrir who trains all year with former Scituate High star trackster and gridder Joe Hayes…will play college football and is being actively recruited as an offensive lineman…Westfield State, Bridgewater State, Merrimack and Mt. Ida are among the possibilities…plans to major in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice with an eye toward a career in law enforcement…Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe: "In my opinion, Steve was the top offensive lineman in the South Shore League this year. He was our anchor. He's a workhorse who'll make some college coach real happy."

Chris Bilodeau- Senior (Capt.)
WR/DB - Cohasset



Chris Bilodeau

A superb all around athlete with some of the best hands on the South Shore…made South Shore League All-Star team as a sophomore and senior, but missed most of his junior season to injury…the 6-foot-1, 175 pound athlete had 28 receptions for 323 yards and 4 TDs this fall…had team best six interceptions, and was also among the team leaders in tackles…four year starter…also a Boston Herald and Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic…has been chosen to play in the annual Shriner's Football Game this summer…not bad considering football is his second favorite sport: basketball is number one… SSL All-Star and Mariner All-Scholastic for basketball this past winter…Honor Roll student…hopes to play college basketball and become the third Bilodeau brother to go on from CHS to play college sports:: TJ (Class of 2001) was a star in basketball and baseball and now plays JV basketball at Harvard, Matt (class of '02) starred in basketball and soccer and now plays soccer at Williams College…Chris is looking at NESCAC schools Bowdoin, Williams, Amherst and Middlebury…leaning toward majoring in Business….Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe: "We saw all that Chris meant to this team when he was out last year. He's just a phenomenal talent on both sides of the ball. He has just about the best hands I've ever seen at this level, and he has great instincts and athleticism too. He's the whole package."



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Four year CHS starter Stephen Davis anchored an excellent offensive line that paved the way for three different runners to have 1,000-yard rushing seasons over the last three years

Tony Truglia- Senior (Capt.)
OLB/FB - Cohasset

Tony Truglia

A warrior…at 5-foot-10, 180 pounds, one of the toughest players pound-for-pound on the South Shore…the Skippers went 26-6 over his three years as a starting linebacker, which included two South Shore League championships…led the Skippers in tackles this fall, finishing with over 100 for the season…first and foremost, a true football player…also started three games at fullback in the absence of Ted Straughn and one at center…a good student with a 3.15 GPA…currently helps run family landscaping business… hoping to play college football…is looking at Bentley, Northeastern and Stonehill…leaning toward majoring in Business… Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe: "Not the biggest kid, not the fastest kid, but you'd have a hard time finding a harder nosed kid. He just loves football and goes all out every play. He just makes plays."

Mike Dooley- Senior (Capt.)
Quarterback- Cohasset

Mike Dooley

The South Shore League's version of Doug Flutie…made up for relative lack of size (5-foot-9, 160 pounds) at his position with a surprisingly big arm and, noted coach Tony Rolfe, "an even bigger heart"…South Shore League All-Star…succeeded two-time SSL all-star QB Mike Snowdale this fall…a true "field general" who knew how to take control in the huddle… a double threat as a QB, Dooley accounted for over 1,050 yards of offense, rushing for 334 and eight touchdowns, and passing for 725, with six TD passes…ran the option very effectively… finished second on team in scoring with 50 points…compiled a 10-2 record as starting QB…was a superb defensive back as a sophomore and junior, but coach Rolfe does not, as a rule, play his quarterbacks on the defensive side of the ball…also a standout with the CHS baseball team varsity, starting since his freshman year…played shortstop and pitched last year and has been named a captain this year… Honor Roll Student…looking at Bryant College and Providence College…Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe: "If Mike were over 6-feet tall, I'd be talking to a lot of college coaches right now. He had everything else, a strong arm, great toughness, a great work ethic. He held things together for us offensively and just had a way of finding a way to get the job done."

Todd Faiella - Senior (Capt.)
Linebacker - Marshfield

Todd Faiella

A two-year captain on the Marshfield team, this talented linebacker was one of the best all-around players in the area…A linebacker on defense and receiver on offense, Faiella (6'2", 205) made his mark on both sides of the ball…Offensively, he was among the leading receivers and provided solid downfield blocking for others…Was a terror at linebacker, though, leading the team in tackles and seemingly always being right where he's supposed to be…His play was instrumental in leading the Rams (9-3-1) to an Old Colony League title and appearance in the Div. 1 Super Bowl…Scored a TD and added another on the first of two interceptions in a league title-clinching win at Barnstable…Also a very talented lacrosse goalie at MHS, Faiella led the squad to the Div. 2 South finals last spring…He is currently being heavily recruited in both sports. Marshfield coach Lou Silva: "He has an undeniable presence on the field, is a great leader, and was very enthusiastic. His vision and anticipation came naturally to him and that's something you can't teach. He's right up there with the top players we've had here."

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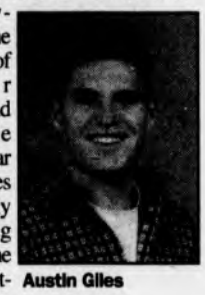
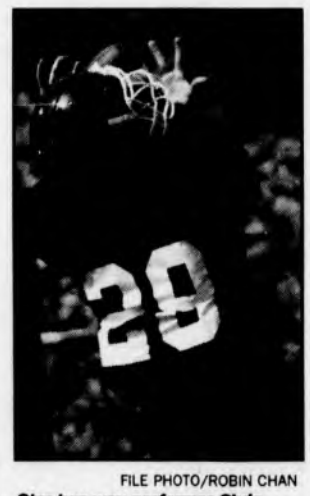
At 5-foot-10, 180 pounds, Tony Truglia (seen here making one of his team best 100-plus tackles this season) was clearly one of the toughest players pound-for-pound on the South Shore.

Austin Giles - Junior
Defensive End - Marshfield



Austin Giles

Following in the footsteps of older brother and Notre Dame star Zach, Giles is quickly becoming one of the area's better linemen…An undeniable presence on the line at 6'4", 272, Giles is extremely fast for size and his overall quickness made it difficult for opposing offenses to run against him…His play on both sides of the ball (offensively as a guard) helped Marshfield (9-3-1) capture the Old Colony League title (6-1) and berth in the Div. 1 Super Bowl…The two-time OCL All-star made his mark on the team last year, kicking the game-winning field goal in a Thanksgiving Day victory over rival Duxbury…Just a junior, Giles still has another year at MHS, where he also plays basketball and baseball…He also volunteers for several youth organizations, including Camp Swish. Marshfield coach Lou Silva: "Other teams know where he is and did a lot of running away from him. He's agile and runs extremely well. He's a junior and is still growing and learning, but it's clear he's going to be a player."



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Star two-way performer Chris Bilodeau is a superb all-around athlete with some of the best hands on the South Shore.

Jason MacDonald - Senior (Capt.)
Offensive line - Marshfield

A three-year starter on the offensive line, MacDonald was the guy every running back wanted to run behind…Another one of the Rams' big boys (6'2", 285), MacDonald's play on the right side was instrumental to the team's trip to the Div. 1 Super Bowl and in capturing the Old Colony League title (6-1)…Stood out all season long, but was a force in a crucial 3-0 win over Bridgewater-Raynham, in which the Rams rushed for 200 yards behind MacDonald, despite not finding the end zone…Defensively, the OCL All-star was extremely effective at tackle and was among the team's leaders in that category. Marshfield coach Lou Silva: "When we needed the tough yards, we'd run behind Jason. He had good leadership qualities despite being pretty soft-spoken. He extremely tenacious and never wants to lose."

Scott Doherty - Junior
Running back - Marshfield

Scott Doherty

Was the leading rusher for the 9-3-1 Rams this season, racking up more than 1,000 yards…An Old Colony League All-star, Doherty also scored 10 touchdowns…As a defensive back, Doherty recorded two interceptions, one of which he ran back for a touchdown against Falmouth…His play on both sides of the ball was instrumental to the team winning the OCL title (6-1) and appearing in the Div. 1 Super Bowl, thanks to his 76 yard, fourth-quarter TD run in a semifinal victory at Brockton that put the game out of reach…His ability to read opposing defenses and find running room behind MacDonald was among his greatest strengths…Just a junior, Doherty still has another year to play at MHS, where he also plays basketball and lacrosse. Marshfield coach Lou Silva: "He was like (2001 grad Sean) Morris as far as his ability to go on long runs. He has great overall speed and quickness and some nice moves. He sees the field pretty well and did a good job of finding holes."

Steve Lyons - Senior (Capt.)
Defensive End - Hingham

Steve Lyons

A two-time Patriot League All-star and Mariner All-Scholastic, Lyons helped key one of the Harbormen's best seasons in years going 10-1 overall and 5-1 in the PL, good for second…A three-year starter on both sides of the ball, Lyons (6'1", 190) was a defensive stalwart…He was second on the team in tackles with 95, recorded six sacks, two interceptions, recovered a pair of fumbles, and forced two others…Two of his most important sacks came in a thrilling 35-27 Thanksgiving Day victory over Scituate, in which he also scooped up an on-side kick and ran it back for a crucial touchdown in the closing minutes…Also a talented receiver on offense, Lyons' speed and good hands made him equally effective…Lyons will captain the HHS lacrosse team in the spring and is hoping to continue his football career at Merrimack, Stonehill, or Bryant next fall. Hingham coach Paul Killinger: "As a leader, Steve did a great job. He just stepped up and took care of business both in and out of the locker room. I can't say enough about him."

Kevin Devine - Senior (Capt.)
Defensive End - Hingham

Kevin Devine

Another leader on defense, Devine led the Patriot League in sacks with 10…At defensive end, Devine (6'2", 185) was third on the team in tackles while added a fumble recovery, forcing two others…A three-year starter for the

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According to a study recently commissioned by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, those who work with power tools must use hearing protection. To measure the cumulative effect of construction noise, the hearing of more than 700 carpenters was measured. The tests revealed that the average 55-year-old carpenter, who has spent a lifetime at noisy job sites, had suffered hearing losses on the order of 60 decibels (db.). A 25-db. loss is the threshold beyond which someone is considered to be hearing impaired. At the other end of the spectrum, the average 25-year-old carpenter has a hearing loss of 20 db., which is about on a par with a 50-year-old who was not regularly exposed to loud noise.
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All-Scholastic football team

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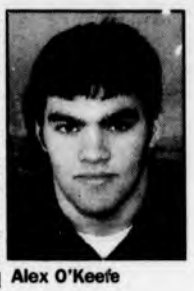
Harbormen, Devine's play on defense, and as an offensive guard, helped Hingham capture second in the PL (5-1) and its best overall record in years at 10-1…Played a solid game in the team's annual Thanksgiving Day contest at Scituate, with five tackles including one sack and another for a loss…Also a talented hockey player at HHS, Devine hopes to continue his football career in college next fall. Hingham coach Paul Killinger: "He always runs on a high motor and loves to go out and hit. He's at full speed all the time. He's a great kid who never complained."

John Murphy - Junior
Tailback - Hingham

The leading rusher on the Harbormen team this season, Murphy racked up 1,385 yards…A Patriot League All-star, Murphy (6', 180) averaged 23 carries and 7 yards per game…Scored a handful of TD's and set up several others for Hingham, which used Murphy primarily to drive downfield…Was a very consistent tight end his sophomore season, but was moved to tailback the last few games and proved very effective…His play helped fuel a season in which the Harbormen captured second in the PL (5-1) and went an impressive 10-1 overall, falling only to league champs Duxbury…Murphy has already been selected to captain the football team next season. Hingham coach Paul Killinger: "John made the move to tailback and has just done an outstanding job. He's tough as nails, is very dedicated, and has a great work ethic. On game day, he's ready to go. Great kid."

Alex O'Keefe - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Hingham


Alex O'Keefe

A Patriot League All-star, O'Keefe's leadership and determination are qualities his coach felt were instrumental in the Hingham football program's turnaround this season…A three-year starter at center, O'Keefe led the team in tackles with 97, helping the Harbormen to a 10-1 record (5-1 PL) after going 1-10 a year ago…A student of the game, O'Keefe (6', 210) made all the line calls and defensive adjustments…Always wanted to improve himself and his team, O'Keefe studied game/practice films at home to better prepare for upcoming contests…Also played some special teams for Hingham…Was instrumental to the team's 35-27 Thanksgiving Day victory at Scituate, where he snagged an interception as a linebacker and cleared paths all day long for Murphy…Also a member of the wrestling and baseball teams at HHS, O'Keefe plans to continue his football career at either Merrimack, Stonehill, or Norwich. Hingham coach Paul Killinger: "Alex had a lot of responsibilities and he fulfilled every one of them. He's a very intelligent kid and really enjoys the mind game in football."

Joe Coppens - Senior (Capt.)
Quarterback - Rockland

Joe Coppens

A solid receiver last season, Coppens' leadership was needed at the quarterback position this year and he was up for the challenge…The three-time Patriot League All-star and two-time Mariner All-Scholastic passed for 700 yards and 8 touchdowns in his first full year at QB…Also used as a defensive safety, Coppens (6'4", 175) made several stops for Rockland The senior's overall vision and technique were among his greatest strengths on the football field…Helped the Bulldogs to a 5-5 record (2-4 PL)…Perhaps better known for his prowess on the basketball court, Coppens helped lead the Bulldogs hoop squad to the Div. 3 South Sectional finals last winter and is a captain this year…Being heavily recruited for basketball, Coppens is still exploring his college options. Rockland coach Ken Owen: "We were very happy with his decisions. He did a great job looking off the first option and going at the second, knowing when to tuck it up and run. Basketball is his main game, but he could be a good college quarterback."

Mark Killinger - Senior (Capt.)
Running back - Rockland

Mark Killinger

A Patriot League All-star, Killinger was the leading rusher for the Bulldogs (5-5), hauling 1,240 yards, scoring 17 touchdowns, and averaging 6 yards per carry, despite playing behind a very inexperienced offensive line…As is the case with may running backs, Killinger seemed to only get better as the game wore on and was the team's go-to guy when tough yardage was needed…Had his best game of the season in a 35-6 win over neighboring rival Abington, rushing for 217 yards and all five touchdowns…Also a talented sprinter on the RHS outdoor track team, Killinger (5'11", 200) competes in the 200-meters and runs a leg on the 4x100-meter relay…He is also a member of the Leadership Committee…Killinger plans to attend either Bentley, Merrimack, or Endicott next fall. Rockland coach Ken Owen: "He's a quiet leader and his performance speaks for itself. He works really hard in the weight room and loves to put the ball in the end zone."

Nick Riordan - Senior (Capt.)
Linebacker - Hanover

Nick Riordan

A Patriot League and Eastern Mass. All-star this season, Riordan was a standout on both sides of the ball…This three-year starter was most effective as a linebacker, where the led the team in tackles with 99 and recorded a number of quarterback sacks thanks to his impressive speed off the line…As a fullback, Riordan rushed for 700 yards and 6 touchdowns…The senior was also very effective on kickoffs, both as a kicker and on returns, while also long snapping Hanover's punts and PAT's…Had a key interception in the Indians' (4-7) Thanksgiving Day victory over Norwell and was named the Most Dedicated Player…Also captain of the wrestling and lacrosse teams at HHS, Riordan currently holds a 3.75 GPA…He plans to continue his football career at either Holy Cross, Bentley, Merrimack, Tufts, or Wesleyan. Hanover coach Paul Costello: "Nick is a very complete player. He had a lot of roles for us and was outstanding at each one. He was very intense and just ran, ran, ran."

Kevin McLaughlin - Senior (Capt.)
Tight End - Hanover

Kevin McLaughlin

This Patriot League All-star was the equivalent to a utility man in baseball… McLaughlin had several roles on the Hanover (4-7) squad, starting the season at quarterback before becoming one of the squad's most reliable receivers…Threw for 400 yards and 7 touchdowns in eight games at QB, later as a receiver, McLaughlin racked up 28 receptions…Defensively, McLaughlin teamed with Riordan for one of the better linebacker cores in the PL…Caught a crucial 27-yard TD pass in the Indians' Thanksgiving Day win over Norwell, one that gave Hanover the lead for good…Also a talented lacrosse player at HHS, Riordan also enjoys surfing…He plans to continue his football career at either Salve Regina, Bryant, or Merrimack next fall. Hanover coach Paul Costello: "Kevin would have to be the Unsung Hero of the team. We asked an awful lot of him and he just did it. We were a much better team because of him."

Brian McSharry - Senior (Capt.)
Quarterback - Abington

Brian McSharry

Arguably one of the most efficient quarterbacks in the area, McSharry capped a great career racking up 30 touchdown passes in his varsity stint, which is a new AHS record…This season for Abington (8-3), McSharry went 81-for-157 for a total of 1,361 yards…Always solid under pressure, the two-time South Shore League All-star had a flare for the dramatic tossing several game-winning TD's…Threw one TD pass with 30 second left to defeat Hanover 16-12 and also connected for a fourth down, four quarter TD against Thanksgiving Day rival Whitman/Hanson which forced an overtime…There, McSharry sealed the victory hitting a TD pass with just 11 seconds remaining…As a junior, McSharry was instrumental in the Green Wave's drive to the SSL title and Div. 5 Super Bowl crown…Also a talented basketball player at AHS, McSharry plans to attend college in the fall. Abington coach Jim Kelliher: "He came through in the clutch. That's just the kind of thing he can do. Brian is easily one of the top three quarterbacks I've ever seen or coached. He's a fierce competitor and has great field sense."

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Legal Notices

INFUSINO, JR. ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P2915EP

In the Estate of CHARLES M. INFUSINO JR.

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 10, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CHARLES D. INFUSINO of SCITUATE in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 14, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, December 9, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#401789
Cohasset Mariner 12/25/03

ZBA/271 & 275 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues, **January 6, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to Sec. 5.2.9 and 5.3.1 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants **William Z. and Spencer Saltonstall** seek to alter the property line between **271 and 275 Jerusalem Rd.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-12-16.

AD#399685
Cohasset Mariner 12/18, 12/25/03

ZBA/735 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **January 6, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7 & 9 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Gregory Acerra** seeks to construct dwelling in the Flood Plain at **735 Jerusalem Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #03-11-14.

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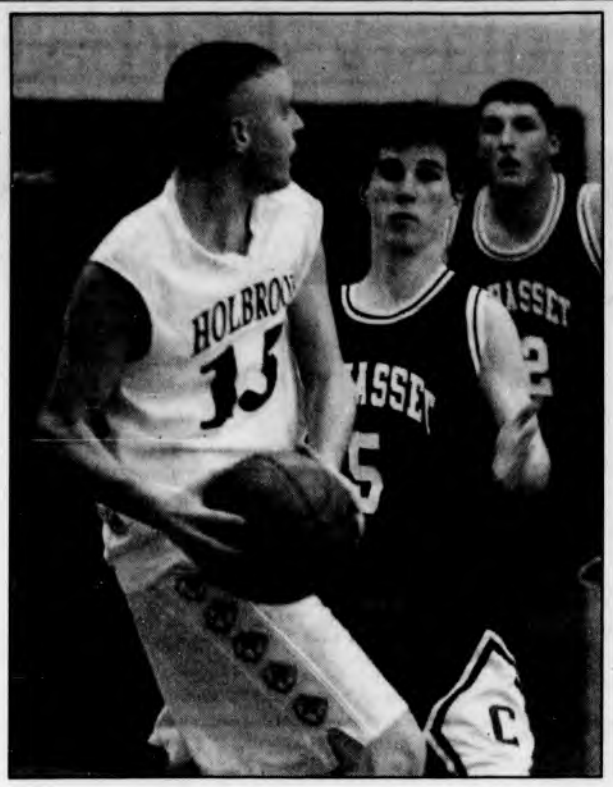

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Sophomore point guard Trevor Brady (#5) has really picked it up in the early going for the Skippers, particularly at the defensive end.

Avon calling? not this time

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challenge of their coach.

The Skippers, now 2-1, next play on Saturday, as they host Canton in the opening round of the Cohasset Holiday Tournament. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:45. The championship and consolation games will both be played on Sunday.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

Boys Varsity Basketball
Dec.
18 lost to Norwell, 79-46
20 beat Avon, 57-44
to win SSVT Tourney title
Cohasset Holiday Tournament
27 Wayland vs. Hull 6 p.m.
27 Canton vs. Coh. 7:45 p.m.
28 Consolation Game 6 p.m.
28 Champ. Game 7:45 p.m.

Girls Varsity Basketball
17 beat Holbrook, 49-21 (SSVT Tourney)
18 beat Norwell, 50-44
20 beat South Shore V.T., 48-13.
to win SSVT Tourney title
29 Sacred Heart 5 p.m.

Wrestling
Dec.
17 lost to B.C. High
29 @Marshfield Tourn. 11 a.m.
30 @Marshfield Tourn 11 a.m.

Gymnastics
18 beat Randolph, 123.2-83.1

Ice Hockey
20 tied Blue Hills, 2-2
31 Scituate 3:20 p.m.

Swimming
18 @Middleboro- postponed

A tie that binds

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coach Virga.

"What's really frustrating is we spend around four hours in practice every week working on getting the puck out of our end," said Virga, whose team went to 1-0-1 with the tie. "I give Blue Hills credit. They're a well coached team that works hard, but we made it a little too easy for them. We had chances to put them away and we just never took advantage of those. We just weren't skating the way we are capable of skating."

The rookie head coach did make a point exonerating captains Mike Devine and Ted Straughn from any culpability, however, noting: "Mike and Ted work as hard as any two players I've ever been around.

"Mike did a great job on defense all night even though he was out there for a lot of shifts, and Ted bailed us out with his backchecking more times than I can count. He was doing all I could ask. If I had a few more players like those two, we'd be 2-0 right now."

The Warriors top line of Jim Nelson, Justin Bobollier and Rob Parker tormented the Skippers all night with an aggressive forecheck and all of their offensive damage was reaped via this means, with each of these forwards scoring once.

Nelson opened the scoring 6:17 in, but Cohasset senior Rob Carpenter answered a little more than a minute later, as he finished on a pass from captain Mike Devine.

Sophomore Matt O'Connell gave the Skippers their first lead of the game at 10:20 of the second period, with assists going to linemate Mark Bouchard and defenseman Tim Pilczak.

Bobollier tied the game at 2-2 on a wraparound 1:04 into the third, however, after getting the puck free with a nice effort along the backboards to the right of Cohasset goalie Stefan Parnell.

Devine would get the lead back for Cohasset with 9:25 to play, as he took a feed from Carpenter and put a slap shot from 35 feet straight out over the stickside shoulder of Warriors goalie Al Burt.

A nice rush by Nelson would set up Blue Hills' equalizer just 50 seconds later. Nelson's shot was deflected over the net, but the hard working forward won the battle behind Parnell and fed back to Parker between the circles for a quick wrister that deflected in off the tip of Parnell's glove.

The Skippers do not play again until next Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 31, when they host revenge minded Scituate (3-1) at Pilgrim (3:20 p.m. start).

"If this team tonight turns up to play Scituate in 11 days, you won't have enough room in your sports column to describe all the goals they're going to score on us," said Virga. "Scituate is a very talented team, and I'm sure they're anxious to play us again after we beat them the first time. We'd better be ready to meet that challenge or we'll be in big trouble."

Swinging into action

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Conference arch-rival Hanover (7 p.m.) in the first of two scheduled meetings. These two teams have finished first or second in the conference each of the last four years.

Both teams lost top gymnasts to graduation— Hanover Kerrianne Hart and Cohasset Meredith Bixby— but both return several key gymnasts as well.

"Hanover might be a little smaller than they've been the last few years, but they're still a good team," noted Connerty, who's seen her own roster swell to an all-time high of 20. "Hanover still has quality depth."

Spring outdoor soccer signups

Registration for this Spring's Cohasset Soccer Club outdoor soccer season for Under 14 / Under 16 / Under 18 players is now underway. Teams will play in the Coastal League throughout the South Shore area. Players under 12 or younger that registered for the Fall season are automatically registered for the Spring season.

Registration will remain open through December 26th. Following that date late-registering players cannot be assured a position on a team. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall. For additional information please call Mark Richardson @ 383-0998 or Wallace St. John @ 383-2552.

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Cohasset High Spirit items are for sale right now through the high school. Blankets are $50, flags $45 and beach towels $20. Purchases can be made through Athletic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103). CHS is in session until Dec. 23.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse Looking for Coaches

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is looking for volunteer assistant coaches at all levels for its spring season, with a particular emphasis on finding coaches for its girls teams.

Cohasset currently expects to field at least 10 teams this spring, although the growth in the number of participants could push that number even higher, provided there is adequate coaching available to protect and develop the youngsters involved.

In all, Cohasset will field boys teams at the 14 & Under (7th and 8th grade), 12 & Under (5th & 6th grade) and 10 & Under (3rd and 4th grade) levels, and girls teams at the 14-U and 12-U levels, plus a weekly clinic for girls players in grades 3 and 4.

The shortage of coaches is particularly acute for girls, where the current coaching staffs are so limited that roster sizes may be kept particularly small unless more coaches volunteer.

In the younger boys' age groups, more coaching volunteers could enable the program to add additional teams, keeping roster sizes smaller and more manageable, resulting in a better experience for all kids involved.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse currently has head coaches at all age levels, but with the probability of more than 300 children spread throughout the program this year, increasing the size of coaching staffs is essential for player development.

Through its nine-year history, the foundation of the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse coaching staff has been volunteers who do not have children on the teams involved. In seeking additional coaches, the program is hoping to get both community volunteers and parents whose children will play. Experience playing or coaching the game is desired, but not necessary; coaches must be able to throw and catch with a lacrosse stick in order to teach others and facilitate drills. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will pay registration costs to coaching clinics for those individuals interested in participating.

At all but the youngest age levels, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse holds two practices each week, and has games on Sunday afternoon. The youngest boys have one weekly practice, while the girls clinic program will be one weekly 90-minute session. Assistant coaches are not expected to attend every event, although they should be able to appear often enough to be perceived by the players as a team leader.

In addition to coaches, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is interested in developing referees who can work its games. Interested individuals will be required to take some officiating instruction classes during the winter, and may then be eligible to work games either with a partner or solo in the spring.

For more information or to express your interest in coaching or officiating, call Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of youth lacrosse, at 781-383-9858.

One day holiday gymnastics camps

Gymnastics/sports and more for boys and girls, age 4-10.

When: Monday, Dec. 29. 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m..

Where: South Shore Community Center, Cohasset

Come enjoy a fun-filled day of gymnastics, sports, bowling, crafts, face-painting and much more.

Bring lunch and a snack.

Cost: $30.

Gymnastics workshop for girls, ages 6-14

When: Monday, Dec. 29. 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m..

Where: South Shore Community Center, Cohasset

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Breaking the silence to help end domestic violence

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where you can be safe? Then we take it from there."

Some women mistakenly believe they can't turn to the Center for help while they are living in an abusive situation, says Fuyat. "It doesn't matter. We will serve them wherever they are in the relationship. We can explore all kinds of options."

All services are completely free and confidential and women don't even have to give their names, she says.

Ultimately, the key to combating and preventing domestic violence lies in education and action within the larger community. South Shore Women's Center works in partnership with schools, civic groups, businesses and legal, law enforcement and health professionals to raise awareness of the issues and take positive action.

"We have preventive programs in the grammar schools, junior highs and high schools," says Fuyat. "We work on nonviolent conflict resolution, gender roles and relationships, respectful communication. We work with young men who are at risk for violence and already have a violent history. We work with young women on self-esteem and the 'red flags' of an abusive relationship."

"Too many of the messages they get through movies, TV, music and video games are actively violent and disrespectful of women," she says. "The research is showing just how it's affecting them."

And for all the progress society thinks it has made in redefining gender roles, Fuyat says old attitudes persist. "We don't want them to feel locked into the idea that men only show anger and only girls cry. Boys can have feelings they need to express."

In addition to school programs, professional workshops and civic presentations, SSWC provides a 30-hour training program for volunteers and others in a position to recognize and assist victims of domestic abuse.

"We're training Human Resource people. If they have an employee whose attendance is down, who gets a lot of personal phone calls at work, they can ask them 'Are you okay at home?'" says Fuyat. "What do they have around their company to encourage employees to come forward and ask for help without fear of being fired?"

Domestic violence is the responsibility of the whole community, she says. "These are your family members, coworkers, friends. It crosses all lines. The more people who know, who can identify the problem, the more chances we have to bring help to families."

Breaking the silence that surrounds domestic violence is the only way to end it, says Fuyat. "As long as it's a secret, it will continue. We need people saying 'This is not appropriate. This is not acceptable.' And we need consequences for the abusers."

What victims need most from those around them is an invitation to talk in an open, nonjudgmental way, she says. "Ask 'Are you in trouble? Are you being hurt?' Tell them 'I can get you information. If you don't want to talk to me, I know places you can call.'"

South Shore Women's Center and other agencies that deal with domestic violence have packets of information for concerned family members and friends, including resource materials that can be easily concealed.

"You never know when the person will make that call, what response you will get by being the one to reach out and say 'Nobody deserves to be abused. I'm here for you,'" says Fuyat. "Be simple, be gentle, be kind, and have a resource for them."

The South Shore Women's Center is a private, nonprofit organization funded in part by the Mass. Dept. of Social Services, federal grants and private fundraising. SSWC is a member agency of the Old Colony United Way and the Massachusetts Coalition of Battered Women's Services Groups.

For more information, call the Center at 781-582-0078 or visit the web sites at www.janedoe.org <http://www.janedoe.org> and www.ncadv.org/publicpolicy/intimidate.htm <http://www.ncadv.org/publicpolicy/intimidate.htm>. Help is available at any time by calling the SSWC Hotline at 888-746-2664.

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Nomination papers are available Jan. 5

Nomination papers for the annual Town election for 2004 will be available on Monday, Jan. 5, at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 12. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town.

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- Board of Health - ONE for three years
- Cohasset Housing Authority - ONE for five years
- Cohasset Housing Authority - ONE for two years to fill an unexpired term
- Planning Board - ONE for five years
- Recreation Commission - ONE for five years
- Recreation Commission - ONE for two years to fill an unexpired term
- Sewer Commission ONE for three years
- Water Commission ONE for three years

Friday, March 5, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 27, and for the Annual Town Election to be held on Saturday, April 3.

Volunteer at the Senior Center

Volunteers are needed at the Cohasset Elder Affairs office.

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Above: Osgood third-graders Sara Corey and Callie Neaves, right, sing for seniors at an intergenerational concert at the Senior Center.

At left: Jack Golden "high fives" Osgood third-grader Meghan Kearney at the intergenerational luncheon at the Senior Center.

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Dec. 20: Christmas Music - Ain't Misbehavin' 2pm, Santa in the Model T 2pm - 4pm, Criss-Cross the Juggler
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Christmas worship at St. Stephen's

Christmas worship at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave, features a variety of worship celebrating Christ's birth. The Christmas Eve Family Holy Communion service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. The Saint Gregory's Children's Choir will sing and the star of Bethlehem will be lit on the church tower. The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson will tell a story for children in place of the sermon. The three kings and their camels will be in the east at the altar ready to begin their journey to Bethlehem.

A second service, new this year, will be held at 7:30 p.m. This will be a more contemplative worship with music accompanied by string quartet. A candle for peace will be lit in acknowledgement of God's work of "peach on earth." This candle will stay lit throughout the Christmas season.

The Festal Candlelight Christmas Eve worship will take place beginning at 11 p.m. This is a worship reflecting the angel song, "Glory to God in the highest." A special program of Christmas music will precede the service beginning at 10:30 p.m. Musical selections sung by the Saint Stephen's adult choir will include "Torches" by John Joubert, "Good King Wenceslas" arranged by R. Jaques, and a composition by our Music Directory Fred Guzasky entitled "O Bethlehem, Receive." At this midnight worship, the traditional story from the Gospel of Luke is read from the King James Bible, the Eucharist is celebrated, and candlelight will illumine the singing of Silent Night. The bells of the church carillon will ring out the music of Christmas across the town under the stars of the still night sky.

Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25, will be celebrated with the worship of Holy Communion at 10 a.m. highlighted with the singing of Christmas carols. The church school is busy preparing an Epiphany Pageant to take place on Sunday, Jan. 11, at the 10 a.m. worship celebrating the appearance of Jesus to the Three Kings representing all the world. Children will portray angels, shepherds hurrying to Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary with baby, and the Three Kings bearing their gifts.

Dramatic Club heralds the holidays

Above: Sallie Langendorfer and Mark Chason chat at the party that included food, music, raffles and holiday readings.

At right: Logan Pratt and Emily Baumgarten are all smiles at the Cohasset Dramatic Club holiday party Saturday at Town Hall.

At left: The Chris Hetherington Brass group performs at the Cohasset Dramatic Club family fun night at Town Hall.

PHOTOS BY FRED ROBERTSON

Watch your waste over the holidays

There are a few things that people tend to do a lot of over the holidays. One is the purchase of cards, gifts, wrapping paper and decorations. Another is throwing things away. Between now and the end of the year, for example, Massachusetts residents will buy:

- Nearly 70 million holiday greeting cards.
- About 1 million cut Christmas trees.
- Roughly $10 in packing materials and wrapping paper for every $100 they spend on gifts.

There are a number of ways to reduce the environmental impacts of all this holiday spirit, according to the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

"With a little effort, each of us can make a big difference in reducing the holiday season's toll on the environment," said Commissioner Robert W. Golledge Jr. in offering a series of DEP tips for conserving resources and reducing waste over the holidays:

- Consider buying a live tree that you can plant in the spring, or one of today's life-like artificial trees. Either way, you'll help spare a tree from being cut down.
- If you decide to purchase a cut tree, see if your community is one of more than 200 across the state with a program for recycling cut Christmas trees into compost or mulch — important, since landfills and incinerators no longer accept trees for disposal.
- Send electronic greetings instead of traditional holiday cards and recycle cards others send you.
- Use children's artwork, fabric, the Sunday comics or reusable gift bags instead of single-use wrapping paper, and recycle the boxes and packaging from presents you receive.
- Save packing "peanuts" and bubble wrap to either reuse when shipping gifts next year or drop off at a collection center near you (call 1-800-828-2214 for locations).
- As you make room for new holiday treasures, consider donating old, unwanted toys, electronics and clothing to charity instead of throwing them away.

To learn more about buying green, reducing holiday waste and recycling as much as possible, visit Earth's 911 at www.cleanup.org.

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OBITUARIES

Thelma L. Harrold

Thelma L. Harrold (Landel), of Cohasset, 91, died peacefully at the Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home on Dec. 18, 2003.

Mrs. Harrold was born and raised in Bryan, Ohio. She was a graduate of Bryan High School, Class of 1930.

She was the wife of late Walter S. Harrold.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrold Thelma and Walter built the Harrold's Twin Gables Restaurant in Columbia, Ohio, They owned and operated the restaurant for a number of years before moving to Cohasset in 1958.

Mrs. Harrold was the administrator of the Ripley Road Nursing and Retirement Home until her retirement in 1992.

She was active in the Scituate Women's Club and the Beechwood Congregational Church of Cohasset.

She was an officer of the Eastern Star of Scituate. As an officer she traveled all over the state representing the Scituate Chapter of the Eastern Star

Mrs. Harrold leaves three sons, David Harrold of Cohocton, New York, Don Harrold and Dean Harrold, both of Cohasset; two sisters, Kathryn Brout of Melberen, Ohio, and Anita DeLashmutt of Lansing, Mich.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Dennis Landel of Bryan, Ohio, and the late Betty Nichols of Freemont, Ohio.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

A graveside service was held at the Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan, Ohio.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Beechwood Congregational Church, 55 Church St., Cohasset, Ma, 02025.

Kenneth H. Kulesza

Kenneth H. Kulesza, 61, of Cohasset, formerly of Hingham, died on Dec. 19, 2003, at the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth after a brief illness.

Born in Northampton, the son of Henry M. and Victoria (Descarage) Kulesza. Mr. Kulesza graduated from Amherst College and the Sloan School of Management at MIT, where he received his Master's Degree in Business Administration.

He was a vice president for many years at the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston before establishing his own consulting firm, ExecuCorp in Norwell. He was a Hingham resident for 27 years before moving to Cohasset five years ago.

Husband of the late Joan (Benson) Kulesza, he leaves two daughters; Kristen N. Shutt of Reading and Kara L. Geary of Hingham; a son, Derek K. Kulesza of Hingham; his parents Henry M. Kulesza of Florence, Mass., and his mother Victoria (Descarage) Kulesza of Hadley; a brother of Henry Kulesza of San Diego, Calif.; three grandchildren of Ashley Shutt of Reading and Michael and Joshua Geary of Hingham.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m. at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 172 Main St., Hingham.

The Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham, handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the New England Medical Cancer Research Fund, 750 Washington St., Boston, MA 02111.

Interment will be in the High Street Cemetery, Hingham.

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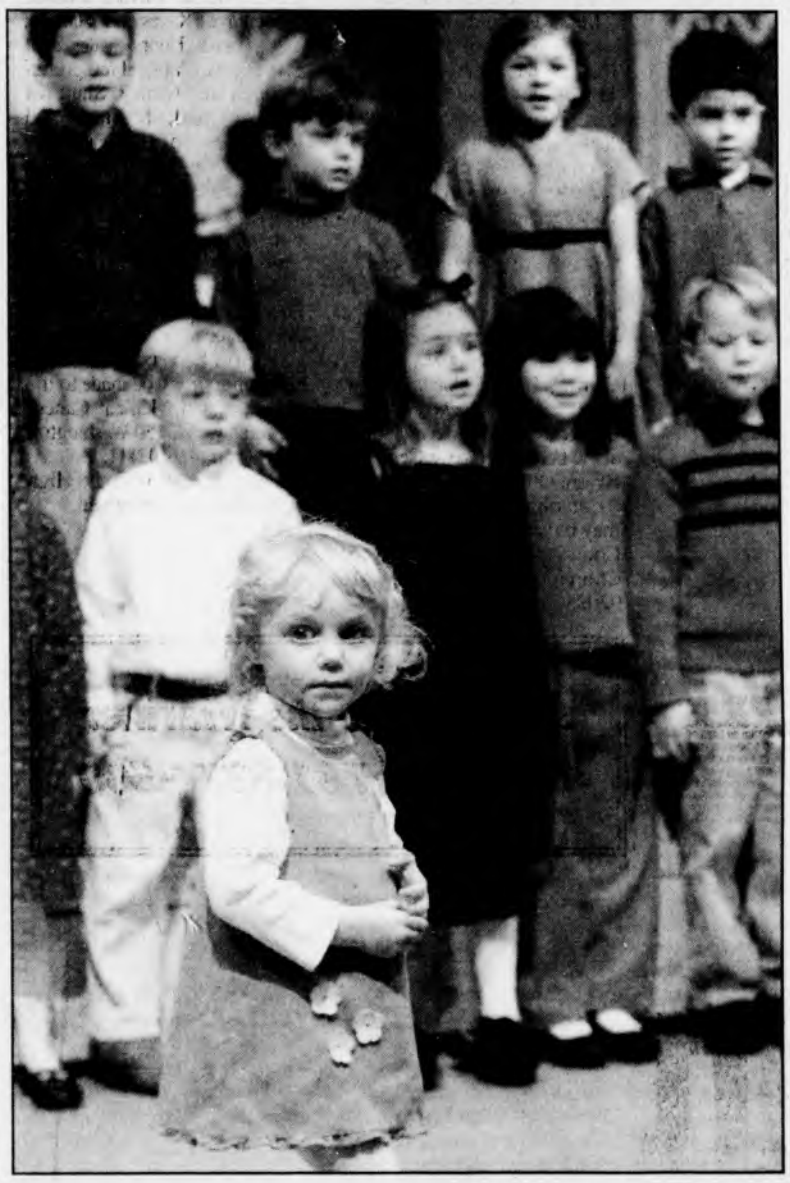
Sounds of the season

Osgood hosts holiday concert

Above: Joey DeYeso smiles and waves to the crowd at the annual Osgood School Holiday Concert.

At left: Third-graders sing in perfect harmony for their parents and family members.



Above: Doug Fitzgerald and Faith Porter sing for family and friends.

At left: Sophia Whetstone wants to join her brother, Maxwell, a kindergartner, on stage.

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Above: Derek Benson wears a Santa Claus hat for the occasion.

Upper left: Second-graders sing "Share Your Goodwill" during the annual Osgood Holiday Concert.

At left: Music teacher Rose Hathon directs kindergartners in singing "Silver and Gold."

Young evacuees adjust to life and school in Hingham

By Peg Charlton
CORRESPONDENT

As an old year gave way to the new, January 1942 found the evacuees closer to their classmates, more secure in their surroundings (even mastering a few Yankee colloquialisms) and for one boy — a special triumph — as he reeled off most of Howard Johnson's 28 flavors.

Their foster parents and extended family at school were always ready to help them over the rough spots, the lonely times, the longings for home. Still one 10-year-old expressed "the actual fact of being a 'war refugee' gave us a very special status, and because we seemed 'different,' were considered to be quite apart from them."

Attending Derby Academy was a far cry from the more structured school routine in England. Because of the challenges of the times, the Derby experience was somewhat unique. Coping day after day with wartime restrictions and shortages, backup-strategies were formed and held in reserve. Improvisation was the rule of the day. One such example comes to mind: early in the '40s the school was struggling with a temperamental, over-the-hill "Timken" furnace. To replace the burner (or even some of its parts) was next to impossible. Frequently, the balky boiler took its time cranking up, so after a period of not much happening, the afore-mentioned coping mechanism was put into place. The daily schedule was reversed — sports in morning until heat kicked in, then back to the classroom after lunch. This odd, but workable arrangement was known as a "Timken Day," and seemed quite strange to the young Brits.

With ongoing wartime labor shortages, one lone man would oversee maintenance of the entire Upper School. When unforeseen problems arose, all students (boys and girls alike) pitched in with the sweeping, raking, shoveling — whatever might need immediate attention.

School lunch was also another fine example of "improv." Schools, as well as householders, were subject to food rationing; and though vegetables were grown on Derby's own sizeable "victory garden," the planning and allotting of meat stamps became a weekly challenge. However, a memorable luncheon favorite — a 1940s adaptation of American chop suey (which came to be known as "Derby Slush") was served on a regular basis — sometimes with hamburger meat, sometimes without. "Thrift, Sharing and 'Can Do'," the motto of the school and of the times.

John Pope, who learned to play baseball during his stay in Hingham, shows his expertise on the catcher's mound.

Their memories of Derby and friendships made in Hingham would stay with them for a lifetime; and on the few times they met after the war, they would always refer to themselves as the "Blitz Kids."

Thrift held a special meaning for the Rich family household on their Jones Street "farm" — keeping pigs, chickens and goats and tending their "victory garden."

Naval Officer Vincent Rich and his wife Edyth with their son, Ricky, and daughter, Susie, would welcome into their home two very young Brits, Maggie and John Pope. Though not from the English group, two other evacuees, Swedish nieces Sissi and Vippa Wistrand, having fled the Swedish embassy in Japan, would also join the household. (*See photo*).

Susie Rich would later recall, "We did not grow up in easy times (with four of us separated from parents and my father serving in the South Pacific). We kept livestock and took care of our one-acre garden to feed us all."

Once in the lunchroom at Derby, there was a short silence after grace at which time a loud voice from the kitchen bellowed, "Don't throw that away. Save it for the Rich's pigs." With her husband off on duty, Edyth managed for a long time to pull it all together while overseeing her "international" flock as well.

Among the other evacuees Jan and Mildred Kennard lived with a family in Cohasset, Diana Crane in Scituate, and the other seven were living in Hingham homes.

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Of the many lasting impressions, one particularly stands on its own — the legendary and exacting teacher Mme Van Brunt who instilled in her pupils discipline and a solid mastery of the French language. Fondly remembered too, math teacher and athletic coach, Buster Talbot, and numerous others skating and ice hockey on the Creek (Broad Cove); and special nostalgia for the outdoor pageant presented each Derby Day on the hill overlooking the Creek. Baseball and girls' hockey were high on the list, but in springtime the rage was the Great Marble/Aggie Tournament — playoffs every recess.

On the whole, these were mostly enjoyable carefree days, however, marred early on by a tragic event for one young boy. In May 1941, David Douglas learned his older brother was lost when the British battle cruiser, the HMS Hood, was torpedoed and sunk by the German battleship, Bismark. Away from his home and family, this was an extremely low point for him. David later recounts in reviewing his stay in American, one thing that bothered him time and again was "that even after Pearl Harbor, he was classified as an alien and had to register each year he was here."

Just before D-Day in June '44, it was thought safe enough for some of the older ones to return to England. David and John Wright embarked on a Royal Navy aircraft carrier (at one time a merchant ship, later fitted out with a flight deck) and arrived home at the height of the 1944 V1 rocket bombardment of London. Doreen Wright was scheduled to depart in January '45, but this trip was cancelled because of a submarine sighting near New York. She finally sailed on the "Franconia," which had been used as a troopship, and as she remembered, "seemed to run wild most of the time." By the close of 1945 (with the exception of Diana Crane and Gerald Fishe, who stayed in the U.S.) all had returned to England. Even though more than half a century has passed, Hingham is still remembered by the evacuees as the distant place that welcomed and watched over them during one of the most difficult times in their young lives.

A brief summary would find John Wright, upon his return to England, conscripted for work in a sugar beet factory; Doreen Wright became a teacher, now retired; Joan Hobbs, a teacher as well, today serves as a substitute teacher; Gerald Fishe, a consulting forensic engineer, lives in Florida. David Douglas, conscripted into the Army in 1974 — then attended college, worked for a British company that posted him to Singapore and other parts of Malaysia. He returned to Hingham several times to visit his foster parents, the Prestons. Diana Crane currently lives in Scituate; Mildred Kennard, after schooling in England, moved to France, becoming a TV and radio music producer/presenter. Jan Kennard, her brother, graduated from Cambridge University after compulsory military service, joined a bank in 1953 and was posted to Hong Kong. Later, British Overseas Administration took him to West Africa, Bangkok, Jeddah, Madagascar, Yemen, Central American (the list goes on).

Maggie Pope returned to England and now lives in Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain. John Pope, her brother, died in the 1970s. Sissi Wistrand lives in England.

Deceased British evacuees: David Douglas, John Pope, John Wright; from Sweden, Vippa Wistrand; and Ricky Rich who lost his life in Korea.

This was the second of two parts. Peg Charlton of Hingham is the author of "The War Years Remembered, Memories of Hingham in Wartime," which is available it is available at Hewitt's Cove Marina in Hingham Shipyard.

Now quite grown up, the young Brits are seen in a photo taken at the end of their stay in Hingham. Front from left: Mildred Kennard, Diana Crane, Joan White, Maggie Pope, Doreen Wright. Back row from left, Gerald Fishe, John Pope and David Douglas.

The Rich's extended "international" family all decked out in their blue striped Derby sweaters pose behind their new home on Jones Street, ca. 1941-42. From left, Maggie Pope, Richard Rich, John Pope, Vippa Wistrand, Sissi Wistrand and Susy Rich.

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Proper house numbering critical for 9-1-1data base

By Mary Ford
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"We want emergency help to get there as soon as possible – time is of the essence."
— Mary Quill, deputy assessor

Having the correct address information in the 9-1-1 data base can save precious time in an emergency.

To that end, emergency communications supervisor Thomas Wigmore says he and Deputy Assessor Mary Quill are working together to see that certain houses are "renumbered" or have needed address changes that will be reflected in the 9-1-1 data base maintained by the town.

When a 9-1-1 call comes in on a regular home or business phone, the caller's address is displayed on the screen. But if that address says Atlantic Avenue when the person lives on Whitehead Road, which is off Atlantic Avenue, that can present a problem to police and firefighters.

Therefore, houses on Whitehead Road, that were using Atlantic Avenue addresses, and the homes on Lily Pond Lane that were using King Street addresses have been changed to reflect their actual street addresses. That information will now appear on tax bills and has been stored in the 9-1-1 data base.

There have also been some minor changes on Norman Todd Road, Cedar Street and other areas scattered around town.

"It's a safety issue," Quill explained, noting that two recent 9-1-1 calls reinforced the importance of accurate addresses. "We want emergency help to get there as soon as possible – time is of the essence."

She said the Assessors Office is also making sure that new housing developments are properly numbered. Often, new houses, which were never assigned a number, use the lot number that is not in line with the other addresses,.

Quill also said homeowners should make sure their house number is visible from the street.

Wigmore said new police officers and firefighters may not live in town and therefore, don't know all the streets.

"I've sat at the board (dispatch center) and heard officers ask if the address is Atlantic Avenue or Whitehead Road," he recalled.

Wigmore is also making sure that phones in town buildings show which floor or room the 9-1-1 call is coming from. If someone collapses at Town Hall, for example, the paramedics and police need to know which floor to go to.

Wigmore also asks that homeowners who have installed alarm systems call him at the police department so he has a contact name and the alarm company on file. Businesses owners, who have not already done so, should also call him with that information. Wigmore can be reached at 781-383-1055, Monday through Friday.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, DEC. 11

8:52 a.m. Pond St., abandoned auto.
9:26 a.m. Pond St., fire investigation, unfounded.
1:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled auto.
1:43 p.m. Beach St., fire, investigation.
2:16 Holly Lane, wires down.
3:47 p.m. Rose Hill Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.
4:15 p.m. South Main St., general services.
4:30 p.m. Forest Ave., fire, investigation.
4:32 p.m. Forest Ave., suspicious activity, unfounded.
5:12 p.m. Pond St., assist citizen.
8:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.
10:39 p.m. Joy Place, assist motorist.

FRIDAY, DEC. 12

12:28 a.m. Routes 3A and 228, suspicious activity.
1 a.m. North Main St., suspicious activity.
1:36 a.m. Beechwood St., MV crash.
5:08 a.m. Pleasant Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.
7:27 a.m. Summer St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
8:05 a.m. Woodland Drive, animal control.
9 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., wires down.
9:30 a.m. South Main St., suspicious activity.
10:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint, unfounded.
11:20 a.m. South Main St., vandalism.
2:18 p.m. Stagecoach Way, burglary, breaking and entering.
2:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assault.
3:43 p.m. Pond St., investigation, arrest: John S. Routhier, 41, 169 Pond St. Chgs.: assault and battery.
3:50 p.m. King St., medical aid, returned to home or family.
5:03 p.m. Pond St., annoying phone calls.
5:21 p.m. Pond and Spring sts., parking complaint.
5:59 p.m. South Main St., animal control.
6:34 p.m. Beechwood St., MV crash.
6:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Sohier St., general services.
7:26 p.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, general services.
7:33 p.m. Hull St., general services.
7:36 p.m. Beechwood and King sts., general services.
7:40 p.m. Beechwood St., general services.
7:40 p.m. Beechwood St., general services.
7:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., general services.
8 p.m. Police Headquarters, officer wanted.
8:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.
8:51 p.m. Pond St., serve restraining order.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

8:21 a.m. King St., vandalism.
8:29 a.m. Margin St., MV crash, verbal warning.
8:40 a.m. Black Horse Lane, fire, investigation.
9:30 a.m. Tower Lane, animal control.
10:25 a.m. Gammons and Sheldon roads, fire, investigation.
2:39 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
4:55 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
5:52 p.m. King St., officer wanted, 22-year-old man in protective custody.
6:39 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.
8:09 p.m. Kendall Village St., medical aid, patient sign off.
9:33 p.m. Black Horse Lane, medical aid, services rendered.
9:40 p.m. Border St., assist citizen.

SUNDAY, DEC. 14

1:12 a.m. Beechwood St., assist citizen.
3:58 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.
8:44 a.m. South Main St. and West Gate Lane, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:15 a.m. Border St., animal control.
10:12 a.m. King St., MV stop, verbal warning.
10:42 a.m. Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:32 a.m. Spring St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
1:27 p.m. Mill Lane, officer wanted.
2:46 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.
3:34 p.m. Summer St., medical aid.
4:47 p.m. South Main St., MV crash.
5:15 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Bow St., MV crash.
7 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Marion Way, assist motorist.
9:03 p.m. Margin St., fire, investigation.

MONDAY, DEC.15

5:08 a.m. Linden Dr., assist citizen.
7:11 a.m. Beechwood St. and Doane St., general services.
7:39 a.m. Pond St., fire investigation.
10:16 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle accident.
10:29 a.m. Church St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.
11:30 a.m. Ripley Road, animal control.
11:56 a.m. South Main St, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.
1:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, tree down.
3:12 p.m. Town Lot, abandoned auto.
4:17 p.m. Grace Dr., general services.
5:05 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle crash.
5:06 p.m. All over town, general services.
5:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St, general services.
6:37 p.m. Shore Sector, general services.
6:40 p.m. Pond St., officer wanted.
7:48 p.m. Highland Ave., fire investigation.
8:02 p.m. Mount Hope St., general services.
8:37 p.m. Harbor Master Shack, general services.
10:21 p.m. Howard Gleason Road,
10:45 p.m. Elm St. and Border St., lost property.
10:53 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

TUESDAY, DEC. 16

12:50 a.m. Shore Sector locations, general services.
1:07 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.
1:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.
3:27 p.m. Headquarters, general information.
4:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., general services.
4:59 p.m. Headquarters, general information.
5:33 p.m. Stanton Road, medical aid.
5:49 p.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.
8:47 p.m. Elm St., power outage.
10:28 a.m. Sheldon Road, medical aid.
11 a.m. Pond St., recovered property.
12:46 p.m. Elm St,. general information.
2:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, notification.
2:52 p.m. Deep Run, burglary, breaking and entering.
3:25 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid.
3:50 p.m. Hull St., animal control.
4:02 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.
4:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway officer wanted.
4:45 p.m. StonLeigh Road, parking complaint.
5:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.
8:03 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.
10:28 p.m. Spring St., medical aid.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

1:03 a.m. Linden Dr., and Jerusalem Road, animal control.
8:40 a.m. White Head Road, fire investigation.
9:09 a.m. Stonleigh Road, parking complaint.
9:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.
9:41 a.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.
10:55 a.m. South Main St., fire investigation.
3:39 p.m. King St., medical aid.
4:14 p.m. White Head Road, general services.
7:27 p.m. King St,. assist citizen.
7:51 p.m. Bancroft Road, medical aid.
11:05 p.m. King St., medical aid.
11:33 p.m. Jerusalem Road, threats.

THURSDAY, DEC. 18

12:23 a.m. Pond St,. open door/window.
6:52 a.m. Elm St,. medical aid.
8:24 a.m. Jerusalem Road, vandalism.
10:45 a.m. Jerusalem Road, annoying phone calls.
11:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.
12:05 p.m. Deep run, larceny.
12:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.
12:23 p.m. Elm St., assist other police.
12:28 p.m. King St., disturbance.
2:54 p.m. Brewster Road, medical aid.
3:31 p.m. Sohier St,. serve restraining order.
4:15 p.m.. Rustic Dr., suspicious.
7:12 p.m. Arrowwood Road, medical aid.

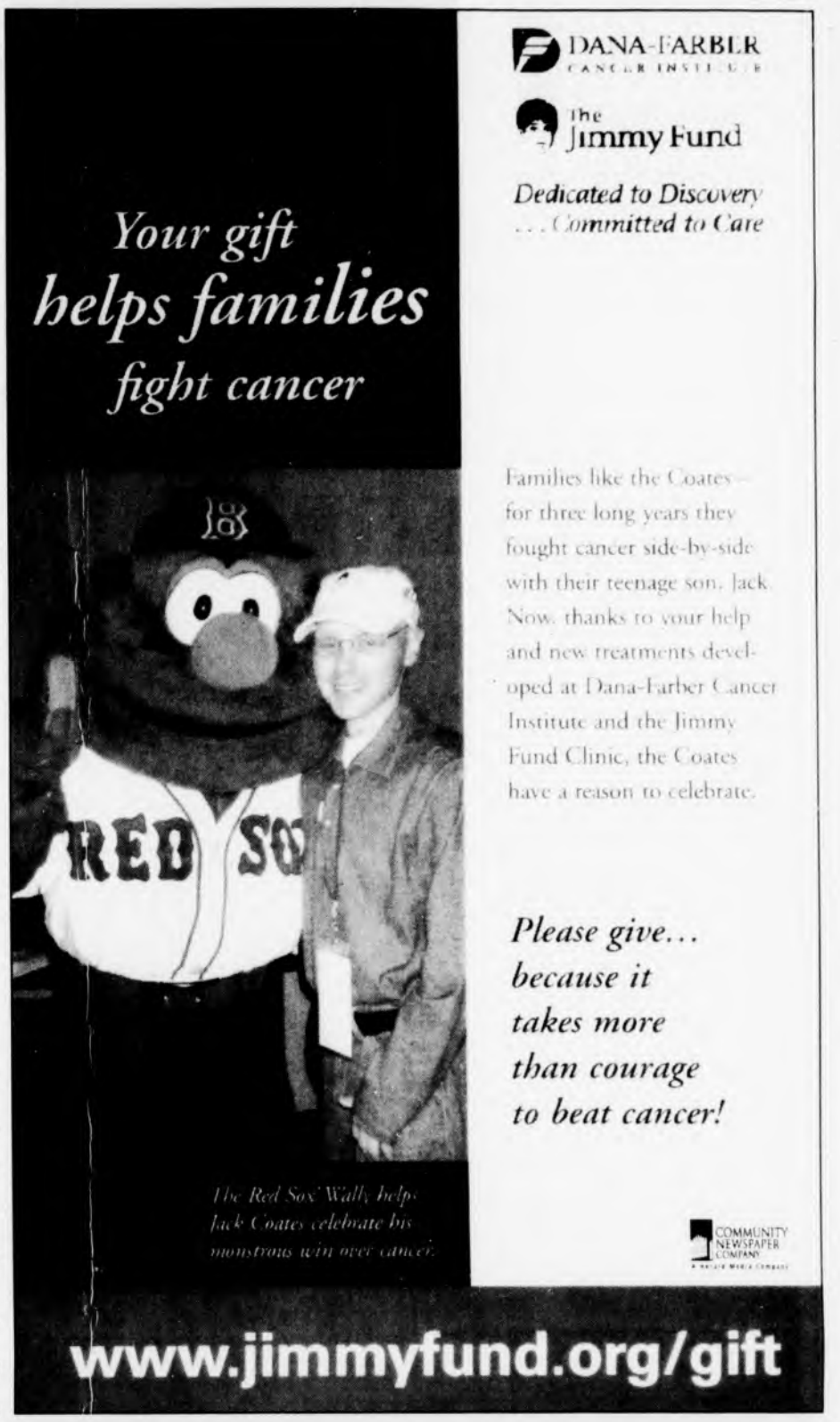
FRIDAY, DEC. 19

6:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.
7:01 a.m. Bancroft Road, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.
7:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.
12:20 p.m. King St., medical aid. removed to hospital (ALS)
12:52 p.m. Beechwood St,. and North Main St., medical aid.
12:58 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital. Removed to hospital (BLS)
4:30 p.m. Wampatuck State Park, Environmental Police.
4:47 p.m. North Main St, notification.
5:05 p.m. Forest Ave., and Cedar Acres Dr., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

Toys for Tots at the CPD

The Cohasset Police Department is participating in the Toys For Tots program again this Christmas.

Unwrapped toys for needy children may be dropped off in the lobby of the police station on Elm Street 24-hours-a-day through Christmas, says Officer John Small.



CALENDAR

On the South Shore

DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 2, 2003

Thurs. 25

The Plymouth County Beekeepers Association will sponsor its **24th annual Beginners' Beekeeping School** at the Plymouth County Extension building on High Street in Hanson. Classes run seven, two hour sessions (7 to 9 p.m.) on alternate Thursday evenings. Registration and first class is on Thursday, Jan.15,2004 at 6:45 p.m. Course fee is $35. For information call, Lee Benford 781-837-9050, Charles Marchewka 781-585-8908 or Howard Scott 781-293-9027.

The North River Arts Society presents **What's Cookin'...Good Lookin?** an exhibit of original oil paintings by **Corinne Campobasso** through Jan. 17, at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact NRAS office at 781-837-8091 for more information.

Braintree Art Association artist of the month. **Ed Mikenas** will display his paintings for the month of December at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Weymouth Art Association artist of the month, **Rita Walsh,** will exhibit her paintings for the month of December at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St. Weymouth

The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents **Changing Colors,** a show of watercolors by **Bill Goffrier** will be on view through Jan. 7. 781-659-7100

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, **Gifts from the World to the White House**. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington Thursdays, **The New Blue Revue**, Open Mike blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Fri.26

The holidays can be stressful, especially for families. Call the Parental Stress Line, 1-800-632-8188. Trained volunteers offer a supportive, non-judgmental ear for parents who need someone to listen. The line is confidential, toll-free, and 24 hours a day. No problem is too big or small for a parent to call

The North River Arts Society presents "Recent Works," an exhibit of photographs by **Mike Sleeper** at the Dolphin Gallery through Jan. 30, located at the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Call the library for current hours at 781-741-1405. For more information call 781-837-8091

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

The Holiday Festival of Lights, at **Edaville Railroad**, Rt. 58, Carver, runs through Sunday, Jan. 4. Hours are 4 to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 2 to 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Edaville Railroad is closed Mondays (except Dec. 29), and Christmas Day. Tickets are $16 for all visitors 3 and older. Prices include all rides and attractions. 508-866-8190 or 877-EDAVILLE, www.edaville.com. Save $5 by donating two canned or boxed food items.

The Three Stooges Film Festival will be featured at the Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School St., Foxboro, MA, on Dec. 26, 27, and 28, at 2 and 7 p.m. each day. Tickets are currently on sale at the box office: $8 for all shows, all ages. Handicapped accessible. Call 508-543-2787 www.orpheum.org.

Scarecrow Hill and **Diptheria** will perform in concert at the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center** on Dec. 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $8 per person. 508-747-1234.

Starcreations Theater from the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center** will present "The Little Mermaid and the Prince," and audience participation play on Dec. 26, 27, 29, 30, at 1 p.m. held at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower level. General admission $5. Reservations suggested.

The Next Page Café', 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, will host **Hannes and The Heavyweights**, 781-335-9796

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance, Dec. 26, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission $7 SSS members, $10 non-members. Proper dress required: no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021 www.southsingles.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington, Fridays live **Jazz with Rose and Rick** 8 to 11 p.m.781-871-7175.

Sat. 27

Combo Guy, Street Corner Society and Under Age will perform in concert at the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center** on Dec. 27, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Cordage park, Plymouth, Mill 31 Lower Level. Tickets are $8 per person. 508-747-1234.

The Weymouth Art Association Members Winter Exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St. Weymouth, Dec. 13 through Dec. 20.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Sundaes on Saturdays** between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Dec. 13, 20, 27. Create your own sundaes. This event coincides with Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection. For more information call 866-JFK-1960 or www.jfklibrary.org

Comedy Night at Ground Round Rt. 1, 475 Providence Hwy, Norwood, featuring **Tom Gilmore, Annette Pollack, Scott Higgins, Janet Cormier and Jesse Gersten.** For reservations call 781-769-8087

The Next Page Café', 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, will host **DJ Joe**, 70s 80s 90s music from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. every Saturday night. 781-335-9796

Sun. 28

Due to the storm on Dec. 7, the **Fine Arts Chorale's 23rd Annual Holiday Pops concert**, originally scheduled for 6 p.m. at Lombardo's in Randolph, was cancelled and **rescheduled for Sunday, Jan. 4 at 2 p.m**. (Same location) All Dec. 7, tickets will be honored. Additional tickets are also available. Single tickets are $20 each and tables for 10 are priced at $175 For information or to purchase tickets call 1(800)230-7555 or email FineArtsChorale@aol.com.

A snow date for December Concert - **The Choral Art Society and St. Luke's Church choirs of Scituate and the choirs of St. Theresa of Avila Parish of West Roxbury** will on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, in Scituate. Tickets are $12/$10 (students and seniors) and are available in advance by phone or at the door on performance day. Tickets previously bought for the snow- cancelled Dec. 7 Scituate date will be honored at the door. A reception will follow each concert with free refreshments. For more information visit www.choralartsociety.org or call 781-545-8295.

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"Urinetown: The Musical" opens Jan. 6 at the Colonial Theatre in Boston.

Wellfleet native flush with Broadway success

The idea for "Urinetown: The Musical" — which opens at Boston's Colonial Theatre next month — first came to Wellfleet native Greg Kotis during an under-funded backpacking trip through Europe in 1995. Playwright Kotis was attending a theater festival in Transylvania when he decided to take a side trip through Western Europe. A leaner than lean budget soon led to more problems than he ever anticipated, however, when even pay-per-use bathrooms proved cost prohibitive.

Kotis soon got the idea that the story of a community where all public amenities in town were controlled by a single corporation might make a good book for a musical. He teamed with his fellow fringe theater alum Mark Hollman, who became the show's composer, and the musical comedy with the unusual title was on its way to Broadway. In 2002, Kotis was among the big winners when the show was awarded the Tony Awards Triple Crown for Best Music and Lyrics, Best Book, and Best Direction of a Musical.

The story of two kids who fall in love amidst a water-shortage crisis, the musical is a comic tale of greed, corruption, love and revolution in a city where water is worth its weight in gold. Along the way, the show manages to celebrate the best of Broadway traditions by spoofing everything from "Annie" to "West Side Story."

Holiday Art Sale and Exhibit at the **South Shore Natural Science Center** from Dec. 10 - 31, for our Holiday Art Sale and Show. Our talented staff and volunteers have gotten together to bring you a wide variety of photographs, wood carvings and watercolors, perfect for gift-giving! And a percentage of the sales will benefit the Science Center. The show is open during regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington, Sundays **Karaoke with Ron Towers** 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. 781-871-7175.

Mon. 29

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Westwinds Bookshop located at the Duxbury Marketplace, Duxbury, will be forming its Book Club and Writer's Workshop. If interested in joining either group, call 781-934-2128.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical conceived choreographed and directed by **Twyla Tharp** and based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.. A list of the books read is available upon request. The book Breakfast at Tiffany's by Truman Capote is the reading for the Jan. 13 meeting. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincy-toastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly, free, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 30

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's** Dillon Gallery 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

8-minute Dating, Pat Flanagan's Quincy, ages 24 to 36 Advance registration requried at www.8minutedating.com

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

The Next Page Café'. 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, will host **Cindy Daley and DJ Joe**, 781-335-9796

Wed. 31

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., will exhibit Paintings, Drawings, Prints by Lauren Harman during December and January 2004. A reception is scheduled for Jan. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. 781-934-2721.

Selected paintings by Cohasset artist **JoAnne Chittick** will be exhibited at the **Paul Pratt Memorial Library** through Dec. 31. South Shore Art Center 781-383-2787.

The Bridgwaye Inn New Year's Eve Party will feature the music of **After Eight**, a six-piece band playing classic rock, pop, soul, blues, jazz and more. Enjoy a midnight buffet and champagne toast complete with party favors. The Bridgwaye will offer a full menu all night. Music begins at 9 p.m. Admission is $15. The Bridgwaye is located at 1265 Ferry Street in Marshfield. For more information call 781-834-6505.

Jimbo's South, Braintree Five Corners, Braintree, **New Year's Eve Party** and **Comedy Shows** Featuring **Bob Niles, Annette Pollack, Glen Gordon and Malissa Hun** Ring in the new year with noisemakers. 8:30 p.m. Reservations required. $40 per person. 781-848-0300.

Phillips Old Colony House, 780 Morrissey Blvd., Boston Appetizers, Dinner, **Dancing** To **"Passions"** All Night, A **Comedy Show** with **Chance Langton, Chris Tabb and Annette Pollack**. Ring in the new year with a champagne toast and noisemakers. Starts at 7 p.m. $65 per person.

Lombardo's New Year's Eve Party, Lombardo's conference and function Facility, 6 billings St., Randolph, from 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. featuring hot hors d'oeuvres, Filet mignon with seafood newburg, dancing to "The Ovations" and DJ Brian Greene, midnight champagne toast and deluxe sweet table, cash bar, $65 per person (plus tax and administration fee) 781-986-5000 www.lombardos.com

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Siros Beachside - Clarion Hotel, Nantasket, 45 Hull Shore Dr., Hull. Dec. 31, **Michelle Currie**, piano and vocals. 781-925-0080.

Thurs. 1

First Night Boston - the nation's

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oldest and largest New Years Arts Celebration gets underway at 1 p.m. Dec. 31. The day-long festival features a celebration of art, music, dance, dazzling ice sculptures, fireworks and more. First Night buttons, the ticket for all performances are $15 and can be ordered online at www.firstnight.org or purchased at Star/Shaw's Markets, Store 24 and many other retail outlets. For more information on this year's celebration call 617- 542-1399 or log on to the First Night Web site www.firstnight.org.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington Thursdays, **The New Blue Revue**, Open Mike blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association welcomes the public to join us for this annual event, which will take place on Jan. 1 starting at 1 p.m. This year's walk will be at the Trustees of the Reservation's Norris Reservation in Norwell. We will explore a recent addition to the property with a new trail and bridge over wetland areas. After a brisk walk we will kick off New Year's with a hearty snack and hot beverage. Visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 for more information. Donations are welcome and pre-registration is not required.

American Indian Exhibit "Getting Acquainted with American Indian Artists" in the Vine Hall Gallery at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, from Jan. 1 to 31. Hosted by Betty Bourgault of Hanover, The exhibit features artwork in a variety of mediums representing a wide range of American Indian artists from different tribes across the U.S. and Canada. The public is invited to an opening reception on Sunday, Jan. 4 from 2 to 4p.m. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge during the Center's regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

Fri. 2

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its **25th anniversary "Push the Envelope" concert** at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be **Maybe Baby**. The show starts at 8 p.m. $10 members $12 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

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Ongoing Events

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets every Tuesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

The North River Arts Society presents **Recent Paintings from Life works by Vivian Harlow**, Nov. 1 to Jan. 3 at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell - **Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury, presents **Stories and Art with Sally for Preschoolers**, every second Thursday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Preregistration required. $5. Call 781-934-6634 ext. 15.

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Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

Pilgrim Hall Museum presents **Bringing Up Baby: 300 Years of Childhood in the Old Colony**, now through May, 2004 a new exhibit that explores the world of the very young in the Old Plymouth Colony from its beginning to the 20th century. What was it like to be a child 1620, 1850, or 1920? What can we learn from furniture, clothing, toys, games and other objects from the children who used them? What were the beliefs and sentiments of the parents who provided for them? How do letters, journals, literature, and other writing help to tell the story of the children of the Old Colony? Who were their teachers, what kinds of knowledge were important to learn? What did they do for fun? The exhibition is free with Museum admission. Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court St. (Route 3A), Plymouth. Information: 508-746-1620; web address: www.pilgrimhall.org Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Admission: adults $5; Seniors (62+) and AAA members $4.50; Children (5-17) $3.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) $15. Residents of Plymouth, admitted free.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

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New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

The Gallery Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Rt. 18), East Bridgewater, presents **Monday Night Hand Drumming Circle** on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. The event is free and no experience is necessary. For more information and directions call 508-378-1584.

After The Bell Recreation Program Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive, So. Weymouth. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, 3 to 6 p.m. for youngsters 6-12 years of age. Energetic and exciting non-competitive sports and games designed to motivate, challenge, and build confidence. Time and quiet space also available for study and homework. Three, one-hour sessions each day. Members $8 per session, non-members, $10. Registration and information 781-337-4600 x111.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth - Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

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Just for kids

YOGA AND STRENGTH TRAINING for girls ages 10 to 13 at Body to Soul Fitness, Inc., 33 Riverside Dr. Pembroke. Mondays at 4 p.m. This class combines strength training techniques with the practice of yoga. $12 drop-in rate discounts available for kid members. 781-829-2002

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, BOSTON and THE BOSTON SYMPHYONY ORCHESTRA come together to create Making America's Music: Rhythm, Roots & Rhyme. This exhibition celebrates the joy and diversity of American music and the people who make and enjoy it. Now through May 2004. FIVE FRIENDS FROM JAPAN: CHILDREN IN JAPAN TODAY New exhibit coming Jan. 11, to the Children's Museum. ANNUAL THREE KINGS CELEBRATION, Jan. 2, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Jan 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate the three wise men's arrival in Bethlehem with two full days of music, art and food from the Spanish-speaking world. 300 Congress St., Boston. www.Bostonkids.org 617-426-8855

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, 9 Sullivan Ave. Easton. The Performance Center, Golfball Raceway, Kidsclinic, the Workshop, enchanted forest. 508-230-3789 www.childrensmuseumeaston.org

DORA THE EXPLORER, Wang Theater, 270 Tremont St., Jan. 28-Feb.1 $15 to $38 Telecharge 1-800-447-7400.

SESAME STREET LIVE - Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St. Lowell. Jan. 22-25. Everyone makes Music $13, $16, $19 Ticketmaster 617/508-931-2000. www.ticketmaster.com

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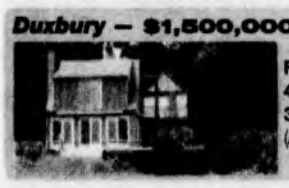
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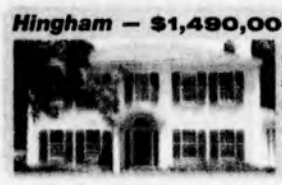
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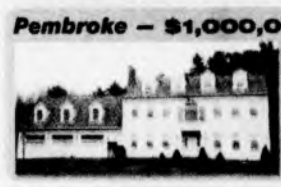
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Family Home
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3 bath
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2.5 bath
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